

Query Millions of WGS Variants in Minutes with Azure Synapse



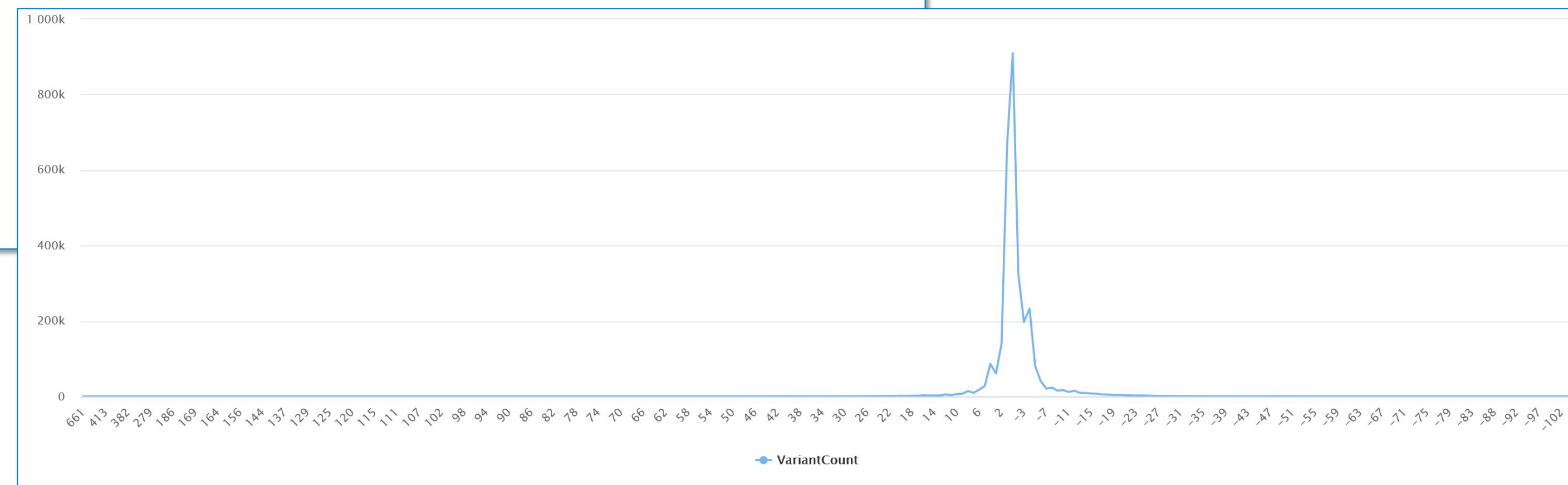
What's Azure Synapse?

"Limitless analytics service with unmatched time to insight."

- Scalable analytics platform that includes a SQL engine (formerly Azure SQL Data Warehouse), Data Lake exploration, Apache Spark, integration with Power BI, and more.

A screenshot of the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics web interface. The top navigation bar shows 'Microsoft Azure | Synapse Analytics | genomics-syn'. The left sidebar contains a 'Data' section with 'Workspace' and 'Linked' tabs. Under 'Workspace', there's a search bar and a list of resources including '1000genomes (SQL)', 'External tables', 'dbo.phase3_variants', 'External data sources', '1000genomes_genomicsd...', 'External file formats', 'Views', 'Schemas', and 'Security'. The main area displays a SQL query titled 'IndelLength_Distribu...'. The query is as follows:

```
1 /* EXAMPLE: Distribution of Indel Size */
2 SELECT LEN(JSON_VALUE(alternateAlleles, '$[0]')) - LEN(referenceAllele) AS InsertionLength
3       , COUNT(DISTINCT(names)) AS VariantCount
4 FROM   phase3_variants
5
6 WHERE  JSON_VALUE(INFO_VT, '$[0]') = 'INDEL'           --Indels
7 AND    INFO_MULTI_ALLELIC = 'False'                   --Biallelics Only
8 GROUP BY LEN(JSON_VALUE(alternateAlleles, '$[0]')) - LEN(referenceAllele)
9 ORDER BY LEN(JSON_VALUE(alternateAlleles, '$[0]')) - LEN(referenceAllele) DESC
```



Quick Data Stats

1000 Genomes Project

80+ Million Variants

2,504 Individuals

VCF File Size:
~168GB

Parquet File Size:
~75GB

Phase 3
(GRCh38)

Population
Yoruba
Luhya
Dai Chinese
CEPH
Japanese
Han Chinese
Gujarati
Tamil
Telugu
British
African Caribbean
Puerto Rican
Southern Han Chinese
Finnish
Kinh Vietnamese
Bengali
African Ancestry SW
Colombian
Peruvian
Punjabi
Mende
Esan
Gambian Mandinka
Iberian
Toscani
Mexican Ancestry

Sudmant, P., Rausch, T., Gardner, E. *et al.*
An integrated map of structural
variation in 2,504 human genomes.
Nature **526**, 75–81 (2015).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/nature15394>

Pipeline

Read in VCFs from
Data Lake in Apache
Spark with Glow 

Calculate Summary
Statistics using Glow

Write out Data
to Data Lake
as Parquet Files

Create External Table
of All Variants in
Azure Synapse 

Converting VCFs to Parquet Files

(in 4 lines of code)

```
input_vcf_path = "/mnt/1000genomes/phase3_vcfs/chr1.vcf.gz"
output_parquet_path = "/mnt/1000genomes/phase3_parquets/chr1.parquet"

vcf_df = spark.read.format("vcf").load(input_vcf_path) \
    .withColumn("hardyweinberg", expr("hardy_weinberg(genotypes)")) \
    .withColumn("stats", expr("call_summary_stats(genotypes)"))

vcf_df.write.format("parquet").save(output_parquet_path)
```

+ 2 lines for adding some stats...

hardyweinberg	stats
▼ object hetFreqHwe: 0.0023937733179937863 pValueHwe: 0.5014970051517925	▼ object callRate: 1 nCalled: 2504 nUncalled: 0 nHet: 6 ▶ nHomozygous: [2498] nNonRef: 6 nAllelesCalled: 5008 ▶ alleleCounts: [5002, 6] ▶ alleleFrequencies: [0.9988019169329073, 0.0011980830670926517]