

# Package ‘CircaCP’

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**Title** Sleep and Circadian Metrics Estimation from Actigraphy Data

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**Description** A generic sleep–wake cycle detection algorithm for analyzing unlabeled actigraphy data. The algorithm has been validated against event markers using data from the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) Sleep study, and its methodological details are described in Chen and Sun (2024) <[doi:10.1098/rsos.231468](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.231468)>. The package provides functions to estimate sleep metrics (e.g., sleep and wake on-set times) and circadian rhythm metrics (e.g., mesor, phasor, interdaily stability, intradaily variability), as well as tools for screening actigraphy quality, fitting cosinor models, and performing parametric change point detection. The workflow can also be used to segment long actigraphy sequences into regularized structures for physical activity research.

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actigraphy	<i>Example Actigraphy Dataset</i>
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### Description

A single-subject actigraphy dataset from the NHANES 2013–2014 study, provided as an example for demonstrating the CircaCP workflow.

### Usage

```
actigraphy
```

### Format

A data frame with one row per recorded epoch and the following variables:

**Date** Date of recording (synthetic or reconstructed from NHANES information).

**Time** Time of day corresponding to each observation.

**Lux** Light intensity.

**SDLux** Short-term variability of light intensity.

**MIMS** Activity magnitude calculated using the MIMS algorithm.

**X** Raw or calibrated X-axis signal from the accelerometer.

**Y** Raw or calibrated Y-axis signal from the accelerometer.

**Z** Raw or calibrated Z-axis signal from the accelerometer.

### Source

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2013–2014.

### Examples

```
data(actigraphy)
head(actigraphy)
```

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cp\_detect                      *Detect a single change point (parametric methods)*

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**Description**

Detect a single change point (parametric methods)

**Usage**

```
cp_detect(M, dist)
```

**Arguments**

M	minute-level Activity vector;
dist	Actigraphy data distribution family, including Gaussian, Gamma, ZAG (Zero-Augmented Gamma), Poisson, Exponential

**Value**

the location of the single change point

**See Also**

[sleep\\_detection\(\)](#)

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extract\_nonparametric\_metrics  
*Nonparametric circadian metrics (RA, IS, IV, L5, M10)*

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**Description**

Computes five nonparametric metrics from minute-level activity: Relative Amplitude (RA), Inter-daily Stability (IS), Intradaily Variability (IV), the least-active 5-hour block (L5), and the most-active 10-hour block (M10).

**Usage**

```
extract_nonparametric_metrics(df, L_window = 5 * 60, M_window = 10 * 60)
```

**Arguments**

df	cleaned data frame containing the activity variable at 1-minute epoch
L_window	Integer window length (minutes) for L5 (default 300).
M_window	Integer window length (minutes) for M10 (default 600).

**Value**

A list with components:

**RA** Relative amplitude,  $(M10 - L5)/(M10 + L5)$  when denominator  $> 0$ .

**IS** Interdaily stability (0..1).

**IV** Intradaily variability ( $\geq 0$ ).

**L5\_mean** Mean activity in the lowest 5-hour block of the 24 h profile.

**L5\_start\_min** Minute-of-day (0~1439) at which L5 starts.

**M10\_mean** Mean activity in the highest 10-hour block of the 24 h profile.

**M10\_start\_min** Minute-of-day (0~1439) at which M10 starts.

**profile\_24h** Length-1440 vector of minute-of-day means.

**See Also**

[screen\\_wear\(\)](#), [sleep\\_detection\(\)](#), [extract\\_sleep\\_metrics](#)

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extract\_sleep\_metrics *Extract metrics related to sleep and circadian rhythm after using CircaCP algorithm*

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**Description**

From minute-level data with sleep/wake labels (label.sw 1 = sleep, 0 = wake), extracts sleep/wake onsets, episode durations, circular SDs of onset times, Sleep Regularity Index (SRI), cosinor parameters, day/night variance ratio, and nonparametric metrics (RA, IS, IV, L5, M10). Returns one row per episode with scalar metrics repeated per row (tidy format).

**Usage**

```
extract_sleep_metrics(df, min_sleep_episode_min = 180L)
```

**Arguments**

**df** data.frame with columns id, Date, Time, Activity, label.sw.  
**min\_sleep\_episode\_min** Minimum duration (minutes) to treat as a main sleep episode.

**Value**

A data.frame with columns including:

**id** Subject ID obtained from the stem of filename.

**period\_type** sleep or wake

**timestamp** datetime of sleep onset time and wake onset time

**clock\_min** timestamps presented as minutes of the day since midnight  
**duration\_hours** sleep duration or wake duration  
**SleepTimeSD\_hours** Standard deviation of sleep onset time (calculated by circular statistics)  
**WakeTimeSD\_hours** Standard deviation of sleep onset time (calculated by circular statistics)  
**SRI** Sleep regularity index  
**Mesor, Amplitude, Acrophase** parameters obtained from the cosinor model  
**RA, IS, IV, L5\_mean, L5\_start\_min, M10\_mean, M10\_start\_min** nonparametrics actigraphy metrics

### See Also

[sleep\\_detection\(\)](#), [sleep\\_cos\(\)](#), [extract\\_nonparametric\\_metrics\(\)](#)

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extract\_sw\_period      *Extract contiguous sleep or wake periods from a labeled minute series*

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### Description

Splits a minute-level, labeled time series into contiguous episodes of a target state (sleep or wake) and returns the **activity vectors** for those episodes whose length is at least `min_len` minutes.

### Usage

```
extract_sw_period(labeled_df, target_state = 1, min_len = 30)
```

### Arguments

<code>labeled_df</code>	A data.frame containing at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>Activity</code> — numeric minute-level activity.</li> <li>• <code>label.sw</code> — binary sleep/wake label per minute (1 = sleep, 0 = wake). NA values are treated as breaks between episodes.</li> </ul>
<code>target_state</code>	Integer 0 or 1. Use 0 to extract sleep episodes, 1 to extract wake episodes. Default is 1.
<code>min_len</code>	Integer minimum episode length <b>in minutes</b> (i.e., number of consecutive samples) required to keep an episode. Default is 30.

### Details

The function uses run-length encoding over `label.sw` to identify contiguous episodes. Any NA in `label.sw` is converted to a sentinel and treated as a hard break (i.e., episodes do not cross NA gaps). Length filtering is applied on the number of minutes (rows) per episode.

### Value

A **list** of numeric vectors. Each element is the `Activity` values for one qualifying episode of the requested state. If no episode qualifies, returns an empty list (`list()`).

**See Also**

[sleep\\_detection\(\)](#)  
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import_acti_file	<i>Import actigraphy with header stripping and harmonized Activity</i>
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**Description**

Reads a CSV/TSV, automatically strips any leading header lines, selects user specified Date and Time columns, and harmonizes one chosen activity column to the canonical name Activity. Adds an id (defaults to the file stem if not supplied).

**Usage**

```
import_acti_file(
  file,
  date_col,
  time_col,
  activity_cols,
  id = NULL,
  keep_extra = FALSE,
  drop_original_activity_cols = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

file	Character path to the actigraphy file.
date_col, time_col	Character names of the date and time columns in file.
activity_cols	Character vector of candidate activity columns; the first that exists will be used and renamed to Activity.
id	Optional subject id (character). Defaults to the filename stem.
keep_extra	Logical; if FALSE keeps only id, Date, Time, Activity, otherwise preserves extra columns present in the file.
drop_original_activity_cols	Logical; if TRUE, drop the original activity

**Details**

Internally uses `data.table::fread()` with automatic header detection (skips lines before the first row that looks like a header). No time zone conversion is performed.

**Value**

A data.frame with at least columns id, Date, Time, Activity.

**See Also**[screen\\_wear\(\)](#)

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`screen_wear`*Screen wear and extract the longest valid minute-level segment*

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**Description**

Determines the native epoch from the first two time stamps, decimates to 1-minute resolution (if needed), checks total minutes  $\geq 1440 \times \text{min\_days}$ , and within that finds the **longest** contiguous segment where runs of consecutive zeros do not exceed `max_zero_run` minutes.

**Usage**

```
screen_wear(
  df,
  min_days = 5L,
  max_zero_run = 120L,
  date_col = "Date",
  time_col = "Time",
  activity_col = "Activity"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	<code>data.frame</code> with columns <code>Date</code> , <code>Time</code> , <code>Activity</code> in time order.
<code>min_days</code>	Integer minimum number of whole days required (default 5).
<code>max_zero_run</code>	Integer maximum allowed length (minutes) of a run of zeros.
<code>date_col</code>	Name of the date column.
<code>time_col</code>	Name of the time column.
<code>activity_col</code>	Name of the activity column used to determine wear/non-wear.

**Details**

Decimation rule: 15 s  $\rightarrow$  factor 4; 30 s  $\rightarrow$  factor 2; 60 s  $\rightarrow$  factor 1. The zero-run criterion is applied on the 1-minute `Activity` series.

**Value**

A list with elements:

**status** "ok" if a qualifying segment is found, otherwise a message.

**epoch\_inferred** Detected original epoch in seconds (15, 30, 60).

**out\_idx** Indices of the kept segment in the input.

**clean\_df** Minute-level `data.frame` of the selected segment (if ok).

**See Also**

[import\\_acti\\_file\(\)](#), [sleep\\_cos\(\)](#), [sleep\\_detection\(\)](#)

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sleep_cos	<i>Estimates circadian cycle by cosinor fit of minute-level activity (period = 1440)</i>
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**Description**

Fits  $C(t) = m + a \cos\{2\pi(t - \phi)/P\}$  with period  $P = 1440$  minutes to a rescaled activity series. Returns fitted curve, binary curve after thresholding, and canonicalized parameters (non-negative amplitude). MESOR (mesor) The baseline or “midline” level around which the rhythm oscillates. Units = same as actigraphy your data Roughly the average activity across the cycle.

**Usage**

```
sleep_cos(clean_df, thr = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

clean_df	cleaned dataframe with cleaned_df\$Activity.
thr	Dichotomization threshold for fitted curve.

**Details**

**Amplitude (amp)** Half the peak-to-trough swing of the fitted rhythm. Units is the same as actigraphy data. Larger amplitude → stronger rhythmicity (bigger day–night contrast). Negative amp will be flipped, and  $P/2$  will be added to phase. **Acrophase (phase)** The timing of the peak of the fitted cosine. Units is the epoch units of the data (e.g. minutes).  $P=1440$ , interpret phase as minutes-of-day relative to your x origin.

**Value**

A list with elements:

**fitted** fitted cosine curve.

**label.cos** dichotimized cosine curve

**cos\_para** c(Mesor, Amplitude, Acrophase).

**rmse** Root mean squared error between fitted cosine curve and data.

**See Also**

[screen\\_wear\(\)](#), [sleep\\_detection\(\)](#), [extract\\_sleep\\_metrics\(\)](#)

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sleep_detection	<i>Estimate precise sleep_wake cycles using CircaCP algorithm</i>
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### Description

It first uses a 24 h cosinor fit (via [sleep\\_cos\(\)](#)) and a chosen thresholding rule to label each minute as sleep (`label.sw = 1`) or wake (`label.sw = 0`). Reference: Shanshan Chen, and Xinxin Sun. Validating CircaCP: a generic sleep-wake cycle detection algorithm for unlabelled actigraphy data. Royal Society Open Science 11, no. 5 (2024): 231468.

### Usage

```
sleep_detection(clean_df, thr = 0.2, dist = "ZAG")
```

### Arguments

<code>clean_df</code>	Minute-level data.frame with at least Activity. Additional columns are preserved.
<code>thr</code>	Numeric threshold in [0, 1] applied to a rescaled cosinor fit.
<code>dist</code>	Character method key (e.g., "ZAG"); interpreted by your rule set.

### Value

a data.frame augmenting the input df including the following additional variables:

**cosinor** fitted cosine curve

**label.cos** circadian cycle estimated by dichotimized cosine curve

**label.sw** sleep-wake cycle estimated by CircaCP

**Activity\_norm** range-normalized activity levels

### See Also

[screen\\_wear\(\)](#), [sleep\\_cos\(\)](#), [cp\\_detect\(\)](#), [extract\\_sleep\\_metrics\(\)](#)

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