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agedepth

Plot an age-depth model

Description

Plot the age-depth model of a core.

Usage

```
agedepth(
  set = get("info"),
 BCAD = set\$BCAD,
 depth.unit = set$depth.unit,
  age.unit = "yr",
  unit = depth.unit,
 d.lab = c(),
  age.lab = c(),
 yr.lab = age.lab,
 kcal = FALSE,
  acc.lab = c(),
 mem.lab = c(),
 d.min = c(),
 d.max = c(),
  d.by = c(),
  depths = set$depths,
  depths.file = FALSE,
  accordion = c(),
  plotatthesedepths = c(),
  age.min = c(),
 yr.min = age.min,
  age.max = c(),
 yr.max = age.max,
  hiatus.option = 1,
 dark = c(),
  prob = set$prob,
  rounded = c(),
  d.res = 400,
  age.res = 400,
```

```
yr.res = age.res,
date.res = 100,
rotate.axes = FALSE,
rev.age = FALSE,
rev.yr = rev.age,
rev.d = FALSE,
maxcalc = 500,
height = 1,
calheight = 1,
ex = 1,
mirror = TRUE,
up = TRUE,
cutoff = 0.1,
plot.range = TRUE,
range.col = grey(0.5),
range.lty = "12",
range.lwd = 1,
mn.col = "red",
mn.lty = "12",
mn.lwd = 1,
med.col = NA,
med.lty = "12",
med.lwd = 1,
C14.col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.35),
C14.border = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5),
cal.col = rgb(0, 0.5, 0.5, 0.35),
cal.border = rgb(0, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5),
dates.col = c(),
pb.background = 0.5,
pbmodelled.col = function(x) rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5 * x),
pbmeasured.col = "blue",
pb.lim = c(),
supp.col = rgb(0.5, 0, 0.5, 0.5),
remove.tail = TRUE,
MCMC.resample = TRUE,
hiatus.col = grey(0.5),
hiatus.lty = "12",
rgb.scale = c(0, 0, 0),
rgb.res = 100,
slump.col = grey(0.8),
normalise.dists = TRUE,
same.heights = FALSE,
cc = set$cc,
title = set$core,
title.location = "topleft",
title.size = 1.5,
plot.labels = FALSE,
labels = c(),
```

```
label.age = 1,
  label.size = 0.8,
  label.col = "black",
  label.offset = c(0, 0),
  label.adj = c(0.5, 0),
  label.rot = 0,
  after = set$after,
  bty = "1",
 mar.left = c(3, 3, 1, 0.5),
 mar.middle = c(3, 0, 1, 0.5),
 mar.right = c(3, 0, 1, 0.5),
 mar.main = c(3, 3, 1, 1),
  righthand = 3,
 mgp = c(1.7, 0.7, 0),
  xaxs = "r",
  yaxs = "i",
 MCMC.col = grey(0.4),
  post.col = grey(0.8),
  post.border = grey(0.4),
  prior.col = 3,
  prior.lwd = 2,
  prior.fontcol = 2,
  prior.ticks = "n",
  prior.fontsize = 0.9,
  toppanel.fontsize = 0.9,
 mainpanel.tickfontsize = 1,
 mainpanel.labelfontsize = 1,
  acc.xlim = c(),
  acc.ylim = c(),
 mem.xlim = c(),
 mem.ylim = c(),
  hiatus.xlim = c(),
  hiatus.ylim = c(),
  phi.xlim = c(),
  phi.ylim = c(),
  supp.xlim = c(),
  supp.ylim = c(),
  xaxt = "s",
  yaxt = "s",
  plot.pb = TRUE,
  pb.lty = 1,
  plot.pdf = FALSE,
  dates.only = FALSE,
 model.only = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  roundby = 2,
  save.info = set$save.info
)
```

Arguments

set	Detailed information of the current run, stored within this session's memory as variable info.
BCAD	The calendar scale of graphs and age output-files is in cal BP by default, but can be changed to BC/AD using BCAD=TRUE.
depth.unit	Units of the depths. Defaults to the one provided in the Bacon() command, depth.unit=set\$depth.unit.
age.unit	Units of the ages. Defaults to age.unit="yr".
unit	Deprecated and replaced by depth.unit.
d.lab	The labels for the depth axis. Default d.lab="Depth (cm)". See also depth.unit.
age.lab	The labels for the calendar axis (default age.lab="cal BP" or "BC/AD" if BCAD=TRUE).
yr.lab	Deprecated - use age.lab instead
kcal	Use kcal BP. Default is kcal=FALSE.
acc.lab	The labels for the accumulation rate plot (top middle). Default d.lab="Acc. rate (yr/cm)" (or whatever units you're using).
mem.lab	The labels for the memory plot (top right). Default d.lab="Memory".
d.min	Minimum depth of age-depth model (use this to extrapolate to depths higher than the top dated depth).
d.max	Maximum depth of age-depth model (use this to extrapolate to depths below the bottom dated depth).
d.by	Depth intervals at which ages are calculated. Default 1. Alternative depth intervals can be provided using, e.g., d.d. by=0.5.
depths	By default, Bacon will calculate the ages for the depths d.min to d.max in steps of d.by. Alternative depths can be provided as, e.g., depths=seq(0, 100, length=500) or as a file, e.g., depths=read.table("CoreDepths.txt". See also depths.file.
depths.file	By default, Bacon will calculate the ages for the depths d.min to d.max in steps of d.by. If depths.file=TRUE, Bacon will read a file containing the depths for which you require ages. This file, containing the depths in a single column without a header, should be stored within coredir, and its name should start with the core's name and end with '_depths.txt'. Then specify depths.file=TRUE (default FALSE). See also depths.
accordion	An experimental option to squeeze and stretch depths below a boundary. Needs 2 parameters: boundary depth and compression ratio, e.g., accordion=c(25, 20). Defaults to inactive, accordion=c().
plotatthesedep	
	An option to plot ages at different depths (e.g., if a core has been compressed during a run). Use with extreme caution!
age.min	Minimum age of the age-depth plot.
yr.min	Deprecated - use age.min instead.
age.max	Maximum age of the age-depth plot.
yr.max	Deprecated - use age.min instead.

hiatus.option	How to calculate accumulation rates and ages for sections with hiatuses. Either extrapolate from surrounding sections (default, hiatus.option=1), use a wweighted mix between the prior and posterior values for depths below the hiatus and prior information only for above the hiatus (hiatus.option=2), or use the originally calculated slopes (hiatus.option=0).
dark	Darkness of the greyscale age-depth model. By default, the darkest grey value is calculated as 10 times the height of the lowest-precision age estimate dark=c(). Lower values will result in lighter grey but values >1 are not allowed.
prob	Confidence interval to report (between 0 and 1, default 0.95 or 95%).
rounded	Rounding of years. Default is to round to single years (1 digit for plum models).
d.res	Resolution or amount of greyscale pixels to cover the depth scale of the age-model plot. Default d.res=200.
age.res	Resolution or amount of greyscale pixels to cover the age scale of the age-model plot. Default yr.res=200.
yr.res	Deprecated - use age.res instead.
date.res	Date distributions are plotted using date.res=100 points by default.
rotate.axes	By default, the age-depth model is plotted with the depths on the horizontal axis and ages on the vertical axis. This can be changed with rotate.axes=TRUE.
rev.age	The direction of the age axis, which can be reversed using rev.age=TRUE.
rev.yr	Deprecated - use rev.age instead.
rev.d	The direction of the depth axis, which can be reversed using rev.d=TRUE.
maxcalc	Number of depths to calculate ages for. If this is more than maxcalc=500, a warning will be shown that calculations will take time.
height	The maximum heights of the distributions of the dates on the plot. See also normalise.dists.
calheight	Multiplier for the heights of the distributions of dates on the calendar scale. Defaults to calheight=1.
ex	As an alternative to 'height' and 'calheight', the distribution heights can be set as either a single value (e.g., ex=1) or for each date (for example, myex=rep(1, nrow(info\$dets)); myex[1:5] <- 10; agedepth(ex=myex)).
mirror	Plot the dates as 'blobs'. Set to mirror=FALSE to plot simple distributions.
up	Directions of distributions if they are plotted non-mirrored. Default up=TRUE.
cutoff	Avoid plotting very low probabilities of date distributions (default $cutoff=0.1$).
plot.range	Whether or not to plot the curves showing the confidence ranges of the age-model. Defaults to (plot.range=TRUE).
range.col	The colour of the curves showing the confidence ranges of the age-model. Defaults to medium grey (range.col=grey(0.5)).
range.lty	The line type of the curves showing the confidence ranges of the age-model. Defaults to range.lty=12.
range.lwd	Widths of the lines of the ranges of the age-depth model. Default range.lwd=1.
mn.col	The colour of the mean age-depth model: default mn.col="red".

mn.lty	The line type of the mean age-depth model. Default mn.lty=12.
mn.lwd	Width of the line of the mean age-depth model. Default mn.lwd=1.
med.col	The colour of the median age-depth model: not drawn by default med.col=NA.
med.lty	The line type of the median age-depth model. Default med.lty=12.
med.lwd	Width of the line of the median age-depth model. Default med.lwd=1.
C14.col	The colour of the calibrated ranges of the dates. Default is semi-transparent blue: $C14.col=rgb(0,0,1,.35)$.
C14.border	The colours of the borders of calibrated 14C dates. Default is semi-transparent dark blue: C14.border=rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5).
cal.col	The colour of the non-14C dates. Default is semi-transparent blue-green: $cal.col=rgb(0,.5,.5,.35)$.
cal.border	The colour of the border of non-14C dates in the age-depth plot: default semi-transparent dark blue-green: cal.border=rgb(0,.5,.5,.5). Not used by default.
dates.col	As an alternative to colouring dates based on whether they are 14C or not, sets of dates can be coloured as, e.g., dates.col=colours()[2:100].
pb.background	Probability at which total Pb values are considered to have reached background values, or in other words, that their modelled values are at or below supported + detection limit (Al)). Setting this at 0.5 means that any depth with a Pb measurement, where at least half of the iterations model Pb values reaching background values, is flagged as having reached background. The age-model is not extended to any Pb measurements that have reached background.
pbmodelled.col	Colour of the modelled 210Pb values. Defaults to shades of blue: $pbmodelled.col=function(x) rgb(0,0,1,x)$.
pbmeasured.col	Colour of the measured 210Pb values (default pbmeasured.col="blue"). Draws rectangles of the upper and lower depths as well as the Pb values with 95 percent error ranges.
pb.lim	Axis limits for the Pb-210 data. Calculated automatically by default (pblim=c()).
supp.col	Colour of supported Pb-210. Defaults to semi-transparent purple, because why not.
remove.tail	Whether or not to remove the tail measurements when plotting. Sometimes automated removal might go wrong, so then this option can be used to avoid removing the tail measurements.
MCMC.resample	After the MCMC run, if there are more MCMC iterations than requested, only the last 'ssize' iterations will be retained. Defaults to TRUE.
hiatus.col	The colour of the depths of any hiatuses. Default hiatus.col=grey(0.5).
hiatus.lty	The line type of the depths of any hiatuses. Default hiatus.lty=12.
rgb.scale	The function to produce a coloured representation of all age-models. Needs 3 values for the intensity of red, green and blue. Defaults to grey-scales: rgb.scale= $c(0,0,0)$, but could also be, say, scales of red (rgb.scale= $c(1,0,0)$).
rgb.res	Resolution of the colour spectrum depicting the age-depth model. Default rgb.res=100.
slump.col	Colour of slumps. Defaults to slump.col=grey(0.8).

normalise.dist	s
	By default, the distributions of more precise dates will cover less time and will thus peak higher than less precise dates. This can be avoided by specifying normalise.dists=FALSE.
same.heights	Plot the distributions of the dates all at the same maximum height (default same.height=FALSE).
сс	Calibration curve for 14C dates: cc=1 for IntCal20 (northern hemisphere terrestrial), cc=2 for Marine20 (marine), cc=3 for SHCal20 (southern hemisphere terrestrial). For dates that are already on the cal BP scale use cc=0.
title	The title of the age-depth model is plotted on the main panel. By default this is the core's name. To leave empty: title="".
title.location	Location of the title. Default title.location='topleft'.
title.size	Size of the title font. Defaults to title.size=1.5.
plot.labels	Whether or not to plot labels next to the dated depths. Defaults to FALSE.
labels	Add labels to the dates (as given by the first column of the .csv file). FALSE by default.
label.age	Position on the age axis of the date labels. By default draws them before the youngest age (1), but can also draw them after the oldest age (2), or above its mean (3).
label.size	Size of labels.
label.col	Colour of the labels. Defaults to the colour given to the borders of the dates.
label.offset	Offsets of the positions of the labels, giving the x and y offsets. Defaults to $c(0,0)$.
label.adj	Justification of the labels. Follows R's adj option: A value of '0' produces left-justified text, '0.5' (the default) centered text and '1' right-justified text.
label.rot	Rotation of the label. 0 by default (horizontal).
after	Sets a short section above and below hiatus.depths within which to calculate ages. For internal calculations - do not change.
bty	Type of box to be drawn around plots ("n" for none, and "1" (default), "7", "c", "u", or "o" for correspondingly shaped boxes).
mar.left	Plot margins for the topleft panel (amount of white space along edges of axes 1-4). Default mar.left=c(3,3,1,1).
mar.middle	Plot margins for the middle panel(s) at the top (amount of white space along edges of axes 1-4). Default mar.middle=c(3,3,1,1).
mar.right	Plot margins for the topright panel (amount of white space along edges of axes 1-4). Default mar.right=c(3,3,1,1).
mar.main	Plot margins for the main panel (amount of white space along edges of axes 1-4). Default mar.main=c(3,3,1,1).
righthand	Adapt the righthand margins by a certain amount (default 2) to allow a righthand axis to be plotted (for plum)
mgp	Axis text margins (where should titles, labels and tick marks be plotted). Defaults to $mgp=c(1.7, 0.7, 0.0)$.

xaxs	Extension of x-axis. By default, add some extra white-space at both extremes $(xaxs="r")$. See ?par for other options.
yaxs	Extension of y-axis. By default, add no extra white-space at both extremes (yaxs="i"). See ?par for other options.
MCMC.col	Colour of the MCMC output. Defaults to post.col=grey(0.4)).
post.col	Colour of the posterior histogram. Defaults to post.col=grey(0.8)).
post.border	Colour of the posterior border. Defaults to post.border=grey(0.4)).
prior.col	Colour of the prior curve. Defaults to light green, prior.col=3).
prior.lwd	Line width of the prior curve. Defaults to prior.lwd=2).
prior.fontcol	Colour of the font accompanying the posterior histograms. Defaults to red, prior.fontcol=2).
prior.ticks	Plot tickmarks and values on the vertical axes for the prior and posterior distributions. Defaults to no tick marks (prior.ticks="n"). Set to prior.ticks="s" to plot the tick marks. Note that these values are of little practical use, as they correspond poorly to, e.g., the mean and strength values. All that matters is that the areas of both the prior and the posterior distributions sum to 1; wider distributions tend to give lower peaks, and narrower distributions higher peaks.
prior.fontsize	Font size of the prior, relative to R's standard size. Defaults to prior.fontsize=0.9.
toppanel.fontsi	
mainmanal tiak	Font size of the top panels, relative to R's standard size. Defaults to prior.fontsize=0.9.
mainpanel.tickf	Font size of values at the tick marks in the main panel, relative to R's standard
	size. Defaults to mainpanel.tickfontsize=1.
mainpanel.label	
	Font size of axis labels in the main panel, relative to R's standard size. Defaults to mainpanel.labelsize=1.
acc.xlim	Horizontal axis limits of the accumulation rate panel. Calculated automatically by default.
acc.ylim	Vertical axis limits of the accumulation rate panel. Calculated automatically by default.
mem.xlim	Horizontal axis limits of the memory panel. Calculated automatically by default.
mem.ylim	Vertical axis limits of the memory panel. Calculated automatically by default.
hiatus.xlim	Horizontal axis limits of the hiatus size panel. Calculated automatically by default.
hiatus.ylim	Vertical axis limits of the hiatus size panel. Calculated automatically by default.
phi.xlim	Horizontal axis limits of the phi panel. Calculated automatically by default.
phi.ylim	Vertical axis limits of the phi panel. Calculated automatically by default.
supp.xlim	Horizontal axis limits of the supported-Pb panel. Calculated automatically by default.
supp.ylim	Vertical axis limits of the supported-Pb panel. Calculated automatically by default.

xaxt	Whether or not to plot the x-axis. Can be used to adapt axes after a plot. See ?par for other options.
yaxt	Whether or not to plot the y-axis. Can be used to adapt axes after a plot. See ?par for other options.
plot.pb	Plot the 210Pb data (if present). Defaults to plot.pb=TRUE.
pb.lty	Line type of measured Pb-210 data.
plot.pdf	Produce a pdf file of the age-depth plot.
dates.only	By default, the age-depth model is plotted on top of the dates. This can be avoided by supplying dates.only=TRUE.
model.only	By default, panels showing the MCMC iterations and the priors and posteriors for accumulation rate and memory are plotted above the main age-depth model panel. This can be avoided by supplying model.only=TRUE. Note however that this removes relevant information to evaluate the age-depth model, so we do recommend to present age-models together with these upper panels.
verbose	Provide a summary of the age ranges after producing the age-depth model graph; default verbose=FALSE.
roundby	Rounding of the values reported at the end of the function. Defaults to 2 decimals.
save.info	By default, a variable called 'info' with relevant information about the run (e.g., core name, priors, settings, ages, output) is saved into the working directory. Note that this will overwrite any existing variable with the same name - as an alternative, one could run, e.g., myvar <- Bacon(), followed by supplying the variable myvar in any subsequent commands.

Details

After loading a previous run, or after running either the scissors or thinner command, plot the age-model again using the command agedepth().

Value

A plot of the age-depth model, and estimated ages incl. confidence ranges for each depth.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
rbacon::Bacon(ask=FALSE, coredir=tempfile())
agedepth()
```

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draw.pbmodelled

Plot the 210Pb data

Description

Produce a plot of the 210Pb data and their depths

Usage

```
draw.pbmodelled(
  set = get("info"),
 BCAD = set\$BCAD,
  rotate.axes = FALSE,
  rev.d = FALSE,
  rev.age = FALSE,
 pb.lim = c(),
 d.lim = c(),
  d.lab = c(),
  pb.lab = c(),
  pbmodelled.col = function(x) rgb(0, 0, 1, x),
  pbmeasured.col = "blue",
  supp.col = "purple",
 plot.measured = TRUE,
  age.lim = c(),
 mgp = mgp,
 pb.lty = 1
)
```

Arguments

set	Detailed information of the current run, stored within this session's memory as variable info.
BCAD	The calendar scale of graphs is in cal BP by default, but can be changed to BC/AD using BCAD=TRUE.
rotate.axes	The default of plotting age on the horizontal axis and event probability on the vertical one can be changed with rotate.axes=TRUE.
rev.d	The direction of the depth axis can be reversed from the default (rev.d=TRUE).
rev.age	The direction of the calendar age axis can be reversed from the default (rev.age=TRUE)
pb.lim	Minimum and maximum of the 210Pb axis ranges, calculated automatically by default (pb.lim=c()).
d.lim	Minimum and maximum depths to plot; calculated automatically by default (d.lim=c()).
d.lab	The labels for the depth axis. Default d.lab="Depth (cm)".
pb.lab	The label for the 210Pb axis (default pb. lab="210Pb (Bq/kg)" or "210Pb (dpm/g)").

pbmodelled.col Colour of the modelled 210Pb values. Defaults to scales of blue: pbmodelled.col=function(x) rgb(0,0,1,x).

pbmeasured.col Colour of the measured 210Pb values. Defaults to blue.

Supp.col Colour of the supported 210Pb data. Defaults to red: supp.col="red".

plot.measured Plot the measured 210Pb values (default plot.measured=TRUE).

age.lim values of the age axis. Used to calculate where to plot the pb values on the secondary axis

mgp Axis text margins (where should titles, labels and tick marks be plotted). Defaults to mgp=c(1.7, .7, .0).

pb.lty Line type of measured Pb-210 data.

Details

This function is generally called internally to produce the age-depth graph. It can be used to produce custom-built graphs.

Value

A plot of the modelled (and optionally the measured) 210Pb values

Author(s)

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Plum

Main 210Pb age-depth modelling function

Description

This is the main age-depth modelling function of the rplum package for 210Pb age-modelling.

Usage

```
Plum(
  core = "HP1C",
  thick = 1,
  otherdates = NA,
  coredir = "",
  phi.shape = 2,
  phi.mean = 50,
  s.shape = 5,
  s.mean = 10,
  A1 = 0.1,
  date.sample = c(),
  n.supp = c(),
  remove.tail = TRUE,
```

```
ra.case = c(),
Bqkg = TRUE,
seed = NA,
prob = 0.95,
d.min = 0,
d.max = NA,
d.by = 1,
depths.file = FALSE,
depths = c(),
depth.unit = "cm",
age.unit = "yr",
unit = depth.unit,
acc.shape = 1.5,
acc.mean = 10,
mem.strength = 10,
mem.mean = 0.5,
boundary = NA,
hiatus.depths = NA,
hiatus.max = 10000,
add = c(),
after = 1e-04/thick,
cc = 1,
cc1 = "IntCal20",
cc2 = "Marine20",
cc3 = "SHCal20",
cc4 = "ConstCal",
cc.dir = "",
postbomb = 0,
F14C = c(),
pMC = c(),
delta.R = 0,
delta.STD = 0,
t.a = 3,
t.b = 4,
normal = FALSE,
suggest = TRUE,
reswarn = c(10, 200),
remember = TRUE,
ask = TRUE,
run = TRUE,
defaults = "defaultPlum_settings.txt",
sep = ",",
dec = ".",
runname = "",
slump = c(),
BCAD = FALSE,
ssize = 4000,
th0 = c(),
```

```
burnin = min(500, ssize),
 MinAge = c(),
  youngest.age = c(),
 MaxAge = c(),
  oldest.age = c(),
  cutoff = 0.001,
  rounded = 1,
  plot.pdf = TRUE,
  dark = 1,
  date.res = 100,
  age.res = 200,
  close.connections = TRUE,
  save.info = TRUE,
  older.than = c(),
  younger.than = c(),
  save.elbowages = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
)
```

Arguments

core

Name of the core, given using quotes. Defaults to one of the cores provided with rplum, core="HP1C" also reported by Aquino-Lopez et al. (2018). Also available is LL14, a core kindly provided by Dr Lysanna Anderson (USGS). LL14 has ra-226 data (so can be run with ra.case=1 or ra.case=2, see below), and also has additional C-14 and cal BP data (these can be added using otherdates="LL14_14C.csv"). The original LL14 core has more 14C data than provided here (for reasons of brevity). To run your own core, produce a .csv file with the dates as outlined in the manual, add a folder with the core's name to the default directory for cores (see coredir), and save the .csv file there. For example, the file's location and name could be Plum_runs/MyCore/MyCore.csv. Then run Plum as follows: Plum("MyCore"). Note that for Pb-210 data, the depth in the .csv should be the bottom of the slice, not the mid-point. (For any non-Pb data, depths are the midpoints of their slices). Also make sure that the thickness and density are given correctly for each Pb-210 data point.

thick

Plum will divide the core into sections of equal thickness specified by thick (default thick=1).

otherdates

Name of (optional) file with radiocarbon dates. This file should have the same format as the one used for rbacon. For example, Bacon("LL14", otherdates="LL14_14C.csv").

coredir

Folder where the core's files core are and/or will be located. This will be a folder with the core's name, within either the folder coredir='Plum_runs/', or the folder Cores/ if it already exists within R's working directory, or a custom-built folder. For example, use coredir="." to place the core's folder within the current working directory, or coredir="F:" if you want to put the core's folder and files on a USB drive loaded under F:. Thinner (and thus more) sections will result in smoother age-models, but too many sections can cause 'run-away' models.

phi.shape	Shape parameter of the prior gamma distribution used for the influx of Pb-210 to the sediment, default phi.shape=2.
phi.mean	Mean parameter of the prior gamma distribution used for the influx of Pb-210 to the sediment, default phi.mean=50.
s.shape	Shape parameter of the prior gamma distribution used for the supported Pb-210 to the sediment, default s.shape=5.
s.mean	Mean parameter of the prior gamma distribution used for the supported Pb-210 to the sediment, default s.mean=10.
Al	Parameter used to limit the chronologies described in Aquino-Lopez et al. (2018) for the minimum distinguishable unsupported activity; default Al=0.1.
date.sample	Date (in calendar years, e.g., AD 2023) at which the core was measured for Pb-120. This date will be used as a surface date and is assumed to have no uncertainty. If the date is not provided (in the .csv file or as date.sample), Plum will ask for it.
n.supp	This value will delete n.supp data points from the deepest part of the core, and these points will then be used exclusively to estimate the supported activity. If this option is used, a constant supported Pb-210 will be assumed, n. supp=-1.
remove.tail	Whether or not to remove the tail measurements when plotting. Sometimes automated removal might go wrong, or additional dates exist further down, so then this option can be used to avoid removing the tail 210Pb measurements. Is set to FALSE if there are non-210Pb data further down the core.
ra.case	How to use radium-226 measurements if they are provided in the core's .csv file. 1 = assume constant radium, 2 = assume varying radium and use the radium measurements as individual estimates of supported Pb-210. If no radium measurements are present, use ra.case=0.
Bqkg	This variable indicates whether total Pb-210 is expressed in Bq/kg (default; Bqkg=TRUE) or dpm/g if set to FALSE.
seed	Seed used for C++ executions; if it is not assigned then the seed is set by system. Default seed=NA.
prob	Confidence interval to report. This should lie between 0 and 1, default prob=0.95 (95 %).
d.min	Minimum depth of age-depth model (use this to extrapolate to depths higher than the top dated depth).
d.max	Maximum depth of age-depth model (use this to extrapolate to depths below the bottom dated depth).
d.by	Depth intervals at which ages are calculated. Defaults to d.by=1.
depths.file	By default, Plum will calculate the ages for the depths d.min to d.max in steps of d.by. If depths.file=TRUE, Plum will read a file containing the depths for which you require ages. This file, containing the depths in a single column without a header, should be stored within coredir, and its name should start with the core's name and end with '_depths.txt'. Then specify depths.file=TRUE (default FALSE). See also depths.

depths By default, Plum will calculate the ages for the depths d.min to d.max in steps

of d.by. Alternative depths can be provided as, e.g., depths=seq(0, 100, length=500) or as a file, e.g., depths=read.table("CoreDepths.txt". See

also depths.file

depth.unit Units of the depths. Defaults to depth.unit="cm".

age.unit Units of the ages. Defaults to age.unit="yr".

unit Deprecated and replaced by depth.unit.

acc.shape The prior for the accumulation rate consists of a gamma distribution with two

parameters. Its shape is set by acc.shape (default acc.shape=1.5; higher values

result in more peaked shapes).

acc.mean The accumulation rate prior consists of a gamma distribution with two param-

eters. Its mean is set by acc.mean (default acc.mean=10 yr/cm (or whatever age or depth units are chosen), which can be changed to, e.g., 5, 10 or 50 for different kinds of deposits). Multiple values can be given in case of hiatuses or

boundaries, e.g., Plum(hiatus.depths=23, acc.mean=c(5,20))

mem. strength The prior for the memory (dependence of accumulation rate between neighbour-

ing depths) is a beta distribution, which looks much like the gamma distribution. but its values are always between 0 (no assumed memory) and 1 (100% memory). Its default settings of mem.strength=10 (higher values result in more

peaked shapes) allow for a large range of posterior memory values.

mem.mean The prior for the memory is a beta distribution, which looks much like the

gamma distribution but its values are always between 0 (no assumed memory) and 1 (100% memory). Its default settings of mem.mean=0.5 allow for a large

range of posterior memory values.

boundary The assumed depths of any boundary, which divides sections of different accu-

mulation rate regimes (e.g., as indicated by major change in the stratigraphy). No hiatus is assumed between these sections, and memory is reset crossing the boundary. Different accumulation priors can be set for the sections above and below the boundary, e.g., acc.mean=c(5, 20). See also hiatus.depths, mem.mean, acc.mean and acc.shape. Setting many boundaries might not work, and having more than one boundary per model section (see 'thick') might not

work either.

hiatus.depths The assumed depths for any hiatus should be provided as, e.g., hiatus.depths=20

for one at 20cm depth, and hiatus.depths=c(20,40) for two hiatuses at 20

and 40 cm depth.

hiatus.max The prior for the maximum length of the hiatus. Hiatus length is a uniform

distribution, with equal probabilities between $0\ \mathrm{and}\ \mathrm{hiatus.max}\ \mathrm{yr}$ (or whatever

other age.unit is chosen).

add Add a value to the maximum hiatus length if a boundary is chosen. Defaults to

100 yr (or whatever other age unit is chosen). Can be adapted if Plum complains

that the parameters are out of support.

after Sets a short section above and below hiatus.depths within which to calculate

ages. For internal calculations - do not change.

cc Calibration curve for C-14 dates: cc=1 for IntCal20 (northern hemisphere ter-

restrial), cc=2 for Marine20 (marine), cc=3 for SHCal20 (southern hemisphere

terrestrial). For dates that are already on the cal BP scale use cc=0.

cc1	For northern hemisphere terrestrial 14C dates (IntCal20).
cc2	For marine 14C dates (Marine20).
сс3	For southern hemisphere 14C dates (SHCal20).
cc4	Use an alternative curve (3 columns: cal BP, 14C age, error, separated by white spaces and saved as a plain-text file). See cc.dir.
cc.dir	Directory where the calibration curves for C14 dates cc are located. By default cc.dir="" since they are loaded into R's memory. For example, use cc.dir="." to choose current working directory, or cc.dir="Curves/" to choose sub-folder Curves/. Note that all calibration curves should reside in the same directory. If you want to add a custom-built curve, put it in the directory where the default calibration curves are (probably list.files(paste0(.libPaths(), "/IntCal/extdata/"))). Alternatively produce a new folder, and add your curve as well as the default calibration curves there (cc1, cc2 and cc3; e.g., write.table(copyCalibrationCurve(1), "./3Col_intcal20.14C", sep="\t").)
postbomb	Use a postbomb curve for negative (i.e. postbomb) 14C ages. $0 = \text{none}$, $1 = \text{NH1}$, $2 = \text{NH2}$, $3 = \text{NH3}$, $4 = \text{SH1-2}$, $5 = \text{SH3}$
F14C	Radiocarbon ages can be provided as F14C values. If doing so, please indicate here which dates were entered as F14C (e.g., if the first 4 dates are in F14C, write F14C=1:4). The F14C values in your .csv file will then be replaced by their corresponding C14 ages.
рМС	Radiocarbon ages can be provided as pMC values. If doing so, please indicate here which dates were entered as pMC (e.g., if the first 4 dates are in pMC, write pMC=1:4). The pMC values in your .csv file will then be replaced by their corresponding C14 ages.
delta.R	Mean of core-wide age offsets (e.g., regional marine offsets).
delta.STD	Error of core-wide age offsets (e.g., regional marine offsets).
t.a	The dates are treated using the t distribution by default (normal=FALSE). The t-distribution has two parameters, t.a and t.b, set at 3 and 4 by default (see Christen and Perez, 2009). If you want to assign narrower error distributions (more closely resembling the normal distribution), set t.a and t.b at for example 33 and 34 respectively (e.g., for specific dates in your .csv file). For symmetry reasons, t.a must always be equal to t.b-1.
t.b	The dates are treated using the t distribution by default (normal=FALSE). The t-distribution has two parameters, t.a and t.b, set at 3 and 4 by default (see Christen and Perez, 2010). If you want to assign narrower error distributions (more closely resembling the normal distribution), set t.a and t.b at for example 33 and 34 respectively (e.g., for specific dates in your .csv file). For symmetry reasons, t.a must always be equal to t.b-1.
normal	By default, Plum uses the t-distribution to treat the dates. Use normal=TRUE to use the normal/Gaussian distribution. This will generally give higher weight to the dates.
suggest	If initial analysis of the data indicates abnormally slow or fast accumulation rates, Plum will suggest to change the prior. Also, if the length of the core would cause too few or too many sections with the default settings, Plum will suggest an alternative section thickness thick, and it will suggest approaches

to estimating supported Pb-120. Accept these suggested alternative settings by typing "y" (or "yes please" if you prefer to be polite), or leave as is by typing "n" (or anything else, really). To get rid of these suggestions, use suggest=FALSE. reswarn Plum will warn you if the number of sections lies outside the safe range (default between 10 and 200 sections; reswarn=c(10,200)). Too few sections could lead to an 'elbowy' model while with too many sections the modelling process can get lost, resulting in age-models far away from the dated depths. remember Plum will try to remember which settings you have applied to your cores (default remember=TRUE). If you run into inconsistencies or other problems, try running your core again with remember=FALSE, or, start cleanly by typing Plum. cleanup(). ask By default Plum will ask you to confirm that you want to run the core with the provided settings. Disable this using ask=FALSE (e.g., for batch runs). run In order to load an existing Plum run instead of producing a new one, you can use run=FALSE. defaults Name of the file containing settings for the core. For internal use only - do not change. sep Separator between the fields of the plain text file containing the dating information. Default sep=",". dec Character for decimal points. Default to dec=".". Text to add to the corename for specific runs, e.g., runname="MyCore_Test1". runname slump Upper and lower depths of any sections of assumed abrupt accumulation, that require excising before age-modelling (and adding after age-modelling). Requires pairs of depths, e.g., slump=c(10,15,60,67) for slumps at 67-60 and 15-10 cm core depth. **BCAD** The calendar scale of graphs and age output-files is in cal BP (calendar or calibrated years before the present, where the present is AD 1950) by default, but can be changed to BC/AD using BCAD=TRUE. The approximate amount of iterations to store at the end of the MCMC run. ssize Default 2000; decrease for faster (but less reliable) runs or increase for cores where the MCMC mixing (panel at upper-left corner of age-model graph) appears problematic. th0 Starting years for the MCMC iterations. burnin Amount of initial, likely sub-optimal MCMC iterations that will be removed. MinAge Deprecated - use youngest.age instead. Minimum age limit for Bacon runs, default at current year in cal BP. To set plot youngest.age limits, use age.min instead. MaxAge Deprecated - use oldest.age instead. oldest.age Maximum age limit for Bacon runs, default at 1,000,000 cal BP. To set plot limits, use age.max instead. cutoff Avoid plotting very low probabilities of date distributions (default cutoff=0.001). Rounding of calendar years. Defaults to 1 decimal. rounded

Produce a pdf file of the age-depth plot. Defaults to plot.pdf=TRUE after a

plot.pdf

Plum run.

dark Darkness of the greyscale age-depth model. The darkest grey value is dark=1

by default. Lower values will result in lighter grey but values >1 are not allowed.

date.res Date distributions are plotted using date.res=100 segments by default.

age.res Resolution or amount of greyscale pixels to cover the age scale of the age-model

plot. Default yr.res=200.

close.connections

Internal option to close connections after a run. Default close.connections=TRUE.

save.info By default, a variable called 'info' with relevant information about the run (e.g.,

core name, priors, settings, ages, output) is saved into the working directory. Note that this will overwrite any existing variable with the same name - as an alternative, one could run, e.g., myvar <- Bacon(), followed by supplying the

variable myvar in any subsequent commands.

older.than an option to enable dates at the limit of C-14 dating. If there are older.than

dates (works only for non-210Pb data), they tell us that the core should be older than a certain age at that depth. For example, if the 7th and 8th dates in the core's 'otherdates' .csv file are older-than dates, use as older.than=c(7,8). The MCMC run could be problematic if the older-than ages do not fit with the

other information.

younger.than an option to provide younger-than ages, for example a historical pollen marker.

If there are younger-than dates (works only for non-210Pb data), they tell us that the core should be younger than a certain age at that depth. For example, if the 7th and 8th dates in the core's 'otherdates' .csv file are younger.than dates, use as younger.than=c(7,8). The MCMC run could be problematic if the

younger.than ages do not fit with the other information.

save.elbowages If you want to have a file with the MCMC-derived ages for all the age-depth

model's elbows, set save.elbowages=TRUE and a file with the ages will be

saved in the core's folder, ending in "_elbowages.txt".

verbose Provide feedback on what is happening (default verbose=TRUE).

... options for the age-depth graph. See the agedepth and calib.plot functions.

Details

Plum is an approach to age-depth modelling that uses Bayesian statistics in order to reconstruct accumulation histories for 210Pb-dated deposits by taking into account prior information, and can combine 210Pb, radiocarbon and other dates (Aquino et al. 2018).

Plum handles 210Pb and other dated depths within in a core, by dividing a core into many thin vertical sections (by default of thick=1 cm thickness), and through millions of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) iterations estimates the flux of 210Pb and supported 210Pb, as well as the accumulation rate (in years/cm; so more correctly, sedimentation times) for each of these sections. Combined with an estimated starting date for the first section, these accumulation rates and values for 210Pb then form the age-depth and 210Pb model. The accumulation rates are constrained by prior information on the accumulation rate (acc.mean, acc.shape) and its variability between neighbouring depths, or "memory" (mem.mean, mem.strength). Hiatuses can be introduced as well, also constrained by prior information (hiatus.max). The 210Pb flux (phi) and supported 210Pb (s) are constrained by priors phi.mean, phi.shape, s.mean and s.shape.

Although Plum was developed for 210Pb dates, it can also include absolute dates (e.g., 14C, OSL, tephra or other dates on a calendar scale). Radiocarbon dates should be calibrated using either IntCal20 (for terrestrial northern hemisphere material; Reimer et al., 2020), Marine20 (for marine dates; Hughen et al., 2020), SHCal20 (for southern hemisphere dates; Hogg et al., 2020) or any other calibration curve (see below), while modern 14C dates are calibrated using one of the postbomb calibration curves (NH1, NH2 or NH3 for the northern hemisphere, SH1-2 or SH3 for the southern hemisphere; Hua et al., 2022). See http://calib.org/CALIBomb/ if you are unsure which postbomb curve you need. If Plum finds postbomb dates (negative 14C ages) and you haven't specified a postbomb curve, you will be prompted. Provide postbomb curves as, e.g., postbomb=1 for the NH1 postbomb curve (2 for NH2, 3 for NH3, 4 for SH1-2, 5 for SH3).

For calendar dates, i.e. dates that are already on the calendar scale and thus should not be calibrated, setcc=0. Plum also needs the date of sampling, in AD (date.sample).

rplum works by calling the rbacon package. Since version 3.1.0, Bacon can also handle youngerthan and older-than ages, with the model aiming to either go 'above' or 'below' such dates as requested. If the resulting combination of parameters becomes problematic (e.g., no initial combination of parameters can be found that obeys the priors or is in chronological order), then the output will often be wrong. If so, using the function set.initvals could help.

By default, the initial MCMC values of the Bacon age-depth model (upper ages and accumulation rate for each model section) are estimated randomly. Since version 3.1.0, these starting values can also be provided in a file with extension _bacon.init, placed within the core's folder. This file will need to have two rows, each for one of the two initial sets of parameters required (the t-walk requires two starting estimates for all MCMC parameters). If such a file is found (and correctly formatted), Bacon will use the values within this file as starting points for the MCMC run. See function set.initvals for more information.

Value

An age-depth model graph, its age estimates, a summary, and the info variable which contains all relevant information.

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Examples

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```

Plum.cleanup

Remove files made to produce the current core's age-depth model.

Description

Remove files .bacon, .out, .pdf, _ages.txt, and _settings.txt of current core.

Usage

```
Plum.cleanup(set = get("info"))
```

Arguments

set

Detailed information of the current run, stored within this session's memory as variable info.

Details

If cores behave badly, you can try cleaning up previous runs and settings, by removing files .bacon, .out, .pdf, _ages.txt, and _settings.txt of current core.

Value

A message stating that the files and settings of this run have been deleted.

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Plum_runs

Plum_runs

List the folders present in the current core directory.

Description

Lists all folders located within the core's directory.

Usage

```
Plum_runs(coredir = get("info")$coredir)
```

Arguments

coredir

The directory where the Bacon runs reside. Defaults to coredir="Plum_runs".

Details

The directory is either "Plum_runs", "Cores" or a custom-named one.

Value

A list of folders

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