

Development of approaches to compare and integrate technologies *(with case scenarios)*



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SNP data

Genotypes are only a part...

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- ↗ Handling genotypes is “easy”, but what about the rest?
- ↗ Original files coming from the lab
- ↗ Own file recoding and formatting
- ↗ Own programming pipeline to get and use data from other sources
- ↗ No (or very few and feeble) efforts for standardization
- ↗ Genomic analyses rely heavily on this “accessory” information

Need *large* integration with *many* sources of info.

Inefficient use of time and efforts!

Difficult to keep updated

Some steps require knowledge of chip development history

Such large data.. Errors happen

Much work done on developing methods, very little to develop handy tools



Welcome to the (bovine) jungle

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Illumina Infinium Bovine SNP50

✓ 1 chip, 1 assembly (BTAU 4.0)

x *output formats (row, matrix, etc)*

x *allele coding (forward, top, A/B)*

x *Illumina SNP names and public DBs*



Illumina Infinium Bovine SNP50 (v.2)

Illumina Golden Gate Bovine3k

Illumina Infinium BovineLD

Illumina Infinium BovineHD

Illumina Infinium Bovine LDv1.1

✓ Improved quality of information
✓ More (less) SNPs

x *output formats (row, matrix, etc)*

x *allele coding (forward, top, A/B)*

x *Illumina SNP names and other. DBs*

x *2 assemblies (BTAU 4.0 and UMD 3.1)*

x *SNPs in common?*

x *SNP names in common?*



Affymetrix Axiom Bos1 (HD)

✓ New technology

✓ New SNPs

x *New formats and procedures*

x *SNP in common?*

x *SNP names in common?*

x *Concept of probe!*



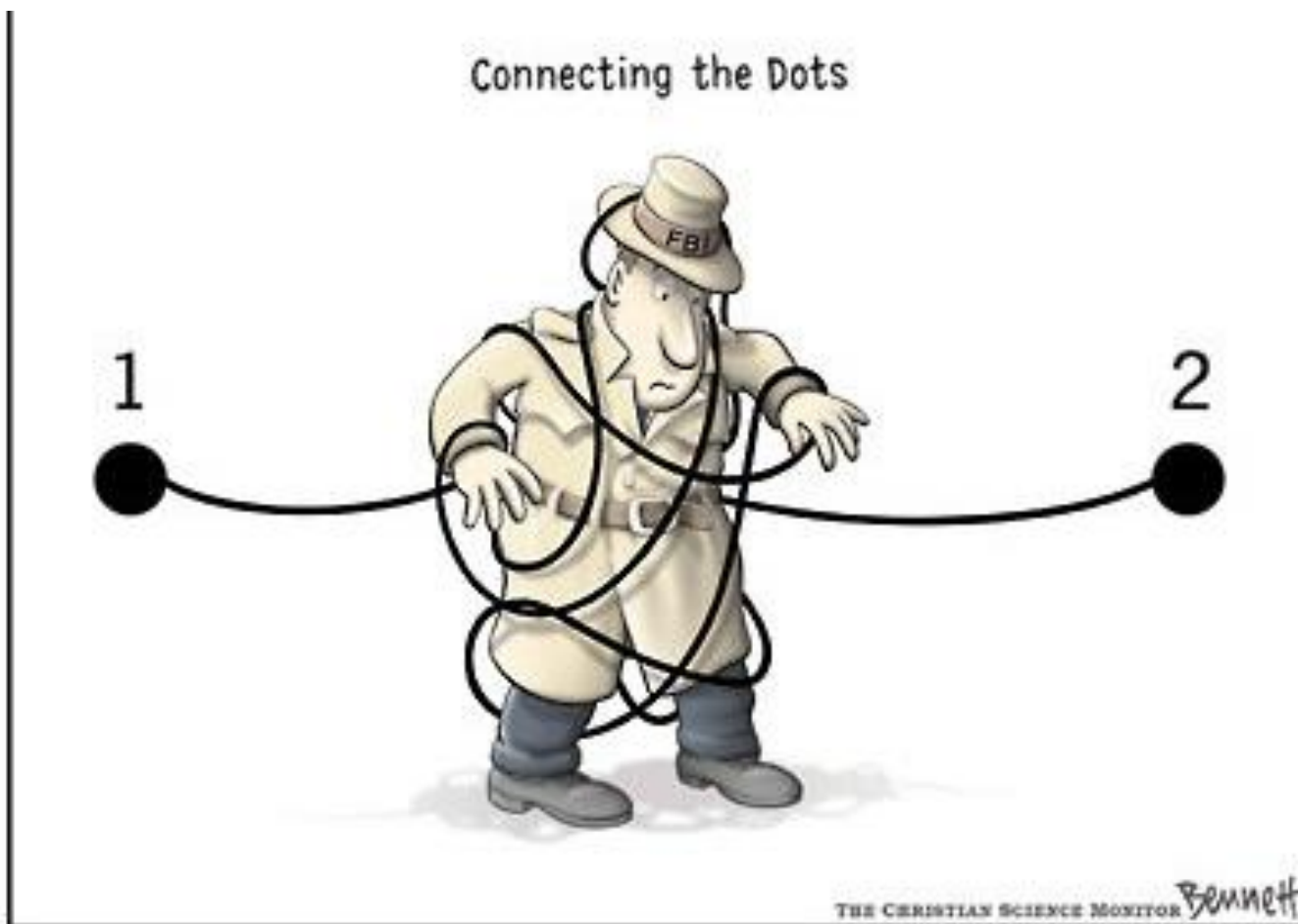
GeneSeek – NeoGen chips

Many custom SNPchips



Why not?

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How?

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↗ The Gene2farm project ***“Next generation European system for cattle improvement and management”***

↗ Started Jan 2012, Ends Dec 2015

↗ *Research for the benefit of SME* funding scheme (19 partners)

↗ Main objectives (*only small..er breeds*):

↗ complete genome information to understand genome structure and design new genotyping panels

↗ develop tools to impute data and **to make exchange information easier.**

↗ measure a large # of biological variables underlying important commercial traits

↗ develop statistical models and applications for using the genomic and phenotypic data

↗ disseminate the information to the SMEs, cattle breeding industry & end users.

The perfect excuse: **Task 2.4. SNP panel inter-changeability**



Ok, but HOW? Not TOO hard, really...

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- ↗ By connecting people and information (dots)
- ↗ **Collect all information from producers [e.g. barely-legal stalking]**
- ↗ Download dbSNP database(s) -> all builds from 2012
- ↗ **Link the information (get SNP name – rsID link)**
- ↗ Put all this into a database.
- ↗ Re-check everything independently (Bob Schnabel on cow).
- ↗ Make it easily accessible to users (web-app):
<http://bioinformatics.tecnoparco.org/SNPchimp>



The SNPchiMp is born

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "SNPchiMp web tool" with the URL "bioinformatics.tecnoparco.org/SNPchimp/". The page content includes a navigation menu with "Home", "Manual", "Download", "Browse", "Contact", and "FAQs". A "Latest News" section lists "SNPchiMp Version 1.0.0" and "dbSNP builds: 136 (for BTAU4.2) 137 (for UMD3.1 and BTAU4.6)". A "Powerful Links" section lists "dbSNP", "ENSEMBL", "Parco Tecnologico Padano", "Gene2farm project", "illumina", and "Affymetrix". A banner at the top right features the European Union flag, the "GENE2FARM" logo, and the "SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME" logo. A large image at the bottom shows a silhouette of a pig jumping over a fence with "LD" and "HD" labels, and the text "SNPchiMp" in red.



The SNPchiMp gets updated (v.2)

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Welcome



1^o step - Selection of species

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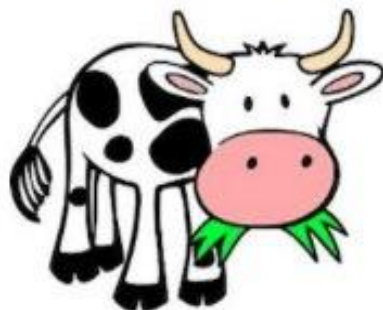
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Please choose the desired species:

BOVINE



PORCINE



EQUINE



OVINE



CAPRINE



- *Get coordinates in a different assembly? 3 clicks (think of sheep and goats!)*
- *Latest Interbull index for your chip? 3 clicks*
- *Get allele codings for a chip? 4 clicks*
- *Convert genotype allele coding into forward strand and UMD3.1 assembly (for imputation from chip to full sequence)? 4 clicks*
- *Know which SNPs are in **any** SNP chip combination? At least 5 clicks...*

You are here: Home > Download > Download Cow Data

Chosen Species: Cow

Step 1: Please select the SNP chip information desired:

- Illumina Bovine3k BeadChip (2,900 SNPs)
- Illumina BovineLD BeadChip (6,909 SNPs)
- Illumina Infinium BovineLD v1.1 BeadChip (6912 SNPs)
- Illumina BovineSNP50v1 BeadChip (54,001 SNPs)
- Illumina BovineSNP50v2 BeadChip (54,609 SNPs)
- Illumina BovineHD BeadChip (777,962 SNPs)
- GeenSeek Genomic Profiler LD v1 (8,610 SNPs)
- GeneSeek Genomic Profiler LD v2 (19,721 SNPs)
- GeneSeek Genomic Profiler HD (76,879 SNPs)
- Affymetrix Axiom ® Bovine (648,875 SNP probes)

Step 2: Type of information required:

(Commercial SNP ID and rs ID are displayed by default)

- Detailed SNP information
- Across SNPchip Table

Step 3: Please select which information you want to display:

Assembly:

- Native platform (Source: producer)
- UMD 3.1 (Source: dbSNP)
- BTAU 4.2 (Source: dbSNP)
- BTAU 4.6 (Source: dbSNP)

Chromosome and Position

- ss information*
- Exchange Interbull Index*

Allele coding:

- A/B forward alleles (Illumina Only)
- A/B top alleles (Illumina Only)
- A/B alleles (Affymetrix Only)

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Chromosome 14: 1,800,616-1,801,616



Chr. 14



Region in detail




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Forward strand 

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2.20 Mb

Contigs

Genes (Ensembl)



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Gene Legend

 Protein coding
 RNA gene

 Pseudogene



Current status and consistency

- ↗ Information received by producers, linked to dbSNP and updated to the database regularly.
- ↗ 19 SNP chips available on 5 species (14 mln record):
 - ↗ 10 COW (10,028,386 records)
 - ↗ 4 PIG (809,992 records)
 - ↗ 2 HORSE (479,038 records)
 - ↗ 2 SHEEP (2,640,989 records)
 - ↗ 1 GOAT (266,736 records)
- ↗ SNPchiMP can now be queried directly from URL! (makes it accessible to external tools!)
http://bioinformatics.tecnoparco.org/SNPchimp/snpchimp/downloadSNP.php?animal=cow&force_distinct=true&action=browse&assembly=bta4_2&info_rs=on&info_ss=on&query_pos=1:1..100000000



Keeping updated is now easy(er)!

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News n.12 - Cow LDv1.1, Horse GeneSeek, Sheep and Goat released!!	03 June 2014
News n.11 - New GeneSeek Equine SNP chip soon released!	28 May 2014
News n.10 - SNPchiMp v.2 work in progress announcement!	28 May 2014
News n.9 - SNPchiMp v.2 released to the public!	28 May 2014



Real case scenarios

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Goat ADAPTmap initiative

- Goat HapMap, coordinated by Alessandra Stella (PTP)
- Collecting goat genotypes from projects all over the world.
- SNPs in IGGC SNP chip are *natively* unmapped.
- IGGC, however, mapped the SNPs against 3 different reference assemblies (goat chinese assembly v.2, sheep assembly v.2 , cow assembly UMD3.1).
- Many researchers prefer to use FORWARD strand allele coding
 - Public databases usually show alleles in the FORWARD strand
- NOT a wise choice... we'll see why in a moment



SNPchiMp v.2

SNPchimp_result_314002241.csv

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SNPchimp_result_314002241.csv

	chip_name	rs	Alleles_A_B_FORWARD	Alleles_A_B_TOP	chromosome	position	SNP_name
1	goat54k	rs268233143	A/C	A/C	22	27222753	snp1-scaffold1-2170
2	goat54k	rs268293133	T/C	A/G	14	90886676	snp1-scaffold708-1421224
3	goat54k	rs268233152	A/G	A/G	22	26872268	snp10-scaffold1-352655
4	goat54k	rs268291433	A/G	A/G	8	68958341	snp1000-scaffold1026-533890
5	goat54k	rs268242876	A/G	A/G	7	50027003	snp10000-scaffold1356-652219
6	goat54k	rs268242877	T/C	A/G	7	49975708	snp10001-scaffold1356-703514
7	goat54k	rs268242878	A/C	A/C	7	49912226	snp10002-scaffold1356-766996
8	goat54k	rs268242879	A/G	A/G	7	49871102	snp10003-scaffold1356-808120
9	goat54k	rs268242880	T/C	A/G	7	49825946	snp10004-scaffold1356-853276
10	goat54k	rs268242881	T/C	A/G	7	49772203	snp10005-scaffold1356-907019
11	goat54k	rs268242882	T/C	A/G	7	49728439	snp10006-scaffold1356-950783
12	goat54k	rs268242883	A/G	A/G	7	49699807	snp10007-scaffold1356-979415
13	goat54k	rs268242884	A/C	A/C	7	49662476	snp10008-scaffold1356-1016746
14	goat54k	rs268242885	T/G	A/C	7	49612336	snp10009-scaffold1356-1066886
15	goat54k	rs268234108	A/C	A/C	8	68919936	snp1001-scaffold1026-572295
16	goat54k	rs268242887	A/C	A/C	7	49536943	snp10011-scaffold1356-1142279
17	goat54k	rs268242889	T/C	A/G	7	49467500	snp10013-scaffold1356-1211722
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19	goat54k	rs268242891	T/C	A/G	7	49379770	snp10015-scaffold1356-1299452
20	goat54k	rs268242892	A/C	A/C	7	49327117	snp10016-scaffold1356-1372105



Why store Illumina data in TOP and not in FOR strand?

- TOP/BOT allele coding format is a way Illumina has to call consistently alleles irrespectively of the reference assembly (or actual strand). It is sequence based and has NOTHING to do with FOR/REV allele coding.
- (at least some) FOR/REV allele codings will change over time, as assemblies are updated.
- **Warning:** This is already happening in COW: LDv1.1 and GeneSeek-Neogen SNPchips have different allele coding for FOR strand!

Hapmap30759-BTA-123220

ANY Illumina chip: FORWARD: A/G TOP: A/G

Illumina LDv1.1 : FORWARD: T/C TOP: A/G

... and many others like this!

- A/B coding format? Good enough, but less powerful in terms of error checks.



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Imputation accuracy across reference assemblies

- ↗ A lot of research on imputation methods.
- ↗ Many methods available, some specifically developed on livestock species (bovine cattle, mostly)
- ↗ Imputation methods can be divided into:
 - ↗ Population-based methods (use LD)
 - ↗ Pedigree-based methods (usually use also LD)
- ↗ What will happen when we update the reference assembly?
 - ↗ SNPs change position, sometimes chromosomes..
- ↗ Will imputation accuracy be better? Worse?



Imputation accuracy across reference assemblies

➤ *Milanesi et al. (in prep.)*

Scenario	N	<u>PedImpute</u>					
		BTAU 4.2		UMD 3.1		BTAU 4.6	
		<u>%Err</u>	<u>r²</u>	<u>%Err</u>	<u>r²</u>	<u>%Err</u>	<u>r²</u>
A ¹	84	2.0	94.1	2.1	94.0	2.0	94.1
B ²	34	2.2	93.5	2.3	93.4	2.2	93.5
C ³	13	9.8	75.9	9.8	76.1	9.8	75.8
D ⁴	12	8.7	78.2	8.9	77.7	8.8	78.1

Great variability across scenarios (expected)

Some variability across methods (not shown)

Very little variability across assemblies (in all methods)...



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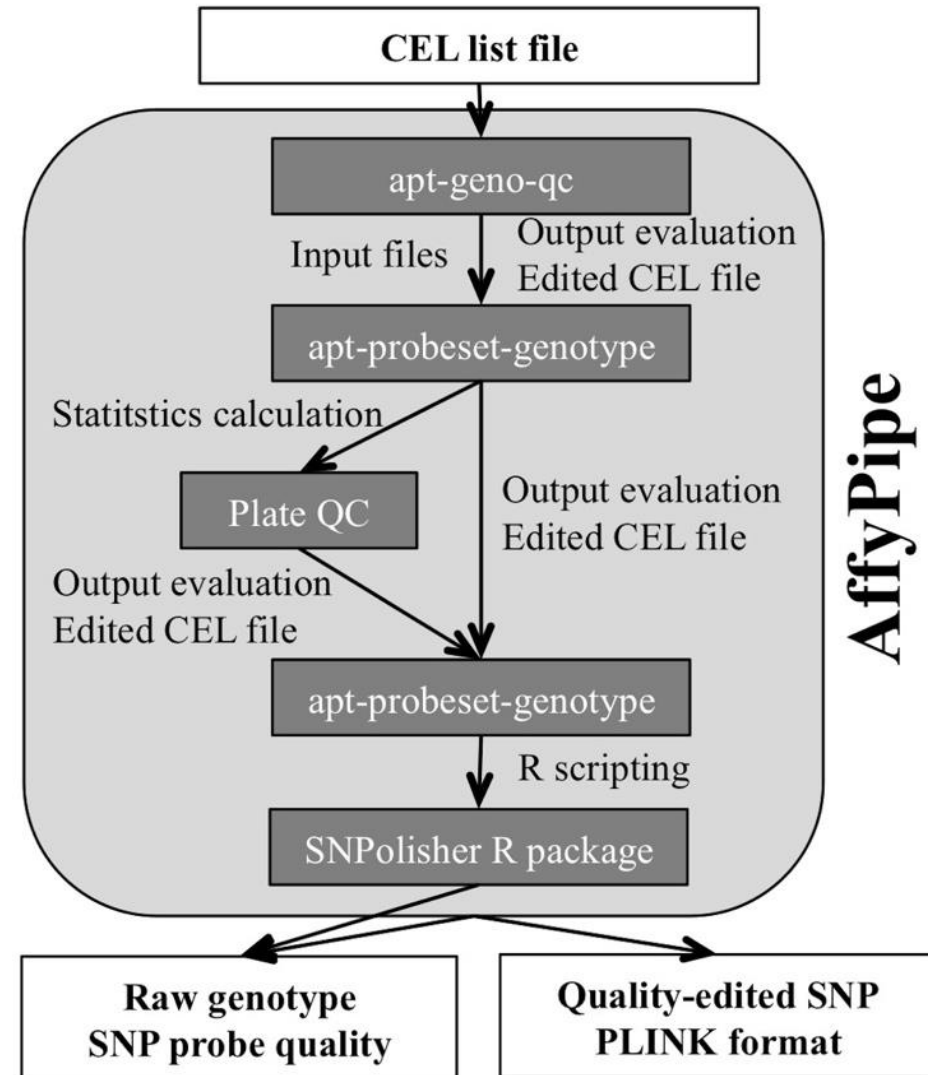
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Imputation across platforms (Illumina – Affymetrix)

- A new case of lack of handy tools.
- No all-in-one tool for Linux/Mac users for Affymetrix workflow (raw data → genotypes - and its a long road!)
- Many users (human & livestock). No ready-to-go tool for extraction of genotypes in user-friendly format.
- <https://github.com/nicolazzie/AffyPipe> (free, source codes available, no need to program anything)
- Under review @Bioinformatics. Received great comments and suggestions from reviewers, new version soon).





Imputation across platforms (Illumina – Affymetrix)

↗ Still waiting for the Affy data (w.i.p)

↗ Challenges:

- ↗ Different SNP names ✓
- ↗ Different technology ~✓
- ↗ SNP against SNPprobes ✓
- ↗ SNP calling formats? ~✓
- ↗ Allele coding? ✗

Affymetrix allele coding is ALWAYS FORWARD but...

chip	rsID	FORWARD allele	Chromosome	Position	SNPname
Illumina	rs42146684	T/G	28	35294673	BTB-00987935
AffyHD	rs42146684	A/C	28	35294673	AX-24625366

Not the only one... ~20k of these!

Will contact both Affymetrix and Illumina on this...



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Imputation from HD to full sequence (w.i.p)

In collaboration with Qualitas A.G.

**Holstein bull. Full sequence (11x – PTP pipeline – Freebayes caller) + HD chip
Assessment before attempting imputation**

451652	SNPs total found in sequence (by position)
10.43	avg. coverage for those SNPS.
3275	SNPs skipped since missing in genotypes.
10683	HETEROZYGOUS in genotypes but HOMOZYGOUS in sequence
616	HOMOZYGOUS in genotypes but HETEROZYGOUS in sequence

RESULTS for file: vcf_HD_**ILLUMFOR**.tsv

8114	HOMOZYGOUS in both seq and geno but for a different allele
8287	HOMO or HETERO ok, but different alleles!
420672	SNPs ok

RESULTS for file: vcf_HD_**DBSNPFOR**.tsv (from dbSNP → SNPchimp)

50841	HOMOZYGOUS in both seq and geno but for a different allele
33544	HOMO or HETERO ok, but different alleles!
352688	SNPs ok

WHY?!?!?!?



Conclusion

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- ↗ SNPchimp will continue to grow. Plans include linking it to other tools & extend it to more species, more chips, more tools.
- ↗ Still a long road from an unified, standardized information.
- ↗ We started discovering (& raising) problems to commercial companies
 - ↗ Request should come from whole AG Community!
- ↗ Many issues could be easily solved if open collaboration was possible (sometimes a “*super-partes*” figure helps..)
- ↗ Links across databases are much easier now (through rsID), but not enough!
- ↗ Long road to integrate SNP chip data with full sequence. And we’re heading that way!

- ↗ **WE NEED MORE TOOLS.** We need consolidated, good information. And more tools able to make this information EASILY available.



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