

# Package ‘HiTC’

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 binningC

*Windowing of high-throughput 'C' contact matrix*


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### Description

Binning of 'C' contact map

### Usage

```
binningC(x, binsize=100000, bin.adjust=TRUE, upa=TRUE,
method=c("sum", "median", "mean"), use.zero=TRUE, step=1, optimize.by = c("speed", "memory"))
```

## Arguments

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
binsize	size of the bin to consider for windowing
bin.adjust	logical; adjust the size of the bin to the size of the genomic region
upa	logical; unique primer assignment. Allow one primer to belong to one or several bins
method	the method used to combine the counts. Must be 'mean', 'median' or 'sum'
use.zero	logical; use the zero values in the method calculation
step	numeric; binning step size in n coverage <i>i.e.</i> window step
optimize.by	"speed" will use faster methods but more RAM, and "memory" will be slower, but require less RAM

## Details

bin.adjust allows to work with bins of exactly the same size. Otherwise, the last bin is usually smaller than the others.

This function aims at changing the resolution of both 5C or Hi-C data. In case of 5C data (*i.e.* raw, not binned data), the contacts between all pairs of primers will be summarized per genomic bins (the median of all pairwise primers is usually used). In case of binned data (as Hi-C maps), the function can generate smaller resolution maps by aggregating bins. For instance, going from a 40kb resolution to a 1Mb resolution.

The method is used to combine the counts in a bin, must be 'mean', 'median' or 'sum'. The step parameter allows to choose the overlap between the bins. A step of 2 means a 50% overlap between two bins, a step of 3 means a 60% overlap between two bins, *etc.*

## Value

An HTCexp-class object with binned interaction data. In this case, the genomic intervals are converted into bins of fixed size. The contact matrix is symmetric.

## Author(s)

N. Servant, B. Lajoie

## See Also

[HTCexp-class](#)

## Examples

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Data binning 100kb, with a 1/3 overlap
E14.bin <- binningC(E14$chrXchrX, binsize=100000, step=3)
show(E14.bin)
## Move to a lower resolution map
E14.bin2 <- binningC(E14.bin, binsize=500000, step=1)
show(E14.bin2)
```

CQC

*Quality Control for high-throughput 'C' experiment***Description**

Quality Control for high-throughput 'C' experiment

**Usage**

```
CQC(x, cis.trans.ratio = TRUE, hist.interac=TRUE, scat.interac.dist=TRUE,
hist.dist=TRUE, trim.range=0.98, winsize=NA, dev.new=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object that inherits from class <code>HTCexp</code> or <code>HTClist</code>
<code>cis.trans.ratio</code>	logical; barplot of percentage of inter-intrachromosomal interactions
<code>hist.interac</code>	logical; histogram of the interaction frequency
<code>scat.interac.dist</code>	logical; scatter plot of interaction count versus the genomic distance between two elements
<code>hist.dist</code>	logical; histogram of the distance between the 'x' and 'y' intervals
<code>trim.range</code>	remove the extreme values by trimming the counts. Only use for plotting functions. [0,1]
<code>winsize</code>	used for the <code>scat.interac.dist</code> . If specify, the data are windowed before plotting
<code>dev.new</code>	if true, each graphs is plotted in a new device

**Details**

If `x` is a `HTClist` object, all `HTCexp` objects are merged. The zero values are not used to compute the descriptive statistics and to display the data. If `trim.range` are lower than 1. The highest values (quantile probability is equal to `trim.range`) are discarded.

**Value**

Create quality plots and return a matrix with some simple statistics on all, cis and trans data.

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, B. Lajoie

**See Also**

[HTCexp-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Quality Control
CQC(E14)
```

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directionalityIndex    *Directionality index calculation*

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**Description**

Calculate the directionality index as proposed by Dixon et al. 2012

**Usage**

```
directionalityIndex(x, winup = 2e+06, windowdown = 2e+06)
```

**Arguments**

x	HTClist object
winup	size of upstream window
windowdown	size of downstream window

**Details**

Calculate the directionality index as proposed by Dixon et al. This index is then used to call topological domains in Hi-C/5C data.

**Value**

A numeric vector

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[HTClist-class](#)

**Examples**

```
require(HiCDataHumanIMR90)
data(Dixon2012_IMR90)
hox <- extractRegion(hic_imr90_40$chr6chr6, chr="chr6", from=50e6, to=58e6)
di<-directionalityIndex(hox)
```

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`discretize`*Transform matrix of counts data into discrete matrix*

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**Description**

Transform matrix of counts data into discrete matrix

**Usage**

```
discretize(x, nb.lev=4, quant=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	data matrix
<code>nb.lev</code>	number of discretization level
<code>quant</code>	logical; use quantile distribution or split data into equals 'nb.lev' levels

**Value**

A discrete matrix

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

`quantile`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
data(Nora_5C)  
  
## Data binning  
E14bin<-binningC(E14$chrXchrX)  
  
## Discretize matrix  
dismat<-discretize(intdata(E14bin))  
mapC(dismat)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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`export.my5C`*Export HTCexp object to my5C website format*

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**Description**

Export HTCexp object to my5C website format

**Usage**

```
export.my5C(x, file, genome="mm9", per.chromosome=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object that inherits from class HTCexp
<code>file</code>	character; the prefix of the output file
<code>genome</code>	The genome version. This information is only used for the 'mat' export format. See details
<code>per.chromosome</code>	logical; export each contact maps in a different file (i.e one per chromosome pair)

**Details**

A tab-delimited matrix file is generated with the row and colnames defined as follow as in the my5C web tool :

```
REV_2lmm9|chrX:98831149-98834145
```

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[exportC](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
data(Nora_5C)  
  
## Data binning  
E14.bin<-binningC(E14$chrXchrX)  
  
## Export the new intervals definition  
export.my5C(E14.bin, file="E14my5C")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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exportC	<i>Export HTCexp object</i>
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## Description

Export HTCexp object to tab format

## Usage

```
exportC(x, file, per.chromosome=FALSE, use.names=FALSE, header=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
file	character; the basename of the output file
per.chromosome	logical; export each contact maps in a different files (i.e one per chromosome pair)
use.names	if TRUE, keep the original row/colnames of the contact matrix
header	if TRUE, add an header with the package version and the date

## Value

Three output files will be created ; 2 BED files for each genomic intervals, and one tab file. The standard format for 5C/Hi-C data is the following :

```
** One list file (tab delimited) bin1 bin2 x12 bin1 bin3 x13 ... ** The BED file(s) describing the intervals ('xgi.bed' and 'ygi.bed' are usually the same for Hi-C but can be different for 5C data)
chr1 1 1000000 bin1 chr1 1000001 2000000 bin2 ... Note that this format is particularly interesting for sparse data as only non null values are stored. If per.chromosome=FALSE, the data will be exported in one genome scaled file.
```

## Author(s)

N. Servant

## See Also

[export.my5C](#), [importC](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(Nora_5C)

## Data binning
E14.bin<-binningC(E14$chrXchrX)

## Export the new intervals definition
```



```
exportC(E14.bin, file="E14")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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extractRegion	<i>Extract a subset of the HTCexp object</i>
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### Description

Extract a subset of the HTCexp object based on genomic ranges

### Usage

```
extractRegion(x, MARGIN, chr, from, to, exact=FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
MARGIN	a vector giving the subscripts which the function will be applied over as in 'apply' function. E.g., '1' for the 'x' intervals, and '2' for the 'y' intervals, 'c(1, 2)' indicates 'x' and 'y' intervals.
chr	character; the chromosome of the genomic region
from	numeric; start of the genomic region
to	numeric; end of the genomic region
exact	logical; exact genomic region

### Details

By default, only the intervals fully included in the genomic ranges are returned. If exact is true, the overlapping intervals are also used, and forced to start/end at the specified position. If no intervals are overlapping, an interval with NA values is added.

### Value

A HTCexp object

### Author(s)

N. Servant

### See Also

[GRanges-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Focus on the genomic region chrX:98000000-100000000
E14sub<-extractRegion(E14$chrXchrX, c(1,2), chr="chrX", from=98000000, to=100000000)
show(E14sub)
```

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```
getAnnotatedRestrictionSites
```

*Annotation of restriction sites*

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**Description**

Performs the annotation of all restriction sites of a given genome (i.e. GC content, mappability, effective fragment length)

**Usage**

```
getAnnotatedRestrictionSites(resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1,
chromosomes=NULL, genomePack="BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm9", mappability=NULL, wingc=200, winmap=500)
```

**Arguments**

resSite	the sequence of the restriction site to look for. Default is HindIII restriction site
overhangs5	5' overhangs on the DNA resulted from the cutting
chromosomes	vector of chromosome number to focus on. Default all the chromosomes for the specified genome.
genomePack	name of the genome package to access the DNA sequence
wingc	size of the window upstream and downstream the restriction site used to calculate the GC content
mappability	a GRanges with a 'score' describing the mappability of the genome
winmap	size of the window upstream and downstream the restriction site used to calculate the mappability

**Details**

This function automatically annotate all the restriction sites of a given chromosome. The mappability is optional but strongly advice for Hi-C contact map normalization. This information can be easily download from public ressources like <ftp://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/gbdb/mm9/bbi/>.

**Value**

Returns a GRanges object annotation data upstream (U) and downstream (D) the restriction sites.

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[normLGF](#), [setGenomicFeatures](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Mappability data From http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/encodeDCC/wgEncodeMapability/
map_hg18<- import("wgEncodeCrgMapabilityAlign100mer.bw",format="BigWig")

## 1- Example of restriction sites annotation
cutSites <- getAnnotatedRestrictionSites(resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1, chromosomes="chr1", genomePack="BSgenomeHsapiens")

## End(Not run)
```

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getExpectedCounts	<i>Estimate expected interaction counts of a High-Throughput C intra-chromosomal map based on the genomic distance between two loci</i>
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**Description**

The expected interaction is defined as the linear relationship between the interaction counts and the distance between two loci. See details for additional informations.

**Usage**

```
getExpectedCounts(x, method=c("mean","loess"), asList=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
method	method used to estimate the expected counts based on the genomic distance. See details
asList	return the results as a list. Otherwise, return an object of class HTCexp
...	arguments for mean or loess method, see below

**Details**

The expected value is the interaction frequency between two loci that one would expect based on a sole dependency on the genomic proximity of these fragments in the linear genome. This can be estimated using two different methods, mean or loess.

The first method (default) is simply based on the mean counts of each diagonal. If logbin is false, the expected counts will be estimated for each bin of the contact maps. If logbin is true, the binsize will change according to the distance to the diagonal. Short (resp. long) distance will be estimated with smaller (larger) bins. This method works for all resolutions.

The second method is based on a Lowess regression model and works usually fine with low resolution data (250Kb to 1Mb). At higher resolution, the lowess regression might be difficult to fit. The lowess smoothing has two parameters : span and bin. The span corresponds to the fraction of the data used for smoothing. Instead of computing the local polynomial fitting at each data point, a window of size delta (bin parameter) is applied on the data and a linear interpolation is used to fill in the fitted values within the window. The default is 1% of the range of x. If delta=0 all but identical x values are estimated independently. The variance is then estimated using the same span and bin parameter, at each interpolation points. The points inside a window are weighted so that nearby points get the most weight (tricube weight function).

**Value**

A list with the expected interaction map and the estimated variance

**For 'mean' method**

**logbin** if true logarithm based bins are used. In practice, it means that the bin size will change as we move away from the diagonal

**step** multiplicative factor between each bin. Use if logbin is true

**filter.low** fraction of low counts to filter before normalizing. default: 0.05.

**For 'loess' method**

**span** fraction of the data used for smoothing at each x point.

**bin** interpolation parameter

**stdev** logical, calculate the variance

**plot** logical, display lowess smoothing and variance estimation points

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, B. Lajoie

**See Also**

[HTCexp-class](#), [normPerExpected](#), [normPerExpected](#), [lowess](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Estimate expected interaction from distance between intervals
E14.exp<-getExpectedCounts(E14$chrXchrX, method="loess", stdev=TRUE, plot=FALSE)
mapC(E14.exp)
```

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getPearsonMap	<i>Pearson correlation map</i>
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**Description**

Generate pearson correlation map, usually used to call chromosomal compartments

**Usage**

```
getPearsonMap(x, normPerExpected=TRUE, center=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
normPerExpected	normalized by expected interaction using the loess calculation of distance dependency. see normPerExpected
center	default=true. center the observed/expected map before calculating the Pearson correlation
...	additional parameters passed to normPerExpected

**Details**

The function returns an HTCexp object with Pearson correlation map. This is usually the first step of the Principal Component Analysis (see `pca.hic`). Centering the rows of the observed/expected matrix allows to avoid bias to due to ranges of interaction counts. If true, the correlation of small values should be as valuable as correlation of large values

**Value**

A HTCexp object

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, B. Lajoie, R. McCord

**See Also**

[normPerExpected](#)

**Examples**

```
## Get Lieberman-Aiden Hi-C data
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
import.my5C)
hiC <- HTClust(l)
```

```
## get Pearson correlation map
pm <- getPearsonMap(hiC$chr14chr14)
mapC(HTClist(pm), maxrange=1, col.pos=c("black","red"), col.neg=c("black","blue"))
```

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```
getRestrictionFragmentsPerChromosome
```

*Get a list of DNA restriction fragments*

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## Description

Performs the detection of restriction sites on a given genome and convert this information as a list of restriction fragments.

## Usage

```
getRestrictionFragmentsPerChromosome(resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1,
  chromosomes=NULL, genomePack="BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm9")
```

## Arguments

resSite	the sequence of the restriction site to look for. Default is HindIII restriction site
overhangs5	5' overhangs on the DNA resulted from the cutting
chromosomes	vector of chromosome number to focus on. Default all the chromosomes for the specified genome.
genomePack	name of the genome package to access the DNA sequence

## Value

Returns a GRanges object with all restriction fragments for a given genome/chromosome.

## Author(s)

N. Servant

## See Also

[normLGF](#), [setGenomicFeatures](#), [getAnnotatedRestrictionSites](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
## Mappability data From http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/encodeDCC/wgEncodeMapability/
map_hg18<- import("wgEncodeCrgMapabilityAlign100mer.bw",format="BigWig")

## 1- Get the list of restriction fragments for Human hg18 after HindIII digestion
resFrag <- getRestrictionFragmentsPerChromosome(resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1, chromosomes="chrX", genomePack="")

## End(Not run)
```

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HiTC-internal	<i>Internal HiTC functions</i>
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**Description**

Called internally by other HiTC functions. In theory, not called by the user.

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Servant

**See Also**

[HTCexp-class](#), [HTClist-class](#)

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HTCexp-class	<i>Class 'HTCexp'</i>
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**Description**

A class for representing high throughput Chromosome Conformation Capture data from next-generation sequencing experiments.

**Details**

The `normPerExpected` method estimates the expected interactions based on a the dependency on the genomic proximity between two loci. See [getExpectedCounts](#) function for details.

The `normPerTrans` method is based on the assumption that all trans contacts should be the same. Thus, the cis contacts can be normalized by the interaction level of trans data. The `xtrans` trans map has to share its 'xgi' ranges with the cis map, and the `ytrans` has to share its 'ygi' ranges with the cismap. The method is used to combine the normalization factor from x and y ranges. Must be 'sum', 'mult' or 'mean'.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created either by:

1. calls of the form `new("HTCexp", intdata, GRanges, GRanges)`.
2. using the auxiliary function `HTCexp` and supplying contact Matrix with x and y intervals definition. The `forceSymmetric` option can used to force intra-chromosomal contact maps to be stored as symmetrical matrix.

**Slots**

**intdata:** Dense or Sparse Matrix, holding the interaction level between each pairs of 'x-y' intervals. The 'y' intervals must be in rows, and the 'x' in columns.

**ygi:** Genomic ranges of y intervals; see class `granges` for details

**xgi:** Genomic ranges of x intervals; see class `granges` for details

**Methods**

**c(x, ...)** Combines 'x' and the `signature("HTCexp")` objects in '...' together. The results is an object of class `signature("HTCList")`

**detail(x)** `signature("HTCexp")`: a more detailed output of the experiment than provided by `show`.

**divide(x)** comparison of two `signature("HTCexp")` objects. Perform the division of the two contact matrices on the common 'x' and 'y' intervals. The operation is done only on the common intervals of both objects. If one of the two objects has a count to zero, the divided value will be NA

**intdata(x)** return the `intdata` Matrix counts. Note that triangular matrices are always returned as symmetric matrices.

**export(x)** Defunct. See `exportC` method

**isBinned** return TRUE if the data are binned. The method tests if the 'x' and 'y' genome intervals are the same, if 90% of the bins have the same size and if the full genomic range is covered

**forceSymmetric(x)** force the interaction data to 'symmetricMatrix'

**forceTriangular(x)** force the interaction data to triangular, ie. symmetric. Lower triangle of the matrix is set to zero, therefore reducing the size of the data in memory

**isIntraChrom(x)** return TRUE if the current `signature("HTCexp")` object contains intrachromosomal contact data

**isSymmetric(x)** return TRUE if the contact map is symmetrical, i.e inherits the `symmetricMatrix` class

**normPerReads(x)** normalize the contact matrix by the total number of reads of the matrix.

**normPerExpected(x, ...)** normalize the contact matrix by the expected number of reads based on the distance between two loci. See details.

**normPerZscore(x)** Defunct. See `normPerExpected` method

**normPerTrans(x, xtrans, ytrans, method="sum")** Normalize cis contact map based on the trans interactions. See details

**plot(x)** visualization method; Display an heatmap of the contact data. Refer to the documentation of `mapC` for more details of the plotting function

**range(x)** return the genomic range of the `signature("HTCexp")` object

**seq\_name(x)** Defunct. See `seqlevels` method

**seqlevels(x)** return the sequence levels of the `signature("HTCexp")` object

**show(x)** summarized output of the experiment, with informations about the data dimension and the genomic region studied



**subtract(x)** comparison of two signature("HTCexp") objects. Perform the subtraction of the two contact matrices on the common 'x' and 'y' intervals. The operation is done only on the common intervals of both objects. If one of the two objects has a count to zero, the divided value will be NA

**summary(x)** return descriptive summary statistics about the contact map

**x\_intervals(x)** return the xgi GRanges object defining the x intervals

**y\_intervals(x)** return the ygi GRanges object defining the y intervals

**xy\_intervals(x)** return both xgi and ygi objects as a GRangesList object

### Author(s)

Nicolas Servant

### See Also

[GRanges-class](#), [GRangesList-class](#), [Matrix-class](#)

### Examples

```
data(Nora_5C)

## HTCexp descriptio
show(E14)
detail(E14)

## Is binned data ?
isBinned(E14$chrXchrX)

## Is a inter or intrachromosomal experiment ?
isIntraChrom(E14$chrXchrX)

## Bin the data
E14.bin <- binningC(E14$chrXchrX, binsize=100000, step=3)

## Divide by expected interaction counts
E14norm<-normPerExpected(E14.bin)

## Operation on HTCexp object
E14_d_MEF<-divide(normPerReads(E14$chrXchrX), normPerReads(MEF$chrXchrX))
E14_s_MEF<-subtract(normPerReads(E14$chrXchrX), normPerReads(MEF$chrXchrX))

## Overlap with genomic annotation
require(rtracklayer)
gene <- import(file.path(system.file("extdata", package="HiTC"), "refseq_mm9_chrX_98831149_103425150.bed"), format="bed")
plot(E14$chrXchrX, tracks=list(RefSeqGene=gene))

## Not run:
## normPerTrans data normalization applied on \href{http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgFileUi?db=hg19&g=wgEncodeUm}
ENCODE=import.my5C("./ENM-GM12878-R1.matrix")

## Look at raw contact map
```

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mapC(ENCODE$chr7chr7)

## look at normalize by trans contact map
mapC(normPerTrans(ENCODE$chr7chr7, xtrans=ENCODE$chr7chr5, ytrans=ENCODE$chr5chr7))

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
## Export
exportC(E14$chrXchrX, con="E14.csv")

## End(Not run)

```

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HTClist-class

*Class 'HTClist'*


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## Description

A class for representing a list of high throughput Chromosome Conformation Capture data from next-generation sequencing experiments.

## Details

A signature("HTClist") is composed of a list of contact maps, representing the chromosomal interactions between pair of chromosomes.

The expected number of maps for a complete signature("HTClist") object should be equal to  $lchrs + (lchrs * (lchrs - 1) / 2)$ . In this case, the chr1-chr2 map is stored once, but the dataset is complete.

If a signature("HTClist") object is composed of all pairwise interaction maps, it means that the chr1-chr2 AND the chr2-chr1 maps will be stored. This way of storing the data is less memory efficient but can ease the use of some genome-wide algorithm.

Note that the getCombinedContact method should be used carefully. This method merges all single contact maps in one genome-wide map, therefore creating a very big matrix requiring memory space. However, this method is useful for many genome-wide analysis. The normPerExpected method applied to HTClist object is only available with the 'mean' method (see getExpectedCounts for details). In this case, the mean counts per distance are calculated over all intra-chromosomal maps.

## Constructor

The HTClist represents a list of HTCexp objects and can be created as follow :

HTClist(...): Creates a HTClist object using HTCexp objects supplied in '...'

## Methods

**c(x, ...)** Combines a signature("HTClist") object 'x' with signature("HTClist") or signature("HTCexp") objects in '...'. The results is an object of class signature("HTClist")

**detail(x)** signature("HTClist"): a more detailed output of the experiment than provided by show.

**forcePairwise(x)** return a signature("HTClist") with all the pairwise contact maps

**forceSymmetric(x)** return a signature("HTClist") with half of the pairwise contact maps

**isComplete(x)** Logical; true if 'x' contains all intra and interchromosomal maps

**isPairwise(x)** Logical; true if 'x' contains all interchromosomal pairs, i.e. chr1chr2 and chr2chr1

**isBinned(x)** applies 'isBinned' to each element in 'x'

**isIntraChrom(x)** applies 'isIntraChrom' to each element in 'x'

**getCombinedContacts(x)** merge all contact maps in a single big matrix

**getCombinedIntervals(x, merge=FALSE)** merge all x and y intervals in single GRangesList object, or in a single GRanges object if merge=TRUE

**normPerExpected(x)** normalized by genomic distance all intra-chromosomal maps. See details

**ranges(x)** applies 'range' to each element in 'x'

**range(x)** return the reduce range of all elements in 'x'

**reduce(x, chr, cis=TRUE, trans=TRUE, extend=FALSE)** reduce a HTClist object to the list of provided chromosomes. Intra/Interchromosomal maps are returned according to the cis and trans args. If extend = True, all maps involving one of the chromosomes are returned

**seqlevels(x)** return the sequence levels of all elements in 'x'

**as.list(x)** coercion to simple list object

**names(x)** get the names of the elements

**show(x)** summarized output of the experiment, with informations about the data dimension

**summary(x)** return descriptive summary statistics for each interaction map

**x[i ]** Get elements i from x. Can be the positional index or its name.

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Servant

**See Also**[GRangesList-class](#), [HTCexp-class](#)**Examples**

```
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
            import.my5C)
hiC <- HTClist(l)
names(hiC)

## Methods
ranges(hiC)
range(hiC)
isComplete(hiC)
```

```
isPairwise(hiC)
isBinned(hiC)
isIntraChrom(hiC)
seqlevels(hiC)
```

---

`import.my5C`*Import data from my5C webtool*

---

### Description

Import data from my5C webtool

### Usage

```
import.my5C(file, allPairwise=FALSE, rm.trans=FALSE, lazyload=FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>file</code>	input file from the my5C webtool
<code>allPairwise</code>	logical; generate all pairwise chromosomal contact maps, i.e chr1-chr2, chr2-chr1
<code>rm.trans</code>	if true, only intra-chromosomal maps are loaded
<code>lazyload</code>	logical; force the intra-chromosomal contact maps to be stored as triangular matrix

### Details

This function allows data import from the [the my5C webtool](#).

The matrix format is a tab-delimited format, corresponding to the contact map. The rownames and columnnames are splitted to created the genome intervals (example : REV\_2|mm9|chrX:98831149-98834145).

The `allPairwise` option is not necessary in case of symetric design. Otherwise, it will return all the pairwise contact maps.

The matrix will be stored as a matrix inheriting from `Matrix` class. If `forcesymmetrical=TRUE`, the intrachromosomal matrix as coerced to `symmetricMatrix` class allowing a much more efficient memory usage.

### Value

A `HTClist` object

### Author(s)

N. Servant

**See Also**

[HTClist-class](#), [HTCexp-class](#), [importC](#), [Matrix-class](#), [symmetricMatrix-class](#)

**Examples**

```
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
## Load my5C matrix format
hiC<-import.my5C(file.path(exDir,"HIC_gm06690_chr14_chr14_1000000_obs.txt"))
detail(hiC)
```

---

importC

*Import high-throughput 'C' data*


---

**Description**

Import 5C or Hi-C data from list file

**Usage**

```
importC(con, xgi.bed, ygi.bed=NULL, allPairwise=FALSE,
rm.trans=FALSE, lazyload=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

con	input csv file. See details
xgi.bed	BED file describing the 'x' Intervals (i.e. column names) of the contact map
ygi.bed	BED file describing the 'y' intervals (i.e. row names) of the contact map
allPairwise	logical; generate all pairwise chromosomal contact maps, i.e chr1-chr2, chr2-chr1
rm.trans	if true, returns only intra-chromosomal maps
lazyload	logical; see details

**Details**

This function import high-throughput data from a tab list file.

The standard format for 5C/Hi-C data is the following :

```
** One list file (tab delimited) bin1 bin2 x12 bin1 bin3 x13 ... ** The BED file(s) describing the
intervals ('xgi.bed' and 'ygi.bed' are usually the same for Hi-C but can be different for 5C data)
chr1 1 1000000 bin1 chr1 1000001 2000000 bin2 ...
```

Note that this format is particularly interesting for sparse data as only non null values are stored.

The lazyload option allow to reduce the memory size of imported object. Therefore, only half of inter-chromosomal maps are stored. And intra-chromosomal maps are stored as sparse triangular matrix. Note that even if the contact maps are stored as triangular matrix, the indata method always returns a symmetrical map.

**Value**

A HTClust object

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[exportC](#), [import.my5C](#), [HTCexp-class](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Nora_5C)

## Data binning
E14.bin<-binningC(E14$chrXchrX)

## Export the new intervals definition
exportC(E14.bin, file="E14")

##Import
importC(con="E14.count", xgi="E14_xgi.bed", ygi="E14_ygi.bed")

## End(Not run)
```

---

intervalsDist

*intervalsDist*


---

**Description**

Compute the distance of intrachromosomal contacts of a 'C' experiment

**Usage**

```
intervalsDist(x, use.zero=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`x` object that inherits from class HTCexp  
`use.zero` if FALSE, the distance for non interacting regions (zero counts) are not reported

**Details**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are the two sets of intervals and  $s$  and  $e$ , the start and end of an interval, the distance is calculated as :

$$\min(|A_e - B_s|, |A_s - B_e|)$$

Only intrachromosomal contact maps can be use for this operation.

**Value**

A matrix of distances between genomic intervals

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[HTCexp-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Calculate distances between primers/intervals
d<-intervalsDist(E14$chrXchrX)
```

---

mapC

*Visualize 'C' contact map*

---

**Description**

Visualize 'C' contact map

**Details**

This function implements the `plot` method for objects of class `HTCexp` and `HTClist`.

By default, the `trim.range` value is fixed so that the 98th percentile (resp. 2th percentile) of each interaction matrix is discarded. It therefore allow to remove the extreme values from the matrix, but each map is plotted independently. If the `maxrange` argument is set, data higher that this threshold will be fixed to the `maxrange` value for all maps. In addition, color ranges are ajusted in a way that all maps are plotted within the same color range allowing visual maps comparison.

The `HTCexp` and `HTClist` are not represented in the same way. The heatmap view is used to display the `HTClist` objects in two dimension. This view is mainly useful to have an overview of the data, as Hi-C data. The triangle view is used for `HTCexp` only and represent the top-right part the interaction matrix. If two `HTCexp` objects are specified, they will be displayed in order to compare both contact maps. The two maps have to be binned to ensure comparison between genomic ranges.

Annotation tracks can be added to both views. In case of binned data, the exact genomic positions of each features are takken into account. Otherwise, the 'C' intervals which overlap with the annotation features are colored.

**Value**

Returns NULL; this function is called for the side-effect of creating the plot.

**For HTCexp and HTClisT objects**

**x** object that inherits from class HTCexp or HTClisT

**tracks** List of GRanges objects of data to display as annotation track(s)

**minrange** the minimum range of values used to define the color palette

**maxrange** the maximum range of values used to define the color palette

**trim.range** define the maxrange and minrange values using the percentile of the interaction matrix

**show.zero** logical; plot the zero values

**show.na** logical; show the NA values in gray

**log.data** logical; do you want to log the data before plotting the heatmap

**col.pos** color for (low,mid,high) positive contact counts. Must be a vectore of size 3. mid can be NA

**col.neg** color for (low,mid,high) negative contact counts. Must be a vectore of size 3. mid can be NA

**col.na** color for NA values

**grid** logical; add a grid on the heatmap

**title** character; add a title to the HTCexp plot(s)

**value** logical; display the contact values on the matrix. Useful for small matrices

**For HTCexp objects only**

**y** optional. object that inherits from class HTCexp.

**For HTClisT objects only**

**names** logical; display the names of the intervals. Useful for small matrices

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, B. Lajoie

**See Also**

[HTCexp-class](#), [HTClisT-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Contact map
## HTClisT view
mapC(E14)

## HTCexp view
mapC(E14$chrXchrX)

## Play with contrast and color
```



```
mapC(E14$chrXchrX, maxrange=100, col.pos=c("black","red","yellow"))

## Add annotation and change view
require(rtracklayer)
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
gene <- import(file.path(exDir,"refseq_mm9_chrX_98831149_103425150.bed"), format="bed")
mapC(E14$chrXchrX, tracks=list(Refseq=gene))

## Compare two samples
mapC(binningC(E14$chrXchrX), binningC(MEF$chrXchrX), tracks=list(Refseq=gene))
```

---

Nora\_5C

*HiTC - 5C data*

---

## Description

5C data described by Nora et al. (2012)

## Usage

```
data(Nora_5C)
```

## Format

Contains two `HTClist` objects (E14 and MEF). Each of them containing the ChrX intrachromosomal maps as a `HTCexp` object.

## Details

This 5C dataset published by Nora et al ([GSE35721](#)), contains two different samples, a male undifferentiated ES cells (E14, GSM873935) and a mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEF, GSM873924). This dataset is mainly used to describe the available functionalities of the HiTC package. The data provided with the package are count data.

## Source

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE35721>

## References

Nora EP, Lajoie BR, Schulz EG, Giorgetti L et al. Spatial partitioning of the regulatory landscape of the X-inactivation centre. *Nature* 2012 Apr 11;485(7398):381-5. PMID: 22495304

## Examples

```
data(Nora_5C)
show(E14)
show(MEF)
```

---

`normICE`*Iterative Correction of Hi-C data (ICE)*

---

**Description**

Iterative correction leverages the unique pairwise genome-wide structure of Hi-C data to decompose the data into a set of biases and a map of relative contact probabilities between any two genomic loci, achieving equal visibility across all genomic regions.

**Usage**

```
normICE(x, max_iter=50, eps=1e-4, sparse.filter=0.02)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object that inherits from class <code>HTCexp</code>
<code>max_iter</code>	maximum number of iteration
<code>eps</code>	the relative increment in the results before declaring convergence
<code>sparse.filter</code>	Define which pourcentage of bins with high sparsity should be force to zero

**Details**

The normalization of Hi-C data is based on matrix balancing algorithm which consists of iteratively estimating the matrix bias using the  $l_1$  norm. The method implemented here is the Sinkhorn-Knopp algorithm as used in the Imakaev et al. paper. Note that the original method is applied on the genome-wide Hi-C map, but that the method could be applied on intra-chromosomal maps at high resolution.

**Value**

Returns a `HTCexp` object with a corrected contact map.

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, N. Varoqaux

**References**

Imakaev M, Fudenberg G, McCord RP, Naumova N, Goloborodko A, Lajoie BR, Dekker J, Mirny LA. Iterative correction of Hi-C data reveals hallmarks of chromosome organization. *Nat Methods*. 2012 Oct;9(10):999-1003.

**See Also**

[normLGF](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
##Lieberman data
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
            import.my5C)
hiC <- HTcList(l)
hiC <- hiC[isIntraChrom(hiC)]

## Run ICE
hiC_iced <- HTcList(lapply(hiC, normICE))

## End(Not run)
```

---

normLGF

*Local Genomic Feature (LGF) normalization*

---

**Description**

Parametric model to remove systematic biases in the raw contact maps

**Usage**

```
normLGF(x, family=c("poisson", "nb"))
```

**Arguments**

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
family	parametric model to fit (poisson or nb)

**Details**

This function implements the HiCNorm method proposed by Hu et al. Briefly, the method uses a generalized linear model to correct the systematic biases (effective fragment length, GC content, mappability) in a Hi-C contact map.

**Value**

Returns a HTCexp object with a normalized contact map.

**Author(s)**

N. Servant, M. Hu, S. Selvaraj

**References**

Hu M, Deng K, Selvaraj S, Qin Z, Ren B, Liu JS. HiCNorm: removing biases in Hi-C data via Poisson regression. *Bioinformatics*. 2012;28(23):3131-3.

**See Also**

[getAnnotatedRestrictionSites](#), [setGenomicFeatures](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
require(HiTC)
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)

##Lieberman data
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
            import.my5C)
hiC <- HTCList(l)
hiC <- hiC[isIntraChrom(hiC)]
names(hiC)

## Mappability data From http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/encodeDCC/wgEncodeMapability/
map_hg18<- import("wgEncodeCrgMapabilityAlign100mer.bw", format="BigWig")

## Get the genomic feature of the chromosome 12
hiC_annot <- HTCList(lapply(hiC, setGenomicFeatures, resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1, genomePack="BSgenome.Hsapie
hiC_annot$chr12chr12

## Normalize the data
hiCnorm <- HTCList(lapply(hiC_annot, normLGF))

## End(Not run)
```

---

pca.hic

*Perform Principle Component Analysis on Hi-C contact map*

---

**Description**

Perform Principle Component Analysis on Hi-C contact map

**Usage**

```
pca.hic(x, normPerExpected=TRUE, npc=2, asGRangesList=TRUE,
gene.gr=NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**x** object that inherits from class HTCexp

**normPerExpected** normalized by expected interaction using the loess calculation of distance dependency. see normPerExpected

npc	numeric; number of first principal component to return
asGRangesList	if TRUE a GRangesList object is returned where the scores represent the eigen-vector
gene.gr	object of class GenomicRanges describing the genes position. If used, the A/B compartments classes are defined based on gene density
...	additional parameters passed to normPerExpected function

### Details

This method was apply by Lieberman-Aiden et al. 2009 to correlate the annotation profiles (genes, ChIP-seq, etc.) with the topological domains observed in Hi-C (see Fig3G of Lieberman-Aiden et al. 2009)

### Value

A list with the eigen vector(s) of the npc first principal component(s), and their importance

### Author(s)

N. Servant, B. Lajoie, R. McCord

### See Also

[normPerExpected](#)

### Examples

```
## Get Lieberman-Aiden Hi-C data
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
import.my5C)
hiC <- HTcList(l)

## Performed PCA
pr<-pca.hic(hiC$chr14chr14, npc=1, asGRangesList=TRUE)
```

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removeIntervals	<i>Remove intervals from HTCexp object</i>
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### Description

Remove primers intervals from HTCexp object

### Usage

```
removeIntervals(x, ids)
```

**Arguments**

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
ids	character; vector of primers Ids to remove from the object

**Value**

A HTCexp object without the discarded intervals

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[GRanges-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

## Remove intervals from a HTCexp object
removeIntervals(E14$chrXchrX, ids=c("5C_938_XIC-3_REV_2", "5C_938_XIC-3_REV_4"))
```

---

setGenomicFeatures      *Annotation of Hi-C contact map*

---

**Description**

Annotate a Hi-C contact map with the genomic local features (i.e. GC content, mappability, effective fragment length)

**Usage**

```
setGenomicFeatures(x, cutSites, minFragMap=.5, effFragLen=1000)
```

**Arguments**

x	HTCexp object to annotate
cutSites	GRangesList or GRanges object with restriction sites annotation obtained using the getAnnotatedRestrictionSites function
minFragMap	Minimum Fragment Mappability. All fragments with a lower mappability are not used for the annotation.
effFragLen	Effective Fragment Length. Size of specific fragment ligation

**Details**

The function require the restriction sites annotation as provided by the `getAnnotatedRestrictionSites` function. The restriction sites are first filtered according to their mappability. This threshold has to be defined according to the data pre-processing. All remaining restriction sites are then intersected with the genomic bins of the contact map. All restriction sites included within a bin are averaged. The effective fragment length is defined as the size of specific ligation product. (See Yaffe and Tanay, 2011). In this paper, the authors define specific ligation as sum of distance to cutter sites  $(d1+d2) \leq 500$  bp. Such criterion implies that  $d1 \leq 500$  bp and  $d2 \leq 500$  bp. So for each fragment end, only reads mapped within 500 bp to cutter sites are used for downstream analysis. All defaults paramters correspond to the ones used in the HiCNorm method.

**Value**

Returns a HTCexp object with local genomic features annotations.

**Author(s)**

N. Servant

**See Also**

[normLGF](#), [setGenomicFeatures](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
require(rtracklayer)

##Lieberman data
exDir <- system.file("extdata", package="HiTC")
l <- sapply(list.files(exDir, pattern=paste("HIC_gm06690_"), full.names=TRUE),
            import.my5C)
hiC <- HTClust(l)
hiC <- hiC[isIntraChrom(hiC)]
names(hiC)

## Mappability data From http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/encodeDCC/wgEncodeMapability/
map_hg18<- import("wgEncodeCrgMapabilityAlign100mer.bw", format="BigWig")

## Get the genomic feature of the HiC chr12 data
cutSites <- getAnnotatedRestrictionSites(resSite="AAGCTT", overhangs5=1, chromosomes=seqlevels(hiC), genomePack=

chr12_annot <- setGenomicFeatures(hiC$chr12chr12, cutSites)

## End(Not run)
```

---

setIntervalScale      *Set x and y interval of the HTCexp object*

---

### Description

Set x and y interval of the HTCexp object and update the contact map accordingly

### Usage

```
setIntervalScale(x, xgi, ygi, upa=TRUE, method=c("sum", "median", "mean"),
use.zero=TRUE, optimize.by = c("speed", "memory"))
```

### Arguments

x	object that inherits from class HTCexp
ygi	y intervals; see class GRanges for details
xgi	x intervals; see class GRanges for details
upa	logical; unique primer assignment. Allow one primer to belong to one or several bins
method	the method used to combine the counts. Must be 'mean', 'median' or 'sum'
use.zero	logical; use the zero values in the method calculation
optimize.by	"speed" will use faster methods but more RAM, and "memory" will be slower, but require less RAM

### Details

Define new contact map based on the specified xgi and ygi intervals.

This function has to be used carefully and can has important impact on the contact map. It is important to note that the setIntervalScale function is different from the binningC function in the way that the output is not symmetrical.

### Value

A HTCexp object

### Author(s)

N. Servant

### See Also

[HTCexp-class](#)



**Examples**

```
data(Nora_5C)

E14.bin<-binningC(E14$chrXchrX)

## I have two HTCexp samples defined with different intervals.
show(E14.bin)
show(MEF$chrXchrX)

## How to compare them ?
## One idea is to force the intervals definition of one object using the
## intervals of the other.

setIntervalScale(MEF$chrXchrX, xgi=x_intervals(E14.bin), ygi=y_intervals(E14.bin))
```

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