







## An Introduction to Web Apollo

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#### **TODAY**

Recommended Browsers: Google Chrome, Firefox.

Exercises file available at Basecamp

Workshop slides and answers to exercises will be available on Basecamp next week.



#### **OUTLINE**

- GENOME CURATION steps involved
- COMMUNITY BASED CURATION our experience
- APOLLO empowering collaborative curation
- APOLLO on THE WEB becoming acquainted
- PRACTICE demonstration and exercises





## DURING THIS WORKSHOP you will

- ❖ Understand the process of genome curation in the context of annotation:
  assembled genome → automated annotation → manual annotation
- ❖ Become familiar with the environment and functionality of the Web Apollo genome annotation editing tool.
- Learn to identify homologs of known genes of interest in a newly sequenced genome of interest.
- Learn how to corroborate and modify automatically generated gene models using available biological evidence (in Apollo).



Introduction

#### I INVITE YOU TO:

- Observe details in figures
- Listen to explanations
- Ask questions at any time
- Use Twitter & share your thoughts: I am @monimunozto A few tags & users: #WebApollo #annotation #biocuration #GMOD #genome @JBrowseGossip
- Take brakes:

LBL's ergo team suggests I should not work at the computer for >45 minutes without a break; neither should you! We will be here for ~2.5 hours: please get up and stretch your neck, arms, and legs as often as you need.



Introduction

#### I kindly ask that you refrain from:

Reading all the text I wrote.

Think of the text on these slides as your "class notes". You will use them during exercises.

Checking email.

You have my undivided attention, I'd like to receive yours in exchange.

**Warning:** If you get \*caught\*, you will read it out loudly for everyone to hear, we may contribute to the response.



## Let Us Get Started

## REMEMBER, REMEMBER... from intro webinar last week

- CENTRAL DOGMA in molecular biology
- WHAT IS A GENE?
   let's think computationally
- TRANSCRIPTION mRNA in detail
- TRANSLATION and many definitions
- GENOME CURATION steps involved
- WHAT TO LOOK FOR training the annotators



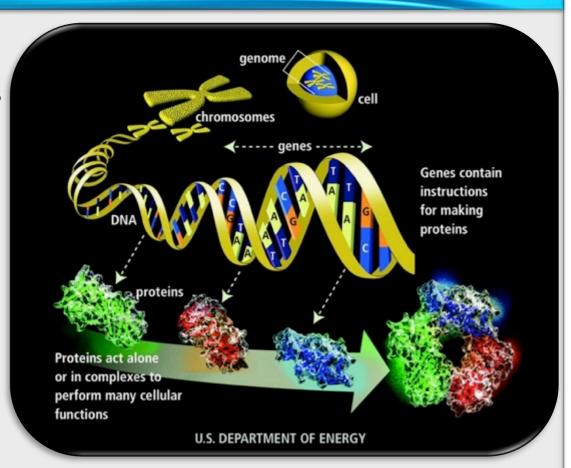


OUTLINE

#### **CURATING GENOMES**

steps involved

- 1 Generation of Gene Models calling ORFs, one or more rounds of gene prediction, etc.
- 2 Annotation of gene models
  Describing function,
  expression patterns, metabolic
  network memberships.
- 3 ★ Manual annotation★





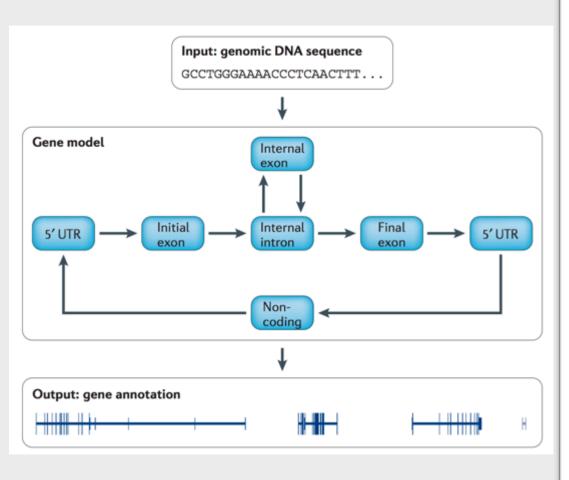
#### **GENE PREDICTION**

- ❖ The identification of structural features of the genome.
  - Primarily protein-coding genes.
  - Also transfer RNAs (tRNA), ribosomal RNAs (rRNA), regulatory motifs, long and small non-coding RNAs (ncRNA), repetitive elements (masked), etc.



#### **GENE PREDICTION**

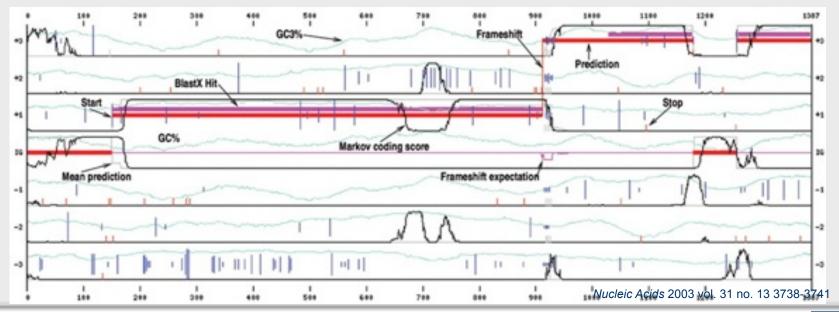
- Methods for discovery:
- 1) Ab initio: based on DNA composition, deals strictly with genomic sequences and makes use of statistical approaches to search for coding regions and typical gene signals.
- E.g. Augustus, GENSCAN, geneid, fgenesh, etc.





#### **GENE PREDICTION**

- Methods for discovery:
- 2) Homology-based: evidence-based; finds genes using either similarity searches in the main databases or experimental data including RNAseq, expressed sequence tags (ESTs), full-length complementary DNAs (cDNAs), etc.
  - E.g: SGP2, fgenesh++



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#### **GENE ANNOTATION**

Integration of data from prediction tools to generate a **reliable set of structural annotations**: involves *ab initio* predictions, assessment of biological evidence to drive the gene prediction process, and the synthesis of these results to produce a set of consensus gene models.

- Models may be organized using:
  - automatic integration of predicted sets; e.g. GLEAN
  - packaged tools from pipeline; e.g: MAKER

In some cases algorithms and metrics used to generate consensus sets may actually reduce the accuracy of the gene's representation; in such cases it is usually better to use an ab initio model to create a new annotation.



#### **NOT PERFECT**

#### automated annotation remains an imperfect art

Unlike the more highly polished genomes of earlier projects, today's genomes have:

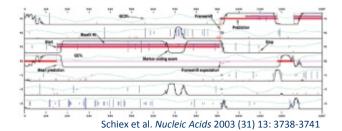
- 1. lower coverage.
- 2. more frequent assembly errors and annotation of genes across multiple scaffolds.





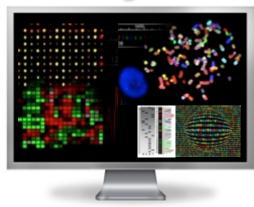
#### MANUAL ANNOTATION

#### working concept



#### **Automated Predictions**





**Experimental Evidence** cDNAs, HMM domain searches, RNAseq, genes from other species.

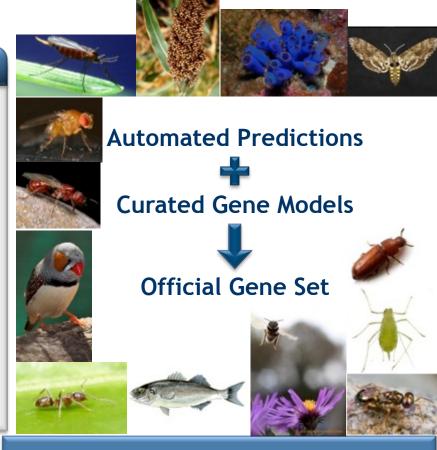
Precise elucidation of biological features encoded in the genome requires careful examination and review.



#### MANUAL ANNOTATION

is necessary

- Evaluate all available evidence and corroborate or modify genome element predictions.
- ❖ Determine functional roles through comparative analysis using literature, databases, and experimental data.
- Resolve discrepancies and validate automated gene model hypotheses.
- Desktop version of pollo was designed to fit the manual annotation needs of genome projects such as fruit fly, mouse, zebrafish, human, etc.



"Incorrect and incomplete genome annotations will poison every experiment that uses them".

- M. Yandell



## BUT, MANUAL CURATION did not always scale well

Too many sequences and not enough hands to approach curation.



#### **Museum Model**

A small group of highly trained experts; e.g. GO

Elsik et al. 2006. Genome Res. 16(11):1329-33



#### **Old-time Jamborees**

A few very good biologists and a few very good bioinformaticians camp together, during intense but short periods of time.



#### **Cottage Model**

Researchers work by themselves, then may or may not publicize results; ... may be a dead-end with very few people ever aware of these results.



#### POWER TO THE CURATORS

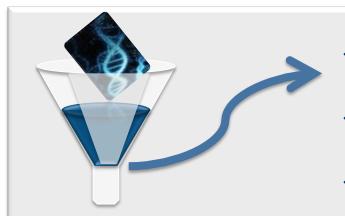
augment existing tools

#### Give more people the power to curate!

Fill in the gap for all the things that won't be easy to cover with these approaches; this will allow researchers to better contribute their efforts.

Big data are not a substitute for, but a supplement to traditional data collection and analysis.

The Parable of Google Flu. Lazer et al. 2014. Science 343 (6176): 1203-1205.



- Enable more curators to work
- Enable better scientific publishing
- Credit curators for their work

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## IMPROVING TOOLS FOR MANUAL ANNOTATION our plan

"More and more sequences": more genomes, within populations and across species, are now being sequenced.

This begs the need for a universally accessible genome curation tool:

To produce accurate sets of genomic features.

To address the need to correct for more frequent assembly and automated prediction errors due to new sequencing technologies.



#### **GENOME ANNOTATION**

#### an inherently collaborative task

Researchers often turn to colleagues for second opinions and insight from those with expertise in particular areas (e.g., domains, families). To facilitate and encourage this, we continue to improve Apollo.

Apollo is a web-based, collaborative genomic annotation editing platform.

We need annotation editing tools to modify and refine the precise location and structure of the genome elements that predictive algorithms cannot yet resolve automatically.

http://GenomeArchitect.org





#### **APOLLO**

genome annotation editing tool



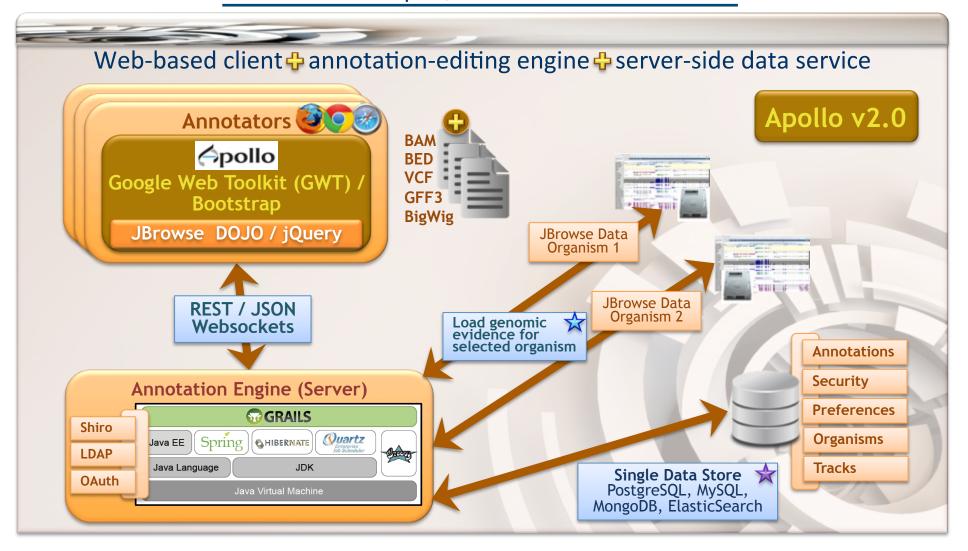
- Supports real time collaboration!
- Automatic generation of ready-made computable data.
- Supports annotation of genes, pseudogenes, tRNAs, snRNAs, snoRNAs, ncRNAs, miRNAs, TEs, and repeats.
- Intuitive annotation, gestures, and pull-down menus to create and edit transcripts and exons structures, insert comments (CV, freeform text), GO terms, etc.



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#### NEW APOLLO ARCHITECTURE

simpler, more flexible





#### **DISPERSED COMMUNITIES**

#### collaborative manual annotation efforts

We continuously train and support hundreds of geographically dispersed scientists from many research communities to conduct manual annotations, recovering coding sequences in agreement with all available biological evidence using Web Apollo.

- Gate keeping and monitoring.
- Tutorials, training workshops, and "geneborees".
- Personalized user support.





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## CURATION how it works

#### 1

Identifies elements that best represent the underlying biology (including missing genes) and eliminates elements that reflect systemic errors of automated analyses.

2

Assigns function through comparative analysis of similar genome elements from closely related species using literature, databases, and researchers' lab data.

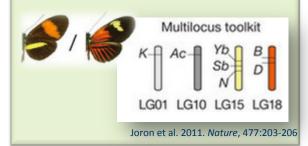
#### **Examples**

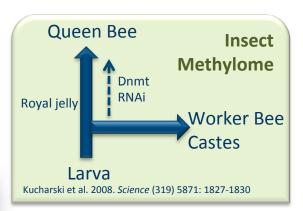
Comparing 7 ant genomes contributed to better understanding evolution and organization of insect societies at the molecular level; e.g. division of labor, mutualism, chemical communication, etc.



Libbrecht et al. 2012. Genome Biology 2013, 14:212

Anchoring molecular markers to reference genome pointed to chromosomal rearrangements & detecting signals of adaptive radiation in *Heliconius* butterflies.







### **CURRENT COLLABORATIONS**

training and contributions



#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

#### What we have learned:

- Collaborative work distills invaluable knowledge
- We must enforce strict rules and formats
- We must evolve with the data
- A little training goes a long way
- NGS poses additional challenges





#### THE COLLABORATIVE CURATION PROCESS AT 15K

- 1) In some cases a computationally predicted consensus gene set is generated using multiple lines of evidence. In other cases, more than one gene set are made available for analysis: e.g. Primary Gene Sets: HAZT\_v0.5.3-Models, Augustus gene set.
- 2) i5K Projects will integrate consensus computational predictions with manual annotations to produce an updated Official Gene Set (OGS):
  - » If it's not on either track, it won't make the OGS!
  - » If it's there and it shouldn't, it will still make the OGS!



#### CONSENSUS SET: REFERENCE AND START POINT

- Isoforms: drag original and alternatively spliced form to 'User-created Annotations' area.
- If an annotation needs to be removed from the consensus set, drag it to the 'User-created Annotations' area and label as 'Delete' on Information Editor.
- Overlapping interests? Collaborate to reach agreement.
- Follow guidelines for i5K Pilot Species Projects as shown at http://goo.gl/LRu1VY





# Apollo

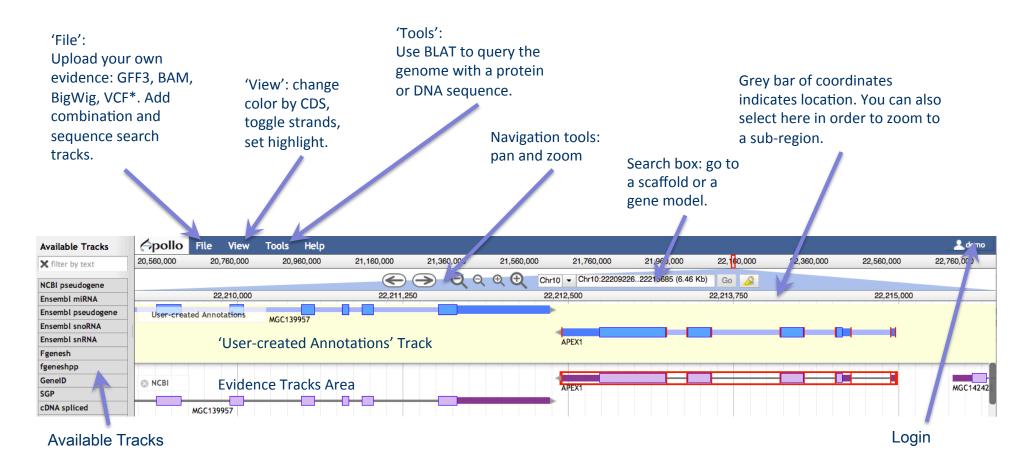
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## WEB APOLLO graphical user interface (GUI) for editing annotations



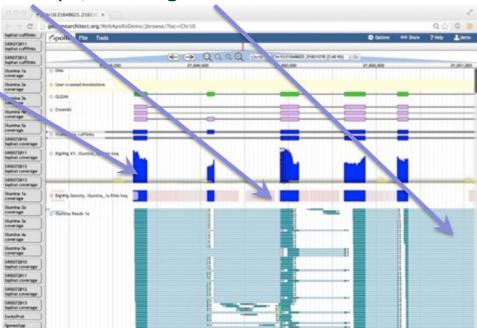




## WEB APOLLO additional functionality

In addition to protein-coding gene annotation that you know and love.

- Non-coding genes: ncRNAs, miRNAs, repeat regions, and TEs
- Sequence alterations (less coverage = more fragmentation)
- Visualization of stage and cell-type specific transcription data as coverage plots, heat maps, and alignments







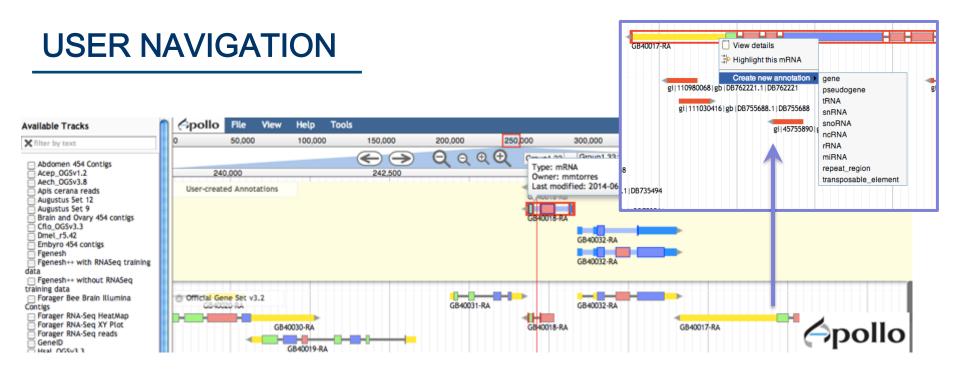
#### **GENERAL PROCESS OF CURATION**

#### steps to remember

- 1. Select a chromosomal region of interest, e.g. scaffold.
- 2. Select appropriate evidence tracks.
- 3. Determine whether a feature in an existing evidence track will provide a reasonable gene model to start working.
  - If yes: select and **drag** the feature to the 'User-created Annotations' area, **creating an initial gene model.** If necessary use editing functions to adjust the gene model.
  - If not: *let's talk*.
- 4. Check your edited gene model for integrity and accuracy by comparing it with available homologs.

Always remember: when annotating gene models using Web Apollo, you are looking at a 'frozen' version of the genome assembly and you will not be able to modify the assembly itself.





Choose (click or drag) appropriate evidence tracks from the list on the left.

Click on an exon to select it. Double click on an exon or single click on an intron to select the entire gene.

Select & drag any elements from an evidence track into the curation area: these are editable and considered the curated version of the gene. Other options for elements in evidence tracks available from right-click menu.

If you select an exon or a gene, then every track is automatically searched for exons with exactly the same co-ordinates as what you selected. Matching edges are highlighted red.

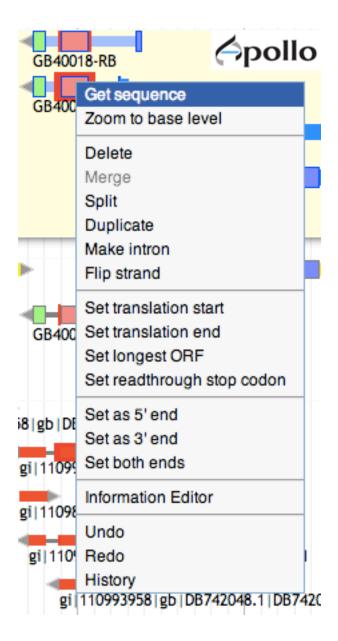
Hovering over an annotation in progress brings up an information pop-up.



#### **USER NAVIGATION**

#### Right-click menu:

- With the exception of deleting a model, all edits can be reversed with 'Undo' option. 'Redo' also available. All changes are immediately saved and available to all users in real time.
- 'Get sequence' retrieves peptide, cDNA,
   CDS, and genomic sequences.
- You can select an exon and select 'Delete'. You can create an intron, flip the direction, change the start or split the gene.

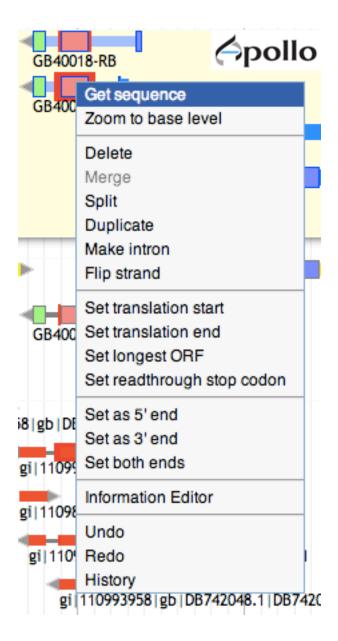




#### **USER NAVIGATION**

#### Right-click menu:

- If you select two gene models, you can join them using 'Merge', and you may also 'Split' a model.
- You can select 'Duplicate', for example to annotate isoforms.
- Set translation start, annotate selenocysteine-containing proteins, match edges of annotation to those of evidence tracks.





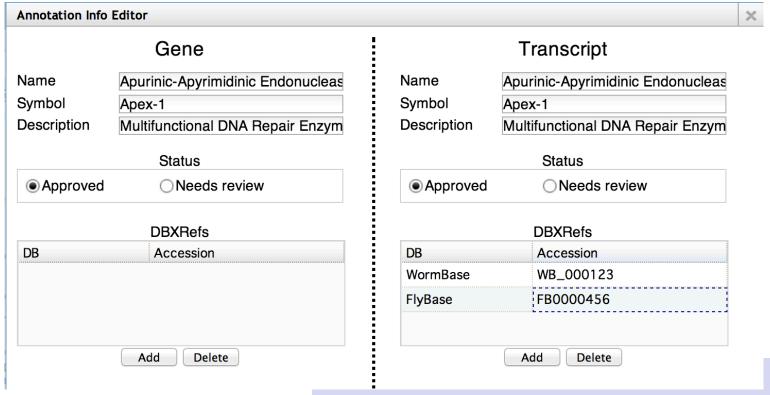
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#### The Annotation Information Editor

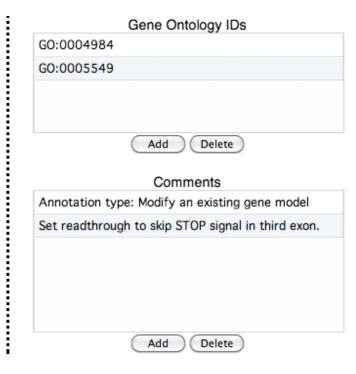




DBXRefs are database crossed references: if you have reason to believe that this gene is linked to a gene in a public database (including your own), then add it here.



#### The Annotation Information Editor



- Add PubMed IDs
- Include GO terms as appropriate from any of the three ontologies
- Write comments stating how you have validated each model.

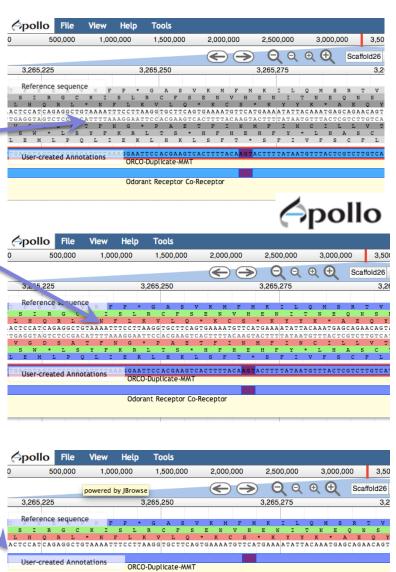




- 'Zoom to base level' option reveals the DNA Track.
- Change color of exons by CDS from the 'View' menu.
- The reference DNA sequence is visible in both directions as are the protein translations in all six frames. You can toggle either direction to display only 3 frames.

Zoom in/out with keyboard: shift + arrow keys up/down





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# Web Apollo User Guide

(Fragment)

http://genomearchitect.org/web\_apollo\_user\_guide

#### ANNOTATING SIMPLE CASES

In a "simple case" the predicted gene model is correct or nearly correct, and this model is supported by evidence that completely or mostly agrees with the prediction.

Evidence that extends beyond the predicted model is assumed to be non-coding sequence.

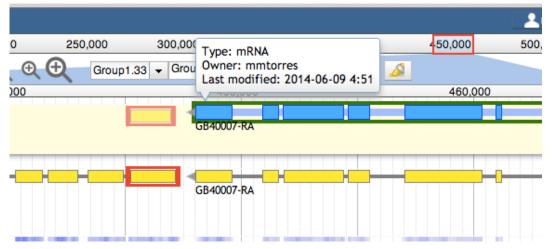
The following sections describe simple modifications.



#### **ADDING EXONS**

Select and drag the putative new exon from a track, and add it directly to an annotated transcript in the 'User-created Annotations' area.

- Click the exon, hold your finger on the mouse button, and drag the cursor until it touches the receiving transcript. A dark green highlight indicates it is okay to release the mouse button.
- When released, the additional exon becomes attached to the receiving transcript.
- A confirmation box will warn you if the receiving transcript is not on the same strand as the feature where the new exon originated.





#### **ADDING EXONS**

Each time you add an exon region, whether by extension or adding an exon, Web Apollo recalculates the longest ORF, identifying 'Start' and 'Stop' signals and allowing you to determine whether a 'Stop' codon has been incorporated after each editing step.

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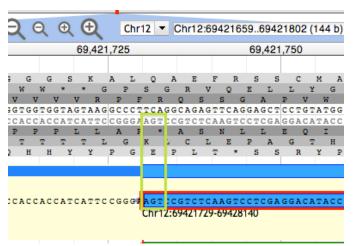
Web Apollo demands that an exon already exists as an evidence in one of the tracks. You could provide a text file in GFF format and select File  $\rightarrow$  Open. GFF is a simple text file delimited by TABs, one line for each genomic 'feature': column 1 is the name of the scaffold; then some text (irrelevant), then 'exon', then start, stop, strand as + or -, a dot, another dot, and Name=some name

Example:

scaffold\_88 Qratore exon21 2111+ . . Name=bob
scaffold 88 Qratore exon22015111+ . . Name=rad



#### **ADDING UTRs**



View zoomed to base level. The DNA track and annotation track are visible. The DNA track includes the sense strand (top) and anti-sense strand (bottom). The six reading frames flank the DNA track, with the three forward frames above and the three reverse frames below. The Usercreated Annotation track shows the terminal end of an annotation. The green rectangle highlights the location of the nucleotide residues in the 'Stop' signal.

Gene predictions may or may not include UTRs. If transcript alignment data are available and extend beyond your original annotation, you may extend or add UTRs.

- Position the cursor at the beginning of the exon that needs to be extended and 'Zoom to base level'.
- 2. Place the cursor over the edge of the exon until it becomes a black arrow then click and drag the edge of the exon to the new coordinate position that includes the UTR.



To add a new spliced UTR to an existing annotation follow the procedure for adding an exon.

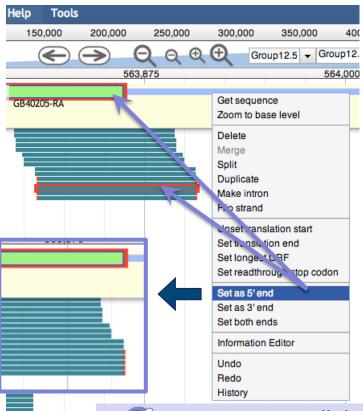


# **EXON STRUCTURE INTEGRITY**

- 1. Zoom in sufficiently to clearly resolve each exon as a distinct rectangle.
- 2. Two exons from different tracks sharing the same start and/or end coordinates will display a red bar to indicate the matching edges.
- 3. Selecting the whole annotation or one exon at a time, use this 'edge-matching' function and scroll along the length of the annotation, verifying exon boundaries against available data. Use square [] brackets to scroll from exon to exon.
- 4. Note if there are cDNA / RNAseq reads that lack one or more of the annotated exons or include additional exons.



### **EXON STRUCTURE INTEGRITY**



To modify an exon boundary and match data in the evidence tracks: select both the offending exon and the feature with the expected boundary, then right click on the annotation to select 'Set 3' end' or 'Set 5' end' as appropriate.

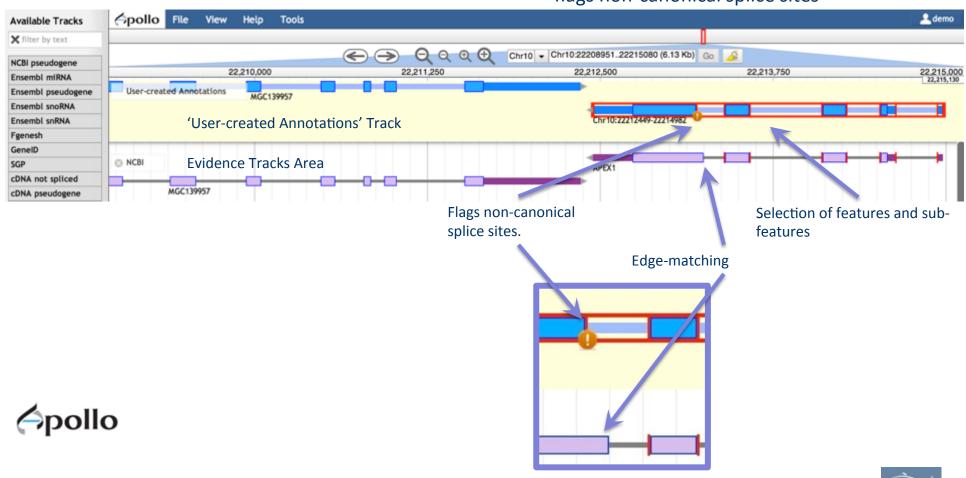
In some cases all the data may disagree with the annotation, in other cases some data support the annotation and some of the data support one or more alternative transcripts. Try to annotate as many alternative transcripts as are well supported by the data.



### **EDITING LOGIC**

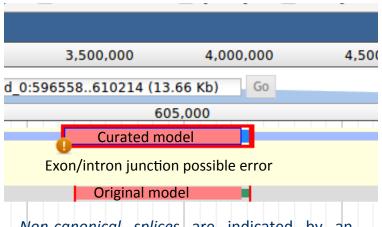
#### The editing logic in the server:

- selects longest ORF as CDS
- flags non-canonical splice sites





#### SPLICE SITES



Non-canonical splices are indicated by an orange circle with a white exclamation point inside, placed over the edge of the offending exon.

Most insects, have a valid non-canonical site GC-AG. Other non-canonical splice sites are unverified. Web Apollo flags GC splice donors as non-canonical.

Zoom to base level to review noncanonical splice site warnings. These do not necessarily need to be corrected, but should be flagged with the appropriate comment.

#### **Canonical splice sites:**

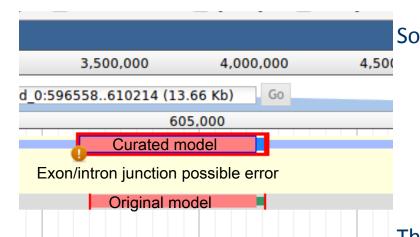
forward strand
5'-...exon]GT / AG[exon...-3'

reverse strand, not reverse-complemented: 3'-...exon]GA / TG[exon...-5'



### SPLICE SITES

#### keep this in mind

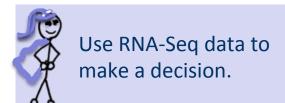


Some gene prediction algorithms do not recognize GC splice sites, thus the intron/exon junction may be incorrect. For example, one such gene prediction algorithm may ignore a true GC donor and select another non-canonical splice site that is less frequently observed in nature.

#### **Canonical splice sites:**

forward strand
5'-...exon]GT / AG[exon...-3'

reverse strand, not reverse-complemented: 3'-...exon]GA / TG[exon...-5'



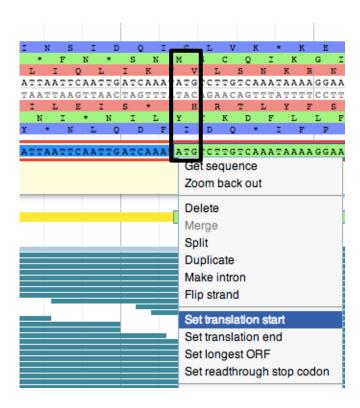
Therefore, if upon inspection you find a non-canonical splice site that is rarely observed in nature, you may wish to search the region for a more frequent in-frame non-canonical splice site, such as a GC donor. If there is an in-frame site close that is more likely to be the correct splice donor, you may make this adjustment while zoomed at base level.



### 'START' AND 'STOP' SITES

Web Apollo calculates the longest possible open reading frame (ORF) that includes canonical 'Start' and 'Stop' signals within the predicted exons.

If it appears to have calculated an incorrect 'Start' signal, you may modify it selecting an in-frame 'Start' codon further up or downstream, depending on evidence (protein database, additional evidence tracks). An upstream 'Start' codon may be present outside the predicted gene model, within a region supported by another evidence track.





## 'START' AND 'STOP' SITES

#### keep this in mind

Note that the 'Start' codon may also be located in a non-predicted exon further upstream. If you cannot identify that exon, add the appropriate note in the transcript's 'Comments' section.

In very rare cases, the actual 'Start' codon may be non-canonical (non-ATG).

In some cases, a 'Stop' codon may not be automatically identified. Check to see if there are data supporting a 3' extension of the terminal exon or additional 3' exons with valid splice sites.





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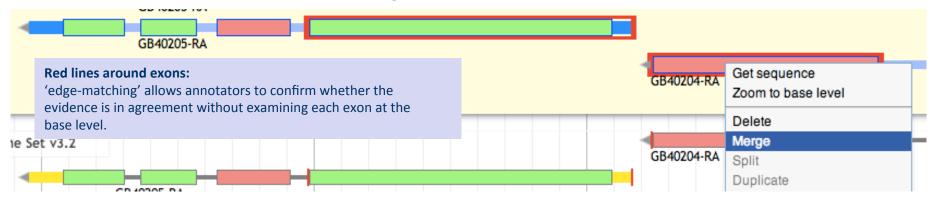
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#### merge two gene predictions on the same scaffold

Evidence may support joining two or more different gene models. **Warning:** protein alignments may have incorrect splice sites and lack non-conserved regions!

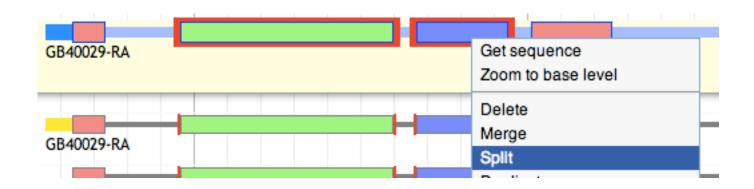
- 1. Drag and drop each gene model to 'User-created Annotations' area. Shift click to select an intron from each gene model and right click to select the 'Merge' option from the menu.
- 2. Drag supporting evidence tracks over the candidate models to corroborate overlap, or review edge matching and coverage across models.
- 3. Check the resulting translation by querying a protein database e.g. UniProt. Record the IDs of both starting gene models in 'DBXref' and add comments to record that this annotation is the result of a merge.





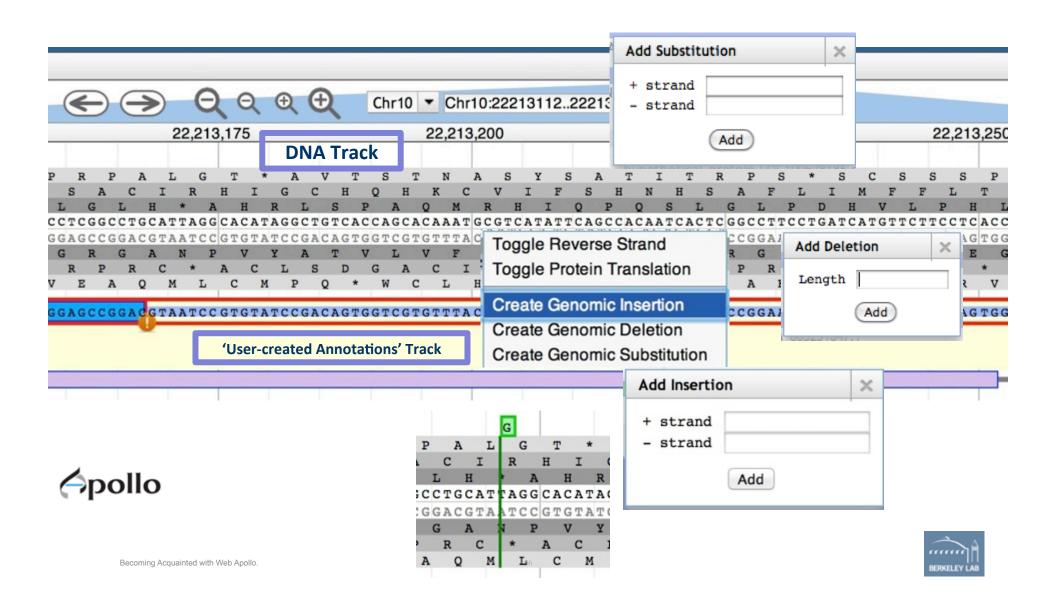
#### split a gene prediction

One or more splits may be recommended when different segments of the predicted protein align to two or more different families of protein homologs, and the predicted protein does not align to any known protein over its entire length. Transcript data may support a split (if so, verify that it is not a case of alternative transcripts).





#### frameshifts, single-base errors, and selenocysteines



#### frameshifts, single-base errors, and selenocysteines

- 1. Web Apollo allows annotators to make single base modifications or frameshifts that are reflected in the sequence and structure of any transcripts overlapping the modification. Note that these manipulations do NOT change the underlying genomic sequence.
- 2. If you determine that you need to make one of these changes, zoom in to the nucleotide level and right click over a single nucleotide on the genomic sequence to access a menu that provides options for creating insertions, deletions or substitutions.
- 3. The 'Create Genomic Insertion' feature will require you to enter the necessary string of nucleotide residues that will be inserted to the right of the cursor's current location. The 'Create Genomic Deletion' option will require you to enter the length of the deletion, starting with the nucleotide where the cursor is positioned. The 'Create Genomic Substitution' feature asks for the string of nucleotide residues that will replace the ones on the DNA track.
- 4. Once you have entered the modifications, Web Apollo will recalculate the corrected transcript and protein sequences, which will appear when you use the right-click menu 'Get Sequence' option. Since the underlying genomic sequence is reflected in all annotations that include the modified region you should alert the curators of your organisms database using the 'Comments' section to report the CDS edits.
- 5. In special cases such as selenocysteine containing proteins (read-throughs), right-click over the offending/premature 'Stop' signal and choose the 'Set readthrough stop codon' option from the menu.

#### COMPLETING THE ANNOTATION

Follow our checklist until you are happy with the annotation!

#### Then:

- Comment to validate your annotation, even if you made no changes to an existing model. Your comments mean you looked at the curated model and are happy with it; think of it as a vote of confidence.
- Or add a comment to inform the community of unresolved issues you think this model may have.

Always Remember: Web Apollo curation is a community effort so please use comments to communicate the reasons for your annotation (your comments will be visible to everyone).



#### **HOW TO BEGIN**

To find the gene region you wish to annotate, you may use:

- a) a protein sequence of a homolog from another species
- b) a sequence from a similar gene in species of interest (e.g. another gene family member)
- c) on your own, you aligned your gene models or transcriptomic data to the genome.
- d) you used high quality proteins and/or gene family alignments (multi or single species) and are able to identify conserved domains.

**Option 1** – You have a sequence but don't know where it is in this genome:

- Use BLAT in the Apollo window, or BLAST at NAL's i5k BLAST server, available at: http://i5k.nal.usda.gov/blastn
- You may also use other tools for annotation and contribute your data from those efforts.

**Option 2** – The genome has already been annotated with your sequences and you have a gene identifier that has been indexed in Apollo.

- That is, you know where to look, so type the ID in the Search box of Apollo.
  - Apollo autocompletes using a case-insensitive search anchored on the left-hand side of the word. For example "HaGR" will show all "hagr" objects (up to 30).
- Choose one of the genes and click "Go".
- You can do that with Domains, Alignments or Gene names provided to you (if they have been indexed).

**Option 3** – Find genes based on functional ontology terms or network membership identifiers.



#### GENERAL PROCESS OF CURATION

- 1. Select the chromosomal region of interest, e.g. scaffold.
- 2. Select appropriate evidence tracks.
- Determine whether a feature in an existing evidence track will provide a reasonable gene model to start working.
  - If yes: select and **drag** the feature to the 'User-created Annotations' area, **creating an initial gene model.** If necessary use editing functions to adjust the gene model.
  - Nothing available to you? *Let's have a talk*.
- 4. Check your edited gene model for integrity and accuracy by comparing it with available homologs.

Always remember: when annotating gene models using Apollo, you are looking at a 'frozen' version of the genome assembly and you will not be able to modify the assembly itself.



#### pay attention to these details

- Annotating a simple case: WHEN "The official prediction is correct, or nearly correct, assuming that no aligned data extends beyond the gene model and if so, it is not likely to be coding sequence, and/or the gene prediction matches what you know about the gene":
  - a. Can you add UTRs?
  - b. Check exon structures.
  - c. Check splice sites: ...]5'-GT/AG-3'[...
  - d. Check 'start' and 'stop' sites.
  - e. Check the predicted protein product(s).
  - f. If the protein product still does not look correct, go on to "Annotating more complex cases".



#### continued

- ❖ Additional functionality. You may also need to learn how to:
  - a. Get genomic sequence
  - b. Merge exons
  - c. Add/Delete an exon
  - d. Create an exon de novo (within an intron or outside existing annotations).
  - e. Right/apple-click on a feature to get feature ID and additional information
  - f. Looking up homolog descriptions going to the accession web page at UniProt/Swissprot



#### continued

#### Annotating more complex cases:

- a. Incomplete annotation: protein integrity checks, indicate gaps, missing 5' sequences or missing 3' sequences.
- b. Merge of 2 gene predictions on same scaffold
- c. Merge of 2 gene predictions on different scaffolds (uh-oh!).
- d. Split of a gene prediction
- e. Frameshifts, Selenocysteine, single-base errors, and other inconvenient phenomena



#### continued

# Adding important project information in the form of Canned and/or Customized Comments:

- a. NCBI ID, RefSeq ID, gene symbol(s), common name(s), synonyms, top BLAST hits (GenBank IDs), orthologs with species names, and anything else you can think of, because you are the expert.
- b. Type of annotation (e.g.: whether or not the gene model was changed)
- c. Data source (for example if the Fgeneshpp predicted gene was the starting point for your annotation)
- d. The kinds of changes you made to the gene model, e.g.: split, merge
- e. Functional description
- f. Whether you would like for your MOD curator to check the annotation
- g. Whether part of your gene is on a different scaffold.



# THE CHECK LIST

#### for accuracy and integrity

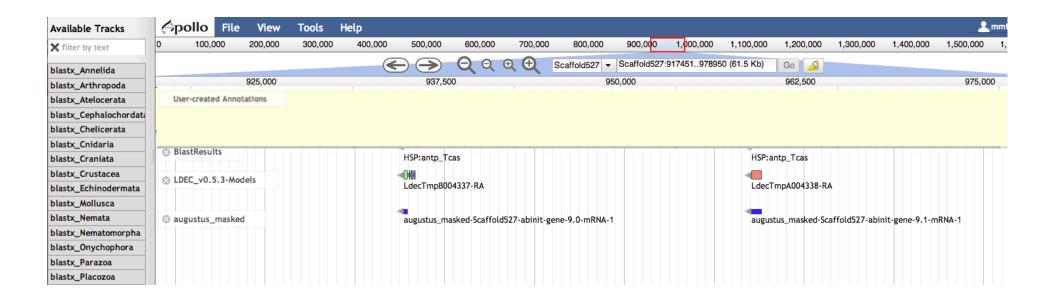
- 1. Can you add UTRs (e.g.: via RNA-Seq)?
- 2. Check exon structures
- 3. Check splice sites: most splice sites display these residues ...]5'-GT/AG-3'[...
- 4. Check 'Start' and 'Stop' sites
- 5. Check the predicted protein product(s)
  - Align it against relevant genes/gene family.
  - blastp against NCBI's RefSeq or nr
- 6. If the protein product still does not look correct then check:
  - Are there gaps in the genome?
  - Merge of 2 gene predictions on the same scaffold
  - Merge of 2 gene predictions from different scaffolds
  - Split a gene prediction
  - Frameshifts
    - error in the genome assembly?
  - Selenocysteine, single-base errors, and other inconvenient phenomena

- 7. Finalize annotation by adding:
- Important project information in the form of canned and/or customized comments
- IDs from GenBank (via DBXRef), gene symbol(s), common name(s), synonyms, top BLAST hits (with GenBank IDs), orthologs with species names, and everything else you can think of, because you are the expert.
- Whether your model replaces one or more models from the official gene set (so it can be deleted).
- The kinds of changes you made to the gene model of interest, if any. E.g.: splits, merges, whether the 5' or 3' ends had to be modified to include 'Start' or 'Stop' codons, additional exons had to be added, or non-canonical splice sites were accepted.
- Any functional assignments that you think are of interest to the community (e.g. via BLAST, RNA-Seq data, literature searches, etc.)



# Apollo Example

- Introductory demonstration using the *Hyalella azteca* genome (amphipod crustacean).



A public Apollo Demo using the Honey Bee genome is available at http://genomearchitect.org/WebApolloDemo

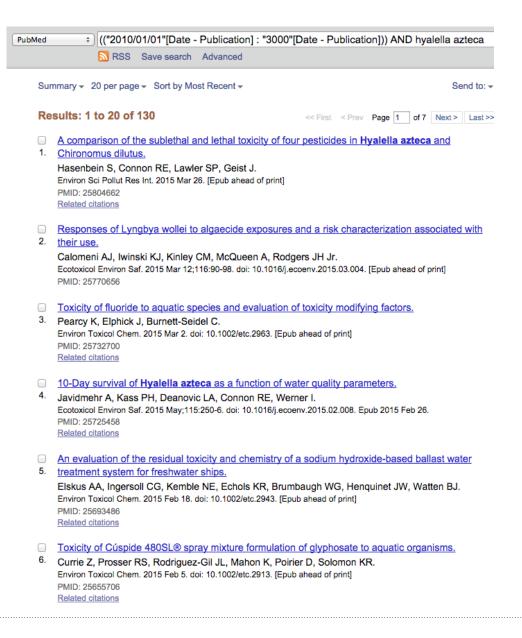


# What do we know about this genome?

- Currently publicly available data at NCBI:
  - >37,000 nucleotide seqs  $\rightarrow$  scaffolds, mitochondrial genes
  - 300 amino acid seqs → mitochondrion
  - 53 ESTs
  - 0 conserved domains identified
  - 0 "gene" entries submitted
- Data at i5K Workspace@NAL
  - 10,832 scaffolds, 23,288 transcripts, 12,906 proteins



# PubMed Search: what's new?





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> "Ten populations (3 laboratory cultures, 7 California water bodies) differed by at least 550-fold in sensitivity

to pyrethroids."

"By sequencing the primary pyrethroid target site, the voltage-gated sodium channel (vqsc), we show that point mutations and their spread in natural populations were responsible for differences in pyrethroid sensitivity."

"The finding that a non-target aquatic species has acquired resistance to pesticides used only on terrestrial

pests is troubling evidence of the impact of chronic pesticide transport from land-based applications into aquatic systems."

Example 70

Toxicity of Cúspide 480SL® spray mixture formulation of glyphosate to aquatic organisms.

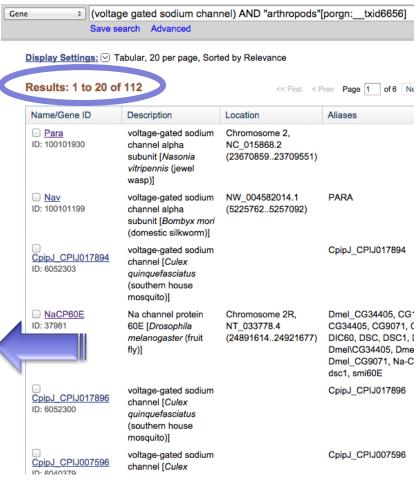
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Environ Toxicol Chem. 2015 Feb 5. doi: 10.1002/etc.2913. [Epub ahead of print]

# How many sequences for our gene of interest?

#### And what do we know about them?

- Para, (voltage-gated sodium channel alpha subunit; *Nasonia vitripennis*).
- NaCP60E (Sodium channel protein 60 E; D. melanogaster).
- MF: voltage-gated cation channel activity (IDA, GO:0022843).
- BP: olfactory behavior (IMP, GO:0042048), sodium ion transmembrane transport (ISS,GO:0035725).
- CC: voltage-gated sodium channel complex (IEA, GO:0001518).





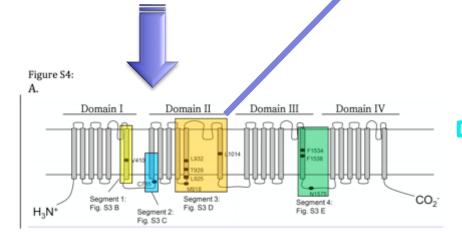
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#### D. Segment 3: Domain II S4-S6

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#### Figure S4 continued:

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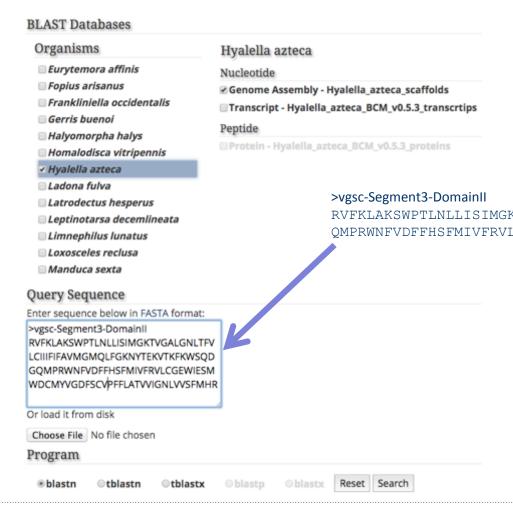
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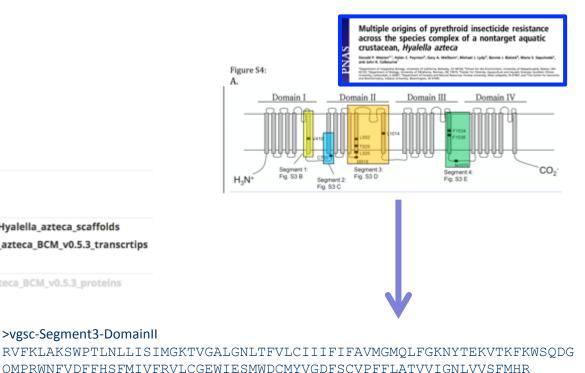
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### **BLAST** at i5K

### https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/blast

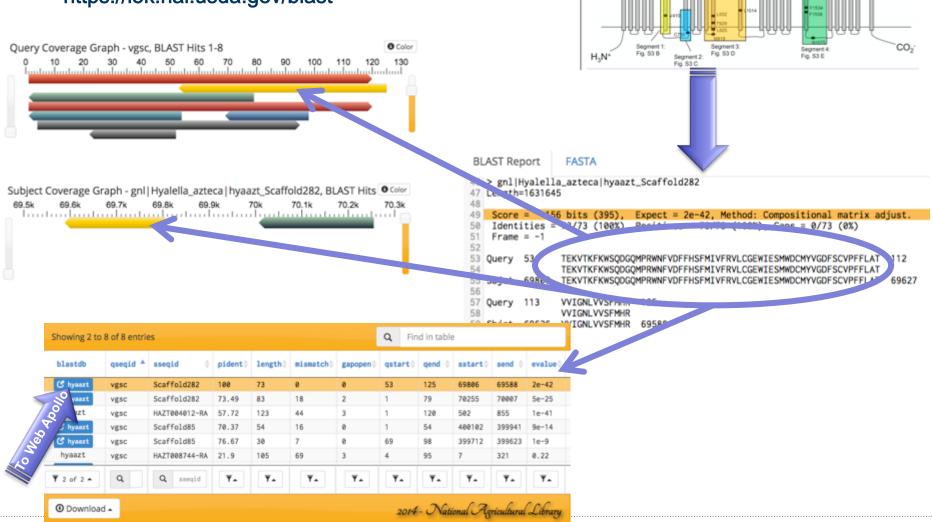






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Domain IV

crustacean, Hyalella azteca

Domain III

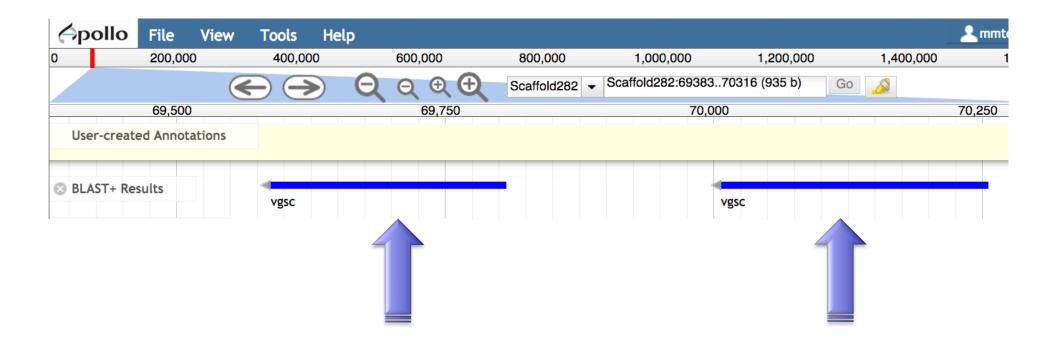
Domain II

Figure S4: A.

Domain I

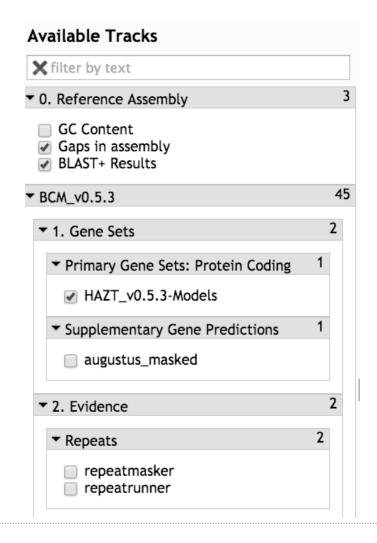
### **BLAST at i5K:**

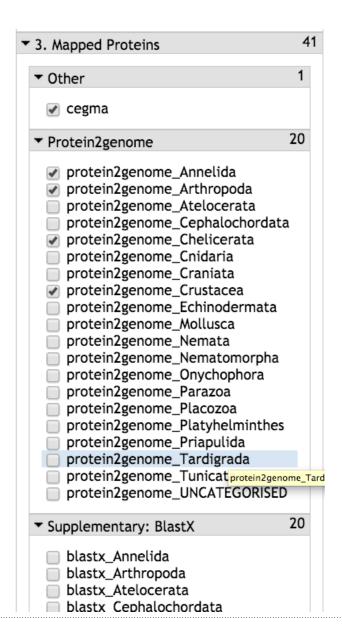
### high-scoring segment pairs (hsp) in "BLAST+ Results" track





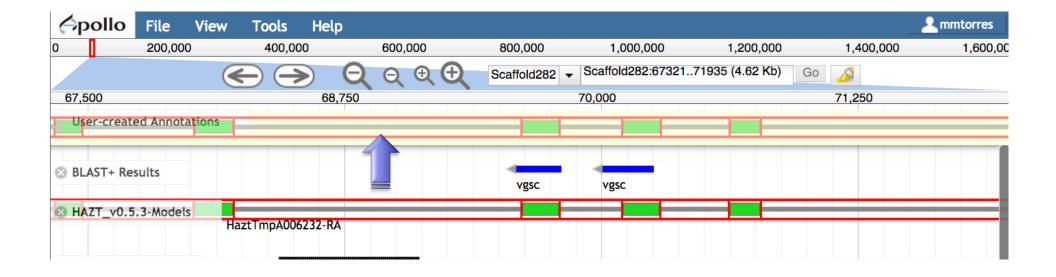
### **Available Tracks**





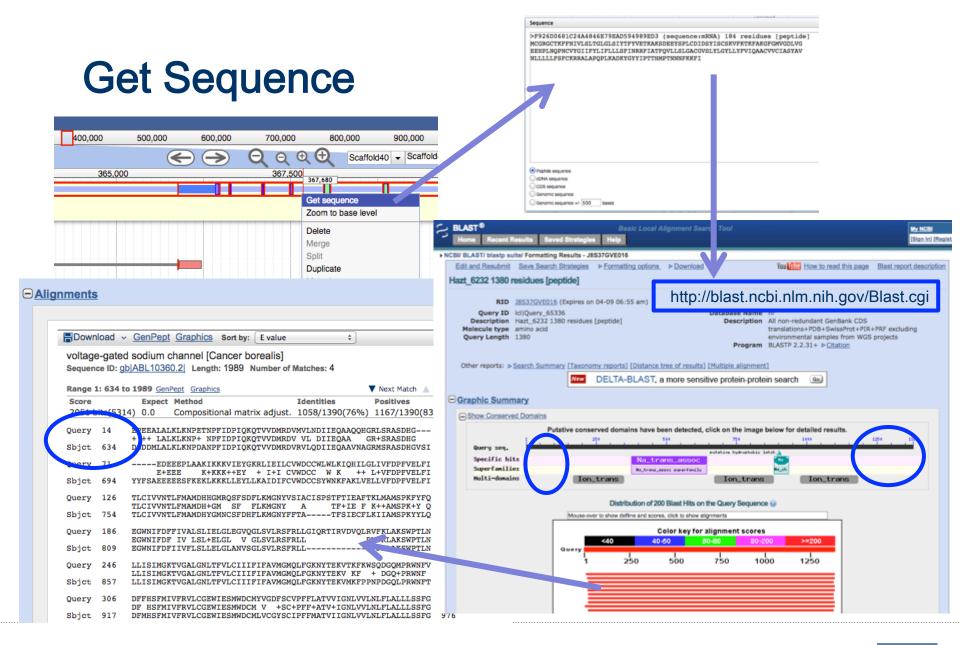


### Creating a new gene model: drag and drop



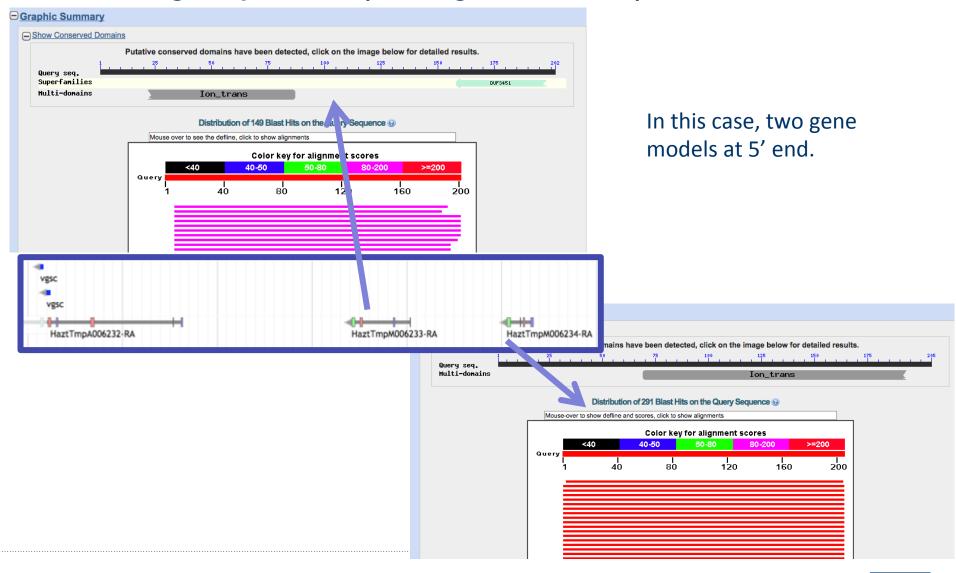
 Web Apollo automatically calculates the longest open reading frame (ORF). In this case, the ORF includes the high-scoring segment pairs (hsp).

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### Flanking sequences (other gene models) vs. NCBI nr

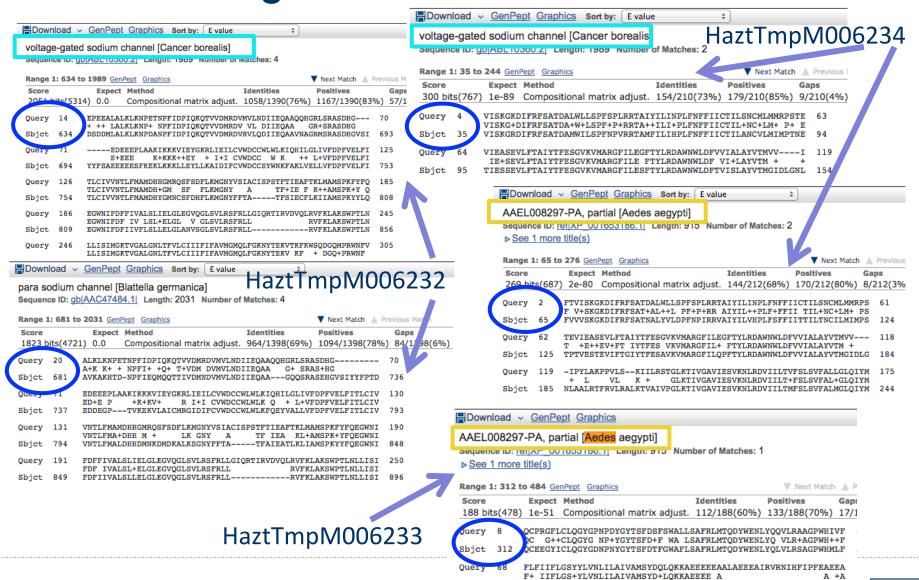




## Review alignments



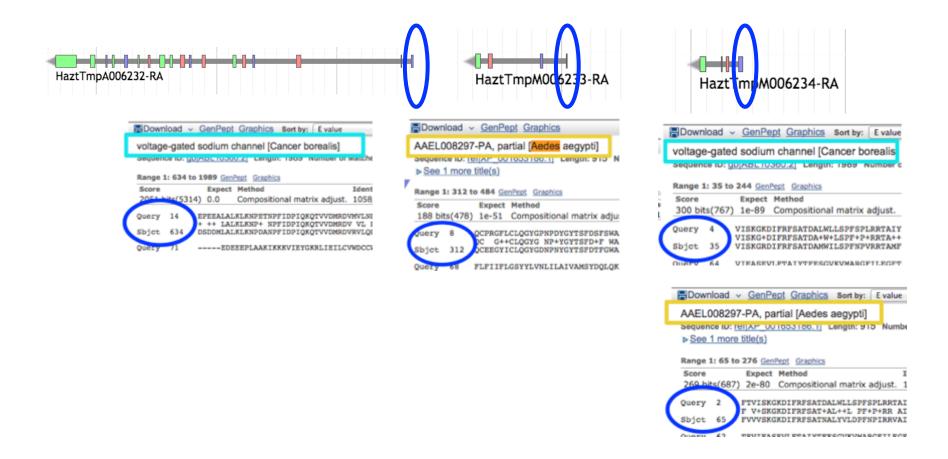
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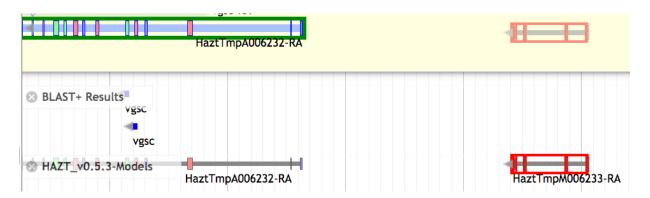
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# Hypothesis for vgsc gene model

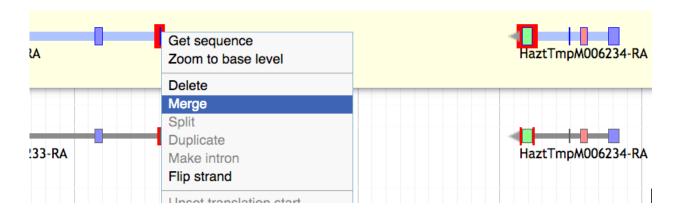


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## **Editing:** merge



Merge by dropping an exon or gene model onto another.



Merge by selecting two exons (holding down "Shift") and using the right click menu.



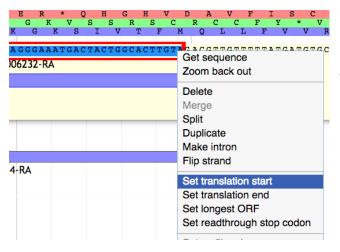
## Editing: correct boundaries, delete exons



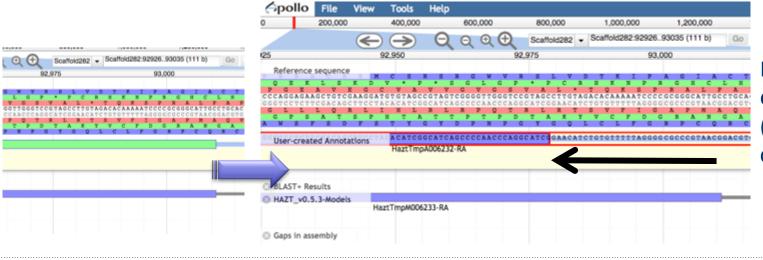
Set translation start



### Editing: set translation start, modify boundary



Set translation start



Modify intron / exon boundary (here and at coord. 78,999)



### Finished model



Corroborate integrity and accuracy of the model:

- Start and Stop
- Exon structure and splice sites ...]5'-GT/AG-3'[...
- Check the predicted protein product on NCBI nr



### Information Editor

- DBXRefs: e.g. NP\_001128389.1, N. vitripennis, RefSeq
- PubMed identifier: PMID: 24065824
- Gene Ontology IDs: GO:0022843, GO: 0042048, GO:0035725, GO:0001518.
- Comments.
- Name, Symbol.
- Approve / Delete radio button.

Annotation type: Modify an existing gene model Annotation type: Approve an existing gene model

Annotation type: Add a new gene model not existing in gene set

Annotation type: Delete an existing gene model

Annotation type: Existing gene model is a pseudogene

Annotation type: Add a gene symbol Annotation type: Add a gene description Annotation type: Add a comment

Annotation type: Flag incorrect gene model Annotation type: Change translation start site

Result of: Merging of two or more gene models across scaffolds. Gene involved in merge:

Result of: Merging of two or more gene models. Gene involved in merge:

Result of: Splitting a gene model. Original gene model ID:

Result of: Adding an exon to the gene model

Result of: Removing an exon from the gene model

Result of:

Comments

(if applicable)

Note to curator:

Selenocysteine insertion sequence at coordinates:

CDS edit: Stop codon readthrough due to selenocysteine insertion

CDS edit: sequencing error

Data source for annotation:

Added 5'UTR Added 3'UTR



# Demo

# **APOLLO** demonstration

See Apollo Demonstration Video at: https://youtu.be/VgPtAP\_fvxY



### **Exercises**

### Live Demonstration using the Apis mellifera genome.

### 1. Evidence in support of protein coding gene models.

#### 1.1 Consensus Gene Sets:

Official Gene Set v3.2 Official Gene Set v1.0

#### 1.2 Consensus Gene Sets comparison:

OGSv3.2 genes that merge OGSv1.0 and RefSeq genes
OGSv3.2 genes that split OGSv1.0 and RefSeq genes

## **1.3 Protein Coding Gene Predictions Supported by Biological Evidence:**

NCBI Gnomon
Fgenesh++ with RNASeq training data
Fgenesh++ without RNASeq training data
NCBI RefSeq Protein Coding Genes and Low Quality
Protein Coding Genes

#### 1.4 Ab initio protein coding gene predictions:

Augustus Set 12, Augustus Set 9, Fgenesh, GeneID, N-SCAN, SGP2

#### 1.5 Transcript Sequence Alignment:

NCBI ESTs, *Apis cerana* RNA-Seq, Forager Bee Brain Illumina Contigs, Nurse Bee Brain Illumina Contigs, Forager RNA-Seq reads, Nurse RNA-Seq reads, Abdomen 454 Contigs, Brain and Ovary 454 Contigs, Embryo 454 Contigs, Larvae 454 Contigs, Mixed Antennae 454 Contigs, Ovary 454 Contigs Testes 454 Contigs, Forager RNA-Seq HeatMap, Forager RNA-Seq XY Plot, Nurse RNA-Seq HeatMap, Nurse RNA-Seq XY Plot



## Exercises (continued)

### Live Demonstration using the Apis mellifera genome.

1. Evidence in support of protein coding gene models (Continued).

#### 1.6 Protein homolog alignment:

Acep OGSv1.2

Aech OGSv3.8

Cflo\_OGSv3.3

Dmel\_r5.42

Hsal\_OGSv3.3

Lhum OGSv1.2

Nvit OGSv1.2

Nvit\_OGSv2.0

Pbar\_OGSv1.2

Sinv\_OGSv2.2.3

Znev OGSv2.1

Metazoa Swissprot

2. Evidence in support of non protein coding gene models

#### 2.1 Non-protein coding gene predictions:

NCBI RefSeq Noncoding RNA

NCBI RefSeq miRNA

#### 2.2 Pseudogene predictions:

NCBI RefSeq Pseudogene



# Web Apollo Workshop Instances

Demo 1: http://genomes.missouri.edu:8080/Amel\_4.5\_demo\_1

Demo 2: http://genomes.missouri.edu:8080/Amel\_4.5\_demo\_2

Workshop Documentation can be found at:

Basecamp

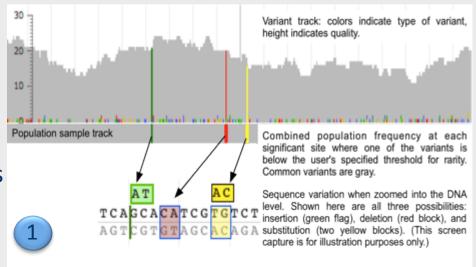
Web Apollo instance for *Diaphorina citri* https://apollo.nal.usda.gov/diacit/selectTrack.jsp

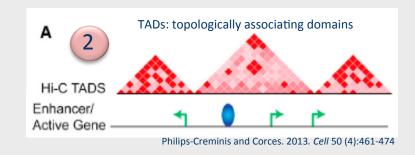
Register for i5K Workspace@NAL at: https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/web-apollo-registration

### **FUTURE PLANS**

### interactive analysis and curation of variants

- ❖ Interactive exploration of VCF files (e.g. from GATK, VAAST) in addition to BAM and GVF.
- Multiple tracks in one:
  visualization of genetic alterations
  and population frequency of
  variants.
- Clinical applications: analysis of Copy Number Variations for regulatory effects; overlaying display of the regulatory domains.







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# FUTURE PLANS educational tools

We are working with educators to make Web Apollo part of their curricula.



In the classroom.





Lecture Series.

Classroom exercises: from genome sequence to hypothesis.





Curation group dedicated to producing education materials for non-model organism communities.

Our team provides online documentation, hands-on training, and rapid response to users.



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### **Berkeley BOP**



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Please bring your suggestions, requests, and contributions to: http://GenomeArchitect.org/



# Thanks!

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