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## Description

This method provides a structured way to save out pupil data in a BIDS-like structure. The method saves out epoched data as well as the raw pupil timeseries, and formats the directory and filename structures based on the metadata you provide.

## Usage

```
bidsify(  
    eyeris,  
    save_all = TRUE,  
    epochs_list = NULL,  
    merge_epochs = FALSE,  
    bids_dir = NULL,  
    participant_id = NULL,  
    session_num = NULL,  
    task_name = NULL,  
    run_num = NULL,  
    merge_runs = FALSE,  
    save_raw = TRUE,  
    html_report = FALSE,  
    pdf_report = FALSE,  
    report_seed = 0,  
    report_epoch_grouping_var_col = "matched_event",  
    verbose = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

eyeris	An object of class eyeris derived from <a href="#">load_asc()</a> .
save_all	Logical flag indicating whether all epochs are to be saved or only a subset of them. Defaults to TRUE.
epochs_list	List of epochs to be saved. Defaults to NULL.
merge_epochs	Logical flag indicating whether epochs should be saved as one file or as separate files. Defaults to FLASE (no merge).
bids_dir	Base bids_directory.
participant_id	BIDS subject ID.
session_num	BIDS session ID.
task_name	BIDS task ID.

run_num	BIDS run ID. For single files without blocks (i.e., runs), run_num specifies which run this file represents. However, for files with multiple recording blocks embedded within the <b>same</b> .asc file, this parameter is ignored and blocks are automatically numbered as runs (block 1 = run-01, block 2 = run-02, etc.) in the order they appeared/were recorded.
merge_runs	Logical flag indicating whether multiple runs (either from multiple recording blocks existing within the <b>same</b> .asc file (see above), or manually specified) should be combined into a single output file. When TRUE, adds a 'run' column to identify the source run. Defaults to FALSE (i.e., separate files per block/run – the standard BIDS-like-behavior).
save_raw	Logical flag indicating whether to save_raw pupil data in addition to epoched data. Defaults to TRUE.
html_report	Logical flag indicating whether to save out the eyeris preprocessing summary report as an HTML file. Defaults to FALSE.
pdf_report	Logical flag indicating whether to save out the eyeris preprocessing summary report as a PDF file. Note, a valid TeX distribution must already be installed. Defaults to FALSE.
report_seed	Random seed for the plots that will appear in the report. Defaults to 0. See <a href="#">plot()</a> for a more detailed description.
report_epoch_grouping_var_col	String name of grouping column to use for epoch-by-epoch diagnostic plots in an interactive rendered HTML report. Column name must exist (i.e., be a custom grouping variable name set within the metadata template of your epoch() call). Defaults to "matched_event", which all epoched dataframes have as a valid column name. To disable these epoch-level diagnostic plots, set to NULL.
verbose	A flag to indicate whether to print detailed logging messages. Defaults to TRUE. Set to False to suppress messages about the current processing step and run silently.

## Details

In the future, we intend for this function to save out the data in an official BIDS format for eyetracking data (see [the proposal currently under review here](#)). At this time, however, this function instead takes a more BIDS-inspired approach to organizing the output files for preprocessed pupil data.

## Value

Invisibly returns NULL. Called for its side effects.

## Examples

```
# Bleed around blink periods just long enough to remove majority of
# deflections due to eyelid movements

demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(deblink = list(extend = 50)) |>
```

```

eyeris::epoch(
  events = "PROBE_{type}_{trial}",
  limits = c(-1, 1), # grab 1 second prior to and 1 second post event
  label = "prePostProbe" # custom epoch label name
) |>
eyeris::bidsify(
  bids_dir = tempdir(),
  participant_id = "001",
  session_num = "01",
  task_name = "assocret",
  run_num = "01",
  save_raw = TRUE, # save out raw timeseries
  html_report = TRUE, # generate interactive report document
  report_seed = 0 # make randomly selected plot epochs reproducible
)

```

deblink

*NA-pad blink events / missing data*

## Description

Deblinking (a.k.a. NA-padding) of time series data. The intended use of this method is to remove blink-related artifacts surrounding periods of missing data. For instance, when an individual blinks, there are usually rapid decreases followed by increases in pupil size, with a chunk of data missing in-between these 'spike'-looking events. The deblinking procedure here will NA-pad each missing data point by your specified number of ms.

## Usage

```
deblink(eyeris, extend = 50)
```

## Arguments

eyeris	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
extend	Either a single number indicating the number of milliseconds to pad forward/backward around each missing sample, or, a vector of length two indicating different numbers of milliseconds pad forward/backward around each missing sample, in the format <code>c(backward, forward)</code> .

## Details

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. If needed, customize the parameters for `deblink` by providing a parameter list. Use `glassbox(deblink = FALSE)` to disable this step as needed.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

**Value**

An eyeris object with a new column: pupil\_raw\_{...}\_deblink.

**Note**

This function is part of the glassbox() preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Provide parameters via deblink = list(...).

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

**See Also**

[glassbox\(\)](#) for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full eyeris glassbox preprocessing pipeline.

**Examples**

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

# 50 ms in both directions (the default)
demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(deblink = list(extend = 50)) |>
  plot(seed = 0)

# 40 ms backward, 50 ms forward
demo_data |>
  # set deblink to FALSE (instead of a list of params)
  # to skip step (not recommended)
  eyeris::glassbox(deblink = list(extend = c(40, 50))) |>
  plot(seed = 0)
```

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detransient

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*Remove pupil samples that are physiologically unlikely*


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**Description**

The intended use of this method is for removing pupil samples that emerge more quickly than would be physiologically expected. This is accomplished by rejecting samples that exceed a "speed"-based threshold (i.e., median absolute deviation from sample-to-sample). This threshold is computed based on the constant *n*, which defaults to the value 16.

**Usage**

```
detransient(eyeris, n = 16, mad_thresh = NULL)
```

### Arguments

eyeris	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> is derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
n	A constant used to compute the median absolute deviation (MAD) threshold.
mad_thresh	Default NULL. This parameter provides alternative options for handling edge cases where the computed properties here within <code>detransient()</code> <i>mad_val</i> and <i>median_speed</i> are very small. For example, if

$$mad\_val = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad median\_speed = 1,$$

then, with the default multiplier  $n = 16$ ,

$$mad\_thresh = median\_speed + (n \times mad\_val) = 1 + (16 \times 0) = 1.$$

In this situation, any speed  $p_i \geq 1$  would be flagged as a transient, which might be overly sensitive. To reduce this sensitivity, two possible adjustments are available:

1. If *mad\_thresh* = 1, the transient detection criterion is modified from

$$p_i \geq mad\_thresh$$

to

$$p_i > mad\_thresh.$$

2. If *mad\_thresh* is very small, the user may manually adjust the sensitivity by supplying an alternative threshold value here directly via this *mad\_thresh* parameter.

### Details

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. If needed, customize the parameters for `detransient` by providing a parameter list. Use `glassbox(detransient = FALSE)` to disable this step as needed.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

#### Computed properties:

- **pupil\_speed:** Compute speed of pupil by approximating the derivative of  $x$  (pupil) with respect to  $y$  (time) using finite differences.
  - Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  be two numeric vectors with  $n \geq 2$ ; then, the finite differences are computed as:

$$\delta_i = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{y_{i+1} - y_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1.$$

- This produces an output vector  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  defined by:
  - \* For the first element:

$$p_1 = |\delta_1|,$$

- \* For the last element:

$$p_n = |\delta_{n-1}|,$$

\* For the intermediate elements ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$ ):

$$p_i = \max\{|\delta_{i-1}|, |\delta_i|\}.$$

- **median\_speed:** The median of the computed `pupil_speed`:

$$\text{median\_speed} = \text{median}(p)$$

- **mad\_val:** The median absolute deviation (MAD) of `pupil_speed` from the median:

$$\text{mad\_val} = \text{median}(|p - \text{median\_speed}|)$$

- **mad\_thresh:** A threshold computed from the median speed and the MAD, using a constant multiplier  $n$  (default value: 16):

$$\text{mad\_thresh} = \text{median\_speed} + (n \times \text{mad\_val})$$

### Value

An `eyeris` object with a new column in timeseries: `pupil_raw_{...}_detransient`.

### Note

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Provide parameters via `detransient = list(...)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

### See Also

[glassbox\(\)](#) for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full `eyeris` `glassbox` preprocessing pipeline.

### Examples

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(
    detransient = list(n = 16) # set to FALSE to skip step (not recommended)
  ) |>
  plot(seed = 0)
```



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detrend	<i>Detrend the pupil time series</i>
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## Description

Linearly detrend\_pupil data by fitting a linear model of `pupil_data ~ time`, and return the fitted betas and the residuals (`pupil_data - fitted_values`).

## Usage

```
detrend(eyeris)
```

## Arguments

`eyeris`                    An object of class `eyeris` derived from `load_asc()`.

## Details

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` if `detrend = TRUE`.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

## Value

An `eyeris` object with two new columns in `timeseries`: `detrend_fitted_betas`, and `pupil_raw_{...}_detrend`.

## Note

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Use `glassbox(detrend = TRUE)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

## See Also

`glassbox()` for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full `eyeris` `glassbox` preprocessing pipeline.

## Examples

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(detrend = TRUE) |> # set to FALSE to skip step (default)
  plot(seed = 0)
```

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epoch	<i>Epoch (and baseline) pupil data based on custom event message structure</i>
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## Description

Intended to be used as the final preprocessing step. This function creates data epochs of either fixed or dynamic durations with respect to provided events and time limits, and also includes an intuitive metadata parsing feature where additional trial data embedded within event messages can easily be identified and joined into the resulting epoched data frames.

## Usage

```
epoch(
  eyeris,
  events,
  limits = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  calc_baseline = FALSE,
  apply_baseline = FALSE,
  baseline_type = c("sub", "div"),
  baseline_events = NULL,
  baseline_period = NULL,
  hz = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

eyeris	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
events	<p>Either (1) a single string representing the event message to perform trial extraction around, using specified limits to center the epoch around or no limits (which then just grabs the data epochs between each subsequent event string of the same type); (2) a vector containing both start and end event message strings – here, limits will be ignored and the duration of each trial epoch will be the number of samples between each matched start and end event message pair; or (3) a list of 2 dataframes that manually specify start/end event timestamp-message pairs to pull out of the raw timeseries data – here, it is required that each raw timestamp and event message be provided in the following format:</p> <pre>list( data.frame(time = c(...), msg = c(...)), # start events       data.frame(time = c(...), msg = c(...)), # end events       1 # block number )</pre> <p>where the first <code>data.frame</code> indicates the start event timestamp and message string pairs, and the second <code>data.frame</code> indicates the end event timestamp and message string pairs. Additionally, manual epoching only works with 1 block at a time for event-modes 2 and 3; thus, please be sure to explicitly indicate the</p>

block number in your input list (for examples, see above as well as example #9 below for more details).

For event-modes 1 and 2, the way in which you pass in the event message string must conform to a standardized protocol so that `eyeris` knows how to find your events and (optionally) parse any included metadata into the tidy epoch data outputs. You have two primary choices: either (a) specify a string followed by a `*` wildcard expression (e.g., `"PROBE_START*"`), which will match any messages that have `"PROBE_START ..."` (... referring to potential metadata, such as trial number, stim file, etc.); or (b) specify a string using the `eyeris` syntax: (e.g., `"PROBE_{type}_{trial}"`), which will match the messages that follow a structure like this `"PROBE_START_1"` and `"PROBE_STOP_1"`, and generate two additional metadata columns: `type` and `trial`, which would contain the following values based on these two example strings: `type: ('START', 'STOP')`, and `trial: (1, 1)`.

limits	A vector of 2 values (start, end) in seconds, indicating where trial extraction should occur centered around any given start message string in the events parameter.
label	An (optional) string you can provide to customize the name of the resulting <code>eyeris</code> class object containing the epoched data frame. If left as <code>NULL</code> (default), then list item will be called <code>epoch_xyz</code> , where <code>xyz</code> will be a sanitized version of the original start event string you provided for matching. If you choose to specify a label here, then the resulting list object name will take the form: <code>epoch_label</code> . <b>Warning: if no label is specified and there are no event message strings to sanitize, then you may obtain a strange-looking epoch list element in your output object (e.g., <code>\$epoch_</code>, or <code>\$epoch_nana</code>, etc.). The data should still be accessible within this nested lists, however, to avoid ambiguous list objects, we recommend you provide an epoch label here to be safe.</b>
calc_baseline	A flag indicated whether to perform baseline correction. Note, setting <code>calc_baseline</code> to <code>TRUE</code> alone will only compute the baseline period, but will not apply it to the preprocessed timeseries unless <code>apply_baseline</code> is also set to <code>TRUE</code> .
apply_baseline	A flag indicating whether to apply the calculated baseline to the pupil timeseries. The baseline correction will be applied to the pupil from the latest preprocessing step.
baseline_type	Whether to perform <i>subtractive</i> (sub) or <i>divisive</i> (div) baseline correction. Defaults to sub.
baseline_events	Similar to events, <code>baseline_events</code> , you can supply either (1) a single string representing the event message to center the baseline calculation around, as indicated by <code>baseline_period</code> ; or (2) a single vector containing both a start and an end event message string – here, <code>baseline_period</code> will be ignored and the duration of each baseline period that the mean will be calculated on will be the number of samples between each matched start and end event message pair, as opposed to a specified fixed duration (as described in 1). Please note, providing a list of trial-level start/end message pairs (like in the events parameter) to manually indicate unique start/end chunks for baselining is currently unsupported. Though, we intend to add this feature in a later version of <code>eyeris</code> , given it likely won't be a heavily utilized / in demand feature.

baseline_period	A vector of 2 values (start, end) in seconds, indicating the window of data that will be used to perform the baseline correction, which will be centered around the single string "start" message string provided in baseline_events. Again, baseline_period will be ignored if both a "start" <b>and</b> "end" message string are provided to the baseline_events argument.
hz	Data sampling rate. If not specified, will use the value contained within the tracker's metadata.
verbose	A flag to indicate whether to print detailed logging messages. Defaults to TRUE. Set to False to suppress messages about the current processing step and run silently.

### Value

Updated eyeris object with dataframes containing the epoched data (epoch\_).

### Examples

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()
eye_preproc <- eyeris::glassbox(demo_data)

# example 1: select 1 second before/after matched event message "PROBE*"
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(events = "PROBE*", limits = c(-1, 1))

# example 2: select all samples between each trial
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(events = "TRIALID {trial}")

# example 3: grab the 1 second following probe onset
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = "PROBE_START_{trial}",
    limits = c(0, 1)
  )

# example 4: 1 second prior to and 1 second after probe onset
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = "PROBE_START_{trial}",
    limits = c(-1, 1),
    label = "prePostProbe" # custom epoch label name
  )

# example 5: manual start/end event pairs
# note: here, the `msg` column of each data frame is optional
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = list(
      data.frame(time = c(11334491), msg = c("TRIALID 22")), # start events
      data.frame(time = c(11337158), msg = c("RESPONSE_22")), # end events
    )
  )
```

```

    1 # block number
  ),
  label = "example5"
)

# example 6: manual start/end event pairs
# note: set `msg` to NA if you only want to pass in start/end timestamps
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = list(
      data.frame(time = c(11334491), msg = NA), # start events
      data.frame(time = c(11337158), msg = NA), # end events
      1 # block number
    ),
    label = "example6"
  )

## examples with baseline arguments enabled

# example 7: use mean of 1-s preceding "PROBE_START" (i.e. "DELAY_STOP")
# to perform subtractive baselining of the 1-s PROBE epochs.
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = "PROBE_START_{trial}",
    limits = c(0, 1), # grab 0 seconds prior to and 1 second post PROBE event
    label = "prePostProbe", # custom epoch label name
    calc_baseline = TRUE,
    apply_baseline = TRUE,
    baseline_type = "sub", # "sub"tractive baseline calculation is default
    baseline_events = "DELAY_STOP_*",
    baseline_period = c(-1, 0)
  )

# example 8: use mean of time period between set start/end event messages
# (i.e. between "DELAY_START" and "DELAY_STOP"). In this case, the
# `baseline_period` argument will be ignored since both a "start" and "end"
# message string are provided to the `baseline_events` argument.
eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = "PROBE_START_{trial}",
    limits = c(0, 1), # grab 0 seconds prior to and 1 second post PROBE event
    label = "prePostProbe", # custom epoch label name
    calc_baseline = TRUE,
    apply_baseline = TRUE,
    baseline_type = "sub", # "sub"tractive baseline calculation is default
    baseline_events = c(
      "DELAY_START_*",
      "DELAY_STOP_*"
    )
  )

# example 9: additional (potentially helpful) example
start_events <- data.frame(

```

```
time = c(11334491, 11338691),
msg = c("TRIALID 22", "TRIALID 23")
)
end_events <- data.frame(
  time = c(11337158, 11341292),
  msg = c("RESPONSE_22", "RESPONSE_23")
)
block_number <- 1

eye_preproc |>
  eyeris::epoch(
    events = list(start_events, end_events, block_number),
    label = "example9"
  )
```

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eyelink\_asc\_demo\_dataset

*Access example EyeLink .asc demo dataset file provided by the eyeris package.*

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## Description

Returns the file path to the demo .asc EyeLink pupil data file included in the eyeris package.

## Usage

```
eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()
```

## Value

A character string giving the full file path to the demo .asc EyeLink pupil data file.

## Examples

```
path_to_demo_dataset <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()
print(path_to_demo_dataset)
```

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glassbox

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*The opinionated "glass box" eyeris pipeline*


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## Description

This glassbox function (in contrast to a "black box" function where you run it and get a result but have no (or little) idea as to how you got from input to output) has a few primary benefits over calling each exported function from eyeris separately.

## Usage

```
glassbox(
  file,
  interactive_preview = FALSE,
  preview_n = 3,
  preview_duration = 5,
  preview_window = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...,
  confirm = deprecated(),
  num_previews = deprecated(),
  detrend_data = deprecated(),
  skip_detransient = deprecated()
)
```

## Arguments

file	An SR Research EyeLink .asc file generated by the official EyeLink edf2asc command.
interactive_preview	A flag to indicate whether to run the glassbox pipeline autonomously all the way through (set to FALSE by default), or to interactively provide a visualization after each pipeline step, where you must also indicate "(y)es" or "(n)o" to either proceed or cancel the current glassbox pipeline operation (set to TRUE).
preview_n	Number of random example "epochs" to generate for previewing the effect of each preprocessing step on the pupil timeseries.
preview_duration	Time in seconds of each randomly selected preview.
preview_window	The start and stop raw timestamps used to subset the preprocessed data from each step of the eyeris workflow for visualization. Defaults to NULL, meaning random epochs as defined by preview_n and preview_duration will be plotted. To override the random epochs, set preview_window here to a vector with relative start and stop times (in seconds), for example – c(5,6) – to indicate the raw data from 5-6 secs on data that were recorded at 1000 Hz). Note, the start/stop time values indicated here are in seconds because eyeris automatically computes the indices for the supplied range of seconds using the \$info\$sample.rate metadata in the eyeris S3 class object.

verbose	A logical flag to indicate whether to print status messages to the console. Defaults to TRUE. Set to FALSE to suppress messages about the current processing step and run silently.
...	Additional arguments to override the default, prescribed settings.
confirm	<b>(Deprecated)</b> Use <code>interactive_preview</code> instead.
num_previews	<b>(Deprecated)</b> Use <code>preview_n</code> instead.
detrend_data	<b>(Deprecated)</b> A flag to indicate whether to run the detrend step (set to FALSE by default). Detrending your pupil timeseries can have unintended consequences; we thus recommend that users understand the implications of detrending – in addition to whether detrending is appropriate for the research design and question(s) – before using this function.
skip_detransient	<b>(Deprecated)</b> A flag to indicate whether to skip the detransient step (set to FALSE by default). In most cases, this should remain FALSE. For a more detailed description about likely edge cases that would prompt you to set this to TRUE, see the docs for <code>detransient()</code> .

## Details

First, this glassbox function provides a highly opinionated prescription of steps and starting parameters we believe any pupillometry researcher should use as their defaults when preprocessing pupillometry data.

Second, and not mutually exclusive from the first point, using this function should ideally reduce the probability of accidental mishaps when "reimplementing" the steps from the preprocessing pipeline both within and across projects. We hope to streamline the process in such a way that you could collect a pupillometry dataset and within a few minutes assess the quality of those data while simultaneously running a full preprocessing pipeline in 1-ish line of code!

Third, glassbox provides an "interactive" framework where you can evaluate the consequences of the parameters within each step on your data in real time, facilitating a fairly easy-to-use workflow for parameter optimization on your particular dataset. This process essentially takes each of the opinionated steps and provides a pre-/post-plot of the timeseries data for each step so you can adjust parameters and re-run the pipeline until you are satisfied with the choices of your parameters and their consequences on your pupil timeseries data.

## Value

Preprocessed pupil data contained within an object of class `eyeris`.

## See Also

`lifecycle::deprecate_warn()`

## Examples

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

# (1) examples using the default prescribed parameters and pipeline recipe
```



```
## (a) run an automated pipeline with no real-time inspection of parameters
output <- eyeris::glassbox(demo_data)

plot(
  output,
  steps = c(1, 5),
  preview_window = c(0, max(output$timeseries$block_1$time_secs)),
  seed = 0
)

## (b) run a interactive workflow (with confirmation prompts after each step)

output <- eyeris::glassbox(demo_data, interactive_preview = TRUE, seed = 0)

# (2) examples of overriding the default parameters
output <- eyeris::glassbox(
  demo_data,
  interactive_preview = FALSE, # TRUE to visualize each step in real-time
  deblink = list(extend = 40),
  lpfilt = list(plot_freqz = TRUE) # overrides verbose parameter
)

plot(output, seed = 0)

# (3) examples of disabling certain steps
output <- eyeris::glassbox(
  demo_data,
  detransient = FALSE,
  detrend = FALSE,
  zscore = FALSE
)

plot(output, seed = 0)
```

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interpolate

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*Interpolate missing pupil samples*


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## Description

Linear interpolation of time series data. The intended use of this method is for filling in missing pupil samples (NAs) in the time series. This method uses "na.approx()" function from the zoo package, which implements linear interpolation using the "approx()" function from the stats package. Currently, NAs at the beginning and the end of the data are replaced with values on either end, respectively, using the "rule = 2" argument in the approx() function.

## Usage

```
interpolate(eyeris, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

eyeris	An object of class eyeris derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
verbose	A flag to indicate whether to print detailed logging messages. Defaults to TRUE. Set to FALSE to suppress messages about the current processing step and run silently.

**Details**

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. Use `glassbox(interpolate = FALSE)` to disable this step as needed.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

**Value**

An eyeris object with a new column in timeseries: `pupil_raw_{...}_interpolate`.

**Note**

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Use `glassbox(interpolate = TRUE)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

**See Also**

`glassbox()` for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full eyeris glassbox preprocessing pipeline.

**Examples**

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  # set to FALSE to skip (not recommended)
  eyeris::glassbox(interpolate = TRUE) |>
  plot(seed = 0)
```

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load\_asc

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*Load and parse SR Research EyeLink .asc files*


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**Description**

This function builds upon the `eyelinker::read.asc()` function to parse the messages and meta-data within the EyeLink .asc file. After loading and additional processing, this function returns an S3 eyeris class for use in all subsequent eyeris pipeline steps and functions.

**Usage**

```
load_asc(file, block = "auto")
```

**Arguments**

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|-------|--|
| file  | An SR Research EyeLink .asc file generated by the official EyeLink edf2asc command.  |
| block | Optional block number specification. The following are valid options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "auto" (default): Automatically handles multiple recording segments embedded within the same .asc file. We recommend using this default as this is likely the safer choice then assuming a single-block recording (unless you know what you're doing).</li><li>• NULL: Omits block column. Suitable for single-block recordings.</li><li>• Numeric value: Manually sets block number based on the value provided here.</li></ul> |

**Details**

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. If needed, customize the parameters for `load_asc` by providing a parameter list.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

**Value**

An object of S3 class `eyeris` with the following attributes:

1. `file`: Path to the original .asc file.
2. `timeseries`: Dataframe of all raw timeseries data from the tracker.
3. `events`: Dataframe of all event messages and their timestamps.
4. `blinks`: Dataframe of all blink events.
5. `info`: Dataframe of various metadata parsed from the file header.
6. `latest`: `eyeris` variable for tracking pipeline run history.

**Note**

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Provide parameters via `load_asc = list(...)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

**See Also**

[eyelinker::read.asc\(\)](#) which this function wraps.

[glassbox\(\)](#) for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full `eyeris` `glassbox` preprocessing pipeline.

## Examples

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(load_asc = list(block = 1))

# Other useful parameter configurations
## (1) Basic usage (no block column specified)
demo_data |>
  eyeris::load_asc()

## (2) Manual specification of block number
demo_data |>
  eyeris::load_asc(block = 3)

## (3) Auto-detect multiple recording segments embedded within the same file
## (i.e., the default behavior)
demo_data |>
  eyeris::load_asc(block = "auto")

## (4) Omit block column
demo_data |>
  eyeris::load_asc(block = NULL)
```

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lpfilt

*Lowpass filtering of time series data*


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## Description

The intended use of this method is for smoothing, although by specifying `wp` and `ws` differently one can achieve highpass or bandpass filtering as well. However, only lowpass filtering should be done on pupillometry data.

## Usage

```
lpfilt(eyeris, wp = 4, ws = 8, rp = 1, rs = 35, plot_freqz = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>eyeris</code>	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
<code>wp</code>	The end of passband frequency in Hz (desired lowpass cutoff).
<code>ws</code>	The start of stopband frequency in Hz (required lowpass cutoff).
<code>rp</code>	Required maximal ripple within passband in dB.
<code>rs</code>	Required minimal attenuation within stopband in dB.
<code>plot_freqz</code>	Boolean flag for displaying filter frequency response.

**Details**

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. If needed, customize the parameters for `lpfilt` by providing a parameter list. Use `glassbox(lpfilt = FALSE)` to disable this step as needed.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

**Value**

An `eyeris` object with a new column in timeseries: `pupil_raw_{...}_lpfilt`.

**Note**

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Provide parameters via `lpfilt = list(...)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

**See Also**

[glassbox\(\)](#) for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full `eyeris` `glassbox` preprocessing pipeline.

**Examples**

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  # set lpfilt to FALSE (instead of a list of params) to skip step
  eyeris::glassbox(lpfilt = list(plot_freqz = TRUE)) |>
  plot(seed = 0)
```

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pipeline\_handler

*Build a generic operation (extension) for the eyeris pipeline*

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**Description**

`pipeline_handler` enables flexible integration of custom data processing functions into the `eyeris` pipeline. Under the hood, each preprocessing function in `eyeris` is a wrapper around a core operation that gets tracked, versioned, and stored using this `pipeline_handler` method. As such, custom pipeline steps must conform to the `eyeris` protocol for maximum compatibility with the downstream functions we provide.

**Usage**

```
pipeline_handler(eyeris, operation, new_suffix, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>eyeris</code>	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> containing timeseries data in a list of dataframes (one per block), various metadata collected by the tracker, and <code>eyeris</code> specific pointers for tracking the preprocessing history for that specific instance of the <code>eyeris</code> object.
<code>operation</code>	The name of the function to apply to the timeseries data. This custom function should accept a dataframe <code>x</code> , a string <code>prev_op</code> (i.e., the name of the previous pupil column – which you DO NOT need to supply as a literal string as this is inferred from the latest pointer within the <code>eyeris</code> object), and any custom parameters you would like.
<code>new_suffix</code>	A character string indicating the suffix you would like to be appended to the name of the previous operation's column, which will be used for the new column name in the updated preprocessed dataframe(s).
<code>...</code>	Additional (optional) arguments passed to the operation method.

## Details

Following the `eyeris` protocol also ensures:

- all operations follow a predictable structure, and
- that new pupil data columns based on previous operations in the chain are able to be dynamically constructed within the core timeseries data frame.

## Value

An updated `eyeris` object with the new column added to the timeseries dataframe and the latest pointer updated to the name of the most recently added column plus all previous columns (ie, the history "trace" of preprocessing steps from start-to-present).

## See Also

For more details, please check out the following vignettes:

- Anatomy of an `eyeris` Object

```
vignette("anatomy", package = "eyeris")
```

- Building Your Own Custom Pipeline Extensions

```
vignette("custom-extensions", package = "eyeris")
```

## Examples

```
# first, define your custom data preprocessing function
winsorize_pupil <- function(x, prev_op, lower = 0.01, upper = 0.99) {
  vec <- x[[prev_op]]
  q <- quantile(vec, probs = c(lower, upper), na.rm = TRUE)
  vec[vec < q[1]] <- q[1]
  vec[vec > q[2]] <- q[2]
  vec
}
```

```

}

# second, construct your `pipeline_handler` method wrapper
winsorize <- function(eyeris, lower = 0.01, upper = 0.99) {
  pipeline_handler(
    eyeris,
    winsorize_pupil,
    "winsorize",
    lower = lower,
    upper = upper
  )
}

# and voilà, you can now connect your custom extension
# directly into your custom `eyeris` pipeline definition!
custom_eye <- system.file("extdata", "memory.asc", package = "eyeris") |>
  eyeris::load_asc(block = "auto") |>
  eyeris::deblink(extend = 50) |>
  winsorize()

plot(custom_eye, seed = 1)

```

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plot.eyeris

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*Plot pre-processed pupil data from eyeris*


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## Description

S3 plotting method for objects of class `eyeris`. Plots a single-panel timeseries for a subset of the pupil timeseries at each preprocessing step. The intended use of this function is to provide a simple method for qualitatively assessing the consequences of the preprocessing recipe and parameters on the raw pupillary signal.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'eyeris'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  steps = NULL,
  preview_n = NULL,
  preview_duration = NULL,
  preview_window = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  block = 1,
  plot_distributions = FALSE,
  num_previews = deprecated()
)

```

## Arguments

x	An object of class <code>eyeris</code> derived from <code>load_asc()</code> .
...	Additional arguments to be passed to <code>plot</code> .
steps	Which steps to plot; defaults to <code>all</code> (i.e., plot all steps). Otherwise, pass in a vector containing the index of the step(s) you want to plot, with index 1 being the original raw pupil timeseries.
preview_n	Number of random example "epochs" to generate for previewing the effect of each preprocessing step on the pupil timeseries.
preview_duration	Time in seconds of each randomly selected preview.
preview_window	The start and stop raw timestamps used to subset the preprocessed data from each step of the <code>eyeris</code> workflow for visualization. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> , meaning random epochs as defined by <code>preview_n</code> and <code>preview_duration</code> will be plotted. To override the random epochs, set <code>preview_window</code> here to a vector with relative start and stop times (in seconds), for example <code>c(5,6)</code> – to indicate the raw data from 5-6 secs on data that were recorded at 1000 Hz). Note, the start/stop time values indicated here are in seconds because <code>eyeris</code> automatically computes the indices for the supplied range of seconds using the <code>\$info\$sample.rate</code> metadata in the <code>eyeris</code> S3 class object.
seed	Random seed for current plotting session. Leave <code>NULL</code> to select <code>preview_n</code> number of random preview "epochs" (of <code>preview_duration</code> ) each time. Otherwise, choose any seed-integer as you would normally select for <code>base::set.seed()</code> , and you will be able to continue re-plotting the same random example pupil epochs each time – which is helpful when adjusting parameters within and across <code>eyeris</code> workflow steps.
block	For multi-block recordings, specifies which block to plot. Defaults to 1. When a single <code>.asc</code> data file contains multiple recording blocks, this parameter determines which block's timeseries to visualize. Must be a positive integer not exceeding the total number of blocks in the recording.
plot_distributions	Logical flag to indicate whether to plot both diagnostic pupil timeseries <i>and</i> accompanying histograms of the pupil samples at each processing step. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
num_previews	<b>(Deprecated)</b> Use <code>preview_n</code> instead.

## Value

No return value; iteratively plots a subset of the pupil timeseries from each preprocessing step run.

## See Also

`lifecycle::deprecate_warn()`



## Examples

```
# first, generate the preprocessed pupil data
my_eyeris_data <- system.file("extdata", "memory.asc", package = "eyeris") |>
  eyeris::load_asc() |>
  eyeris::deblink(extend = 50) |>
  eyeris::detransient() |>
  eyeris::interpolate() |>
  eyeris::lpfilt(plot_freqz = TRUE) |>
  eyeris::zscore()

# controlling the timeseries range (i.e., preview window) in your plots:

## example 1: using the default 10000 to 20000 ms time subset
plot(my_eyeris_data, seed = 0)

## example 2: using a custom time subset (i.e., 1 to 500 ms)
plot(my_eyeris_data, preview_window = c(0.01, 0.5), seed = 0)

# controlling which block of data you would like to plot:

## example 1: plots first block (default)
plot(my_eyeris_data, seed = 0)

## example 2: plots a specific block
plot(my_eyeris_data, block = 1, seed = 0)

## example 3: plots a specific block along with a custom preview window
## (i.e., 1000 to 2000 ms)
plot(
  my_eyeris_data,
  block = 1,
  preview_window = c(1, 2),
  seed = 0
)
```

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zscore

*Z-score pupil timeseries data*


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## Description

The intended use of this method is to scale the arbitrary units of the pupil size timeseries to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. This is accomplished by mean centering the data points and then dividing them by their standard deviation (i.e., z-scoring the data, similar to `base::scale()`). Opting to z-score your pupil data helps with trial-level and between-subjects analyses where arbitrary units of pupil size recorded by the tracker do not scale across participants, and therefore make analyses that depend on data from more than one participant difficult to interpret.

## Usage

```
zscore(eyeris)
```

## Arguments

`eyeris`                    An object of class `eyeris` derived from `load_asc()`.

## Details

This function is automatically called by `glassbox()` by default. Use `glassbox(zscore = FALSE)` to disable this step as needed.

Users should prefer using `glassbox()` rather than invoking this function directly unless they have a specific reason to customize the pipeline manually.

In general, it is common to z-score pupil data within any given participant, and furthermore, z-score that participant's data as a function of block number (for tasks/experiments where participants complete more than one block of trials) to account for potential time-on-task effects across task/experiment blocks.

As such, if you use the `eyeris` package as intended, you should NOT need to specify any groups for the participant/block-level situations described above. This is because `eyeris` is designed to preprocess a single block of pupil data for a single participant, one at a time. Therefore, when you later merge all of the preprocessed data from `eyeris`, each individual, preprocessed block of data for each participant will have already been independently scaled from the others.

Additionally, if you intend to compare mean z-scored pupil size across task conditions, such as that for memory successes vs. memory failures, then do NOT set your behavioral outcome (i.e., success/failure) variable as a grouping variable within your analysis. If you do, you will consequently obtain a mean pupil size of 0 and standard deviation of 1 within each group (since the scaled pupil size would be calculated on the timeseries from each outcome variable group, separately). Instead, you should compute the z-score on the entire pupil timeseries (before epoching the data), and then split and take the mean of the z-scored timeseries as a function of condition variable.

## Value

An `eyeris` object with a new column in timeseries: `pupil_raw_{...}_z`.

## Note

This function is part of the `glassbox()` preprocessing pipeline and is not intended for direct use in most cases. Use `glassbox(zscore = TRUE)`.

Advanced users may call it directly if needed.

## See Also

`glassbox()` for the recommended way to run this step as part of the full `eyeris` `glassbox` preprocessing pipeline.

**Examples**

```
demo_data <- eyelink_asc_demo_dataset()

demo_data |>
  eyeris::glassbox(zscore = TRUE) |> # set to FALSE to skip (not recommended)
  plot(seed = 0)
```

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