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**Description** The outcome of XCMS data processing strongly depends on the parameter settings. IPO ( Isotopologue Parameter Optimization ) is a parameter optimization tool that is applicable for different kinds of samples and liquid chromatography coupled to high resolution mass spectrometry devices, fast and free of labeling steps. IPO uses natural, stable <sup>13</sup>C isotopes to calculate a peak picking score. Retention time correction is optimized by minimizing the relative retention time differences within features and grouping parameters are optimized by maximizing the number of features showing exactly one peak from each injection of a pooled sample. The different parameter settings are achieved by design of experiment. The resulting scores are evaluated using response surface models.

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## Description

IPO provides a framework for parameter optimization for the software package XCMS. It provides optimisation of peak picking parameters by using natural, stable  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes. Retention time correction is optimized by minimizing the relative retention time differences within features and grouping parameters are optimized by maximizing the number of features showing exactly one peak from each injection of a pooled sample.

## Details

An overview of how to use the package, including the most important functions

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**References**

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**See Also**

[xcms](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
mtbls2files <- list.files(file.path(find.package("mtbls2"), "mzML"),
                          full.names=TRUE)

paramsPP <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
paramsPP$mzdiff <- -0.001
#paramsPP$ppm <- 25
paramsPP$min_peakwidth <- c(7,14)
paramsPP$max_peakwidth <- c(20,30)
paramsPP$noise <- 10000
resultPP <- optimizeXcmsSet(mtbls2files[1:2], paramsPP, subdir="mtbls2")

paramsRG <- getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams()
paramsRG$gapInit <- 0.2
paramsRG$profStep <- 1
paramsRG$minfrac <- 0.75
resultRG <- optimizeRetGroup(resultPP$best_settings$xset, paramsRG, nSlaves=2)

writeRScript(resultPP$best_settings$parameters, resultRG$best_settings,
             subdir="mtbls2", 4)

## End(Not run)
```

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attachList	<i>Attaching one list at the end of another</i>
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**Description**

This function attaches one list at the end of another list.

**Usage**

```
attachList(params_1, params_2)
```

**Arguments**

params_1	A List
params_2	A second list which will be attached at the end of the first list.

**Details**

This is a convenience funktion, but the implementation is not optimized for speed.

**Value**

A List composed of the two input lists.

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller

**Examples**

```
a <- list("a"=1, "b"=2)
b <- list("c"=4, "d"=4)
attachList(a, b)
```

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calcPPS	<i>Calculation of a peak picking score (PPS) by using natural, stable 13C isotopes</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates PPS by identifying natural, stable 13C isotopes within an xcmsSet object. Peaks beeing part of an isotopologue are defined as reliable peaks (RP). Peaks which are not part of an isotopologue and where the intensity of possible isotopes is below a cutoff are defined as 'low intensity peaks' (LIP). PPS is then calculated by:  
$$PPS = RP^2 / (\#all\_peaks - LIP)$$

**Usage**

```
calcPPS(xset, isotopeIdentification, ...)
```

## Arguments

xset	xcmsSet object
isotopeIdentification	This parameter defines the method for isotope identification. The method IPO was especially implemented for high resolution data. CAMERA is an established isotope and adduct annotation package.
...	Additional parameters to CAMERA's findIsotopes function.

## Details

Calculation of a peak picking score (PPS) by using natural, stable <sup>13</sup>C isotopes

## Value

An array with 5 items:

1. Space for experimentid of the Design of Experiments (0 since not known in calcPPS)
2. Number of peaks
3. Number of peaks without LIP and RP
4. Reliable peaks (RP)
5. Peak picking score (PPS)

## Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

## See Also

[findIsotopes.IPO](#) [findIsotopes.CAMERA](#)

## Examples

```
mzmlfile <- file.path(find.package("msdata"), "microtofq/MM14.mzML")
xset <- xcmsSet(mzmlfile, peakwidth=c(5,12), method="centWave")
calcPPS(xset)
```

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calculateXcmsSet      *Calculation of an xcmsSet-Object*

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## Description

This function encapsulates xcms::findPeaks-methods for IPO

## Usage

```
calculateXcmsSet(files, xcmsSetParameters, scanrange=NULL, task=1,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(), nSlaves=0)
```

## Arguments

files	a vector containing the files for peak picking
xcmsSetParameters	a list with all parameters for <code>xcmsSet</code> -methods as list-items
scanrange	scan range to process. See <code>findPeaks.centWave</code> .
task	The task-id when using this method in parallel calculations.
BPPARAM	a <code>BiocParallel</code> parameter object to control how and if parallel processing of <code>xcmsSet</code> should be performed. Such objects can be created by the <code>SerialParam</code> , <code>MulticoreParam</code> or <code>SnowParam</code> functions.
nSlaves	<code>xcmsSet</code> 's <code>nSlaves</code> -argument is deprecated., use <code>BPPARAM</code> argument instead.

## Details

Encapsulation of `xcms::findPeaks`-methods used in IPO.

## Value

An `xcmsSet`-object

## Author(s)

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## References

Smith, C.A. and Want, E.J. and O'Maille, G. and Abagyan, R. and Siuzdak, G.: XCMS: Processing mass spectrometry data for metabolite profiling using nonlinear peak alignment, matching and identification, *Analytical Chemistry*, 78:779-787 (2006)

Ralf Tautenhahn, Christoph Boettcher, Steffen Neumann: Highly sensitive feature detection for high resolution LC/MS *BMC Bioinformatics*, 9:504 (2008)

## See Also

[findPeaks](#)

## Examples

```
mzmlfile <- file.path(find.package("msdata"), "microtofq/MM14.mzML")

params <- list(min_peakwidth=5, max_peakwidth=12, ppm=58,
              mzdif=-0.001, snthresh=10, noise=0, prefilter=3,
              value_of_prefilter=100, mzCenterFun="wMean", integrate=1,
              fitgauss=FALSE, verbose.columns=FALSE, nSlaves=1)

xset <- calculateXcmsSet(mzmlfile, params)
```

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`combineParams`*Combining two lists of parameters together.*

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### Description

This function combines two lists of parameters. The first is a list of parameters which should be optimized. These parameters have different values set by Design of Experiment. The second list consists of parameters which should not be optimized, hence only one value is set for each parameter. The parameters of the second list are replicated to have the same length as the number of experiments in the DoE. Then the two lists are combined.

### Usage

```
combineParams(params_1, params_2)
```

### Arguments

<code>params_1</code>	A list holding parameters which should be optimized. Each parameter already has value set for each experiment of an Design of Experiment.
<code>params_2</code>	A list holding parameters which should not be optimized, hence only one value is set.

### Details

Special treatment is needed for the `findPeaks.matchedFilter`-parameters `'sigma'`, `'mzdiff'` since these two parameters are defined by default relative to the parameters `'fwhm'` or `'step'` and `'steps'` respectively.

```
sigma=fwhm/2.3548 mzdiff=0.8-step*steps
```

### Value

A list consisting of all parameters needed for an `xcms`-method (`findPeaks.centWave`, `findPeaks.matchedFilter`, `retcor.obiwarp` or `group.density`). Each list item has the same length which is equal to the number of experiments within the DoE.

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
typ_params <- typeCastParams(params)
design <- getBbdParameter(typ_params$to_optimize)
xcms_design <- decode.data(design)
xcms_design <- combineParams(xcms_design, typ_params$no_optimization)
xcms_design
```

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createModel	<i>Creating a response surface model.</i>
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### Description

This function uses a design of experiments, a response for the experiments within the design and the used parameters to create a response surface model

### Usage

```
createModel(design, params, resp)
```

### Arguments

design	A design of experiments (Box-Behnken-Design or Central-Composite-Design)
params	The parameters which were used.
resp	The responses achieved for the various experiments.

### Details

This function uses a design of experiments, a response for the experiments within the design and the used parameters to create a response surface model

### Value

A response surface model.

### Note

[getBbdParameter](#) [getCcdParameter](#) [typeCastParams](#)

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### References

Lenth, R. V. (2009). Response-Surface Methods in R , Using rsm. Journal of Statistical Software, 32(7), 1-17. Retrieved from <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v32/i07>

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
type_params <- typeCastParams(params)
design <- getBbdParameter(type_params$to_optimize)
resp <- runif(nrow(design),1,3)

model <- createModel(design, type_params$to_optimize, resp)
dev.new()
par(mfrow=c(3,2))
contour(model, ~ x1*x2*x3*x4, image=TRUE)
```

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decode	<i>En-/decodes values to/from ranges of -1 to 1.</i>
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## Description

Encode and decode values that are in a range of -1 to 1 into a specified range.

## Usage

```
encode(value, bounds)
decode(value, bounds)
decodeAll(values, params)
```

## Arguments

value	A value
values	A vector with values in the range [-1,1]
bounds	A vector of two values defining the lower and upper bound of a range.
params	A list where every list-item consist of two values defining a lower and an upper bound.

## Details

Decodes a values from ranges of -1 to 1 to ranges specified.

A function used to decode values that are in a range of -1 to 1 into a specified range. For every value a list item with lower and upper bound has to be supplied.

A function used to encode values that are in a specified range into a range between -1 to 1.

## Value

decode: The encoded value. decodeAll: A vector of decoded values.

## Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

## Examples

```
decode(0, c(10, 20))
decode(-0.5, c(10, 20))
decode(1, c(10, 20))

bounds <- c(10, 20)
encode(decode(1, bounds), bounds)

## Multiple values:
values <- c(-1, -0.25, 0, 0.75)
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
type_params <- typeCastParams(params)

decodeAll(values, type_params$to_optimize)
```

```
## Combination of encode and decode
encode(15, c(10, 20))
encode(10, c(10, 20))
encode(5, c(1, 5))

bounds <- c(1,5)
decode(encode(5, bounds), bounds)
```

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findIsotopes.CAMERA *Identification of Isotopes using the package CAMERA.*

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### Description

This function finds isotopes using CAMERA's find peak function. Isotopes are separately found within each sample.

### Usage

```
findIsotopes.CAMERA(xset, ...)
```

### Arguments

xset	xcmsSet object
...	Additional parameters to the findIsotopes function of CAMERA

### Details

Identification of <sup>13</sup>C isotopes

### Value

An matrix with 2 columns. Column one shows the peak id of the <sup>12</sup>C, peak column two shows the id of the respective <sup>13</sup>C isotope peak.

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### References

C. Kuhl and R. Tautenhahn and C. Boettcher and T. R. Larson and S. Neumann: CAMERA: an integrated strategy for compound spectra extraction and annotation of liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry data sets Analytical Chemistry 84:283 (2012)

### See Also

[findIsotopes.IPO](#)

## Examples

```
mzmlfile <- file.path(find.package("msdata"), "microtofq/MM14.mzML")
xset <- xcmsSet(mzmlfile, peakwidth=c(5,12), method="centWave")
isotopes <- findIsotopes.CAMERA(xset, ppm=15, maxcharge=1)
```

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findIsotopes.IPO      *Identification of 13C isotopes*

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## Description

This function identifies natural, stable 13C isotopes within an xcmsSet object of LC-HRMS data. Isotopes have to be within a mass-, retentiontime- and intensitywindow to be recognized as isotopes. If checkBorderIntensity is TRUE the maximum intensity of each peaks has to be at least three times the intensity at rtmin and rtmax.

## Usage

```
findIsotopes.IPO(xset, checkPeakShape=c("none", "borderIntensity",
                                         "sinusCurve", "normalDistr"))
```

## Arguments

xset                    xcmsSet object  
checkPeakShape    character to choose if the peakshape should be checked and if so how

## Details

Identification of 13C isotopes

## Value

An matrix with 2 columns. Column one shows the peak id of the 12C, peak column two shows the id of the respective 13C isotope peak.

## Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

## See Also

[findIsotopes.CAMERA](#)

## Examples

```
mzmlfile <- file.path(find.package("msdata"), "microtofq/MM14.mzML")
xset <- xcmsSet(mzmlfile, peakwidth=c(5,12), method="centWave")
isotopes <- findIsotopes.IPO(xset, "borderIntensity")
```

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getBbdParameter      *Creates a Box-Behnken Design of experiment*

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### Description

Creates a Box-Behnken Design of Experiment out of a list of parameters. Each of the list items has to be a pair defining the lower und upper limits of the value-range to test. The method then returns a Center faced Box-Behnken Design of Experiments. The list has to hold a least three pairs.

### Usage

```
getBbdParameter(params)
```

### Arguments

params      A list of value pairs defining lower und upper limits of an optimization range.

### Details

Creates a Box-Behnken Design of Experiment out of a list of parameters. Each of the list items has to be a pair defining the lower und upper limits of the value-range to test. The method then returns a Center faced Box-Behnken Design of Experiments. The list has to hold a least three pairs.

### Value

A Box-Behnken Design of Experiments

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### References

Lenth, R. V. (2009). Response-Surface Methods in R , Using rsm. Journal of Statistical Software, 32(7), 1-17. Retrieved from <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v32/i07>

### See Also

[getCcdParameter](#)

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
typ_params <- typeCastParams(params)
design <- getBbdParameter(typ_params$to_optimize)
```

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getCcdParameter	<i>Creates a Central-Composite Design of experiment</i>
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### Description

Creates a Central-Composite Design of Experiment out of a list of parameters. Each of the list items has to be a pair defining the lower and upper limits of the value-range to test. The method then returns a Center faced Central-Composite Design of Experiments.

### Usage

```
getCcdParameter(params)
```

### Arguments

params            A list of value pairs defining lower and upper limits of an optimization range.

### Details

Creates a Central-Composite Design of Experiment out of a list of parameters. Each of the list items has to be a pair defining the lower and upper limits of the value-range to test. The method then returns a Center faced Central-Composite Design of Experiments.

### Value

A Central-Composite Design of Experiments

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### References

Lenth, R. V. (2009). Response-Surface Methods in R , Using rsm. Journal of Statistical Software, 32(7), 1-17. Retrieved from <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v32/i07>

### See Also

[getBbdParameter](#)

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
typ_params <- typeCastParams(params)
design <- getCcdParameter(typ_params$to_optimize)
```

getDefaultRetCorCenterSample

*Gets the index of the sample with most peaks in it.*

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### **Description**

Gets the index of the sample with most peaks in it. This is used if no center sample for retention time correction has been defined by the user.

### **Usage**

```
getDefaultRetCorCenterSample(xset)
```

### **Arguments**

xset                    xcmsSet object

### **Details**

Gets the index of the sample with most peaks in it. This is used if no center sample for retention time correction has been defined by the user.

### **Value**

The file index of the sample with most peaks in it.

### **Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller

### **Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (xset)
{
  ret <- NULL
  for (i in 1:length(filepaths(xset))) {
    ret <- c(ret, sum(peaks(xset)[, "sample"] == i))
  }
  return(which.max(ret))
}
```

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`getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams`

*Gives a List of parameters for xcms-methods retcor.obiwarp or retcor.loess and group.density which are optimized by default*

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### Description

This function creates a list of parameters used in the xcms-methods `retcor.obiwarp` and `group.density`. Per default the following parameters have a defined range where optimization should start:  
`retcor.obiwarp` parameters: `'gapInit'`; `'gapExtend'`, `'profStep'`  
`group.density` parameters: `'bw'`, `'minfrac'`, `'mzwid'`

### Usage

```
getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams(retcorMethod=c("obiwarp", "loess", "none"),
  distfunc=c("cor_opt", "cor", "cov", "prd", "euc"), high_resolution=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

`retcorMethod` The name of the retention time correction method that should be used. The XCMS methods `retcor.obiwarp` and `retcor.loess` are supported. If no retention time correction should be done use "none".

`distfunc` The name of the distance function used by `retcor.obiwarp`

`high_resolution` If `high_resolution = TRUE` starting values for `mzwid` are set to 0.015 and 0.035; if `high_resolution = FALSE` to 0.15, 0.35

### Details

- \* Do not delete a parameter from the list returned.
- \* Optimization of qualitative parameters is not supported yet.
- \* If you want to optimize additional parameter just set an lower and an upper bound (e.g. `params$max <- c(4,8)`)
- \* If you dont want to optimize a parameter set a default value (e.g. `params$max <- 10`)

### Value

A List of parameters used in the xcms-methods `retcor.obiwarp` or `retcor.loess` and `group.density`

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams()
params$bw <- 10
params$max <- c(4,8)
params
```

getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams

*Creates a List of parameters for xcms-methods xcmsSet.findPeak which are optimized by default*

---

### Description

This function creates a list of parameters used in the xcmsSet.findPeak-methods 'centWave' and 'matchedFilter'. Per default the following parameters have a defined range where optimization should start:

'centWave' parameters: 'peakwidth' (split into 'min\_peakwidth' and 'max\_peakwidth'), 'ppm', 'mzdiff'

'matchedFilter' parameters: 'fwhm', 'snthresh', 'step', 'steps'

### Usage

```
getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams(method = c("centWave", "matchedFilter"))
```

### Arguments

method                    Either parameters for 'centWave' or 'matchedFilter' should be created

### Details

\* Do not delete a parameter from the list returned.

\* Optimization of qualitative parameters is not supported yet.

\* If you want to optimize additional parameter just set an lower and an upper bound (e.g. params\$snthresh <- c(5,20))

\* If you dont want to optimize a parameter set a default value (e.g. params\$snthresh <- 10)

### Value

A List of parameters for the xcmsSet.findPeak-methods 'centWave' or 'matchedFilter'

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### Examples

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
params$ppm <- 10
params$snthresh <- c(5,15)
params
```

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams("matchedFilter")
params
```

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getNormalizedResponse *It combines Retention time Correction Scores (RCS) and Grouping Scores (GS)*

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### Description

This function does unity based normalization on Retention time Correction Scores (RCS) as well as Grouping Scores (GS).

### Usage

```
getNormalizedResponse(response)
```

### Arguments

response      A List of all responses calculated by getRGTVValues for all experiments of an Design of Experiment

### Details

Grouping Score (GS) is calculated by:  
'good groups'^2/'bad groups'

For all RCS and GS values unity based normalization is done. For every experiment within the DoE these two values are added together and returned.

### Value

A vector with RTGV values

### Note

Since RCS and GS can be within completely different ranges, normalization has to be done to prevent an excessive influence of either RCS or GS.

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

### See Also

[getRGTVValues](#)

### Examples

```
mtbls2files <- list.files(file.path(find.package("mtbls2"), "mzML"),
                          full.names=TRUE)

params <- list(min_peakwidth=12, max_peakwidth=30, ppm=30,
              mzdiff=-0.001, snthresh=10, noise=10000, prefilter=3,
```

```
value_of_prefilter=100, mzCenterFun="wMean", integrate=1,  
fitgauss=FALSE, verbose.columns=FALSE, nSlaves=2)  
  
xset <- calculateXcmsSet(mtbls2files[1:2], params)  
xset <- retcor(xset, method="obiwarp")  
xset <- group(xset)  
  
result <- getRGTVValues(xset)  
result
```

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getRGTVValues	<i>Calculation of values used for a Retention time correction and Grouping Target Value (RGTV)</i>
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### Description

This function calculates the Retention time Correction Score (RCS) of all features within an `xcmsSet`-object. Also features having exactly one peak from each sample are defined as 'good groups', all others a 'bad groups'.

### Usage

```
getRGTVValues(xset, exp_index = 1, retcor_penalty = 1)
```

### Arguments

<code>xset</code>	<code>xcmsSet</code> object
<code>exp_index</code>	Experiment-id of the experiment within a Design of Experiments
<code>retcor_penalty</code>	Penalty if an error occurred with the used retention time correction parameters

### Details

This function calculates the Retention time Correction Score (RCS) of all features within an `xcmsSet`-object. Also features having exactly one peak from each sample are defined as 'good groups', all others a 'bad groups' which leads to a Grouping Score (GS) by calculating 'good groups'^2/'bad groups'.

### Value

a list containing the items `exp_index`, `good_groups`, `bad_groups`, `GS` and `RCS`.

### Author(s)

Gunnar Libiseller

**Examples**

```
mtbls2files <- list.files(paste(find.package("mtbls2"), "/mzML", sep=""),
                        full.names=TRUE)
xset <- xcmsSet(mtbls2files[1:2], method="centWave", peakwidth=(c(12, 30)),
              ppm=30, noise=10000)
xset <- retcor(xset, method="obiwarp")
xset <- group(xset)
getRGTVValues(xset)
```

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optimizeRetGroup	<i>Optimization for parameters for retention time correction and grouping</i>
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**Description**

This function provides optimisation for parameters of the xcms-method `retcor.obiwarp` and `group.density`. The retention time correction is optimised by minimizing intra-feature retention time shifts; grouping is optimized by increasing the number of features which have exactly one peak per sample.

**Usage**

```
optimizeRetGroup(xset, params = getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams(),
                nSlaves = 4, subdir = "IPO", plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>xset</code>	xcmsSet object
<code>params</code>	A list of parameters which are needed by xcms-methods <code>retcor.obiwarp</code> and <code>group.density</code> . List-items with two values will be optimized. The first value defines the lower test value, the second one the higher test value.
<code>nSlaves</code>	Number of slaves the optimization process should spawn.
<code>subdir</code>	The name of the subdirectory which is created and where the figures of the response surface models will be saved to. NULL plots the figures to the graphic device. This parameter is ignored, if <code>plot = TRUE</code> .
<code>plot</code>	Defines if plots should be generated (TRUE) or not (FALSE). This parameter overwrites the <code>subdir</code> -parameter. Defaults to TRUE.

**Details**

This function provides optimisation for parameters of the xcms-method `retcor.obiwarp` and `group.density`. The retention time correction is optimised by minimizing intra-feature retention time shifts; grouping is optimized by increasing the number of features which have exactly one peak per sample.

**Value**

A LIST of length `n+1` with `n` being the optimization runs needed

- comp1-comp(n) A LIST containing:
1. Parameters used for the nth optimization run
  2. Box-Behnken or Central Composite Design used for optimization run
  3. Responses from calculateRGTV for every experiment in the design
  4. Response surface model for the design
  5. The normalized parameter settings giving the best Retention time and Grouping Target Value (RGTV) (values between -1 and 1)
  6. Response from calculateRGTV for xcmsSet-object created with best parameters in this run
  7. xcmsSet-object created with best parameters in this run
- comp(n+1) A LIST containing:
1. Parameters giving the best RGTV

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller

**References**

Obiwarp Prince, J. T., & Marcotte, E. M. (2006). Chromatographic alignment of ESI-LC-MS proteomics data sets by ordered bijective interpolated warping. *Analytical chemistry*, 78(17), 6140–52. doi:10.1021/ac0605344

**See Also**

[getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams](#)

**Examples**

```
mtbls2files <- list.files(file.path(find.package("mtbls2"), "mzML"),
                        full.names=TRUE)

params <- list(min_peakwidth=12, max_peakwidth=30, ppm=30,
              mzdifff=-0.001, snthresh=10, noise=10000, prefilter=3,
              value_of_prefilter=100, mzCenterFun="wMean", integrate=1,
              fitgauss=FALSE, verbose.columns=FALSE, nSlaves=2)

xset <- calculateXcmsSet(mtbls2files[1:2], params)

#optimize the retention time correction and grouping parameters
paramsRG <- getDefaultRetGroupStartingParams()
paramsRG$profStep <- 1
paramsRG$minfrac <- 0.75
resultRG <- optimizeRetGroup(xset, params=paramsRG,
                             nSlaves=4, subdir="mtbls2")

writeRScript(params, resultRG$best_settings, 4)
```

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optimizeXcmsSet	<i>Optimisation of peak picking parameters by using natural, stable 13C isotopes</i>
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### Description

This function provides optimisation of peak picking parameters by using natural, stable 13C isotopes.

### Usage

```
optimizeXcmsSet(files, params = getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams(),
  isotopeIdentification = c("IPO", "CAMERA"), BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  nSlaves = 4, subdir = "IPO", plot = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

files	A directory or list of files, passed to <a href="#">xcmsSet</a> . If no files are given, <a href="#">xcmsSet</a> () will check recursively all MS files in the current working directory.
params	A list of parameters which are needed by <code>XCMS::findPeaks-Methods</code> . List-items with two values will be optimized. The first value defines the lower test value, the second one the higher test value.
isotopeIdentification	This parameter defines the method for isotope identification. The method 'IPO' was especially implemented for high resolution data. CAMERA is an established isotope and adduct annotation package.
BPPARAM	a <code>BiocParallel</code> parameter object to control how and if parallel processing of <a href="#">xcmsSet</a> should be performed. Such objects can be created by the <a href="#">SerialParam</a> , <a href="#">MulticoreParam</a> or <a href="#">SnowParam</a> functions. Note: <a href="#">xcmsSet</a> 's <code>nSlaves</code> -argument is deprecated.
nSlaves	Number of slaves the optimization process should spawn.
subdir	The name of the subdirectory which is created and where the figures of the response surface models will be saved to. NULL plots the figures to the graphic device. This parameter is ignored, if <code>plot = TRUE</code> .
plot	Defines if plots should be generated (TRUE) or not (FALSE). This parameter overwrites the <code>subdir</code> -parameter. Defaults to TRUE.
...	Additional parameters to CAMERA's or IPO's <code>findIsotopes</code> functions

### Details

This function provides optimisation of peak picking parameters by using natural, stable 13C isotopes.

### Value

A LIST of length n+1 with n being the optimization runs (DoEs) needed



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toMatrix	<i>Converts an array into a matrix</i>
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**Description**

This function converts an array into a matrix. This is useful to counter the implicit casting of matrices into arrays when only one row is selected. If a matrix is passed to the function, the matrix is returned, if an array is passed, a matrix with one row is returned.

**Usage**

```
toMatrix(data)
```

**Arguments**

data            An array or a matrix

**Value**

A matrix

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libsieller

**Examples**

```
data <- matrix(1:9, nrow=3)
colnames(data) <- c("a", "b", "c")
x <- data[1,]
is.matrix(x)
x <- toMatrix(x)
is.matrix(x)
```

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typeCastParams	<i>Splits parameters into those which should be optimized and those which are fixed.</i>
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**Description**

This method takes a list of parameters and returns a list consisting of another two lists; one holding parameters ment for optimization and one holding fixed parameters.

**Usage**

```
typeCastParams(params)
```

**Arguments**

params            A list of parameters for an xcms-method

**Details**

This method takes a list of parameters and returns a list consisting of another two lists; one holding parameters ment for optimization and one holding fixed parameters.

**Value**

A list of:

to\_optimize      A LIST containing all parameters which should be optimized.

no\_optimization

A LIST containing all parameters which should not be optimized.

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller

**See Also**

[optimizeXcmsSet](#), [optimizeRetGroup](#)

**Examples**

```
params <- getDefaultXcmsSetStartingParams()
typ_params <- typeCastParams(params)
```

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writeParamsTable	<i>Writes XCMS settings to a file.</i>
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**Description**

This function writes findPeaks, retcor and grouping parameters to a file using write.table.

**Usage**

```
writeParamsTable(peakPickingSettings, retCorGroupSettings, file, ...)
```

**Arguments**

peakPickingSettings

A list of optimized settings for xcms-methods findPeaks.centWave or findPeaks.matchedFilter

retCorGroupSettings

A list of optimized settings for xcms-methods for retcor.obiwarp and group.density

file

The name of the outputfile for the parameters.

...

Additional parameters for write.table.

**Details**

This function writes findPeaks, retcor and grouping parameters to a file using write.table.

**Value**

none

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller

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

```
#creating list of peak picking parameters
paramsPP <- list(min_peakwidth=5, max_peakwidth=12, ppm=58,
                mzdif=-0.001, snthresh=10, noise=0, prefilter=3,
                value_of_prefilter=100, mzCenterFun="wMean", integrate=1,
                fitgauss=FALSE, verbose.columns=FALSE, nSlaves=1)

#creating list of retention time correction and grouping parameters
paramsRTCGroup <- list(retcorMethod="obiwarp", distFunc="cor", gapInit=0.2,
                      gapExtend=2.4, profStep=1, plotype="none", response=1,
                      factorDiag=2, factorGap=1, localAlignment=0, initPenalty=0,
                      bw=30, minfrac=0.5, minsamp=1, mzwid=0.25, max=50)

#writing parameters to the file "params.tsv"
writeParamsTable(paramsPP, paramsRTCGroup, "params.tsv")
```

writeRScript

*Prints an R-script to the screen which can be used for xcms processing***Description**

This function prints a script of the optimized findPeaks, retcor and grouping parameters to the screen.

**Usage**

```
writeRScript(peakPickingSettings, retCorGroupSettings, nSlaves = 0)
```

**Arguments**

peakPickingSettings

The optimized settings for xcms-methods findPeaks.centWave or findPeaks.matchedFilter

retCorGroupSettings

The optimized settings for xcms-methods for retcor.obiwarp and group.density

nSlaves

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**Details**

This function prints a script out of the optimized findPeaks, retcor and grouping parameters to the screen.

The function message is used to print the script. For capturing the output `capture.output(writeRScript(...), type = "message")` might be used.

**Value**

none

**Author(s)**

Gunnar Libiseller, Thomas Riebenbauer (<thomas.riebenbauer@joanneum.at>)

**Examples**

```
#creating list of peak picking parameters
paramsPP <- list(min_peakwidth=5, max_peakwidth=12, ppm=58,
                mzdifff=-0.001, snthresh=10, noise=0, prefilter=3,
                value_of_prefilter=100, mzCenterFun="wMean", integrate=1,
                fitgauss=FALSE, verbose.columns=FALSE, nSlaves=1)

#creating list of retention time correction and grouping parameters
paramsRTCGroup <- list(retcorMethod="obiwarp", distFunc="cor", gapInit=0.2,
                      gapExtend=2.4, profStep=1, plotype="none", response=1,
                      factorDiag=2, factorGap=1, localAlignment=0, initPenalty=0,
                      bw=30, minfrac=0.5, minsamp=1, mzwid=0.25, max=50)

#outputting an xcms-script to the display
writeRScript(paramsPP, paramsRTCGroup, 4)
```

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