

# Package ‘rawDiag’

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/fgcz/rawDiag/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/fgcz/rawDiag/issues>

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.calculatioMasterScan *Calculate Master Scan Number*

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### Description

calculates the MS1 master scan number of an MS2 scan and populates the MasterScanNumber with it

### Usage

```
.calculatioMasterScan(x)
```

### Arguments

x a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the is.rawDiag function.

### Value

a data.frame containing a MasterScanNumber column.

### Author(s)

Christian Trachsel

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.cycleTime *Calculate MS Cycle Time*

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### Description

calculates the lock mass deviations along RT.

### Usage

```
.cycleTime(x)
```

### Arguments

x a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the is.rawDiag function.

### Value

calculates the time of all ms cycles and the 95 the cycle time is defined as the time between two consecutive MS1 scans

### Note

TODO: quantile part needed? If no MS1 scan is present? E.g., DIA take lowest window as cycle indicator?

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (20231201) refactored

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<code>.fillNAgaps</code>	<i>Fill NA values with last previous value</i>
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**Description**

Fill NA values with last previous value

**Usage**

```
.fillNAgaps(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a vector of values

**Value**

a vector with any NA values replaced with the last previous actual value

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel

**Examples**

```
c(NA, 1, 2, 3, NA, 4, 5, NA, NA, NA, 6) |>
  rawDiag:::fillNAgaps()
```

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<code>buildRawDiagShinyApp</code>	<i>Build the rawDiag shiny application</i>
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**Description**

Build the rawDiag shiny application

**Usage**

```
buildRawDiagShinyApp(rawDir = (dirname(rawrr::sampleFilePath())))
```

**Arguments**

`rawDir` A directory containing the input raw files, default is set to the \$HOME/Downloads directory.

**Value**

returns the rawDiag shiny apps

**Note**

launch the shiny application by embracing your command line while expecting the raw file in \$HOME/Downloads

- MacOSX and Linux: `R -q -e "library(rawDiag); buildRawDiagShinyApp() |> shiny::runApp(launch.br`
- Microsoft Windows: `R.exe -e "library(rawDiag); buildRawDiagShinyApp() |> shiny::runApp(launch.b`

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
- rawrr: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866)

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |>
  dirname() |>
  rawDiag::buildRawDiagShinyApp() |>
  shiny::runApp()

# or use your 'Download' folder
(Sys.getenv('HOME') |>
  file.path("Downloads")) |>
  rawDiag::buildRawDiagShinyApp() |>
  shiny::runApp()
```

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checkRawrr

*Checks Bioconductor installation instructions*

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**Description**

Checks Bioconductor installation instructions

**Usage**

```
checkRawrr()
```

**Value**

TRUE if everything is installed correctly

`is.rawDiag`*Is an Object an rawDiag Object?*

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**Description**

Is an Object an rawDiag Object?

**Usage**

```
is.rawDiag(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object` any R object.

**Value**

a boolean

**Author(s)**

Christian Panse 2018

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::is.rawDiag()
```

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`plotChargeState`*Charge State Overview Plot*

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**Description**

graphs the number of occurrences of all selected precursor charge states.

**Usage**

```
plotChargeState(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

`x` a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the `is.rawDiag` function.

`method` specifying the plot method 'trellis' | 'violin' | 'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
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**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() -> S
S |> rawDiag::plotLockMassCorrection()
```

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plotCycleLoad

*Cycle Load Plot*

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**Description**

plotting the number of MS2 per MS1 (the duty cycle) scan versus retention time. The deepskyblue colored loess curve shows the trend.

**Usage**

```
plotCycleLoad(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

- |        |                                                                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the is.rawDiag function.    |
| method | specifying the plot method 'trellis'   'violin'   'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'. |

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
- rawrr: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866)

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() -> S
S |> rawDiag::plotCycleLoad()
```

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plotCycleTime      *Plot Cycle Time*

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### Description

graphs the time difference between two consecutive MS1 scans (cycle time) with respect to RT (scatter plots) or its density (violin). A smooth curve graphs the trend. The 95th percentile is indicated by a red dashed line.

### Usage

```
plotCycleTime(x, method = "trellis")
```

### Arguments

`x`                    a `data.frame` object adhering to the specified criteria for the `is.rawDiag` function.

`method`                specifying the plot method 'trellis' | 'violin' | 'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

### Value

a `ggplot` object.

### Examples

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::plotCycleTime()
```

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plotInjectionTime      *Plot Injection Time*

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### Description

shows the injection time density of each mass spectrometry file as a violin plot. The higher the maximum number of MS2 scans is in the method, the more the density is shifted towards the maximum injection time value.

### Usage

```
plotInjectionTime(x, method = "trellis")
```

### Arguments

`x`                    a `data.frame` object adhering to the specified criteria for the `is.rawDiag` function.

`method`                specifying the plot method 'trellis' | 'violin' | 'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

### Value

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
- rawrr: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866)

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::plotInjectionTime()
```

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plotLockMassCorrection

*Lock Mass Correction Plot*

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**Description**

Lock Mass Correction Plot

**Usage**

```
plotLockMassCorrection(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

- |        |                                                                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the is.rawDiag function.    |
| method | specifying the plot method 'trellis'   'violin'   'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'. |

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
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**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |>  
rawDiag::readRaw() |>  
rawDiag::plotLockMassCorrection()
```

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plotMassDistribution *Mass Distribution Plot*

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**Description**

plots the mass frequency in dependency to the charge state

**Usage**

```
plotMassDistribution(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

x	a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the <code>is.rawDiag</code> function.
method	specifying the plot method 'trellis'   'violin'   'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

**Details**

displays charge state resolved frequency of precursor masses.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
- rawrr: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866)

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::plotMassDistribution('overlay')
```

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plotMzDistribution *mZ Distribution Plot of Ms2 Scans*

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**Description**

draws precursor mass vs retention time for each MS2 scan in the raw file.

**Usage**

```
plotMzDistribution(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

- x a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the `is.rawDiag` function.
- method specifying the plot method 'trellis' | 'violin' | 'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
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**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() -> S
rawDiag::plotMzDistribution(S)
```

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plotPrecursorHeatmap *Precursor Mass versus StartTime MS2 based hexagons*

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**Description**

Precursor Mass versus StartTime MS2 based hexagons

**Usage**

```
plotPrecursorHeatmap(x, method = "overlay", bins = 80)
```

**Arguments**

- x a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the `is.rawDiag` function.
- method specifying the plot method 'trellis' | 'violin' | 'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.
- bins number of bins in both vertical and horizontal directions. default is 80.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Note**

TODO: define bin width dynamically as  $h = 2 \times \text{IQR} \times n^{-1/3}$  or number of bins  $(\text{max}-\text{min})/h$

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
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**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::plotPrecursorHeatmap()
```

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plotScanTime

*Scan Event Plot*

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**Description**

Plotting the elapsed scan time for each individual scan event.

**Usage**

```
plotScanTime(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

x	a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the is.rawDiag function.
method	specifying the plot method 'trellis'   'violin'   'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (2023)

**References**

- rawDiag: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173),
- rawrr: [doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.0c00866)

**Examples**

```
## for debugging bioconductor check
if (Sys.info()['sysname'] %in% c("Darwin", "Linux")) {Sys.which('mono')}
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() -> S

rawDiag::checkRawrr()

S |> rawDiag::plotScanTime()
```

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plotTicBasepeak	<i>Total Ion Count and Base Peak Plot</i>
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**Description**

displays the Total Ion Count (TIC) and the Base Peak Chromatogram of a mass spectrometry measurement. Multiple files are handled by faceting based on rawfile name.

**Usage**

```
plotTicBasepeak(x, method = "trellis")
```

**Arguments**

x	a data.frame object adhering to the specified criteria for the <code>is.rawDiag</code> function.
method	specifying the plot method 'trellis'   'violin'   'overlay'. The default is 'trellis'.

**Value**

a ggplot2 object for graphing the TIC and the Base Peak chromatogram.

**Author(s)**

Christian Trachsel (2017), Christian Panse (20231130) refactored

**Examples**

```
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> rawDiag::readRaw() |> rawDiag::plotTicBasepeak()
```

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rawDiagServer	<i>rawDiag shiny module</i>
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**Description**

rawDiag shiny module

**Usage**

```
rawDiagServer(id, vals)
```

**Arguments**

id	An ID string that corresponds with the ID used to call the module's UI function.
vals	containing rawfile

**Value**

rawDiag shiny module server

**Examples**

```
shiny::shiny(rawDir = (rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> dirname()))
```

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rawDiagUI

*rawDiag shiny module UI*


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**Description**

rawDiag shiny module UI

**Usage**

```
rawDiagUI(id)
```

**Arguments**

`id` An ID string that corresponds with the ID used to call the module's UI function.

**Value**

a shiny UI module

rawDiag shiny module UI

**Examples**

```
rawDiag::shiny(rawDir = (rawrr::sampleFilePath() |> dirname()))
```

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readRaw

*Reads selected raw file trailer information for rawDiag plot functions*


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**Description**

implements a wrapper function using the rawrr methods [readIndex](#), [readTrailer](#), and [readChromatogram](#) to read proprietary mass spectrometer generated data using third-party libraries.

**Usage**

```
readRaw(
  rawfile,
  msgFUN = function(x) {
    message(x)
  }
)
```

**Arguments**

rawfile	the name of the raw file containing the mass spectrometry data from the Thermo Fisher Scientific instrument.
msgFUN	this function is used for logging information while composing the resulting data.frame. It can also be used for shiny progress bar. The default is using the message.

**Value**

a data.frame containing the selected trailer information.

**Note**

The set up procedure for the rawrr package needs to be run in order to use this package.

**Author(s)**

Christian Panse (2016-2023)

**References**

[doi:10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00173)

**Examples**

```
rawDiag::checkRawrr()
rawrr::sampleFilePath() |>
  rawDiag::readRaw()
```

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