

# Package ‘MALDIcellassay’

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Blank2022intmatBlank2022intmat

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**Description**

Intensity matrix from MALDI mass spectrometry data of EOC cells treated with different concentrations of SAHA. It is used to demonstrate the usage of MALDIcellassay.

**Usage**

```
data(Blank2022intmat)
```

**Format**

Matrix with concentrations of original spectra as rownames and m/z-values as colnames.

**Details**

The concentrations include: 0, 0.04, 0.12, 0.37, 1.11, 3.33, 10 and 30 uM of SAHA at 4 replicates each. The original spectra were trimmed to 400-900 Da mass-range to keep the file size small. The peaks are the result of MALDIquant::intensityMatrix(Blank2022peaks, Blank2022spec)

**References**

Blank, M., Enzlein, T. & Hopf, C. LPS-induced lipid alterations in microglia revealed by MALDI mass spectrometry-based cell fingerprinting in neuroinflammation studies. Sci Rep 12, 2908 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-06894-1>

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Blank2022peaksBlank2022peaks

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**Description**

Peaks from MALDI mass spectrometry data of EOC cells treated with different concentrations of SAHA. It is used to demonstrate the usage of MALDIcellassay.

**Usage**

```
data(Blank2022peaks)
```

## **Format**

A list of MALDIquant::MassPeaks-objects named with the respective concentration.

## **Details**

The concentrations include: 0, 0.04, 0.12, 0.37, 1.11, 3.33, 10 and 30 uM of SAHA at 4 replicates each. The original spectra were trimmed to 400-900 Da mass-range to keep the file size small. The peaks are the result of applying MALDIquant::detectPeaks to Blank2022spec with arguments SNR = 3, method = "SuperSmoother".

## **References**

Blank, M., Enzlein, T. & Hopf, C. LPS-induced lipid alterations in microglia revealed by MALDI mass spectrometry-based cell fingerprinting in neuroinflammation studies. *Sci Rep* 12, 2908 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-06894-1>

*Blank2022res*

*Blank2022res*

## **Description**

Object of class MALDIcellassay from MALDI mass spectrometry data of EOC cells treated with different concentrations of SAHA. It is used to demonstrate the usage of MALDIcellassay.

## **Usage**

```
data(Blank2022res)
```

## **Format**

Matrix with concentrations of original spectra as rownames and m/z-values as colnames.

## **Details**

The concentrations include: 0, 0.04, 0.12, 0.37, 1.11, 3.33, 10 and 30 uM of SAHA at 4 replicates each. The original spectra were trimmed to 400-900 Da mass-range to keep the file size small. The peaks are the result of fitCurve(spec = Blank2022spec, SinglePointRecal = TRUE, normMz = 760.585, alignTol = 0.1, normTol = 0.1)

## **References**

Blank, M., Enzlein, T. & Hopf, C. LPS-induced lipid alterations in microglia revealed by MALDI mass spectrometry-based cell fingerprinting in neuroinflammation studies. *Sci Rep* 12, 2908 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-06894-1>

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Blank2022spec

*Blank2022spec*

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## Description

MALDI mass spectrometry data of EOC cells treated with different concentrations of SAHA. It is used to demonstrate the usage of MALDIcellassay.

## Usage

```
data(Blank2022spec)
```

## Format

A list of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum-objects named with the respective concentration.

## Details

The concentrations include: 0, 0.04, 0.12, 0.37, 1.11, 3.33, 10 and 30 uM of SAHA at 4 replicates each. The original spectra were trimmed to 400-900 Da mass-range to keep the file size small.

## References

Blank, M., Enzlein, T. & Hopf, C. LPS-induced lipid alterations in microglia revealed by MALDI mass spectrometry-based cell fingerprinting in neuroinflammation studies. Sci Rep 12, 2908 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-06894-1>

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calculateChauvenetCriterion

*Calculate Chauvenet's criterion for outlier detection*

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## Description

Calculate Chauvenet's criterion for outlier detection

## Usage

```
calculateChauvenetCriterion(x)
```

## Arguments

x	numeric, values (e.g. intensities) to test for outliers
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## Details

Note that, as for all outlier detection criteria: Excluding data points from your measurement should only be conducted with extreme care. Even if this (or any other) function tells you that a data point is an outlier, you might still want to have it in your sample population especially if you are not sure if your data is normal distributed. See [Wikipedia](#) for details of the algorithm.

## Value

logical vector, TRUE for detected outliers.

## Examples

```
set.seed(42)

#no outlier
sample <- rnorm(n = 8, mean = 0, sd = 0.01)
calculateChauvenetCriterion(sample)

# introduce outlier
sample[1] <- 1
calculateChauvenetCriterion(sample)
```

**calculateCurveFit**      *Calculate the fit for a dose-response curve*

## Description

Calculate the fit for a dose-response curve

## Usage

```
calculateCurveFit(intmat, idx, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>intmat</code>	Intensity matrix as generated by <code>MALDIquant::intensityMatrix()</code> with rownames as the respective concentrations of the spectra.
<code>idx</code>	Numeric vector of the mz indices to perform the fit.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, print logs to console.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>nplr::nplr()</code> .

## Value

List of curve fits.

## Examples

```
data(Blank2022intmat)

# for faster runtime we let it run on 5 peaks only
fits <- calculateCurveFit(Blank2022intmat, idx = 1:5)
```

`calculatePeakStatistics`  
*Calculate peak statistics*

## Description

## Calculate peak statistics

## Usage

```
calculatePeakStatistics(curveFits, singlePeaks, spec)
```

## Arguments

`curveFits` list of curve fits as returned by `MALDIcellassay::calculateCurveFit()`.  
`singlePeaks` list of `MALDIquant::MassPeaks`.  
`spec` list of `MALDIquant::MassSpectrum`.

## Value

A tibble with peak statistics.

## Examples

**calculateSSMD***Calculate strictly standardized mean difference (SSMD)***Description**

Calculate strictly standardized mean difference (SSMD)

**Usage**

```
calculateSSMD(res, internal = TRUE, nConc = 2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>res</code>	Object of class MALDIassay
<code>internal</code>	Logical, currently only the internal implementation, using <code>nConc</code> top and bottom concentrations, is implemented.
<code>nConc</code>	Numeric, number of top and bottom concentrations to be used to calculate the pseudo positive and negative control. Only used if <code>internal</code> is TRUE

**Details**

The strictly standardized mean difference (SSMD) is a measure of effect size. It is the mean divided by the standard deviation of a difference between the positive and negative control.

$$\gamma = \frac{|\mu_n - \mu_p|}{\sqrt{\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_p^2}}$$

The SSMD can be easily be interpreted as it denotes the difference between positive and negative controls in units of standard deviation.

**Value**

Numeric vector of strictly standardized mean differences (SSMD)

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)

calculateSSMD(Blank2022res, nConc = 2)
```

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**calculateVPrime***Calculate V'-Factor*

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**Description**

Calculate V'-Factor

**Usage**

```
calculateVPrime(res, internal = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>res</code>      | Object of class MALDIassay  |
| <code>internal</code> | Logical, currently only the internal implementation, using nConc top and bottom concentrations, is implemented. |

**Details**

The V'-factor is a generalization of the Z'-factor to a dose-response curve. See [M.-A. Bray and A. Carpenter, Advanced assay development guidelines for image-based high content screening and analysis](#) for details. It is defined as:

$$V' = 1 - 6 * \sigma_f / |\mu_p - \mu_n|$$

with

$$\sigma_f = \sqrt{1/N * \sum (y_{fit} - y_{measured})^2}$$

In other words,  $\sigma_f$  is the standard deviation of residuals.

Note, we do not need to estimate the variance for the mean of the positive and negative value. So, this function uses the top and bottom asymptote directly instead of taking the top and bottom concentrations in consideration.

**Value**

Numeric vector of V'-factors

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)

calculateVPrime(Blank2022res)
```

`calculateZPrime`*Calculate Z'-factor of assay quality*

## Description

Calculate Z'-factor of assay quality

## Usage

```
calculateZPrime(res, internal = TRUE, nConc = 2)
```

## Arguments

<code>res</code>	Object of class MALDIassay
<code>internal</code>	Logical, currently only the internal implementation, using <code>nConc</code> top and bottom concentrations, is implemented.
<code>nConc</code>	Numeric, number of top and bottom concentrations to be used to calculate the pseudo positive and negative control. Only used if <code>internal</code> is TRUE

## Details

The most common way to measure the quality of an assay is the so-called Z'-factor, which describes the separation of the positive and negative control in terms of their standard deviations  $\sigma_p$  and  $\sigma_n$ . The Z'-factor is defined as [Ji-Hu Zhang et al., A simple statistical parameter for use in evaluation and validation of high throughput screening assays](#).

$$Z' = 1 - (3 * (\sigma_p + \sigma_n)) / |\mu_p - \mu_n|$$

where  $\mu_p$  and  $\mu_n$  is the mean value of the positive (response expected) and negative (no response expected) control, respectively. Therefore, the assay quality is **independent of the shape of the concentration response curve** and solely depend on two control values.

Note, if `internal` is set to TRUE, the `nConc` highest concentrations are assumed as positive control, whereas the `nConc` lowest concentrations are used as negative.

Value	Interpretation
$Z' \sim 1$	perfect assay
$1 > Z' > 0.5$	excellent assay
$0.5 > Z' > 0$	moderate assay
$Z' = 0$	good only for yes/no response
$Z' < 0$	unacceptable

## Value

Numeric vector of Z'-factors.

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
calculateZPrime(Blank2022res, nConc = 2)
```

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checkRecalibration      *Check the recalibration of spectra from a MALDIassay object*

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**Description**

Dashed gray lines indicate the mz used for re-calibration  $\pm$  the tolerance. Red dashed line indicate the mz used for re-calibration and solid lines indicate peaks. The spectrum will show the peak used for re-calibration  $\pm$  10x the tolerance.

**Usage**

```
checkRecalibration(object, idx)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
idx	Numeric, index of spectrum to plot

**Value**

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
checkRecalibration(Blank2022res, idx = 1:8)
```

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extractIntensity      *Extract intensity using peaks as template*

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**Description**

Extract intensity using peaks as template

**Usage**

```
extractIntensity(mz, peaks, spec, tol)
```

**Arguments**

mz	numeric, mz values to be extracted from the peaks/spectra
peaks	MALDIquant::MassPeaks list
spec	MALDIquant::MassSpectrum list
tol	numeric, tolerance in Da

**Value**

MALDIquant::MassPeaks list with extracted intensities from spec at m/z of peaks = pseudo peaks.  
Useful in combination with sdMassSpectrum to get standard deviation of peaks as intensity matrix.

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022peaks)
data(Blank2022spec)

int <- extractIntensity(mz = c(409, 423, 440),
                       peaks = Blank2022peaks,
                       spec = Blank2022spec,
                       tol = 0.2)
head(int)
```

extractSpots	<i>Extract the spot coordinates</i>
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**Description**

Extract the spot coordinates

**Usage**

```
extractSpots(spec)
```

**Arguments**

spec	list of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum or MALDIquant::MassPeaks objects
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**Value**

Character vector of spot names. If multiple spots are used (e.g. for average spectra) they will be concatenate.

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022spec)
head(extractSpots(Blank2022spec))
```

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filterVariance	<i>Filter for high variance signals</i>
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## Description

Filter for high variance signals

## Usage

```
filterVariance(  
  vars,  
  method = c("mean", "median", "q25", "q75", "none"),  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

vars	Numeric vector, variances of signals
method	Character, filtering method. One of "mean" (default), "median", "q25", "q75" (25 and 75% quantile) or "none".
verbose	Logical, print logs to console.

## Value

Indices of spectra with a high variance

## Examples

```
data(Blank2022intmat)  
# get variance of each peak  
vars <- apply(Blank2022intmat, 2, var)  
highVarIndices <- filterVariance(vars, method = "mean", verbose = TRUE)
```

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fitCurve	<i>Fit dose-response curves</i>
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## Description

Fit dose-response curves

**Usage**

```
fitCurve(
  spec,
  unit = c("M", "mM", "uM", "nM", "pM", "fM"),
  varFilterMethod = c("mean", "median", "q25", "q75", "none"),
  monoisotopicFilter = FALSE,
  averageMethod = c("mean", "median", "sum"),
  normMz = NULL,
  normTol = 0.1,
  alignTol = 0.01,
  binTol = 2e-04,
  SNR = 3,
  halfWindowSize = 3,
  allowNoMatches = TRUE,
  normMeth = c("mz", "TIC", "PQN", "median", "none"),
  SinglePointRecal = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spec</code>	List of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum
<code>unit</code>	Character, unit of concentration. Used to calculate the concentration in Moles so that pIC50 is correct. Set to "M" if you dont want changes in your concentrations.
<code>varFilterMethod</code>	Character, function applied for high variance filtering. One of the following options mean (default), median, q25, q75 or none (no filtering).
<code>monoisotopicFilter</code>	Logical, filter peaks and just use monoisotopic peaks for curve fit.
<code>averageMethod</code>	Character, aggregation method for average mass spectra ("mean" or "median")
<code>normMz</code>	Numeric, mz used for normalization AND for single point recalibration.
<code>normTol</code>	Numeric, tolerance in Dalton to match normMz
<code>alignTol</code>	Numeric, tolerance for spectral alignment in Dalton.
<code>binTol</code>	Numeric, tolerance for binning of peaks.
<code>SNR</code>	Numeric, signal to noise ratio for peak detection.
<code>halfWindowSize</code>	2ction. See MALDIquant::detectPeaks().
<code>allowNoMatches</code>	Logical, if normMz can not be found in a spectrum, proceed and exclude spectrum or stop
<code>normMeth</code>	Character, normalization method. Can either be "TIC", "PQM", "median" or "mz". If "mz" then the normMz is used. If none no normalization is done.
<code>SinglePointRecal</code>	Logical, perform single point recalibration to normMz
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, print logs to console.

**Value**

Object of class `MALDIassay`. The most important slot is `fits` which contains the IC50 curve fits.

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022spec)

fitCurve(spec = Blank2022spec,
          SinglePointRecal = TRUE,
          normMz = 760.585,
          alignTol = 0.1,
          normTol = 0.1,
          varFilterMethod = "mean")
```

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**getAllMz***Get all mz value of an MALDIassay-object*

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**Description**

Get all mz value of an `MALDIassay`-object

**Usage**

```
getAllMz(object, excludeNormMz = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>MALDIassay</code>
<code>excludeNormMz</code>	Logical, remove <code>normMz</code> from list of mz values.

**Value**

numeric vector of mz values

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
head(getAllMz(Blank2022res))
```

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`getAppliedMzShift`      *Extract applied mz-shift*

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**Description**

Extract applied mz-shift

**Usage**

```
getAppliedMzShift(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object`      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Numeric vector of mz-shits applied to spectra

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
head(getAppliedMzShift(Blank2022res))
```

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`getAppliedNormFactors`      *Extract applied normalization factors*

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**Description**

Extract applied normalization factors

**Usage**

```
getAppliedNormFactors(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object`      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Numeric vector of normalization factors applied to spectra

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
head(getAppliedNormFactors(Blank2022res))
```

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getAvgPeaks	<i>Extract peaks of average spectra</i>
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**Description**

Extract peaks of average spectra

**Usage**

```
getAvgPeaks(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

List of MALDIquantMassPeaks

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getAvgPeaks(Blank2022res)[[1]]
```

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getAvgSpectra	<i>Extract average spectra</i>
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**Description**

Extract average spectra

**Usage**

```
getAvgSpectra(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

List of MALDIquantMassSpectrum

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getAvgSpectra(Blank2022res)[[1]]
```

`getBinTol`                    *Get binning tolerance*

### Description

Get binning tolerance

### Usage

```
getBinTol(object)
```

### Arguments

object	Object of class MALDIassay
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### Value

Numeric, tolerance used for binning in Dalton.

### Examples

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getBinTol(Blank2022res)
```

`getConc`                    *Extract the concentrations used in a MALDIassay*

### Description

Extract the concentrations used in a MALDIassay

### Usage

```
getConc(object)
```

### Arguments

object	Object of class MALDIassay
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### Value

Numeric vector, concentrations used in a MALDIassay

### Examples

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
head(getConc(Blank2022res))
```

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getCurveFits	<i>Extract curve fits</i>
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**Description**

Extract curve fits

**Usage**

```
getCurveFits(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

List, containing the data used to do the fits as well as the nlpr curve fit .

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
fits <- getCurveFits(Blank2022res)
```

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getDirectory	<i>Extract directory path</i>
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**Description**

Extract directory path

**Usage**

```
getDirectory(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

List, containing the data used to do the fits as well as the nlpr curve fit .

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getDirectory(Blank2022res)
```

**getFittingParameters** *Get fitting parameters*

## Description

Get fitting parameters

## Usage

```
getFittingParameters(object, summarise = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| object    | Object of class MALDIassay                                     |
| summarise | Logical, remove everything other then npar and mz from result. |

## Value

tibble of fitting parameters for each fitted m/z-value

## Examples

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
head(getFittingParameters(Blank2022res, summarise = FALSE))
```

**getIntensityMatrix** *Get the intensity matrix of single spectra for all fitted curves*

## Description

Get the intensity matrix of single spectra for all fitted curves

## Usage

```
getIntensityMatrix(object, avg = FALSE, excludeNormMz = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| object        | Object of class MALDIassay  |
| avg           | Logical, return single spectra intensity matrix (default) or average spectra intensity matrix |
| excludeNormMz | Logical, exclude normMz from intensity matrix.  |

## Details

Note that the returned matrix only contains  $m/z$  values that were actually fitted. If a variance filtering step was applied this will not include **all**  $m/z$  values. If you wish to get a matrix of **all**  $m/z$  values use `MALDIquant::intensityMatrix(getSinglePeaks(object))`. For average spectra intensity matrix with **all**  $m/z$  values use `MALDIquant::intensityMatrix(getAvgPeaks(object), getAvgSpectra(object))`.

## Value

A matrix with columns as  $m/z$  values and rows as concentrations/spectra

## Examples

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
head(getIntensityMatrix(Blank2022res, avg = TRUE, excludeNormMz = TRUE) )
```

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getMzFromMzIdx	<i>Get the mz value associated with a mzIdx</i>
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## Description

Get the mz value associated with a mzIdx

## Usage

```
getMzFromMzIdx(object, mzIdx)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class MALDIassay
mzIdx	numeric, index of mass of interest (see <code>getPeakStatistics()</code> )

## Value

numeric, mz value

## Examples

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getMzFromMzIdx(Blank2022res, mzIdx = 2)
```

<code>getMzShift</code>	<i>Get mass shift for target mz</i>
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### Description

Get mass shift for target mz

### Usage

```
getMzShift(peaks, targetMz, tol, tolppm = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>peaks</code>	List of MALDIquant::MassPeak
<code>targetMz</code>	Numeric, target mass
<code>tol</code>	Numeric, tolerance around targetMz
<code>tolppm</code>	Logical, tolerance supplied in ppm
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, print logs to the console.

### Value

List with two entries: `MzShift` The mass shift for each spectrum `specIdx` The index of the spectra with a match for `targetMz`

### Examples

```
data(Blank2022peaks)
getMzShift(Blank2022peaks, targetMz = 760.585, tol = 0.1, tolppm = FALSE)
```

<code>getNormFactors</code>	<i>Get normalization factors from peak data.frame</i>
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### Description

Get normalization factors from peak data.frame

### Usage

```
getNormFactors(peaksdf, targetMz, tol, tolppm = TRUE, allowNoMatch = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

peaksdf	data.frame with peaks information as generated by peaks2df()
targetMz	Numeric, target mass
tol	Numeric, tolerance around targetMz
tolppm	Logical, is the tolerance provided in ppm (TRUE) or Dalton (FALSE)
allowNoMatch	Logical, stop if targetMz is not found in single spectrum? If TRUE spectra without targetMz match will be excluded.

**Value**

List with two entries:

norm_factor	The normalization factor for each spectrum
specIdx	The index of the spectra with a match for targetMz

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022peaks)
getNormFactors(peaks2df(Blank2022peaks), targetMz = 760.585, tol = 0.1, tolppm = FALSE)
```

getNormMethod	<i>Extract normalization method</i>
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**Description**

Extract normalization method

**Usage**

```
getNormMethod(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
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**Value**

Character, normalization method used.

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getNormMethod(Blank2022res)
```

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<code>getNormMz</code>	<i>Extract m/z used for normalization</i>
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**Description**

Extract m/z used for normalization

**Usage**

```
getNormMz(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Numeric, m/z used for normalization

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getNormMz(Blank2022res)
```

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<code>getNormMzTol</code>	<i>Extract tolerance used for normalization</i>
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**Description**

Extract tolerance used for normalization

**Usage**

```
getNormMzTol(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Numeric, tolerance used for normalization

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getNormMzTol(Blank2022res)
```

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getPeakStatistics      *Extract peak statistics*

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**Description**

Extract peak statistics

**Usage**

```
getPeakStatistics(object, summarise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
summarise	Logical, return summarized results (one result per mz and not per mz and spectra)

**Value**

A tibble with peak statistics (R<sup>2</sup>, fold-change, CV%, etc.)

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
head(getPeakStatistics(Blank2022res, summarise = TRUE))
```

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getRecalibrationError    *Calculate remaining calibration error of a MALDIassay object*

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**Description**

Calculate remaining calibration error of a MALDIassay object

**Usage**

```
getRecalibrationError(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
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**Value**

A tibble containing statistics about remaining calibration error

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getRecalibrationError(Blank2022res)
```

**getSinglePeaks***Extract peaks of single spectra spectra (before average calculation)***Description**

Extract peaks of single spectra spectra (before average calculation)

**Usage**

```
getSinglePeaks(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
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**Value**

List of MALDIquantMassPeaks

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getSinglePeaks(Blank2022res)[[1]]
```

**getSingleSpecIntensity***Extract the intensities of single spectra for a given mzIdx***Description**

Extract the intensities of single spectra for a given mzIdx

**Usage**

```
getSingleSpecIntensity(object, mz_idx)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class MALDIassay
mz_idx	Integer, index of mz

**Value**

Numeric vector, intensities of mzIdx

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
head(getSingleSpecIntensity(Blank2022res, 2))
```

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getSNR

*Extract SNR used for peak detection***Description**

Extract SNR used for peak detection

**Usage**

```
getSNR(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Numeric, SNR used for peak detection

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated  
data(Blank2022res)  
getSNR(Blank2022res)
```

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getSpots

*Get the spot coordinates of spectra***Description**

Get the spot coordinates of spectra

**Usage**

```
getSpots(object, singleSpec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- object** Object of class MALDIassay  
**singleSpec** Logical, extract the spot coordinates of single spectra (default) or from average spectra.

**Value**

character vector of spot coordinates. In case of average spectra multiple spots are concatenated.

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
# spots per spectrum
getSpots(Blank2022res, singleSpec = TRUE)

#spots per concentration
getSpots(Blank2022res, singleSpec = FALSE)
```

*getVarFilterMethod      Extract variance filtering method*

**Description**

Extract variance filtering method

**Usage**

```
getVarFilterMethod(object)
```

**Arguments**

- object** Object of class MALDIassay

**Value**

Character of variance filtering method used

**Examples**

```
# see example for `fitCurve()` to see how this data was generated
data(Blank2022res)
getVarFilterMethod(Blank2022res)
```

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isMALDIassay	<i>Check if object if of class MALDIassay</i>
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**Description**

Check if object if of class MALDIassay

**Usage**

```
isMALDIassay(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	object to test
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**Value**

logical, TRUE if object is of class MALDIassay

**Examples**

```
x <- 1
# FALSE
isMALDIassay(x)
# TRUE
isMALDIassay(Blank2022res)
```

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loadSpectra	<i>load bruker MALDI target plate spectra</i>
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**Description**

load bruker MALDI target plate spectra

**Usage**

```
loadSpectra(Dir, filter = NA, nameSpectra = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

Dir	Character, parent directory of spectra.
filter	Character vector, filter out spectra which match the given vector.
nameSpectra	Logical, if TRUE the spectra in the resulting list will be named according to the dirname.
verbose	Logical, print logs to the console.

**Value**

List of MALDIquant::MassSpectra

**Examples**

```
dataDir <- system.file("extdata", package="MALDIcellassay")
unzip(file.path(dataDir, "example-raw-spectra.zip"))

loadSpectra("example-raw-spectra/")

unlink("example-raw-spectra/", recursive = TRUE)
```

**loadSpectraMzML**

*load mzML spectra*

**Description**

load mzML spectra

**Usage**

```
loadSpectraMzML(Dir, filter = NA, nameSpectra = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

Dir	Character, parent directory of spectra.
filter	Character vector, filter out spectra which match the given vector.
nameSpectra	Logical, if TRUE the spectra in the resulting list will be named according to the dirname.
verbose	Logical, print logs to console

**Value**

List of MALDIquant::MassSpectra

**Examples**

```
dataDir <- system.file("extdata", package="MALDIcellassay")

loadSpectraMzML(file.path(dataDir, "Koch2024mzML"))
```

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MALDIassay-class      *Class MALDIassay*

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**Description**

A class for holding MALDI assay related information.

**Arguments**

object      MALDIassay.

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normalize      *Normalize spectra and peaks*

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**Description**

Normalize spectra and peaks

**Usage**

```
normalize(spec, peaks, normMeth, normMz, normTol)
```

**Arguments**

spec	List of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum
peaks	List of MALDIquant::MassPeaks
normMeth	Character, normalization method. Options are "TIC", "median" and "mz".
normMz	Numeric, mz used to normalize.
normTol	Numeric, tolerance around normMz.

**Value**

List of lists of normalized MALDIquant::MassSpectrum, normalized MALDIquant::MassPeaks, normalization factors as well as indices of spectra containing the normMz in case of normMeth = "mz",

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022spec)
data(Blank2022peaks)
norm <- normalize(Blank2022spec, Blank2022peaks, normMeth = "mz", normMz = 760.585, normTol = 0.1)

# normalization factors
norm$factor
```

**normalizeByFactor**      *Apply normalization factors to spectra*

### Description

Apply normalization factors to spectra

### Usage

```
normalizeByFactor(spec, factors)
```

### Arguments

spec	List of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum or MALDIquant::MassPeaks
factors	Numeric vector of normalization factors. See getNormFactors().

### Value

List of normalized Spectra or Peaks

### Examples

```
#' data(Blank2022peaks)
normFactors <- getNormFactors(peaks2df(Blank2022peaks),
                               targetMz = 760.585,
                               tol = 0.1,
                               tolppm = FALSE)
normPeaks <- normalizeByFactor(Blank2022peaks,
                                 normFactors$norm_factor)
```

**peaks2df**      *Convert a list of peaks to a data.frame*

### Description

Convert a list of peaks to a data.frame

### Usage

```
peaks2df(peaks)
```

### Arguments

peaks	(list of) MALDIquant::MassPeaks
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**Value**

Data.frame with peak data

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022peaks)  
peakdf <- peaks2df(Blank2022peaks[1:2])  
head(peakdf)
```

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**plotCurves**

*generate ggplot objects for each of the curve fits in a MALDIassay object*

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**Description**

generate ggplot objects for each of the curve fits in a MALDIassay object

**Usage**

```
plotCurves(object, mzIdx = NULL, errorbars = c("none", "sd", "sem"))
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class MALDIassay
mzIdx	numeric, indices of mz values to plot (see <code>getPeakStatistics()</code> ). Note, fc_thresh and R2_thresh filters do not apply if mzIdx is set!
errorbars	character, add error bars to plot. Either standard error of the mean (sem) or standard deviation (sd) in regards to the measurement replicates or no errorbars (none).

**Value**

list of ggplot objects

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022res)  
plotCurves(Blank2022res, mzIdx = 2, errorbars = "sd")
```

**plotPeak***Plot a peak of interest from a MALDIassay object***Description**

Plot a peak of interest from a MALDIassay object

**Usage**

```
plotPeak(object, mzIdx, tol = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	object of class MALDIassay
<code>mzIdx</code>	numeric, index of mass of interest (see <code>getPeakStatistics()</code> )
<code>tol</code>	numeric, tolerance around peak to plot

**Value**

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022res)
plotPeak(Blank2022res, mzIdx = 2)
```

**sdMassSpectrum***Compute standard-deviation spectra***Description**

This is a fork from sgibb's MALDIquant::averageMassSpectra() function. It is now able to compute "standard-deviation spectra".

**Usage**

```
sdMassSpectrum(l, labels, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>l</code>	list, list of MassSpectrum objects.
<code>labels</code>	list, list of factors (one for each MassSpectrum object) to do groupwise averaging.
<code>...</code>	arguments to be passed to underlying functions (currently only mc.cores is supported).

**Value**

Returns a single (no labels given) or a list (labels given) of standard-deviation spectra as MassSpectrum objects.

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022spec)  
sdMassSpectrum(Blank2022spec, labels = names(Blank2022spec))[[1]]
```

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shiftMassAxis	<i>Shift mass axis</i>
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**Description**

Shift mass axis

**Usage**

```
shiftMassAxis(spec, mzdiff)
```

**Arguments**

spec	List of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum or MALDIquant::MassPeaks
mzdiff	Numeric vector, see getMzShift()

**Value**

List of MALDIquant::MassSpectrum or MALDIquant::MassPeaks with shifted mass axis.

**Examples**

```
data(Blank2022spec)  
# raw mz  
head(Blank2022spec[[1]]@mass)  
  
# shifted mz  
shifted <- shiftMassAxis(Blank2022spec[1:2], c(0.5, 0.5))  
head(shifted[[1]]@mass)
```

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transformConc2Log      *Convert concentration to log10 and replace zero's*

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**Description**

Convert concentration to log10 and replace zero's

**Usage**

```
transformConc2Log(conc)
```

**Arguments**

conc            numeric, concentrations.

**Value**

numeric, log10 transformed concentrations

**Examples**

```
transformConc2Log(c(0.1, 0.01, 0.001))
```

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