# Interoperable community developed variant calling with bcbio and the Common Workflow Language

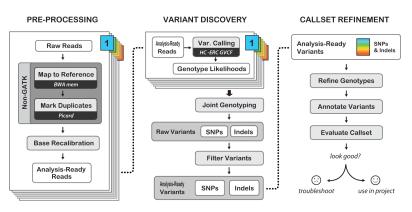
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#### Overview

- Barriers to building analysis pipelines
- bcbio: open source community development
- Interoperable infrastructure on the Cancer Genomics Cloud

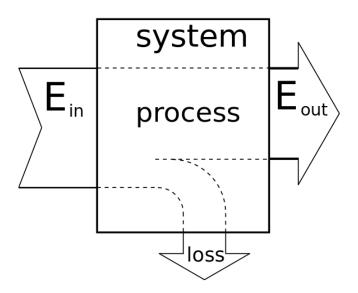
### You want to build a variant calling pipeline



Best Practices for Germline SNPs and Indels in Whole Genomes and Exomes - June 2016

https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/best-practices/



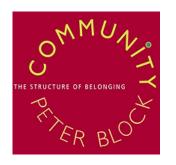


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# Barriers to implementing yourself

- Validation
- Changing tools
- Feature support burden
- Multi-platform interoperability

### Build open source communities





http://www.amazon.com/ Community-Structure-Belonging-Peter-Block/ dp/1605092770

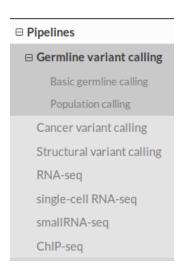
http://www.open-bio.org/wiki/BOSC\_2017

#### Overview



https://github.com/chapmanb/bcbio-nextgen

### Supported analysis types



### Value of validation

- Integration tests for pipelines
- Unbiased algorithm comparisons
- Baseline for improving methods

#### Reference materials





# Global Alliance for Genomics & Health

ICGC-TCGA DREAM Mutation Calling challenge

http://www.genomeinabottle.org/

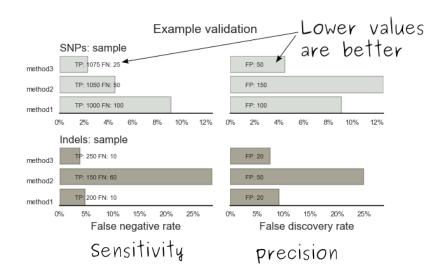
http://ga4gh.org/#/benchmarking-team

https://www.synapse.org/#!Synapse:syn312572

#### GATK and Genome in a Bottle

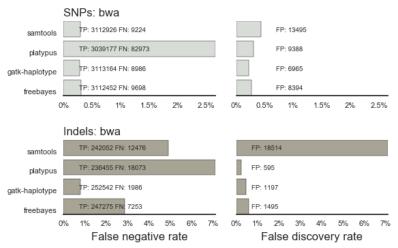
- Collaboration with GATK methods development
- Compare HaplotypeCaller to other methods
- Germline validation
- Genome in a Bottle reference materials
  - NA12878 Caucasian
  - NA24385 Ashkenazim Jewish
  - NA24631 Chinese

# Validation graphs



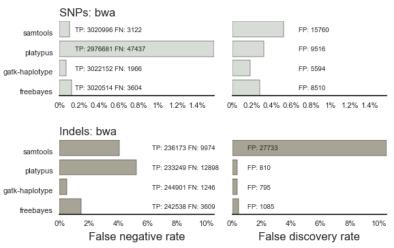
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#### NA24385

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#### Validation results

- Good performance for GATK HaplotypeCaller
- Other good performing callers: FreeBayes
- Consistency across diverse samples
- Identify potential problem areas for tuning
  - samtools Indel false positive rates
  - Platypus SNP sensitivity
- PrecisionFDA: https://precision.fda.gov/

### We made a pipeline – so what?

There have been a number of previous efforts to create publicly available analysis pipelines for high throughput sequencing data. Examples include Omics-Pipe, bcbio-nextgen, TREVA and NGSane. These pipelines offer a comprehensive, automated process that can analyse raw sequencing reads and produce annotated variant calls. However, the main audience for these pipelines is the research community. Consequently, there are many features required by clinical pipelines that these examples do not fully address. Other groups have focused on improving specific features of clinical pipelines. The Churchill pipeline uses specialised techniques to achieve high performance, while maintaining reproducibility and accuracy. However it is not freely available to clinical centres and it does not try to improve broader clinical aspects such as detailed quality assurance reports, robustness, reports and specialised variant filtering. The Mercury pipeline offers a comprehensive system that addresses many clinical needs: it uses an automated workflow system (Valence) to ensure robustness, abstract computational resources and simplify customisation of the pipeline. Mercury also includes detailed coverage reports provided by ExCID, and supports compliance with US privacy laws (HIPAA) when run on DNANexus, a cloud computing platform specialised for biomedical users Mercury offers a comprehensive solution for clinical users, however it does not achieve our desired level of transparency, modularity and simplicity in the pipeline specification and design. Further, Mercury does not perform specialised variant filtering and prioritisation that is specifically tuned to the needs of clinical users.

http://www.genomemedicine.com/content/7/1/68

### Sustainability

A piece of software is being sustained if people are using it, fixing it, and improving it rather than replacing it.

http://software-carpentry.org/blog/2014/08/sustainability.html

### Complex, rapidly changing baseline functionality

#### Whole genome, deep coverage v1

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Best Practice Variant Detection with the GATK v2

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RETIRED: Best Practice Variant Detection with the GATK v3

Best Practice Variant Detection with the GATK v4, for release 2.0 [RETIRED]

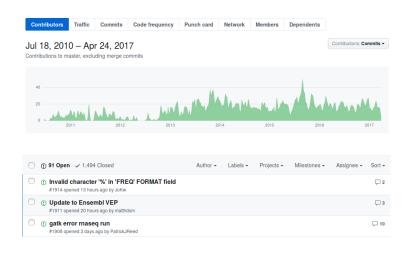


July 2012 edited February 4 | The Best Practices have been updated for GATK version 3. If you are running an older version, you should seriously consider upgrading. For more details

### Feature support burden

Workflow	Nextflow	Galaxy	Toll	Snakemake	Bplpe
Platform <sup>a</sup>	Groovy/JVM	Python	Python	Python	Groovy/JVM
Native task support <sup>b</sup>	Yes (any)	No	No	Yes (BASH only)	Yes (BASH only)
Common workflow language <sup>6</sup>	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Streaming processing <sup>d</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No
Dynamic branch evaluation	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Undocumented
Code sharing integration®	Yes	No	No	No	No
Workflow modules <sup>f</sup>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Workflow versioning <sup>g</sup>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Automatic error fallover <sup>h</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Graphical user interface <sup>i</sup>	No	Yes	No	No	No
DAG rendering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Container management					
Docker support <sup>k</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Singularity support	Yes	No	No	No	No
Multi-scale containers <sup>m</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Built-in batch schedulers <sup>n</sup>					
Univa Grid Engine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes
PBS/Torque	Yes	Yes	No	Partial	Yes
LSF	Yes	Yes	No	Partial	Yes
SLURM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	No
HTCondor	Yes	Yes	No	Partial	No
Built-in distributed cluster®					
Apache Ignite	Yes	No	No	No	No
Apache Spark	No	No	Yes	No	No
Kubernetes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Apache Mesos	No	No	Yes	No	No

# Community: sustainability and support



https://github.com/chapmanb/bcbio-nextgen

#### Infrastructure Goals

- Local machines
- Clusters: SLURM, SGE, Torque, PBS, LSF
- Clouds: Amazon, Google, Azure
- Clinical environments
- User interface for researchers
- Integrate with LIMS
- Accessible to the general public

### Challenge: many communities



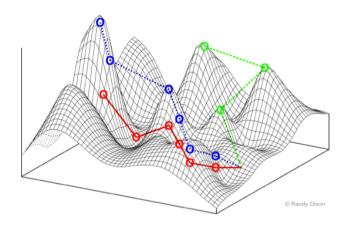




http://www.cancergenomicscloud.org/ http://www.cbioportal.org/

https://www.synapse.org/

# Challenge: open source communities not yet optimal



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fitness\_landscape

### Better abstractions = more interoperability



https://bcbio-nextgen.readthedocs.io/en/latest/contents/cwl.html

# Common Workflow Language (CWL)

Workflow	pipeline-se-narrow	cwl	
Sub-workflow 1	01-qc-se.cwl		
Step 1	extract.cwl	extract.py	-
Step 2	count.cwl	count.py	-
Step 3	fastqc.cwl	fastqc	
Sub-workflow 2	02-trim.cwl		

http://www.commonwl.org/

https://f1000research.com/slides/5-1617

### CWL in bcbio

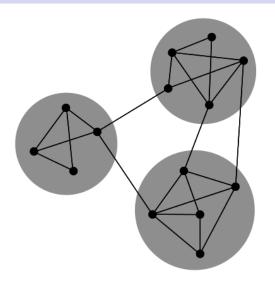
- Start with high level configuration file
- Generate CWL
- Run CWL:
  - Any infrastructure that supports CWL
  - Generated CWL
  - Docker or local bcbio installation
  - Genome data

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# Why use a workflow abstraction?

- Integrate with multiple platforms
  - Cancer Genomics Cloud + Seven Bridges
  - Toil
  - Arvados
  - DNAnexus
  - Galaxy
  - Nextflow
  - Cromwell
- Stop maintaining bcbio specific infrastructure
- Focus on hard biological problems

### Connections



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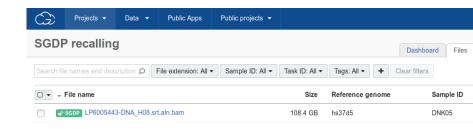
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### Practical example

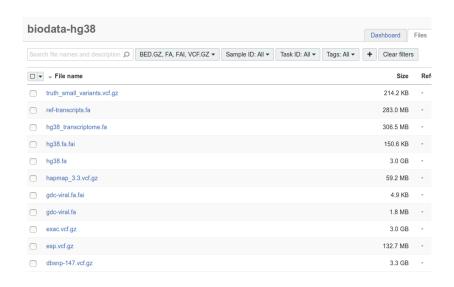
- Use bcbio to build CWL that works on the Cancer Genomics Cloud
- Publicly available Simons Genome Diversity Project sample

### CGC: project and files



https://cgc.sbgenomics.com/u/bchapman/sgdp-recalling

### CGC: biological reference data



### bcbio: describe your analysis

```
- analysis: variant
  genome_build: hg38
  algorithm:
    aligner: bwa
    mark_duplicates: true
    recalibrate: false
    realign: false
    variantcaller: [gatk-haplotype, freebayes, vardict]
    ensemble:
      numpass: 2
    svcaller: [lumpy, manta, cnvkit]
```

# bcbio CGC integration and interoperability

- Build CWL with references to CGC data
- Upload to CGC:
  - CWL as App
  - Sample information with App as Task
- Run same pipeline with CWL
  - Toil: local HPC environment

https://github.com/bcbio/bcbio\_validation\_workflows

### Summary

- Challenges of building analysis workflows
  - Validation
  - Changing tools
  - Feature support burden
  - Multi-platform interoperability
- bcbio open source community development
- Common Workflow Language interoperable infrastructure
- Practical example with Cancer Genomics Cloud

http://bcb.io