

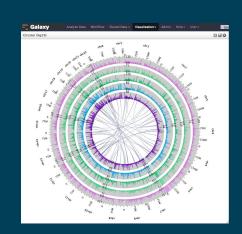
Web-Based Visualization and Visual Analysis for High-Throughput Genomics with Galaxy

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Visualization framework

Large-scale visualization

Integrated visual analysis

Galaxy Project: Fundamental Questions

When genomics (or any biomedical science) becomes dependent on computational methods, how to:

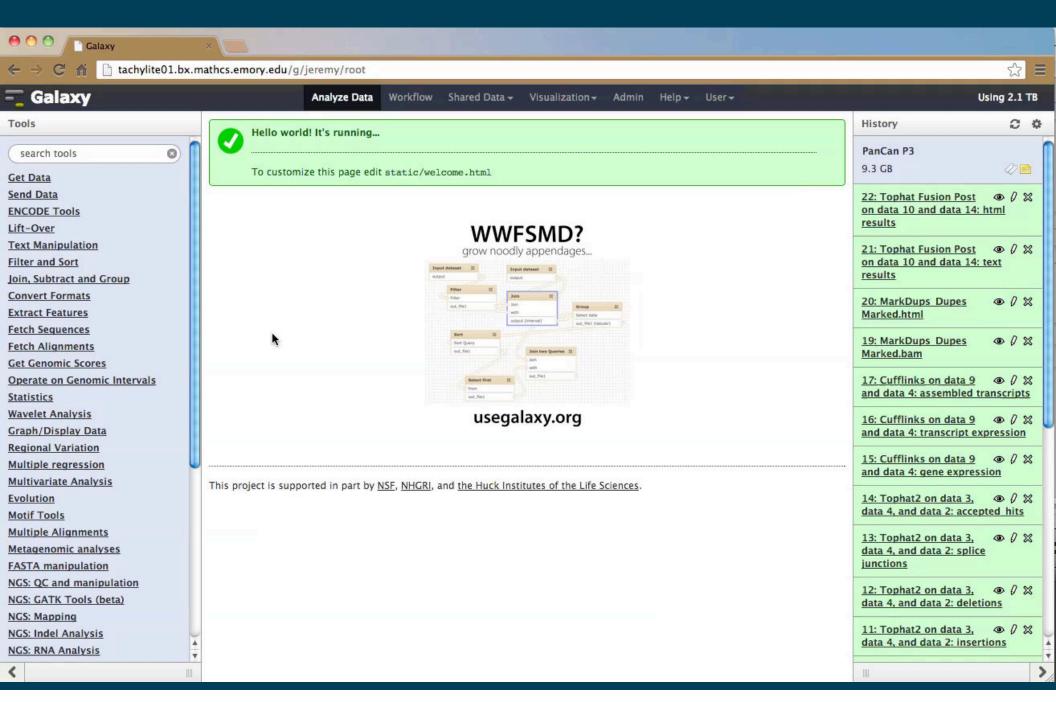
- * make tools and workflows accessible to scientists?
- ensure that analyses are reproducible?
- + enable transparent communication and reuse of analyses?

Vision

Galaxy is an open, Web-based platform for accessible, reproducible, and collaborative computational genomics

Goecks et al. (2010) Genome Biology

Galaxy Demo



What is Galaxy?

Platform for high-throughput genomics

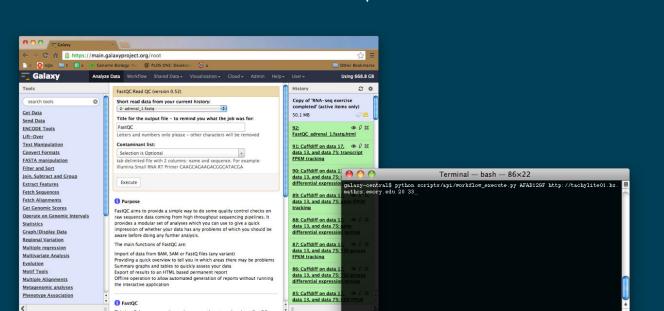
- 1. get and integrate public, private data
- 2. analyze data and create workflows
- 3. visualization, sharing, publication

Customizable open-source software for various HPC resources

- public website http://usegalaxy.org
- local instance
- on the cloud

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RESTful API A



Plug-in framework



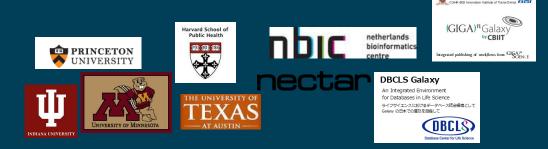
Galaxy is Very Popular

Public Website (http://usegalaxy.org), anybody can use:

- ~500 new users per month, ~200 TB of user data, ~130,000 analysis jobs per month
- 7000 visualizations created

Used and cited in more than 1000 publications

50+ local servers all over the world (http://bit.ly/gxyservers)



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Opportunities and Challenges for Web-based Visualization

Benefits

- no data or software downloads
- the Web is built for sharing

Challenges

- New client/server infrastructure required
- Scaling, scaling, scaling

Galaxy Visualizations

Visualizations first-class objects in Galaxy, just like tools

A visualization can be added to Galaxy via a configuration file that specifies:

- datasets that can be used
- location of visualization code (client-side or on server)

Galaxy handles visualization integration and data management, so developer focus is on visualization

Visualizations are 1st class Galaxy objects

Can be saved and versioned for reproducibility

Have a human-readable URL for sharing a fully interactive visualization:

http://usegalaxy.org/u/jgoecks/v/tumor-mutations

Can embed interactive visualizations in online supplementary materials via Galaxy Pages

Galaxy Data Providers

Support for data management in both the Web browser (JavaScript) and on the server (Python)

Data providers make it easy to request data from datasets

- filtering and subsetting options: by chromosome, column, or custom filter
- indexing using best-practice tools is key

Data providers make it much easier to build new visualizations by handling much of the data fetching

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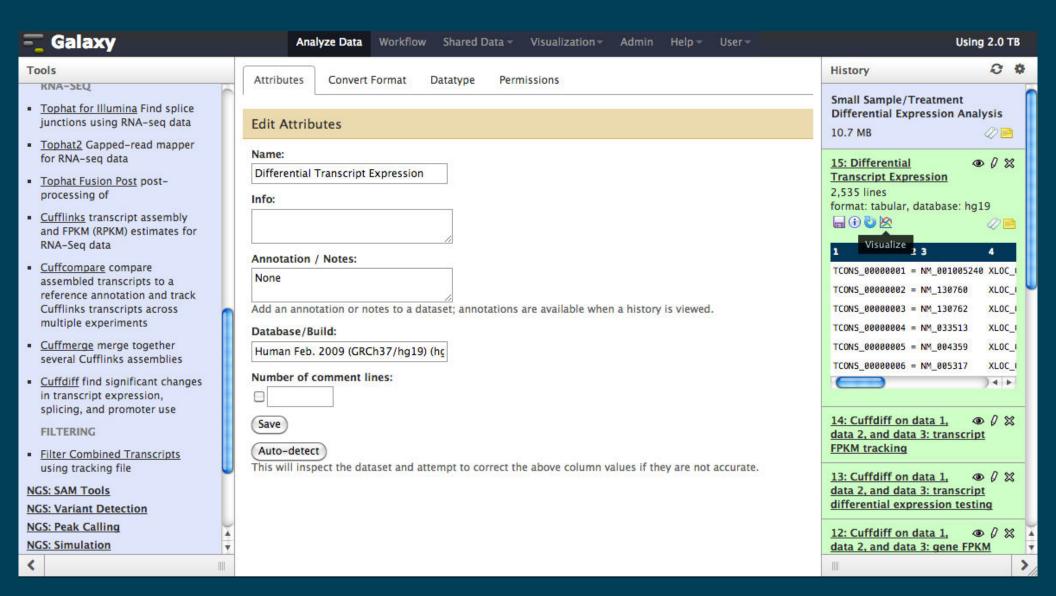
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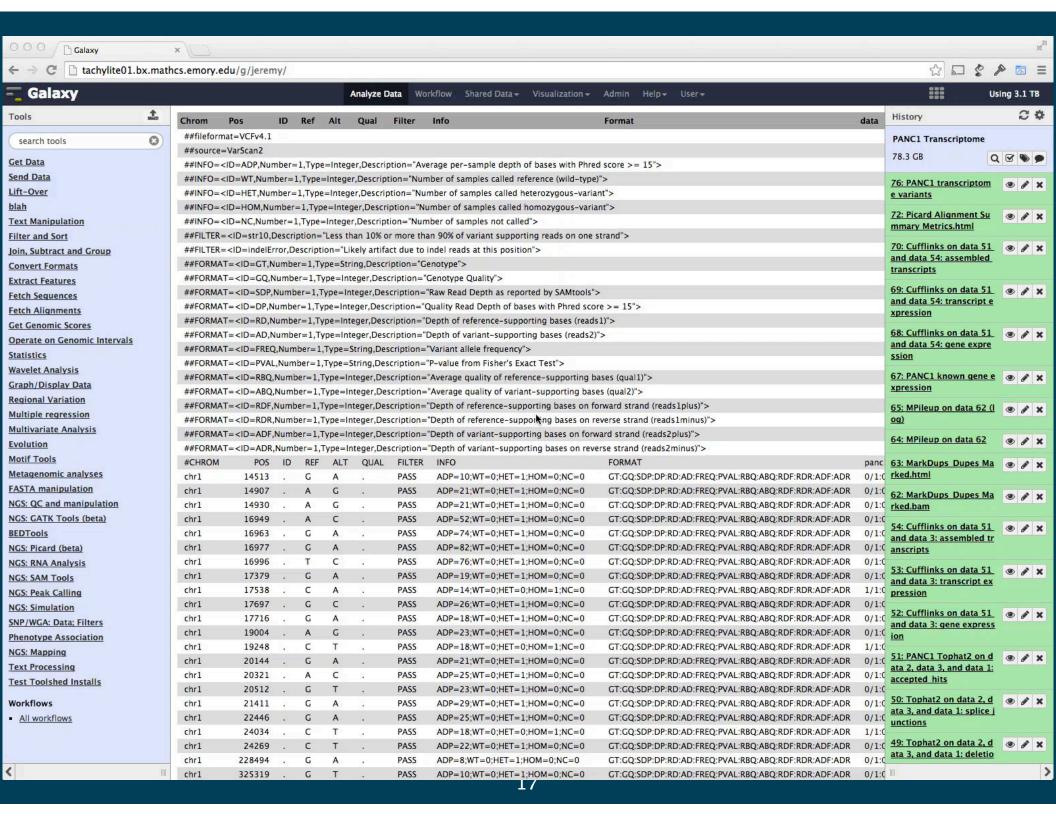
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Visualization Integration



Demo: Trackster—Galaxy's Genome Browser



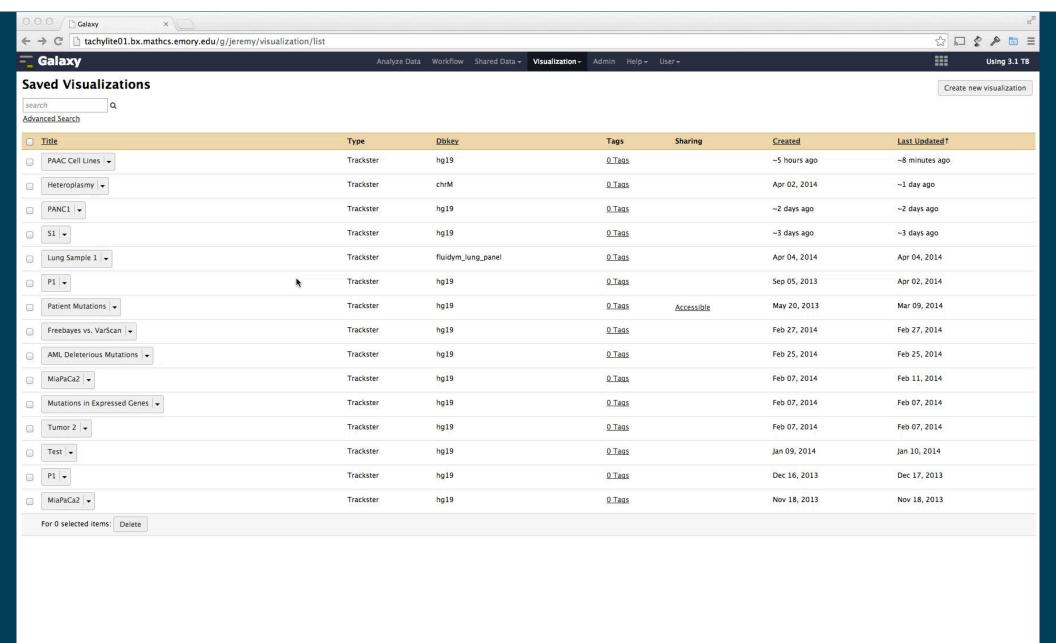
Trackster—Galaxy's Genome Browser

Genome browsers are a foundational tool for more complex visualization and analysis

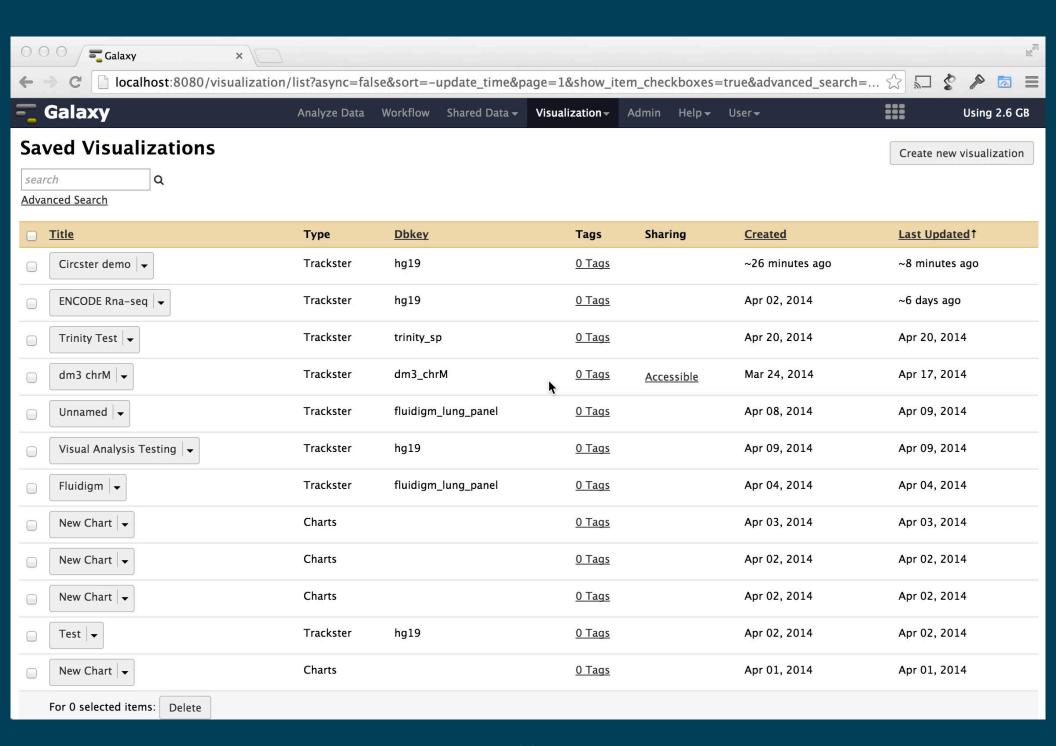
Addresses challenges in the high-throughput sequencing era

- supports many very large datasets
- data rendered on client to provide for maximal customization

Demo: Scaling to Large Datasets



Demo: Circster—An Interactive Circos Plot



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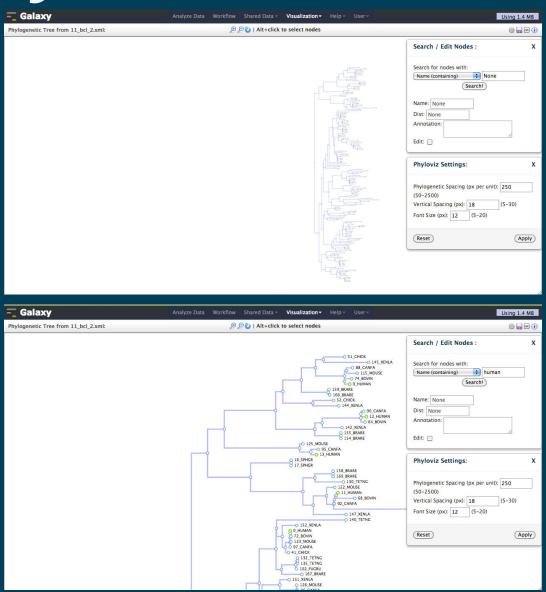
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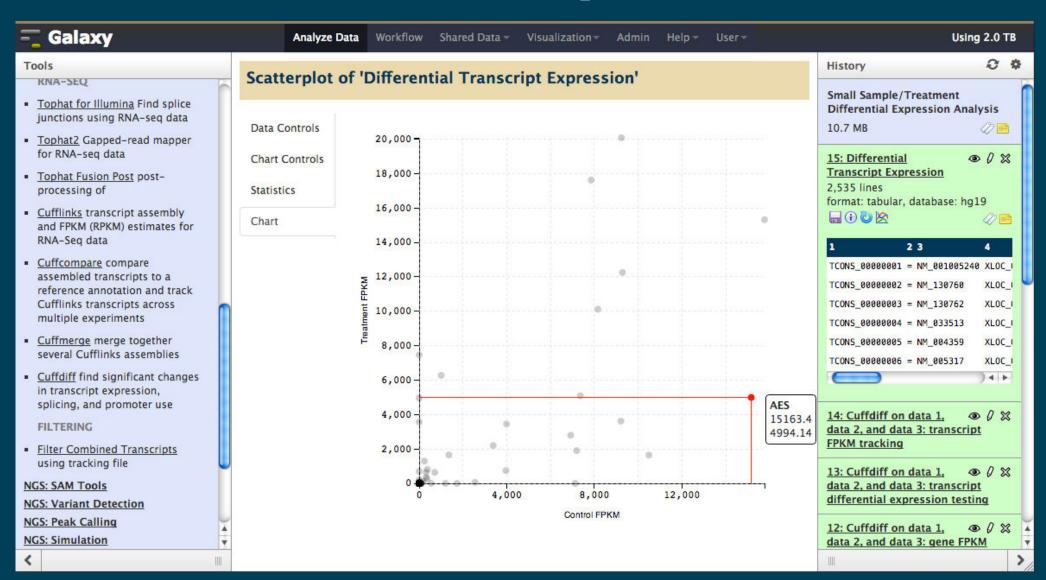
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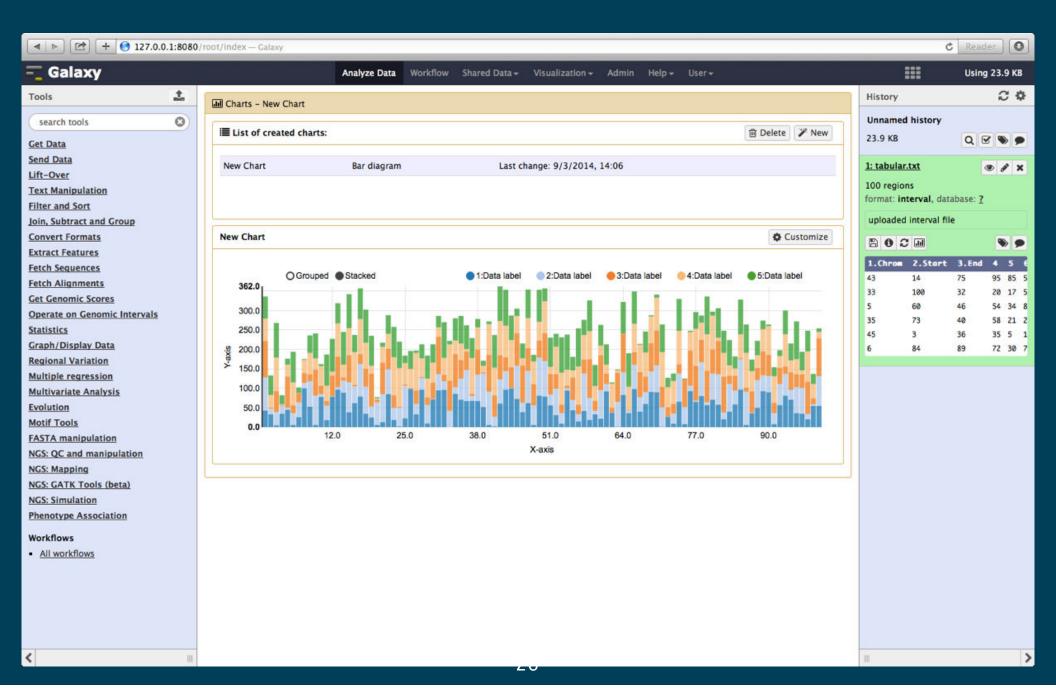
PhyloViz Tree Viewer



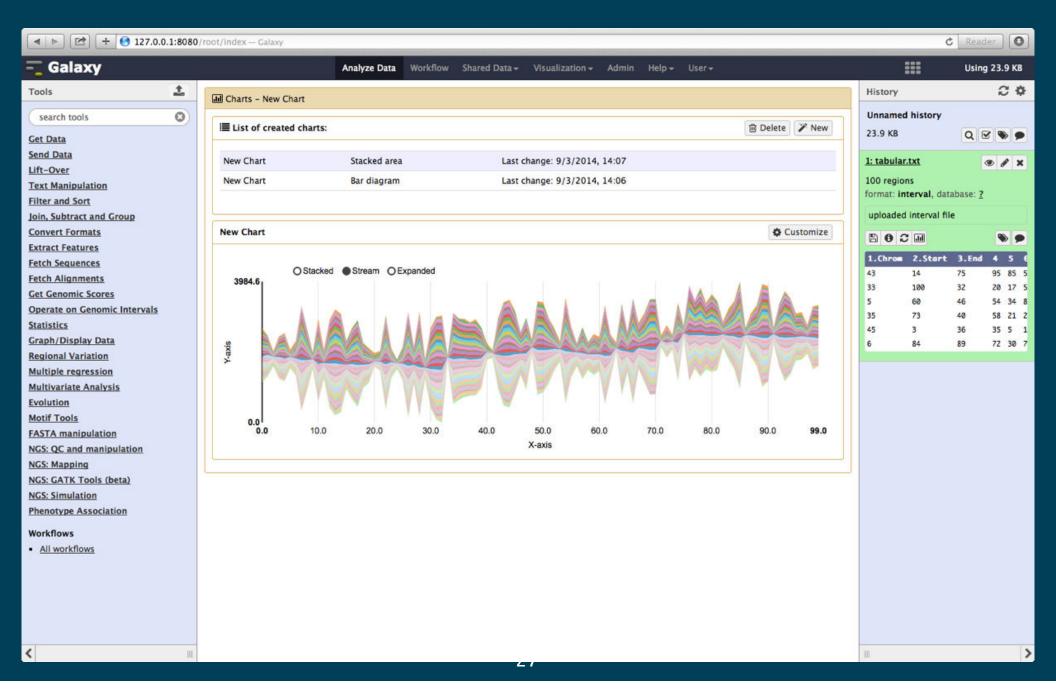
Scatterplot



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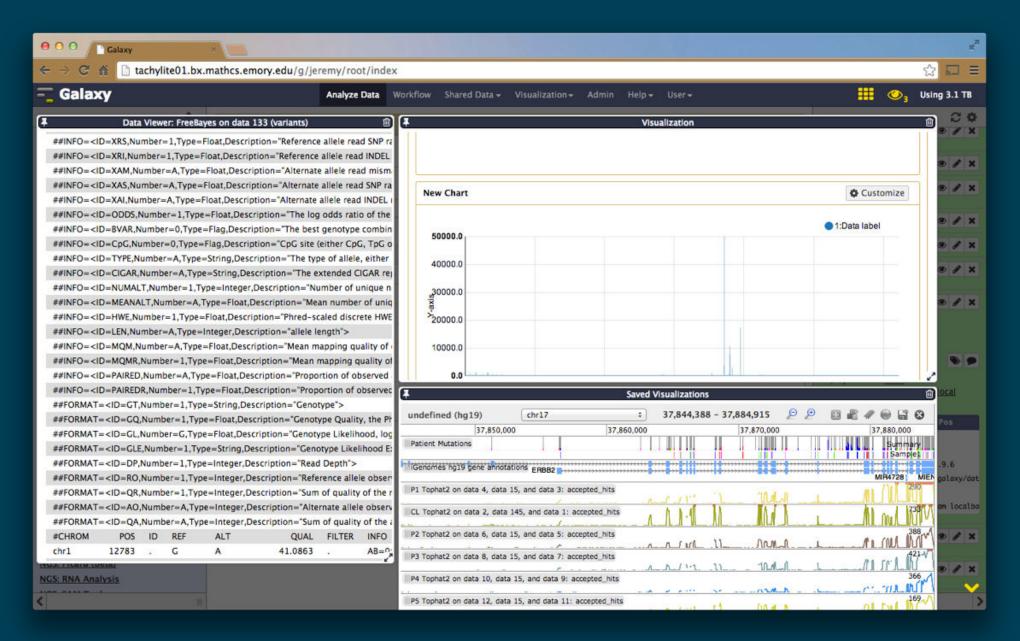
Coupling and Visual Analysis

Coupling visualizations together leads to more compelling applications

Visual analysis is the meaningful coupling of analysis tools and visualization

Galaxy enables both loose and tight coupling

Coupling Visualizations and Analysis



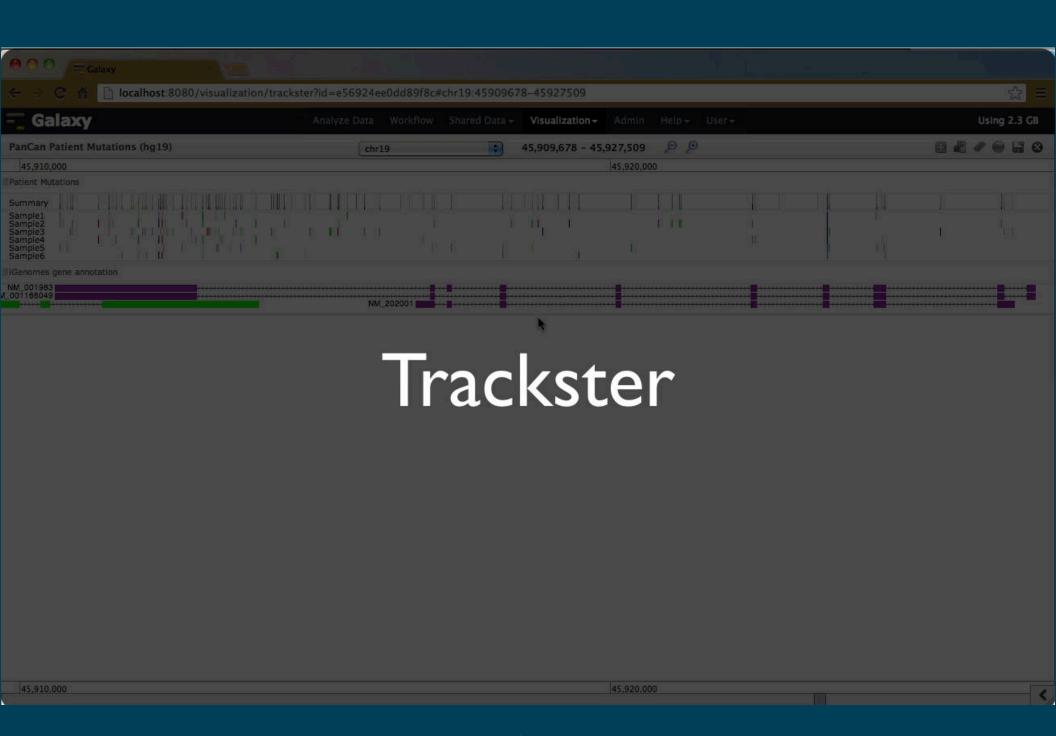
Visual Analysis for Improving Pipeline Development

Challenges for genomic tools

- time and compute intensive
- many parameters
- parameter sensitive

Approach

- repeatedly run tools on selected regions
- visualize outputs side by side
- compare to find best parameters



Summary

Visualizations are 1st class Galaxy objects

- any Web-based visualization can be added to Galaxy
- strong support for data indexing
- creating, saving, sharing, and versioning
 visualizations all done through a Web browser

Galaxy enables visualizations + data + tools = powerful integrated visual analysis tools

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