





# Sequencing and Introduction to Hail: Overview

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- To describe the use of PCA in Hail to decipher ancestries
- To obtain resources to further explore the extent of Hail capabilities
- To learn how to use Hail on public compute clouds



#### How we breakdown our sections:

#### Lectures (on demand)

- Traditional sequencing technology
- "Next-generation" sequencing technology
- "Next-generation" sequencing technology (informatics)
- Analysis of sequencing data using Hail
- How can I use Hail? (practicum)
- Unlocking the power of the cloud with Hail

#### **Practicum** (in "person" / real time)

- Practical 1:
  - Import, joining data together, and quality control (QC)
- Practical 2:
  - Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS)
- Practical 3:
  - Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Deciphering Ancestry



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(NI of Allergy and
Infectious Disease),

January 21st, 2021









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  - To appreciate the concepts of PCR evolving to Sanger sequencing method
  - To understand the difference between sequencing and genotyping
  - To comprehend the limitations of traditional sequencing methods



#### **Technological Growth in Genetics and Genomics**



Adapted from: Lekki Wood. Baylor College of Medicine. Slideshare.net

## Amplifying DNA *in Vitro*: The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

- The **polymerase chain reaction, PCR**, can produce many copies of a specific target segment of DNA
- A three-step cycle—heating, cooling, and replication—brings about a chain reaction that produces an exponentially growing population of identical DNA molecules
- Kary Mullis -- December 16, 1983



Fig. 20-8a









Fig. 20-8c



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#### **DNA Sequencing**

- Relatively short DNA fragments can be sequenced by the *dideoxy chain termination method*
- Modified nucleotides called dideoxyribonucleotides (ddNTP) attach to synthesized DNA strands of different lengths
- Each type of ddNTP is tagged with a distinct fluorescent label that identifies the nucleotide at the end of each DNA fragment
- The DNA sequence can be read from the resulting spectrogram



#### TECHNIQUE



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Fig. 20-12b







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Fig. 20-12

#### **TECHNIQUE** Primer T - 3' G -T -T - 5' Dideoxyribonucleotides (fluorescently tagged) DNA Deoxyribonucleotides (template strand) 5' - CT GA - - GA - - CT T C GA - - CA - - CA - - A - - A - - A dATP ddATP dCTP ddCTP dTTP ddTTP DNA polymerase dGTP ddGTP @-@-@-@\_\_\_\_\_G P-P-P G ÓН н DNA (template Labeled strands ddG – 📕 3′ 5′**-**C strand) ddA -C-T-A C-T-GddC--G ddT G -A -CT -TT -GA -A -CA -A 3' ddG G-G-ddA A G C T G T A AGCTGTddA ddG -C -T -G -T -G -C -T -GCTGT ddC -T -G -T -T -G -T -T-Т-Т-Т-Shortest Longest Direction of movement Longest labeled strand of strands 122 Detector 122 1 212 100 Laser Shortest labeled strand RESULTS Last base of longest + G labeled Α С strand т G Last base A of shortest A labeled G strand '



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#### Sanger sequencing





#### Sanger Sequencing Chromatogram





#### The Reference Human Genome Sequence



15 February 2001



16 February 2001

http://www.sciencemag.org/content/331/6019.toc http://www.nature.com/nature/supplements/collections/humangenome/commentaries/

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## One marker/variant is not enough! There are 3 billion bp. Hence, high throughput genotyping



#### Genotyping chip



Single nucleotide polymorphism arrays: a decade of biological, computational and technological advances

Hailiang Huang, MGH

#### **Sanger sequencing: Applications**

- Targeting smaller genomic regions in a larger number of samples
- Sequencing of variable regions
- Validating results from next-generation sequencing (NGS) studies
- Verifying plasmid sequences, inserts, mutations
- HLA typing
- Genotyping of microsatellite markers
- Identifying single disease-causing genetic variants

#### **Disadvantages**

- Short sequence (~500-700 bp)
- Not great in the first 15 to 40 bases because that is where the primer binds.
- quality degrades after 700 to 900 bases.



#### Next Gen sequencing technologies

	Feature generation	Sequencing by synthesis	Cost per megabase	Cost per instrument	1° error modality	Read-length
454	Emulsion PCR	Polymerase (pyrosequencing)	~\$60	\$500,000	Indel	250 bp
Solexa	Bridge PCR	Polymerase (reversible terminators)	~\$2	\$430,000	Subst.	36 bp
SOLiD	Emulsion PCR	Ligase (octamers with two-base encoding)	~\$2	\$591,000	Subst.	35 bp
Polonator	Emulsion PCR	Ligase (nonamers)	~\$1	\$155,000	Subst.	13 bp
HeliScope	Single molecule	Polymerase (asynchronous extensions)	~\$1	\$1,350,000	Del	30 bp

Shendure J. & Hanlee J. (2008). Nature





Applied Biosystems ABI 3730XL 1 Mb / day



Roche / 454 Genome Sequencer FLX 100 Mb / run



Illumina / Solexa Genetic Analyzer 2000 Mb / run



Applied Biosystems SOLiD 3000 Mb / run





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  - To appreciate the rationale in moving from Sanger sequencing and other "next-gen" methods for sequencing
  - To capture the concepts of sequencing-bysynthesis
  - To understand that there are a wide variety of applications for sequencing





Tam et al (2019). Nat Gen Rev



Shendure and Hanle (2012) Nature

#### Sequence by Synthesis (SBS)

#### The sequence is read as a new strand is assembled

1: One strand of double-stranded DNA is firmly anchored at one end to a glass chip, and the other, complementary strand is separated and washed away. Next a "primer" is attached to the free end to allow synthesis of a new complementary strand to begin 2: The polymerase enzyme starts building the new strand using artificial nucleotides. Normally it would continue building the strand, but the blocker on the artificial nucleotides halts synthesis after just one nucleotide is added. Once the excess nucleotides have been washed away, fluorescent dyes reveal which one has been added





3: The fluorescent dye is removed by shining laser light on the chip, and the blocker group is removed by adding a palladium catalyst 4: The process begins again with the next incoming nucleotide







340um

**Random array of clusters** 

- ~1000 molecules per ~ 1 um cluster
- ~20,000 clusters per tile
- ~32 million clusters per experiment
- >1 Gb sequence per experiment






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#### TGCTACGAT...



The identity of each base of a cluster is read off from sequential images









#### **Overview: -Omics**



#### -Omics Applications

Category	Examples of applications
Complete genome resequencing	Comprehensive polymorphism and mutation discovery in individual human genomes
Reduced representation sequencing	Large-scale polymorphism discovery
Targeted genomic resequencing	Targeted polymorphism and mutation discovery
Paired end sequencing	Discovery of inherited and acquired structural variation
Metagenomic sequencing	Discovery of infectious and commensal flora
Transcriptome sequencing	Quantification of gene expression and alternative splicing; transcript annotation; discovery of transcribed SNPs or somatic mutations
Small RNA sequencing	microRNA profiling
Sequencing of bisulfite-treated DNA	Determining patterns of cytosine methylation in genomic DNA
Chromatin immunoprecipitation- sequencing (ChIP-Seq)	Genome-wide mapping of protein-DNA interactions
Nuclease fragmentation and sequencing	Nucleosome positioning
Molecular barcoding	Multiplex sequencing of samples from multipleindividuals



Shendure J. & Hanlee J. (2008) *Nature Biotechnology* 

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### **Learning Objectives**

- To understand the overview of "next-generation" DNA sequencing methods
  - To obtain an overview of the bioinformatics involved after obtaining sequencing reads



#### From samples to sequencing to analysis





#### NextGen Alignment and Assembly

- BLAST or BLAT too expensive for huge numbers of shortreads
- New tools apply established alignment algorithms and new algorithms
- Some use quality values to align:
  - MAQ on Solexa or SOLiD data, SHRiMP on SOLiD
- *De novo* assembly is challenging but aided by paired reads in Illumina reads







PHASE 2: VARIANT DISCOVERY AND GENOTYPING	
Typically Multiple Samples Simultaneously	
Sample 1 Sample N Reads	
Call Variants	
SNPs Indels Structural Variations (SVs)	
Raw Variants	

Haplotype Caller

For more information: **COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative:** Whole Exome/Genome Sequencing Analysis Plan

https://docs.google.com/document/ d/1X\_qjpIH8T4BJXSeMQ\_sBfQUT iu\_kAisicOqGb6B8hcM/edit#





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  - Why Hail?
  - Who are in the Hail team?
  - What can you use Hail for?



#### Accelerating Genomic Data e.g. Call Sets, variant files etc





#### What is Hail's role in callset generation?



# The Hail Team is a systems engineering team building tools to accelerate biological research.



#### Hail Team

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Team Leader



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Patrick Cummings hail







"On a scale from zero to dplyr, the Hail 0.2 interface scores an 8/10 for general-purpose data analysis." - Konrad K., lead analyst, gnomAD

#### What is Hail?

Scalability

Easy to use with

both small and

biobank-scale

genomic data

Learn more at Hail.is

\*We can't read your minds, so talk to us <u>discuss.hail.is</u>

Unified Genomic Data Representation

The MatrixTable is a single interface for working with all kinds of genomic data

Community

Forum and chatroom for people interested in thinking + talking about genomic data analysis

Science Library Slice, dice, query,

**Open-Source Data** 

and model any kind of data

#### How has Hail been used? (hail.is/references.html)



#### <u>Notes</u>:

- •51 abstracts (07/20/2020)
- Word appearing > 4x



#### Where has Hail been used?



#### Where in the world has Hail been "pip"-ed a.k.a. downloaded?



population

#### Why would you use Hail?





**Data slinging** 



**Data slinging** 

- Read and write common formats
- Filter, group, aggregate
- Annotation
- Visualization

- Compute mean depth per variant or per sample
  - Among heterozygotes
  - Grouped by ancestry labels & sex
- Count transitions & transversions called per sample

**Data slinging** 

- Read and write common formats
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- Built-in wrapper for the Variant Effect Predictor (VEP). We did the setup so you don't have to!
- Join with annotations by variant, locus, interval, gene
- Annotation database

#### **Data slinging**

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Data slinging



- Statistical methods for genetics
- Linear algebra

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## Hail as a data science library

#### Data slinging

#### **Analytical toolbox**



- Statistical methods for genetics
- Linear algebra (early stages)

## Variant Call Format (VCF)





## **Rare variant aggregation**





## **Trio data**





## **Transcript expression**





## MatrixTable





Can be extended to rare variant aggregation, trio, transcript expression



### MatrixTable



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We have cheatsheets for this too! https://hail.is/docs/0.2/cheatsheets.html

# Mastering Hail takes practice

- Hail is harder to learn than command-line tools
  - It's not about memorizing command-line calls!
  - Foundational data science skills are necessary
- Prior experience with a data frame library\* will help
  - \* R, dplyr, pandas, etc
- Hail is about giving you the tools you need to indulge scientific curiosity on biological data, and that's not always easy.



## Large-scale datasets

- UK Biobank 500K => 5M?
  - ... and many other biobanks
- gnomAD: 20K => 150K WGS
- TOPMed: >120K WGS
- All of Us: 1M
- Million Veterans Project: 1M



#### From Bringing Data to Researchers









## **Computational Landscape**

- Laptop/Desktop
- Server
- High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster
- Cloud



## **Computational Landscape**

Laptop/Desktop

development, small data (10s of genomes, 100s of exomes)

• Server

medium data (1Ks of genomes, 10Ks of exomes)

- High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster large (1M genomes, 10M exomes)
- Cloud

large (1M genomes, 10M exomes)



# **Computational Landscape**

- Laptop/Desktop
   pip install hail
- Server, or a single node on High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster pip install hail
- High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster Institutional Spark cluster Hail does not support HPC schedulers like SLURM, UGER, and LSF
- Cloud

Google Cloud Platform (GCP):

pip install hail

hailctl dataproc start CLUSTER

Amazon Web Services (AWS): some support

- https://github.com/hms-dbmi/hail-on-AWS-spot-instances
- https://discuss.hail.is/t/spin-up-aws-emr-clusters-with-hail/818



## Your next steps

#### pip install hail

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WORKSHOP

Hail is an open-source library for scalable data exploration and analysis, with a particular emphasis on genomics. See the overview for a high-level walkthrough of the library, the GWAS tutorial for a simple example of conducting a genome-wide association study, and the installation page to get started using Hail.

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Cheatsheets

Hail is an open-source Python library for genomic data manipulation and analysis. Five years in the making, we want to (re)introduce our actively developed tool to you, our users!





### **Learning Outcomes**

- Hail is a useful software tool for analyzing genomic data
  - Hail is especially useful for large datasets
  - Hail team comprises of fabulous individuals
  - Hail can be used for almost every genomic and
     especially sequencing based questions that I have



### Learning Objectives for practical session

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- How can you leverage Hail effectively on the cloud?
  - What are public compute clouds and how do they work?
  - How can you run Hail pipelines on the cloud?
  - What are best practices for cost management?



### The cloud is the future of research computing





#### The cloud: pros and cons

#### Advantages:

- Many researchers can work on the same data at no additional cost
- No need to share resources with colleagues -- rent your own.
- High computer utilization means good cost efficiency
  - Pay for lots of CPUs when you need them, and pay nothing when you don't
- Great security and fault-tolerance for data
- Democratization: don't need access to institutional HPC cluster to participate in research (though do still need funding)

#### Disadvantages:

- Every operation has a cost, so an understanding of cost model is important
- Difficult to know how many resources to provision
  - Too small a cluster, you waste your time. Too large a cluster, you waste money.
- Cost overruns do happen
  - · However, cloud providers will often refund accidental spend



## **Cloud Computing Platforms**





Microsoft Azure

www.educba.com

#### **Cloud computing products from Google**

#### Google Storage (sometimes referred to as "Google Buckets")

- Store data, Python notebooks, anything you want.
- ~\$25 per TB per month.

#### Google Compute Engine (GCE)

- Rent a virtual machine, use it however you want.
- ~\$0.05 per CPU per hour for standard VMs
- ~\$0.01 per CPU per hour for preemptible VMs

#### **Google Dataproc**

- Rent a cluster running Apache Spark, which is Hail's distributed computing engine.
- GCE price, plus \$0.01 per CPU per hour.



#### hailctl, the manager for Hail on the cloud

#### hailctl = "hail control"

- hailctl dataproc is the Hail cloud manager for Google.
  - hailctl emr (Amazon) and hailctl azure (Microsoft) planned.

Common cluster operations:

hailctl dataproc start MYCLUSTER --max-age 4h
hailctl dataproc connect MYCLUSTER notebook
hailctl dataproc submit MYCLUSTER script.py
hailctl dataproc stop MYCLUSTER



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https://hail.is/docs/0.2/cloud/google\_cloud.html#hailctl-dataproc

#### gsutil, file manager for Google Storage

#### gsutil = Google Storage Utilities

• Amazon and Microsoft clouds have their own analogs.

Create a new bucket (root directory)

gsutil mb gs://mybucket

List files in a bucket:

gsutil ls gs://mybucket
gsutil ls gs://mybucket/subfolder

Copy data to/from the cloud

gsutil cp gs://mybucket/file /Users/me/data/file
gsutil cp /Users/me/data/file gs://mybucket/file



https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/gsutil

#### **Cost management best practices**

#### • Develop small, run big

- Iterate on pipelines using a piece of the full dataset (make chr22 your bestie)
- Run pipelines on large clusters when ready
- Manage risk
  - Set billing limits and alerts (you'll get an email if you start to overspend)
  - Always use --max-age or --max-idle flags on cluster creation
  - Use Buckets with retention policies (data deleted after X days) when possible
- Plan Ahead
  - Calculate costs ahead of time where possible
    - <u>https://cloud.google.com/products/calculator/</u>



### **Learning Outcomes**

- You can leverage Hail effectively on the cloud.
  - There are multiple public compute clouds, but Google Cloud has the most mature infrastructure for working with Hail.
  - Tools like hailctl and gsutil can help you easily get started running Hail pipelines on Google Dataproc.
  - In order to be a responsible cloud user, you should develop your scripts on small data, plan ahead when running large pipelines, and manage risk by setting up alerts and lifetime limits for expensive resources.











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