



# GATK Best Practices for Variant Discovery



## GATK4 Workshop

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Data Sciences Platform

Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT

<https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/>



@gatk\_dev  
@wdl\_dev



# What / who is the Broad Institute?



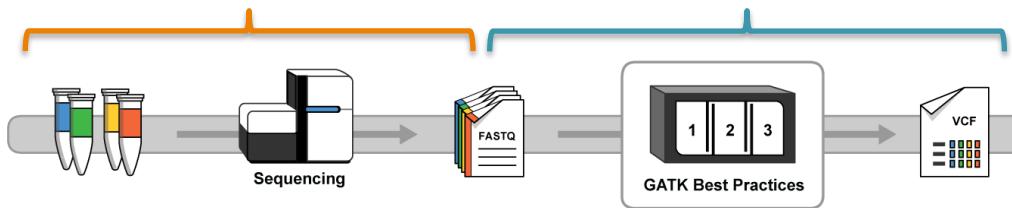
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Broad Institute website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'ABOUT US', 'PEOPLE', 'SCIENCE', 'DATA AND TOOLS', 'CENTERS', 'COMMUNITY', 'CONTACT', and 'NEWS AND MEDIA'. Below the navigation is a large banner featuring a woman in a lab coat working in a laboratory. Overlaid on the banner is the text 'PROPELLING THE UNDERSTANDING AND TREATMENT OF DISEASE'. At the bottom of the page, there's a quote: 'Broad Institute is empowering a revolution in biomedicine to accelerate the pace at which the world conquers disease'.

- Non-profit research institution
- Spinoff of Harvard & MIT
- Eric Lander and philanthropists Eli & Edyth Broad (and others)
- Aims to use the full power of genomics to transform the understanding and treatment of disease

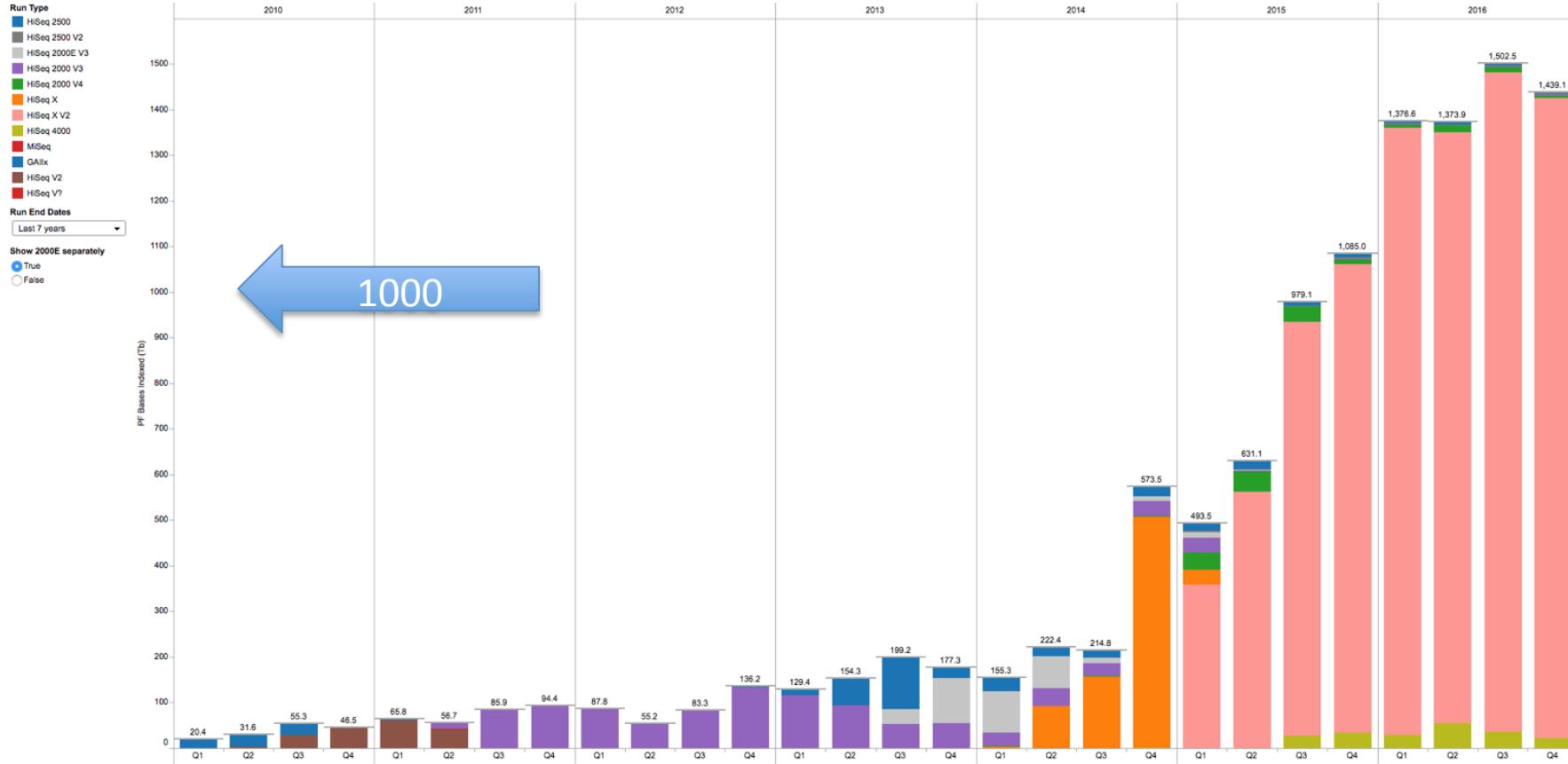
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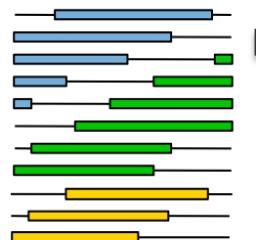
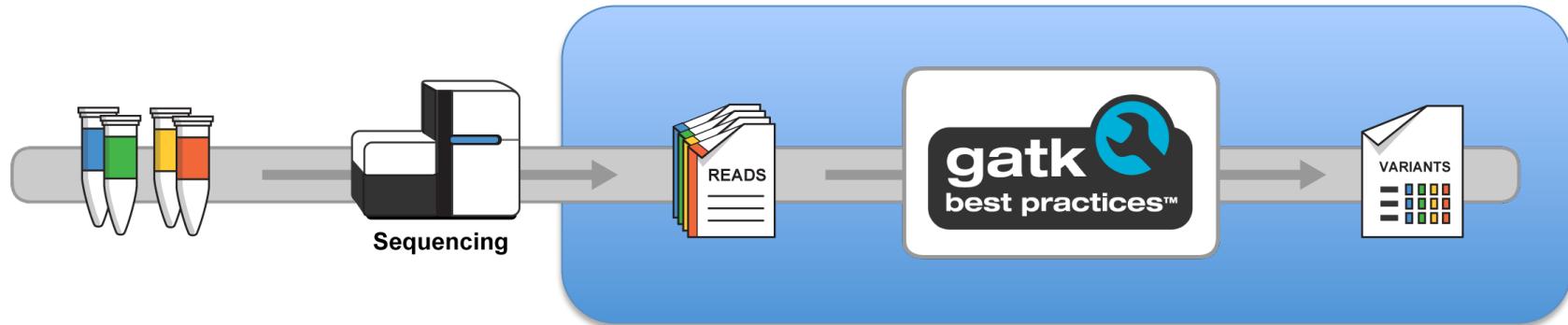
Genomics Platform + Data Sciences Platform



# Quarterly output (in TBases) of the Genomics Platform



# Variant discovery with GATK



Enormous pile  
of short reads

Reads mapped and cleaned up

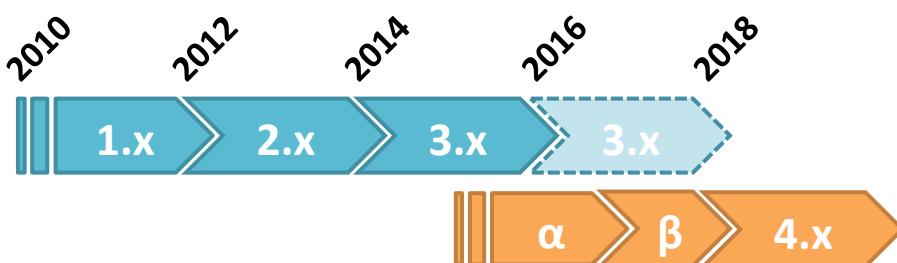


List of  
variants

# Introducing GATK version 4.0



- Re-engineered for **speed, scalability and versatility**
- Expanded **scope of analysis** to more variant types
- Reproducible **best practices workflows**

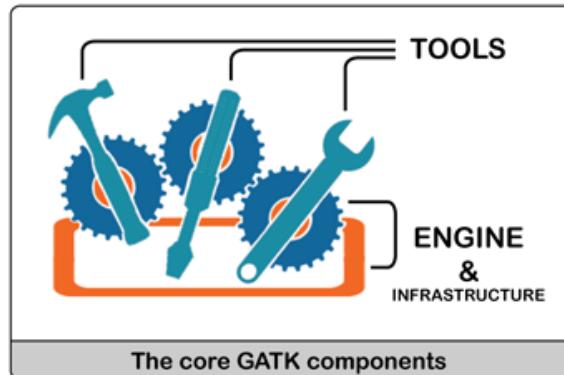


Full open-source under BSD 3-clause

# New engine rewritten from scratch



Completely re-implemented to enable **dramatic performance improvements** plus **major new functionality and analytical capabilities**



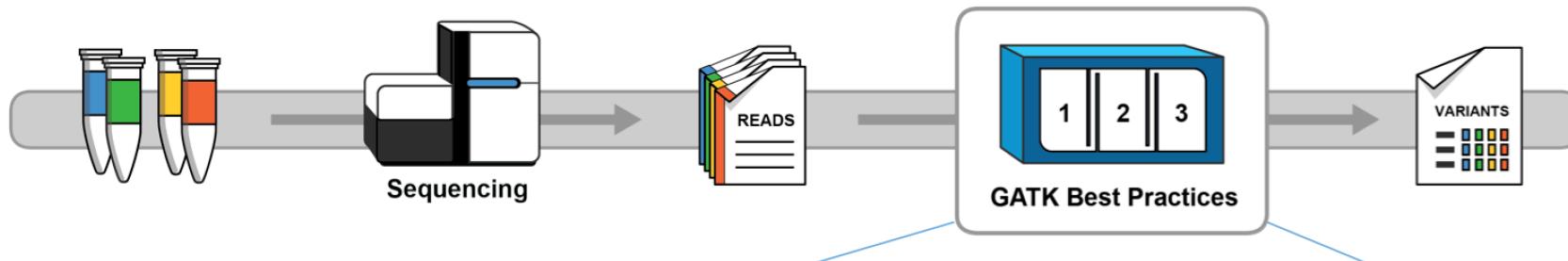
- Streamlined architecture → overall efficiency
- Intel Genomics Kernel Library (GKL) → speed
- Intel GenomicsDB → scalability
- Apache Spark support → robust parallelism
- Google Dataproc and GCS support → cloud execution
- Versatility of data traversal → analysis scope

*With invaluable help from*



Google Cloud Platform

# Best Practices workflows for more use cases



	GERMLINE	SOMATIC
SNPs & INDELs	HaplotypeCaller GVCF	MuTect2
Copy Number	GATK gCNV (beta)	GATK CNV + aCNV
Structure Variation	GATK SVDiscovery (beta)	(planned)

Established tools / New tools

# Workflow scripts (WDL) deposited in GitHub

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title bar "GATK workflows". The address bar displays "GitHub, Inc. [US] | https://github.com/gatk-workflows". The page content is the GitHub organization profile for "GATK workflows".

**GATK workflows**  
Official GATK workflows published by the Broad Institute's Data Sciences Platform  
Cambridge, MA USA | https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/best-

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**broad-prod-wgs-germline-snps-indels**  
Workflows used in production at Broad for germline short variant discovery in WGS data  
BSD-3-Clause | Updated 11 hours ago

**Top languages**  
wdl

**gatk4-germline-snps-indels**  
Workflows for germline short variant discovery with GATK4

**People** 3 >  
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# WDL: a workflow language that humans can understand

```
workflow myWorkflowName {
```

```
    File my_ref  
    File my_input  
    String name
```

```
        call task_A {
```

```
            input: ref= my_ref, in= my_input, id= name
```

```
        }
```

```
        call task_B {
```

```
            input: ref= my_ref, in= task_A.out
```

```
        }
```

```
}
```

```
task task_A {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
task task_B {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
task task_A {
```

```
    File ref  
    File in  
    String id
```

```
        command {
```

```
            do_stuff -R ${ref} -I ${in} -O ${id}.ext
```

```
        }
```

```
        runtime {
```

```
            docker: "my_project/do_stuff:1.2.0"
```

```
        }
```

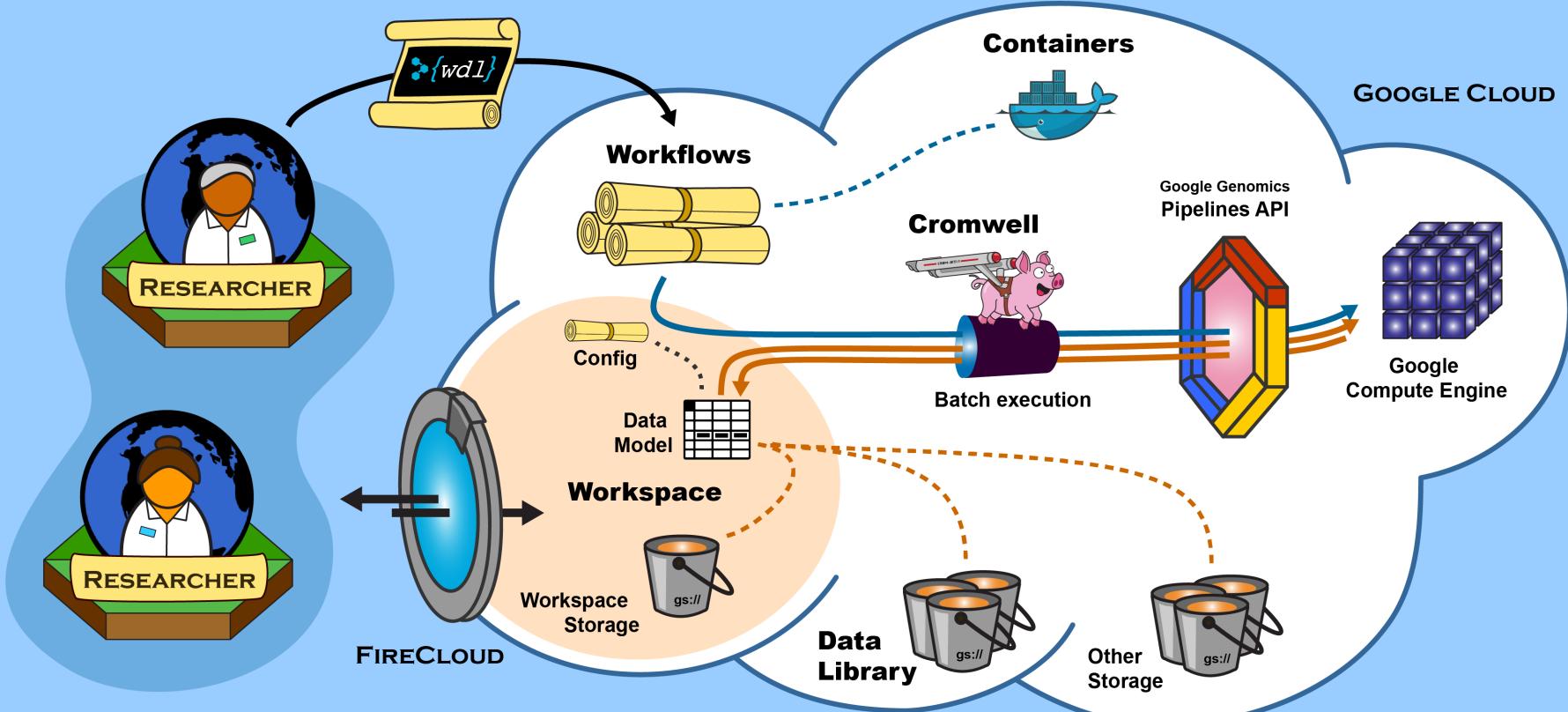
```
        output {
```

```
            File out= "${id}.ext"
```

```
        }
```

```
}
```

# FireCloud puts GATK4 workflows in everyone's hands



# Workshop schedule



	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Day 1</b>	Introductions	Pre-Processing
<b>Day 2</b>	Germline Variant calling	Germline Variant Filtering Callset Evaluation
<b>Day 3</b>	Somatic small variants (SNVs and Indels)	Somatic large variants (CNVs and SVs)
<b>Day 4</b>	Pipelining with Cromwell	Working with Firecloud