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## Description

De novo identification and extraction of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) from the human genome using Whole Genome Bisulfite Sequencing (WGBS) and Illumina Infinium Array (450K and EPIC) data. Provides functionality for filtering probes possibly confounded by SNPs and cross-hybridisation. Includes GRanges generation and plotting functions.

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DMRcate-package	<i>DMR calling from bisulfite sequencing and Illumina array data</i>
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## Description

*De novo* identification and extraction of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) in the human genome using Illumina array and bisulfite sequencing data. DMRcate extracts and annotates differentially methylated regions (DMRs) using a kernel-smoothed estimate. Functions are provided for filtering probes possibly confounded by SNPs and cross-hybridisation. Includes GRanges generation and plotting functions.

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## Examples

```

library(ExperimentHub)
library(limma)
eh <- ExperimentHub()
FlowSorted.Blood.EPIC <- eh[["EH1136"]]
tcell <- FlowSorted.Blood.EPIC[,colData(FlowSorted.Blood.EPIC)$CD4T==100 |
                               colData(FlowSorted.Blood.EPIC)$CD8T==100]

detP <- minfi::detectionP(tcell)
remove <- apply(detP, 1, function(x) any(x > 0.01))
tcell <- tcell[!remove,]
tcell <- minfi::preprocessFunnorm(tcell)
#Subset to chr2 only
tcell <- tcell[seqnames(tcell) == "chr2",]
tcellms <- minfi::getM(tcell)
tcellms.noSNPs <- rmSNPandCH(tcellms, dist=2, mafcut=0.05)
tcell$Replicate[tcell$Replicate==""] <- tcell$Sample_Name[tcell$Replicate==""]
tcellms.noSNPs <- avearrays(tcellms.noSNPs, tcell$Replicate)
tcell <- tcell[!duplicated(tcell$Replicate)]
tcell <- tcell[rownames(tcellms.noSNPs),]
colnames(tcellms.noSNPs) <- colnames(tcell)
assays(tcell)[["M"]] <- tcellms.noSNPs
assays(tcell)[["Beta"]] <- minfi::ilogit2(tcellms.noSNPs)
type <- factor(tcell$CellType)
design <- model.matrix(~type)
myannotation <- cp.annotate("array", tcell,
                           arraytype = "EPICv1", analysis.type="differential",
                           design=design, coef=2)
dmrcoutput <- dmrcate(myannotation, lambda=1000, C=2)
results.ranges <- extractRanges(dmrcoutput, genome = "hg19")
groups <- c(CD8T="magenta", CD4T="forestgreen")
cols <- groups[as.character(type)]
DMR.plot(ranges=results.ranges, dmr=1,
         CpGs=minfi::getBeta(tcell), what="Beta",
         arraytype = "EPICv1", phen.col=cols, genome="hg19")

```

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changeFDR

*Change the individual CpG FDR thresholding for a CpGannotated object.*

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## Description

Takes a [CpGannotated-class](#) object and a specified FDR > 0 and < 1, and re-indexes the object in order to call DMRs at the specified rate.

## Usage

```
changeFDR(annot, FDR)
```

**Arguments**

annot	A <code>CpGannotated-class</code> object, created by <code>cpg.annotate</code> or <code>sequencing.annotate</code> .
FDR	The desired individual CpG FDR, which will index the rate at which DMRs are called.

**Details**

The number of CpG sites called as significant by this function will set the post-smoothing threshold for DMR constituents in `dmrcate`.

**Value**

A re-indexed `CpGannotated-class` object.

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**Examples**

```
library(GenomicRanges)
stats <- rt(1000, 2)
pvals <- pt(-abs(stats), 100)
fdrs <- p.adjust(2*pvals, "BH")
annotated <- GRanges(rep("chr1", 1000), IRanges(1:1000, 1:1000), stat = stats,
                    rawpval = pvals, diff = 0, ind.fdr = fdrs, is.sig = fdrs < 0.05)
names(annotated) <- paste0("CpG_", 1:1000)
myannotation <- new("CpGannotated", ranges=annotated)
changeFDR(myannotation, 0.1)
```

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cpg.annotate	<i>Annotate Illumina CpGs with their chromosome position and test statistic</i>
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**Description**

Annotate a matrix/GenomicRatioSet representing EPICv2, EPICv1 or 450K data with probe weights and chromosomal position. Provides replicate filtering and remapping functions for EPICv2 probes.

**Usage**

```
cpg.annotate(datatype = c("array", "sequencing"), object,
             what = c("Beta", "M"), arraytype = c("EPICv2", "EPICv1", "EPIC",
             "450K"), epicv2Remap = TRUE, epicv2Filter = c("mean",
             "sensitivity", "precision", "random"), analysis.type =
             c("differential", "variability", "ANOVA", "diffVar"),
             design, contrasts = FALSE, cont.matrix = NULL, fdr = 0.05, coef,
             varFitcoef = NULL, topVarcoef = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

datatype	Character string representing the type of data being analysed.
object	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A matrix of <math>M</math>-values, with unique Illumina probe IDs as rownames and unique sample IDs as column names or,</li> <li>- A GenomicRatioSet, appropriately annotated.</li> </ul>
what	Does the data matrix contain Beta or $M$ -values? Not needed if object is a GenomicRatioSet.
arraytype	Is the data matrix sourced from EPIC or 450K data? Not needed if object is a GenomicRatioSet.
epicv2Remap	Logical indicating whether to remap 11,878 cross-hybridising EPICv2 probes to their more likely CpG target (see Peters <i>et al.</i> 2024).
epicv2Filter	Strategy for filtering probe replicates that map to the same CpG site. "mean" takes the mean of the available probes; "sensitivity" takes the available probe most sensitive to methylation change; "precision" either selects the available probe with the lowest variation from the consensus value (most precise), or takes the mean if that confers the lowest variation instead, "random" takes a single probe at random from each replicate group.
analysis.type	"differential" for dmrcate() to return DMRs; "variability" to return VMRs; "ANOVA" to return "whole experiment" DMRs, incorporating all possible contrasts from the design matrix using the moderated $F$ -statistics; "diffVar" to return differentially variable methylated regions, using the missMethyl package to generate $t$ -statistics.
design	Study design matrix. Identical context to differential analysis pipeline in limma. Must have an intercept if contrasts=FALSE. Applies only when analysis.type %in% c("differential", "ANOVA", "diffVar").
contrasts	Logical denoting whether a limma-style contrast matrix is specified. Only applicable when datatype="array" and analysis.type %in% c("differential", "diffVar").
cont.matrix	Limma-style contrast matrix for explicit contrasting. For each call to cpg.annotate, only one contrast will be fit. Only applicable when datatype="array" and analysis.type %in% c("differential", "diffVar").
fdr	FDR cutoff (Benjamini-Hochberg) for which CpG sites are individually called as significant. Used to index default thresholding in dmrcate(). <b>Highly recommended as the primary thresholding parameter for calling DMRs.</b> Not used when analysis.type == "variability".
coef	The column index in design corresponding to the phenotype comparison. Corresponds to the comparison of interest in design when contrasts=FALSE, otherwise must be a column name in cont.matrix. Only applicable when analysis.type == "differential".
varFitcoef	The columns of the design matrix containing the comparisons to test for differential variability. If left NULL, will test all columns. Identical context to missMethyl::varFit(). Only applicable when analysis.type %in% "diffVar".

topVarcoef      Column number or column name specifying which coefficient of the linear model fit is of interest. It should be the same coefficient that the differential variability testing was performed on. Default is last column of fit object. Identical context to `missMethyl::topVar()`. Only applicable when `analysis.type` is `"diffVar"`.

...              Extra arguments passed to the `limma` function `lmFit()` (`analysis.type="differential"`).

## Value

A `CpGannotated-class`.

## Author(s)

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## References

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## Examples

```
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
EPICv2manifest <- ah[["AH116484"]]
object <- minfi::logit2(matrix(rbeta(10000, 3, 1), 1000, 10))
rownames(object) <- sample(rownames(EPICv2manifest), 1000)
type <- rep(c("Ctrl", "Treat"), each=5)
design <- model.matrix(~type)
myannotation <- cpg.annotate("array", object, what = "M", arraytype = "EPICv2",
                             analysis.type="differential", design=design, coef=2)
```

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CpGannotated-class      *An object summarising individual CpG sites fitted to a given model*

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### Description

An S4 class that stores output from either `cpg.annotate` or `sequencing.annotate`.

### Slots

**ranges:** A GRanges object, containing CpG-level information to be passed to `dmrcate`. Mcols of this object include:

- **stat:** Per-CpG test statistic;  $t$  if from `limma` or Wald if from `DSS` if using differential mode. Variance if using variability mode,  $\sqrt{F}$  if using ANOVA mode,  $t$  if using `diffVar` mode.
- **rawpval:** Raw  $p$ -value from DMP fitting.
- **diff:** Methylation difference/coefficient. In beta space for `cpg.annotate` output and output passed from `DSS::DMLtest()`. In logit space for when a `BSseq` object is passed from `sequencing.annotate`. Not available for output passed from `DSS::DMLtest.multiFactor()`. Not applicable in variability, ANOVA or `diffVar` modes.
- **ind.fdr:** False discovery rate as calculated on individual CpG sites.
- **is.sig:** Logical determining whether a CpG site is individually significant or not. Can be adjusted using `changeFDR`.

**betas:** A matrix of per-CpG beta values matching the annotated loci.

### Methods

CpGannotated objects have a `show` method that describes the data therein.

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DMR.plot      *Plotting DMRs*

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### Description

Plots an individual DMR (in context of possibly other DMRs) as found by `dmrcate`. Heatmaps are shown as well as proximal coding regions, smoothed methylation values (with an option for smoothed group means) and chromosome ideogram.

**Usage**

```
DMR.plot(ranges,
         dmr,
         CpGs,
         what = c("Beta", "M"),
         arraytype = c("EPICv2", "EPICv1", "450K"),
         phen.col,
         genome = c("hg19", "hg38", "mm10"),
         labels = names(ranges),
         flank = 5000,
         heatmap = TRUE,
         extra.ranges = NULL,
         extra.title = names(extra.ranges))
```

**Arguments**

ranges	A GRanges object (ostensibly created by <code>extractRanges()</code> ) describing DMR coordinates.
dmr	Index of ranges (one integer only) indicating which DMR to be plotted.
CpGs	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A CpGannotated object (preferred),</li> <li>- A matrix of beta values for plotting, with unique Illumina probe IDs as row-names,</li> <li>- A GenomicRatioSet, annotated with the appropriate array and data types, or</li> <li>- A BSseq object containing per-CpG methylation and coverage counts for the samples to be plotted</li> </ul>
what	Does CpGs (if a matrix) contain Beta or M-values? Not needed if object is a GenomicRatioSet or BSseq object.
arraytype	Is CpGs (if a matrix) sourced from EPIC or 450K data? Not needed if object is a GenomicRatioSet or BSseq object.
phen.col	Vector of colors denoting phenotypes of <i>all</i> samples described in CpGs. See vignette for worked example.
genome	Reference genome for annotating DMRs. Can be one of "hg19", "hg38" or "mm10"
labels	Vector of DMR names to be displayed. Defaults to <code>names(ranges)</code> .
flank	Size, in base pairs, of the plotted region either side of the DMR. Cannot be less than 10bp or greater than 10kb.
heatmap	Should the heatmap be plotted? Default is TRUE, but FALSE is useful when plotting large numbers of samples.
extra.ranges	Optional GRanges object. Will plot any range overlapping a DMR..
extra.title	Vector of names for ranges from <code>extra.ranges</code> . Defaults to <code>names(extra.ranges)</code> .

**Value**

A plot to the current device.



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**Examples**

```
library(GenomicRanges)
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
EPICv2manifest <- ah[["AH116484"]]
dmrranges <- GRanges("chr2:86787856-86793994")
probes <- EPICv2manifest$IlmnID[EPICv2manifest$CHR=="chr2" &
                               EPICv2manifest$MAPINFO > 86770000 &
                               EPICv2manifest$MAPINFO < 86810000]
probes <- probes[order(EPICv2manifest[probes, "MAPINFO"])]
object <- minfi::logit2(matrix(rbeta(length(probes)*10, 3, 1),
                              length(probes), 10))

rownames(object) <- probes
object[9:35, 6:10] <- minfi::logit2(matrix(rbeta(135, 1, 3), 27, 5))
cols <- c(rep("forestgreen", 5), rep("magenta", 5))
names(cols) <- rep(c("Ctrl", "Treat"), each=5)
DMR.plot(dmrranges, dmr = 1, CpGs=object, what = "M", arraytype="EPICv2",
         phen.col=cols, genome="hg38")
```

dmrcate

*DMR identification***Description**

The main function of this package. Computes a kernel estimate against a null comparison to identify significantly differentially (or variable) methylated regions.

**Usage**

```
dmrcate(object,
        lambda = 1000,
        C=NULL,
        pcutoff = "fdr",
        consec = FALSE,
        conseqlambda = 10,
        betacutoff = NULL,
        min.cpgs = 2
        )
```

**Arguments**

object            A `CpGannotated-class`, created from `cpg.annotate` or `sequencing.annotate`.

lambda	Gaussian kernel bandwidth for smoothed-function estimation. Also informs DMR bookend definition; gaps $\geq$ lambda between significant CpG sites will be in separate DMRs. Support is truncated at $5 \times \text{lambda}$ . Default is 1000 nucleotides. See details for further info.
C	Scaling factor for bandwidth. Gaussian kernel is calculated where $\text{lambda}/C = \text{sigma}$ . Empirical testing shows for both Illumina and bisulfite sequencing data that, when $\text{lambda}=1000$ , near-optimal prediction of sequencing-derived DMRs is obtained when C is approximately 2, i.e. 1 standard deviation of Gaussian kernel = 500 base pairs. Cannot be $< 0.2$ .
pcutoff	Threshold to determine DMRs. Default implies indexing at the rate of individually significant CpGs and can be set on the <code>CpGannotated-class</code> object using <code>cpg.annotate</code> , <code>sequencing.annotate</code> or <code>changeFDR</code> . <b>Default highly recommended</b> unless you are comfortable with the risk of Type I error. If manually specified, this value will be set on the highly permissive kernel-smoothed FDR values.
consec	Use DMRcate in consecutive mode. Treats CpG sites as equally spaced.
conseclambda	Bandwidth in <i>CpGs</i> (rather than nucleotides) to use when <code>consec=TRUE</code> . When specified the variable lambda simply becomes the minimum distance separating DMRs.
betacutoff	Optional filter; removes any region from the results where the absolute mean beta shift is less than the given value. Only available for Illumina array data and results produced from <code>DSS::DMLtest()</code> .
min.cpgs	Minimum number of consecutive CpGs constituting a DMR.

### Details

The values of lambda and C should be chosen with care. For array data, we currently recommend that half a kilobase represent 1 standard deviation of support ( $\text{lambda}=1000$  and  $C=2$ ). If lambda is too small or C too large then the kernel estimator will not have enough support to significantly differentiate the weighted estimate from the null distribution. If lambda is too large then dmrcate will report very long DMRs spanning multiple gene loci, and the large amount of support will likely give Type I errors. If you are concerned about Type I errors we highly recommend using the default value of pcutoff, although this will return no DMRs if no DM CpGs are returned by limma/DSS either.

### Value

A DMRResults object.

### Author(s)

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## References

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Duong T. (2013) Local significant differences from nonparametric two-sample tests. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*. 2013 **25**(3), 635-645.

## Examples

```
library(AnnotationHub)
library(GenomicRanges)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
EPICv2manifest <- ah[["AH116484"]]
chr21probes <- rownames(EPICv2manifest)[EPICv2manifest$CHR=="chr21"]
coords <- EPICv2manifest[chr21probes, "MAPINFO"]
stats <- rt(length(chr21probes), 2)
pvals <- pt(-abs(stats), 100)
fdrs <- p.adjust(2*pvals, "BH")
annotated <- GRanges(rep("chr21", length(stats)), IRanges(coords, coords), stat = stats,
                    diff = 0, rawpval = pvals, ind.fdr = fdrs, is.sig = fdrs < 0.05)
names(annotated) <- chr21probes
myannotation <- new("CpGannotated", ranges=annotated)
dmrcoutput <- dmrccate(myannotation, lambda=1000, C=2)
```

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DMRcate-internal	<i>Internal DMRcate objects and functions</i>
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## Description

Internal DMRcate objects and functions

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DMResults-class	<i>Initial storage object for called DMRs - class</i>
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## Description

An S4 class that stores DMR information as output from `dmrcate`.

**Slots**

This class has eight slots, summarising DMR information to be passed to `extractRanges`:

`coord`: DMR coordinates in UCSC style.

`no.cpgs`: Number of constituent CpG sites of DMR.

`min_smoothed_fdr`: Minimum FDR of the **smoothed** estimate.

`Stouffer`: Stouffer summary transform of the **individual** CpG  $p$ -values (FDR-corrected).

`HMfDR`: Harmonic mean of the **individual** CpG  $p$ -values (FDR-corrected).

`Fisher`: Fisher combined probability transform of the **individual** CpG  $p$ -values (FDR corrected).

`maxdiff`: Maximum differential/coefficient within the DMR (logit2-space for sequencing mode).

`meandiff`: Mean differential/coefficient across the DMR (logit2-space for sequencing mode).

**Methods**

DMResults objects have a `show` method describing the number of DMRs called.

**Author(s)**

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extractRanges	<i>Create a GRanges object from <code>dmrcate</code> output.</i>
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**Description**

Takes a DMResults object and produces the corresponding GRanges object.

**Usage**

```
extractRanges(dmrcoutput, genome = c("hg19", "hg38", "mm10"))
```

**Arguments**

dmrcoutput	A DMResults object.
genome	Reference genome for annotating DMRs with promoter overlaps. Can be one of "hg19", "hg38" or "mm10". Ranges are assumed to map to the reference stated; there is no liftover.

**Value**

A GRanges object.

**Author(s)**

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## Examples

```
library(AnnotationHub)
library(GenomicRanges)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
EPICv2manifest <- ah[["AH116484"]]
chr21probes <- rownames(EPICv2manifest)[EPICv2manifest$CHR=="chr21"]
coords <- EPICv2manifest[chr21probes, "MAPINFO"]
stats <- rt(length(chr21probes), 2)
pvals <- pt(-abs(stats), 100)
fdrs <- p.adjust(2*pvals, "BH")
annotated <- GRanges(rep("chr21", length(stats)), IRanges(coords, coords), stat = stats,
                    rawpval = pvals, diff = 0, ind.fdr = fdrs, is.sig = fdrs < 0.05)
names(annotated) <- chr21probes
myannotation <- new("CpGannotated", ranges=annotated)
dmrcoutput <- dmrcate(myannotation, lambda=1000, C=2)
extractRanges(dmrcoutput, genome = "hg38")
```

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getCollapsedBetas      *Extract a beta matrix from a CpGannotated object.*

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## Description

Retrieves the matrix of per-CpG beta values matching the annotated loci. For EPICv2 data, these betas have been (optionally) remapped to more likely target, and collapsed to one value per CpG. See [cpg.annotate](#) for details on EPICv2 replicate filtering.

## Usage

```
getCollapsedBetas(annot, ranges=NULL)
```

## Arguments

annot                    A [CpGannotated-class](#) object, created by [cpg.annotate](#).  
ranges                   A GRanges object, over which the desired beta values are subsetted.

## Details

Only applicable to CpGannotated objects that have been created by `cpg.annotate`; for those created by `sequencing.annotate` please use `bsseq::getMethod`.

## Value

A matrix of beta values, with individual CpG coordinates as rownames.

## Author(s)

Tim Peters <t.peters@garvan.org.au>

## Examples

```
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
EPICv2manifest <- ah[["AH116484"]]
object <- minfi::logit2(matrix(rbeta(10000, 3, 1), 1000, 10))
rownames(object) <- sample(rownames(EPICv2manifest), 1000)
type <- rep(c("Ctrl", "Treat"), each=5)
design <- model.matrix(~type)
myannotation <- cpg.annotate("array", object, what = "M", arraytype = "EPICv2",
                             analysis.type="differential", design=design, coef=2)
getCollapsedBetas(myannotation)
```

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 rmSNPandCH

*Filter probes*


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## Description

Filters a matrix of M-values (or beta values) by distance to SNP/variant. Also (optionally) removes cross-hybridising probes and sex-chromosome probes. Also removes “rs” and “nv” probes from the matrix.

## Usage

```
rmSNPandCH(object, dist = 2, mafcut = 0.05, and = TRUE, rmcrosshyb = TRUE,
            rmXY = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

object	A matrix of M-values or beta values, with unique Illumina probe IDs as row-names.
dist	Maximum distance (from CpG to SNP/variant) of probes to be filtered out. See details for when Illumina occasionally lists a CpG-to-SNP distance as being < 0.
mafcut	Minimum minor allele frequency of probes to be filtered out.
and	If TRUE, the probe must have at least 1 SNP binding to it that satisfies <b>both</b> requirements in <code>dist</code> and <code>mafcut</code> for it to be filtered out. If FALSE, it will be filtered out if either requirement is satisfied. Default is TRUE.
rmcrosshyb	If TRUE, filters out probes found by Peters et al. (2024) (EPICv2), Pidsley and Zotenko et al. (2016) (EPICv1) or Chen et al. (2013) (450K) to be cross-reactive with areas of the genome not at the site of interest. Default is TRUE.
rmXY	If TRUE, filters out probe hybridising to sex chromosomes. Or-operator applies when combined with other 2 filters.

**Details**

Probes in `-1:dist` will be filtered out for any integer specification of `dist`. When a probe is listed as being “-1” nucleotides from a SNP, that SNP is immediately adjacent to the end of the probe, and is likely to confound the measurement, in addition to those listed as 0, 1 or 2 nucleotides away. See vignette for further details.

**Value**

A matrix, attenuated from object, with rows corresponding to probes matching user input filtered out.

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**Examples**

```
library(ExperimentHub)
eh <- ExperimentHub()
ALLbetas <- eh[["EH9451"]]
ALLbetas <- ALLbetas[1:1000,]
ALLMs <- minfi::logit2(ALLbetas)
ALLMs.noSNPs <- rmSNPandCH(ALLMs, rmcrosshyb = FALSE)
```

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sequencing.annotate     *Annotate a bisulfite sequencing experiment (WGBS or RRBS) with probe weights and chromosomal position.*

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**Description**

Either: - Annotate a BSseq object with chromosome position and test statistic, or - Parse output from `DSS::DMLtest()` or `DSS::DMLtest.multiFactor()` into a CpGannotated object.

**Usage**

```
sequencing.annotate(obj, methdesign, all.cov=FALSE, contrasts = FALSE,
                    cont.matrix = NULL, fdr = 0.05, coef, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A BSseq object or data.frame output from <code>DSS::DMLtest()</code> or <code>DSS::DMLtest.multiFactor()</code> .
methdesign	Methylation study design matrix describing samples and groups. <b>Use of edgeR::modelMatrixMeth() to make this matrix is highly recommended</b> , since it transforms a regular <code>model.matrix</code> (as one would construct for a microarray or RNA-Seq experiment) into a “two-channel” matrix representing methylated and unmethylated reads for each sample. Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.
all.cov	If TRUE, only CpG sites where all samples have > 0 coverage will be retained. If FALSE, CpG sites for which some (not all) samples have coverage=0 will be retained.
contrasts	Logical denoting whether a limma-style contrast matrix is specified. Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.
cont.matrix	Limma-style contrast matrix for explicit contrasting. For each call to <code>sequencing.annotate</code> , only one contrast will be fit. Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.
fdr	FDR cutoff (Benjamini-Hochberg) for which CpG sites are individually called as significant. Used to index default thresholding in <code>dmrcate()</code> . <b>Highly recommended as the primary thresholding parameter for calling DMRs</b> . Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.
coef	The column index in <code>design</code> corresponding to the phenotype comparison. Corresponds to the comparison of interest in <code>design</code> when <code>contrasts=FALSE</code> , otherwise must be a column name in <code>cont.matrix</code> . Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.
...	Extra arguments passed to the <code>limma</code> function <code>lmFit()</code> . Only applicable when <code>obj</code> is a BSseq object.

**Value**

A `CpGannotated-class`.

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