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MSnbase-package

*MSnbase: Base Functions and Classes for MS-based Proteomics*


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## Description

MSnbase provides classes, methods and functions for visualisation, manipulation and processing of mass spectrometry data.

Important class are "MSnExp" (raw data file), "MSnSet" (quantitation data) and "ReporterIons" (reporter ions for labelled proteomics).

Other classes are "Spectrum" and the subclasses "Spectrum1" (for MS spectra) and "Spectrum2" (for MSMS spectra), "MIAPE" (Minimum Information about Proteomics Experiments) and "MSnProcess" (for processing information). These should however not be of direct utility to users.

If you have questions, want to report a bug or share suggestions, please file an issue at <https://github.com/lgatto/MSnbase/issues>, contact me directly or ask a question on the Bioconductor support forum <https://support.bioconductor.org/>.

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## References

Laurent Gatto and Kathryn S. Lilley, MSnbase - an R/Bioconductor package for isobaric tagged mass spectrometry data visualization, processing and quantitation, *Bioinformatics* 28(2), 288-289 (2012).

Gatto L. and Lilley K.S., Towards reproducible MSMS data preprocessing, quality control and quantification. BSPR/EBI Proteomics Meeting, Hinxton, United Kingdom, 13-15 July 2010, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/npre.2010.5010.1>.

## See Also

Introductory information, use cases and details are available from the vignettes:

- The demo vignette describe an use-case using a dummy data set provided with the package. It can be accessed with `vignette("MSnbase-demo", package = "MSnbase")`.
- The development vignette describes the classes implemented in MSnbase and can be accessed with `vignette("MSnbase-development", package = "MSnbase")`.
- Details about input/output capabilities and formats can be found in `vignette("MSnbase-io", package = "MSnbase")`.

Complete listing of available documentation with `library(help = "MSnbase")`.

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addIdentificationData-methods

*Adds Identification Data*

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## Description

This methods add identification data to an experiment `"MSnExp"` or to a `"MSnSet"`.

## Details

The featureData slots in an `"MSnExp"` or an `"MSnSet"` instance provides only one row per MS2 spectrum but the identification is not always bijective. If multiple possible matches are present only the highest ranked identification is added.

The column `nprot` contains the number of members in the protein group; the columns `accession` and `description` contain a semicolon separated list of all matches sorted by their rank values. The columns `npsm.prot` and `npep.prot` represent the number of PSMs and peptides that were matched to a particular protein group. The column `npsm.pep` indicates how many PSMs were attributed to a peptide (as defined by its sequence `pepseq`).

## Methods

```
signature(object = "MSnExp", id = "character", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = TRUE)
  Adds the identification data stored in mzIdentML files to a "MSnExp" instance. The method handles one or multiple mzIdentML files provided via id. id has to be a character vector of valid filenames. fcol and icol specify the columns in the featureData slot and the identification data.frame that are used to merge both data together as character vectors (defaults are fcol = c("spectrum.file", "acquisition.number") and icol = c("spectrumFile", "acquisitionnumber"). The verbose argument (default is TRUE) defines whether status messages should be showed.

signature(object = "MSnExp", id = "mzID", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = "log")
  Same as above but id could be an mzID object.
```

`signature(object = "MSnExp", id = "mzIDCollection", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = TRUE)`  
 Same as above but id could be an `mzIDCollection` object.

`signature(object = "MSnExp", id = "data.frame", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = TRUE)`  
 Same as above but id could be a `data.frame`.

`signature(object = "MSnSet", id = "character", verbose = "logical")` Adds the identification data stored in `mzIdentML` files to an `"MSnSet"` instance. The method handles one or multiple `mzIdentML` files provided via `id`. `id` has to be a character vector of valid filenames. `fcol` and `icol` specify the columns in the `featureData` slot and the identification `data.frame` that are used to merge both data together as character vectors (defaults are `fcol = c("spectrum.file", "acquisitionTime")` and `icol = c("spectrumFile", "acquisitionnum")`).

The `verbose` argument (default is `TRUE`) defines whether status messages should be showed.

`signature(object = "MSnSet", id = "mzID", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = "logical")`  
 Same as above but id could be an `mzID` object.

`signature(object = "MSnSet", id = "mzIDCollection", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = TRUE)`  
 Same as above but id could be an `mzIDCollection` object.

`signature(object = "MSnSet", id = "data.frame", fcol = "character", icol = "character", verbose = TRUE)`  
 Same as above but id could be a `data.frame`.

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### See Also

[MSnExp](#) and [MSnSet](#).

### Examples

```
## find path to a mzXML file
quantFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
                full.name = TRUE, pattern = "mzXML$")
## find path to a mzIdentML file
identFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
                full.name = TRUE, pattern = "dummyiTRAQ.mzid")

## create basic MSnExp
msexp <- readMSData(quantFile)

## add identification information
msexp <- addIdentificationData(msexp, identFile)

## access featureData; please note the multiple identification data
## for spectrum 1 (row 1)
fData(msexp)

idSummary(msexp)
```

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`aggvar`*Identify aggregation outliers*

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### Description

This function evaluates the variability within all protein group of an MSnSet. If a protein group is composed only of a single feature, NA is returned.

### Usage

```
aggvar(object, groupBy, fun)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class MSnSet.
<code>groupBy</code>	A character containing the protein grouping feature variable name.
<code>fun</code>	A function the summarise the distance between features within protein groups, typically max or mean.median.

### Details

This function can be used to identify protein groups with incoherent feature (petides or PSMs) expression patterns. Using max as a function, one can identify protein groups with single extreme outliers, such as, for example, a mis-identified peptide that was erroneously assigned to that protein group. Using mean identifies more systematic inconsistencies where, for example, the subsets of peptide (or PSM) feautres correspond to proteins with different expression patterns.

### Value

A matrix providing the number of features per protein group (`nb_feats` column) and the aggregation summarising distance (`agg_dist` column).

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

### See Also

[combineFeatures](#) to combine PSMs quantitation into peptides and/or into proteins.

### Examples

```
library("pRolocdata")
data(hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm)
groupBy <- "Protein.Group.Accessions"
res1 <- aggvar(hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm, groupBy, fun = max)
res2 <- aggvar(hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm, groupBy, fun = mean)
par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
plot(res1, log = "y", main = "Single outliers (max)")
plot(res2, log = "y", main = "Overall inconsistency (mean)")
plot(res1[, "agg_dist"], res2[, "agg_dist"],
      xlab = "max", ylab = "mean")
```

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averageMSnSet	<i>Generate an average MSnSet</i>
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### Description

Given a list of MSnSet instances, typically representing replicated experiments, the function returns an average MSnSet.

### Usage

```
averageMSnSet(x, avg = function(x) mean(x, na.rm = TRUE), disp = npcv)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A list of valid MSnSet instances to be averaged.
<code>avg</code>	The averaging function. Default is the mean after removing missing values, as computed by <code>function(x) mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)</code> .
<code>disp</code>	The dispersion function. Default is a non-parametric coefficient of variation that replaces the standard deviation by the median absolute deviation as computed by <code>mad(x)/abs(mean(x))</code> . See <a href="#">npcv</a> for details. Note that the mad of a single value is 0 (as opposed to NA for the standard deviation, see example below).

### Details

This function is aimed at facilitating the visualisation of replicated experiments and should not be used as a replacement for a statistical analysis.

The samples of the instances to be averaged must be identical but can be in a different order (they will be reordered by default). The feature names of the result will correspond to the union of the feature names of the input MSnSet instances. Each average value will be computed by the `avg` function and the dispersion of the replicated measurements will be estimated by the `disp` function. These dispersions will be stored as a `data.frame` in the feature metadata that can be accessed with `fData(.)$disp`. Similarly, the number of missing values that were present when average (and dispersion) were computed are available in `fData(.)$disp`.

Currently, the feature metadata of the returned object corresponds to the feature metadata of the first object in the list (augmented with the missing value and dispersion values); the metadata of the features that were missing in this first input are missing (i.e. populated with NAs). This may change in the future.

### Value

A new average MSnSet.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

### See Also

[compfnames](#) to compare MSnSet feature names.

**Examples**

```

library("pRolocdata")
## 3 replicates from Tan et al. 2009
data(tan2009r1)
data(tan2009r2)
data(tan2009r3)
x <- MSnSetList(list(tan2009r1, tan2009r2, tan2009r3))
avg <- averageMSnSet(x)
dim(avg)
head(exprs(avg))
head(fData(avg)$nNA)
head(fData(avg)$disp)
## using the standard deviation as measure of dispersion
avg2 <- averageMSnSet(x, disp = sd)
head(fData(avg2)$disp)
## keep only complete observations, i.e proteins
## that had 0 missing values for all samples
sel <- apply(fData(avg)$nNA, 1, function(x) all(x == 0))
avg <- avg[sel, ]
disp <- rowMax(fData(avg)$disp)
library("pRoloc")
setStockcol(paste0(getStockcol(), "AA"))
plot2D(avg, cex = 7.7 * disp)
title(main = paste("Dispersion: non-parametric CV",
                  paste(round(range(disp), 3), collapse = " - ")))

```

bin-methods

*Bin 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances***Description**

This method aggregates individual spectra (Spectrum instances) or whole experiments (MSnExp instances) into discrete bins. All intensity values which belong to the same bin are summed together.

**Methods**

`signature(object = "MSnExp", binSize = "numeric", verbose = "logical")` Bins all spectra in an MSnExp object. Use `binSize` to control the size of a bin (in Dalton, default is 1). Displays a control bar if `verbose` set to TRUE (default). Returns a binned MSnExp instance.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", binSize = "numeric", breaks = "numeric", msLevel. = "numeric")` Bin the Spectrum object. Use `binSize` to control the size of a bin (in Dalton, default is 1). Similar to `hist` you could use `breaks` to specify the breakpoints between m/z bins. `msLevel.` defines the level of the spectrum, and if `msLevel(object) != msLevel.`, cleaning is ignored. Only relevant when called from `OnDiskMSnExp` and is only relevant for developers. Returns a binned Spectrum instance.

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**See Also**

[clean](#), [pickPeaks](#), [smooth](#), [removePeaks](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.



**Examples**

```
s <- new("Spectrum2", mz=1:10, intensity=1:10)
intensity(s)
intensity(bin(s, binSize=2))

data(itraqdata)
sum(peaksCount(itraqdata))
itraqdata2 <- bin(itraqdata, binSize=2)
sum(peaksCount(itraqdata2))
processingData(itraqdata2)
```

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calculateFragments-methods

*Calculate ions produced by fragmentation.*

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**Description**

These method calculates a-, b-, c-, x-, y- and z-ions produced by fragmentation.

**Arguments**

sequence	character, peptide sequence.
object	Object of class " <a href="#">Spectrum2</a> " or "missing" .
tolerance	numeric tolerance between the theoretical and measured MZ values (only available if object is not missing).
method	method used for for duplicated matches. Choose "highest" or "closest" to select the peak with the highest intensity respectively the closest MZ in the tolerance range. If "all" is given all possible matches in the tolerance range are reported (only available if object is not missing).
type	character vector of target ions; possible values: c("a", "b", "c", "x", "y", "z"); default: type=c("b", "y").
z	numeric desired charge state; default z=1.
modifications	named numeric vector of used modifications. The name must correspond to the one-letter-code of the modified amino acid and the numeric value must represent the mass that should be added to the original amino acid mass, default: Carbamidomethyl modifications=c(C=57.02146). Use Nterm or Cterm as names for modifications that should be added to the amino respectively carboxyl-terminus.
neutralLoss	list, it has to have two named elements, namely water and ammonia that contain a character vector which type of neutral loss should be calculated. Currently neutral loss on the C terminal "Cterm", at the amino acids c("D", "E", "S", "T") for "water" (shown with an _) and c("K", "N", "Q", "R") for "ammonia" (shown with an *) are supported. There is a helper function defaultNeutralLoss that returns the correct list. It has two arguments disableWaterLoss and disableAmmoniaLoss to remove single neutral loss options. See the example section for use cases.
verbose	logical if TRUE (default) the used modifications are printed.

## Methods

`signature(sequence = "character", object = "missing", ...)` Calculates the theoretical fragments for a peptide sequence. Returns a data.frame with the columns `c("mz", "ion", "type",`

`signature(sequence = "character", object = "Spectrum2", ...)` Calculates and matches the theoretical fragments for a peptide sequence and a `"Spectrum2"` object. The ... arguments are passed to the internal functions. Currently tolerance, method and relative are supported. You could change the tolerance (default 25e-6) and decide whether this tolerance should be applied relative (default `relative = TRUE`) or absolute (`relative = FALSE`) to match the theoretical fragment MZ with the MZ of the spectrum. In cases of multiple matches use method to select the peak with the highest intensity (`method = "highest",` default) respectively closest MZ (`method = "closes"`). If `method = "all"` is set all possible matches in the current tolerance range are reported. Returns the same data.frame as above but the `mz` column represents the matched MZ values of the spectrum. Additionally there is a column `error` that contains the difference between the observed MZ (from the spectrum) to the theoretical fragment MZ.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## find path to a mzXML file
file <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
            full.name = TRUE, pattern = "mzXML$")

## create basic MSnExp
msexp <- readMSData(file, centroided = FALSE)

## centroid them
msexp <- pickPeaks(msexp)

## calculate fragments for ACE with default modification
calculateFragments("ACE", modifications=c(C=57.02146))

## calculate fragments for ACE with an addition N-terminal modification
calculateFragments("ACE", modifications=c(C=57.02146, Nterm=229.1629))

## calculate fragments for ACE without any modifications
calculateFragments("ACE", modifications=NULL)

calculateFragments("VESITARHGEVLQLRPK",
                  type=c("a", "b", "c", "x", "y", "z"),
                  z=1:2)

calculateFragments("VESITARHGEVLQLRPK", msexp[[1]])

## neutral loss
defaultNeutralLoss()

## disable water loss on the C terminal
defaultNeutralLoss(disableWaterLoss="Cterm")

## real example
calculateFragments("PQR")
```

```

calculateFragments("PQR",
                  neutralLoss=defaultNeutralLoss(disableWaterLoss="Cterm"))
calculateFragments("PQR",
                  neutralLoss=defaultNeutralLoss(disableAmmoniaLoss="Q"))

## disable neutral loss completely
calculateFragments("PQR", neutralLoss=NULL)

```

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chromatogram-methods    *Plots a chromatogram*

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### Description

The method plot the chromatogram for various types in inputs (see below). Additional arguments are

**y** One of "tic" (default) or "bpi" to plot the total ion current of base peak intensity chromatogram.

**f** Optional and only when the input is a data.frame. Otherwise, it is extracted automatically from object. f is used to print the filename on the figure.

**legend** A logical defining if the figure should be annotated.

**plot** A logical defining if the plot should be rendered.

**ms** A numeric defining what MS level spectra to use. Default is 1L.

**...** Additional arguments passed to the plot function.

xcms::plotChrom provides a similar functionality.

### Value

The methods invisibly return the data.frame with the retention times (rt column) and intensities (either tic or bpi) used to generate the figure.

### Methods

signature(object = "character") Plots the chromatogram for the mass-spectrometry data stored in the object file. The file format must be support by mzR. See mzR::openMSfile for details.

signature(object = "mzRramp") Plots the chromatogram for the mzRramp instance. See the mzR package for details.

signature(object = "data.frame") Plots the chromatogram using the relevant columns from the data.frame instance, i.e retentionTime and totIonCurrent (for tic) and basePeakIntensity (for bpi). Such a data.frame would typically be generated by extracting the header from an mzRramp instance. See mzR::header for details.

### Examples

```

f <- system.file("lockmass/LockMass_test.mzXML", package = "msdata")
x <- chromatogram(f, main = "Source: mzXML file")
head(x)
dim(x)
x <- chromatogram(f, main = "Source: mzXML file",
                 ylim = c(0, 100))
## Not run:

```

```

library("mzR")
ms <- openMSfile(f)
chromatogram(ms, main = "Source: mzRramp",
             col = "red")
hd <- header(ms)
chromatogram(hd, main = "Source: mzRramp header",
            lty = "dashed")

library("RforProteomics")
f <- getPXD000001mzXML()
chromatogram(f)
grid()

## End(Not run)

```

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clean-methods

*Cleans 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances*


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## Description

This method cleans out individual spectra (Spectrum instances) or whole experiments (MSnExp instances) of 0-intensity peaks. Unless `all` is set to FALSE, original 0-intensity values are retained only around peaks. If more than two 0's were separating two peaks, only the first and last ones, those directly adjacent to the peak ranges are kept. If two peaks are separated by only one 0-intensity value, it is retained. An illustrative example is shown below.

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", all = "logical" verbose = "logical")` Cleans all spectra in MSnExp object. Displays a control bar if verbose set to TRUE (default). Returns a cleaned MSnExp instance.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", all = "logical", msLevel. = "numeric")` Cleans the Spectrum object. Returns a cleaned Spectrum instance. If `all = TRUE`, then all zeros are removed. `msLevel.` defines the level of the spectrum, and if `msLevel(object) != msLevel.`, cleaning is ignored. Only relevant when called from `OnDiskMSnExp` and is only relevant for developers.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[removePeaks](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.

## Examples

```

int <- c(1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0)
sp1 <- new("Spectrum2",
         intensity=int,
         mz=1:length(int))
sp2 <- clean(sp1) ## default is all=FALSE
intensity(sp1)
intensity(sp2)

```

```
intensity(clean(sp1, all = TRUE))

mz(sp1)
mz(sp2)
mz(clean(sp1, all = TRUE))

data(itraqdata)
itraqdata2 <- clean(itraqdata)
sum(peaksCount(itraqdata))
sum(peaksCount(itraqdata2))
processingData(itraqdata2)
```

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combineFeatures

*Combines features in an MSnSet object*


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## Description

This function combines the features in an "MSnSet" instance applying a summarisation function (see fun argument) to sets of features as defined by a factor (see groupBy argument). Note that the feature names are automatically updated based on the groupBy parameter.

The coefficient of variations are automatically computed and collated to the featureData slot. See cv and cv.norm arguments for details.

NB: All the functions available as fun take a na.rm argument. This argument is FALSE by default. This will have as effect that NA get propagated at the higher level. It is generally advised to set na.rm = TRUE. See the example below.

## Usage

```
combineFeatures(object, groupBy, fun = c("mean", "median",
"weighted.mean", "sum", "medpolish", "iPQF"), redundancy.handler =
c("unique", "multiple"), cv = TRUE, cv.norm = "sum", verbose =
isMSnbaseVerbose(), ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An instance of class "MSnSet" whose features will be summarised.
groupBy	A factor, character, numeric or a list of the above defining how to summarise the features. The list must be of length nrow(object). Each element of the list is a vector describing the feature mapping. If the list can be named, its names must match featureNames(object). See redundancy.handler for details about the latter.
fun	The summerising function. Currently, mean, median, weighted mean, sum and median polish and iPQF (see iPQF for details) are implemented, but user-defined functions can also be supplied.
redundancy.handler	If groupBy is a list, one of "unique" (default) or "multiple" (ignored otherwise) defining how to handle peptides that can be associated to multiple higher-level features (proteins) upon combination. Using "unique" will only consider

	uniquely matching features (features matching multiple proteins will be discarded). "multiple" will allow matching to multiple proteins and each feature will be repeatedly tallied for each possible matching protein.
cv	A logical defining if feature coefficients of variation should be computed and stored as feature meta-data. Default is TRUE.
cv.norm	A character defining how to normalise the feature intensities prior to CV calculation. Default is sum. Use none to keep intensities as is. See <a href="#">featureCV</a> for more details.
verbose	A logical indicating whether verbose output is to be printed out.
...	Additional arguments for the fun function.

### Value

A new "MSnSet" instance is returned with ncol (i.e. number of samples) is unchanged, but nrow (i.e. the number of features) is now equals to the number of levels in groupBy. The feature metadata (featureData slot) is updated accordingly and only the first occurrence of a feature in the original feature meta-data is kept.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

### References

iPQF: a new peptide-to-protein summarization method using peptide spectra characteristics to improve protein quantification. Fischer M, Renard BY. *Bioinformatics*. 2016 Apr 1;32(7):1040-7. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btv675. Epub 2015 Nov 20. PubMed PMID:26589272.

### See Also

[featureCV](#) to calculate coefficient of variation, [nFeatures](#) to document the number of features per group in the feature data, and the [aggvar](#) to explore variability within protein groups.

### Examples

```
data(msnset)
msnset <- msnset[11:15, ]
exprs(msnset)

## arbitrary grouping into two groups
grp <- as.factor(c(1, 1, 2, 2, 2))
msnset.comb <- combineFeatures(msnset, grp, "sum")
dim(msnset.comb)
exprs(msnset.comb)
fvarLabels(msnset.comb)

## grouping with a list
grpl <- list(c("A", "B"), "A", "A", "C", c("C", "B"))
## optional naming
names(grpl) <- featureNames(msnset)
exprs(combineFeatures(msnset, grpl, fun = "sum", redundancy.handler = "unique"))
exprs(combineFeatures(msnset, grpl, fun = "sum", redundancy.handler = "multiple"))

## missing data
```

```

exprs(msnset)[4, 4] <-
  exprs(msnset)[2, 2] <- NA
exprs(msnset)
## NAs propagate in the 115 and 117 channels
exprs(combineFeatures(msnset, grp, "sum"))
## NAs are removed before summing
exprs(combineFeatures(msnset, grp, "sum", na.rm = TRUE))

## using iPQF
data(msnset2)
res <- combineFeatures(msnset2,
  groupBy = fData(msnset2)$accession,
  redundancy.handler = "unique",
  fun = "iPQF",
  low.support.filter = FALSE,
  ratio.calc = "sum",
  method.combine = FALSE)

head(exprs(res))

```

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commonFeatureNames	<i>Keep only common feature names</i>
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## Description

Subsets MSnSet instances to their common feature names.

## Usage

```
commonFeatureNames(x, y)
```

## Arguments

x	An instance of class <code>MSnSet</code> or a list or <code>MSnSetList</code> with at least 2 <code>MSnSet</code> objects.
y	An instance of class <code>MSnSet</code> . Ignored if x is a list/ <code>MSnSetList</code> .

## Value

An `linkS4class{MSnSetList}` composed of the input `MSnSet` containing only common features in the same order. The names of the output are either the names of the x and y input variables or the names of x if a list is provided.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

## Examples

```

library("pRolocdata")
data(tan2009r1)
data(tan2009r2)
cmn <- commonFeatureNames(tan2009r1, tan2009r2)
names(cmn)

```

```
## as a named list
names(commonFeatureNames(list(a = tan2009r1, b = tan2009r2)))
## without message
suppressMessages(cmn <- commonFeatureNames(tan2009r1, tan2009r2))
## more than 2 instance
data(tan2009r3)
cmn <- commonFeatureNames(list(tan2009r1, tan2009r2, tan2009r3))
length(cmn)
```

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compareMSnSets	<i>Compare two MSnSets</i>
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### Description

Compares two [MSnSet](#) instances. The qual and processingData slots are generally omitted.

### Usage

```
compareMSnSets(x, y, qual = FALSE, proc = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	First MSnSet
y	Second MSnSet
qual	Should the qual slots be compared? Default is FALSE.
proc	Should the processingData slots be compared? Default is FALSE.

### Value

A logical

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

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compareSpectra-methods	<i>Compare Spectra of an 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances</i>
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### Description

This method compares spectra ([Spectrum](#) instances) pairwise or all spectra of an experiment ([MSnExp](#) instances). Currently the comparison is based on the number of common peaks `fun = "common"`, the Pearson correlation `fun = "cor"`, the dot product `fun = "dotproduct"` or a user-defined function.

For `fun = "common"` the tolerance (default  $25e-6$ ) can be set and the tolerance can be defined to be relative (default `relative = TRUE`) or absolute (`relative = FALSE`). To compare spectra with `fun = "cor"` and `fun = "dotproduct"`, the spectra need to be binned. The `binSize` argument (in Dalton) controls the binning precision. Please see [bin](#) for details.

Instead of these three predefined functions for `fun` a user-defined comparison function can be supplied. This function takes two [Spectrum](#) objects as the first two arguments and `...` as third argument. The function must return a single numeric value. See the example section.



**Methods**

`signature(object1 = "MSnExp", object2 = "missing", fun = "character", ...)` Compares all spectra in an MSnExp object. The ... arguments are passed to the internal functions. Returns a matrix of dimension `length(object1)` by `length(object1)`.

`signature(object1 = "Spectrum", object2 = "Spectrum", fun = "character", ...)` Compares two Spectrum objects. See the above explanation for fun and .... Returns a single numeric value.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**References**

Stein, S. E., & Scott, D. R. (1994). Optimization and testing of mass spectral library search algorithms for compound identification. *Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry*, 5(9), 859-866. doi: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/1044-0305\(94\)87009-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/1044-0305(94)87009-8)

Lam, H., Deutsch, E. W., Eddes, J. S., Eng, J. K., King, N., Stein, S. E. and Aebersold, R. (2007) Development and validation of a spectral library searching method for peptide identification from MS/MS. *Proteomics*, 7: 655-667. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/pmic.200600625>

**See Also**

[bin](#), [clean](#), [pickPeaks](#), [smooth](#), [removePeaks](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- new("Spectrum2", mz=1:10, intensity=1:10)
s2 <- new("Spectrum2", mz=1:10, intensity=10:1)
compareSpectra(s1, s2)
compareSpectra(s1, s2, fun="cor", binSize=2)
compareSpectra(s1, s2, fun="dotproduct")

## define our own (useless) comparison function (it is just a basic example)
equalLength <- function(x, y, ...) {
  return(peaksCount(x)/(peaksCount(y)+.Machine$double.eps))
}
compareSpectra(s1, s2, fun=equalLength)
compareSpectra(s1, new("Spectrum2", mz=1:5, intensity=1:5), fun=equalLength)
compareSpectra(s1, new("Spectrum2"), fun=equalLength)

data(itraqdata)
compareSpectra(itraqdata[1:5], fun="cor")
```

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estimateNoise-methods *Noise Estimation for 'Spectrum' instances*

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**Description**

This method performs a noise estimation on individual spectra (Spectrum instances). There are currently two different noise estimators, the Median Absolute Deviation (`method = "MAD"`) and Friedman's Super Smoother (`method = "SuperSmoother"`), as implemented in the `MALDIquant::detectPeaks` and `MALDIquant::estimateNoise` functions respectively.

**Methods**

signature(object = "Spectrum", method = "character", ...) Estimates the noise in a non-centroided spectrum (Spectrum instance). method could be "MAD" or "SuperSmoother". The arguments ... are passed to the noise estimator functions implemented in MALDIquant::estimateNoise. Currently only the method = "SuperSmoother" accepts additional arguments, e.g. span. Please see [supsmu](#) for details. This method returns a two-column matrix with the m/z and intensity values in the first and the second column.

signature(object = "MSnExp", method = "character", ...) Estimates noise for all spectra in object.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**References**

S. Gibb and K. Strimmer. 2012. MALDIquant: a versatile R package for the analysis of mass spectrometry data. *Bioinformatics* 28: 2270-2271. <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

**See Also**

[pickPeaks](#), and the underlying method in MALDIquant: [estimateNoise](#).

**Examples**

```
sp1 <- new("Spectrum1",
          intensity = c(1:6, 5:1),
          mz = 1:11,
          centroided = FALSE)
estimateNoise(sp1, method = "SuperSmoother")
```

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exprsToRatios-methods *Calculate all ratio pairs*

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**Description**

Calculations all possible ratios for the assayData columns in an "MSnSet". The function getRatios(x, log = FALSE) takes a matrix x as input and is used by exprsToRatios.

**Methods**

signature(object = "MSnSet", log = "logical") If log is FALSE (default) the ratios for all the assayData columns are computed; otherwise, log ratios (differences) are calculated.

signature(object = "matrix", log = "logical") As above, but for a matrix instance.

**Examples**

```
data(msnset)
pData(msnset)
head(exprs(msnset))
r <- exprsToRatios(msnset)
head(exprs(r))
pData(r)
```

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extractPrecSpectra-methods

*Extracts precursor-specific spectra from an 'MSnExp' object*

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### Description

Extracts the MSMS spectra that originate from the precursor(s) having the same MZ value as defined in the `prec` argument.

A warning will be issued if one or several of the precursor MZ values in `prec` are absent in the experiment precursor MZ values (i.e. in `precursorMz(object)`).

### Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", prec = "numeric")` Returns an "MSnExp" containing MSMS spectra whose precursor MZ values are in `prec`.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

### Examples

```
file <- dir(system.file(package="MSnbase", dir="extdata"),
            full.name=TRUE, pattern="mzXML$")
aa <- readMSData(file, verbose=FALSE)
my.prec <- precursorMz(aa)[1]
my.prec
bb <- extractPrecSpectra(aa, my.prec)
precursorMz(bb)
processingData(bb)
```

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FeatComp-class

*Class "FeatComp"*

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### Description

Comparing feature names of two comparable MSnSet instances.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with `compfnames`. The method compares the feature names of two objects of class "MSnSet". It prints a summary matrix of common and unique feature names and invisibly returns a list of FeatComp instances.

The function will compute the common and unique features for all feature names of the two input objects (`featureNames(x)` and `featureNames(y)`) as well as distinct subsets as defined in the `fcol1` and `fcol2` feature variables.

**Slots**

**name:** Object of class "character" defining the name of the compared features. By convention, "all" is used when all feature names are used; otherwise, the respective levels of the feature variables fcol1 and fcol2.

**common:** Object of class "character" with the common feature names.

**unique1:** Object of class "character" with the features unique to the first MSnSet (x in compfname).

**unique2:** Object of class "character" with the features unique to the second MSnSet (y in compfname).

**all:** Object of class "logical" defining if all features of only a subset were compared. One expects that name == "all" when all is TRUE.

**Methods**

Accessors names, common, unique1 and unique2 can be used to access the respective FeatComp slots.

**compfnames** signature(x = "MSnSet", y = "MSnSet", fcol1 = "character", fcol2 = "character", simplify = TRUE) creates the FeatComp comparison object for instances x and y. The feature variables to be considered to details feature comparison can be defined by fcol1 (default is "markers" and fcol2 for x and y respectively). Setting either to NULL will only consider all feature names; in such case, if simplify is TRUE (default), an FeatComp object is returned instead of a list of length 1. The verbose logical controls if a summary table needs to be printed (default is TRUE).

**compfnames** signature(x = "list", y = "missing", ...): when x is a list of MSnSet instances, compfnames is applied to all element pairs of x. Additional parameters fcol1, fcol2, simplify and verbose are passed to the pairwise comparison method.

**show** signature(object = "FeatComp"): prints a summary of the object.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk> and Thomas Naake

**See Also**

[averageMSnSet](#) to compute an average MSnSet.

**Examples**

```
library("pRolocdata")
data(tan2009r1)
data(tan2009r2)
x <- compfnames(tan2009r1, tan2009r2)
x[[1]]
x[2:3]
head(common(x[[1]]))

data(tan2009r3)
tan1 <- list(tan2009r1, tan2009r2, tan2009r3)
xx <- compfnames(tan1, fcol1 = NULL)
length(xx)
tail(xx)

all.equal(xx[[15]],
```

```
compfnames(tan2009r2, tan2009r3, fcol1 = NULL))
str(sapply(xx, common))
```

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featureCV	<i>Calculates coefficient of variation for features</i>
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## Description

This function calculates the column-wise coefficient of variation (CV), i.e. the ration between the standard deviation and the mean, for the features in an "MSnSet". The CVs are calculated for the groups of features defined by groupBy. For groups defined by single features, NA is returned.

## Usage

```
featureCV(x, groupBy, na.rm = TRUE, norm = c("sum", "max", "none",
      "center.mean", "center.median", "quantiles", "quantiles.robust"))
```

## Arguments

x	An instance of class "MSnSet".
groupBy	An object of class factor defining how to summerise the features.
na.rm	A logical defining whether missing values should be removed.
norm	One of 'none' (default), 'sum', 'max', 'center.mean', 'center.median' 'quantiles' or 'quantiles.robust' defining if and how the data should be normalised prior to CV calculation. See <a href="#">normalise</a> for more details.

## Value

A matrix of dimensions length(levels(groupBy)) by ncol(x) with the respective CVs.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>, Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

## See Also

[combineFeatures](#)

## Examples

```
data(msnset)
msnset <- msnset[1:4]
gb <- factor(rep(1:2, each = 2))
featureCV(msnset, gb)
```

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FeaturesOfInterest-class

*Features of Interest*


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## Description

The *Features of Interest* infrastructure allows to define a set of features of particular interest to be used/matched against existing data sets contained in "MSnSet". A specific set of features is stored as an FeaturesOfInterest object and a collection of such non-redundant instances (for example for a specific organism, project, ...) can be collected in a FoICollection.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with the respective FeaturesOfInterest and FoICollection constructors. FeaturesOfInterest instances can be generated in two different ways: the constructor takes either (1) a set of features names (a character vector) and a description (character of length 1 - any subsequent elements are silently ignored) or (2) feature names, a description and an instance of class "MSnSet". In the latter case, we call such FeaturesOfInterest objects traceable, because we can identify the origin of the feature names and thus their validity. This is done by inspecting the MSnSet instance and recording its dimensions, its name and a unique md5 hash tag (these are stores as part of the optional objpar slot). In such cases, the feature names passed to the FeaturesOfInterest constructor must also be present in the MSnSet; if one or more are not, an error will be thrown. If your features of interest to be recorded stem from an existing experiment and have all been observed, it is advised to pass the 3 arguments to the constructor to ensure that the feature names are valid. Otherwise, only the third argument should be omitted.

FoICollection instances can be constructed by creating an empty collection and serial additions of FeaturesOfInterest using addFeaturesOfInterest or by passing a list of FeaturesOfInterest instance.

## Slots

FeaturesOfInterest class:

**description:** Object of class "character" describing the instance.

**objpar:** Optional object of class "list" providing details about the MSnSet instance originally used to create the instance. See details section.

**fnames:** Object of class "character" with the feature of interest names.

**date:** Object of class "character" with the date the instance was first generated.

**.\_\_classVersion\_\_:** Object of class "Versions" with the FeaturesOfInterest class version. Only relevant for development.

FoICollection class:

**foic:** Object of class "list" with the FeaturesOfInterest.

**.\_\_classVersion\_\_:** Object of class "Versions" with the FoICollection class version. Only relevant for development.

## Extends

Class "[Versioned](#)", directly.

**Methods**

FeaturesOfInterest class:

**description** signature(object = "FeaturesOfInterest"): returns the description of object.

**foi** signature(object = "FeaturesOfInterest"): returns the features of interests.

**length** signature(x = "FeaturesOfInterest"): returns the number of features of interest in x.

**show** signature(object = "FeaturesOfInterest"): displays object.

**fnamesIn** signature(x = "FeaturesOfInterest", y = "MSnSet", count = "logical"): if count is FALSE (default), return a logical indicating whether there is at least one feature of interest present in x? Otherwise, returns the number of such features. Works also with matrices and data.frames.

[ Subsetting works like lists. Returns a new FoICollection.

[[ Subsetting works like lists. Returns a new FeatureOfInterest.

FoICollection class:

**description** signature(object = "FoICollection"): returns the description of object.

**foi** signature(object = "FoICollection"): returns a list of FeaturesOfInterest.

**length** signature(x = "FoICollection"): returns the number of FeaturesOfInterest in the collection.

**lengths** signature(x = "FoICollection"): returns the number of features of interest in each FeaturesOfInterest in the collection x.

**addFeaturesOfInterest** signature(x = "FeaturesOfInterest", y = "FoICollection"): add the FeaturesOfInterest instance x to FoICollection y. If x is already present, a message is printed and y is returned unchanged.

**rmFeaturesOfInterest** signature(object = "FoICollection", i = "numeric"): removes the ith FeatureOfInterest in the collection object.

**show** signature(object = "FoICollection"): displays object.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

**Examples**

```
library("pRolocdata")
data(tan2009r1)

x <- FeaturesOfInterest(description = "A traceable test set of features of interest",
                        fnames = featureNames(tan2009r1)[1:10],
                        object = tan2009r1)

x

description(x)
foi(x)

y <- FeaturesOfInterest(description = "Non-traceable features of interest",
                        fnames = featureNames(tan2009r1)[111:113])

y

## an illegal FeaturesOfInterest
```

```

try(FeaturesOfInterest(description = "Won't work",
                        fnames = c("A", "Z", featureNames(tan2009r1)),
                        object = tan2009r1))

FeaturesOfInterest(description = "This work, but not traceable",
                    fnames = c("A", "Z", featureNames(tan2009r1)))

xx <- FoICollection()
xx

xx <- addFeaturesOfInterest(x, xx)
xx <- addFeaturesOfInterest(y, xx)
names(xx) <- LETTERS[1:2]
xx

## Sub-setting
xx[1]
xx[[1]]
xx[["A"]]

description(xx)
foi(xx)

fnamesIn(x, tan2009r1)
fnamesIn(x, tan2009r1, count = TRUE)

rmFeaturesOfInterest(xx, 1)

```

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fillUp

*Fills up a vector*


---

### Description

This function replaces all the empty characters "" and/or NAs with the value of the closest preceding the preceding non-NA/"" element. The function is used to populate dataframe or matrix columns where only the cells of the first row in a set of partially identical rows are explicitly populated and the following are empty.

### Usage

```
fillUp(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    a vector.

### Value

A vector as x with all empty characters "" and NA values replaced by the preceding non-NA/"" value.



**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(protein=c("Prot1", "", "", "Prot2", "", ""),
                peptide=c("pep11", "", "pep12", "pep21", "pep22", ""),
                score=c(1:2, NA, 1:3))
d
e <- apply(d, 2, fillUp)
e
data.frame(e)
fillUp(d[, 1])
```

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formatRt

*Format Retention Time*

---

**Description**

Converts seconds to/from 'min:sec' format

**Usage**

```
formatRt(rt)
```

**Arguments**

rt                    retention in seconds (numeric) or "mm:sec" (character).

**Details**

This function is used to convert retention times. Conversion is seconds to/from the more human friendly format "mm:sec".

**Value**

A vector of same length as rt.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

**Examples**

```
formatRt(1524)
formatRt("25:24")
```

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`get.amino.acids`      *Amino acids*

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**Description**

Returns a `data.frame` of amino acid properties: AA, ResidueMass, Abbrev3, ImmoniumIonMass, Name, Hydrophobicity, Hydrophilicity, SideChainMass, pK1, pK2 and pI.

**Usage**

```
get.amino.acids()
```

**Value**

A `data.frame`

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
get.amino.acids()
```

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`get.atomic.mass`      *Atomic mass.*

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**Description**

Returns a double of used atomic mass.

**Usage**

```
get.atomic.mass()
```

**Value**

A named double.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb

**Examples**

```
get.atomic.mass()
```

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getVariableName	<i>Return a variable name</i>
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**Description**

Return the name of variable varname in call match\_call.

**Usage**

```
getVariableName(match_call, varname)
```

**Arguments**

match_call	An object of class call, as returned by match.call.
varname	An character of length 1 which is looked up in match_call.

**Value**

A character with the name of the variable passed as parameter varname in parent close of match\_call.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
a <- 1
f <- function(x, y)
  MSnbase::getVariableName(match.call(), "x")
f(x = a)
f(y = a)
```

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grepEcols	<i>Returns the matching column names of indices.</i>
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**Description**

Given a text spread sheet f and a pattern to be matched to its header (first line in the file), the function returns the matching columns names or indices of the corresponding data.frame.

**Usage**

```
grepEcols(f, pattern, ..., n = 1)
```

```
getEcols(f, ..., n = 1)
```

### Arguments

f	A connection object or a character string to be read in with <code>readLines(f, n = 1)</code> .
pattern	A character string containing a regular expression to be matched to the file's header.
...	Additional parameters passed to <code>strsplit</code> to split the file header into individual column names.
n	An integer specifying which line in file f to <code>grep</code> (get). Default is 1. Note that this argument must be named.

### Details

The function starts by reading the first line of the file (or connection) f with `readLines`, then splits it according to the optional ... arguments (it is important to correctly specify `strsplit`'s `split` character vector here) and then matches `pattern` to the individual column names using `grep`.

Similarly, `getEcols` can be used to explore the column names and decide for the appropriate `pattern` value.

These functions are useful to check the parameters to be provided to `readMSnSet2`.

### Value

Depending on value, the matching column names or indices. In case of `getEcols`, a character of column names.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

### See Also

[readMSnSet2](#)

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imageNA2

*NA heatmap visualisation for 2 groups*

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### Description

Produces a heatmap after reordring rows and columnsn to highlight missing value patterns.

### Usage

```
imageNA2(object, pcol, Rowv, Colv = TRUE, useGroupMean = FALSE,  
plot = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An instance of class MSnSet
pcol	Either the name of a phenoData variable to be used to determine the group structure or a factor or any object that can be coerced as a factor of length equal to nrow(object). The resulting factor must have 2 levels. If missing (default) image(object) is called.
Rowv	Determines if and how the rows/features are reordered. If missing (default), rows are reordered according to $\text{order}((n_{NA1} + 1)^2 / (n_{NA2} + 1))$ , where NA1 and NA2 are the number of missing values in each group. Use a vector of numerics of feature names to customise row order.
Colv	A logical that determines if columns/samples are reordered. Default is TRUE.
useGroupMean	Replace individual feature intensities by the group mean intensity. Default is FALSE.
plot	A logical specifying of an image should be produced. Default is TRUE.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">image</a> .

**Value**

Used for its side effect of plotting. Invisibly returns Rowv and Colv.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto, Samuel Wiczorek and Thomas Burger

**Examples**

```
library("pRolocdata")
library("pRoloc")
data(dunkley2006)
pcol <- ifelse(dunkley2006$fraction <= 5, "A", "B")
nax <- makeNaData(dunkley2006, pNA = 0.10)
exprs(nax)[sample(nrow(nax), 30), pcol == "A"] <- NA
exprs(nax)[sample(nrow(nax), 50), pcol == "B"] <- NA
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol)
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol, useGroupMean = TRUE)
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol, Colv = FALSE, useGroupMean = FALSE)
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol, Colv = FALSE, useGroupMean = TRUE)
```

**Description**

The impute method performs data imputation on an MSnSet instance using a variety of methods (see below). The imputation and the parameters are logged into the processingData(object) slot.

Users should proceed with care when imputing data and take precautions to assure that the imputation produce valid results, in particular with naive imputations such as replacing missing values with 0.

## Details

There are two types of mechanisms resulting in missing values in LC/MSMS experiments.

- Missing values resulting from absence of detection of a feature, despite ions being present at detectable concentrations. For example in the case of ion suppression or as a result from the stochastic, data-dependent nature of the MS acquisition method. These missing values are expected to be randomly distributed in the data and are defined as missing at random (MAR) or missing completely at random (MCAR).
- Biologically relevant missing values resulting from the absence of the low abundance of ions (below the limit of detection of the instrument). These missing values are not expected to be randomly distributed in the data and are defined as missing not at random (MNAR).

MNAR features should ideally be imputed with a left-censor method, such as QRILC below. Conversely, it is recommended to use host deck methods such nearest neighbours, Bayesian missing value imputation or maximum likelihood methods when values are missing at random.

Currently, the following imputation methods are available:

**MLE** Maximum likelihood-based imputation method using the EM algorithm. Implemented in the `norm::imp.norm` function. See [imp.norm](#) for details and additional parameters. Note that here, `...` are passed to the `em.norm` function, rather to the actual imputation function `imp.norm`.

**bpca** Bayesian missing value imputation are available, as implemented in the `and` and `pcaMethods::pca` functions. See [pca](#) for details and additional parameters.

**knn** Nearest neighbour averaging, as implemented in the `impute::impute.knn` function. See [impute.knn](#) for details and additional parameters.

**QRILC** A missing data imputation method that performs the imputation of left-censored missing data using random draws from a truncated distribution with parameters estimated using quantile regression. Implemented in the `imputeLCMD::impute.QRILC` function. See [impute.QRILC](#) for details and additional parameters.

**MinDet** Performs the imputation of left-censored missing data using a deterministic minimal value approach. Considering an expression data with  $n$  samples and  $p$  features, for each sample, the missing entries are replaced with a minimal value observed in that sample. The minimal value observed is estimated as being the  $q$ -th quantile (default  $q = 0.01$ ) of the observed values in that sample. Implemented in the `imputeLCMD::impute.MinDet` function. See [impute.MinDet](#) for details and additional parameters.

**MinProb** Performs the imputation of left-censored missing data by random draws from a Gaussian distribution centred to a minimal value. Considering an expression data matrix with  $n$  samples and  $p$  features, for each sample, the mean value of the Gaussian distribution is set to a minimal observed value in that sample. The minimal value observed is estimated as being the  $q$ -th quantile (default  $q = 0.01$ ) of the observed values in that sample. The standard deviation is estimated as the median of the feature standard deviations. Note that when estimating the standard deviation of the Gaussian distribution, only the peptides/proteins which present more than 50% recorded values are considered. Implemented in the `imputeLCMD::impute.MinProb` function. See [impute.MinProb](#) for details and additional parameters.

**min** Replaces the missing values by the smallest non-missing value in the data.

**zero** Replaces the missing values by 0.

**mixed** A mixed imputation applying two methods (to be defined by the user as `mar` for values missing at random and `mna` for values missing not at random, see example) on two M[C]AR/MNAR subsets of the data (as defined by the user by a `randna` logical, of length equal to `nrow(object)`).

**nbavg** Average neighbour imputation for fractions collected along a fractionation/separation gradient, such as sub-cellular fractions. The method assumes that the fraction are ordered along the gradient and is invalid otherwise.

Continuous sets NA value at the beginning and the end of the quantitation vectors are set to the lowest observed value in the data or to a user defined value passed as argument *k*. Then, when a missing value is flanked by two non-missing neighbouring values, it is imputed by the mean of its direct neighbours. A stretch of 2 or more missing values will not be imputed. See the example below.

The naset `MSnSet` is an real quantitative data where quantitative values have been replaced by NAs. See `script/naset.R` for details.

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnSet", method, ...)` This method performs data imputation on the object `MSnSet` instance using the method algorithm. `...` is used to pass parameters to the imputation function. See the respective methods for details and additional parameters.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto and Samuel Wiczorek

## References

Olga Troyanskaya, Michael Cantor, Gavin Sherlock, Pat Brown, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, David Botstein and Russ B. Altman, Missing value estimation methods for DNA microarrays *Bioinformatics* (2001) 17 (6): 520-525.

Oba et al., A Bayesian missing value estimation method for gene expression profile data, *Bioinformatics* (2003) 19 (16): 2088-2096.

Cosmin Lazar (2015). `imputeLCMD`: A collection of methods for left-censored missing data imputation. R package version 2.0. <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=imputeLCMD>.

Lazar C, Gatto L, Ferro M, Bruley C, Burger T. Accounting for the Multiple Natures of Missing Values in Label-Free Quantitative Proteomics Data Sets to Compare Imputation Strategies. *J Proteome Res.* 2016 Apr 1;15(4):1116-25. doi: 10.1021/acs.jproteome.5b00981. PubMed PMID: 26906401.

## Examples

```
data(naset)
## table of missing values along the rows
table(fData(naset)$nNA)
## table of missing values along the columns
pData(naset)$nNA

## non-random missing values
notna <- which(!fData(naset)$randna)
length(notna)
notna

impute(naset, method = "min")

if (require("imputeLCMD")) {
  impute(naset, method = "QRILC")
  impute(naset, method = "MinDet")
}
```

```

if (require("norm"))
  impute(naset, method = "MLE")

impute(naset, "mixed",
       randna = fData(naset)$randna,
       mar = "knn", mmar = "QRILC")

## neighbour averaging

x <- naset[1:4, 1:6]
exprs(x)[1, 1] <- NA ## min value
exprs(x)[2, 3] <- NA ## average
exprs(x)[3, 1:2] <- NA ## min value and average
## 4th row: no imputation
exprs(x)

exprs(impute(x, "nbavg"))

```

iPQF

*iPQF: iTRAQ (and TMT) Protein Quantification based on Features*

## Description

The iPQF spectra-to-protein summarisation method integrates peptide spectra characteristics and quantitative values for protein quantitation estimation. Spectra features, such as charge state, sequence length, identification score and others, contain valuable information concerning quantification accuracy. The iPQF algorithm assigns weights to spectra according to their overall feature reliability and computes a weighted mean to estimate protein quantities. See also [combineFeatures](#) for a more general overview of feature aggregation and examples.

## Usage

```

iPQF(object, groupBy, low.support.filter = FALSE, ratio.calc = "sum",
     method.combine = FALSE, feature.weight = c(7, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1, 5)^2)

```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	An instance of class <code>MSnSet</code> containing absolute ion intensities.
<code>groupBy</code>	Vector defining spectra to protein matching. Generally, this is a feature variable such as <code>fData(object)\$accession</code> .
<code>low.support.filter</code>	A logical specifying if proteins being supported by only 1-2 peptide spectra should be filtered out. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>ratio.calc</code>	Either "none" (don't calculate any ratios), "sum" (default), or a specific channel (one of <code>sampleNames(object)</code> ) defining how to calculate relative peptides intensities.
<code>method.combine</code>	A logical defining whether to further use median polish to combine features.
<code>feature.weight</code>	Vector "numeric" giving weight to the different features. Default is the squared order of the features redundant -unique-distance metric, charge state, ion intensity, sequence length, identification score, modification state, and mass based on a robustness analysis.



**Value**

A matrix with estimated protein ratios.

**Author(s)**

Martina Fischer

**References**

iPQF: a new peptide-to-protein summarization method using peptide spectra characteristics to improve protein quantification. Fischer M, Renard BY. *Bioinformatics*. 2016 Apr 1;32(7):1040-7. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btv675. Epub 2015 Nov 20. PubMed PMID:26589272.

**Examples**

```
data(msnset2)
head(exprs(msnset2))
prot <- combineFeatures(msnset2,
                       groupBy = fData(msnset2)$accession,
                       fun = "iPQF")
head(exprs(prot))
```

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iTRAQ4

*iTRAQ 4-plex set*

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**Description**

This instance of class "[ReporterIons](#)" corresponds to the iTRAQ 4-plex set, i.e the 114, 115, 116 and 117 isobaric tags. In the iTRAQ5 data set, an unfragmented tag, i.e reporter and attached isobaric tag, is also included at MZ 145. These objects are used to plot the reporter ions of interest in an MSMS spectra (see "[Spectrum2](#)") as well as for quantification (see [quantify](#)).

**Usage**

```
iTRAQ4
iTRAQ5
iTRAQ8
iTRAQ9
```

**References**

Ross PL, Huang YN, Marchese JN, Williamson B, Parker K, Hattan S, Khainovski N, Pillai S, Dey S, Daniels S, Purkayastha S, Juhasz P, Martin S, Bartlet-Jones M, He F, Jacobson A, Pappin DJ. "Multiplexed protein quantitation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* using amine-reactive isobaric tagging reagents." *Mol Cell Proteomics*, 2004 Dec;3(12):1154-69. Epub 2004 Sep 22. PubMed PMID: 15385600.

**See Also**

[TMT6](#).

**Examples**

```
iTRAQ4
iTRAQ4[1:2]

newReporter <- new("ReporterIons",
  description="an example",
  name="my reporter ions",
  reporterNames=c("myrep1", "myrep2"),
  mz=c(121,122),
  col=c("red", "blue"),
  width=0.05)

newReporter
```

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itraqdata

*Example MSnExp and MSnSet data sets*


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**Description**

itraqdata is an example data set is an iTRAQ 4-plex experiment that has been run on an Orbitrap Velos instrument. It includes identification data in the feature data slot obtain from the Mascot search engine. It is a subset of an spike-in experiment where proteins have spiked in an *Erwinia* background, as described in

Karp et al. (2010), *Addressing accuracy and precision issues in iTRAQ quantitation*, Mol Cell Proteomics. 2010 Sep;9(9):1885-97. Epub 2010 Apr 10. (PMID 20382981).

The spiked-in proteins in itraqdata are BSA and ENO and are present in relative abundances 1, 2.5, 5, 10 and 10, 5, 2.5, 1 in the 114, 115, 116 and 117 reporter tags.

The msnset object is produced by running the quantify method on the itraqdata experimental data, as detailed in the [quantify](#) example. This example data set is used in the MSnbase-demo vignette, available with `vignette("MSnbase-demo", package="MSnbase")`.

The msnset2 object is another example iTRAQ4 data that is used to demonstrate features of the package, in particular the iPQF feature aggregation method, described in [iPQF](#). It corresponds to 11 proteins with spectra measurements from the original data set described by Breitwieser et al. (2011) *General statistical modeling of data from protein relative expression isobaric tags*. J. Proteome Res., 10, 2758-2766.

**Usage**

```
itraqdata
```

**Examples**

```
data(itraqdata)
itraqdata

## created by
## msnset <- quantify(itraqdata, method = "trap", reporters = iTRAQ4)
data(msnset)
msnset

data(msnset2)
msnset2
```

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listOf	<i>Tests equality of list elements class</i>
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**Description**

Compares equality of all members of a list.

**Usage**

```
listOf(x, class, valid = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A codelist.
class	A character defining the expected class.
valid	A logical defining if all elements should be tested for validity. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

TRUE is all elements of x inherit from class.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
listOf(list(), "foo")  
listOf(list("a", "b"), "character")  
listOf(list("a", 1), "character")
```

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makeNaData	<i>Create a data with missing values</i>
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**Description**

These functions take an instance of class "[MSnSet](#)" and sets randomly selected values to NA.

**Usage**

```
makeNaData(object, nNA, pNA, exclude)  
  
makeNaData2(object, nRows, nNAs, exclude)  
  
whichNA(x)
```

**Arguments**

object	An instance of class MSnSet.
nNA	The absolute number of missing values to be assigned.
pNA	The proportion of missing values to be assigned.
exclude	A vector to be used to subset object, defining rows that should not be used to set NAs.
nRows	The number of rows for each set.
nNAs	The number of missing values for each set.
x	A matrix or an instance of class MSnSet.

**Details**

makeNaData randomly selects a number nNA (or a proportion pNA) of cells in the expression matrix to be set to NA.

makeNaData2 will select length(nRows) sets of rows from object, each with nRows[i] rows respectively. The first set will be assigned nNAs[1] missing values, the second nNAs[2], ... As opposed to makeNaData, this permits to control the number of NAs per rows.

The whichNA can be used to extract the indices of the missing values, as illustrated in the example.

**Value**

An instance of class MSnSet, as object, but with the appropriate number/proportion of missing values. The returned object has an additional feature meta-data columns, nNA

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Example 1
library(pRolocdata)
data(dunkley2006)
sum(is.na(dunkley2006))
dunkleyNA <- makeNaData(dunkley2006, nNA = 150)
processingData(dunkleyNA)
sum(is.na(dunkleyNA))
table(fData(dunkleyNA)$nNA)
naIdx <- whichNA(dunkleyNA)
head(naIdx)
## Example 2
dunkleyNA <- makeNaData(dunkley2006, nNA = 150, exclude = 1:10)
processingData(dunkleyNA)
table(fData(dunkleyNA)$nNA[1:10])
table(fData(dunkleyNA)$nNA)
## Example 3
nr <- rep(10, 5)
na <- 1:5
x <- makeNaData2(dunkley2006[1:100, 1:5],
                 nRows = nr,
                 nNAs = na)
processingData(x)
```

```

(res <- table(fData(x)$nNA))
stopifnot(as.numeric(names(res)[-1]) == na)
stopifnot(res[-1] == nr)
## Example 3
nr2 <- c(5, 12, 11, 8)
na2 <- c(3, 8, 1, 4)
x2 <- makeNaData2(dunkley2006[1:100, 1:10],
                 nRows = nr2,
                 nNAs = na2)
processingData(x2)
(res2 <- table(fData(x2)$nNA))
stopifnot(as.numeric(names(res2)[-1]) == sort(na2))
stopifnot(res2[-1] == nr2[order(na2)])
## Example 5
nr3 <- c(5, 12, 11, 8)
na3 <- c(3, 8, 1, 3)
x3 <- makeNaData2(dunkley2006[1:100, 1:10],
                 nRows = nr3,
                 nNAs = na3)
processingData(x3)
(res3 <- table(fData(x3)$nNA))

```

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MIAPE-class

*The "MIAPE" Class for Storing Proteomics Experiment Information*


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## Description

The Minimum Information About a Proteomics Experiment. The current implementation is based on the MIAPE-MS 2.4 document.

## Slots

**title:** Object of class character containing a single-sentence experiment title.

**abstract:** Object of class character containing an abstract describing the experiment.

**url:** Object of class character containing a URL for the experiment.

**pubMedIds:** Object of class character listing strings of PubMed identifiers of papers relevant to the dataset.

**samples:** Object of class list containing information about the samples.

**preprocessing:** Object of class list containing information about the pre-processing steps used on the raw data from this experiment.

**other:** Object of class list containing other information for which none of the above slots applies.

**dateStamp:** Object of class character, giving the date on which the work described was initiated; given in the standard 'YYYY-MM-DD' format (with hyphens).

**name:** Object of class character containing the name of the (stable) primary contact person for this data set; this could be the experimenter, lab head, line manager, ...

**lab:** Object of class character containing the laboratory where the experiment was conducted.

**contact:** Object of class character containing contact information for lab and/or experimenter.

**email:** Object of class character containing tmail contact information for the primary contact person (see name above).

- instrumentModel:** Object of class character indicating the model of the mass spectrometer used to generate the data.
- instrumentManufacturer:** Object of class character indicating the manufacturing company of the mass spectrometer.
- instrumentCustomisations:** Object of class character describing any significant (i.e. affecting behaviour) deviations from the manufacturer's specification for the mass spectrometer.
- softwareName:** Object of class character with the instrument management and data analysis package(s) name(s).
- softwareVersion:** Object of class character with the instrument management and data analysis package(s) version(s).
- switchingCriteria:** Object of class character describing the list of conditions that cause the switch from survey or zoom mode (MS1) to or tandem mode (MS<sub>n</sub> where  $n > 1$ ); e.g. 'parent ion' mass lists, neutral loss criteria and so on [applied for tandem MS only].
- isolationWidth:** Object of class numeric describing, for tandem instruments, the total width (i.e. not half for plus-or-minus) of the gate applied around a selected precursor ion  $m/z$ , provided for all levels or by MS level.
- parameterFile:** Object of class character giving the location and name under which the mass spectrometer's parameter settings file for the run is stored, if available. Ideally this should be a URI+filename, or most preferably an LSID, where feasible.
- ionSource:** Object of class character describing the ion source (ESI, MALDI, ...).
- ionSourceDetails:** Object of class character describing the relevant details about the ion source. See MIAPE-MI document for more details.
- analyser:** Object of class character describing the analyzer type (Quadrupole, time-of-flight, ion trap, ...).
- analyserDetails:** Object of class character describing the relevant details about the analyzer. See MIAPE-MI document for more details.
- collisionGas:** Object of class character describing the composition of the gas used to fragment ions in the collision cell.
- collisionPressure:** Object of class numeric providing the pressure (in bars) of the collision gas.
- collisionEnergy:** Object of class character specifying for the process of imparting a particular impetus to ions with a given  $m/z$  value, as they travel into the collision cell for fragmentation. This could be a global figure (e.g. for tandem TOF's), or a complex function; for example a gradient (stepped or continuous) of  $m/z$  values (for quads) or activation frequencies (for traps) with associated collision energies (given in eV). Note that collision energies are also provided for individual "[Spectrum2](#)" instances, and is the preferred way of accessing this data.
- detectorType:** Object of class character describing the type of detector used in the machine (microchannel plate, channeltron, ...).
- detectorSensitivity:** Object of class character giving and appropriate measure of the sensitivity of the described detector (e.g. applied voltage).

## Methods

The following methods as in "[MIAPE](#)":

**abstract(MIAPE):** An accessor function for abstract.

**expinfo(MIAPE):** An accessor function for name, lab, contact, title, and url.

**notes(MIAPE), notes(MIAPE) <- value:** Accessor functions for other. **notes(MIAPE) <- character** appends character to notes; use **notes(MIAPE) <- list** to replace the notes entirely.

otherInfo(MIAPE): An accessor function for other.  
preproc(MIAPE): An accessor function for preprocessing.  
pubMedIds(MIAPE), pubMedIds(MIAME) <- value: Accessor function for pubMedIds.  
expemail(MIAPE): An accessor function for email slot.  
exptitle(MIAPE): An accessor function for title slot.  
analyzer(MIAPE): An accessor function for analyser slot. analyser(MIAPE) is also available.  
analyzerDetails(MIAPE): An accessor function for analyserDetails slot. analyserDetails is also available.  
detectorType(MIAPE): An accessor function for detectorType slot.  
ionSource(MIAPE): An accessor function for ionSource slot.  
ionSourceDetails(MIAPE): An accessor function for ionSourceDetails slot.  
instrumentModel(MIAPE): An accessor function for instrumentModel slot.  
instrumentManufacturer(MIAPE): An accessor function for instrumentManufacturer slot.  
instrumentCustomisations(MIAPE): An accessor function for instrumentCustomisations slot.  
as(,"MIAME"): Coerce the object from MIAPE to MIAME class. Used when converting an MSnSet into an ExpressionSet.

MIAPE-specific methods, including MIAPE-MS meta-data:

show(MIAPE): Displays the experiment data.  
msInfo(MIAPE): Displays 'MIAPE-MS' information.

### Extends

Class "MIAxE", directly. Class "Versioned", by class "MIAxE", distance 2.

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### References

About MIAPE: <http://www.psidev.info/index.php?q=node/91>, and references therein, especially 'Guidelines for reporting the use of mass spectrometry in proteomics', Nature Biotechnology 26, 860-861 (2008).

### Description

There is a need for adequate handling of missing value imputation in quantitative proteomics. Before developing a framework to handle missing data imputation optimally, we propose a set of visualisation tools. This document serves as an internal notebook for current progress and ideas that will eventually materialise in exported functionality in the MSnbase package.

## Details

To explore the structure of missing values, we propose to

1. Explore missing values in the frame of the experimental design. The `imageNA2` function offers such a simple visualisation. It is currently limited to 2-group designs/comparisons. In case of time course experiments or sub-cellular fractionation along a density gradient, we propose to split the time/gradient into 2 groups (early/late, top/bottom) as a first approximation.
2. Explore the proportion of missing values in each group.
3. Explore the total and group-wise feature intensity distributions.

The existing `plotNA` function illustrates the completeness/missingness of the data.

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## See Also

[plotNA](#), [imageNA2](#).

## Examples

```
## Other suggestions
library("pRolocdata")
library("pRoloc")
data(dunkley2006)
set.seed(1)
nax <- makeNaData(dunkley2006, pNA = 0.10)
pcol <- factor(iffelse(dunkley2006$fraction <= 5, "A", "B"))
sel1 <- pcol == "A"

## missing values in each sample
barplot(colSums(is.na(nax)), col = pcol)

## table of missing values in proteins
par(mfrow = c(3, 1))
barplot(table(rowSums(is.na(nax))), main = "All")
barplot(table(rowSums(is.na(nax)[sel1,])), main = "Group A")
barplot(table(rowSums(is.na(nax)[!sel1,])), main = "Group B")

fData(nax)$nNA1 <- rowSums(is.na(nax)[, sel1])
fData(nax)$nNA2 <- rowSums(is.na(nax)[, !sel1])
fData(nax)$nNA <- rowSums(is.na(nax))
o <- MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol)

plot((fData(nax)$nNA1 - fData(nax)$nNA2)[o], type = "l")
grid()

plot(sort(fData(nax)$nNA1 - fData(nax)$nNA2), type = "l")
grid()

o2 <- order(fData(nax)$nNA1 - fData(nax)$nNA2)
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol, Rowv=o2)
```



```

layout(matrix(c(rep(1, 10), rep(2, 5)), nc = 3))
MSnbase::imageNA2(nax, pcol, Rowv=o2)
plot((fData(nax)$nNA1 - fData(nax)$nNA)[o2], type = "l", col = "red",
      ylim = c(-9, 9), ylab = "")
lines((fData(nax)$nNA - fData(nax)$nNA2)[o2], col = "steelblue")
lines((fData(nax)$nNA1 - fData(nax)$nNA2)[o2], type = "l",
      lwd = 2)

```

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MSmap-class

*Class* MSmap

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### Description

A class to store mass spectrometry data maps, i.e intensities collected along the M/Z and retention time space during a mass spectrometry acquisition.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with the MSmap constructor. The constructor has the following arguments:

**object** An object created by `mzR::openMSfile`.

**scans** A numeric indicating the scan indices to be extracted from object to create the MS map. If missing, all MS1 spectra will be used.

**lowMz** A numeric of length 1 defining the lower bound of the M/Z range of the MS map.

**highMz** A numeric of length 1 defining the upper bound of the M/Z range of the MS map.

**resMz** The resolution along the M/Z range.

**hd** An optional data.frame as produced by `mzR::header(object)`. If missing, will be computed within the function.

**zeroIsNA** Set 0 intensities to NA. This can be used to clarify the 3 dimensional plot produced by `plot3D`.

### Slots

**call**: Object of class "call" - the call used to generate the instance.

**map**: Object of class "matrix" containing the actual MS map.

**mz**: Object of class "numeric" with the M/Z sampling bins.

**res**: Object of class "numeric" storing the the M/Z resolution used to create the map.

**rt**: Object of class "numeric" with the retention times of the map spectra.

**ms**: Object of class "numeric" with the MS levels of the spectra.

**t**: Object of class "logical" indicating if the instance has been transposed.

**filename**: Object of class "character" specifying the filename of the original raw MS data.

**Methods**

- coerce** signature(from = "MSmap", to = "data.frame"): convert the MSmap instance in a data.frame. Useful for plotting with lattice or ggplot2.
- fileName** signature(object = "MSmap"): returns the raw data filename.
- msLevel** signature(object = "MSmap"): returns the MS level of the map spectra.
- msMap** signature(object = "MSmap"): returns the actual map matrix.
- mz** signature(object = "MSmap", ...): returns the M/Z values of the map. Additional arguments are currently ignored.
- rtime** signature(object = "MSmap", ...): returns retention time values of the map. Additional arguments are currently ignored.
- mzRes** signature(object = "MSmap"): returns the resolution with which the sample along the M/Z range was done.
- dim** signature(x = "MSmap"): returns the dimensions of the map. ncol and nrow return the number of columns and rows respectively.
- t** signature(x = "MSmap"): transposes the map.
- show** signature(object = "MSmap"): prints a summary of the map.
- plot** signature(x = "MSmap", allTicks = "logical"): produces an image of the map using `lattice::levelplot`. By default, `allTicks` is TRUE and all M/Z and retention times ticks of drawn. If set to FALSE, only 10 ticks in each dimension are plotted.
- plot3D** signature(object = "MSmap", rgl = "logical"): produces an three dimensional view of the map using `lattice::cloud`(..., type = "h"). If `rgl` is TRUE, the map is visualised on a rgl device and can be rotated with the mouse.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## downloads the data
library("rpx")
px1 <- PXDataset("PXD000001")
(i <- grep("TMT.+mzML", pxfiles(px1), value = TRUE))
mzf <- pxget(px1, i)

## reads the data
ms <- openMSfile(mzf)
hd <- header(ms)

## a set of spectra of interest: MS1 spectra eluted
## between 30 and 35 minutes retention time
ms1 <- which(hd$msLevel == 1)
rtsel <- hd$retentionTime[ms1] / 60 > 30 &
      hd$retentionTime[ms1] / 60 < 35

## the map
M <- MSmap(ms, ms1[rtsel], 521, 523, .005, hd)

plot(M, aspect = 1, allTicks = FALSE)
```

```

plot3D(M)
if (require("rgl") & interactive())
  plot3D(M, rgl = TRUE)

## With some MS2 spectra
i <- ms1[which(rtssel)][[1]]
j <- ms1[which(rtssel)][[2]]
M2 <- MSmap(ms, i:j, 100, 1000, 1, hd)
plot3D(M2)

## End(Not run)

```

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MSnbaseOptions

*MSnbase options*


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## Description

MSnbase defined a few options globally using the standard R options mechanism. The current values of these options can be queried with `MSnbaseOptions`. The options are `verbose`, that defines a session-wide verbosity flag, that is used if the `verbose` argument in individual functions is not set. The `PARALLEL_THRESH` defines the minimum number of spectra per file necessary before using parallel processing.

## Usage

```

MSnbaseOptions()

isMSnbaseVerbose()

setMSnbaseVerbose(opt)

setMSnbaseParallelThresh(opt = 1000)

```

## Arguments

`opt`                    The value of the new option

## Details

`isMSnbaseVerbose` is one wrapper for the verbosity flag, also available through `options("MSnbase")$verbose`. There are also setters to set options individually. When run without argument, the verbosity setter inverts the current value of the option.

## Value

A list of MSnbase options and the single option values for the individual accessors.

## Description

The MSnExp class encapsulates data and meta-data for mass spectrometry experiments, as described in the `slots` section. Several data files (currently in mzXML) can be loaded together with the function `readMSData`.

This class extends the virtual "pSet" class.

In version 1.19.12, the `polarity` slot had been added to the "Spectrum" class (previously in "Spectrum1"). Hence, "MSnExp" objects created prior to this change will not be valid anymore, since all MS2 spectra will be missing the `polarity` slot. Object can be appropriately updated using the `updateObject` method.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("MSnExp", ...)`. However, it is preferred to use the `readMSData` function that will read raw mass spectrometry data to generate a valid "MSnExp" instance.

## Slots

`assayData`: Object of class "environment" containing the MS spectra (see "Spectrum1" and "Spectrum2"). Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`phenoData`: Object of class "NAnnotatedDataFrame" containing experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e the individual tags for an labelled MS experiment) See `phenoData` for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`featureData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing variables describing features (spectra in our case), e.g. identification data, peptide sequence, identification score,... (inherited from "eSet"). See `featureData` for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`experimentData`: Object of class "MIAPE", containing details of experimental methods. See `experimentData` for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`protocolData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing equipment-generated variables (inherited from "eSet"). See `protocolData` for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`processingData`: Object of class "MSnProcess" that records all processing. Slot is inherited from "pSet".

`__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions" describing the versions of R, the Biobase package, "pSet" and MSnExp of the current instance. Slot is inherited from "pSet". Intended for developer use and debugging (inherited from "eSet").

## Extends

Class "pSet", directly. Class "VersionedBiobase", by class "pSet", distance 2. Class "Versioned", by class "pSet", distance 3.

## Methods

See the "[pSet](#)" class for documentation on accessors inherited from pSet, subsetting and general attribute accession.

**bin** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Bins spectra. See [bin](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**clean** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Removes unused 0 intensity data points. See [clean](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**compareSpectra** signature(object1 = "Spectrum", object2 = "missing"): Compares spectra. See [compareSpectra](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**extractPrecSpectra** signature(object = "MSnExp", prec = "numeric"): extracts spectra with precursor MZ value equal to prec and returns an object of class 'MSnExp'. See [extractPrecSpectra](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**pickPeaks** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Performs the peak picking to generate centroided spectra. See [pickPeaks](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**estimateNoise** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Estimates the noise in all profile spectra of object. See [estimateNoise](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**plot** signature(x = "MSnExp", y = "missing"): Plots all the spectra of the MSnExp instance. See [plot.MSnExp](#) documentation for more details.

**plot2d** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Plots retention time against precursor MZ for MSnExp instances. See [plot2d](#) documentation for more details.

**plotDensity** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Plots the density of parameters of interest instances. See [plotDensity](#) documentation for more details.

**plotMzDelta** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Plots a histogram of the m/z difference between all of the highest peaks of all MS2 spectra of an experiment. See [plotMzDelta](#) documentation for more details.

**quantify** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Performs quantification for all the MS2 spectra of the MSnExp instance. See [quantify](#) documentation for more details. Also for OnDiskMSnExp objects.

**removePeaks** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Removes peaks lower than a threshold t. See [removePeaks](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**removeReporters** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Removes reporter ion peaks from all MS2 spectra of an experiment. See [removeReporters](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**smooth** signature(x = "MSnExp"): Smooths spectra. See [smooth](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**addIdentificationData** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Adds identification data to an experiment. See [addIdentificationData](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**removeNoId** signature(object = "MSnExp", fcol = "pepseq", keep = NULL): Removes non-identified features. See [removeNoId](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**removeMultipleAssignment** signature(object = "MSnExp", fcol = "nprot"): Removes protein groups (or feature belong to protein groups) with more than one member. The latter is defined by extracting a feature variable (default is "nprot"). Also removes non-identified features.

**idSummary** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Prints a summary that lists the percentage of identified features per file (called coverage).

**show** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Displays object content as text.

**isolationWindow** signature(object = "MSnExp", ...): Returns the isolation window offsets for the MS2 spectra. See [isolationWindow](#) for details.

**trimMz** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Trims the MZ range of all the spectra of the MSnExp instance. See [trimMz](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**isCentroided**(object, k = 0.025, qt1 = 0.9, verbose = TRUE) A heuristic assessing if the spectra in the object are in profile or centroided mode. The function takes the qt1th quantile top peaks, then calculates the difference between adjacent M/Z value and returns TRUE if the first quartile is greater than k. (See `MSnbase:::isCentroided` for the code.) If verbose (default), a table indicating mode for all MS levels is printed.

The function has been tuned to work for MS1 and MS2 spectra and data centroided using different peak picking algorithms, but false positives can occur. See <https://github.com/lgatto/MSnbase/issues/131> for details. For whole experiments, where all MS1 and MS2 spectra are expected to be in the same, albeit possibly different modes, it is advised to assign the majority result for MS1 and MS2 spectra, rather than results for individual spectra. See an example below.

Filtering and subsetting functions:

**filterRt** signature(object = "MSnExp", rt = "numeric", msLevel. = "numeric"): Retains MS spectra of level msLevel. with a retention times within `rt[1]` and `rt[2]`.

**filterMsLevel** signature(object = "MSnExp", msLevel. = "numeric"): Retains MS spectra of level msLevel..

**filterMz** signature(object = "MSnExp", mz = "numeric", msLevel. = "numeric"). See [filterMz](#) for details.

**filterFile** signature(object = "MSnExp", file): Retains MS data of files matching the file index or file name provided with parameter file.

**filterAcquisitionNum**

**filterEmptySpectra** signature(object = "MSnExp"): Remove empty spectra from object (see `isEmpty`).

**splitByFile** signature(object = "MSnExp", f = "factor"): split a MSnExp object by file into a list of MSnExp objects given the grouping in factor f.

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## References

Information about the mzXML format as well converters from vendor specific formats to mzXML: <http://tools.proteomecenter.org/wiki/index.php?title=Formats:mzXML>.

## See Also

"[pSet](#)" and [readMSData](#) for loading mzXML, mzData or mzML files to generate an instance of MSnExp.

## Examples

```
mzxmlfile <- dir(system.file("extdata",package="MSnbase"),
                pattern="mzXML",full.names=TRUE)
msnexp <- readMSData(mzxmlfile)
msnexp
```

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**MSnProcess-class**      *The "MSnProcess" Class*

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**Description**

MSnProcess is a container for MSnExp and MSnSet processing information. It records data files, processing steps, thresholds, analysis methods and times that have been applied to MSnExp or MSnSet instances.

**Slots**

**files:** Object of class "character" storing the raw data files used in experiment described by the "MSnProcess" instance.

**processing:** Object of class "character" storing all the processing steps and times.

**merged:** Object of class "logical" indicating whether spectra have been merged.

**cleaned:** Object of class "logical" indicating whether spectra have been cleaned. See [clean](#) for more details and examples.

**removedPeaks:** Object of class "character" describing whether peaks have been removed and which threshold was used. See [removePeaks](#) for more details and examples.

**smoothed:** Object of class "logical" indicating whether spectra have been smoothed.

**trimmed:** Object of class "numeric" documenting if/how the data has been trimmed.

**normalised:** Object of class "logical" describing whether and how data have been normalised.

**MSnbaseVersion:** Object of class "character" indicating the version of MSnbase.

**.\_\_classVersion\_\_:** Object of class "Versions" indicating the version of the MSnProcess instance. Intended for developer use and debugging.

**Extends**

Class "[Versioned](#)", directly.

**Methods**

**fileNames** signature(object = "MSnProcess"): Returns the file names used in experiment described by the "MSnProcess" instance.

**show** signature(object = "MSnProcess"): Displays object content as text.

**combine** signature(x = "MSnProcess", y = "MSnProcess"): Combines multiple MSnProcess instances.

**Note**

This class is likely to be updated using an AnnotatedDataFrame.

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**See Also**

See the "[MSnExp](#)" and "[MSnSet](#)" classes that actually use MSnProcess as a slot.

**Examples**

```
showClass("MSnProcess")
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MSnSet-class	<i>The "MSnSet" Class for MS Proteomics Expression Data and Meta-Data</i>
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**Description**

The MSnSet holds quantified expression data for MS proteomics data and the experimental meta-data. The MSnSet class is derived from the "eSet" class and mimics the "ExpressionSet" class classically used for microarray data.

**Objects from the Class**

The constructor MSnSet(exprs, fData, pData) can be used to create MSnSet instances. Argument exprs is a matrix and fData and pData must be of class data.frame or "AnnotatedDataFrame" and all must meet the dimensions and name validity constraints.

Objects can also be created by calls of the form new("MSnSet", exprs, ...). See also "ExpressionSet" for helpful information. Expression data produced from other softwares can thus make use of this standardized data container to benefit R and Bioconductor packages. Importer functions will be developed to stream-line the generation of "MSnSet" instances from third-party software.

A coercion method is also available to transform an IBSpectra object (names x) from the isobar package into an MSnSet: as(x, "MSnSet").

In the frame of the MSnbase package, MSnSet instances can be generated from "MSnExp" experiments using the `quantify` method).

**Slots**

**qual:** Object of class "data.frame" that records peaks data for each of the reporter ions to be used as quality metrics.

**processingData:** Object of class "MSnProcess" that records all processing.

**assayData:** Object of class "assayData" containing a matrix with equal with column number equal to nrow(phenoData). assayData must contain a matrix exprs with rows representing features (e.g., reporters ions) and columns representing samples. See the "AssayData" class, `exprs` and `assayData` accessor for more details. This slot is indirectly inherited from "eSet".

**phenoData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e the individual tags for an labelled MS experiment) (indirectly inherited from "eSet"). See `phenoData` and the "eSet" class for more details.

**featureData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing variables describing features (spectra in our case), e.g. identification data, peptide sequence, identification score,... (inherited indirectly from "eSet"). See `featureData` and the "eSet" class for more details.

**experimentData:** Object of class "MIAPE", containing details of experimental methods (inherited from "eSet"). See `experimentData` and the "eSet" class for more details.

**annotation:** not used here.

**protocolData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing equipment-generated variables (inherited indirectly from "eSet"). See `protocolData` and the "eSet" class for more details.



`__classVersion__`: Object of class `"Versions"` describing the versions of R, the Biobase package, `"eSet"`, `"pSet"` and `MSnSet` of the current instance. Intended for developer use and debugging (inherited indirectly from `"eSet"`).

## Extends

Class `"eSet"`, directly. Class `"VersionedBiobase"`, by class `"eSet"`, distance 2. Class `"Versioned"`, by class `"eSet"`, distance 3.

## Methods

`MSnSet` specific methods or over-riding it's super-class are described below. See also more `"eSet"` for inherited methods.

**dim** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`): Returns the dimensions of object's assay data, i.e the number of samples and the number of features.

**fileNames** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Access file names in the `processingData` slot.

**msInfo** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Prints the MIAPE-MS meta-data stored in the `experimentData` slot.

**processingData** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Access the `processingData` slot.

**show** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Displays object content as text.

**qual** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Access the reporter ion peaks description.

**purityCorrect** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`, `impurities = "matrix"`): performs reporter ions purity correction. See [purityCorrect](#) documentation for more details.

**normalise** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`): Performs `MSnSet` normalisation. See [normalise](#) for more details.

**t** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`): Returns a transposed `MSnSet` object where features are now aligned along columns and samples along rows and the `phenoData` and `featureData` slots have been swapped. The `protocolData` slot is always dropped.

**as("ExpressionSet")** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`): Coerce object from `MSnSet` to [ExpressionSet-class](#). The `experimentData` slot is converted to a `MIAME` instance. It is also possible to coerce an `ExpressionSet` to and `MSnSet`, in which case the `experimentData` slot is newly initialised.

**as("data.frame")** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`): Coerce object from `MSnSet` to `data.frame`. The `MSnSet` is transposed and the `PhenoData` slot is appended. See also `ms2df` below.

**write.exprs** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`)Writes expression values to a tab-separated file (default is `tmp.txt`). The `fDataCols` parameter can be used to specify which `featureData` columns (as column names, column number or logical) to append on the right of the expression matrix. The following arguments are the same as `write.table`.

**combine** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`, `y = "MSnSet"`, ...) Combines 2 or more `MSnSet` instances according to their feature names. Note that the `qual` slot and the `processing` information are silently dropped.

**topN** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`, `groupBy`, `n = 3`, `fun`, ..., `verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose()`) Selects the `n` most intense features (typically peptides or spectra) out of all available for each set defined by `groupBy` (typically proteins) and creates a new instance of class `MSnSet`. If less than `n` features are available, all are selected. The `ncol(object)` features are summerised using `fun` (default is `sum`) prior to be ordered in decreasing order. Additional parameters can be passed to `fun` through ..., for instance to control the behaviour of `topN` in case of `NA` values. (Works also with `matrix` instances.)

See also the [nQuants](#) function to retrieve the actual number of retained peptides out of `n`.

A complete use case using `topN` and `nQuants` is detailed in the `synapter` package vignette.

**filterNA** signature(object = "MSnSet", pNA = "numeric", pattern = "character", droplevels = "logical") This method subsets object by removing features that have (strictly) more than pNA percent of NA values. Default pNA is 0, which removes any feature that exhibits missing data. The method can also be used with a character pattern composed of 0 or 1 characters only. A 0 represent a column/sample that is allowed a missing values, while columns/samples with and 1 must not have NAs.

This method also accepts matrix instances. droplevels defines whether unused levels in the feature meta-data ought to be lost. Default is TRUE. See the droplevels method below.

See also the [is.na.MSnSet](#) and [plotNA](#) methods for missing data exploration.

**filterZero** signature(object = "MSnSet", pNA = "numeric", pattern = "character", droplevels = "logical") As filterNA, but for zeros.

**log** signature(object = "MSnSet", base = "numeric") Log transforms exprs(object) using base::log. base (defaults is e='exp(1)') must be a positive or complex number, the base with respect to which logarithms are computed.

**droplevels** signature(x = "MSnSet", ...) Drops the unused factor levels in the featureData slot. See [droplevels](#) for details.

**exprsToRatios** signature(object = "MSnSet", log = "logical") calculates all possible ratios between object's columns/samples. See [exprsToRatios](#) for more details.

**impute** signature(object = "MSnSet", ...) Performs data imputation on the MSnSet object. See [impute](#) for more details.

**trimws** signature(object = "MSnSet", ...) Trim leading and/or trailing white spaces in the feature data slot. Also available for data.frame objects. See ?base::trimws for details.

Additional accessors for the experimental metadata (experimentData slot) are defined. See "[MIAPE](#)" for details.

## Plotting

**meanSdPlot** signature(object = "MSnSet") Plots row standard deviations versus row means. See [meanSdPlot](#) (vsn package) for more details.

**image** signature(x = "MSnSet", facetBy = "character", sOrderBy = "character", legend = "character", "numeric") Produces an heatmap of expression values in the x object. Simple horizontal faceting is enabled by passing a single character as facetBy. Arbitrary faceting can be performed manually by saving the return value of the method (see example below). Re-ordering of the samples is possible by providing the name of a phenotypic variable to sOrderBy. The title of the legend can be set with legend and the colours with the low and high arguments. If any negative value is detected in the data, the values are considered as log fold-changes and a divergent colour scale is used. Otherwise, a gradient from low to high is used. To scale the quantitative data in x prior to plotting, please see the scale method.

When there are more than nmax (default is 50) features/rows, these are not printed. This behaviour can be controlled by setting fnames to TRUE (always print) or FALSE (never print). See examples below.

The code is based on Vlad Petyuk's vp.misc::image\_msnset. The previous version of this method is still available through the image2 function.

**plotNA** signature(object = "MSnSet", pNA = "numeric") Plots missing data for an MSnSet instance. pNA is a numeric of length 1 that specifies the percentage of accepted missing data values per features. This value will be highlighted with a point on the figure, illustrating the overall percentage of NA values in the full data set and the number of proteins retained. Default is 1/2. See also [plotNA](#).

- MAplot** signature(object = "MSnSet", log.it = "logical", base = "numeric", ...) Produces MA plots (Ratio as a function of average intensity) for the samples in object. If `ncol(object) == 2`, then one MA plot is produced using the `ma.plot` function from the `affy` package. If object has more than 2 columns, then `mva.pairs.log.it` specifies is the data should be log-transformed (default is TRUE) using `base`. Further ... arguments will be passed to the respective functions.
- addIdentificationData** signature(object = "MSnSet", ...): Adds identification data to a MSnSet instance. See [addIdentificationData](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- removeNoId** signature(object = "MSnSet", fcol = "pepseq", keep = NULL): Removes non-identified features. See [removeNoId](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- removeMultipleAssignment** signature(object = "MSnSet", fcol = "nprot"): Removes protein groups (or feature belong to protein groups) with more than one member. The latter is defined by extracting a feature variable (default is "nprot"). Also removes non-identified features/
- idSummary** signature(object = "MSnSet", ...): Prints a summary that lists the percentage of identified features per file (called coverage).

## Functions

- updateFvarLabels** signature(object, label, sep) This function updates object's featureData variable labels by appending label. By default, label is the variable name and the separator sep is ..
- updateSampleNames** signature(object, label, sep) This function updates object's sample names by appending label. By default, label is the variable name and the separator sep is ..
- updateFeatureNames** signature(object, label, sep) This function updates object's feature names by appending label. By default, label is the variable name and the separator sep is ..
- ms2df** signature(x, fcols) Coerces the MSnSet instance to a data.frame. The direction of the data is retained and the feature variable labels that match fcol are appended to the expression values. See also `as(x, "data.frame")` above.

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## See Also

"[eSet](#)", "[ExpressionSet](#)" and [quantify](#). MSnSet quantitation values and annotation can be exported to a file with [write.exprs](#). See [readMSnSet](#) to create and MSnSet using data available in a spreadsheet or data.frame.

## Examples

```
data(msnset)
msnset <- msnset[10:15]

exprs(msnset)[1, c(1, 4)] <- NA
exprs(msnset)[2, c(1, 2)] <- NA
is.na(msnset)
featureNames(filterNA(msnset, pNA = 1/4))
featureNames(filterNA(msnset, pattern = "0110"))
```

```

M <- matrix(rnorm(12), 4)
pd <- data.frame(otherpdata = letters[1:3])
fd <- data.frame(otherfdata = letters[1:4])
x0 <- MSnSet(M, fd, pd)
sampleNames(x0)

M <- matrix(rnorm(12), 4)
colnames(M) <- LETTERS[1:3]
rownames(M) <- paste0("id", LETTERS[1:4])
pd <- data.frame(otherpdata = letters[1:3])
rownames(pd) <- colnames(M)
fd <- data.frame(otherfdata = letters[1:4])
rownames(fd) <- rownames(M)
x <- MSnSet(M, fd, pd)
sampleNames(x)

## Visualisation

library("pRolocdata")
data(dunkley2006)
image(dunkley2006)
## Changing colours
image(dunkley2006, high = "darkgreen")
image(dunkley2006, high = "darkgreen", low = "yellow")
## Forcing feature names
image(dunkley2006, fnames = TRUE)
## Facetting
image(dunkley2006, facetBy = "replicate")
p <- image(dunkley2006)
library("ggplot2") ## for facet_grid
p + facet_grid(replicate ~ membrane.prep, scales = 'free', space = 'free')
p + facet_grid(markers ~ replicate)
## Fold-changes
dd <- dunkley2006
exprs(dd) <- exprs(dd) - 0.25
image(dd)
image(dd, low = "green", high = "red")
## Feature names are displayed by default for smaller data
dunkley2006 <- dunkley2006[1:25, ]
image(dunkley2006)
image(dunkley2006, legend = "hello")

```

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MSnSetList-class

*Storing multiple related MSnSets*


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## Description

A class for storing lists of [MSnSet](#) instances.

## Details

There are two ways to store different sets of measurements pertaining an experimental unit, such as replicated measures of different conditions that were recorded over more than one MS acquisition.

Without focusing on any proteomics technology in particular, these multiple assays can be recorded as

- A single combined MSnSet (see the section *Combining MSnSet instances* in the *MSnbase-demo* section). In such cases, the different experimental (phenotypical) conditions are recorded as an [AnnotatedDataFrame](#) in the phenoData slots.  
Quantitative data for features that were missing in an assay are generally encode as missing with NA values. Alternatively, only features observed in all assays could be selected. See the [commonFeatureNames](#) functions to select only common features among two or more MSnSet instance.
- Each set of measurements is stored in an MSnSet which are combined into one MSnSetList. Each MSnSet elements can have identical or different samples and features. Unless compiled directly manually by the user, one would expect at least one of these dimensions (features/rows or samples/columns) are conserved (i.e. all feature or samples names are identical). See [split/unsplit](#) below.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created and manipulated with:

`MSnSetList(x)` The class constructor that takes a list of valid MSnSet instances as input `x`.

`split(x, f)` An MSnSetList can be created from an [MSnSet](#) instance. `x` is a single MSnSet and `f` is a factor or a character of length 1. In the latter case, `f` will be matched to the feature- and phenodata variable names (in that order). If a match is found, the respective variable is extracted, converted to a factor if it is not one already, and used to split `x` along the features/rows (`f` was a feature variable name) or samples/columns (`f` was a phenotypic variable name). If `f` is passed as a factor, its length will be matched to `nrow(x)` or `ncol(x)` (in that order) to determine if `x` will be split along the features (rows) or sample (columns). Hence, the length of `f` must match exactly to either dimension.

`unsplit(value, f)` The `unsplit` method reverses the effect of splitting the value MSnSet along the groups `f`.

`as(x, "MSnSetList")` Where `x` is an instance of class [MzTab](#). See the class documentation for details.

### Slots

`x`: Object of class `list` containing valid MSnSet instances. Can be extracted with the `msnsets()` accessor.

`log`: Object of class `list` containing an object creation log, containing among other elements the call that generated the object. Can be accessed with `objlog()`.

`__classVersion__`: The version of the instance. For development purposes only.

### Methods

`"["` Extracts a single MSnSet at position.

`"["` Extracts one of more MSnSets as MSnSetList.

`length` Returns the number of MSnSets.

`names` Returns the names of MSnSets, if available. The replacement method is also available.

`show` Display the object by printing a short summary.

`lapply(x, FUN, ...)` Apply function `FUN` to each element of the input `x`. If the application of `FUN` returns and MSnSet, then the return value is an MSnSetList, otherwise a list.

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**See Also**

The [commonFeatureNames](#) function to select common features among MSnSet instances.

**Examples**

```
library("pRolocdata")
data(tan2009r1)
data(tan2009r2)

## The MSnSetList class
## an unnamed example
msnl <- MSnSetList(list(tan2009r1, tan2009r2))
## a named example
msnl <- MSnSetList(list(A = tan2009r1, B = tan2009r2))
names(msnl)
msnsets(msnl)
length(msnl)
objlog(msnl)
msnl[[1]] ## an MSnSet
msnl[1]   ## an MSnSetList of length 1

## Iterating over the elements
lapply(msnl, dim) ## a list
lapply(msnl, normalise) ## an MSnSetList

## Splitting and unsplitting
## splitting along the columns/samples
data(dunkley2006)
head(pData(dunkley2006))
(splt <- split(dunkley2006, "replicate"))
lapply(splt, dim) ## the number of rows and columns of the split elements
unsplt <- unsplit(splt, dunkley2006$replicate)
stopifnot(compareMSnSets(dunkley2006, unsplt))

## splitting along the rows/features
head(fData(dunkley2006))
(splt <- split(dunkley2006, "markers"))
unsplt <- unsplit(splt, factor(fData(dunkley2006)$markers))
simplify2array(lapply(splt, dim))
stopifnot(compareMSnSets(dunkley2006, unsplt))
```

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MzTab-class

*Parse MzTab files*

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**Description**

The MzTab class stores the output of a basic parsing of a mzTab file. It contains the metadata (a list), comments (a character vector), and at least one of the following data types: proteins, peptides, PSMs and small molecules (as data.frames).

At this stage, the metadata and data are only minimally parsed. More specific data extraction and preparation are delegated to more specialised functions, such as the `as(., to = "MSnSetList")` and `readMzTabData` for proteomics data.

Note that no attempts are made to verify the validity of the mzTab file.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls the the constructor `MzTab` that takes a single mzTab file as input.

The objects can subsequently be coerced to `MSnSetList` instances with `as(object, "MSnSetList")`. The resulting `MSnSetList` contains possibly empty `MSnSet` instances for proteins, peptide and PSMs, respectively named "Proteins", "Peptides" and "PSMs".

The assaydata slots of the two former are populated with the `protein_abundance_assay[1-n]` and `peptide_abundance_assay[1-n]` columns in the mzTab file. No abundance values are defined for the latter. The respective feature names correspond to protein accessions, peptide sequences and PSM identifiers, possibly made unique as by appending sequence numbers to duplicates.

### Slots

**Metadata:** Object of class "list" storing the metadata section.

**Filename:** Object of class "character" storing the original file name.

**Proteins:** Object of class "data.frame" storing the protein data.

**Peptides:** Object of class "data.frame" storing the peptide data.

**PSMs:** Object of class "data.frame" storing the PSM data.

**SmallMolecules:** Object of class "data.frame" storing the small molecules data.

**Comments:** Object of class "character" storing the comments that were present in the file.

### Accessors

**metadata** signature(`x = "MzTab"`): returns the meta data list.

**mzTabMode** signature(`x = "MzTab"`): returns the mode (complete or summary) of the mzTab data. A shortcut for `metadata(x)$`mzTab-mode``.

**mzTabType** signature(`x = "MzTab"`): returns the type (quantification or identification) of the mzTab data. A shortcut for `metadata(x)$`mzTab-type``.

**fileName** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the file name of the original mzTab file.

**peptides** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the peptide data.frame.

**proteins** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the proteins data.frame.

**psms** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the PSMs data.frame.

**smallMolecules** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the small molecules data.frame.

**comments** signature(`object = "MzTab"`): returns the comments.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto, with contributions from Richard Cotton (see <https://github.com/lgatto/MSnbase/issues/41>).

## References

The mzTab format is a light-weight, tab-delimited file format for proteomics data. See <https://github.com/HUPO-PSI/mzTab> for details and specifications.

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## Examples

```
## Test files from the mzTab development repository
fls <- c("Cytidine.mzTab", "MTBLS2.mztab",
        "PRIDE_Exp_Complete_Ac_1643.xml-mztab.txt",
        "PRIDE_Exp_Complete_Ac_16649.xml-mztab.txt",
        "SILAC_CQI.mzTab", "SILAC_SQ.mzTab",
        "iTRAQ_CQI.mzTab", "iTRAQ_SQI.mzTab",
        "labelfree_CQI.mzTab", "labelfree_SQI.mzTab",
        "lipidomics-HFD-LD-study-PL-DG-SM.mzTab",
        "lipidomics-HFD-LD-study-TG.mzTab")

baseUrl <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/HUPO-PSI/mzTab/master/examples/"

## a list of mzTab objects
mzt <- sapply(file.path(baseUrl, fls), MzTab)
stopifnot(length(mzt) == length(fl))
mzt[[4]]

dim(proteins(mzt[[4]]))
dim(psms(mzt[[4]]))

prots4 <- proteins(mzt[[4]])
class(prots4)
prots4[1:5, 1:4]
```

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NAnnotatedDataFrame-class

*Class Containing Measured Variables and Their Meta-Data Description for Multiplexed Experiments.*

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## Description

An NAnnotatedDataFrame is an "AnnotatedDataFrame", as defined in the 'Biobase' package that includes additional labels for multiplexing annotation.

## Objects from the Class

See "AnnotatedDataFrame" for object creation with new. Multiplexing data is defined by setting the `multiplex` and `multiLabels` parameters.



**Slots**

- multiplex**: Object of class "numeric" indicating the number of multiplexed samples described.
- multiLabels**: Object of class "character" describing the multiplexing.
- varMetadata**: Object of class "data.frame" with number of rows equal number of columns in data, and at least one column, named `labelDescription`, containing a textual description of each variable. Inherited from "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)".
- data**: Object of class "data.frame" containing samples (rows) and measured variables (columns). Inherited from "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)".
- dimLabels**: Object of class "character" of length 2 that provides labels for the rows and columns in the `show` method. Inherited from "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)".
- .\_\_classVersion\_\_**: Object of class "Versions" describing the instance version. Intended for developer use. Inherited from "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)".

**Extends**

Class "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)", directly. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "[AnnotatedDataFrame](#)", distance 2.

**Methods**

- dim** signature(object = "NAnnotatedDataFrame"): Returns the number of samples, variables and multiplex cardinality in the object.
- multiplex** signature(object = "NAnnotatedDataFrame"): Returns the number of multiplexed samples described by the object.
- multiLabels** signature(object = "NAnnotatedDataFrame"): Returns the multiplex labels.
- show** signature(object = "NAnnotatedDataFrame"): Textual description of the object.

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**See Also**

["AnnotatedDataFrame"](#).

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x=1:3,
                y=LETTERS[1:3],
                row.names=paste("Sample", 1:3, sep=""))
metaData <-
  data.frame(labelDescription=c(
    "Numbers",
    "Factor levels"))
mplx <- c("M1", "M2")
new("NAnnotatedDataFrame",
    data=df,
    varMetadata=metaData,
    multiplex=length(mplx),
    multiLabels=mplx)
```

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`naplot`*Overview of missing value*

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**Description**

Visualise missing values as a heatmap and barplots along the samples and features.

**Usage**

```
naplot(object, verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class MSnSet.
<code>verbose</code>	If verbose (default is TRUE), print a table of missing values.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters passed to <code>image2</code> .

**Value**

Used for its side effect. Invisibly returns NULL

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
data(naset)
naplot(naset)
```

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`navMS`*Navigate an MSnExp object*

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**Description**

Navigate an MSnExp object by moving to the next or previous spectrum.

**Usage**

```
navMS(i, object, msLevel, nav = c("nextMS", "prevMS"), ...)
nextMS(...)
prevMS(...)
```

**Arguments**

i	The name or index of the current spectrum
object	The MSnExp object
msLevel	The MS level of the next or previous spectrum. If missing (default), then the level of the current spectrum is used.
nav	One of "nextMS" or "prevMS", to obtain the next or previous spectrum of level msLevel.
...	Additional parameters. Currently ignored.

**Value**

An object of class Spectrum1 or Spectrum2, depending on the value of msLevel or NULL, if no spectrum is found.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
f <- msdata::proteomics(full.names = TRUE)[2]
x <- readMSData2(f, centroided = c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE))
sp <- "X009.1"
x[[sp]] ## curent MS3
MSnbase::nextMS(sp, x) ## next MS3
MSnbase::prevMS(sp, x) ## prev MS3
MSnbase::prevMS(sp, x, 2L) ## prev MS2
MSnbase::prevMS(sp, x, 1L) ## prev MS1
```

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nFeatures

*How many features in a group?*


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**Description**

This function computes the number of features in the group defined by the feature variable fcol and appends this information in the feature data of object.

**Usage**

```
nFeatures(object, fcol)
```

**Arguments**

object	An instance of class MSnSet.
fcol	Feature variable defining the feature grouping structure.

**Value**

An updated MSnSet with a new feature variable fcol.nFeatures.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
library(pRolocdata)
data("hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm")
hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm <- nFeatures(hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm,
                                   "Protein.Group.Accessions")
i <- c("Protein.Group.Accessions", "Protein.Group.Accessions.nFeatures")
fData(hyperLOPIT2015ms3r1psm)[1:10, i]
```

normalise-methods

*Normalisation of MSnExp, MSnSet and Spectrum objects***Description**

The `normalise` method (also available as `normalize`) performs basic normalisation on spectra intensities of single spectra ("[Spectrum](#)" or "[Spectrum2](#)" objects), whole experiments ("[MSnExp](#)" objects) or quantified expression data ("[MSnSet](#)" objects).

Raw spectra and experiments are normalised using `max` or `sum` only. For MSMS spectra could be normalised to their precursor additionally. Each peak intensity is divided by the highest intensity in the spectrum, the sum of intensities or the intensity of the precursor. These methods aim at facilitating relative peaks heights between different spectra.

The method parameter for "[MSnSet](#)" can be one of `sum`, `max`, `quantiles`, `center.mean`, `center.median`, `.median`, `quantiles.robust` or `vsn`. For `sum` and `max`, each feature's reporter intensity is divided by the maximum or the sum respectively. These two methods are applied along the features (rows).

`center.mean` and `center.median` translate the respective sample (column) intensities according to the column mean or median. `diff.median` translates all samples (columns) so that they all match the grand median. Using `quantiles` or `quantiles.robust` applies (robust) quantile normalisation, as implemented in [normalize.quantiles](#) and [normalize.quantiles.robust](#) of the `preprocessCore` package. `vsn` uses the `vsn2` function from the `vsn` package. Note that the latter also `glog`-transforms the intensities. See respective manuals for more details and function arguments.

A `scale` method, mimicking the base `scale` method exists for "[MSnSet](#)" instances. See `?base::scale` for details.

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class " <a href="#">Spectrum</a> ", " <a href="#">Spectrum2</a> ", " <a href="#">MSnExp</a> " or " <a href="#">MSnSet</a> ".
<code>method</code>	A character vector of length one that describes how to normalise the object. See description for details.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to the normalisation function.

**Methods**

The normalise methods:

`signature(object = "MSnSet", method = "character")` Normalises the object reporter ions intensities using method.

`signature(object = "MSnExp", method = "character")` Normalises the object peak intensities using method.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", method = "character")` Normalises the object peak intensities using method.

`signature(object = "Spectrum2", method = "character", precursorIntensity)` Normalises the object peak intensities using method. If `method == "precursor"`, `precursorIntensity` allows to specify the intensity of the precursor manually.

The scale method:

`signature(x = "MSnSet", center = "logical", scale = "logical")` See `?base::scale`.

**Examples**

```
## quantifying full experiment
data(msnset)
msnset.nrm <- normalise(msnset, "quantiles")
msnset.nrm
```

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 npcv

*Non-parametric coefficient of variation*


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**Description**

Calculates a non-parametric version of the coefficient of variation where the standard deviation is replaced by the median absolute deviations (see [mad](#) for details) and divided by the absolute value of the mean.

**Usage**

```
npcv(x, na.rm = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A numeric.

`na.rm` A logical (default is TRUE indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation of the median absolute deviation and mean).

**Details**

Note that the `mad` of a single value is 0 (as opposed to NA for the standard deviation, see example below).

**Value**

A numeric.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
npcv(rnorm(10))
replicate(10, npcv(rnorm(10)))
npcv(1)
mad(1)
sd(1)
```

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nQuants

*Count the number of quantified features.*

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**Description**

This function counts the number of quantified features, i.e non NA quantitation values, for each group of features for all the samples in an "MSnSet" object. The group of features are defined by a feature variable names, i.e the name of a column of fData(object).

**Usage**

```
nQuants(x, groupBy)
```

**Arguments**

x	An instance of class "MSnSet".
groupBy	An object of class factor defining how to summerise the features. (Note that this parameter was previously named fcol and referred to a feature variable label. This has been updated in version 1.19.12 for consistency with other functions.)

**Details**

This function is typically used after [topN](#) and before [combineFeatures](#), when the summerising function is `sum`, or any function that does not normalise to the number of features aggregated. In the former case, sums of features might be the result of 0 (if no feature was quantified) to n (if all topN's n features were quantified) features, and one might want to rescale the sums based on the number of non-NA features effectively summed.

**Value**

A matrix of dimensions `length(levels(groupBy))` by `ncol(x)`

A matrix of dimensions `length(levels(factor(fData(object)[, fcol])))` by `ncol(object)` of integers.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```

data(msnset)
n <- 2
msnset <- topN(msnset, groupBy = fData(msnset)$ProteinAccession, n)
m <- nQuants(msnset, groupBy = fData(msnset)$ProteinAccession)
msnset2 <- combineFeatures(msnset,
                          groupBy = fData(msnset)$ProteinAccession,
                          fun = sum)
stopifnot(dim(n) == dim(msnset2))
head(exprs(msnset2))
head(exprs(msnset2) * (n/m))

```

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OnDiskMSnExp-class      *The OnDiskMSnExp Class for MS Data And Meta-Data*

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**Description**

Like the [MSnExp](#) class, the `OnDiskMSnExp` class encapsulates data and meta-data for mass spectrometry experiments, but does, in contrast to the former, not keep the spectrum data in memory, but fetches the M/Z and intensity values on demand from the raw files. This results in some instances to a reduced performance, has however the advantage of a much smaller memory footprint.

**Details**

The `OnDiskMSnExp` object stores many spectrum related information into the `featureData`, thus, some calls, like `rtime` to retrieve the retention time of the individual scans does not require the raw data to be read. Only M/Z and intensity values are loaded on-the-fly from the original files. Extraction of values for individual scans is, for `mzML` files, very fast. Extraction of the full data (all spectra) are performed in a per-file parallel processing strategy.

Data manipulations related to spectra's M/Z or intensity values (e.g. [removePeaks](#) or [clean](#)) are (for `OnDiskMSnExp` objects) not applied immediately, but are stored for later execution into the `spectraProcessingQueue`. The manipulations are performed *on-the-fly* upon data retrieval. Other manipulations, like removal of individual spectra are applied directly, since the corresponding data is available in the object's `featureData` slot.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("OnDiskMSnExp", ...)`. However, it is preferred to use the [readMSData](#) function with argument `backend="disk"` that will read raw mass spectrometry data to generate a valid `"OnDiskMSnExp"` instance.

**Slots**

**backend:** Character string specifying the used backend.

**spectraProcessingQueue:** list of [ProcessingStep](#) objects defining the functions to be applied *on-the-fly* to the spectra data (M/Z and intensity duplets).

**assayData:** Object of class "environment" that is however empty, as no spectrum data is stored. Slot is inherited from "[pSet](#)".

**phenoData:** Object of class "[NAnnotatedDataFrame](#)" containing experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e the individual tags for an labelled MS experiment) See [phenoData](#) for more details. Slot is inherited from "[pSet](#)".

- featureData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing variables describing features (spectra in our case). See [featureData](#) for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".
- experimentData:** Object of class "MIAPE", containing details of experimental methods. See [experimentData](#) for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".
- protocolData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing equipment-generated variables (inherited from "eSet"). See [protocolData](#) for more details. Slot is inherited from "pSet".
- processingData:** Object of class "MSnProcess" that records all processing. Slot is inherited from "pSet".
- .\_classVersion\_:** Object of class "Versions" describing the versions of R, the Biobase package, "pSet" and MSnExp of the current instance. Slot is inherited from "pSet". Intended for developer use and debugging (inherited from "eSet").

## Extends

Class "MSnExp", directly. Class "pSet", by class "MSnExp", distance 3. Class "VersionedBiobase", by class "pSet", distance 4. Class "Versioned", by class "pSet", distance 5.

## Getter/setter methods

(in alphabetical order) See also methods for [MSnExp](#) or [pSet](#) objects.

[ object[i]:subset the OnDiskMSnExp by spectra. i can be a numeric or logical vector specifying to which spectra the data set should be reduced (with i being the index of the spectrum in the object's featureData).

The method returns a OnDiskMSnExp object with the data sub-set.

[[ object[[i]]: extract a single spectrum from the OnDiskMSnExp object object. Argument i can be either numeric or character specifying the index or the name of the spectrum in the object (i.e. in the featureData). The relevant information will be extracted from the corresponding raw data file.

The method returns a Spectrum1 object.

**acquisitionNum** acquisitionNum(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp")): get the acquisition number of each spectrum in each individual file. The relevant information is extracted from the object's featureData slot.

Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.

**assayData** assayData(signature(object = "OnDiskMSnExp")): Extract the full data, i.e. read all spectra from the original files, apply all processing steps from the spectraProcessingQueue slot and return the data. Due to the required processing time accessing the full data should be avoided wherever possible.

Returns an environment.

**centroided,centroided<-** centroided(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp", msLevel, = "numeric")): whether individual spectra are centroided or uncentroided. The relevant information is extracted from the object's featureData slot. Returns a logical vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names. Use centroided(object) <- value to update the information, with value being a logical vector of length equal to the number of spectra in the experiment.

**isCentroided**(object, k = 0.025, qt1 = 0.9, verbose = TRUE) A heuristic assessing if the spectra in the object are in profile or centroided mode. The function takes the qt1th quantile top peaks, then calculates the difference between adjacent M/Z value and returns TRUE if the first quartile is greater than k. (See MSnbase:::isCentroided for the code.) If verbose (default), a table indicating mode for all MS levels is printed.



The function has been tuned to work for MS1 and MS2 spectra and data centroided using different peak picking algorithms, but false positives can occur. See <https://github.com/lgatto/MSnbase/issues/131> for details. For whole experiments, where all MS1 and MS2 spectra are expected to be in the same, albeit possibly different modes, it is advised to assign the majority result for MS1 and MS2 spectra, rather than results for individual spectra.

- smoothed,smoothed** `smoothed(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp", msLevel. = "numeric"))`: whether individual spectra are smoothed or unsmoothed. The relevant information is extracted from the object's featureData slot. Returns a logical vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names. Use `smoothed(object) <- value` to update the information, with value being a logical vector of length equal to the number of spectra in the experiment.
- fromFile** `fromFile(signature(object = "OnDiskMSnExp"))`: get the index of the file (in `fileNames(object)`) from which the spectra were read. The relevant information is extracted from the object's featureData slot.  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- intensity** `intensity(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: return the intensities from each spectrum in the data set. Intensities are first read from the raw files followed by an optional processing (depending on the processing steps defined in the `spectraProcessingQueue`). To reduce the amount of required memory, this is performed on a per-file basis. The `BPPARAM` argument allows to specify how and if parallel processing should be used. Information from individual files will be processed in parallel (one process per original file).  
The method returns a list of numeric intensity values. Each list element represents the intensities from one spectrum.
- ionCount** `ionCount(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp", BPPARAM=bpparam()))`: extract the ion count (i.e. sum of intensity values) for each spectrum in the data set. The relevant data has to be extracted from the raw files (with eventually applying processing steps). The `BPPARAM` argument can be used to define how and if parallel processing should be used. Information from individual files will be processed in parallel (one process per original file).  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- length** `length(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: Returns the number of spectra of the current experiment.
- msLevel** `msLevel(signature(object = "OnDiskMSnExp"))`: extract the MS level from the spectra. The relevant information is extracted from the object's featureData slot.  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- mz** `mz(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: return the M/Z values from each spectrum in the data set. M/Z values are first read from the raw files followed by an optional processing (depending on the processing steps defined in the `spectraProcessingQueue`). To reduce the amount of required memory, this is performed on a per-file basis. The `BPPARAM` argument allows to specify how and if parallel processing should be used. Information from individual files will be processed in parallel (one process per original file).  
The method returns a list of numeric M/Z values. Each list element represents the values from one spectrum.
- peaksCount** `peaksCount(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp", scans="numeric"), BPPARAM=bpparam())`: extract the peaks count from each spectrum in the object. Depending on the eventually present `ProcessingStep` objects in the `spectraProcessingQueue` raw data will be loaded to calculate the peaks count. If no steps are present, the data is extracted from the featureData. Optional argument `scans` allows to specify the index of specific spectra from which the count should be returned. The `BPPARAM` argument can be used to define how and if parallel processing should be used. Information from individual files will be processed in parallel (one process per original file).  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.

- polarity** `polarity(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: returns a numeric vector with the polarity of the individual spectra in the data set. The relevant information is extracted from the `featureData`.
- rtime** `rtime(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: extract the retention time of the individual spectra in the data set (from the `featureData`).  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- scanIndex** `scanIndex(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: get the spectra scan indices within the respective file. The relevant information is extracted from the object's `featureData` slot. Returns a numeric vector of indices with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- spectra** `spectra(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), BPPARAM=bpparam())`: extract spectrum data from the individual files. This causes the spectrum data to be read from the original raw files. After that all processing steps defined in the `spectraProcessingQueue` are applied to it. The results are then returned as a list of `Spectrum1` objects.  
The `BPPARAM` argument can be used to define how and if parallel processing should be used. Information from individual files will be processed in parallel (one process per file). Note: extraction of selected spectra results in a considerable processing speed and should thus be preferred over whole data extraction.  
Returns a list of `Spectrum1` objects with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- tic** `tic(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), initial = TRUE, BPPARAM = bpparam())`: get the total ion current (TIC) of each spectrum in the data set. If `initial = TRUE`, the information is extracted from the object's `featureData` and represents the tic provided in the header of the original raw data files. For `initial = FALSE`, the TIC is calculated from the actual intensity values in each spectrum after applying all eventual data manipulation methods.  
`BPPARAM` parameter: see `spectra` method above.  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- bpi** `bpi(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), initial = TRUE, BPPARAM = bpparam())`: get the base peak intensity (BPI), i.e. the maximum intensity from each spectrum in the data set. If `initial = TRUE`, the information is extracted from the object's `featureData` and represents the tic provided in the header of the original raw data files. For `initial = FALSE`, the TIC is calculated from the actual intensity values in each spectrum after applying all eventual data manipulation methods.  
`BPPARAM` parameter: see `spectra` method above.  
Returns a numeric vector with names corresponding to the spectrum names.
- featureNames** `tic(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"))`: return a character of length `length(object)` containing the feature names. A replacement method is also available.
- spectrapply** `spectrapply(signature(object = "OnDiskMSnExp"), FUN = NULL, BPPARAM = bpparam(), ...)`: applies the function `FUN` to each spectrum passing additional parameters in `...` to that function and return its results. For `FUN = NULL` it returns the list of spectra (same as a call to `spectra`). Parameter `BPPARAM` allows to specify how and if parallel processing should be enabled.  
Returns a list with the result for each of spectrum.

### Data manipulation methods

(in alphabetical order) See also methods for `MSnExp` or `pSet` objects. In contrast to the same-named methods for `pSet` or `MSnExp` classes, the actual data manipulation is not performed immediately, but only on-demand, e.g. when intensity or  $M/Z$  values are loaded.

**clean** `clean(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), all=TRUE, verbose=TRUE)`: add an *clean* processing step to the lazy processing queue of the `OnDiskMSnExp` object. The `clean` command will only be executed when spectra information (including  $M/Z$  and intensity values) is

requested from the OnDiskMSnExp object. Optional arguments to the methods are all=TRUE and verbose=TRUE.

The method returns an OnDiskMSnExp object.

For more details see documentation of the [clean](#) method.

**normalize** `normalize(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), method=c("max","sum"), ...)`: add a normalize processing step to the lazy processing queue of the returned OnDiskMSnExp object.

The method returns an OnDiskMSnExp object.

For more details see documentation of the [normalize](#) method.

**removePeaks** `removePeaks(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp"), t="min", verbose=TRUE)`: add a removePeaks processing step to the lazy processing queue of the returned OnDiskMSnExp object.

The method returns an OnDiskMSnExp object.

For more details see documentation of the [removePeaks](#) method.

**trimMz** `trimMz(signature(object="OnDiskMSnExp", mzlim="numeric"), ...)`: add a trimMz processing step to the lazy processing queue of the returned OnDiskMSnExp object.

The method returns an OnDiskMSnExp object.

For more details see documentation of the [trimMz](#) method.

### Other methods and functions

**validateOnDiskMSnExp** `validateOnDiskMSnExp(signature(object = "OnDiskMSnExp"))`: validates an OnDiskMSnExp object and all of its spectra. In addition to the *standard* `validObject` method, this method reads also all spectra from the original files, applies eventual processing steps and evaluates their validity.

`as(from, "MSnExp")` Converts the OnDiskMSnExp object from, to an in-memory MSnExp. Also available as an S3 method `as.MSnExp()`.

### Author(s)

Johannes Rainer <johannes.rainer@eurac.edu>

### See Also

[pSet](#), [MSnExp](#), [readMSData](#)

### Examples

```
## Get some example mzML files
library(msdata)
mzfiles <- c(system.file("microtofq/MM14.mzML", package="msdata"),
             system.file("microtofq/MM8.mzML", package="msdata"))
## Read the data as an OnDiskMSnExp; we ignore the warning.
odmse <- readMSData(mzfiles, msLevel=1)

## Get the length of data, i.e. the total number of spectra.
length(odmse)

## Get the MS level
head(msLevel(odmse))

## Get the featureData, use fData to return as a data.frame
```

```
head(fData(odmse))

## Get to know from which file the spectra are
head(fromFile(odmse))

## And the file names:
fileNames(odmse)

## Scan index and acquisitionNum
head(scanIndex(odmse))
head(acquisitionNum(odmse))

## Extract the spectra; the data is retrieved from the raw files.
head(spectra(odmse))

## Extracting individual spectra or a subset is much faster.
spectra(odmse[1:50])

## Alternatively, we could also subset the whole object by spectra and/or samples:
subs <- odmse[rtime(odmse) >= 2 & rtime(odmse) <= 20, ]
fileNames(subs)
rtime(subs)

## Extract intensities and M/Z values per spectrum; the methods return a list,
## each element representing the values for one spectrum.
ints <- intensity(odmse)
mzs <- mz(odmse)

## Return a data.frame with mz and intensity pairs for each spectrum from the
## object
res <- spectrapply(odmse, FUN = as, Class = "data.frame")

## Calling removePeaks, i.e. setting intensity values below a certain threshold to 0.
## Unlike the name suggests, this is not actually removing peaks. Such peaks with a 0
## intensity are then removed by the "clean" step.
## Also, the manipulations are not applied directly, but put into the "lazy"
## processing queue.
odmse <- removePeaks(odmse, t=10000)
odmse <- clean(odmse)

## The processing steps are only applied when actual raw data is extracted.
spectra(odmse[1:2])

## Get the polarity of the spectra.
head(polarity(odmse))

## Get the retention time of all spectra
head(rtime(odmse))

## Get the intensities after removePeaks and clean
intsAfter <- intensity(odmse)

head(lengths(ints))
head(lengths(intsAfter))

## The same for the M/Z values
mzsAfter <- intensity(odmse)
```

```

head(lengths(mzs))
head(lengths(mzsAfter))

f <- msdata::proteomics(full.names = TRUE, pattern = "TMT_Erwinia")
odmse <- readMSData2(f)
validObject(odmse)
odmse[[1]]

all(is.na(centroided(odmse)))
invisible(isCentroided(odmse))
centroided(odmse, msLevel = 1) <- FALSE
centroided(odmse, msLevel = 2) <- TRUE
table(centroided(odmse), msLevel(odmse))

odmse2 <- readMSData2(f, centroided = c(FALSE, TRUE))
table(centroided(odmse2), msLevel(odmse2))

```

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pickPeaks-methods

*Peak Detection for 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances*


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## Description

This method performs a peak picking on individual spectra (Spectrum instances) or whole experiments (MSnExp instances) to create centroided spectra. For noisy spectra there are currently two different noise estimators, the Median Absolute Deviation (method = "MAD") and Friedman's Super Smoother (method = "SuperSmoother"), as implemented in the MALDIquant::detectPeaks and MALDIquant::estimateNoise functions respectively.

## Methods

signature(x = "MSnExp", halfWindowSize = "integer", method = "character", SNR = "numeric", verbose = FALSE)

Performs the peak picking for all spectra in an MSnExp instance. method could be "MAD" or "SuperSmoother". halfWindowSize controls the window size of the peak picking algorithm. The resulting window size is  $2 * halfWindowSize + 1$ . The size should be nearly (or slightly larger) the *FWHM* (full width at half maximum). A local maximum is considered as peak if its intensity is SNR times larger than the estimated noise. The arguments ... are passed to the noise estimator functions. Currently only the method = "SuperSmoother" accepts additional arguments, e.g. span. Please see [supsmu](#) for details. This method displays a progress bar if verbose = TRUE. Returns an MSnExp instance with centroided spectra.

signature(x = "Spectrum", method = "character", halfWindowSize = "integer", ...)

Performs the peak picking for the spectrum (Spectrum instance). This method is the same as above but returns a centroided Spectrum instead of an MSnExp object. It has no verbose argument. Please read the details for the above MSnExp method.

## Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

## References

S. Gibb and K. Strimmer. 2012. MALDIquant: a versatile R package for the analysis of mass spectrometry data. *Bioinformatics* 28: 2270-2271. <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>

**See Also**

[clean](#), [removePeaks](#) [smooth](#), [estimateNoise](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```
sp1 <- new("Spectrum1",
           intensity = c(1:6, 5:1),
           mz = 1:11,
           centroided = FALSE)
sp2 <- pickPeaks(sp1)
intensity(sp2)

data(itraqdata)
itraqdata2 <- pickPeaks(itraqdata)
processingData(itraqdata2)
```

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plot-methods

*Plotting 'Spectrum' object(s)*

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**Description**

These method plot mass spectra MZ values against the intensities. Full spectra (using the `full` parameter) or specific peaks of interest can be plotted using the `reporters` parameter. If `reporters` are specified and `full` is set to 'TRUE', a sub-figure of the reporter ions is inlaid inside the full spectrum.

If an "[MSnExp](#)" is provided as argument, all the spectra are aligned vertically. Experiments can be subset to extract spectra of interest using the `[]` operator or [extractPrecSpectra](#) methods.

The methods make use the `ggplot2` system. An object of class 'ggplot' is returned invisibly.

If a single "[Spectrum2](#)" and a "character" representing a valid peptide sequence are passed as argument, the expected fragment ions are calculated and matched/annotated on the spectrum plot.

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Objects of class " <a href="#">Spectrum</a> ", " <a href="#">Spectrum2</a> " or " <a href="#">MSnExp</a> " to be plotted.
<code>y</code>	Missing, " <a href="#">Spectrum</a> " or "character".
<code>reporters</code>	An object of class " <a href="#">ReporterIons</a> " that defines the peaks to be plotted. If not specified, <code>full</code> must be set to 'TRUE'.
<code>full</code>	Logical indicating whether full spectrum (respectively spectra) of only reporter ions of interest should be plotted. Default is 'FALSE', in which case <code>reporters</code> must be defined.
<code>centroided.</code>	Logical indicating if spectrum or spectra are in centroided mode, in which case peaks are plotted as histograms, rather than curves.
<code>plot</code>	Logical specifying whether plot should be printed to current device. Default is 'TRUE'.
<code>w1</code>	Width of sticks for full centroided spectra. Default is to use maximum MZ value divided by 500.
<code>w2</code>	Width of histogram bars for centroided reporter ions plots. Default is 0.01. See below for more details.

**Methods**

signature(x = "MSnExp", y = "missing", reporters = "ReporterIons", full = "logical", plot = "log")  
Plots all the spectra in the MSnExp object vertically. One of reporters must be defined or full set to 'TRUE'. In case of MSnExp objects, reporter ions are not inlaid when full is 'TRUE'.

signature(x = "Spectrum", y = "missing", reporters = "ReporterIons", full = "logical", centroid = "logical")  
Displays the MZs against intensities of the Spectrum object as a line plot. At least one of reporters being defined or full set to 'TRUE' is required. reporters and full are used only for "Spectrum2" objects. Full "Spectrum1" spectra are plotted by default.

signature(x = "Spectrum2", y = "character", orientation = "numeric", add = "logical", col = "character")  
Plots a single MS2 spectrum and annotates the fragment ions based on the matching between the peaks in x and the fragment peaks calculated from the peptide sequence y. The default values are orientation=1, add=FALSE, col="#74ADD1", pch=NA, xlab="m/z", ylab="intensity", ylim=c(0, 1), tolerance=0.1, relative=FALSE, type=c("b", "y"), modifications=c(C=160.030649), z=1, fragments=MSnbase:::calculateFragments\_Spectrum2 and fragments.cex=0.75. Additional arguments ... are passed to plot.default.

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**See Also**

[calculateFragments](#) to calculate ions produced by fragmentation and [plot.Spectrum.Spectrum](#) to plot and compare 2 spectra and their shared peaks.

**Examples**

```
data(itraqdata)
## plotting experiments
plot(itraqdata[1:2], reporters = iTRAQ4)
plot(itraqdata[1:2], full = TRUE)
## plotting spectra
plot(itraqdata[[1]], reporters = iTRAQ4, full = TRUE)

itraqdata2 <- pickPeaks(itraqdata)
i <- 14
s <- as.character(fData(itraqdata2)[i, "PeptideSequence"])
plot(itraqdata2[[i]], s, main = s)
```

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plot.Spectrum.Spectrum-methods

*Plotting a 'Spectrum' vs another 'Spectrum' object.*

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**Description**

These method plot mass spectra MZ values against the intensities as line plots. The first spectrum is plotted in the upper panel and the other in upside down in the lower panel. Common peaks are drawn in a slightly darker colour. If a peptide sequence is provided it automatically calculates and labels the fragments.

**Arguments**

x	Object of class "Spectrum" .
y	Object of class "Spectrum" .
...	Further arguments passed to internal functions.

**Methods**

signature(x = "Spectrum", y = "Spectrum", ...) Plots two spectra against each other. Common peaks are drawn in a slightly darker colour. The ... arguments are passed to the internal functions. Currently tolerance, relative, sequences and most of the `plot.default` arguments (like `xlim`, `ylim`, `main`, `xlab`, `ylab`, ...) are supported. You could change the tolerance (default 25e-6) and decide whether this tolerance should be applied relative (default `relative = TRUE`) or absolute (`relative = FALSE`) to find and colour common peaks. Use a character vector of length 2 to provide sequences which would be used to calculate and draw the corresponding fragments. If sequences are given the type argument (default: `type=c("b", "y")`) specify the fragment types which should be calculated. Also it is possible to allow some modifications. Therefore you have to apply a named character vector for modifications where the name corresponds to the one-letter-code of the modified amino acid (default: `Carbamidomethyl modifications=c(C=57.02146)`). Additionally you can specify the type of `neutralLoss` (default: `defaultNeutralLoss()`). See `calculateFragments` for details.

There are a lot of graphical arguments available to control the representation of the peaks and fragments. Use `peaks.pch` to set the character on top of the peaks (default: `peaks.pch=19`). In a similar way you can set the line width `peaks.lwd=1` and the magnification `peaks.cex=0.5` of the peaks. The size of the fragment/legend labels could be set using `fragments.cex=0.75` or `legend.cex` respectively. See `par` for details about graphical parameters in general.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**See Also**

More spectrum plotting available in `plot.Spectrum`.

More details about fragment calculation: `calculateFragments`.

**Examples**

```
## find path to a mzXML file
file <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
            full.name = TRUE, pattern = "mzXML$")

## create basic MSnExp
msexp <- readMSData(file, centroided.=FALSE)

## centroid them
msexp <- pickPeaks(msexp)

## plot the first against the second spectrum
plot(msexp[[1]], msexp[[2]])

## add sequence information
plot(msexp[[1]], msexp[[2]], sequences=c("VESITARHGEVLQLRPK",
```



```

"IDGQWVTHQWLKK"))

itraqdata2 <- pickPeaks(itraqdata)
(k <- which(fData(itraqdata2)[, "PeptideSequence"] == "TAGIQIVADDLTVTNPK"))
mzk <- precursorMz(itraqdata2)[k]
zk <- precursorCharge(itraqdata2)[k]
mzk * zk
plot(itraqdata2[[k[1]]], itraqdata2[[k[2]]])

```

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plot2d-methods

*The 'plot2d' method for 'MSnExp' quality assessment*


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## Description

These methods plot the retention time vs. precursor MZ for the whole "MSnExp" experiment. Individual dots will be colour-coded to describe individual spectra's peaks count, total ion count, precursor charge (MS2 only) or file of origin.

The methods make use the ggplot2 system. An object of class 'ggplot' is returned invisibly.

## Arguments

object	An object of class "MSnExp" or a data.frame. In the latter case, the data frame must have numerical columns named 'retention.time' and 'precursor.mz' and one of 'tic', 'file', 'peaks.count' or 'charge', depending on the z parameter. Such a data frame is typically generated using the header method on "MSnExp" object.
z	A character indicating according to what variable to colour the dots. One of, possibly abbreviated, "ionCount" (total ion count), "file" (raw data file), "peaks.count" (peaks count) or "charge" (precursor charge).
alpha	Numeric [0,1] indicating transparence level of points.
plot	A logical indicating whether the plot should be printed (default is 'TRUE').

## Methods

signature(object = "MSnExp", ...) Plots a 'MSnExp' summary.

signature(object = "data.frame", ...) Plots a summary of the 'MSnExp' experiment described by the data frame.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

## See Also

The [plotDensity](#) and [plotMzDelta](#) methods for other QC plots.

## Examples

```

itraqdata
plot2d(itraqdata,z="ionCount")
plot2d(itraqdata,z="peaks.count")
plot2d(itraqdata,z="charge")

```

## Description

These methods plot the distribution of several parameters of interest for the different precursor charges for "MSnExp" experiment.

The methods make use the ggplot2 system. An object of class 'ggplot' is returned invisibly.

## Arguments

object	An object of class "MSnExp" or and 'data.frame'. In the latter case, the data frame must have numerical columns named 'charge' and one of 'precursor.mz', 'peaks.count' or 'ionCount', depending on the z parameter. Such a data frame is typically generated using the header method on "MSnExp" object.
z	A character indicating which parameter's density to plot. One of, possibly abbreviated, "ionCount" (total ion count), "peaks.count" (peaks count) or "precursor.mz" (precursor MZ).
log	Logical, whether to log transform the data (default is 'FALSE').
plot	A logical indicating whether the plot should be printed (default is 'TRUE').

## Methods

signature(object = "MSnExp", ...) Plots a 'MSnExp' summary.

signature(object = "data.frame", ...) Plots a summary of the 'MSnExp' experiment described by the data frame.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

## See Also

The [plot2d](#) and [plotDensity](#) methods for other QC plots.

## Examples

```
itraqdata
plotDensity(itraqdata,z="ionCount")
plotDensity(itraqdata,z="peaks.count")
plotDensity(itraqdata,z="precursor.mz")
```

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 plotMzDelta-methods    *The delta m/z plot*


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## Description

The m/z delta plot illustrates the suitability of MS2 spectra for identification by plotting the m/z differences of the most intense peaks. The resulting histogram should optimally show outstanding bars at amino acid residue masses. The plots have been described in Foster *et al* 2011.

Only a certain percentage of most intense MS2 peaks are taken into account to use the most significant signal. Default value is 10% (see percentage argument). The difference between peaks is then computed for all individual spectra and their distribution is plotted as a histogram where single bars represent 1 m/z differences. Delta m/z between 40 and 200 are plotted by default, to encompass the residue masses of all amino acids and several common contaminants, although this can be changed with the xlim argument.

In addition to the processing described above, isobaric reporter tag peaks (see the reporters argument) and the precursor peak (see the precMz argument) can also be removed from the MS2 spectrum, to avoid interference with the fragment peaks.

Note that figures in Foster *et al* 2011 have been produced and optimised for centroided data. Application of the plot as is for data in profile mode has not been tested thoroughly, although the example below suggests that it might work.

The methods make use of the ggplot2 system. An object of class ggplot is returned invisibly.

Most of the code for plotMzDelta has kindly been contributed by Guangchuang Yu.

## Arguments

object	An object of class MSnExp or mzRamp (from the mzR package) containing MS2 spectra.
reporters	An object of class class "ReporterIons" that defines which reporter ion peaks to set to 0. The default value NULL leaves the spectra as they are.
subset	A numeric between 0 and 1 to use a subset of object's MS2 spectra.
percentage	The percentage of most intense peaks to be used for the plot. Default is 0.1.
precMz	A numeric of length one or NULL default. In the latter (and preferred) case, the precursor m/z values are extracted from the individual MS2 spectra using the <a href="#">precursorMz</a> method.
precMzWidth	A numeric of length 1 that specifies the width around the precursor m/z where peaks are set to 0. Default is 2.
bw	A numeric specifying the bandwidth to be used to bin the delta m/z value to plot the histogram. Default is 1. See <a href="#">geom_histogram</a> for more details.
xlim	A numeric of length 2 specifying the range of delta m/z to plot on the histogram. Default is c(40, 200).
withLabels	A logical defining if amino acid residue labels are plotted on the figure. Default is TRUE.
size	A numeric of length 1 specifying the font size of amino acid labels. Default is 2.5.
plot	A logical of length 1 that defines whether the figure should be plotted on the active device. Default is TRUE. Note that the ggplot object is always returned invisibly.

`verbose` A logical of length 1 specifying whether textual output and a progress bar illustration the progress of data processing should be printed. Default is TRUE

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", ...)` Plots and (invisibly) returns the m/z delta histogram.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk> and Guangchuang Yu

## References

Foster JM, Degroev S, Gatto L, Visser M, Wang R, Griss J, Apweiler R, Martens L. "A posteriori quality control for the curation and reuse of public proteomics data." *Proteomics*, 2011 Jun;11(11):2182-94. doi:10.1002/pmic.201000602. Epub 2011 May 2. PMID: 21538885

## See Also

The [plotDensity](#) and [plot2d](#) methods for other QC plots.

## Examples

```
mzdplot <- plotMzDelta(itraqdata,
                      subset = 0.5,
                      reporters = iTRAQ4,
                      verbose = FALSE, plot = FALSE)
## let's retrieve peptide sequence information
## and get a table of amino acids
peps <- as.character(fData(itraqdata)$PeptideSequence)
aas <- unlist(strsplit(peps,""))
## table of aas
table(aas)
## mzDelta plot
print(mzdplot)
```

## Description

These methods produce plots that illustrate missing data.

`is.na` returns the expression matrix of it MSnSet argument as a matrix of logicals referring whether the corresponding cells are NA or not. It is generally used in conjunction with `table` and `image` (see example below).

The `plotNA` method produces plots that illustrate missing data. The completeness of the full dataset or a set of proteins (ordered by increasing NA content along the x axis) is represented. The methods make use the `ggplot2` system. An object of class `'ggplot'` is returned invisibly.

**Methods**

**is.na** signature(`x = "MSnSet"`) Returns the a matrix of logicals of dimensions `dim(x)` specifying if respective values are missing in the MSnSet's expression matrix.

**plotNA** signature(`object = "MSnSet"`, `pNA = "numeric"`) Plots missing data for an MSnSet instance. `pNA` is a numeric of length 1 that specifies the percentage of accepted missing data values per features. This value will be highlighted with a point on the figure, illustrating the overall percentage of NA values in the full data set and the number of proteins retained. Default is 1/2.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See also the [filterNA](#) method to filter out features with a specified proportion if missing values.

**Examples**

```
data(msnset)
exprs(msnset)[sample(prod(dim(msnset)), 120)] <- NA

head(is.na(msnset))
table(is.na(msnset))
image(msnset)

plotNA(msnset, pNA = 1/4)
```

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precSelection	<i>Number of precursor selection events</i>
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**Description**

`precSelection` computes the number of selection events each precursor ions has undergone in an tandem MS experiment. This will be a function of amount of peptide loaded, chromatography efficiency, exclusion time,... and is useful when optimising and experimental setup. This function returns a named integer vector or length equal to the number of unique precursor MZ values in the original experiment. See `n` parameter to set the number of MZ significant decimals.

`precSelectionTable` is a wrapper around `precSelection` and returns a table with the number of single, 2-fold, ... selection events.

**Usage**

```
precSelection(object,n)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An instane of class " <a href="#">MSnExp</a> ".
<code>n</code>	The number of decimal places to round the precursor MZ to. Is passed to the <a href="#">round</a> function.

**Value**

A named integer in case of precSelection and a table for precSelectionTable.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

**Examples**

```
precSelection(itraqdata)
precSelection(itraqdata,n=2)
precSelectionTable(itraqdata)
## only single selection event in this reduced experiment
```

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ProcessingStep-class    *Simple processing step class*

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**Description**

The ProcessingStep class is a simple object to encapsule all relevant information of a data analysis processing step, i.e. the function name and all arguments.

**Details**

Objects of this class are mainly used to record all possible processing steps of an [OnDiskMSnExp](#) object for later *lazy execution*.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("ProcessingStep", ...)` or using the ProcessingStep constructor function.

**Slots**

**FUN:** The function name to be executed as a character string.

**ARGS:** A named list with all arguments to the function.

**Methods and functions**

**executeProcessingStep(object, ...)** Execute the processing step object. Internally this calls `do.call` passing all arguments defined in the ProcessingStep object along with potential additional arguments in `...` to the function `object@FUN`.

**Extends**

Class "[Versioned](#)", directly.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Rainer <johannes.rainer@eurac.edu>

**See Also**[OnDiskMSnExp](#)**Examples**

```
## Define a simple ProcessingStep
procS <- ProcessingStep("sum", list(c(1, 3, NA, 5), na.rm= TRUE))

executeProcessingStep(procS)
```

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pSet-class	<i>Class to Contain Raw Mass-Spectrometry Assays and Experimental Metadata</i>
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**Description**

Container for high-throughput mass-spectrometry assays and experimental metadata. This class is based on Biobase's "eSet" virtual class, with the notable exception that 'assayData' slot is an environment contain objects of class "Spectrum".

**Objects from the Class**

A virtual Class: No objects may be created from it. See "MSnExp" for instantiatable sub-classes.

**Slots**

**assayData:** Object of class "environment" containing the MS spectra (see "Spectrum1" and "Spectrum2").

**phenoData:** Object of class "NAnnotatedDataFrame" containing experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e the individual tags for an labelled MS experiment) See [phenoData](#) for more details.

**featureData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing variables describing features (spectra in our case), e.g. identificaiton data, peptide sequence, identification score,... (inherited from "eSet"). See [featureData](#) for more details.

**experimentData:** Object of class "MIAPE", containing details of experimental methods. See [experimentData](#) for more details.

**protocolData:** Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing equipment-generated variables (inherited from "eSet"). See [protocolData](#) for more details.

**processingData:** Object of class "MSnProcess" that records all processing.

**.cache:** Object of class environment used to cache data. Under development.

**.\_\_classVersion\_\_:** Object of class "Versions" describing the versions of the class.

**Extends**

Class "VersionedBiobase", directly. Class "Versioned", by class "VersionedBiobase", distance 2.

## Methods

Methods defined in derived classes may override the methods described here.

[ signature(x = "pSet"): Subset current object and return object of same class.

[[ signature(x = "pSet"): Direct access to individual spectra.

**abstract** Access abstract in experimentData.

**assayData** signature(object = "pSet"): Access the assayData slot. Returns an environment.

**description** signature(x = "pSet"): Synonymous with experimentData.

**dim** signature(x = "pSet"): Returns the dimensions of the phenoData slot.

**experimentData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access details of experimental methods.

**featureData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access the featureData slot.

**fData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access feature data information.

**featureNames** signature(x = "pSet"): Coordinate access of feature names (e.g spectra, peptides or proteins) in assayData slot.

**fileNames** signature(object = "pSet"): Access file names in the processingData slot.

**fromFile** signature(object = "pSet"): Access raw data file indexes (to be found in the 'code-processingData' slot) from which the individual object's spectra were read from.

**centroided** signature(object = "pSet"): Indicates whether individual spectra are centroided ('TRUE') or uncentroided ('FALSE'). Use centroided(object) <- value to update a whole experiment, ensuring that object and value have the same length.

**smoothed** signature(object = "pSet"): Indicates whether individual spectra are smoothed ('TRUE') or unsmoothed ('FALSE'). Use smoothed(object) <- value to update a whole experiment, ensuring that object and value have the same length.

**fvarMetadata** signature(x = "pSet"): Access metadata describing features reported in fData.

**fvarLabels** signature(x = "pSet"): Access variable labels in featureData.

**length** signature(x = "pSet"): Returns the number of features in the assayData slot.

**notes** signature(x = "pSet"): Retrieve and unstructured notes associated with pSet in the experimentData slot.

**pData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access sample data information.

**phenoData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access the phenoData slot.

**processingData** signature(object = "pSet"): Access the processingData slot.

**protocolData** signature(x = "pSet"): Access the protocolData slot.

**pubMedIds** signature(x = "pSet"): Access PMIDs in experimentData.

**sampleNames** signature(x = "pSet"): Access sample names in phenoData. A replacement method is also available.

**spectra** signature(x = "pSet", ...): Access the assayData slot, returning the features as a list. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

**varMetadata** signature(x = "pSet"): Access metadata describing variables reported in pData.

**varLabels** signature(x = "pSet"): Access variable labels in phenoData.

**acquisitionNum** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for spectra acquisition numbers.

**scanIndex** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for spectra scan indices.

**collisionEnergy** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS2 spectra collision energies.



**intensity** signature(object = "pSet", ...): Accessor for spectra intensities, returned as named list. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

**msInfo** signature(object = "pSet"): Prints the MIAPE-MS meta-data stored in the experimentData slot.

**msLevel** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for spectra MS levels.

**mz** signature(object = "pSet", ...): Accessor for spectra M/Z values, returned as a named list. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

**peaksCount** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for spectra peak counts.

**peaksCount** signature(object = "pSet", scans = "numeric"): Accessor to scans spectra peak counts.

**polarity** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS1 spectra polarities.

**precursorCharge** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS2 precursor charges.

**precursorIntensity** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS2 precursor intensity.

**precursorMz** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS2 precursor M/Z values.

**precAcquisitionNum** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for MS2 precursor scan numbers.

**precScanNum** see precAcquisitionNum.

**rttime** signature(object = "pSet", ...): Accessor for spectra retention times. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

**tic** signature(object = "pSet", ...): Accessor for spectra total ion counts. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

**ionCount** signature(object = "pSet"): Accessor for spectra total ion current.

**header** signature(object = "pSet"): Returns a data frame containing all available spectra parameters (MSn only).

**header** signature(object = "pSet", scans = "numeric"): Returns a data frame containing scans spectra parameters (MSn only).

**spectrapply** spectrapply(signature(object = "pSet"), FUN = NULL, BPPARAM = bpparam(), ...): applies the function FUN to each spectrum passing additional parameters in ... to that function and return its results. For FUN = NULL it returns the list of spectra (same as a call to spectra). Parameter BPPARAM allows to specify how and if parallel processing should be enabled. Returns a list with the result for each of spectrum.

Additional accessors for the experimental metadata (experimentData slot) are defined. See "MIAPE" for details.

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### References

The "eSet" class, on which pSet is based.

### See Also

"MSnExp" for an instantiatable application of pSet.

### Examples

```
showClass("pSet")
```

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purityCorrect-methods *Performs reporter ions purity correction*

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## Description

Manufacturers sometimes provide purity correction values indicating the percentages of each reporter ion that have masses differing by +/- n Da from the nominal reporter ion mass due to isotopic variants. This correction is generally applied after reporter peaks quantitation.

Purity correction here is applied using `solve` from the base package using the purity correction values as coefficient of the linear system and the reporter quantities as the right-hand side of the linear system. 'NA' values are ignored and negative intensities after correction are also set to 'NA'.

A more elaborated purity correction method is described in Shadforth *et al.*, i-Tracker: for quantitative proteomics using iTRAQ. BMC Genomics. 2005 Oct 20;6:145. (PMID 16242023).

Function `makeImpuritiesMatrix(x, filename, edit = TRUE)` helps the user to create such a matrix. The function can be used in two ways. If given an integer `x`, it is used as the dimension of the square matrix (i.e the number of reporter ions). For TMT6-plex and iTRAQ4-plex, default values taken from manufacturer's certification sheets are used as templates, but batch specific values should be used whenever possible. Alternatively, the filename of a csv spreadsheet can be provided. The sheet should define the correction factors as illustrated below (including reporter names in the first column and header row) and the corresponding correction matrix is calculated. Examples of such csv files are available in the package's `extdata` directory. Use `dir(system.file("extdata", package = "MSnbase"), pattern = "PurityCorrection", full.names = TRUE)` to locate them. If `edit = TRUE`, the the matrix can be edited before it is returned.

## Arguments

`object` An object of class "MSnSet".

`impurities` A square 'matrix' of dim equal to `ncol(object)` defining the correction coefficients to be applied. The reporter ions should be ordered along the columns and the relative percentages along the rows.

As an example, below is the correction factors as provided in an ABI iTRAQ 4-plex certificate of analysis:

reporter	% of -2	% of -1	% of +1	% of +2
114	0.0	1.0	5.9	0.2
115	0.0	2.0	5.6	0.1
116	0.0	3.0	4.5	0.1
117	0.1	4.0	3.5	0.1

The impurity table will be

0.929	0.059	0.002	0.000
0.020	0.923	0.056	0.001
0.000	0.030	0.924	0.045
0.000	0.001	0.040	0.923

where, the diagonal is computed as 100 - sum of rows of the original table and

subsequent cells are directly filled in.

Similarly, for TMT 6-plex tags, we observe

reporter	% of -3	% of -2	% of -1	% of +1	% of +2	% of +3
126	0	0	0	6.1	0	0
127	0	0	0.5	6.7	0	0
128	0	0	1.1	4.2	0	0
129	0	0	1.7	4.1	0	0
130	0	0	1.6	2.1	0	0
131	0	0.2	3.2	2.8	0	0

and obtain the following impurity correction matrix

0.939	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.005	0.928	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.000	0.011	0.947	0.042	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.000	0.000	0.017	0.942	0.041	0.000	0.000
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.963	0.021	0.000
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.032	0.938	0.000

For iTRAQ 8-plex, given the following correction factors (to make such a matrix square, it suffices to add -4, -3, +3 and +4 columns filled with zeros):

TAG	-2	-1	+1	+2
113	0	2.5	3	0.1
114	0	1	5.9	0.2
115	0	2	5.6	0.1
116	0	3	4.5	0.1
117	0.1	4	3.5	0.1
118	0.1	2	3	0.1
119	0.1	2	4	0.1
121	0.1	2	3	0.1

we calculate the impurity correction matrix shown below

	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	121
% reporter 113	0.944	0.030	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
% reporter 114	0.010	0.929	0.059	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
% reporter 115	0.000	0.020	0.923	0.056	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
% reporter 116	0.000	0.000	0.030	0.924	0.045	0.001	0.000	0.000
% reporter 117	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.040	0.923	0.035	0.001	0.000
% reporter 118	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.020	0.948	0.030	0.001
% reporter 119	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.020	0.938	0.040
% reporter 121	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.020	0.948

Finally, for a TMT 10-plex impurity matrix

.	-2	-1	1	2
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126	0.0	0.00	4.69 (127C)	0.0 (128N)
127N	0.0	0.40	6.50 (128N)	0.0 (128C)
127C	0.0	0.20 (126)	4.60 (128C)	0.3 (129N)
128N	0.0	0.90 (127N)	4.70 (129N)	0.2 (129C)
128C	0.1 (126)	0.53 (127C)	2.59 (129C)	0.0 (130N)
129N	0.0 (127N)	0.73 (128N)	2.49 (130N)	0.0 (130C)
129C	0.0 (127C)	1.30 (128C)	2.50 (130C)	0.0 (131)
130N	0.0 (128N)	1.20 (129N)	2.80 (131)	2.7
130C	0.1 (128C)	2.90 (129C)	2.90	0.0
131	0.0 (129N)	2.36 (130N)	1.43	0.0

the impurity correction matrix is

.	126	127N	127C	128N	128C	129N	129C	130N	130C	131
% reporter 126	0.9531	0.000	0.0469	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 127N	0.0000	0.931	0.0000	0.0650	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 127C	0.0020	0.000	0.9490	0.0000	0.0460	0.0030	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 128N	0.0000	0.009	0.0000	0.9420	0.0000	0.0470	0.0020	0.0000	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 128C	0.0010	0.000	0.0053	0.0000	0.9678	0.0000	0.0259	0.0000	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 129N	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0073	0.0000	0.9678	0.0000	0.0249	0.000	0.0000
% reporter 129C	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0130	0.0000	0.9620	0.0000	0.025	0.0000
% reporter 130N	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0120	0.0000	0.9330	0.000	0.0280
% reporter 130C	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0010	0.0000	0.0290	0.0000	0.941	0.0000
% reporter 131	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0236	0.000	0.9621

These examples are provided as defaults impurity correction matrices in `makeImpuritiesMatrix`.

## Methods

```
signature(object = "MSnSet", impurities = "matrix")
```

## Examples

```
## quantifying full experiment
data(msnset)
impurities <- matrix(c(0.929,0.059,0.002,0.000,
                      0.020,0.923,0.056,0.001,
                      0.000,0.030,0.924,0.045,
                      0.000,0.001,0.040,0.923),
                    nrow=4, byrow = TRUE)
## or, using makeImpuritiesMatrix()
## Not run: impurities <- makeImpuritiesMatrix(4)
msnset.crct <- purityCorrect(msnset, impurities)
head(exprs(msnset))
head(exprs(msnset.crct))
processingData(msnset.crct)

## default impurity matrix for iTRAQ 8-plex
makeImpuritiesMatrix(8, edit = FALSE)

## default impurity matrix for TMT 10-plex
makeImpuritiesMatrix(10, edit = FALSE)
```

quantify-methods

*Quantifies 'MSnExp' and 'Spectrum' objects***Description**

This method quantifies individual `"Spectrum"` objects or full `"MSnExp"` experiments. Current, MS2-level isobar tagging using iTRAQ and TMT (or any arbitrary peaks of interest, see `"ReporterIons"`) and MS2-level label-free quantitation (spectral counting, spectral index or spectral abundance factor) are available.

Isobaric tag peaks of single spectra or complete experiments can be quantified using appropriate methods. Label-free quantitation is available only for MSnExp experiments.

Since version 1.13.5, parallel quantitation is supported by the BiocParallel package and controlled by the BPPARAM argument.

**Arguments**

object	An instance of class <code>"Spectrum"</code> (isobaric tagging only) or <code>"MSnExp"</code> .
method	Peak quantitation method. For isobaric tags, one of, possibly abbreviated <code>"trapezoidation"</code> , <code>"max"</code> , or <code>"sum"</code> . These methods return respectively the area under the peak(s), the maximum of the peak(s) or the sum of all intensities of the peak(s). For label-free quantitation, one of <code>"SI"</code> (spectral index), <code>"SIgi"</code> (global intensity spectral index), <code>"SIn"</code> (normalised spectral index), <code>"SAF"</code> (spectral abundance factor) or <code>"NSAF"</code> (normalised spectral abundance factor). Finally, the simple <code>"count"</code> method counts the occurrence of the respective spectra (at this stage all 1s) that can then be used as input to <code>combineFeatures</code> to implement spectra counting.
reporters	An instance of class <code>"ReporterIons"</code> that defines the peak(s) to be quantified. For isobaric tagging only.
strict	For isobaric tagging only. If strict is FALSE (default), the quantitation is performed using data points along the entire width of a peak. If strict is set to TRUE, once the apex(es) is/are identified, only data points within apex +/- width of reporter (see <code>"ReporterIons"</code> ) are used for quantitation.
BPPARAM	Support for parallel processing using the BiocParallel infrastructure. When missing (default), the default registered BiocParallelParam parameters are applied using <code>bpparam()</code> . Alternatively, one can pass a valid BiocParallelParam parameter instance: <code>SnowParam</code> , <code>MulticoreParam</code> , <code>DoparParam</code> , ... see the BiocParallel package for details.
parallel	Deprecated. Please see BPPARAM.
qual	Should the qual slot be populated. Default is TRUE.
verbose	Verbose of the output (only for MSnExp objects).
...	Further arguments passed to the quantitation functions.

**Details**

`"ReporterIons"` define specific MZ at which peaks are expected and a window around that MZ value. A peak of interest is searched for in that window. Since version 1.1.2, warnings are not thrown anymore in case no data is found in that region or if the peak extends outside the window.

This can be checked manually after quantitation, by inspecting the quantitation data (using the `exprs` accessor) for NA values or by comparing the `lowerMz` and `upperMz` columns in the `"MSnSet"` `qual` slot against the respective expected `mz(reporters) +/- width(reporters)`.

Once the range of the curve is found, quantification is performed. If no data points are found in the expected region, NA is returned for the reporter peak MZ.

Note that for label-free, spectra that have not been identified (the corresponding fields in the feature data are populated with NA values) or that have been uniquely assigned to a protein (the `nprot` feature data is greater than 1) are removed prior to quantitation. The latter does not apply for `method = "count"` but can be applied manually with `removeMultipleAssignment`.

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", method = "character", reporters = "ReporterIons", verbose = "logical")`

For isobaric tagging, quantifies peaks defined in `reporters` using `method` in all spectra of the `MSnExp` object. If `verbose` is set to TRUE, a progress bar will be displayed.

For label-free quantitation, the respective quantitation methods and normalisations are applied to the spectra. These methods require two additional arguments (...), namely the protein accession of identifiers (`fcol`, with default value `"accession"`) and the protein lengths (`pLength`, with default value `"length"`). These values are available of the identification data had been collated using `addIdentificationData`.

An object of class `"MSnSet"` is returned containing the quantified feature expression and all meta data inherited from the `MSnExp` object argument.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", method = "character", reporters = "ReporterIons")`

Quantifies peaks defined in `reporters` using `method` in the `Spectrum` object (isobaric tagging only).

A list of length 2 will be returned. The first element, named `peakQuant`, is a 'numeric' of length equal to `length(reporters)` with quantitation of the reporter peaks using `method`.

The second element, named `curveStats`, is a 'data.frame' of dimension `length(reporters)` times 7 giving, for each reporter curve parameters: maximum intensity (`'maxInt'`), number of maxima (`'nMaxInt'`), number of data points defined the curve (`'baseLength'`), lower and upper MZ values for the curve (`'lowerMz'` and `'upperMz'`), reporter (`'reporter'`) and precursor MZ value (`'precursor'`) when available.

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## References

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For details about the spectra abundance factor, see Paoletti AC, Parmely TJ, Tomomori-Sato C, Sato S, Zhu D, Conaway RC, Conaway JW, Florens L, Washburn MP. *Quantitative proteomic analysis of distinct mammalian Mediator complexes using normalized spectral abundance factors*. PNAS. 2006 Dec 12;103(50):18928-33. PMID: 17138671; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC1672612.

## Examples

```
## Quantifying a full experiment using iTRAQ4-plex tagging
```

```
data(itraqdata)
msnset <- quantify(itraqdata, method = "trap", reporters = iTRAQ4)
msnset

## specifying a custom parallel framework
## bp <- MulticoreParam(2L) # on Linux/OSX
## bp <- SnowParam(2L) # on Windows
## quantify(itraqdata[1:10], method = "trap", iTRAQ4, BPPARAM = bp)

## Checking for non-quantified peaks
sum(is.na(exprs(msnset)))

## Quantifying a single spectrum
qty <- quantify(itraqdata[[1]], method = "trap", iTRAQ4[1])
qty$peakQuant
qty$curveStats

## Label-free quantitation
## Raw (mzXML) and identification (mzid) files
quantFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
                 full.name = TRUE, pattern = "mzXML$")
identFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
                 full.name = TRUE, pattern = "dummyiTRAQ.mzid")

msexp <- readMSData(quantFile)
msexp <- addIdentificationData(msexp, identFile)
fData(msexp)$accession

si <- quantify(msexp, method = "SIn")
processingData(si)
exprs(si)

saf <- quantify(msexp, method = "NSAF")
processingData(saf)
exprs(saf)
```

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readMgfData

*Import mgf files as 'MSnExp' instances.*

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## Description

Reads a mgf file and generates an "MSnExp" object.

## Usage

```
readMgfData(filename, pdata = NULL, centroided = TRUE, smoothed = FALSE,
             verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose(), cache = 1)
```

## Arguments

filename	character vector with file name to be read.
pdata	an object of class "NAnnotatedDataFrame".

smoothed	Logical indicating whether spectra already smoothed or not. Default is 'FALSE'. Used to initialise "MSnProcess" object in processingData slot.
centroided	Logical indicating whether spectra are centroided or not. Default is 'TRUE'. Used to initialise "MSnProcess" object in processingData slot.
cache	Numeric indicating caching level. Default is 1. Under development.
verbose	verbosity flag.

### Details

Note that when reading an mgf file, the original order of the spectra is lost. Thus, if the data was originally written to mgf from an MSnExp object using writeMgfData, although the feature names will be identical, the spectra are not as a result of the reordering. See example below.

### Value

An instance of

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### See Also

[writeMgfData](#) method to write the content of "Spectrum" or "MSnExp" objects to mgf files. Raw data files can also be read with the [readMSData](#) function.

### Examples

```
data(itraqdata)
writeMgfData(itraqdata, con="itraqdata.mgf", COM="MSnbase itraqdata")
itraqdata2 <- readMgfData("itraqdata.mgf")
## note that the order of the spectra is altered
## and precision of some values (precursorMz for instance)
match(signif(precursorMz(itraqdata2),4),signif(precursorMz(itraqdata),4))
## [1] 1 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 ...
## ... but all the precursors are there
all.equal(sort(precursorMz(itraqdata2)),
           sort(precursorMz(itraqdata)),
           check.attributes=FALSE,
           tolerance=10e-5)

## is TRUE
all.equal(as.data.frame(itraqdata2[[1]]),as.data.frame(itraqdata[[1]]))
## is TRUE
all.equal(as.data.frame(itraqdata2[[3]]),as.data.frame(itraqdata[[11]]))
## is TRUE
f <- dir(system.file(package="MSnbase",dir="extdata"),
         full.name=TRUE,
         pattern="test.mgf")
(x <- readMgfData(f))
x[[2]]
precursorMz(x[[2]])
precursorIntensity(x[[2]])
precursorMz(x[[1]])
precursorIntensity(x[[1]]) ## was not in test.mgf
scanIndex(x)
```



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readMSData	<i>Imports mass-spectrometry raw data files as 'MSnExp' instances.</i>
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## Description

Reads as set of XML-based mass-spectrometry data files and generates an "MSnExp" object. This function uses the functionality provided by the mzR package to access data and meta data in mzData, mzXML and mzML.

## Usage

```
readMSData(files, pdata = NULL, msLevel. = 2, verbose =
isMSnbaseVerbose(), centroided. = NA, smoothed. = NA, cache. = 1)
```

```
readMSData2(files, pdata = NULL, msLevel., verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose(),
centroided., smoothed. = NA)
```

## Arguments

files	A character vector with file names to be read.
pdata	An object of class " <a href="#">NAnnotatedDataFrame</a> " or NULL.
msLevel.	MS level spectra to be read. Use 1 for MS1 spectra or any larger numeric for MSn spectra. Default is 2. readMSData2 supports multiple levels and will, by default, read all the data.
centroided.	A logical in readMSData, indicating whether spectra are centroided or not. Default is NA. In readMSData2, the parameter value is missing and the value is set to NA in the returned object. It can be set for different MS levels by a vector of logicals, where the first element is for MS 1, the second element is for level 2, ... See " <a href="#">OnDiskMSnExp</a> " for an example.
smoothed.	A logical indicating whether spectra already smoothed or not. Default is NA in readMSData and readMSData2.
cache.	Numeric indicating caching level. Default is 0 for MS1 and 1 MS2 (or higher). Under development.
verbose	Verbosity flag. Default is TRUE.

## Details

For readMSData the whole MS data is read from file and kept in memory as [Spectrum](#) objects within the [MSnExp](#)'s assayData slot.

To reduce the memory footprint especially for large MS 1 data sets it is also possible to read only selected information from the MS files and fetch the actual spectrum data (i.e. the M/Z and intensity values) only on demand from the original data files. This can be achieved with readMSData2. The function returns then an [OnDiskMSnExp](#) object instead of a [MSnExp](#) object.

## Value

An [MSnExp](#) object for readMSData and a [OnDiskMSnExp](#) object for readMSData2.

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**See Also**

"MSnExp" or [readMgfData](#) to read mgf peak lists.

**Examples**

```
file <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),
           full.name = TRUE,
           pattern = "mzXML$")
aa <- readMSData(file)
aa
bb <- readMSData2(file)
bb
```

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readMSnSet

*Read 'MSnSet'*

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**Description**

This function reads data files to generate an [MSnSet](#) instance. It is a wrapper around Biobase's [readExpressionSet](#) function with an additional `featureDataFile` parameter to include feature data. See also [readExpressionSet](#) for more details. `readMSnSet2` is a simple version that takes a single text spreadsheet as input and extracts the expression data and feature meta-data to create and `MSnSet`.

Note that when using `readMSnSet2`, one should not set `rownames` as additional argument to defined feature names. It is ignored and used to set `fnames` if not provided otherwise.

**Usage**

```
readMSnSet(exprsFile,
           phenoDataFile,
           featureDataFile,
           experimentDataFile,
           notesFile,
           path, annotation,
           exprsArgs = list(sep = sep, header = header, row.names = row.names, quote = quote, ...),
           phenoDataArgs = list(sep = sep, header = header, row.names = row.names, quote = quote, str
           featureDataArgs = list(sep = sep, header = header, row.names = row.names, quote = quote, s
           experimentDataArgs = list(sep = sep, header = header, row.names = row.names, quote = quote
           sep = "\t",
           header = TRUE,
           quote = "",
           stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
           row.names = 1L,
           widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets, ...)

readMSnSet2(file, ecol, fnames, ...)
```

**Arguments**

Arguments directly passed to `readExpressionSet`. The description is from the `readExpressionSet` documentation page.

(character) File or connection from which to read expression values. The file should contain a matrix with rows as features and columns as samples. `read.table` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `exprsArgs`.

`phenoDataFile` (character) File or connection from which to read phenotypic data. `read.AnnotatedDataFrame` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `phenoDataArgs`.

`experimentDataFile`

(character) File or connection from which to read experiment data. `read.MIAME` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `experimentDataArgs`.

`notesFile` (character) File or connection from which to read notes; `readLines` is used to input the file.

`path` (optional) directory in which to find all the above files.

`annotation` (character) A single character string indicating the annotation associated with this `ExpressionSet`.

`exprsArgs` A list of arguments to be used with `read.table` when reading in the expression matrix.

`phenoDataArgs` A list of arguments to be used (with `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`) when reading the phenotypic data.

`experimentDataArgs`

A list of arguments to be used (with `read.MIAME`) when reading the experiment data.

`sep`, `header`, `quote`, `stringsAsFactors`, `row.names`  
arguments used by the `read.table`-like functions.

`widget` A boolean value indicating whether widgets can be used. Widgets are NOT yet implemented for `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`.

... Further arguments that can be passed on to the `read.table`-like functions.  
Additional argument, specific to `readMSnSet`:

`featureDataFile`

(character) File or connection from which to read feature data. `read.AnnotatedDataFrame` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `phenoDataArgs`.

`featureDataArgs`

A list of arguments to be used (with `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`) when reading the phenotypic data.

Arguments for `readMSnSet2`:

`file` A character indicating the spreadsheet file or a `data.frame` (new in version 1.19.8). Default, when `file` is a character, is to read the file as a comma-separated values (csv). If different, use the additional arguments, passed to `read.csv`, to parametrise file import.

Passing a `data.frame` can be particularly useful if the spreadsheet is in Excel format. The appropriate sheet can first be read into R as a `data.frame` using, for example `readxl::read_excel`, and then pass it to `readMSnSet2`.

`ecol` A numeric indicating the indices of the columns to be used as expression values. Can also be a character indicating the names of the columns. Caution must be taken if the column names are composed of special characters like ( or - that will be converted to a . . If `ecol` does not match, the error message will display the column names as seen by R.

`fnames` An optional character or numeric of length 1 indicating the column to be used as feature names.

### Value

An instance of the `MSnSet` class.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

### See Also

The `grepEcols` and `getEcols` helper functions to identify the `ecol` values. The `MSnbase-io` vignette illustrates these functions in detail. It can be accessed with `vignette("MSnbase-io")`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
exprsFile <- "path_to_intensity_file.csv"
fdatafile <- "path_to_featuredata_file.csv"
pdatafile <- "path_to_sampledata_file.csv"
## Read ExpressionSet with appropriate parameters
res <- readMSnSet(exprsFile, pdataFile, fdataFile, sep = "\t", header=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

library("pRolocdata")
f0 <- dir(system.file("extdata", package = "pRolocdata"),
          full.names = TRUE,
          pattern = "hyperLOPIT-SIData-ms3-rep12-intersect.csv")
basename(f0)
res <- readMSnSet2(f0, ecol = 8:27)
res
```

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readMzTabData                      *Read an 'mzTab' file*

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### Description

This function can be used to create an `"MSnSet"` by reading and parsing an `mzTab` file. The metadata section is always used to populate the `MSnSet`'s `experimentData()@other$mzTab` slot.

### Usage

```
readMzTabData(file, what = c("PRT", "PEP", "PSM"), version = c("1.0",
"0.9"), verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose())
```

**Arguments**

file	A character with the mzTab file to be read in.
what	One of "PRT", "PEP" or "PSM", defining which of protein, peptide PSMs section should be returned as an MSnSet.
version	A character defining the format specification version of the mzTab file. Default is "1.0". Version "0.9" is available of backwards compatibility. See <a href="#">readMzTabData_v0.9</a> for details.
verbose	Produce verbose output.

**Value**

An instance of class MSnSet.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**See Also**

See [MzTab](#) and [MSnSetList](#) for details about the inners of readMzTabData.

**Examples**

```
testfile <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/HUPO-PSI/mzTab/master/examples/PRIDE_Exp_Complete_Ac_16649.x
prot <- readMzTabData(testfile, "PRT")
prot
head(fData(prot))
head(exprs(prot))
psms <- readMzTabData(testfile, "PSM")
psms
head(fData(psms))
```

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readMzTabData\_v0.9      *Read an 'mzTab' file*

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**Description**

This function can be used to create a "MSnSet" by reading and parsing an mzTab file. The metadata section is always used to populate the MSnSet's experimentData slot.

**Usage**

```
readMzTabData_v0.9(file, what = c("PRT", "PEP"),
  verbose = isMSnbaseVerbose())
```

**Arguments**

file	A character with the mzTab file to be read in.
what	One of "PRT" or "PEP", defining which of protein of peptide section should be parse. The metadata section, when available, is always used to populate the experimentData slot.
verbose	Produce verbose output.

**Value**

An instance of class MSnSet.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

**See Also**

[writeMzTabData](#) to save an "MSnSet" as an mzTab file.

**Examples**

```
testfile <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/HUPO-PSI/mzTab/master/legacy/jmztab-1.0/examples/mztab_itraq  
prot <- readMzTabData_v0.9(testfile, "PRT")  
prot  
pep <- readMzTabData_v0.9(testfile, "PEP")  
pep
```

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removeNoId-methods	<i>Removes non-identified features</i>
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**Description**

The method removes non-identified features in MSnExp and MSnSet instances using relevant information from the featureData slot of a user-provide filtering vector of logicals.

**Methods**

signature(object = "MSnExp", fcol = "pepseq", keep = NULL) Removes the feature from object that have a feature fcol (default is "pepseq") equal to NA. Alternatively, one can also manually define keep, a vector of logical, defining the feature to be retained.

signature(object = "MSnSet", fcol = "pepseq", keep = NULL) As above of MSnSet instances.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[MSnExp](#) and [MSnSet](#).

**Examples**

```
quantFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),  
                full.name = TRUE, pattern = "mzXML$")  
identFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),  
                full.name = TRUE, pattern = "dummyiTRAQ.mzid")  
msexp <- readMSData(quantFile)  
msexp <- addIdentificationData(msexp, identFile)  
fData(msexp)$pepseq
```

```

length(msexp)

## using default fcol
msexp2 <- removeNoId(msexp)
length(msexp2)
fData(msexp2)$pepseq

## using keep
print(fvarLabels(msexp))
(k <- fData(msexp)$'ms-gf:evaluate' > 75)
k[is.na(k)] <- FALSE
k
msexp3 <- removeNoId(msexp, keep = k)
length(msexp3)
fData(msexp3)$pepseq

```

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removePeaks-methods      *Removes low intensity peaks*

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### Description

This method sets low intensity peaks from individual spectra (Spectrum instances) or whole experiments (MSnExp instances) to 0. The intensity threshold is set with the `t` parameter. Default is the "min" character. The threshold is then set as the non-0 minimum intensity found in the spectrum. Any other numeric values is valid. All peaks with maximum intensity smaller or equal to `t` are set to 0.

If the spectrum is in profile mode, ranges of successive non-0 peaks  $\leq t$  are set to 0. If the spectrum is centroided, then individual peaks  $\leq t$  are set to 0. See the example below for an illustration.

Note that the number of peaks is not changed; the peaks below the threshold are set to 0 and the object is not cleaned out (see [clean](#)). An illustrative example is shown below.

### Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", t, verbose = "logical" )` Removes low intensity peaks of all spectra in MSnExp object. `t` sets the minimum peak intensity. Default is "min", i.e the smallest intensity in each spectrum. Other numeric values are valid. Displays a control bar if `verbose` set to TRUE (default). Returns a new MSnExp instance.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", t, msLevel. = "numeric")` Removes low intensity peaks of Spectrum object. `t` sets the minimum peak intensity. Default is "min", i.e the smallest intensity in each spectrum. Other numeric values are valid. `msLevel.` defines the level of the spectrum, and if `msLevel(object) != msLevel.`, cleaning is ignored. Only relevant when called from `OnDiskMSnExp` and is only relevant for developers.

Returns a new Spectrum instance.

### Author(s)

Laurent Gatto <lg390@cam.ac.uk>

### See Also

[clean](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```

int <- c(2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 5, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 4, 2, 1)
sp1 <- new("Spectrum2",
          intensity = int,
          mz = 1:length(int),
          centroided = FALSE)
sp2 <- removePeaks(sp1) ## no peaks are removed here
                        ## as min intensity is 1 and
                        ## no peak has a max int <= 1
sp3 <- removePeaks(sp1, 3)
intensity(sp1)
intensity(sp2)
intensity(sp3)

peaksCount(sp1) == peaksCount(sp2)
peaksCount(sp3) <= peaksCount(sp1)

data(itraqdata)
itraqdata2 <- removePeaks(itraqdata, t = 2.5e5)
table(unlist(intensity(itraqdata)) == 0)
table(unlist(intensity(itraqdata2)) == 0)
processingData(itraqdata2)

## difference between centroided and profile peaks

int <- c(104, 57, 32, 33, 118, 76, 38, 39, 52, 140, 52, 88, 394, 71,
        408, 94, 2032)
sp <- new("Spectrum2",
          intensity = int,
          centroided = FALSE,
          mz = seq_len(length(int)))

## unchanged, as ranges of peaks <= 500 considered
intensity(removePeaks(sp, 500))
stopifnot(identical(intensity(sp), intensity(removePeaks(sp, 500))))

centroided(sp) <- TRUE
## different!
intensity(removePeaks(sp, 500))

```

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removeReporters-methods

*Removes reporter ion tag peaks*

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**Description**

This methods sets all the reporter tag ion peaks from one MS2 spectrum or all the MS2 spectra of an experiment to 0. Reporter data is specified using an "[ReporterIons](#)" instance. The peaks are selected around the expected reporter ion m/z value +/- the reporter width. Optionally, the spectrum/spectra can be cleaned to remove successive 0 intensity data points (see the [clean](#) function for details).

Note that this method only works for MS2 spectra or experiments that contain MS2 spectra. It will fail for MS1 spectrum.



**Methods**

`signature(object = "MSnExp", reporters = "ReporterIons", clean = "logical", verbose = "logical"`

The reporter ion peaks defined in the `reporters` instance of all the MS2 spectra of the "MSnExp" instance are set to 0 and, if `clean` is set to TRUE, cleaned. The default value of `reporters` is NULL, which leaves the spectra as unchanged. The `verbose` parameter (default is TRUE) defines whether a progress bar should be showed.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", reporters = "ReporterIons", clean = "FALSE")` The reporter ion peaks defined in the `reporters` instance of MS2 "Spectrum" instance are set to 0 and, if `clean` is set to TRUE, cleaned. The default value of `reporters` is NULL, which leaves the spectrum as unchanged.

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**See Also**

`clean` and `removePeaks` for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```
sp1 <- itraqdata[[1]]
sp2 <- removeReporters(sp1,reporters=iTRAQ4)
sel <- mz(sp1) > 114 & mz(sp1) < 114.2
mz(sp1)[sel]
intensity(sp1)[sel]
plot(sp1,full=TRUE,reporters=iTRAQ4)
intensity(sp2)[sel]
plot(sp2,full=TRUE,reporters=iTRAQ4)
```

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ReporterIons-class      *The "ReporterIons" Class*

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**Description**

The ReporterIons class allows to define a set of isobaric reporter ions that are used for quantification in MSMS mode, e.g. iTRAQ (isobaric tag for relative and absolute quantitation) or TMT (tandem mass tags). ReporterIons instances can then be used when quantifying "MSnExp" data of plotting the reporters peaks based on in "Spectrum2" objects.

Some reporter ions are provided with MSnbase and can be loaded with the `data` function. These reporter ions data sets are:

iTRAQ4: ReporterIon object for the iTRAQ 4-plex set. Load with `data(iTRAQ4)`.

iTRAQ5: ReporterIon object for the iTRAQ 4-plex set plus the isobaric tag. Load with `data(iTRAQ5)`.

TMT6: ReporterIon object for the TMT 6-plex set. Load with `data(TMT6)`.

TMT7: ReporterIon object for the TMT 6-plex set plus the isobaric tag. Load with `data(TMT6)`.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("ReporterIons", ...)`.

**Slots**

- name:** Object of class "character" to identify the ReporterIons instance.
- reporterNames:** Object of class "character" naming each individual reporter of the ReporterIons instance. If not provided explicitly, they are names by concatenating the ReporterIons name and the respective MZ values.
- description:** Object of class "character" to describe the ReporterIons instance.
- mz:** Object of class "numeric" providing the MZ values of the reporter ions.
- col:** Object of class "character" providing colours to highlight the reporters on plots.
- width:** Object of class "numeric" indicating the width around the individual reporter ions MZ values were to search for peaks. This is dependent on the mass spectrometer's resolution and is used for peak picking when quantifying the reporters. See [quantify](#) for more details about quantification.
- .\_\_\_classVersion\_\_:** Object of class "Versions" indicating the version of the ReporterIons instance. Intended for developer use and debugging.

**Extends**

Class "[Versioned](#)", directly.

**Methods**

- show(object)** Displays object content as text.
- object[]** Subsets one or several reporter ions of the ReporterIons object and returns a new instance of the same class.
- length(object)** Returns the number of reporter ions in the instance.
- mz(object, ...)** Returns the expected mz values of reporter ions. Additional arguments are currently ignored.
- reporterColours(object) or reporterColors(object)** Returns the colours used to highlight the reporter ions.
- reporterNames(object)** Returns the name of the individual reporter ions. If not specified or is an incorrect number of names is provided at initialisation, the names are generated automatically by concatenating the instance name and the reporter's MZ values.
- reporterNames(object) <- value** Sets the reporter names to value, which must be a character of the same length as the number of reporter ions.
- width(object)** Returns the widths in which the reporter ion peaks are expected.
- names(object)** Returns the name of the ReporterIons object.
- description(object)** Returns the description of the ReporterIons object.

**Author(s)**

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## See Also

[TMT6](#) or [iTRAQ4](#) for readily available examples.

## Examples

```
## Code used for the iTRAQ4 set
ri <- new("ReporterIons",
  description="4-plex iTRAQ",
  name="iTRAQ4",
  reporterNames=c("iTRAQ4.114", "iTRAQ4.115",
    "iTRAQ4.116", "iTRAQ4.117"),
  mz=c(114.1, 115.1, 116.1, 117.1),
  col=c("red", "green", "blue", "yellow"),
  width=0.05)

ri
reporterNames(ri)
ri[1:2]
```

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selectFeatureData	<i>Select feature variables of interest</i>
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## Description

Select feature variables to be retained.

## Usage

```
selectFeatureData(object, graphics = TRUE, fcol)
```

## Arguments

object	An MSnSet.
graphics	A logical (default is TRUE) indicating whether a shiny application should be used if available. Otherwise, a text menu is used. Ignored if k is not missing.
fcol	A numeric, local or character of valid feature variables to be passed directly.

## Value

Updated MSnSet, containing only selected feature variables.

## Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

**Examples**

```

library("pRolocdata")
data(hyperLOPIT2015)
## 5 first feature variables
x <- selectFeatureData(hyperLOPIT2015, fcol = 1:5)
fvarLabels(x)
## Not run:
## select via GUI
x <- selectFeatureData(hyperLOPIT2015)
fvarLabels(x)

## End(Not run)

```

smooth-methods

*Smooths 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances***Description**

This method smooths individual spectra (Spectrum instances) or whole experiments (MSnExp instances). Currently, the Savitzky-Golay-Smoothing (method = "SavitzkyGolay") and the Moving-Average-Smoothing (method = "MovingAverage") are available, as implemented in the MALDIquant::smoothIntensity function. Additional methods might be added at a later stage.

**Methods**

signature(x = "MSnExp", method = "character", halfWindowSize = "integer", verbose = "logical", ...) Smooths all spectra in MSnExp. method could be "SavitzkyGolay" or "MovingAverage". `halfWindowSize` controls the window size of the filter. The resulting window size is `2 * halfWindowSize + 1`. The best size differs depending on the selected `method` and should be lower than `FWHM` of the peaks (full width at half maximum; please find details in the manual). The arguments `...` are passed to the internal functions. Currently the only supported `method` is "SavitzkyGolay" (default: 3) for `method="SavitzkyGolay"` to control the polynomial order of the Savitzky-Golay Filter. This method displays a progress bar if `verbose = TRUE`. Returns an MSnExp instance with smoothed spectra.

signature(x = "Spectrum", method = "character", halfWindowSize = "integer", ...) Smooths the spectrum (Spectrum instance). This method is the same as above but returns a smoothed Spectrum instead of an MSnExp object. It has no verbose argument. Please read the details for the above MSnExp method.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[clean](#), [pickPeaks](#), [removePeaks](#) and [trimMz](#) for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```
sp1 <- new("Spectrum1",
           intensity = c(1:6, 5:1),
           mz = 1:11)
sp2 <- smooth(sp1, method = "MovingAverage", halfWindowSize = 2)
intensity(sp2)

data(itraqdata)
itraqdata2 <- smooth(itraqdata,
                    method = "MovingAverage",
                    halfWindowSize = 2)
processingData(itraqdata2)
```

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Spectrum-class

*The "Spectrum" Class*

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**Description**

Virtual container for spectrum data common to all different types of spectra. A Spectrum object can not be directly instantiated. Use "[Spectrum1](#)" and "[Spectrum2](#)" instead.

In version 1.19.12, the polarity slot has been added to this class (previously in "[Spectrum1](#)").

**Slots**

**msLevel:** Object of class "integer" indicating the MS level: 1 for MS1 level Spectrum1 objects and 2 for MSMSM Spectrum2 objects. Levels > 2 have not been tested and will be handled as MS2 spectra.

**polarity:** Object of class "integer" indicating the polarity if the ion.

**peaksCount:** Object of class "integer" indicating the number of MZ peaks.

**rt:** Object of class "numeric" indicating the retention time (in seconds) for the current ions.

**tic:** Object of class "numeric" indicating the total ion current, as reported in the original raw data file.

**acquisitionNum:** Object of class "integer" corresponding to the acquisition number of the current spectrum.

**scanIndex:** Object of class "integer" indicating the scan index of the current spectrum.

**mz:** Object of class "numeric" of length equal to the peaks count (see peaksCount slot) indicating the MZ values that have been measured for the current ion.

**intensity:** Object of class "numeric" of same length as mz indicating the intensity at which each mz datum has been measured.

**centroided:** Object of class "logical" indicating if instance is centroided ('TRUE') of uncentroided ('FALSE'). Default is NA.

**smoothed:** Object of class "logical" indicating if instance is smoothed ('TRUE') of unsmoothed ('FALSE'). Default is NA.

`fromFile`: Object of class "integer" referencing the file the spectrum originates. The file names are stored in the `processingData` slot of the "MSnExp" or "MSnSet" instance that contains the current "Spectrum" instance.

`.__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions" indicating the version of the Spectrum class. Intended for developer use and debugging.

## Extends

Class "Versioned", directly.

## Methods

`acquisitionNum(object)` Returns the acquisition number of the spectrum as an integer.

`scanIndex(object)` Returns the scan index of the spectrum as an integer.

`centroided(object)` Indicates whether spectrum is centroided (TRUE), in profile mode (FALSE), or unknown (NA).

`isCentroided(object, k=0.025, qtl=0.9)` A heuristic assessing if a spectrum is in profile or centroided mode. The function takes the  $qtl$ th quantile top peaks, then calculates the difference between adjacent  $M/Z$  value and returns TRUE if the first quartile is greater than  $k$ . (See `MSnbase:::isCentroided` for the code.) The function has been tuned to work for MS1 and MS2 spectra and data centroided using different peak picking algorithms, but false positives can occur. See <https://github.com/lgatto/MSnbase/issues/131> for details. It should however be safe to use is at the experiment level, assuming that all MS level have the same mode. See `class?MSnExp` for an example.

`smoothed(object)` Indicates whether spectrum is smoothed (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

`centroided(object) <- value` Sets the centroided status of the spectrum object.

`smoothed(object) <- value` Sets the smoothed status of the spectrum object.

`fromFile(object)` Returns the index of the raw data file from which the current instances originate as an integer.

`intensity(object)` Returns an object of class `numeric` containing the intensities of the spectrum.

`msLevel(object)` Returns an MS level of the spectrum as an integer.

`mz(object, ...)` Returns an object of class `numeric` containing the  $M/Z$  value of the spectrum peaks. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

`peaksCount(object)` Returns the number of peaks (possibly of 0 intensity) as an integer.

`rtime(object, ...)` Returns the retention time for the spectrum as an integer. Additional arguments are currently ignored.

`ionCount(object)` Returns the total ion count for the spectrum as a numeric.

`tic(object, ...)` Returns the total ion current for the spectrum as a numeric. Additional arguments are currently ignored. This is the total ion current as originally reported in the raw data file. To get the current total ion count, use `ionCount`.

**bin** signature(`object = "Spectrum"`): Bins Spectrum. See [bin](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**clean** signature(`object = "Spectrum"`): Removes unused 0 intensity data points. See [clean](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**compareSpectra** signature(`object1 = "Spectrum"`, `object2 = "Spectrum"`): Compares spectra. See [compareSpectra](#) documentation for more details and examples.

**estimateNoise** signature(`object = "Spectrum"`): Estimates the noise in a profile spectrum. See [estimateNoise](#) documentation for more details and examples.

- pickPeaks** signature(object = "Spectrum"): Performs the peak picking to generate a centroided spectrum. See [pickPeaks](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- plot** signature(x = "Spectrum", y = "missing"): Plots intensity against mz. See [plot.Spectrum](#) documentation for more details.
- plot** signature(x = "Spectrum", y = "Spectrum"): Plots two spectra above/below each other. See [plot.Spectrum.Spectrum](#) documentation for more details.
- plot** signature(x = "Spectrum", y = "character"): Plots an MS2 level spectrum and its highlight the fragmentation peaks. See [plot.Spectrum.character](#) documentation for more details.
- quantify** signature(object = "Spectrum"): Quantifies defined peaks in the spectrum. See [quantify](#) documentation for more details.
- removePeaks** signature(object = "Spectrum"): Remove peaks lower than a threshold t. See [removePeaks](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- smooth** signature(x = "Spectrum"): Smooths spectrum. See [smooth](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- show** signature(object = "Spectrum"): Displays object content as text.
- trimMz** signature(object = "Spectrum"): Trims the MZ range of all the spectra of the MSnExp instance. See [trimMz](#) documentation for more details and examples.
- isEmpty** signature(x = "Spectrum"): Checks if the x is an empty Spectrum.
- as** signature(object = "Spectrum", "data.frame"): Coerces the Spectrum object to a two-column data.frame containing intensities and MZ values.

### Note

This is a virtual class and can not be instantiated directly.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

Instantiable sub-classes "[Spectrum1](#)" and "[Spectrum2](#)" for MS1 and MS2 spectra.

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Spectrum1-class

*The "Spectrum1" Class for MS1 Spectra*

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### Description

Spectrum1 extends the "[Spectrum](#)" class and introduces an MS1 specific attribute in addition to the slots in "[Spectrum](#)". Spectrum1 instances are not created directly but are contained in the assayData slot of an "[MSnExp](#)".

### Slots

See the "[Spectrum](#)" class for inherited slots.

**Extends**

Class "[Spectrum](#)", directly. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "Spectrum", distance 2.

**Methods**

See "[Spectrum](#)" for additional accessors and methods to process Spectrum1 objects.

polarity(object) Returns the polarity of the spectrum as an integer.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Virtual super-class "[Spectrum](#)", "[Spectrum2](#)" for MS2 spectra and "[MSnExp](#)" for a full experiment container.

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Spectrum2-class

*The "Spectrum2" Class for MSn Spectra*

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**Description**

Spectrum2 extends the "[Spectrum](#)" class and introduces several MS2 specific attributes in addition to the slots in "[Spectrum](#)". Since version 1.99.2, this class is used for any MS levels > 1. Spectrum2 are not created directly but are contained in the assayData slot of an "[MSnExp](#)".

In version 1.19.12, the polarity slot had been added to the "[Spectrum](#)" class (previously in "[Spectrum1](#)"). Hence, "Spectrum2" objects created prior to this change will not be valid anymore, since they will miss the polarity slots. Object can be appropriately updated using the updateObject method.

**Slots**

See the "[Spectrum](#)" class for inherited slots.

merged: Object of class "numeric" indicating of how many combination the current spectrum is the result of.

precScanNum: Object of class "integer" indicating the precursor MS scan index in the original input file. Accessed with the precScanNum or precAcquisitionNum methods.

precursorMz: Object of class "numeric" providing the precursor ion MZ value.

precursorIntensity: Object of class "numeric" providing the precursor ion intensity.

precursorCharge: Object of class "integer" indicating the precursor ion charge.

collisionEnergy: Object of class "numeric" indicating the collision energy used to fragment the parent ion.

**Extends**

Class "[Spectrum](#)", directly. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "Spectrum", distance 2.



## Methods

See "[Spectrum](#)" for additional accessors and methods for Spectrum2 objects.

`precursorMz(object)` Returns the precursor MZ value as a numeric.

`precursorMz(object)` Returns the precursor scan number in the original data file as an integer.

`precursorIntensity(object)` Returns the precursor intensity as a numeric.

`precursorCharge(object)` Returns the precursor intensity as a integer.

`collisionEnergy(object)` Returns the collision energy as an numeric.

`removeReporters(object, ...)` Removes all reporter ion peaks. See [removeReporters](#) documentation for more details and examples.

`precAcquisitionNum`: Returns the precursor's acquisition number.

`precScanNum`: See `precAcquisitionNum`.

**calculateFragments** `signature(sequence = "character", object = "Spectrum2")`:  
Calculates and matches the theoretical fragments of a peptide sequence with the ones observed in a spectrum. See [calculateFragments](#) documentation for more details and examples.

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## See Also

Virtual super-class "[Spectrum](#)", "[Spectrum1](#)" for MS1 spectra and "[MSnExp](#)" for a full experiment container.

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TMT6

*TMT 6/10-plex sets*

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## Description

This instance of class "[ReporterIons](#)" corresponds to the TMT 6-plex set, i.e the 126, 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131 isobaric tags. In the TMT7 data set, an unfragmented tag, i.e reporter and attached isobaric tag, is also included at MZ 229. A second TMT6b has slightly different values.

The TMT10 instance corresponds to the 10-plex version. There are specific HCD (TMT10HCD, same as TMT10) and ETD (TMT10ETD) sets.

These objects are used to plot the reporter ions of interest in an MSMS spectra (see "[Spectrum2](#)") as well as for quantification (see [quantify](#)).

## Usage

TMT6  
TMT6b  
TMT7  
TMT7b  
TMT10  
TMT10ETD  
TMT10HCD

## References

Thompson A, Sch\afner J, Kuhn K, Kienle S, Schwarz J, Schmidt G, Neumann T, Johnstone R, Mohammed AK, Hamon C. "Tandem mass tags: a novel quantification strategy for comparative analysis of complex protein mixtures by MS/MS." *Anal Chem.* 2003 Apr 15;75(8):1895-904. *Erratum in: Anal Chem.* 2006 Jun 15;78(12):4235. Mohammed, A Karim A [added] and *Anal Chem.* 2003 Sep 15;75(18):4942. Johnstone, R [added]. PubMed PMID: 12713048.

## See Also

[iTRAQ4](#).

## Examples

```
TMT6
TMT6[1:2]
```

```
TMT10
```

```
newReporter <- new("ReporterIons",
  description="an example",
  name="my reporter ions",
  reporterNames=c("myrep1", "myrep2"),
  mz=c(121,122),
  col=c("red", "blue"),
  width=0.05)

newReporter
```

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trimMz-methods

*Trims 'MSnExp' or 'Spectrum' instances*

---

## Description

This method selects a range of MZ values in a single spectrum (Spectrum instances) or all the spectra of an experiment (MSnExp instances). The regions to trim are defined by the range of mz argument, such that MZ values  $\leq \min(mz)$  and MZ values  $\geq \max(mz)$  are trimmed away.

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp", mz = "numeric", msLevel. = "numeric")` Trims all spectra in MSnExp object according to mz. If msLevel. is defined, then only spectra of that level are trimmed.

`signature(object = "Spectrum", mz = "numeric", msLevel. = "numeric")` Trims the Spectrum object and returns a new trimmed object. msLevel. defines the level of the spectrum, and if msLevel(object)  $\neq$  msLevel., cleaning is ignored. Only relevant when called from OnDiskMSnExp and is only relevant for developers.

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## See Also

[removePeaks](#) and [clean](#) for other spectra processing methods.

**Examples**

```

mz <- 1:100
sp1 <- new("Spectrum2",
          mz = mz,
          intensity = abs(rnorm(length(mz))))

sp2 <- trimMz(sp1, c(25, 75))
range(mz(sp1))
range(mz(sp2))

data(itraqdata)
itraqdata2 <- filterMz(itraqdata, c(113, 117))
range(mz(itraqdata))
range(mz(itraqdata2))
processingData(itraqdata2)

```

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updateObject-methods    *Update MSnbase objects*

---

**Description**

Methods for function `updateObject` for objects from the `MSnbase` package. See [updateObject](#) for details.

**Methods**

`signature(object = "MSnExp")` Update the `MSnExp` object to the latest class version

`signature(object = "Spectrum")` Update the `Spectrum` object (and its sub-classes `Spectrum1` and `Spectrum2`) to the latest class version.

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writeMgfData-methods    *Write an experiment or spectrum to an mgf file*

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**Description**

Methods `writeMgfData` write individual "`Spectrum`" instances of whole "`MSnExp`" experiments to a file in Mascot Generic Format (mgf) (see [http://www.matrixscience.com/help/data\\_file\\_help.html](http://www.matrixscience.com/help/data_file_help.html) for more details). Function `readMgfData` read spectra from and mgf file and creates an "`MSnExp`" object.

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An instance of class " <code>Spectrum</code> " or " <code>MSnExp</code> ".
<code>con</code>	A valid connection or a character string with the name of the file to save the object. In case of the latter, a file connection is created. If not specified, 'spectrum.mgf' or 'experiment.mgf' are used depending on the class of object. Note that existing files are overwritten.
<code>COM</code>	Optional character vector with the value for the 'COM' field.
<code>TITLE</code>	Optional character vector with the value for the spectrum 'TITLE' field. Not applicable for experiments.

## Details

Note that when reading an mgf file, the original order of the spectra is lost. Thus, if the data was originally written to mgf from an MSnExp object using `writeMgfData`, although the feature names will be identical, the spectra are not as a result of the reordering. See example below.

## Methods

`signature(object = "MSnExp")` Writes the full experiment to an mgf file.

`signature(object = "Spectrum")` Writes an individual spectrum to an mgf file.

## See Also

[readMgfData](#) function to read data from and mgf file.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(itraqdata)
writeMgfData(itraqdata,file="itraqdata.mgf",COM="MSnbase itraqdata")
itraqdata2 <- readMgfData("itraqdata.mgf")
## note that the order of the spectra
## and precision of some values (precursorMz for instance)
## are altered
match(signif(precursorMz(itraqdata2),4),signif(precursorMz(itraqdata),4))
## [1] 1 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 ...
## ... but all the precursors are there
all.equal(sort(precursorMz(itraqdata2)),sort(precursorMz(itraqdata)),
          check.attributes=FALSE,
          tolerance=10e-5)

## is TRUE
all.equal(as.data.frame(itraqdata2[[1]]),as.data.frame(itraqdata[[1]]))
## is TRUE
all.equal(as.data.frame(itraqdata2[[3]]),as.data.frame(itraqdata[[11]]))
## is TRUE
## But, beware that
all(featureNames(itraqdata2)==featureNames(itraqdata))
## is TRUE too!

## End(Not run)
```

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xic-methods

*Extracted ion chromatograms*

---

## Description

These methods produce an extracted ion chromatogram given mass-spectrometry data and an ion to be extracted. In addition to the object (see 'Methods' section below), additional arguments are

**mz** A numeric specifying the ion mass to be extracted.

**width** The M/Z extraction width. Default is 0.5.

**rtlim** The retention time limit to be displayed. When missing (default), the complete range of the matching extracted ions is plotted.

- npeaks** The number of peaks to be annotated. Default is 3.
- charge** The charge of the ion to be extracted. This value is optional; when provided, the mass of the ion (mz above) will first be divided by its charge before extraction.
- clean** A logical, defining of the XIC data should be cleaned before plotting. Default if TRUE. See [clean](#) for details.
- legend** A logical defining if the figure should be annotated.
- plot** A logical defining if the plot should be rendered.
- points** A logical specifying if points should be added to for each individual MS spectrum. Annotated peaks are coloured in orange and MS2 spectra with precursor M/Z matching the extracted ion are highlighted in red.
- hd** The header data.frame corresponding to the object input. hd is generated automatically and can generally be omitted.
- ... Additional arguments passed to the plot function.

Note: the methods are currently not vectorised.  
 xcms::plotEIC provides a similar functionality.

## Value

The methods invisibly return the data.frame with the the XIC intensities (column int), retention times (column rt) and extracted M/Z values (column mz) used to generate the figure.

## Methods

- `signature(object = "character")` Plots the XIC for the mass-spectrometry data stored in the object file. The file format must be support by mzR. See `mzR::openMSfile` for details.
- `signature(object = "mzRramp")` Plots the XIC for the mzRramp instance. See the mzR package for details.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library("RforProteomics")
(f <- getPXD000001mzXML())
ms <- openMSfile(f)
x <- xic(ms, mz = 636.925, width = 0.01)
head(x)
xic(ms, mz = 636.925, width = 0.01,
     npeaks = 1,
     rtlim = c(2000, 2300))

## End(Not run)
```

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