

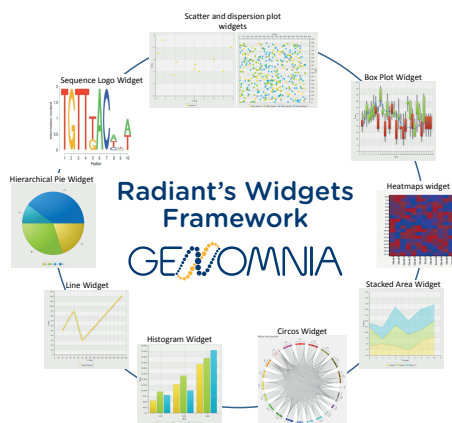
Radiant Genome Browser

Exploring Methylseq Datasets in a Genome Browser

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The Radiant Genome Browser is able to load and visualize methyl seq data analysed with the MethylPipe Package, available from Bioconductor (Kishore, 2014). MethylPipe analyses base resolution DNA methylation data in both the CpG and non-CpG sequence context. Usually single based methylation maps can be described by methylation level distribution, as in R. Lister, M. Pelizzola et al, 2009. Radiant genome browser provides a pie chart that describes the percentage of methylcytosines identified for the sample in each sequence context and an area chart that describes the distribution of the methylation level in each sequence context. Those charts can be related to the whole chromosome or the region actually displayed by the browser and are updated at each scrolling action. The Radiant Genome browser also shows on track information, displaying the methylation level as an average statistic of progressively wider windows or in detail, with additional calling properties for every single methyl-cytosine.

The software is freely available at <http://radiant-project.eu/Visualisation/Download.html>



Savant is a Genome Browser Desktop application. It is freely available for Windows, MacOS and Linux, can be downloaded locally and installed. Differently from a web browser, such architecture allows more flexibility and is potentially best suited to manage large files such as alignments related to genomes because they don't need to be uploaded over the internet. Moreover, working locally is a plus when data must be kept private.



The Radiant plugin for the Savant Genome Browser is composed by a collection of modules and a framework of reusable components. The Radiant Framework was designed to reproduce static on-paper charts to provide dynamically explorative charts of on-track visualized data. Utilizing any combination of the widget displayed in the picture along with basic elaborations, it is possible to have descriptive statistics updated on-the-fly as the genome browsing window is shifted.

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