

# Package ‘CexoR’

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**Description** Strand specific peak-pair calling in ChIP-exo replicates. The cumulative Skellam distribution function is used to detect significant normalised count differences of opposed sign at each DNA strand (peak-pairs). Then, irreproducible discovery rate for overlapping peak-pairs across biological replicates is computed.

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CexoR-package

*An R package to uncover high-resolution protein-DNA interactions in ChIP-exo replicates*

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## Description

Strand specific peak-pair calling in ChIP-exo replicates. The cumulative Skellam distribution function (package 'skellam') is used to detect significant normalised count differences of opposed sign at each DNA strand (peak-pairs). Irreproducible discovery rate for overlapping peak-pairs across biological replicates is estimated using the package 'idr'.

## Details

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
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| Type:     | Package                             |
| Version:  | 1.35.1                              |
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## References

Madrigal P (2015) CexoR: an R/Bioconductor package to uncover high-resolution protein-DNA interactions in ChIP-exo replicates. *EMBNet.journal* 21: e837.

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Li Q, Brown J, Huang H, Bickel P (2011) Measuring reproducibility of high-throughput experiments. *Ann Appl Stat* 5: 1752-1779.

Rhee HS, Pugh BF (2011) Comprehensive genome-wide protein-DNA interactions detected at single-nucleotide resolution. *Cell* 147: 1408-1419.

## Examples

```
## hg19. chr2:1-1,000,000. CTCF data from Rhee and Pugh (2011)
owd <- setwd( tempdir() )

rep1 <- "CTCF_rep1_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
rep2 <- "CTCF_rep2_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
rep3 <- "CTCF_rep3_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
r1 <- system.file( "extdata", rep1, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )
r2 <- system.file( "extdata", rep2, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )
r3 <- system.file( "extdata", rep3, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )
```

```
chipexo <- cexor( bam=c(r1,r2,r3), chrN="chr2", chrL=1e6, idr=0.01, p=1e-12, N=3e4 )
plotcexor( bam=c(r1,r2,r3), peaks=chipexo, EXT=500 )
setwd( owd )
```

CexoR

*CexoR internal functions***Description**

Internal undocumentation functions

cexor

*ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates***Description**

ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

**Usage**

```
cexor(bam, chrN, chrL, p=1e-9, dpeaks=c(0,150), dpairs=100, idr=0.01,
N=5e6, bedfile=TRUE, mu=2.6, sigma=1.3, rho=0.8, prop=0.7)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| bam     | BAM alignment files of biological replicates.  |
| chrN    | Vector of chromosome names.  |
| chrL    | Vector of chromosome sizes (bp).   |
| p       | P-value cutoff (should be relaxed, e.g. 1e-3, to allow the correct estimation of the irreproducible discovery rate (idr). However, this depends on the sequencing depth. For datasets with high number of tag counts, 1e-9 can be appropriate. See the vignette for more information.) |
| dpeaks  | Min. and max. allowed distance between peak pairs located at opposed strands in a replicate (bp).  |
| dpairs  | Max. allowable distance between peak-pair centres across replicates (bp).  |
| idr     | Irreproducible discovery rate cutoff [0-1].  |
| N       | Genome is divided in blocks of N bp. for processing. N must be not higher than the size of the smallest chromosome.  |
| bedfile | Generate BED files of ChIP-exo reproducible peak pairs.  |
| mu      | A starting value for the mean of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).   |
| sigma   | A starting value for the standard deviation of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).   |
| rho     | A starting value for the correlation coefficient of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).  |
| prop    | A starting value for the proportion of reproducible component (see 'idr' package).   |

## Details

Strand specific peak-pair calling in ChIP-exo replicates. The cumulative Skellam distribution function (package 'skellam') is used to detect significant normalized count differences of opposed sign at each DNA strand (peak-pairs). Irreproducible discovery rate for overlapping peak-pairs across biological replicates is estimated using the package 'idr'. The internal functions `pskellam` and `pskellam.sp` from the Jerry W. Lewis' 'skellam' R package (version 0.0-8-7) are used to calculate the cumulative Skellam distribution (see LICENSE file).

## Value

A list containing the following elements:

- `bindingEvents` A GRanges object with reproducible peak pair locations. The metadata 'value' indicates the Irreproducible discovery rate (IDR) estimated at this region, while 'repI.neg.log10pvalue' indicates  $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$  for the replicate I. 'Stouffer.pvalue' and 'Fisher.pvalue' report the combined p-value considering they come from independent significance tests.
- `bindingCentres` A GRanges object with centre position of reproducible peak pair locations. The metadata 'value' indicates the Irreproducible discovery rate (IDR) estimated at this region, while 'repI.neg.log10pvalue' indicates  $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$  for the replicate I. 'Stouffer.pvalue' and 'Fisher.pvalue' report the combined p-value considering they come from independent significance tests.
- `pairedPeaksRep1` A GRangesList object with the location of peak pairs retrieved at each replicate. The metadata 'score' indicates  $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$ .

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## See Also

[CexoR-package](#)

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plotcexor(bam=c(r1,r2,r3), peaks=chipexo, EXT=500)
```

```
setwd(owd)
```

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plotcexor

*Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates*

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## Description

Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

## Usage

```
plotcexor(bam, peaks, EXT=500)
```

## Arguments

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| bam   | BAM alignment files of biological replicates.   |
| peaks | Object (list) output of the function 'cexor'.   |
| EXT   | Extension (bp) upstream and downstream the central position of reproducible peak pair locations for visualization purposes. |

## Details

Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

## Value

R plot.

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