

# Package ‘Pbase’

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**Description** A set of classes and functions to investigate and  
understand protein sequence data in the context of a  
proteomics experiment.

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calculateHeavyLabels    *Calculate heavy labeled peptides*

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## Description

A function to calculate heavy labeled peptides for proteins stored in a [Proteins](#) object.

## Usage

```
calculateHeavyLabels(proteins, peptides, maxN = 20L, nN = 4L, nC = 3L,
  endsWith = c("K", "R", "G"), ...)
```

## Arguments

proteins	A <a href="#">Proteins</a> object.
peptides	A named character vector containing the peptides of interest. The names must match the UniProt accession numbers of the proteins in object.
maxN	An integer, maximal length of the heavy labeled peptide.
nN	An integer, minimal number of amino acids at the N terminus.
nC	An integer, minimal number of amino acids at the C terminus.
endsWith	A character vector containing the allowed amino acids at the end of the resulting sequence (every peptide that doesn't end with one of these amino acids has to be one amino acid shorter as maxN).
...	Additional parameters passed to <code>.addOverhangs</code> .

## Details

The digestion efficiency with enzymes like trypsin is below 100%. That's why spiked-in peptides for labeled quantitation have to follow the same digestion rules as the peptides of interest. Therefore it is necessary to extend the peptides of interest by a few amino acids on the N- and C-terminus. These extensions should not be a cleavage point of the used enzym. This methods provides an easy interface to find the sequences for heavy labeled peptides that could be used as spike-ins for the peptides of interest. Please see the references for a more detailed discussion.

TODO: There should be a function to find the best labels for a given protein automatically.

**Value**

A data.frame with 6 columns:

- Protein The Protein accession number.
- Peptide The peptide of interest.
- N\_overhang The added sequence of the N-terminus.
- C\_overhang The added sequence of the C-terminus.
- spikeTideResult A short description of the used creation rule.
- spikeTide The heavy labeled peptide that represents the peptide of interest best.

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**References**

The complete description of the issue: <https://github.com/sgibb/cleaver/issues/5>

Kito, Keiji, et al. A synthetic protein approach toward accurate mass spectrometric quantification of component stoichiometry of multiprotein complexes. Journal of proteome research 6.2 (2007): 792-800. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/pr060447s>

**Examples**

```
## example protein database
data(p, package = "Pbase")

## digest proteins into peptides
cleavedProteins <- cleave(p)

## find spike-ins for the peptides of interest
calculateHeavyLabels(cleavedProteins,
                     peptides = c(A4UGR9 = "MEGFHIK",
                                   A4UGR9 = "QGNMYTLSK",
                                   A6H8Y1 = "GSTASNPQR"))
```

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etrid2grl

*From a transcript identifier to GRanges object*

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**Description**

This function takes on or more Ensembl transcript identifiers, queries Biomart and constructs a GRangesList object as would Gviz::BiomartGeneRegionTrack for a genomic region (in fact, currently most of the code has been taken from Gviz::fetchBMDData and Gviz::chrName is used to validate chromosome names).

**Usage**

```
etrid2grl(etrid, ens, use.names = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`etrid` A vector of Ensembl transcript identifiers.

`ens` A instance of class `Mart` from `biomaRt`. If missing, `useMart("ensembl", "hsapiens_gene_ensembl")` is used.

`use.names` If set to `TRUE` and `etrid` has names, then the latter are used to name the output.

**Value**

A `GRangesList` object of length `length(etrid)`.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
id <- c("ENST00000612959", "ENST00000317091")
grl1 <- etrid2grl(id[1])
grl1
grl <- etrid2grl(id)
stopifnot(all.equal(id, names(grl)))
```

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isReverse

*Are all the ranges on the same strand*

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**Description**

Are all the ranges on the same strand

**Usage**

```
isReverse(gr)
```

```
isForward(gr)
```

**Arguments**

`gr` A `GRanges` object.

**Value**

A logical if *all* the ranges in the `gr` object are on the "-" (or "+" for `codeisForward`) strand.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

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mapToGenome-methods     *Map range coordinates between proteins and genome space*


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**Description**

Map range coordinates between peptide features along proteins and genome (reference) space.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Proteins,GRangesList'
mapToGenome(x, genome, drop.empty.ranges = TRUE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Proteins,GRangesList'
pmapToGenome(x, genome, drop.empty.ranges = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	<a href="#">Proteins</a> object containing peptides pranges to be mapped.
genome	A <a href="#">GRangesList</a> object used to map between x and the result. The ranges are typically created by the <a href="#">etrid2grl</a> function.
drop.empty.ranges	TRUE (default) or FALSE. Should empty ranges be dropped?
...	Additional parameters passed to inner functions. Currently ignored.

**Details**

- `mapToGenome` maps the `pranges(x)` to the ranges of `genome`. Unless `x` and `genome` are of length 1, both must be named and items of `x` are matched to items of `genome` using their respective names. Names that do not co-occur in `x` and `genome` are ignored. If we have `seqnames(x): "A", "B" and "C"` and `names(genome): "C", "A", "a", "z", "A" and "A"`. the names of the output will be `"A", "A", "A" and "C"`. The output is ordered by (1) `seqnames(x)` and (2) the order of the elements in `genome`. In case less than `length(x)` are mapped, as for `p["B"]` above, a message informs the user.
- `pmapToGenome` is the element-wise (aka 'parallel') version of `mapToGenome`. The *i*-th `pranges(x)` is mapped to the *i*-th range in `genome`. `x` and `genome` must have the same length and do not need to be named (names are ignored).

**Value**

A named `GRangesList` object, with names matching `names(genome)`. For `pmapToGenome`, the return value will have the same length as the inputs.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

- See [?mapToAlignments](#) in the **GenomicAlignments** package for mapping coordinates between reads (local) and genome (reference) space using a CIGAR alignment.
- See [?mapToTranscripts](#) in the **GenomicRanges** package for mapping coordinates between features in the transcriptome and genome space.
- The [proteinCoding](#) function to remove non-protein coding ranges before mapping peptides to their genomic coordinates.
- The mapping vignette for examples and visualisations.

See [plotAsAnnotationTrack](#) and [plotAsAnnotationTrack](#) for more details about the two plotting functions.

**Examples**

```
data(p)

gr1 <- etrid2gr1(acols(p)$ENST)
pcgr1 <- proteinCoding(gr1)

plotAsGeneRegionTrack(gr1[[1]],
                      pcgr1[[1]])

mp <- mapToGenome(p[4], pcgr1[4])

plotAsAnnotationTrack(mp[[1]], pcgr1[[4]])

pmapToGenome(p, pcgr1)
```

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p

*An Proteins object and its MSMS spectra*

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**Description**

A small example Proteins test instance. This object is likely to change on a regular basis. It will be described more thoroughly when it becomes stable. The MSMS spectra that were searched against the database are available in the pms MSnExp object.

**Usage**

```
data(p)
data(pms)
```

**See Also**

The Pbase-data vignette.

**Examples**

```
data(p)
p
data(pms)
pms
```

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plotAsAnnotationTrack *Plot gene region and annotation tracks*

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**Description**

These functions convert ranges of peptides or exons to AnnotationTrack or GeneRegionTrack objects from the Gviz package and produces the corresponding plot. The genome argument controls whether additional ideogram and axis tracks are to be plotted. plotAsAnnotationTrack plots peptides that span multiple exons in red and connects them with a grey line. See [pmapToGenome](#) for example code.

**Usage**

```
plotAsAnnotationTrack(x, ..., genome = "hg38", plot = TRUE)
```

```
plotAsGeneRegionTrack(..., genome = "hg38", plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A Granges object containing peptides genomics coordinates, typically generated by <a href="#">pmapToGenome</a> . These ranges are converted to a AnnotationTrack.
...	One or more GRanges instances, typically resulting from calling <a href="#">etrid2gr1</a> , or, a single GRangesList. These ranges are converted to GeneRegionTrack instances.
genome	A character of length 1, giving the name of the genome. Default is "hg38". If NULL, no chromosome and axis tracks are displayed.
plot	A logical defining if the figure should be plotted. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

Used for its plotting side effects. Invisible returns a list of tracks.

**Author(s)**

Laurent Gatto

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Pparams-class	Class "Pparams"
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## Description

Pbase parametrisation infrastructure.

## Objects from the Class

New Pbase parameters can be generated with the `Pparams()` constructor. `Pparams` instances control various aspects of Pbase functions, as described in the *Slots* section below. If no parameters are passed to the respective functions, default values from `Pparams()` are used.

## Slots

**DbFormat:** The format of the protein sequence fasta database used to generate the `Proteins` object. Currently only "UniProt" is supported. "RefSeq" will be added as well as a mechanism to support arbitrary and custom fasta header.

**IdFormat:** The format of the identification data files used to add `pfeatures` to `Protein` instances. Currently, `mzIdentML` is supported.

**IdReader:** Package to be used to load the identification data. Currently one of `mzR` (via the `openIDfile` and `psms` functions) or `mzID` (via the `mzID` and `flatten` functions). Differences between these two architectures include the metadata available in the `Proteins`' `pfeatures`, speed and stability (`mzR` is much faster but less mature and currently susceptible to crashes).

**verbose:** A logical defining if the various functions display messages (default) or remain silent.

## Methods

```
show signature(object = "Pparams"): ...
```

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## Examples

```
Pparams()  
Pparams(IdReader = "mzID")  
  
try(Pparams(IdReader = "mzid"))
```



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proteinCoding-methods *Only keep protein coding ranges*

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### Description

Removed all the ranges that are not protein coding. Typically used on the output of [etrid2grl](#) before [mapToGenome](#).

### Methods

`signature(object="GRanges", mcol="character", coding="character")` Removes all the ranges that are not annotated as protein coding ranges, i.e. ranges whose `mcols()$mcol` is different from coding. The default values are `mcols()feature` and `"protein_coding"`. The method return the GRanges trimmed from all non-matching ranges.

`signature(object="GRangesList", mcol="character", coding="character")` As above but for GRanges in a GrangesList.

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Proteins-class

*The Proteins Class for Proteomics Data And Meta-Data*

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### Description

The Proteins class encapsulates data and meta-data for proteomics experiments. The class stores the protein sequences as well as specific subsets of interest, typically peptides, as ranges. The Proteins instances, the sequence and peptide slots are described by their respective metadata attributes.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created using its constructor `Proteins`. The constructor either takes a fasta file name as first argument or, alternatively a named `uniprotIds` argument with valid UniProt accession numbers (not yet implemented).

### Details

An instance of class `Proteins` is characterised by one or multiple protein sequences that can be accessed as `AAStrngSet` with the `aa` accessor. Sequence-specific annotation, such as accession numbers, protein and gene names, ... is available with the `ametadata` or `acols` methods. General metadata such as the data of creation of the instance are stored as a list returned by the `metadata` accessor, which would typically contain a `created` character that documents when the object was created, a reference genome descriptor, a `UniProtRelease` with the release data of the UniProt database and possibly others.

Each sequence of a `Proteins` instance can also be characterised by a set of specific ranges describing peptides of interest. These *peptide features* can be extracted as an `AAStrngSetList`, where each protein sequence contains 0 or more peptide features. These peptides features are encode as

ranges along the original proteins sequences (a list of IRanges) that can be extracted with the `pranges` function. These peptide features have their own metadata describing for example peptide identification scores, number of missed cleavages, ... available with the `pmetadata` or `pcols` methods.

See also the Pbase-data vignette.

### Development notes

Since version 0.2.0, `addIdentificationData` supports multiple identification file names to be added to a `Proteins` instance (argument renamed `filenames`) using either `mzID` or `mzR`. Added new `Pparams` parametrisation infrastructure.

See `news(package = "Pbase")` for a description of all changes.

Other possible metadata fields: `Uniprot.SW`, `biomaRt` instances.

### Slots

`metadata`: Object of class "list" containing global metadata, accessed with `metadata`.

`aa`: Object of class "AAStringSet" storing the protein sequences, accessed with `aa`.

`pranges`: Object of class "CompressedIRangesList" containing protein feature ranges such as theoretical (obtained by in silico cleavage) or observed peptides. Accessed as an `IRangesList` with `pranges` or as an `AAStringSetList` with `pfeatures`.

`.__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions" documenting the class versions. Intended for developer use and debugging.

### Extends

Class "`Versioned`", directly.

### Methods

**aa** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns an `AAStringSet` instance representing the sequences of the proteins.

**pfeatures** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: ...

**pranges** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: ...

**metadata** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns a list of global metadata of the instance `x`, including data of instance creation or, if created from a set of UniProt identifiers (see constructors above), the UniProt version and UniProt.WS version number.

**ametadata** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns a `DataFrame` of protein metadata.

**acols** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: See `ametadata`.

**pmetadata** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns a list of feature metadata.

**pcols** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: See `pmetadata`.

**avarLabels** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns the names of the sequences metadata.

**pvarLabels** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns the names of the peptide feature metadata.

**seqnames** `signature(x = "Proteins")`: Returns the protein sequence names defined as UniProt accession numbers.

**length** signature(x = "Proteins"): Returns the number of proteins.

[ signature(x = "Proteins", i = "ANY", j = "missing"): Creates a subset of the Proteins instance.

[[ signature(x = "Proteins", i = "ANY", j = "missing"): Returns an [AAString](#) instance representing the sequence of the selected protein.

**pfilter** signature(x = "Proteins", mass = "numeric", len = "numeric", ...): ...

**cleave** signature(x = "Proteins", enzym = "character", missedCleavages = "numeric"): Cleaves all proteins using the enzym rule while allowing missedCleavages missing cleavages. Please see [cleave](#) for details.

**addIdentificationData** signature(object = "Proteins", id = "character", rmEmptyRanges = "logical", par = "Pparams"): ...

**plot** signature(x = "Proteins", y = "missing"): Plots all proteins and associated peptides using the Gviz/Pviz infrastructure.

**show** signature(object = "Proteins"): Displays object summary as text.

## Functions

**rmEmptyRanges** signature(x = "Proteins"): removes proteins with empty peptide ranges.

**proteotypic** signature(x = "Proteins"): returns a modified Proteins object. pcols(x) gains a "Proteotypic" logical column, indicating of the peptide is proteotypic or now.

**proteinCoverage** signature(pattern = "Proteins"): calculates the coverage of proteins. pcols(x) gains a "Coverage" numeric column.

**isCleaver** signature(x = "Proteins", missedCleavages = "numeric"): Tests whether a Protein object was cleaved already.

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## References

Definition of the UniProt fasta comment format: <http://www.uniprot.org/help/fasta-headers>

## See Also

[calculateHeavyLabels](#)

## Examples

```
## Create a Protein object reading all proteins from a fasta file.
fastaFiles <- list.files(system.file("extdata", package = "Pbase"),
                        pattern = "fasta", full.names = TRUE)
p <- Proteins(fastaFiles)
p
metadata(p)
```

```
## Adding custom metadata
metadata(p, "Comment") <- "I love R"
metadata(p)

## Plotting
plot(p[1:5], from = 1, to = 30)

## Cleaving
pp <- cleave(p[1:100])
pp <- proteotypic(pp)
pp
pcols(pp[1:2])

plot(pp[1:2], from = 20, to = 30)

## Protein coverage
pp <- proteinCoverage(pp)
avarLabels(pp)
acols(pp)$Coverage
pp

## Add identification data
idfile <- system.file("extdata/Thermo_Hela_PRTC_selected.mzid",
                     package = "Pbase")
p <- addIdentificationData(p, idfile)
pranges(p)
pfeatures(p)

plot(p[1])
plot(p[1], # the first protein has 36 peptides
     fill = c(rep("orange", 13), rep("steelblue", 13)))
```

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