

# Package ‘HiContacts’

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bwrColors

*Matrix palettes*


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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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