

# Package ‘protGear’

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|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| array_vars | <i>List the array structure variables</i> |
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## Description

A generic function returning a list with the data structure.

## Usage

```
array_vars(  
  channel = "635",  
  totsamples,  
  FG = "",  
  BG = "",  
  FBG = "",  
  blockspersample,  
  chip_path = "data/array_data",  
  sampleID_path = "data/array_sampleID/",  
  mig_prefix = "_first",  
  machine = "",  
  date_process = ""  
)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| channel         | A character indicating the channel that the data was scanned at. It is mostly included in the MFI variable names.                                                              |
| totsamples      | A numeric value indicating the number of samples on a slide.                                                                                                                   |
| FG              | Optional: A character indicating the name of the foreground variable name. if not specified its created as <code>paste0("F",channel,".Median")</code>                          |
| BG              | Optional: A character indicating the name of the background variable name. if not specified its created as <code>paste0("B",channel,".Median")</code>                          |
| FBG             | Optional: A character indicating the name of the foreground - background variable name. if not specified its created as <code>paste0("F",channel,".Median...B",channel)</code> |
| blockspersample | A numeric value indicating the number of blocks in a mini-array. The ".gal" file can help in getting this                                                                      |
| chip_path       | A character indicating the path of the folder location with the array data.                                                                                                    |
| sampleID_path   | A character indicating the path of the folder location with the sample identifiers matching the array structure.                                                               |
| mig_prefix      | Optional: A character indicating the identifier of an MIG dilution file                                                                                                        |

|              |                                                                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| machine      | Optional:A character indicating the machine used to process the data in the folder |
| date_process | Optional:A character indicating the date when the samples were processed.          |

**Value**

a list of parameters required to process the data  
 genepix\_vars

**Examples**

```
## specify the the parameters to process the data
genepix_vars <- array_vars(
## the channel the data was processed in
  channel = "635",
  ## folder where the array data is stored
  chip_path = "data/array_data",
  ## the number of samples per slide or in as single run
  totsamples = 21,
  ## How many blocks each sample occupies
  blockspersample = 2,
  ## folder where the array data samples id files are stored
  sampleID_path = "data/array_sampleID/",
  ## optional
  mig_prefix = "_first",
  machine = 1,
  date_process = "0520"
)
genepix_vars
```

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| best_CV_estimation | <i>best CV estimation</i> |
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**Description**

A function to select the best CV by combining the replicates in duplicates. The function has been build for up to to 3 replicates so far

**Usage**

```
best_CV_estimation(dataCV, slide_id, lab_replicates, cv_cut_off)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                          |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dataCV         | A data frame                                                             |
| slide_id       | A character string containing the identifier of the data frame variable. |
| lab_replicates | A numeric value indicating the number of lab replicates.                 |
| cv_cut_off     | a numeric value for the CV cut off. Should be between 0-100              |

**Details**

Select set of replicates with the best CV

**Value**

A data frame with the best CV's estimated

**Examples**

```
dataC <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
  "dataC.csv", package="protGear"))
## this file has 3 lab replicates and the default names
dataCV <- cv_estimation(dataC ,lab_replicates=3)
best_CV_estimation(dataCV,slide_id = "iden", lab_replicates = 3,
  cv_cut_off = 20)
```

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|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| bg_correct | <i>bg_correct</i> |
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**Description**

A generic function to perform background correction.

**Usage**

```
bg_correct(iden, Data1, genepix_vars, method = "subtract_local")
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| iden         | A character indicating the name of the object to be used under Data1                                                                                                                                             |
| Data1        | A data frame with sample identifiers merged with micro array data.                                                                                                                                               |
| genepix_vars | A list of specific definitions of the experiment design. See <a href="#">array_vars</a> .                                                                                                                        |
| method       | a description of the background correction to be used. Possible values are "none", "subtract_local", "subtract_global", "movingmin_bg", "minimum_half", "edwards" or "normexp". The default is "subtract_local". |

**Details**

Background correction

The function implements background correction methods developed by [backgroundCorrect](#). But the minimum\_half and movingmin\_bg uses the block of the protein array as the grid. If method="movingmin\_bg" the minimum background value within a block is subtracted. If method="minimum\_half" then any intensity which is negative after background subtraction is reset to be equal to half the minimum positive value in a block. If method="movingmin\_value" then any intensity which is negative after background subtraction is reset to the minimum positive value in a block. For edwards we implement a similar algorithm with `limma::backgroundCorrect(method="edwards")` and for 'normexp' we use the saddle-point approximation to maximum likelihood, [backgroundCorrect](#) for more details.

**Value**

A data frame with background corrected data

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|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| buffer_spots | <i>Extract buffer spots of data</i> |
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**Description**

A function to extract the buffer spots data. A buffer spot only has the solution for proprietary ingredients for stabilizing protein and minimizing evaporation.

**Usage**

```
buffer_spots(Data1, buffer_spot = "buffer")
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                             |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data1       | An object of the class data frame                           |
| buffer_spot | A character string containing the name of the buffer spots. |

**Value**

A data frame of the buffer control spots

**Examples**

```
bg_correct_df <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata", "Data1_sample.csv",
package="protGear"))
buffer_spots(Data1 = bg_correct_df)
```

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```
check_sampleID_files  \_End_Function_\# Check existing sample ID names
```

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**Description**

A generic function to check if the file(s) with the MFI values have a corresponding sample ID file. Sample ID file is a file with the identifiers for the samples in array file.

**Usage**

```
check_sampleID_files(genepix_vars)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| genepix_vars | A list of specific definitions of the experiment design. See <a href="#">array_vars</a> . |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

A file with missing corresponding sample ID files

**Examples**

```
genepix_vars <- array_vars(  
  channel = "635",  
  chip_path = system.file("extdata", "array_data/machine1/",  
    package="protGear"),  
  totsamples = 21,  
  blockspersample = 2,  
  mig_prefix = "_first",  
  machine = 1,  
  date_process = "0520"  
)  
check_sampleID_files(genepix_vars)
```

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|            |                                        |
|------------|----------------------------------------|
| create_dir | <i>Title Create directory function</i> |
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**Description**

creating a directory

**Usage**

```
create_dir(path)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| path | folder location to create a directory |
|------|---------------------------------------|

**Value**

created directory

**Examples**

```
create_dir("data/sample_folder")
```

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cv\_by\_sample\_estimation  
*cv by sample*

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### Description

A function to give the summary of the CV's by the sampleID

### Usage

```
cv_by_sample_estimation(  
  dataCV,  
  cv_variable,  
  lab_replicates,  
  sampleID_var = "sampleID"  
)
```

### Arguments

|                |                                                                                                     |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dataCV         | A dataframe                                                                                         |
| cv_variable    | A character string containing the identifier of the variable with CV values.                        |
| lab_replicates | A numeric value indicating the number of lab replicates.                                            |
| sampleID_var   | A character string containing the name of the sample identifier variable. Default set to 'sampleID' |

### Details

Summarise CV by samples

### Value

A data frame of CV calculated by sample

### Examples

```
dataC <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",  
  "dataC.csv", package="protGear"))  
## this file has 3 lab replicates and the default names  
dataCV <- cv_estimation(dataC ,lab_replicates=3)  
cv_by_sample_estimation(dataCV, cv_variable = "cvCat_all",  
  lab_replicates = 3)
```

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|---------------|---------------|
| cv_estimation | cv_estimation |
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### Description

A function to calculate the CV for the technical lab replicates. The default values are set as per the object names generated by machine

### Usage

```
cv_estimation(  
  dataC,  
  lab_replicates,  
  sampleID_var = "sampleID",  
  antigen_var = "antigen",  
  replicate_var = "replicate",  
  mfi_var = "FMedianBG_correct",  
  cv_cut_off = 20  
)
```

### Arguments

|                |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dataC          | A dataset a data frame with feature variables to be used                                                                                              |
| lab_replicates | A numeric value indicating the number of lab replicates                                                                                               |
| sampleID_var   | A character string containing the name of the sample identifier variable. Default set to 'sampleID'                                                   |
| antigen_var    | A character string containing the name of the features/protein variable. Default to 'antigen'                                                         |
| replicate_var  | A character string containing the name of the replicate variable. Default to 'replicate'                                                              |
| mfi_var        | A character string containing the name of the variable with MFI value. Assuming background correction is done already. Default to 'FMedianBG_correct' |
| cv_cut_off     | Optional value indicating the cut off of flagging CV's. Default set at 20.                                                                            |

### Details

Coefficient of Variation

### Value

A data frame where CV's of the replicates have been calculated

**Examples**

```
dataC <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"dataC.csv", package="protGear"))
## this file has 3 lab replicates and the default names
cv_estimation(dataC ,lab_replicates=3)
```

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|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| error_replicates | \\_Start_Function_For Error\\# |
|------------------|--------------------------------|

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**Description**

A generic function to write into the log file with a replicate check error

**Usage**

```
error_replicates(iden)
```

**Arguments**

iden                    An id for the file with replicates error

**Value**

a log file showing the replicate errors

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|------------|-------------------|
| extract_bg | <i>extract bg</i> |
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**Description**

A generic function to extract the background data for micro array data.

**Usage**

```
extract_bg(iden, data_files, genepix_vars = genepix_vars)
```

**Arguments**

iden                    A character indicating the name of the object to be used under data\_files.  
data\_files              A list of data objects with names utilised by iden.  
genepix\_vars            A list of specific definitions of the experiment design. See [array\\_vars](#).

**Details**

Extract the background values

**Value**

A data frame of background values

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
genepix_vars <- array_vars(
  channel = "635",
  chip_path = system.file("extdata", "array_data/machine1/",
    package="protGear"),
  totsamples = 21,
  blockspersample = 2,
  mig_prefix = "_first",
  machine = 1,
  ## optional
  date_process = "0520"
)
#Define the data path
data_path <- paste0(genepix_vars$chip_path)
# List the file names to use
filenames <- list.files(genepix_vars$chip_path,
  pattern = '*.txt$|*.gpr$', full.names = FALSE
)
data_files <- purrr::map(
  .x = filenames,
  .f = read_array_files,
  data_path = data_path,
  genepix_vars = genepix_vars
)
data_files <- purrr::set_names(data_files,
  purrr::map(filenames, name_of_files))
names(data_files)
extract_bg(iden ="KK2-06" , data_files=data_files,genepix_vars=genepix_vars)
## End(Not run)
```

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launch\_protGear\_interactive

*launch\_protGear\_interactive*

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**Description**

This is Function is to launch the shiny application

**Usage**

```
launch_protGear_interactive()
```

**Value**

launches the shiny interactive protGear app

Examples

```
app <- system.file("shiny-examples", "protGear_interactive",
"protGear_interactive.Rmd", package = "protGear")
if (app!=""){
## run this
#launch_protGear_interactive()
}
```

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|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| launch_select | <i>launch_select</i> |
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Description

This is Function is to launch mutiple shiny applications for protGear

Usage

```
launch_select(theApp)
```

Arguments

theApp                    accepts one of the folders containing the shiny application

Value

launches the app defined under theApp

Examples

```
validExamples <-
  list.files(system.file("shiny-examples", package = "protGear"))
#launch_select(validExamples[[1]])
```

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| matrix_normalise | <i>Normalize Arrays</i> |
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Description

Normalize Arrays

**Usage**

```
matrix_normalise(
  matrix_antigen,
  method = "log2",
  batch_correct = FALSE,
  batch_var1,
  batch_var2 = day_batches,
  return_plot = FALSE,
  plot_by_antigen = TRUE,
  control_antigens = NULL,
  array_matrix = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| matrix_antigen   | An object of class matrix with features/proteins as columns and samples as the rows                                                |
| method           | character string specifying the normalization method. Choices are "none", "log2", "vsn", "cyclic_loess", "cyclic_loess_log", "rlm" |
| batch_correct    | A logical value indicating whether batch correction should be done or not                                                          |
| batch_var1       | A character or factor vector of size similar to rows of matrix_antigen indicating the first batch.                                 |
| batch_var2       | A character or factor vector of size similar to rows of matrix_antigen indicating the second batch.                                |
| return_plot      | A logical value indicating whether a plot is returned to show the results of normalisation.                                        |
| plot_by_antigen  | Logical to indicate whether to plot by antigen or not slide name for the matrix_antigen object.                                    |
| control_antigens | logical vector specifying the subset of spots which are non-differentially-expressed control spots, for use with method="rlm"      |
| array_matrix     | An object of class dataframe or matrix used with method='rlm' indicating the sample index and                                      |

**Value**

A data frame of normalised values

**Examples**

```
matrix_antigen <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"matrix_antigen.csv", package="protGear"))
#VSN
normlise_vsn <- matrix_normalise(as.matrix(matrix_antigen),
method = "vsn",
return_plot = TRUE)
```

```

)
## log
normlise_log <- matrix_normalise(as.matrix(matrix_antigen),
method = "log2",
return_plot = TRUE
)
## cyclic_loess_log
normlise_cylic_log <- matrix_normalise(as.matrix(matrix_antigen),
method = "cyclic_loess_log",
return_plot = TRUE
)

```

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|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| merge_sampleID | <i>Merge sample ID with the array data</i> |
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## Description

A generic function that merges the protein data with the sample identifiers or sample names. If the file does not have sample identifiers the function generates it automatically.

## Usage

```
merge_sampleID(iden, data_files, genepix_vars, method)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| iden         | A character indicating the name of the object to be used under data_files.                |
| data_files   | A list of data objects with names utilised by iden.                                       |
| genepix_vars | A list of specific definitions of the experiment design. See <a href="#">array_vars</a> . |
| method       | A description of the background correction to be used. See <a href="#">bg_correct</a> .   |

## Value

a data frame merged with corresponding sample ID's. The sample ID are specified in the sample ID files

## Examples

```

## Not run:
### Define the genepix_vars
genepix_vars <- array_vars(
  channel = "635",
  chip_path = system.file("extdata", "array_data/machine1/",
    package="protGear"),
  totsamples = 21,
  blockspersample = 2,
  mig_prefix = "_first",
  machine = 1,

```

```

    ## optional
    date_process = "0520"
  )

  ## the path where the micro-array data is located
  data_path <- paste0(genepix_vars$chip_path)
  filenames <- list.files(genepix_vars$chip_path,
                          pattern = "*.txt$|*.gpr$", full.names = FALSE
  )
  ## create a list of all the files
  data_files <- purrr::map(
    .x = filenames,
    .f = read_array_files,
    data_path = data_path,
    genepix_vars = genepix_vars
  )
  data_files <- purrr::set_names(data_files,
                                purrr::map(filenames, name_of_files))
  ## merge the lab data with samples and perform bg correction
  merge_sampleID(iden = "KK2-06", data_files = data_files,
                 genepix_vars = genepix_vars, method = "subtract_global" )
  ## End(Not run)

```

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minpositive

*Get the minimum positive value*


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## Description

Get the minimum positive value

## Usage

```
minpositive(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      A numeric vector or variable

## Value

Returns the minimum positive value in an object

## Examples

```
minpositive(c(-1,-2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10))
```

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|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| name_of_files | <i>Object names of a list</i> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|

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**Description**

A generic function returning a vector with the names of files in the same directory. Removes the file extension

**Usage**

name\_of\_files(i)

**Arguments**

i - a list filenames with .txt or .gpr extension

**Value**

a list of file names  
name

**Examples**

name\_of\_files("KK2-06.txt")

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|                    |                                                                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| output_trend_stats | <i>Trend test using Cox–Stuart (C–S) and Mann–Kendall (M–K) trend tests</i> |
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**Description**

Trend test using Cox–Stuart (C–S) and Mann–Kendall (M–K) trend tests

**Usage**

output\_trend\_stats(name, p\_val, z\_val)

**Arguments**

name                    Name of the test  
p\_val                   p value from the test  
z\_val                   the Z value of the test

**Value**

A statistics of mean standard deviation trend

**Examples**

```
output_trend_stats(name="t.test",p_val=0.001, z_val=5)
```

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plot\_bg

*Plot background*


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**Description**

A generic function for plotting of R objects.

**Usage**

```
plot_bg(df, x_axis = "antigen", bg_MFI = "BG_Median", log_mfi = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df      | A default dataset to use for plot.                                                  |
| x_axis  | The variable on the x axis                                                          |
| bg_MFI  | A numeric variable describing which is the background MFI                           |
| log_mfi | a logical value indicating whether the MFI values should be log transformed or not. |

**Value**

A ggplot of background values

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#After extracting the background using \code{\link{extract_bg}}
#we plot the data using
allData_bg <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata", "bg_example.csv",
  package="protGear"))
plot_bg(allData_bg,
  x_axis = "antigen",
  bg_MFI = "BG_Median", log_mfi = TRUE
)
## End(Not run)
```

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|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| plot_buffer | <i>Plot the buffer values</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|

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### Description

Plot the buffer values

### Usage

```
plot_buffer(
  df = buffers,
  buffer_names = "antigen",
  buffer_mfi = "FMedianBG_correct",
  slide_id = ".id"
)
```

### Arguments

|              |                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df           | A data frame to be used to plot                                                                                                                       |
| buffer_names | A character string containing the name of the variable with buffer spots. Default set to 'antigen'.                                                   |
| buffer_mfi   | A character string containing the name of the variable with MFI value. Assuming background correction is done already. Default to 'FMedianBG_correct' |
| slide_id     | A character string containing the name of the slide/array identifier variable.                                                                        |

### Value

plot of buffer spots

### Examples

```
buffers <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata", "buffers_sample2.csv",
  package="protGear"))
plot_buffer(df=buffers,buffer_names = "sampleID")
```

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| plot_FB | <i>plot_FB</i> |
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### Description

A generic function for plotting the background and foreground values.

**Usage**

```
plot_FB(
  df,
  antigen_name = "antigen",
  bg_MFI = "BG_Median",
  FG_MFI = "FBG_Median",
  log_mfi = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df           | An object containing the data to which the plot is done.                                       |
| antigen_name | The variable describing which features/proteins/ antibodies in the data should be used to plot |
| bg_MFI       | A numeric variable describing which is the background MFI                                      |
| FG_MFI       | A numeric variable describing which is the foreground MFI                                      |
| log_mfi      | a logical value indicating whether the MFI values should be log transformed or not.            |

**Details**

Plot foreground and background values

**Value**

a ggplot of foreground vs background MFI values

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#After extracting the background using \code{\link{extract_bg}}
#we plot the data using
allData_bg <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"bg_example.csv", package="protGear"))
plot_FB(allData_bg,
  antigen_name = "antigen",
  bg_MFI = "BG_Median", FG_MFI = "FBG_Median", log = FALSE
)
## End(Not run)
```

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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| plot_normalised | <i>Comparison of normalised data by sample</i> |
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**Description**

Comparison of normalised data by sample

**Usage**

```
plot_normalised(exprs_normalised_df, method, batch_correct)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| exprs_normalised_df | a normalised data frame          |
| method              | the method of normalisation used |
| batch_correct       | the batch correction             |

**Value**

A ggplot of normalised data

**Examples**

```
matrix_antigen <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",  
"matrix_antigen.csv", package="protGear"))  
normlise_vsn <- matrix_normalise(as.matrix(matrix_antigen),  
method = "vsn",  
return_plot = FALSE  
)  
plot_normalised(normlise_vsn, method="vsn", batch_correct=FALSE)
```

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| plot_normalised_antigen | <i>Comparison of normalised data by feature</i> |
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**Description**

Comparison of normalised data by feature

**Usage**

```
plot_normalised_antigen(exprs_normalised_df, method, batch_correct)
```

**Arguments**

exprs\_normalised\_df      a normalised data frame

method                    the method of normalisation used

batch\_correct            the batch correction

**Value**

A ggplot of various normalisation approaches

**Examples**

```
matrix_antigen <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"matrix_antigen.csv", package="protGear"))
normlise_vsn <- matrix_normalise(as.matrix(matrix_antigen),
method = "vsn",
return_plot = FALSE
)
plot_normalised_antigen(normlise_vsn,method="vsn",batch_correct=FALSE)
```

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| read_array_files | <i>Read array files</i> |
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**Description**

This helps to read the chip file(s).

**Usage**

```
read_array_files(i, data_path, genepix_vars)
```

**Arguments**

i                            The name of the file which the data are to be read from.

data\_path                  The path where the file with the data is located

genepix\_vars              A list of specific definitions of the experiment design. See [array\\_vars](#).

**Details**

Read multiple array files

**Value**

a number of data frames in the global environment

### Examples

```
## Not run:
genepix_vars <- array_vars(
  channel = "635",
  chip_path = system.file("extdata", "array_data/machine1/",
  package="protGear"),
  totsamples = 21,
  blockspersample = 2,
  mig_prefix = "_first",
  machine = 1,
  date_process = "0520"
)
file_read <- "KK2-06.txt"
read_array_files(i=file_read,
  data_path=system.file("extdata", "array_data/machine1/",
  package="protGear"), genepix_vars=genepix_vars)
## End(Not run)
```

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| read_array_visualize | <i>Read a gpr file to visualize</i> |
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### Description

Read a gpr file to visualize

### Usage

```
read_array_visualize(infile)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| infile | a .gpr file to be used to visualize the expression intensities of the slide spots |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Value

a data frame to visualize the background or foreground values

### Examples

```
## Not run:
read_array_visualize(infile = system.file("extdata",
"/array_data/machine1/KK2-06.txt", package="protGear"))
## End(Not run)
```

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| rlm_normalise | <i>RLM normalisation</i> |
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**Description**

A function for method='rlm' from [matrix\\_normalise](#).

**Usage**

```
rlm_normalise(rlm_normalise_df)
```

**Arguments**

```
rlm_normalise_df
    rlm normalised data frame
```

**Value**

an elist of RLM normalisation to be utilised by [rlm\\_normalise\\_matrix](#)

**Examples**

```
matrix_antigen <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"matrix_antigen.csv", package="protGear"))
#rlm_normalise_df <- rlm_normalise_matrix(matrix_antigen=matrix_antigen,
#array_matrix=array_matrix,
# control_antigens=control_antigens)
# rlm_normalise(rlm_normalise_df)
```

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| rlm_normalise_matrix | <i>Nomrmalise using RLM</i> |
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**Description**

A function for method='rlm' from [matrix\\_normalise](#).

**Usage**

```
rlm_normalise_matrix(matrix_antigen, array_matrix, control_antigens)
```

**Arguments**

```
matrix_antigen  A matrix with antigen data
array_matrix    A matrix with control antigen data
control_antigens
    the control antigens for RLM normalisation
```

Value

A RLM normalised data frame

Examples

```
matrix_antigen <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata",
"matrix_antigen.csv", package="protGear"))
# rlm_normalise_matrix(matrix_antigen=matrix_antigen,
# array_matrix=array_matrix,
# control_antigens=control_antigens)
```

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|--------------|---------------------|
| tag_subtract | <i>tag_subtract</i> |
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Description

\\\_End\_Function\_\\#

Usage

```
tag_subtract(
  dataC_mfi,
  tag_antigens,
  mean_best_CV_var,
  tag_file,
  batch_vars,
  sampleID_var = "sampleID",
  antigen_var = "antigen"
)
```

Arguments

- dataC\_mfi      A dataframe
- tag\_antigens    A character vector with the names of proteins or antigens used as TAG.
- mean\_best\_CV\_var      A character string containing the identifier of the variable with the MFI values.
- tag\_file      A data frame with variables antigen, TAG, TAG\_name to show the TAG for the different antigens or proteins in dataC\_mfi
- batch\_vars      A list of characters identifying variables in dataC\_mfi for indicating batch.
- sampleID\_var    A character string containing the name of the sample identifier variable. Default set to 'sampleID'
- antigen\_var    A character string containing the name of the features/protein variable. Default to 'antigen'

Details

Subtract the purification TAG data

**Value**

A data frame of TAG values subtracted

**Examples**

```
tag_file <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata", "TAG_antigens.csv",
package="protGear"))
tag_antigens <- c("CD4TAG", "GST", "MBP")
batch_vars <- list(machine = "m1", day = "0520")
dataC <- readr::read_csv(system.file("extdata", "dataC.csv",
package="protGear"))
## this file has 3 lab replicates and the default names
dataCV <- cv_estimation(dataC ,lab_replicates=3)
dataCV_best2 <- best_CV_estimation(dataCV,slide_id = "iden",
lab_replicates = 3, cv_cut_off = 20)
tag_subtract(dataCV_best2,tag_antigens=tag_antigens,
mean_best_CV_var="mean_best_CV",
tag_file = tag_file,antigen_var = "antigen", batch_vars = batch_vars)
```

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visualize\_slide

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*Visualize the slide mimicking the original scan image.*


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**Description**

Visualize the slide mimicking the original scan image.

**Usage**

```
visualize_slide(infile, MFI_var, interactive = FALSE, d_f = NA)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| infile      | a .gpr file to be used to visualize the expression intensities of the slide spots |
| MFI_var     | the MFI variable to plot, can be either the background or foreground value        |
| interactive | a logical to specify whether an interactive graph is returned or not              |
| d_f         | a data frame with array data                                                      |

**Value**

A ggplot of slide foreground values

### Examples

```
## Not run:
visualize_slide(
  infile = system.file("extdata", "/array_data/machine1/KK2-06.txt",
    package="protGear"),
  MFI_var = "B635 Median"
)
## End(Not run)
```

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| visualize_slide_2d | <i>Visualize the slide mimicking the original scan image using a 2d plot.</i> |
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### Description

Visualize the slide mimicking the original scan image using a 2d plot.

### Usage

```
visualize_slide_2d(infile, MFI_var, d_f = NA)
```

### Arguments

|         |                                                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| infile  | - a .gpr file to be used to visualize the expression intensities of the slide spots |
| MFI_var | the MFI variable to plot, can be either the background or foreground value          |
| d_f     | a data frame with array data                                                        |

### Value

A 2d plot of either the background or foreground values

### Examples

```
## Not run:
visualize_slide_2d(
  infile = system.file("extdata", "/array_data/machine1/KK2-06.txt",
    package="protGear"),
  MFI_var = "B635 Median"
)
## End(Not run)
```

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