

# Package ‘alabaster.bumpy’

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

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

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readBumpyDataFrameMatrix

*Read a BumpyDataFrameMatrix from disk*

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## Description

Read a [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) from its on-disk representation.

## Usage

```
readBumpyDataFrameMatrix(path, metadata, ...)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| path     | String containing a path to a directory, itself created using the <a href="#">saveObject</a> method for <a href="#">BumpyDataFrameMatrix</a> objects. |
| metadata | Named list of metadata for this object, see <a href="#">readObjectFile</a> for details.                                                               |
| ...      | Further arguments passed to internal <a href="#">altReadObject</a> calls.                                                                             |

## Value

A [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) object.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

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

# Saving it:
tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(mat, tmp)

# Reading it:
readBumpyDataFrameMatrix(tmp)
```

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`saveObject,BumpyDataFrameMatrix-method`*Save a BumpyDataFrameMatrix to disk*

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## Description

Save a [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) to its on-disk representation.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'BumpyDataFrameMatrix'
saveObject(x, path, ...)
```

## Arguments

|                   |                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>    | A <a href="#">BumpyDataFrameMatrix</a> object.                              |
| <code>path</code> | String containing the path to a directory in which to save <code>x</code> . |
| <code>...</code>  | Further arguments to pass to specific methods.                              |

## Value

`x` is saved into `path` and `NULL` is invisibly returned.

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`useBumpyHDF5`*Save BumpyMatrix data to HDF5*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
useBumpyHDF5(use)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>use</code> | Logical scalar indicating whether to save in HDF5. |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

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

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

**Examples**

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

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