

# Recent work on Human Variation tracks

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# Overview

- Genetic variation in 1 slide
- dbSNP: background
- dbSNP: more & better
- VCF (1000 Genomes, ...)
- GVF (dbVar/ISCA)

# Genetic variation

- Differences in genomic sequence
  - substitutions, insertions, deletions, copy number variation, ...
  - Allele: observed version of variant
- We each have 2 sets of chrom's
  - Haplotype: one of the 2 sets
  - Genotype: both sets
  - Phased genotype: from Mom, from Dad
- Polymorphism: variant segregating in a population (not just any old variant)

# dbSNP



- Warehouse for discovered variants
- First submissions: late 1990s
- Human build 132: 143M submissions
- Provides stable IDs for variants
- “SNP” somewhat of a misnomer
- Garbage in, garbage out

# dbSNP's monumental task

***143,350,315 of these for human:***

Submitter: DEBNICK  
Left Flank: ...GCAGAACTGT  
Right Flank: AGCACCTTCA...  
Obsvd Alleles: A/C  
Sample Size: ? [50]  
Population(s): ? [HAPMAP YRI]  
Individual(s): ? [NA18489, NA18...  
Genotypes: ? [NA18489:AA, ...  
Allele Freqs: ? [A:94.1%, C:...  
Linkout: ? [http://mylab...  
External IDs: lp00110  
...

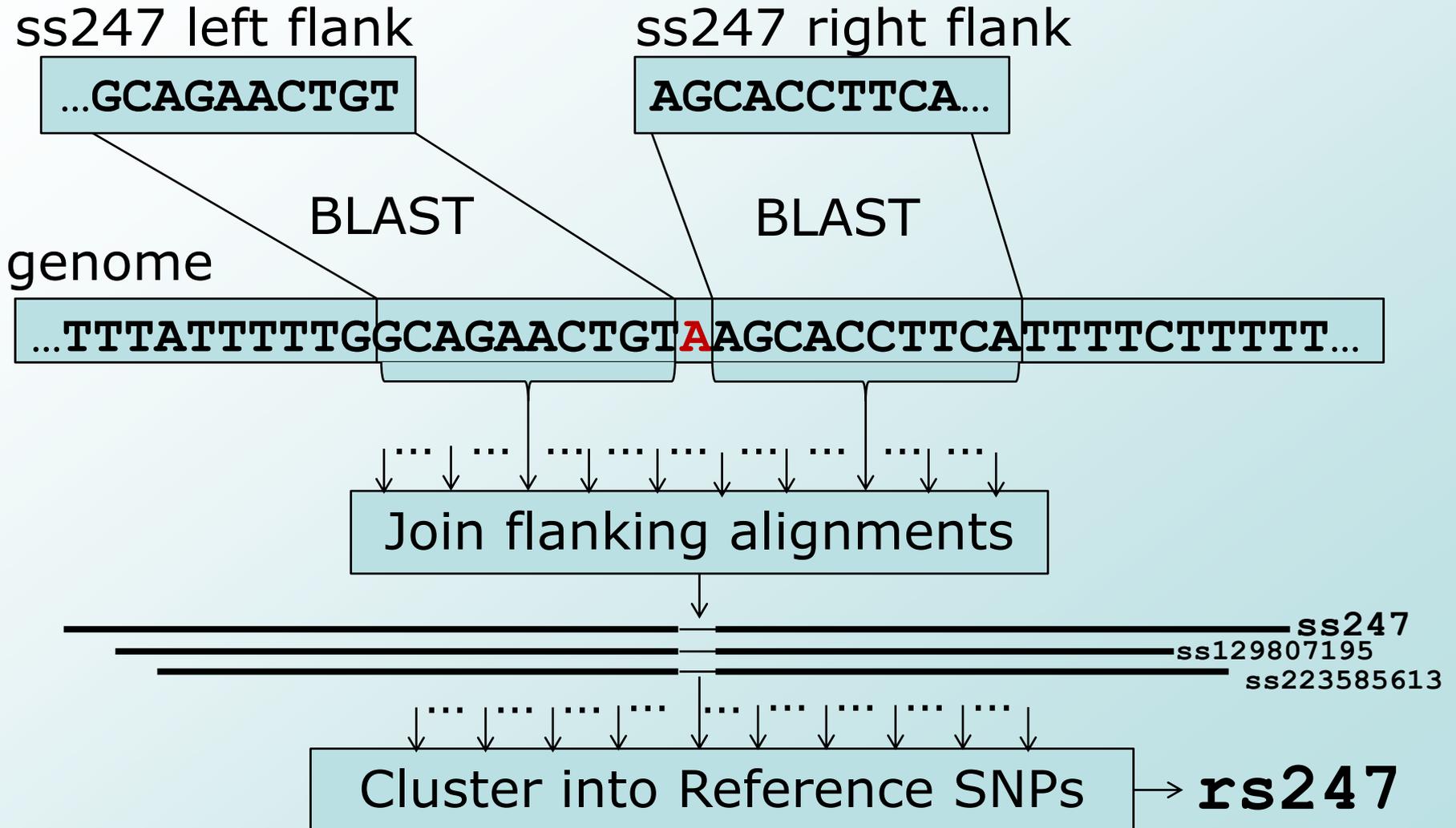
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# dbSNP's mapping process



# UCSC's little slice of dbSNP

- Only Reference SNP clusters (rs#), not Submitted SNPs (ss#)
- Only SNPs mapped to reference genome (not Celera, Venter etc)
- BED6 + ten attributes out of dozens

# UCSC's extra sauce

- 18 anomalous conditions:  
"Exceptions"
- Noted on details page
- Used internally to filter SNPs e.g.  
before cross-species liftOver

# Mary-Claire King's kick in the A

- dbSNP's "clinically associated" SNPs are indistinguishable in our track
- Need subset for filtering out boring variation

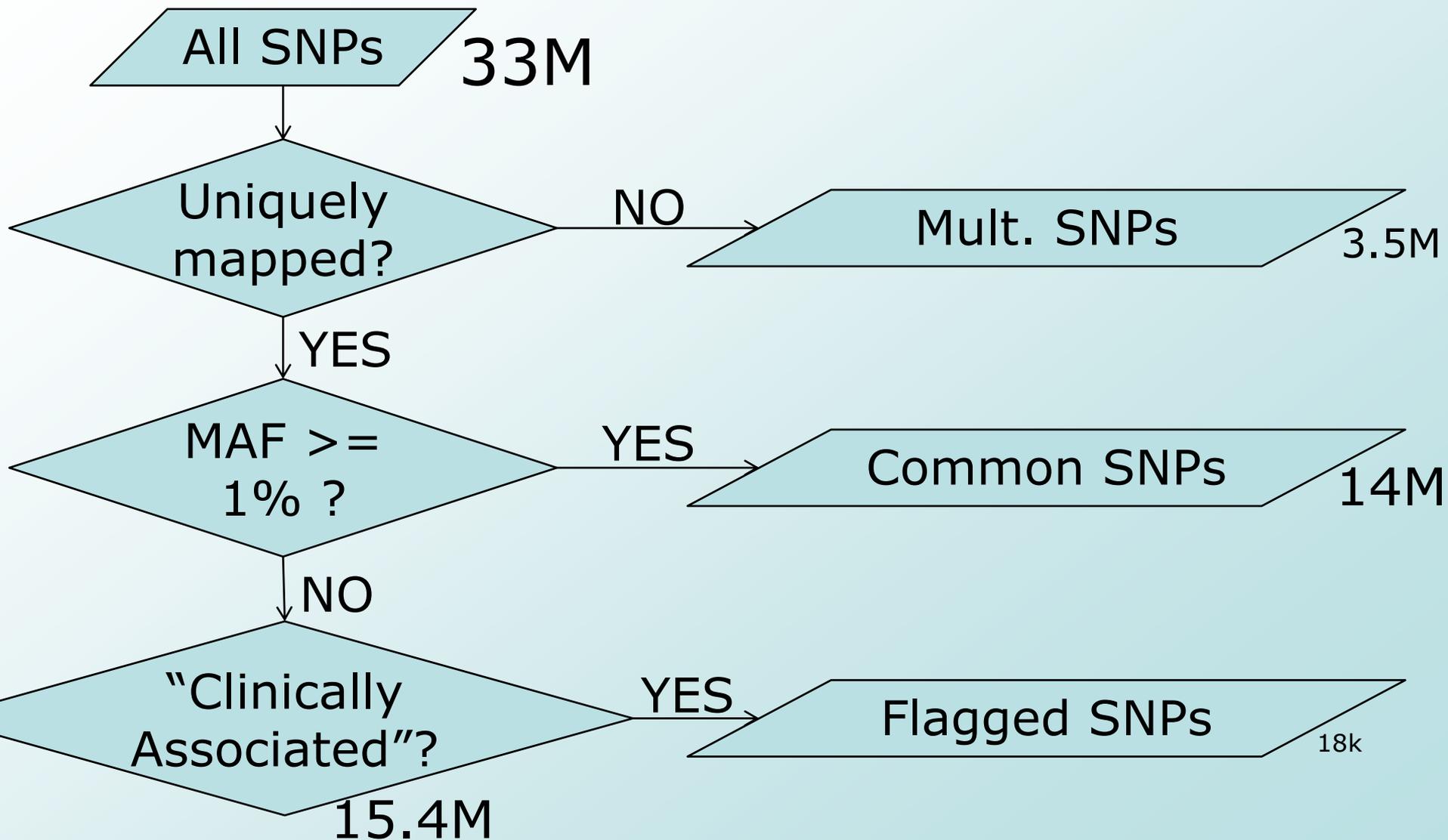
# Souping up our SNPs track

- More info for discerning users
- Categorization -> subset tracks
- Genome Browser: colors, filters, details

# New data columns

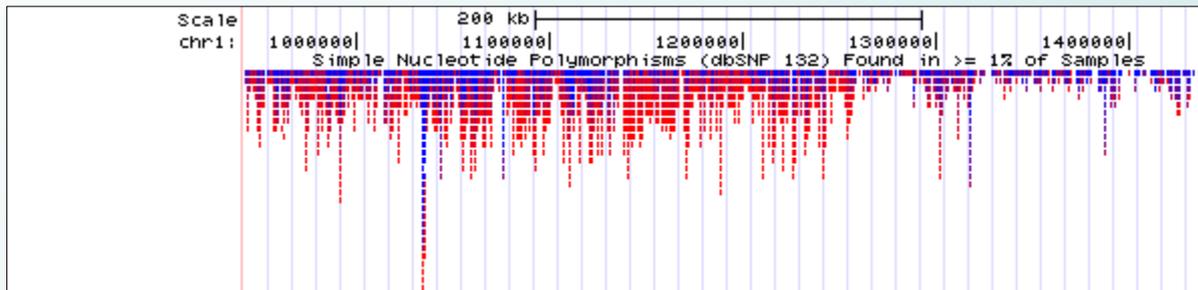
- Submitter handles
- Allele Frequencies
- dbSNP flags: “clinically associated” and a few others
- Separate table of exceptions pulled into main table as mysql set column

# SNP subsets: Common, Flagged, Multi-Mapped

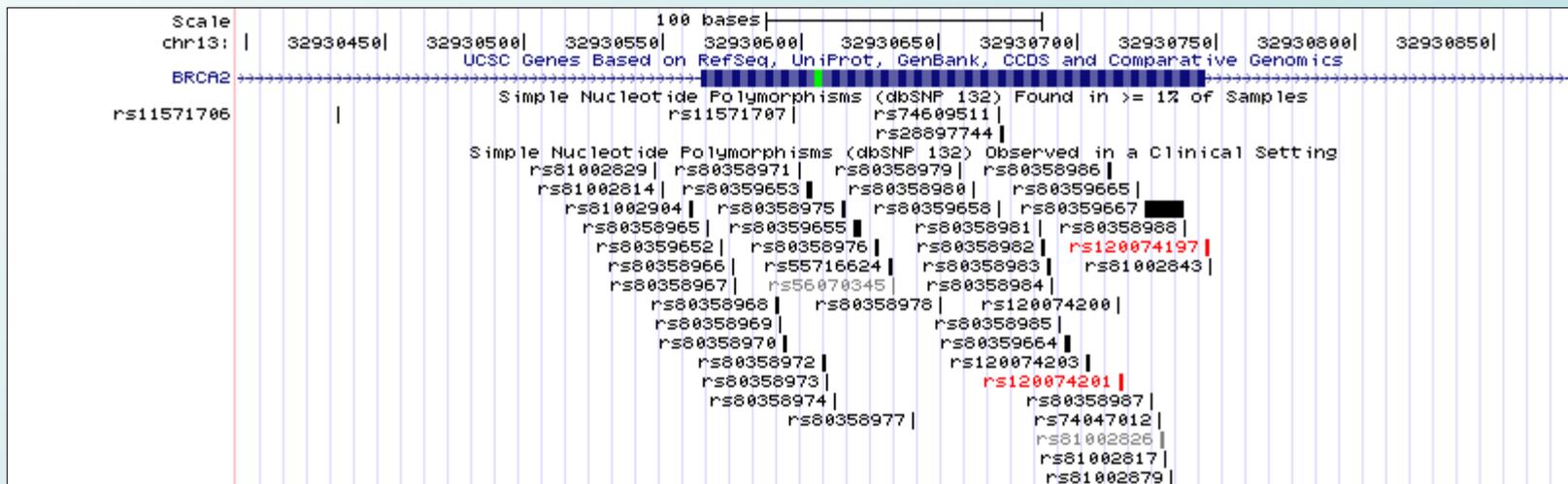


# Genome Browser SNPs track: new coloring and filtering options

Color by allele frequency (red=rare, blue=common):



Color by exception (anomaly), if any:



# Genome Browser SNPs track: fun with new details

Single-submitter SNPs often have some issues:

<u><b>Class</b></u>	single	
<u><b>Validation</b></u>	by-cluster,by-frequency	
<u><b>Function</b></u>	unknown	
<u><b>Molecule Type</b></u>	genomic	
<u><b>Average Heterozygosity</b></u>	0.500 +/- 0.000	
<u><b>Weight</b></u>	1	
<u><b>Submitter Handles</b></u>	<u>HUMANGENOME_JCVI</u>	old new
<u><b>Allele Frequencies</b></u>	G: 50.000% (2 / 4); A: 50.000% (2 / 4)	
<u><b>Miscellaneous properties annotated by dbSNP:</b></u>		
Minor Allele Frequency is at least 5% in all populations assayed		

# Genome Browser SNPs track: fun with new details

4 submitters, 1060 chromosomes:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	single
<b><u>Validation</u></b>	by-cluster
<b><u>Function</u></b>	missense
<b><u>Molecule Type</u></b>	genomic
<b><u>Weight</u></b>	1
<b><u>Submitter Handles</u></b>	<a href="#">BIC_BRODY</a> , <a href="#">ICRCG</a> , <a href="#">ILLUMINA</a> , <a href="#">PERLEGEN</a>
<b><u>Allele Frequencies</u></b>	T: 1.038% (11 / 1060); C: 98.962% (1049 / 1060)

## **Miscellaneous properties annotated by dbSNP:**

SNP is in OMIM/OMIA and/or at least one submitter is a Locus-Specific Database ("clinically associated")  
SNP was submitted by Locus-Specific Database  
Minor Allele Frequency is at least 5% in all populations assayed



# New data sources and formats

- tabix: make any old text format fast like bigBed!
- 1000 Genomes: VCF
- dbVar / ISCA: GVF

# tabix: compress & index any old line-based text format

- bgzip (block-based gzip) compression, like BAM
- Tell tabix which columns have sequence name and start offset
- Voila! BAM-like binary index file

# Variant Call Format (VCF)

- Developed for 1000 Genomes project
- Goals:
  - Describe diverse types of variation
  - Support user-defined structured data
  - Not bloated
- Data definitions in header

# VCF: define data fields in header

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.0
```

```
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,  
Description="Total Depth">
```

```
##INFO=<ID=HM2,Number=0,Type=Flag,  
Description="HapMap2 membership">
```

```
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,  
Description="Ancestral Allele,  
ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/pil  
ot_data/technical/reference/ancestral_alignm  
ents/README">
```

# VCF+tabix = custom track

track

```
name=CEU_lowCov_pilot_genotypes
```

```
type=vcfTabix
```

```
bigDataUrl=ftp://ftp-
```

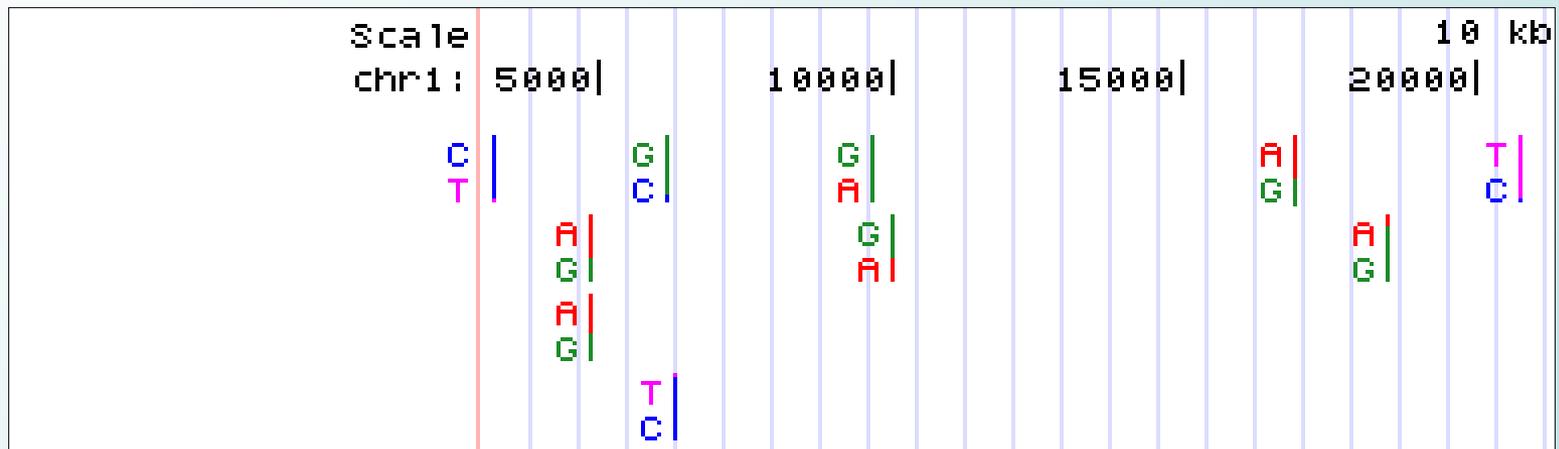
```
trace.ncbi.nih.gov/1000genomes/ftp/pilo  
t_data/release/2010_07/low_coverage/snp  
s/CEU_low_coverage.2010_07.genotypes.vc  
f.gz
```

```
visibility=pack
```

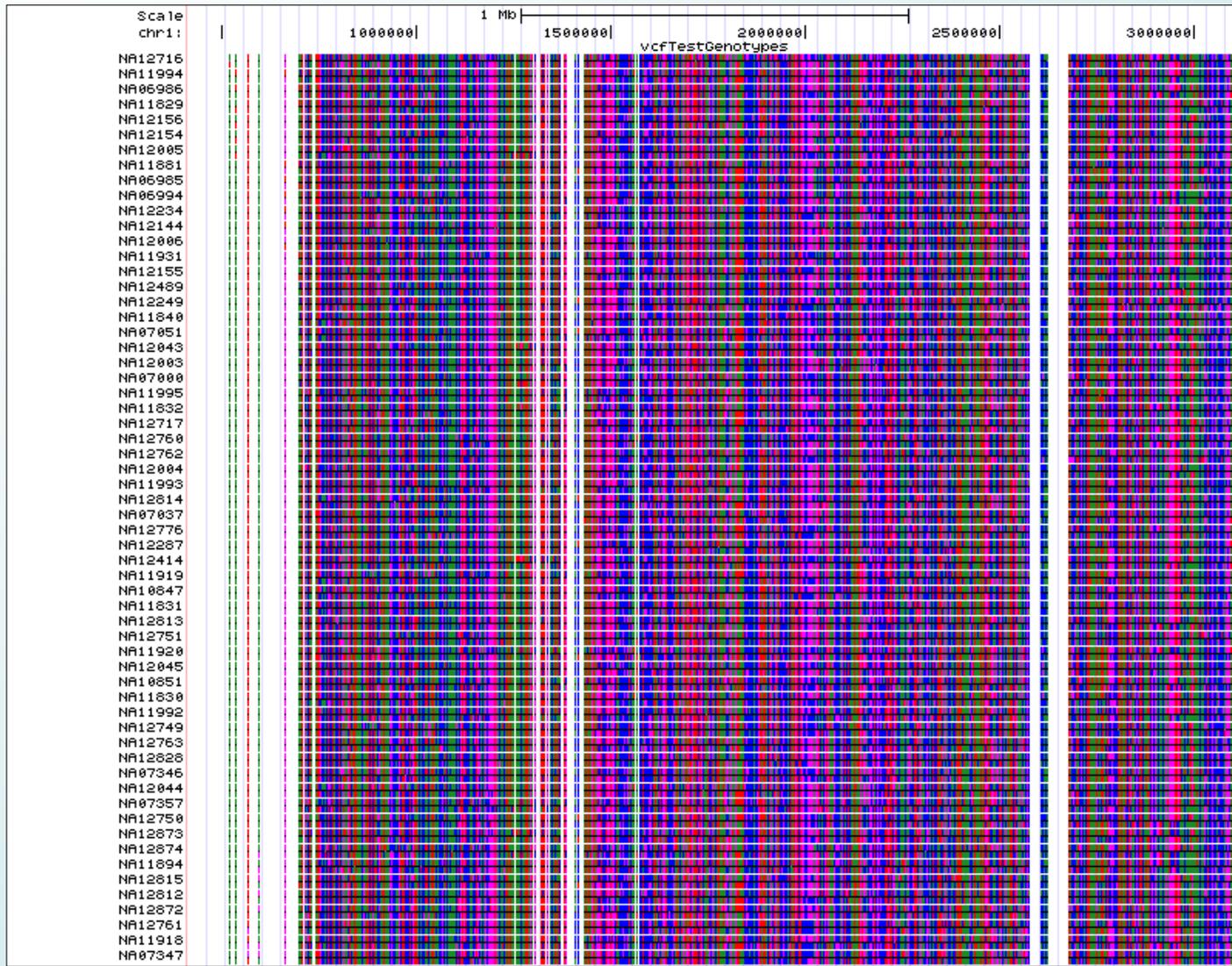
```
db=hg18
```

# VCF example: SNPs with allele counts

Convert to pgSnp items for display:



# VCF example: SNPs with genotypes

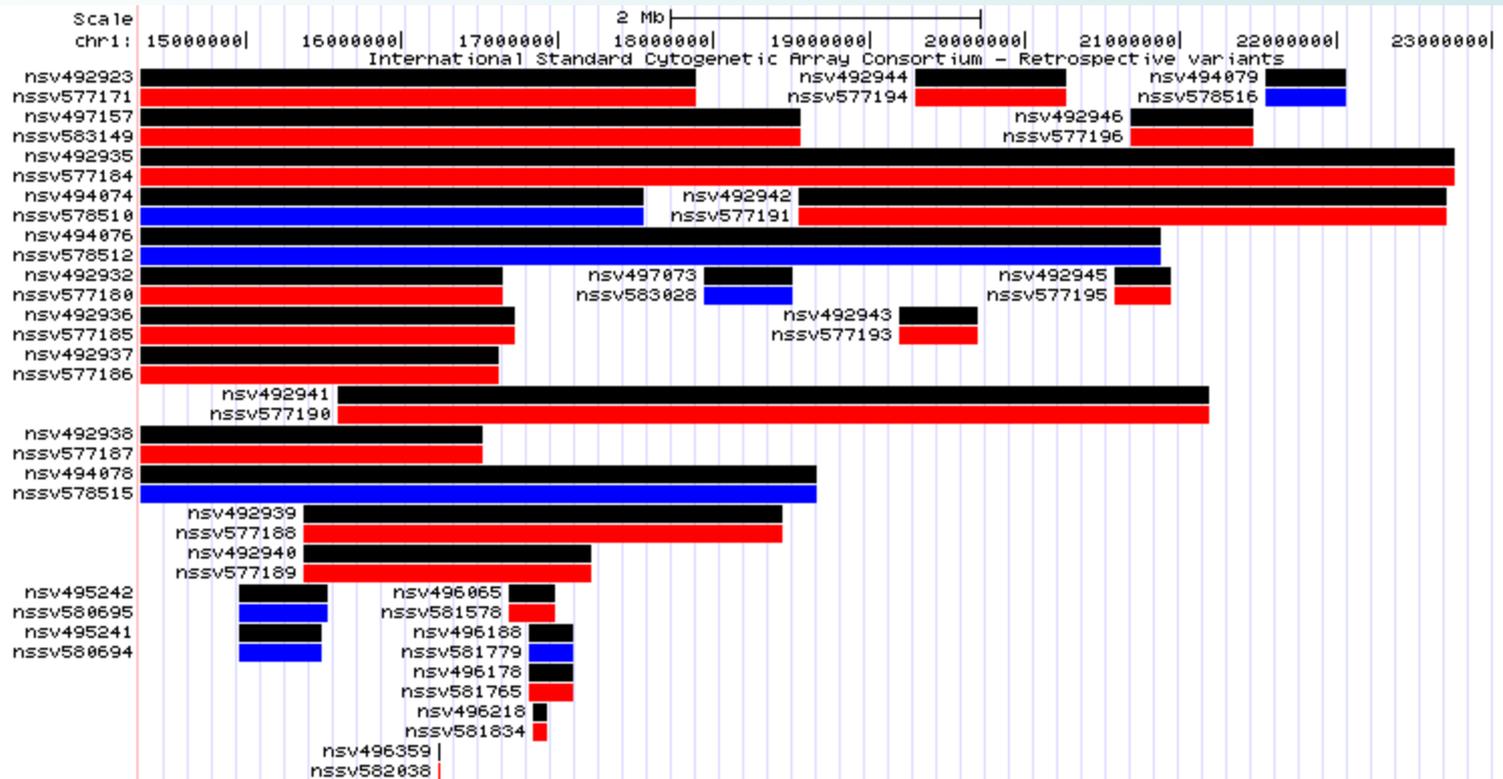


# Genome Variation Format (GVF)

➤ Based on GFF3; additional attributes

```
chrY      dbVar      Gain      2714852
57440868      .          .          .
ID=nssv579294;Name=nssv579294 (Gain) ;
Parent=nsv494707;var_type=Gain;
Start_range=.,2714852;End_range=57440
868,.;clinical_int=Uncertain
Significance: likely
pathogenic;samples=ISCA_ret_id_2795;
phenotype=Developmental Disabilities
```

# ISCA Retrospective (GVF from dbVar)



# ISCA Retrospective - details

**Name:** nssv577191(Loss)

**Parent:** nsv492942

**Variant type:** Loss

**Start range:** outer start unknown, inner start 18546902

**End range:** inner end 22711974, outer end unknown

**Clinical interpretation:** Uncertain Significance: likely pathogenic

**Samples:** ISCA\_ret\_id\_1257

**Phenotype:** Developmental Disabilities

Thanks!