

# Package ‘HiContacts’

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**Description** HiContacts: R interface to (m)cool files and other Hi-C processed file formats. HiContacts provides a collection of tools to analyse and visualize Hi-C datasets. It can import data from pairs or (m)cool files.

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bwrColors	<i>Matrix palettes</i>
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**Description**

Matrix palettes

**Usage**

bwrColors()

afmhotrColors()

bbrColors()

**Value**

ggplot

**Examples**

bwrColors()

afmhotrColors()

bbrColors()

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`centros_yeast`*Example datasets provided in HiContacts & HiContactsData*

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**Description**

Example datasets provided in HiContacts & HiContactsData

**Usage**

```
data(centros_yeast)
```

```
contacts_yeast()
```

```
contacts_yeast_eco1()
```

```
full_contacts_yeast()
```

**Format**

An object of class "GRanges".

An object of class "Contacts".

**Source**

HiContacts

**Examples**

```
data(centros_yeast)
centros_yeast
contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1()
full_contacts_yeast()
```

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`check_cool_file`*Checks functions*

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**Description**

Useful functions to validate the nature/structure of (m)cool files or Contacts objects.

**Usage**

```
check_cool_file(path)

check_resolution(contacts, resolution)

check_cool_format(path, resolution)

is_mcool(path)

is_cool(path)

is_same_seqinfo(...)

is_same_resolution(...)

is_same_bins(...)

is_same_regions(...)

is_comparable(...)

is_square(pair)

are_contacts(...)

is_symmetrical(contacts)
```

**Arguments**

path	Path of a (m)cool file
contacts	A Contacts object
resolution	Resolution
...	Contacts object
pair	Pairs object with length of 1

**Value**

Logical

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
is_symmetrical(contacts_yeast)
```

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cisTransRatio	<i>cisTransRatio</i>
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**Description**

Quickly computes a cis-trans ratio of interactions.

**Usage**

```
cisTransRatio(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A Contacts object over the full genome

**Value**

a tibble, listing for each chr. the % of cis/trans interactions

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
full_contacts_yeast <- full_contacts_yeast()
cisTransRatio(full_contacts_yeast)
```

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Contacts-class	<i>Contacts S4 class and methods</i>
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**Description**

Contacts S4 class and methods

**Usage**

```
Contacts(
  file,
  resolution = NULL,
  focus = NULL,
  metadata = list(),
  topologicalFeatures = S4Vectors::SimpleList(loops =
  S4Vectors::Pairs(GenomicRanges::GRanges(), GenomicRanges::GRanges()), borders =
  GenomicRanges::GRanges(), compartments = GenomicRanges::GRanges(), viewpoints =
  GenomicRanges::GRanges()),
  pairsFile = NULL
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
fileName(object)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
resolutions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
resolution(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
focus(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character'
focus(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
interactions(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,GInteractions'
interactions(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,missing'
scores(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character,numeric'
scores(x, name) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,missing'
topologicalFeatures(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character,GRangesOrGInteractions'
topologicalFeatures(x, name) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
pairsFile(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character'
pairsFile(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,list'
metadata(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,numeric,ANY,ANY'
x[i]
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
seqinfo(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
bins(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
anchors(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
regions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
summary(object)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
show(object)

```

### Arguments

file	Path to a (m)cool file
resolution	Resolution to use with mcool file
focus	focus Chr. coordinates for which interaction counts are extracted from the .(m)cool file, provided as a character string (e.g. "II:4000-5000"). If not provided, the entire (m)cool file will be imported.
metadata	list of metadata
topologicalFeatures	topologicalFeatures provided as a named SimpleList
pairsFile	Path to an associated .pairs file
object	A Contacts object.
x	A Contacts object.
value	value
name	name
i	a range or boolean vector.

### Value

a new Contacts object.

### Slots

fileName Path of (m)cool file  
 focus Chr. coordinates for which interaction counts are extracted from the .(m)cool file.  
 resolutions Resolutions available in the .(m)cool file.  
 resolution Current resolution

**interactions** Genomic Interactions extracted from the `.(m)cool` object  
**scores** Available interaction scores.  
**topologicalFeatures** Topological features associated with the dataset (e.g. loops (`\<Pairs\>`),  
borders (`\<GRanges\>`), viewpoints (`\<GRanges\>`), etc...)  
**pairsFile** Path to the `.pairs` file associated with the `.(m)cool` file  
**metadata** metadata associated with the `.(m)cool` file.

## Examples

```

library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast
fileName(contacts_yeast)
resolutions(contacts_yeast)
resolution(contacts_yeast)
focus(contacts_yeast)
interactions(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 1))
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 'balanced'))
scores(contacts_yeast, 'test') <- runif(length(contacts_yeast))
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 'test'))
full_contacts_yeast <- full_contacts_yeast()
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast)
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast, 1)
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast, 'centromeres')
data(centros_yeast)
topologicalFeatures(contacts_yeast, 'centromeres') <- centros_yeast
topologicalFeatures(contacts_yeast, 'centromeres')
pairsFile(full_contacts_yeast)
length(contacts_yeast)
contacts_yeast[seq_len(10)]
seqinfo(contacts_yeast)
bins(contacts_yeast)
anchors(contacts_yeast)
regions(contacts_yeast)
summary(contacts_yeast)
show(contacts_yeast)
as(contacts_yeast, 'GInteractions')
as(contacts_yeast, 'ContactMatrix')
as(contacts_yeast, 'matrix')[seq_len(10), seq_len(10)]
as(contacts_yeast, 'data.frame')

```



**Description**

Different operations can be performed:

- Detrending a contact matrix, i.e. removing the distance-dependent contact trend;
- Autocorrelate a contact matrix: this is typically done to highlight large-scale compartments;
- Divide one contact matrix by another;
- Merge multiple contact matrices;
- Serpentinify, or smooth a contact matrix out. This requires `serpentine` python package to be installed.

**Usage**

```
detrend(x, use.scores = "balanced")

autocorrelate(x, use.scores = "balanced", ignore_ndiags = 3)

divide(x, by, use.scores = "balanced")

merge(..., use.scores = "balanced")

serpentinify(
  x,
  use.scores = "balanced",
  use_serpentine_trend = TRUE,
  serpentine_niter = 10L,
  serpentine_ncores = 16L
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a Contacts object
<code>use.scores</code>	<code>use.scores</code>
<code>ignore_ndiags</code>	ignore N diagonals when calculating correlations
<code>by</code>	a Contacts object
<code>...</code>	Contacts objects
<code>use_serpentine_trend</code>	whether to use the trend estimated with <code>serpentine</code> (this requires <code>reticulate</code> and the python package <code>serpentine</code> )
<code>serpentine_niter</code>	number of iterations to use for <code>serpentine</code>
<code>serpentine_ncores</code>	number of CPUs to use for <code>serpentine</code>

**Value**

a Contacts object with two additional scores: expected and detrended  
 a Contacts object with a single autocorrelation scores  
 a Contacts object with a single ratio scores  
 a Contacts object. Each returned scores is the sum of the corresponding scores from input Contacts.  
 a Contacts object with a single smoothen scores

**Examples**

```
#### -----
#### Detrending a contact matrix
#### -----

library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast <- detrend(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
#### -----
#### Auto-correlate a contact matrix
#### -----

contacts_yeast <- autocorrelate(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
plotMatrix(contacts_yeast, scale = 'linear', limits = c(-1, 1), cmap = bwrColors())
#### -----
#### Divide 2 contact matrices
#### -----

contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1 <- contacts_yeast_eco1()
div_contacts <- divide(contacts_yeast_eco1, by = contacts_yeast)
div_contacts
plotMatrix(div_contacts, scale = 'log2', limits = c(-2, 2), cmap = bwrColors())
#### -----
#### Merge 2 contact matrices
#### -----

merged_contacts <- merge(contacts_yeast_eco1, contacts_yeast)
merged_contacts
```

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distanceLaw

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*Compute the law of distance-dependent contact frequency, a.k.a.  $P(s)$* 


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**Description**

$P(s)$  will be approximated if no pairs are provided, or the exact  $P(s)$  will be computed if a .pairs file is added to the Contacts object using `pairsFile(x) <- "..."`.

**Usage**

```
distanceLaw(  
  x,  
  by_chr = FALSE,  
  filtered_chr = c("XII", "chrXII", "chr12", "12", "Mito", "MT", "chrM")  
)  
  
localDistanceLaw(x, coords = coords)  
  
PsBreaks()
```

**Arguments**

x	A Contacts object
by_chr	by_chr
filtered_chr	filtered_chr
coords	GRanges

**Value**

a tibble  
a tibble  
tbl

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)  
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()  
ps <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)  
ps  
local_ps <- localDistanceLaw(  
  contacts_yeast,  
  GenomicRanges::GRanges(  
    c("telomere" = "II:1-20000", "arm" = "II:300000-700000")  
  )  
)  
local_ps
```

**Description**

These functions are the workhorse internal functions used to import a .(m)cool file as GenomicInteractions (wrapped into a Contacts object by Contacts() function).

**Usage**

```

getAnchors(file, resolution = NULL, balanced = "cooler")

getCountsFromPair(file, pair, anchors, resolution = NULL)

getCounts(file, coords, anchors, resolution = NULL)

fetchCool(file, path, resolution = NULL, idx = NULL, ...)

lsCoolFiles(file, verbose = FALSE)

lsCoolResolutions(file, verbose = FALSE)

peekCool(file, path, resolution = NULL, n = 10)

cool2seqinfo(file, resolution = NULL)

cool2gi(file, coords = NULL, resolution = NULL)

gi2cm(gi)

cm2matrix(cm, replace_NA = NA)

pairs2gi(
  file,
  chr1.field = 2,
  start1.field = 3,
  chr2.field = 4,
  start2.field = 5,
  nThread = 16,
  nrows = Inf
)

```

**Arguments**

file	pairs file: <readname>\t<chr1>\t<start1>\t<chr2>\t<start2>
resolution	resolution
balanced	import balancing scores
pair	pair (e.g. S4Vectors::Pairs(GRanges("II:200000-300000"), GRanges("II:70000-100000"))).
anchors	anchors
coords	NULL, character, or GRanges. Can also be a Pairs object of paired GRanges (length of 1).
path	path
idx	idx to extract in cool file
...	...

verbose	Print resolutions in the console
n	n
gi	A GInteractions object
cm	A ContactMatrix object
replace_NA	Replace NA values
chr1.field	chr1.field
start1.field	start1.field
chr2.field	chr2.field
start2.field	start2.field
nThread	Number of CPUs to use to import the pairs file in R
nrows	Number of pairs to import

**Value**

anchors from (m)cool, stored as a GRanges  
 counts from (m)cool, stored as a tibble  
 counts from (m)cool, stored as a tibble  
 vector  
 vector  
 vector  
 vector  
 a Seqinfo object  
 a GenomicInteractions object  
 a ContactMatrix object  
 a dense matrix  
 a GenomicInteractions object

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ggthemeHiContacts      *ggplot2-related functions*

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**Description**

ggplot2-related functions

**Usage**

```
ggthemeHiContacts(ticks = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

ticks                  ticks

**Value**

a custom ggplot2 theme

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HiContacts package      *HiContacts package*

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**Description**

HiContacts: R interface to (m)cool files and other Hi-C processed file formats. HiContacts provides a collection of tools to analyse and visualize Hi-C datasets. It can import data from pairs or (m)cool files.

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plot4C                      *Plotting virtual 4C profiles*

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**Description**

Plotting virtual 4C profiles

**Usage**

```
plot4C(x, mapping)
```

**Arguments**

x	GRanges, generally the output of virtual4C()
mapping	aes to pass on to ggplot2

**Value**

ggplot

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
v4C <- virtual4C(contacts_yeast, GenomicRanges::GRanges('II:490000-510000'))
plot4C(v4C, ggplot2::aes(x = center, y = score))
```

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plotMatrix                      *Plotting a contact matrix*

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### Description

Plotting a contact matrix

### Usage

```
plotMatrix(  
  x,  
  use.scores = NULL,  
  scale = "log10",  
  loops = NULL,  
  borders = NULL,  
  limits = NULL,  
  dpi = 500,  
  rasterize = TRUE,  
  symmetrical = TRUE,  
  chrom_lines = TRUE,  
  cmap = NULL  
)
```

```
ggMatrix(mat, ticks = TRUE, cols = afmhotrColors(), limits)
```

### Arguments

x	x
use.scores	use.scores
scale	scale
loops	loops
borders	borders
limits	limits
dpi	dpi
rasterize	rasterize
symmetrical	symmetrical
chrom_lines	chrom_lines
cmap	color map
mat	mat
ticks	ticks
cols	cols

**Value**

```
ggplot  
ggplot
```

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)  
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()  
plotMatrix(  
  contacts_yeast,  
  use.scores = 'balanced',  
  scale = 'log10',  
  limits = c(-4, -1)  
)
```

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plotPs	<i>Plotting a P(s) distance law</i>
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**Description**

Plotting a P(s) distance law

**Usage**

```
plotPs(..., xlim = c(5000, 499000), ylim = c(1e-08, 1e-04))  
plotPsSlope(..., xlim = c(5000, 499000), ylim = c(-3, 0))
```

**Arguments**

...	...
xlim	xlim
ylim	ylim

**Value**

```
ggplot  
ggplot
```

**Examples**

```
## Single P(s)  
  
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()  
ps <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)  
plotPs(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = norm_p))
```



```

## Comparing several P(s)

contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1 <- contacts_yeast_eco1()
ps_wt <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)
ps_wt$sample <- 'WT'
ps_eco1 <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast_eco1)
ps_eco1$sample <- 'eco1'
ps <- rbind(ps_wt, ps_eco1)
plotPs(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = norm_p, group = sample, color = sample))
plotPsSlope(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = slope))

```

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splitCoords

*Utils functions*


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## Description

Utilities to facilitate parsing/handling of coordinates, GInteractions, Pairs, ...

## Usage

```

splitCoords(coords)

coords2char(coords, big.mark = ",")

char2coords(char)

getHicStats(hicstuff_log)

fullContactInteractions(chr, start, end, binning)

sdiag(A, k = 0) <- value

sortPairs(pairs)

asGInteractions(df)

```

## Arguments

coords	coords
big.mark	big.mark
char	char (e.g. "II:30000-50000" or "II:30000-50000 x II:60000-80000")
hicstuff_log	log file generated by hicstuff
chr	chr
start	start
end	end

binning	binning
A	A
k	k
value	value
pairs	pairs
df	df

**Value**

a list containing chr, start and end  
 a character string  
 a S4Vectors::Pairs object  
 a list  
 a GenomicInteractions object  
 a matrix  
 a Pairs object  
 a GenomicInteractions object

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 virtual4C

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*Computing virtual 4C profiles*


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**Description**

From a (m)cool pre-imported in memory, computes a 4C profile using a user-specified viewpoint.

**Usage**

```
virtual4C(x, viewpoint, use.scores = "balanced")
```

**Arguments**

x	a Contacts object
viewpoint	viewpoint, defined as a GRanges
use.scores	use.scores

**Value**

A tibble with the contact frequency of the viewpoint, per bin along the imported genomic range.

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
v4C <- virtual4C(contacts_yeast, GenomicRanges::GRanges('II:490000-510000'))
v4C
```

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