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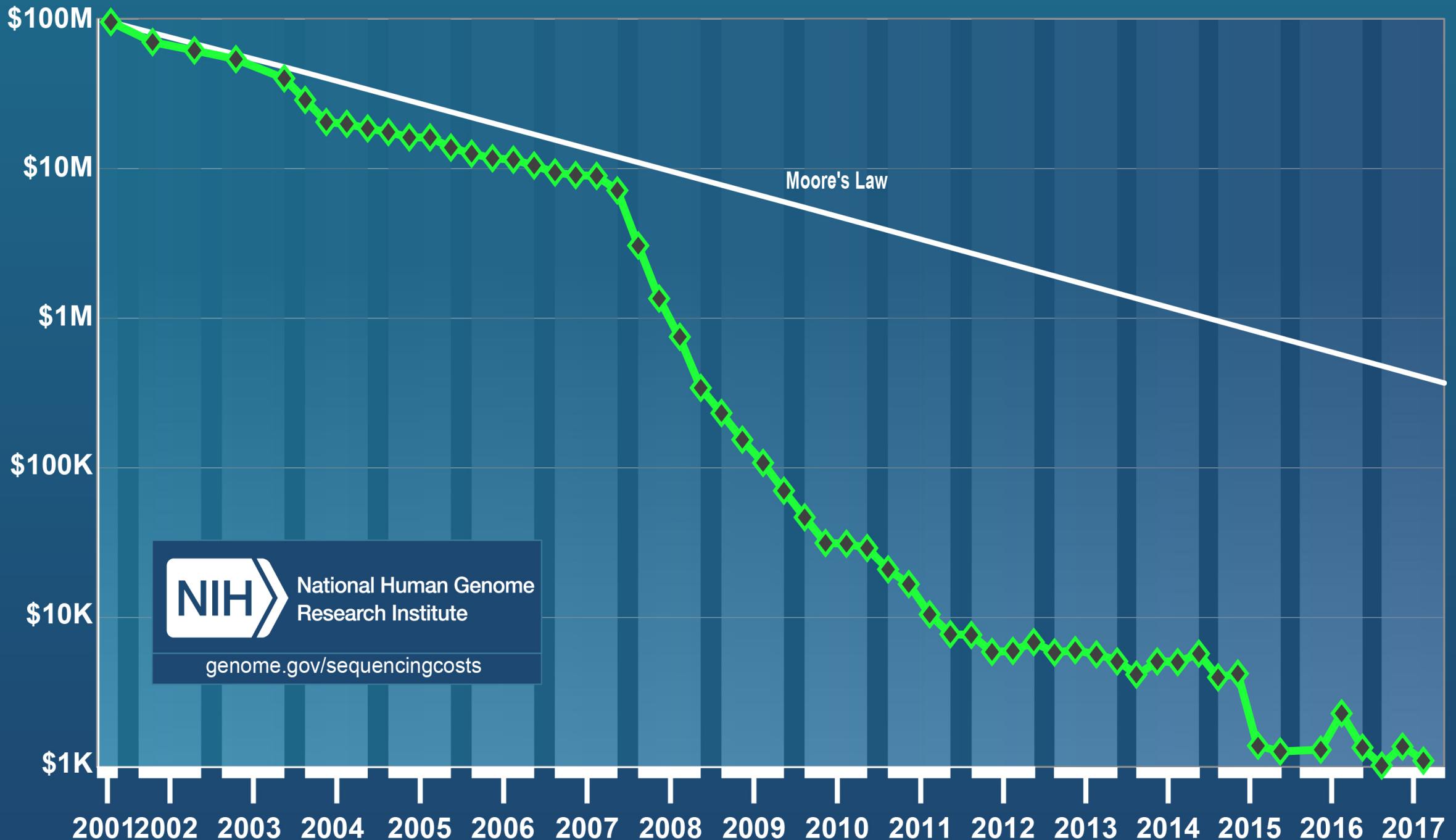
Hardware-Enabled Biology

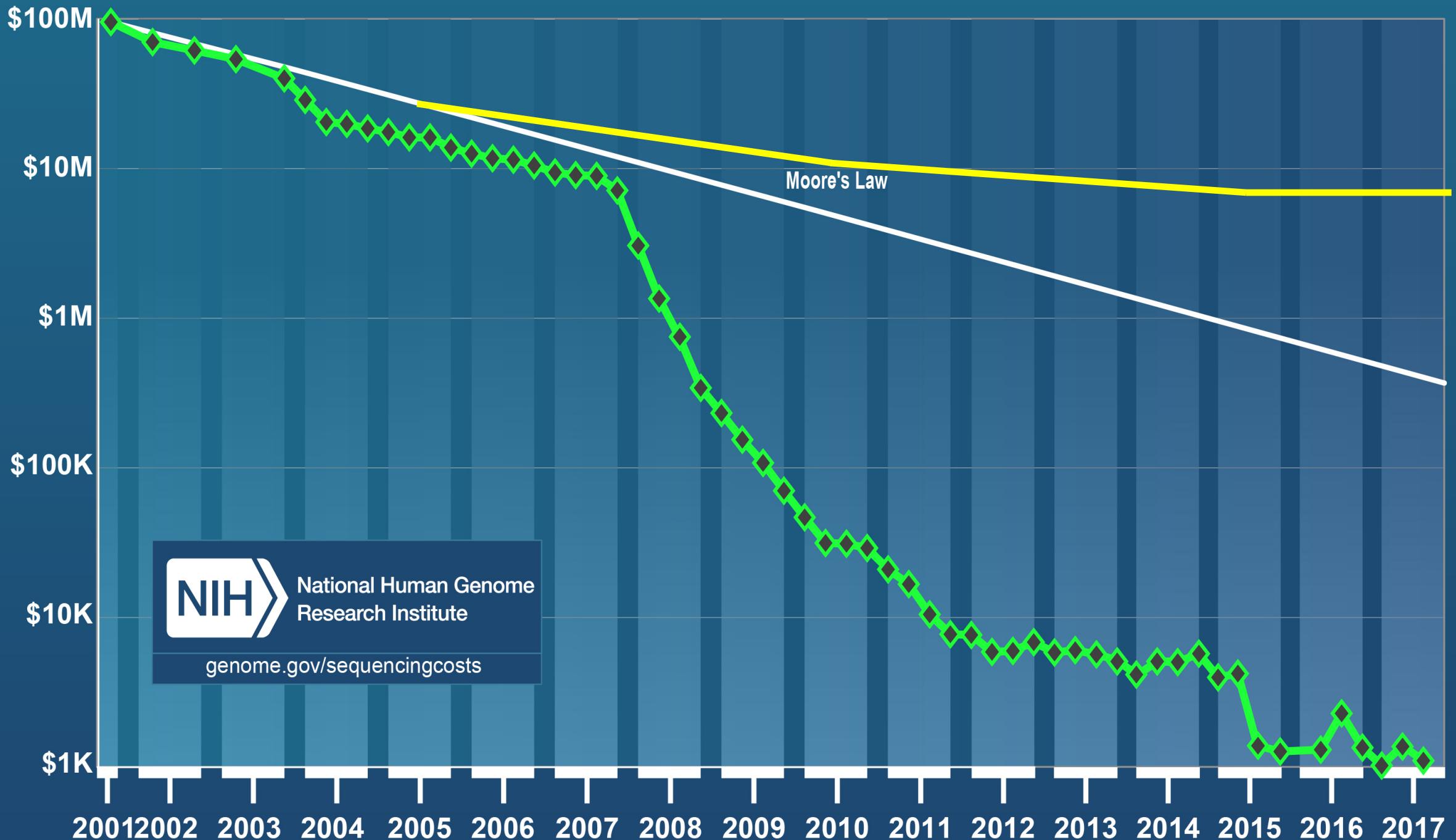
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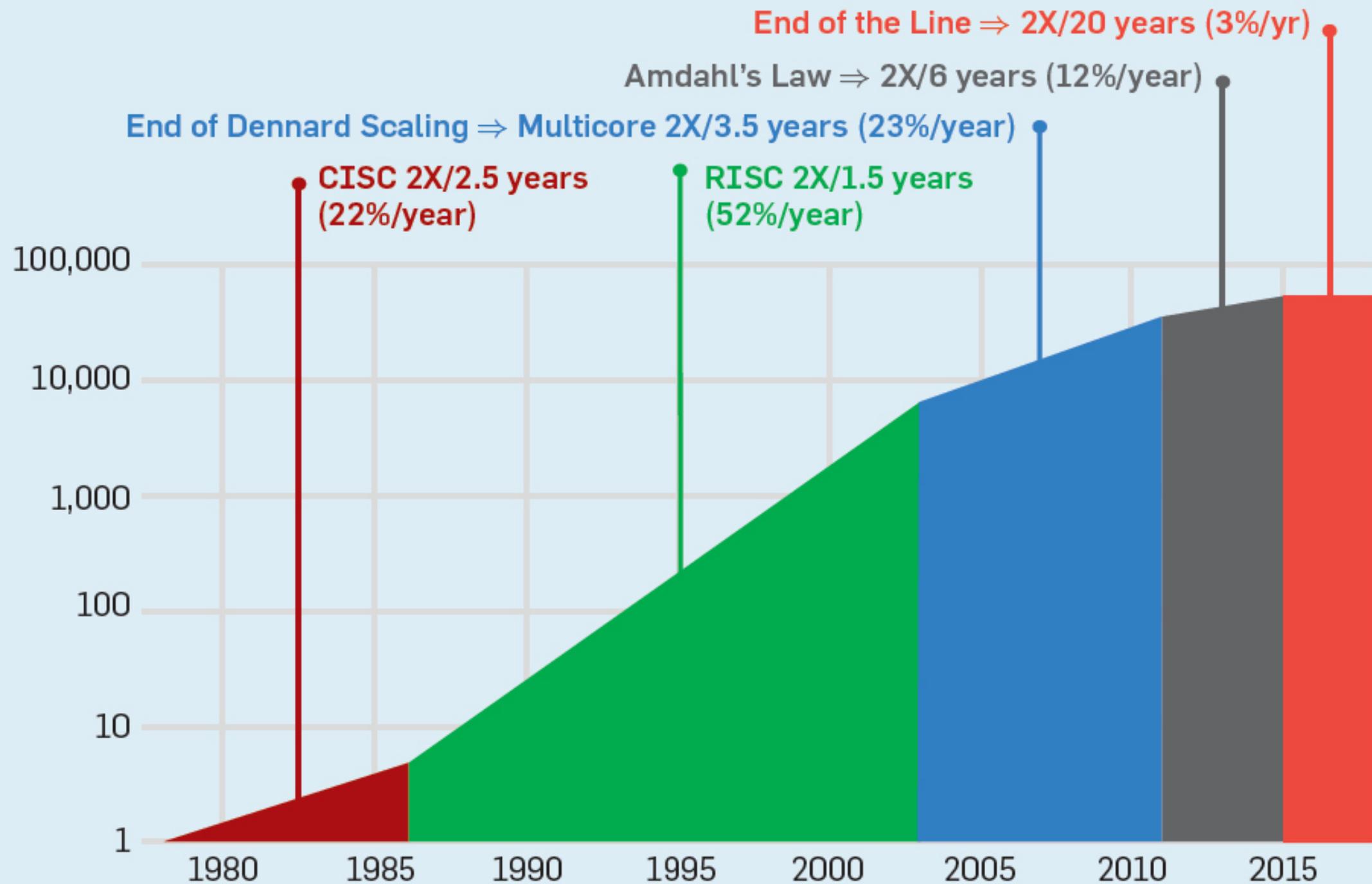
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Sequence Data is Growing Exponentially
Computation Isn't





Performance vs. VAX11-780



Cost To

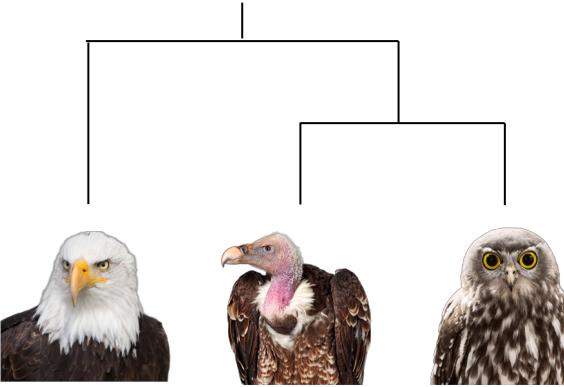
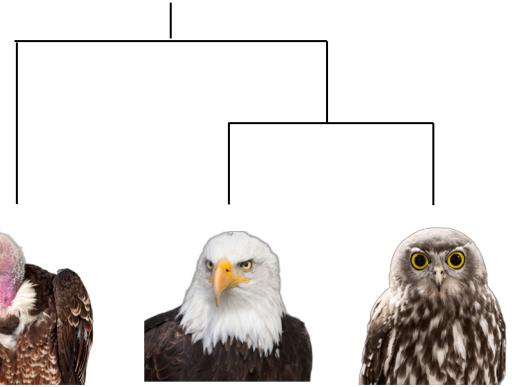
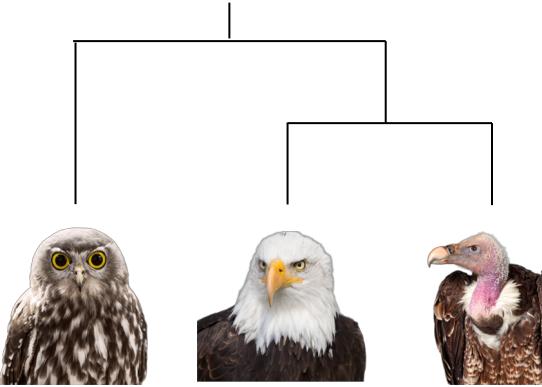
- Sequence a human genome - \$1k today (short reads, 30x coverage)
 - \$3k for long reads (10x coverage)
 - \$100 soon
- Perform reference-based assembly of it - \$15 (short reads)
- Perform de-novo assembly of it - \$10k (long reads)

**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



3 possible trees
for 3 bird species

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

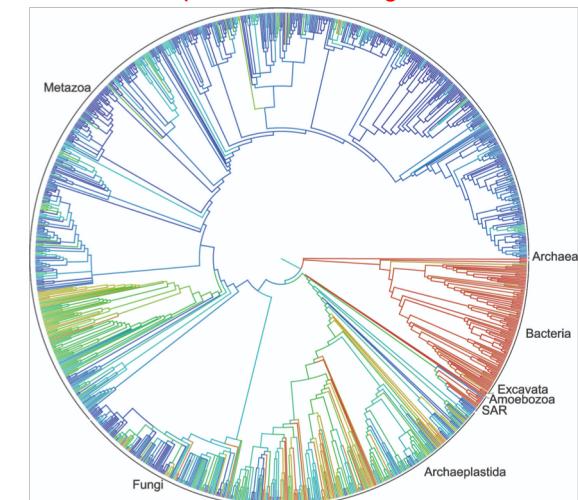
270 CPU years required for solving the topology of 48 birds [Jarvis et al, Science 2014]

Open questions

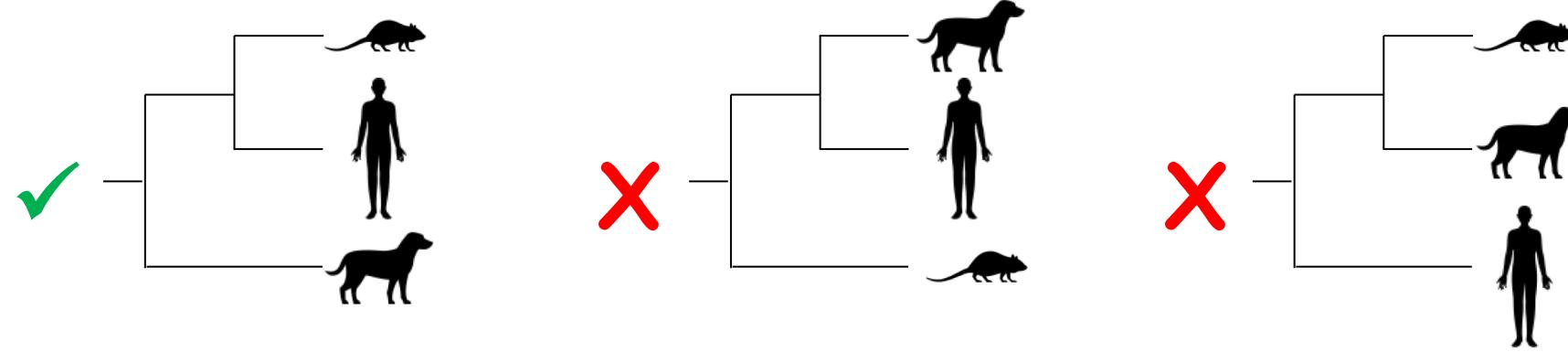
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2. What is the best method to infer this tree from genomes?

Extant Tree of life has 2.3 million species!

OpenTreeOfLife.org



Phylogenomics: Inferring phylogenetic relationships from genomes



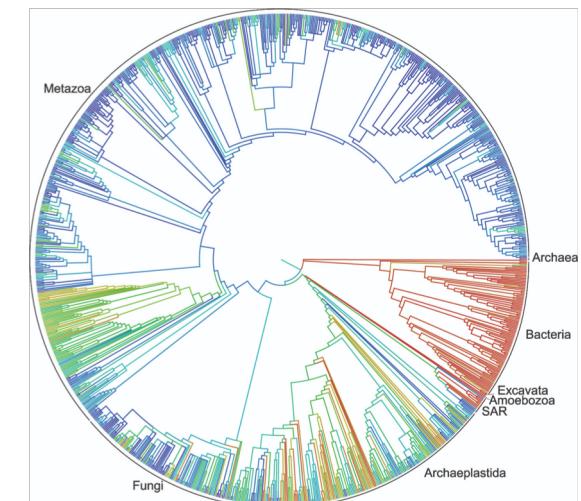
This topology was “resolved” only in 2007 [Cannarozzi et al] with the help genomic data

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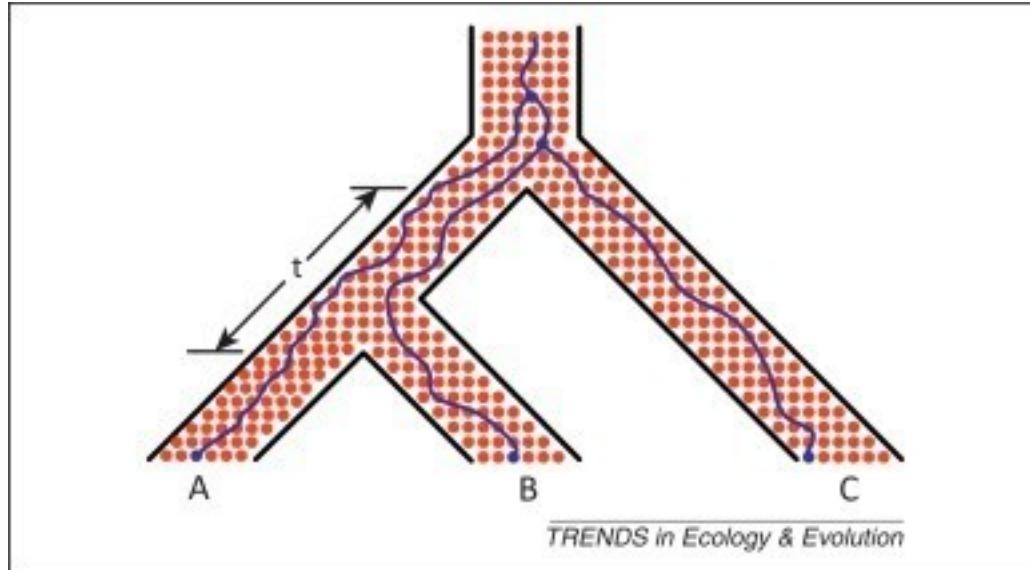
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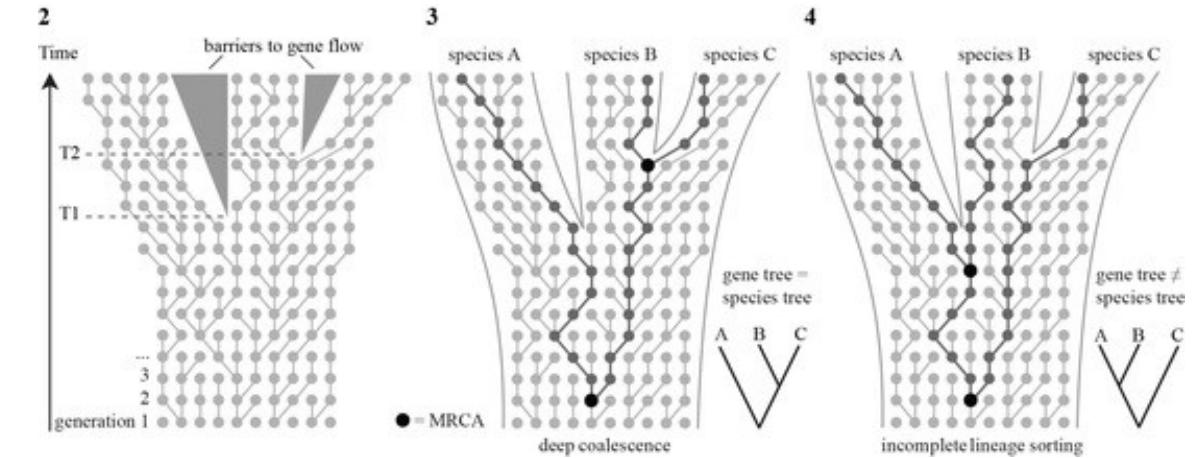
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Not Really a Tree – Incomplete Lineage Sorting



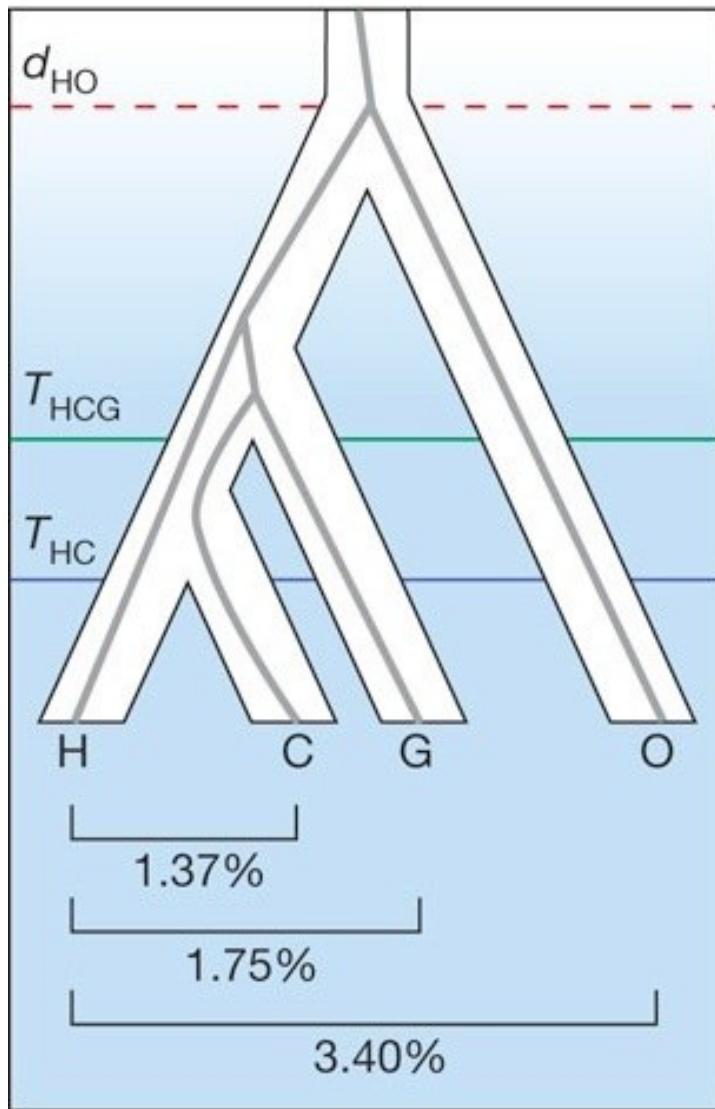
Luak Nakhleh, Trends in Ecology and Evolution 2003



Frederik Leliaert, European Journal of Phycology, 2014

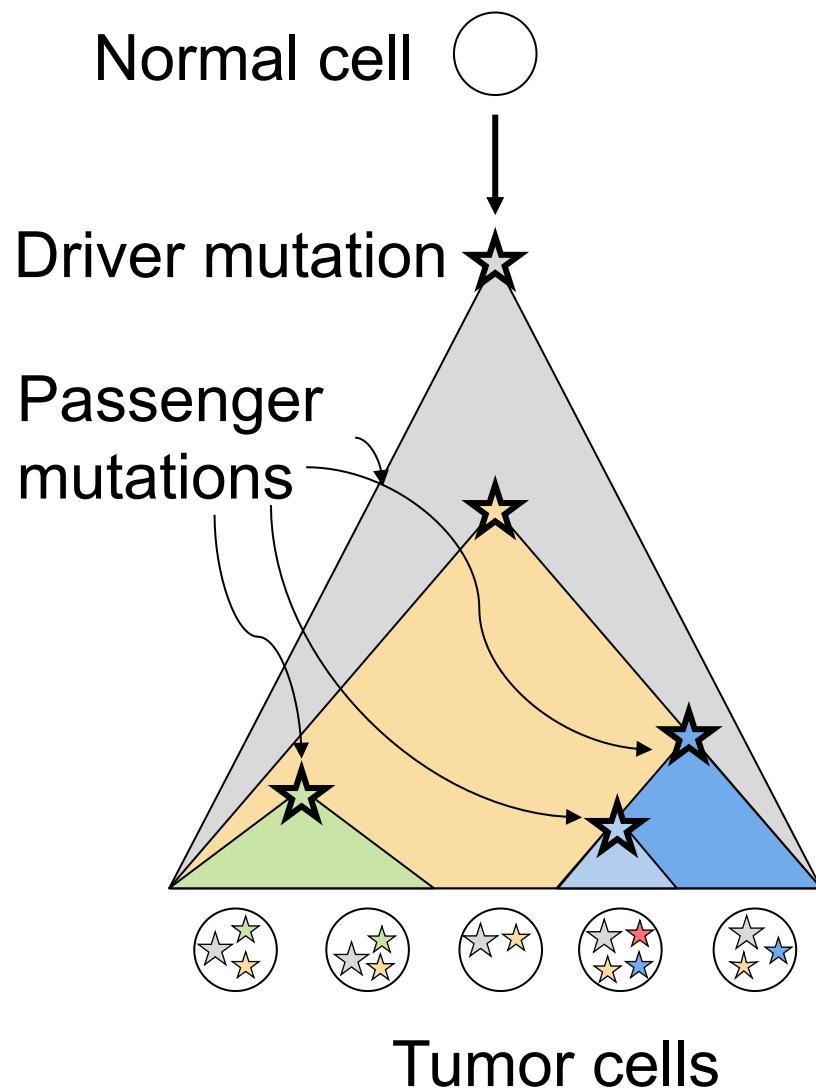
Deep coalescence
Have to go far back in time for
genes to “coalesce”
Gene can split before speciation

Human-Chip-Gorilla-Orangutan



Gene Genealogy different than Species Phylogeny for 25% of genome

Identifying driver mutations in cancer

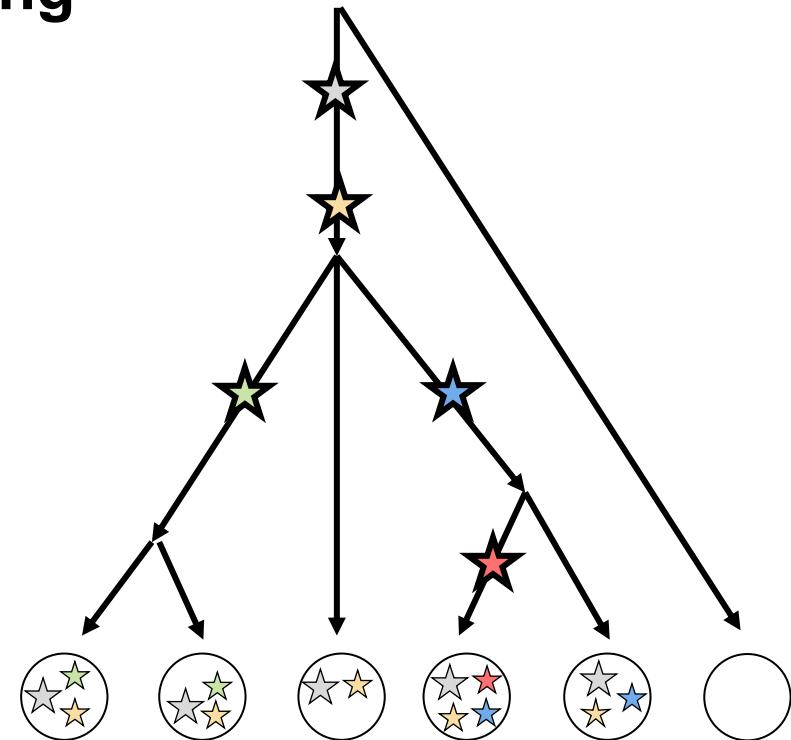


Single-cell sequencing

Five circular icons above the table represent individual cells, each with a different number of stars (ranging from 0 to 5). The table below shows the count of each type of star across these five samples.

	1	1	1	1	1
★	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

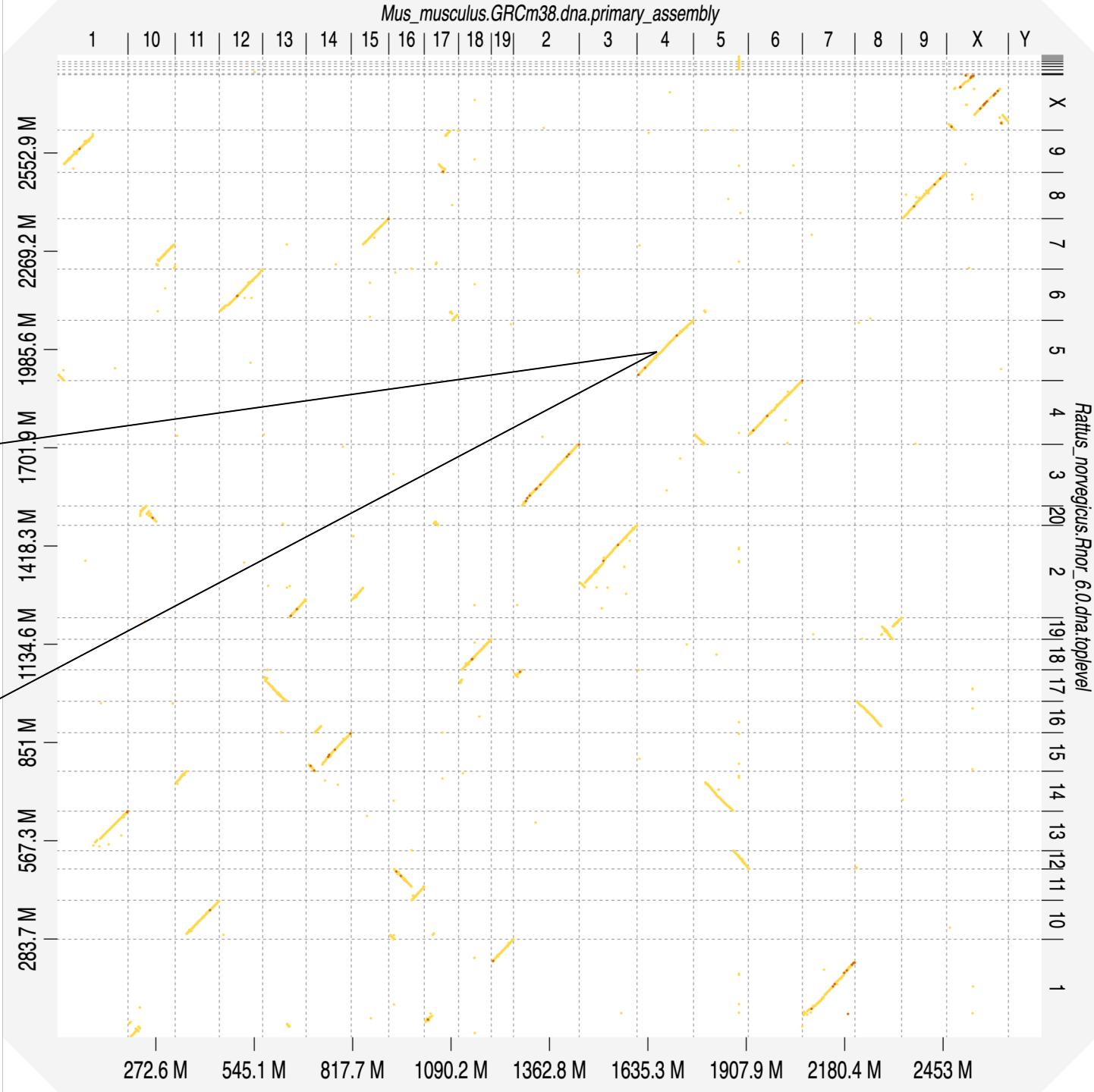
	Match	Mismatch	
mm10	1 CTCTCCAAAAGG	22	
rn6	1 CTCTCCAAAAGACCCAGCCAGAGCA	26	
mm10	23 GTCCAGGCCCTGCAGACAGACTTT	48	
rn6	27 GTCAAGGCCCTGCAGACAGA---TT	49	
mm10	49 ATTAAAAAGTCTCTGGTGGTGACAAG	74	
rn6	50 A-TTTTTTGTTCTGGCAGTGACAAG	74	
mm10	75 CAAGACATTCTAACCGTTAAAAAA--	98	
rn6	75 AAAGATACCCTAACATTGTTAAAAAAC	100	
mm10	99 ---ACAAAA-CCTAAAAGC	113	
rn6	101 AAAACAAACAAAAACCC-AAAAAC	124	

Insertion

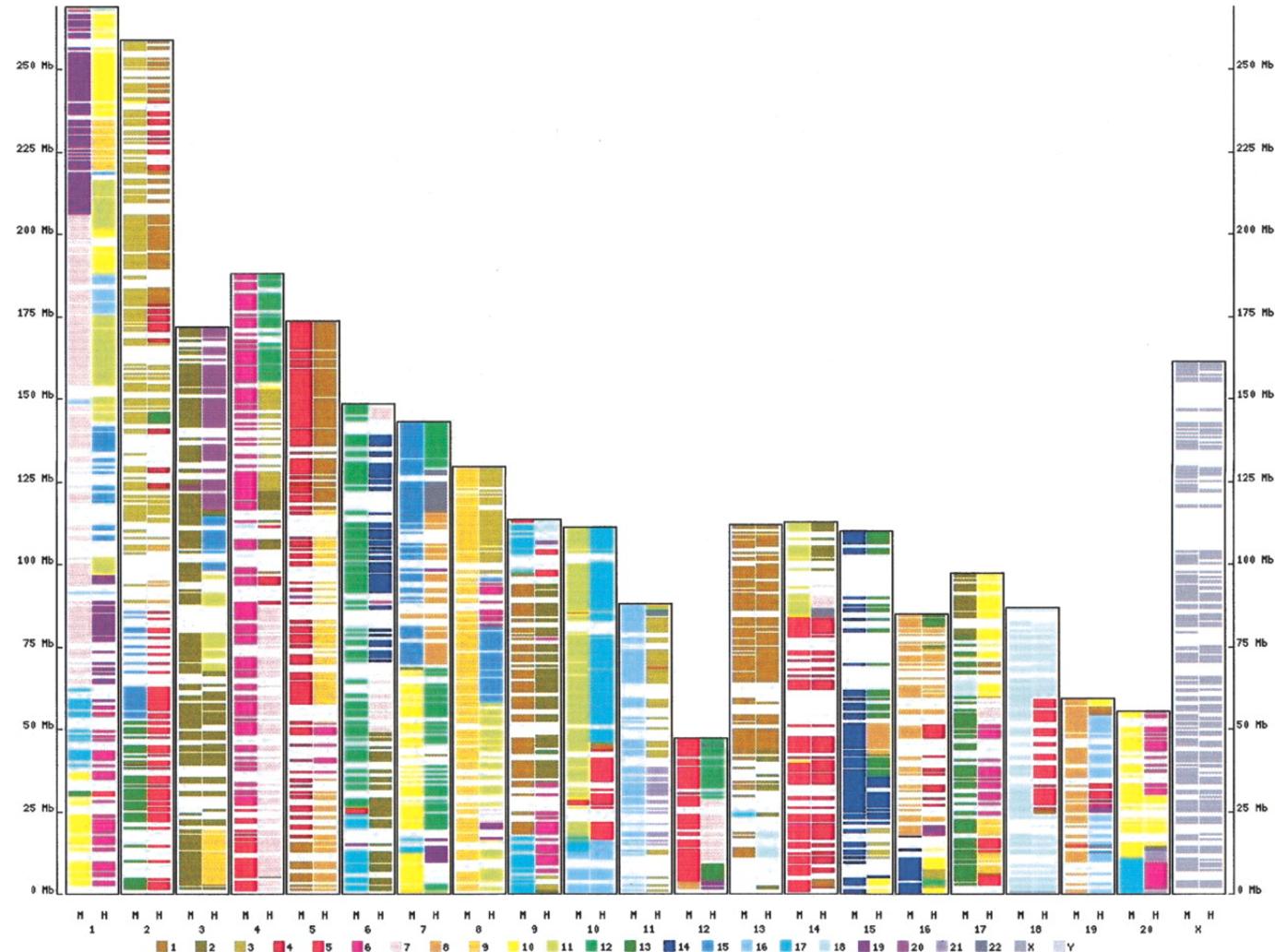
Match

Mismatch

Deletion



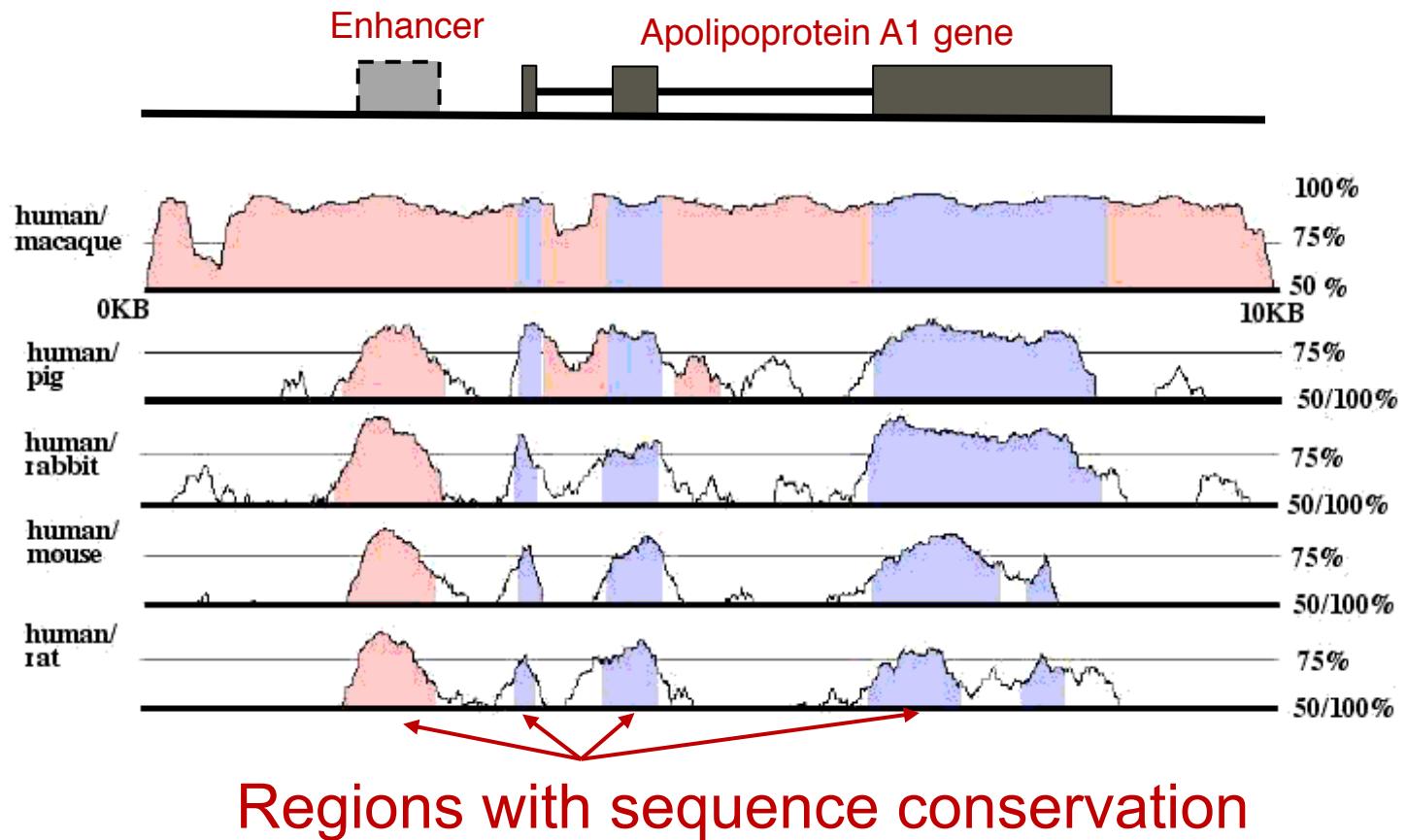
Exon-based map of conserved synteny between the rat, human, and mouse genomes.



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

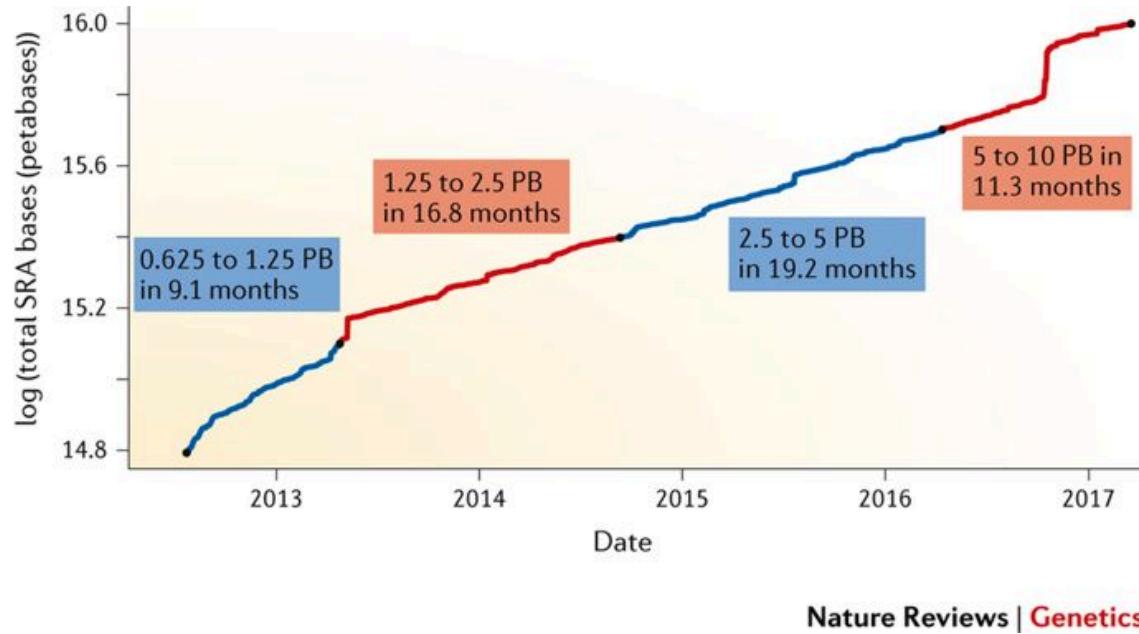


Whole Genome Alignment



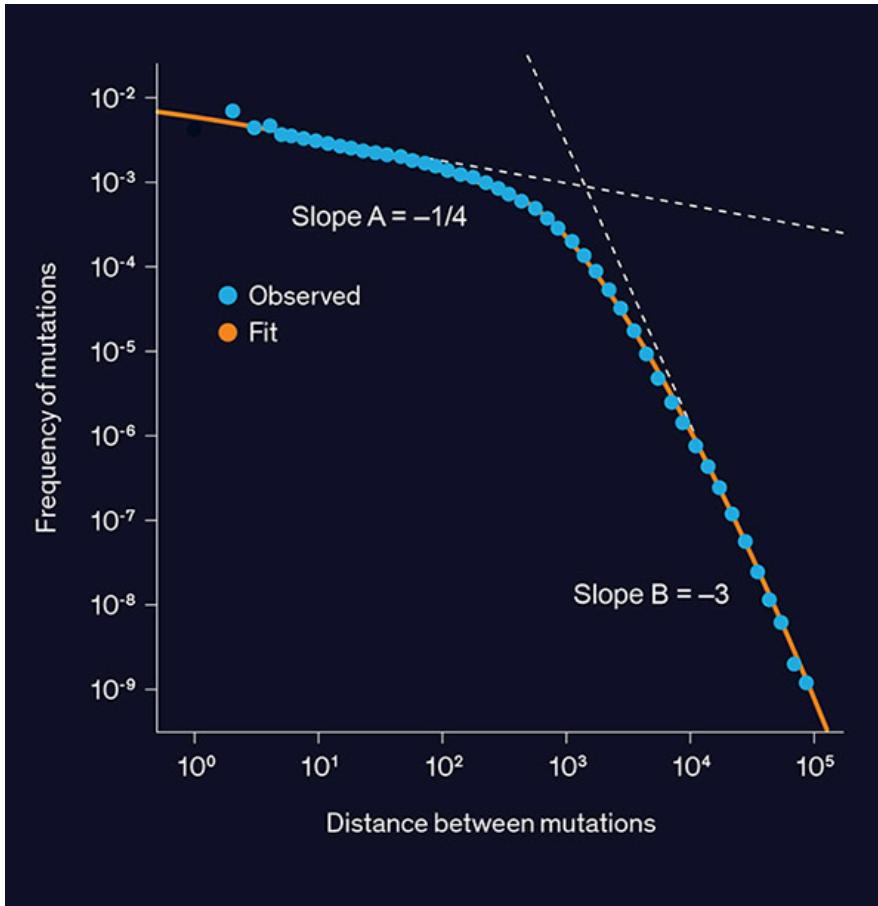
(Mayor et al., 2000)

Memory and storage



- 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



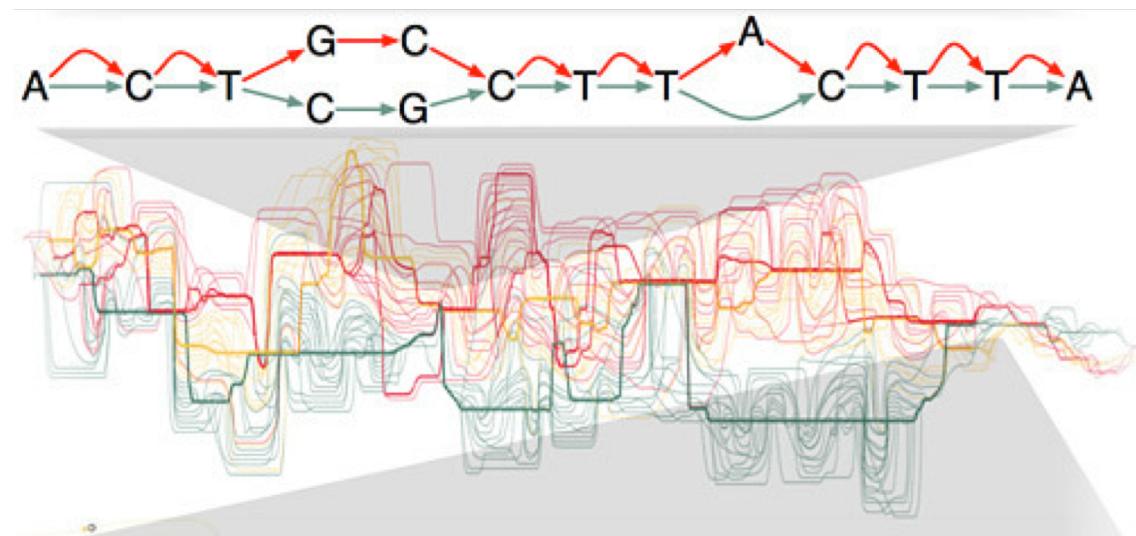
“Double power law” distribution =>
compressibility of variation data

[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



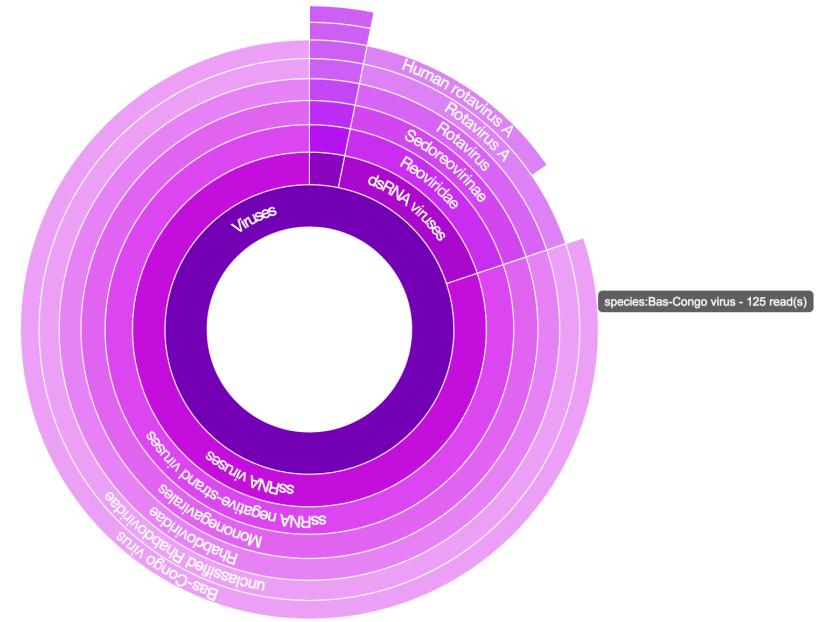
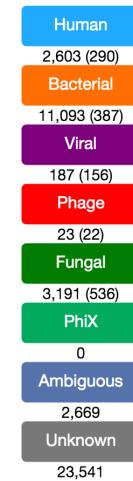
- Graphs as a way to represent common human genomic variation
- More representative - minimizes bias to a single reference
- More informative than a single “profile”
- **Open questions:**
 1. How to build a genome graph?
 2. How to align sequencing reads to a genome graph accurately?

Metagenomics and liquid biopsy

- Sequence reads from a 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)

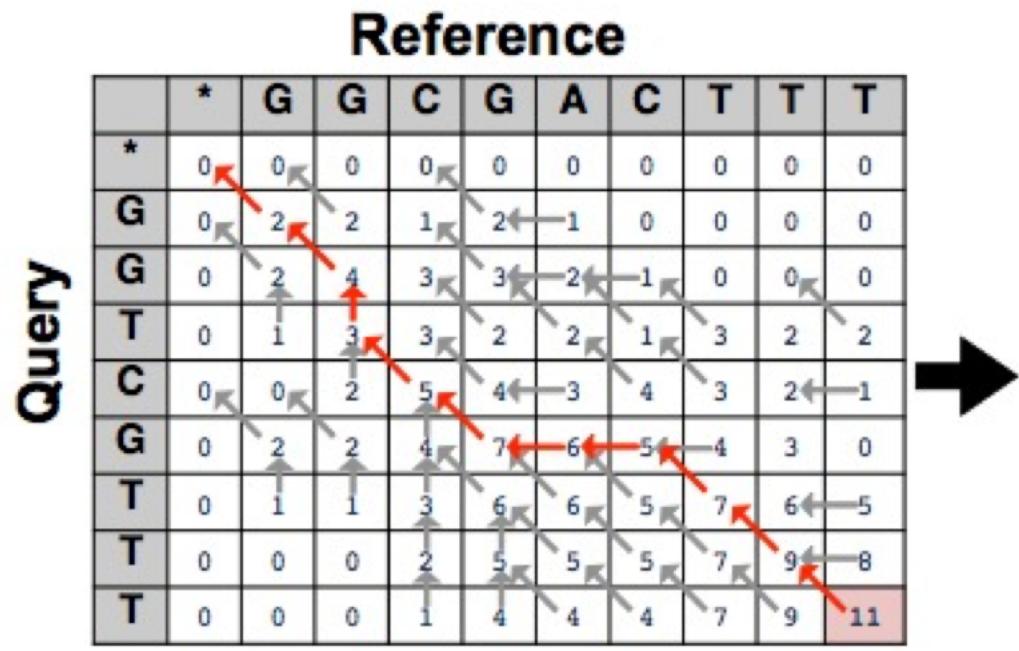


[taxonomer.iobio.io]

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)

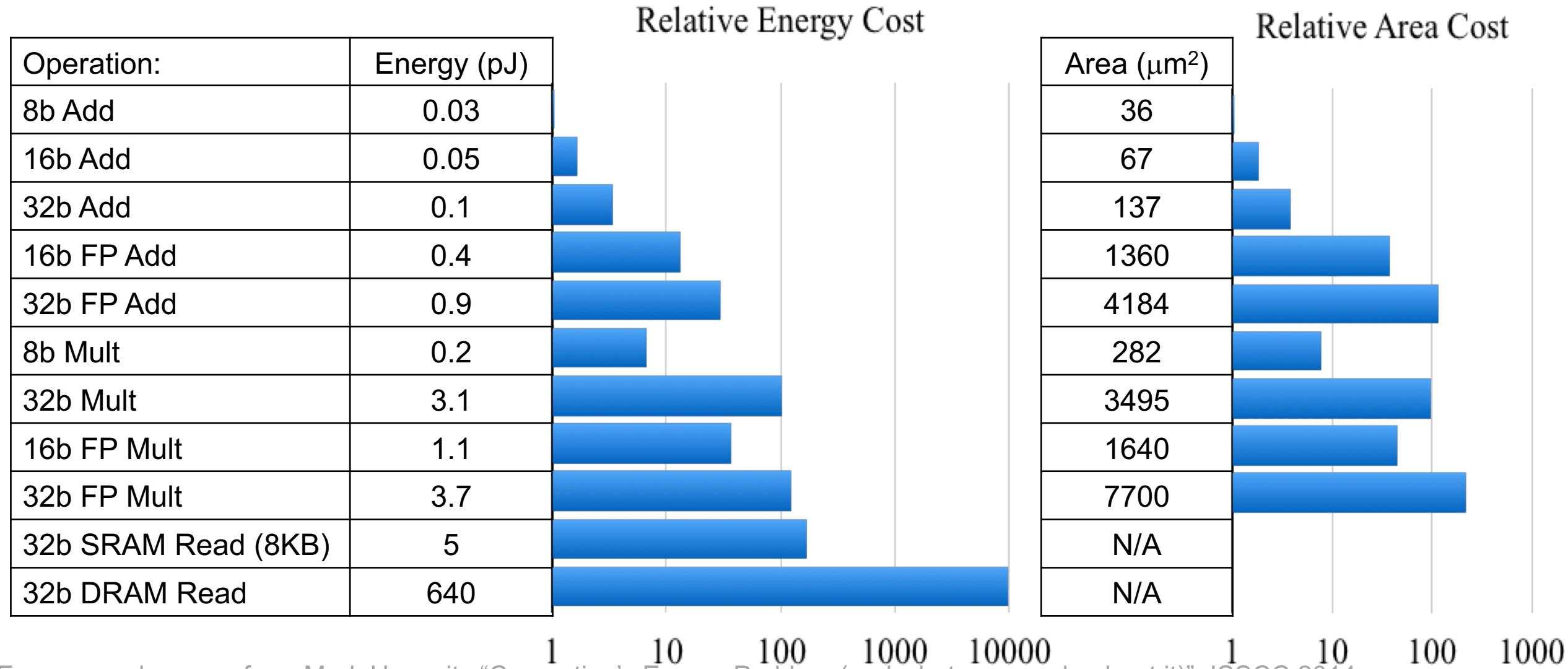
Accelerator Design is Guided by Cost

Arithmetic is Free
(particularly low-precision)

Memory is expensive

Communication is prohibitively expensive

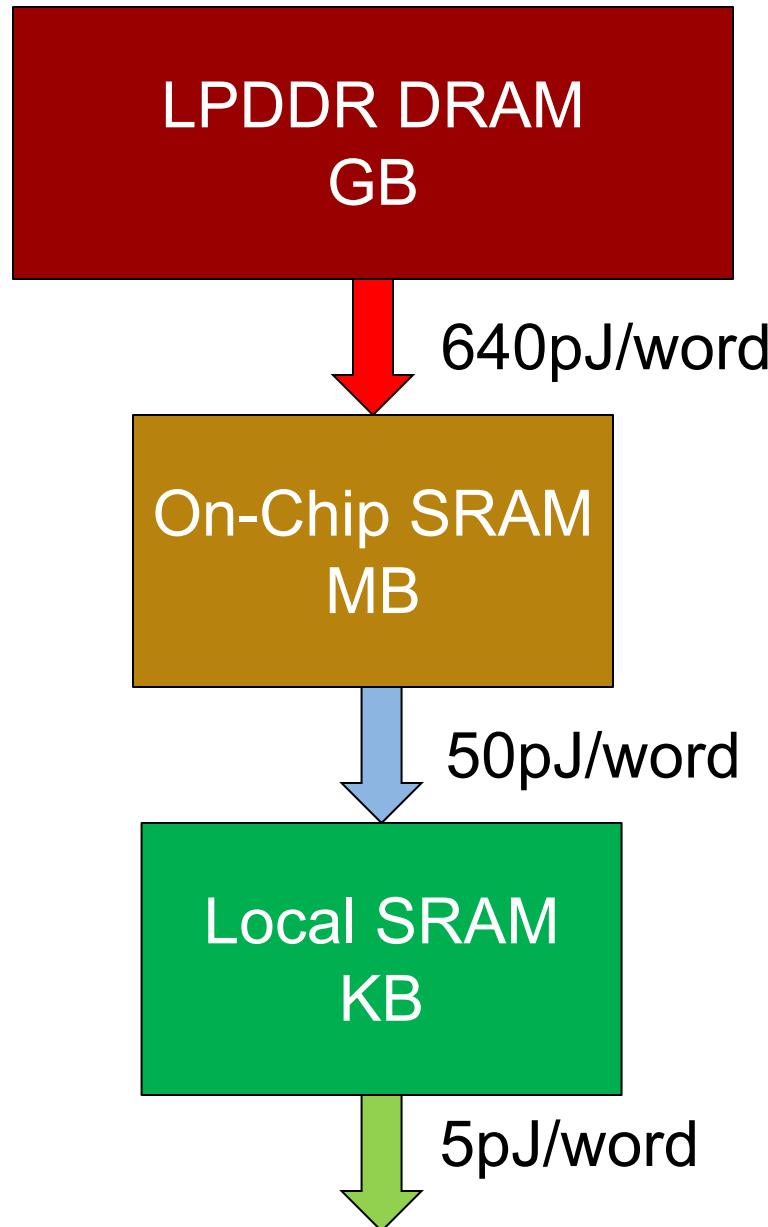
Need to Understand Cost of Operations And Communication



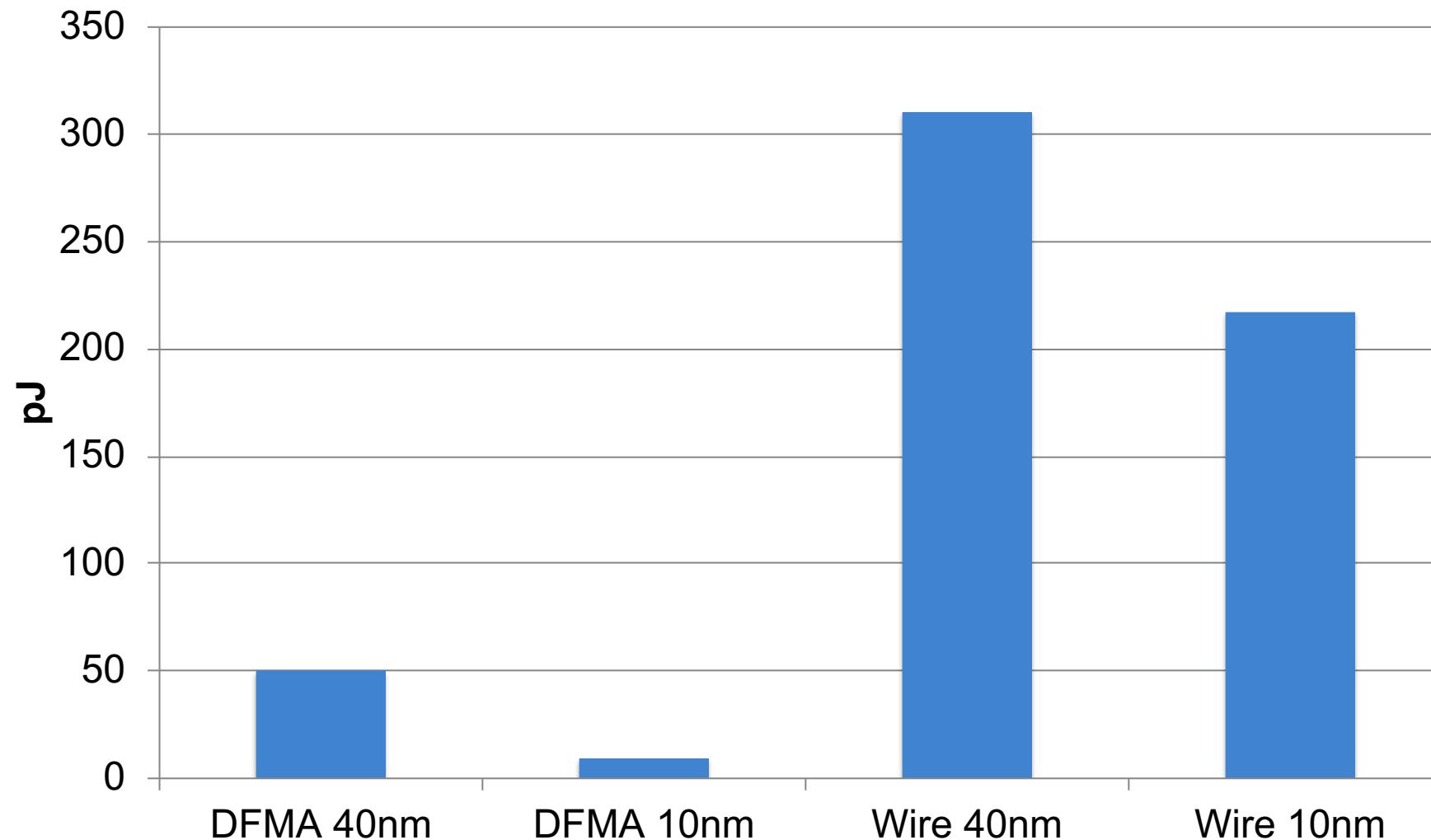
Energy numbers are from Mark Horowitz "Computing's Energy Problem (and what we can do about it)", ISSCC 2014

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

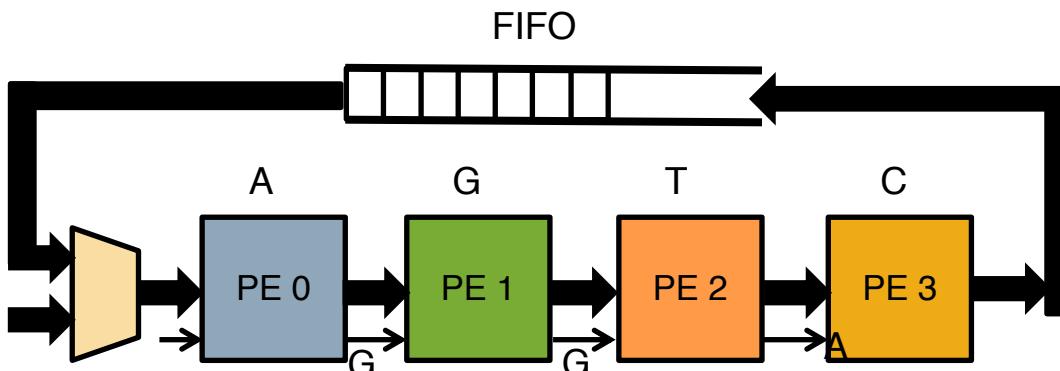


Scaling of Communication



Most Speedup Comes from Parallelism
Enabled by Specialization

Inner-Loop Parallelism Systolic Array to Compute DP Matrix

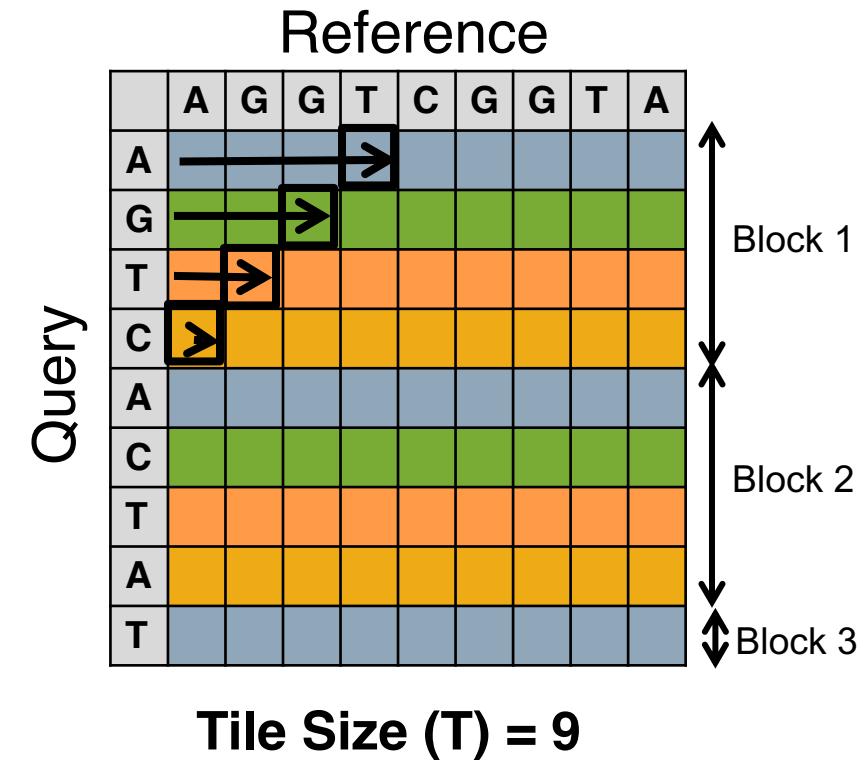


Darwin has 64 PEs per array

Communication: One-Way Nearest Neighbor

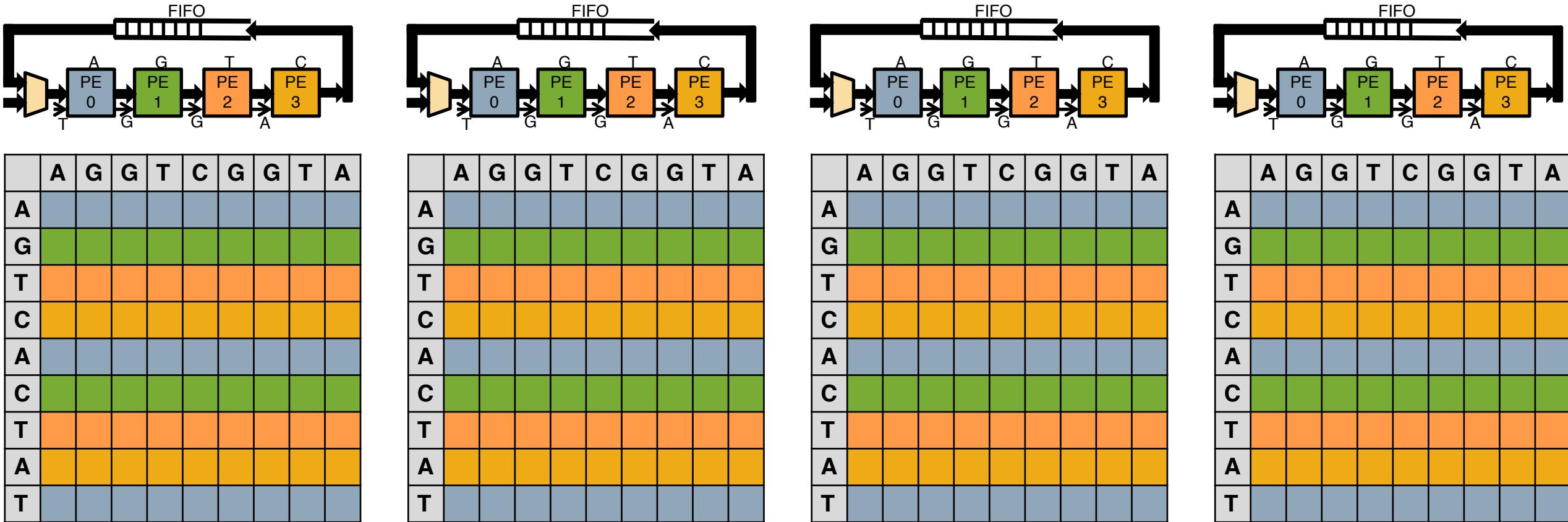
Synchronization: Lockstep

Memory: Store Traceback Pointer



Outer-Loop Parallelism

Compute Many DP Arrays at Once



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.

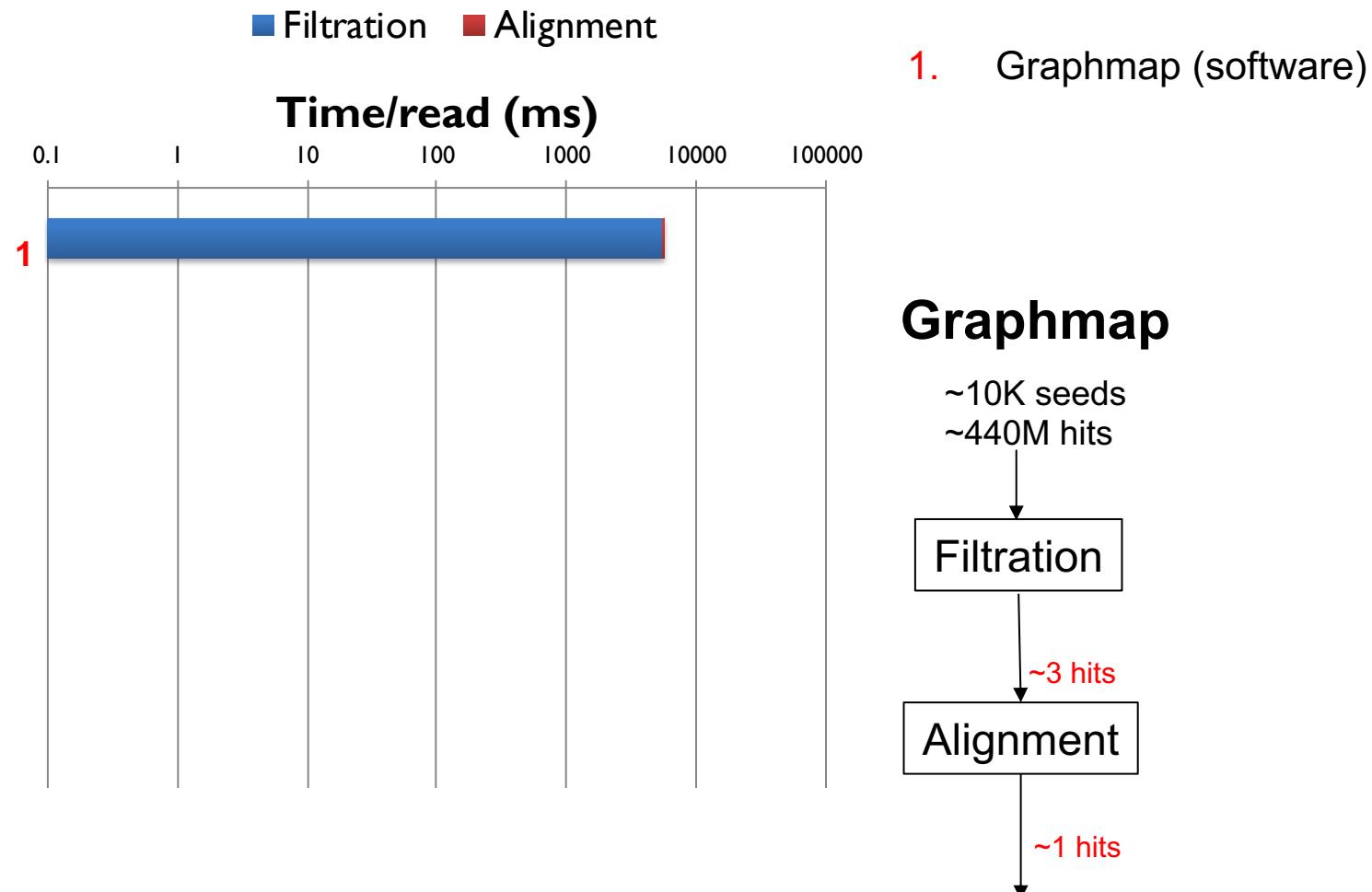
Specialization Provides Efficiency

Parallelism Converts Efficiency to Speedup

The Algorithm often Has to Change

Algorithm-Architecture Co-Design for Darwin

Start with Graphmap

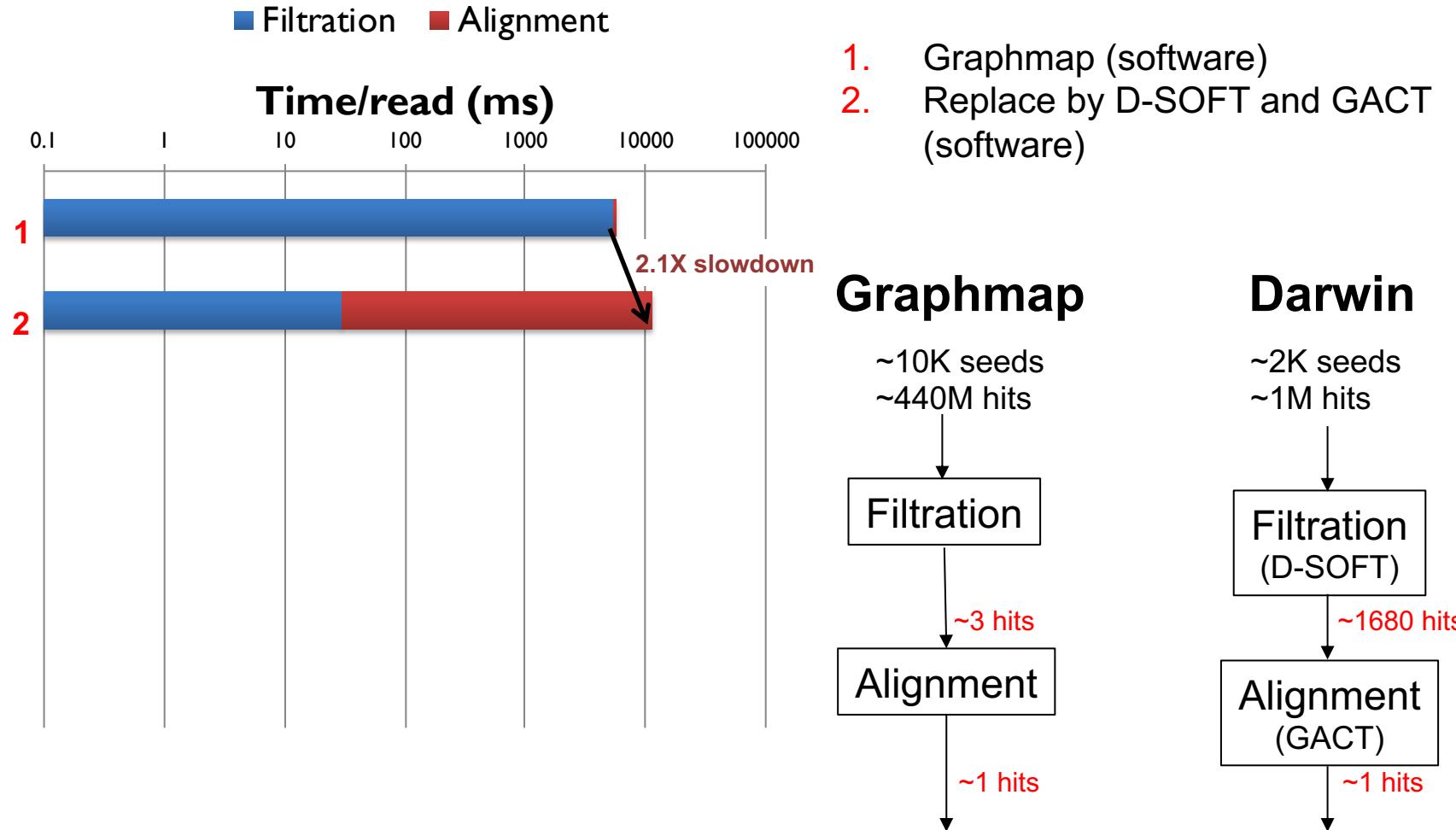


Yatish Turakhia, Gill Bejerano, and William J. Dally. "Darwin: A Genomics Co-processor Provides up to 15,000X Acceleration on Long Read Assembly." ASPLOS 2018.

Algorithm-Architecture Co-Design for Darwin

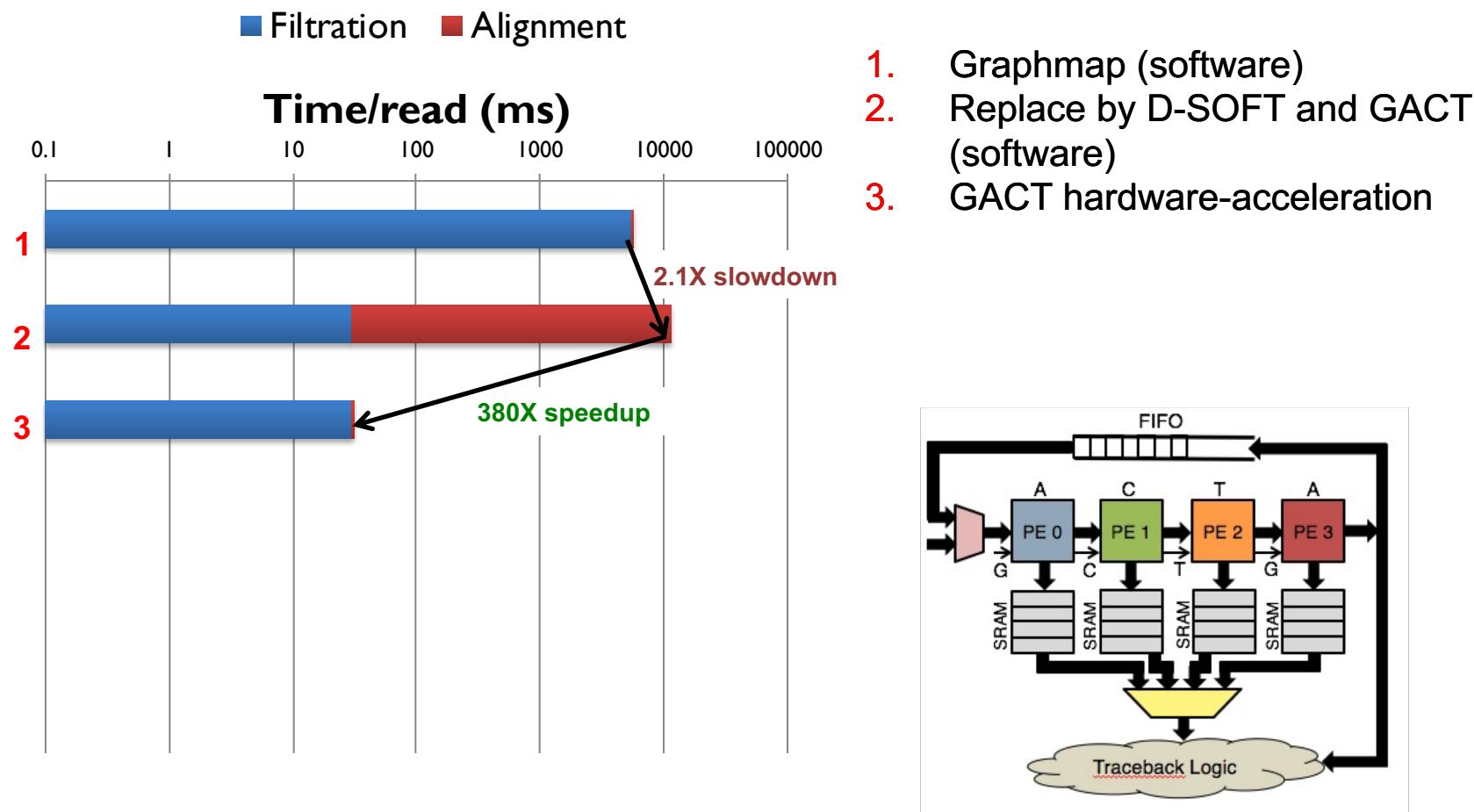
Replace Graphmap with Hardware-Friendly Algorithms

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



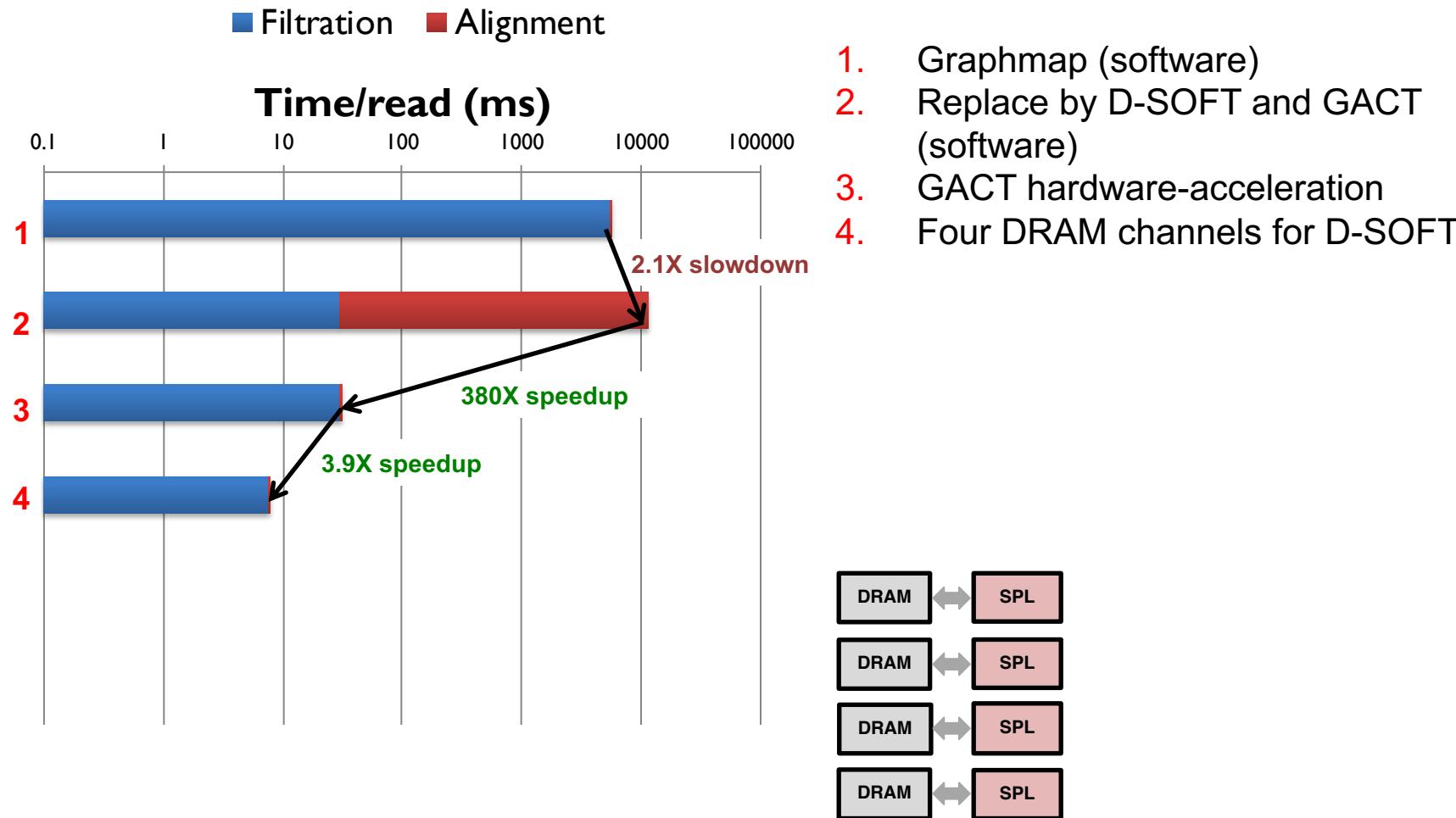
Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

Accelerate Alignment – 380x Speedup



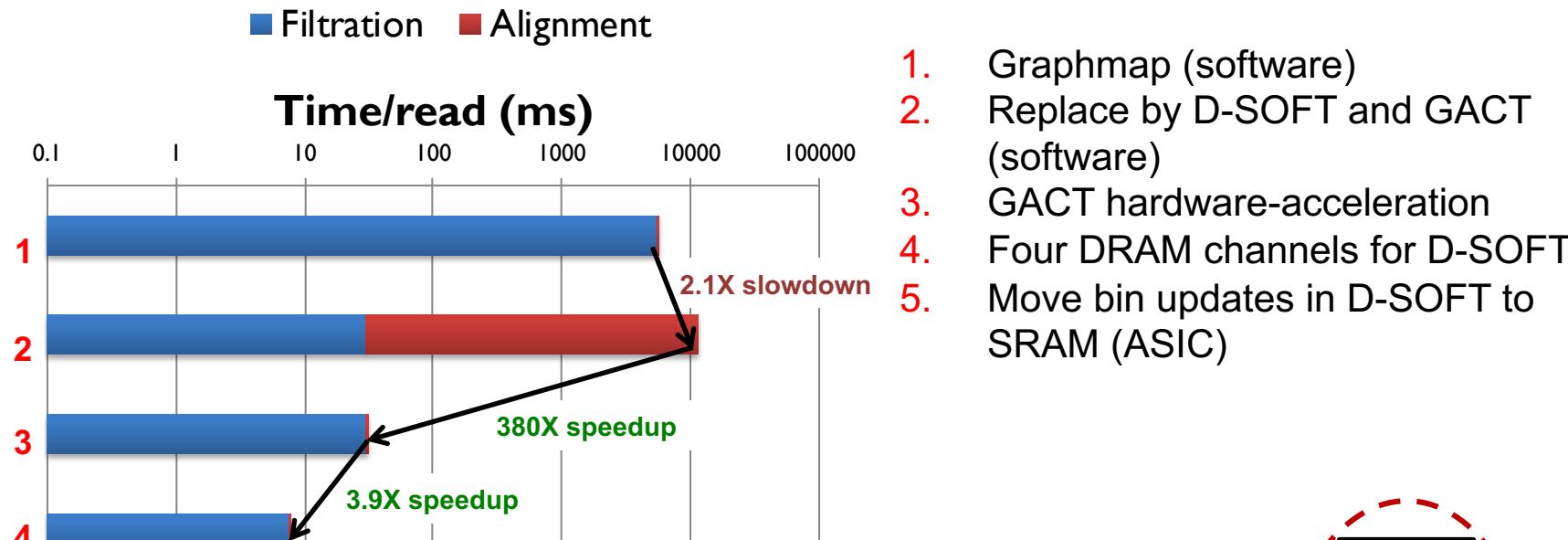
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4x Memory Parallelism – 3.9x Speedup

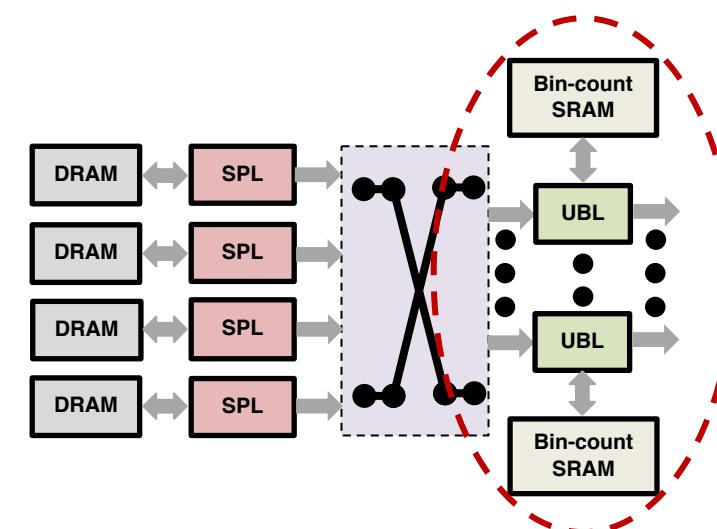


Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

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

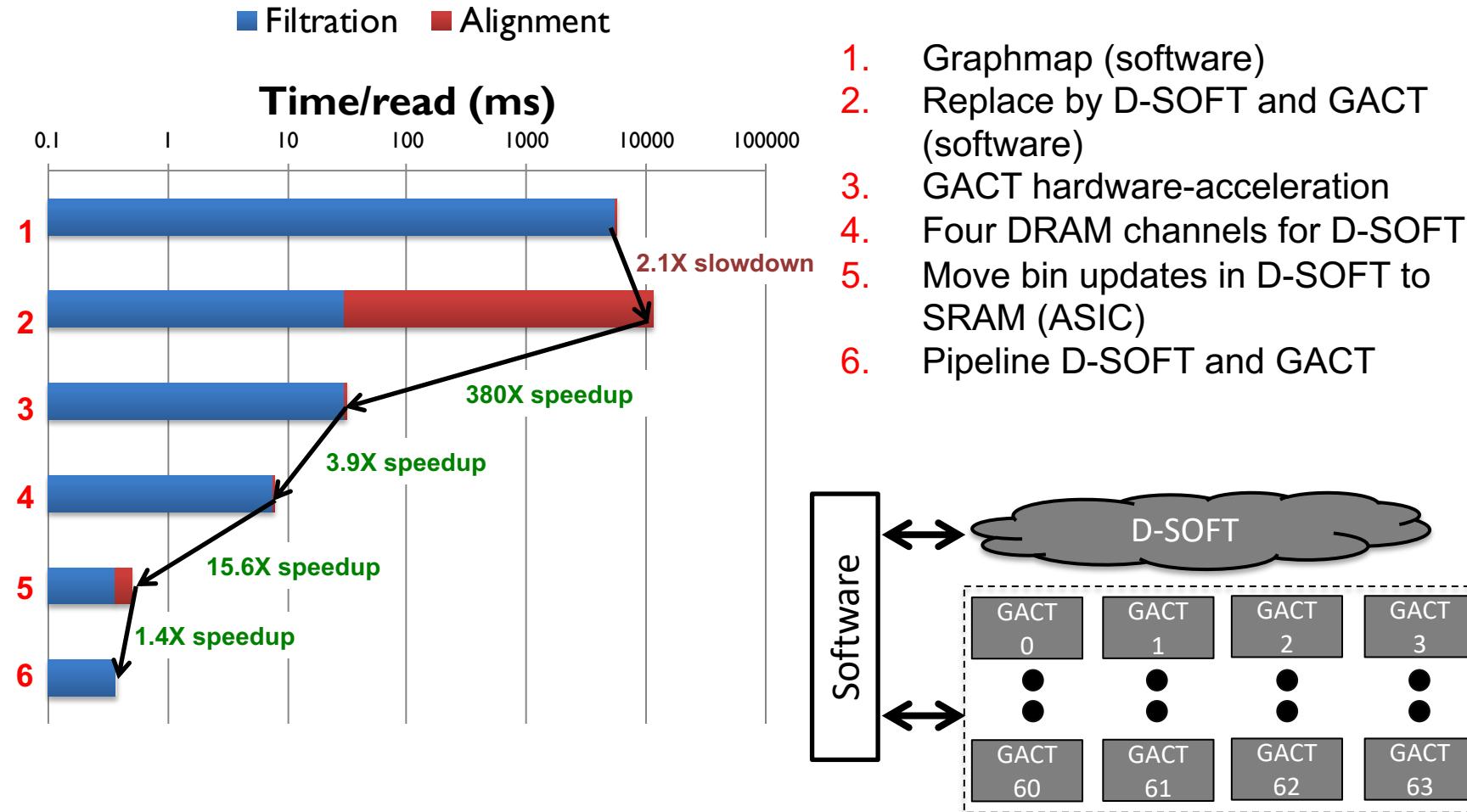


1. Graphmap (software)
2. Replace by D-SOFT and GACT (software)
3. GACT hardware-acceleration
4. Four DRAM channels for D-SOFT
5. Move bin updates in D-SOFT to SRAM (ASIC)

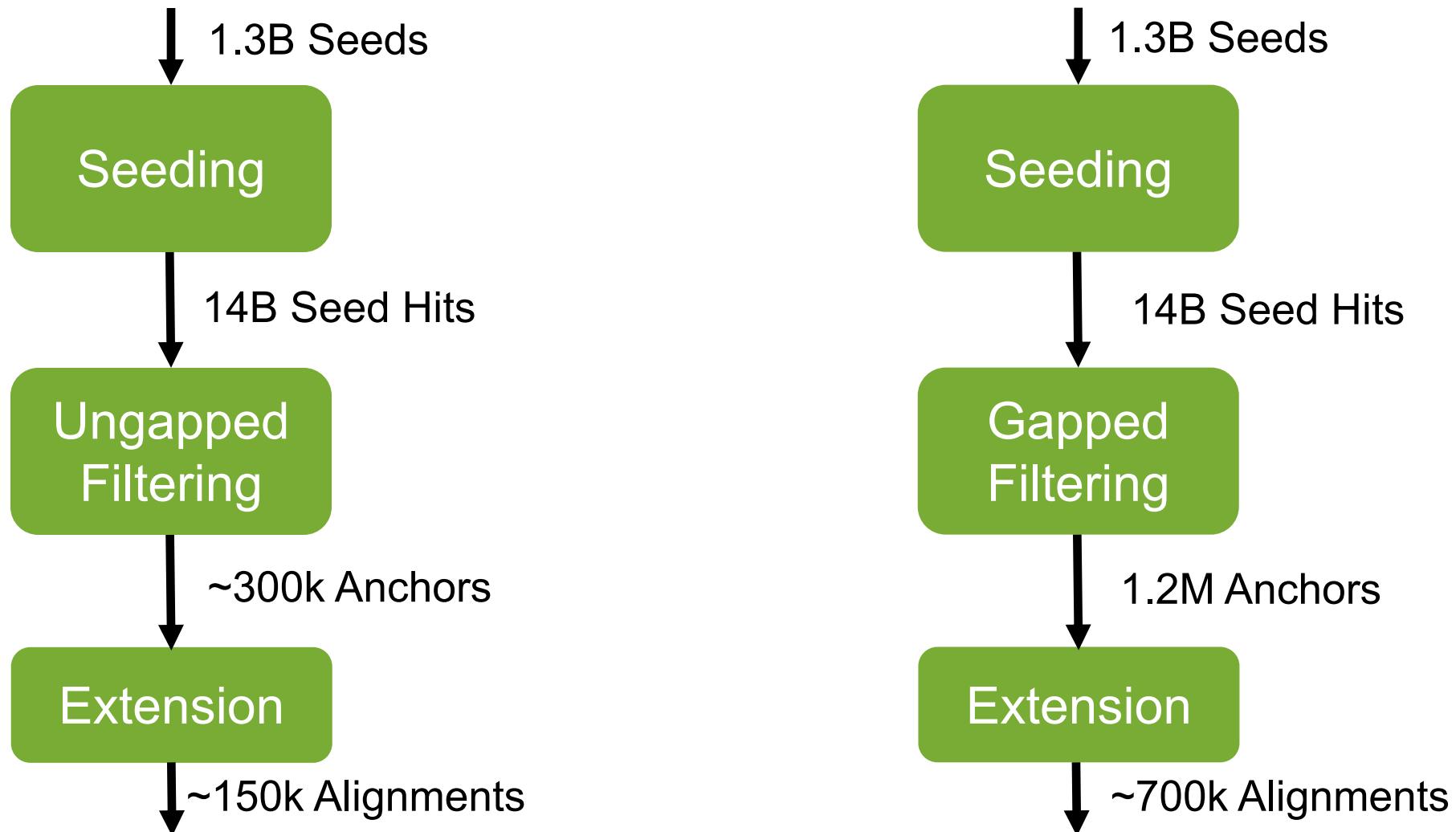


Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design for Darwin

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



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

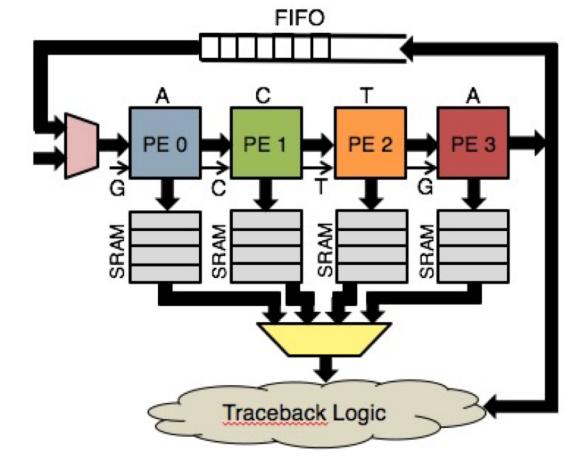
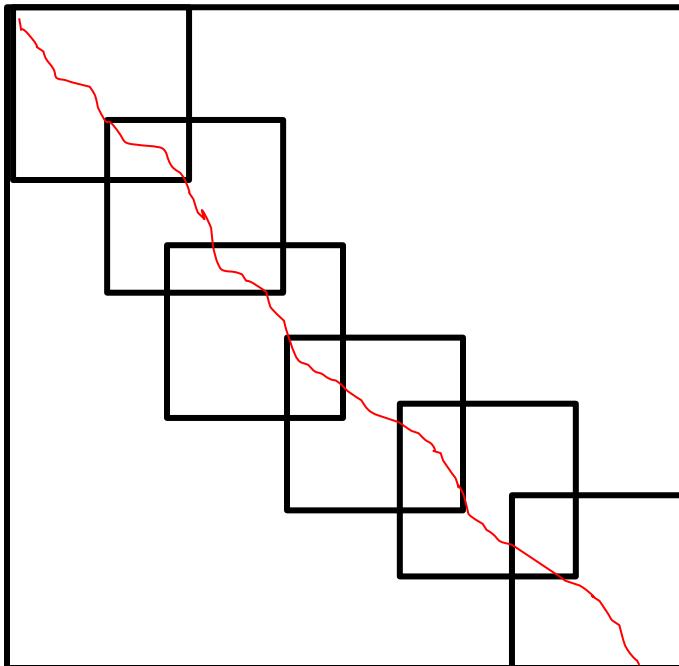
GACT: 79% Area, 76% Power

D-SOFT: 98% Area, 96% Power

Algorithms must be optimized to use memory
efficiently

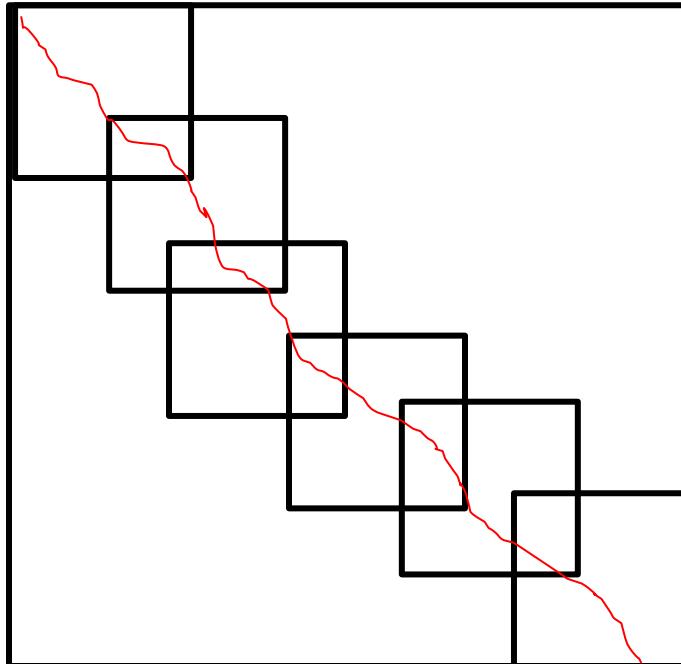
GACT Alignment

- 15M Reads, 10k bases each, ~2k hits each
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 - Additional parallelism within each alignment
- But long reads have large (10M) memory footprint
- Solution: GACT (Tiling)

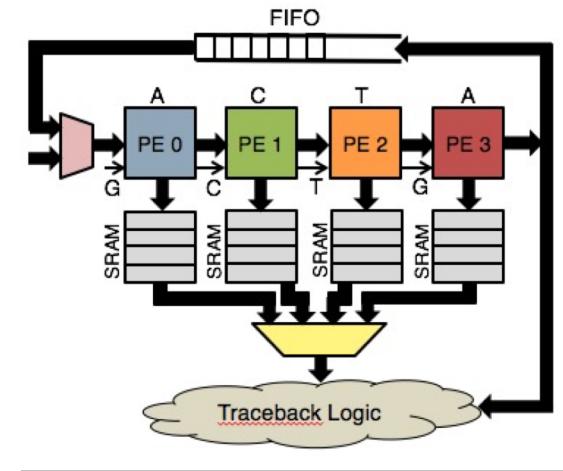


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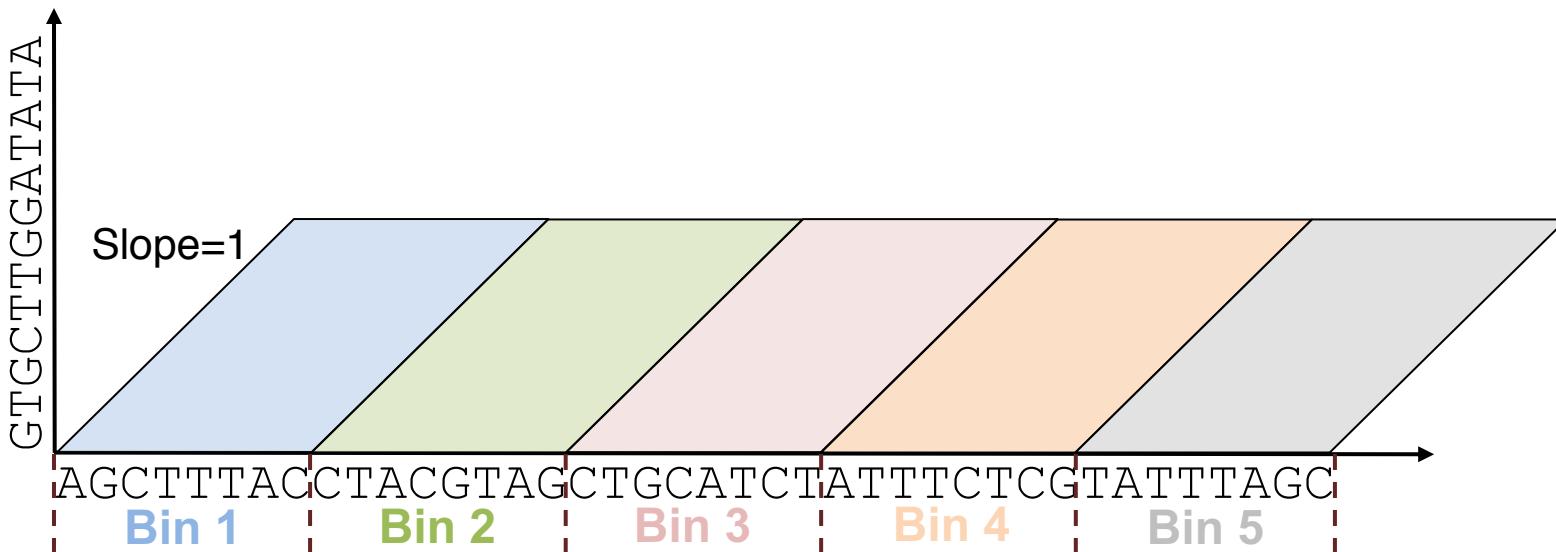
Darwin GACT hardware
4k PEs - 64 PEs per Array x 64 Arrays
~50 operations per cycle per PE
200k operations per cycle
Specialized memory
150,000x speedup vs CPU



**On-Chip Memory
Cost per Bit is 10-100x Commodity DRAM**

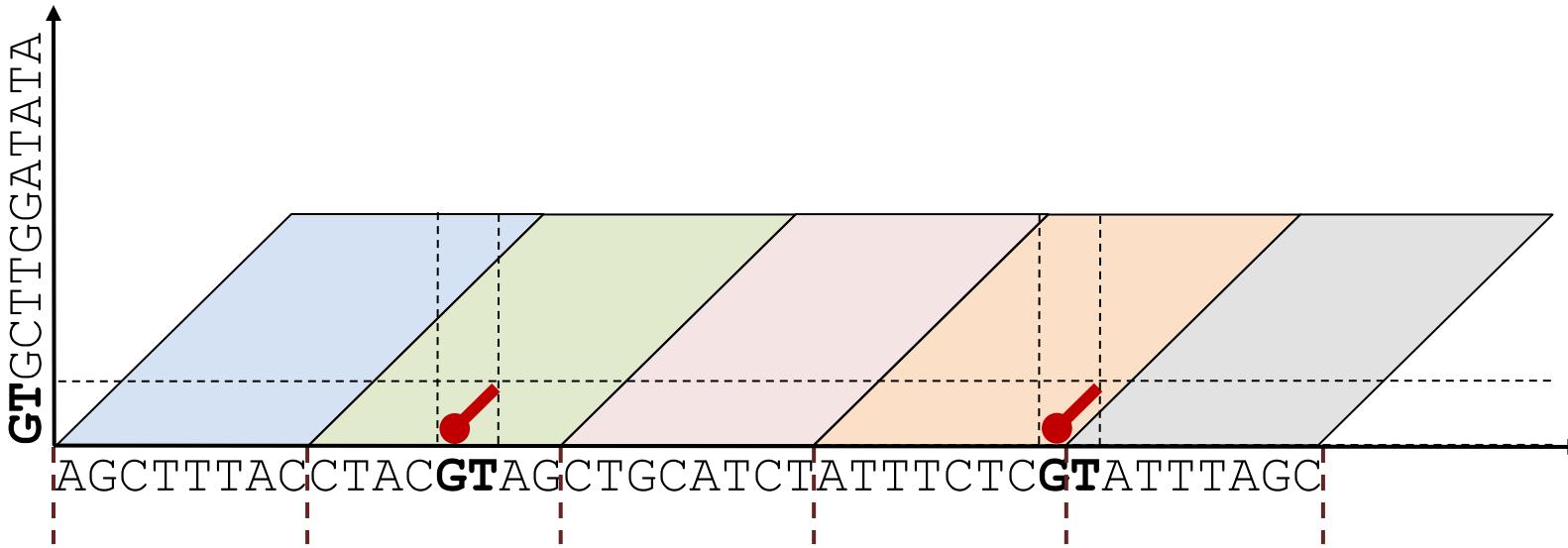
And It's Often Less Expensive

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
0	-inf

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



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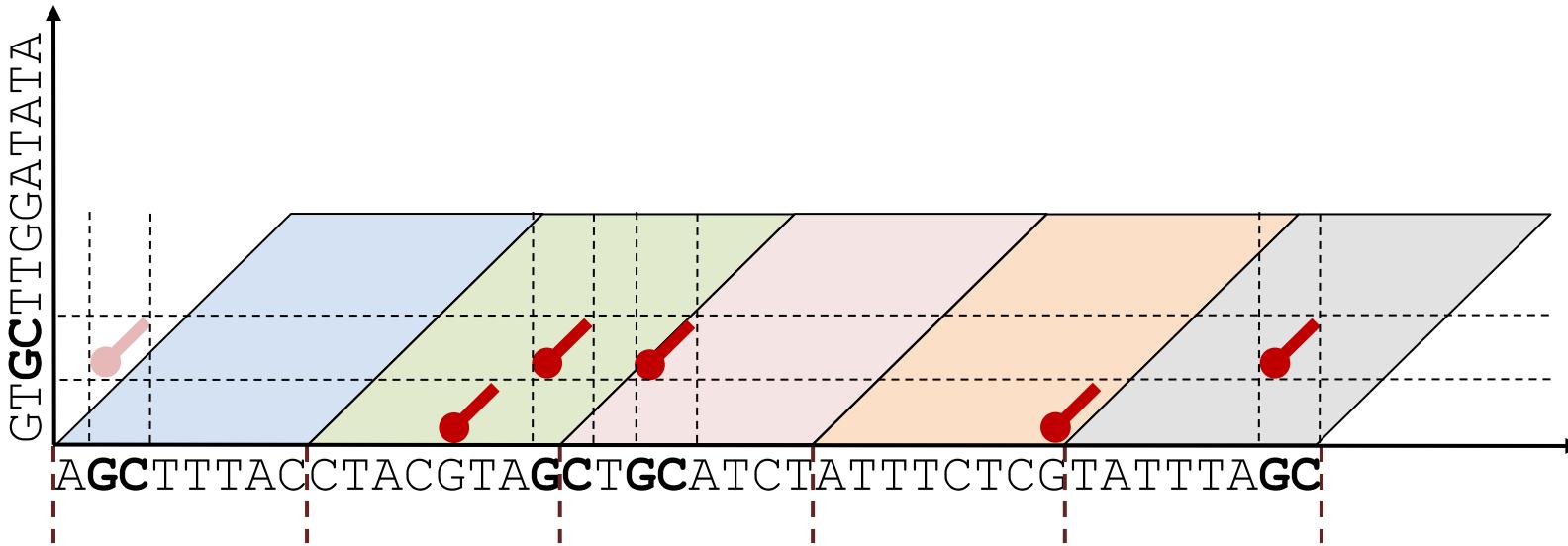
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GG	21
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TA	29
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Position Table

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20	38
21	12
22	31
23	5
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Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
0	-inf
2	0
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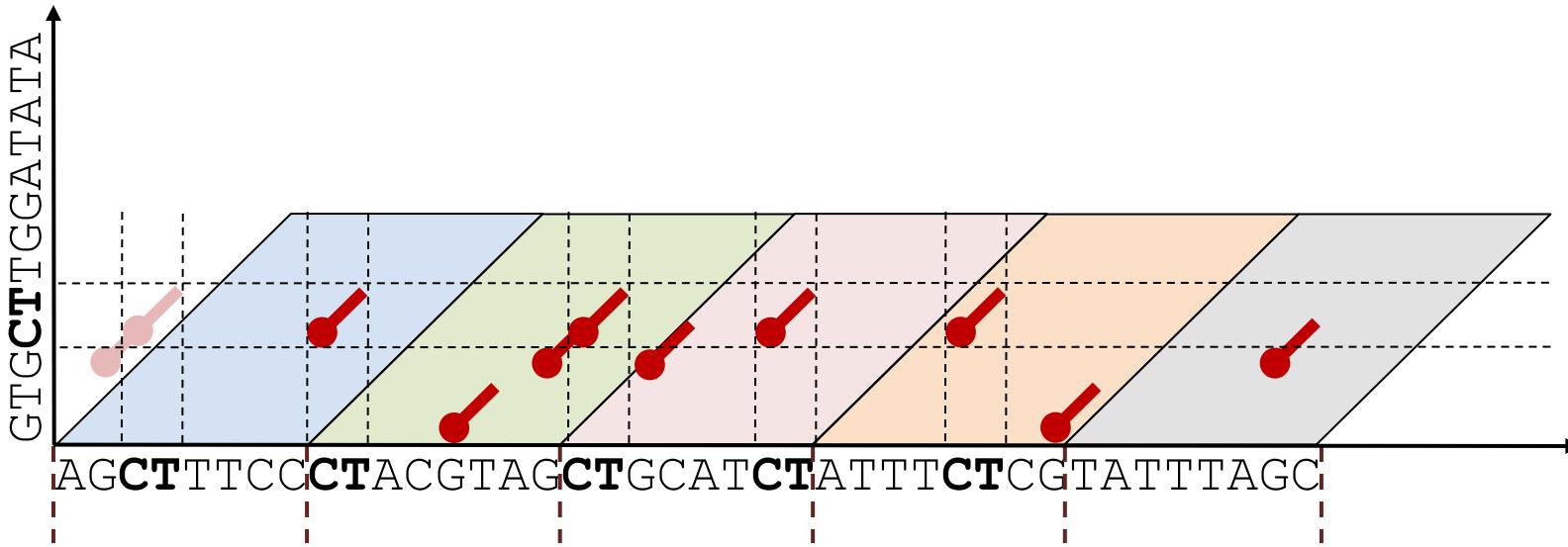
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17	1
18	15
19	18
20	38
21	.
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Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
0	-inf
4	2
2	2
2	0
2	2

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



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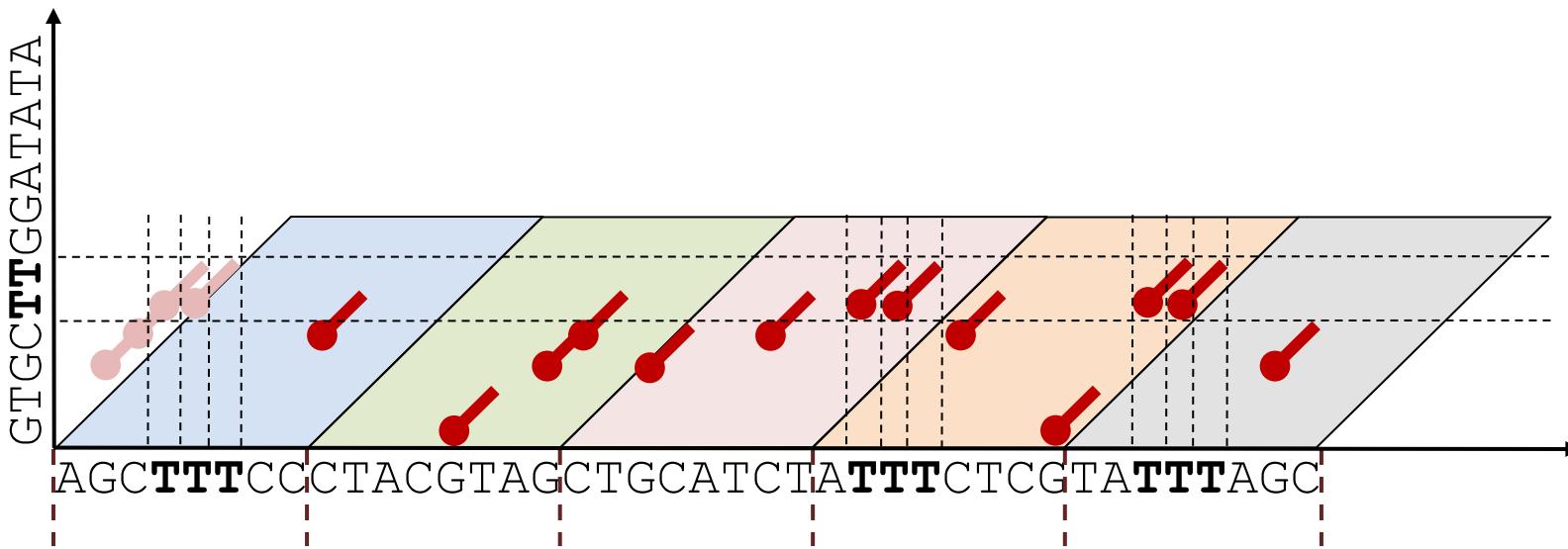
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Position Table

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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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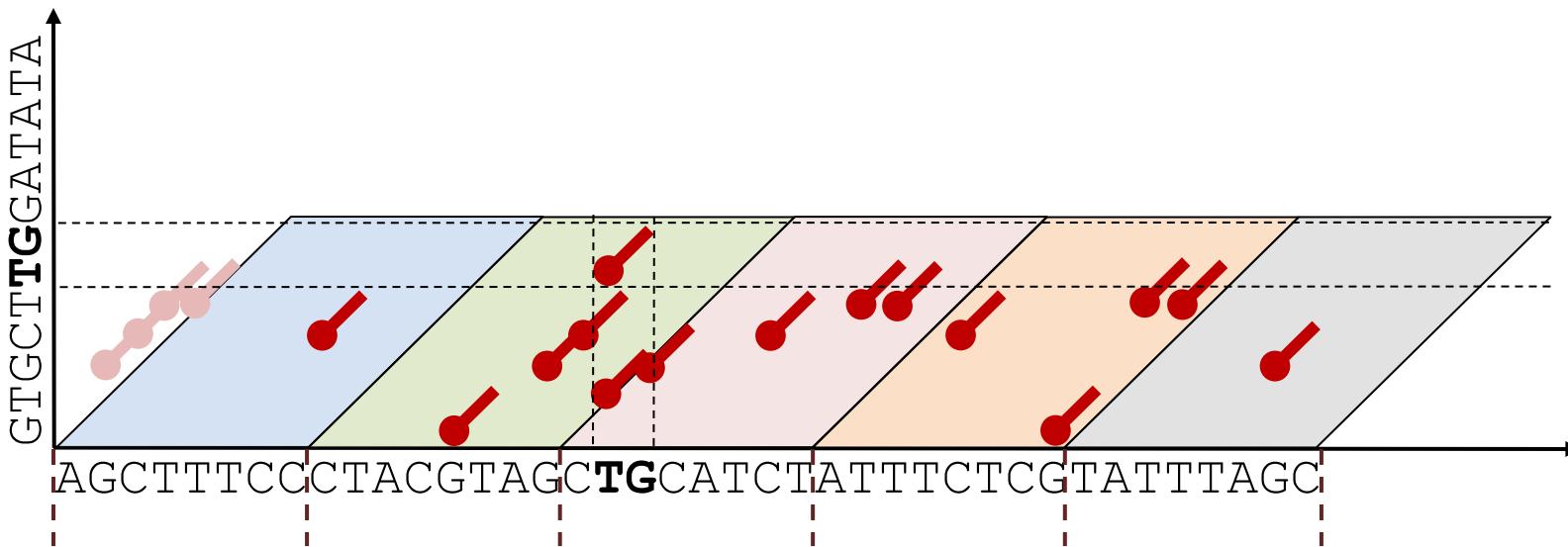
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TC	32
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TT	39

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

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

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



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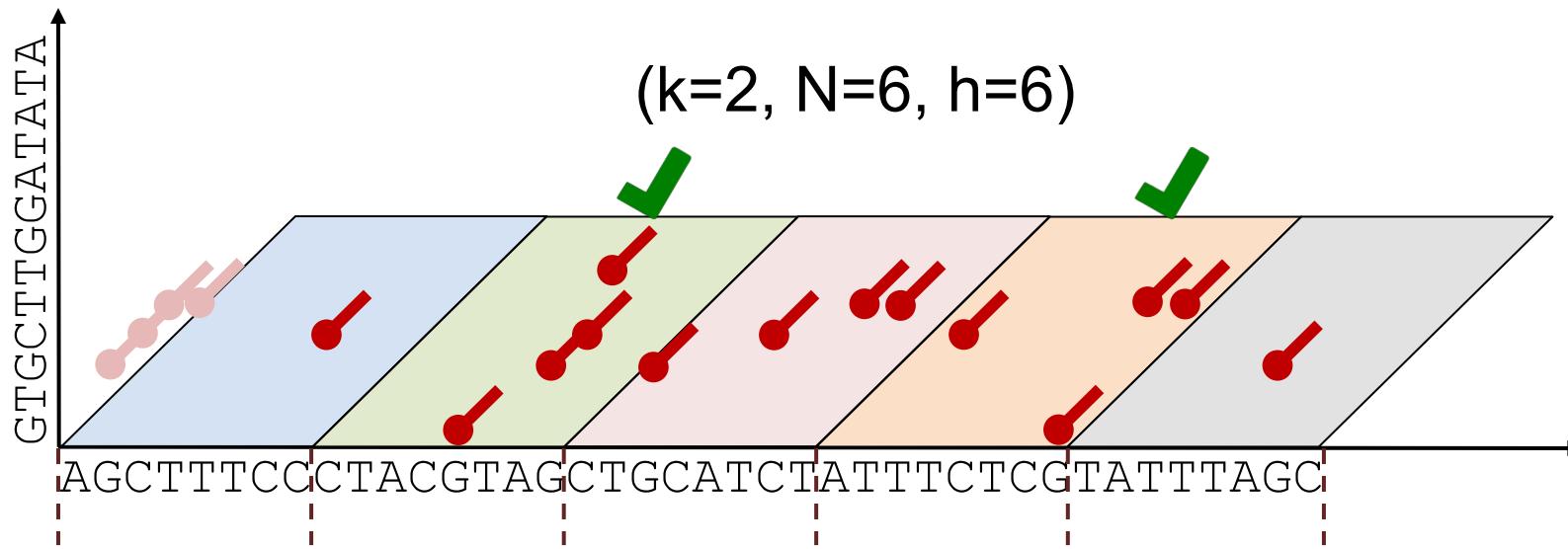
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Bin count (bases)	Last hit offset
2	3
7	5
4	4
5	4
2	2

D-SOFT: Algorithm Overview



Parameters:

k: seed size

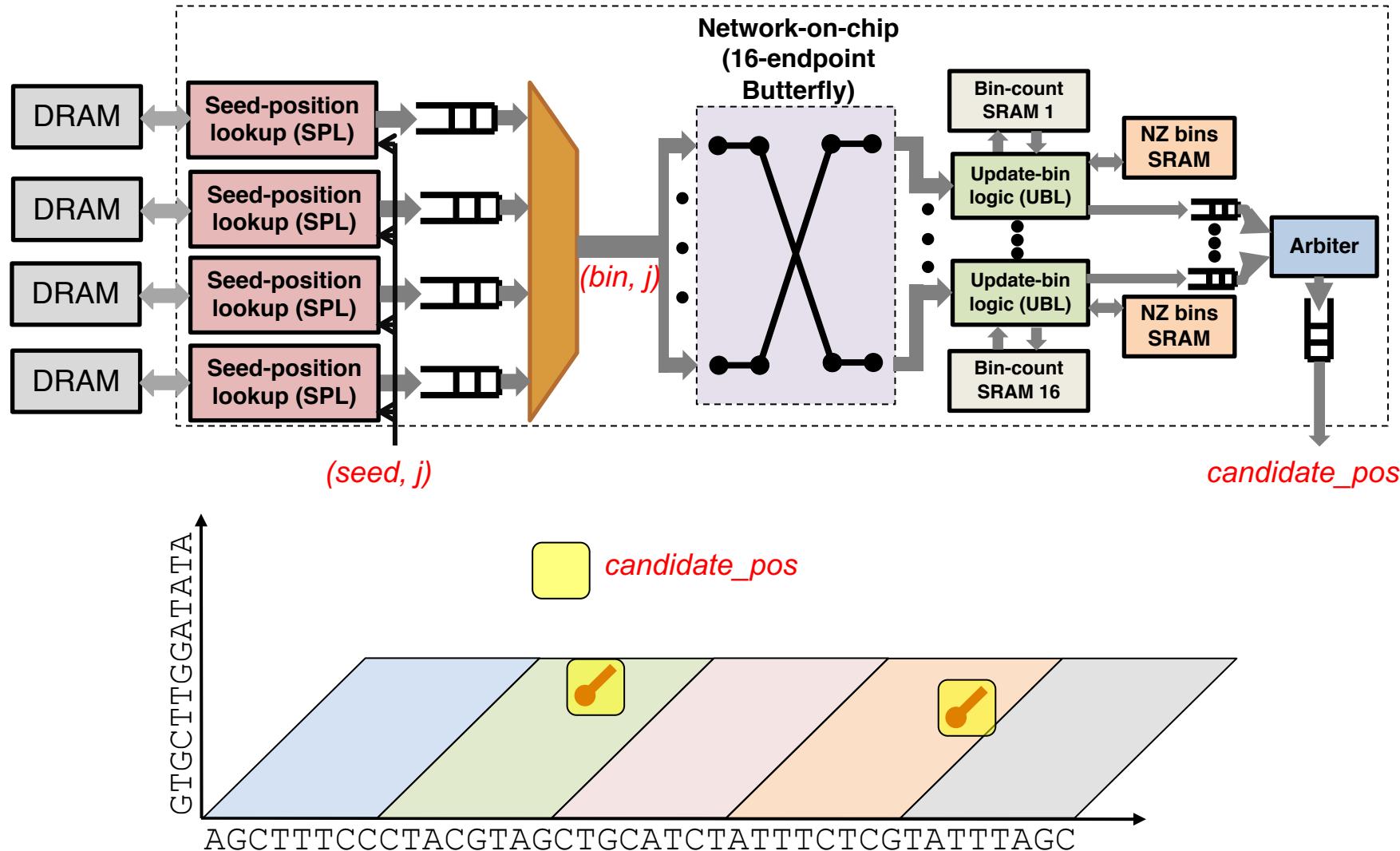
N: number of seeds

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

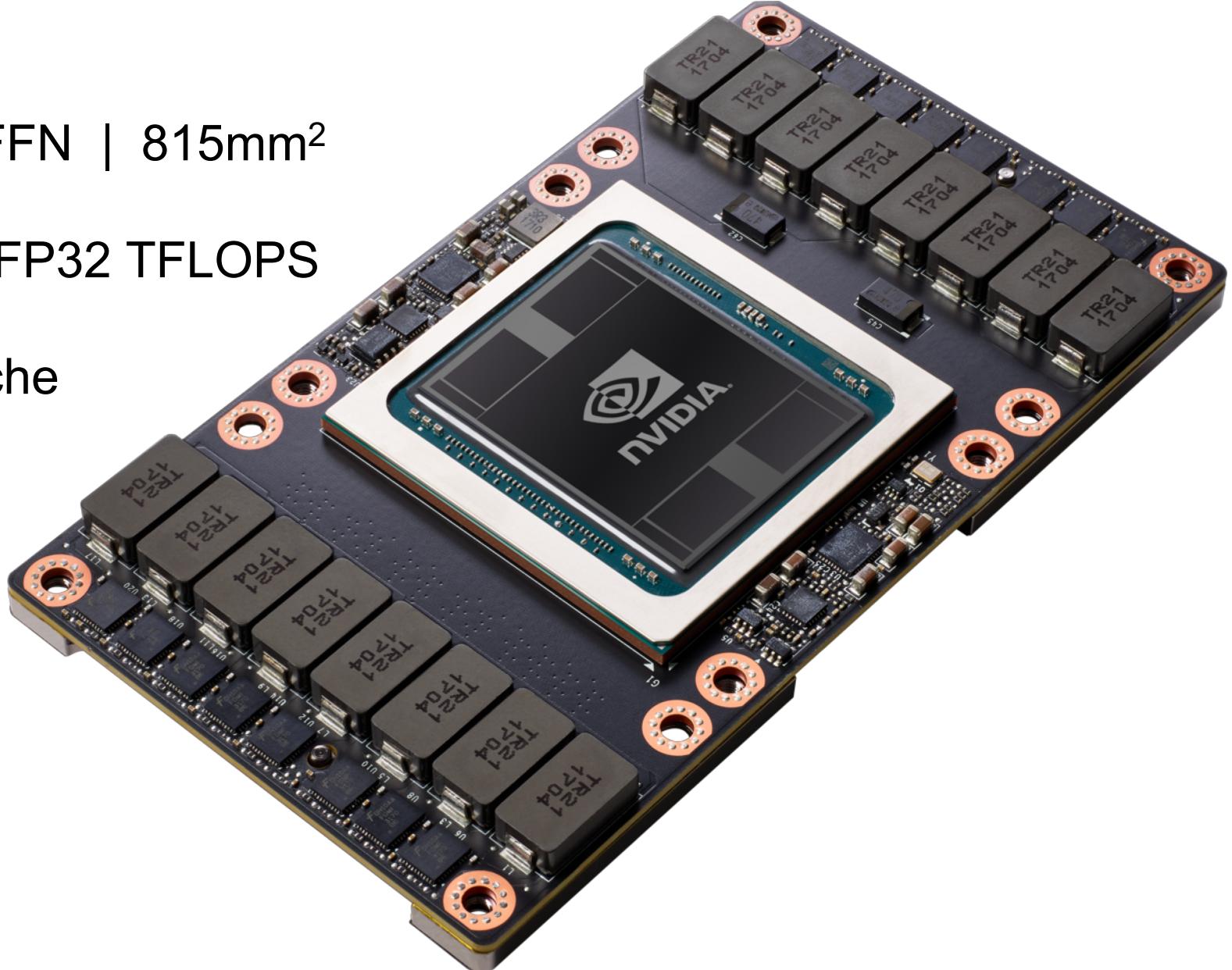
7.8 FP64 TFLOPS | 15.7 FP32 TFLOPS

125 Tensor TFLOPS

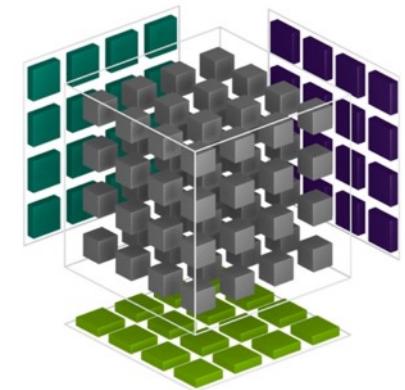
20MB SM RF | 16MB Cache

32GB HBM2 @ 900 GB/s

300 GB/s NVLink



Tensor Core



$$D = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} A_{0,0} & A_{0,1} & A_{0,2} & A_{0,3} \\ A_{1,0} & A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & A_{1,3} \\ A_{2,0} & A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} & A_{2,3} \\ A_{3,0} & A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} & A_{3,3} \end{array} \right) \text{FP16} \times \left(\begin{array}{cccc} B_{0,0} & B_{0,1} & B_{0,2} & B_{0,3} \\ B_{1,0} & B_{1,1} & B_{1,2} & B_{1,3} \\ B_{2,0} & B_{2,1} & B_{2,2} & B_{2,3} \\ B_{3,0} & B_{3,1} & B_{3,2} & B_{3,3} \end{array} \right) \text{FP16} + \left(\begin{array}{cccc} C_{0,0} & C_{0,1} & C_{0,2} & C_{0,3} \\ C_{1,0} & C_{1,1} & C_{1,2} & C_{1,3} \\ C_{2,0} & C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} & C_{2,3} \\ C_{3,0} & C_{3,1} & C_{3,2} & C_{3,3} \end{array} \right) \text{FP16 or FP32}$$

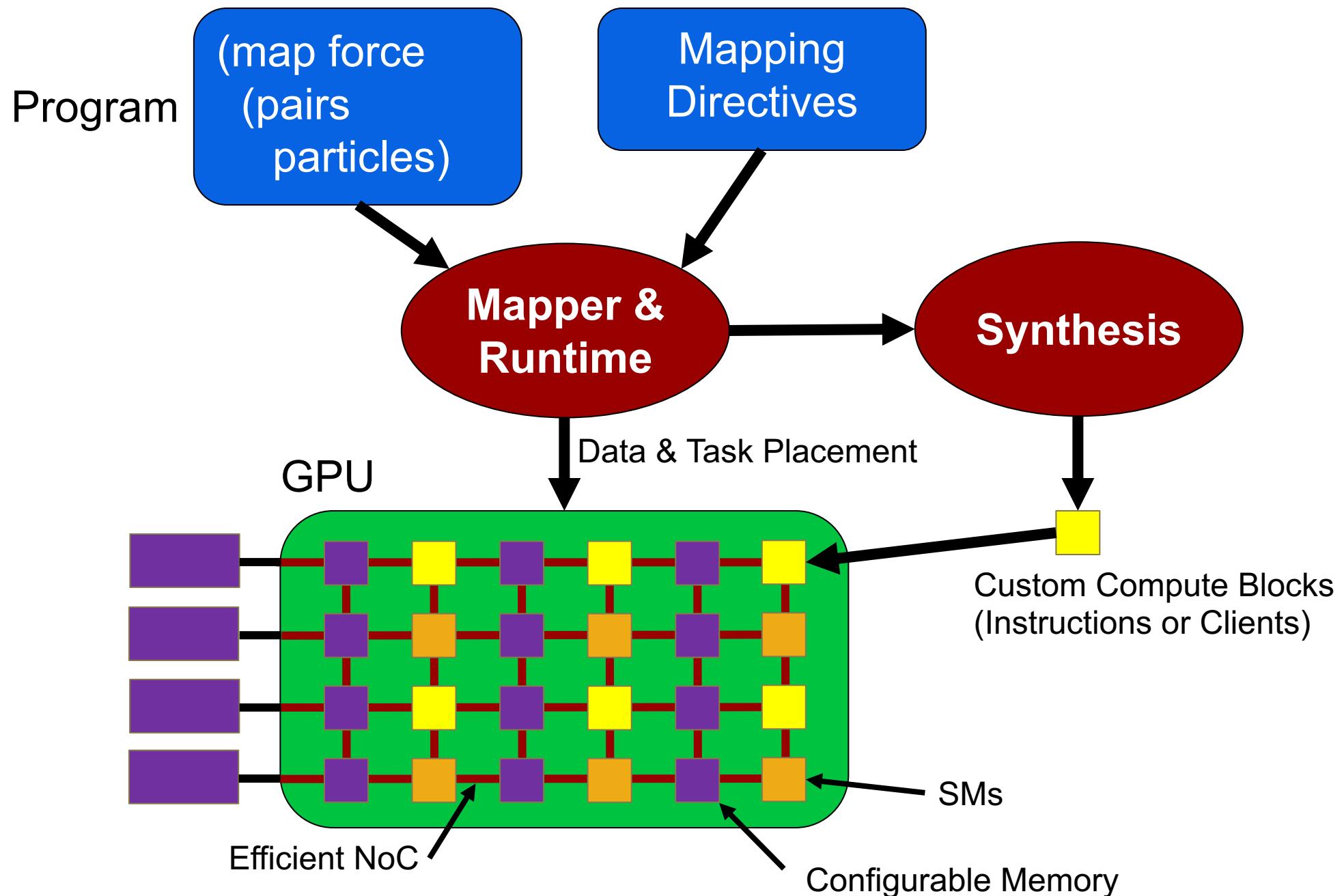
$$D = AB + C$$

Specialized Instructions Amortize Overhead

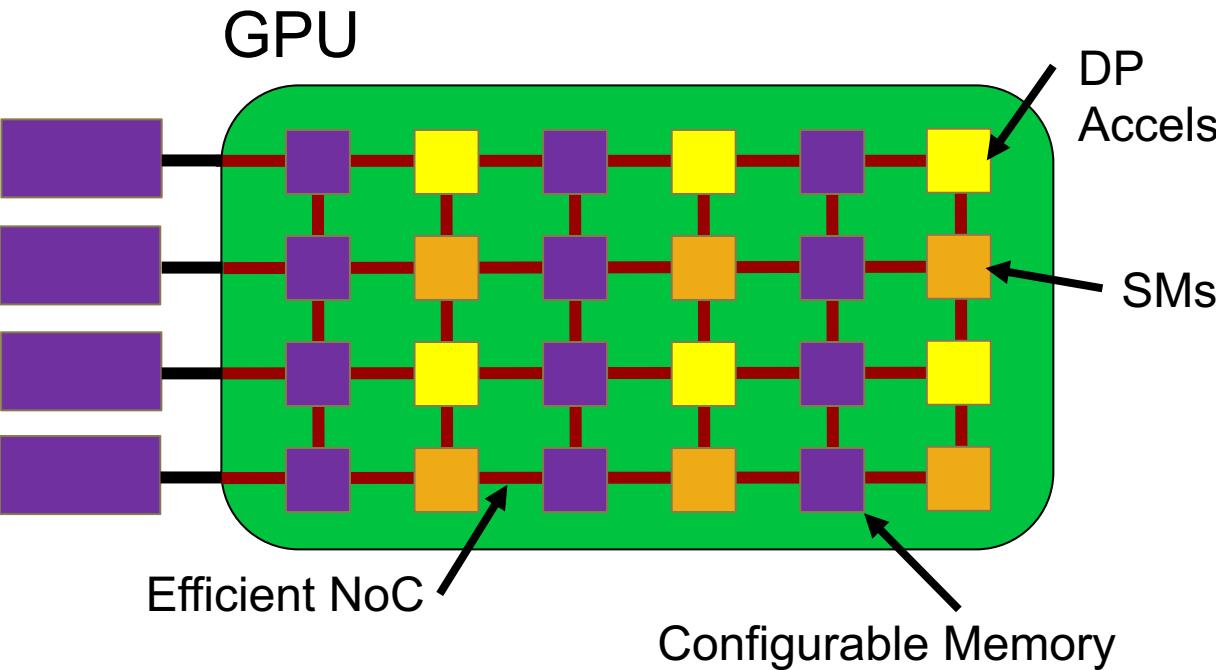
Operation	Ops	Energy**	Overhead*
HFMA	2	1.5pJ	2000%
HDP4A	8	6.0pJ	500%
HMMA	128	110pJ	27%

*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...
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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

