

# xcms

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SSgauss

*Gaussian Model*

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## Description

This `selfStart` model evaluates the Gaussian model and its gradient. It has an `initial` attribute that will evaluate the initial estimates of the parameters `mu`, `sigma`, and `h`.

## Usage

```
SSgauss(x, mu, sigma, h)
```

## Arguments

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>     | a numeric vector of values at which to evaluate the model |
| <code>mu</code>    | mean of the distribution function                         |
| <code>sigma</code> | standard deviation of the distribution function           |
| <code>h</code>     | height of the distribution function                       |

## Details

Initial values for `mu` and `h` are chosen from the maximal value of `x`. The initial value for `sigma` is determined from the area under `x` divided by  $h \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot \pi}$ .

## Value

A numeric vector of the same length as `x`. It is the value of the expression  $h \cdot \exp(-(x - \mu)^2 / (2 \cdot \sigma^2))$ , which is a modified gaussian function where the maximum height is treated as a separate parameter not dependent on `sigma`. If arguments `mu`, `sigma`, and `h` are names of objects, the gradient matrix with respect to these names is attached as an attribute named `gradient`.

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## See Also

[nls](#), [selfStart](#)

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 c-methods

 Combine *xcmsSet* objects
 

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### Description

Combines the samples and peaks from multiple `xcmsSet` objects into a single object. Group and retention time correction data are discarded. The `profinfo` list is set to be equal to the first object.

### Arguments

|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>xs1</code> | <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| <code>...</code> | <code>xcmsSet</code> objects |

### Value

A `xcmsSet` object.

### Methods

`xs1 = "xcmsRaw" c(xs1, ...)`

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### See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#)

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 calibrate-methods

 Calibrate peaks for correcting unprecise m/z values
 

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### Description

Calibrate peaks of a `xcmsSet` via a set of known masses

### Arguments

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>object</code>     | a <code>xcmsSet</code> object with uncalibrated m/z   |
| <code>wishlist</code>   | a vector or a list of vectors with reference m/z-values   |
| <code>method</code>     | the used calibrating-method, see below  |
| <code>mzppm</code>      | the relative error used for matching peaks in ppm (parts per million)                                   |
| <code>mzabs</code>      | the absolute error used for matching peaks in Da  |
| <code>neighbours</code> | the number of neighbours from which the one with the highest intensity is used (instead of the nearest) |
| <code>plotres</code>    | can be set to TRUE if wanted a result-plot showing the found m/z with the distances and the regression  |

**Value**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| object   | a <code>xcmsSet</code> with one ore more samples  |
| wishlist | for each sample can be used a different wishlist if there is given a list of m/z-vectors. the length of the list must be the same as the number of samples, alternatively a single vector of masses can be given which is used for all samples. |
| method   | "shift" for shifting each m/z, "linear" does a linear regression and adds a linear term to each m/z. "edgeshift" does a linear regression within the range of the mz-wishlist and a shift outside.  |

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsSet"** `calibrate(object, wishlist, method="linear", mzabs=0.0001, mzppm=5, neighbours=3, plotres=FALSE)`

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#),

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collect-methods      *Collect MS<sup>n</sup> peaks into xcmsFragments*

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**Description**

Collecting Peaks into `xcmsFragments`s from several MS-runs using `xcmsSet` and `xcmsRaw`.

**Arguments**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| object                | (empty) <code>xcmsFragments-class</code> object  |
| xs                    | A <code>xcmsSet-class</code> object which contains picked ms1-peaks from several experiments   |
| compMethod            | ("floor", "round", "none"): compare-method which is used to find the parent-peak of a MSnpeak through comparing the MZ-values of the MS1peaks with the MSnParentPeaks. |
| snthresh, mzgap, uniq | these are the paramters for the getspec-peakpicker included in <code>xcmsRaw</code> .  |

**Details**

After running `collect(xFragments,xSet)` The peaktable of the `xcmsFragments` includes the ms1Peaks from all experinemts stored in a `xcmsSet`-object. Further it contains the relevant msN-peaks from the `xcmsRaw`-objects, which were created temporarily with the paths in `xcmsSet`.

**Value**

A matrix with columns:

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| peakID          | unique identifier of every peak   |
| MSnParentPeakID | PeakID of the parentpeak of a msLevel>1 - peak, it is 0 if the peak is msLevel 1. |
| msLevel         | The msLevel of the peak.  |

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| rt        | retention time of the peak midpoint       |
| mz        | the mz-Value of the peak                  |
| intensity | the intensity of the peak                 |
| sample    | the number of the sample from the xcmsSet |

## Methods

```
object = "xcmsFragments" collect(object, ...)
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diffreport-methods *Create report of analyte differences*

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## Description

Create a report showing the most significant differences between two sets of samples. Optionally create extracted ion chromatograms for the most significant differences.

## Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| object   | the xcmsSet object  |
| class1   | character vector with the first set of sample classes to be compared  |
| class2   | character vector with the second set of sample classes to be compared   |
| filebase | base file name to save report, .tsv file and _eic will be appended to this name for the tabular report and EIC directory, respectively. if blank nothing will be saved  |
| eicmax   | number of the most significantly different analytes to create EICs for  |
| eicwidth | width (in seconds) of EICs produced   |
| sortpval | logical indicating whether the reports should be sorted by p-value  |
| classeic | character vector with the sample classes to include in the EICs   |
| value    | intensity values to be used for the diffreport.<br>If value="into", integrated peak intensities are used.<br>If value="maxo", maximum peak intensities are used.<br>If value="intb", baseline corrected integrated peak intensities are used (only available if peak detection was done by <code>findPeaks.centWave</code> ). |
| metlin   | mass uncertainty to use for generating link to Metlin metabolite database. the sign of the uncertainty indicates negative or positive mode data for M+H or M-H calculation. a value of FALSE or 0 removes the column  |
| h        | Numeric variable for the height of the eic and boxplots that are printed out.   |
| w        | Numeric variable for the width of the eic and boxplots print out made.  |
| ...      | optional arguments to be passed to <code>mt.teststat</code>   |

## Details

This method handles creation of summary reports with statistics about which analytes were most significantly different between two sets of samples. It computes Welch's two-sample t-statistic for each analyte and ranks them by p-value. It returns a summary report that can optionally be written out to a tab-separated file.

Additionally, it does all the heavy lifting involved in creating superimposed extracted ion chromatograms for a given number of analytes. It does so by reading the raw data files associated with the samples of interest one at a time. As it does so, it prints the name of the sample it is currently reading. Depending on the number and size of the samples, this process can take a long time.

If a base file name is provided, the report (see Value section) will be saved to a tab separated file. If EICs are generated, they will be saved as 640x480 PNG files in a newly created subdirectory. However this parameter can be changed with the commands arguments. The numbered file names correspond to the rows in the report.

Chromatographic traces in the EICs are colored and labeled by their sample class. Sample classes take their color from the current palette. The color a sample class is assigned is dependent its order in the `xcmsSet` object, not the order given in the class arguments. Thus `levels(sampclass(object))[1]` would use color `palette()[1]` and so on. In that way, sample classes maintain the same color across any number of different generated reports.

When there are multiple groups, `xcms` will produce boxplots of the different groups and will generate a single anova p-value statistic. Like the eic's the plot number corresponds to the row number in the report.

## Value

A data frame with the following columns:

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>fold</code>   | mean fold change (always greater than 1, see <code>tstat</code> for which set of sample classes was higher)   |
| <code>tstat</code>  | Welch's two sample t-statistic, positive for analytes having greater intensity in <code>class2</code> , negative for analytes having greater intensity in <code>class1</code> |
| <code>pvalue</code> | p-value of t-statistic  |
| <code>anova</code>  | p-value of the anova statistic if there are multiple groups   |
| <code>mzmed</code>  | median m/z of peaks in the group  |
| <code>mzmin</code>  | minimum m/z of peaks in the group   |
| <code>mzmax</code>  | maximum m/z of peaks in the group   |
| <code>rtmed</code>  | median retention time of peaks in the group   |
| <code>rtmin</code>  | minimum retention time of peaks in the group  |
| <code>rtmax</code>  | maximum retention time of peaks in the group  |
| <code>npeaks</code> | number of peaks assigned to the group   |
| Sample Classes      | number samples from each sample class represented in the group  |
| ...                 | one column for every sample class   |
| Sample Names        | integrated intensity value for every sample   |
| ...                 | one column for every sample   |

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsSet" diffreport(object, class1 = levels(sampclass(object))[1],
  class2 = levels(sampclass(object))[2], filebase = character(), eicmax
  = 0, eicwidth = 200, sortpval = TRUE, classeic = c(class1,class2),
  value=c("into","maxo","intb"), metlin = FALSE, h=480,w=640, ...)
```

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#), [mt.teststat](#), [palette](#)

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 etg

*Empirically Transformed Gaussian function*


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**Description**

A general function for asymmetric chromatographic peaks.

**Usage**

```
etg(x, H, t1, tt, k1, kt, lambda1, lambda2, alpha, beta)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| x       | times to evaluate function at          |
| H       | peak height                            |
| t1      | time of leading edge inflection point  |
| tt      | time of trailing edge inflection point |
| k1      | leading edge parameter                 |
| kt      | trailing edge parameter                |
| lambda1 | leading edge parameter                 |
| lambda2 | trailing edge parameter                |
| alpha   | leading edge parameter                 |
| beta    | trailing edge parameter                |

**Value**

The function evaluated at times x.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Jianwei Li. Development and Evaluation of Flexible Empirical Peak Functions for Processing Chromatographic Peaks. Anal. Chem., 69 (21), 4452-4462, 1997. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ac970481d>

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fillPeaks-methods *Integrate areas of missing peaks*

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### Description

For each sample, identify peak groups where that sample is not represented. For each of those peak groups, integrate the signal in the region of that peak group and create a new peak.

### Arguments

object            the `xcmsSet` object

### Details

After peak grouping, there will always be peak groups that do not include peaks from every sample. This method produces intensity values for those missing samples by integrating raw data in peak group region. In a given group, the start and ending retention time points for integration are defined by the median start and end points of the other detected peaks. The start and end *m/z* values are similarly determined.

Importantly, if retention time correction data is available, the alignment information is used to more precisely integrate the proper region of the raw data.

### Value

A `xcmsSet` objects with filled in peak groups.

### Methods

**object = "xcmsSet"** `fillPeaks(object)`

### See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#), [getPeaks](#)

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findPeaks-methods *Feature detection for GC/MS and LC/MS Data - methods*

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### Description

A number of peak pickers exist in XCMS. `findPeaks` is the generic method.

### Arguments

object            [xcmsRaw-class](#) object  
method            Method to use for peak detection. See details.  
...                Optional arguments to be passed along

**Details**

Different algorithms can be used by specifying them with the `method` argument. For example to use the matched filter approach described by Smith et al (2006) one would use: `findPeaks(object, method="matchedFilter")`. This is also the default.

Further arguments given by `...` are passed through to the function implementing the method.

A character vector of *nicknames* for the algorithms available is returned by `getOption("BioC")$xcms$findPeaks`. If the nickname of a method is called "centWave", the help page for that specific method can be accessed with `?findPeaks.centWave`.

**Value**

A matrix with columns:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>mz</code>    | weighted (by intensity) mean of peak m/z across scans |
| <code>mzmin</code> | m/z of minimum step                                   |
| <code>mzmax</code> | m/z of maximum step                                   |
| <code>rt</code>    | retention time of peak midpoint                       |
| <code>rtmin</code> | leading edge of peak retention time                   |
| <code>rtmax</code> | trailing edge of peak retention time                  |
| <code>into</code>  | integrated area of original (raw) peak                |
| <code>maxo</code>  | maximum intensity of original (raw) peak              |

and additional columns depending on the chosen method.

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `findPeaks(object, ...)`

**See Also**

[findPeaks.matchedFilter](#) [findPeaks.centWave](#) [xcmsRaw-class](#)

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`findPeaks.MS1-methods`

*Collecting MS1 precursor peaks*

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**Description**

Collecting Tandem MS or MS<sup>n</sup> Mass Spectrometry precursor peaks as annotated in XML raw file

**Arguments**

`object` `xcmsRaw` object



**Details**

Some mass spectrometers can acquire MS1 and MS2 (or MS<sup>n</sup> scans) quasi simultaneously, e.g. in data dependent tandem MS or DDIT mode.

Since xcmsFragments attaches all MS<sup>n</sup> peaks to MS1 peaks in xcmsSet, it is important that findPeaks and xcmsSet do not miss any MS1 precursor peak.

To be sure that *all* MS1 precursor peaks are in an xcmsSet, findPeaks.MS1 does not do an actual peak picking, but simply uses the annotation stored in mzXML, mzData or mzML raw files.

This relies on the following XML tags:

```
mzData: <spectrum id="463"> <spectrumInstrument msLevel="2"> <cvParam
cvLabel="psi" accession="PSI:1000039" name="TimeInSeconds" value="92.7743"/>
</spectrumInstrument> <precursor msLevel="1" spectrumRef="461"> <cvParam
cvLabel="psi" accession="PSI:1000040" name="MassToChargeRatio" value="462.091"/>
<cvParam cvLabel="psi" accession="PSI:1000042" name="Intensity" value="366.674"/>
</precursor> </spectrum>
```

```
mzXML: <scan num="17" msLevel="2" retentionTime="PT1.5224S"> <precursorMz
precursorIntensity="125245">220.1828003</precursorMz> </scan>
```

Several mzXML and mzData converters are known to create incomplete files, either without intensities (they will be set to 0) or without the precursor retention time (then a reasonably close rt will be chosen. NYI).

**Value**

A matrix with columns:

```
mz, mzmin, mzmax
          annotated MS1 precursor selection mass
rt, rtmin, rtmax
          annotated MS1 precursor retention time
into, maxo, sn
          annotated MS1 precursor intensity
```

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" findPeaks.MS1(object)
```

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**See Also**

[findPeaks-methods](#) [xcmsRaw-class](#)

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`findPeaks.MSW-methods`*Feature detection for single-spectrum non-chromatography MS data*

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### Description

Processing Mass Spectrometry direct-injection spectrum by using wavelet based algorithm.

### Arguments

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>object</code>          | <code>xcmsSet</code> object                        |
| <code>snthresh</code>        | signal to noise ratio cutoff                       |
| <code>verbose.columns</code> | additional peak meta data columns are returned     |
| <code>...</code>             | Parameters passed to <code>peakDetectionCWT</code> |

### Details

This is a wrapper around the peak picker in the bioconductor package `MassSpecWavelet` calling `peakDetectionCWT` and `tuneInPeakInfo`.

### Value

A matrix with columns:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>mz</code>    | weighted (by intensity) mean of peak m/z across scans     |
| <code>mzmin</code> | same as <code>mz</code>                                   |
| <code>mzmax</code> | same as <code>mz</code>                                   |
| <code>rt</code>    | always -1   |
| <code>rtmin</code> | always -1   |
| <code>rtmax</code> | always -1   |
| <code>into</code>  | integrated area of original (raw) peak                    |
| <code>maxo</code>  | intensity of original (raw) peak at the centroid position |
| <code>sn</code>    | Signal/Noise ratio  |

### Methods

```
object = "xcmsRaw" findPeaks.MSW(object, snthresh=3, verbose.columns =  
FALSE, ...)
```

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### See Also

[peakDetectionCWT](#) [findPeaks-methods](#) [xcmsRaw-class](#)

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 findPeaks.centWave-methods

*Feature detection for high resolution LC/MS data*


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## Description

Peak density and wavelet based feature detection for high resolution LC/MS data in centroid mode

## Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| object          | xcmsSet object   |
| ppm             | maximal tolerated m/z deviation in consecutive scans, in ppm (parts per million)   |
| peakwidth       | Chromatographic peak width, given as range (min,max) in seconds  |
| snthresh        | signal to noise ratio cutoff, definition see below.  |
| prefilter       | prefilter=c(k, I). Prefilter step for the first phase. Mass traces are only retained if they contain at least k peaks with intensity >= I.   |
| integrate       | Integration method. If =1 peak limits are found through descent on the mexican hat filtered data, if =2 the descent is done on the real data. Method 2 is very accurate but prone to noise, while method 1 is more robust to noise but less exact. |
| mzdiff          | minimum difference in m/z for peaks with overlapping retention times, can be negative to allow overlap   |
| fitgauss        | logical, if TRUE a Gaussian is fitted to each peak   |
| scanrange       | scan range to process  |
| sleep           | number of seconds to pause between plotting peak finding cycles  |
| verbose.columns | logical, if TRUE additional peak meta data columns are returned  |

## Details

This algorithm is most suitable for high resolution LC/{TOF,OrbiTrap,FTICR}-MS data in centroid mode. In the first phase of the method mass traces (characterised as regions with less than ppm m/z deviation in consecutive scans) in the LC/MS map are located. In the second phase these mass traces are further analysed. Continuous wavelet transform (CWT) is used to locate chromatographic peaks on different scales.

## Value

A matrix with columns:

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| mz    | weighted (by intensity) mean of peak m/z across scans |
| mzmin | m/z peak minimum                                      |
| mzmax | m/z peak maximum                                      |
| rt    | retention time of peak midpoint                       |
| rtmin | leading edge of peak retention time                   |
| rtmax | trailing edge of peak retention time                  |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| into   | integrated peak intensity   |
| intb   | baseline corrected integrated peak intensity  |
| maxo   | maximum peak intensity  |
| sn     | Signal/Noise ratio, defined as $(\text{maxo} - \text{baseline}) / \text{sd}$ , where $\text{maxo}$ is the maximum peak intensity, $\text{baseline}$ the estimated baseline value and $\text{sd}$ the standard deviation of local chromatographic noise. |
| egauss | RMSE of Gaussian fit<br>if <code>verbose.columns</code> is TRUE additionally :  |
| mu     | Gaussian parameter mu   |
| sigma  | Gaussian parameter sigma  |
| h      | Gaussian parameter h  |
| f      | Region number of m/z ROI where the peak was localised   |
| dppm   | m/z deviation of mass trace across scans in ppm   |
| scale  | Scale on which the peak was localised   |
| scpos  | Peak position found by wavelet analysis   |
| scmin  | Left peak limit found by wavelet analysis (scan number)   |
| scmax  | Right peak limit found by wavelet analysis (scan number)  |

### Methods

```
object = "xcmsRaw" findPeaks.centWave(object, ppm=25, peakwidth=c(20,50),
  snthresh=10, prefilter=c(3,100), integrate=1, mzdifff=-0.001, fitgauss=FALSE,
  scanrange= numeric(), sleep=0, verbose.columns=FALSE)
```

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[findPeaks-methods](#) [xcmsRaw-class](#)

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findPeaks.matchedFilter-methods

*Feature detection in the chromatographic time domain*

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### Description

Find peaks in extracted the chromatographic time domain of the profile matrix.

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| object   | xcmsRaw object   |
| fwhm     | full width at half maximum of matched filtration gaussian model peak |
| sigma    | standard deviation of matched filtration model peak                  |
| max      | maximum number of peaks per extracted ion chromatogram               |
| snthresh | signal to noise ratio cutoff   |
| step     | step size to use for profile generation                              |
| steps    | number of steps to merge prior to filtration                         |
| mzdiff   | minimum difference in m/z for peaks with overlapping retention times |
| index    | return indices instead of values for m/z and retention times         |
| sleep    | number of seconds to pause between plotting peak finding cycles      |

**Value**

A matrix with columns:

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| mz    | weighted (by intensity) mean of peak m/z across scans |
| mzmin | m/z of minimum step                                   |
| mzmax | m/z of maximum step                                   |
| rt    | retention time of peak midpoint                       |
| rtmin | leading edge of peak retention time                   |
| rtmax | trailing edge of peak retention time                  |
| into  | integrated area of original (raw) peak                |
| intf  | integrated area of filtered peak                      |
| maxo  | maximum intensity of original (raw) peak              |
| maxf  | maximum intensity of filtered peak                    |
| i     | rank of peak identified in merged EIC ( $\leq$ max)   |
| sn    | signal to noise ratio of the peak                     |

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" findPeaks.matchedFilter(object, fwhm = 30, sigma =
  fwhm/2.3548, max = 5, snthresh = 10, step = 0.1, steps = 2, mzdiff
  = 0.8 - step*steps, index = FALSE, sleep = 0)
```

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**See Also**

[findPeaks-methods xcmsRaw-class](#)

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getEIC-methods      *Get extracted ion chromatograms for specified m/z ranges*

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### Description

Generate multiple extracted ion chromatograms for m/z values of interest. For `xcmsSet` objects, reread original raw data and apply precomputed retention time correction, if applicable.

### Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>object</code>    | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> or <code>xcmsSet</code> object   |
| <code>mzrange</code>   | either a two column matrix with minimum or maximum m/z or a matrix of any dimensions containing columns <code>mzmin</code> and <code>mzmax</code><br>for <code>xcmsSet</code> objects, if left blank the group data will be used instead  |
| <code>rtrange</code>   | a two column matrix the same size as <code>mzrange</code> with minimum and maximum retention times between which to return EIC data points<br>for <code>xcmsSet</code> objects, it may also be a single number specifying the time window around the peak to return EIC data points |
| <code>step</code>      | step size to use for profile generation   |
| <code>groupidx</code>  | either character vector with names or integer vector with indices of peak groups for which to get EICs  |
| <code>sampleidx</code> | either character vector with names or integer vector with indices of samples for which to get EICs  |
| <code>rt</code>        | "corrected" for using corrected retention times, or "raw" for using raw retention times   |

### Value

For `xcmsRaw` objects, if `rtrange` is `NULL`, an intensity matrix with a row for each `mzmin`, `mzmax` pair. Columns correspond to individual scans. If `rtrange` is not `NULL`, a list of two column (retention time/intensity) matrices, one for each `mzmin`, `mzmax` pair.

For `xcmsSet` objects, an `xcmsEIC` object.

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `getEIC(object, mzrange, rtrange = NULL, step = 0.1)`

**object = "xcmsSet"** `getEIC(object, mzrange, rtrange = 200, groupidx, sampleidx = sampnames(object), rt = c("corrected", "raw"))`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [xcmsSet-class](#), [xcmsEIC-class](#)

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getPeaks-methods    *Get peak intensities for specified regions*

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### Description

Integrate extracted ion chromatograms in pre-defined defined regions. Return output similar to [findPeaks](#).

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| object    | the <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| peakrange | matrix or data frame with 4 columns: <code>mzmin</code> , <code>mzmax</code> , <code>rtmin</code> , <code>rtmax</code> (they must be in that order or named) |
| step      | step size to use for profile generation  |

### Value

A matrix with columns:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>i</code>      | rank of peak identified in merged EIC ( $\leq$ <code>max</code> ), always NA |
| <code>mz</code>     | weighted (by intensity) mean of peak m/z across scans                        |
| <code>mzmin</code>  | m/z of minimum step  |
| <code>mzmax</code>  | m/z of maximum step  |
| <code>ret</code>    | retention time of peak midpoint  |
| <code>retmin</code> | leading edge of peak retention time  |
| <code>retmax</code> | trailing edge of peak retention time   |
| <code>into</code>   | integrated area of original (raw) peak                                       |
| <code>intf</code>   | integrated area of filtered peak, always NA                                  |
| <code>maxo</code>   | maximum intensity of original (raw) peak                                     |
| <code>maxf</code>   | maximum intensity of filtered peak, always NA                                |

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `getPeaks(object, peakrange, step = 0.1)`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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getScan-methods      *Get m/z and intensity values for a single mass scan*

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### Description

Return the data from a single mass scan using the numeric index of the scan as a reference.

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| object    | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object   |
| scan      | integer index of scan. if negative, the index numbered from the end                     |
| massrange | limit data points returned to those between in the range, <code>range(massrange)</code> |

### Value

A matrix with two columns:

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| mz        | m/z values       |
| intensity | intensity values |

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `getScan(object, scan, massrange = numeric())`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [getSpec](#)

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getSpec-methods      *Get average m/z and intensity values for multiple mass scans*

---

### Description

Return full-resolution averaged data from multiple mass scans.

### Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object  |
| ...    | arguments passed to <a href="#">profRange</a> used to sepecify the spectral segments of interest for averaging |

### Details

Based on the mass points from the spectra selected, a master unique list of masses is generated. Every spectra is interpolated at those masses and then averaged.



**Value**

A matrix with two columns:

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| mz        | m/z values       |
| intensity | intensity values |

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `getSpec(object, ...)`

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [profRange](#), [getScan](#)

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group-methods

*Group peaks from different samples together*

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**Description**

A number of grouping (or alignment) methods exist in XCMS. `group` is the generic method.

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | <a href="#">xcmsSet-class</a> object     |
| method | Method to use for grouping. See details. |
| ...    | Optional arguments to be passed along    |

**Details**

Different algorithms can be used by specifying them with the `method` argument. For example to use the density-based approach described by Smith et al (2006) one would use: `group(object, method="density")`. This is also the default.

Further arguments given by `...` are passed through to the function implementing the method.

A character vector of *nicknames* for the algorithms available is returned by `getOption("BioC")$xcms$group.methods`. If the nickname of a method is called "mzClust", the help page for that specific method can be accessed with `?group.mzClust`.

**Value**

An `xcmsSet` object with peak group assignments and statistics.

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsSet"** `group(object, ...)`

**See Also**

[group.density](#) [group.mzClust](#) [xcmsSet-class](#),

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group-methods      *Group peaks from different samples together*

---

### Description

Group peaks together across samples using overlapping m/z bins and calculation of smoothed peak distributions in chromatographic time.

### Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| object  | the <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| minfrac | minimum fraction of samples necessary in at least one of the sample groups for it to be a valid group  |
| minsamp | minimum number of samples necessary in at least one of the sample groups for it to be a valid group  |
| bw      | bandwidth (standard deviation or half width at half maximum) of gaussian smoothing kernel to apply to the peak density chromatogram  |
| mzwid   | width of overlapping m/z slices to use for creating peak density chromatograms and grouping peaks across samples   |
| max     | maximum number of groups to identify in a single m/z slice   |
| sleep   | seconds to pause between plotting successive steps of the peak grouping algorithm. peaks are plotted as points showing relative intensity. identified groups are flanked by dotted vertical lines. |

### Value

An `xcmsSet` object with peak group assignments and statistics.

### Methods

```
object = "xcmsSet" group(object, bw = 30, minfrac = 0.5, minsamp = 1, mzwid
= 0.25, max = 50, sleep = 0)
```

### See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#), [density](#)

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group.mzClust      *Group Peaks via High Resolution Alignment*

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### Description

Runs high resolution alignment on the peaks stored in a given `xcmsSet`.

### Usage

```
groupedobject <- group(object, method="mzClust", mzppm = 20, mzabs = 0, minsamp
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| object  | a xcmsSet with peaks   |
| mzppm   | the relative error used for clustering/grouping in ppm (parts per million) |
| mzabs   | the absolute error used for clustering/grouping                            |
| minsamp | set the minimum number of samples in one bin                               |
| minfrac | set the minimum fraction of each class in one bin                          |

**Value**

Returns a xcmsSet with slots groups and groupindex set.

**References**

Saira A. Kazmi, Samiran Ghosh, Dong-Guk Shin, Dennis W. Hill and David F. Grant  
*Alignment of high resolution mass spectra: development of a heuristic approach for metabolomics.*  
Metabolomics, Vol. 2, No. 2, 75-83 (2006)

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#),

**Examples**

```
## load xcms and faahKO Dataset
library(xcms)
library(faahKO)
data(faahko)
## group faahko data
##faahko_grouped <- group(faahko, method="mzClust")
## get groups
##groups <- groups(faahko_grouped)
## get grouped peak indices
##idx <- groupidx(faahko_grouped)
```

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groupnames-methods *Generate unique names for peak groups*

---

**Description**

Allow linking of peak group data between classes using unique group names that remain the same as long as no re-grouping occurs.

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| object   | the xcmsSet or xcmsEIC object  |
| mzdec    | number of decimal places to use for m/z                                      |
| rtdec    | number of decimal places to use for retention time                           |
| template | a character vector with existing group names whose format should be emulated |

**Value**

A character vector with unique names for each peak group in the object. The format is `M[m/z]T[time in seconds]`.

**Methods**

`object = "xcmsSet"` (`object`, `mzdec = 0`, `rtdec = 0`, `template = NULL`)

`object = "xcmsEIC"` (`object`)

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#), [xcmsEIC-class](#)

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groupval-methods     *Extract a matrix of peak values for each group*

---

**Description**

Generate a matrix of peak values with rows for every group and columns for every sample. The value included in the matrix can be any of the columns from the `xcmsSet` `peaks` slot matrix. Collisions where more than one peak from a single sample are in the same group get resolved with one of several user-selectable methods.

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>object</code>    | the <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| <code>method</code>    | conflict resolution method, "medret" to use the peak closest to the median retention time or "maxint" to use the peak with the highest intensity |
| <code>value</code>     | name of peak column to enter into returned matrix, or "index" for index to the corresponding row in the <code>peaks</code> slot matrix           |
| <code>intensity</code> | if <code>method == "maxint"</code> , name of peak column to use for intensity  |

**Value**

A matrix with with rows for every group and columns for every sample. Missing peaks have NA values.

**Methods**

`object = "xcmsSet"` `groupval(object, method = c("medret", "maxint"), value = "index", intensity = "into")`

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#)

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image-methods      *Plot log intensity image of a xcmsRaw object*

---

**Description**

Create log intensity false-color image of a xcmsRaw object plotted with m/z and retention time axes

**Arguments**

x                    xcmsRaw object  
col                  vector of colors to use for for the image  
...                  arguments for profRange

**Methods**

```
x = "xcmsRaw" image(x, col = rainbow(256), ...)
```

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, <csmith@scripps.edu>

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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medianFilter      *Apply a median filter to a matrix*

---

**Description**

For each element in a matrix, replace it with the median of the values around it.

**Usage**

```
medianFilter(x, mrad, nrad)
```

**Arguments**

x                    numeric matrix to median filter  
mrad                number of rows on either side of the value to use for median calculation  
nrad                number of rows on either side of the value to use for median calculation

**Value**

A matrix whose values have been median filtered

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, <csmith@scripps.edu>

**Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(1:25, nrow=5)
mat
medianFilter(mat, 1, 1)
```

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plot.xcmsEIC                      *Plot extracted ion chromatograms from multiple files*

---

**Description**

Batch plot a list of extracted ion chromatograms to the current graphics device.

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| x         | the xcmsEIC object  |
| y         | optional xcmsSet object with peak integration data  |
| groupidx  | either character vector with names or integer vector with indices of peak groups for which to plot EICs   |
| sampleidx | either character vector with names or integer vector with indices of samples for which to plot EICs   |
| rtrange   | a two column matrix with minimum and maximum retention times between which to return EIC data points<br>if it has the same number of rows as the number groups in the xcmsEIC object, then sampleidx is used to subset it. otherwise, it is repeated over the length of sampleidx<br>it may also be a single number specifying the time window around the peak for which to plot EIC data |
| col       | color to use for plotting extracted ion chromatograms. if missing and y is specified, colors are taken from unclass(sampclass(y)) and the default palette<br>if it is the same length as the number groups in the xcmsEIC object, then sampleidx is used to subset it. otherwise, it is repeated over the length of sampleidx   |
| legtext   | text to use for legend. if NULL and y is specified, legend text is taken from the sample class information found in the xcmsSet   |
| peakint   | logical, plot integrated peak area with darkened lines (requires that y also be specified)  |
| sleep     | seconds to pause between plotting EICs  |
| ...       | other graphical parameters  |

**Value**

A xcmsSet object.

**Methods**

```
x = "xcmsEIC" plot.xcmsEIC(x, y, groupidx = groupnames(x), sampleidx
= sampnames(x), rtrange = x@rtrange, col = rep(1, length(sampleidx)),
legtext = NULL, peakint = TRUE, sleep = 0, ...)
```

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

**See Also**

[xcmsEIC-class](#), [png](#), [pdf](#), [postscript](#),

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plotChrom-methods *Plot extracted ion chromatograms from the profile matrix*

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**Description**

Uses the pre-generated profile mode matrix to plot averaged or base peak extracted ion chromatograms over a specified mass range.

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| object   | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object                 |
| base     | logical, plot a base-peak chromatogram          |
| ident    | logical, use mouse to identify and label peaks  |
| fitgauss | logical, fit a gaussian to the largest peak     |
| vline    | numeric vector with locations of vertical lines |
| ...      | arguments passed to <a href="#">profRange</a>   |

**Value**

If `ident == TRUE`, an integer vector with the indices of the points that were identified. If `fitgauss == TRUE`, a `nls` model with the fitted gaussian. Otherwise a two-column matrix with the plotted points.

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotChrom(object, base = FALSE, ident = FALSE, fitgauss  
= FALSE, vline = numeric(0), ...)
```

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotPeaks-methods *Plot a grid of a large number of peaks*

---

### Description

Plot extracted ion chromatograms for many peaks simultaneously, indicating peak integration start and end points with vertical grey lines.

### Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object  |
| peaks  | matrix with peak information as produced by <code>findPeaks</code>   |
| figs   | two-element vector describing the number of rows and the number of columns of peaks to plot, if missing then an approximately square grid that will fit the number of peaks supplied |
| width  | width of chromatogram retention time to plot for each peak   |

### Details

This function is intended to help graphically analyze the results of peak picking. It can help estimate the number of false positives and improper integration start and end points. Its output is very compact and tries to waste as little space as possible. Each plot is labeled with rounded  $m/z$  and retention time separated by a space.

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `plotPeaks(object, peaks, figs, width = 200)`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [findPeaks](#), [split.screen](#)

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plotRaw-methods *Scatterplot of raw data points*

---

### Description

Produce a scatterplot showing raw data point location in retention time and  $m/z$ . This plot is more useful for centroided data than continuum data.

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| object    | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object  |
| massrange | numeric vector of length $\geq 2$ whose range will be used to select the masses to plot          |
| timerange | numeric vector of length $\geq 2$ whose range will be used to select the retention times to plot |
| scanrange | numeric vector of length $\geq 2$ whose range will be used to select scans to plot               |
| log       | logical, log transform intensity   |
| title     | main title of the plot   |



**Value**

A matrix with the points plotted.

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotRaw(object, massrange = numeric(), timerange = numeric(),
  scanrange = numeric(), log=FALSE, title='Raw Data')
```

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotScan-methods    *Plot a single mass scan*

---

**Description**

Plot a single mass scan using the impulse representation. Most useful for centroided data.

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| object    | the xcmsRaw object  |
| scan      | integer with number of scan to plot   |
| massrange | numeric vector of length $\geq 2$ whose range will be used to select masses to plot |
| ident     | logical, use mouse to interactively identify and label individual masses            |

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotScan(object, scan, massrange = numeric(), ident
  = FALSE)
```

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotSpec-methods    *Plot mass spectra from the profile matrix*

---

**Description**

Uses the pre-generated profile mode matrix to plot mass spectra over a specified retention time range.

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | the xcmsRaw object                              |
| ident  | logical, use mouse to identify and label peaks  |
| vline  | numeric vector with locations of vertical lines |
| ...    | arguments passed to <a href="#">profRange</a>   |

**Value**

If `ident == TRUE`, an integer vector with the indecies of the points that were identified. Otherwise a two-column matrix with the plotted points.

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotSpec(object, ident = FALSE, vline = numeric(0),  
...)
```

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotSurf-methods    *Plot profile matrix 3D surface using OpenGL*

---

**Description**

This method uses the `rgl` package to create interactive three dimensional representations of the profile matrix. It uses the terrain color scheme.

**Arguments**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>object</code> | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object  |
| <code>log</code>    | logical, log transform intensity   |
| <code>aspect</code> | numeric vector with aspect ratio of the m/z, retention time and intensity components of the plot |
| <code>...</code>    | arguments passed to <a href="#">profRange</a>  |

**Details**

The `rgl` package is still in development and imposes some limitations on the output format. A bug in the axis label code means that the axis labels only go from 0 to the aspect ratio constant of that axis. Additionally the axes are not labeled with what they are.

It is important to only plot a small portion of the profile matrix. Large portions can quickly overwhelm your CPU and memory.

**Methods**

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotSurf(object, log = FALSE, aspect = c(1, 1, .5),  
...)
```

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotTIC-methods      *Plot total ion count*

---

### Description

Plot chromatogram of total ion count. Optionally allow identification of target peaks and viewing/identification of individual spectra.

### Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object                                |
| ident  | logical, use mouse to identify and label chromatographic peaks |
| ident  | logical, use mouse to identify and label spectral peaks        |

### Value

If `ident == TRUE`, an integer vector with the indices of the points that were identified. Otherwise a two-column matrix with the plotted points.

### Methods

```
object = "xcmsRaw" plotTIC(object, ident = FALSE, msident = FALSE)
```

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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plotrt-methods      *Plot retention time deviation profiles*

---

### Description

Use corrected retention times for each sample to calculate retention time deviation profiles and plot each on the same graph.

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| object   | the <code>xcmsSet</code> object                         |
| col      | vector of colors for plotting each sample               |
| ty       | vector of line and point types for plotting each sample |
| leg      | logical plot legend with sample labels                  |
| densplit | logical, also plot peak overall peak density            |

### Methods

```
object = "xcmsSet" plotrt(object, col = NULL, ty = NULL, leg = TRUE, densplit = FALSE)
```

### See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#), [retcor](#)

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profMedFilt-methods

*Median filtering of the profile matrix*

---

### Description

Apply a median filter of given size to a profile matrix.

### Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object   |
| massrad | number of m/z grid points on either side to use for median calculation  |
| scanrad | number of scan grid points on either side to use for median calculation |

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `profMedFilt(object, massrad = 0, scanrad = 0)`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [medianFilter](#)

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profMethod-methods *Get and set method for generating profile data*

---

### Description

These methods get and set the method for generating profile (matrix) data from raw mass spectral data. It can currently be `bin`, `binlin`, `binlinbase`, or `intlin`.

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `profMethod(object)`

### See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [profMethod](#), [profBin](#), [plotSpec](#), [plotChrom](#), [findPeaks](#)

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profRange-methods *Specify a subset of profile mode data*

---

### Description

Specify a subset of the profile mode matrix given a mass, time, or scan range. Allow flexible user entry for other functions.

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| object    | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object                     |
| massrange | single numeric mass or vector of masses             |
| timerange | single numeric time (in seconds) or vector of times |
| scanrange | single integer scan index or vector of indecies     |
| ...       | arguments to other functions                        |

### Details

This function handles selection of mass/time subsets of the profile matrix for other functions. It allows the user to specify such subsets in a variety of flexible ways with minimal typing.

Because R does partial argument matching, `massrange`, `scanrange`, and `timerange` can be specified in short form using `m=`, `s=`, and `t=`, respectively. If both a `scanrange` and `timerange` are specified, then the `timerange` specification takes precedence.

When specifying ranges, you may either enter a single number or a numeric vector. If a single number is entered, then the closest single scan or mass value is selected. If a vector is entered, then the range is set to the `range()` of the values entered. That allows specification of ranges using shortened, slightly non-standard syntax. For example, one could specify 400 to 500 seconds using any of the following: `t=c(400, 500)`, `t=c(500, 400)`, or `t=400:500`. Use of the sequence operator (`:`) can save several keystrokes when specifying ranges. However, while the sequence operator works well for specifying integer ranges, fractional ranges do not always work as well.

### Value

A list with the folloing items:

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| massrange | numeric vector with start and end mass  |
| masslab   | textual label of mass range             |
| massidx   | integer vector of mass indecies         |
| scanrange | integer vector with start and end scans |
| scanlab   | textual label of scan range             |
| scanidx   | integer vector of scan range            |
| timerange | numeric vector of start and end times   |
| timelab   | textual label of time range             |

### Methods

**object = "xcmsRaw"** `profRange(object, massrange = numeric(), timerange = numeric(), scanrange = numeric(), ...)`

**See Also**[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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profStep-methods     *Get and set m/z step for generating profile data*

---

**Description**

These methods get and set the m/z step for generating profile (matrix) data from raw mass spectral data. Smaller steps yield more precision at the cost of greater memory usage.

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsRaw"** profStep(object)

**See Also**[xcmsRaw-class](#), [profMethod](#)

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rawEIC-methods     *Get extracted ion chromatograms for specified m/z range*

---

**Description**

Generate extracted ion chromatogram for m/z values of interest. The raw data is used in contrast to [getEIC](#) which uses data from the profile matrix.

**Arguments**

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| object    | xcmsRaw object     |
| massrange | m/z range for EIC  |
| scanrange | scan range for EIC |

**Value**

A list of :

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| scan      | scan number            |
| intensity | added intensity values |

**Methods**

**object = "xcmsRaw"** rawEIC(object, massrange, scanrange=c(1,length(object@scantime)))

**Author(s)**

Ralf Tautenhahn, (rtautenh@ipb-halle.de)

**See Also**[xcmsRaw-class](#)

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retcor-methods      *Align retention times across samples*

---

## Description

Use “well behaved” peak groups to calculate retention time deviations for every time point of each sample. Use smoothed deviations to align retention times.

## Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| object   | the <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| missing  | number of missing samples to allow in retention time correction groups   |
| extra    | number of extra peaks to allow in retention time correction correction groups  |
| method   | either "loess" for non-linear alignment or "linear" for linear alignment   |
| span     | degree of smoothing for local polynomial regression fitting  |
| family   | if <code>gaussian</code> fitting is by least-squares with no outlier removal, and if <code>symmetric</code> a re-descending M estimator is used with Tukey's biweight function, allowing outlier removal |
| plottype | if <code>deviation</code> plot retention time deviation points and regression fit, and if <code>mdevden</code> also plot peak overall peak density and retention time correction peak density            |
| col      | vector of colors for plotting each sample  |
| ty       | vector of line and point types for plotting each sample  |

## Value

An `xcmsSet` object

## Methods

```
object = "xcmsSet" retcor(object, missing = 1, extra = 1, method = c("loess",  
  "linear"), span = .2, family = c("gaussian", "symmetric"), plottype  
  = c("none", "deviation", "mdevden"), col = NULL, ty = NULL)
```

## See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#), [loess](#)

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`retexp`*Set retention time window to a specified width*

---

**Description**

Expands (or contracts) the retention time window in each row of a matrix as defined by the `retmin` and `retmax` columns.

**Usage**

```
retexp(peakrange, width = 200)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>peakrange</code> | matrix with columns <code>retmin</code> and <code>retmax</code> |
| <code>width</code>     | new width for the window  |

**Value**

The altered matrix.

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, <csmith@scripps.edu>

**See Also**

[getEIC](#)

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`samprnames-methods` *Get sample names*

---

**Description**

Return sample names for an object

**Value**

A character vector with sample names.

**Methods**

`object = "xcmsEIC"` `samprnames(object)`

`object = "xcmsSet"` `samprnames(object)`

**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#), [xcmsEIC-class](#)



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`score_fun`*Scoring for MS/MS spectra*

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**Description**

A similarity scoring function for MS/MS spectra against a reference.

**Usage**

```
score_fun(ref, exp, ppmval)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <code>ref</code>    | An array of numbers for the reference |
| <code>exp</code>    | An array of numbers for the test      |
| <code>ppmval</code> | Error to match to in ppm              |

**Details**

A simple scoring function to score two arrays of numbers and give a percentage match between the two. Uses a distance and similarity matrix score system. When the two scores are calculated the percentage score is calculated from the theoretical maximum score and the theoretical minimum score.

**Value**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>score</code> | Percentage score between the two arrays |
|--------------------|---|

**Author(s)**

H. Paul Benton, (hpbenton@scripps.edu)

**References**

H. Paul Benton, D.M. Wong, S.A. Strauger, G. Siuzdak "XCM<sup>2</sup>:" Analytical Chemistry 2008

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`searchMetlin`*Search Metlin Online Database*

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**Description**

A method for searching *MS*<sup>2</sup> data against the accurate *MS*<sup>2</sup> METLIN database

**Usage**

```
searchMetlin(object, ppmfrag=10, ppmMZ= 5, file, MS1data=FALSE,  
metXML="metlin", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | An xcmsFragment object generated by xcmsRaw.collect       |
| ppmfrag | Error in ppm for each fragment                            |
| ppmMZ   | Error in ppm for precursor mass                           |
| file    | Name of the results file                                  |
| MS1data | Should accurate mass alone be search as well              |
| metXML  | location of metlin like XML file or "metlin" as a default |
| ...     | Arguments to plot.metlin()                                |

**Details**

This method automates the task of MS/MS comparison to a reference library. By default the METLIN database is used however this can be changed with the `metXML` parameter.

The search first identifies precursors that match entries in the current METLIN databass using the specified error given by `ppmMZ`. Once a matching  $m/z$  value is found, MS/MS data is searched. Each fragment is identified and compared to the reference fragments with error specified by `ppmfrag`. Each match is done using a score schema of the difference and similarity of the two spectra. This value is the equiovacated against the possible maximum and minimum.

For each match a plot of the two MS/MS spectra are given. These are found using the `A` and `B` parameter

**Value**

A data frame with the following columns:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| A                           | Location of the plot  |
| B                           | Seconded number locator for plot                                      |
| Precursor Ion               | M/Z of the precursor Ion  |
| rtmin                       | Start of rt window  |
| rtmax                       | End of rt window  |
| CollisionEnergy experiment" | Collision energy of the experiment                                    |
| CollisionEnergy Reference   | Collision energy of the reference                                     |
| Percentage Match"           | Match percentage of the reference spectra to the experimental spectra |
| Metlin Mass                 | The mass of the reference precursor ion                               |
| # matching"                 | The number of matching fragment                                       |
| # non-matching              | The number of non-matching fragments                                  |
| Total # Ref ion             | The total number of fragment reference ions                           |
| Metlin ID Name              | Name of the identified meatbolite                                     |
| Ionization                  | Is the reference spectra in '-' mode or '+' mode                      |
| Adduct                      | Is the reference spectra an adduct of the precursor                   |

**Author(s)**

H. Paul Benton, (hpbenton@scripps.edu)

**References**

H. Paul Benton, D.M. Wong, S.A.Strauger, G. Siuzdak "XCMS<sup>2</sup>" Analytical Chemistry 2008

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 simSearch

*Unrestricted precursor Metlin Search*


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**Description**

A method for searching  $MS^2$  data against the METLIN Database without a precursor restraint.

**Usage**

```
simSearch(object, ppmfrag=20, percent=50, file, fullReport=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| object     | An xcmsFragment object generated by xcmsRaw.collect |
| ppmfrag    | Error on fragment masses in ppm                     |
| percent    | Percentage threshold to use for identification      |
| file       | Name of the output files                            |
| fullReport | Should a full report be generated                   |
| ...        | Arguments to plot.metlin()                          |

**Details**

This method searches the METLIN database for similar MS/MS spectra and ranks them on a fragment score and a neutral loss score. Both of these scores work on a `score_fun` method. The search takes `xcmsFragment` objects and searches the database with an unrestricted precursor, thereby searching all spectra in the METLIN database. The `percent` variable can be used to remove spectra that are below the accepted percentage similarity. The percentage similarity is an independent variable for both the fragment search and the neutral loss search. The method generates two files when the `fullReport` variable is set to `TRUE`. The default file shows the top 5  $m/z$ 's most frequently matched. This gives a guide as fragments and neutral losses which should be inspected with a formula calculator. The second file which is printed to a variable and or to the second file is a full report of the data. This report includes metabolite names from the METLIN database and gives both the fragment score and the neutral loss score thereby giving a confidence to the likelihood of the possible molecule/family of molecules.

**Value**

A data frame with the following columns:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>m/z</code>   | Precursor $m/z$ of the Experimental spectra |
| <code>rtmin</code> | Start of the <code>rt</code> window         |
| <code>rtmax</code> | End of the <code>rt</code> window           |

Experiment Collision Energy  
     Experimental spectra Collision Energy  
 Fragment Score  
     Score of the Fragments  
 Neutral Score  
     Score of the Neutral loss  
 Common Neutral loss  
     m/z of the most matching neutral loss  
 Common Fragment  
     m/z of the most matching fragment  
 Compound Name  
     Name of the compound from METLIN  
 Metlin Mass   The mass as reported by METLIN  
 Collision Energy  
     The collision energy of the metlin spectra

**Author(s)**

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**References**

H. Paul Benton, D.M. Wong, S.A. Strauger, G. Siuzdak "XCM<sup>2</sup>:" Analytical Chemistry 2008

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specNoise

*Calculate noise for a sparse continuum mass spectrum*

---

**Description**

Given a sparse continuum mass spectrum, determine regions where no signal is present, substituting half of the minimum intensity for those regions. Calculate the noise level as the weighted mean of the regions with signal and the regions without signal.

**Usage**

```
specNoise(spec, gap = quantile(diff(spec[, "mz"]), 0.9))
```

**Arguments**

spec           matrix with named columns `mz` and `intensity`  
 gap           threshold above which to data points are considered to be separated by a blank region and not bridged by an interpolating line

**Details**

The default gap value is determined from the 90th percentile of the pair-wise differences between adjacent mass values.

**Value**

A numeric noise level

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, <csmith@scripps.edu>

**See Also**

[getSpec](#), [specPeaks](#)

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specPeaks

*Identify peaks in a sparse continuum mode spectrum*

---

**Description**

Given a spectrum, identify and list significant peaks as determined by several criteria.

**Usage**

```
specPeaks(spec, sn = 20, mzgap = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| spec  | matrix with named columns <code>mz</code> and <code>intensity</code>       |
| sn    | minimum signal to noise ratio  |
| mzgap | minimal distance between adjacent peaks, with smaller peaks being excluded |

**Details**

Peaks must meet two criteria to be considered peaks: 1) Their s/n ratio must exceed a certain threshold. 2) They must not be within a given distance of any greater intensity peaks.

**Value**

A matrix with columns:

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| mz        | m/z at maximum peak intensity      |
| intensity | maximum intensity of the peak      |
| fwhm      | full width at half max of the peak |

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, <csmith@scripps.edu>

**See Also**

[getSpec](#), [specNoise](#)

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`split.xcmsSet`      *Divide an xcmsSet object*

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### Description

Divides the samples and peaks from a `xcmsSet` object into a list of multiple objects. Group data is discarded.

### Arguments

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <code>xs</code>   | <code>xcmsSet</code> object  |
| <code>f</code>    | factor such that <code>factor(f)</code> defines the grouping                                       |
| <code>drop</code> | logical indicating if levels that do not occur should be dropped (if 'f' is a 'factor' or a list). |
| <code>...</code>  | further potential arguments passed to methods.   |

### Value

A list of `xcmsSet` objects.

### Methods

**xs = "xcmsSet"** `split(x, f, drop = TRUE, ...)`

### Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

### See Also

[xcmsSet-class](#)

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`write.cdf-methods`      *Save an xcmsRaw object to file*

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### Description

Write the raw data to a (simple) CDF file.

### Arguments

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>object</code>   | the <code>xcmsRaw</code> object   |
| <code>filename</code> | filename (may include full path) for the CDF file. Pipes or URLs are not allowed. |

### Details

Currently the only application known to read the resulting file is XCMS. Others, especially those which build on the AndiMS library, will refuse to load the output.

**Value**

None.

**Methods**

**object** = "xcmsRaw" write.cdf(object, filename)

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [xcmsRaw](#),

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|---------------|--|
| xcmsEIC-class | <i>Class xcmsEIC, a class for multi-sample extracted ion chromatograms</i> |
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**Description**

This class is used to store and plot parallel extracted ion chromatograms from multiple sample files. It integrates with the `xcmsSet` class to display peak area integrated during peak identification or fill-in.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created with the `getEIC` method of the `xcmsSet` class. Objects can also be created by calls of the form `new("xcmsEIC", ...)`.

**Slots**

**eic**: list containing named entries for every sample. for each entry, a list of two column EIC matrices with retention time and intensity

**mzrange**: two column matrix containing starting and ending m/z for each EIC

**rtrange**: two column matrix containing starting and ending time for each EIC

**rt**: either "raw" or "corrected" to specify retention times contained in the object

**groupnames**: group names from `xcmsSet` object used to generate EICs

**Methods**

**groupnames** signature(object = "xcmsEIC"): get groupnames slot

**mzrange** signature(object = "xcmsEIC"): get mzrange slot

**plot** signature(x = "xcmsEIC"): plot the extracted ion chromatograms

**rtrange** signature(object = "xcmsEIC"): get rtrange slot

**sampnames** signature(object = "xcmsEIC"): get sample names

**Note**

No notes yet.

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

**See Also**[getEIC](#)

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`xcmsFragments-class`*Class xcmsFragments, a class for handling Tandem MS and MS<sup>n</sup> data*

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**Description**

This class is similar to [xcmsSet](#) because it stores peaks from a number of individual files. However, xcmsFragments keeps Tandem MS and e.g. Ion Trap or Orbitrap MS<sup>n</sup> peaks, including the parent ion relationships.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created with the [xcmsFragments](#) constructor and filled with peaks using the collect method.

**Slots**

**peaks:** matrix with columns peakID (MS1 parent in corresponding xcmsSet), MSnParentPeakID (parent peak within this xcmsFragments), msLevel (e.g. 2 for Tandem MS), rt (retention time in case of LC data), mz (fragment mass-to-charge), intensity (peak intensity as reported by XXX), sample (The ID of the rawData-file).

**Methods**

**collect** signature(object = "xcmsFragments"): gets a xcmsSet-object, collects ms1-peaks from it and the msn-peaks from the corresponding xcmsRaw-files.

**plotTree** signature(object = "xcmsFragments"): prints a (text based) pseudo-tree of the peaktable to display the dependencies of the peaks among each other.

**show** signature(object = "xcmsFragments"): print a human-readable description of this object to the console.

**Note**

No notes yet.

**Author(s)**

S. Neumann, J. Kutzera

**References**

A parallel effort in metabolite profiling data sharing: <http://metlin.scripps.edu/>

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw](#)



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|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| xcmsFragments | <i>Constructor for xcmsFragments objects which holds Tandem MS peaks</i> |
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## Description

### EXPERIMENTAL FEATURE

xcmsFragments is an object similar to xcmsSet, which holds peaks picked (or collected) from one or several xcmsRaw objects.

There are still discussions going on about the exact API for MS<sup>n</sup> data, so this is likely to change in the future. The code is not yet pipeline-ified.

## Usage

```
xcmsFragments(xs, ...)
```

## Arguments

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| xs  | A <code>xcmsSet-class</code> object which contains picked ms1-peaks from one or several experiments |
| ... | further arguments to the <code>collect</code> method  |

## Details

After running `collect(xFragments,xSet)` The peaktable of the xcmsFragments includes the ms1Peaks from all experinemts stored in a xcmsSet-object. Further it contains the relevant MSn-peaks from the xcmsRaw-objects, which were created temporarily with the paths in xcmsSet.

## Value

An xcmsFragments object.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

`xcmsFragments-class`, `collect`

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|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| xcmsPapply | <i>xcmsPapply</i> |
|------------|-------------------|

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### Description

An apply-like function which uses Rmpi to distribute the processing evenly across a cluster. Will use a non-MPI version if distributed processing is not available.

### Usage

```
xcmsPapply(arg_sets, papply_action, papply_commdata = list(),
           show_errors = TRUE, do_trace = FALSE, also_trace = c())
```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| arg_sets        | a list, where each item will be given as an argument to papply_action  |
| papply_action   | A function which takes one argument. It will be called on each element of arg_sets   |
| papply_commdata | A list containing the names and values of variables to be accessible to the papply_action. 'attach' is used locally to import this list. |
| show_errors     | If set to TRUE, overrides Rmpi's default, and messages for errors which occur in R slaves are produced.                                  |
| do_trace        | If set to TRUE, causes the papply_action function to be traced. i.e. Each statement is output before it is executed by the slaves.       |
| also_trace      | If supplied an array of function names, as strings, tracing will also occur for the specified functions.                                 |

### Details

Similar to apply and lapply, applies a function to all items of a list, and returns a list with the corresponding results.

Uses Rmpi to implement a pull idiom in order to distribute the processing evenly across a cluster. If Rmpi is not available, or there are no slaves, implements this as a non-parallel algorithm.

xcmsPapply is a modified version of the papply function from package papply 0.2 (Duane Currie). Parts of the slave function were wrapped in try() to make it failsafe and progress output was added.

Make sure Rmpi was installed properly by executing the example below. Rmpi was tested with

- OpenMPI : Unix, <http://www.open-mpi.org/>, don't forget to export MPI\_ROOT before installing Rmpi e.g. export MPI\_ROOT=/usr/lib/openmpi
- DeinoMPI : Windows, <http://mpi.deino.net/>, also see <http://www.stats.uwo.ca/faculty/yu/Rmpi/>

### Value

A list of return values from papply\_action. Each value corresponds to the element of arg\_sets used as a parameter to papply\_action

**Note**

Does not support distributing recursive calls in parallel. If papply is used inside papply\_action, it will call a non-parallel version

**Author(s)**

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**References**

<http://ace.acadiau.ca/math/ACMMaC/software/papply/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(Rmpi)
library(xcms)

number_lists <- list(1:10, 4:40, 2:27)

mpi.spawn.Rslaves(nslaves=2)

results <- xcmsPapply(number_lists, sum)
results

mpi.close.Rslaves()

## End(Not run)
```

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xcmsRaw-class

*Class xcmsRaw, a class for handling raw data*

---

**Description**

This class handles processing and visualization of the raw data from a single LC/MS or GS/MS run. It includes methods for producing a standard suite of plots including individual spectra, multi-scan average spectra, TIC, and EIC. It will also produce a feature list of significant peaks using matched filtration.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created with the `xcmsRaw` constructor which reads data from a NetCDF file into a new object.

**Slots**

**env:** environment with three variables: `mz` - concatenated m/z values for all scans, `intensity` - corresponding signal intensity for each m/z value, and `profile` - matrix representation of the intensity values with columns representing scans and rows representing equally spaced m/z values

**tic:** numeric vector with total ion count (intensity) for each scan

**scantime:** numeric vector with acquisition time (in seconds) for each scan

**scanindex:** integer vector with starting positions of each scan in the `mz` and `intensity` variables (note that index values are based off a 0 initial position instead of 1)

**profmethod:** character value with name of method used for generating the profile matrix

**mzrange:** numeric vector of length 2 with minimum and maximum `m/z` values represented in the profile matrix

**gradient:** matrix with first row, `time`, containing the time point for interpolation and successive columns representing solvent fractions at each point

**msmsinfo:** matrix with first row, `parent`, containing parent ion `m/z` and successive columns representing additional information about fragmentation (energy, etc.)

## Methods

**findPeaks** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): feature detection using matched filtration in the chromatographic time domain

**getEIC** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get extracted ion chromatograms in specified `m/z` ranges

**getPeaks** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get data for peaks in specified `m/z` and time ranges

**getScan** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get `m/z` and intensity values for a single mass scan

**getSpec** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get average `m/z` and intensity values for multiple mass scans

**image** signature(x = "xcmsRaw"): get data for peaks in specified `m/z` and time ranges

**plotChrom** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): plot a chromatogram from profile data

**plotRaw** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): plot locations of raw intensity data points

**plotScan** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): plot a mass spectrum of an individual scan from the raw data

**plotSpec** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): plot a mass spectrum from profile data

**plotSurf** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): experimental method for plotting 3D surface of profile data with `rgl`.

**plotTIC** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): plot total ion count chromatogram

**profMedFilt** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): median filter profile data in time and `m/z` dimensions

**profMethod<-** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): change the method of generating the profile matrix

**profMethod** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get the method of generating the profile matrix

**profMz** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get vector of `m/z` values for each row of the profile matrix

**profRange** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): interpret flexible ways of specifying subsets of the profile matrix

**profStep<-** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): change the `m/z` step used for generating the profile matrix

**profStep** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): get the `m/z` step used for generating the profile matrix

**revMz** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): reverse the order of the data points for each scan

**sortMz** signature(object = "xcmsRaw"): sort the data points by increasing `m/z` for each scan

**Note**

No notes yet.

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

**References**

A parallel effort in metabolite profiling data sharing: <http://metlin.scripps.edu/>

**See Also**

[xcmsRaw](#)

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xcmsRaw

*Constructor for xcmsRaw objects which reads NetCDF/mzXML files*

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**Description**

This function handles the task of reading a NetCDF/mzXML file containing LC/MS or GC/MS data into a new `xcmsRaw` object. It also transforms the data into profile (maxrix) mode for efficient plotting and data exploration.

**Usage**

```
xcmsRaw(filename, profstep = 1, profmethod = "intlin", profparam =  
list(), includeMSn=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>filename</code>   | path name of the NetCDF or mzXML file to read                                      |
| <code>profstep</code>   | step size (in m/z) to use for profile generation                                   |
| <code>profmethod</code> | method to use for profile generation   |
| <code>profparam</code>  | extra parameters to use for profile generation                                     |
| <code>includeMSn</code> | only for XML file formats: also read $MS^n$ (Tandem-MS of Ion-/Orbi- Trap spectra) |

**Details**

If `profstep` is set to 0, no profile matrix is generated. Unless `includeMSn=TRUE` only first level MS data is read, not MS/MS, etc.)

**Value**

A `xcmsRaw` object.

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

## References

NetCDF file format: <http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf/>  
<http://www.astm.org/Standards/E2077.htm>  
<http://www.astm.org/Standards/E2078.htm>

mzXML file format: [http://sashimi.sourceforge.net/software\\_glossolalia.html](http://sashimi.sourceforge.net/software_glossolalia.html)

PSI-MS working group who developed mzData and mzML file formats: <http://www.psidev.info/index.php?q=node/80>

Parser used for XML file formats: <http://tools.proteomecenter.org/wiki/index.php?title=Software:RAMP>

## See Also

[xcmsRaw-class](#), [profStep](#), [profMethod](#) [xcmsFragments](#)

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xcmsSet-class

*Class xcmsSet, a class for preprocessing peak data*

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## Description

This class transforms a set of peaks from multiple LC/MS or GC/MS samples into a matrix of preprocessed data. It groups the peaks and does nonlinear retention time correction without internal standards. It fills in missing peak values from raw data. Lastly, it generates extracted ion chromatograms for ions of interest.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with the `xcmsSet` constructor which gathers peaks from a set NetCDF files. Objects can also be created by calls of the form `new("xcmsSet", ...)`.

## Slots

**peaks:** matrix containing peak data

**groups:** matrix containing statistics about peak groups

**groupidx:** list containing indices of peaks in each group

**phenoData:** a data frame containing the experimental design factors

**rt:** list containing two lists, `raw` and `corrected`, each containing retention times for every scan of every sample

**filepaths:** character vector with absolute path name of each NetCDF file

**profinfo:** list containing two values, `method` - profile generation method, and `step` - profile m/z step size

**Methods**

**c** signature("xcmsSet"): combine objects together

**filepaths<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set filepaths slot

**filepaths** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get filepaths slot

**diffreport** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): create report of differentially regulated ions including EICs

**fillPeaks** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): fill in peak data for groups with missing peaks

**getEIC** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get list of EICs for each sample in the set

**groupidx<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set groupidx slot

**groupidx** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get groupidx slot

**groupnames** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get textual names for peak groups

**groups<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set groups slot

**groups** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get groups slot

**groupval** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get matrix of values from peak data with a row for each peak group

**group** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): find groups of peaks across samples that share similar m/z and retention times

**peaks<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set peaks slot

**peaks** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get peaks slot

**plotrt** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): plot retention time deviation profiles

**profinfo<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set profinfo slot

**profinfo** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get profinfo slot

**retcor** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): use initial grouping of peaks to do nonlinear loess retention time correction

**sampclass<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): **DEPRECATED.** If used, the experimental design will be replaced with a data frame with a single column matching the supplied factor.

**sampclass** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get the interaction of the experimental design factors

**phenoData<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set the phenoData slot

**phenoData** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get the phenoData slot

**sampnames<-** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): set rownames in the phenoData slot

**sampnames** signature(object = "xcmsSet"): get rownames in the phenoData slot

**split** signature("xcmsSet"): divide into a list of objects

**Note**

No notes yet.

**Author(s)**

Colin A. Smith, (csmith@scripps.edu)

**References**

A parallel effort in metabolite profiling data sharing: <http://metlin.scripps.edu/>

**See Also**

[xcmsSet](#)

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|---------|--|
| xcmsSet | <i>Constructor for xcmsSet objects which finds peaks in NetCDF/mzXML files</i> |
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**Description**

This function handles the construction of xcmsSet objects. It finds peaks in batch mode and pre-sorts files from subdirectories into different classes suitable for grouping.

**Usage**

```
xcmsSet(files = NULL, snames = NULL, sclass = NULL, phenoData = NULL,
        profmethod = "bin", profparam = list(), nSlaves=0, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| files      | path names of the NetCDF/mzXML files to read  |
| snames     | sample names  |
| sclass     | sample classes  |
| phenoData  | sample names and classes  |
| profmethod | method to use for profile generation  |
| profparam  | parameters to use for profile generation  |
| nSlaves    | number of MPI-slaves to use for parallel peak detection, works only if Rmpi is installed properly, see <a href="#">xcmsPapply</a> . |
| ...        | further arguments to the <code>findPeaks</code> method of the <code>xcmsRaw</code> class  |

**Details**

The default values of the `files`, `snames`, `sclass`, and `phenoData` arguments cause the function to recursively search for readable files. The filename without extension is used for the sample name. The subdirectory path is used for the sample class.

**Value**

A `xcmsSet` object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[xcmsSet-class](#), [findPeaks](#), [profStep](#), [profMethod](#)



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