

# Graph Coloring on the GPU

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# Outline

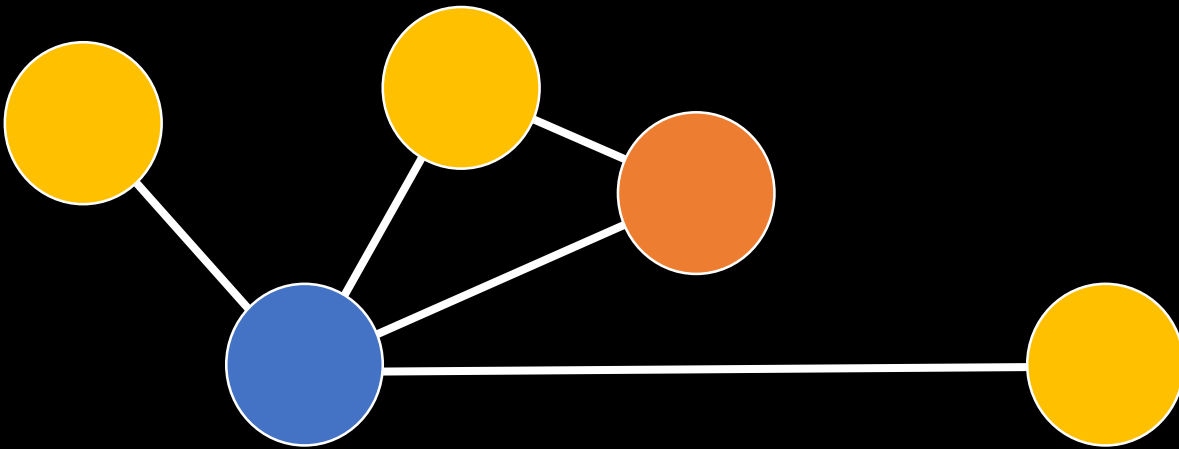
- Contributions
- Graph Coloring Problem
- Graph Analytics Frameworks
- Mapping to Frameworks
- Experiments and Results
- Conclusion

# Contributions

- Surveyed parallel graph coloring algorithms on the GPU
- Implemented graph coloring on a **data-centric** and a **linear-algebra-based** graph frameworks
- First to design a parallel graph coloring algorithm that uses linear-algebra-based primitives based on GraphBLAS API

What is Graph Coloring?

**Assign colors to vertices or edges in a graph such that no two neighboring vertices or edges have the same color.**



# Motivation

- Scheduling
- Register allocation
- Pattern Matching  
and more...



Images sources:

<https://www.preferredtechnology.com/maximize-potential-wireless-access-point/>

and <https://www.spotnrides.com/taxi-dispatch-software>

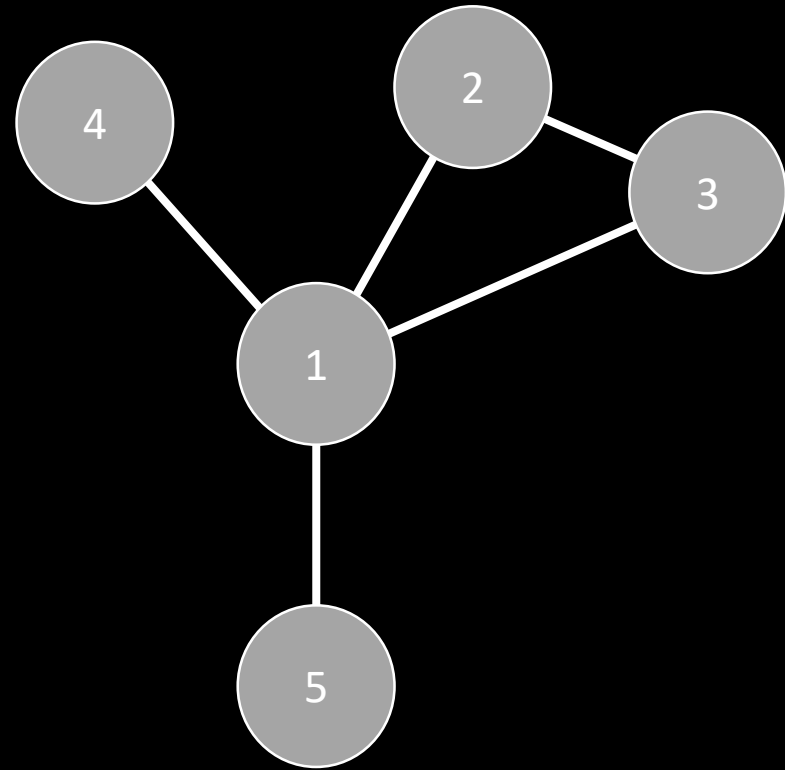
# Serial Greedy Algorithm

1. Starts with some **ordering of vertices**
2. Color each vertex in order using the **minimum color** that does not appear in its neighbors

# Serial Greedy Algorithm

1. Order

2. Color using  
minimum  
color

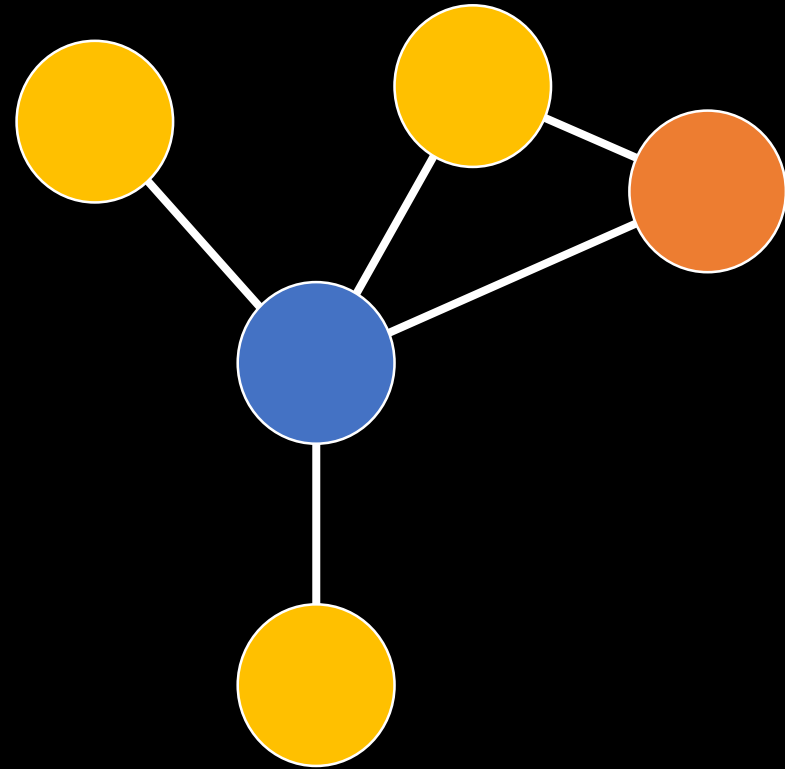


# Serial Greedy Algorithm

Finding the optimal  
ordering is

NP-hard

Not easily  
Parallelizable as is





## Parallel Luby's Algorithm

1. For each  $v \in V$ , generate a random number  $p(v)$
2. Vertex  $v$  is added to the independent set  $I$  if and only if  $p(v) > p(w)$  for all  $w \in adj(v)$
3. Color the set  $I$  with color  $c$ , such that  $c$  is the minimum available color.

# Parallel Luby's Algorithm + Jones and Plassmann

1. Assign each vertex to a processor
2. Communicate its colors with the neighboring vertices
3. Colors itself using the minimum available color

# Parallel Luby's Algorithm + Jones and Plassmann

1. Assign each vertex a color  
All vertices working in Parallel
2. Communicate its color with the  
neighboring vertices  
Asynchronous execution
3. Colors itself using the minimum available  
color

# Challenges

Difficult to **express, implement** and **optimize**  
a high-performance hardwired graph  
algorithm on the GPU

# Goals

GPU Graph Framework allow us to express, implement and optimize graph algorithms.

We set two goals to test these frameworks:

- 1 **Flexibility** of GPU graph frameworks
- 2 **Performance** against state-of-the-art

# Graph Analytics Frameworks

**Gunrock**

Data-centric  
abstraction

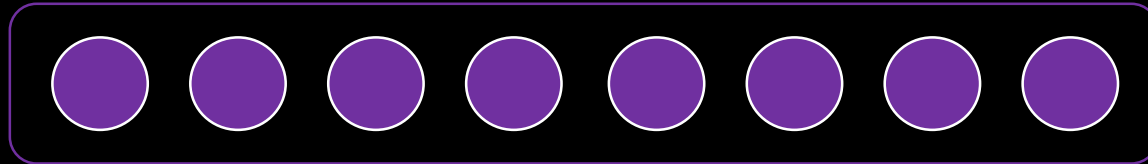
**GraphBLAS**

Linear-algebra-  
based abstraction

# Graph Analytics Framework: **Gunrock**

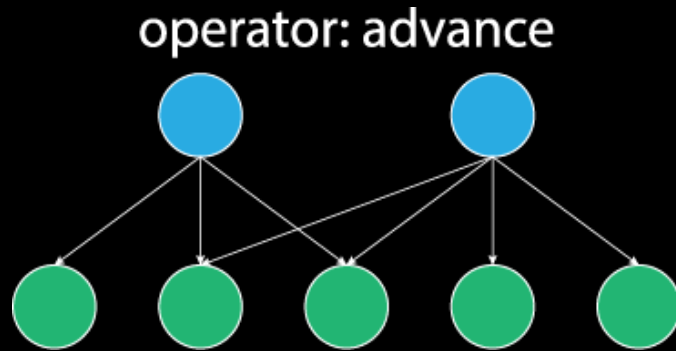
- **Data-centric** abstraction – using frontiers
- A **frontier** is a group of vertices or edges

frontier:

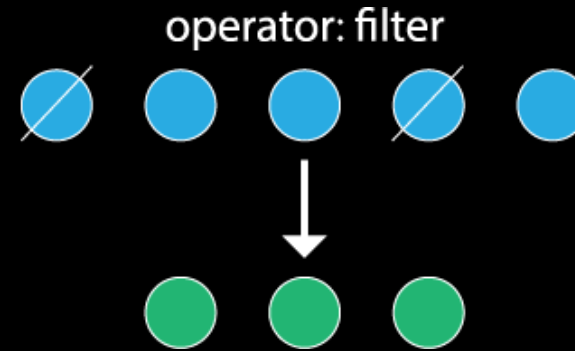


- Manipulation of frontiers is an **operation**

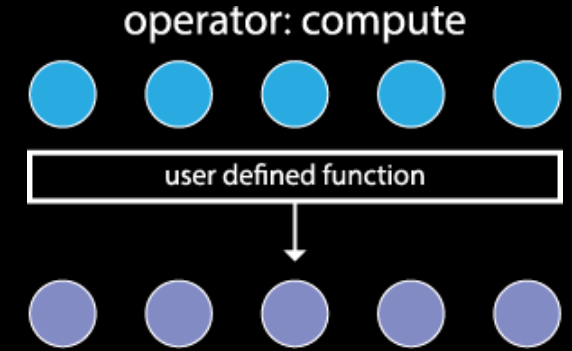
# Gunrock: Operators



Generates new frontier  
by visiting neighbors of  
the input frontier



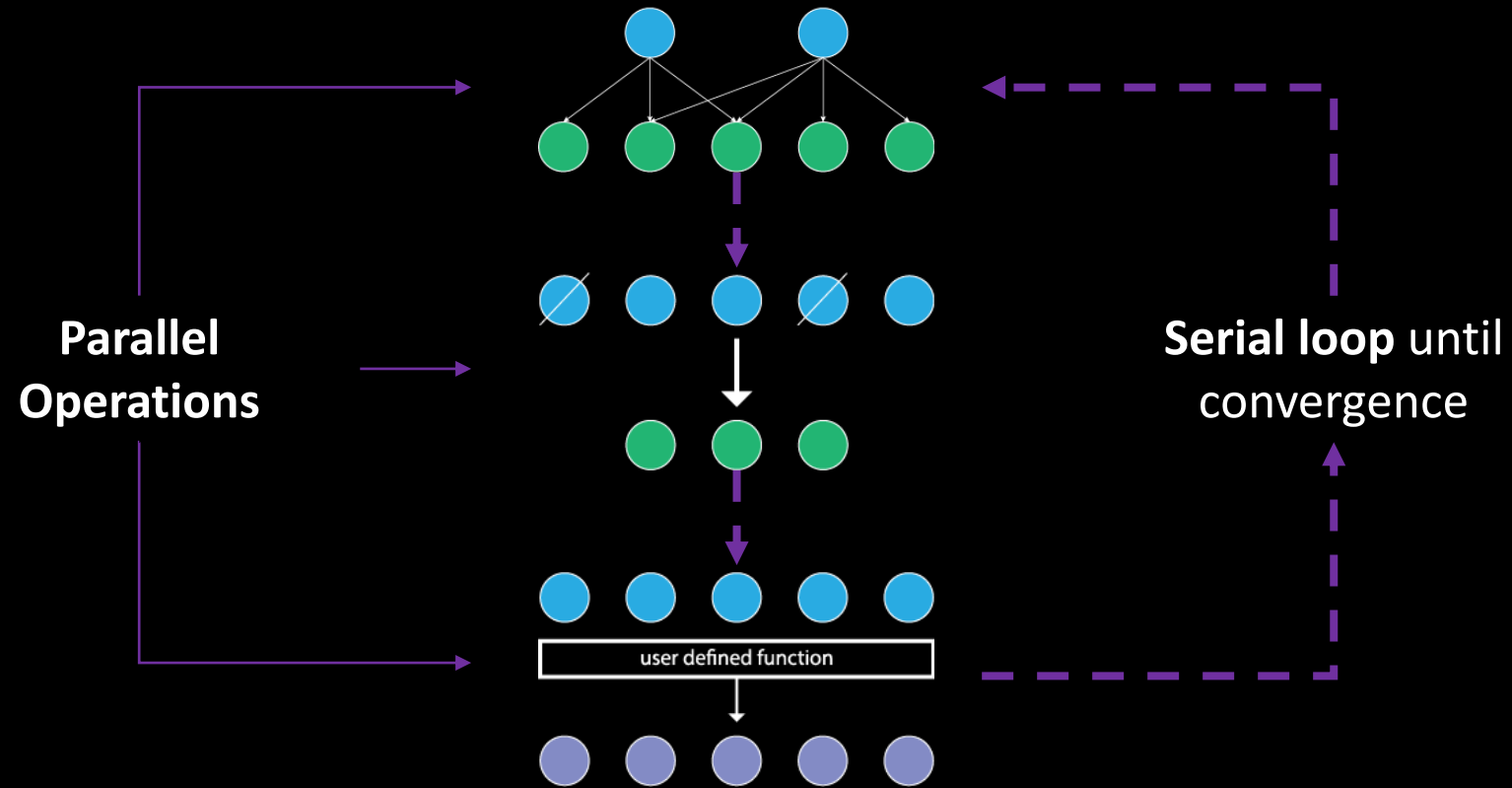
Chooses a subset of  
current frontier as  
the new frontier



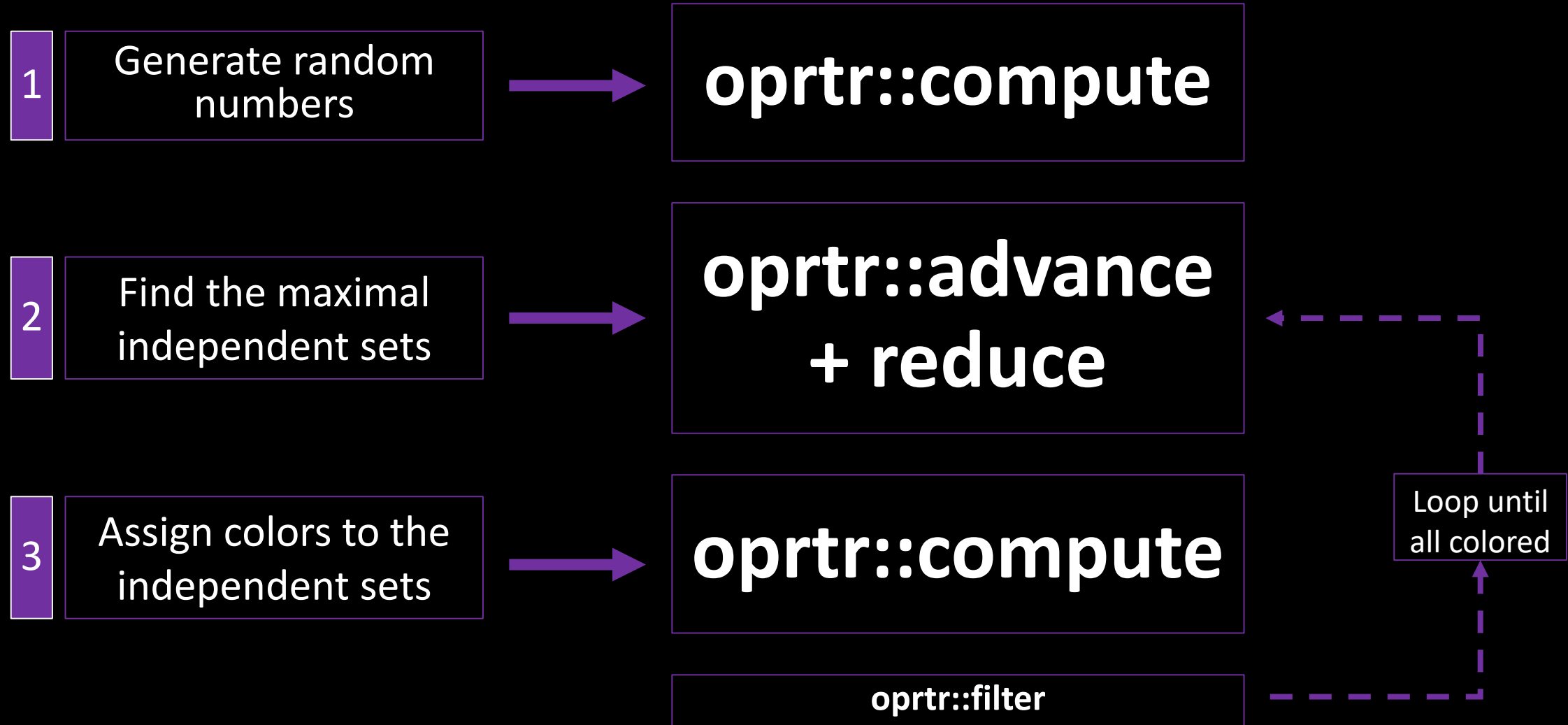
Applies a compute  
operation on all  
elements



# Gunrock: Bulk-Synchronous Programming



# Mapping Independent Set Graph Coloring: Gunrock

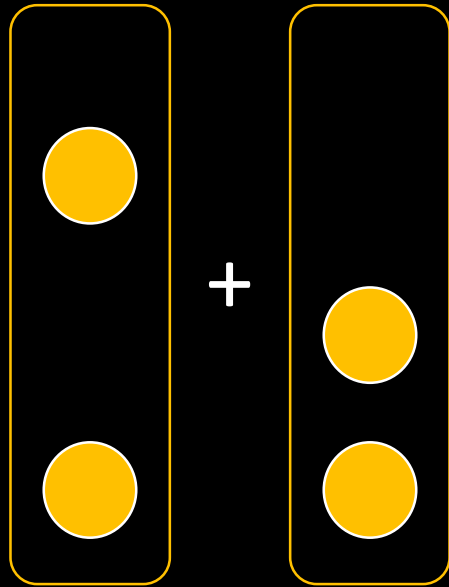


# Graph Analytics Framework: **GraphBLAS**

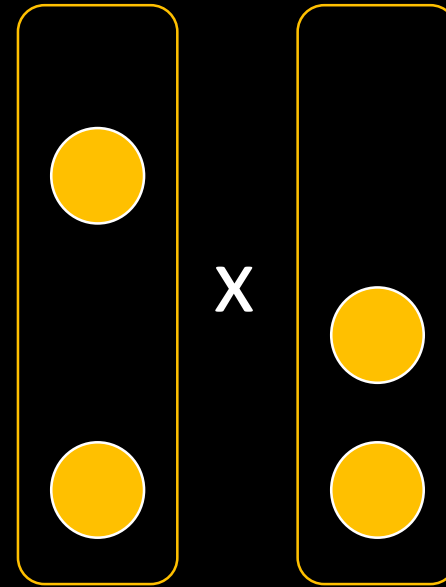
- **Linear-algebra-based** abstraction
- Uses matrix algebra to perform graph operations

# GraphBLAS: Operations

eWiseAdd

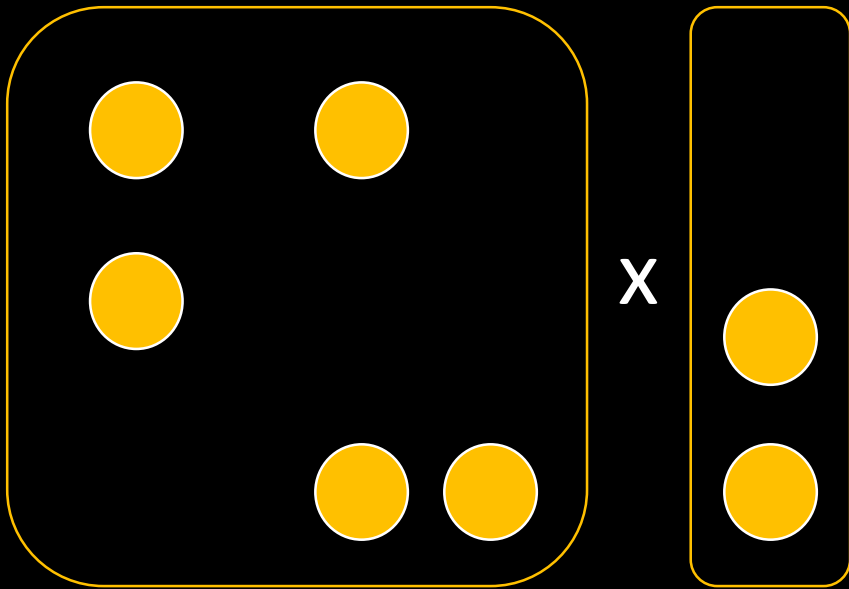


eWiseMult

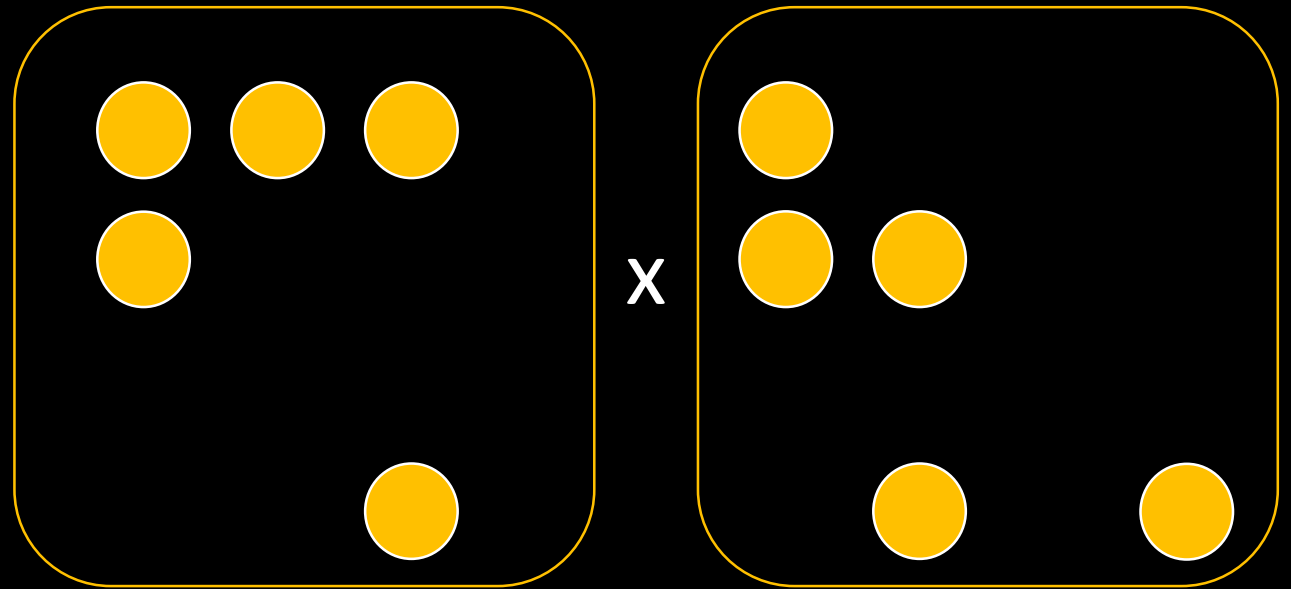


# GraphBLAS: Operations

mxv



mxm

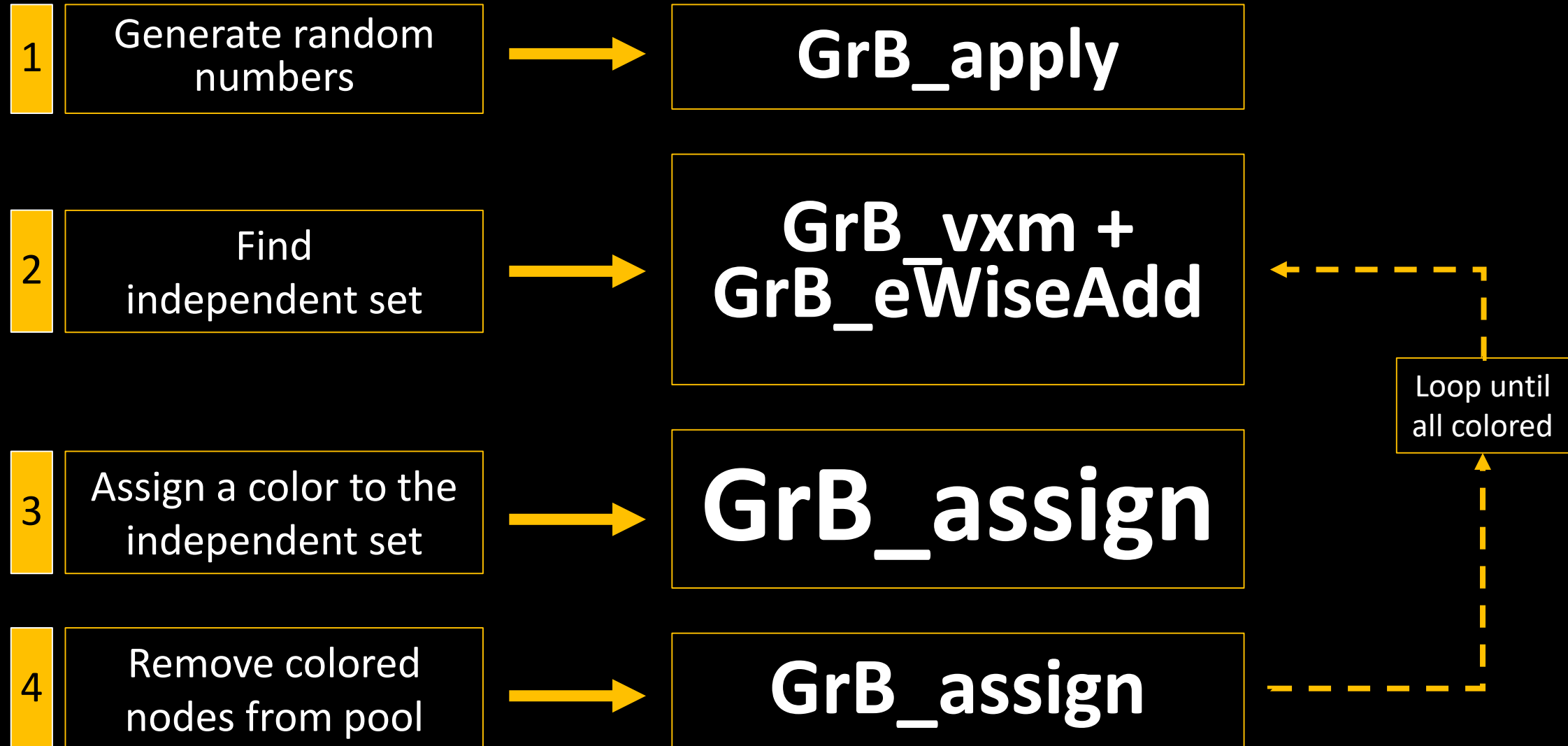


# GraphBLAS: Operators

Semiring notation: (Add, Multiply, Domain)

Name	Semiring	Application
Real field	$\{+, \times, \mathbb{R}\}$	Classical numerical linear algebra
Boolean	$\{ \, \&, \{0, 1\}\}$	Graph connectivity
Tropical	$\{\min, +, \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}\}$	Shortest path
Max-plus	$\{\max, +, \mathbb{R}\}$	Graph matching
Min-times	$\{\min, \times, \mathbb{R}\}$	Maximal independent set

# Mapping Independent Set Graph Coloring: GraphBLAS

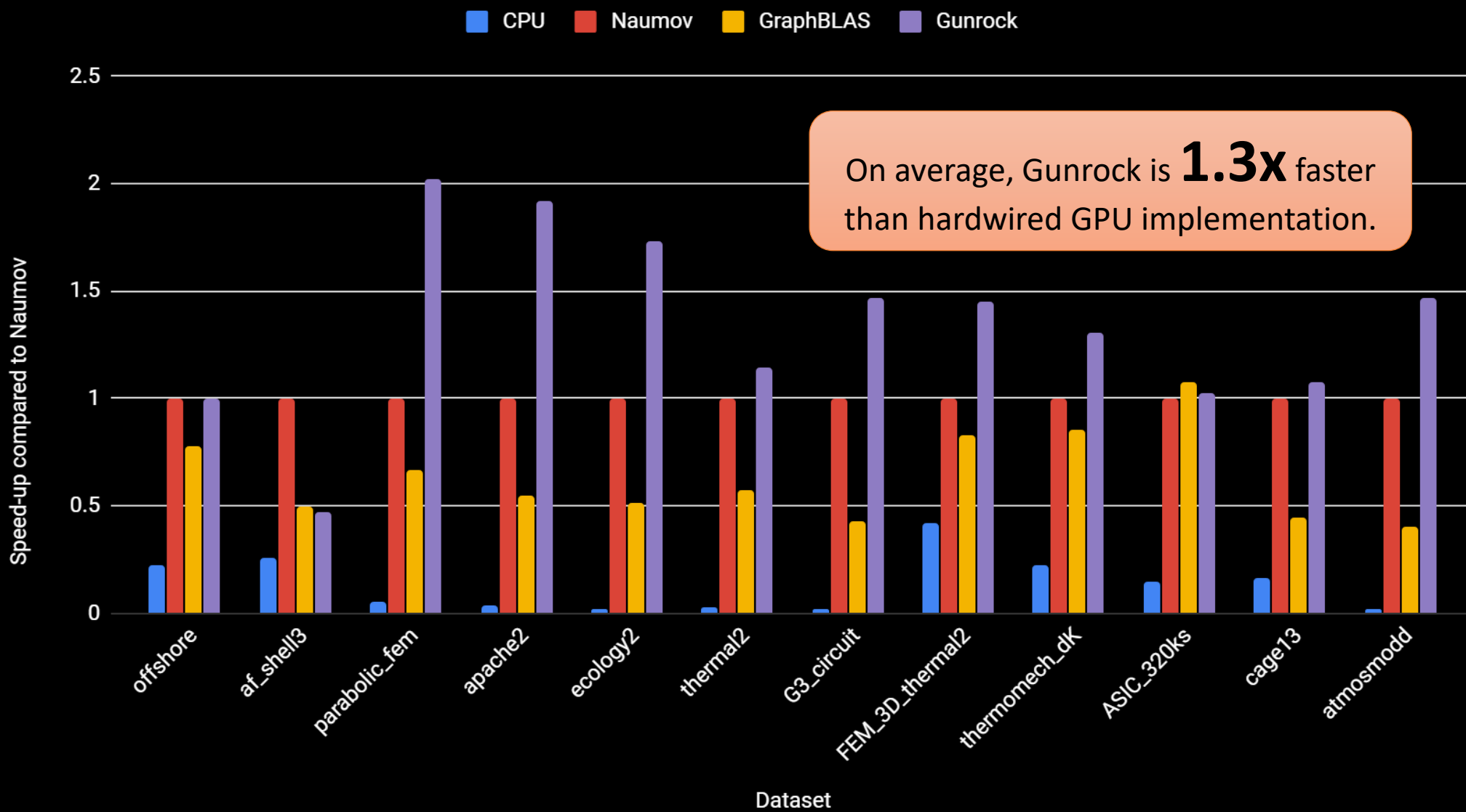


## Experimental Setup

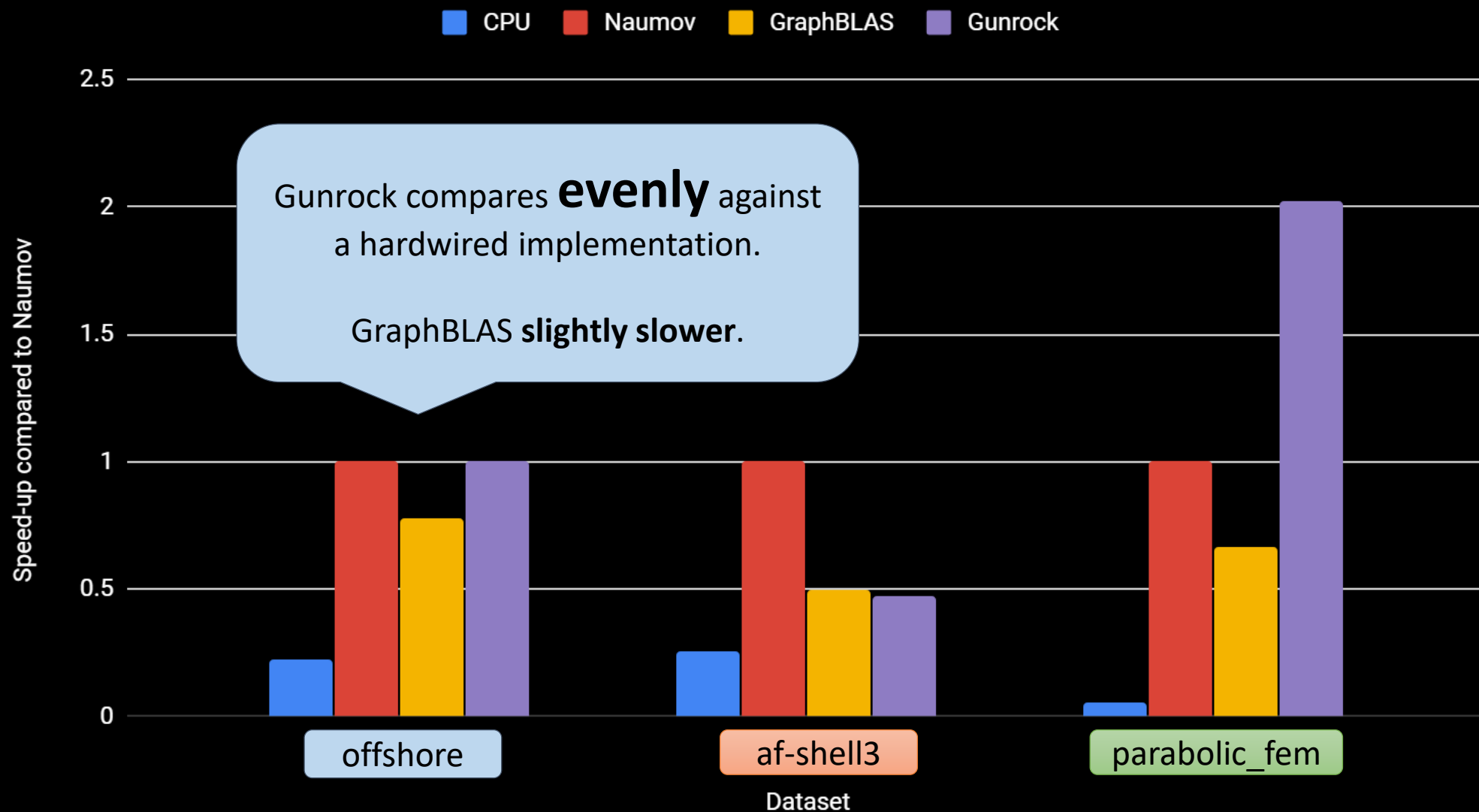
- 2x 3.50 GHz Intel 4-core E5-2637 v2 Xeon CPUs
- NVIDIA K40c GPU w/ 12 GB of on-board memory
- 556 GB of Main Memory
- 22 Dataset
  - 10 randomly generated graphs (rgg)
  - 12 mesh-like or from Finite Element Modeling graphs



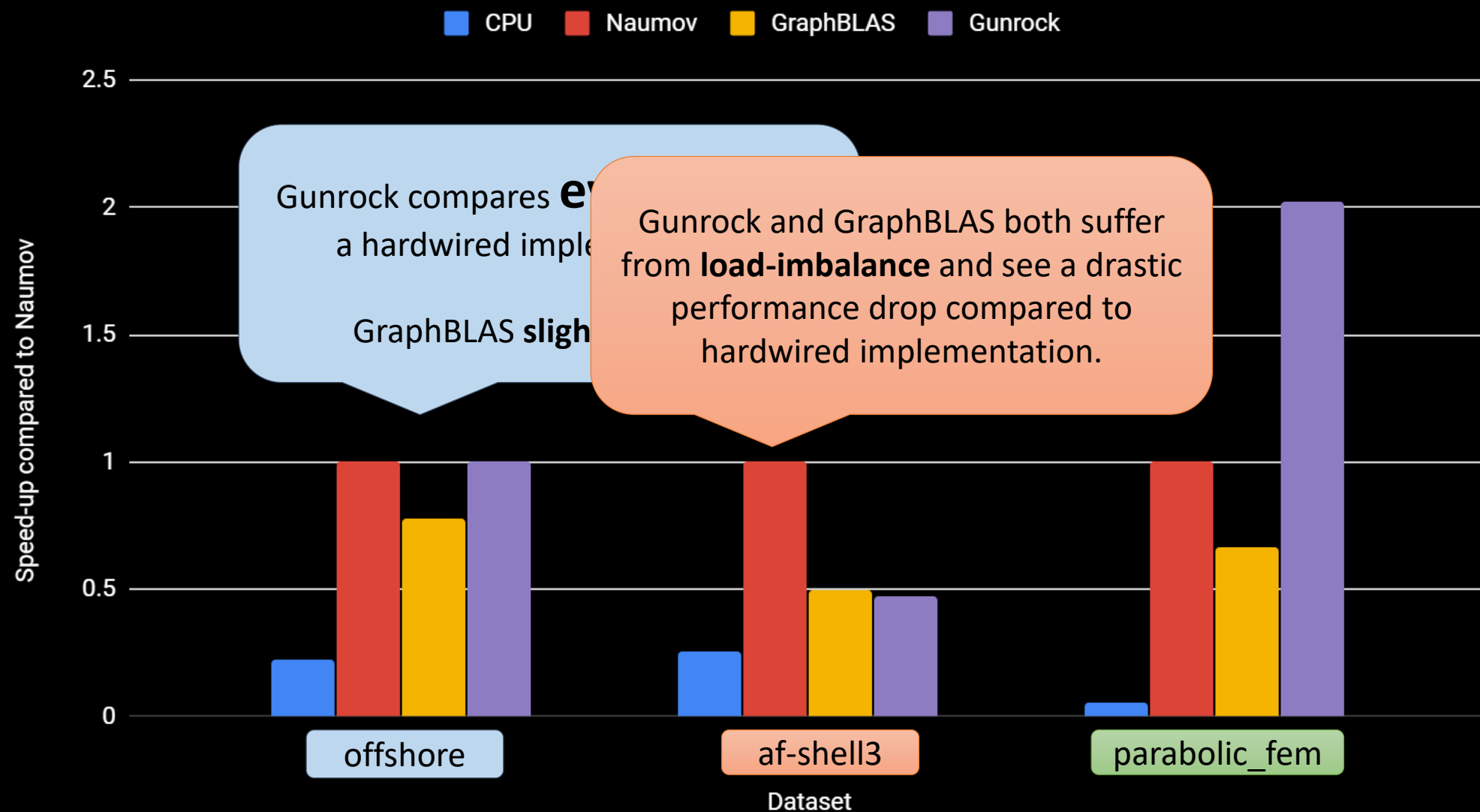
# Runtime Comparison



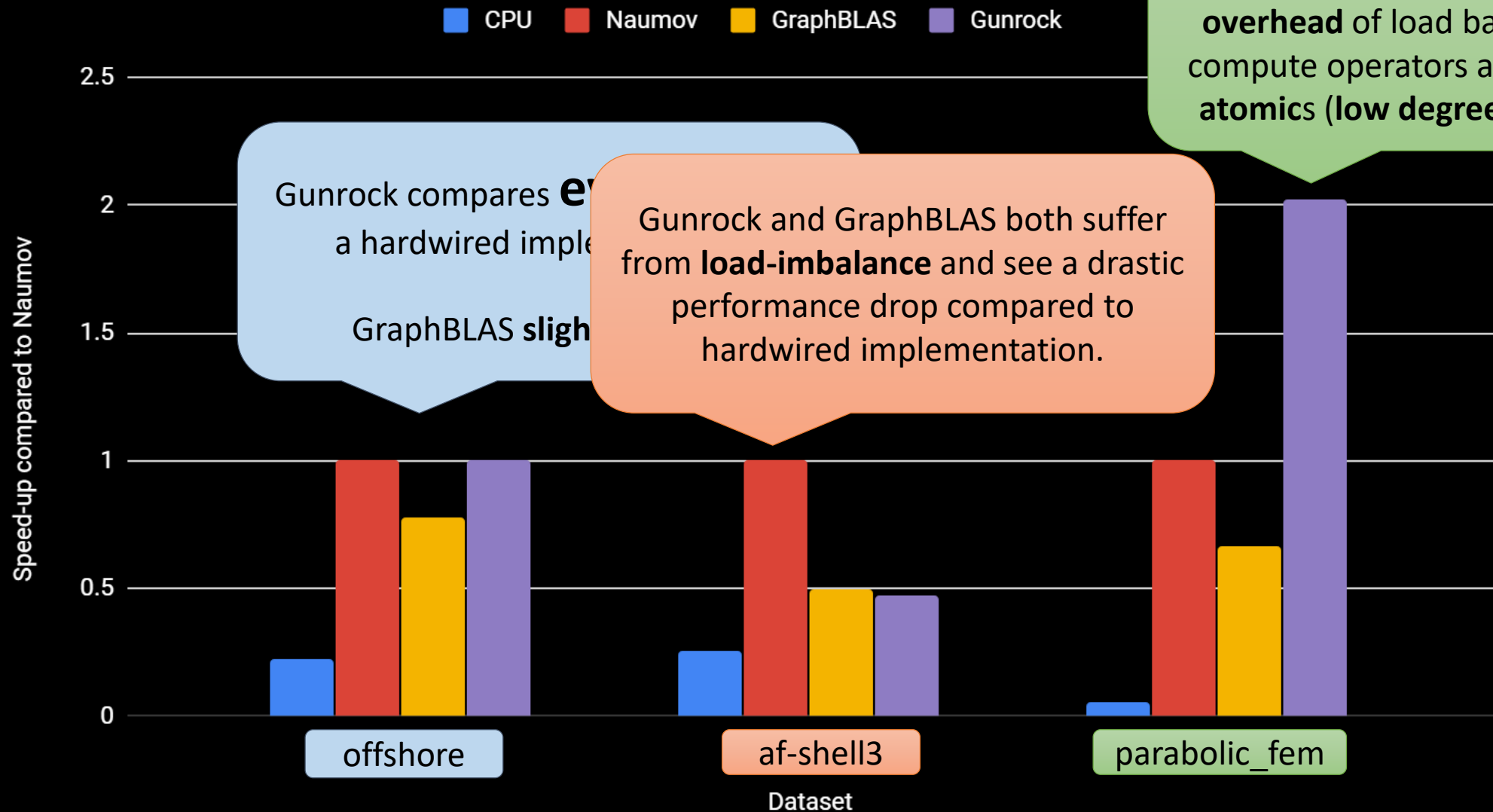
# Runtime Comparison (closer look)



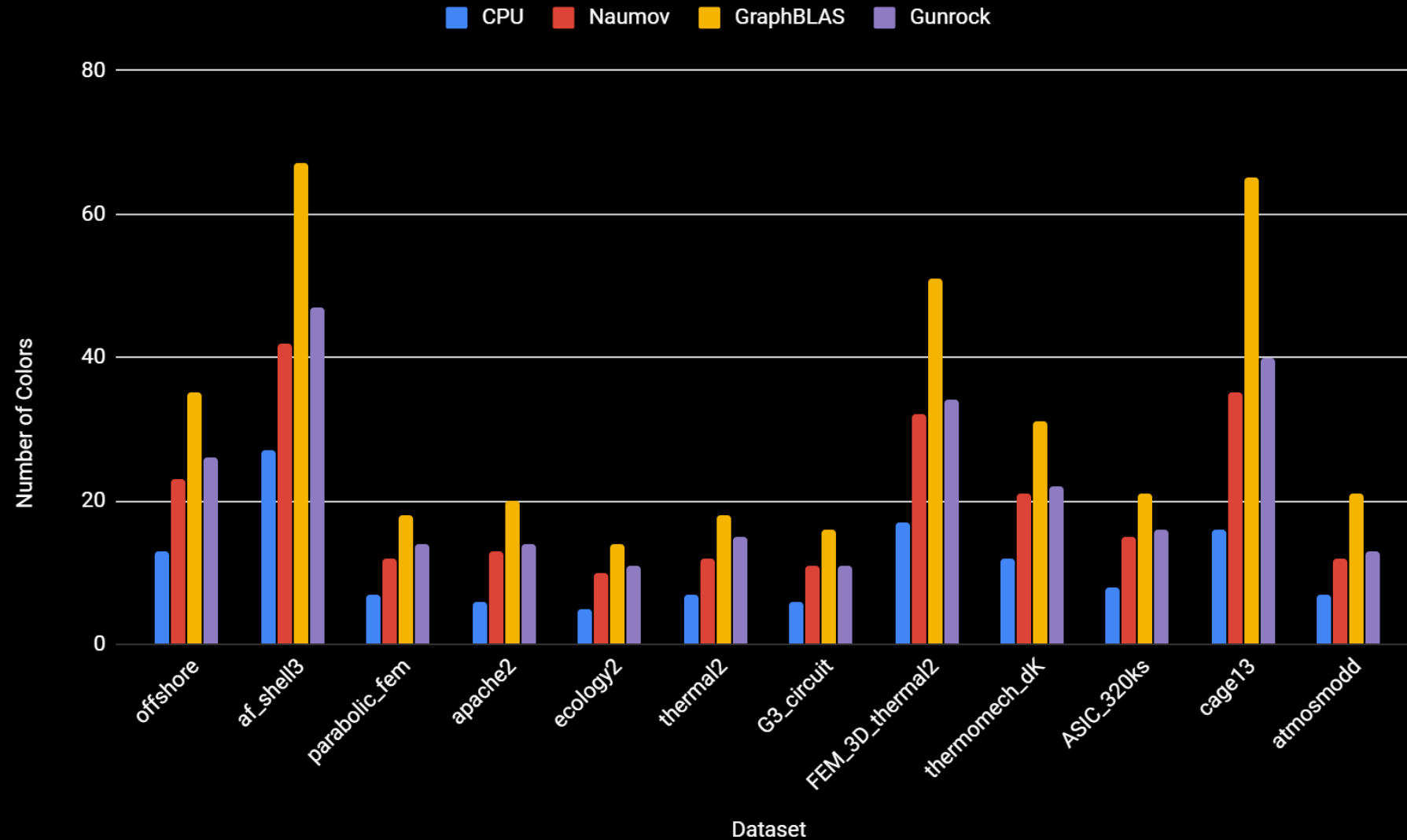
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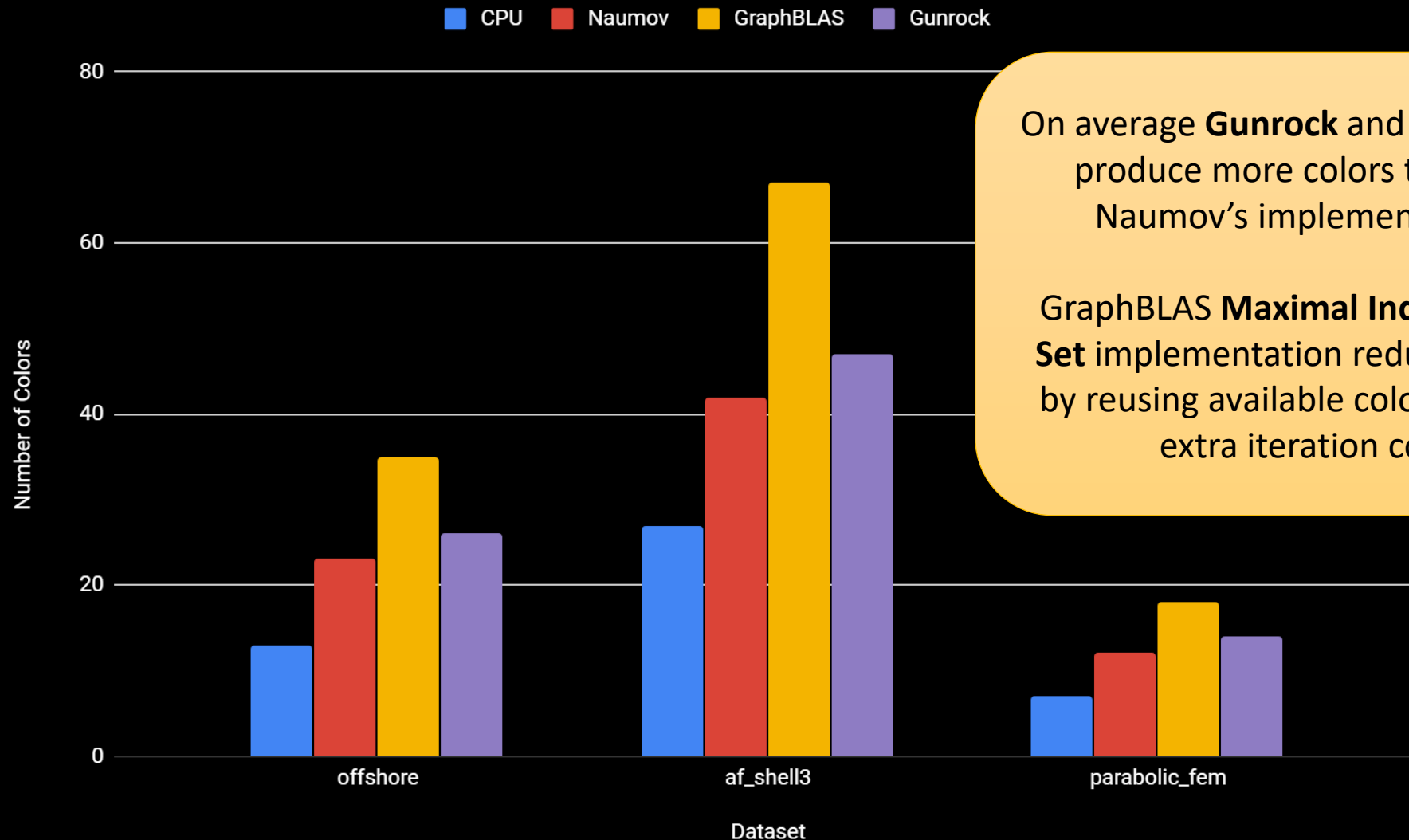
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# Number of Colors Comparison



# Number of Colors Comparison (closer look)



On average **Gunrock** and **GraphBLAS** produce more colors than the Naumov's implementation.

GraphBLAS **Maximal Independent Set** implementation reduces colors by reusing available colors with an extra iteration cost

# Conclusion

1 **Flexibility** of GPU graph frameworks

2 **Performance** against state-of-the-art

# Conclusion

1

Implemented **3** different graph coloring **algorithms** with **optimizations** on both **GraphBLAS** and **Gunrock**

2

**compared to hard-wired** state-of-the art implementations Naumov et al.

Gunrock peak **speed-up of 2x**,  
a geomean **speed-up of 1.3x** with 1.6x more colors  
GraphBLAS **1.9x fewer colors** at a cost of **3x extra run-time**



How to do better...

- **Load-Balance** for scale-free graphs
- **Kernel Fusion** to fuse advance and neighborhood reduction – avoiding cost of two kernels
- Exploring more graph coloring algorithms.

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# Code and other stuff...

Gunrock

[github.com/gunrock/gunrock](https://github.com/gunrock/gunrock)

(released soon in v1.0.0)

GraphBLAS

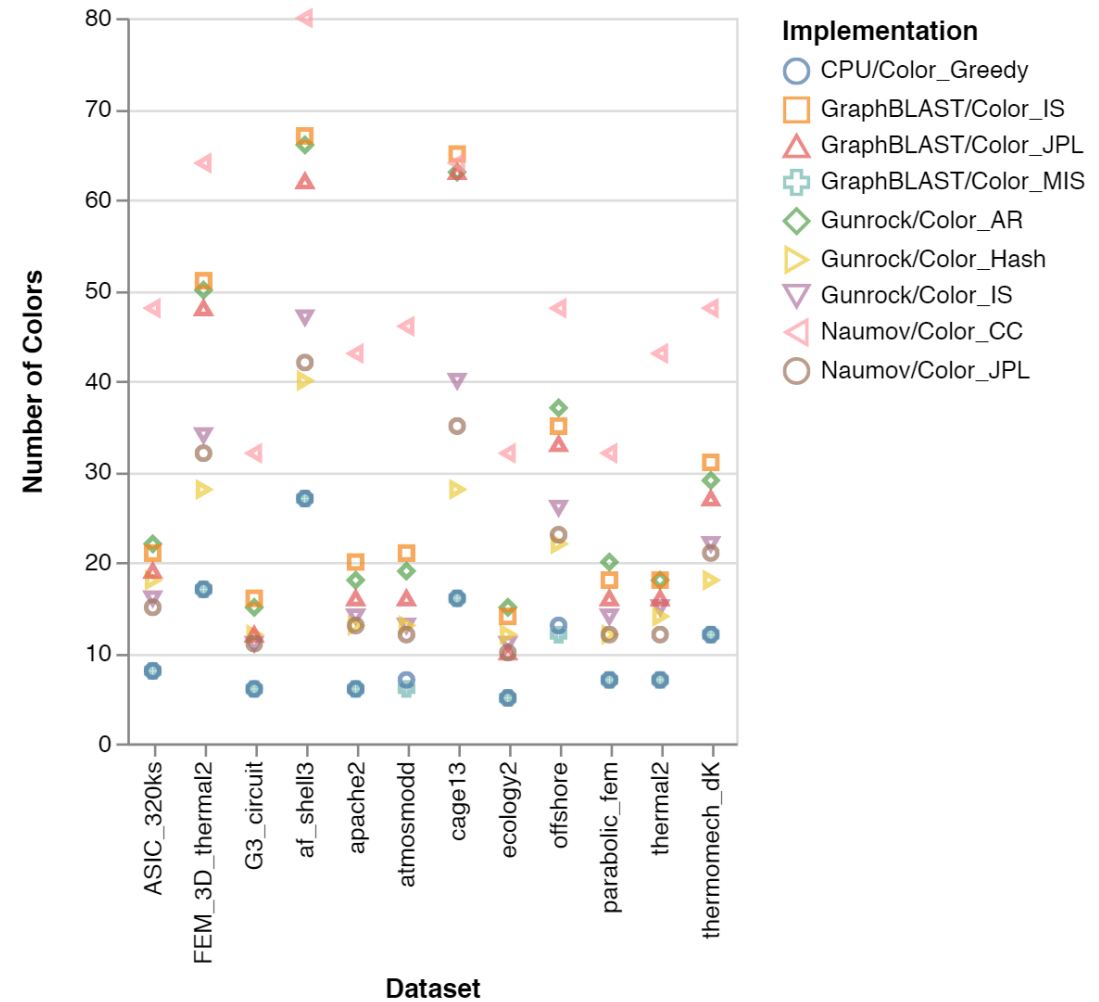
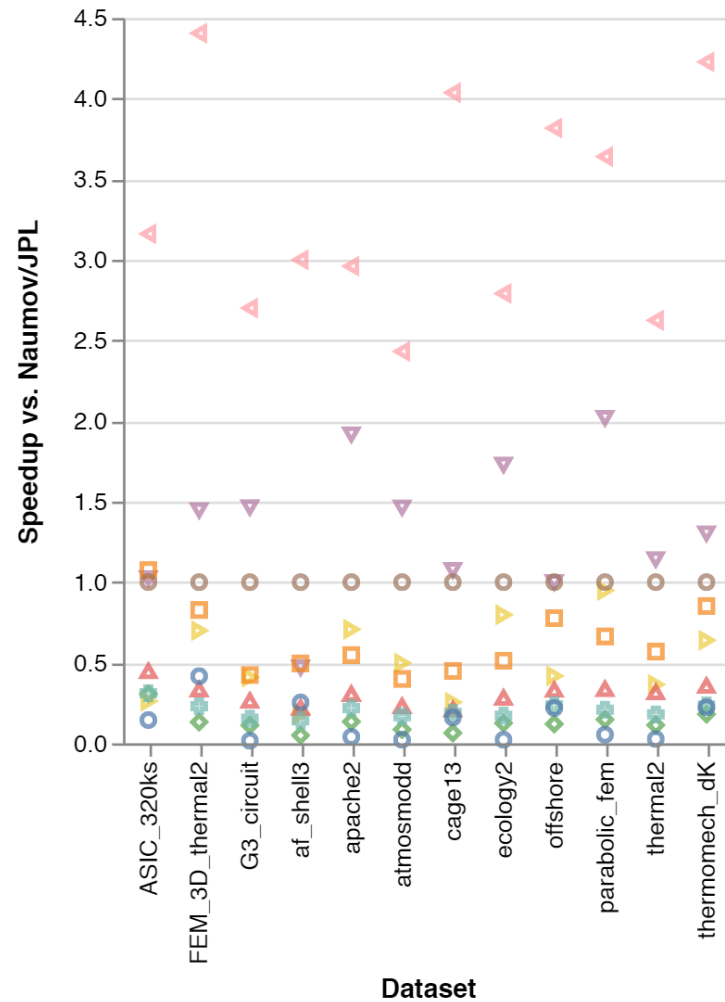
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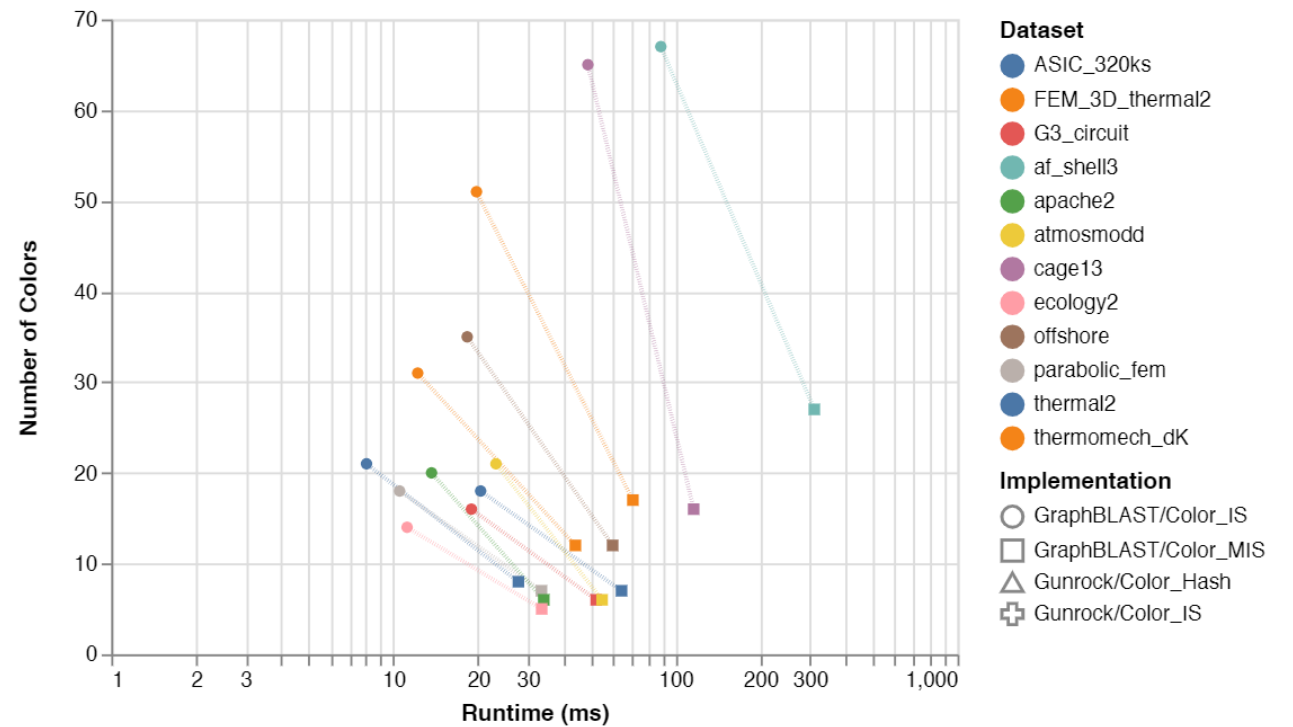
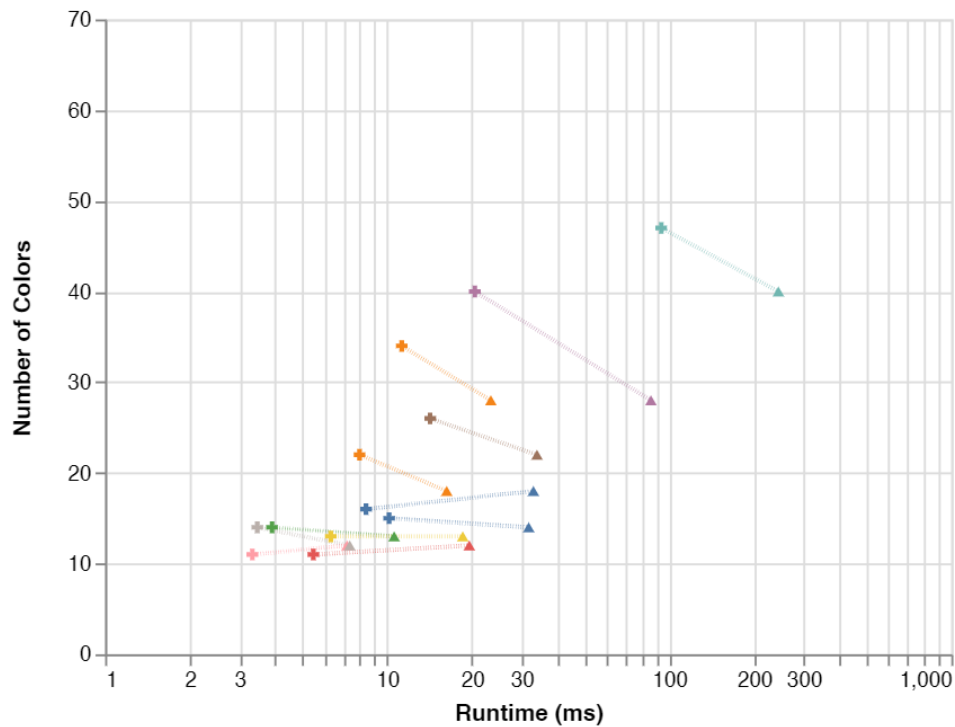
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# Runtime and Number of Colors Comparison



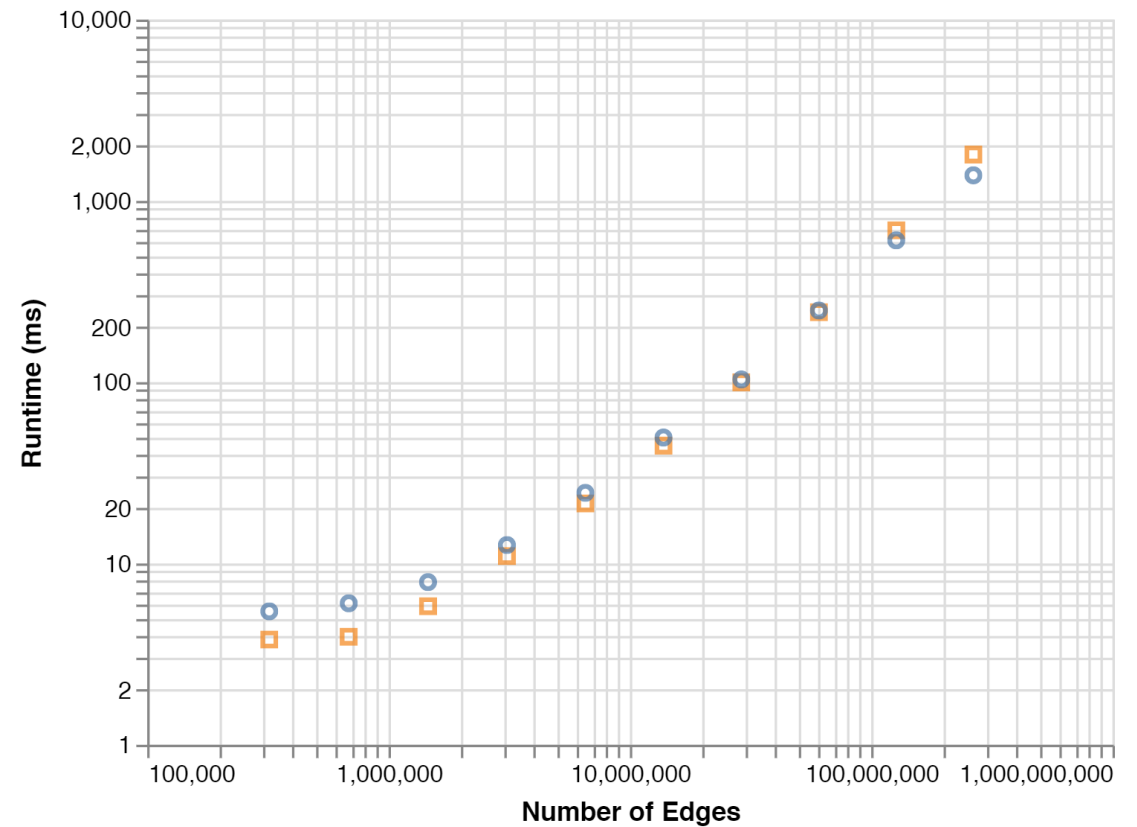
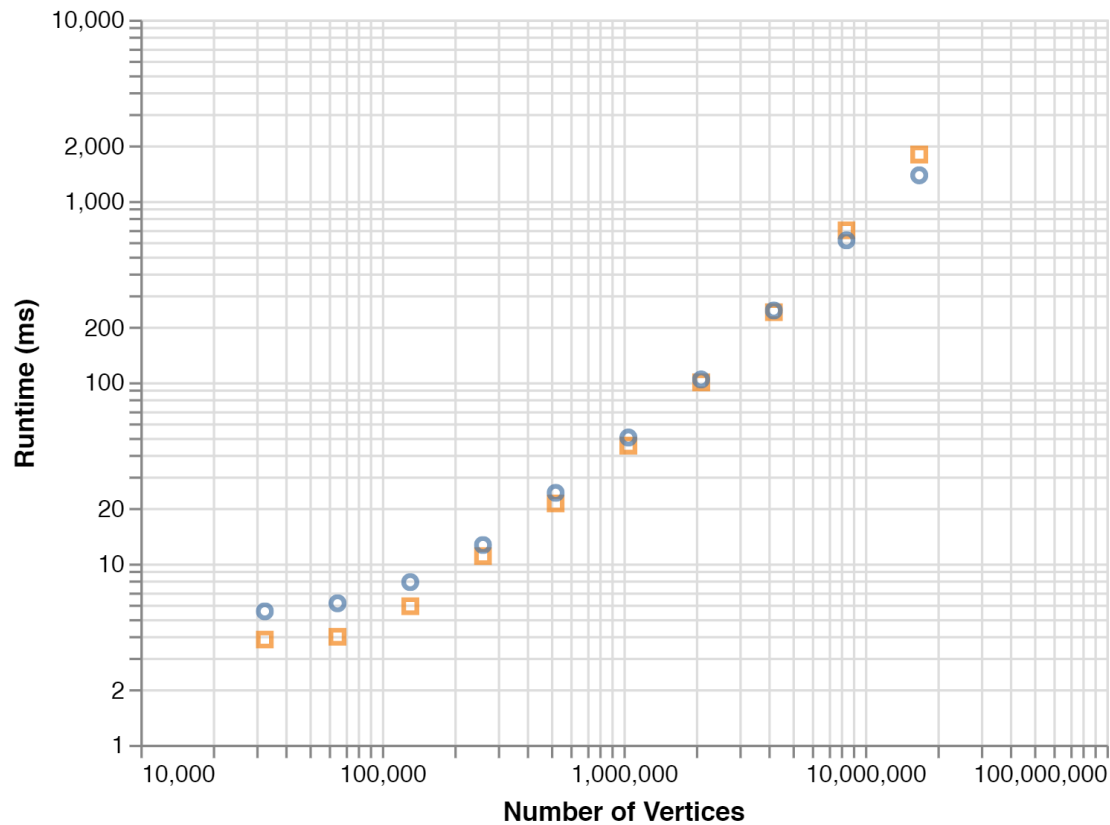
# Tradeoffs Between Different Implementations



# Runtime vs. Number of Vertices and Edges

## Implementation

- GraphBLAST/Color\_RGG
- Gunrock/Color\_RGG



# Number of Colors vs. Number of Vertices and Edges

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