

# Package ‘alabaster.bumpy’

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**Title** Save and Load BumpyMatrices to/from file

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**Description** Save BumpyMatrix objects into file artifacts, and load them back into memory. This is a more portable alternative to serialization of such objects into RDS files. Each artifact is associated with metadata for further interpretation; downstream applications can enrich this metadata with context-specific properties.

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`loadBumpyDataFrameMatrix`*Load a BumpyDataFrameMatrix object*

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### Description

Load a [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) object based on its metadata.

### Usage

```
loadBumpyDataFrameMatrix(assay.info, project)
```

### Arguments

<code>assay.info</code>	Named list of metadata for the <a href="#">BumpyDataFrameMatrix</a> , generated by the corresponding <a href="#">stageObject</a> method.
<code>project</code>	Any argument accepted by the acquisition functions, see <a href="#">?acquireFile</a> . By default, this should be a string containing the path to a staging directory.

### Value

A [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) object.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
# Mocking up a BumpyMatrix.
library(BumpyMatrix)
library(S4Vectors)
df <- DataFrame(x=runif(100), y=runif(100))
f <- factor(sample(letters[1:20], nrow(df), replace=TRUE), letters[1:20])
out <- S4Vectors::split(df, f)
mat <- BumpyMatrix(out, c(5, 4))

# Staging it:
tmp <- tempfile()
dir.create(tmp)
meta <- stageObject(mat, tmp, "BUMPY")

# Loading it:
loadBumpyDataFrameMatrix(meta, tmp)
```

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stageObject,BumpyDataFrameMatrix-method  
*Stage BumpyDataFrameMatrix objects*

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**Description**

Staging method for [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) objects. See [?stageObject](#) for more details.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'BumpyDataFrameMatrix'
stageObject(x, dir, path, child = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <a href="#">BumpyDataFrameMatrix</a> object.
dir	String containing the path to the staging directory.
path	String containing a prefix of the relative path inside dir where x is to be saved. The actual path used to save x may include additional components, see <a href="#">Details</a> .
child	Logical scalar indicating whether x is a child of a larger object.

**Value**

A named list of metadata, to be used by [.writeMetadata](#).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[useBumpyHDF5](#), to control whether the concatenated data frame is saved as a CSV or HDF5 file.

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useBumpyHDF5	<i>Save BumpyMatrix data to HDF5</i>
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**Description**

Use HDF5 for the underlying data frame, i.e., obtained after [unlisting](#) the [BumpyMatrix](#). This is less intuitive than a CSV but preserves the precision of floating-point numbers.

**Usage**

```
useBumpyHDF5(use)
```

**Arguments**

`use` Logical scalar indicating whether to save in HDF5.

**Value**

If `use` is missing, a logical scalar is returned indicating whether data should be saved in HDF5.

If `use` is provided, it is used to set the corresponding flag globally. The previous value of the flag is returned invisibly.

**Examples**

```
useBumpyHDF5()  
  
old <- useBumpyHDF5(FALSE)  
useBumpyHDF5()  
  
# Setting it back.  
useBumpyHDF5(old)
```

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