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Installation To install this R package run: install.packages("RAINLINK_1.12.tar.gz", repos=NULL, type = "source"). To install it in a specified directory, add ", path", where path is the name of the folder where the package needs to be installed, e.g. "Rlibraries" (use quotation marks).								
Available at https://github.com/overeem11/RAINLINK								
Additional information see "ManualRAINLINK.pdf"								
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# **Description**

Subfunction for obtaining climatological values of sill, range, and nugget of spherical variogram model. This is based on a climatological variogram based on 30-year automatic rain gauge data sets from The Netherlands. Spherical variograms have been modelled as function of the day number and duration in Van de Beek et al. (2012). They use durations of 1 - 24 h. In this function the relationships can be extrapolated to, e.g. 15-min, data.

# Usage

ClimVarParam(DateStr, TimeScaleHours, TimeZone)

# Arguments

DateStr The end date of the chosen daily period.

TimeScaleHours Rainfall aggregation interval in hours.

TimeZone Time zone of data (e.g. "UTC").

# Value

Data frame with values of sill, range and nugget.

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

Van de Beek, C. Z., Leijnse, H., Torfs, P. J. J. F., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2012: Seasonal semi-variance of Dutch rainfall at hourly to daily scales, Adv. Water Resour., 45, 76-85, doi:10.1016/j.advwatres.2012.03.023.

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#### **Examples**

ClimVarParam(DateStr="20110911", TimeScaleHours=0.25, TimeZone="UTC")

CorrectMinMaxRSL Function for correcting minimum and maximum received signal pow-

ers.

# **Description**

Function for correcting minimum (Pmin) and maximum (Pmax) received signal powers. For a rainy time interval the corrected minimum received signal power becomes equal to the minimum received signal power if this is below the reference signal level (Pref). Otherwise the corrected minimum received signal power becomes equal to the reference signal level. The corrected maximum received signal power becomes equal to the maximum received signal power if both the maximum received signal power and the corrected minimum received signal power are below the reference signal level.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

# Usage

CorrectMinMaxRSL(Data = DataOutlierFiltered, Dry = NULL, Pref = Pref)

# **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data.

Dry Data frame: Should interval be considered dry for reference level determina-

tion? (0 = wet; 1 = dry). Use Dry=NULL if no wet-dry classification has been

performed.

Pref Reference level (dB).

# Value

Data frame with corrected minimum and maximum received powers (dB).

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

 ${\tt CorrectMinMaxRSL} ({\tt Data=DataOutlierFiltered,Dry=WetDry\$Dry,Pref=Pref})$ 

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IDW	Subfunction for inverse distance weighted interpolation on point data.

# **Description**

Subfunction for inverse distance weighted interpolation on point data.

# Usage

```
IDW(idp, rain.grid, Rainlink)
```

# Arguments

idp The inverse distance weighting power.

rain.grid Interpolation grid in Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system.

Rainlink Coordinates of links in Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system. and

rainfall intensity (latitude in km, longitude in km, intensity in mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

#### Value

Interpolated field of rainfall intensities.

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

#### References

"Manual RAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

 ${\tt IDW(idp=idp,rain.grid=rain.grid,Rainlink=Rainlink)}$ 

Interpolation	Interpolation of link-based path-averaged rainfall estimates.
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# **Description**

Interpolation of link-based path-averaged rainfall estimates. The type of interpolation has to be specified. The following types are available: 1) Inverse distance weighted interpolation on data (subfunction IDW); 2) Ordinary kriging with spherical variogram model. Its parameter values nugget, sill, and range, can be defined by the user; 3) Ordinary kriging with spherical variogram model with climatological parameter values based on a 30-year rain gauge data set. These are computed for the day of year as obtained from the file name, thus taking into account seasonality in spatial rainfall correlation. The subfunction ClimVarParam computes these parameter values.

Ordinary kriging is performed by subfunction OrdinaryKriging. Note that this interpolation algorithm is developed for interpolation of link-based rainfall estimates, which are path averages. The subfunction IntpPathToPoint computes the path-averaged rainfall intensities for unique link paths. And it assigns path-averaged intensity to the point at the middle of the link path.

The time interval does not have to be an integer but should be equidistant. The minimum time interval length is automatically computed and is employed as the time interval length.

# Usage

```
Interpolation(Data, CoorSystemInputData = NULL, idp = 2,
   IntpMethod = "OK", nmax = 50, NUGGET, RANGE, RainGrid, Rmean, SILL,
   TimeZone = "UTC", Variogram = "ClimVar", OutputDir = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data.

CoorSystemInputData

Define coordinate system of input data (in case of WGS84 provide NULL).

idp The inverse distance weighting power.

IntpMethod Interpolation method: Ordinary kriging ("OK") or inverse distance weighted

interpolation ("IDW").

nmax The number of nearest observations that should be used for a kriging predic-

tion or simulation, where nearest is defined in terms of the space of the spatial

locations.

NUGGET Nugget of spherical variogram model (mm).

RANGE Range of spherical variogram model (km).

RainGrid Data frame containing information on the points in space where rainfall needs

to be estimated, is assumed to be in the same coordinate system as the original

link data.

Rmean Vector of link-derived rainfall intensities (mm  $h^{-1}$ ) with length equal to Data.

SILL Sill of spherical variogram model (mm<sup>2</sup>).

TimeZone Time zone of data (e.g. "UTC").

Variogram For OK: which variogram to use? Use "ClimvdBeek" for climatological spheri-

cal variogram model. Use "Manual" for spherical variogram model with NUGGET,

SILL, and RANGE values supplied as function arguments.

OutputDir If supplied (not NULL), files with resulting interpolated rainfall fields will be

written to this directory. If not supplied, the interpolated fields will be returned.

# Value

Interpolated field of rainfall intensities (mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

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# Author(s)

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#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

```
Interpolation(Data=DataPreprocessed,CoorSystemInputData=NULL,idp=2.0,
IntpMethod="OK",nmax=50,NUGGET=0.37,RANGE=18.7,RainGrid=RainGrid,
Rmean=Rmean,SILL=3.7,TimeZone="UTC",Variogram="ClimVar",OutputDir="RainMapsLinks15min")
```

IntpPathToPoint

Subfunction for computing path-averaged rainfall intensities for unique link paths. A path-averaged rainfall intensity is assigned to a point at the middle of the link path.

# **Description**

Subfunction for computing path-averaged rainfall intensities for unique link paths. The link-based, e.g. a 15-minute path-averaged rainfall accumulation is converted to a path-averaged rainfall intensity, and subsequently assigned to a point at the middle of the link path. Path-averaged rainfall intensities are obtained, so data from full-duplex links are averaged.

# Usage

IntpPathToPoint(ID, Rmean, XEnd, XStart, YEnd, YStart)

# **Arguments**

ID Link identifier.

Rmean Data frame with mean path-averaged rainfall intensities (mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

XEnd Easting of end of links (km).

XStart Easting of start of links (km).

YEnd Northing of end of links (km).

YStart Northing of start of links (km).

#### Value

Coordinates of links in Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system (latitude, longitude) and rainfall intensity (mm  $h^{-1}$ )).

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

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#### References

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Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

IntpPathToPoint(ID=ID,Rmean=Rmean,Xend=Xend,XStart=XStart,YEnd=YEnd,YStart=YStart)

#### Linkdata

Microwave link dataset from which path-averaged rainfall intensities can be computed. Received signal powers were obtained from Nokia microwave links in one of the national cellular communication networks in The Netherlands, operated by T-Mobile NL. The minimum and maximum received powers over 15-min intervals were provided, based on 10-Hz sampling. The transmitted power was almost constant. Here the data have a resolution of 1 dB, and the majority of these Nokia links used vertically polarised signals.

# **Description**

Data were obtained from September 9, 0800 UTC - September 11, 0800 UTC (2011). The data set contains data from 2612 microwave links.

#### Usage

data(Linkdata)

# Format

A data frame with link data from a commercial cellular communication network

# **Details**

Several functions in the RAINLINK package read a data frame with microwave link data. Such a data frame always contains the variables as indicated below, i.e. the variables in the data set supplied to PreprocessingMinMaxRSL.

For each link and time interval the following variables are provided:

- Frequency: microwave frequency f (GHz).
- DateTime: date and end time of observation (YYYYMMDDhhmm, i.e. year (2011), month (09), day (11), hour (08), minutes (00): 201109110800).
- Pmin: minimum received power Pmin (dBm).
- Pmax: maximum received power Pmax (dBm).
- PathLength: length of microwave link path L (km).
- XStart: Longitude of start of links (°; WGS84).
- YStart: Latitude of start of links (°; WGS84).
- Xend: Longitude of end of links (°; WGS84).

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- YEnd: Latitude of end of links (°; WGS84).
- ID: Link identifier.

MinMaxRSLToMeanR	Subfunction for path-averaged rainfall estimation from minimum and maximum attenuations from microwave links.

# Description

Subfunction for path-averaged rainfall estimation using microwave links. Compute minimum (Amin) and maximum (Amax) attenuation over the link path. Convert these to minimum and maximum path-averaged rainfall intensities. Convert minimum and maximum path-averaged rainfall intensities to mean path-averaged rainfall intensities.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

# Usage

MinMaxRSLToMeanR(a, Aa, alpha, b, PathLength, PmaxCor, PminCor, Pref)

#### **Arguments**

a	Coefficients in relationship between rainfall intensity and specific attenuation (mm $h^{-1} dB^{-b} km^b$ ).
Aa	Wet antenna attenuation correction $A_a$ (dB).
alpha	Coefficient $(\alpha)$ determining contribution of minimum and maximum path-averaged rainfall intensity to mean path-averaged rainfall intensity (-).
b	Exponents in relationship between rainfall intensity and specific attenuation (-).
PathLength	Lengths of link paths (km).

#### Value

Data frame with mean path-averaged rainfall intensities (mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

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# **Examples**

MinMaxRSLToMeanR(a=a,Aa=Aa,alpha=alpha,b=b,PathLength=Data\$PathLength,PmaxCor=PmaxCor,PminCor=PminCor,Pref=Pref)

OrdinaryKriging Subfunction for ordinary kriging interpolation of point values using

spherical variogram model with predefined parameters sill, range, and

nugget.

# Description

Subfunction for ordinary kriging interpolation of point values using spherical variogram model with predefined parameters sill, range, and nugget.

# Usage

OrdinaryKriging(nmax, Nugget, rain.grid, Rainlink, Range, Sill)

# **Arguments**

nmax The number of nearest observations that should be used for a kriging predic-

tion or simulation, where nearest is defined in terms of the space of the spatial

locations.

Nugget of spherical variogram model (mm).

rain.grid Interpolation grid in Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system.

Rainlink Coordinates of links in Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system and

rainfall intensity (latitude in km, longitude in km, intensity in mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

Range Range of spherical variogram model (km).

Sill Sill of spherical variogram model (mm²).

#### Value

Interpolated field of rainfall intensities.

#### Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

```
\label{lem:condition} Ordinary Kriging (nmax=50, Nugget=0.37, rain.grid=rain.grid, Rainlink=Rainlink, Range=18.7, Sill=3.7)
```

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OutlierFilterMinMaxRSL

Function to apply filter to remove outliers in path-averaged microwave link attenuations.

#### **Description**

Function to apply filter to remove outliers in link-based rainfall estimates. Malfunctioning link antennas can cause outliers in rainfall retrievals (especially for daily accumulations). These outliers can be removed by using a filter that is based on the assumption that rainfall is correlated in space. The filter discards a time interval of a link for which the cumulative difference between its specific attenuation and that of the surrounding links over the previous 24 h (including the present time interval), F, becomes lower than a threshold value in dB h km<sup>-1</sup>.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

The outlier filter has been extensively tested on minimum received signal powers, i.e. for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant. This function can also be applied in case of other sampling strategies, because it does not explicitly require minimum and maximum received signal powers. It just applies the selection on all rows in a data frame. Whether the outlier filter will give good results when applied to link data obtained from other sampling strategies would need to be tested. Hence, "MinMaxRSL" is kept in this function name to stress that it has been tested for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received powers are provided. Update: Now also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

Can only be applied when function WetDryNearbyLinkApMinMaxRSL has been executed.

#### Usage

```
OutlierFilterMinMaxRSL(Data, F, FilterThreshold = -32.5)
```

# **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data.

F Values for filter to remove outliers (dB  $km^{-1}$  h).

FilterThreshold

Outlier filter threshold (dB h  $km^{-1}$ ).

#### Value

Data frame with microwave link data.

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

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#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

OutlierFilterMinMaxRSL(Data=DataPreprocessed,F=WetDry\$F,FilterThreshold=-32.5)

PlotLinkLocations

Function which visualises microwave link paths on a map.

# **Description**

Function which visualises microwave link paths on a map.

#### Usage

PlotLinkLocations(AlphaLinkLocations, BBoxOSMauto, OSMBottom, ColourLinks, ColourType, dataf, DateTime, ExtraTextLinkLocations, FigFileLinkLocations, FigHeight, FigWidth, FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures, FontFamily, GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat, GoogleLocLon, GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified, GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel, LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle, LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen, MapBackground, OSMLeft, OSMRight, OSMScale, OSMTop, SizeLinks, SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel, TitleLinkLocations)

# **Arguments**

AlphaLinkLocations

Transparency of link paths.

BBoxOSMauto Compute bounding box from input data or used bounding box defined above?

(for OpenStreetMap and Stamen Map only). Use "yes" if bounding box is to be

computed from interpolation grid.

OSMBottom Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for bottom side of the area for which rainfall

depths are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

Colour Links Colour of plotted link paths.

ColourType Colour or black-and-white background map? Use "color" for colour and "bw"

for black-and-white background map.

data frame which contains (at least) locations of microwave links in Azimuthal

Equidistant Cartesian coordinate system.

Date Time Date and time for which link locations are plotted. This is used in the title

caption of the figure and in the file name.

ExtraTextLinkLocations

Second part of title of plot.

FigFileLinkLocations

Part of figure output file name.

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FigHeight

Figure height. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FigWidth

Figure width. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FilePolygonsGrid

Name of file with polygons of interpolation grid.

FolderFigures F

Folder name of figures.

FontFamily

Specify font family of text in figures. To select the default font use "". Using "Times" may give warnings when executing the visualisation. In that case the font is not installed on the computer. This can be solved by using the default font ("").

 ${\tt GoogleLocDegSpecified}$ 

If GoogleLocDegSpecified is "yes" then the specified location in degrees is used is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocNameSpecified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleLocLat

Latitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocLon

Longitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocName

Location of middle of Google Map, provided as text, e.g. name of city, street name, country.

GoogleLocNameSpecified

If GoogleLocNameSpecified is "yes" then the specified location name GoogleLocName is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocName-Specified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleMapType

In case of Google Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types: "terrain", "satellite", "roadmap", and "hybrid".

 ${\tt Google Zoomlevel}$ 

Which zoom level to use for the Google Maps?

Label AxisLat Label name of vertical axis.

LabelAxisLonGoogle

Label name of horizontal axis (for Google Maps only).

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LabelAxisLonOSM

Label name of horizontal axis (for OpenStreetMap only).

LabelAxisLonStamen

Label name of horizontal axis (for Stamen Map only).

MapBackground

Google Maps, OpenStreetMap or Stamen Map as background? Use "Google" for Google Maps, "OSM" for OpenStreetMap and "Stamen" for Stamen Map (based on OpenStreetMap data). Note that Google Maps will only plot on a square figure. It seems that mapping with OpenStreetMap ("get openstreetmap") is no langer supported. This implies that mapping can only be done employing Google Maps (if Google API key is obtained) or via Stamen Map. This is not related to the RAINLINK version.

OSMLeft Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for left side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for right side of the area for which rainfall depths OSMRight

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMScale Give value of scale (for OpenStreetMap only). A proper choice of the scale pa-

> rameter in get\_openstreetmap is difficult. It cannot be computed automatically. Hence, a scale parameter value should be provided below. The scale parameter should be as small as possible to get the highest graphical resolution. However, a too low value may result in a map not being downloaded. Hence, the user should manually supply get openstreetmap with a scale. It may require some iterations to find the appropriate value for scale. The file "ggmapTemp.png" is written to disk when an OpenStreetMap is loaded. The highest possible resolution for a

square area is about 2000 x 2000 pixels.

Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for top side of the area for which rainfall depths **OSMTop** 

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

SizeLinks Size of plotted link paths.

SizePlotTitle Size of plot title.

In case of Stamen Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types StamenMapType

which seem most useful and work: "toner-hybrid" &, recommended: "toner-

lite", "terrain" & "watercolor".

StamenZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Stamen Maps? This determines the level of detail. Large values take more time. It does not determine the domain of the

area which is plotted.

TitleLinkLocations

First part of title of plot.

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#### **Examples**

PlotLinkLocations(AlphaLinkLocations=AlphaLinkLocations,BBoxOSMauto=BBoxOSMauto, OSMBottom=OSMBottom,ColourLinks=ColourLinks,ColourType=ColourType,dataf=dataf, DateTime=DateTime,ExtraTextLinkLocations=ExtraTextLinkLocations, FigFileLinkLocations=FigFileLinkLocations,FigHeight=FigHeight, FigWidth=FigWidth,FilePolygonsGrid=FilePolygonsGrid,FolderFigures=FolderFigures, FontFamily=FontFamily,GoogleLocDegSpecified=GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat=GoogleLocLat,GoogleLocLon=GoogleLocLon,GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified=GoogleLocNameSpecified,GoogleMapType=GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel=GoogleZoomlevel,LabelAxisLat=LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle=LabelAxisLonGoogle,LabelAxisLonOSM=LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen=LabelAxisLonStamen,MapBackground=MapBackground,OSMLeft=OSMLeft, OSMRight=OSMRight,OSMScale=OSMScale,OSMTop=OSMTop,SizeLinks=SizeLinks, SizePlotTitle=SizePlotTitle,StamenMapType=StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel=StamenZoomlevel,TitleLinkLocations=TitleLinkLocations)

Polygons Subfunction which makes dataframe for polygons with rainfall estimates in specific rainfall class.

# Description

Subfunction which makes dataframe for polygons with rainfall estimates in specific rainfall class.

#### Usage

Polygons(cond, Selected)

# **Arguments**

cond Row numbers of dataframe which fall in specific rainfall class.

Selected Coordinates of polygons and their assigned rainfall values.

#### Value

Data frame

## Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

RAINLINK::Polygons(cond=cond, Selected=Selected)

PreprocessingMinMaxRSL

Function for preprocessing of microwave link data.

#### **Description**

Function for preprocessing of microwave link data. This function performs the following tasks:

- 1. Link data are selected for microwave frequencies within chosen range.
- 2. Data selection criteria are applied.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

The input microwave link data do not have to be sorted chronologically.

It is strongly advised to use the same unique link identifier (ID) for a link during the entire processed period(s). First of all, time series of sufficient length are needed in order to compute e.g. a reference signal level. Moreover, utilizing the same ID allows for plotting (continuous) time series from the same link.

#### Usage

```
PreprocessingMinMaxRSL(Data, MaxFrequency = Inf, MinFrequency = 0,
  verbose = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data (use data(Linkdata) to load example data).

MaxFrequency Maximum allowed microwave frequency of link in output (GHz; default infinite).

MinFrequency Minimum allowed microwave frequency of link in output (GHz; default 0).

# Value

Data frame with microwave link data.

# Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse & Lotte de Vos

# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

data(Linkdata)
PreprocessingMinMaxRSL(Data=Linkdata, MaxFrequency=40.5, MinFrequency=12.5)

RainMapsLinksDaily

Function which visualises daily link-based rainfall depths.

#### **Description**

Function which visualises daily link-based rainfall depths. Requires interpolation grid and file with polygons of pixels. Daily rainfall depths are computed irrespective of the number of available files. If, for instance, only one out of 96 files is available, the daily rainfall depth is still computed and visualised. The data availability is plotted as a percentage in the title caption of the graph. Function will also plot accumulations for other aggregation intervals. Note that the data availability, plotted in the figure caption is only correctly computed for daily intervals.

#### Usage

RainMapsLinksDaily(AlphaLinksDaily, AlphaPlotLocation, AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop, BBoxOSMauto, ColourLinks, ColoursNumber, ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText, ColourScheme, ColourType, ColourHighestClass, ConversionDepthToIntensity, CoorSystemInputData, DateTimeEndRainMaps, DateTimeStartRainMaps, ExtraDeg, ExtraText, FigFileLinksDaily, FigHeight, FigWidth, FileGrid, FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures, FolderRainMaps, FolderRainEstimates, FontFamily, GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat, GoogleLocLon, GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified, GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel, LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle, LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen, LatLocation, LatText, LegendTitleLinksDaily, LonLocation, LonText, ManualScale, MapBackground, OSMBottom, OSMLeft, OSMRight, OSMScale, OSMTop, PERIOD,  ${\tt PlotLocation,\ PixelBorderCol,\ PlotBelowScaleBottom,\ PlotLocLinks,}$ ScaleBottomDaily, ScaleHigh, ScaleLow, ScaleTopDaily, SizeLinks, SizePixelBorder, SizePlotLocation, SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel, SymbolPlotLocation, TIMESTEP, TitleLinks, XMiddle, YMiddle)

# **Arguments**

AlphaLinksDaily

Transparency of link paths.

AlphaPlotLocation

Transparency of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

AlphaPolygon Transparency of polygons.

 ${\tt AutDefineLegendTop}$ 

Let R automatically define highest value of legend in case of "yes". Then the highest class, i.e. the one plotted separately above the other classes, is not plotted anymore.

BBox0SMauto

Compute bounding box from input data or used bounding box defined above? (for OpenStreetMap and Stamen Map only). Use "yes" if bounding box is to be computed from interpolation grid.

Colour Links Colour of plotted link paths.

ColoursNumber Number of colour classes in legend.

ColourPlotLocation

Colour of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

ColourPlotLocationText

Colour of plotted rainfall depth for specified location on map.

ColourScheme Hexadecimal codes or names for colours of legend.

Colour Type Colour or black-and-white background map? Use "color" for colour and "bw"

for black-and-white background map.

ColourHighestClass

Colour of highest class.

ConversionDepthToIntensity

Conversion factor from rainfall depth (mm) to intensity (mm/h).

CoorSystemInputData

Define coordinate system of input data (e.g. "+init=epsg:4326" for WGS84 in degrees).

DateTimeEndRainMaps

Date and time at which rainfall mapping ends.

DateTimeStartRainMaps

Date and time at which rainfall mapping starts.

ExtraDeg

To reduce computational time, it is automatically determined which grid cells fall within the plotted region. To also plot grid cell values which partly fall outside the plotted region, a positive number for ExtraDeg should be specified (degrees). This should typically be at least the size of one grid cell in degrees.

ExtraText Second part of title of plot.

FigFileLinksDaily

Part of figure output file name.

FigHeight

Figure height. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FigWidth

Figure width. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FileGrid

File with interpolation grid in same coordinate system as CoorSystemInputData.

FilePolygonsGrid

Name of file with polygons of interpolation grid.

FolderFigures Folder name of figures.

FolderRainMaps Folder name of interpolated link data (input).

FolderRainEstimates

Folder name of input link path data.

FontFamily Specify font family of text in figures. To select the default font use "". Using

"Times" may give warnings when executing the visualisation. In that case the font is not installed on the computer. This can be solved by using the default

font ("").

GoogleLocDegSpecified

If GoogleLocDegSpecified is "yes" then the specified location in degrees is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocNameSpecified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is deter-

mined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleLocLat Latitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocLon Longitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocName Location of middle of Google Map, provided as text, e.g. name of city, street

name, country.

 ${\tt GoogleLocNameSpecified}$ 

If GoogleLocNameSpecified is "yes" then the specified location name GoogleLocName is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocName-Specified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google

Map.

GoogleMapType In case of Google Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types:

"terrain", "satellite", "roadmap", and "hybrid".

GoogleZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Google Maps?

Label AxisLat Label name of vertical axis.

LabelAxisLonGoogle

Label name of horizontal axis (for Google Maps only).

LabelAxisLonOSM

Label name of horizontal axis (for OpenStreetMap only).

LabelAxisLonStamen

Label name of horizontal axis (for Stamen Map only).

 $Lat Location \qquad Latitude \ of \ location \ on \ map \ (degrees).$ 

Latitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

 ${\tt LegendTitleLinksDaily}$ 

Title of legend.

LonLocation Longitude of location on map (degrees).

LonText Longitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

ManualScale Manually supply the legend breaks if ManuelScale is not equal to "no". Interval

breaks are determined manually from ScaleLow and ScaleHigh. If ManualScale

is "no" interval breaks are determined automatically.

MapBackground Google Maps, OpenStreetMap or Stamen Map as background? Use "Google"

for Google Maps, "OSM" for OpenStreetMap and "Stamen" for Stamen Map (based on OpenStreetMap data). Note that Google Maps will only plot on a square figure. It seems that mapping with OpenStreetMap ("get openstreetmap") is no langer supported. This implies that mapping can only be done employing Google Maps (if Google API key is obtained) or via Stamen Map. This is not

related to the RAINLINK version.

OSMBottom Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for bottom side of the area for which rainfall

depths are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMLeft Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for left side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMRight Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for right side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMScale Give value of scale (for OpenStreetMap only). A proper choice of the scale pa-

rameter in get\_openstreetmap is difficult. It cannot be computed automatically. Hence, a scale parameter value should be provided below. The scale parameter should be as small as possible to get the highest graphical resolution. However, a too low value may result in a map not being downloaded. Hence, the user should manually supply get\_openstreetmap with a scale. It may require some iterations to find the appropriate value for scale. The file "ggmapTemp.png" is written to disk when an OpenStreetMap is loaded. The highest possible resolution for a

square area is about 2000 x 2000 pixels.

OSMTop Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for top side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

PERIOD Select daily time interval, i.e. "0800" implies 0800 UTC previous day - 0800

UTC present day (use 2400 for 0000 UTC).

PlotLocation A location is plotted on map if PlotLocation is "yes".

PixelBorderCol Choose colour of pixel borders. Use NA (without quotes) to not plot pixel borders.

ders. If the pixels are relatively small with respect to the plotted region, the graphical quality of the pixel borders deteriorates due to low number of pixels

(low resolution).

PlotBelowScaleBottom

Plot grid lines for polygons below threshold ScaleBottomTimeStep or ScaleBottomDaily? If "yes" grid lines are plotted, otherwise they are not plotted.

PlotLocLinks Plot locations of links in plot? If "yes" than locations of links are plotted in the

plot. Note that full-duplex links are plotted twice.

ScaleBottomDaily

Lowest class starts at this threshold (minimum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Using a value clearly above 0 mm can save a lot of computation time

if the polygons belonging to values below the threshold are not plotted.

ScaleHigh ScaleHigh Highest value per class interval, i.e. the highest legend breaks, if

these are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNum-

ber, ScaleHigh should also contain x values.

ScaleLow ScaleLow Lowest value per class interval, i.e. the lowest legend breaks, if these

are manually chosen. Please note that in case of  $\boldsymbol{x}$  values in ColoursNumber,

ScaleLow should also contain x values.

ScaleTopDaily Highest colour class ends here (maximum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plot-

ted). Sometimes the legend is not correctly plotted. In that case try other values for ScaleTopDaily and/or ScaleBottomDaily For instance, if the highest class (>

x mm) is plotted below instead of above the other classes. Or if the number of classes does not match the number of chosen classes. Another way to prevent this is to manually give the legend breaks (ManualScale not equal to "no").

SizeLinks Size of plotted link paths.

SizePixelBorder

Size of pixel borders.

SizePlotLocation

Size of symbol and and accompanied text for specified location on map.

SizePlotTitle Size of plot title.

StamenMapType In case of Stamen Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types

which seem most useful and work: "toner-hybrid" &, recommended: "toner-

lite", "terrain" & "watercolor".

StamenZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Stamen Maps? This determines the level of detail. Large values take more time. It does not determine the domain of the area which is plotted.

SymbolPlotLocation

Symbol to be plotted for specified location on map.

TIMESTEP Duration of time interval of sampling strategy (min).

TitleLinks First part of title of plot.

XMiddle The longitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

YMiddle The latitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

# Author(s)

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#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

Rain Maps Links Daily (AlphaLinks Daily=AlphaLinks Daily, AlphaPlot Location=AlphaPlot Location, AlphaPolygon=AlphaPolygon, Aut Define Legend Top=Aut Define Legend Top, BBoxOSM auto=BBoxOSM auto, Colour Links=Colour Links, Colours Number=Colours Number,

 ${\tt ColourPlotLocation=ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText=ColourPlotLocationText}, \\$ 

ColourScheme=ColourScheme,ColourType=ColourType,

 ${\tt Conversion Depth To Intensity = Conversion Depth To Intensity,}$ 

 ${\tt CoorSystemInputData=CoorSystemInputData,DateTimeEndRainMaps=D$ 

DateTimeStartRainMaps=DateTimeStartRainMaps,ExtraDeg=ExtraDeg,ExtraText=ExtraText,

FigFileLinksDaily=FigFileLinksDaily,FigHeight=FigHeight,FigWidth=FigWidth,

FileGrid=FileGrid,FilePolygonsGrid=FilePolygonsGrid,FolderFigures=FolderFigures,

FolderRainMaps=FolderRainMaps,FolderRainEstimates=FolderRainEstimates,

FontFamily=FontFamily,GoogleLocDegSpecified=GoogleLocDegSpecified,

 ${\tt GoogleLocLat-GoogleLocLat,GoogleLocLon-GoogleLocLon,GoogleLocName-GoogleLocName,GoogleCocName,G$ 

GoogleLocNameSpecified=GoogleLocNameSpecified,GoogleMapType=GoogleMapType,
GoogleZoomlevel=GoogleZoomlevel,LabelAxisLat=LabelAxisLat,
LabelAxisLonGoogle=LabelAxisLonGoogle,LabelAxisLonOSM=LabelAxisLonOSM,
LabelAxisLonStamen=LabelAxisLonStamen,LatLocation=LatLocation,LatText=LatText,
LegendTitleLinksDaily=LegendTitleLinksDaily,LonLocation=LonLocation,LonText=LonText,
ManualScale=ManualScale,MapBackground=MapBackground,OSMBottom=OSMBottom,OSMLeft=OSMLeft,
OSMRight=OSMRight,OSMScale=OSMScale,OSMTop=OSMTop,PERIOD=PERIOD,
PlotLocation=PlotLocation,PixelBorderCol=PixelBorderCol,
PlotBelowScaleBottom=PlotBelowScaleBottom,PlotLocLinks=PlotLocLinks,
ScaleBottomDaily=ScaleBottomDaily,ScaleHigh=ScaleHigh,ScaleLow=ScaleLow,
ScaleTopDaily=ScaleTopDaily,SizeLinks=SizeLinks,SizePixelBorder=SizePixelBorder,
SizePlotLocation=SizePlotLocation,SizePlotTitle=SizePlotTitle,
StamenMapType=StamenMapType,StamenZoomlevel=StamenZoomlevel,
SymbolPlotLocation=SymbolPlotLocation,TIMESTEP=TIMESTEP,TitleLinks=TitleLinks,
XMiddle=XMiddle,YMiddle=YMiddle)

RainMapsLinksTimeStep Function which visualises link-based rainfall depths for each time interval in a supplied period.

# Description

Function which visualises link-based rainfall depths for each time interval in a supplied period. Requires interpolation grid and file with polygons of pixels, the polygons having four angular points. Note that the zoom level for Google Maps can be chosen. This zoom level will not always match with the area to be plotted. Downloading a GoogleMaps background map is very fast, but downloading an OpenStreetMap may require tenths of seconds. Note that such a map is downloaded only once, which saves time in case of multiple rainfall maps.

#### Usage

RainMapsLinksTimeStep(AlphaLinksTimeStep, AlphaPlotLocation, AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop, BBoxOSMauto, ColourLinks, ColoursNumber, ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText, ColourScheme, ColourType, ColourHighestClass, ConversionDepthToIntensity, CoorSystemInputData, DateTimeEndRainMaps, DateTimeStartRainMaps, ExtraDeg, ExtraText, FigFileLinksTimeStep, FigHeight, FigWidth, FileGrid, FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures, FolderRainMaps, FolderRainEstimates, FontFamily, GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat, GoogleLocLon, GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified, GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel, LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle, LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen, LatLocation, LatText, LegendTitleLinksTimeStep, LonLocation, LonText, ManualScale, MapBackground, OSMBottom, OSMLeft, OSMRight, OSMScale, OSMTop, PlotLocation, PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom, PlotLocLinks, ScaleBottomTimeStep, ScaleHigh, ScaleLow, ScaleTopTimeStep, SizeLinks, SizePixelBorder, SizePlotLocation, SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel, SymbolPlotLocation, TitleLinks, XMiddle, YMiddle)

# **Arguments**

AlphaLinksTimeStep

Transparency of link paths.

AlphaPlotLocation

Transparency of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

AlphaPolygon Transparency of polygons.

AutDefineLegendTop

Let R automatically define highest value of legend in case of "yes". Then the highest class, i.e. the one plotted separately above the other classes, is not plotted

anymore.

BBoxOSMauto Compute bounding box from input data or used bounding box defined above?

(for OpenStreetMap and Stamen Map only). Use "yes" if bounding box is to be

computed from interpolation grid.

ColourLinks Colour of plotted link paths.

ColoursNumber Number of colour classes in legend.

ColourPlotLocation

Colour of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

 ${\tt ColourPlotLocationText}$ 

Colour of plotted rainfall depth for specified location on map.

ColourScheme Hexadecimal codes or names for colours of legend.

Colour Type Colour or black-and-white background map? Use "color" for colour and "bw"

for black-and-white background map.

ColourHighestClass

Colour of highest class.

ConversionDepthToIntensity

Conversion factor from rainfall depth (mm) to intensity (mm/h).

 ${\tt CoorSystemInputData}$ 

Define coordinate system of input data (e.g. "+init=epsg:4326" for WGS84 in degrees).

DateTimeEndRainMaps

Date and time at which rainfall mapping ends.

 ${\tt DateTimeStartRainMaps}$ 

Date and time at which rainfall mapping starts.

ExtraDeg

To reduce computational time, it is automatically determined which grid cells fall within the plotted region. To also plot grid cell values which partly fall outside the plotted region, a positive number for ExtraDeg should be specified (degrees). This should typically be at least the size of one grid cell in degrees.

ExtraText Second part of title of plot.

FigFileLinksTimeStep

Part of figure output file name.

FigHeight

Figure height. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FigWidth

Figure width. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FileGrid

File with interpolation grid in same coordinate system as CoorSystemInputData.

FilePolygonsGrid

Name of file with polygons of interpolation grid.

FolderFigures Folder name of figures.

FolderRainMaps Folder name of interpolated link data (input).

FolderRainEstimates

Folder name of input link path data.

FontFamily

Specify font family of text in figures. To select the default font use "". Using "Times" may give warnings when executing the visualisation. In that case the font is not installed on the computer. This can be solved by using the default font ("").

GoogleLocDegSpecified

If GoogleLocDegSpecified is "yes" then the specified location in degrees is used is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocNameSpecified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleLocLat Latitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocLon Longitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocName Location of middle of Google Map, provided as text, e.g. name of city, street

name, country

 ${\tt GoogleLocNameSpecified}$ 

If GoogleLocNameSpecified is "yes" then the specified location name GoogleLocName is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocName-Specified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleMapType In case of Google Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types:

"terrain", "satellite", "roadmap", and "hybrid".

 ${\tt GoogleZoomlevel}$ 

Which zoom level to use for the Google Maps?

Label AxisLat Label name of vertical axis.

LabelAxisLonGoogle

Label name of horizontal axis (for Google Maps only).

LabelAxisLonOSM

Label name of horizontal axis (for OpenStreetMap only).

LabelAxisLonStamen

Label name of horizontal axis (for Stamen Map only).

LatLocation Latitude of location on map (degrees).

Latitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

Legend Title Links Time Step

Title of legend.

LonLocation Longitude of location on map (degrees).

LonText Longitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

ManualScale Manually supply the legend breaks if ManuelScale is not equal to "no". Interval

breaks are determined manually from ScaleLow and ScaleHigh. If ManualScale

is "no" interval breaks are determined automatically.

MapBackground Google Maps, OpenStreetMap or Stamen Map as background? Use "Google"

for Google Maps, "OSM" for OpenStreetMap and "Stamen" for Stamen Map (based on OpenStreetMap data). Note that Google Maps will only plot on a square figure. It seems that mapping with OpenStreetMap ("get openstreetmap") is no langer supported. This implies that mapping can only be done employing Google Maps (if Google API key is obtained) or via Stamen Map. This is not

related to the RAINLINK version.

OSMBottom Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for bottom side of the area for which rainfall

depths are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMLeft Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for left side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMRight Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for right side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMScale Give value of scale (for OpenStreetMap only). A proper choice of the scale pa-

rameter in get\_openstreetmap is difficult. It cannot be computed automatically. Hence, a scale parameter value should be provided below. The scale parameter should be as small as possible to get the highest graphical resolution. However, a too low value may result in a map not being downloaded. Hence, the user should manually supply get\_openstreetmap with a scale. It may require some iterations to find the appropriate value for scale. The file "ggmapTemp.png" is written to disk when an OpenStreetMap is loaded. The highest possible resolution for a

square area is about 2000 x 2000 pixels.

OSMTop Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for top side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

PlotLocation A location is plotted on map if PlotLocation is "yes".

PixelBorderCol Choose colour of pixel borders. Use NA (without quotes) to not plot pixel bor-

ders. If the pixels are relatively small with respect to the plotted region, the graphical quality of the pixel borders deteriorates due to low number of pixels

(low resolution).

PlotBelowScaleBottom

Plot grid lines for polygons below threshold ScaleBottomTimeStep or ScaleBottomDaily? If "yes" grid lines are plotted, otherwise they are not plotted.

PlotLocLinks Plot locations of links in plot? If "yes" than locations of links are plotted in the

plot. Note that full-duplex links are plotted twice.

ScaleBottomTimeStep

ScaleBottomDaily Lowest class starts at this threshold (minimum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Using a value clearly above 0 mm can save a lot of computation time if the polygons belonging to values below the threshold are

not plotted.

ScaleHigh ScaleHigh Highest value per class interval, i.e. the highest legend breaks, if

these are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNum-

ber, ScaleHigh should also contain x values.

ScaleLow ScaleLow Lowest value per class interval, i.e. the lowest legend breaks, if these

are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNumber,

ScaleLow should also contain x values.

ScaleTopTimeStep

Highest colour class ends here (maximum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Sometimes the legend is not correctly plotted. In that case try other values for ScaleTopTimeStep and/or ScaleBottomTimeStep For instance, if the highest class (> x mm) is plotted below instead of above the other classes. Or if the number of classes does not match the number of chosen classes. Another way to prevent this is to manually give the legend breaks (ManualScale not equal to "pa")

SizeLinks Size of plotted link paths.

SizePixelBorder

Size of pixel borders.

SizePlotLocation

Size of symbol and and accompanied text for specified location on map.

SizePlotTitle Size of plot title.

StamenMapType In case of Stamen Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types

which seem most useful and work: "toner-hybrid" &, recommended: "toner-

lite", "terrain" & "watercolor".

StamenZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Stamen Maps? This determines the level of detail. Large values take more time. It does not determine the domain of the

area which is plotted.

SymbolPlotLocation

Symbol to be plotted for specified location on map.

TitleLinks First part of title of plot.

XMiddle The longitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

YMiddle The latitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

# Author(s)

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#### References

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Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

RainMapsLinksTimeStep(AlphaLinksTimeStep=AlphaLinksTimeStep, AlphaPlotLocation=AlphaPlotLocation, AlphaPolygon=AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop=AutDefineLegendTop,BBoxOSMauto=BBoxOSMauto,ColourLinks=ColourLinks, ColoursNumber=ColoursNumber,ColourPlotLocation=ColourPlotLocation,  ${\tt ColourPlotLocationText-ColourPlotLocationText}, {\tt ColourScheme=ColourScheme}, \\$  ${\tt ColourType=ColourType,ConversionDepthToIntensity=ConversionDepthToIntensity,}$  ${\tt CoorSystemInputData=CoorSystemInputData,DateTimeEndRainMaps=DateTimeEndRainMaps,}$  ${\tt DateTimeStartRainMaps}. {\tt ExtraDeg}. {\tt ExtraDeg}. {\tt ExtraText}. {\tt ExtraT$ FigFileLinksTimeStep=FigFileLinksTimeStep,FigHeight=FigHeight,FigWidth=FigWidth, FileGrid=FileGrid,FilePolygonsGrid=FilePolygonsGrid,FolderFigures=FolderFigures, Folder Rain Maps = Folder Rain Maps, Folder Rain Estimates = Folder Rain Estimates,FontFamily=FontFamily,GoogleLocDegSpecified=GoogleLocDegSpecified,  ${\tt GoogleLocLat=GoogleLocLat,GoogleLocLon=GoogleLocLon,GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName,GoogleCoo$ GoogleLocNameSpecified=GoogleLocNameSpecified,GoogleMapType=GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel=GoogleZoomlevel,LabelAxisLat=LabelAxisLat, Label Axis Lon Google = Label Axis Lon Google, Label Axis Lon OSM = Label Axis Lon OSM,LabelAxisLonStamen=LabelAxisLonStamen,LatLocation=LatLocation,LatText=LatText, Legend Title Links Time Step-Legend Title Links Time Step, Lon Location-Lon Location, $LonText = LonText, \\ Manual Scale = \\ Manual Scale, \\ MapBackground = \\ MapBackground, \\ OSMBottom = \\ OSMBottom, \\ MapBackground = \\ Ma$  ${\tt OSMLeft=OSMLeft,OSMRight=OSMRight,OSMScale=OSMScale,OSMTop=OSMTop,}\\$ PlotLocation=PlotLocation,PixelBorderCol=PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom=PlotBelowScaleBottom,PlotLocLinks=PlotLocLinks,  ${\tt ScaleBottomTimeStep-ScaleBottomTimeStep,ScaleHigh-ScaleHigh,ScaleLow-ScaleLow,}$ Scale Top Time Step = Scale Top Time Step, Size Links = Size Links, Size Pixel Border = Size Pixel Border, Size Pixel Border = Size Pixel BorderSizePlotLocation=SizePlotLocation,SizePlotTitle=SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType=StamenMapType,StamenZoomlevel=StamenZoomlevel, Symbol Plot Location = Symbol Plot Location, Title Links = Title Links, XMiddle = XMiddle, And Albert Symbol Plot Location = Symbol Plot Plot Plot Plot Plot PYMiddle=YMiddle)

RainMapsRadarsDaily Function which visualises daily radar rainfall depths.

#### **Description**

Function which visualises daily radar rainfall depths. Requires interpolation grid and file with polygons of pixels. The radar data have been obtained from http://climate4impact.eu (catalog "Radar precipitation climatology") and are freely available.

#### Usage

RainMapsRadarsDaily(AlphaPlotLocation, AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop, BBoxOSMauto, ColoursNumber, ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText, ColourScheme, ColourType, ColourHighestClass, CoorSystemInputData, DateMap, ExtraDeg, ExtraText, FigFileRadarsDaily, FigHeight, FigWidth, FileGrid, FileNameRadarDaily, FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures, FolderRadarRainMapsDaily, FontFamily, GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat, GoogleLocLon, GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified, GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel, LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle, LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen, LatLocation, LatText, LegendTitleRadarsDaily, LonLocation, LonText, ManualScale, MapBackground, OSMBottom, OSMLeft, OSMRight, OSMScale, OSMTop, PathRadarRainfallDepth, PERIOD, PlotLocation, PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom,

ScaleBottomDaily, ScaleHigh, ScaleLow, ScaleTopDaily, SizePixelBorder, SizePlotLocation, SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel, SymbolPlotLocation, TIMESTEP, TimeZone, TitleRadars, XMiddle, YMiddle)

#### **Arguments**

AlphaPlotLocation

Transparency of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

AlphaPolygon Transparency of polygons.

AutDefineLegendTop

Let R automatically define highest value of legend in case of "yes". Then the highest class, i.e. the one plotted separately above the other classes, is not plotted

anymore.

Compute bounding box from input data or used bounding box defined above? **BBoxOSMauto** 

(for OpenStreetMap and Stamen Map only). Use "yes" if bounding box is to be

computed from interpolation grid.

Number of colour classes in legend. ColoursNumber

ColourPlotLocation

Colour of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

ColourPlotLocationText

Colour of plotted rainfall depth for specified location on map.

ColourScheme Hexadecimal codes or names for colours of legend.

ColourType Colour or black-and-white background map? Use "color" for colour and "bw"

for black-and-white background map.

ColourHighestClass

Colour of highest class

CoorSystemInputData

Define coordinate system of input data (e.g. "+init=epsg:4326" for WGS84 in

degrees).

DateMap End date of daily period for which rainfall map should be plotted.

ExtraDeg To reduce computational time, it is automatically determined which grid cells

> fall within the plotted region. To also plot grid cell values which partly fall outside the plotted region, a positive number for ExtraDeg should be specified (degrees). This should typically be at least the size of one grid cell in degrees.

ExtraText Second part of title of plot.

FigFileRadarsDaily

Part of figure output file name.

FigHeight

Figure height. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The Open-StreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FigWidth

Figure width. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FileGrid

File with interpolation grid in same coordinate system as CoorSystemInputData.

FileNameRadarDaily

Filename of radar file of rainfall depths to be visualised (NetCDF4 format).

FilePolygonsGrid

Name of file with polygons of interpolation grid.

FolderFigures

Folder name of figures.

FolderRadarRainMapsDaily

Name of folder which contains daily radar rainfall files (input data)

FontFamily

Specify font family of text in figures. To select the default font use "". Using "Times" may give warnings when executing the visualisation. In that case the font is not installed on the computer. This can be solved by using the default font ("").

GoogleLocDegSpecified

If GoogleLocDegSpecified is "yes" then the specified location in degrees is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocNameSpecified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleLocLat

Latitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocLon

Longitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocName

Location of middle of Google Map, provided as text, e.g. name of city, street name, country.

GoogleLocNameSpecified

If GoogleLocNameSpecified is "yes" then the specified location name GoogleLocName is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocName-Specified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleMapType

In case of Google Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types: "terrain", "satellite", "roadmap", and "hybrid".

GoogleZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Google Maps?

LabelAxisLat Label name of vertical axis.

LabelAxisLonGoogle

Label name of horizontal axis (for Google Maps only).

LabelAxisLonOSM

Label name of horizontal axis (for OpenStreetMap only).

LabelAxisLonStamen

Label name of horizontal axis (for Stamen Map only).

LatLocation Latitude of location on map (degrees).

LatText Latitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

LegendTitleRadarsDaily

Title of legend.

LonLocation Longitude of location on map (degrees).

LonText Longitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

ManualScale Manually supply the legend breaks if ManuelScale is not equal to "no". Interval

breaks are determined manually from ScaleLow and ScaleHigh. If ManualScale

is "no" interval breaks are determined automatically.

MapBackground Google Maps, OpenStreetMap or Stamen Map as background? Use "Google"

for Google Maps, "OSM" for OpenStreetMap and "Stamen" for Stamen Map (based on OpenStreetMap data). Note that Google Maps will only plot on a square figure. It seems that mapping with OpenStreetMap ("get openstreetmap") is no langer supported. This implies that mapping can only be done employing Google Maps (if Google API key is obtained) or via Stamen Map. This is not

related to the RAINLINK version.

OSMBottom Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for bottom side of the area for which rainfall

depths are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMLeft Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for left side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMRight Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for right side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMScale Give value of scale (for OpenStreetMap only). A proper choice of the scale pa-

rameter in get\_openstreetmap is difficult. It cannot be computed automatically. Hence, a scale parameter value should be provided below. The scale parameter should be as small as possible to get the highest graphical resolution. However, a too low value may result in a map not being downloaded. Hence, the user should manually supply get\_openstreetmap with a scale. It may require some iterations to find the appropriate value for scale. The file "ggmapTemp.png" is written to disk when an OpenStreetMap is loaded. The highest possible resolution for a

square area is about 2000 x 2000 pixels.

OSMTop Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for top side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

PathRadarRainfallDepth

Path in NetCDF4 file with radar data.

PERIOD Select daily time interval, i.e. "0800" implies 0800 UTC previous day - 0800

UTC present day (use 2400 for 0000 UTC).

PlotLocation A location is plotted on map if PlotLocation is "yes".

PixelBorderCol Choose colour of pixel borders. Use NA (without quotes) to not plot pixel bor-

ders. If the pixels are relatively small with respect to the plotted region, the graphical quality of the pixel borders deteriorates due to low number of pixels

(low resolution).

PlotBelowScaleBottom

Plot grid lines for polygons below threshold ScaleBottomTimeStep or ScaleBottomDaily? If "yes" grid lines are plotted, otherwise they are not plotted.

ScaleBottomDaily

ScaleBottomDaily Lowest class starts at this threshold (minimum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Using a value clearly above 0 mm can save a lot

of computation time if the polygons belonging to values below the threshold are

not plotted.

ScaleHigh ScaleHigh Highest value per class interval, i.e. the highest legend breaks, if

these are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNum-

ber, ScaleHigh should also contain x values.

ScaleLow ScaleLow Lowest value per class interval, i.e. the lowest legend breaks, if these

are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNumber,

ScaleLow should also contain x values.

ScaleTopDaily Highest colour class ends here (maximum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plot-

ted). Sometimes the legend is not correctly plotted. In that case try other values for ScaleTopDaily and/or ScaleBottomDaily For instance, if the highest class (> x mm) is plotted below instead of above the other classes. Or if the number of classes does not match the number of chosen classes. Another way to prevent this is to manually give the legend breaks (ManualScale not equal to "no").

SizePixelBorder

Size of pixel borders.

SizePlotLocation

Size of symbol and and accompanied text for specified location on map.

SizePlotTitle Size of plot title.

StamenMapType In case of Stamen Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types

which seem most useful and work: "toner-hybrid" &, recommended: "toner-

lite", "terrain" & "watercolor".

StamenZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Stamen Maps? This determines the level of detail. Large values take more time. It does not determine the domain of the

area which is plotted.

SymbolPlotLocation

Symbol to be plotted for specified location on map.

TimeZone Time zone of data (e.g. "UTC").

TitleRadars First part of title of plot.

XMiddle The longitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

YMiddle The latitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

#### Author(s)

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# References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

RainMapsRadarsDaily(AlphaPlotLocation=AlphaPlotLocation,AlphaPolygon=AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop=AutDefineLegendTop,BBoxOSMauto=BBoxOSMauto, ColoursNumber=ColoursNumber,ColourPlotLocation=ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText=ColourPlotLocationText, ColourScheme=ColourScheme, ColourType=ColourType,CoorSystemInputData=CoorSystemInputData,DateMap=DateMap, ExtraDeg=ExtraDeg,ExtraText=ExtraText,FigFileRadarsDaily=FigFileRadarsDaily, FigHeight=FigHeight,FigWidth=FigWidth,FileGrid=FileGrid, File Name Radar Daily = File Name Radar Daily, File Polygons Grid = File Polygons Grid, File Polygons Grid = FilFolderFigures=FolderFigures,FolderRadarRainMapsDaily=FolderRadarRainMapsDaily, Font Family = Font Family, Google Loc Deg Specified = Google Loc Deg Specified, ${\tt GoogleLocLat=GoogleLocLat,GoogleLocLon=GoogleLocLon,GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName,GoogleCoo$ GoogleLocNameSpecified=GoogleLocNameSpecified,GoogleMapType=GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel=GoogleZoomlevel,LabelAxisLat=LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle=LabelAxisLonGoogle,LabelAxisLonOSM=LabelAxisLonOSM, Label Axis LonStamen = Label Axis LonStamen, Lat Location = Lat Location, Lat Text = Lat Text, Lat Text = La $\label{lem:lemmadarsDaily-LegendTitleRadarsDaily,LonLocation=LonLocation, and the lemmadarsDaily-LonLocation and the lemmadarsDaily-Location and the lemmadarsDaily-Location$  $LonText=LonText, \verb|ManualScale=ManualScale|, \verb|MapBackground=MapBackground|, \\$ OSMBottom=OSMBottom,OSMLeft=OSMLeft,OSMRight=OSMRight,OSMScale=OSMScale,  ${\tt OSMTop=OSMTop,PathRadarRainfallDepth=PathRadarRainfallDepth,PERIOD=PERIOD,}$ PlotLocation=PlotLocation,PixelBorderCol=PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom=PlotBelowScaleBottom, ScaleBottomDaily=ScaleBottomDaily, ScaleHigh=ScaleHigh,ScaleLow=ScaleLow,ScaleTopDaily=ScaleTopDaily, SizePixelBorder=SizePixelBorder,SizePlotLocation=SizePlotLocation, SizePlotTitle=SizePlotTitle,StamenMapType=StamenMapType, Stamen Zoomlevel=Stamen Zoomlevel, Symbol PlotLocation=Symbol PlotLocation,TimeZone=TimeZone,TitleRadars=TitleRadars,XMiddle=XMiddle,YMiddle=YMiddle)

RainMapsRadarsTimeStep

Function which visualises radar rainfall depths for chosen TIMESTEP in configuration file.

#### **Description**

Function which visualises radar rainfall depths for chosen TIMESTEP. Requires interpolation grid and file with polygons of pixels.

# Usage

RainMapsRadarsTimeStep(AlphaPlotLocation, AlphaPolygon, AutDefineLegendTop, BBoxOSMauto, ColoursNumber, ColourPlotLocation, ColourPlotLocationText, ColourScheme, ColourType, ColourHighestClass, CoorSystemInputData, ExtraDeg, ExtraText, FigFileRadarsTimeStep, FigHeight, FigWidth, FileGrid, FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures, FolderRadarRainMapsTimeStep, FontFamily, GoogleLocDegSpecified, GoogleLocLat, GoogleLocLon, GoogleLocName, GoogleLocNameSpecified, GoogleMapType, GoogleZoomlevel, LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle, LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen, LatLocation, LatText, LegendTitleRadarsTimeStep, LonLocation, LonText, ManualScale, MapBackground, OSMBottom, OSMLeft, OSMRight, OSMScale, OSMTop, PathRadarRainfallDepth, PERIOD, PlotLocation, PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom, ScaleBottomTimeStep, ScaleHigh, ScaleLow, ScaleTopTimeStep, SizePixelBorder, SizePlotLocation, SizePlotTitle,

StamenMapType, StamenZoomlevel, SymbolPlotLocation, TIMESTEP, TimeZone, TitleRadars, XMiddle, YMiddle)

#### **Arguments**

AlphaPlotLocation

Transparency of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

AlphaPolygon Transparency of polygons.

AutDefineLegendTop

Let R automatically define highest value of legend in case of "yes". Then the highest class, i.e. the one plotted separately above the other classes, is not plotted anymore.

BBox0SMauto

Compute bounding box from input data or used bounding box defined above? (for OpenStreetMap and Stamen Map only). Use "yes" if bounding box is to be computed from interpolation grid.

ColoursNumber

Number of colour classes in legend.

ColourPlotLocation

Colour of plotted symbol for specified location on map.

ColourPlotLocationText

Colour of plotted rainfall depth for specified location on map.

ColourScheme

Hexadecimal codes or names for colours of legend.

ColourType

Colour or black-and-white background map? Use "color" for colour and "bw" for black and white background map.

for black-and-white background map.

ColourHighestClass

Colour of highest class.

 ${\tt CoorSystemInputData}$ 

Define coordinate system of input data (e.g. "+init=epsg:4326" for WGS84 in degrees).

ExtraDeg

To reduce computational time, it is automatically determined which grid cells fall within the plotted region. To also plot grid cell values which partly fall outside the plotted region, a positive number for ExtraDeg should be specified (degrees). This should typically be at least the size of one grid cell in degrees.

ExtraText

Second part of title of plot.

FigFileRadarsTimeStep

Part of figure output file name.

FigHeight

Figure height. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem (e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FigWidth

Figure width. 1280 times 1280 pixels seems maximum graphical resolution for downloaded Google Maps. Because also axes and legend are plotted, it is advised to use e.g. 1450 times 1450 pixels. Then the Google Map will remain approximately 1280 times 1280 pixels. Using higher values is not a problem

(e.g. 2000). In this way it is tried to get the highest possible resolution. For OpenStreetMap the maps may reach resolutions of 1500 - 2000 pixels. Hence, using FigWidth and FigHeight of 2000 pixels or higher is advised. The OpenStreetMap itself is stored in file "ggmapTemp.png". From this file the resolution of the background map can be obtained. This can be useful for determining an appropriate FigWidth and FigHeight above.

FileGrid

File with interpolation grid in same coordinate system as CoorSystemInputData.

FilePolygonsGrid

Name of file with polygons of interpolation grid.

FolderFigures Folder name of figures.

FolderRadarRainMapsTimeStep

Name of folder which contains 5-min radar rainfall files (input data).

FontFamily

Specify font family of text in figures. To select the default font use "". Using "Times" may give warnings when executing the visualisation. In that case the font is not installed on the computer. This can be solved by using the default font ("").

GoogleLocDegSpecified

If GoogleLocDegSpecified is "yes" then the specified location in degrees is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocNameSpecified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleLocLat Latitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocLon Longitude of middle of Google Map (degrees).

GoogleLocName Location of middle of Google Map, provided as text, e.g. name of city, street

name, country.

GoogleLocNameSpecified

If GoogleLocNameSpecified is "yes" then the specified location name GoogleLocName is used as the centre of the Google Map. If both GoogleLocName-Specified and GoogleLocDegSpecified are not equal to "yes", the bounding box of the map is determined from the provided grid and used as centre of the Google Map.

GoogleMapType

In case of Google Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types: "terrain", "satellite", "roadmap", and "hybrid".

GoogleZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Google Maps?

LabelAxisLat Label name of vertical axis.

LabelAxisLonGoogle

Label name of horizontal axis (for Google Maps only).

LabelAxisLonOSM

Label name of horizontal axis (for OpenStreetMap only).

LabelAxisLonStamen

Label name of horizontal axis (for Stamen Map only).

LatLocation Latitude of location on map (degrees).

Latitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

LegendTitleRadarsTimeStep

Title of legend.

LonLocation Longitude of location on map (degrees).

LonText Longitude of text (rainfall depth) of location on map (degrees).

ManualScale Manually supply the legend breaks if ManuelScale is not equal to "no". Interval

breaks are determined manually from ScaleLow and ScaleHigh. If ManualScale

is "no" interval breaks are determined automatically.

MapBackground Google Maps, OpenStreetMap or Stamen Map as background? Use "Google"

for Google Maps, "OSM" for OpenStreetMap and "Stamen" for Stamen Map (based on OpenStreetMap data). Note that Google Maps will only plot on a square figure. It seems that mapping with OpenStreetMap ("get openstreetmap") is no langer supported. This implies that mapping can only be done employing Google Maps (if Google API key is obtained) or via Stamen Map. This is not

related to the RAINLINK version.

OSMBottom Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for bottom side of the area for which rainfall

depths are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMLeft Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for left side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMRight Longitude in degrees (WGS84) for right side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

OSMScale Give value of scale (for OpenStreetMap only). A proper choice of the scale pa-

rameter in get\_openstreetmap is difficult. It cannot be computed automatically. Hence, a scale parameter value should be provided below. The scale parameter should be as small as possible to get the highest graphical resolution. However, a too low value may result in a map not being downloaded. Hence, the user should manually supply get\_openstreetmap with a scale. It may require some iterations to find the appropriate value for scale. The file "ggmapTemp.png" is written to disk when an OpenStreetMap is loaded. The highest possible resolution for a

square area is about 2000 x 2000 pixels.

OSMTop Latitude in degrees (WGS84) for top side of the area for which rainfall depths

are to be plotted (for OpenStreetMap & Stamen Maps only).

PathRadarRainfallDepth

Path in NetCDF4 file with radar data.

PERIOD Select daily time interval, i.e. "0800" implies 0800 UTC previous day - 0800

UTC present day (use 2400 for 0000 UTC).

PlotLocation A location is plotted on map if PlotLocation is "yes".

PixelBorderCol Choose colour of pixel borders. Use NA (without quotes) to not plot pixel bor-

ders. If the pixels are relatively small with respect to the plotted region, the graphical quality of the pixel borders deteriorates due to low number of pixels

(low resolution).

PlotBelowScaleBottom

Plot grid lines for polygons below threshold ScaleBottomTimeStep or ScaleBottomDaily? If "yes" grid lines are plotted, otherwise they are not plotted.

ScaleBottomTimeStep

ScaleBottomDaily Lowest class starts at this threshold (minimum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Using a value clearly above 0 mm can save a lot of computation time if the polygons belonging to values below the threshold are

not plotted.

ScaleHigh ScaleHigh Highest value per class interval, i.e. the highest legend breaks, if

these are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNum-

ber, ScaleHigh should also contain x values.

ScaleLow

ScaleLow Lowest value per class interval, i.e. the lowest legend breaks, if these are manually chosen. Please note that in case of x values in ColoursNumber, ScaleLow should also contain x values.

ScaleTopTimeStep

Highest colour class ends here (maximum rainfall accumulation (mm) to be plotted). Sometimes the legend is not correctly plotted. In that case try other values for ScaleTopTimeStep and/or ScaleBottomTimeStep For instance, if the highest class (> x mm) is plotted below instead of above the other classes. Or if the number of classes does not match the number of chosen classes. Another way to prevent this is to manually give the legend breaks (ManualScale not equal to "no").

SizePixelBorder

Size of pixel borders.

SizePlotLocation

Size of symbol and and accompanied text for specified location on map.

SizePlotTitle Size of plot title.

StamenMapType In case of Stamen Maps: which map type should be used? Available map types

which seem most useful and work: "toner-hybrid" &, recommended: "toner-

lite", "terrain" & "watercolor".

StamenZoomlevel

Which zoom level to use for the Stamen Maps? This determines the level of detail. Large values take more time. It does not determine the domain of the area which is plotted.

SymbolPlotLocation

Symbol to be plotted for specified location on map.

TIMESTEP Duration of time interval of sampling strategy (min).

TimeZone Time zone of data (e.g. "UTC").

TitleRadars First part of title of plot.

XMiddle The longitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

YMiddle The latitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

#### **Examples**

RainMapsRadarsTimeStep(AlphaPlotLocation=AlphaPlotLocation,AlphaPolygon=AlphaPolygon,AutDefineLegendTop=BoxOSMauto=BoxOSMauto,ColoursNumber=ColoursNumber,ColourPlotLocation=ColourPlotLocation,ColourPlotLocationText=ColourPlotLocationText,ColourScheme=ColourScheme,

ColourType=ColourType,CoorSystemInputData=CoorSystemInputData,ExtraDeg=ExtraDeg, ExtraText=ExtraText,FigFileRadarsTimeStep=FigFileRadarsTimeStep,FigHeight=FigHeight, FigWidth=FigWidth,FileGrid=FileGrid,FilePolygonsGrid=FilePolygonsGrid, FolderFigures=FolderFigures,FolderRadarRainMapsTimeStep=FolderRadarRainMapsTimeStep, FontFamily=FontFamily,GoogleLocDegSpecified=GoogleLocDegSpecified,  ${\tt GoogleLocLat\_GoogleLocLat\_GoogleLocLon\_GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName=GoogleLocName}, \\$  ${\tt GoogleLocNameSpecified=GoogleLocNameSpecified}, {\tt GoogleMapType=GoogleMapType},$ GoogleZoomlevel=GoogleZoomlevel,LabelAxisLat=LabelAxisLat, LabelAxisLonGoogle=LabelAxisLonGoogle,LabelAxisLonOSM=LabelAxisLonOSM, LabelAxisLonStamen=LabelAxisLonStamen,LatLocation=LatLocation,LatText=LatText, Legend Title Radars Time Step = Legend Title Radars Time Step, Lon Location = Lon Location,LonText=LonText, ManualScale=ManualScale, MapBackground=MapBackground, OSMBottom = OSMBottom, OSMLeft = OSMLeft, OSMRight = OSMRight, OSMScale = OSMScale, OSMTop = OSMTop, OSMLeft = OSMScale, OSMTop = OSMTop, OSMLeft = OSMScale, OSMTop = OSMScale, OSMScale, OSMTop = OSMScale, OSPathRadarRainfallDepth=PathRadarRainfallDepth, PERIOD=PERIOD, PlotLocation=PlotLocation, PixelBorderCol=PixelBorderCol, PlotBelowScaleBottom=PlotBelowScaleBottom, ScaleBottomTimeStep=ScaleBottomTimeStep,ScaleHigh=ScaleHigh,ScaleLow=ScaleLow, ScaleTopTimeStep=ScaleTopTimeStep,SizePixelBorder=SizePixelBorder, SizePlotLocation=SizePlotLocation,SizePlotTitle=SizePlotTitle, StamenMapType=StamenMapType,StamenZoomlevel=StamenZoomlevel, SymbolPlotLocation=SymbolPlotLocation,TIMESTEP=TIMESTEP,TimeZone=TimeZone, TitleRadars=TitleRadars, XMiddle=XMiddle, YMiddle=YMiddle)

RainRetrievalMinMaxRSL

Function for path-averaged rainfall estimation using microwave links.

# Description

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Function for path-averaged rainfall estimation using microwave links. Maximum and minimum path-averaged rainfall intensites are computed in subfunction "MinMaxRSLToMeanR", where a fixed correction factor is applied to remove wet antenna attenuation.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

# Usage

```
RainRetrievalMinMaxRSL(Aa = 2.3, alpha = 0.33, Data, kRPowerLawData,
    PmaxCor, PminCor, Pref)
```

# **Arguments**

Aa Wet antenna attenuation correction  $A_a$  (dB).

alpha Coefficient  $(\alpha)$  determining contribution of minimum and maximum path-averaged

rainfall intensity to mean path-averaged rainfall intensity (-).

Data frame with microwave link data.

kRPowerLawData Values of coefficients a and b employed to convert specific attenuation to path-

averaged rainfall intensity for a range of microwave frequencies.

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PmaxCor Data frame with corrected maximum received powers (dB).

PminCor Data frame with corrected minimum received powers (dB).

Pref Reference level (dB).

#### Value

Mean path-averaged rainfall intensity (mm  $h^{-1}$ ).

#### Author(s)

Aart Overeem & Hidde Leijnse

#### References

"ManualRAINLINK.pdf"

Overeem, A., Leijnse, H., and Uijlenhoet, R., 2016: Retrieval algorithm for rainfall mapping from microwave links in a cellular communication network, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, 9, 2425-2444, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-2425-2016.

# **Examples**

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Read Rain Location & Function for finding (interpolated) \ rainfall \ value for \ a \ given \ latitude \\ and \ longitude. \end{tabular}$ 

# Description

Function for finding (interpolated) rainfall value for a given latitude and longitude. I.e. find the grid cell which belongs to the location for which latitude and longitude are provided.

# Usage

ReadRainLocation(CoorSystemInputData, dataf, FileGrid, Lat, Lon, XMiddle, YMiddle)

# **Arguments**

CoorSystemInputData

Coordinate system of the input data (e.g. "+init=epsg:4326" for WGS84 in de-

grees).

dataf Data frame of (interpolated) rainfall values.

FileGrid File with interpolation grid in same coordinate system as CoorSystemInputData.

Latitude of location for which (interpolated) rainfall value is to be extracted (in

coordinate system CoorSystemInputData).

XMiddle The longitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

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YMiddle The latitude of the centre of the Azimuthal Equidistant Cartesian coordinate

system, given in the coordinate system of the input data.

Lot Longitude of location for which (interpolated) rainfall value is to be extracted

(in coordinate system CoorSystemInputData).

#### Value

Rainfall value for selected location (in unit of provided input rainfall data).

#### Author(s)

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#### References

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# **Examples**

Read Rain Location (Coor System Input Data = Coor System Input Data, data f = data f, File Grid = File Grid, Lat = Lat, Lon = Lon, XMiddle = XMiddle, YMiddle = YMiddle)

RefLevelMinMaxRSL Function for determination of reference signal level (Pref), which is representative of dry weather.

# Description

Function for determination of reference signal level, which is representative of dry weather.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

The time interval does not have to be an integer but should be equidistant. The minimum time interval length in the time series is automatically computed and is employed as the time interval length.

# Usage

```
RefLevelMinMaxRSL(Data, Dry = NULL, HoursRefLevel = 2.5,
   PeriodHoursRefLevel = 24)
```

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#### **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data.

Dry Data frame: Should interval be considered dry for reference level determina-

tion? (0 = wet; 1 = dry). Use Dry=NULL if no wet-dry classification has been performed. Then every time interval is considered dry and hence used for the

reference level determination.

HoursRefLevel Minimum number of hours that should be dry in preceding PeriodHoursRe-

fLevel hours for computing reference level (h).

PeriodHoursRefLevel

Period over which reference level is to be determined (h).

#### Value

Reference level (dB).

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# **Examples**

RefLevel Min Max RSL (Data=Data Preprocessed, Dry=WetDry \$Dry, Hours RefLevel=2.5, Period Hours RefLevel=24)

ToPolygonsRain

Subfunction which assignes values of rainfall grid to polygons.

#### **Description**

Subfunction which assignes values of rainfall grid to polygons.

# Usage

ToPolygonsRain(Data)

# **Arguments**

Data Field of rainfall depths at the chosen grid.

# Value

Field of rainfall depths for the polygons at the chosen grid.

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#### **Examples**

ToPolygonsRain(Data=Data)

WetDryNearbyLinkApMinMaxRSL

Function for classifying wet and dry periods according to the nearby link approach. Function also prepares link data for determination of reference signal level and for computing corrected received powers.

# **Description**

The received signal powers often decrease during non-rainy periods, resulting in non-zero rainfall estimates, e.g. caused by reflection of the beam or dew formation on the antennas. To prevent this rainfall overestimation a reliable classification of wet and dry periods is needed. This is also beneficial for determining an appropriate reference signal level, representative for dry weather. In order to define wet and dry periods, we assume that rain is correlated in space, and hence that several links in a given area should experience a decrease in minimum received signal level in the case of rain. A time interval is labeled as wet if at least half of the links in the vicinity (for chosen radius) of the selected link experience such a decrease. This so called nearby link approach is applied in this function. The function also prepares link data for determination of reference signal level and for computing corrected received powers.

Works for a sampling strategy where minimum and maximum received signal powers are provided, and the transmitted power levels are constant.

Also works for a sampling strategy where instantaneous transmitted and received signal levels are obtained. In case of instantaneous signal levels, it does not matter whether transmitted power levels vary or are constant. The only requirement is that the input data for RAINLINK needs some preprocessing. See "ManualRAINLINK.pdf" for instructions.

The time interval does not have to be an integer but should be equidistant. The minimum time interval length in the time series is automatically computed and is employed as the time interval length.

#### Usage

```
WetDryNearbyLinkApMinMaxRSL(Data, CoorSystemInputData = NULL,
    MinHoursPmin = 6, PeriodHoursPmin = 24, Radius = 15,
    Step8 = TRUE, ThresholdMedian = -1.4, ThresholdMedianL = -0.7,
    ThresholdNumberLinks = 3, ThresholdWetDry = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

Data frame with microwave link data.

CoorSystemInputData

Define coordinate system of input data (in case of WGS84 provide NULL).

MinHoursPmin Minimum number of hours in the previous PeriodHoursPmin hours needed for

computing  $max(P_{min})$  (h).

PeriodHoursPmin

Number of hours that is considered for computation of  $max(P_{min})$  (h).

Radius in wet-dry classification (km).

Step8 If TRUE step 8 in the wet-dry classification is performed, else it is not executed.

ThresholdMedian

Threshold value (dB).

ThresholdMedianL

Threshold value (dB  $km^{-1}$ ).

ThresholdNumberLinks

Only use data if number of available (surrounding) links is at least larger than this threshold for the time interval under consideration. The selected link is also counted.

# Value

Data frame: Should interval be considered dry for reference level. determination? (0 = wet; 1 = dry)

Values F for filter to remove outliers (dB km<sup>-1</sup> h)

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#### **Examples**

WetDryNearbyLinkApMinMaxRSL(Data=DataPreprocessed,CoorSystemInputData=NULL, MinHoursPmin=6,PeriodHoursPmin=24,Radius=15,Step8=TRUE,ThresholdMedian=-1.4, ThresholdMedianL=-0.7,ThresholdNumberLinks=3,ThresholdWetDry=2)

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