

A Robust Variant Benchmarking Pipeline within the GHGA Framework

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Variant calling is crucial for identifying genetic variations in next-generation sequencing (NGS) data, but differences in tools, technologies, and variant representations cause inconsistencies. To address this, we developed the **nf-core/variantbenchmarking** pipeline within the **German Human Genome-Phenome Archive (GHGA)** project. It benchmarks **small** variants, **indels**, **structural** variants, and **copy number** variations for both **germline** and **somatic** samples. The pipeline uses normalization methods to resolve allelic ambiguities and provides metrics like precision, recall, and F1 scores. Built with **Nextflow** under **nf-core repository**, it is scalable, reproducible, and integrates securely with GHGA, supporting the development of accurate variant-calling workflows for precision medicine.

Multiple input types can run in parallel

- Multi-sample VCFs
- Germline or somatic samples
- Regions BED
- Bad formatted VCFs

Variant preprocessing ensures standardization

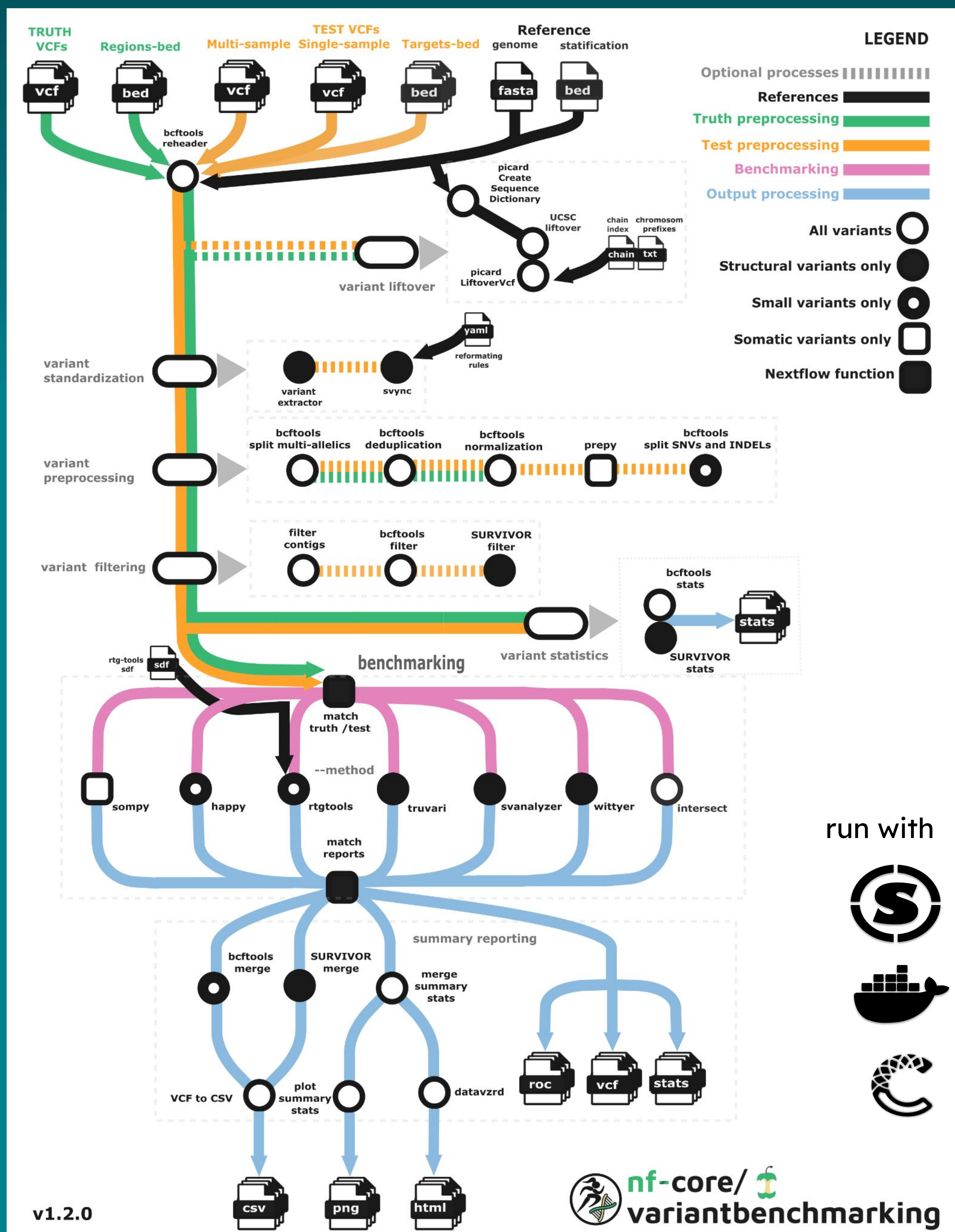
- **Liftover** tools
- Structural Variant **reformatting**
- **Decomposition** of complex variants
- Filtering

Optional benchmarking tools and parameters

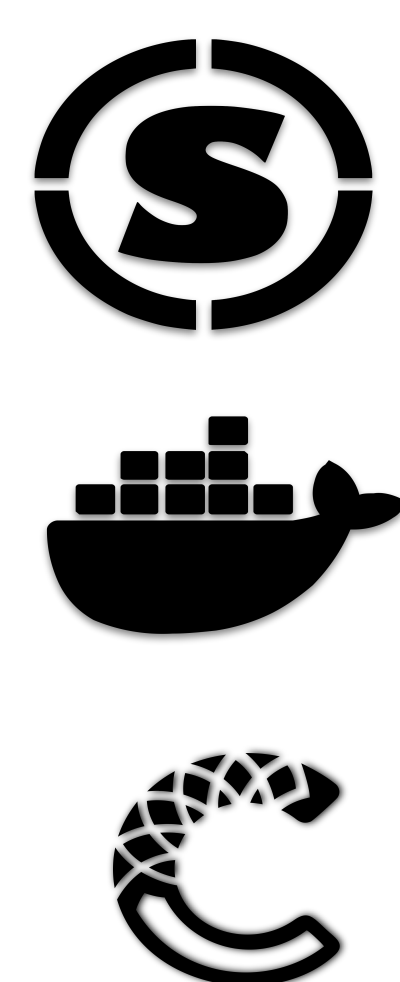
- Small variants
 - **hap.py** or **som.py** and **rtgtools**
- Structural variants
 - **truvari**, **svanalyzer** and **witty.er**
- Copy number variations
 - **truvari**, **witty.er** and **intersection**

Key features

- Performs both germline and somatic benchmarking
- **nf-core** compliant
 - Open-source & community-driven
 - Modular design
 - **Reproducible**
- FAIR-aligned within GHGA
- Generates **publication-ready** reports
 - Benchmarking metrics & plots



run with



nf-core/variantbenchmarking

slack nf-core #variantbenchmarking

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Find the pipeline <https://github.com/nf-core/variantbenchmarking>

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