

# Package ‘HiCaptuRe’

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**Description** Capture Hi-C is a set of techniques that enable the detection of genomic interactions involving regions of interest, known as baits. By focusing on selected loci, these approaches reduce sequencing costs while maintaining high resolution at the level of restriction fragments. Hi-CaptuRe provides tools to import, annotate, manipulate, and export Capture Hi-C data. The package accounts for the specific structure of bait–otherEnd interactions, facilitates integration with other omics datasets, and enables comparison across samples and conditions.

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Description

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/LaureTomas/HiCaptuRe>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/LaureTomas/HiCaptuRe/issues>

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`.annotate_BOE`*Annotates interactions into B\_B or B\_OE*

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**Description**

This internal function annotate a HiCaptuRe object based on the presence or not of annotation in a given restriction fragment

**Usage**

```
.annotate_BOE(interactions)
```

**Arguments**

`interactions`    HiCaptuRe object from [load\\_interactions](#)

**Value**

HiCaptuRe object with the column int updated

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`annotate_interactions`    *Annotates HiCaptuRe object from load\_interactions*

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**Description**

This function annotate a HiCaptuRe object from `load_interactions`, based on a given annotations file

**Usage**

```
annotate_interactions(interactions, annotation, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`interactions`    HiCaptuRe object from [load\\_interactions](#)  
`annotation`    full path to annotations file or a dataframe with 5 columns: chr, start, end, fragmentID, annotation  
`...`    additional parameters for fread

Value

HiCaptuRe object annotated, with columns bait\_1 and bait\_2 substituted based on the given annotation

Examples

```
annotation <- system.file("extdata", "annotation_example.txt", package = "HiCaptuRe")
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
interactions <- annotate_interactions(interactions = interactions, annotation = annotation)
```

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| constants | <i>Column name constants for format detection and export</i> |
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Description

‘.IBED\_COLS’ and ‘.PEAKMATRIX\_COLS’ store canonical column names for ibed and peakmatrix formats. These are used in both ‘.detect\_format()’ and export functions to avoid repetition and ensure consistency between import and export.

Usage

```
.IBED_COLS
```

Format

An object of class character of length 10.

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| digest_genome | <i>Digest genome for a specific restriction enzyme</i> |
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Description

This function takes a genome installed and generates its digest for a given restriction enzyme

Usage

```
digest_genome(
  genome = "GRCh38",
  RE_name = "HindIII",
  motif = NULL,
  cut_position = NULL,
  select_chr = c(seq_len(22), "X", "Y"),
  PAR_mask = TRUE,
  PAR_file = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| genome       | character with the name of the genome version                                                                                  |
| RE_name      | name of the restriction enzyme                                                                                                 |
| motif        | recognition motif of the restriction enzyme                                                                                    |
| cut_position | cut position of the restriction enzyme inside the motif                                                                        |
| select_chr   | a character vector containing the specific chromosomes to used from this genome, if NULL all chromosomes will be used          |
| PAR_mask     | a logical value where the Y chromosome should exclude the Pseudoautosomical Regions (PAR) or not                               |
| PAR_file     | a full path to a file containing the coordinates of Y chromosome PAR with at least 3 columns with header: seqnames, start, end |
| ...          | extra arguments for read.table                                                                                                 |

**Value**

list object with 2 elements: a dataframe with the digested genome, and a the parameters used for the digestion.

**Note**

The package provides for a PAR coordinates file only for Homo sapiens for the genome version 38  
The package provides the motives and cut positions for several restriction enzymes (HindIII, MboI, DpnII, EcoRI, BamHI)

**Examples**

```
digest <- digest_genome(genome = "GRCh38", RE_name = "HindIII", select_chr = "19")
```

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| distance_summary | <i>Computes the number of interactions by distance</i> |
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**Description**

This function computes the number of interactions by distance for a given GenomicInteractions object

**Usage**

```
distance_summary(interactions, breaks = seq(0, 10^6, 10^5), sample = "sample")
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| interactions | GenomicInteractions object from <a href="#">load_interactions</a> |
| breaks       | vector with breaks for split distances                            |
| sample       | character variable with the name of the sample                    |

**Value**

list with 2 tables: short\_int\_dist\_table and long\_int\_dist\_table, with the number of short interactions and long interactions respectively

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
df <- distance_summary(interactions = interactions1)
```

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| export_interactions | <i>Export interactions in the desired output format</i> |
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**Description**

This function exports interactions in different formats

**Usage**

```
export_interactions(
  interactions,
  file,
  format = "ibed",
  over.write = FALSE,
  cutoff = 5,
  parameters = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                        |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| interactions | GenomicInteractions object from <a href="#">load_interactions</a>                      |
| file         | full path to desired output file (ibed, peakmatrix, washU, washUold, cytoscape, bedpe) |
| format       | type of output format (ibed, peakmatrix, washU, washUold, cytoscape, bedpe, seqmonk)   |
| over.write   | TRUE/FALSE to over write the output file                                               |
| cutoff       | Chicago score cutoff to export interactions                                            |
| parameters   | TRUE/FALSE to also export the parameters of the given object                           |

**Value**

tibble object with the ibed table and save it in the desired output file

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
export_interactions(interactions = interactions, file = tempfile(), format = "ibed", over.write = TRUE)
```

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getters

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*Internal functions to access data held in a HiCaptuRe object.*


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**Description**

Use these functions to access data stored in each of the slots of a HiCapture object.

**Usage**

```
getParameters(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getParameters(x)

getByBaits(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getByBaits(x)

getByRegions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getByRegions(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A HiCaptuRe object

**Value**

**getParameters(x)** A named list of named vectors with all parameters used.  
**getByBaits(x)** A list of tibbles with bait-centric summaries.  
**getByRegions(x)** A list of ‘GRanges’ with region-centric summaries.

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
getParameters(interactions)

baits <- c("ENST00000332235", "ENST00000516525")
```

```
interactions_baits <- interactionsByBaits(interactions = interactions, baits = baits)
getByBaits(interactions_baits)

regions <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(seqnames = 19, ranges = IRanges::IRanges(start = c(500000, 1000000), end = c(5100000, 1000000))
interactions_regions <- interactionsByRegions(interactions = interactions, regions = regions)
getByRegions(interactions_regions)
```

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| HiCaptuRe-class | <i>HiCaptuRe Class</i> |
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**Description**

A S4 class to represent interactions between genomic regions

**Slots**

- parameters List of parameters used to create the object and subsequence analysis
- ByBaits List of Baits used by [interactionsByBaits](#).
- ByRegions List of Regions used by [interactionsByRegions](#)

**Note**

This class contains a [GenomicInteractions](#) object inside therefore all methods available to it can be used. This type of object should be created through the function [load\\_interactions](#)

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| interactionsByBaits | <i>Filters HiCaptuRe object by baits</i> |
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**Description**

This function filters a HiCaptuRe object from load\_interactions by a set of given bait(s)

**Usage**

```
interactionsByBaits(interactions, baits, sep = ",", invert = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- interactions a HiCaptuRe object
- baits character vector containing bait names
- sep character separating baits names when several baits in same fragment
- invert TRUE/FALSE if need those interactions that do NOT contain the given baits



**Value**

The returned object includes a filtered set of interactions and updates the ByBaits slot with a tibble summarizing bait-wise interaction statistics (number of interactions, other ends, etc.). Baits that are not present in the interaction data will have empty statistics.

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
baits <- c("ENST00000332235", "ENST00000516525")
interactions_baits <- interactionsByBaits(interactions = interactions, baits = baits)
```

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interactionsByRegions *Filters HiCaptuRe object by overlapping regions*

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**Description**

This function filters a HiCaptuRe object from load\_interactions by overlapping regions

**Usage**

```
interactionsByRegions(
  interactions,
  regions,
  chr = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  invert = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| interactions | HiCaptuRe object                                                            |
| regions      | full path to regions file (bed format) or a GRanges object                  |
| chr          | column name of chromosome values                                            |
| start        | column name of start positions                                              |
| end          | column name of end positions                                                |
| invert       | TRUE/FALSE if need those interactions that do NOT overlaps with any regions |

**Value**

HiCaptuRe object filtered by regions, by default with additional columns regarding overlap on each node. If invert=T no additional columns. And an additional slot ByRegions with region-centric statistics

**Examples**

```

ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
regions <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(seqnames = 19, ranges = IRanges::IRanges(start = c(500000, 1000000), end = c(5100000, 10100000)))
interactions_regions <- interactionsByRegions(interactions = interactions, regions = regions)

```

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intersect\_interactions

*Computes the intersect between a list of interactions objects*

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**Description**

This function computes all the possible intersects for a given list of HiCaptuRe objects

**Usage**

```
intersect_interactions(interactions_list, distance.boxplot = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**interactions\_list** list of HiCaptuRe objects from [load\\_interactions](#)

**distance.boxplot** logical, by default FALSE, plot a boxplot of log10 distance of each intersection in the upset plot

**...** extra arguments for UpSetR

**Value**

A list with:

**intersections** A named list of intersected HiCaptuRe objects

**upset** An UpSetR plot

**venn** A ggVennDiagram plot (NULL if > 7 sets)

**Examples**

```

ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
ibed2 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed2_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions2 <- load_interactions(ibed2, select_chr = "19")
interactions_list <- list(ibed1 = interactions1, ibed2 = interactions2)
intersection <- intersect_interactions(interactions_list = interactions_list)

```

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| load_interactions | <i>Loads interaction file into GenomicInteractions Object</i> |
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**Description**

This function loads interaction files from Chicago R package into a GenomicInteractions Object, and remove possible duplicated interactions

**Usage**

```
load_interactions(file, sep = "\t", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                          |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| file | full path to the interaction file (seqmonk, ibed, washU) |
| sep  | separator to read the file                               |
| ...  | arguments to pass to <a href="#">digest_genome</a>       |

**Value**

HiCaptuRe object

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
```

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| peakmatrix2list | <i>Creates a list of HiCaptuRe objects based on a peakmatrix</i> |
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**Description**

This function creates a list of HiCaptuRe objects separating all the samples included on a peakmatrix.

**Usage**

```
peakmatrix2list(peakmatrix, cutoff = 5)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| peakmatrix | HiCaptuRe object of a peakmatrix             |
| cutoff     | Chicago score cut-off to filter interactions |

**Value**

A named list of HiCaptuRe objects, each corresponding to a sample (inferred from CS\_\* columns in the peakmatrix).

**Examples**

```
peakmatrix <- system.file("extdata", "peakmatrix_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(peakmatrix, select_chr = "19")
interactions_list <- peakmatrix2list(peakmatrix = interactions)
```

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plot\_distance\_summary *Generate the plot based on distance output*

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**Description**

This function plots the distances by different approaches for the output of distance\_summary

**Usage**

```
plot_distance_summary(distances, type_of_value = "absolute")
```

**Arguments**

distances      dataframes output from [distance\\_summary](#)  
 type\_of\_value    an element from: absolute, by\_int\_type, by\_total

**Details**

The type\_of\_value argument could be: Absolute: plots the Absolute number of interactions. By\_int\_type: plots the number of interactions divided by the total number of interactions of each type. By\_total: plots the number of interactions divided by the total number of interactions

**Value**

list with the plots

**Examples**

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
df <- distance_summary(interactions = interactions1)
plots <- plot_distance_summary(distances = df)
```

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**setters***Functions to set data held in a HiCapture object.*

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**Description**

Use these functions to set data stored in each of the slots of a HiCapture object.

**Usage**

```
.setParameters(x, y)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCapture,list'
.setParameters(x, y)

.setByBaits(x, y)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCapture,list'
.setByBaits(x, y)

.setByRegions(x, y)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCapture,list'
.setByRegions(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                                                                               |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | A HiCapture object                                                                            |
| y | Data to add (parameters, tibble with bait-centric information or GRanges with region-centric) |

**Value**

A HiCapture object

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