
Accelerating Bioinformatics with Big Data Technologies

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Outline

- **Introduction**

- **Approach**

- **Results**

- **Summary**



DNA Sequence Matching

Goal

- Quickly compare two sets of DNA

Applications

- Identification
- Mixture Analysis
- Kinship Analysis
- Ancestry Analysis

Uses: disease outbreaks, criminal investigations, personal medical services, ...

- Challenge: sequence matching takes a long time, can we make it faster?





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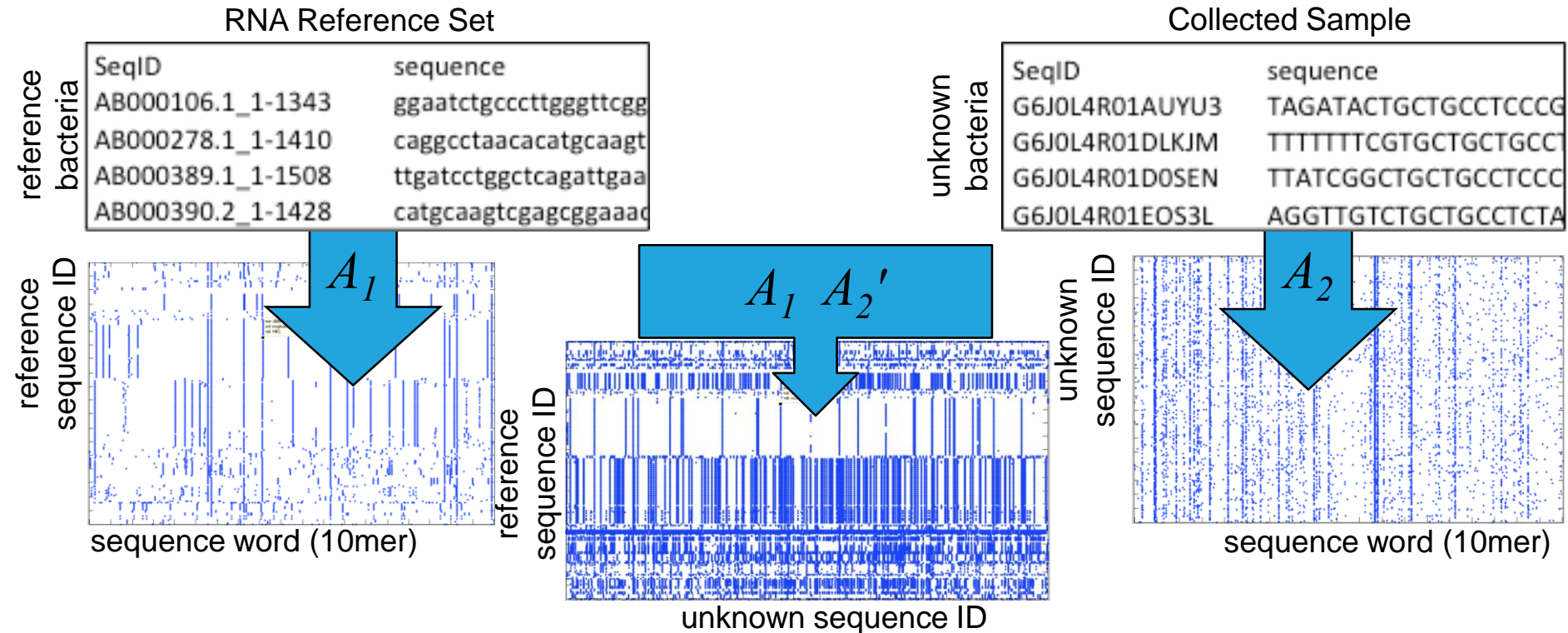
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Sequence Matching ⇔ Sparse Matrix Multiply in D4M

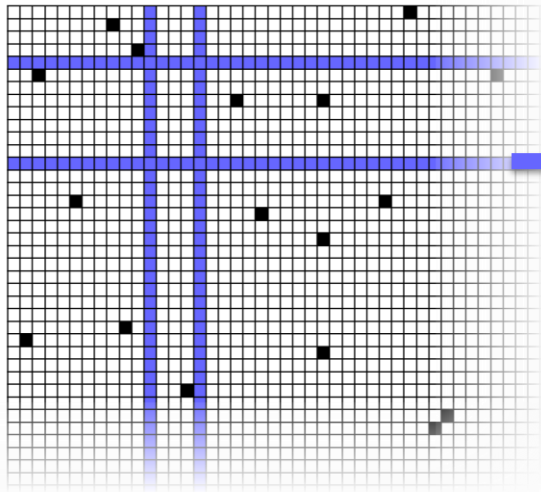


Database Sequence				Sample Sequence			Matchup		
					SeqU1	SeqU2		SeqU1	SeqU2
				tcccgtagga	7			SeqU1	SeqU2
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Seq2	55		43	gatactgctg		42			



D4M Stores Giant Sparse Matrices in Accumulo Triple Store Database

Triple Store
Distributed Database



D4M
Dynamic
Distributed
Dimensional
Data
Model

Query:
T(:,ggaatctgcc)

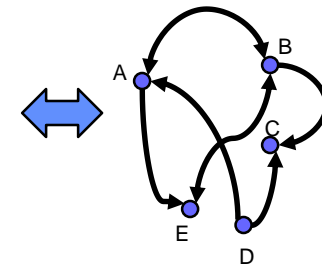
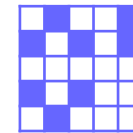
Triple store are high performance distributed databases for heterogeneous data

Database Advantage

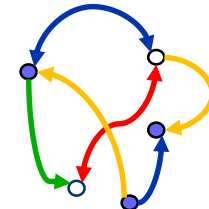
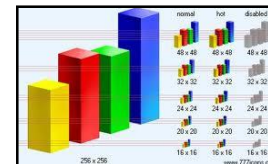
- Store word frequency
- Only compare against the most frequent words



Associative Arrays
Numerical Computing Environment



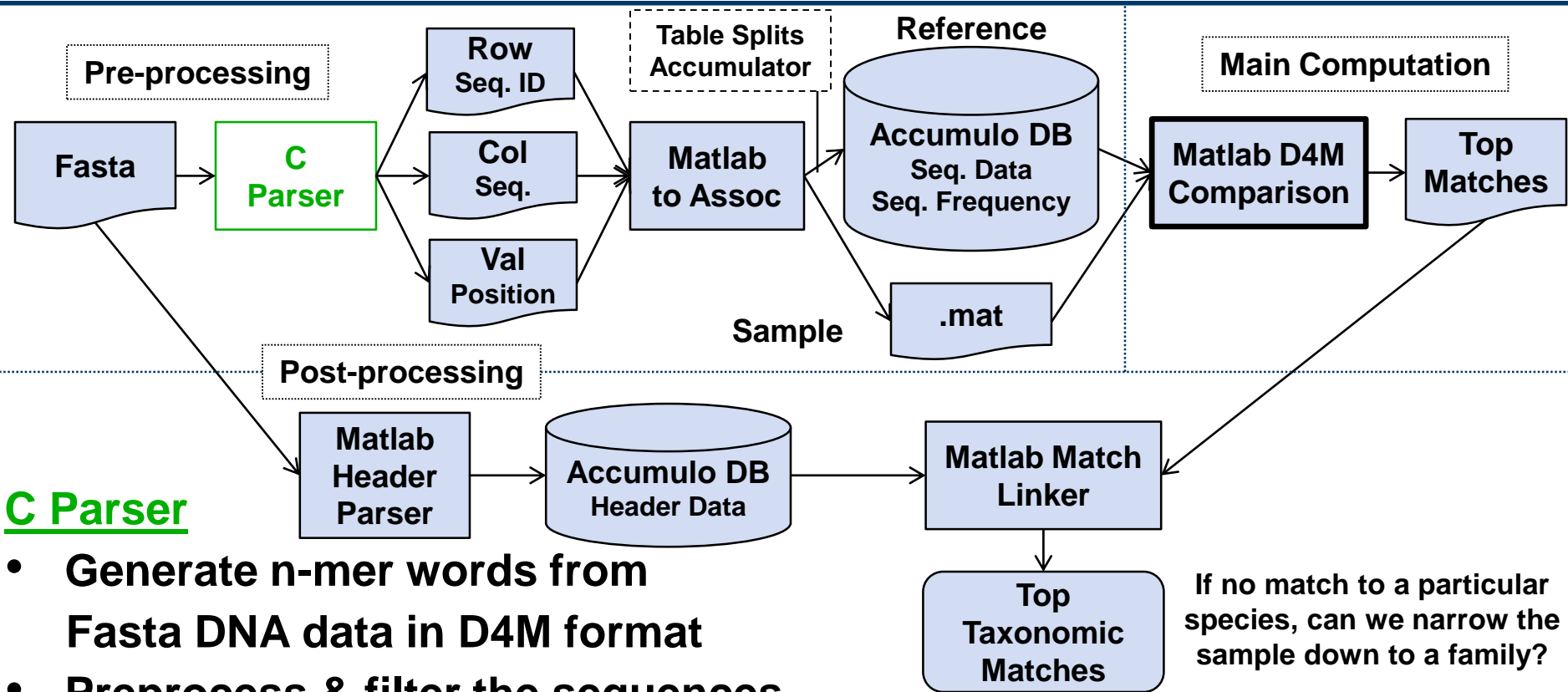
A D4M query returns a sparse matrix or graph from a triple store...



...for statistical signal processing or graph analysis in Matlab



Sequence Processing Pipeline



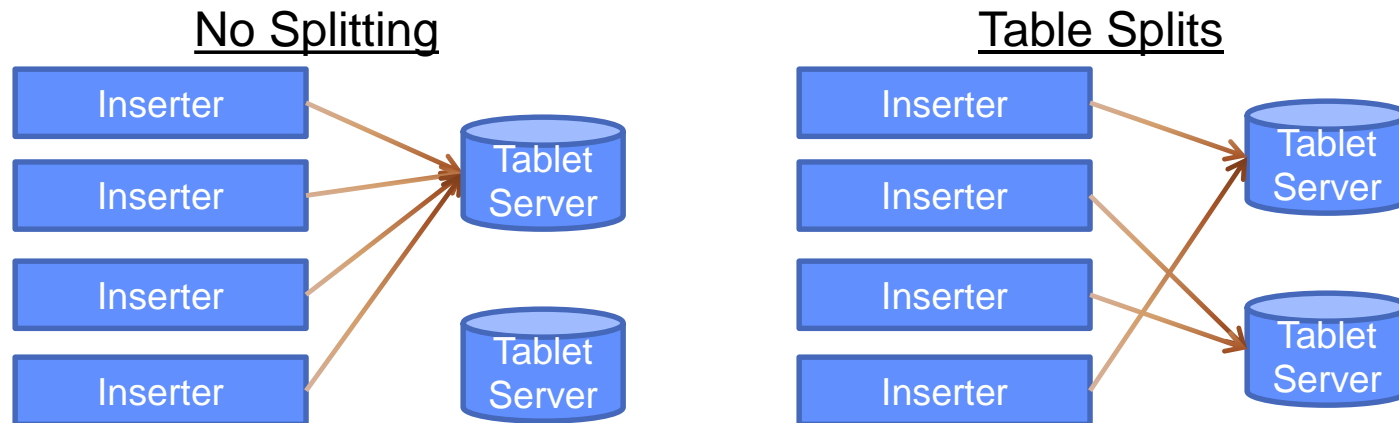
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- Generate n-mer words from Fasta DNA data in D4M format
- Preprocess & filter the sequences
 - Ignore bad, common sequences
 - Break output files into manageable chunks, say 5MB
 - Generate reverse complement sequences
 - Break up big sequences into subsequences to preserve locality



D4M Contributions: Table Splits

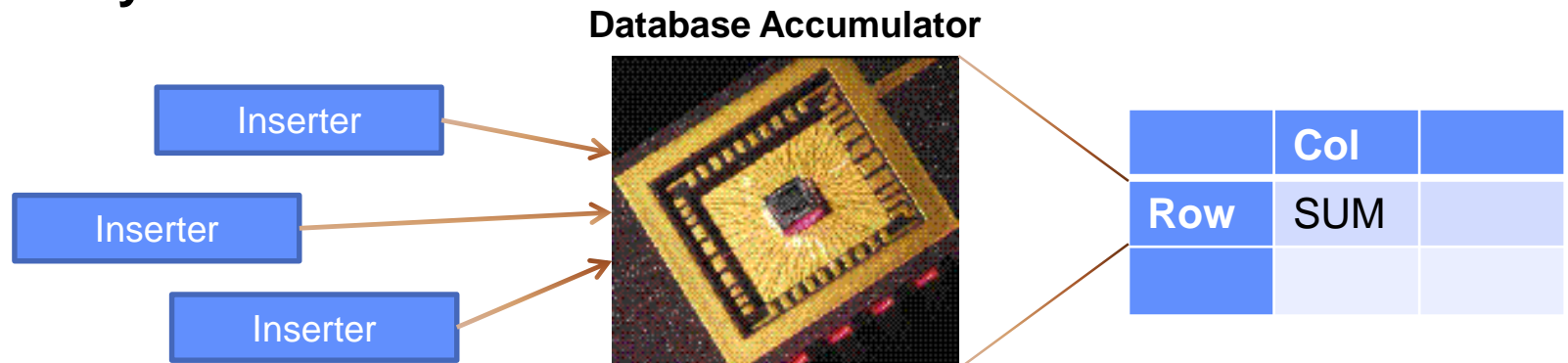
- Initial inserts bottleneck on one tablet server until it fills up and splits
- Performance booster: pre-split table among several tablet servers for instant parallel insertion
 - Use advanced knowledge of row data patterns to choose splits
- Created functions to set, merge and query table splits





D4M Contributions: Accumulator Columns

- Introduced Accumulo's combiner to D4M
 - Example: Document word counting
 - Row ID = Document ID
 - Column = Word
 - Value = Count
 - Insert (Doc1, 'bird', 2) → DB has (Doc1, 'bird', 2)
 - Insert (Doc1, 'bird', 3) → DB has (Doc1, 'bird', 5)
- Works with any commutative operation
 - Addition, maximum, minimum, etc.
- Very handy for D4M users





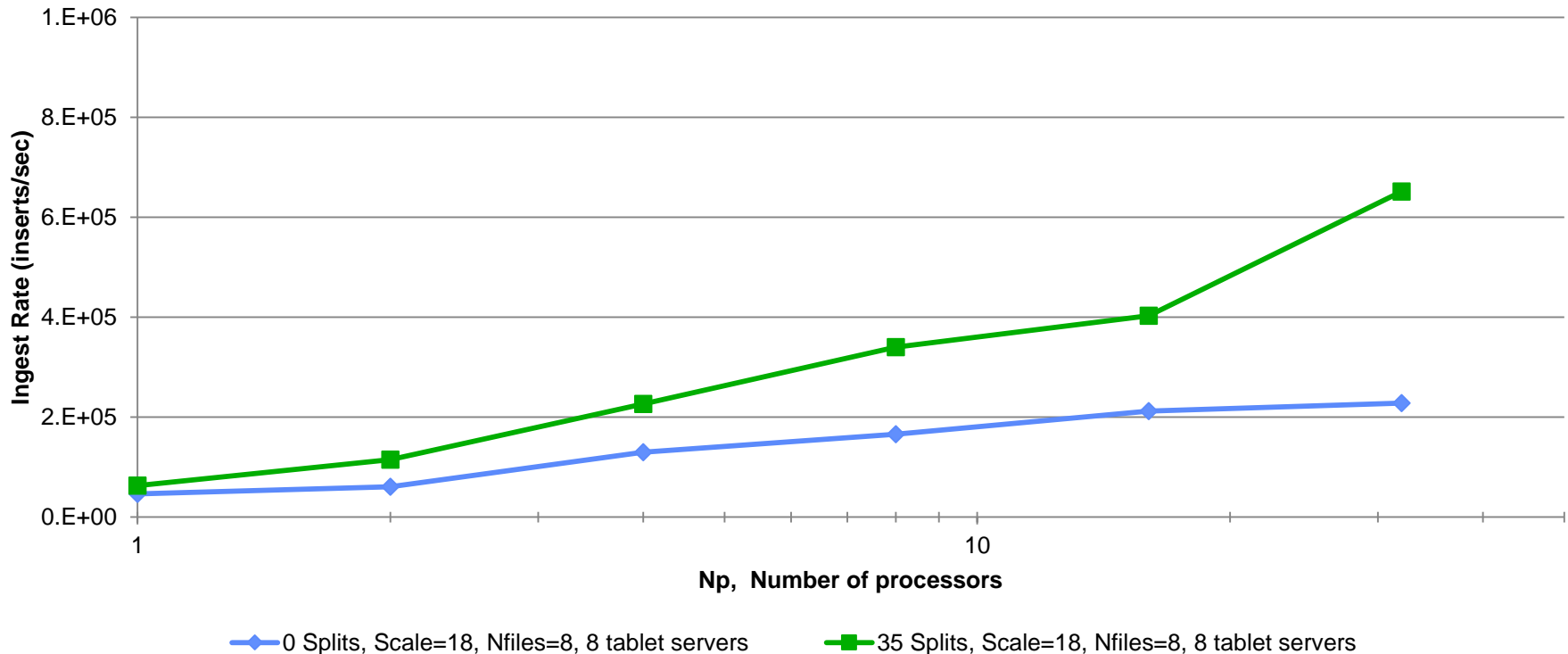
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D4M Performance: Table Splits

Split vs. No-Split Performance



pMatlab + tic & toc

Each inserter inserts $\sim 2^{18}$ rows of ~ 8 bytes each 8 times = 16 MB/inserter

- Ran in exclusive mode – one inserter process per node

Conclusion: Pre-Splitting tables appropriately can **double ingest rates** at higher Np in multinode database environments

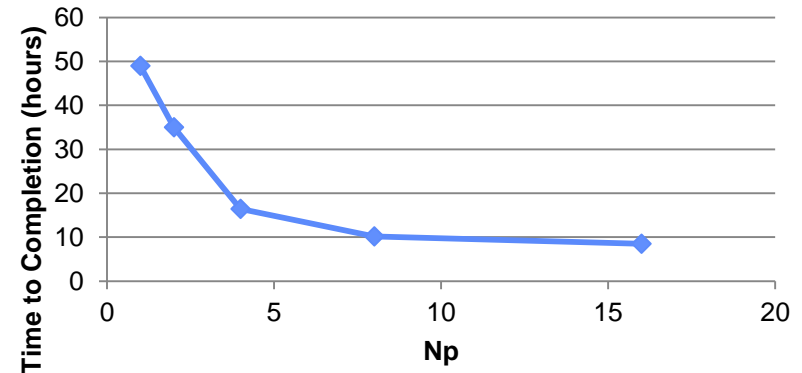


Sample to Human Performance

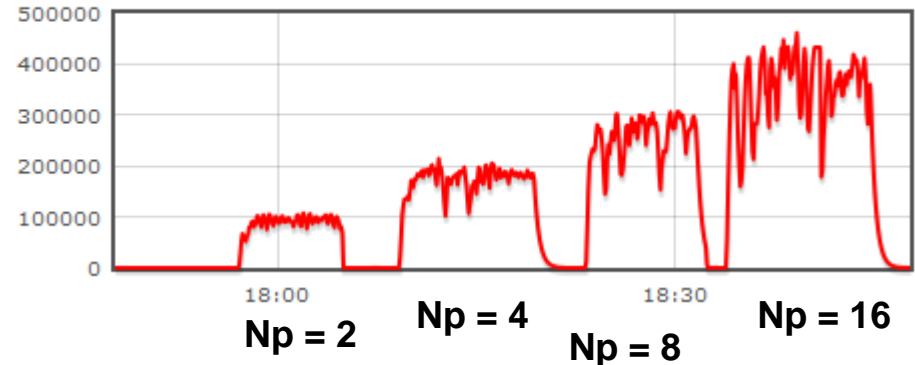
- 4.5 GB human Fasta file
- C Parser took 25 minutes
- 101 GB of row, col files
- Ingest Time: Reduced 50 hours to 10 hours

**Long pre-processing;
Fast query comparison!**

**Extrapolated Human Ingest
Run Times**



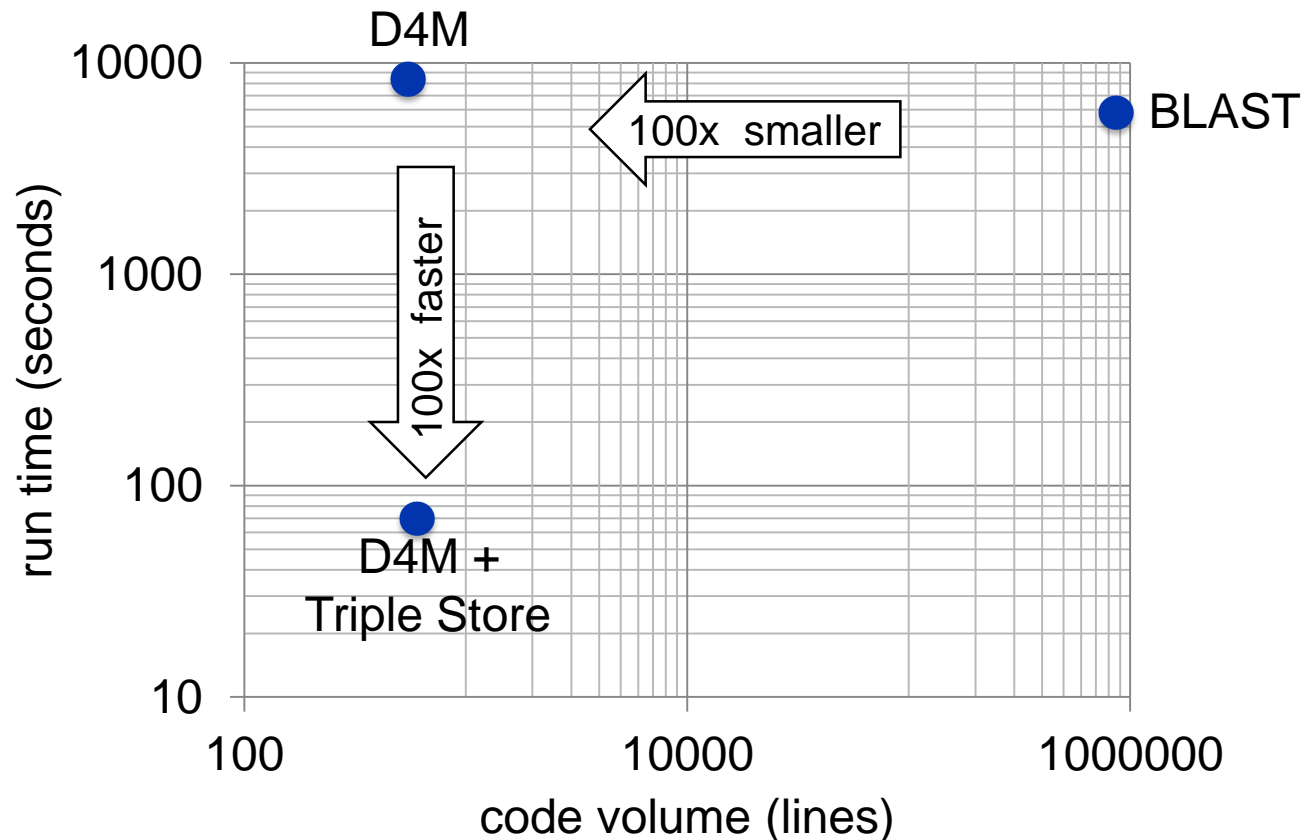
Ingest (Entries/s)



8 Tablet Server Accumulo Instance



Leveraging “Big Data” Technologies for High Speed Sequence Matching



- High performance triple store database trades computations for lookups
- Used Apache Accumulo database to accelerate comparison by 100x
- Used Lincoln D4M software to reduce code size by 100x



Summary

- **New Approach to DNA Matching**
 - D4M: Sparse Matrix Multiplication + Database Integration
- **Speed over depth – excellent first-stage tool**
- **Promising pending results – estimate big speedup over BLAST**
- **Scalable: Performance scales with database/query size and number/power of processors**
 - Need faster results? Add more/better COTS machines
- **Techniques applicable to more bioinformatics problems**
 - Protein comparison, SNP analysis, the meaning of life (almost)

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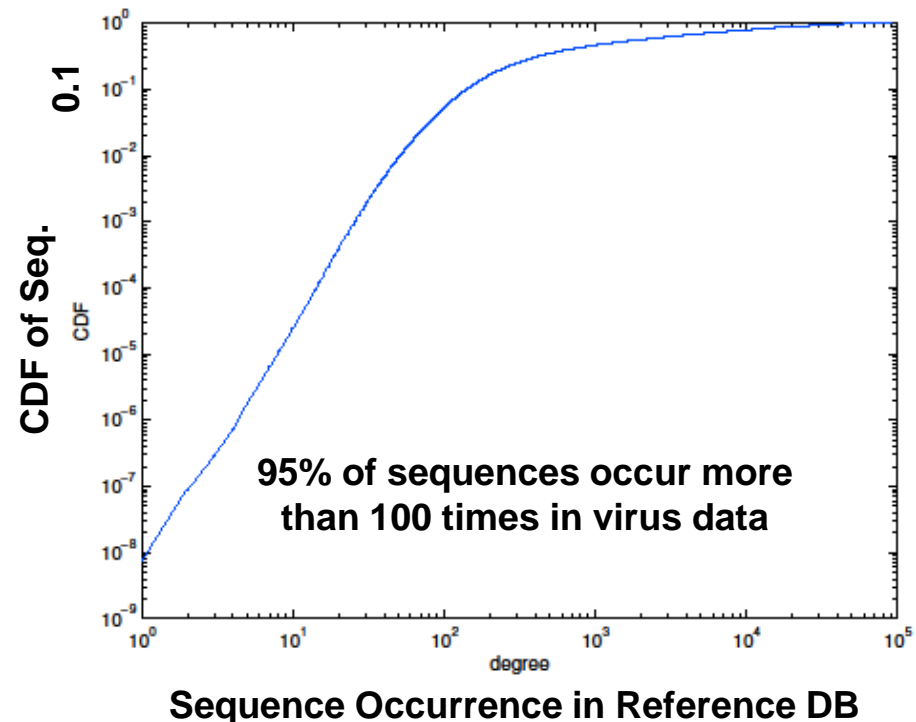
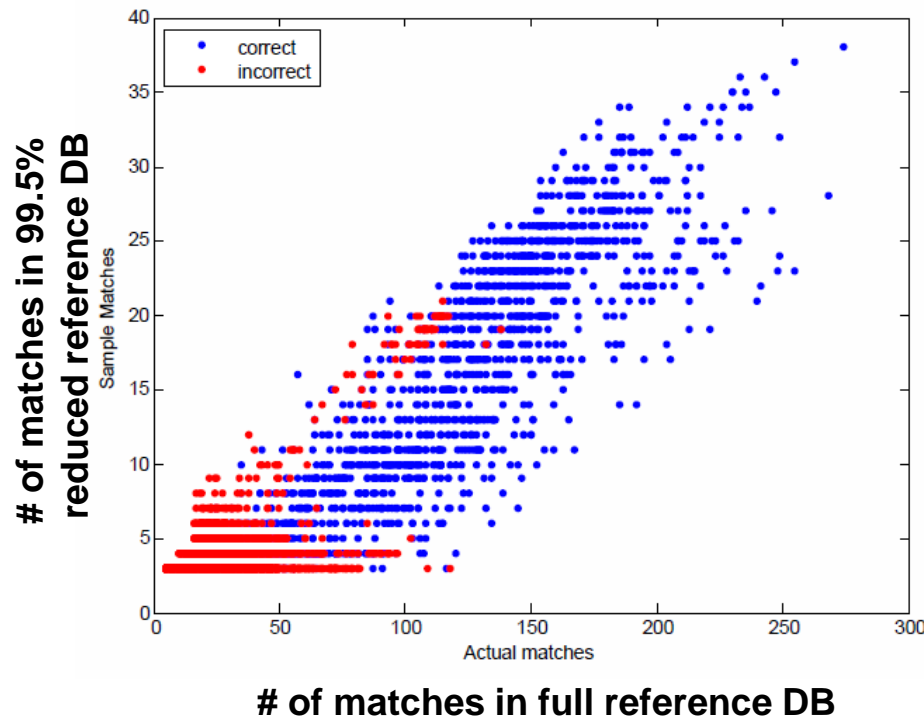


Backup Slides



Further Speedup: Only need the rare sequences!

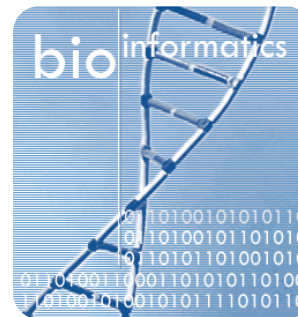
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Parallel and Distributed Computing

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 - What is D4M? Why is it useful?
 - Link to Accumulo database
 - Some Contributions:
 - Accumulator Columns
 - Table Splits
 - Performance Testing Results
- **Specific Application: DNA Matching**
 - Background on Bioinformatics
 - The DNA Matching Problem
 - D4M Solution – Matrices and Assoc Arrays
 - Complete Pipeline
 - Optimization
 - Performance & Results
- **What's next?**





D4M for Dummies

- **Dynamic Distributed Dimensional Data For Matlab**
- **Associative Array**
 - Sparse matrix – memory efficient
 - Easily distributed across multiple machines with *pMatlab*
 - Linkable with Accumulo Database for Big Data
 - Remote computation – Bring the processing to the data
 - 1-to-1 correspondence between database queries & linear algebra
 - Easier, cleaner implementation than SQL queries
 - **Doubly Index-able Triple Store**
 - $O(\log n)$ search time on row and column
- **Lincoln Lab development**
 - Currently used in text and cyber analytics

Assoc Array Example

(ACR56360.1,,GGBKTAO01A0YYP,)	5
(ACR56360.1,,GGBKTAO02CAGWF,)	1
(ADK12630.1,,GGBKTAO02CAGWF,)	3
(ADY69164.1,,GGBKTAO01A0YYP,)	128

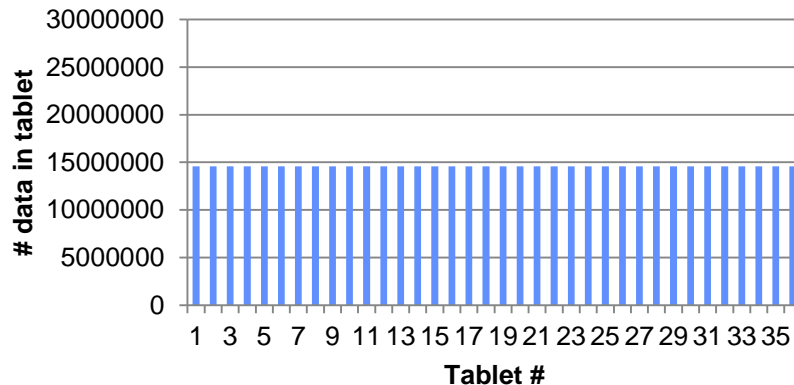
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➔ **System architecture for rapidly analyzing very large problems** ←

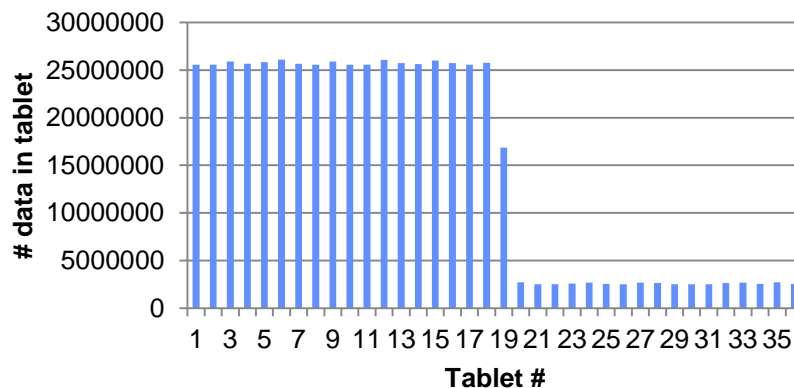


D4M Performance: Why 35 splits?

Ideal Splitting

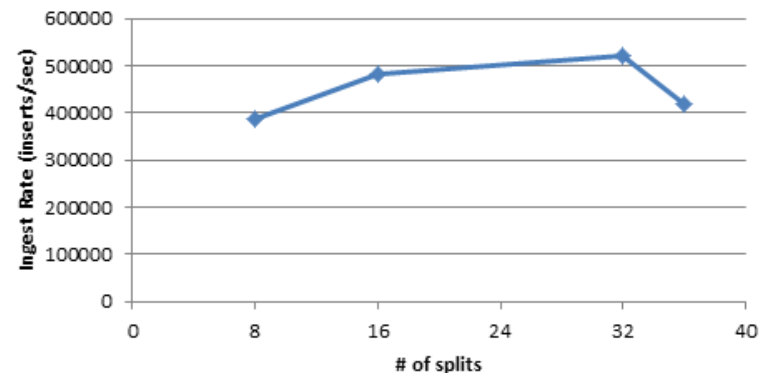


Actual Splitting, Np = 32



- **Goal:** Split at points such that we get an even distribution of data among tablets (*load balancing*)
- **Challenge:** Random power law data
- **Solution:**
 - Split “string space”
 - 00000000 to 99999999
 - More splits = less error as Accumulo will put sparse tablets on the same tablet server (bottom graph)

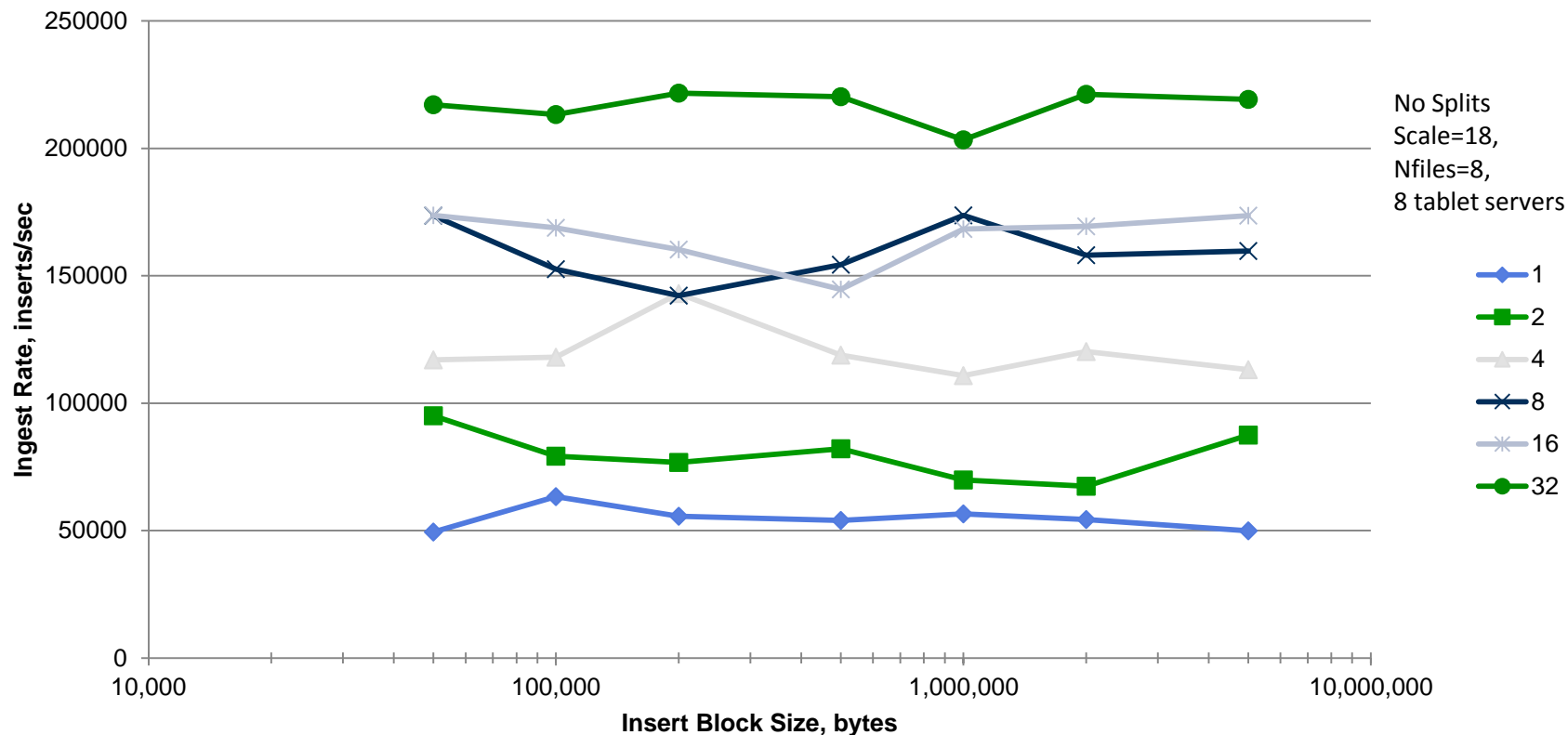
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D4M Performance: Insert Block Size

Ingest Rate over Insert Block Size & Np



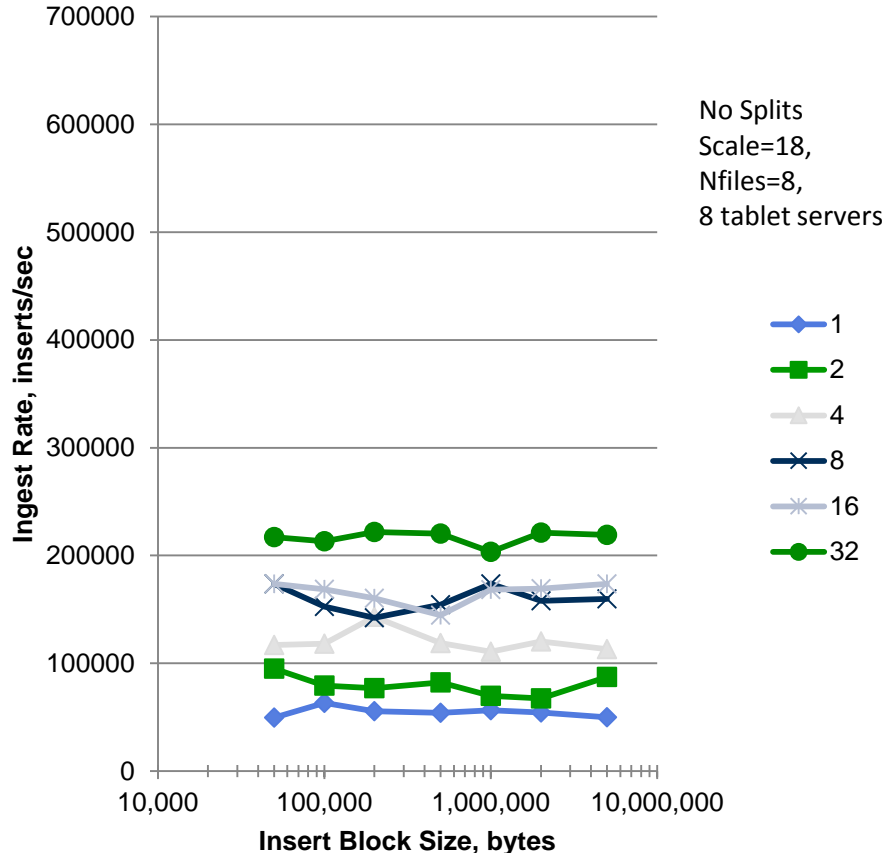
Same setup as before, now varying the insert block size.

Conclusion: little correlation between insert block size and ingest rate

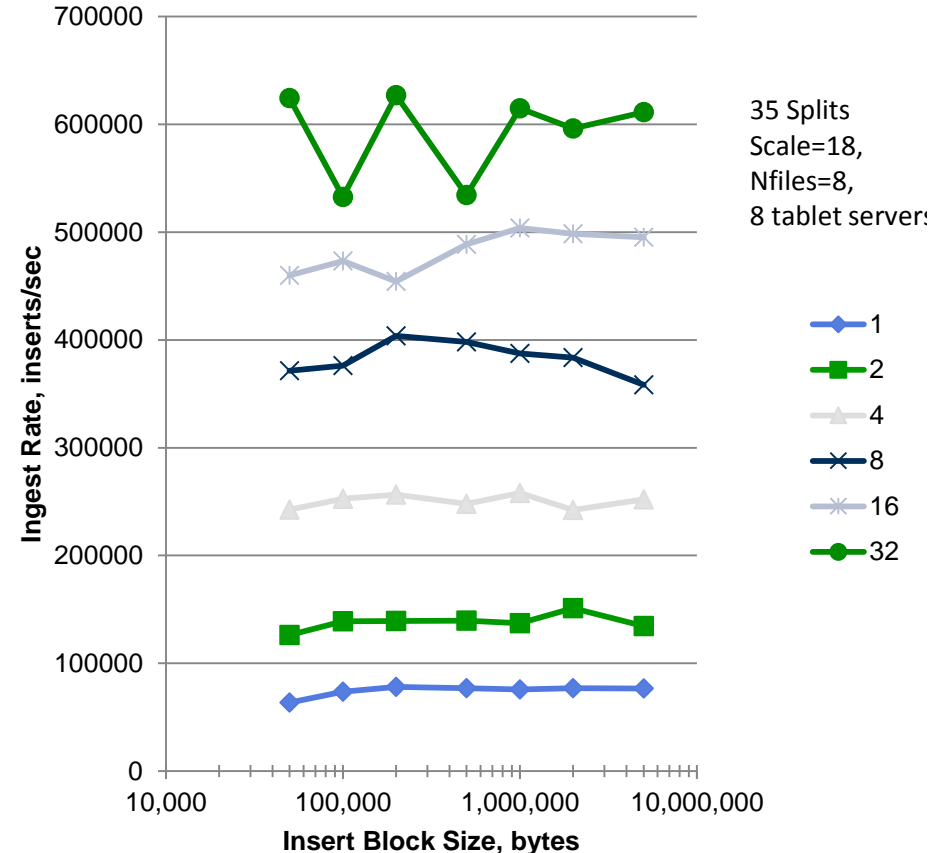


D4M Performance: Table Splits & Insert Block Size

Without Splits



With 35 Splits

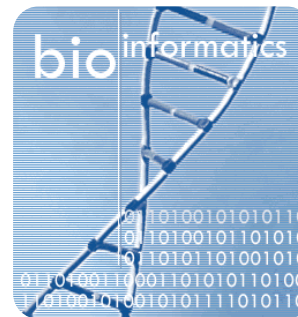


Clear table splitting performance boost across insert block size



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DNA Matching

Worked with Darell Ricke of Group 48 -Bioengineering Systems and Technologies

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DNA Matching with D4M

- **Goal: match a DNA sample against a DB of DNA**

Sequence: tagatactgctgcctcccgtagga

Split: tagatactgc
 agatactgct

(chunksize 10) gatactgctg



- **Substring comparison problem!**
- **Count # of matches of each sequence chunk**
 - Count forward, backward w/ base complement
 - Highest count = highest match chance
- **Difficulty: 10GB DNA Fasta file → 260 GB of different sequence data. Need efficient comparison!**



Associative Array Approach

- Matlab Array of Triples
(sequence ID, sequence, position in sequence)
(G6J0L4R01AUYU3, tagatactgc, 1)
(G6J0L4R01AUYU3, agatactgct, 2) ...
- Take transpose for fast column lookup.
- Multiply to match: $A * B'$

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Also stored: matchup positions, row & column matchup totals



C Fasta Parser

- **Primary Goal: Generate n-mer words from Fasta data in format Matlab can easily read into an Assoc array**
- **Goal #2: Preprocess & Filter the sequences**
 - **Ignore bad, common sequences**
 - Too few unique bases
 - Unknown bases at end
 - **Break output files into manageable chunks, say 5MB**
 - **Generate reverse sequences**
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 - Matches must occur somewhat close together
 - Ex. Break after 10,000 base pairs with overlap of 200



Parsing & DB Ingest Optimization

Parameters to optimize

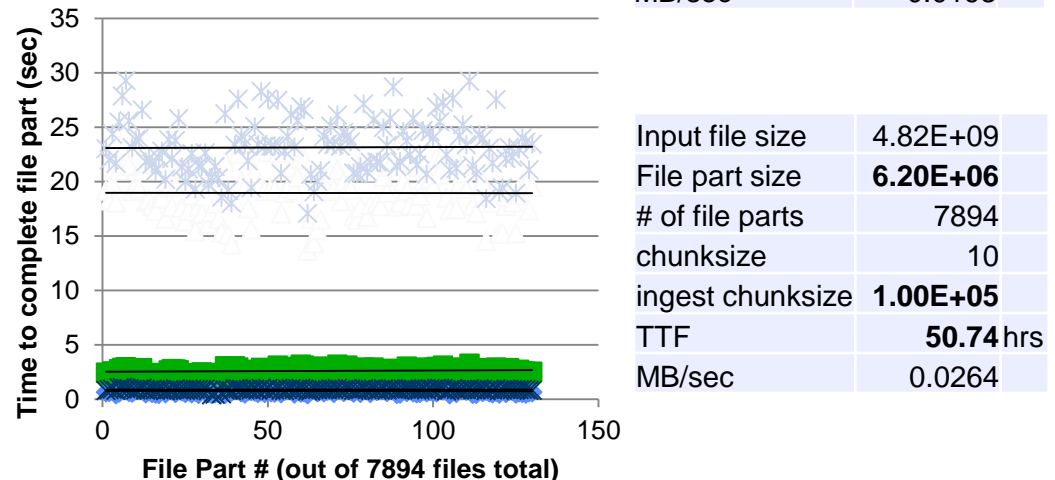
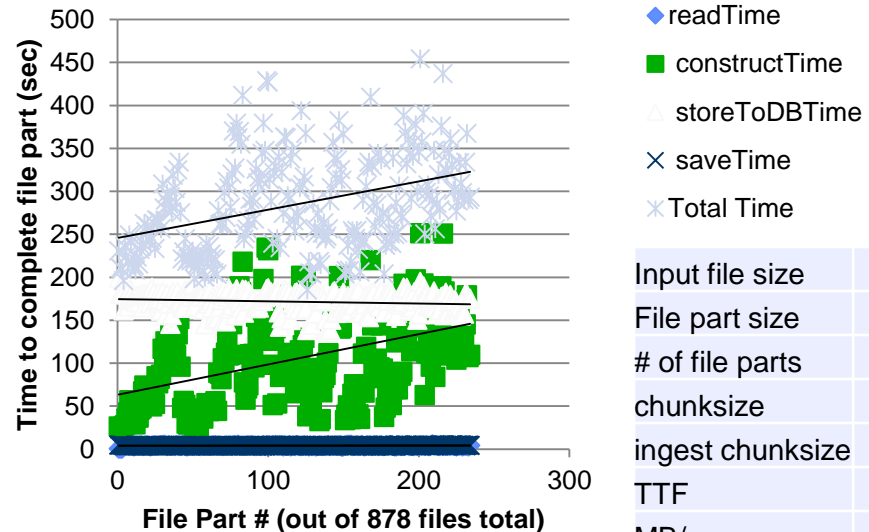
- Input file size
 - Too big = won't fit in memory
 - Too small = too many files
 - ~5MB file size good
- Ingest chunk size – amt. of data sent to DB at once
 - ~500k worked ok

Weird Problem: Assoc construct time increases with file #

- Fixed after adjusting above parameters

Much better!

Processing Time vs. File

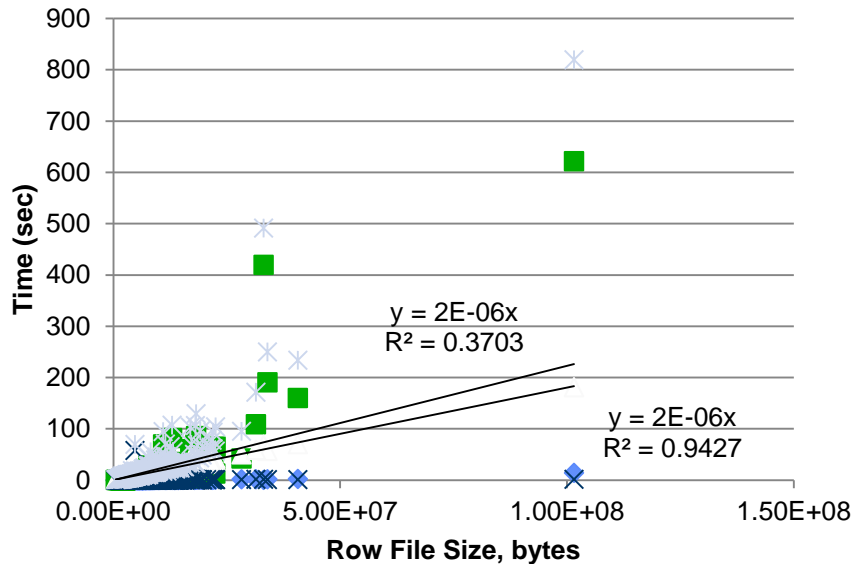




File Size Optimization

- Some virus sequences are really big → big, outlier output files
- Huge, nonlinear jump in Assoc construction time
- Solution: break DNA in middle of a sequence

Time Spent Processing File vs. File Size



chunksize	10	
# of file splits:	770	
# of sequences	384663	
Input file size:	5.85E+08	Total size
Row avg file size:	6.32E+06	4.87E+09
Col average file size:	6.38E+06	4.92E+09
Val average file size:		0.00E+00
TOTAL output file size		9.78E+09
Output/Input Size	16.72	
TTF	13126.2 sec	
	3.64618 hrs	
MB/sec	0.0446	



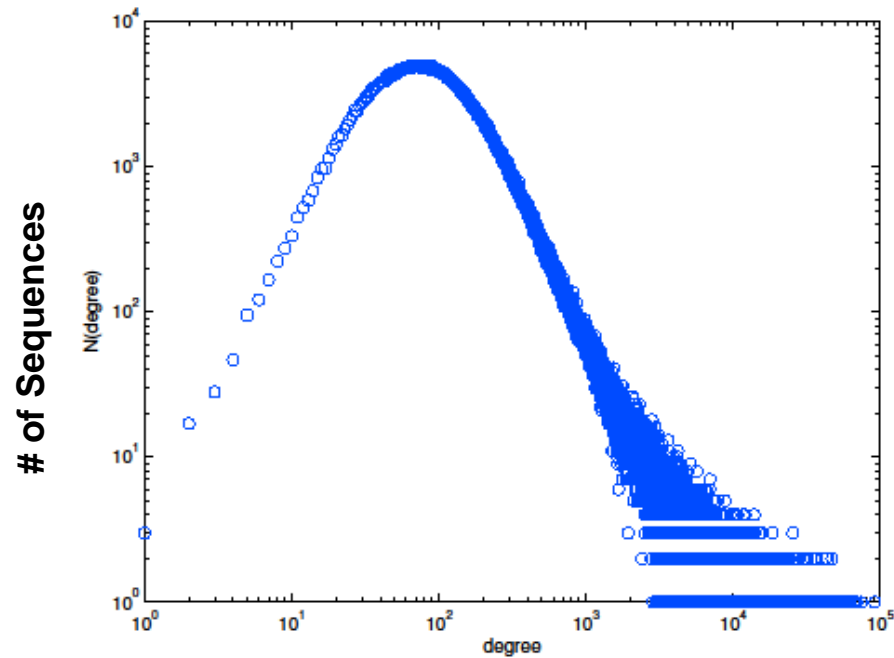
Pipeline Performance

- **586 MB Virus data, 23 MB Sample data**

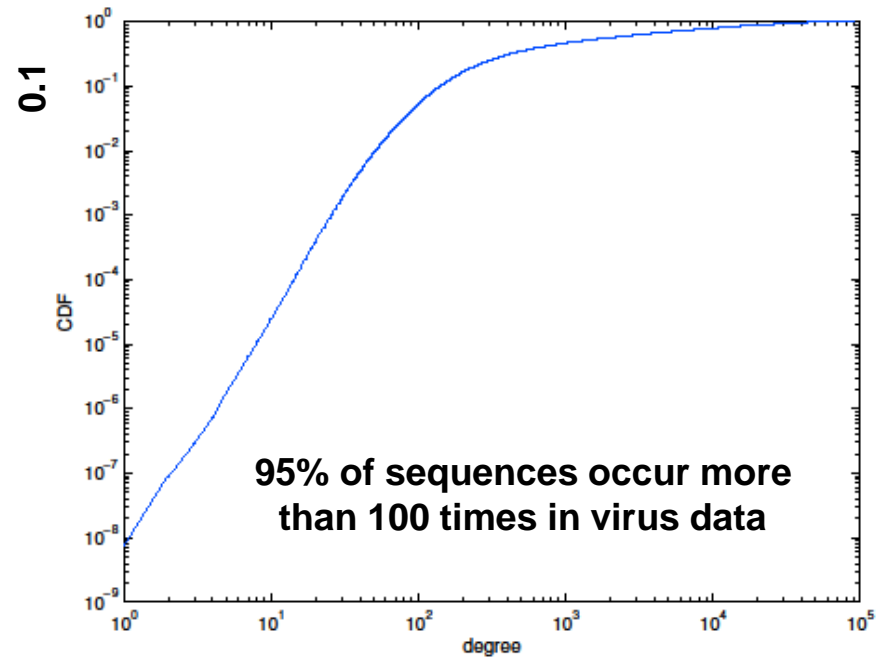


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Sequence Occurrence in Reference DB





Conclusion

- **Do you have a ton of data to process?**
- **Are you limited by time or memory?**
- contact Group 110 and the D4M team!**
- **Somewhere mention the technique applies to protein sequences too**



Backup!



- **Index the data in a DB! Fast lookup, comparison**
 1. **Parse big .fa Fasta file → all sequence chunks in D4M-friendly format – .row, .col, .val files**
 2. **Ingest data into DB**
 3. **Parse sample .fa Fasta file → .row, .col, .val**
 4. **Load sample data & compare against data in DB**



Overview

- **Upgrading D4M support for Accumulo**
 - Accumulator / combiner columns
 - Table Splits
 - Deleting Triples
 - Performance Testing
- **D4M Bioinformatics Application**
 - Background & Approach
 - Optimization & Quirks
 - Performance & Results



Accumulo Background



- Triple Store DB:
- Cell-level access control
- Distributed, Open Source, Java
 - Uses Hadoop File System and Zookeeper Node Mgmt.

Key					Value
Row ID	Column			Timestamp	
	Family	Qualifier	Visibility		

D4M Background

- Dynamic Distributed Dimensional Data
- Lincoln Lab development
- Matlab Software Package
 - Linear Algebra & Graph Theory support
 - Associative Array
- Usage: Text and cyber analytics
 - Lincoln Labs PLSA Cloud Knowledge Service uses Accumulo



Performance Testing Intro

- **The hallmark of parallel and distributed computing**
- **pMatlab – Parallel Matlab**
 - Divide work to many nodes using distributed arrays
 - Lincoln Laboratory product
- **Multiple nodes insert vast quantities of data into Accumulo instance**
- **Matlab timing functions: tic toc**
 - Measure ingest rate in inserts/sec
- **Rigorously vary parameter, measure times**



Build Sequence Processing Pipeline

