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add.datetime	<i>Adding Local Datetime</i>
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Description

A helper function to convert UTC datetime to local datetime.

Usage

```
add.datetime(df, type = 3, timezone, reverse = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- df a data frame.
- type an integer from 1 to 3. Use 1 to add datetime, 3 to add datetime, date, and time, and 2 to add date and time.
- timezone a character string, local time zone.
- reverse a logical, whether to convert local datetime to UTC datetime.

Value

a data frame with additional columns.

Examples

```
# example a
df <- data.frame(datetime.UTC = as.POSIXct(c("2025-01-01 01:00:00",
"2025-07-01 01:00:00"), tz = "UTC"))
df
df1 <- add.datetime(df, type = 1, timezone = "")
df1
df1$datetime.UTC
df1$datetime

df3 <- add.datetime(df, type = 3, timezone = "")
```

```
df3

# example b
data <- data.frame(datetime = as.POSIXct(c("2025-02-01 01:00:00", "2025-08-01 01:00:00")))
data$datetime
data2 <- add.datetime(data, type = 2)
data2
```

chamber.check	<i>Chamber: Checking Performance</i>
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Description

A function to compare the design and the actual performance of the chamber.

Usage

```
chamber.check(
  design,
  chamber.data,
  robo.data = NULL,
  dtm.limits = c(NA, NA),
  dtm.breaks = waiver(),
  dtm.labels = waiver(),
  ambient.label = c("Ambient", "Room"),
  temp.limits = NULL
)
```

Arguments

design	a data frame, multiday patterns of environmental variables. Use design output of chamber.design .
chamber.data	a data frame, actual records of environmental variables. Use enhanced.data output of chamber.read .
robo.data	a data frame, actual records of robomussels. Optional.
dtm.limits	a vector of two character strings, limits of dates.
dtm.breaks	a character string, duration between date breaks.
dtm.labels	a character string, format of dates.
ambient.label	a character string, how to ambient temperature.
temp.limits	a vector of two numeric, limits of temperature.

Value

a three-panel plot of light, immersion, and temperature.

Examples

```
acc.daily.settings <- data.frame(day = seq(0, 34))

acc <- chamber.design(acc.daily.settings,
                      start.date = "2025-05-15", export = FALSE)

folder <- system.file("extdata/chamber", package = "rambur")
chamber.data <- chamber.read(folder)

robo.folder <- system.file("extdata/robo", package = "rambur")
robo.data <- robos.read(robo.folder)

chamber.check(acc$design, chamber.data$enhanced.data, robo.data$synchronized.data,
              dtm.limits = c("2025-05-21", "2025-05-24"), ambient.label = "Room")
```

chamber.design

Chamber: Designing Multiday Profile

Description

A function to expand the diurnal patterns of environmental variables into multiday patterns.

Usage

```
chamber.design(
  daily.settings,
  start.date = "2025-04-30",
  timezone = "",
  export = TRUE,
  folder.path = NULL
)
```

Arguments

daily.settings	a data frame, diurnal patterns of environmental variables. Columns must match arguments of <code>chamber.diurnal()</code> .
start.date	a character string, start date of the experiment. Time automatically set to 00:00:00.
timezone	a character string, time zone.
export	a logical, whether to export the output as files (e.g., Profile.txt).
folder.path	a character string, path to the export folder.

Value

a list of two data frames, `daily.settings` as input but with an extra column `date`, and `design` of expanded multiday patterns.

See Also`chamber.diurnal()`**Examples**

```
# acclimation phase
acc.daily.settings <- data.frame(day = seq(0, 34),
  temp.air.mean = 17, temp.water.mean = 19)

acc <- chamber.design(acc.daily.settings,
  start.date = "2025-05-15", export = FALSE)
## to save the output files, set 'export' to 'TRUE'.

acc
as.POSIXct(acc$design$timestamp[1], tz = "UTC")
acc$design$datetime[1]
acc$daily.settings$date[1]
```

chamber.diurnal*Chamber: Designing Diurnal Profile*

Description

A worker function to design the diurnal patterns of environmental variables.

Usage

```
chamber.diurnal(
  day = 0,
  time.step = 1,
  light.model = "gaussian",
  light.duration = 16,
  light.peak.time = 13,
  light.max = 100,
  temp.model = "sinusoidal",
  temp.air.mean = 17,
  temp.air.range = 8,
  temp.water.mean = 19,
  temp.water.range = 1,
  temp.peak.time = 15,
  tidal.day = 24,
  ie.cycle = c(0, 1, 0, 1),
  iec.start.time = 0,
  wc.time = NA
)
```

Arguments

<code>day</code>	an integer, the day of experiment.
<code>time.step</code>	a numeric, the resolution of the profile in hours.
<code>light.model</code>	a character string, pattern of light. Default to "gaussian", indicating gaussian function.
<code>light.duration</code>	a numeric, light duration (photoperiod) in hours, with brightness of at least 1%.
<code>light.peak.time</code>	a numeric, time of day when brightness peaks.
<code>light.max</code>	an integer, maximum brightness.
<code>temp.model</code>	a character string, pattern of temperature. Default to "sinusoidal", indicating sinusoidal function.
<code>temp.air.mean</code>	a numeric, the mean of air temperature during the day in °C.
<code>temp.air.range</code>	a numeric, the range of air temperature during the day in °C.
<code>temp.water.mean</code>	a numeric, the mean of water temperature during the day in °C.
<code>temp.water.range</code>	a numeric, the range of water temperature during the day in °C.
<code>temp.peak.time</code>	a numeric, time of day when temperature peaks.
<code>tidal.day</code>	a numeric, tidal day duration in hours. Default to 24, same as the solar day.
<code>ie.cycle</code>	a vector of 0 and 1, the immersion-emersion cycle (e.g., semi-diurnal).
<code>iec.start.time</code>	a numeric, time of day when immersion-emersion cycle starts.
<code>wc.time</code>	a numeric, time of day when automatic water change starts.

Value

a data frame with eight columns, including time as day and hour, and environmental variables as light, temp.air, temp.water, immersion, temp, wc.

See Also

[chamber.design\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# default
day0 <- chamber.diurnal()
day0
plot(day0)

# custom
chamber.diurnal(day = -3, time.step = 0.5,
  light.duration = 17, light.peak.time = 12,
  temp.air.mean = 30, temp.air.range = 10,
  temp.water.mean = 20, temp.water.range = 2, temp.peak.time = 14,
  ie.cycle = c(0, 1), iec.start.time = 2.5,
  wc.time = 16.5)
```

`chamber.read`*Chamber: Reading Log Files*

Description

A function to read the CSV log files of an intertidal chamber.

Usage

```
chamber.read(  
  folder.path = NULL,  
  file.name = ".CSV",  
  size.limits = c(0, Inf),  
  metadata.lines = 16,  
  timezone = "",  
  agg.res = "1 minute"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>folder.path</code>	a character string, path to the folder of CSV records.
<code>file.name</code>	a character string, filter the file name.
<code>size.limits</code>	a vector of two numerics, minimum and maximum size in bytes.
<code>metadata.lines</code>	an integer, number of lines to skip in the header.
<code>timezone</code>	a character string, time zone.
<code>agg.res</code>	a character string, duration to summarize the mean of the records.

Value

a list of three data frames, `original.data`, `enhanced.data`, and `aggregated.data` for original, enhanced, and summarized records, respectively.

Examples

```
folder <- system.file("extdata/chamber", package = "rambur")  
chamber.data <- chamber.read(folder)  
chamber.data
```

chamber.split	<i>Chamber: Splitting Profile</i>
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Description

A function to split the "Profile.txt" with more than 1000 lines into smaller files.

Usage

```
chamber.split(  
  file.path,  
  max.lines = 960,  
  overlap.lines = 120,  
  folder.path = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

file.path	a character string, path to the original "Profile.txt" file.
max.lines	an integer, number of lines in new files.
overlap.lines	an integer, number of lines shared between two consecutive files.
folder.path	a character string, path to the new files after splitting.

Value

No return value, called for side effects. The function splits "Profile.txt" and saves each part into its own subdirectory.

plot.chamber.design	<i>Chamber: Plotting Multiday Profile</i>
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Description

A helper function to plot the multiday patterns of environmental variables.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'chamber.design'  
plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a data frame, multiday patterns of environmental variables. Use design output of chamber.design .
...	additional arguments, currently ignored.

Value

a list of six plots of environmental variables.

Examples

```
# acclimation phase
acc.setup <- data.frame(day = seq(0, 34),
  temp.air.mean = 17, temp.water.mean = 19)

acc.profile <- chamber.design(acc.setup,
  start.date = "2025-05-15", export = FALSE)

plot(acc.profile$design)
```

plot.chamber.diurnal *Chamber: Plotting Diurnal Profile*

Description

A function to plot the diurnal patterns of environmental variables.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'chamber.diurnal'
plot(x, ..., display = c("all", "light", "immersion", "temperature"))
```

Arguments

x	a data frame, output of chamber.diurnal .
...	additional arguments, currently ignored.
display	a character string, which plots to display.

Value

a six-panel plot of environmental variables.

Examples

```
# default
day0 <- chamber.diurnal()
plot(day0)
plot(day0, display = "light")
plot(day0, display = "immersion")
plot(day0, display = "temp")
```

pulse.extract	<i>Pulse: Extracting Heart Rate</i>
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Description

A function to extract heart rate from records of pulse devices.

Usage

```
pulse.extract(
  pulse.data,
  sampling.rate = NULL,
  search.scope = 1,
  score.parameter = 0.5,
  cor.min = 0.5,
  display = "none",
  ppg.zoom = TRUE,
  time.window = "1 minute",
  agg.res = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pulse.data	a data frame, records of signal. Use output of pulse.read .
sampling.rate	an integer, sampling rate in Hz. Can be autocalculated from data.
search.scope	a numeric, the ratio of lag domain length to the total signal length.
score.parameter	a numeric, the exponent used in the score.
cor.min	a numeric, the correlation threshold for qualified signal.
display	a logical, whether to display plots.
ppg.zoom	a logical, whether to zoom the PPG plot to fit signal intensity.
time.window	a character string, window duration extract heart rate.
agg.res	a character string, duration to summarize the mean or median of the records.

Value

a list of two data frames, window.hr and aggregated.hr for window and summarized heart rate.

See Also

[pulse.hr\(\)](#)

Examples

```
folder <- system.file("extdata/pulse", package = "rambur")
pulse.data <- pulse.read(folder)
pulse.extract(pulse.data)
```

pulse.hr

*Pulse: Calculating Heart Rate***Description**

A worker function to calculate heart rate

Usage

```
pulse.hr(
  signal,
  sampling.rate = 5,
  search.scope = 1,
  score.parameter = 0.5,
  cor.min = 0.5,
  display = c("all", "ppg", "none"),
  ppg.zoom = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

signal	an integer vector, infrared signal from pulse device.
sampling.rate	an integer, sampling rate in Hz.
search.scope	a numeric, the ratio of lag domain length to the total signal length.
score.parameter	a numeric, the exponent used in the score.
cor.min	a numeric, the correlation threshold for qualified signal.
display	a character string, whether to display plots.
ppg.zoom	a logical, whether to zoom the PPG plot to fit signal intensity.

Value

a mixed list, locmax for local maxima, nominee for the best peak, cor.pass and anticor.pass for quality control, and hr for final heart rate.

See Also

[pulse.extract\(\)](#)

Examples

```
folder <- system.file("extdata/pulse", package = "rambur")
pulse.data <- pulse.read(folder)
ex1 <- pulse.hr(subset(pulse.data, datetime >= "2025-05-21 00:01:00" &
  datetime <= "2025-05-21 00:02:00", channel.1, drop = TRUE))
```

pulse.read

Pulse: Reading Log Files

Description

A function to read the CSV log files of a PULSE V2 logger.

Usage

```
pulse.read(  
  folder.path = NULL,  
  file.name = ".CSV",  
  size.limits = c(0, Inf),  
  metadata.lines = 22,  
  channel.names = NULL,  
  timezone = ""  
)
```

Arguments

folder.path	a character string, path to the folder of CSV records.
file.name	a character string, filter the file name.
size.limits	a vector of two numerics, minimum and maximum file sizes in bytes, e.g., 1e6 bytes (~1 MB).
metadata.lines	an integer, number of lines to skip in the header.
channel.names	a character vector of length 10. Optional names for channels.
timezone	a character string, time zone.

Value

a data frame of enhanced data.

Examples

```
folder <- system.file("extdata/pulse", package = "rambur")  
pulse.data <- pulse.read(folder)  
pulse.data
```

robo.read	<i>Robomussel: Reading a Log File</i>
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Description

A function to read the CSV log file of a single robomussel or temperature EnvLogger.

Usage

```
robo.read(file.path, metadata.lines = 21, timezone = "", agg.res = NULL)
```

Arguments

file.path	a character string, path to the file.
metadata.lines	an integer, number of lines to skip in the header.
timezone	a character string, time zone.
agg.res	a character string, duration to summarize the mean of the records. Optional.

Value

a list of two data frames, enhanced.data and aggregated.data for enhanced and summarized records, respectively.

Examples

```
robo.file <- system.file("extdata/robo/RM1.csv", package = "rambur")
robo.read(robo.file, agg.res = "1 hour")
```

robos.read	<i>RobomusselS: Reading Log Files</i>
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Description

A function to read the CSV log files of multiple robomussels or temperature EnvLoggers.

Usage

```
robos.read(
  folder.path = NULL,
  file.name = ".csv",
  metadata.lines = 21,
  timezone = "",
  agg.res = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>folder.path</code>	a character string, path to the folder.
<code>file.name</code>	a character string, filter the file name.
<code>metadata.lines</code>	an integer, number of lines to skip in the header.
<code>timezone</code>	a character string, time zone.
<code>agg.res</code>	a character string, duration to summarize the mean of the records. Optional.

Value

a list of three data frames, `enhanced.data`, `synchronized.data`, and `aggregated.data` for enhanced, synchronized, and aggregated data, respectively.

Examples

```
robo.folder <- system.file("extdata/robo", package = "rambur")
robos.read(robo.folder, agg.res = "1 hour")
```

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