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`age.F14C` *Calculate F14C values from C14 ages*

Description

Calculate F14C values from radiocarbon ages

Usage

```
age.F14C(mn, sdev = c(), decimals = 5)
```

Arguments

`mn`	Reported mean of the 14C age.
`sdev`	Reported error of the 14C age. If left empty, will translate mn to F14C.
`decimals`	Amount of decimals required for the F14C value. Defaults to 5.

Details

Post-bomb dates are often reported as F14C or fraction modern carbon. Since Bacon expects radiocarbon ages, this function can be used to calculate F14C values from radiocarbon ages. The reverse function of F14C.age.

Value

F14C values from C14 ages.

Examples

```
age.F14C(-2000, 20)
```

`age.pMC` *Calculate pMC values from C14 ages*

Description

Calculate pMC values from radiocarbon ages

Usage

```
age.pMC(mn, sdev = c(), ratio = 100, decimals = 5)
```

Arguments

`mn`	Reported mean of the 14C age.
`sdev`	Reported error of the 14C age.
`ratio`	Most modern-date values are reported against `100`. If it is against `1` instead, a warning is provided; use `age.F14C`.
`decimals`	Amount of decimals required for the pMC value. Defaults to 5.

Details

Post-bomb dates are often reported as pMC or percent modern carbon. Since Bacon expects radiocarbon ages, this function can be used to calculate pMC values from radiocarbon ages. The reverse function of pMC.age.

Value

pMC values from C14 ages.

Examples

```
age.pMC(-2000, 20)
age.pMC(-2000, 20, 1)
```

`calBP.14C` *Find the 14C age and error belonging to a cal BP age.*

Description

Given a calendar age, the calibration curve (default cc=1) is interpolated and the corresponding 14C age and error are returned.

Usage

```
calBP.14C(yr, cc = 1, postbomb = FALSE, rule = 1, cc.dir = NULL)
```

Arguments

`yr`	The cal BP year.
`cc`	calibration curve for C14 (see `caldist()`).
`postbomb`	Whether or not to use a postbomb curve (see `caldist()`).
`rule`	How should R's approx function deal with extrapolation. If `rule=1`, the default, then NAs are returned for such points and if it is 2, the value at the closest data extreme is used.
`cc.dir`	Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., `cc.dir="curves"`.

Details

Interpolation is used, and values outside the calibration curve are given as NA. For negative cal BP ages, a postbomb curve will have to be provided.

Value

The calibration-curve 14C year belonging to the entered cal BP age

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Examples

```
calBP.14C(100)
```

caldist *Calculate calibrated distribution*

Description

Calculate the calibrated distribution of a radiocarbon date.

Usage

```
caldist(
  age,
  error,
  cc = 1,
  postbomb = FALSE,
  yrsteps = FALSE,
  cc.resample = FALSE,
  dist.res = 200,
  threshold = 0.001,
  normal = TRUE,
  t.a = 3,
  t.b = 4,
  normalise = TRUE,
  BCAD = FALSE,
  rule = 1,
  cc.dir = NULL
)
```

Arguments

age	Uncalibrated radiocarbon age
error	Lab error of the radiocarbon age
cc	Calibration curve to use. Defaults to IntCal20 (cc=1).
postbomb	Whether or not to use a postbomb curve. Required for negative radiocarbon ages.
yrsteps	Steps to use for interpolation. Defaults to the cal BP steps in the calibration curve
cc.resample	The IntCal20 curves have different densities (every year between 0 and 5 kcal BP, then every 5 yr up to 15 kcal BP, then every 10 yr up to 25 kcal BP, and then every 20 yr up to 55 kcal BP). If calibrated ages span these density ranges, their drawn heights can differ, as can their total areas (which should ideally all sum to the same size). To account for this, resample to a constant time-span, using, e.g., cc.resample=5 for 5-yr timespanes.
dist.res	As an alternative to yrsteps, provide the amount of 'bins' in the distribution
threshold	Report only values above a threshold. Defaults to threshold=1e-6.

normal	Use the normal distribution to calibrate dates (default TRUE). The alternative is to use the t model (Christen and Perez 2016).
t.a	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 3).
t.b	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 4).
normalise	Sum the entire calibrated distribution to 1. Defaults to normalise=TRUE.
BCAD	Which calendar scale to use. Defaults to cal BP, BCAD=FALSE.
rule	Which extrapolation rule to use. Defaults to rule=1 which returns NAs.
cc.dir	Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., cc.dir="curves".

Value

The probability distribution(s) as two columns: cal BP ages and their associated probabilities

Examples

```
calib <- caldist(130,20)
plot(calib, type="l")
postbomb <- caldist(-3030, 20, "nh1", BCAD=TRUE)
```

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calibrate *Plot individual calibrated dates.*

Description

Calibrate individual 14C dates, plot them and report calibrated ranges.

Usage

```
calibrate(
  age = 2450,
  error = 50,
  cc = 1,
  postbomb = FALSE,
  reservoir = 0,
  prob = 0.95,
  BCAD = FALSE,
  ka = FALSE,
  cal.lab = c(),
  C14.lab = c(),
  cal.lim = c(),
  C14.lim = c(),
  cc.col = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.7),
  cc.fill = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.7),
  date.col = "red",
  dist.col = rgb(0, 0, 0, 0.2),
```

```
  dist.fill = rgb(0, 0, 0, 0.2),
  hpd.fill = rgb(0, 0, 0, 0.3),
  dist.height = 0.3,
  cal.rev = FALSE,
  yr.steps = FALSE,
  threshold = 5e-04,
  edge = TRUE,
  normal = TRUE,
  t.a = 3,
  t.b = 4,
  rounded = 1,
  extend.range = 0.05,
  legend.cex = 0.8,
  legend1.loc = "topleft",
  legend2.loc = "topright",
  mgp = c(2, 1, 0),
  mar = c(3, 3, 1, 1),
  xaxs = "i",
  yaxs = "i",
  bty = "l",
  cc.dir = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

age	Mean of the uncalibrated C-14 age.
error	Error of the uncalibrated C-14 age.
cc	Calibration curve for C-14 dates (1, 2, 3, or 4, or, e.g., "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", "nh1", "sh3", or "mixed").
postbomb	Whether or not this is a postbomb age. Defaults to FALSE.
reservoir	Reservoir age, or reservoir age and age offset.
prob	Probability confidence intervals (between 0 and 1).
BCAD	Use BC/AD or cal BP scale (default cal BP).
ka	Use thousands of years instead of years in the plots and hpd ranges. Defaults to FALSE.
cal.lab	Label of the calendar/horizontal axis. Defaults to the calendar scale, but alternative names can be provided.
C14.lab	Label of the C-14/vertical axis. Defaults to the 14C scale, but alternative names can be provided.
cal.lim	Minimum and maximum of calendar axis (default calculated automatically).
C14.lim	Minimum and maximum of C-14 axis (default calculated automatically).
cc.col	Colour of the lines of the calibration curve. Defaults to semi-transparent dark green; `cc.col=rgb(0,.5,0,0.7)`.

cc.fill	Colour of the inner part of the calibration curve. Defaults to semi-transparent dark green; cc.col=rgb(0,.5,0,0.7).
date.col	Colour of the "dot-bar" plot of the C14 date. Defaults to date.col="red".
dist.col	Colour of the outer lines of the distributions. Defaults to semi-transparent grey, dist.col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2).
dist.fill	Colour of the inner part of the distributions. Defaults to semi-transparent grey, dist.col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2).
hpd.fill	Colour of the highest posterior density. Defaults to semi-transparent grey, dist.col=rgb(0,0,0,0.3).
dist.height	Maximum height of the C14 and calibrated distributions (as proportion of the invisible secondary axes). Defaults to 0.3.
cal.rev	Whether or not to reverse the direction of the calendar axis.
yr.steps	Temporal resolution at which C-14 ages are calibrated (in calendar years). By default follows the spacing in the calibration curve.
threshold	Below which value should probabilities be excluded from calculations.
edge	How to treat dates are at or beyond the edge of the calibration curve. If dates are truncated, a warning is given. If they lie beyond the calibration curve, an error is given.
normal	Use the normal distribution to calibrate dates (default TRUE). The alternative is to use the t model (Christen and Perez 2016).
t.a	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 3).
t.b	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 4).
rounded	Rounding of the percentages of the reported hpd ranges. Defaults to 1 decimal.
extend.range	Range by which the axes are extended beyond the data limits. Defaults to 5%.
legend.cex	Size of the font of the legends. Defaults to 0.8.
legend1.loc	Where the first legend (with the calibration curve name and the uncalibrated date) is plotted. Defaults to topleft.
legend2.loc	Where the second legend (with the hpd ranges) is plotted. Defaults to topright.
mgp	Axis text margins (where should titles, labels and tick marks be plotted).
mar	Plot margins (amount of white space along edges of axes 1-4).
xaxs	Whether or not to extend the limits of the horizontal axis. Defaults to xaxs="i" which does not extend the limits.
yaxs	Whether or not to extend the limits of the vertical axis. Defaults to yaxs="i" which does not extend the limits.
bty	Draw a box around the graph ("n" for none, and "l", "7", "c", "u", "]" or "o" for correspondingly shaped boxes).
cc.dir	Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., cc.dir="curves".
...	Other plotting parameters.

Details

Type `calibrate()` to see how a date of 2450 +- 50 14C BP gets calibrated (the calibration curve happens to show a plateau around this 14C age). To calibrate a different date, provide its reported mean and error (1 standard deviation error as reported by the radiocarbon laboratory) as follows: `calibrate(mean, error)`, e.g., for a date of 130 +- 20 14C BP, type calibrate`(age=130, error=20)` or, shorter, `calibrate(130,20)`.

In case the date has a reservoir effect or age offset, e.g. of 100 14C years, provide this as follows: `calibrate(130, 20, reservoir=100)`. If you want to include an uncertainty for this offset, provide this as follows, e.g., for an uncertainty of 50yr, `calibrate(130,20,reservoir=c(100, 50))`. The uncertainty for the age offset will then be added to the error (by taking the square root of the sum of the squared error and the squared offset uncertainty). If the carbon of your sample has mixed marine/terrestrial sources, instead apply the marine offset using mix.curves and calibrate the date using that custom-built curve (cc="mixed").

If you prefer to work with, e.g., 68 % as opposed to the default 95 % confidence intervals, type: `calibrate(130, 20, prob=0.68)` or `calibrate(130, 20,, 0.68)` (the commas between the brackets indicate the position of the option; the standard deviation is the fourth option of the `calibrate` function). The calibrated distribution can be calculated for every single calendar year (`yrsteps=1`) within a wide range of the 14C date. Probabilities below a threshold (default `threshold=0.0005`) will be neglected.

By default the northern hemisphere terrestrial calibration curve is used (`cc=1` or `cc1="IntCal20"`). To use alternative curves, use `cc=2` (`cc2="Marine20"`), `cc=3` (`cc3="SHCal20C"`), `cc=4` (`cc4="mixed.14C"`), or specify a postbomb curve (e.g., `cc="nh1"`).

Calibrate works in cal BP (calendar years before AD 1950) by default, but can work with cal BC/AD through the option `BCAD=TRUE`.

By default the Gaussian distribution is used to calibrate dates. For use of the t distribution (Christen and Perez 2016) instead, set `normal=FALSE` provide values for t.a and t.b (defaults to `t.a=3` and `t.b=4`).

Calibrated distributions are usually reduced to their 68% or 95% calibrated ranges, taking into account the asymmetric and multi-peaked shape of these distributions. Calibrated ranges at 68% will obviously result in narrower confidence intervals, and a perceived higher precision, than 95% ranges. However, given the often asymmetric and multi-modal nature of calibrated distributions, the probability that the 'true' calendar date lies outside the 1 standard deviation hpd ranges is considerable (c. 32%). Therefore the use of 95% calibrated ranges is preferable, and default.

Negative radiocarbon ages are calibrated with postbomb curves, but the user needs to tell which curve to use. For example, to use the first of the three northern hemisphere curves, provide the option `cc="nh1"`, `cc="nh2"`, `cc="nh3"`, while for southern hemisphere samples, use `cc="sh1-2"` or `cc="sh3"`.

A graph of the calibration is produced, and it can be adapted in several ways. The limits of the horizontal (calendar scale) and vertical (14C scale) axes are calculated automatically but can be changed by providing alternative values for the options `cal.lim`, `C14.lim`. The titles of both axis can be changed by providing alternative titles to `cal.lab` and/or `C14.lab`. The heights of the distributions of the 14C and calibrated ages can be set to alternative values using `dist.height` (default `0.3` which plots the distribution up to 30% of the height of the entire graph). Parameters for white space around the graph can be changed (default `mar=c(3.5, 2, 2, 1)` for spacing below, to the left, above and to the right respectively), as can the spacing for the axis labels (`mgp=c(2,1,0)`).

By default, the axes are connected at the lower left, `bty="l"`. Check the R documentation of `par()` for more options.

The colours of the 14C date, the calibration curve, the distributions, and the highest posterior density (hpd) ranges, can be changed by providing an alternative colour in `date.col`, `cc.col`, `dist.col`, and/or `hpd.col`, respectively. The default colours are transparent grey for the dates probability distributions (`dist.col=rgb(0,0,0, 0.3)` and `sd.col=rgb(0,0,0, 0.5)`; change the last value of rgb for different greyscale values), red for the uncalibrated mean and error bars (`date.col="red"`), and transparent green for the calibration curve (`cc.col=rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.7)`). R's rgb() function expects values between `0` and `1` for red, green and blue, respectively, followed by a value for the semi-transparency (also between 0 and 1). Some graphic devices such as postscript are unable to use transparency; in that case provide different colours or leave the fourth value empty.

Value

A graph of the raw and calibrated C-14 date, the calibrated ranges and, invisibly, the calibrated distribution and hpd ranges.

Examples

```
calibrate()
calibrate(130, 20)
cal <- calibrate(2550, 20, reservoir=100)
cal; plot(cal[[1]])
calibrate(130, 20, prob=0.68)
calibrate(age=130, error=20, BCAD=TRUE)
calibrate(4450, 40, reservoir=c(100, 50))
```

`ccurve` *Copy a calibration curve*

Description

Copy one of the calibration curves into memory.

Usage

```
ccurve(cc = 1, postbomb = FALSE, cc.dir = NULL, resample = 0)
```

Arguments

`cc`	Calibration curve for 14C dates: `cc=1` for IntCal20 (northern hemisphere terrestrial), `cc=2` for Marine20 (marine), `cc=3` for SHCal20 (southern hemisphere terrestrial). Alternatively, one can also write, e.g., "IntCal20", "Marine13". One can also make a custom-built calibration curve, e.g. using `mix.ccurves()`, and load this using `cc=4`. In this case, it is recommended to place the custom calibration curve in its own directory, using `cc.dir` (see below).
`postbomb`	Use `postbomb=TRUE` to get a postbomb calibration curve (default `postbomb=FALSE`). For monthly data, type e.g. `ccurve("sh1-2_monthly")`

`cc.dir` Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., `cc.dir="ccurves"`.

`resample` The IntCal curves come at a range of 'bin sizes'; every year from 0 to 5 kcal BP, then every 5 yr until 15 kcal BP, then every 10 yr until 25 kcal BP, and every 20 year thereafter. The curves can be resampled to constant bin sizes, e.g. `resample=5`. Defaults to FALSE.

Details

Copy the radiocarbon calibration curve defined by cc into memory.

Value

The calibration curve (invisible).

References

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Examples

```
intcal20 <- ccurve(1)
marine20 <- ccurve(2)
shcal20 <- ccurve(3)
marine98 <- ccurve("Marine98")
pb.sh3 <- ccurve("sh3")
```

`contaminate` *Simulate the impact of contamination on a radiocarbon age*

Description

Given a certain radiocarbon age, calculate the observed impact of contamination with a ratio of material with a different 14C content (for example, 1

Usage

```
contaminate(y, sdev = c(), fraction, F14C, F14C.er = 0, decimals = 5)
```

Arguments

`y`	the true radiocarbon age
`sdev`	the error of the true radiocarbon age
`fraction`	Relative amount of contamination. Must be between 0 and 1
`F14C`	the F14C of the contamination. Set at 1 for carbon of modern radiocarbon age, at 0 for 14C-free carbon, or anywhere inbetween.
`F14C.er`	error of the contamination. Defaults to 0.
`decimals`	Rounding of the output. Since details matter here, the default is to provide 5 decimals.

Value

The observed radiocarbon age and error

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Examples

```
contaminate(5000, 20, .01, 1) # 1% contamination with modern carbon
# Impacts of different amounts of contamination with modern carbon:
real.14C <- seq(0, 50e3, length=200)
contam <- seq(0, .1, length=101) # 0 to 10% contamination
contam.col <- rainbow(length(contam))
plot(0, type="n", xlim=c(0, 55e3),
  xlab="real", ylim=range(real.14C), ylab="observed")
```

```
for(i in 1:length(contam))
  lines(real.14C, contaminate(real.14C, c(), contam[i], 1, decimals=5), col=contam.col[i])
contam.legend <- seq(0, .1, length=6)
contam.col <- rainbow(length(contam.legend))
text(52e3, contaminate(50e3, c(), contam.legend, 1), labels=contam.legend, col=contam.col, cex=.7)
```

`copyCalibrationCurve` *Copy a calibration curve*

Description

Copy one of the calibration curves into memory. Renamed to ccurve, and copyCalibrationCurve will become obsolete

Usage

```
copyCalibrationCurve(cc = 1, postbomb = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`cc`	Calibration curve for 14C dates: `cc=1` for IntCal20 (northern hemisphere terrestrial), `cc=2` for Marine20 (marine), `cc=3` for SHCal20 (southern hemisphere terrestrial). Alternatively, one can also write, e.g., "IntCal20", "Marine13".
`postbomb`	Use `postbomb=TRUE` to get a postbomb calibration curve (default `postbomb=FALSE`).

Details

Copy the radiocarbon calibration curve defined by cc into memory.

Value

The calibration curve (invisible).

`D14C.F14C` *Transform D14C into F14C*

Description

Transform D14C into F14C

Usage

```
D14C.F14C(D14C, t)
```

Arguments

D14C	The Delta14C value to translate
t	the cal BP age

Details

As explained by Heaton et al. 2020 (Radiocarbon), 14C measurements are commonly expressed in three domains: Delta14C, F14C and the radiocarbon age. This function translates Delta14C, the historical level of Delta14C in the year t cal BP, to F14C values. Note that per convention, this function uses the Cambridge half-life, not the Libby half-life.

Value

The corresponding F14C value

Examples

```
D14C.F14C(-10, 238)
```

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draw.ccurve *Draw a calibration curve.*

Description

Draw one or two of the calibration curves, or add a calibration curve to an existing plot.

Usage

```
draw.ccurve(
  cal1 = -50,
  cal2 = 55000,
  cc1 = "IntCal20",
  cc2 = NA,
  cc1.postbomb = FALSE,
  cc2.postbomb = FALSE,
  BCAD = FALSE,
  cal.lab = NA,
  cal.rev = FALSE,
  c14.lab = NA,
  c14.lim = NA,
  c14.rev = FALSE,
  ka = FALSE,
  add.yaxis = FALSE,
  cc1.col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5),
  cc1.fill = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.2),
  cc2.col = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.5),
  cc2.fill = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.2),
```

```
  add = FALSE,
  bty = "l",
  cc.dir = NULL,
  legend = "topleft",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

cal1	First calendar year for the plot
cal2	Last calendar year for the plot
cc1	Name of the calibration curve. Can be "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", or for the previous curves "IntCal13", "Marine13" or "SHCal13". Can also be "nh1", "nh2", "nh3", "sh1-2", "sh3", "nh1_monthly", "nh1_monthly", "nh2_monthly", "nh3_monthly", "sh1-2_monthly", "sh3_monthly", "Kure", "LevinKromer" or "Santos" for postbomb curves.
cc2	Optional second calibration curve to plot. Can be "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", or for the previous curves "IntCal13", "Marine13" or "SHCal13". Defaults to nothing, NA.
cc1.postbomb	Use postbomb=TRUE to get a postbomb calibration curve for cc1 (default cc1.postbomb=FALSE).
cc2.postbomb	Use postbomb=TRUE to get a postbomb calibration curve for cc2 (default cc2.postbomb=FALSE).
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.
cal.lab	The labels for the calendar axis (default age.lab="cal BP" or "BC/AD" if BCAD=TRUE), or to age.lab="kcal BP" etc. if ka=TRUE.
cal.rev	Reverse the calendar axis.
c14.lab	Label for the C-14 axis. Defaults to 14C BP (or 14C kBP if ka=TRUE).
c14.lim	Axis limits for the C-14 axis. Calculated automatically by default.
c14.rev	Reverse the C-14 axis.
ka	Use kcal BP (and C14 kBP).
add.yaxis	Whether or not to plot the second calibration. Defaults to add.yaxis=FALSE.
cc1.col	Colour of the calibration curve (outline).
cc1.fill	Colour of the calibration curve (fill).
cc2.col	Colour of the calibration curve (outline), if activated (default cc2=NA).
cc2.fill	Colour of the calibration curve (fill), if activated (default cc2=NA).
add	Whether or not to add the curve(s) to an existing plot. Defaults to FALSE, which draws a new plot
bty	Draw a box around a box of a certain shape. Defaults to bty="l".
cc.dir	Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., cc.dir="curves".
legend	Location of the legend (only activated if more than one curve is plotted). Plotted in the topleft corner by default. Use legend=c() to leave empty
...	Any additional optional plotting parameters.

Value

A plot of the calibration curve

Examples

```
draw.ccurve()
draw.ccurve(1000, 3000, cc2="Marine20")
draw.ccurve(1800, 2020, BCAD=TRUE, cc2="nh1", cc2.postbomb=TRUE)
draw.ccurve(1800, 2010, BCAD=TRUE, cc2="nh1", add.yaxis=TRUE)
```

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draw.dates *add calibrated distributions to a plot.*

Description

Add individual or multiple calibrated dates to a plot.

Usage

```
draw.dates(
  age,
  error,
  depth,
  cc = 1,
  postbomb = FALSE,
  reservoir = c(),
  normal = TRUE,
  t.a = 3,
  t.b = 4,
  prob = 0.95,
  threshold = 0.001,
  BCAD = FALSE,
  draw.hpd = TRUE,
  hpd.lwd = 2,
  hpd.col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.7),
  cal.hpd.col = rgb(0, 0.5, 0.5, 0.35),
  mirror = TRUE,
  up = FALSE,
  col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.3),
  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, 0.35),
  add = FALSE,
  ka = FALSE,
  rotate.axes = FALSE,
  ex = 1,
  normalise = TRUE,
```

```
  cc.resample = 5,
  age.lab = c(),
  age.lim = c(),
  age.rev = FALSE,
  d.lab = c(),
  d.lim = c(),
  d.rev = TRUE,
  labels = c(),
  label.x = 1,
  label.y = c(),
  label.cex = 0.8,
  label.col = border,
  label.offset = c(0, 0),
  label.adj = c(1, 0),
  label.rot = 0,
  cc.dir = NULL,
  dist.res = 100,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

age	Mean of the uncalibrated C-14 age (or multiple ages).
error	Error of the uncalibrated C-14 age (or ages).
depth	Depth(s) of the date(s). Can also be their relative positions if no depths are available.
cc	Calibration curve for C-14 dates (1, 2, 3, or 4, or, e.g., "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", "nh1", "sh3", or "mixed"). If there are multiple dates but all use the same calibration curve, one value can be provided.
postbomb	Whether or not this is a postbomb age. Defaults to FALSE.
reservoir	Reservoir age, or reservoir age and age offset.
normal	Use the normal distribution to calibrate dates (default TRUE). The alternative is to use the t model (Christen and Perez 2009).
t.a	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 3).
t.b	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 4).
prob	Probability confidence intervals (between 0 and 1).
threshold	Report only values above a threshold. Defaults to `threshold=0.001`.
BCAD	Use BC/AD or cal BP scale (default cal BP).
draw.hpd	Whether or not to draw the hpd ranges as a line
hpd.lwd	Width of the line of the hpd ranges
hpd.col	Colour of the hpd rectangle for all dates or radiocarbon dates
cal.hpd.col	Colour of the hpd rectangle for cal BP dates
mirror	Plot distributions mirrored, a bit like a swan. Confuses some people but looks nice to the author so is the default.

up	If mirror is set to FALSE, the distribution can be plotted up or down, depending on the direction of the axis.
col	Colour of the inside of the distribution
border	Colour of the border of the distribution
cal.col	Colour of the inside of distribution of non-radiocarbon dates that didn't need calibration
cal.border	Colour of the border of the distribution of non-radiocarbon dates that didn't need calibration
add	Whether or not to add the dates to an existing plot. If set to FALSE (default), a plot will be set up.
ka	Whether or not to plot ages as thousands of years. Defaults to ka=FALSE.
rotate.axes	By default, the calendar age axis is plotted on the horizontal axis, and depth/position on the vertical one. Use rotate.axes=TRUE to rotate the axes.
ex	Exaggeration of the height of the distribution, defaults to ex=1.
normalise	If TRUE, the age distributions are normalised by plotting each distribution with the same total area. Precise dates will therefore peak higher than less precise dates (default). If normalise=FALSE, the peak of each date will be drawn at the same height.
cc.resample	The IntCal20 curves have different densities (every year between 0 and 5 kcal BP, then every 5 yr up to 15 kcal BP, then every 10 yr up to 25 kcal BP, and then every 20 yr up to 55 kcal BP). If calibrated ages span these density ranges, their drawn heights can differ, as can their total areas (which should ideally all sum to the same size). To account for this, resample to a constant time-span, using, e.g., cc.resample=5 for 5-yr timespanes.
age.lab	Title of the calendar axis (if present)
age.lim	Limits of the calendar axis (if present)
age.rev	Reverse the age axis. Defaults to TRUE
d.lab	Title of the vertical axis (if present)
d.lim	Limits of the vertical axis (if present)
d.rev	Reverse the y-axis. Defaults to TRUE
labels	Add labels to the dates. Empty by default.
label.x	Horizontal position 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.y	Vertical positions of the depths/labels. Defaults to 0 (or 1 if label.x is 3 or 4).
label.cex	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 depths/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).

cc.dir	Directory of the calibration curves. Defaults to where the package's files are stored (system.file), but can be set to, e.g., cc.dir="curves".
dist.res	Resolution of the distribution polygons. Defaults to dist.res=100.
...	Additional plotting options

Value

A plot of the (calibrated) dates

Examples

```
plot(0, xlim=c(500,0), ylim=c(0, 2))
draw.dates(130, 20, depth=1)
```

F14C.age *Calculate C14 ages from F14C values.*

Description

Calculate C14 ages from F14C values of radiocarbon dates.

Usage

```
F14C.age(mn, sdev = c(), decimals = 5)
```

Arguments

mn	Reported mean of the F14C
sdev	Reported error of the F14C. Returns just the mean if left empty.
decimals	Amount of decimals required for the radiocarbon age. Quite sensitive, defaults to 5.

Details

Post-bomb dates are often reported as F14C or fraction modern carbon. Since Bacon expects radiocarbon ages, this function can be used to calculate radiocarbon ages from F14C values. The reverse function is age.F14C.

Value

Radiocarbon ages from F14C values. If F14C values are above 100%, the resulting radiocarbon ages will be negative.

Examples

```
F14C.age(1.10, 0.5) # a postbomb date, so with a negative 14C age
F14C.age(.80, 0.5) # prebomb dates can also be calculated
```

F14C.D14C *Transform F14C into D14C*

Description

Transform F14C into D14C

Usage

```
F14C.D14C(F14C, t)
```

Arguments

F14C	The F14C value to translate
t	the cal BP age

Details

As explained by Heaton et al. 2020 (Radiocarbon), 14C measurements are commonly expressed in three domains: Delta14C, F14C and the radiocarbon age. This function translates F14C values into Delta14C, the historical level of Delta14C in the year t cal BP. Note that per convention, this function uses the Cambridge half-life, not the Libby half-life.

Value

The corresponding D14C value

Examples

```
F14C.D14C(0.985, 222)
cc <- ccurve()
# plot IntCal20 as D14C:
cc.Fmin <- age.F14C(cc[,2]+cc[,3])
cc.Fmax <- age.F14C(cc[,2]-cc[,3])
cc.D14Cmin <- F14C.D14C(cc.Fmin, cc[,1])
cc.D14Cmax <- F14C.D14C(cc.Fmax, cc[,1])
plot(cc[,1]/1e3, cc.D14Cmax, type="l", xlab="kcal BP", ylab=expression(paste(Delta, ""^{14}, "C")))
lines(cc[,1]/1e3, cc.D14Cmin)
```

glue.ccurves *Glue prebomb and postbomb curves*

Description

Produce a custom curve by merging two calibration curves, e.g. a prebomb and a postbomb one for dates which straddle both curves.

Usage

```
glue.ccurves(prebomb = "IntCal20", postbomb = "NH1")
```

Arguments

prebomb	The prebomb curve. Defaults to "IntCal20"
postbomb	The postbomb curve. Defaults to "NH1" (Hua et al. 2013)

Value

The custom-made curve (invisibly)

Examples

```
my.cc <- glue.ccurves()
```

hpd *Calculate highest posterior density*

Description

Calculate highest posterior density ranges of calibrated distribution

Usage

```
hpd(calib, prob = 0.95, return.raw = FALSE, rounded = 1)
```

Arguments

calib	The calibrated distribution, as returned from caldist()
prob	Probability range which should be calculated. Default prob=0.95.
return.raw	The raw data to calculate hpds can be returned, e.g. to draw polygons of the calibrated distributions. Defaults to return.raw=FALSE.
rounded	Rounding for reported probabilities. Defaults to 1 decimal.

Value

The highest posterior density ranges, as three columns: from age, to age, and the corresponding percentage(s) of the range(s)

Examples

```
hpd(caldist(130,20))
plot(tmp <- caldist(2450,50), type='l')
abline(v=hpd(tmp)[,1:2], col=4)
```

`intcal` *IntCal20 json file*

Description

The IntCal20 calibration curves and their underpinning data. This is based on a json file produced by Prof. Christopher Bronk Ramsey, University of Oxford.

Usage

```
intcal
```

Format

'intcal' A list with six main entries:

json_application IntChron project name

records a list with 139 entries for each IntCal dataset

project_series_list a list with 5 entries: IntCal20, Marine20, SHCal20, a list of the underlying datasets, and a GICC vs IntCal20 comparison

parameters an empty list

bibliography a list with 141 bibliography entries

options a list of 17 options (not used)

Source

<https://intchron.org/archive/IntCal/IntCal20/index.json>

`intcal.data` *plot the IntCal20 data*

Description

plot the C14 ages underpinning the IntCal20/Marine20/SHCal20 calibration curves

Usage

```
intcal.data(
  cal1,
  cal2,
  cc1 = "IntCal20",
  cc2 = NA,
  calcurve.data = "IntCal20",
  BCAD = FALSE,
  cal.lab = NA,
  cal.rev = FALSE,
  c14.lab = NA,
  c14.lim = NA,
  c14.rev = FALSE,
  ka = FALSE,
  cc1.col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5),
  cc1.fill = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.2),
  cc2.col = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.5),
  cc2.fill = rgb(0, 0.5, 0, 0.2),
  data.cols = 1:8,
  data.pch = c(1, 2, 5, 6, 15:19),
  pch.cex = 0.5,
  legend.loc = "topleft",
  legend.ncol = 2,
  legend.cex = 0.7,
  cc.legend = "bottomright",
  bty = "l",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`cal1`	First calendar year for the plot
`cal2`	Last calendar year for the plot
`cc1`	Name of the calibration curve. Can be "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", or for the previous curves "IntCal13", "Marine13" or "SHCal13".
`cc2`	Optional second calibration curve to plot. Can be "IntCal20", "Marine20", "SHCal20", or for the previous curves "IntCal13", "Marine13" or "SHCal13". Defaults to nothing, NA.

calcurve.data	Which dataset to use. Defaults to calcurve.data="IntCal20", but can also be calcurve.data="SHCal20". Note that Marine20 is based on IntCal20 and a marine carbon cycle model.
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.
cal.lab	The labels for the calendar axis (default age.lab="cal BP" or "BC/AD" if BCAD=TRUE), or to age.lab="kcal BP" etc. if ka=TRUE.
cal.rev	Reverse the calendar axis.
c14.lab	Label for the C-14 axis. Defaults to 14C BP (or 14C kBP if ka=TRUE).
c14.lim	Axis limits for the C-14 axis. Calculated automatically by default.
c14.rev	Reverse the C-14 axis.
ka	Use kcal BP (and C14 kBP).
cc1.col	Colour of the calibration curve (outline).
cc1.fill	Colour of the calibration curve (fill).
cc2.col	Colour of the calibration curve (outline), if activated (default cc2=NA).
cc2.fill	Colour of the calibration curve (fill), if activated (default cc2=NA).
data.cols	colours of the data points. Defaults to R's colours 1 to 8 (black, red, green, darkblue, lightblue, purple, orange, and grey)
data.pch	Symbols of the data points. Defaults to R's symbols 1, 2, 5, 6, and 15 to 19 (open circle, open upward triangle, open diamond, open downward triangle, closed square, closed circle, closed upward triangle, closed diamond)
pch.cex	Size of the data symbols. Defaults to 0.5.
legend.loc	Location of the data legend. Defaults to topleft. Set to NA for no plotting.
legend.ncol	Number of columns of the data legend.
legend.cex	Size of the legend. Defaults to 0.7.
cc.legend	Location of the legend for the calibration curve(s).
bty	Box type around the plot. Defaults to "l"-shaped.
...	Any additional optional plotting parameters.

Details

These datasets were downloaded from Intcal.org. All data have both uncertainties in C14 age and on the calendar scale. For trees this is the sample thickness (e.g., 10 years or 1 year). The name of each dataset starts with a lower-case letter which indicates their nature (t = tree-rings, l = lake sediment, c = coral, m = marine sediment, s = speleothem), followed by either the radiocarbon laboratory's placename or the lastname of the main author. Most of the tree-ring datasets are dated at calendar year precision; tSeattle (references 1-2), tBelfast (3-5), tWaikato (4-7), tGroningen (8-10), tHeidelberg (11-14), tPretoria (16), tIrvine (17-20), tGalimberti (21), tMannheim (22-25), tAix (26-27), tAarhus (22, 28-30), tManningKromer (31-32), tVienna (33-34), tTokyo (35-39), tArizona (40), tMiyake (41), tPearson (22, 41-45), and tZurich (22-23, 25, 41, 43, 46-49). Horizontal error bars for these series indicate the numbers of rings in the samples (e.g., 10 tree-rings; 1-yr samples do not

have error bars). Additionally, there are some floating tree-ring datasets with imprecisely known calendar ages; tAdolphy (50) and tTurney (51-52). For these and the following datasets, horizontal error bars indicate their 1 sd calendar age uncertainties. Beside trees, other datasets include lake sediment (lSuigestu, 53-54), corals (cBard 55-56, cFairbanks 57, cCutler 58 and cDurand 61, marine sediment (mCariaco 59-60, 62-63, mBard 64-65) and speleothems (sSouthon 66-67, sHoffman 68, sBeck 69). The southern hemisphere calibration curve SHCal20 is mostly modelled on IntCal20, but it contains datasets from the southern hemisphere; tPretoria (70), tWaikato (72-75), tBelfast (76-67), tSydney (78-80), tLivermore (81), tArizona, tIrvineWaikato and tZurich (82-83).

Value

A plot of the IntCal curve and the underlying data

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Examples

```
intcal.data(100, 200)
intcal.data(40e3, 55e3, ka=TRUE)
```

`intcal.data.frames` *Extract from the intcal file*

Description

Extract items from the intcal json file.

Usage

```
intcal.data.frames(obj, ...)
```

Arguments

`obj`	Name of the object
`...`	Additional options can be provided, see examples

Examples

```
intcal <- intcal.read.data()
# all datasets from the Southern Hemisphere:
sh.data <- intcal.data.frames(intcal, intcal_set_type='SH')
head(sh.data)
Irish.oaks <- intcal.data.frames(intcal, intcal_set=3)
head(Irish.oaks[[2]]$data)
```

`intcal.read.data` *Read data underlying the IntCal curves.*

Description

Download the json file that contains the IntCal20 radiocarbon calibration curves and the contributing data series.

Usage

```
intcal.read.data(from.intchron.org = FALSE, from.jsonfile = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`from.intchron.org`	Download the IntCal20 json file the inchron.org server. Defaults to FALSE, and then the data will be loaded from within the rintcal package
`from.jsonfile`	The name and location of the json file (if used). Defaults to FALSE, and then the data will be loaded from within the rintcal package

Details

The intcal curves consist of the IntCal20, SHCal20 and Marine20 calibration curves. The details of these curves can be loaded, as well as the underlying data such as tree-ring records.

Examples

```
intcal <- intcal.read.data()
```

intcal.write.data *Write intcal data to a file.*

Description

Write the intcal.json file that comes with the rintcal packages to somewhere local. This can be useful if you want to avoid repeatedly downloading the json file from intchron.org.

Usage

```
intcal.write.data(data, fname)
```

Arguments

data	intcal variable as obtained from intcal.read.data()
fname	Name of the file to be written

Examples

```
intcal <- intcal.read.data()
myintcal <- tempfile()
intcal.write.data(intcal, myintcal)
```

l.calib *Find the calibrated probability of a calendar age for a 14C date.*

Description

Find the calibrated probability of a cal BP age for a radiocarbon date. Can handle either multiple calendar ages for a single radiocarbon date, or a single calendar age for multiple radiocarbon dates.

Usage

```
l.calib(yr, y, er, cc = ccurve(1, FALSE), normal = TRUE, t.a = 3, t.b = 4)
```

Arguments

yr	The cal BP year.
y	The radiocarbon date's mean.
er	The radiocarbon date's lab error.
cc	calibration curve for the radiocarbon date(s) (see ccurve()).
normal	Use the normal distribution to calibrate dates (default TRUE). The alternative is to use the t model (Christen and Perez 2016).
t.a	Value a of the t distribution (defaults to 3).
t.b	Value b of the t distribution (defaults to 4).

Details

The function cannot deal with multiple calibration curves if multiple calendar years or radiocarbon dates are entered.

Value

The calibrated probability of a calendar age for a 14C age

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Examples

```
l.calib(100, 130, 20)
l.calib(100:110, 130, 20) # multiple calendar ages of a single date
l.calib(100, c(130,150), c(15,20)) # multiple radiocarbon ages and a single calendar age
```

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list.ccurves *List the calibration curves*

Description

List the file names of the calibration curves available within the rintcal package.

Usage

```
list.ccurves()
```

Value

A list of the available calibration curves

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mix.ccurves *Build a custom-made, mixed calibration curve.*

Description

If two curves need to be 'mixed' to calibrate, e.g. for dates of mixed terrestrial and marine carbon sources, then this function can be used. The curve will be returned invisibly, or saved in a temporary directory together with the main calibration curves. This temporary directory then has to be specified in further commands, e.g. for rbacon: `Bacon(, cc.dir=tmpdr)` (see examples). It is advisable to make your own curves folder and have cc.dir point to that folder.

Usage

```
mix.ccurves(
  proportion = 0.5,
  cc1 = "IntCal20",
  cc2 = "Marine20",
  name = "mixed.14C",
  cc.dir = c(),
  save = FALSE,
  offset = c(0, 0),
  sep = "\t"
)
```

Arguments

proportion	Proportion of the first calibration curve required. e.g., change to `proportion=0.7` if cc1 should contribute 70% (and cc2 30%) to the mixed curve.
cc1	The first calibration curve to be mixed. Defaults to the northern hemisphere terrestrial curve IntCal20.
cc2	The second calibration curve to be mixed. Defaults to the marine curve IntCal20.
name	Name of the new calibration curve.
cc.dir	Name of the directory where to save the file. Since R does not allow automatic saving of files, this points to a temporary directory by default. Adapt to your own folder, e.g., `cc.dir="~/ccurves"` or in your current working directory, `cc.dir="."`.
save	Save the curve in the folder specified by dir. Defaults to FALSE.
offset	Any offset and error to be applied to cc2 (default 0 +- 0).
sep	Separator between fields (tab by default, "\t")

Details

The proportional contribution of each of both calibration curves has to be set.

Value

A file containing the custom-made calibration curve, based on calibration curves cc1 and cc2.

Examples

```
tmpdir <- tempdir()
mix.ccurves(cc.dir=tmpdir)
# clean up:
unlink(tmpdir)
```

new.ccdir *Make directory and fill with calibration curves*

Description

Make an alternative 'curves' directory and fill it with the calibration curves.

Usage

```
new.ccdir(cc.dir)
```

Arguments

cc.dir	Name and location of the new directory. For example, this could be a folder called 'ccurves', living within the current working directory, cc.dir="./ccurves".

Details

Copies all calibration curves within the 'rintcal' package to the new directory.

Value

A message informing the user the name of the folder into which the calibration curves have been copied.

Examples

```
new.ccdir(tempdir())
```

pMC.age *Calculate C14 ages from pMC values.*

Description

Calculate C14 ages from pMC values of radiocarbon dates.

Usage

```
pMC.age(mn, sdev = c(), ratio = 100, decimals = 0)
```

Arguments

mn	Reported mean of the pMC.
sdev	Reported error of the pMC.
ratio	Most modern-date values are reported against 100. If it is against 1 instead, use 1 here.
decimals	Amount of decimals required for the radiocarbon age.

Details

Post-bomb dates are often reported as pMC or percent modern carbon. Since Bacon expects radiocarbon ages, this function can be used to calculate radiocarbon ages from pMC values. The reverse function is age.pMC.

Value

Radiocarbon ages from pMC values. If pMC values are above 100%, the resulting radiocarbon ages will be negative.

Examples

```
pMC.age(110, 0.5) # a postbomb date, so with a negative 14C age
pMC.age(80, 0.5) # prebomb dates can also be calculated
pMC.age(.8, 0.005, ratio=1) # throws a warning, use F14C.age instead
```

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point.estimates *Calculate a point estimate*

Description

Calculate a point estimate of a calibrated distribution - either the weighted mean, the median or the mode (maximum). Note that point estimates often tend to be very poor representations of entire calibrated distributions, so please be careful and do not reduce entire calibrated distributions to just 1 point value.

Usage

```
point.estimates(
  calib,
  wmean = TRUE,
  median = TRUE,
  mode = TRUE,
  midpoint = TRUE,
  prob = 0.95,
  rounded = 1
)
```

Arguments

calib	The calibrated distribution, as returned from caldist()
wmean	Report the weighted mean (defaults to TRUE)
median	Report the median (defaults to TRUE)
mode	Report the mode, which is the year with the maximum probability (defaults to TRUE)
midpoint	Report the midpoint of the hpd range(s)
prob	probability range for the hpd range(s)
rounded	Rounding for reported probabilities. Defaults to 1 decimal.

Value

The chosen point estimates

Examples

```
point.estimates(caldist(130,20))
plot(tmp <- caldist(2450,50), type='l')
abline(v=point.estimates(tmp), col=1:4)
```

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rintcal *rintcal*

Description

The international IntCal research group publishes ratified radiocarbon calibration curves such as IntCal20, Marine20 and SHCal20 (Reimer et al. 2020). This data package provides the files of these curves, for use by other R package (reducing the need for replication and the size of other packages that use IntCal curves). It also comes with functions to read in calibration curves, plot curves or dates, translate pMC ages to 14C ages (et vice versa), etc.

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