



# Maximizing Public Data Sources for Sequencing and GWAS

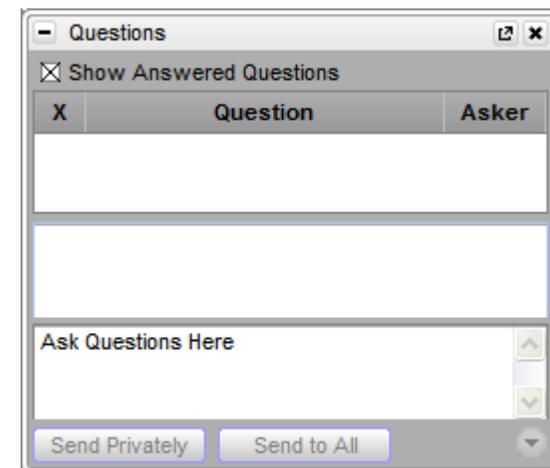
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**2** Where to Find Public Data

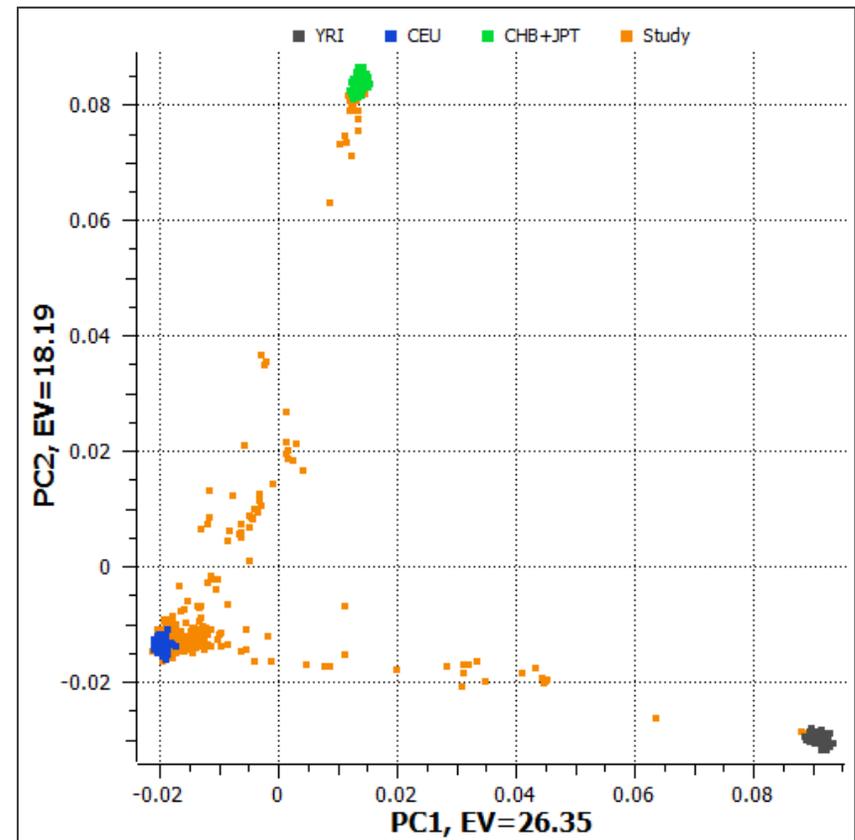
**3** Tips for Using Public Data

**4** Manipulating Public Data in SVS

# Why Use Public Data?



- Reference samples for assessing population structure in GWAS
- Replicating results of your own GWAS or other research
- Meta-analysis or Mega-analysis
- Testing new analytical methods
- Reference data for SNP imputation
- Increase study size with public controls



# Sources of Public Data



- **NCBI**
  - dbGaP
  - GEO
  - SRA
- **EGA**
- **HapMap Project**
- **1000 Genomes Project**
- **Hardware vendors**
- **Software vendors**
- **All over the internet...**



## dbGaP

The database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP) was developed to archive and distribute the results of studies that have investigated the interaction of genotype and phenotype.

- **“Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes”**
- **435 studies in database (as of January 28<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Known primarily as a GWAS database, but NGS content is growing**
- **Freely view and download results for many studies**
- **Access to raw phenotype and genotype data requires application process**

# 435 Studies in dbGaP (January 28<sup>th</sup>)



## GWAS Platforms

### ■ Affymetrix

- SNP-6.0: 51
- 500k: 15

### ■ Illumina

- HumanHap550: 37
- HumanHap300: 13
- HumanCNV370: 11
- Human610: 35
- Human660: 26
- Omni1: 22
- Omni2.5: 14
- Human\_1M: 12

### ■ Perlegen

- 600k: 4

## NGS Platforms

■ 454: 22

■ GA-II: 49

■ HiSeq 2000: 72

■ HiSeq 2500: 3



# dbGaP Tools



## ■ GaP Browser

- View GWAS study results in context of other genomic annotations

## ■ GaP Genome Browser

- Karyotype views of GWAS study results

## ■ PheGenI

- “Phenotype-Genotype Integrator”
- Search NHGRI and dbGaP study results by phenotype or by gene
- Annotated results with links to abstracts and/or dbGaP study pages.

NCBI Resources How To Sign in to NCBI

**PheGenI**  
Phenotype-Genotype Integrator

Search: All Databases [Search] [Clear]

**Search Summary**

Search Criteria

Phenotype Selection

Trait: Prostatic Neoplasms  
P-Value:  $< 1 \times 10^{-7}$   
Source: dbGaP

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Search Results

<b>Association Results</b>	1 - 20 of 20	Searched by phenotype trait, P-Value, and Source.
<b>Genes</b>	1 - 12 of 12	Searched by gene IDs retrieved from association results.
<b>SNPs</b>	1 - 10 of 10	Searched by SNP rs numbers retrieved from association results.
<b>eQTL Data</b>	No data found.	Searched by SNP rs numbers retrieved from association results and P-Value.
<b>dbGaP Studies</b>	1 - 12 of 12	Searched by traits retrieved from association results.
<b>Genome View</b>	10 SNPs and 12 genes over 9 chromosomes.	

[Modify Search] [Show All] [Hide All]

**Search Criteria**

**Association Results**

1 - 20 of 20 [Download] [Modify Search]

#	Trait	rs #	Context	Gene	Location	P-value	Source	Study	PubMed
1	<a href="#">Prostatic Neoplasms</a>	<a href="#">rs2033518</a>	intergenic	<a href="#">RPS8P6, RPSAP32</a>	<a href="#">3: 467,783</a>	$3.369 \times 10^{-15}$	dbGaP	<a href="#">phs000007</a>	<a href="#">17903305</a>
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3	<a href="#">Prostatic Neoplasms</a>	<a href="#">rs10483549</a>	intergenic	<a href="#">FSCB, C14orf28</a>	<a href="#">14: 45,334,026</a>	$1.167 \times 10^{-10}$	dbGaP	<a href="#">phs000007</a>	<a href="#">17903305</a>
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# Applying for dbGaP data



- **Each application is reviewed by a “DAC,” or data access committee**
  - I’ve seen approval time range from 1 to 8+ weeks.
- **Keep proposals relatively simple**
  - Read the instructions and be sure that your application is complete before submitting
  - Contact DAC before submitting if you have special needs or concerns
- **Some datasets require IRB approval to access**
  - Waiver letter is often sufficient
- **Pay attention to data embargoes**
- **External collaborators and contractors must apply separately for access**
- **Pay attention to consent groups**
  - General research use
  - Non-commercial use
  - Disease-specific use

# Using dbGaP Data



- **Know what you are getting—read the documentation!**
  - Original study design
  - Data processing and formats
- **Be patient and thorough as you explore the data--treat it like fresh new data and don't assume that it is "clean."**
- **Phenotype data is usually stored in text files, often with a separate data dictionary.**
  - Read the documentation!
- **Carefully review phenotype data for completeness and consistency.**
  - Data from multi-center projects can be particularly problematic

# Using dbGaP Data, continued



- **Many studies include three levels of genotype data:**
  - Raw data
    - CEL or iDat files
    - Hardest to use
  - Processed data
    - Genotype calls or Log Ratio values
    - Individual and/or matrix formats
  - QC'ed data
    - As used for the public analysis results
    - Easiest to use (usually in a format supported directly by SVS)
  
- **Start from the raw or minimally processed data and do your own QC whenever possible.**

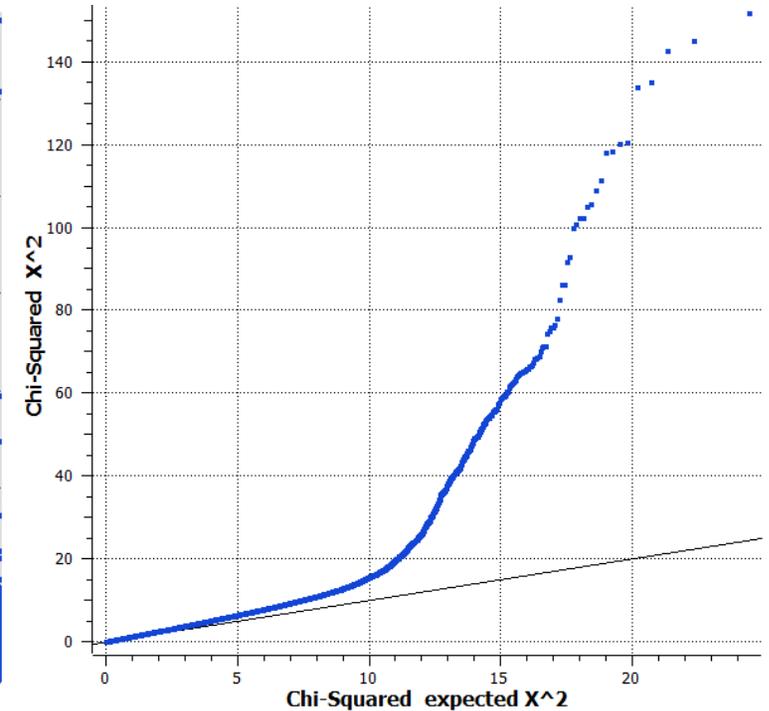
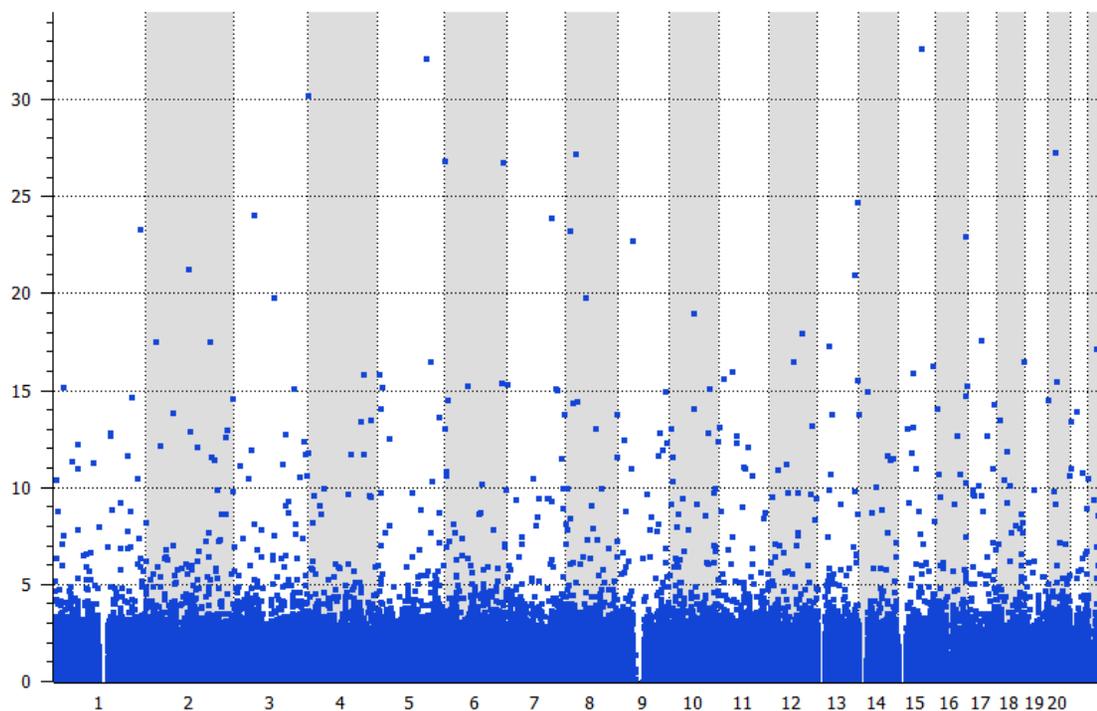
# The “Gotchas”



**A sampling of issues GHI has observed in dbGaP and elsewhere:**

- **Gender discrepancies**
- **Cryptic relatedness**
- **Phenotype data formatted differently between sample groups in a study**
- **Incomplete matching of subjects between raw and processed genotype data.**
  - Example: 500 with raw data, 510 with processed data, 495 with both.
- **Nsp/Sty mismatches in Affy 500k data**
- **Batch effects processed genotypes**

# Example of Batch Effects in a Multi-Center Study



- Caucasian controls from one center have very different allele frequencies than the Caucasian controls from another center...

# GEO – Gene Expression Omnibus



- **“GEO is a public functional genomics data repository... Tools are provided to help users query and download experiments and curated gene expression profiles.”**
- **Primarily a gene expression database, but also includes extensive genotype data**
- **Data access:**
  - “Anybody can access and download public GEO data. There are no login requirements.”
  - “NCBI places no restrictions on the use or distribution of the GEO data. However, some submitters may claim patent, copyright, or other intellectual property rights in all or a portion of the data they have submitted.”

# GEO Data Profile



- **3413 studies, 1335 with human data (1239 mouse, 311 rat, etc.)**
- **Genotype data among the human datasets:**
  - 730 datasets flagged as containing some SNP array data
  - 11,715 samples among 200 data series for Affy 6.0
  - 9689 samples in 152 series for Affy 250k-Nsp
  - 1757 samples in 26 series for Illumina Omni-1
  - 1245 samples in 11 series for Illumina 550k
- **Sample sizes are generally much smaller than with dbGaP**
- **Many studies are based on somatic tissues**
- **GEO database structure is sample oriented, very detailed, and very different from dbGaP**

# GEO: Browsing the Database



- **Browse data by platform to get data for every sample or study to use a particular chip.**
  - 762 samples in 24 studies using Illumina Human1M-Duo.
- **Browse by study design to get data for similar types of studies.**
  - 403 results for “SNP genotyping by SNP array.”
  - 654 results for “Genome variation profiling by SNP array.”

# Using GEO Data



- **GEO is a good resource for test data and reference data.**
- **There are a few large GWAS studies, but not many.**
- **GEO has several human diversity reference panels available for various genotyping arrays.**
  - Illumina posts HapMap data there for many of their arrays.
  - Other diversity panels from NIA, Mayo, others.
- **Raw and processed data formats are usually available.**
- **“Series Matrix File” is a plain text format that is fairly easy to work with.**

# SRA: Sequence Read Archive



## *Sequence Read Archive*

- **SRA...**
  - “Archives raw oversampling NGS data for various genomes from several platforms”
  - “Shares NGS data with EMBL and DDBJ”
  - “Serves as a starting point for ‘secondary analysis’”
  - Provides access to data from human clinical samples to authorized users who agree to the dataset’s privacy and usage mandates.”
- **SRA primarily stores reads reads (SRA/fastq) and alignments (BAM)**
- **SRA hosts sequence data for some dbGaP and EGA studies**
  - Data not part of public SRA, but searchable summaries do appear on SRA.
- **PubMed abstracts can be linked to research data on SRA**

# Our Team's Experience with SRA



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'blog.goldenhelix.com'. The page features a blue header with the text 'our 2 snps...' and 'A BLOG BY GOLDEN HELIX'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Authors', and '@gabeinformatics'. The main content area displays a blog post by Andrew Jesaitis, dated January 21, 2014. The post title is 'Turning SRA Files Into Usable BAMs and VCFs'. The text describes a webcast where Greta Linse Peterson discussed bovine data analysis. A screenshot of a genomic alignment tool is shown, with a caption explaining it displays exomes of three species aligned to a Bos taurus reference sequence. To the right of the post is a search bar and an 'About' section. The 'About' section welcomes readers to the blog and provides contact information for Golden Helix. At the bottom right, there is a 'Follow...' link.

- A recent Golden Helix webcast featured bison and cattle sequence data from SRA. Read about it on our blog!

# EGA: European Genome-Phenome Archive



The European Bioinformatics Institute

Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory

- **European equivalent of dbGaP**
- **Many EGA datasets are searchable on dbGaP**
- **May be most familiar as the repository for the WTCCC GWAS data**
- **From 2013 IGES talk by Justin Paschall:**
  - Over 450 studies in EGA
  - Extensive sequence data, including 110k BAM files and 35k fastq
  - Current submission rate of about 30TB/month
- **From personal experience: don't forget to request the decryption key...**

# A Few More Sources



- **Illumina provides example data for most of their genotyping chips**
  - Complete HapMap Phase 2 populations for some, subset for others
- **Major imputation software developers have 1000 Genomes reference panels available in their preferred input formats**
  - Beagle
  - Impute2
  - MACH
- **Golden Helix offers several public datasets for download from within SVS**
  - HapMap data for various genotyping chips
  - 1000 Genomes
  - Complete Genomics

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# Final Tips for Using Public Data



- **Read the documentation BEFORE you download the full archive**
- **Be vigilant with QC**
- **You can't be too careful, especially when combining data from multiple sources**
  - Start from raw data and process each source with a standard protocol. Re-calling genotypes is never a bad idea.
  - Pay special attention to strand orientation
  - Best if all sources were genotyped with the same array, but consider using imputation to combine data from mismatched arrays
  - Always adjust statistical tests for the data source
- **Examine results carefully before reporting or publishing**
  - Give special attention to results involving rare alleles.
  - If something seems fishy, it probably is.

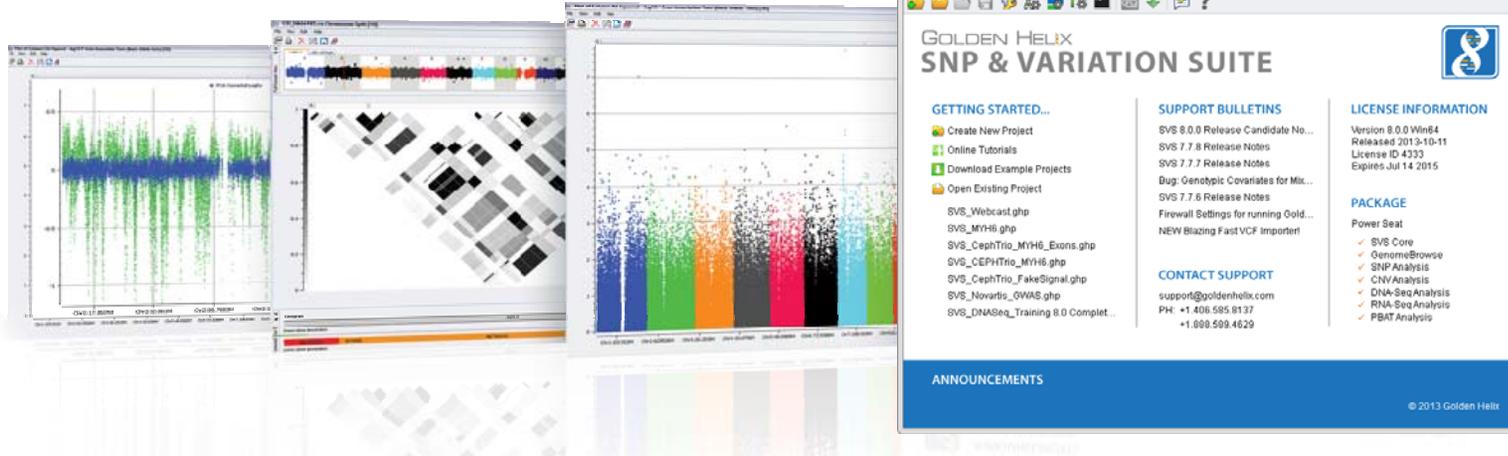
# Challenges of Public Data



## Some of the challenges we hear about at Golden Helix:

- **“These files are really big!”**
  - Welcome to the world of bioinformatics. Small hard drives need not apply.
- **“Do I need a Linux computer to work with dbGaP data?”**
  - No, but if you’re in Windows, you will find that a Linux emulator like CygWin is very useful for manipulating the data. Compression utilities like WinRar and 7-Zip may also be helpful.
- **“There are a bunch of different data formats here...”**
  - Many of the standard formats you find on dbGaP and elsewhere can be read by SVS. Contact us if you’re not sure about a particular file—we might already have an import script that will work with it.
- **“I can read the data in text files, but it needs some serious manipulation before I can use it.”**
  - Data manipulation? That’s one of the most powerful features in SVS...

# SNP & Variation Suite (SVS)



## Core Features

- Powerful Data Management
- Rich Visualizations
- Robust Statistics
- Flexible
- Easy-to-use

## Applications

- Genotype Analysis
- DNA sequence analysis
- CNV Analysis
- RNA-seq differential expression
- Family Based Association



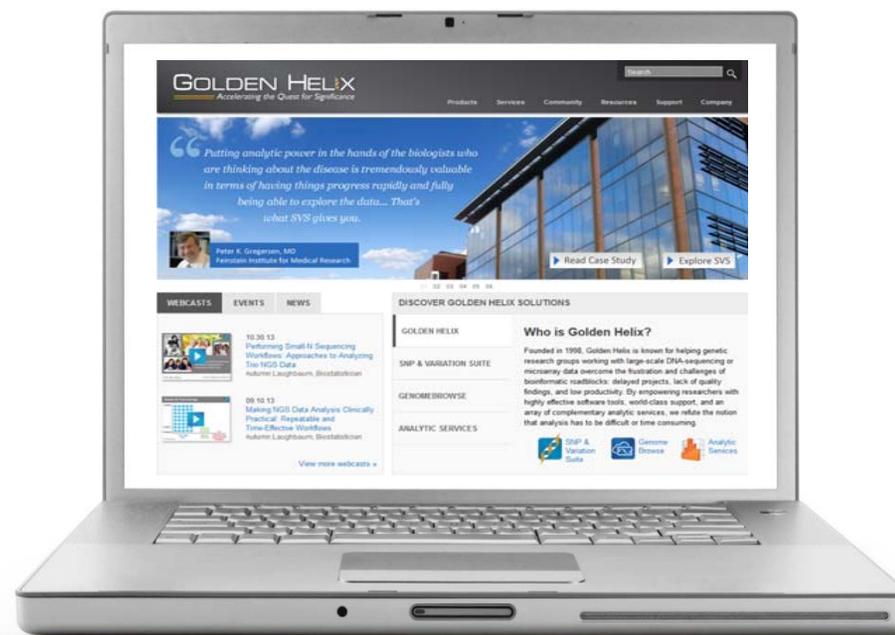
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[Demonstration]



# Questions or more info:

- Email [info@goldenhelix.com](mailto:info@goldenhelix.com)
- Request an evaluation of the software at [www.goldenhelix.com](http://www.goldenhelix.com)





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