
VAMP

Administration and User Manual

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and other Molecular Profiles

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Chapter 1

Introduction

VAMP is a graphical user interface for the Visualization and Analysis of array-CGH, transcriptome and other Molecular Profiles. VAMP was primarily developed for visualization and analysis of tumor sample array-CGH profiles. Several types of visualization are proposed: for example classical CGH karyotype view or the genome-wide multi-tumor comparison views are available and allow the user to easily compare different arrays. Additional information concerning each clone or DNA region can be retrieved interactively from different public databases through external links. VAMP allows the user to confront the display of different types of molecular profiles such as array CGH profiles, transcriptome arrays, SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) arrays, Loss of Heterozygosity results (LOH), and Chromatin ImmunoPrecipitation arrays (ChIP chips). Many functions for analyzing CGH or other data are provided within the interface, including looking for recurrent regions of alterations, confrontation of genome data with transcriptome data or clinical information, clustering, synteny visualization, ... VAMP consists of a graphical interface written in Java 1.4.2. The software retrieves information from XML files, making it easy to install it in any laboratory.

VAMP is provided with public data sets (Snijders et al., 2001, 2005; Gysin et al., 2005; Douglas et al., 2004; de Leeuw et al., 2004; Nakao et al., 2004; Veltman et al., 2003; Pollack et al., 2002) as examples which can be directly used. This document describes the installation, the configuration and the main functions of VAMP.

Note that some movies present the main functions of VAMP for basic functions, data Analysis, synteny analysis; they are available at the following URL <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/vamp/doc>. An HTML version of this manual with full size images also available at:

<http://bioinfo.curie.fr/vamp/doc/userManual/>

The manual is organized as follows:

- Chapter 2 describes the installation and the administration of the software
- Chapter 3 presents the fonctionnalités of the software
- Chapters 4 and 5 present two detailed analyses on real datasets

Chapter 2

Administration manual

2.1 System requirements

VAMP is a Java applet and therefore the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) must be installed on your computer before running VAMP. We recommend to use Java 1.5.0 (for better rendering and performances), see <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/> for download.

To visualize a large number of profiles simultaneously the java parameters regarding memory allocation must be correctly set.

For example, if your computer disposes of 1 Gb of RAM memory the java virtual machine memory can be set with the following parameters:

Java virtual machine parameter setting: `-Xms400000000 -Xmx800000000`

If you have more (or less) memory, these parameters must be adjusted accordingly. 512 Mb of memory is considered as a minimum, and we strongly recommend to dispose of 1Gb.

`-Xms` defines the minimal memory size allocated to the java virtual machine and `-Xmx` defines the maximal memory size (note that the `-Xmx` can not exceed the size of the RAM memory). In the example below the memory allocation ranges from 400Mo up to 800Mo.

With these parameters the users can load up to 700 microarrays (each with 3500 probes) simultaneously.

For more details please visit : <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/tutorial/vamp/Java-configuration.html>

2.2 Installation and configuration

2.2.1 Installation

VAMP can be installed either in standalone version or in intranet server version:

standalone version (Windows): once you have retrieved and extracted the VAMP.tar.gz file, just copy the VAMP directory into the C: directory. If you want to install the software in a different directory you have to replace the default path C:/VAMP with the new path in the following configuration files: `cgh.html`, `configuration/xml/syscfg.xml` and `configuration/xml/print-report.xml`.

standalone version (Mac OS X/Unix/Linux): once you have retrieved and extracted the VAMP.tar.gz file, just copy the VAMP directory in any directory. You have to replace the default path C:/VAMP with your new path in the following configuration files: `cgh.html`, `configuration/xml/syscfg.xml`, `configuration/xml/print-report.xml`. For example if you have copied the VAMP directory into `/usr/local` you replace `file:///C:/VAMP` with `file:///usr/local/VAMP`.

copy the VAMP directory into the root directory of your webservice (for example in the directory `/http/hosted/myHome.com/html` of your apache server). The following files should be modified : `cgh.html`, `configuration/xml/syscfg.xml`, `configuration/xml/print-report.xml`, in order to replace the default path `C:/VAMP` with the new path. For example let us assume you have copied the VAMP directory into `/http/hosted/myHome.com/html`. Then replace `file:///C:/VAMP` with `http://myHome.com/VAMP`.

Note that the standalone version uses the file protocol whereas the intranet server version uses the http protocol.

2.2.2 How to launch VAMP

In the case of a standalone version, just open the file `index.html` in the VAMP directory and in the case of an intranet server version just open the url `http://myHome.com/VAMP`.

2.2.3 Configuration

There are two configuration files in VAMP: the administrator configuration file which is the most important and the user configuration file.

Administrator configuration

The main configuration file (`syscfg.xml`) can be modified by the administrator. It contains the initialization of the resources (i.e. access path to the data, url address to your favorite public databases, cytogenetic banding informations, ...) which allows VAMP to be launched correctly. The xml data file need to be copied into the root directory defined in the tag: `<Parameter key="importData:baseUrl" value="file:///yourRootDirectory/" >` as described below.

A sample administrator file is given in the Annexes (see 8.1): it can be modified to customize the contextual menus regarding the information of the clones, the transcriptome probes, SNPs, ...

User configuration

It is possible to customize the visual rendering of VAMP. The top-left panel provides a user-friendly interface for customizing the most important visual features (see section 3.2.4). Once the user has chosen his favorite parameters, he can save his configuration into an XML file, using `File` → `Configuration` → `Save` (see **Figure 2.1**)

Any saved configuration can be restored using `File` → `Configuration` → `Load`.

This XML configuration files also stores features that cannot be accessed directly within VAMP menus. To modify such features, just edit the XML configuration file. For example, if you change line

```
<CanvasBG>ccccff</CanvasBG>
```

to :

```
<CanvasBG>GREY</CanvasBG>
```

the main frame background color will switch from light blue to grey.

A sample user configuration file is given in the Annexes (see 8.2).

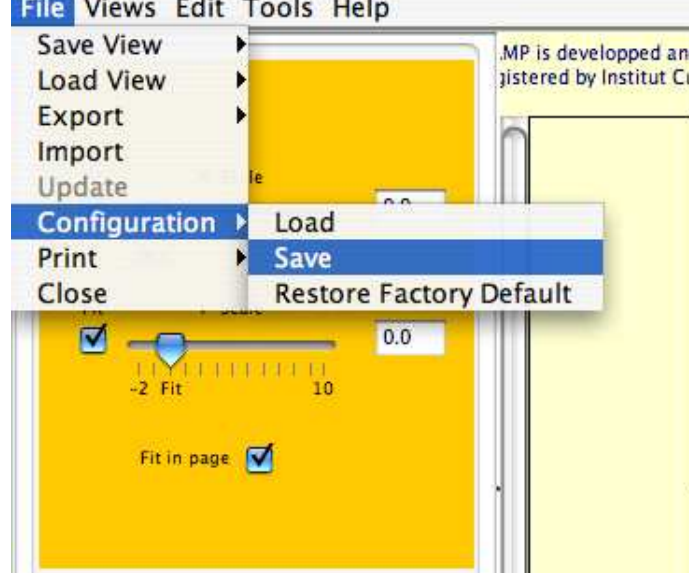


Figure 2.1: File → Configuration → Save.

2.2.4 Data format

The data format which is used in VAMP is XML (eXtensive Markup Language). Two types of XML file are necessary to run VAMP:

- *Array files* which contain the information related to a molecular profile: for each experiment there is a file which stores both array-level information (e.g. patient ID, number of clone, date of experiment, ...) and clone-level information (e.g. clone name, ratio value, chromosome number, location, ...). The Array files are organized according to the following hierarchy: team → projects → Array files. Each team may contain several projects and each project may contain several array files.
- the *Import file* which contains the list of projects and arrays that can be loaded within the VAMP, as described in section 3.2.1

VAMP distribution provides two scripts that generate these XML files automatically, as described in section 2.2.4:

`vampTxt2xml` generates Array XML files from CSV (comma separated values) files.

Files are available from the Download :

`vampTxt2xml`:

http://bioinfo-out.curie.fr/vamp/doc/script/vamp_txt2xml

Array XML files:

<http://bioinfo-out.curie.fr/vamp/doc/data/xml/douglas/Cancer3.xml>

CSV files:

<http://bioinfo-out.curie.fr/vamp/doc/data/txt/douglas/Cancer3.csv>

The xml data file need to be copied into the root directory defined in the tag:

`<Parameter key="importData:baseUrl" value="file:///yourRootDirectory/">` as described in configuration file `syscfg.xml`, section 2.2.3.

directory.

Files are available from the Download :

vampProject2import:

<http://bioinfo-out.curie.fr/vamp/doc/script/vampProject2import>

Import XML file:

http://bioinfo-out.curie.fr/vamp/doc/data/import_data_public_xml/public.xml

In case you need to generate your *Array files* without using these scripts, subsection 2.2.4 provides a detailed description of corresponding XML tags.

Scripts for automated data generation

Array files can be generated by the script `vampTxt2xml`. As an input, this script takes csv (comma separated value) text files. The field names must correspond to the tags listed in section 2.2.4 and the file must be ordered by chromosome and position. We give an example of such an input file below:

```
Y,X,Chr,Name,Smt,Bkp,Out,Gnl,Weight
1.658040e-01,3247817,1,RP4-785P20,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
1.316050e-01,4487199,1,RP1-37J18,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
-9.597111e-02,5877818,1,RP11-49J3,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
3.588748e-02,7071571,1,RP3-438L4,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
-1.012979e-01,7653186,1,RP11-338N10,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
-1.728830e-01,9146799,1,RP3-510D11,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
5.558425e-02,10087260,1,RP4-575L21,-0.020635750,0,0,0,NA
.
.
```

This script outputs array files in the following directory structure:

- a first subdirectory structure contains pan-genomic profile of each array and chromosomic profile of all arrays in the project `[project_name]` (this subdirectory structure is used for Import functions)

```
/[project_name]/array/[array_name].xml
    chr/chr01.xml
    .
    .
    .
    chr/chrY.xml
```

- a second subdirectory structure contains chromosomic profile of all arrays in all projects (this subdirectory structure is used for Save and Load functions)

```
/all/chr01/[array_name].xml
.
.
.
chrY/[array_name].xml
```


Array files

An Array file typically contains clone or probe-level information for one or more chromosome of one or more samples. It consists of an **ArraySet**, in which one or more **Array** elements are embedded. Each of these **Array** elements regroups **Obj** elements, which store probe-level information for one particular sample.

The corresponding XML files has the following hierarchical structure:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>
<ArraySet>
  <SetName>Name</SetName>
  <Array>
    // Array Properties
    <Obj>
      // Obj Properties
    </Obj>
    <Obj>
      // Obj Properties
    </Obj>
    .
    .
    .
  </Array>
  <Array>
    // Array Properties
    <Obj>
      // Obj Properties
    </Obj>
    <Obj>
      // Obj Properties
    </Obj>
    .
    .
    .
  </Array>
  .
  .
  .
</ArraySet>
```

We provide a short description of **Array** and **Obj** properties:

Array properties The following tags are mandatory:

<Organism> : species

<Project> : project name

<Name> : array name

associated with the following types: CGH, Trs, LOH, SNP, and ChIP, as described in table 2.1

<Ratio> : the type of the signal value: ratio (M) or log ratio (L).

<Url> : the physical localization of the XML files which contains the array data for each chromosome (tag <Chr>); these Urls are used by the software for saving analysis (save command of File menu) and restore any saved analysis (load command of the File menu).

The following tags are optional, but filling them allows one to identify the patient, and therefore to link together profiles from the same patient, e.g. array-CGH and transcriptome data:

<ProjectId> : identification of the project

<NumHisto> : histological number (which corresponds to a unique patient ID)

The tag <SampleAdditionalData> links array files with additional data (e.g. clinical data) that are stored for a given sample in an XML file, as described in section 2.2.4.

Any other tag may be added in the <Array> description. They will be listed in the Info Panel of the bottom-left frame (figure 3.3), and will be taken into account by the **Search Arrays** function (section 3.2.3).

Object properties Object descriptions are encapsulated as follows:

```
<Obj>
  <Properties>
    <Type>
      // Obj Type
    </Type>
    // other Obj Properties
  </Properties>
</Obj>
```

Tag <Type> describes the object type. Any type description may be used, but the default VAMP functions are associated to the following types : Clone, Probeset, Microsat, SNP, and Probe.

There is a default type for the objects of an array, which depends on the array type as summarized in Table 2.1.

Data type	Array type	Object type
CGH-array	CGH	Clone
transcriptome arrays	Trs	ProbeSet
Loss Of Heterozygosity data	LOH	Microsat
Single Nucleotide Polymorphism arrays	SNP	SNP
Chromatine ImmunoPrecipitation arrays	ChIP	Probe

Table 2.1: Default object types in the different types of arrays

tory. Some others are required to use some of the VAMP functions. The list of mandatory or required object tags depends on the array type. In the two following paragraphs we describe the mandatory and optional tags we used for the two most widely used data: array-CGH data and transcriptome array data.

<X> : genome position (integer)

<Y> : ratio or log2-ratio value (real), consistently with the value of the array-level tag <Ratio>:
M for ratio or L for log2-ratio.

<Chr> : chromosome name (1, 2, . . . X, Y)

<Name> : clone name (e.g. RP11-84M16)

The remaining tags are not mandatory, but they are required to activate some of the VAMP functions, related to DNA copy number analysis:

- functions related to DNA copy number analysis:

<Smt> : smoothing value (smoothed value of signal for a Clone)

<Bkp> : breakpoint (a DNA breakpoint has been detected after this clone)

<Out> : outlier (clone with signal significantly different from its neighbors: values are either -1 or 1)

<Gnl> : clone status : amplicon, gain, normal, loss, and double loss (values are -10 for double loss, -1 for loss, 0 for normal, 1 for gain, 2 for amplicon)

These values may be calculated for example with the GLAD algorithm (Hupé et al., 2004)

The clone size (tag <Size>, value in bp) is required for X-zooming in up to the clone scale (not available in the public data sets provided with this distribution).

Any other tags may be added in the <Obj> description. They will be listed in the Info Panel of the bottom-left frame (figure 3.3), and will be taken into account by the **Search Elements** function (section 3.2.3).

A sample XML file for CGH array data is given in the Annexes (see 8.4).

Transcriptome array data The following four tags are mandatory for describing transcriptome probe sets:

<ObjectId> : the name of the object

<PosBegin> : start position of the probe set on the genome

<PosEnd> : end position of the probe set on the genome

<Signal> : signal value

The following fields are optional; they provide hypertext links towards public databases within VAMP.

<Source> : origin of the object (IMAGE, GenBank, ...)

<SourceID> : object identification for the public database

Any other tags may be added in the <Obj> description. They will be listed in the Info Panel of the bottom-left frame (figure 3.3), and will be taken into account by the **Search Elements** function (section 3.2.3).

A sample XML file for transcriptome array data is given in the Annexes (see 8.5) .

Finally we describe the data format used for adding sample annotation data to molecular profiles.

Clinical data descriptions are encapsulated as follows:

```
<SampleAdditionalData>
  <ClinicalData>
    <Age>72</Age>
    <Sex>Male</Sex>
    <Stage>2</Stage>
    <Location>Left</Location>
    <Bat26>Stable</Bat26>
  </ClinicalData>
</SampleAdditionalData>
```

Note that any property specified by `<ClinicalData>` will be used in VAMP within functions related to 'Sample Annotation' (see section 3.3.6); In the example above, the properties `<Age>`, `<Sex>`, `<Stage>`, `<Location>`, `<Bat26>` were not previously known by VAMP but they will be taken into account by VAMP.

Chapter 3

User Manual

3.1 Overview

A typical VAMP window is divided into three areas (figure 3.1): the main frame consists of the graphical display of the profiles; the top left frame controls zoom, search and drawing options; the bottom left frame offers the choice between textual information on the object under the mouse pointer, or context information, called MiniMap.

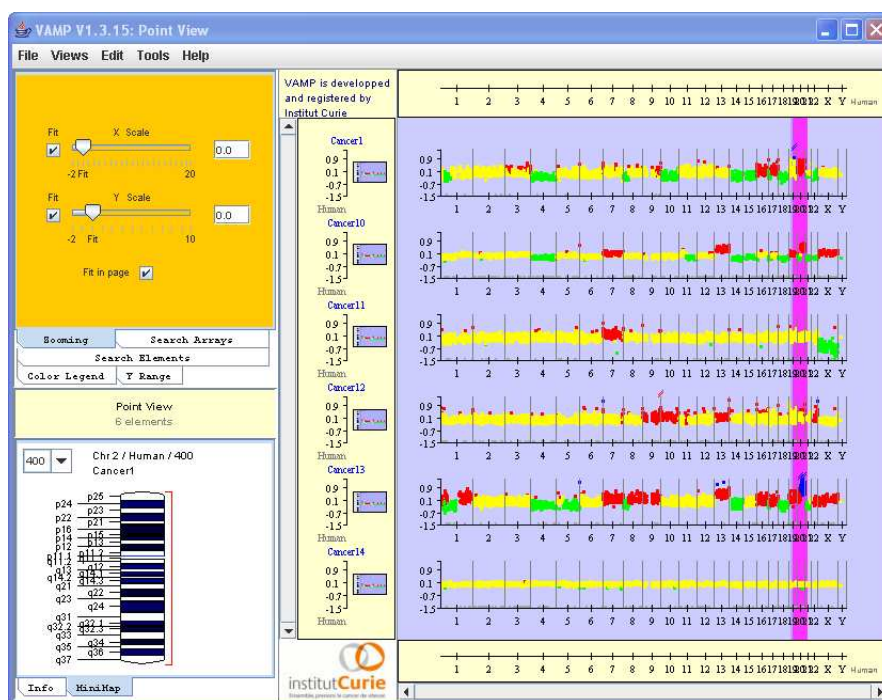


Figure 3.1: Typical VAMP window.

3.1.1 Top-left frame

The top-left frame is composed of several tabs controlling zooming, search and drawing options (see Figure 3.2). These functionalities are described in details in subsections 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.

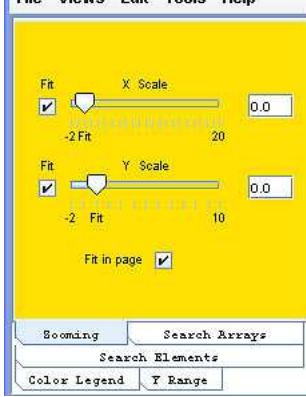


Figure 3.2: **Top-left Frame** - Zooming tab is selected.

3.1.2 Bottom-left frame

The bottom left frame offers the choice between textual information on the object under the mouse pointer, or context information, called MiniMap (figure 3.3).

The information panel allows to retrieve array-level information (e.g. project id, patient id), or clone-level information (e.g. ratio, chromosome, position).

The MiniMap panel allows the user to easily visualize any clone name and its chromosome location. Right-clicking on one of the cytogenetic banding allows to open a contextual menu linking to public databases. This menu can be configured as described in section 2.2.3.

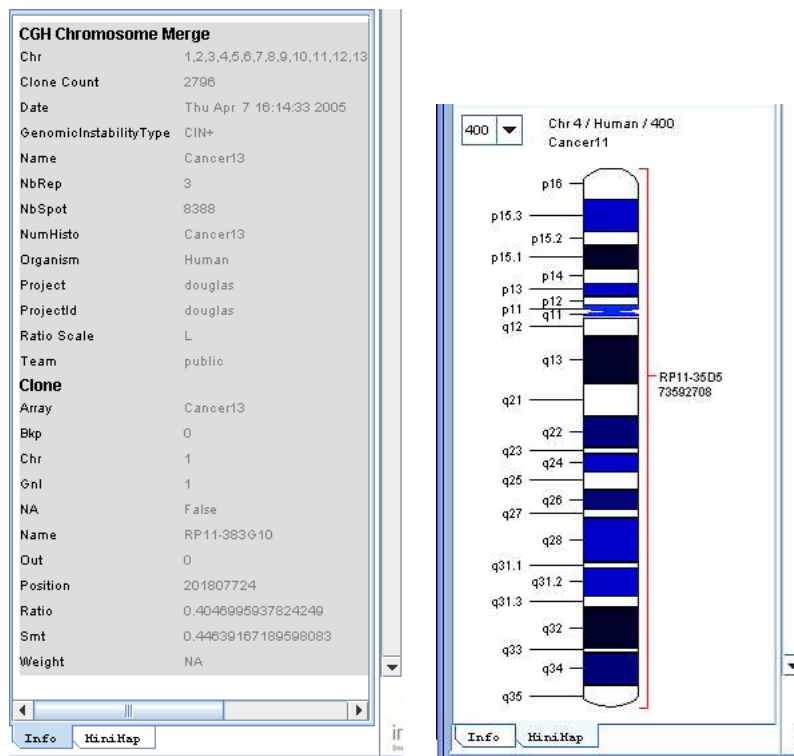


Figure 3.3: **Info Panel** (left) and **Mini Map Panel** (right).

The main frame (see **Figure 3.4**) provides various ways of visualizing molecular profiles, which are described in details in subsection 3.2.2.

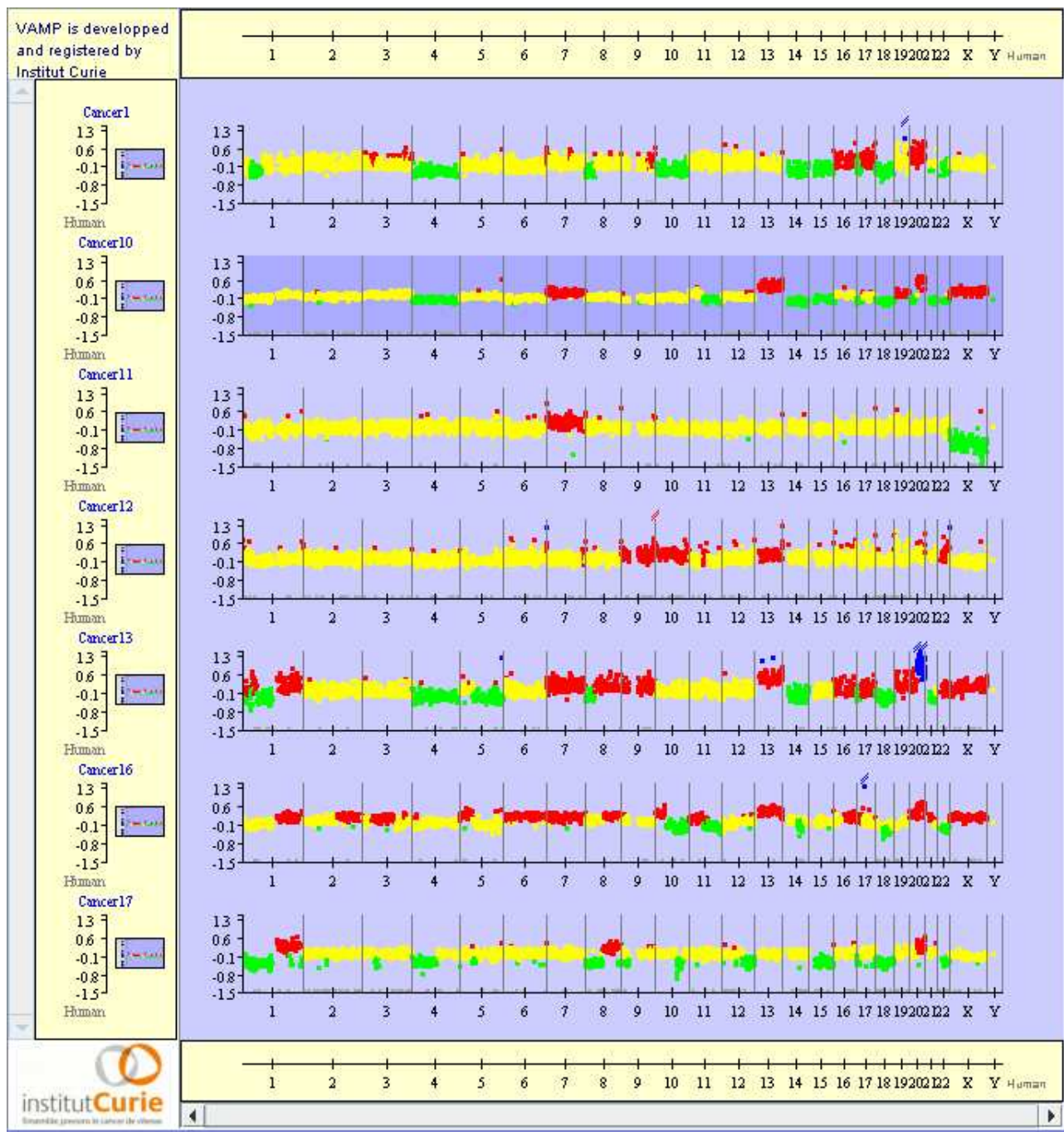


Figure 3.4: Main frame - Graphic Panel.

3.2 Basic functions

All user actions are accessible either through a Menu on the menu-bar, or through pointing to or clicking objects. When using VAMP, the session can be saved in local XML files. Reloading the file later on allows the continuation of the analysis within the context of the previous work, or allows the exchange of results and data with colleagues. All user preferences can also be

to any other window, the rendering being automatically adapted (e.g. from a dot plot view to a karyotype view). An advanced printing function is offered (see 3.2.5 for details).

3.2.1 Data import

Once XML array files and import files have been generated (see 2.2.4), data can be imported into VAMP, as shown in figure 3.5.

After selecting a project (figure 3.6), the user can import either pan-genomic profiles (3.7) or chromosome profiles (3.8) for the same project or from different projects.

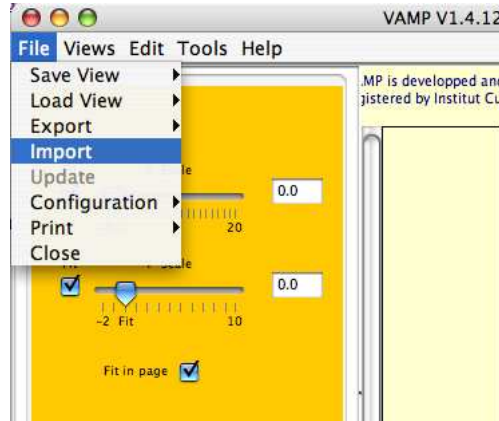


Figure 3.5: Import data.

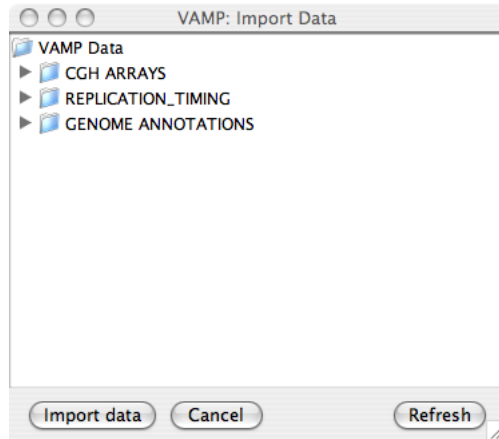


Figure 3.6: Select a project.

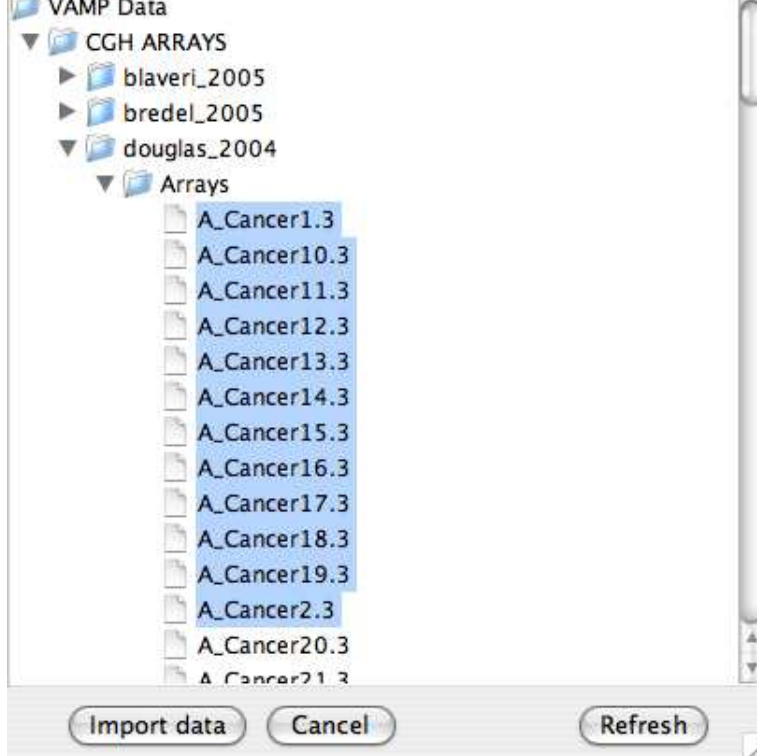


Figure 3.7: Import pan-genomic profiles.

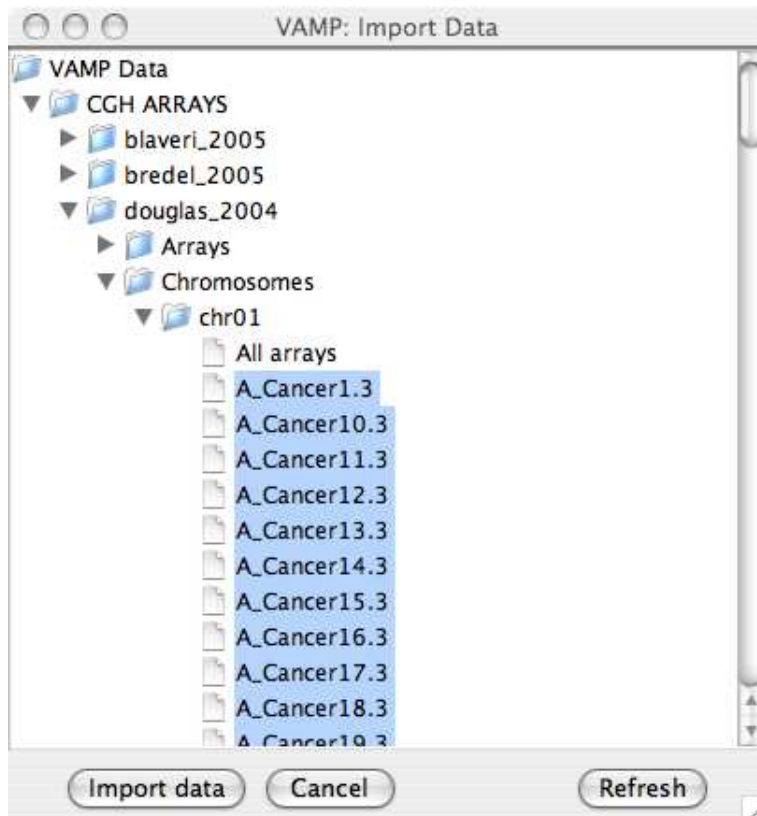


Figure 3.8: Import chromosome profiles.

VAMP currently offers several types of visualization that can be displayed in the main frame: (i) Profile View, (ii) Karyotype View, (iii) Dot Plot View, (iv) List View. These views all allow simultaneous visualization of several profiles (the only limitation is the memory size of the computer running VAMP, or more precisely, the memory allocated to the Java virtual machine (see section 2.1): for example with an 800 Mb Java virtual machine memory, 700 microarrays (each with 3500 probes) can be loaded simultaneously).

Whatever view is chosen, the profiles can be represented in Genomic mode or Chromosome mode. The Genomic mode simply depicts the profiles along all the concatenated chromosomes. It is the most usual representation, and allows comparison of profiles from different samples or comparison of different types of profiles from a given sample. The Chromosome mode is similar to the Genomic mode except that it only displays one particular chromosome. It is also possible to merge several chromosomes and to represent those chromosomes useful for the study.

Profile View

The Profile View can display the profiles as points, barplots or curves (see **Figures 3.9** and **3.10**). The Profile View can also display symbols for chromosome telomeres and centromeres, and can show the results of CGH ratio statistical analysis (e.g. breakpoints, or smoothed signal values, ...) (see **section 3.2.2**).

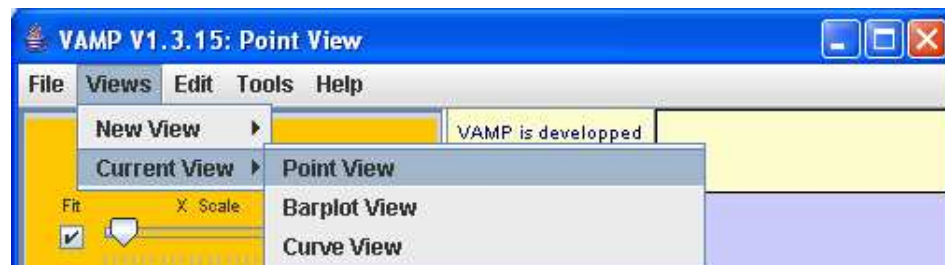


Figure 3.9: Views → Current View → Point View - After importing the genomic profiles (see section 3.2.1), it is possible to switch from one type of representation to another.

The main frame can be split into two frames (see **Figure 3.11**). The upper frame can, for example, contain a profile for reference when browsing a collection of profiles in the lower frame. The two frames have separate control of Y-scale and Y-scrolling, but have the same X-scale and X-scrolling.

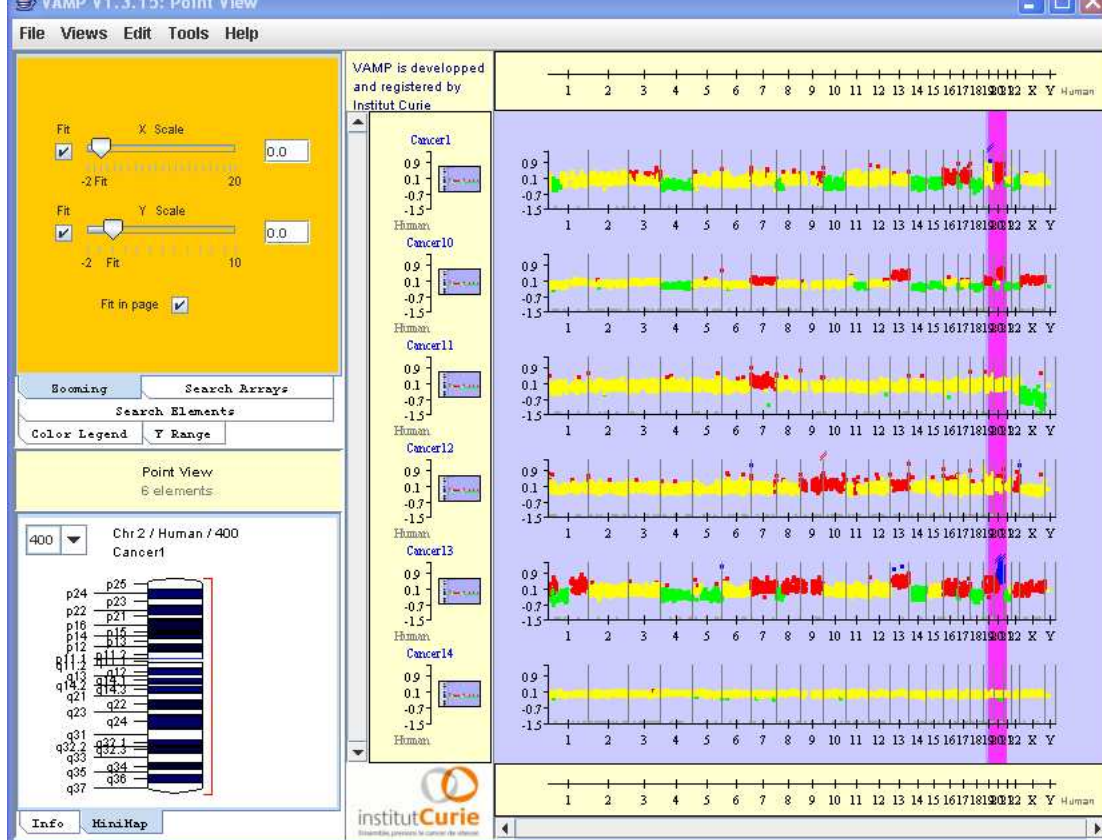


Figure 3.10: Profile View (Point View).

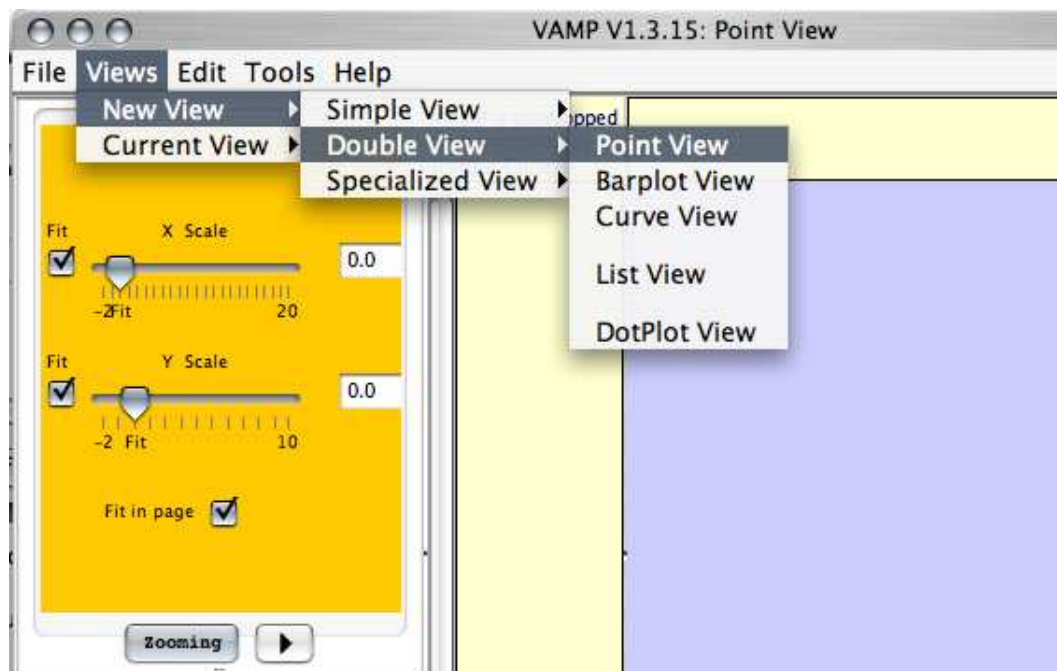


Figure 3.11: Views → New View → Double View → Point View - The user can open a new double view (see **Figure 3.47**).

The Karyotype View (see **Figures 3.12** and **3.13**) displays profiles with the classical CGH rendering: vertical representations of chromosomes with cytogenetic banding and contiguous representation of sample profiles.

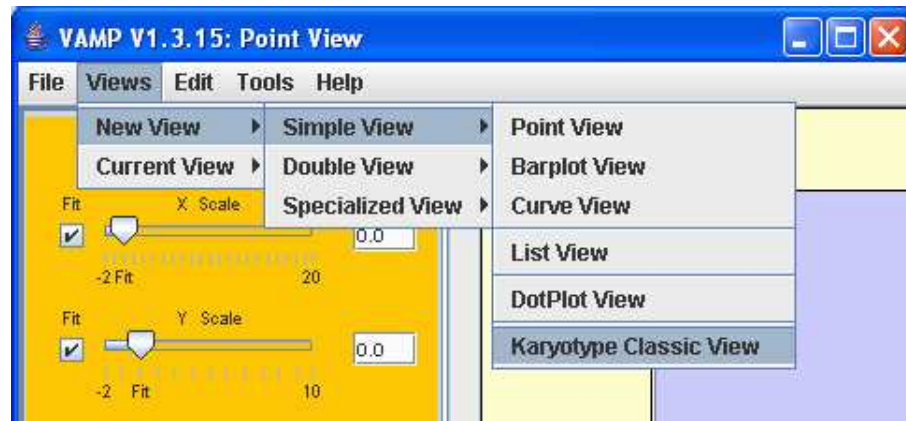


Figure 3.12: Views → Simple View → Karyotype Classic View - The user opens a new Karyotype Classic View.

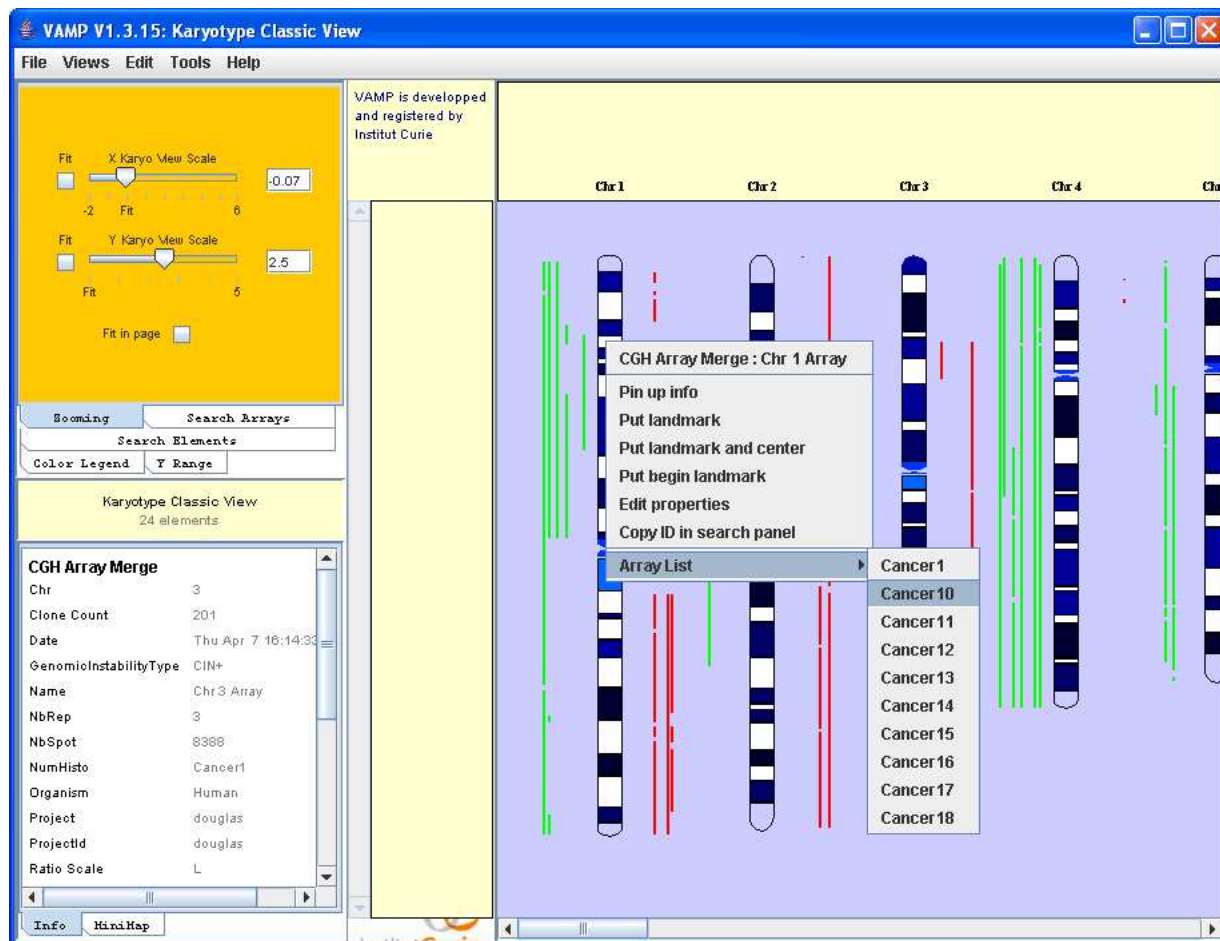


Figure 3.13: Karyotype Classic View - Right-clicking on a clone, chromosome or array, pops up a contextual menu.

The Dot Plot View (see **Figures 3.14** and **3.15**) does not consider the microarray probe positions on the genome, but only their ranks.

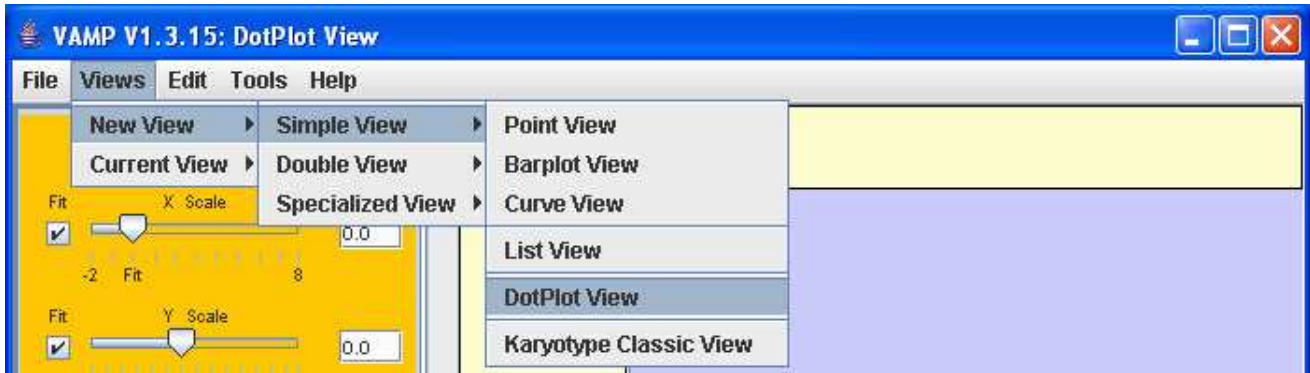


Figure 3.14: Views → Simple View → DotPlot View.

It displays a collection of samples as a heat map (see **Figure 3.15**) based on the level of signal for each clone or using the Gain / Loss Color Code (**Figure 3.18**).

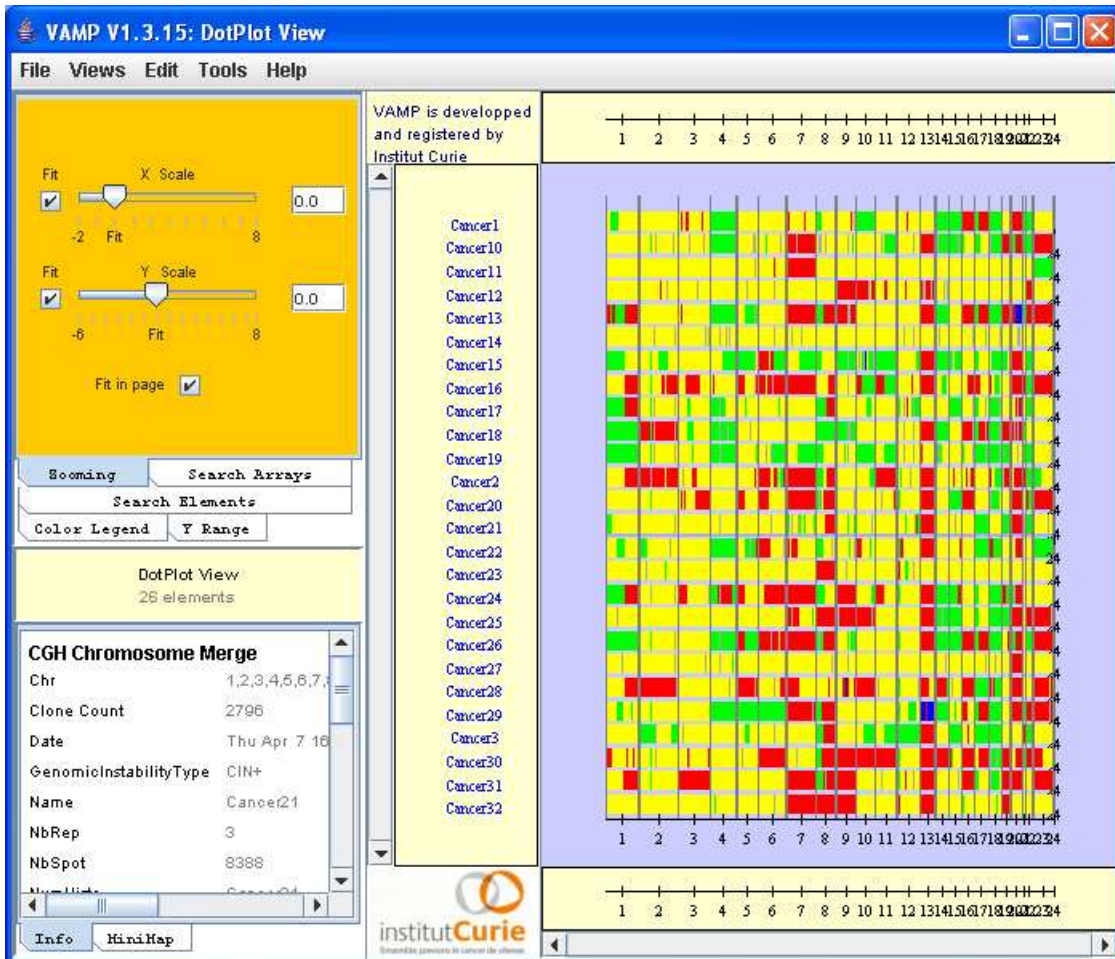


Figure 3.15: Dot Plot View.

This view (see **Figure 3.16**) lists the names of all the arrays currently loaded and can be used for selecting or keeping track of the data under study.

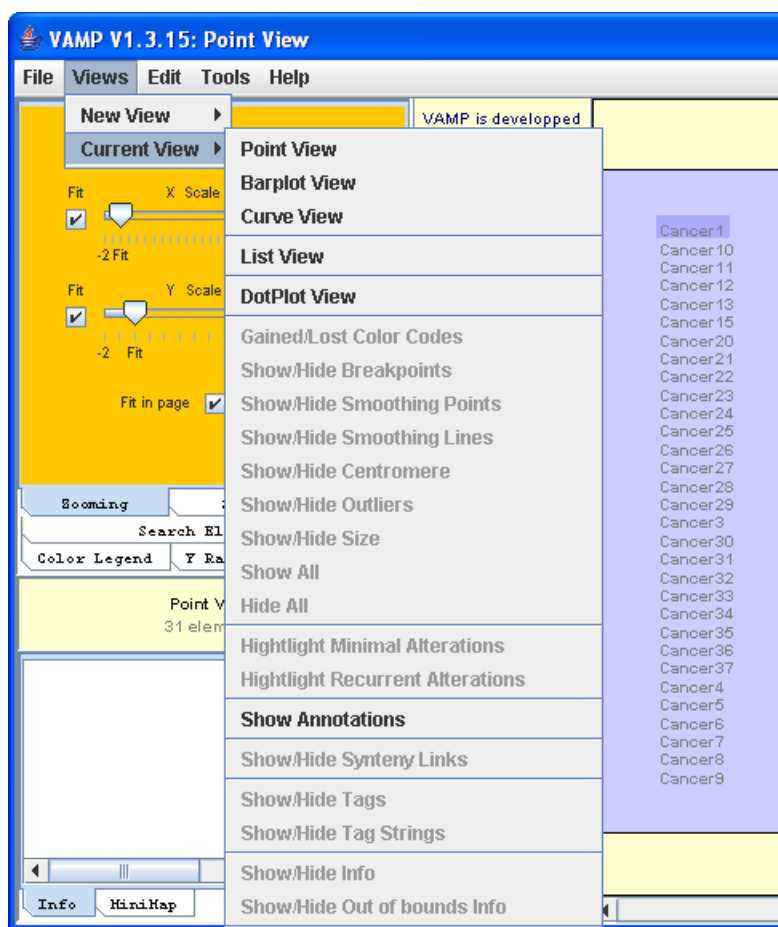


Figure 3.16: Views → Current View → List View.

Display additional features

Additional features regarding array CGH profiles can be displayed within VAMP, provided that these features are available in the *Array XML files* (see **2.2.4**). For example, the profiles could have been preprocessed by any segmentation algorithm like GLAD (Hupé et al., 2004), the following additional features are available within the menu View → Current View (see **Figure 3.17** and **3.18**):

- **Gain / Loss Color Code:** each clone is colored according to its status (loss in green, normal in yellow, gain in red and amplicon in blue)
- **Show Breakpoints:** a vertical red dashed line is plotted and represents the breakpoint location
- **Show Smoothing Line and Show Smoothing Points:** the piecewise constant function estimated by the segmentation algorithm is plotted
- **Show Outliers:** outliers (see page **11** for a definition of outliers) are black circled.

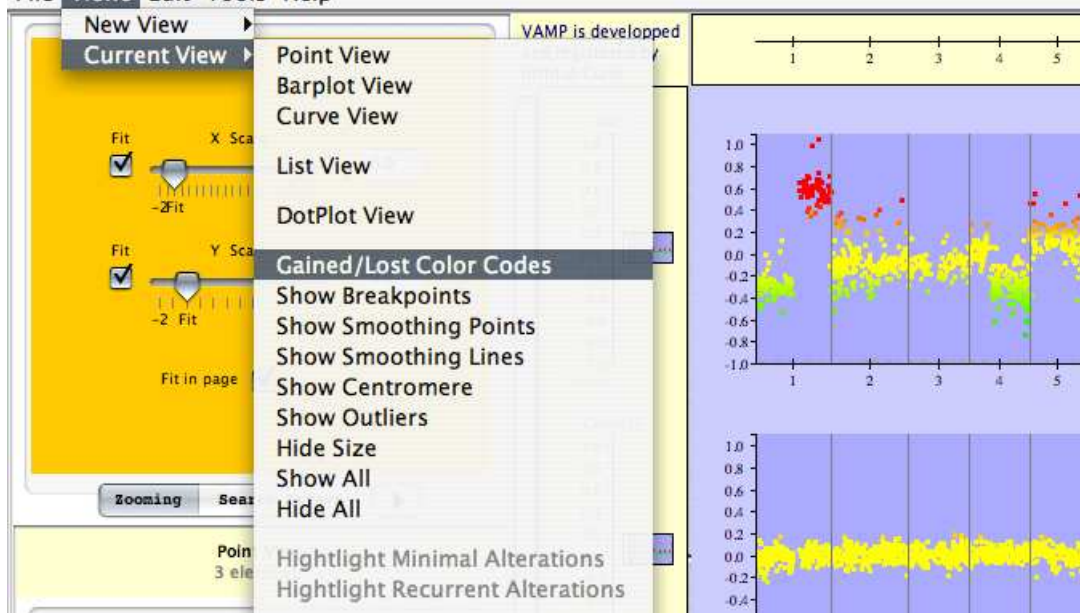


Figure 3.17: Views → Current View.

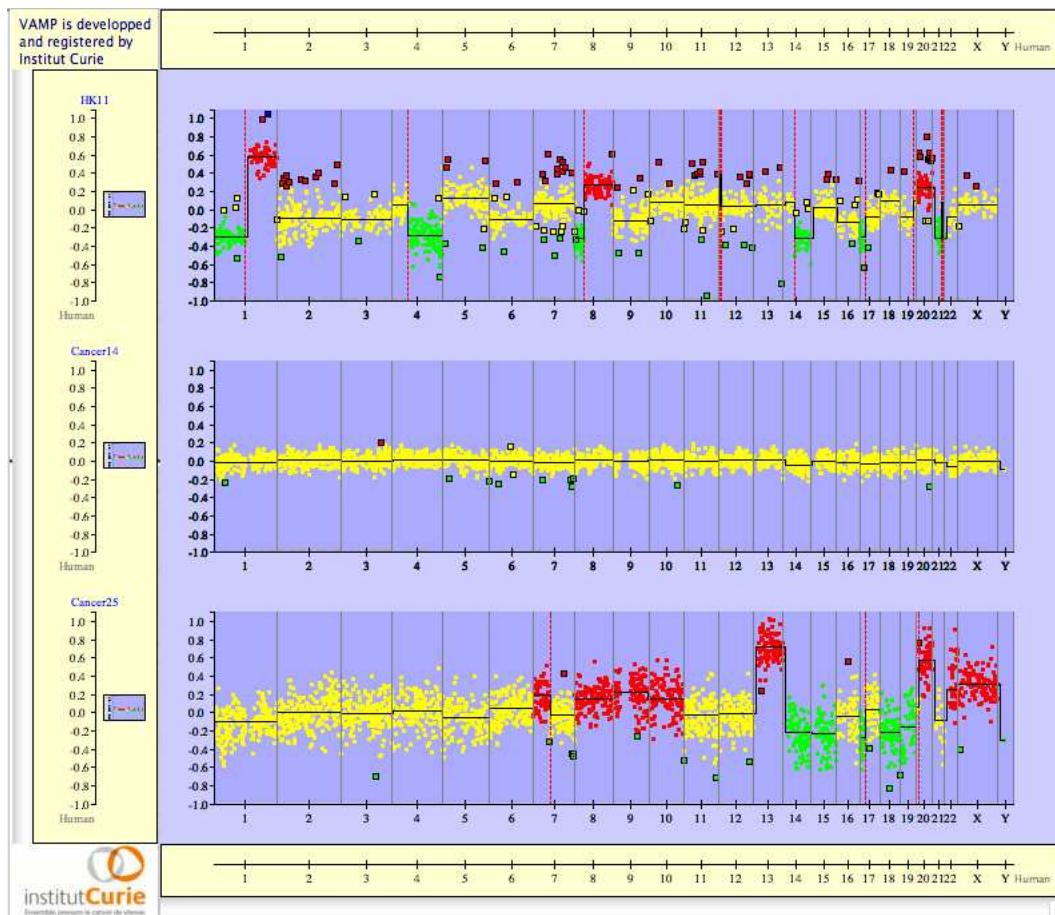


Figure 3.18: Additional information with Gained/Lost Color Codes, Show Breakpoints, Show Smoothing Lines, and Show Outliers.

A function is available to search for any array-level of probe-level information in the data.

Search for arrays

The user can search for arrays matching his criterion, such as: Name = Cancer11 (see **Figure 3.19**).



Figure 3.19: Search Arrays Panel.

The first array matching the search criterion is highlighted in the main frame (see **Figure 3.20**).



Figure 3.20: Search Arrays Panel and array highlighted in the main frame.

The user can search for elements (or objects, this refers to the probes on the array, e.g. clones) matching his criterion, such as: Name = RP11-140M23 (see **Figure 3.21**).

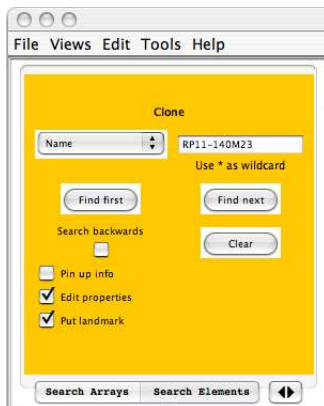


Figure 3.21: Search Elements Panel.

The first clone matching the search criterion is highlighted in the main frame. It is possible to simply pass from the first clone found to the following. Three check buttons control the search output (Pin up info, Edit properties, Put landmark) (see **Figure 3.22**).



Figure 3.22: Search Elements Panel.

Zoom

The user can zoom in or zoom out on molecular profiles (zoom scale is logarithmic) (see **Figure 3.23**). Fit checkboxes force the horizontal and/or vertical scale to fit the window size.

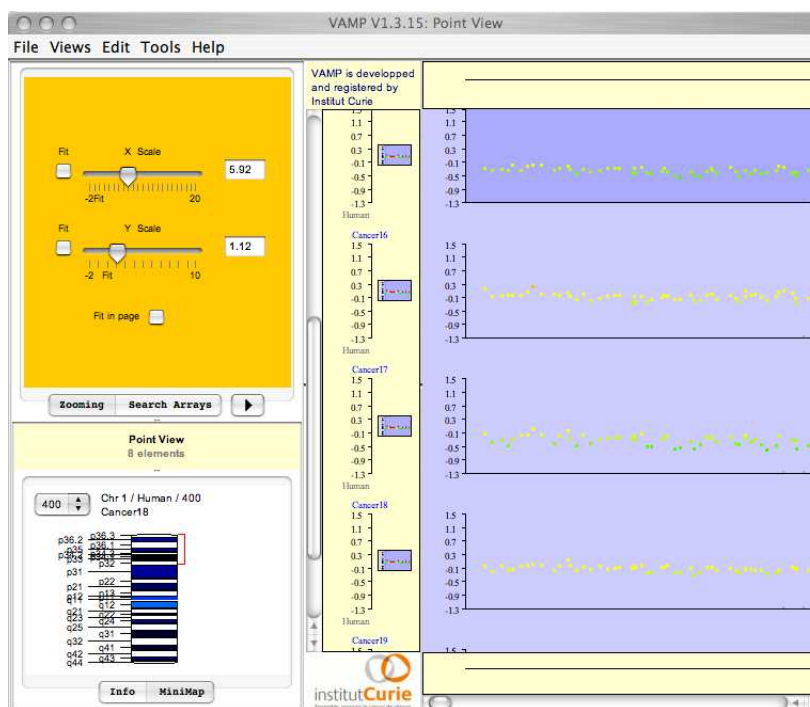


Figure 3.23: Zooming Panel.

Color codes

By default, points or barplots are colored according to the signal intensity (generally using ratios of the two channels or log-ratios) using a continuous scale from red to yellow to green. The user can easily change the thresholds and colors of the clone ratios, either for one particular array (**Local** option) or for all arrays displayed (**Global** option) (see **Figure 3.24** and **3.25**).



Figure 3.24: Color Legend Panel.

For each of the views described in section **3.2.2**, molecular profiles can be colored according to the results of array-CGH data analysis (see section **3.2.2**).

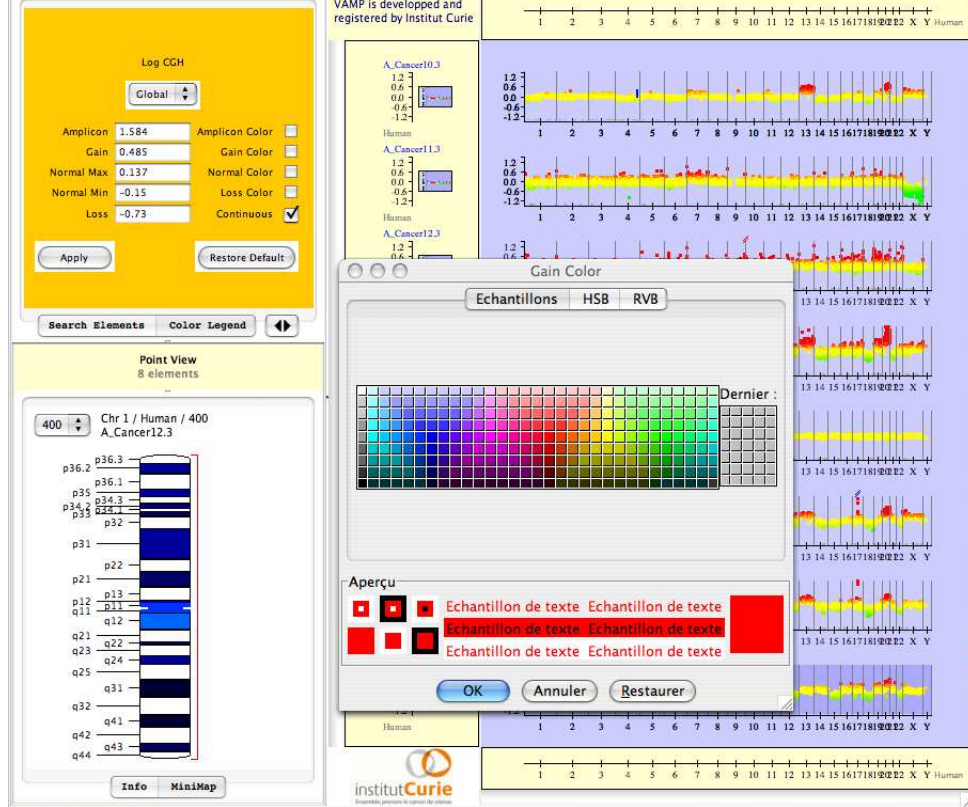


Figure 3.25: Color Legend Panel.

X and Y scaling

The user may change the vertical range, either for one particular array (Local option) or for all arrays displayed (Global option) (see **Figure 3.26** and **3.27**).

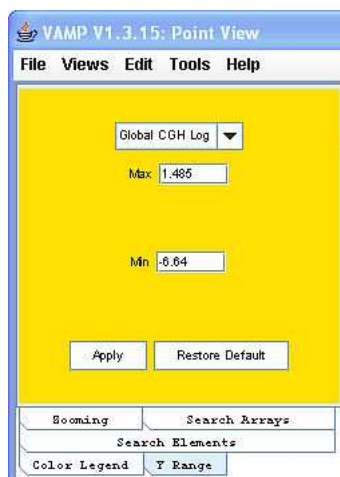


Figure 3.26: Y Range Panel.

In the following example the user widened the visible range, so that all amplicons are displayed.

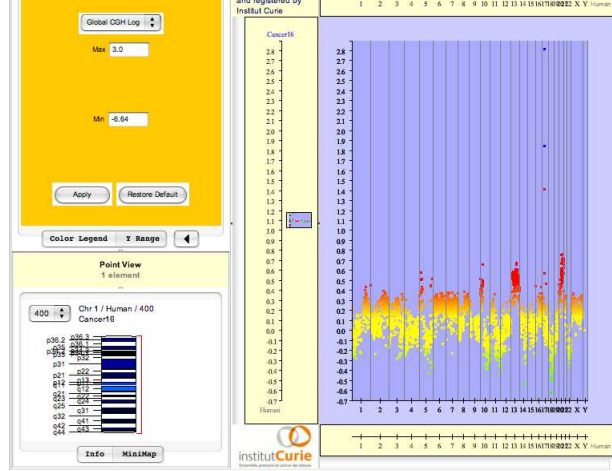


Figure 3.27: Y Range Panel.

3.2.5 Print

An advanced printing function is offered, either in visible mode (only the profiles that are visible on the screen are printed), or in global mode (all profiles in the view are printed). A template is offered for defining the output of the printing (this can, for example, include several frames in an arbitrary composition, to which text or images can be added). It can be used for defining and printing standardized outputs. The user can also interactively monitor the print preferences. In any case, the print function is WYSIWYG through an intermediate preview which can be edited by the user. The print menu **File** → **Print** → **Standard Report Template** opens the default printing template (see **Figure 3.28**), and allows the user to print or export into PNG format.

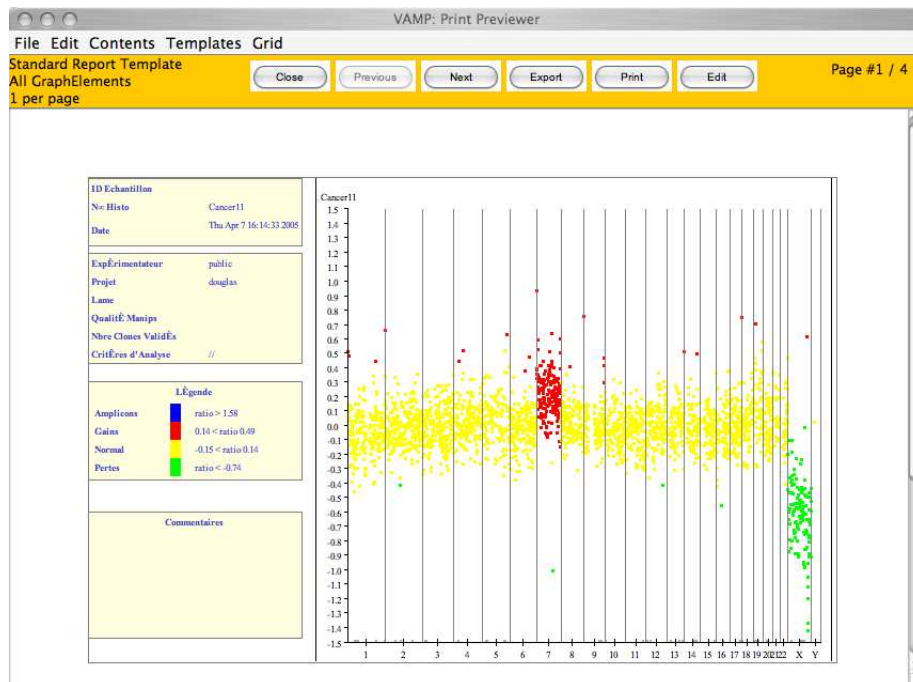


Figure 3.28: File → Print → Standard Report Template

use. After switching to *Edit mode* (by clicking on the *Edit* button), you can add (or remove) several types of objects, such as text, molecular profiles, images, ... These objects can be dragged and dropped inside the template (see **Figure 3.29**).

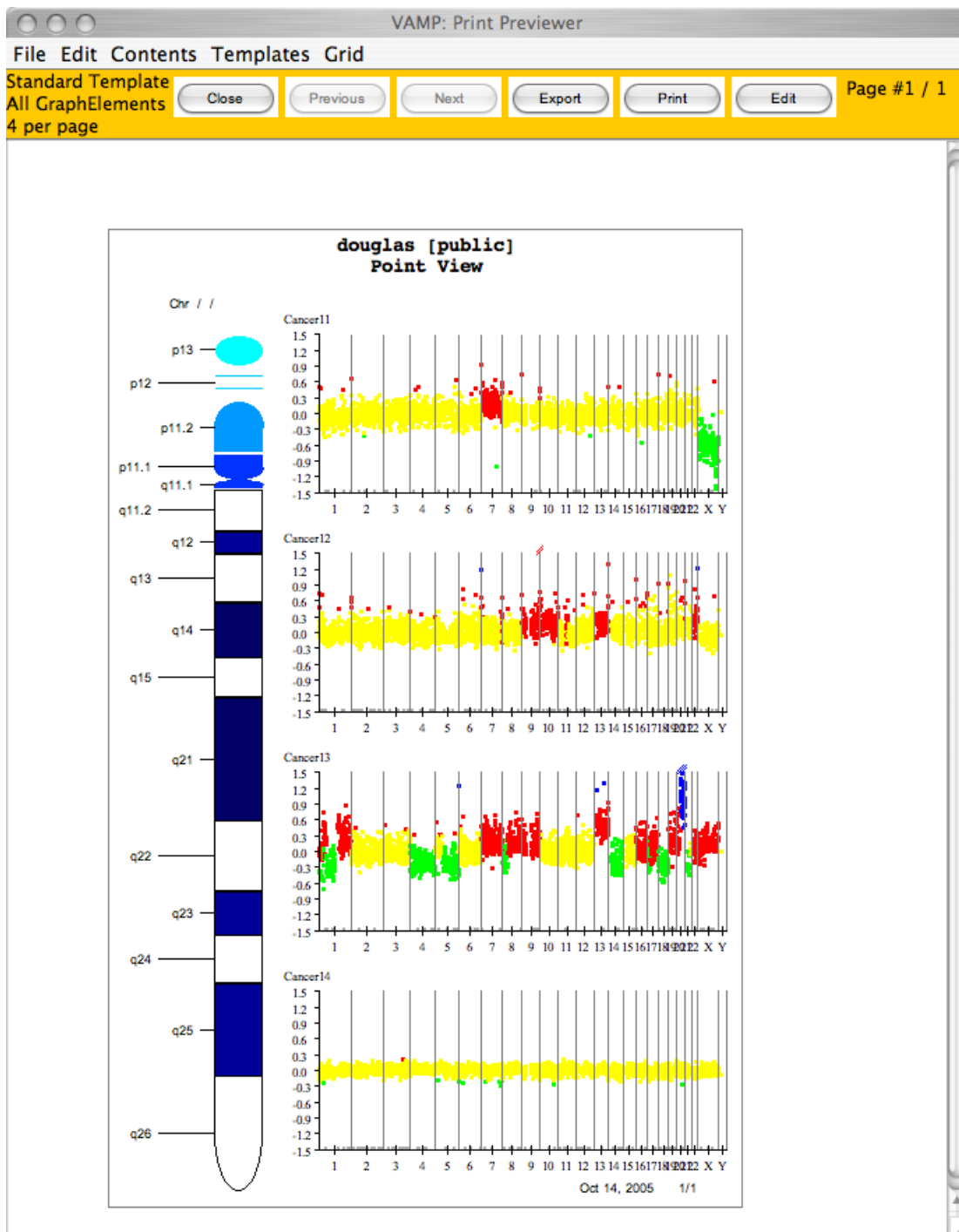


Figure 3.29: **Customized template** - A minimap has been added to the standard template.

The menu `File` → `Print` → `Print preview` loads the last used template.

The session can be saved in XML files. Reloading the file later on allows the continuation of the analysis within the context of the previous work, or the exchange of results and data with colleagues (see **Figures 3.30** and **3.31**).

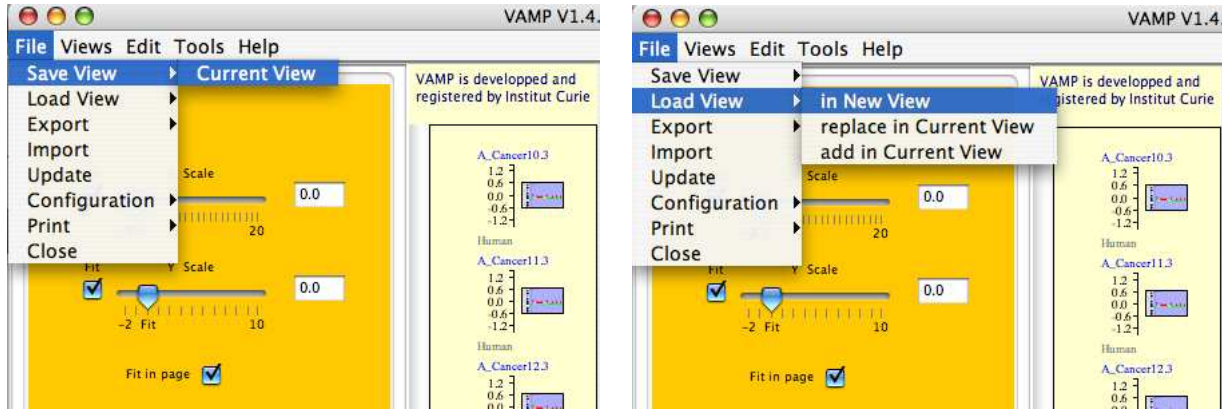


Figure 3.30: Save and Load menus

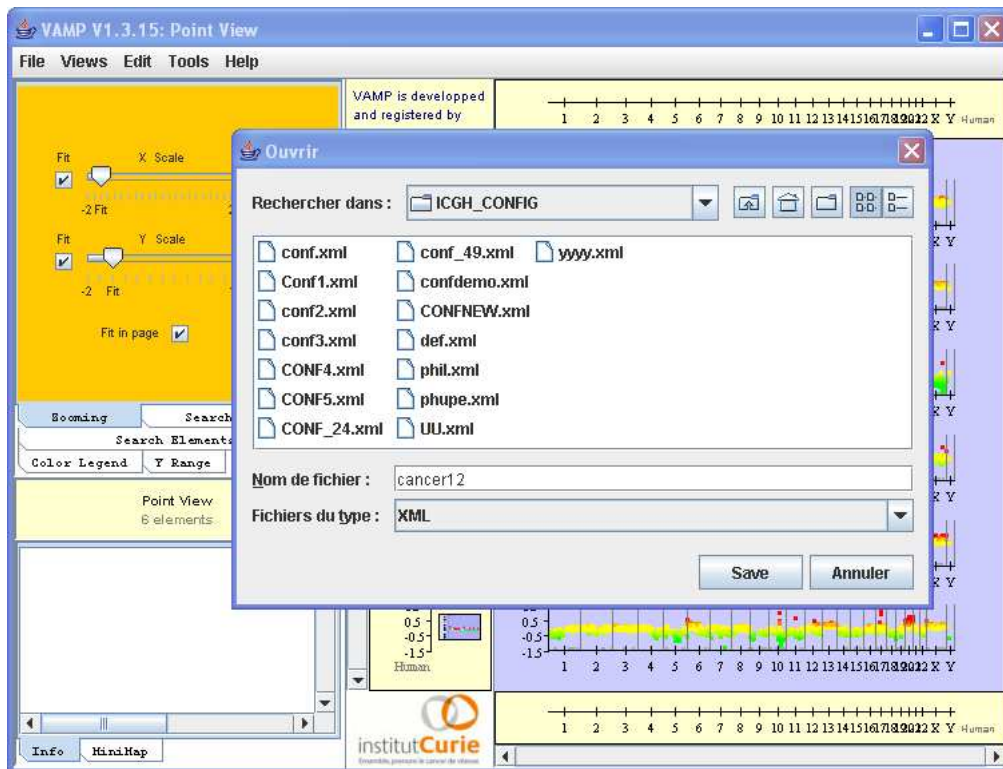


Figure 3.31: Save dialog window.

There are three possibilities to load a saved session: in New View, replace in Current View or add in Current View.

The VAMP software allows a large variety of analysis to be performed by the users. Some of the tools provided are profile-specific, e.g. tools dedicated to array-CGH or transcriptome data analysis. Other generic tools can be used with any type of molecular profile. You will find below a list of the main analysis tools available within VAMP.

3.3.1 Manual analysis

Among the numerous functions of VAMP, the user has the possibility to put his own marks and regions. This is done by right-clicking on clone/probe element under the mouse pointer of any molecular profile. A menu appears as shown in **Figure 3.32** allowing various actions to be performed:

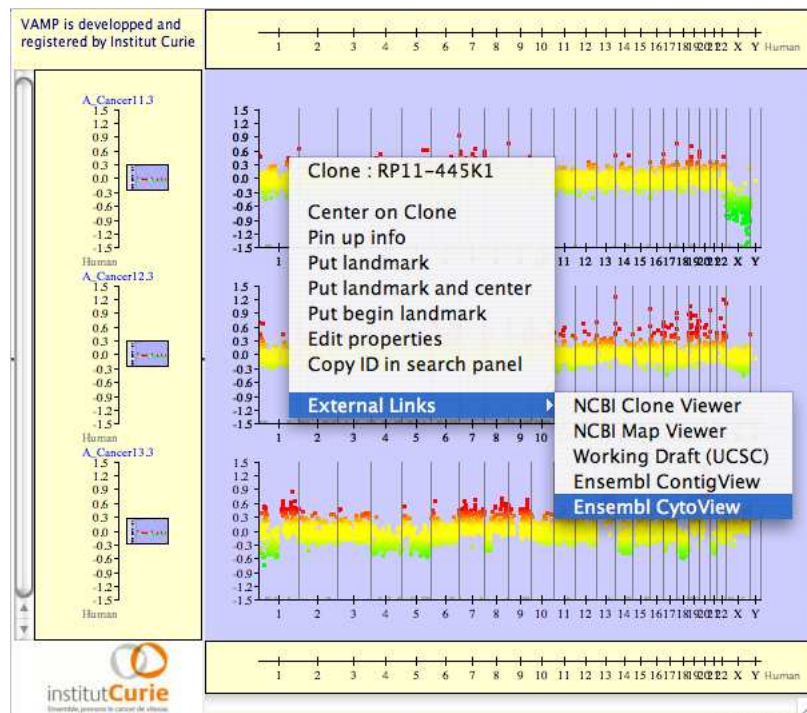


Figure 3.32: **Contextual Menu** - The user can easily put landmarks and regions of biological interest.

Within the contextual menu, it is possible:

Center on Clone/Probe: to center the profile around the current position.

Put landmark: to draw a vertical bar trough all the profiles to define a locus.

Put begin landmark, Put end landmark: to draw a region over the set of profiles.

External links: to retrieve any information from public or local databases. It is possible to add your favorite database (see **section 2.2.3**).

The user can customize colors by right-clicking onto landmarks and regions and then using **Set colors** for a better visualization (see **Figure 3.33**).



Figure 3.33: **Customize Analysis** - Choose your favorite color.

3.3.2 FrAGL (Frequency of Amplicon, Gain and Loss) view

The identification of systemic alterations within a set of tumors is central to the analysis of CGH array data for two reasons. Firstly, it can pinpoint new candidate genes, as tumor suppressor genes and oncogenes are thought to be present in regions of loss and gain, respectively. Secondly, some alterations may be significantly correlated with clinical phenotype and may therefore be useful for diagnosis and prognosis. The simplest way to identify informative regions is to work at the probe level. For each probe, the fraction of tumors with gains and losses over the dataset is computed (see **Figures 3.34**) and displayed in the FrAGL view (see **Figures 3.36**).

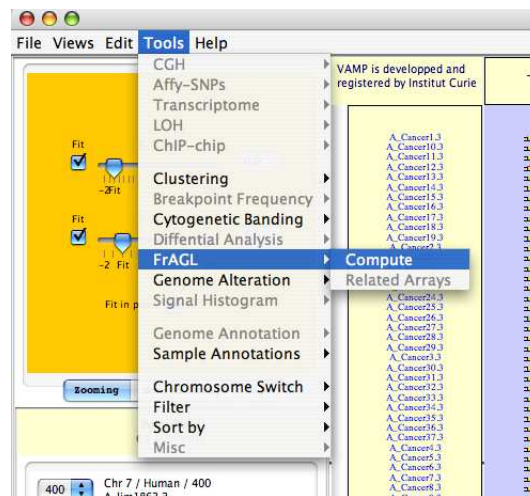


Figure 3.34: Tools → FrAGL → Compute - Open dialog the FrAGL dialog box.

Based on Ratio: Probe status is defined with the *Color Legend thresholds* NormalMin, NormalMax and Amplicon (see **Figures 3.24**)

Based on Status: Probe status is defined with *Gained / Lost Color Codes (GNL)*

Type of alterations: For gain region the user can search for either only Gain, either only Amplicon or merge Gain and Amplicon

Color bars ratio average: Color bar corresponds to the ratio average of probes with the alteration

Color bars confidences: Color bar corresponds to the percentage of profiles without missing values

Minimum support of alterations: Probe with a frequency less than this number are discarded

Minimum value of confidence: The confidence corresponds to the percentage of profiles without missing values. Probe with a frequency which have been computed with less than this number are discarded

Results: The frequency is displayed in a *profile view* (see **Figures 3.36**) or in a *Karyotype classical view* (see **Figures 3.13**)

Report: The frequency are saved in a HTML or CSV file

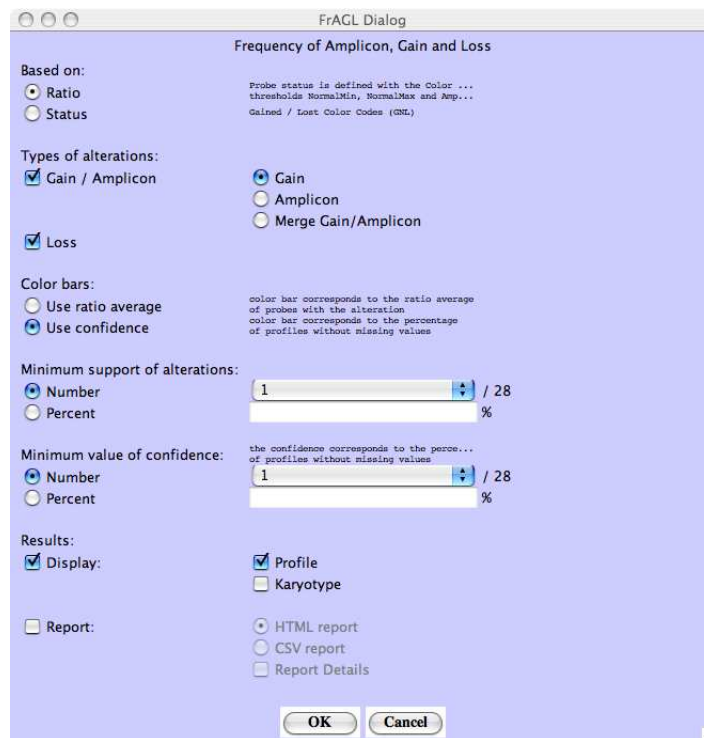


Figure 3.35: **FrAGL dialog** - Different FrAGL options are available.

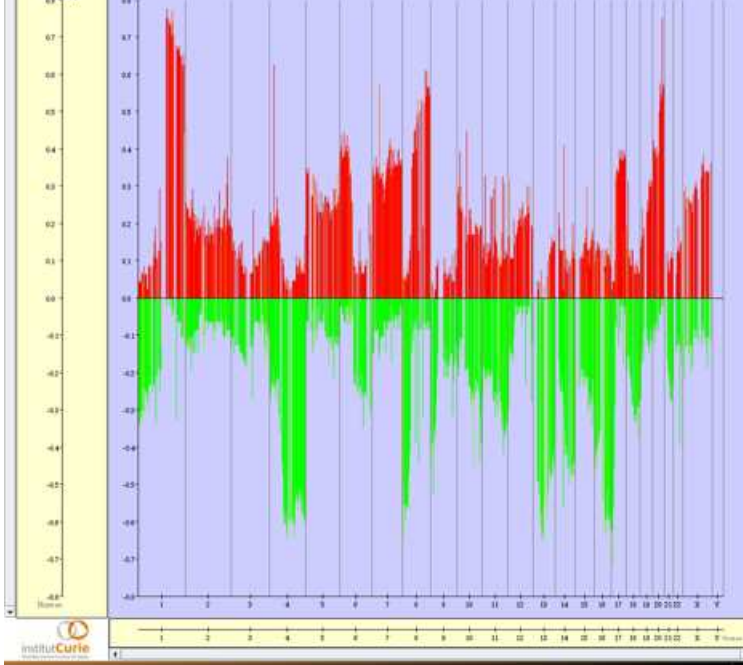


Figure 3.36: **FraGL profiles** - FrAGL (Frequency of Amplicon, Gain and Loss) view. The values correspond to the percentage of gained and lost clones identified with GLAD over the whole dataset from Patil et al. (2005)

3.3.3 Finding common alterations among a collection of CGH- array profiles

Instead of looking for individual probes carrying genome alterations, it is often fruitful to consider the geography of the genome and to look for whole regions. Rouveirol et al. (2006) have described algorithms for finding common alterations. Two algorithms are proposed within VAMP. It is necessary that breakpoints, gain, loss and amplicon regions have been previously detected by any algorithm (Hupé et al., 2004). We propose two different approaches to identify such regions of biological interest:

- **Tools** → **Genome Alteration** → **Compute**: Minimal Alterations are extracted by intersecting the profiles of many tumors and looking for a sufficient number of alterations in the tumors (this parameter is set by the user) over the smallest possible region of the profile (see **Figures 3.37, 3.38 and 3.39**).
- **Tools** → **Genome Alteration** → **Compute**: In a given tumor, an alteration is bounded by two extremities, which can be a breakpoint or a chromosome end; when an alteration is present in a sufficient number of tumors with the same extremities, it is a recurrent alteration (see **Figures 3.40, 3.41 and 3.42**).

For both Recurrent Alterations and Minimal Alterations, the user has to set the **Minimum support** required, that is the minimum number or percentage of tumors showing the alteration for considering it as significant.

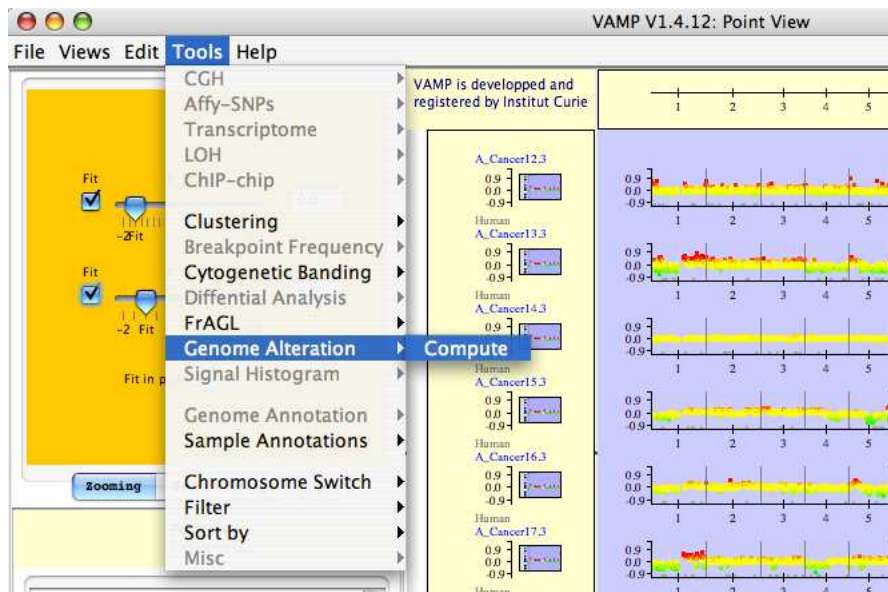


Figure 3.37: Tools → Genome Alteration → Compute - The user opens a new dialog window to set the parameters for Minimal Alterations.

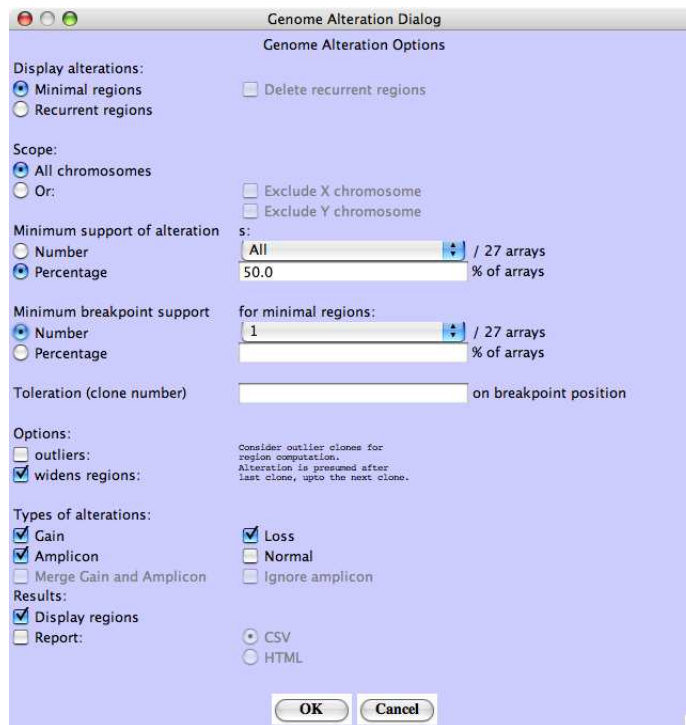


Figure 3.38: **Minimal Alterations** - Choose Minimal regions - At least 50% of the profiles must share the same alterations.

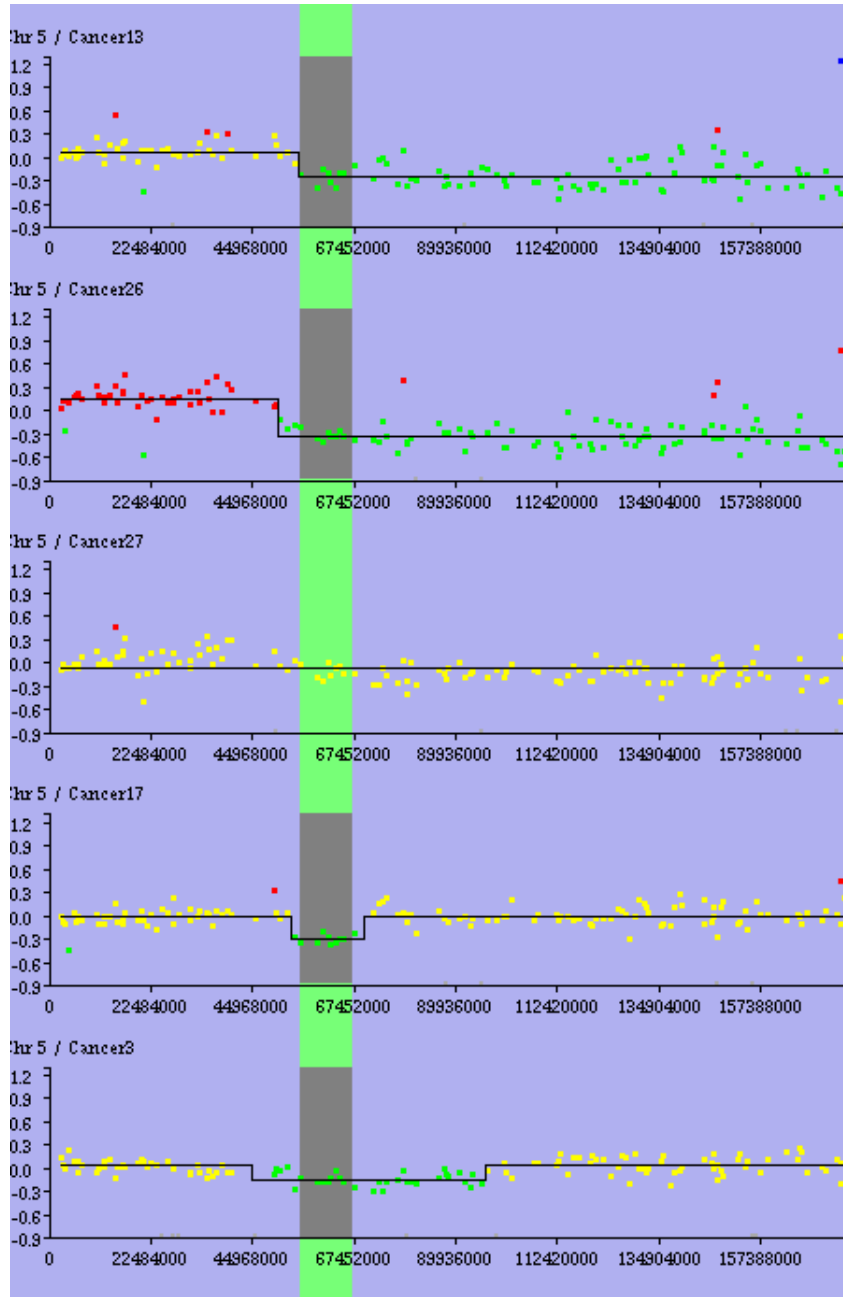


Figure 3.39: **Minimal Alterations** - Results : the minimal alterations are drawn in red for gain, green for loss. Here there is only one loss region.

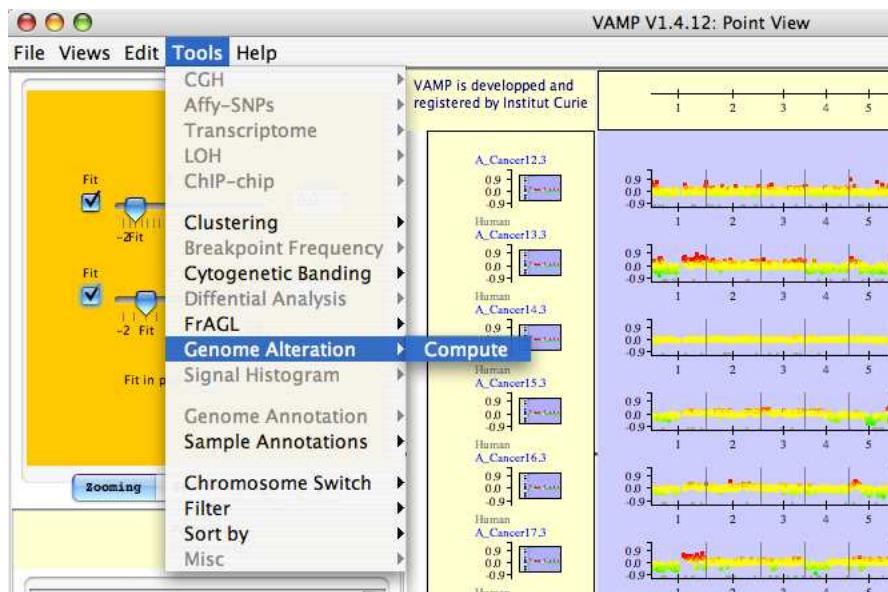


Figure 3.40: Tools → Genome Alteration → Compute - The user opens a new dialog window to set the parameters for Recurrent Alterations.

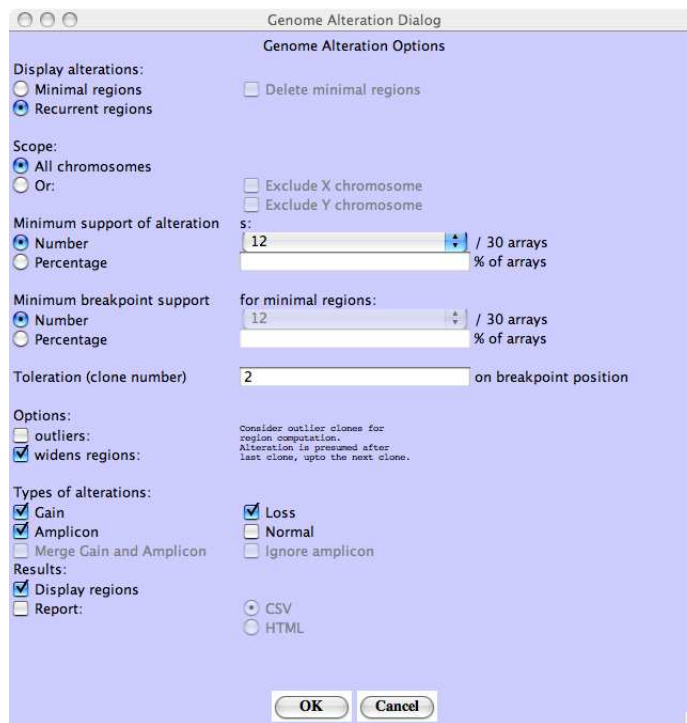


Figure 3.41: **Recurrent Alterations** - Choose Recurrent regions - At least 12 out of 30 profiles must share the same alterations.

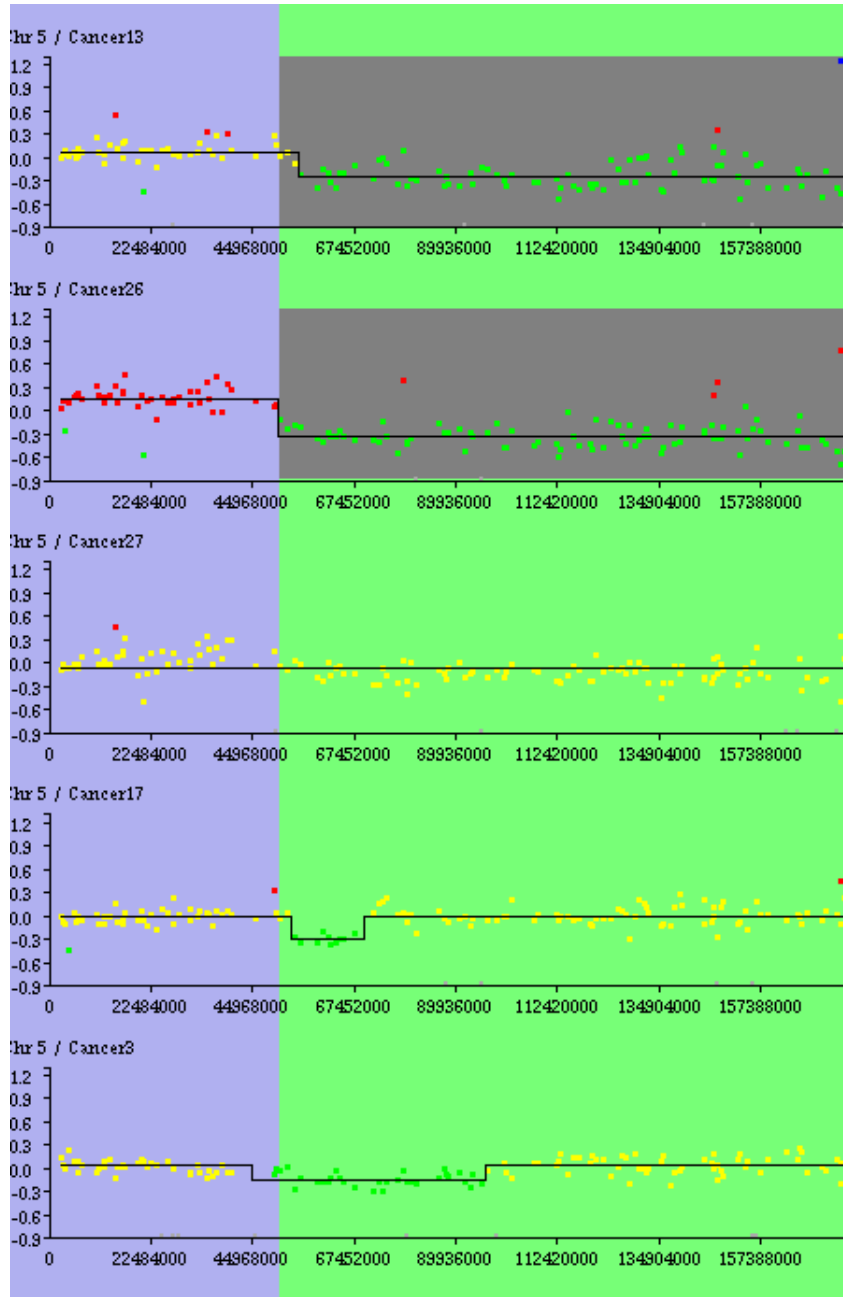


Figure 3.42: **Recurrent Alterations** - Results : the recurrent alterations are drawn in red for gain, green for loss. Here there is only one loss region.

Clustering is a general technique for unsupervised data classification widely used in microarray data analysis. A VAMP function offers the possibility to perform a hierarchical clustering (Kaufman and Rousseuw, 1990) on the array CGH profiles (see **Figure 3.43**).

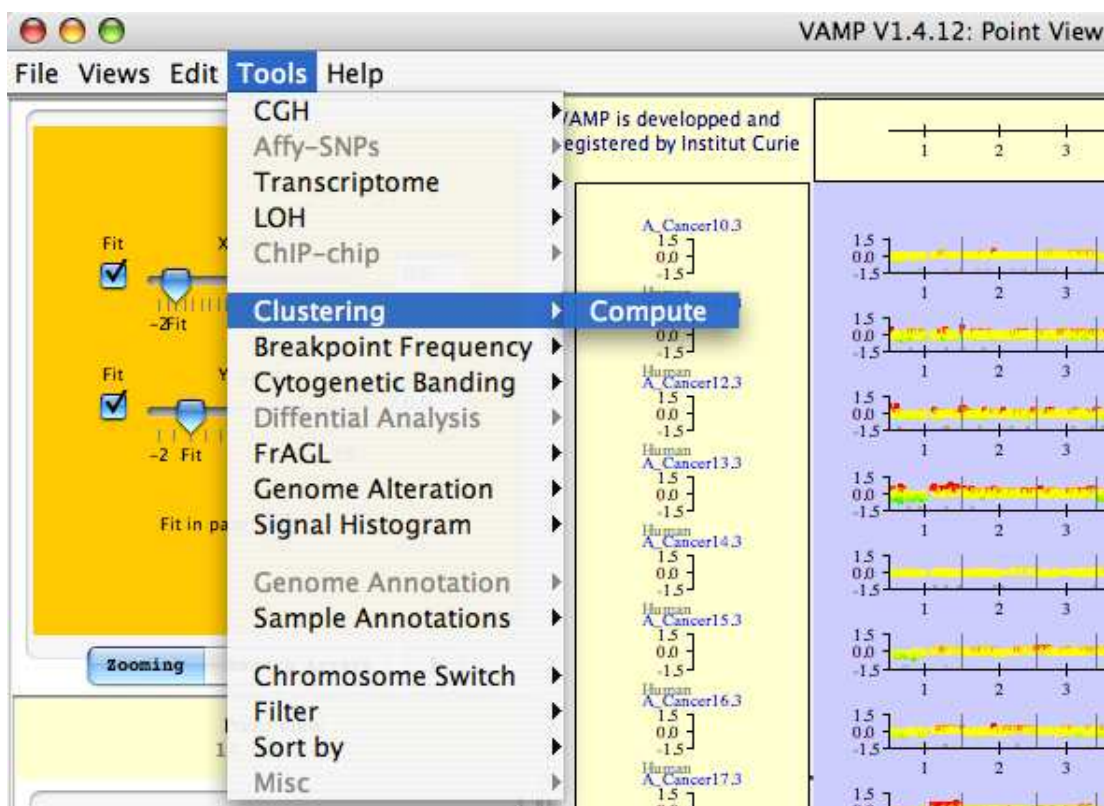


Figure 3.43: Tools → Clustering → Compute - The user can open a new window of dialog for clustering.

The clustering can be performed on different variables (see **Figure 3.44**):

Probe LogRatio: The Probe LogRatio values of the whole genomic profile are used

Probe Smoothing: The Probe smoothing values (i.e. the results of a segmentation algorithm) of the whole genomic profile are used

Probe Status: The Probe statuses (i.e. the results of a segmentation algorithm) of the whole genomic profile are used

Regions Status: Regions either selected manually or identified by our algorithm (see **section 3.3.3**) are used

Exclude sexual chromosomes .

Different options are available:

Distance metric: Euclidian, Pearson and Manhattan distance are available

Group metric: Ward, Single linkage, Group Average and Complete linkage are available

VAMP displays the results as a cluster view including a heat map and the trees resulting from the clustering algorithm (**Figure 3.45**).



Figure 3.44: Clustering profiles - Different clustering options are available.

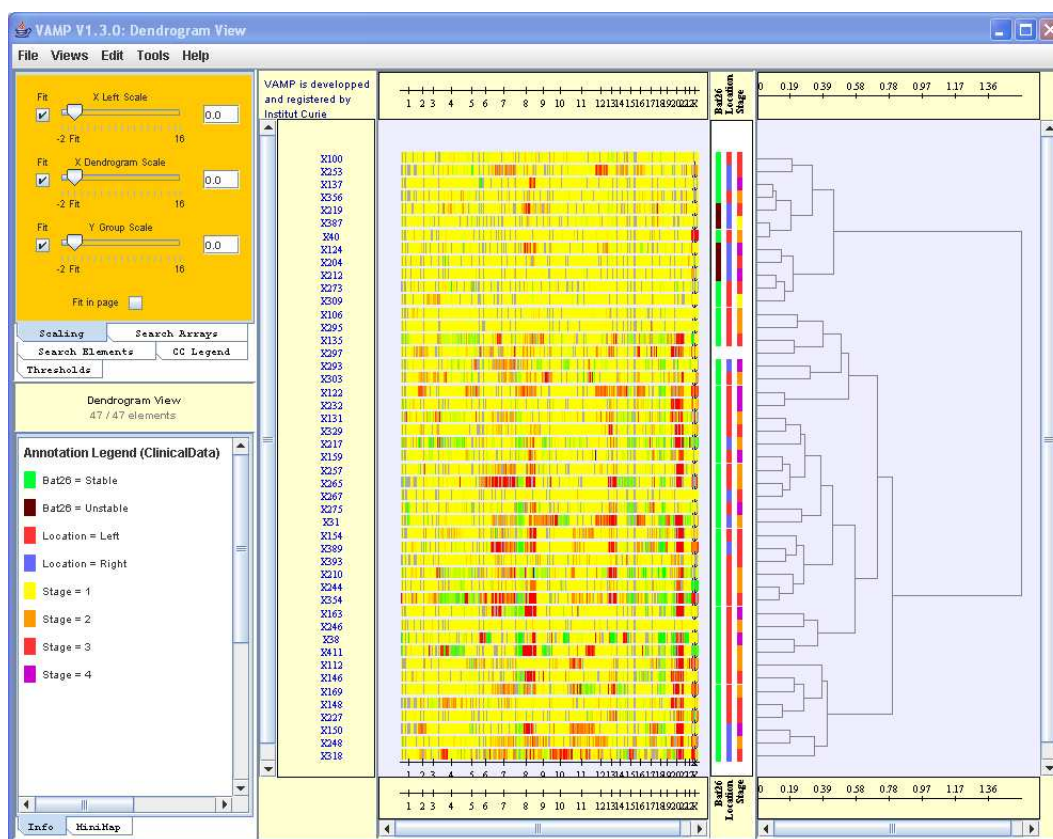


Figure 3.45: **VAMP** interface - Dotplot view of array-CGH profiles (middle panel), and dendrogram resulting from a hierarchical clustering (right panel). In between, color-coded clinical information about the samples, with a legend (bottom left). Data from Nakao et al. (2004)

VAMP proposes several data manipulation procedures for the profiles such as loading any type of profile (CGH, expression, LOH, ChIP chip) for a given sample. A typical application of VAMP is the simultaneous visualization of the DNA alterations and gene under- and over-expression in a region (see **Figures 3.46** and **3.47**). In the case of one-color microarrays (such as Affymetrix) the user can define a reference profile and compute the ratio with a test profile: he can easily compare the ratio of gene expression with the DNA alteration.

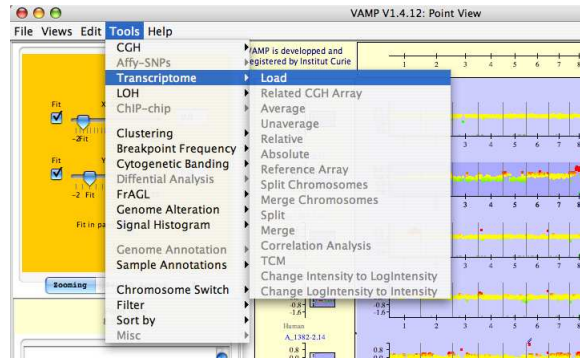


Figure 3.46: **Transcriptome Load** - The user can load expression profiles. The user can load and visualize one expression profile which is connected to Array-CGH.

In the example below we compare array-CGH (top profile) versus transcriptome ratio (second profile in descending order), computed for Affymetrix U95 array of a bladder tumor sample and of a reference sample. This confrontation pinpoints the probable implication of the oncogene cyclin D1 in this tumor. The third and fourth profiles in descending order correspond to a reference profile (average normal bladder tissue profile) and the profile of the tumor under study, respectively. The second profile is the ratio of the fourth to the reference profile.

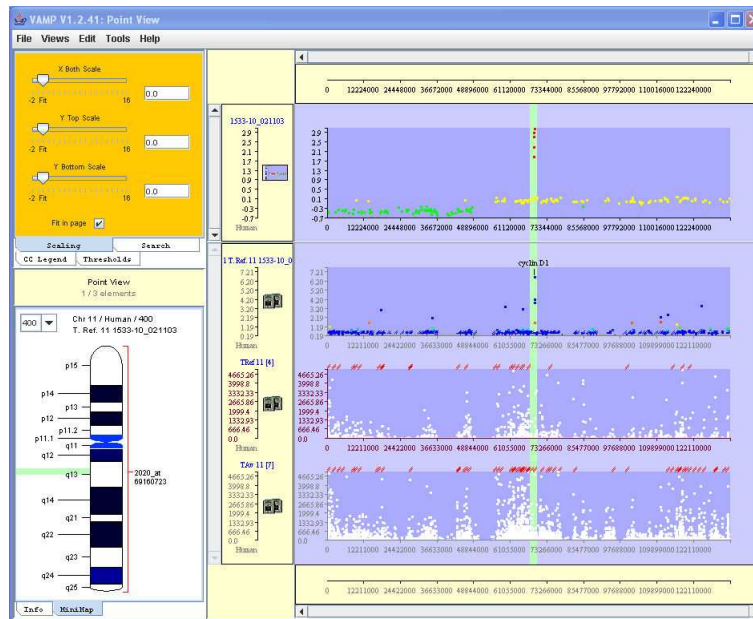


Figure 3.47: **CGH vs Transcriptome**. An icon at the left of each profile shows the type of loaded profile.

Clinical data, or any other sample annotations present in the additional XML files (see **section 2.2.4**) can be visualized in the interface or used for filtering tumors or for sorting them (the link between additional data and molecular profile is based on the XML tag <NumHisto> representing a unique patient ID (see **section 2.2.4**). To add any clinical properties in the current view, just do the following:

- open the dialog to add clinical properties (see **Figures 3.48**)
- choose the properties you want to display (see **Figures 3.49**)

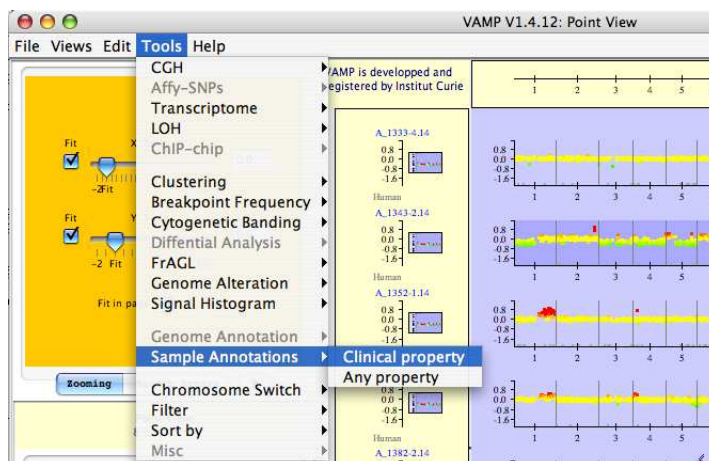


Figure 3.48: Tools →Sample Annotations →Clinical property - The user opens a dialog box where he can easily choose the available clinical properties.

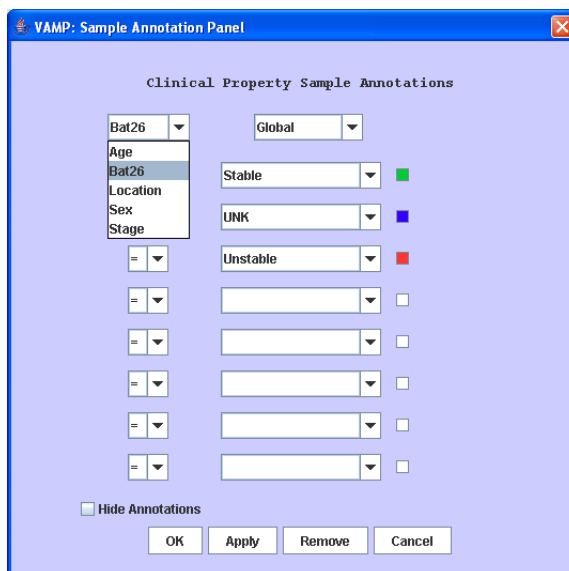


Figure 3.49: **Sample annotations** - The user chooses clinical properties to be visualized.

This data can be visualized as color-coded bars in an annotation frame on the left of the profiles, and can be easily compared with a clustering result (**Figure 3.50**).

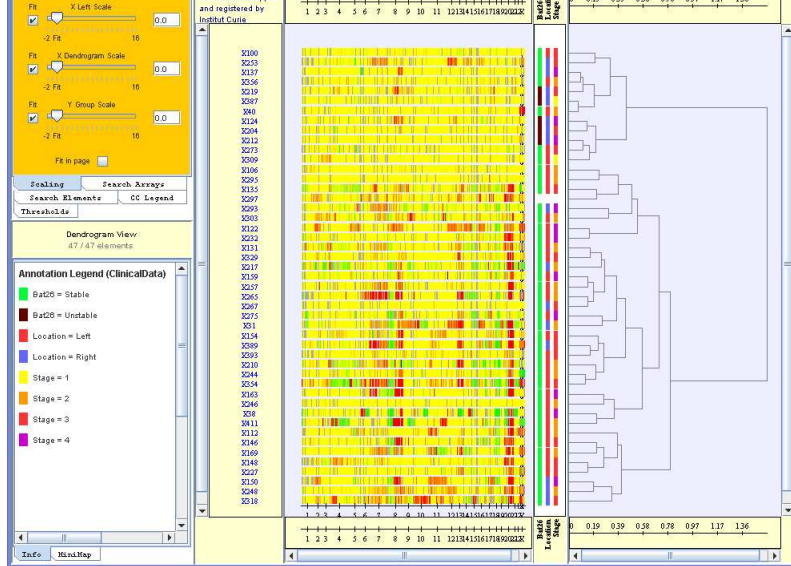


Figure 3.50: **VAMP interface** - Dotplot view of array-CGH profiles (middle panel), and dendrogram resulting from a hierarchical clustering (right panel). In between, color-coded clinical information about the samples, with a legend (bottom left). Data from Nakao et al. (2004)

3.3.7 Synteny analysis

VAMP can display the syntenic projection of a profile onto the genome of another species, which serves as a reference; a typical application is the projection of a mouse array-CGH profile onto the human genome (**Figure 3.54**). In such a case, the mouse clones are ordered according to their mapping onto the human genome. VAMP uses pre-computed information mapping each clone of the sample array onto the reference genome. The synteny relationships can be shown, for a selection of regions of the genome, as links from each clone of the profile to the location of the most similar sequence of the reference genome. To perform the syntenic projection over the whole genome or on genomic regions do as described in **Figures 3.51** and **3.52**.

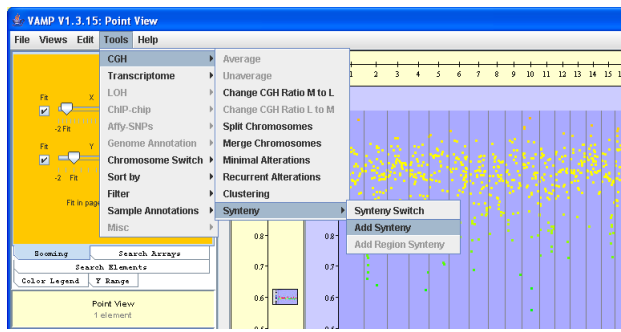


Figure 3.51: **Switch or Add** - The user can replace a profile by its projection onto another species genome by using Synteny → Switch or he can add the projection below the original profile in the same window by using Synteny → Add.

In order to see the links of the syntenic projection perform as described in **Figures 3.53** and **3.54**.

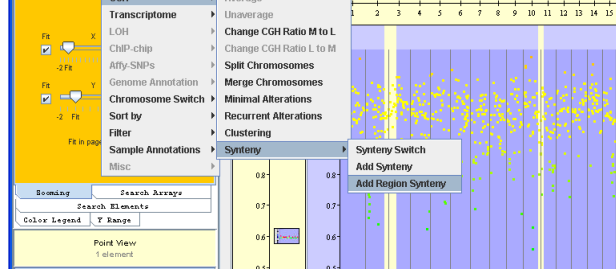


Figure 3.52: Add Region Synteny - The user can projects only those clones that are comprised in the regions he has defined by using Synteny → Add Region Synteny. Results are shown in the next figure.

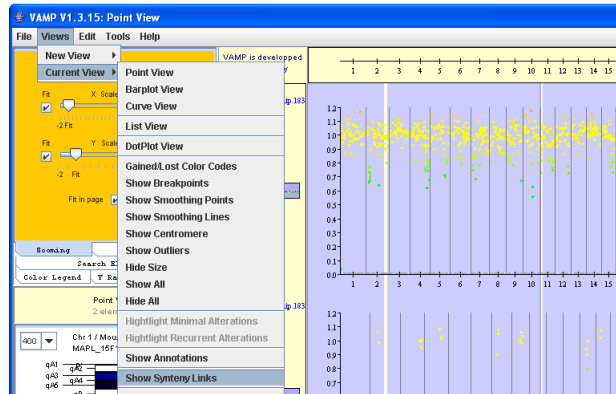


Figure 3.53: Show Synteny Links - The user can visualize the links of synteny using Current View → Show Synteny Links. Results are shown in the next figure.

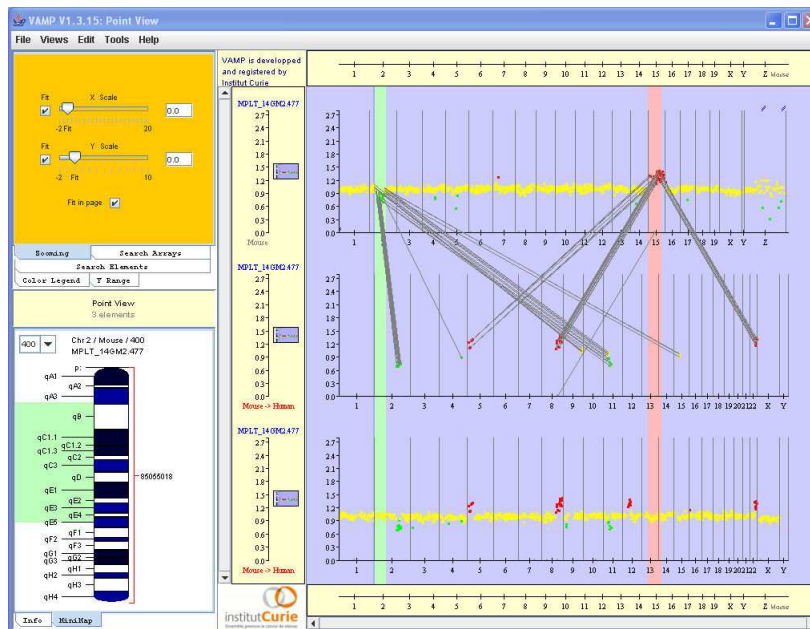


Figure 3.54: Synteny visualization - A complete example of visualization of synteny. The original mouse profile is on the top, its projection onto the human genome at the bottom, and the projection of the clones from the two highlighted regions in the middle, with links from the mouse-ordered profile to the human projection.

With VAMP it is possible to compare a molecular profile with genome annotations, for example gene structure: the user can load a pseudo-profile with the structure of all known genes (introns, exons, splicing variants). Several functions are offered. Proceed as follows:

- import the genome annotation data (see **Figures 3.55**)
- put a landmark on your favorite gene and center on it (see **Figures 3.56**)

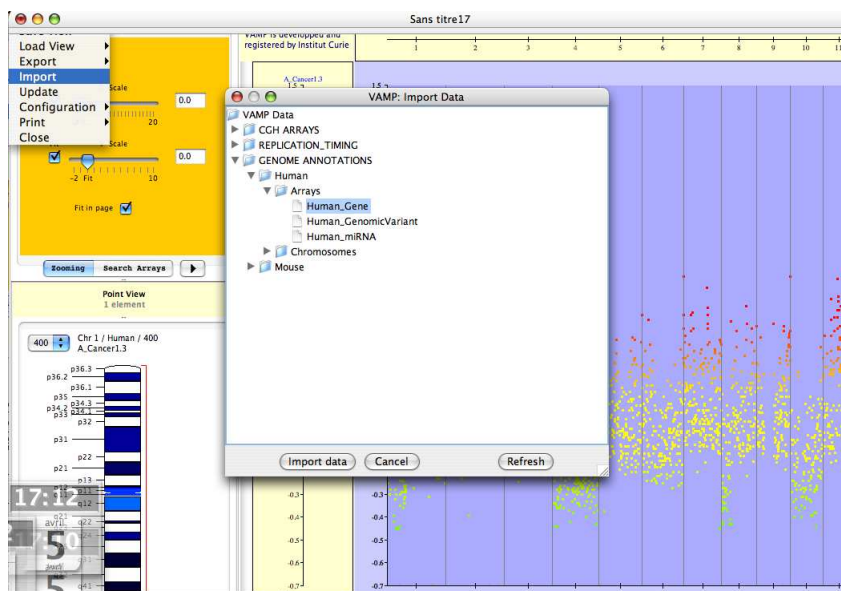


Figure 3.55: File → Import - Start by importing genome annotation data.

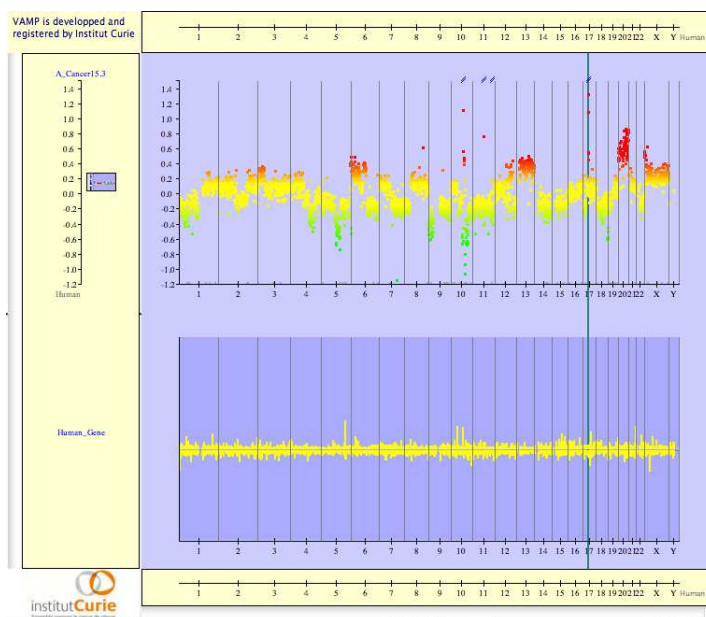


Figure 3.56: **Genome Annotation** - Then you can put a landmark on your favorite gene and center on it.

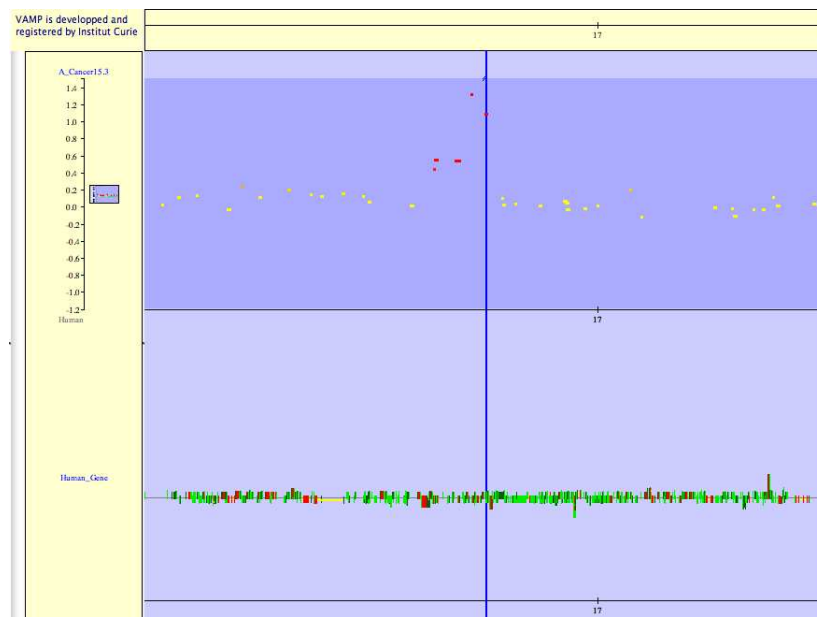


Figure 3.57: **Genome Annotation (zoom 3x)**

Right-clicking brings up a menu which allows to open web pages from NCBI gene, UCSC Genome Browser or Ensembl ContigView (see **Figures 3.58**).

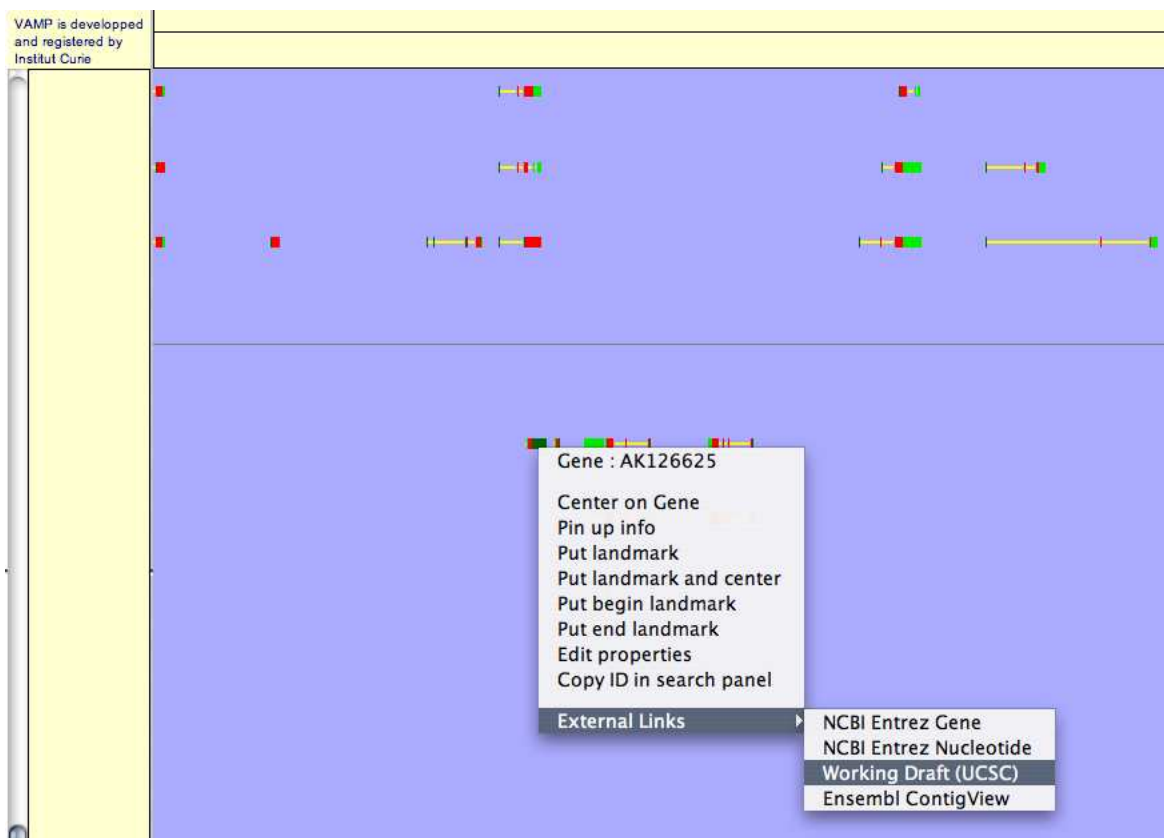


Figure 3.58: **Genome Annotation (zoom 30x)** (exons in red, introns in yellow, UTR 3' in light green and UTR 5' in dark green)

The Histogram of the signal can be computed over the profiles which are displayed in the current view (see **Figures 3.59** and **3.60**).

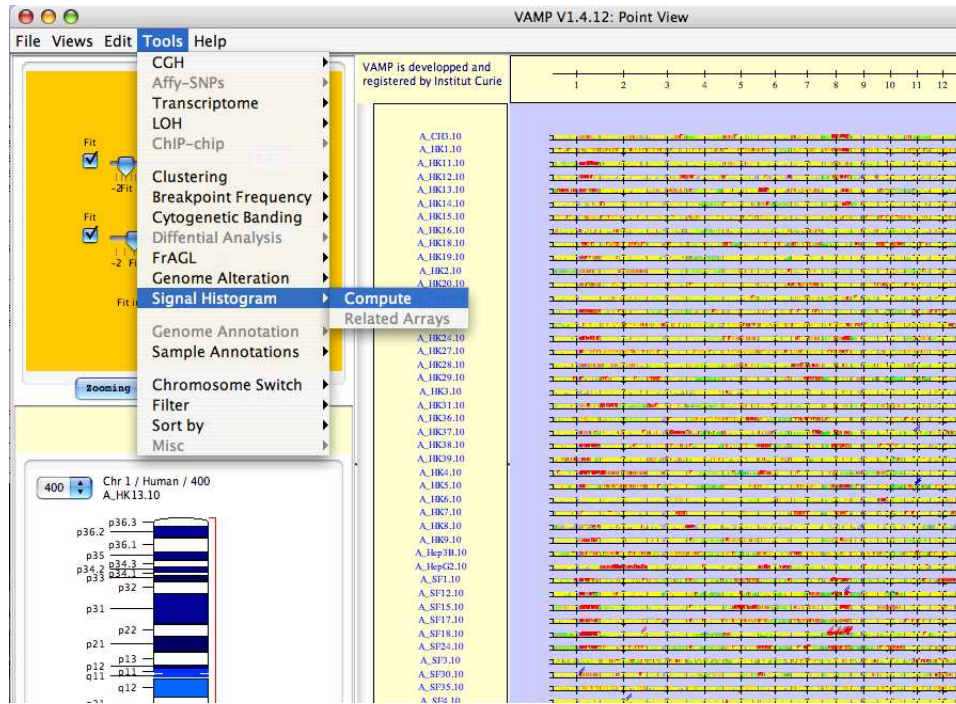


Figure 3.59: Tools → Signal Histogram → Compute - The user can open a new window of display signal histogram view.

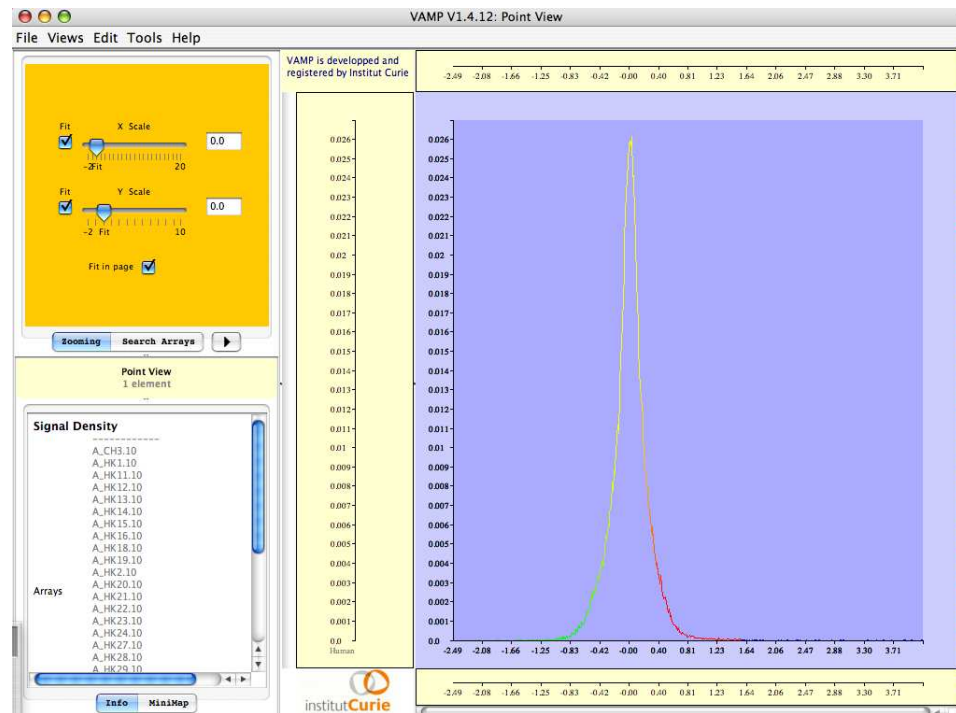


Figure 3.60: **Signal Histogram profiles** - Signal Histogram profiles view. The values correspond to the ... over the whole dataset from Patil et al. (2005).

The aim of the differential analysis is to compare the signal value of each probe between two user-defined groups of tumors. The user has to perform the following steps:

- First the user must open a new double window (see **Figure 3.61**)
- Then the user load in the top panel the tumors defining the first group (see **Figure 3.62**)
- The tumors defining the second group are loaded the bottom panel (see **Figure 3.63**)
- Launch the analysis (see **Figure 3.64**)

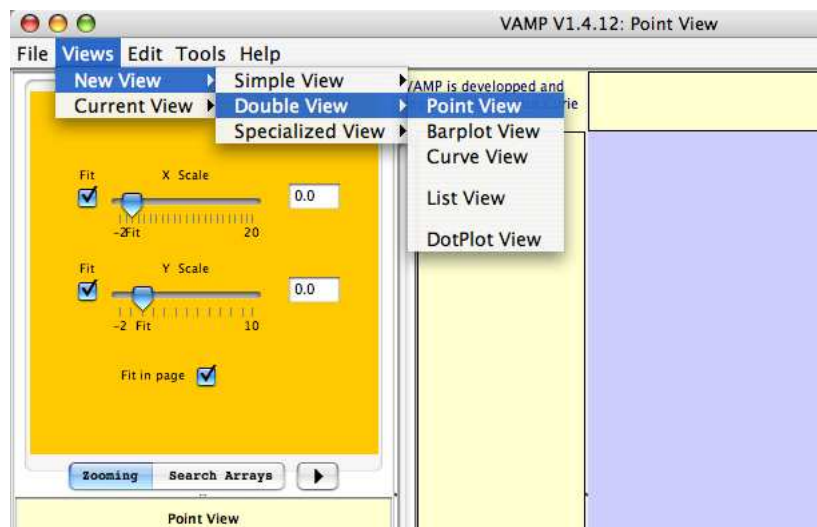


Figure 3.61: Views → New View → Double View → Point View - First the user must open a new double window.

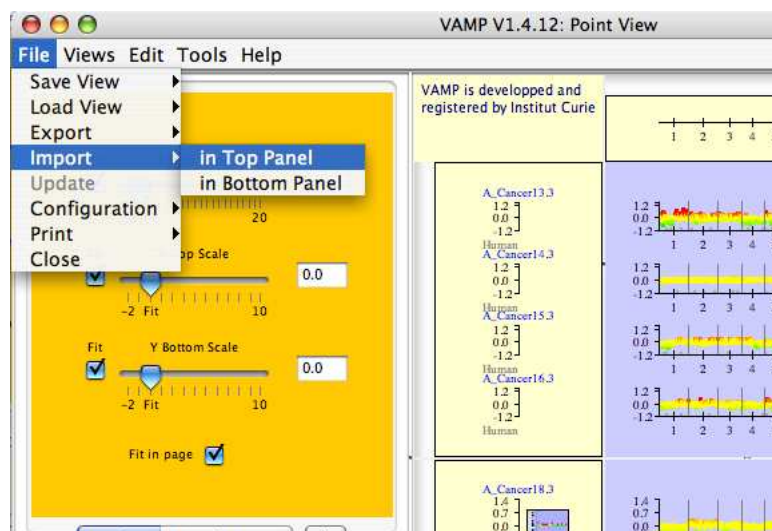


Figure 3.62: File → Import → in Top Panel - Then the user must loading several profiles in the top panel.

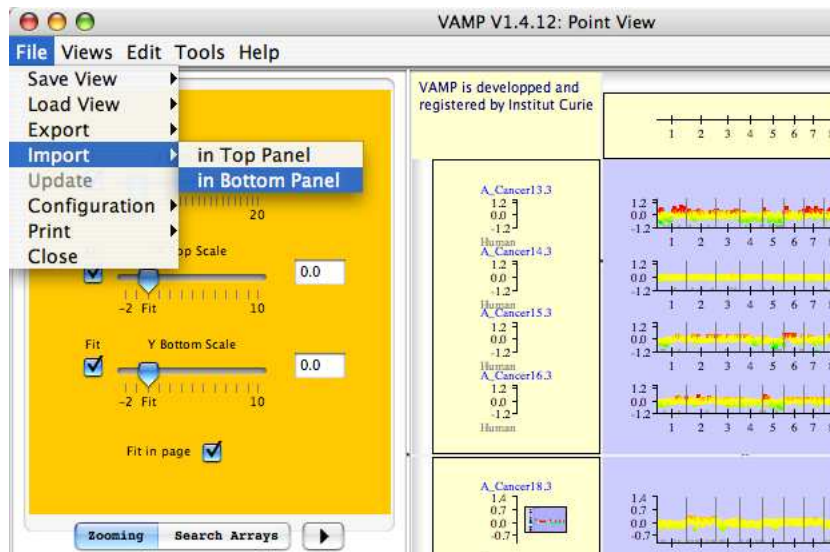


Figure 3.63: File → Import → in Bottom Panel - Then the user must loading several profiles in the bottom panel.

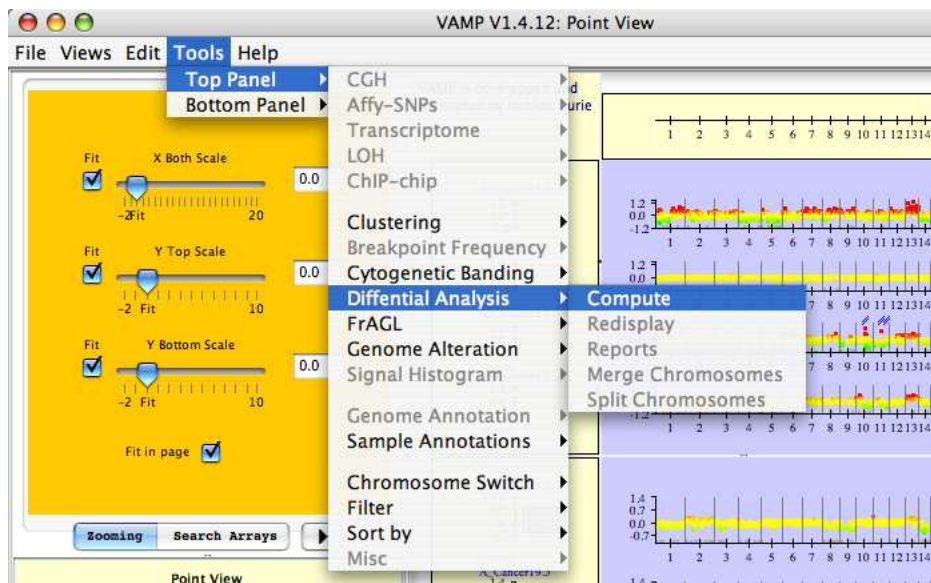


Figure 3.64: Tools → Top Panel → Differential Analysis → Compute - The user can open a new window of dialog for Differential Analysis.

Test: Statistical test is performed using either Student or Welch test.

Color bars Use sign: If the probe mean of the group in the bottom panel is greater than the probe mean of the group in the top panel, the bar is displayed in red and otherwise in green

Color bars Use confidence: Color bar corresponds to the percentage of profiles without missing values

Max P-Value: Probes with a p-value greater than this value are discarded

Multiple testing Benjamini-Hochberg: adjusted p-values using Benjamini-Hochberg method

Multiple testing Benjamini-Yekutieli: adjusted p-values using Benjamini-Yekutieli method

Results: The results are displayed in a profile view (see **Figure 3.66**). The values correspond to $-\log_{10}$ p-value

Report: The results are saved in HTML or CSV file

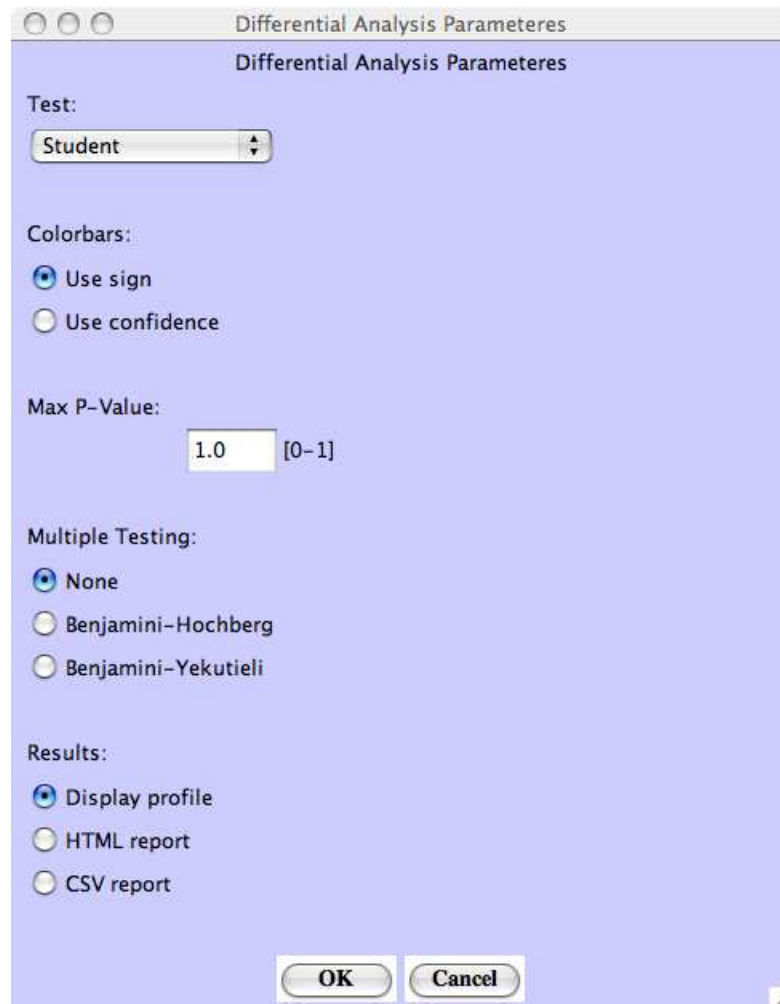


Figure 3.65: Differential Analysis dialog - Different options are available.

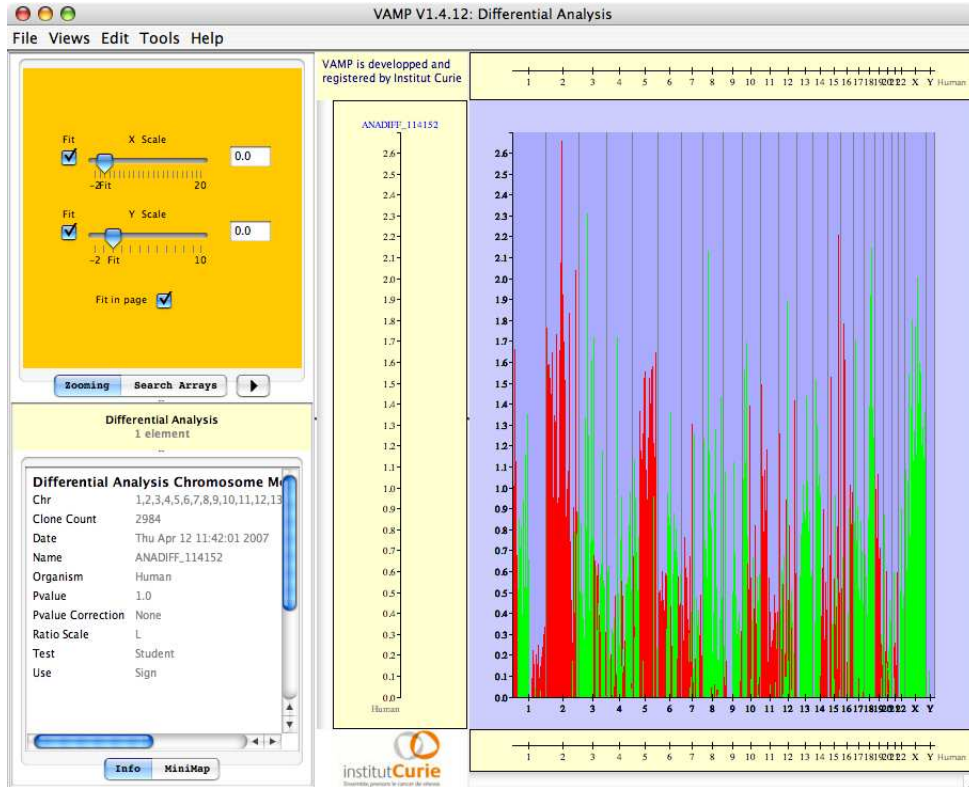


Figure 3.66: Differential Analysis profiles - Differential Analysis view.

Correlation Analysis aims at quantifying the overall influence of DNA copy number changes on gene expression (gene dosage effect) using paired copy number and expression microarray measurements.

Details on the algorithm and its implementation are given in the poster we presented at ISMB 2007:

<http://neuvial.ensae.net/data/neuvial07ismb-poster.pdf>

Calculating correlations

Assuming that such paired profiles have been loaded within VAMP (see section 4.4 for an example), the analysis can be launched from the menu **Tools** → **Correlation Analysis** → **Compute**:

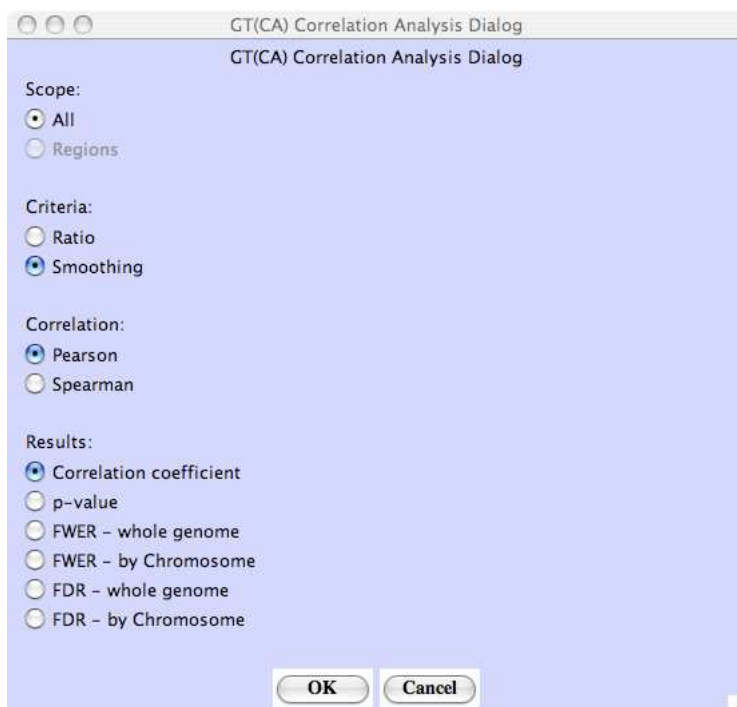


Figure 3.67: - “Compute” Dialog for Correlation Analysis.

Several parameters can be chosen to run a Correlation Analysis

scope: should correlation coefficients be calculated on all data or only on selected regions (if any) ?

criteria: should correlation coefficients be calculated from copy number ratios, or from smoothed copy number values given by GLAD ?

correlation: which type of correlation coefficient should be used ? The Pearson correlation coefficient measures the extent to which the association between copy number and expression is linear; its sensitivity to outliers makes it suitable to detect associations within regions that are amplified in only few samples. The Spearman correlation coefficient is the Pearson coefficient between measurements ranks; it is therefore robust to outliers and able to detect non-linear associations

The last parameter in **Figure 3.67** allows to choose which results should be displayed. The choice may be made before the analysis is launched, but it can also be modified (without further calculations) after the analysis, from the menu **Tools** → **Correlation Analysis** → **Redisplay**:

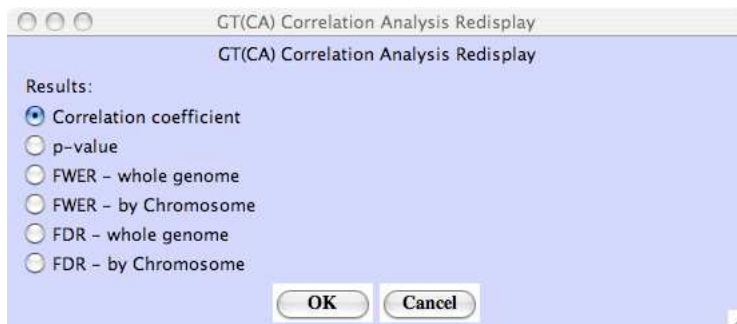


Figure 3.68: **Tools** → **Correlation Analysis** → **Redisplay** - Correlation Analysis: Redisplay dialog.

The **Redisplay** dialog proposes several options:

correlation coefficient: (default) Pearson or Spearman correlation coefficient, depending on the choice made within the **Compute** dialog

p-values: significance level assigned to each correlation coefficient

FWER: p-values adjusted for multiple comparison in order to control the Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER), that is, the probability that one or more loci among those selected is a false positive. We use the Holm adjustment procedure, which is more powerful than the traditional Bonferroni procedure

FDR: p-values adjusted for multiple comparison in order to control the False Discovery Rate (FDR), that is, the expected proportion of false positives among those loci selected

These FWER or FDR multiple testing adjustments may be performed for the whole set of genes (“whole genome”), or for each chromosome separately (“by chromosome”), leading to a less conservative adjustment. If only one chromosome is selected, choosing “whole genome” or “by chromosome” therefore gives exactly the same results.

Importantly, all (adjusted and unadjusted p-values) are displayed in $-10 \log$ -scale, so that significant genes (with small p-values) can be easily seen. For example, a gene with p-value 10^{-7} will be plotted with $y = 7$. Also note that all p-values are given the sign of the corresponding correlation coefficient (which may be negative for some genes).

Exporting the results

The results of the Correlation Analysis cannot be exported yet.

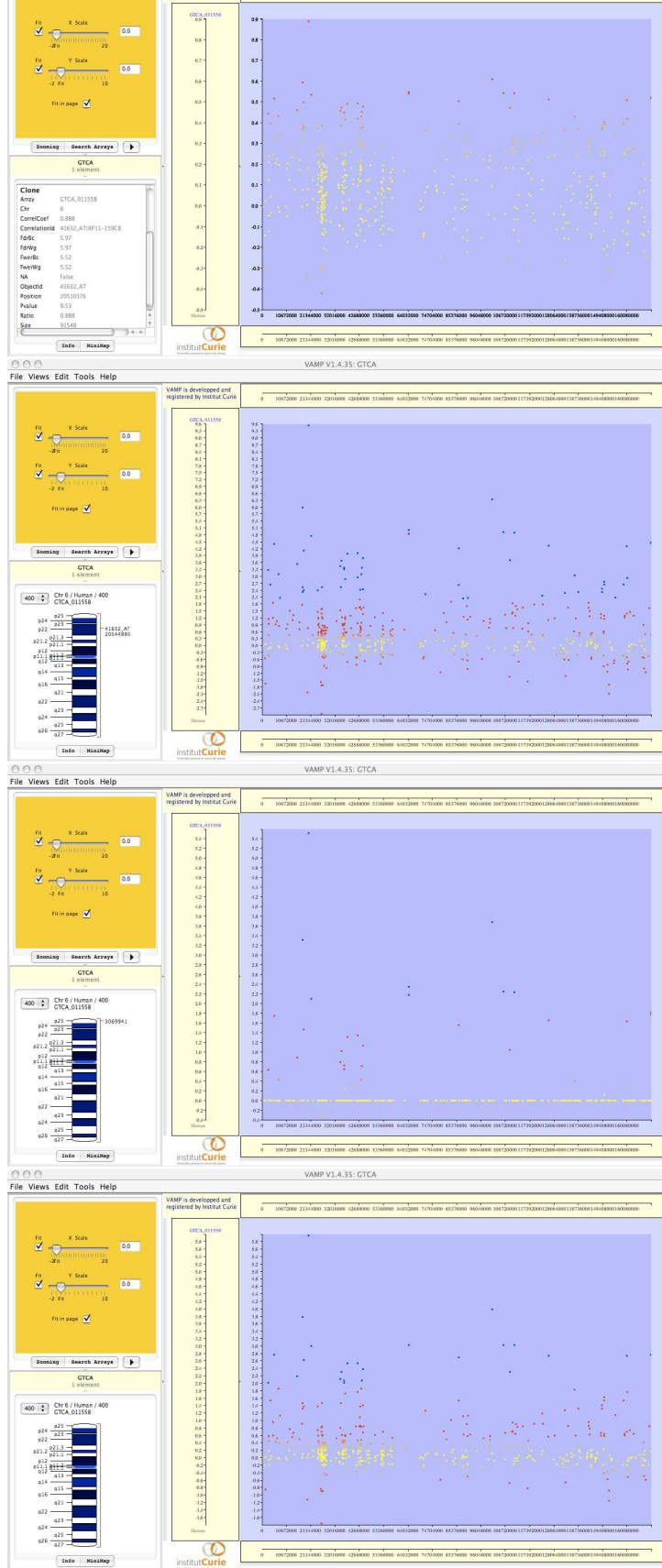


Figure 3.69: Visualizations of the results of Correlation Analysis. From top to bottom: correlation coefficients; p-values; FWER-adjusted p-values; FDR-adjusted p-values. All p-values are plotted in $-\log_{10}$ scale, and given the sign of the corresponding correlation coefficient.

Chapter 4

Analysis example - Bladder Cancer

4.1 Introduction

This scenario presents the guidelines to compare the amplified regions obtained in three bladder cancer datasets (Blaveri et al., 2005; Stransky et al., 2006; Veltman et al., 2003). To run the interface, you need to configure your Java Virtual Machine as explained at:

<http://bioinfo.curie.fr/actudb/Java-configuration.html>

At least 1Gb RAM memory is necessary on your computer.

4.2 Import the genomic profiles

First, start the VAMP software (La Rosa et al., 2006) from the web-page:

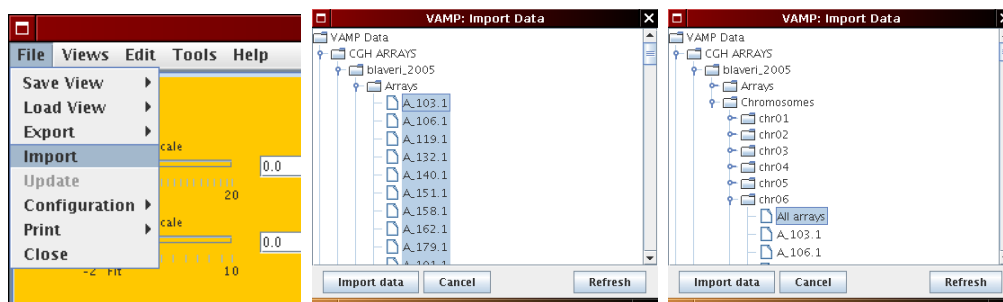
<http://bioinfo.curie.fr/actudb/access.php>.

Then, load the array CGH profiles as follows:

1. click on File → Import (see **Figure 4.1(a)**)
2. select all the profiles in the CGH ARRAYS/blaveri_2005/Arrays directory (see **Figure 4.1(b)**)

Repeat the previous steps for the `stransky_2006` directory and for the `veltman_2003` directory; in the `veltman_2003` directory do not select the eight first normal array CGH profiles.

n.b.: if you wish to import data from one specific chromosome (choose Chromosome 6) select All arrays in the CGH ARRAYS/blaveri_2005/Chromosomes/chr06 directory (see **Figure 4.1(c)**).



(a) File menu - Import (b) Genome wide profile import (c) Chromosome profile import

Figure 4.1: Import Data

The genomic profiles are displayed in the interface as shown in **Figure 4.2**.

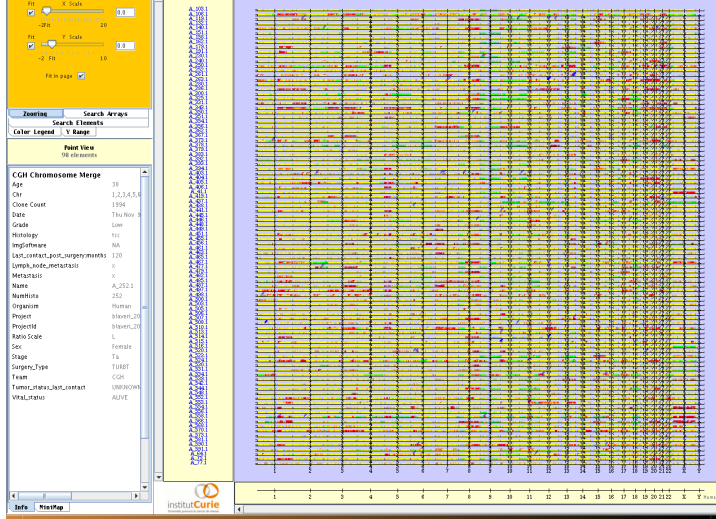


Figure 4.2: Array CGH profiles

Once all the data have been imported you can display the Gained / Lost Color Codes (see **Figure 4.3**) which corresponds to the alteration calling identified by the GLAD algorithm (Hupé et al., 2004): loss regions are in green, normal regions in yellow, gain regions in red and amplified regions in blue.

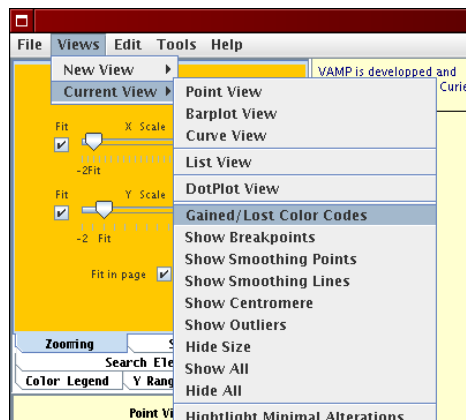


Figure 4.3: View menu - Gained / Lost Color Codes

4.3 Minimal Alteration computation

4.3.1 Parameters settings

The **minimal alterations** or **minimal regions** of amplification correspond to the intersection for all tumors of the amplified regions. These regions are minimal in that no breakpoint evidence is available to narrow the region further. To compute the **minimal amplified regions** click on: Tools → Genome Alteration → Compute (see **Figure 4.4**).

Then set the **Genome Alteration** parameters as follows (see **Figure 4.5**):

1. for the **Minimum support of alterations** click on Percent and set the value to 5 (we want that the alteration is present at least in 5% of the samples)

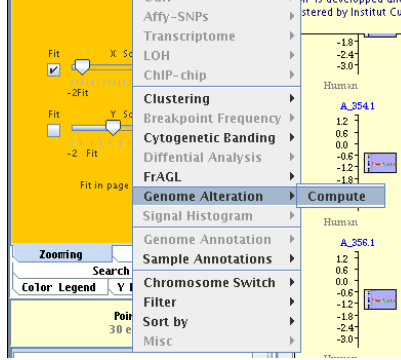


Figure 4.4: Tools menu - Genome Alteration

2. for the **Type of alterations** deselect Gain and Loss to search only for Amplicon

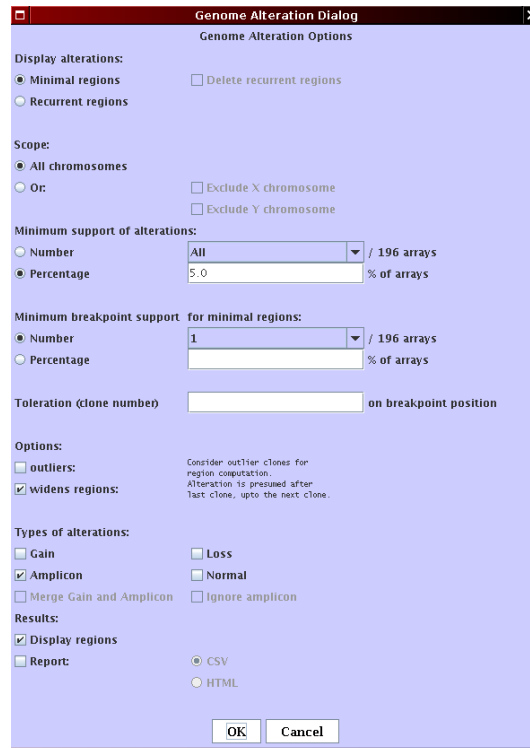


Figure 4.5: Genome alteration parameters

Once the search is completed, the minimal amplified regions are displayed as vertical blue lines (minimal amplified regions are located on chromosomes 6, 8 and 11). In order to see the accurate location of the regions with respect to the cytogenetic bandings do as follows (see **Figure 4.6**):

1. in the bottom left corner click on **Minimap** to display the chromosome image with cytogenetic bandings
2. in the main panel mouse over the sample profiles for chromosome 6, 8 and 11 and you will see that the minimal amplified regions are highlighted in blue in the minimap panel

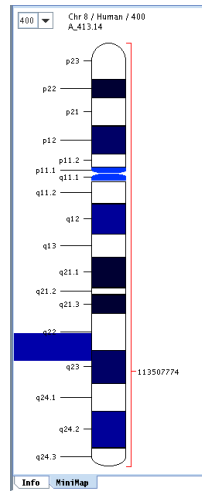
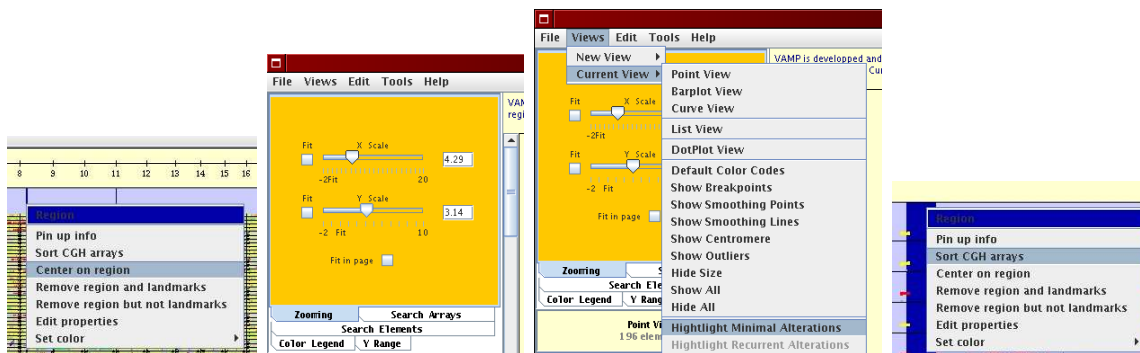


Figure 4.6: Minimap and minimal amplified region at 8q22-8q23

The visualization of the samples which share the minimal amplified regions is available within the interface:

1. at the top of the panel, click right on the minimal amplified region at 8q22-8q23 and center on it (see **Figure 4.7(a)**)
2. zoom-in in the X and Y scale (see **Figure 4.7(b)**)
3. click on View → Current View → Highlight Minimal Alterations (see **Figure 4.7(c)**): a grey box will highlight the samples which have the minimal alteration
4. sort the samples which have the minimal amplified region at 8q22-8q23 by right-clicking on this region and then clicking Sort CGH arrays (see **Figure 4.7(d)**): all the samples with the alteration appear at the top of the panel. The same operation can be performed for amplified regions on chromosome 6 and 11.



(a) Center on minimal amplified region at 8q22-8q23
 (b) Zoom-in in X and Y scale
 (c) View menu - Highlight Minimal Alterations
 (d) Sort CGH Arrays

Figure 4.7: Visualization of the samples with the amplification at 8q22-8q23

4.3.4 Candidate genes

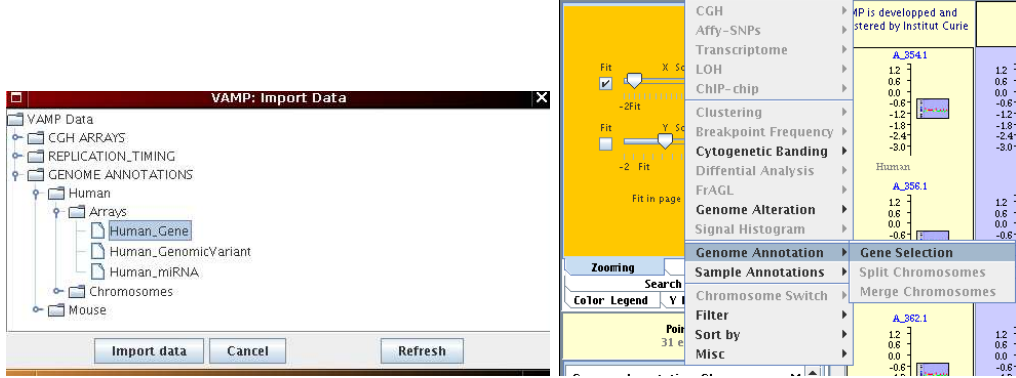
To retrieve the list of genes located in the amplified regions previously identified do the following:

1. import in the current view the human gene profile (see **Figure 4.8(a)**). It will be displayed at the bottom of the main panel
2. scroll down to the bottom of the main panel
3. click on the Human gene profile
4. holding the control-key click on any other array CGH profile
5. in the Tools menu click on Tools → Genome Annotation → Gene Selection (see **Figure 4.8(b)**)

A dialog box appear and set the parameters as follows (see **Figure 4.8(c)**):

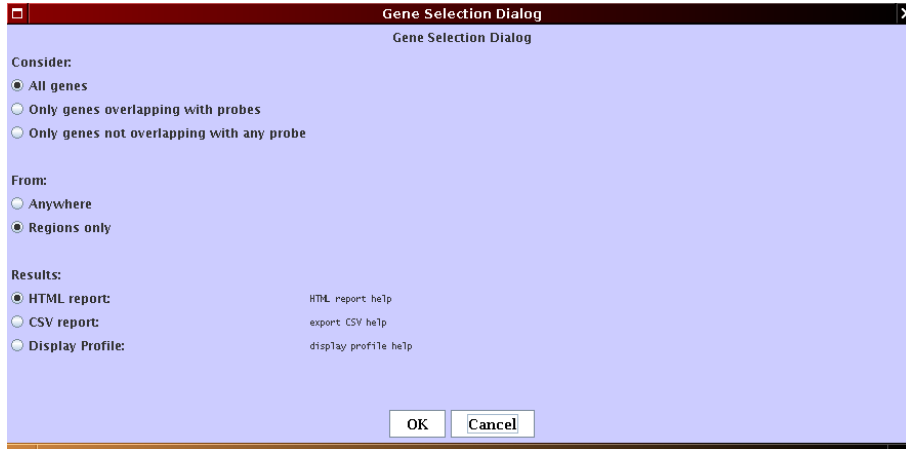
1. for the **From** parameter select Region
2. for the **Results** parameter select HTML report and save your file in gene-list

Now you can open a new web browser window and open the HTML file gene-list.html to visualize all the genes located in the amplified regions (see **Figure 4.9**).



(a) Human gene import

(b) Tools menu - Genome Annotations



(c) Genome Annotations parameters

Figure 4.8: Candidate gene retrieval

Clone						Gene							
Name	Nnc	Chr	Position	Size	Ratio	GeneSymbol	Chr	GeneBegin	GeneEnd	Size	Strand	NbExons	mRNA_ID
RP11-43B4	null	6	20184236	352	0.0								
RP11-155C06	null	6	20442776	179800	-0.0039	E2F3	6	20510376	20601920	91544	+	7	NM_001949
RP11-155C8	null	6	20442776	179800	0.0	E2F3	6	20510376	20601920	91544	-	7	NM_001949
CTD-2018P8	null	6	20601162	271	0.0	E2F3	6	20510376	20601920	91544	-	7	NM_001949
Clone						Gene							
RP11-3D15	null	6	21715914	147914	0.1099	SOX4	6	21701950	21706826	4876	+	1	NM_003107
RP11-273J1	null	6	22039456	181700	0.0								
Clone						Gene							
RP11-273J01	null	6	22178710	341	0.1433								
Clone						Gene							
RP11-206E21	null	8	100717607	140632	0.2035	VPS13B	8	100994669	100998993	864314	-	62	NM_017890
RP11-102K7	null	8	101238461	179185	0.0	RGS22	8	101042452	101187520	145068	-	28	NM_015866
RP11-102K7	null	8	101238461	179185	0.0	FBXO43	8	101214763	101226853	12090	-	5	NM_001028860

Figure 4.9: Gene list

In the previous part, the minimal amplified regions have been identified and the gene list retrieved. In Stransky et al. (2006) transcriptome have been studied and these data can be used to identify among the gene list, the genes which show a significant correlation with respect to DNA copy number alterations . This will be detailed in what follows:

1. open a new view: **Views** → **New View** → **Simple View** → **Point View**
2. import all the chromosome 6 profiles from the **stransky_2006** directory: **File** → **Import** (see **Figure 4.4** below)
3. once imported, select all profiles (**Edit** → **Select** → **All**)
4. load transcriptome profiles associated to the CGH arrays (**Tools**→ **Transcriptome** → **Load**)
5. start the genome/transcriptome correlation analysis (**Tools** → **Correlation Analysis** → **Compute**) with default parameters

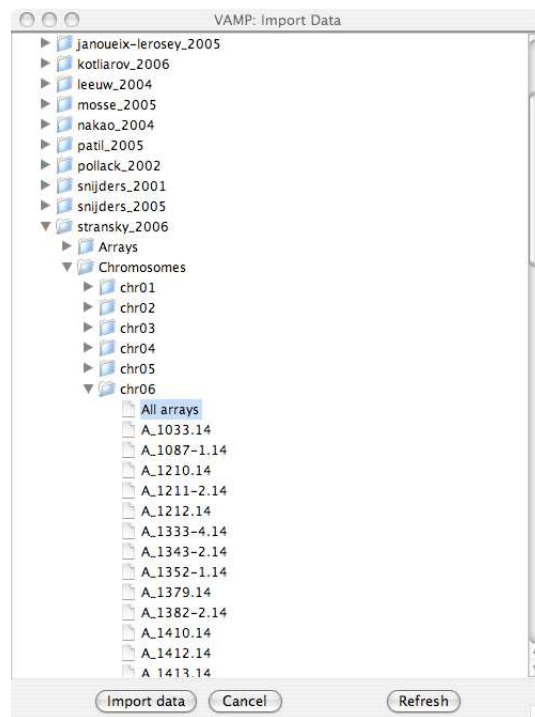


Figure 4.10: Importing array-CGH profiles

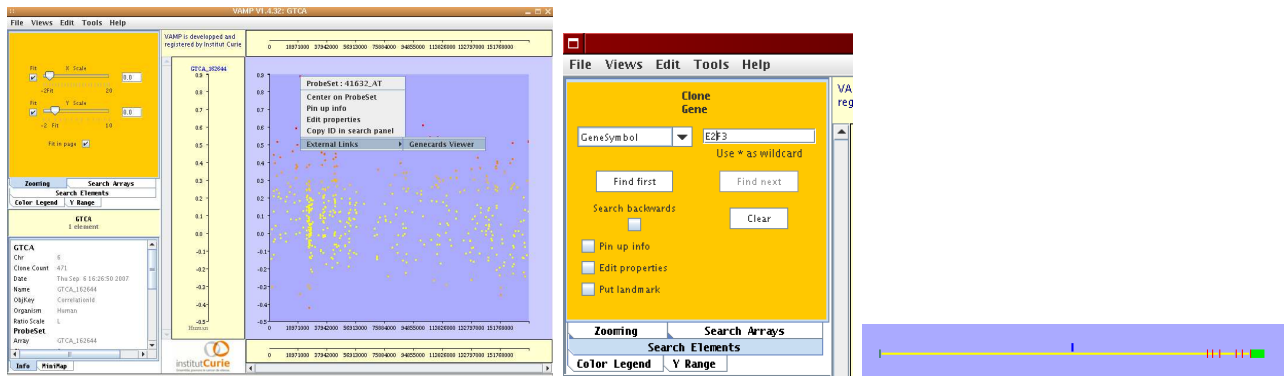
A new window opens where correlations are displayed along chromosome 6: the highest correlation is 0.88 and correspond to the 41632_AT probe located at 6p22. Right-clicking on this probe allows to have an external link to the Genecards database (see **Figure 4.11(a)**): this probe correspond to the E2F transcription factor 3.

Go back to the previous view with the 196 genome-wide profiles and click on **Search Elements** on the top left panel and do the following (see **Figure 4.11(b)**):

1. select **GeneSymbol** in the drop-down menu
2. type **E2F3** in the right box

4. wait for the search to be completed (it may take few seconds)
5. zoom-in in the X and Y scale (see **Figure 4.7(b)**) until to see the E2F3 gene structure (see **Figure 4.11(c)**)

The E2F3 gene is located in the amplified region previously detected.



(a) External links - Genecards

(b) Search panel - E2F3

(c) E2F3 gene structure - Introns are in yellow, exons in red and 3' UTR in green

Figure 4.11: E2F3 is correlated with DNA copy number

Chapter 5

Analysis example - Colon Cancer

5.1 Introduction

This scenario presents the guidelines to compare the frequency of alterations obtained in two colorectal cancer datasets (Douglas et al., 2004; Nakao et al., 2004). To run the interface, you need to configure your Java Virtual Machine as explained at:

<http://bioinfo.curie.fr/actudb/Java-configuration.html>

At least 1Gb RAM memory is necessary on your computer.

5.2 Import the genomic profiles

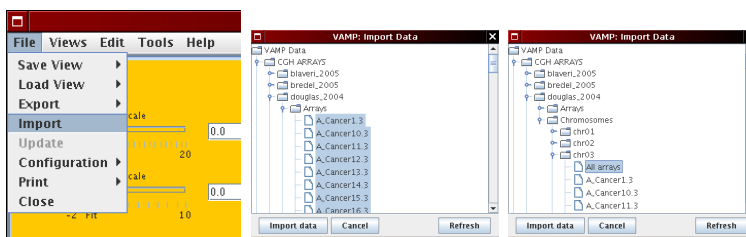
First, start the VAMP software (La Rosa et al., 2006) from the web-page:

<http://bioinfo.curie.fr/actudb/access.php>.

Then, load the array CGH profiles as follows:

1. click on File → Import (see **Figure 5.1(a)**)
2. select all the profiles in the CGH ARRAYS/douglas_2004/Arrays directory (see **Figure 5.1(b)**)

n.b.: if you wish to import data from one specific chromosome select:
CGH ARRAYS/douglas_2004/Chromosomes/chr.. (see **Figure 5.1(c)**)



(a) File menu (b) Genome wide profile import (c) Chromosome profile import (optional)

Figure 5.1: Import Data

The genomic profiles are displayed in the interface as shown in **Figure 5.2**.

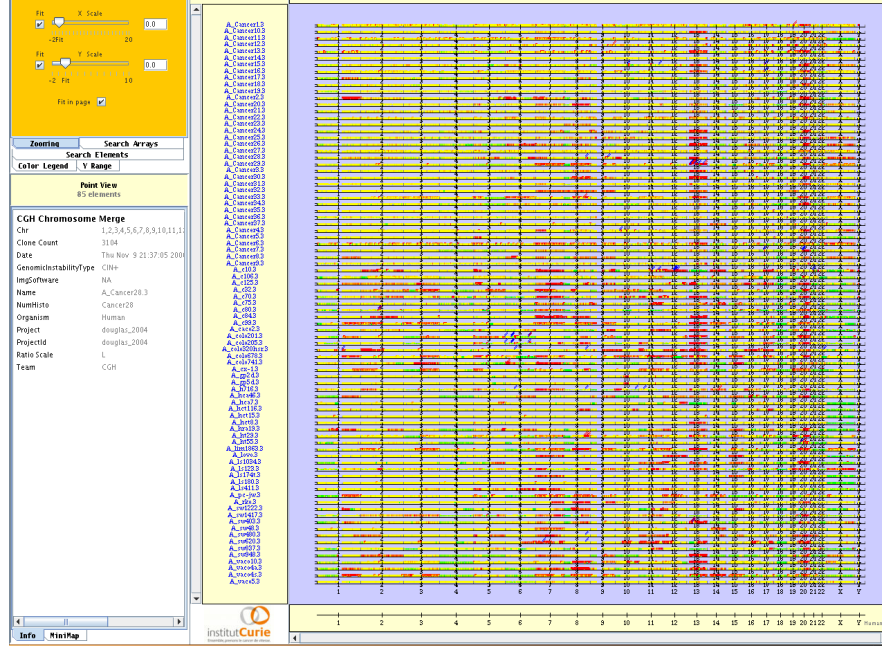


Figure 5.2: Array CGH profiles

Open a new view (see **Figure 5.3**) and repeat the previous steps for the nakao_2004 directory.

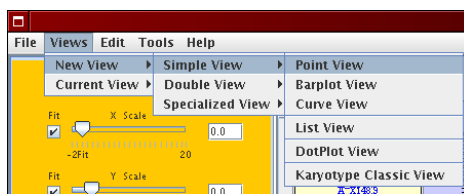


Figure 5.3: View menu - New view

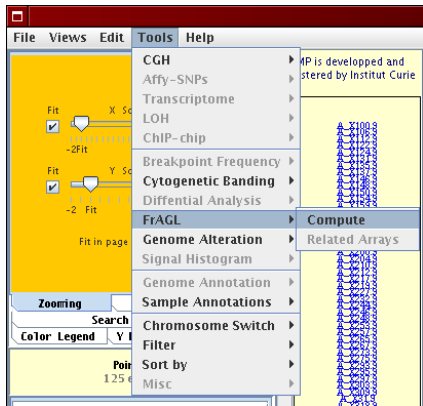
5.3 Frequency alteration computation

5.3.1 Computation for each dataset

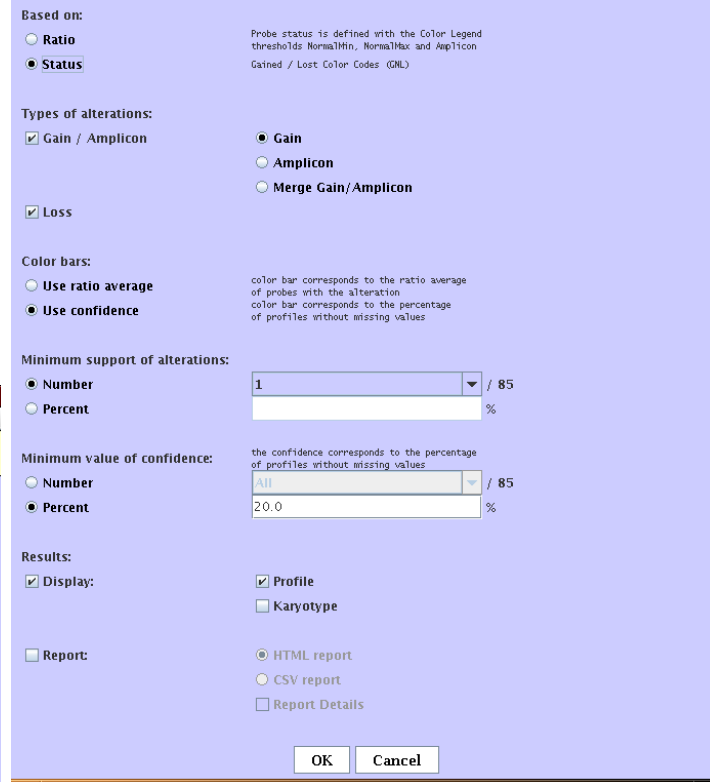
For each dataset compute the **frequency of alterations** by clicking on Tools → FrAGL → Compute (see **Figure 5.4(a)**). Then set the FrAGL parameters as follows (see **Figure 5.4(b)**):

1. click on **Status** (the alteration calling identified by the GLAD algorithm (Hupé et al., 2004) is used)
2. for the **Minimum value of confidence** click on Percent and set the value to 20 (probe with a missing value percentage greater than 20 are discarded from the analysis)

Once this procedure has been performed for both Douglas et al. (2004) and Nakao et al. (2004) two new windows are displayed with the frequency of alteration (see **Figure 5.5**).



(a) Tools menu - FrAGL



(b) FrAGL parameters

Figure 5.4: Frequency of alterations computation

5.3.2 Comparison of the frequency between the two datasets

To compare the two FrAGL profiles obtained in the previous step for each datasets proceed as follows:

1. in the first FrAGL view select and copy the profile (see **Figure 5.6(a)**)
2. in the second FrAGL view paste the profile (see **Figure 5.6(b)**)

The comparison is now possible in the final view as shown in **Figure 5.7**.

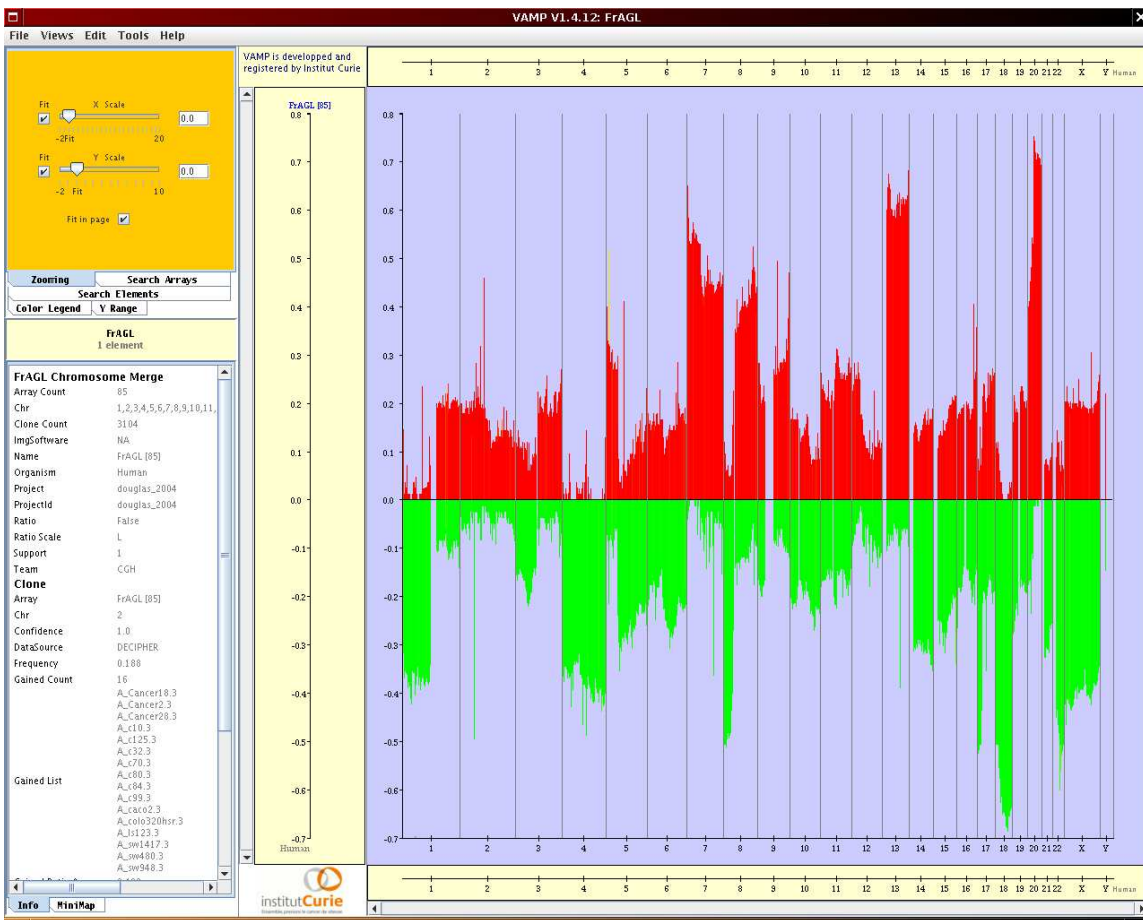
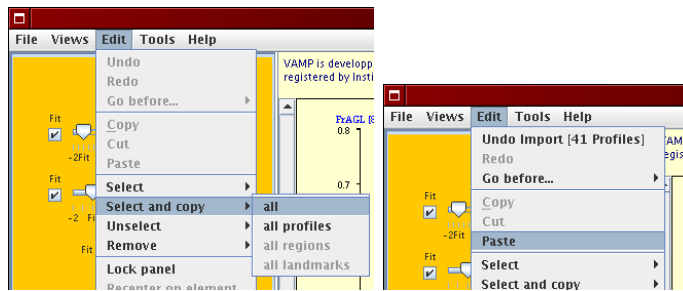


Figure 5.5: Frequency of alterations the Douglas et al. (2004) dataset.



(a) Edit menu - Select and copy (b) Edit menu - Paste

Figure 5.6: Comparison of the two FrAGL profiles

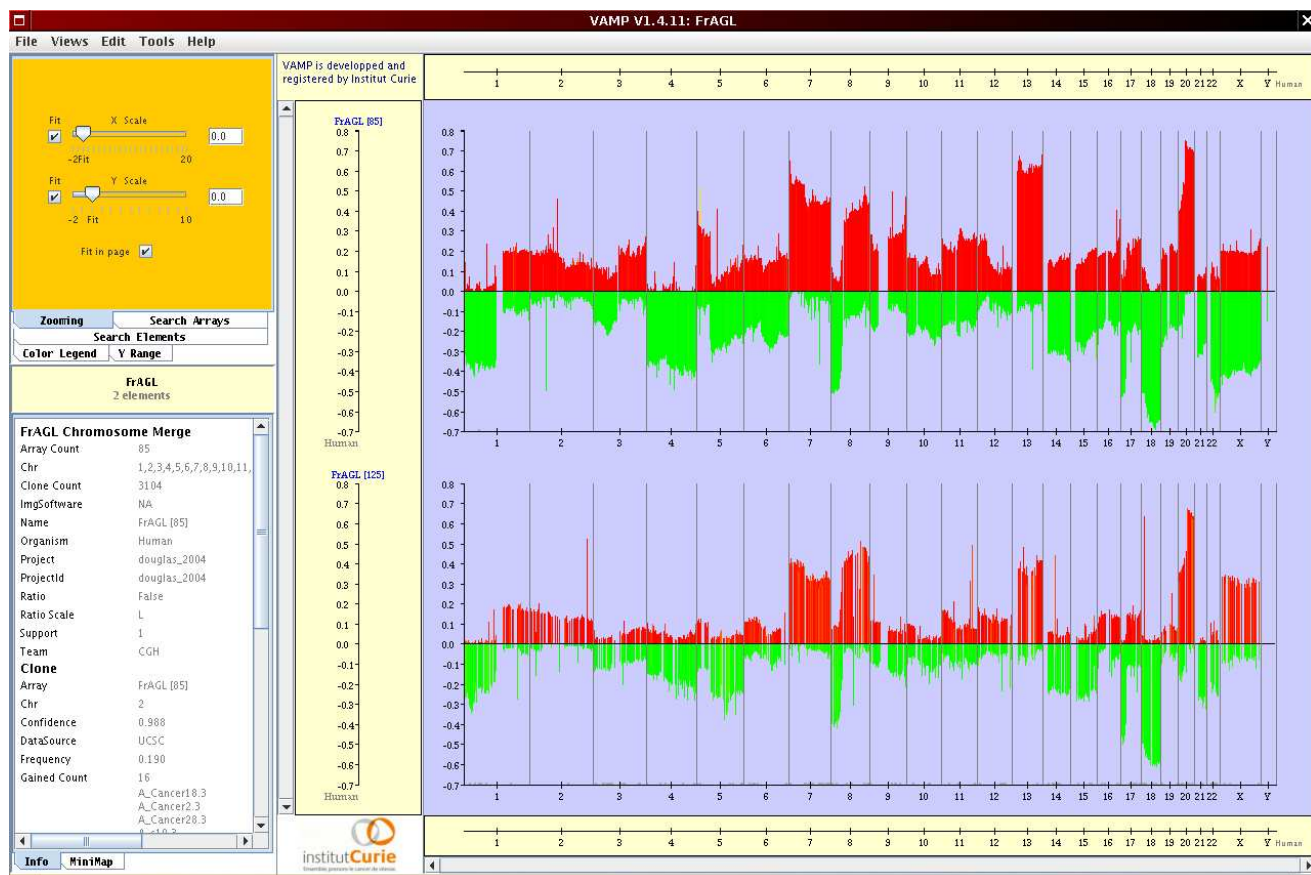


Figure 5.7: Comparison of the frequency of alteration for Douglas et al. (2004) (top profile) and Nakao et al. (2004) (bottom profile) datasets.

Chapter 6

Availability

VAMP is available upon request to vamp@curie.fr. It can be tested on public data sets at the following url: <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/vamp>.

VAMP is also integrated into CAPweb, a complete bioinformatics pipeline for array-CGH data analysis. CAPweb can be tested at the following url: <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/CAPweb>

Note that some movies present as well the main functions of VAMP for basic functions, data Analysis, synteny analysis: <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/vamp/doc>

Chapter 7

How to cite us?

If you used VAMP please cite us as follows:

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Chapter 8

Annexes

8.1 Main configuration XML file

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Used for locating the transcriptome data from a CGH array (#variables# are set from the XML CGH array data files)

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Used for locating the LOH data from a CGH array (#variables# are set from the XML CGH array data files)

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  </MenuItem>
  <MenuItem
    type='url'
    title='Ensembl CytoView'
    url='@data'
    target='_blank'>
  </MenuItem>
</PropertyElementMenu>

<token>
http://www.genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks?position=chr#Chr#:</token>
<sub>
<property>Position</property>
<token>150000</token>
</sub>
<token>-</token>
<add>
<property>Position</property>
<token>150000</token>
</add>
  <MenuItem>
    <MenuItem
      type='url'
      title='Ensembl ContigView'
      url='@data'
      target='_blank'>
    </MenuItem>
  </MenuItem>
  <MenuItem
    type='url'
    title='Ensembl CytoView'
    url='@data'
    target='_blank'>
  </MenuItem>
</token>

<token>
http://www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/contigview?chr=#Chr#&vc_start=</token>
<sub>
<property>Position</property>
<token>150000</token>
</sub>
<token>&vc_end=</token>
<add>
<property>Position</property>
<token>150000</token>
</add>
  <MenuItem>
    <MenuItem
      type='url'
      title='Ensembl CytoView'
      url='@data'
      target='_blank'>
    </MenuItem>
  </MenuItem>
</token>

<token>
http://www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/cytoview?chr=#Chr#&vc_start=</token>
<sub>
<property>Position</property>
<token>150000</token>
</sub>
<token>&vc_end=</token>
<add>
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</add>
  </MenuItem>
</MenuItem>
</PropertyElementMenu>

Parameterization of the contextual menu of an object of ProbeSet type: how to add an hypertext link:
<PropertyElementMenu object='DataElement' type='ProbeSet'>
  <MenuItem type='separator' />
  <MenuItem type='menu' title='External Links'>
    <MenuItem
      type='url'
      title='Genecards Viewer'
      url='http://genecards.curie.fr/cgi-genecards/cardsearch.pl?search=#SourceID#'
      target='_blank' />
    </MenuItem>
  </PropertyElementMenu>

Parameterization of the contextual menu of the "Minimap: how to add an hypertext link:
<PropertyElementMenu object='MiniMapChr'>
  <MenuItem type='menu' title='External Links'>
    <MenuItem
      type='url'
      title='NCBI Map Viewer'
      url='http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mapview/maps.cgi?ORG=human&MAPS=cntg-r,clone,sts,genes,comp&CHR=#Name#'
      target='_blank' />
    </MenuItem>
  </PropertyElementMenu>

<PropertyElementMenu object='MiniMapBand'>

  <MenuItem type='menu' title='External Links'>
    <MenuItem
      type='url'
      title='NCBI Cancer Chromosomes'
      url='http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=cancerchromosomes&term=%2BChr##Arm##Name##&cmd=Search'
      target='_blank' />
    </MenuItem>
  </PropertyElementMenu>

<UserDocumentation url='...' /> : indicates the physical localization of the user's guide

several examples of how to call a cgi (does not function locally) :
<Parameter key="Xcel:URL" value="http://bioinfo.curie.fr/cgi-bin/cghaia/export.pl?format=xl"/>
<Parameter key="XcelChrAvg:URL" value="http://bioinfo.curie.fr/cgi-bin/cghaia/average_chr.pl?format=xl"/>
<Parameter key="cluster:URL" value="http://bioinfo.curie.fr/cgi-bin/cghaia/vamp_plugin.pl?action=clust"/>

root of the physical localization of the data xml files :
<Parameter key="importData:baseURL" value="file:///C:/VAMP/data/xml/cgh"/>

indicates the physical localization of the image file which are used by the applet :
<Parameter key="applet_home_img:URL" value="file:///C:/VAMP/images/applet_home.png"/>
<Parameter key="cytoband:URL" value="file:///C:/VAMP/data/xml/cytoband/human"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="CGH Array" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/vamp_cgh.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="CGH Chromosome Merge" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/vamp_cgh.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="CGH Array Merge" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/vamp_cgh.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="CGH Average" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/vamp_cgh.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="Transcriptome" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/trs.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="Transcriptome Average" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/trs.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="Transcriptome Relative" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/trs.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="Transcriptome Merge Relative" url="file:///C:/VAMP/images/trs.jpg"/>
<GraphElementIcon type="LOH" url="VAMP/images/LOH.jpg"/>

indicates the physical localization of cytogenetics descriptions :
<Cytoband organism="Human"
  url="file:///C:/VAMP/data/xml/cytoband/human/mai_2004"
  resolutions="400:550:850"
  default_resolution="400"/>
<Cytoband organism="Mouse"
  url="file:///C:/VAMP/data/xml/cytoband/mouse"
  resolutions="400"/>

indicates the physical localization of a file used for customized printing of a reporting :
<PrintPageTemplate url="file:///C:/VAMP/configuration/xml/print-report.xml"/>

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8.2 Sample user configuration XML file

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<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>
<CGHConfig>
<AxisBG>ORANGE</AxisBG>
<AxisEastSize>40</AxisEastSize>
<AxisFG>BLACK</AxisFG>
<AxisKaryoDisplayerFont>MonoSpaced:PLAIN:8</AxisKaryoDisplayerFont>
<AxisKaryoNameDisplayerFont>Serif:BOLD:9</AxisKaryoNameDisplayerFont>
<AxisKaryoSmallDisplayerFont>MonoSpaced:BOLD:7</AxisKaryoSmallDisplayerFont>
<AxisLabelFG>BLACK</AxisLabelFG>
<AxisLineFG>LIGHT_GRAY</AxisLineFG>
<AxisNorthSize>45</AxisNorthSize>
<AxisSouthSize>40</AxisSouthSize>
<AxisTranscriptomeFG>GRAY</AxisTranscriptomeFG>
<AxisTranscriptomeLabelFG>GRAY</AxisTranscriptomeLabelFG>
<AxisTranscriptomeLineFG>BLUE</AxisTranscriptomeLineFG>
<AxisTranscriptomeReferenceFG>770033</AxisTranscriptomeReferenceFG>
<AxisTranscriptomeReferenceLabelFG>770033</AxisTranscriptomeReferenceLabelFG>

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<AxisTranscriptomeRelativeLabelFG>GRAY</AxisTranscriptomeRelativeLabelFG>
<AxisWestSize>90</AxisWestSize>
<AxisXDisplayerFont>Serif:PLAIN:9</AxisXDisplayerFont>
<AxisYCanvasPropertyFG>BLACK</AxisYCanvasPropertyFG>
<AxisYDisplayerFont>Serif:PLAIN:9</AxisYDisplayerFont>
<AxisYNameDisplayerFont>Serif:PLAIN:9</AxisYNameDisplayerFont>
<AxisYPropertyNameFG>BLUE</AxisYPropertyNameFG>
<BreakpointDashPadding>2</BreakpointDashPadding>
<BreakpointDashWidth>2</BreakpointDashWidth>
<BreakpointFG>RED</BreakpointFG>
.
.
.
<SeachPanelBG>ORANGE</SeachPanelBG>
<SearchPanelButtonBG>WHITE</SearchPanelButtonBG>
<SearchPanelButtonFont>SansSerif:PLAIN:9</SearchPanelButtonFont>
<SmoothingLineFG>BLACK</SmoothingLineFG>
<SmoothingPointFG>BLACK</SmoothingPointFG>
<SmoothingPointWidth>2</SmoothingPointWidth>
<TabBG>WHITE</TabBG>
<TabbedPaneFont>MonoSpaced:BOLD:10</TabbedPaneFont>
<ThresholdMaxYFG>RED</ThresholdMaxYFG>
<ThresholdMinYFG>GREEN</ThresholdMinYFG>
<ThresholdPanelBG>ORANGE</ThresholdPanelBG>
<ThresholdPanelButtonBG>WHITE</ThresholdPanelButtonBG>
<ThresholdPanelLabelFont>SansSerif:PLAIN:9</ThresholdPanelLabelFont>
<Threshold_CGH_MaxY>2.8</Threshold_CGH_MaxY>
<Threshold_CGH_MinY>0.01</Threshold_CGH_MinY>
<Threshold_ChIP-chip_MaxY>16.0</Threshold_ChIP-chip_MaxY>
<Threshold_ChIP-chip_MinY>0.01</Threshold_ChIP-chip_MinY>
<Threshold_SNP_MaxY>8.0</Threshold_SNP_MaxY>
<Threshold_SNP_MinY>0.1</Threshold_SNP_MinY>
<Threshold_TRSREL_MaxY>10.0</Threshold_TRSREL_MaxY>
<Threshold_TRSREL_MinY>0.25</Threshold_TRSREL_MinY>
<Threshold_TRS_MaxY>5000.0</Threshold_TRS_MaxY>
<Threshold_TRS_MinY>-10.0</Threshold_TRS_MinY>
<TitlePanelBG>ffffd0</TitlePanelBG>
<TranscriptomeMergeColorBase>WHITE</TranscriptomeMergeColorBase>
<Utr3FG>ee00</Utr3FG>
<Utr5FG>6600</Utr5FG>
<UtrHeight>2</UtrHeight>
<ViewBG>WHITE</ViewBG>
<ZoomPanelBG>ORANGE</ZoomPanelBG>
<ZoomPanelLabelFont>SansSerif:PLAIN:9</ZoomPanelLabelFont>
<ZoomPanelTextFieldFont>SansSerif:PLAIN:10</ZoomPanelTextFieldFont>
<PropertyAnnotations>
</PropertyAnnotations>
</CGHConfig>

```

8.3 Import XML file

```

<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>
<FolderSet>
<Folder label="CGH ARRAYS (Team : public)">
<Folder label="snijders">
<Folder label="Arrays" type="CHR_ARRAY">
<Item label="gm00143" url="public/snijders/array/gm00143.xml"/>
<Item label="gm01524" url="public/snijders/array/gm01524.xml"/>
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.
<Item label="gm13031" url="public/snijders/array/gm13031.xml"/>
<Item label="gm13330" url="public/snijders/array/gm13330.xml"/>
</Folder>

<Folder label="Chromosomes">
<Folder label="chr01" type="CHR">
<Item label="All arrays" url="public/snijders/chr/chr01.xml"/>
<Item label="gm00143" url="public/all/chr01/gm00143.xml"/>
<Item label="gm01524" url="public/all/chr01/gm01524.xml"/>
.
.
.
<Item label="gm13031" url="public/all/chr01/gm13031.xml"/>
<Item label="gm13330" url="public/all/chr01/gm13330.xml"/>
</Folder>
<Folder label="chr02" type="CHR">
<Item label="All arrays" url="public/snijders/chr/chr02.xml"/>
<Item label="gm00143" url="public/all/chr02/gm00143.xml"/>
<Item label="gm01524" url="public/all/chr02/gm01524.xml"/>
.
.
.
<Item label="gm13031" url="public/all/chr02/gm13031.xml"/>
<Item label="gm13330" url="public/all/chr02/gm13330.xml"/>
</Folder>
<Folder label="chr03" type="CHR">
<Item label="All arrays" url="public/snijders/chr/chr03.xml"/>
<Item label="gm00143" url="public/all/chr03/gm00143.xml"/>
<Item label="gm01524" url="public/all/chr03/gm01524.xml"/>
.
.
.
<Item label="gm13031" url="public/all/chr03/gm13031.xml"/>
<Item label="gm13330" url="public/all/chr03/gm13330.xml"/>
</Folder>

</Folder>

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8.4 CGH array XML file

```
</FolderSet>
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>
<ArraySet>
  <SetName>gm01535</SetName>
  <Array>
    <Team>public</Team>
    <Organism>Human</Organism>
    <Project>snijders</Project>
    <ProjectId>15</ProjectId>
    <NumHisto>4948</NumHisto>
    <SampleAdditionalData URL="additional/snijders/gm01535.xml"/>
    <Chr>1</Chr>
    <Name>gm01535</Name>
    <Date>Thu Apr 7 16:14:54 2005</Date>
    <Type>CGH</Type>
    <ObjKey>Name</ObjKey>
    <NbSpot>6813</NbSpot>
    <NbRep>3</NbRep>
    <RatioScale>L</RatioScale>
    <Url>public/all/chr01/gm01535.xml</Url>
    <NbObj>2271</NbObj>
    <Obj>
      <Properties>
        <Type>Clone</Type>
        <Y>NA</Y>
        <X>1000</X>
        <Chr>1</Chr>
        <Name>GS1-232B23</Name>
        <Smt>NA</Smt>
        <Bkp>NA</Bkp>
        <Out>NA</Out>
        <Gnl>NA</Gnl>
      </Properties>
    </Obj>
    <Obj>
      <Properties>
        <Type>Clone</Type>
        <Y>0.009421</Y>
        <X>46800</X>
        <Chr>1</Chr>
        <Name>RP11-82d16</Name>
        <Smt>0.0193950</Smt>
        <Bkp>0</Bkp>
        <Out>0</Out>
        <Gnl>0</Gnl>
      </Properties>
    </Obj>
    <Obj>
      <Properties>
        <Type>Clone</Type>
        <Y>-0.021783</Y>
        <X>2241000</X>
        <Chr>1</Chr>
        <Name>RP11-62m23</Name>
        <Smt>0.0193950</Smt>
        <Bkp>0</Bkp>
        <Out>0</Out>
        <Gnl>0</Gnl>
      </Properties>
    </Obj>
    .
    .
    .
  </Array>
</ArraySet>
```

8.5 Transcriptome array XML file

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>
<ArraySet>
  <SetName>chr1</SetName>
  <Array>
    <Organism>Human</Organism>
    <Project>pollack</Project>
    <ProjectId>pollack</ProjectId>
    <NumHisto>NORWAY_7</NumHisto>
    <Chr>1</Chr>
    <Name>NORWAY_7_EXPR</Name>
    <Date>28/04/2004</Date>
    <Type>TRS</Type>
    <Url>trs/pollack/NORWAY_7/all/chr1/NORWAY_7_EXPR.xml</Url>
    <Obj>
      <Properties>
        <Type>ProbeSet</Type>
        <ObjectId>IMAGE:322807</ObjectId>
        <Signal>-0.88</Signal>
        <PosBegin>13850</PosBegin>
        <PosEnd>14650</PosEnd>
        <Size>800</Size>
      </Properties>
    </Obj>
  </Array>
</ArraySet>
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```
</Properties>
</Obj>
<Obj>
  <Properties>
    <Type>ProbeSet</Type>
    <ObjectId>IMAGE:190915</ObjectId>
    <Signal>-0.03</Signal>
    <PosBegin>167764</PosBegin>
    <PosEnd>168564</PosEnd>
    <Size>800</Size>
    <Source>IMAGE</Source>
    <SourceID>190915</SourceID>
  </Properties>
</Obj>
.
.
.
  </Array>
</ArraySet>
```