src/abichromatogram

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Contents

This module provides functionality to generate SVG chromatograms from ABIF trace files. It renders the four fluorescence channels with base calls in a visual format that resembles the output of DNA sequencing instruments. Command-line usage:

```
abichromatogram <trace_file.ab1> [options]
```

Options:

```
-o, --output FILE Output SVG file (default: chromatogram.svg)
-w, --width WIDTH SVG width in pixels (default: 1200)
--height HEIGHT
                       SVG height in pixels (default: 600)
-s, --start POS
                       Start position (default: 0)
-e, --end POS
                       End position (default: whole trace)
-d, --downsample
                       FACTOR Downsample factor for visualization (default: 1)
--hide-bases
                       Hide base calls
--debug
                       Show debug information
-h, --help
                       Show this help message and exit
-v, --version
                       Show version information and exit
```

Example usage:

```
# Generate a chromatogram from a trace file
abichromatogram input.ab1 -o output.svg
# Generate a zoomed view of a specific region with downsampling
abichromatogram input.ab1 -s 500 -e 1000 -d 5
```

1 Imports

abif

2 Types

```
Channel = enum
A = "A", C = "C", G = "G", T = "T"
```

The four channels used in capillary electrophoresis

```
TraceData = object
  points*: seq[TraceDataPoint] ## Processed trace data points
  baseOrder*: string ## Order of bases in channels (e.g., "ACGT")
  peaks*: seq[int] ## Base call peak positions
  sequence*: string ## Called sequence
  traceLen*: int ## Total length of trace in data points
  baseColors*: Table[Channel, string] ## Color mapping for each nucleotide base
```

Processed trace data ready for visualization

```
TraceDataPoint = object
position*: int  ## X position (scan number)
values*: Table[Channel, int] ## Intensity value for each channel (scaled 0-1000)
```

A single data point in the trace with values for each channel