

# Package ‘AffyRNADegradation’

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AffyDegradationBatch-class

*Class AffyDegradationBatch*

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## Description

This class represents Affymetrix GeneChip probe level data that has been analysed and corrected for the probe location bias.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created using the function `RNADegradation`.

## Slots

**location.type:** Object of class character describing the type of probe position used for the analysis (probe index or probe location).

**afbatch:** Object of class AffyBatch containing corrected probe level data.

**stats:** Object of class matrix containing various statistical parameters from the analysis.

**means.pm:** Object of class matrix containing the average PM probe intensities for probe locations of expressed genes.

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## Methods

**afbatch** signature(`x = "AffyDegradationBatch"`): returns as AffyBatch object containing corrected probe level data.

**d** signature(`x = "AffyDegradationBatch"`): returns a vector with a measure of RNA degradation for each sample

**plotDx** signature(`x = "AffyDegradationBatch"`): plots the probe location bias for all samples of the experiment.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

AffyBatch

## Examples

```
if (require(AmpAffyExample)) {  
  # Get example data  
  data(AmpData)  
  
  affy.deg <- RNADegradation(AmpData[,4])  
  
  ## Plot degradation
```

```
plotDx(affy.deg)

## Get degradation measure
d(affy.deg)

## Get AffyBatch object with corrected probe intensities
afbatch(affy.deg)
}
```

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AffyRNADegradation*AffyRNADegradation: analyze and correct RNA degradation effects*

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## Description

The AffyRNADegradation package helps in the assessment of RNA degradation effects in Affymetrix 3' expression arrays. The parameter `d` gives a robust and accurate measure of RNA integrity. The correction removes the probe positional bias, and thus improves comparability of samples that are affected by RNA degradation.

## Details

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The `RNAdegradation` function performs both analysis and correction of RNA degradation effects, returning an object of type `AffyDegradationBatch`. The class provides accessor functions to obtain the degradation parameter `d` and a `AffyBatch` object containing corrected probe intensities. A more detailed look on the RNA degradation effects can be gained through the `tongs` plot, the `Dx` plot and further statistics.

## Author(s)

Mario Fasold

## Examples

```
if (require(AmpAffyExample)) {
  # Load example data (AmpData affybatch)
  data(AmpData)

  ## Compute and correct degradation for a single chip (for speed)
  affy.deg <- RNAdegradation(AmpData[,4])

  ## Show degradation parameter d
  d(affy.deg)

  ## Replace data with corrected data for further analysis
  AmpData <- afbatch(affy.deg)
}
```

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**GetTongs***Generate and visualize the tongs plot*

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### Description

The tongs plot and the related degradation hook show the relationship between expression level and probe location bias. They are required for the correct estimation of RNA degradation effects.

### Usage

```
GetTongs(affyData, chip.idx = 1)
PlotTongs(tongs)
PlotDegradationHooks(affyData, ...)
```

### Arguments

|                       |                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <code>affyData</code> | an AffyBatch object.                          |
| <code>chip.idx</code> | index of the sample to compute the tongs for. |
| <code>tongs</code>    | the tongs plot data table.                    |
| <code>...</code>      | optional graphical parameters.                |

### Value

|                    |                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>Tongs</code> | a table containing Tongs plot values ordered by expression level. |
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### Author(s)

Mario Fasold

### Examples

```
if (require(AmpAffyExample)) {
  # Get example data
  data(AmpData)

  tongs <- GetTongs(AmpData, chip.idx = 4)
  PlotTongs(tongs)

  PlotDegradationHooks(AmpData[,c(3,4)])
}
```

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RNADegradation*Compute degradation parameters and correct probe intensities*

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**Description**

Given an AffyBatch object, the function RNADegradation computes the probe positional bias and several statistical parameters, including a robust and accurate measure of RNA degradation. Probe intensities are corrected for the bias for each sample within the AffyBatch object.

**Usage**

```
RNADegradation(affyData,  
               location.type = "index",  
               location.file.dir = NULL,  
               plot.images = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| affyData          | an AffyBatch object containing the probe level microarray data.                                |
| location.type     | index-based probe alignment (x=k) if "index", or location-based alignment (x=L) if "absolute". |
| location.file.dir | directory containing the probe location file(s).                                               |
| plot.images       | if TRUE plots a set of debug images.                                                           |

**Value**

An AffyDegradationBatch object.

**Author(s)**

Mario Fasold

**See Also**

AffyDegradationBatch

**Examples**

```
if (require(AmpAffyExample)) {  
  # Get example data  
  data(AmpData)  
  
  affy.deg <- RNADegradation(AmpData[,4])  
}
```

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