

An aerial photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, there are rugged, rocky mountains with sparse vegetation. A large, deep blue lake is situated in the middle ground, surrounded by dense evergreen forests. In the background, more mountain ranges stretch across the horizon under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Hardware-Enabled Biology

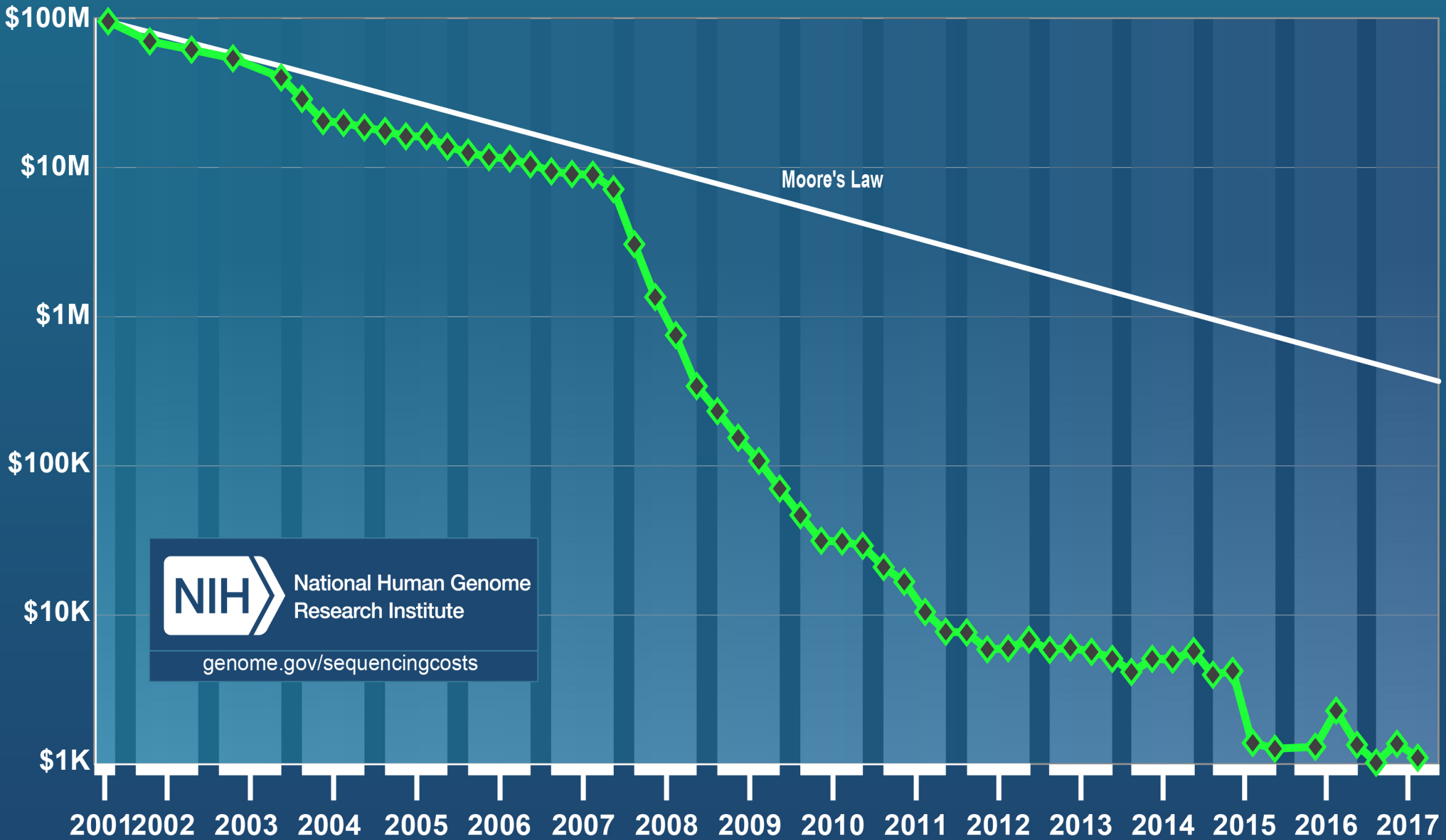
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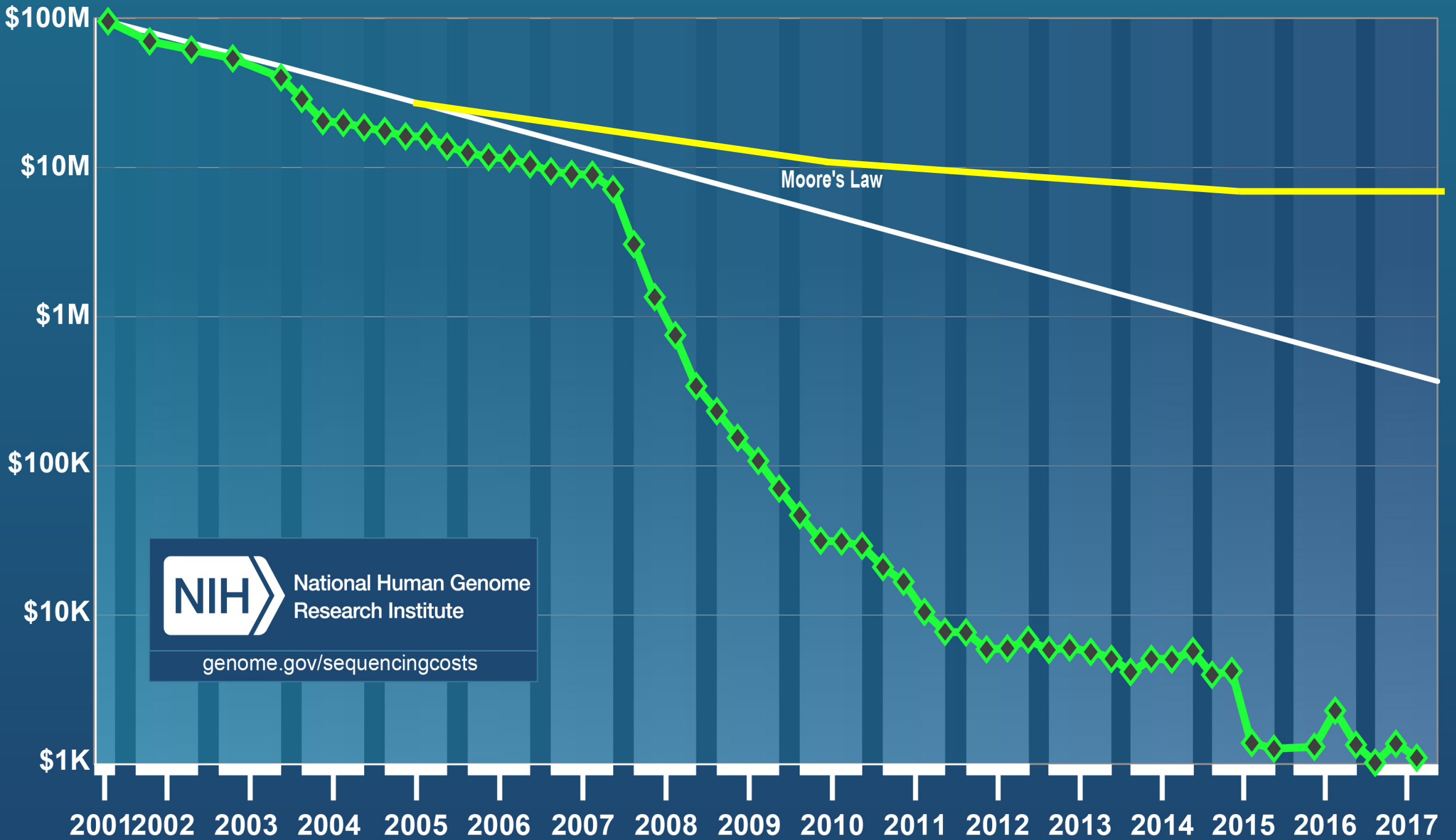
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Sequence Data is Growing Exponentially

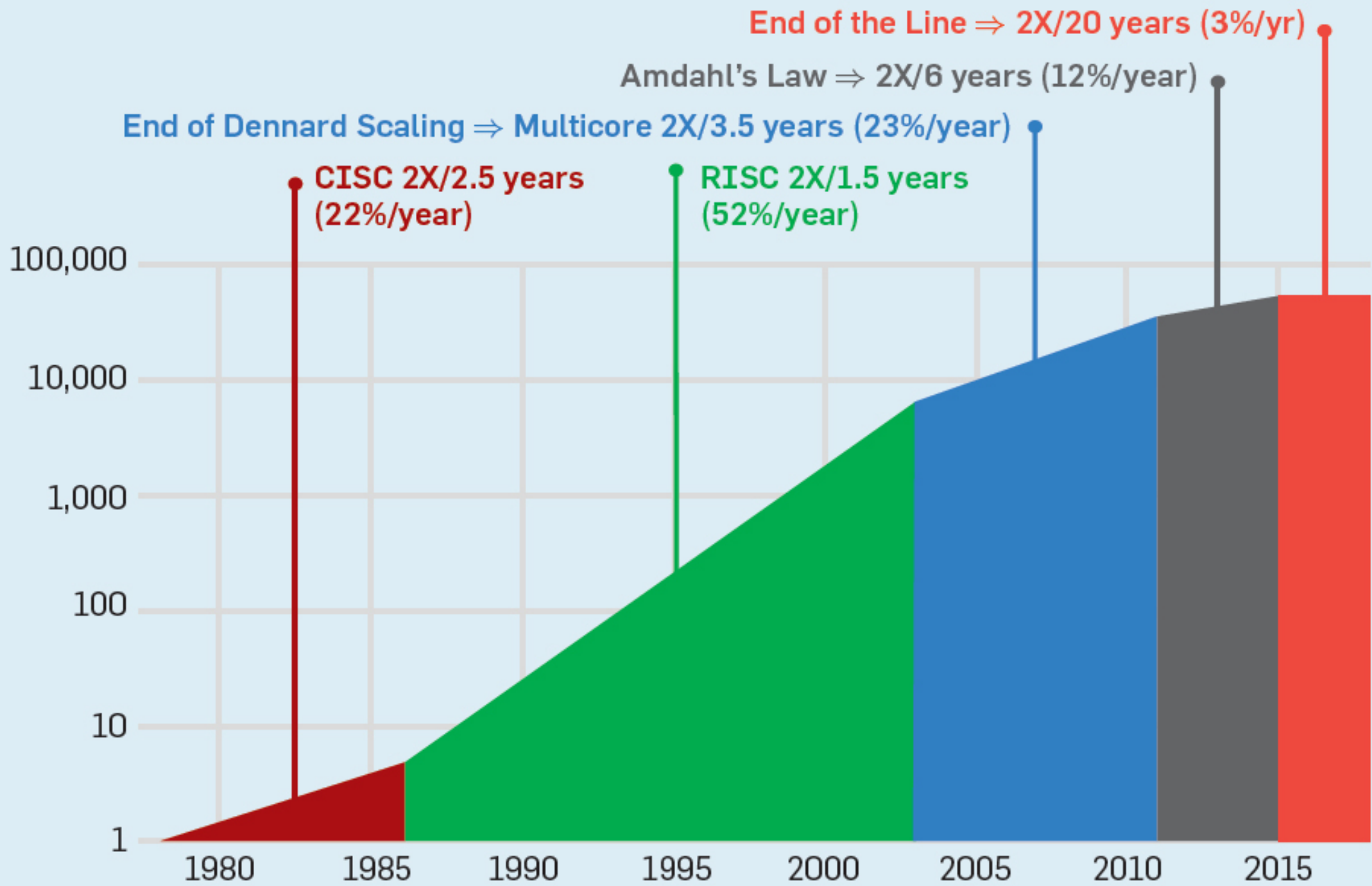
Computation Isn't



NIH National Human Genome Research Institute
genome.gov/sequencingcosts



Performance vs. VAX11-780



Cost To

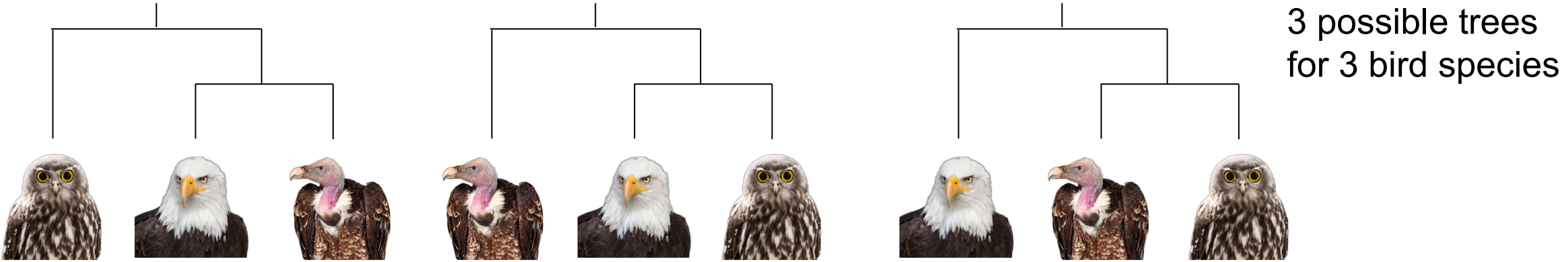
- Sequence a human genome - \$1k today (short reads, 30x coverage)
 - \$3k for long reads (10x coverage)
 - \$100 soon
- Perform reference-based assembly of it - \$15 (short reads)
- Perform de-novo assembly of it - \$10k (long reads)

**Computation is a growing fraction of genomics cost
(scaling slower than sequencing)**

**Computation cost already dominates some tasks
(e.g., de-novo assembly).**

Many Demanding Computational Problems

Phylogenomics: Inferring phylogenetic relationships from genomes



# species	# rooted trees
3	3
6	945
9	2.0×10^6
30	4.9×10^{38}
2.3×10^6	???

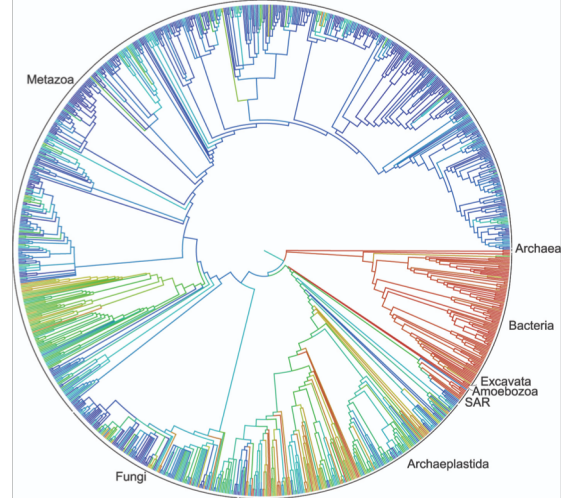
270 CPU years required for solving the topology of 48 birds [Jarvis et al, Science 2014]

Open questions

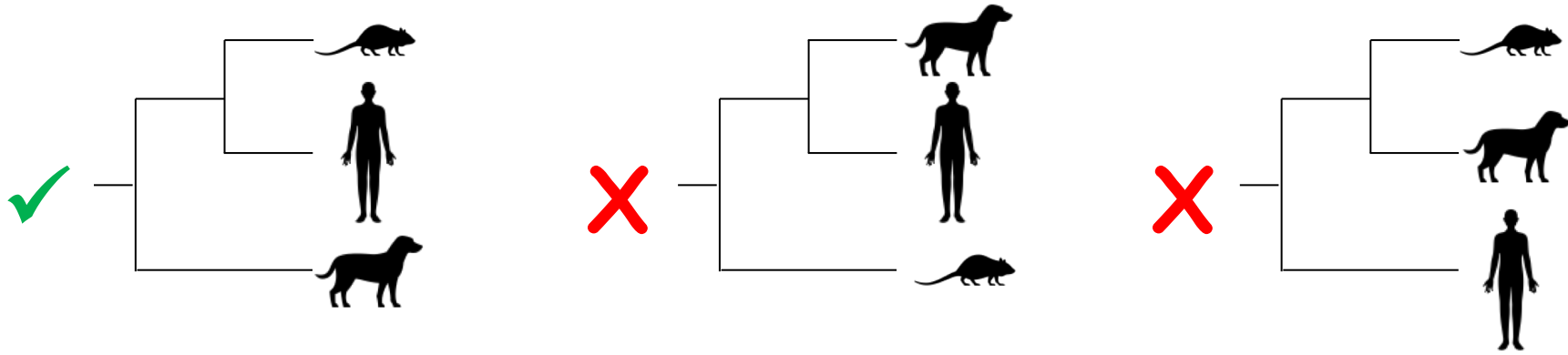
1. What is the tree of life for ~2.3 million extant species?
2. What is the best method to infer this tree from genomes?

Extant Tree of life has 2.3 million species!

OpenTreeOfLife.org



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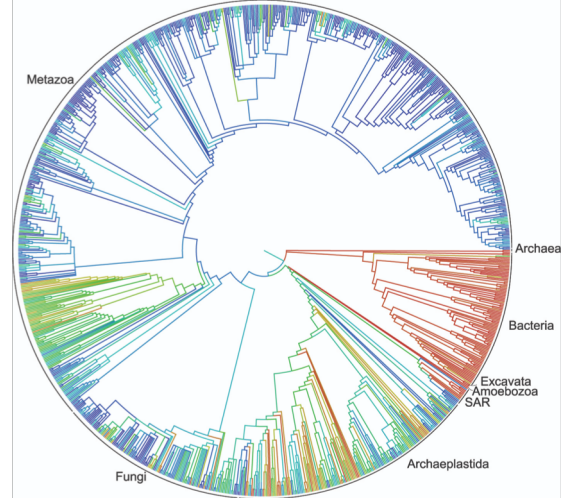
This topology was “resolved” only in 2007 [Cannarozzi et al] with the help genomic data

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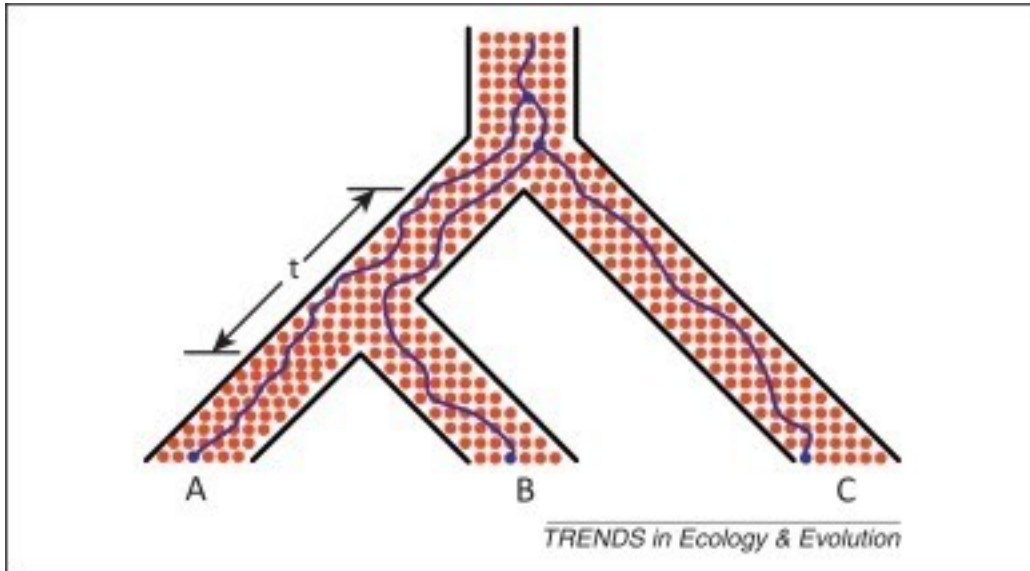
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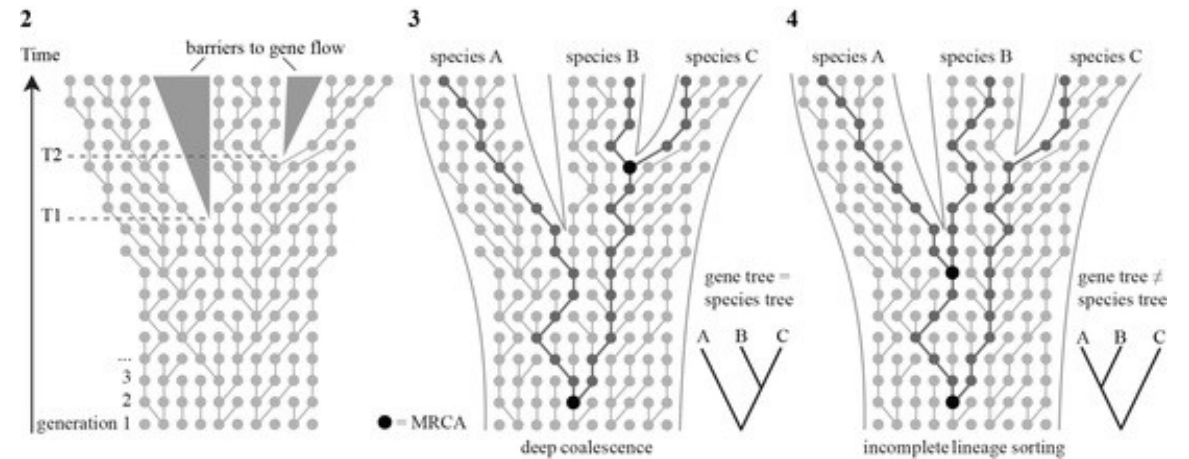
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Not Really a Tree – Incomplete Lineage Sorting



Luak Nakhleh, Trends in Ecology and Evolution 2003



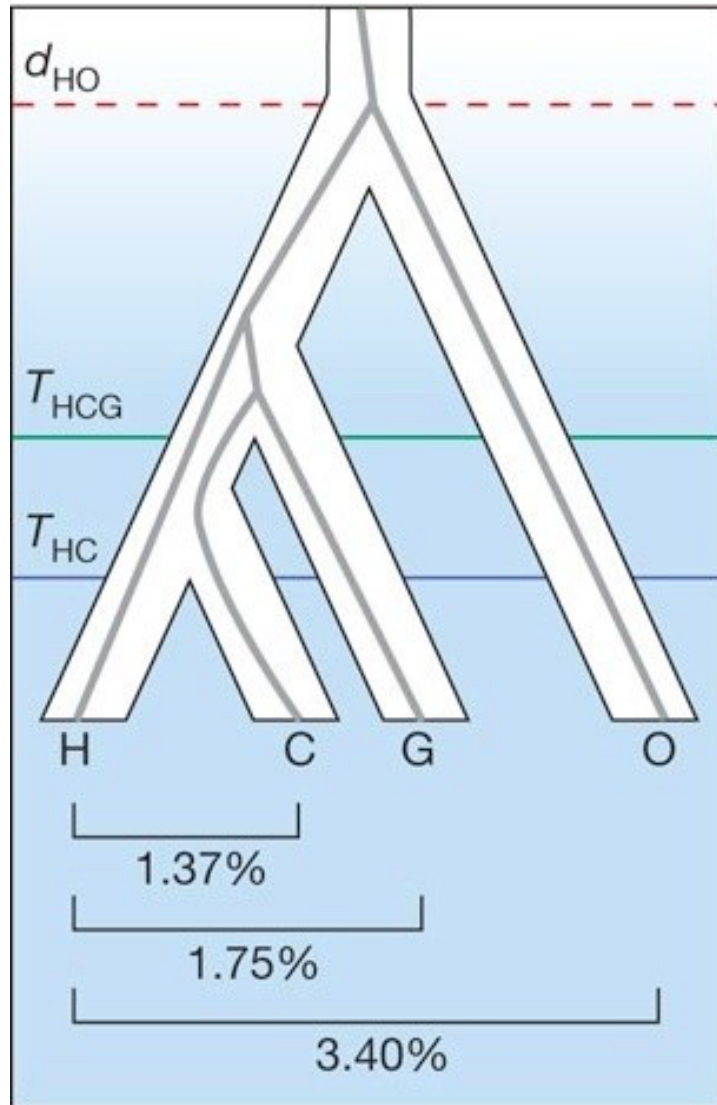
Frederik Leliaert, European Journal of Phycology, 2014

Deep coalescence

Have to go far back in time for genes to “coalesce”

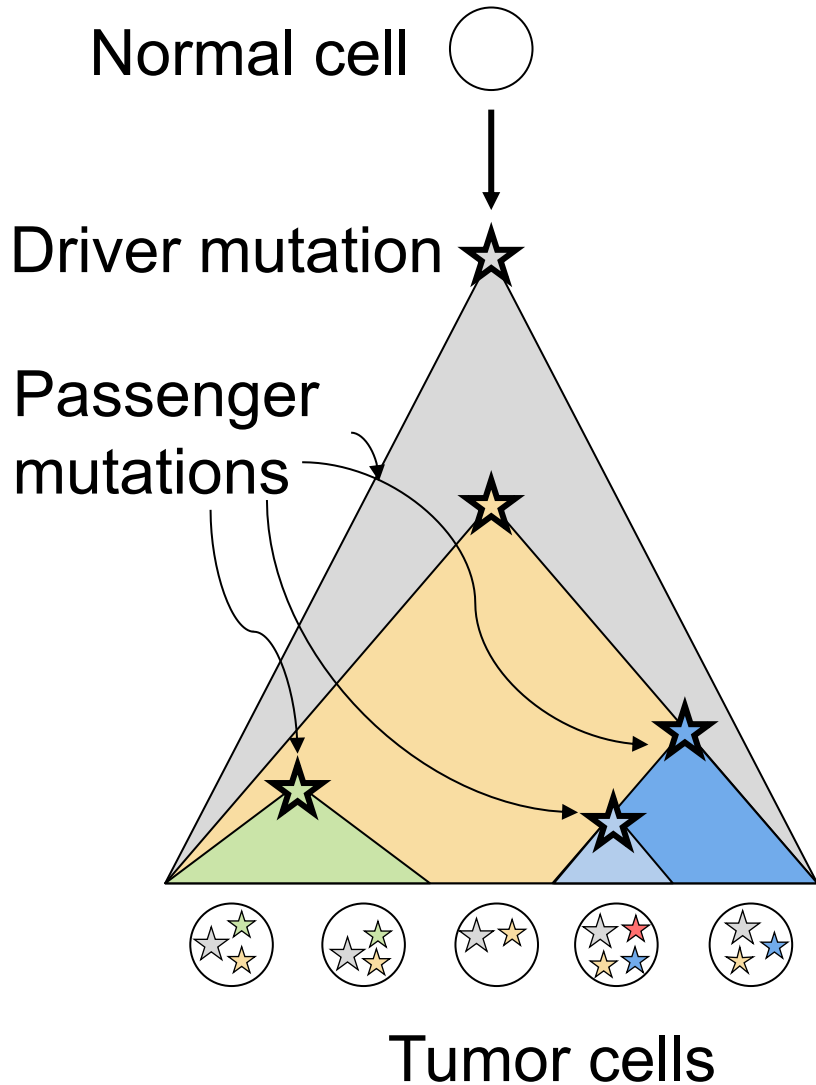
Gene can split before speciation

Human-Chip-Gorilla-Orangutan



Gene Genealogy different than
Species Phylogeny for 25% of
genome

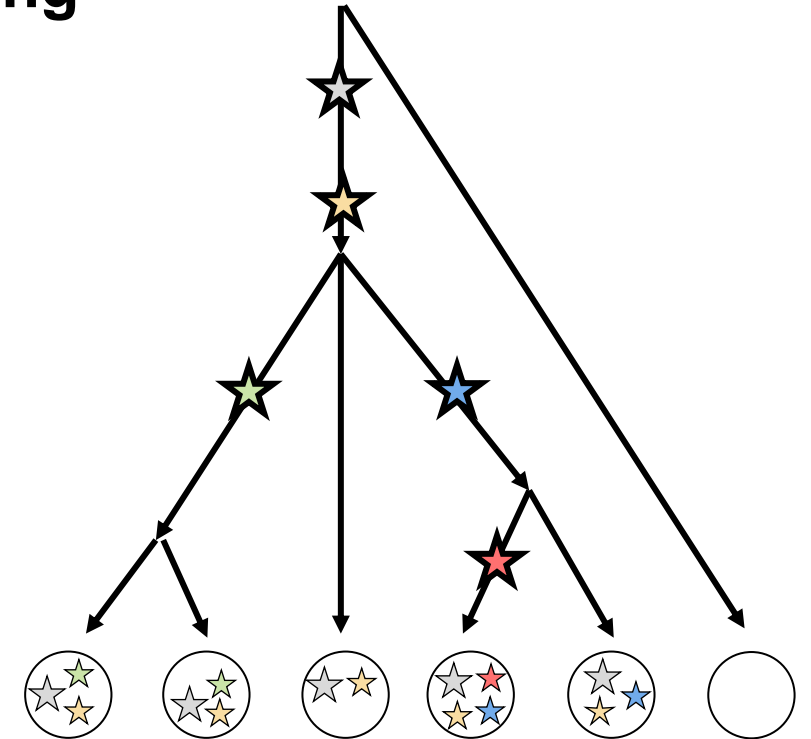
Identifying driver mutations in cancer



Single-cell sequencing

	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	0	0	0
	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	0	1	0

Tumor phylogeny

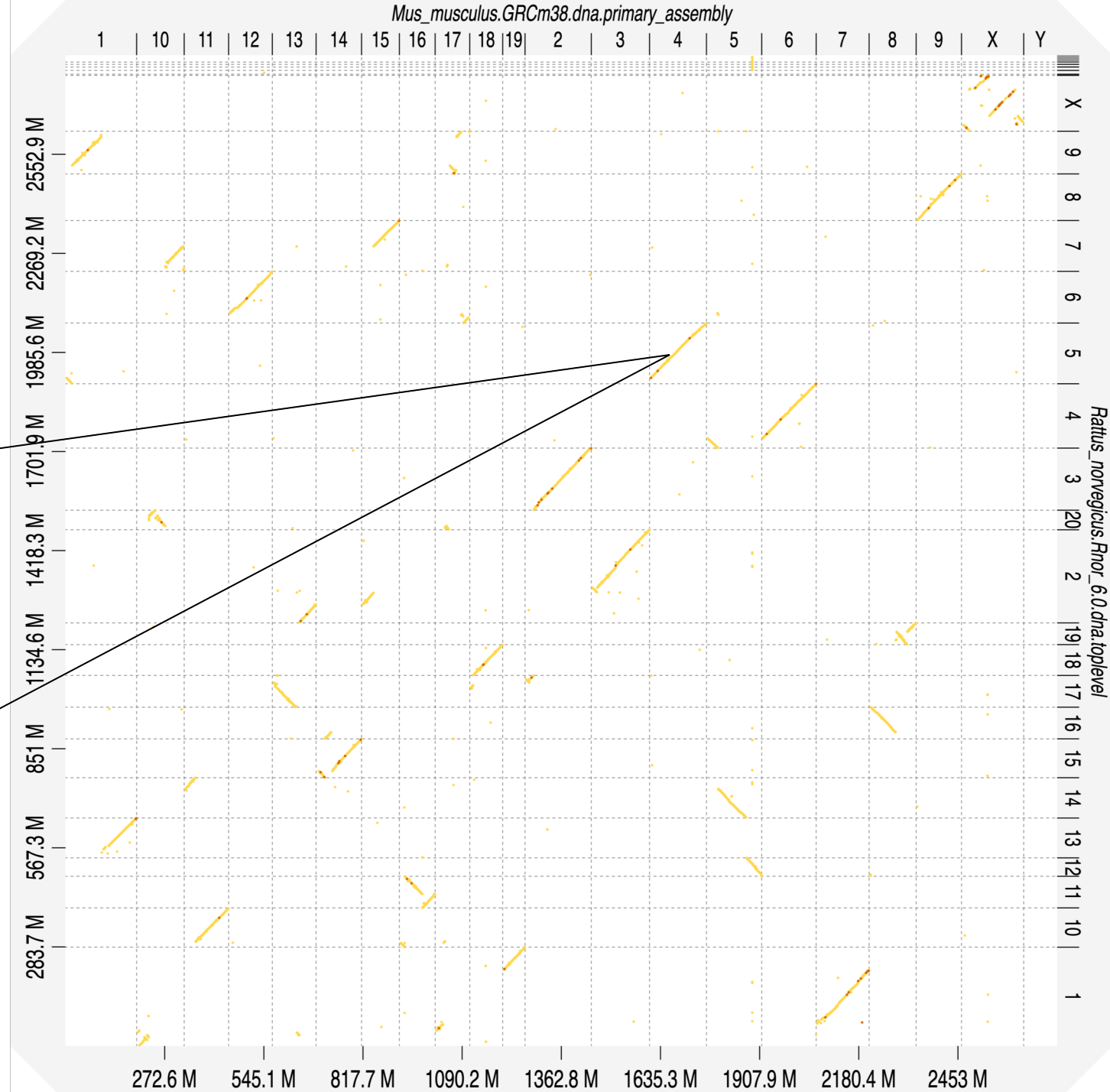
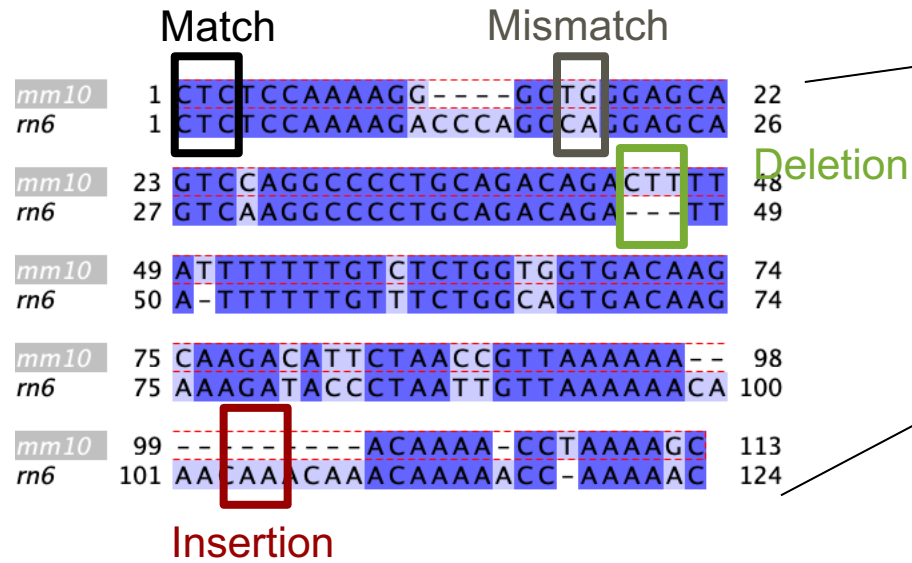


Inspired from [Jahn et al, Genome Biol. 2016]

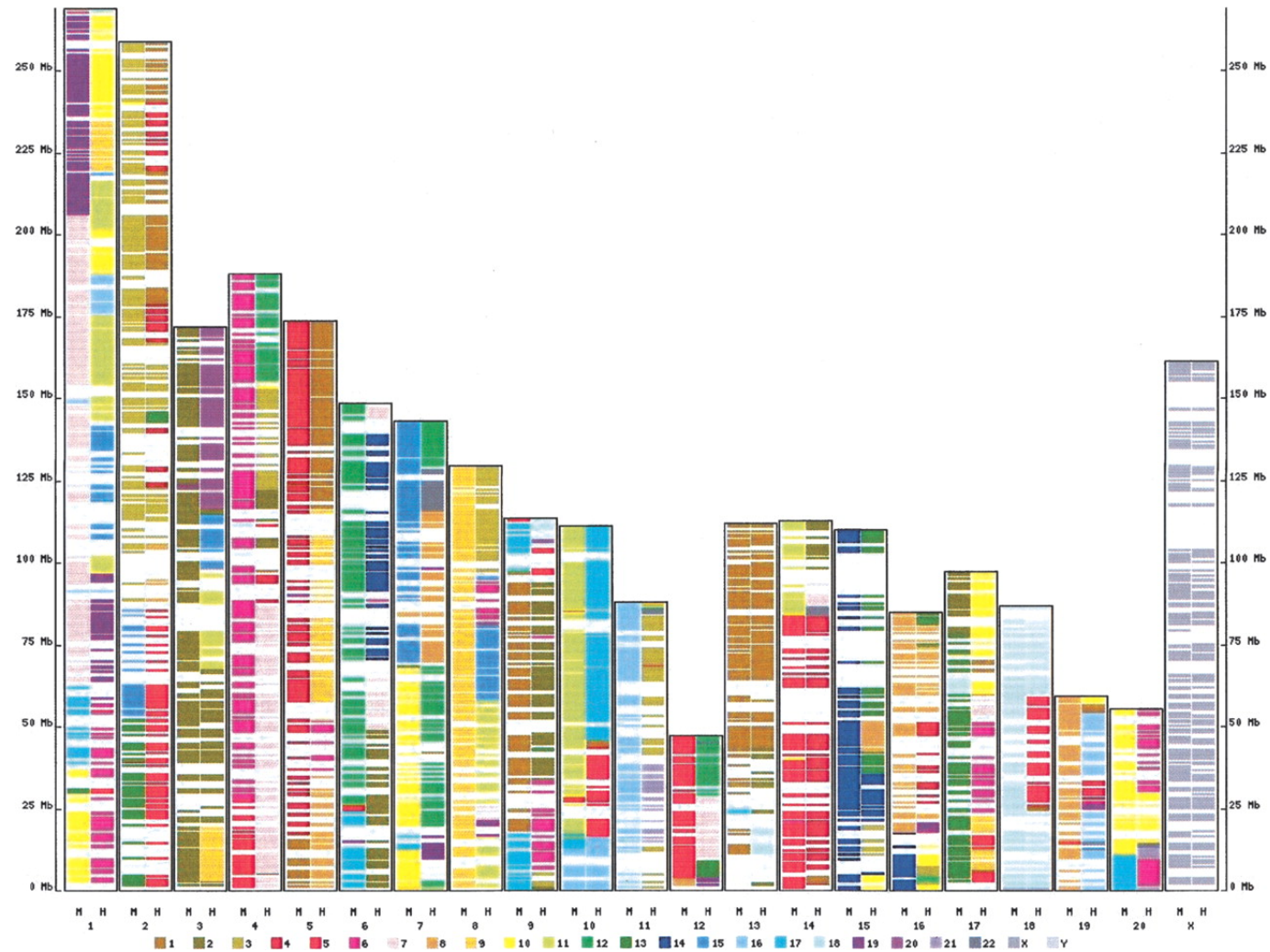
Whole Genome Alignment

Rat v Mouse

Short matches filtered out



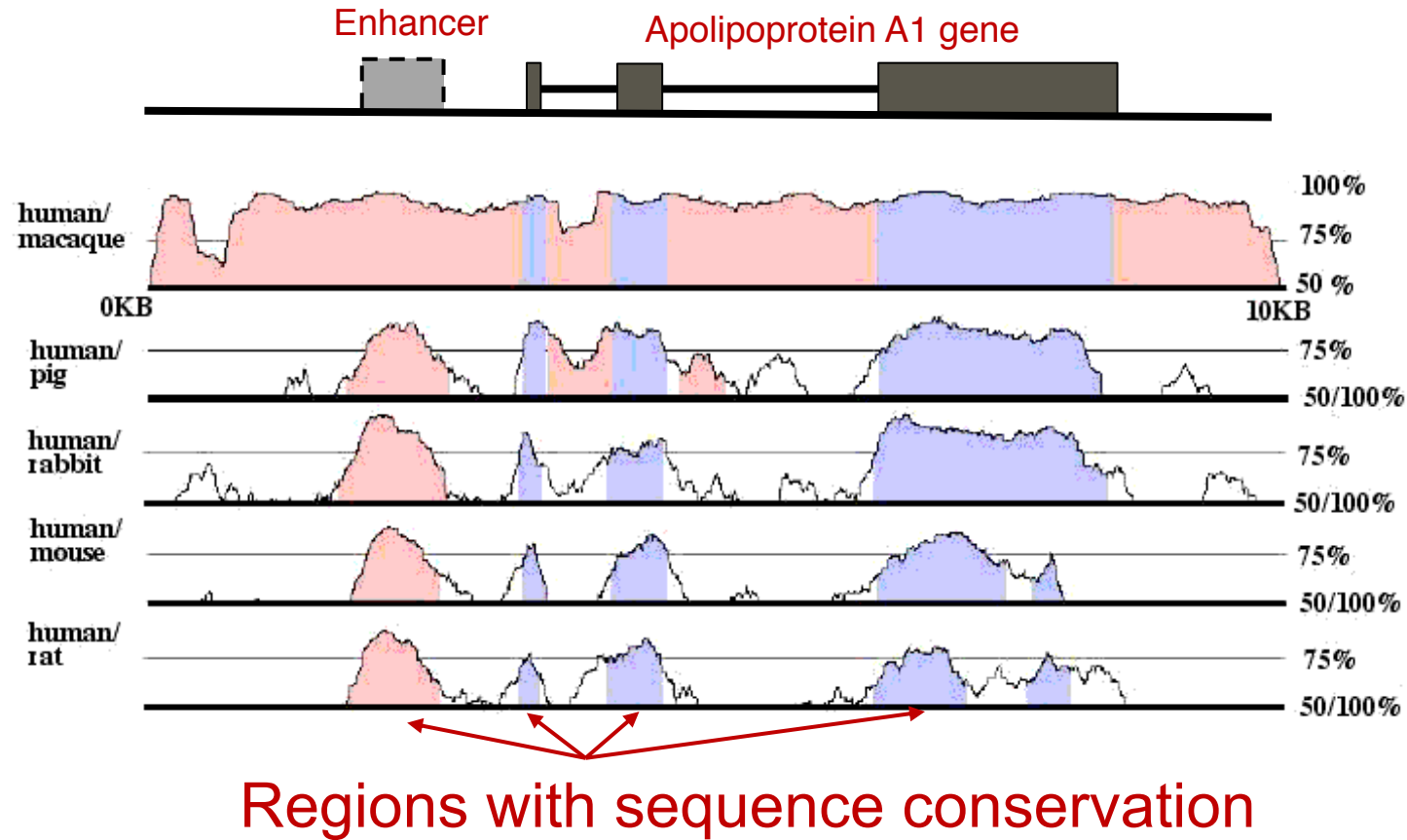
Exon-based map of conserved synteny between the rat, human, and mouse genomes.



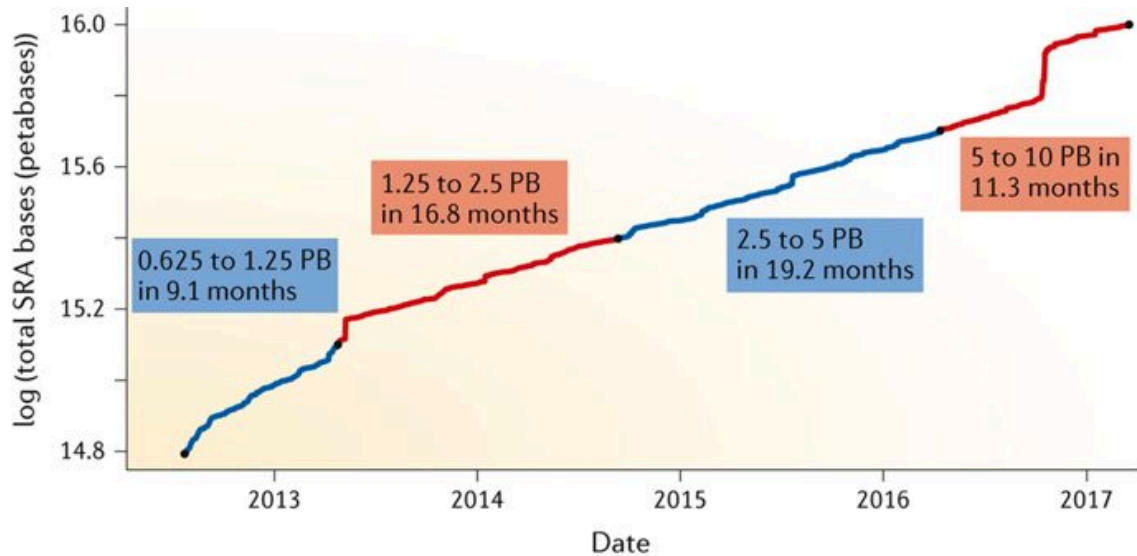
Michael Brudno et al. *Genome Res.* 2004;14:685-692



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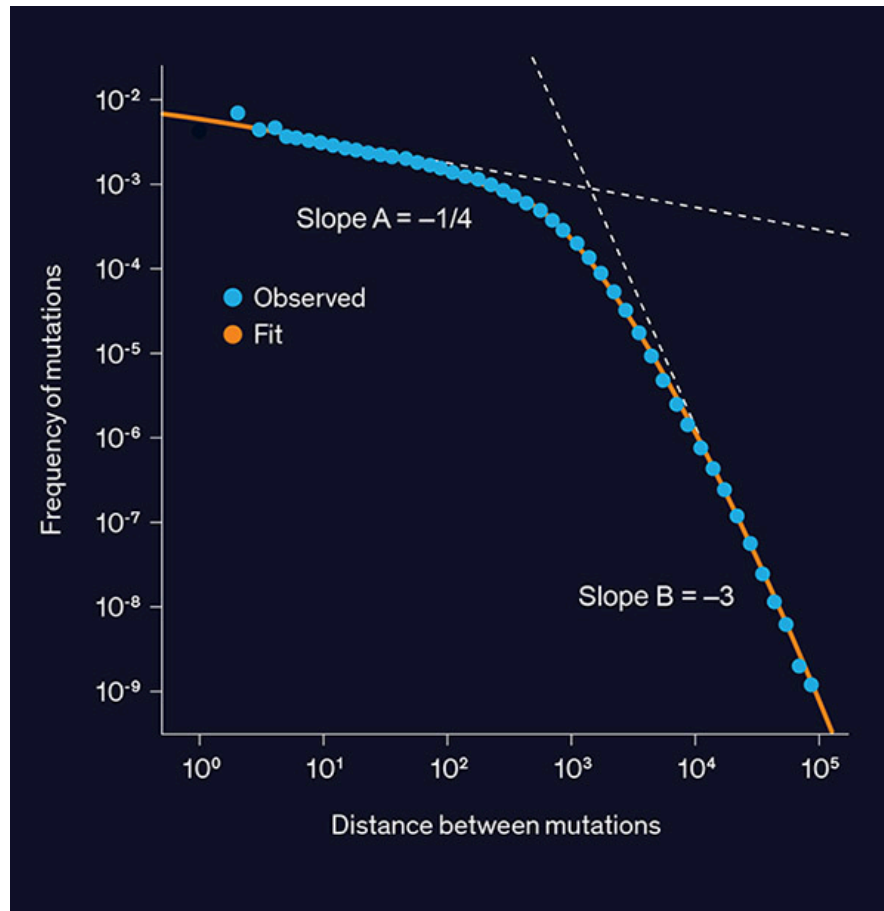
Memory and storage



Nature Reviews | Genetics

- Genomic data doubling roughly every 14 months since 2013
- Exabyte of genomic data per year from 2025, surpassing Youtube and Astronomy
- **Open questions**
 1. How and where to store genomic data?
 2. How to enable secure data sharing?
 3. How to enable exabyte scale processing of genomic data?

Genome compression



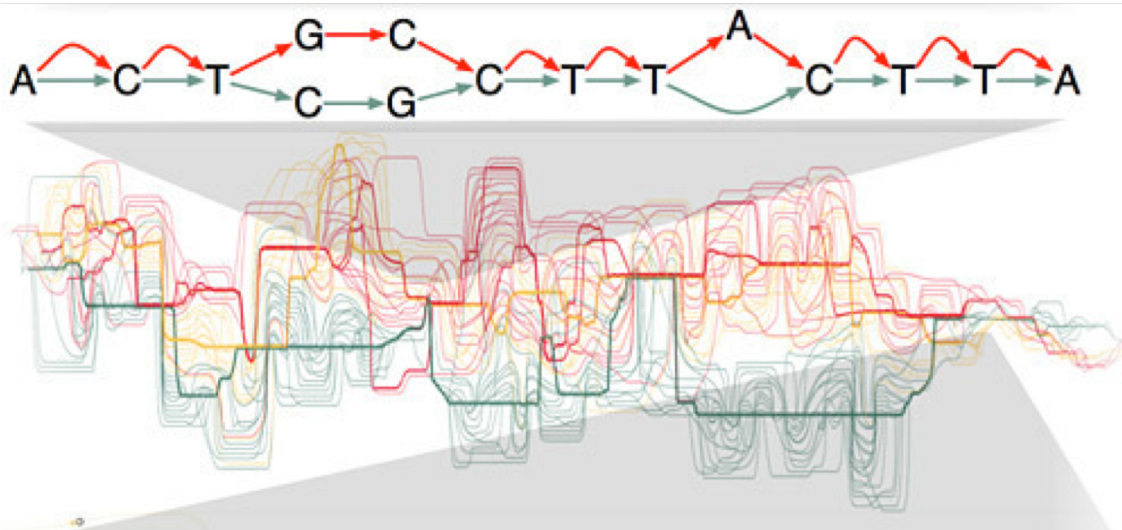
“Double power law” distribution \Rightarrow compressibility of variation data

[Pavlichin et al, Bioinformatics 2013]

- In general, genomic data is highly compressible
- **Open questions:**
 1. How to enable lossless compression with a high compression rate?
 2. How to enable lossy compression without affecting informatics?
 3. How to enable fast compute on compressed data?



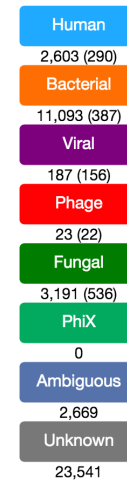
Genome graphs



- Graphs as a way to represent common human genomic variation
- More representative - minimizes bias to a single reference
- More informative than a single “profile”
- **Open questions:**
 1. How to build a genome graph?
 2. How to align sequencing reads to a genome graph accurately?

Metagenomics and liquid biopsy

- Sequence reads from an environment sample (human gut, soil etc)
- Build a taxonomic profile of species (bacteria, virus, fungal, human, etc.) from reads
- Applications
 1. Infectious disease (Karius Inc.)
 2. Discover new natural products (Radiant Genomics)
 3. Microbiome analysis and therapeutics (MicroBiome Therapeutics)

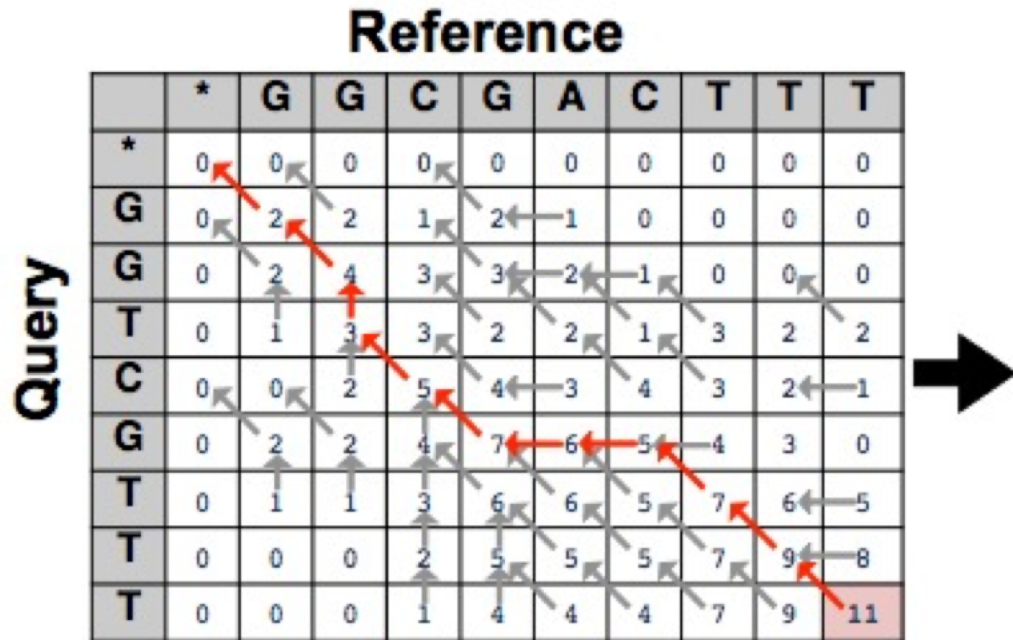


[taxonomer.io/bio.io]

Specialized Operations

Orders of Magnitude Speedup & Efficiency

Specialized Operations



$$I(i, j) = \max \{H(i, j-1) - o, I(i, j-1) - e\}$$

$$D(i, j) = \max \{H(i-1, j) - o, D(i-1, j) - e\}$$

$$H(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} 0 \\ I(i, j) \\ D(i, j) \\ H(i-1, j-1) + W(r_i, q_j) \end{cases}$$

Dynamic programming for gene sequence alignment (Smith-Waterman)

On 14nm CPU
 35 ALU ops, 15 load/store
 37 cycles
 81nJ

On 40nm Special Unit
 1 cycle (37x speedup)
 3.1pJ (26,000x efficiency)
 300fJ for logic (remainder is memory)

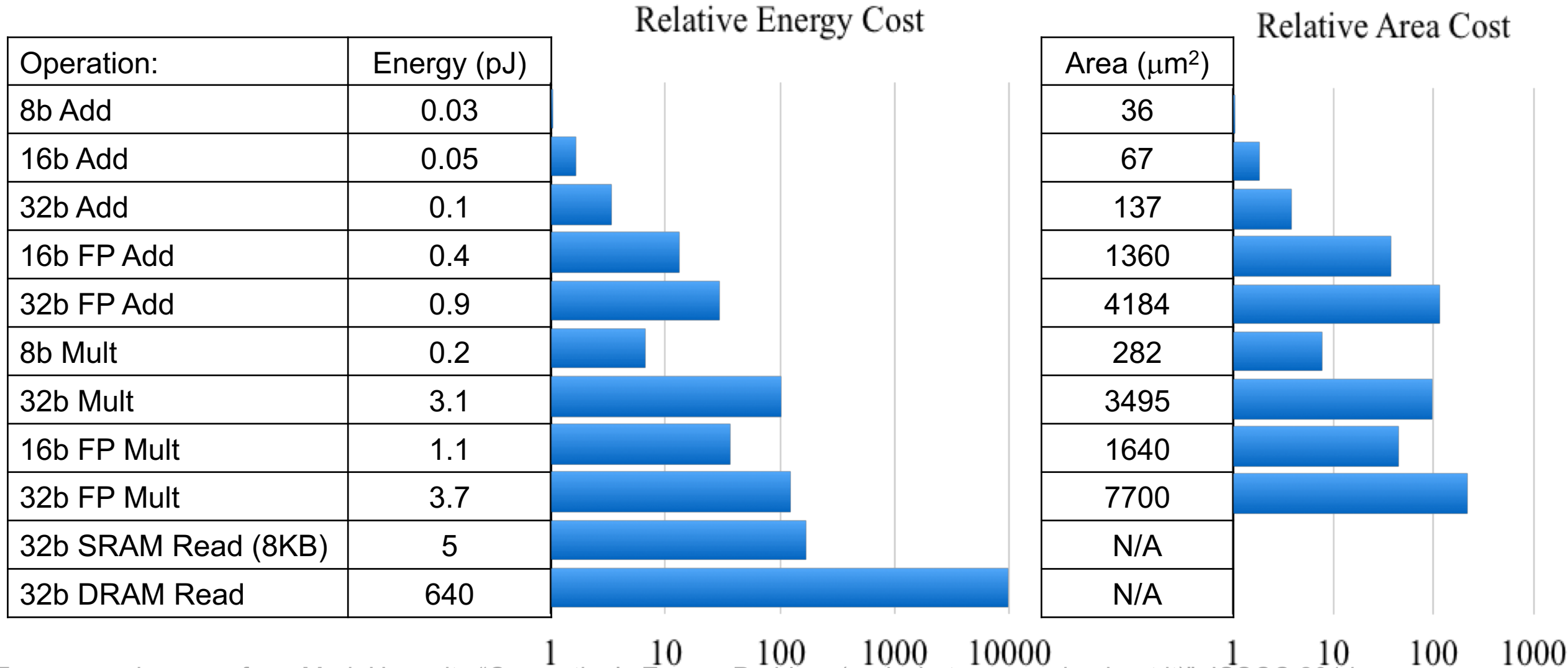
Accelerator Design is Guided by Cost

Arithmetic is Free
(particularly low-precision)

Memory is expensive

Communication is prohibitively expensive

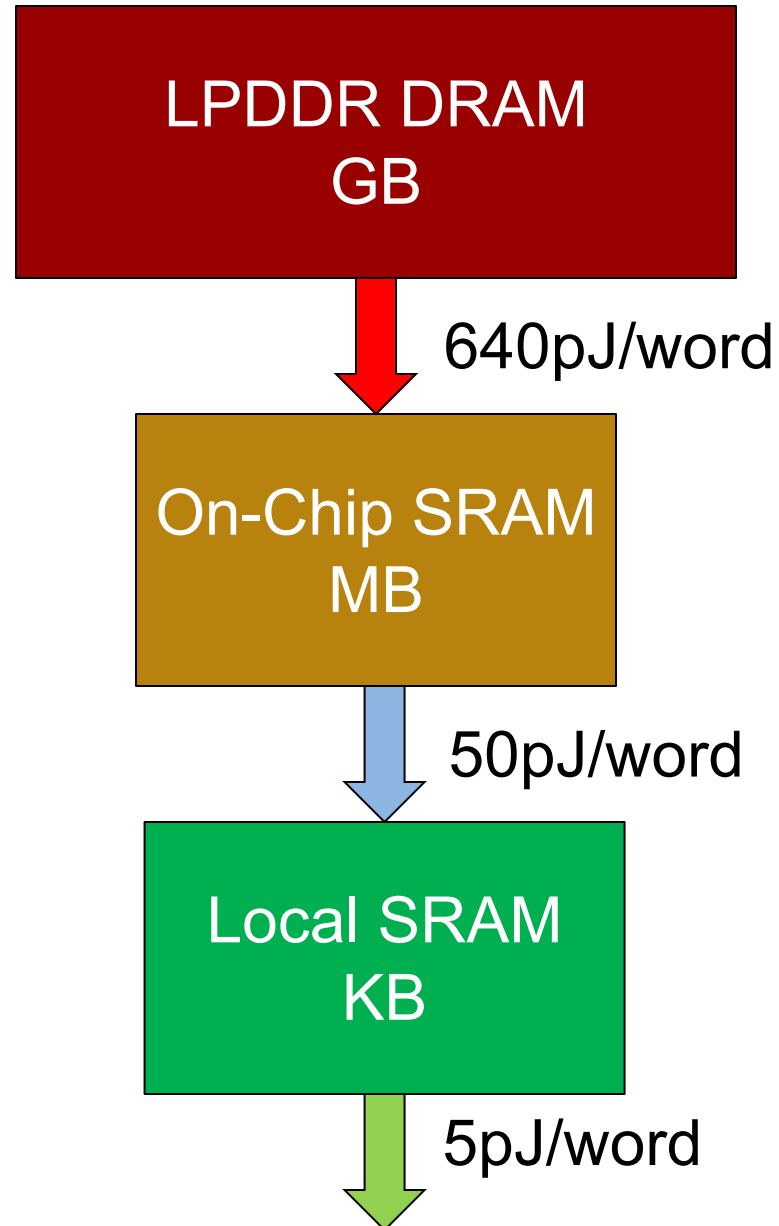
Need to Understand Cost of Operations And Communication



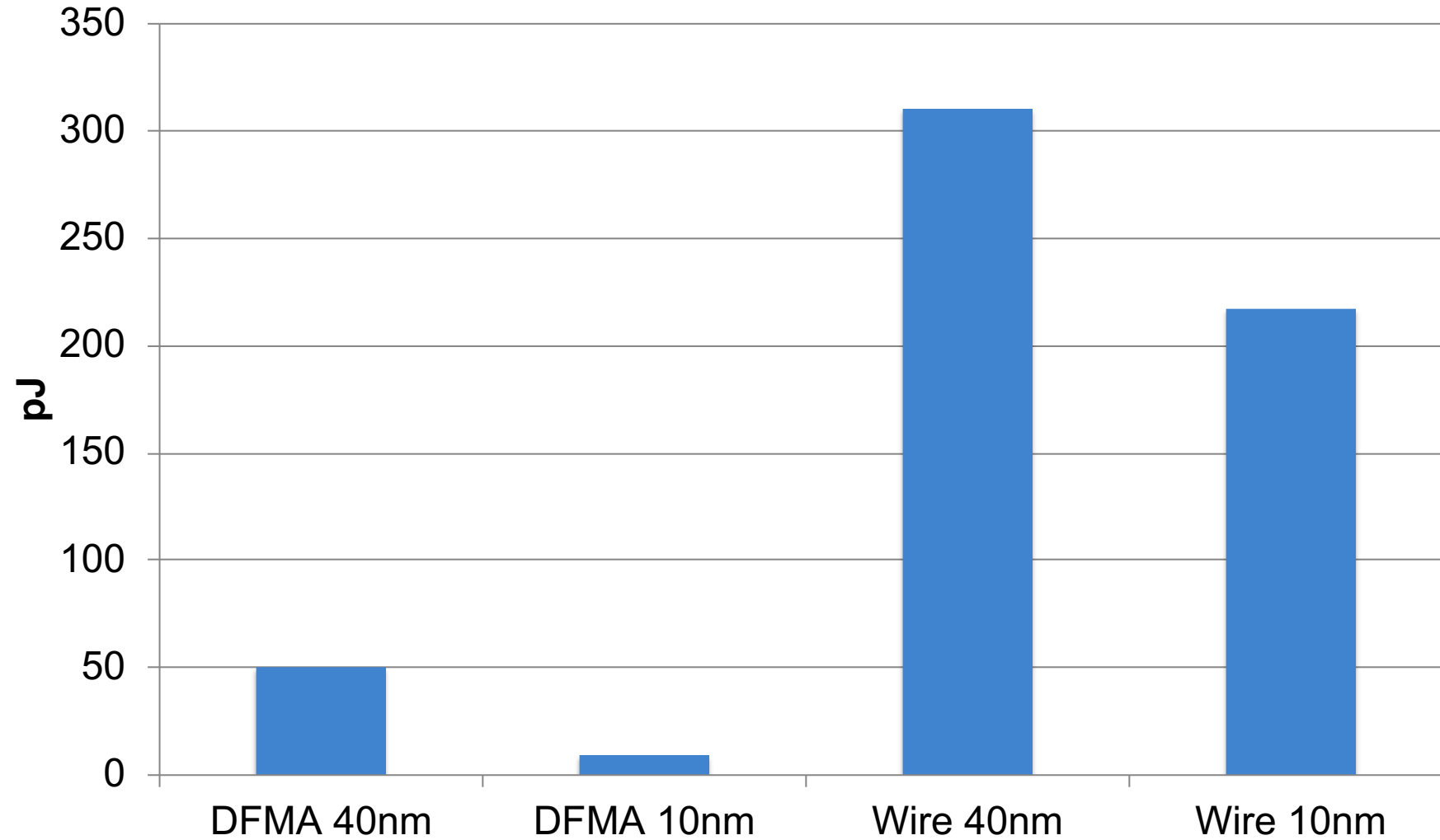
Energy numbers are from Mark Horowitz "Computing's Energy Problem (and what we can do about it)", ISSCC 2014

Area numbers are from synthesized result using Design Compiler under TSMC 45nm tech node. FP units used DesignWare Library.

Communication is Expensive, Be Small, Be Local



Scaling of Communication

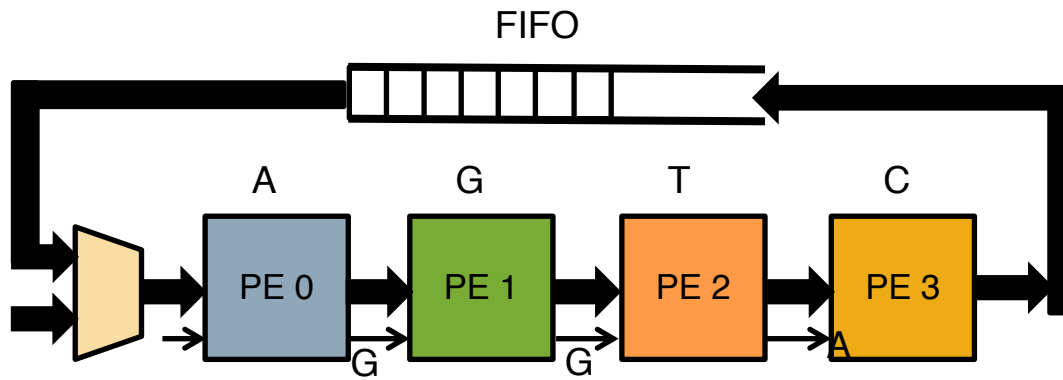


Most Speedup Comes from Parallelism

Enabled by Specialization

Inner-Loop Parallelism

Systolic Array to Compute DP Matrix

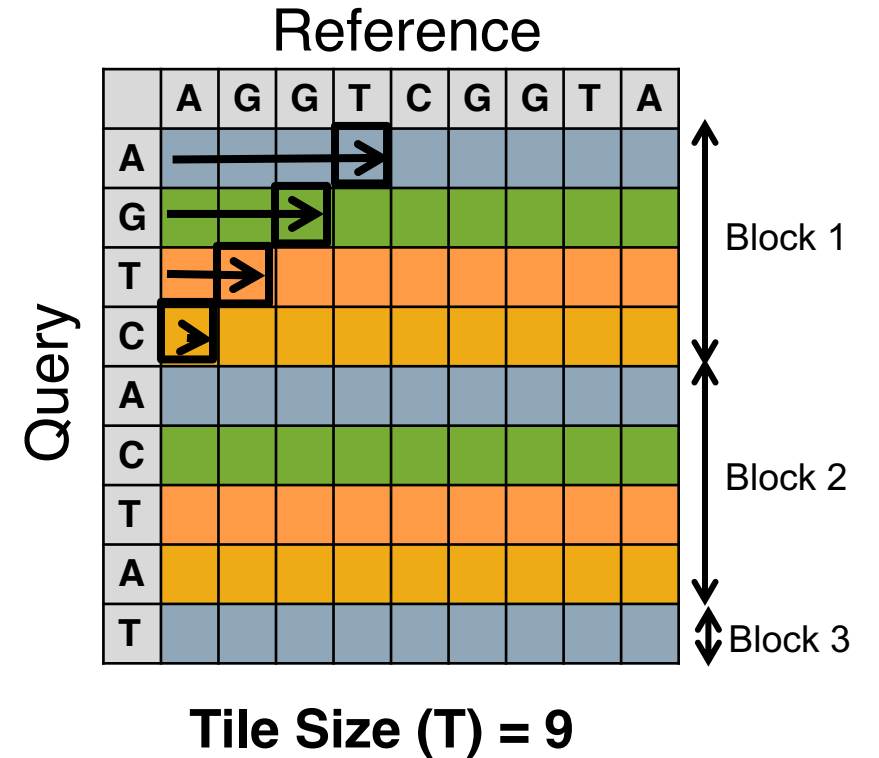


Darwin has 64 PEs per array

Communication: One-Way Nearest Neighbor

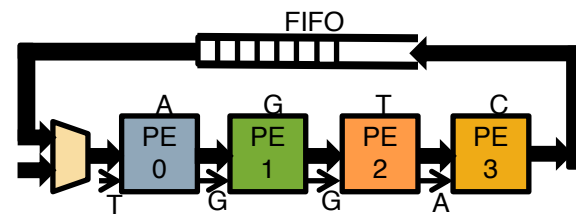
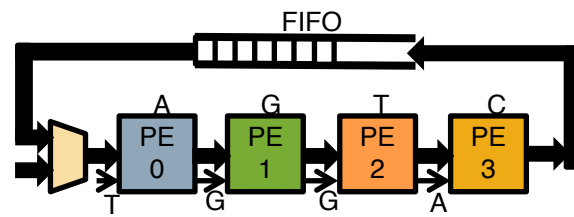
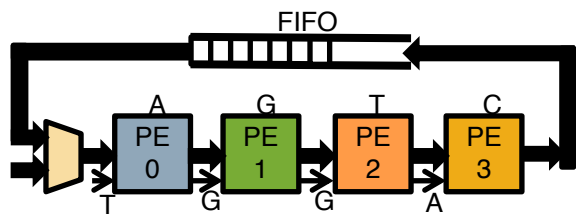
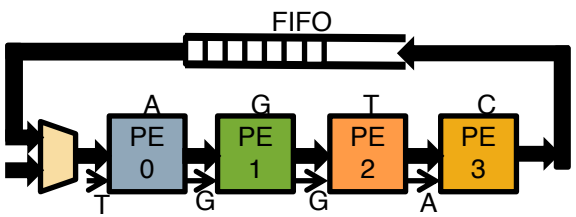
Synchronization: Lockstep

Memory: Store Traceback Pointer



Outer-Loop Parallelism

Compute Many DP Arrays at Once



	A	G	G	T	C	G	G	T	A
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Darwin has 64 arrays

Comm & Sync – Master/Slave

Memory – Distribute problems – Read back traceback

Speedup for GACT

- Specialization 37x
 - Inner-Loop Parallelism 63x
 - Outer-Loop Parallelism 64x
 - Total ~ 150,000x
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- Darwin speedup is 15,000x because filtering doesn't speed up as much as alignment.

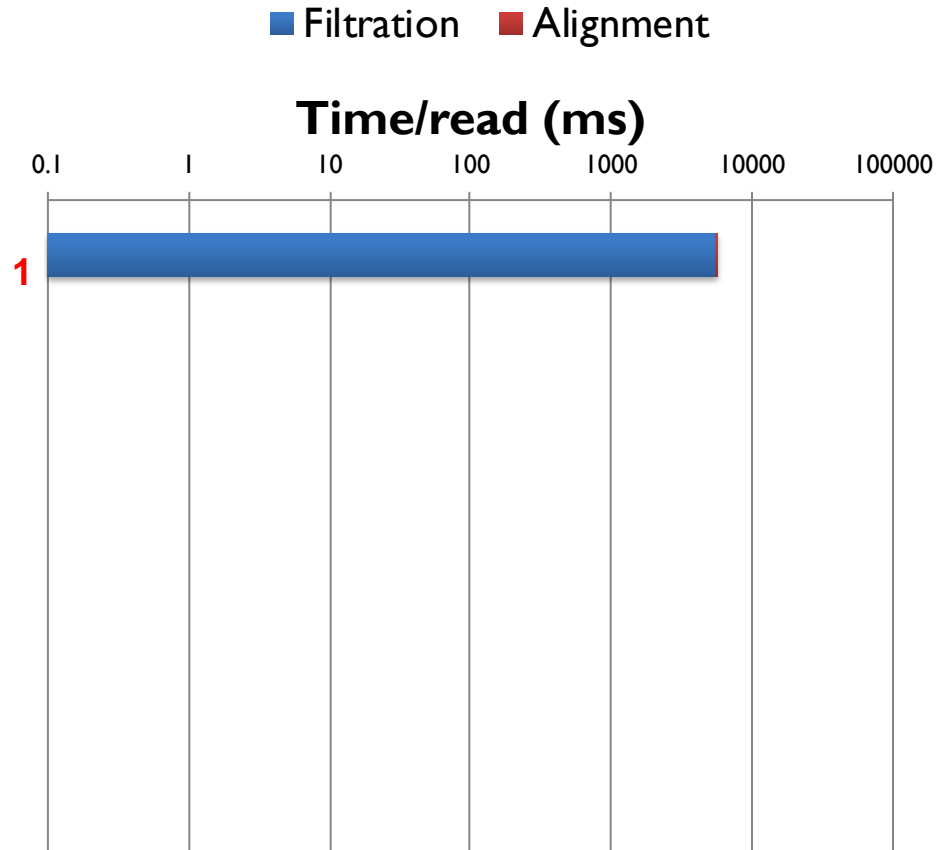
Specialization Provides Efficiency

Parallelism Converts Efficiency to Speedup

The Algorithm often Has to Change

Algorithm-Architecture Co-Design for Darwin

Start with Graphmap



1. Graphmap (software)

Graphmap

~10K seeds
~440M hits

Filtration

~3 hits

Alignment

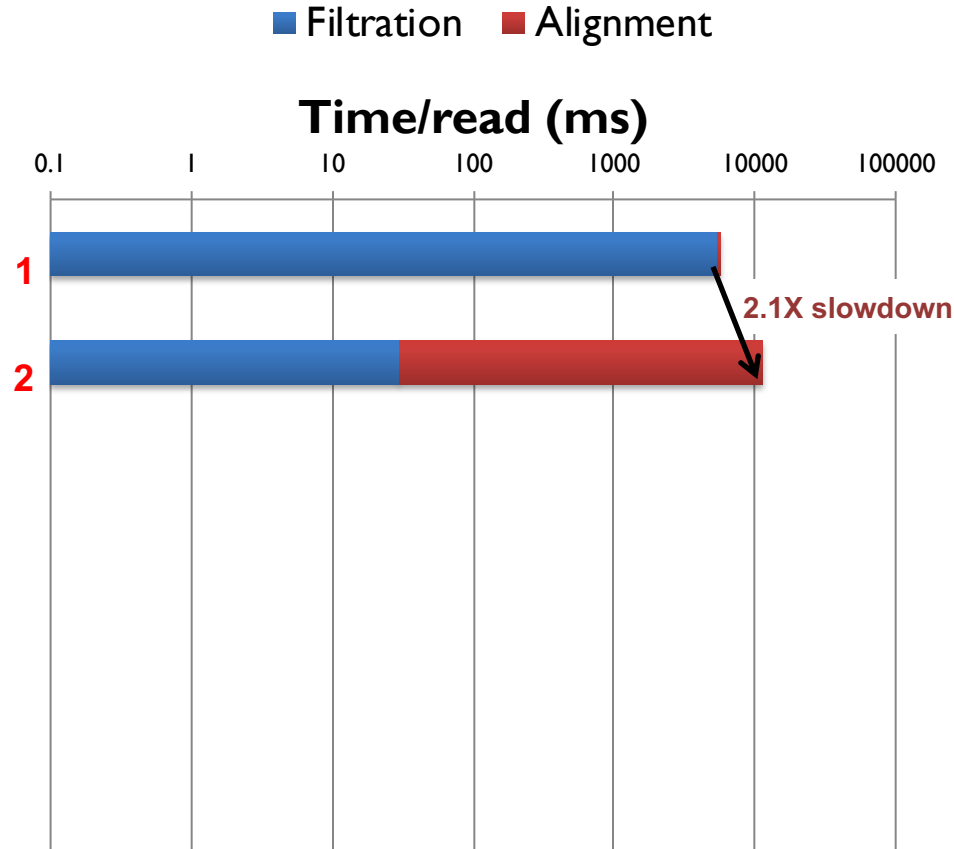
~1 hits

Yatish Turakhia, Gill Bejerano, and William J. Dally. "Darwin: A Genomics Co-processor Provides up to 15,000 X Acceleration on Long Read Assembly." ASPLOS 2018.

Algorithm-Architecture Co-Design for Darwin

Replace Graphmap with Hardware-Friendly Algorithms

Speed up Filtering by 100x, but 2.1x Slowdown Overall



1. Graphmap (software)
2. Replace by D-SOFT and GACT (software)

Graphmap

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~440M hits

Filtration

~3 hits

Alignment

~1 hits

Darwin

~2K seeds
~1M hits

Filtration
(D-SOFT)

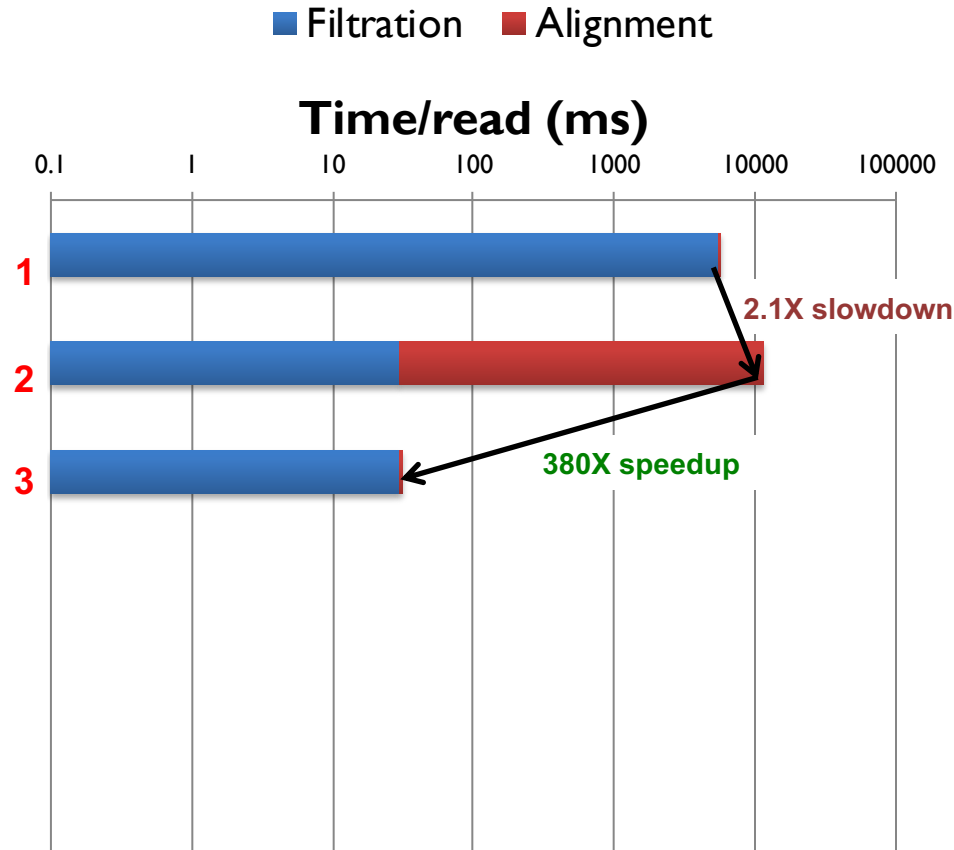
~1680 hits

Alignment
(GACT)

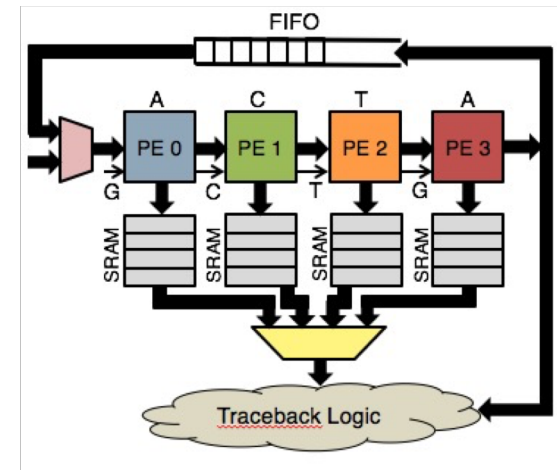
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Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

Accelerate Alignment – 380x Speedup

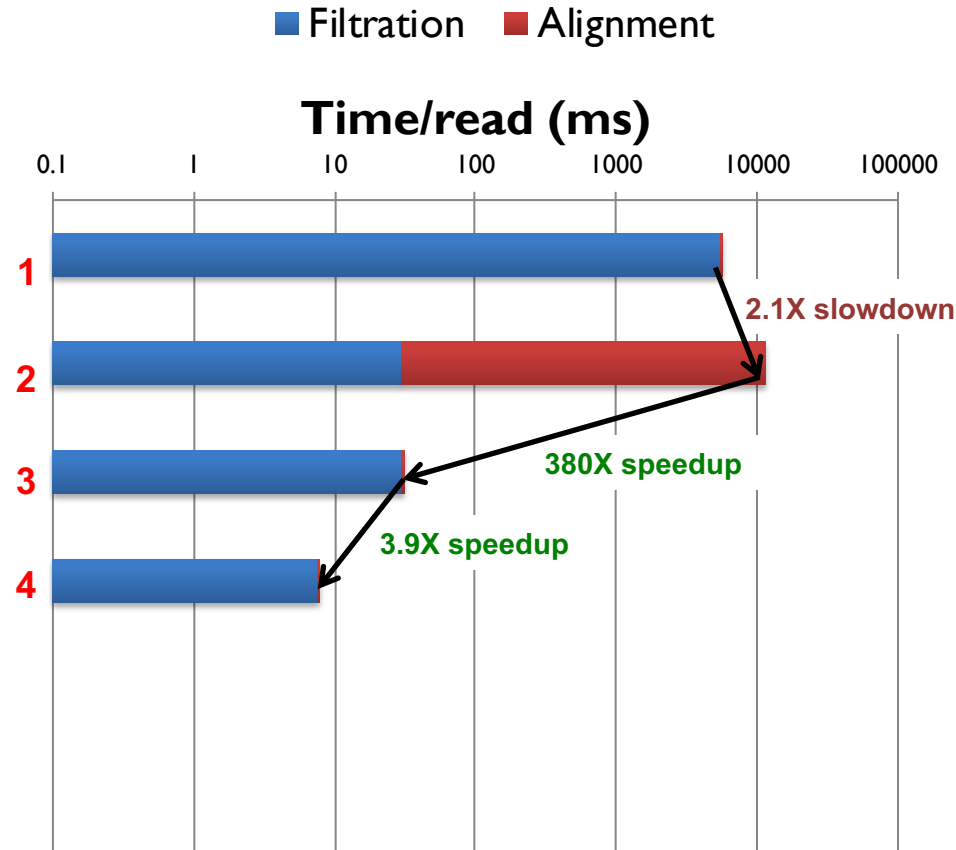


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3. GACT hardware-acceleration

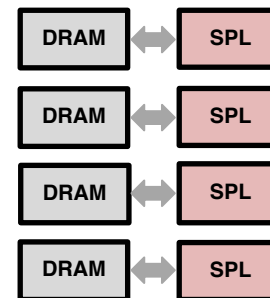


Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

4x Memory Parallelism – 3.9x Speedup

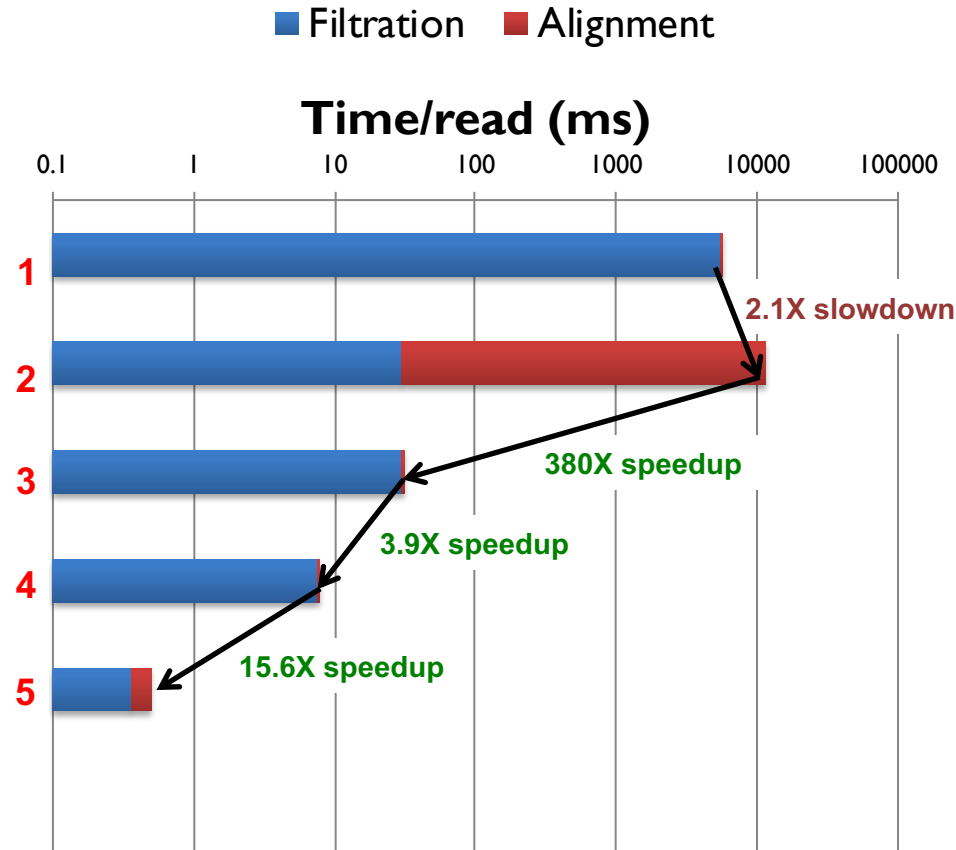


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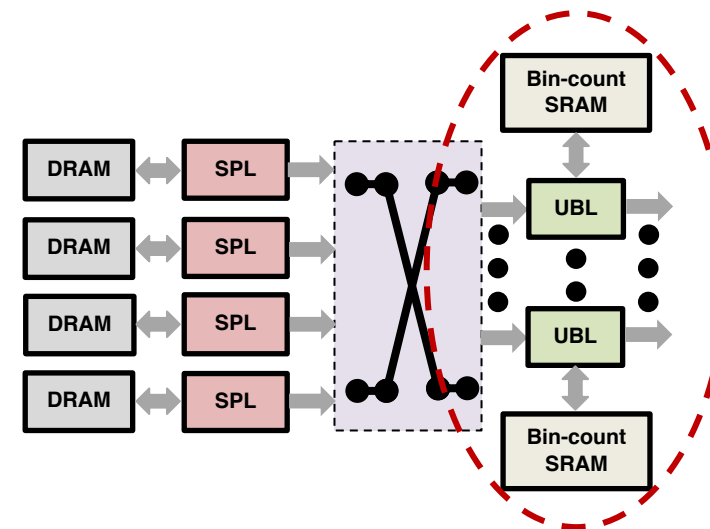


Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

Specialized Memory for D-Soft Bin Updates – 15.6x Speedup

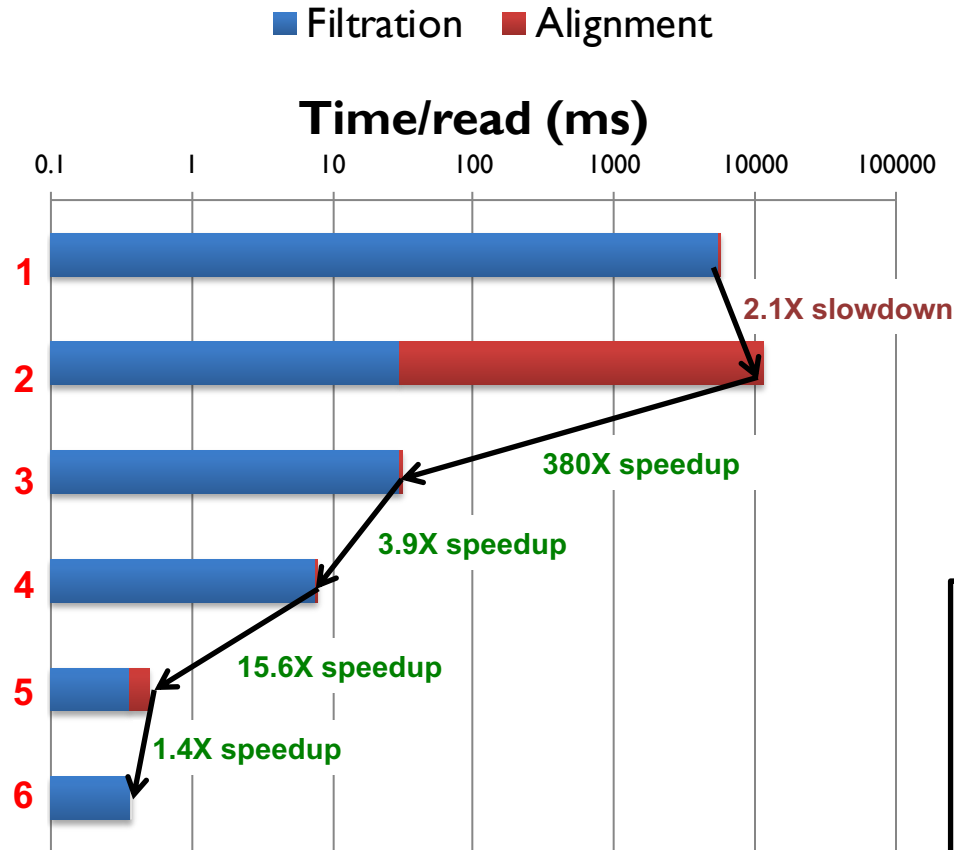


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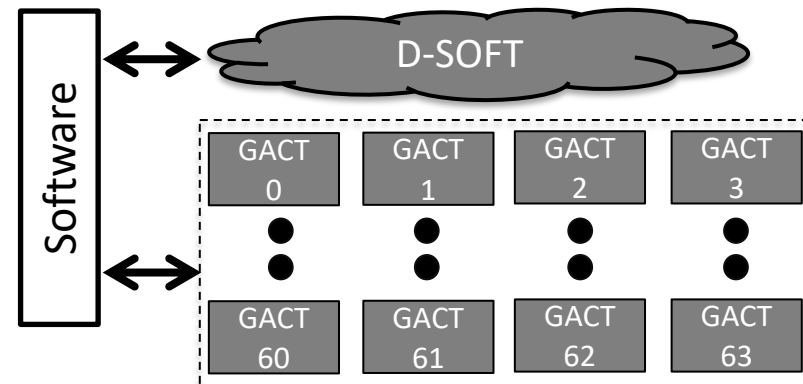


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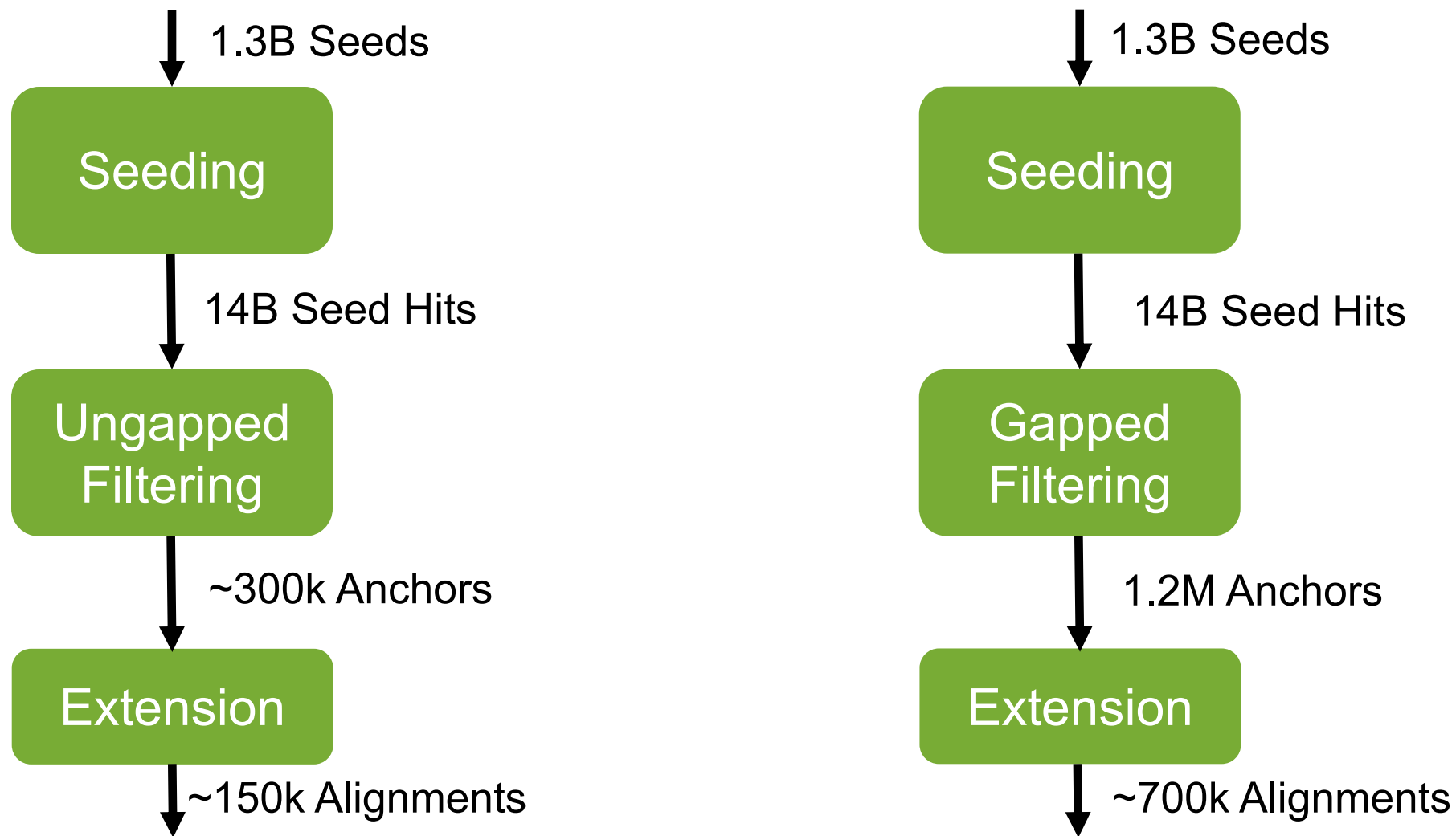
Pipeline D-Soft and GACT – now completely D-Soft limited – 1.4x
Overall 15,000x



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6. Pipeline D-SOFT and GACT



Algorithm and Hardware Co-Design for Darwin-WGA



Memory Dominates

Memory dominates power and area

Darwin: ASIC overview

Darwin

		Configuration	Area (mm ²) (40nm TSMC)	Power (W) (40nm TSMC)
GACT	Logic	64 x (64PE array)	17.6	1.04
	Memory	64 x (64PE x 2KB/PE)	68.0	3.36
D-SOFT	Logic	2xSPL + NoC + 16xUBL	6.2	0.41
	Bin-count SRAM	16 banks x 4MB/bank	300.8	7.84
	NZ-bin SRAM	16 x 256KB	19.5	0.96
DRAM	LPDDR4-2400	4 x 32GB	-	1.64
TOTAL			412.1	15.25

Power and Area dominated by memory

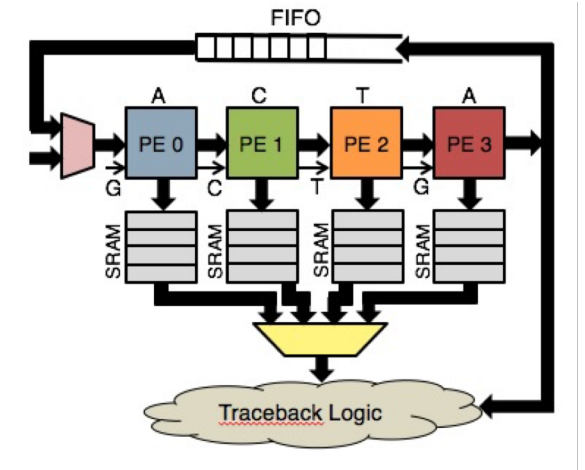
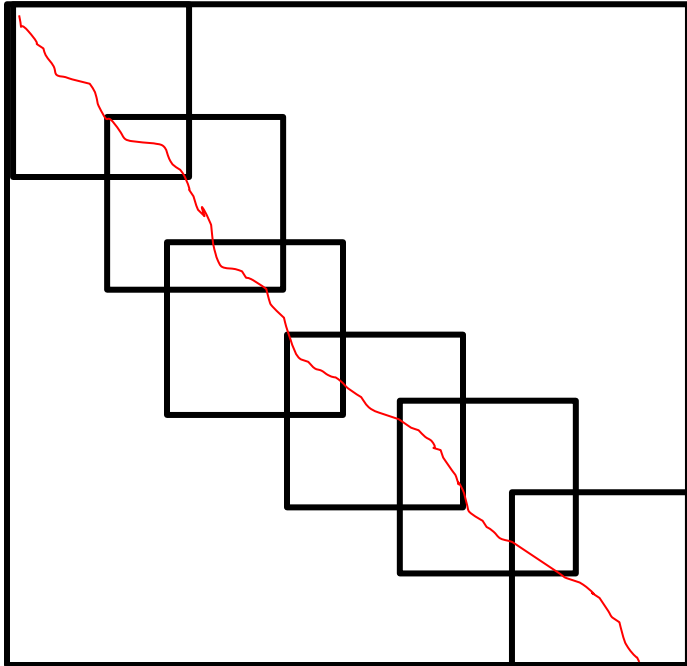
GACT: 79% Area, 76% Power

D-SOFT: 98% Area, 96% Power

**Algorithms must be optimized to use memory
efficiently**

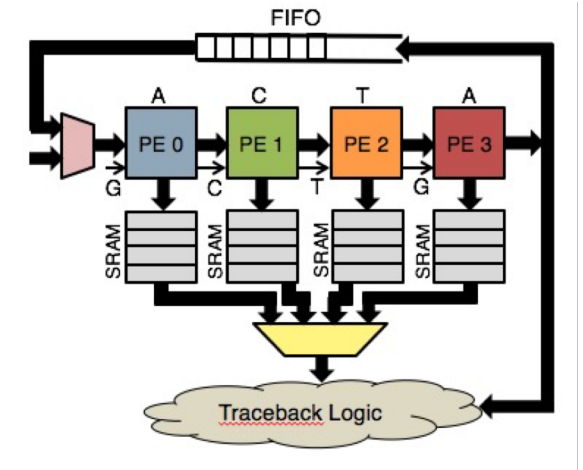
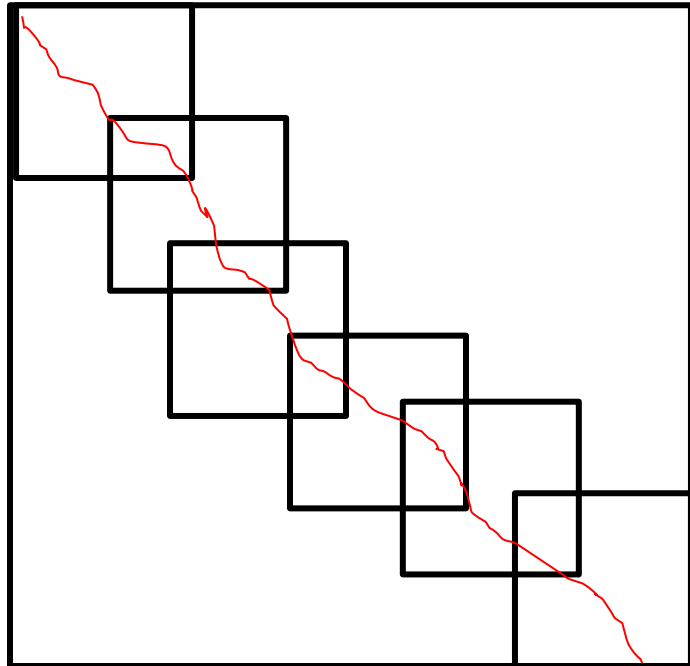
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Darwin GACT hardware

4k PEs - 64 PEs per Array x 64 Arrays

~50 operations per cycle per PE

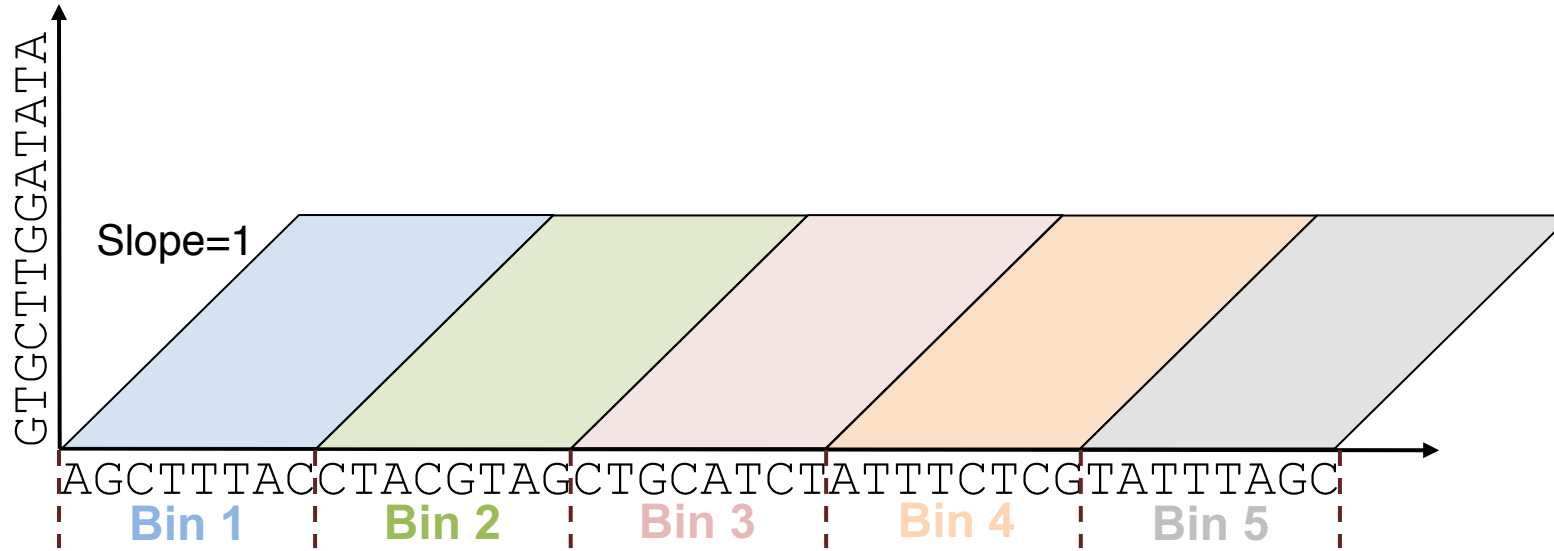
200k operations per cycle

Specialized memory

150,000x speedup vs CPU

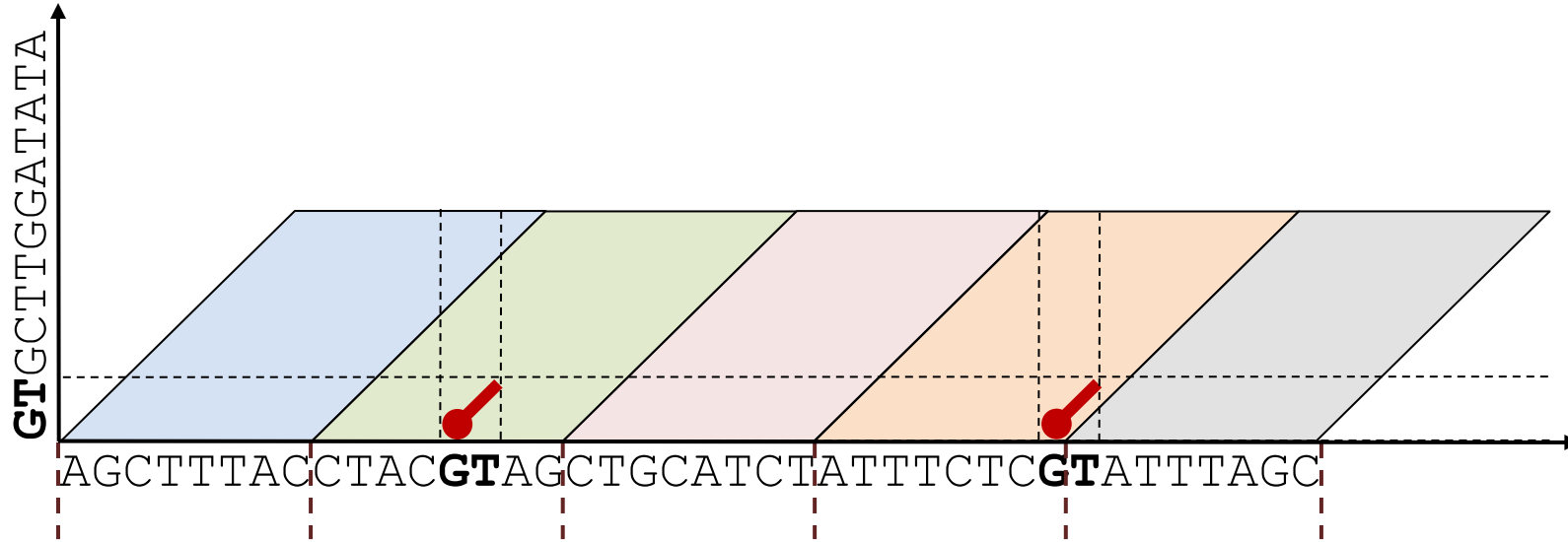
On-Chip Memory
Cost per Bit is 10-100x Commodity DRAM
And It's Often Less Expensive

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
0	-inf
0	-inf
0	-inf
0	-inf
0	-inf

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



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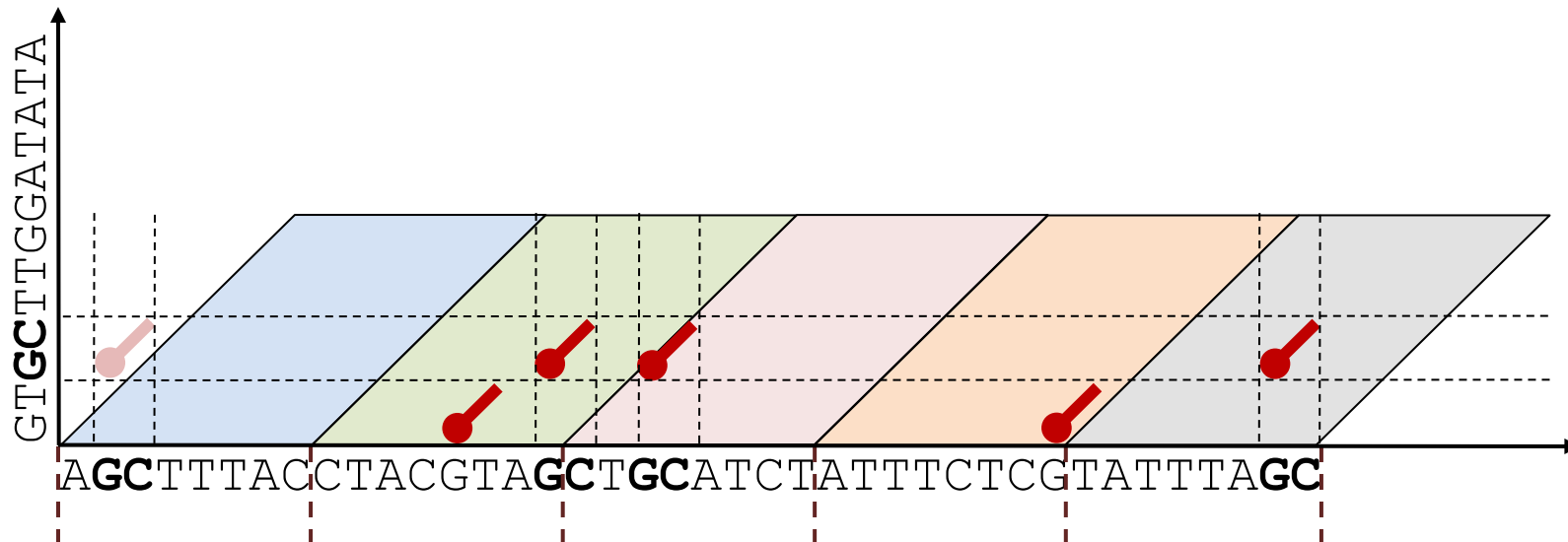
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Position Table

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21	12
22	31
23	5
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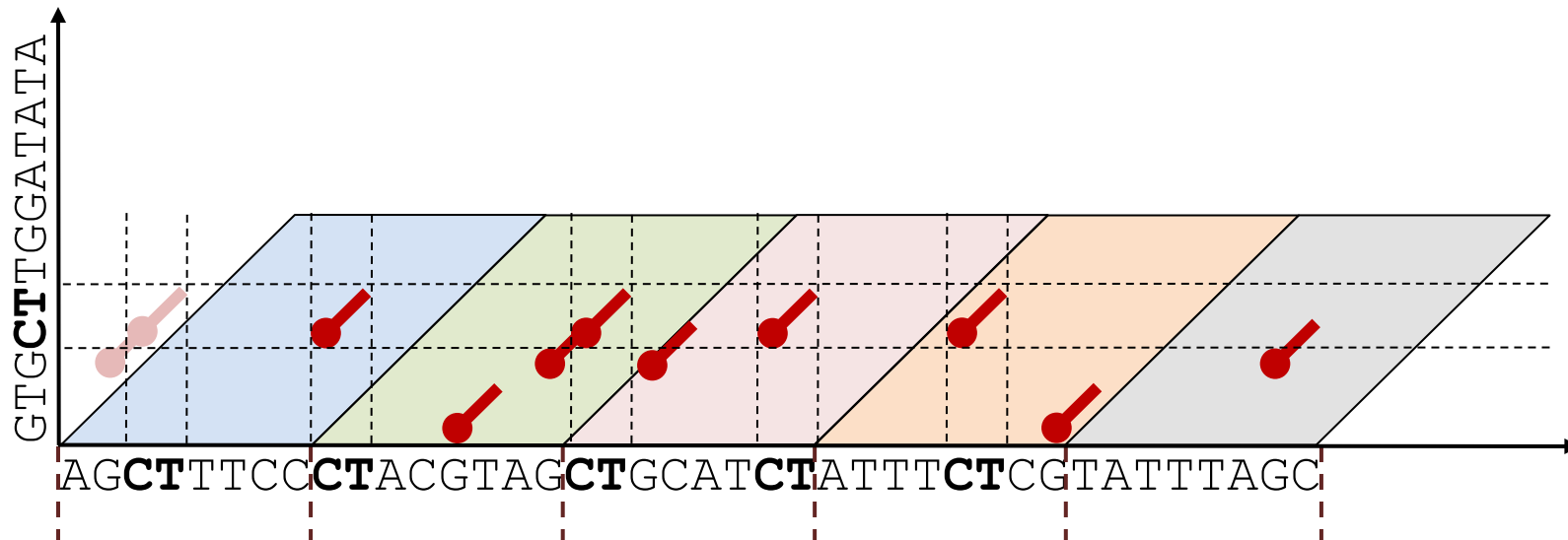
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Position Table

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17	1
18	15
19	18
20	38
21	.
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Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
0	-inf
4	2
2	2
2	0
2	2

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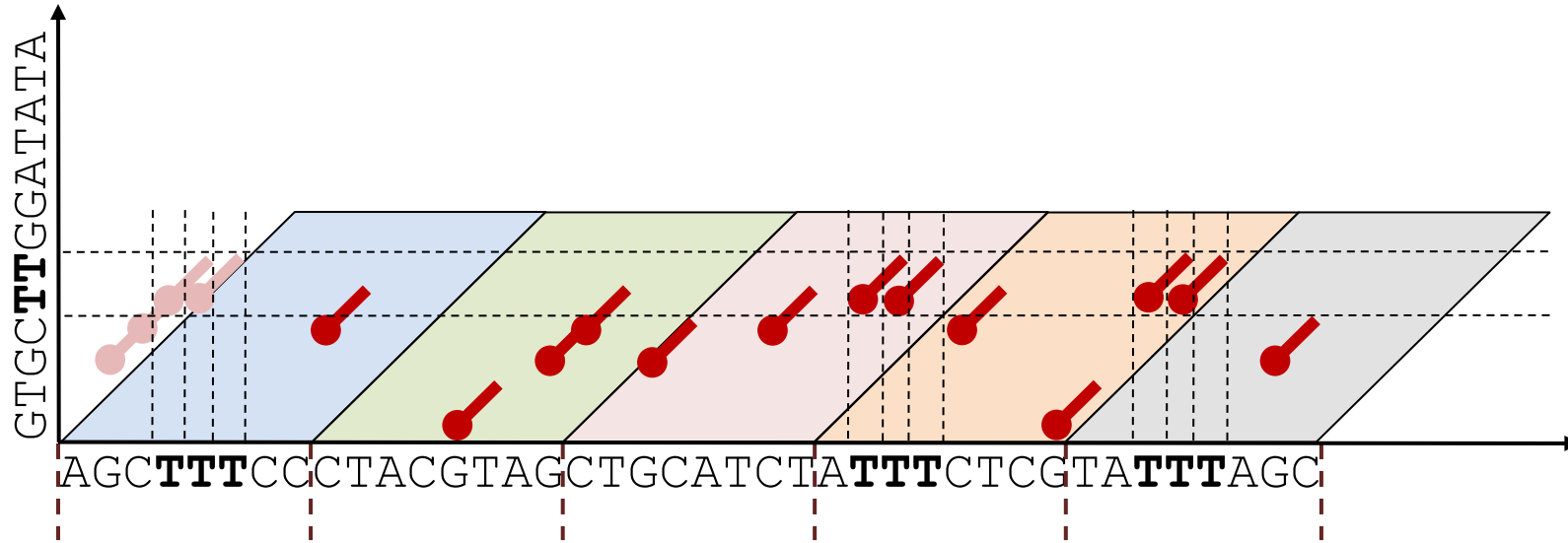
Position Table

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12	2
13	8
14	16
15	22
16	28
17	1
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Bin count (bases) Last hit offset

2	3
5	3
3	3
4	3
2	2

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



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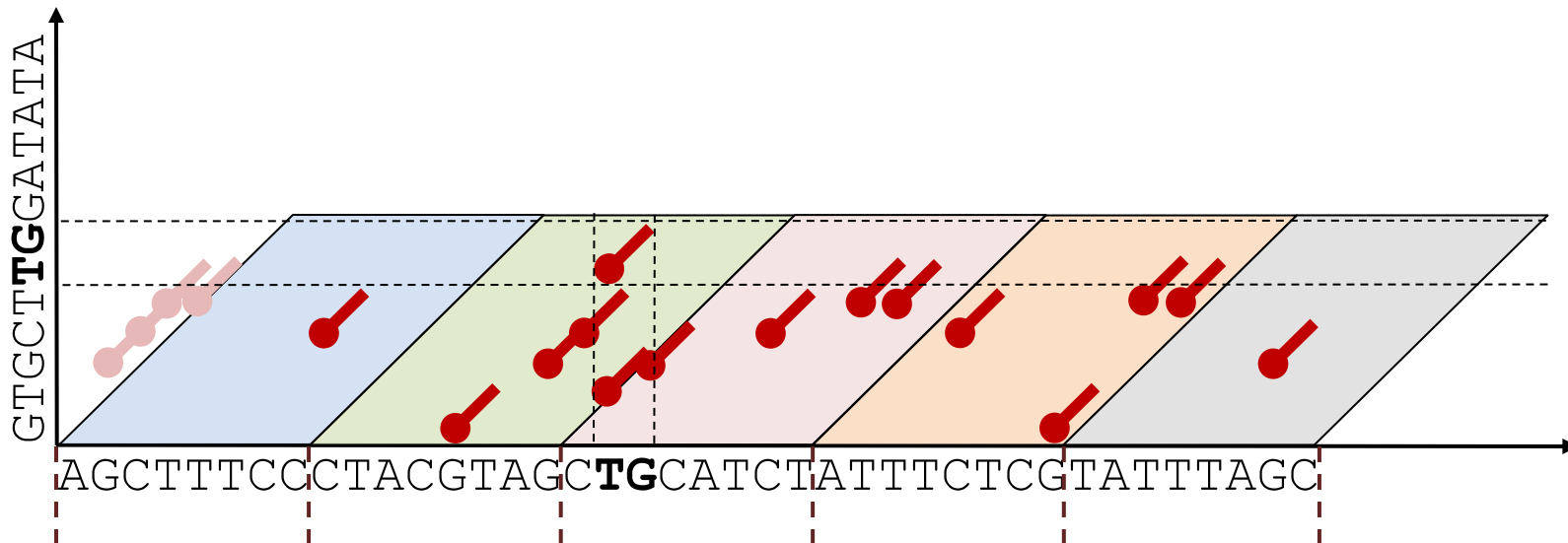
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TT	39

Position Table

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33	3
34	4
35	25
36	26
37	34
38	35

Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
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5	3
4	4
5	4
2	2

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



Pointer Table

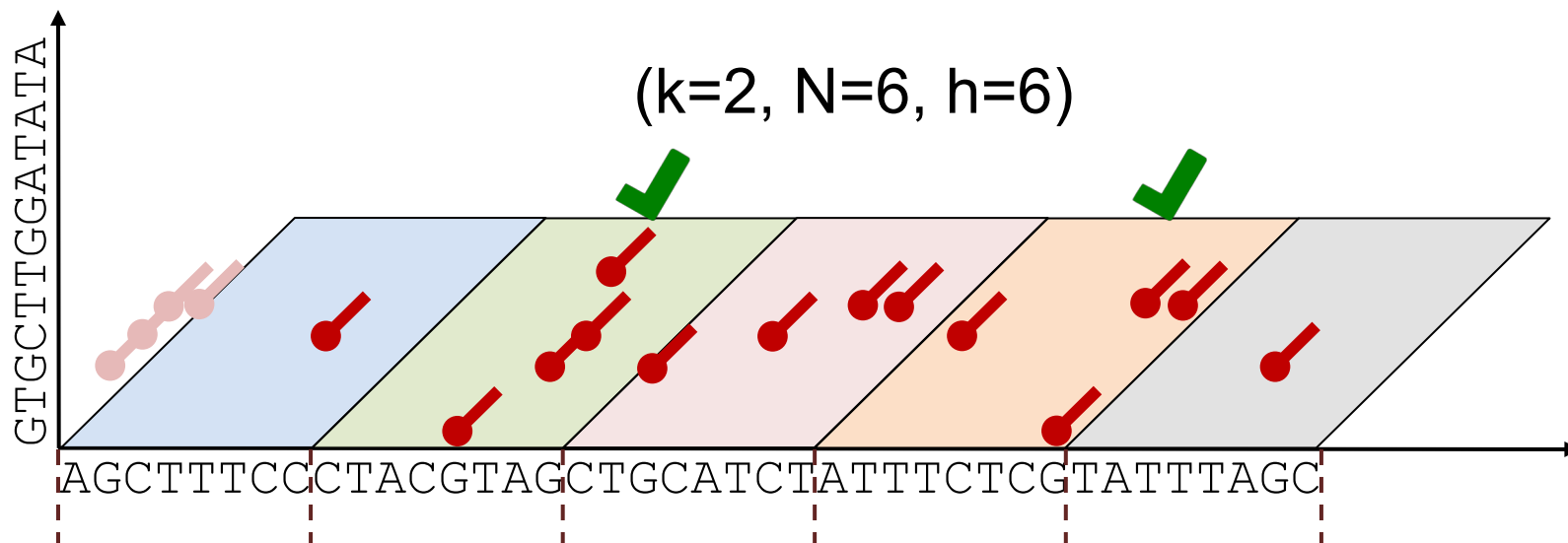
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TC	32
TG	33
TT	39

Position Table

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32	17
33	3
34	4
.	.
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Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
2	3
7	5
4	4
5	4
2	2

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Parameters:

k: seed size

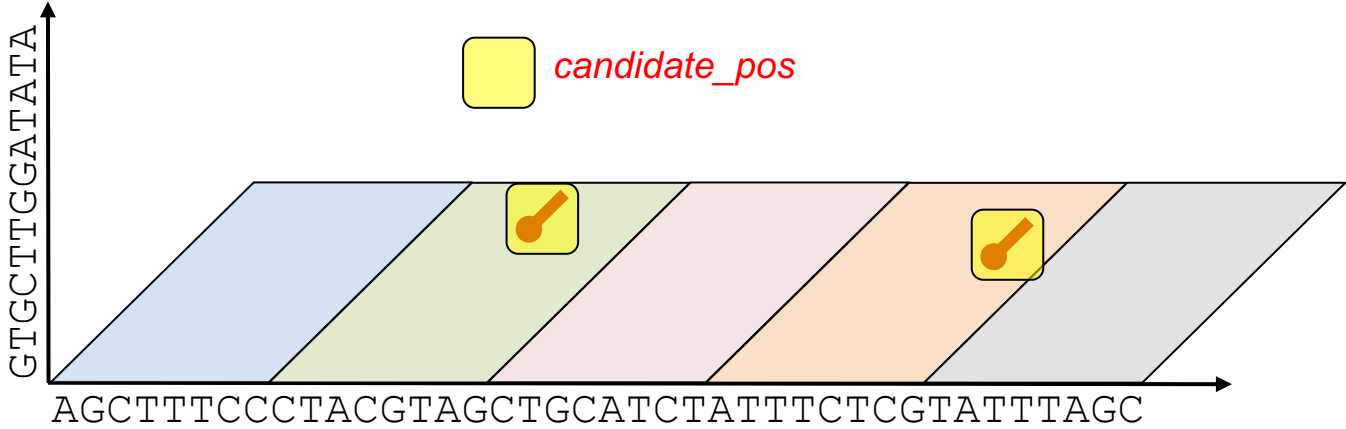
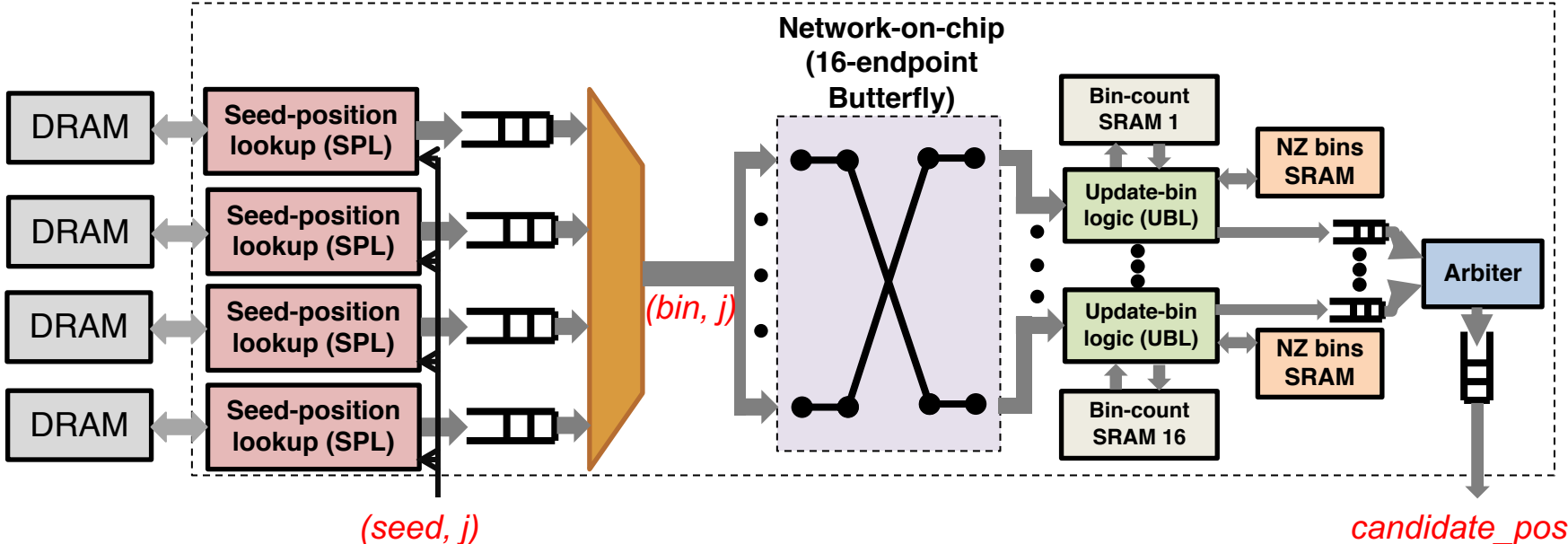
N: number of seeds

h: threshold on non-overlapping bases

B: bin size (number of bases, fixed to 128)

	Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
	2	3
✓	7	5
	4	4
✓	5	4
	2	2

D-SOFT: Hardware-acceleration



Cost has a Time Component

$$C = T(B_1N_1 + B_2N_2 + \dots + P)$$

	T	B ₁	N ₁	B ₂	N ₂	C
Darwin Filter	1	100	64M	1	128G	134G
All DRAM	15.6			1	128G	1,997G

Platforms for Acceleration

GPUs Provide:

- High-Bandwidth, Hierarchical **Memory** System
 - Can be configured to match application
- Programmable **Control** and **Operand Delivery**
- Simple places to bolt on **Domain-Specific Hardware**
 - As instructions or memory clients

Volta V100

21B xtors | TSMC 12nm FFN | 815mm²

5,120 CUDA cores

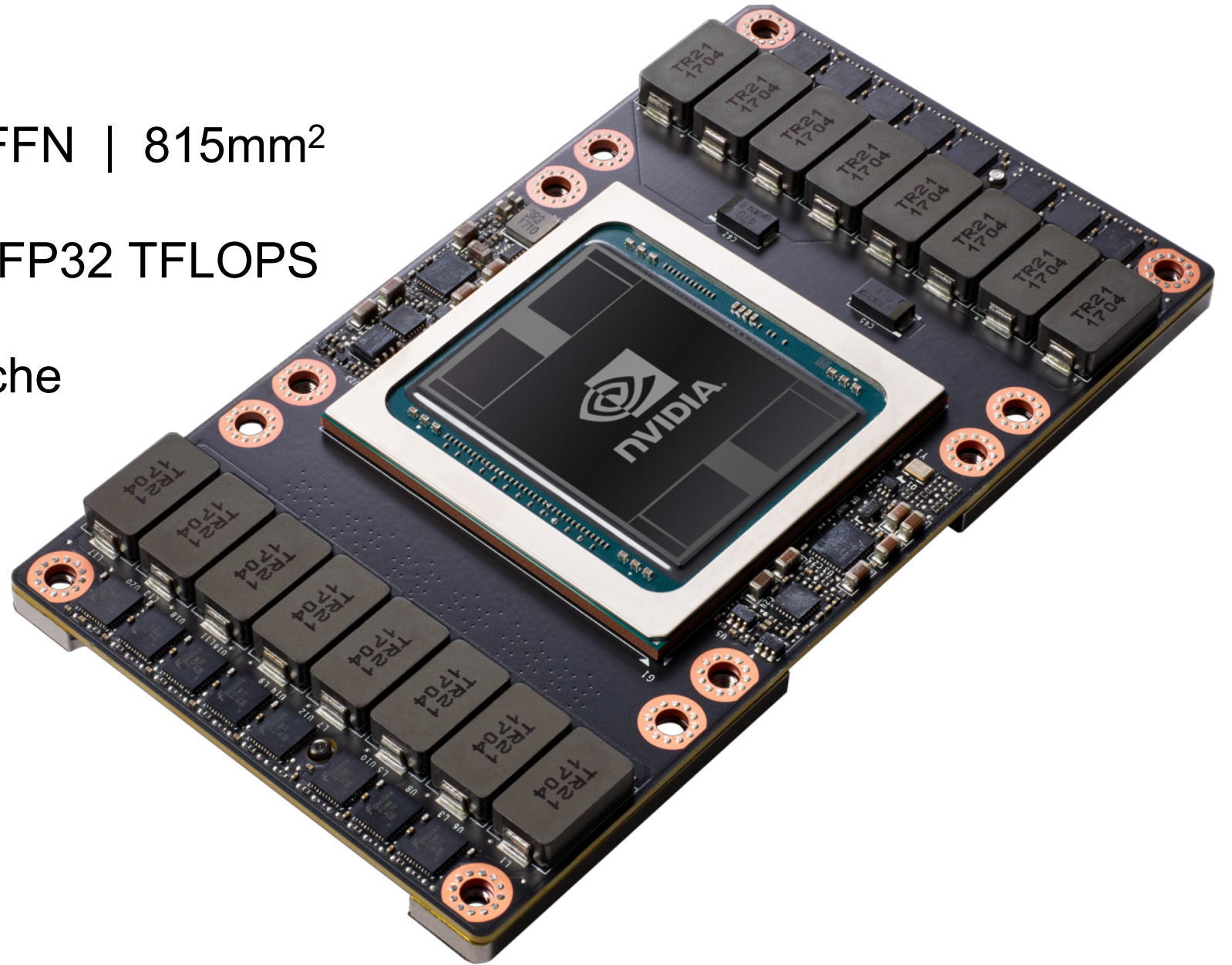
7.8 FP64 TFLOPS | 15.7 FP32 TFLOPS

125 Tensor TFLOPS

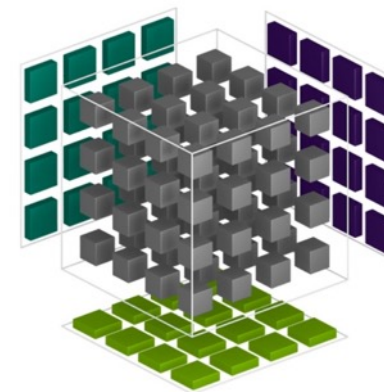
20MB SM RF | 16MB Cache

32GB HBM2 @ 900 GB/s

300 GB/s NVLink



Tensor Core



$$D = \begin{pmatrix} A_{0,0} & A_{0,1} & A_{0,2} & A_{0,3} \\ A_{1,0} & A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & A_{1,3} \\ A_{2,0} & A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} & A_{2,3} \\ A_{3,0} & A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} & A_{3,3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,0} & B_{0,1} & B_{0,2} & B_{0,3} \\ B_{1,0} & B_{1,1} & B_{1,2} & B_{1,3} \\ B_{2,0} & B_{2,1} & B_{2,2} & B_{2,3} \\ B_{3,0} & B_{3,1} & B_{3,2} & B_{3,3} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_{0,0} & C_{0,1} & C_{0,2} & C_{0,3} \\ C_{1,0} & C_{1,1} & C_{1,2} & C_{1,3} \\ C_{2,0} & C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} & C_{2,3} \\ C_{3,0} & C_{3,1} & C_{3,2} & C_{3,3} \end{pmatrix}$$

FP16 FP16 FP16 or FP32

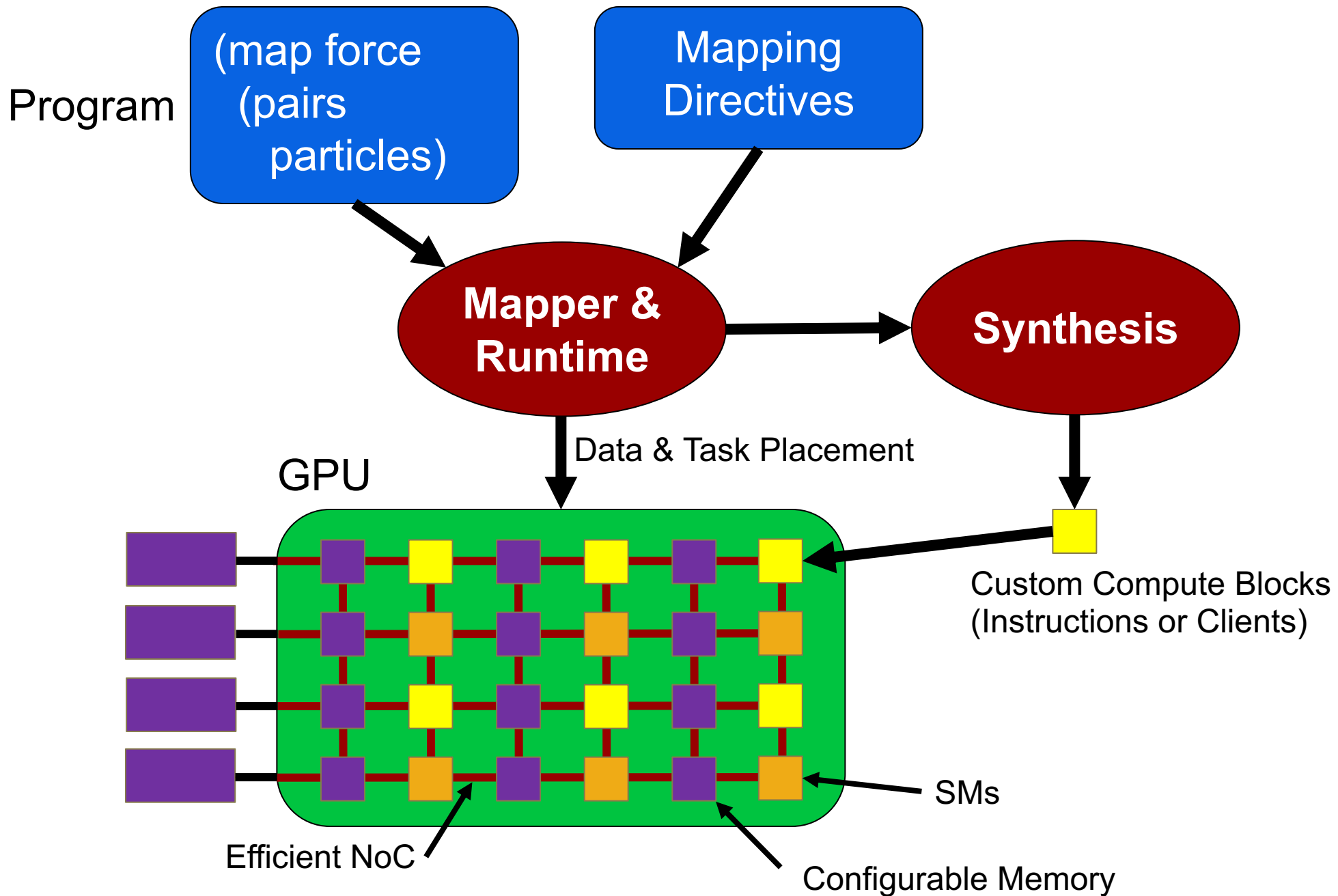
$$D = AB + C$$

Specialized Instructions Amortize Overhead

Operation	Ops	Energy**	Overhead*
HFMA	2	1.5pJ	2000%
HDP4A	8	6.0pJ	500%
HMMA	128	110pJ	27%

*Overhead is instruction fetch, decode, and operand fetch – 30pJ

**Energy numbers from 45nm process



Toward a General Bio-Informatics Accelerator

- GPU Substrate

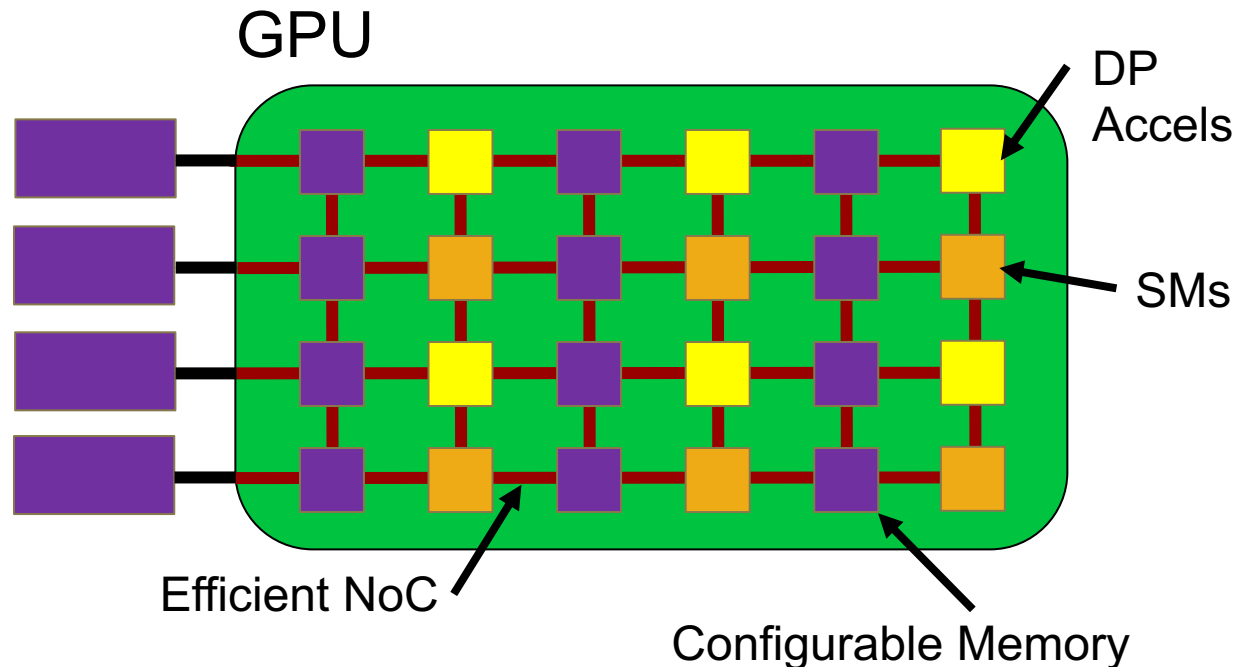
- Optimized memory subsystem for accessing seed tables
- SMs update bins in local memory for filtering

- General Dynamic Programming Accelerator

- Variable alphabet (bases, amino acids,...)
- Gapped or ungapped filtering or extension
- GACT-X
- Arbitrary cost function
- Supports genome graphs
- Subset of arrays have traceback memory

- Can do

- Reference-guided assembly
- De-novo assembly
- Whole genome alignment
- Multiple-sequence alignment
- Others...



Conclusion

Summary

- **Sequencing** technology is **scaling**, compute performance isn't
- Many **compelling problems** in bioinformatics
 - Phylogenomics
 - Driver mutation for cancer
 - Metagenomics
- Problems have **enormous complexity** (270 CPU years to solve birds)
- Specialized hardware is needed
 - **Specialization** provides **efficiency**
 - **parallelization** provides **performance**
 - **Memory** dominates
 - Algorithm/Hardware **co-design** required
- **GPUs** provide a **platform** for acceleration
 - Can support a **general bioinformatics accelerator**

