

# RUBIK: Efficient Threshold Queries on Massive Time Series

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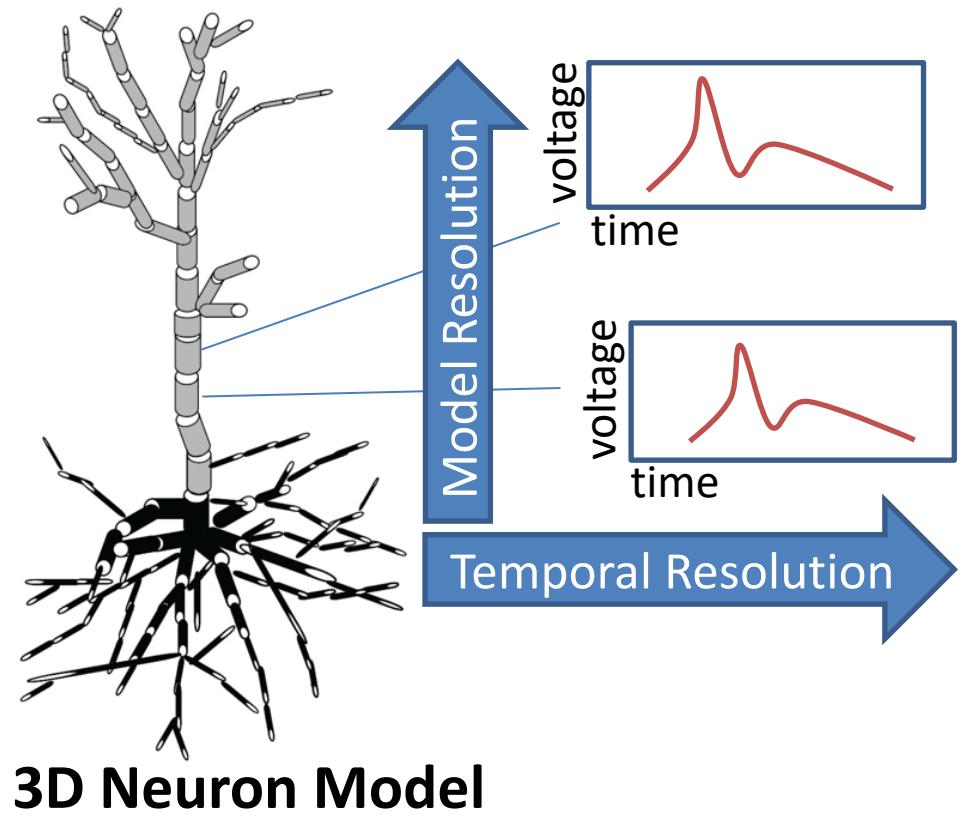
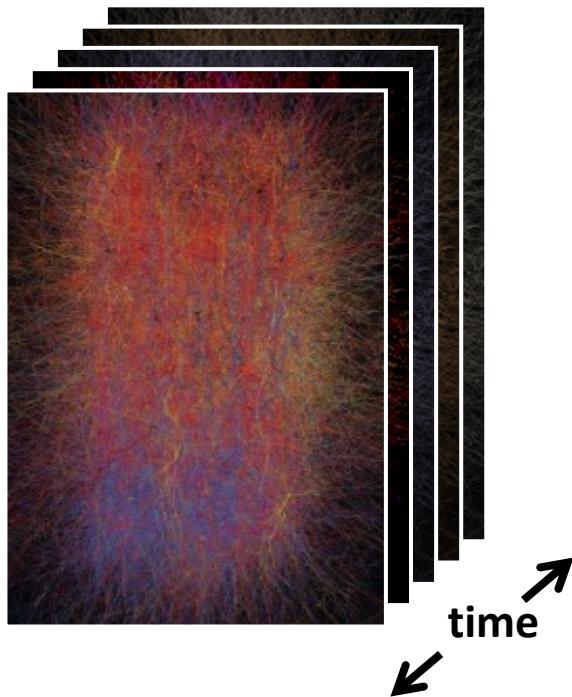
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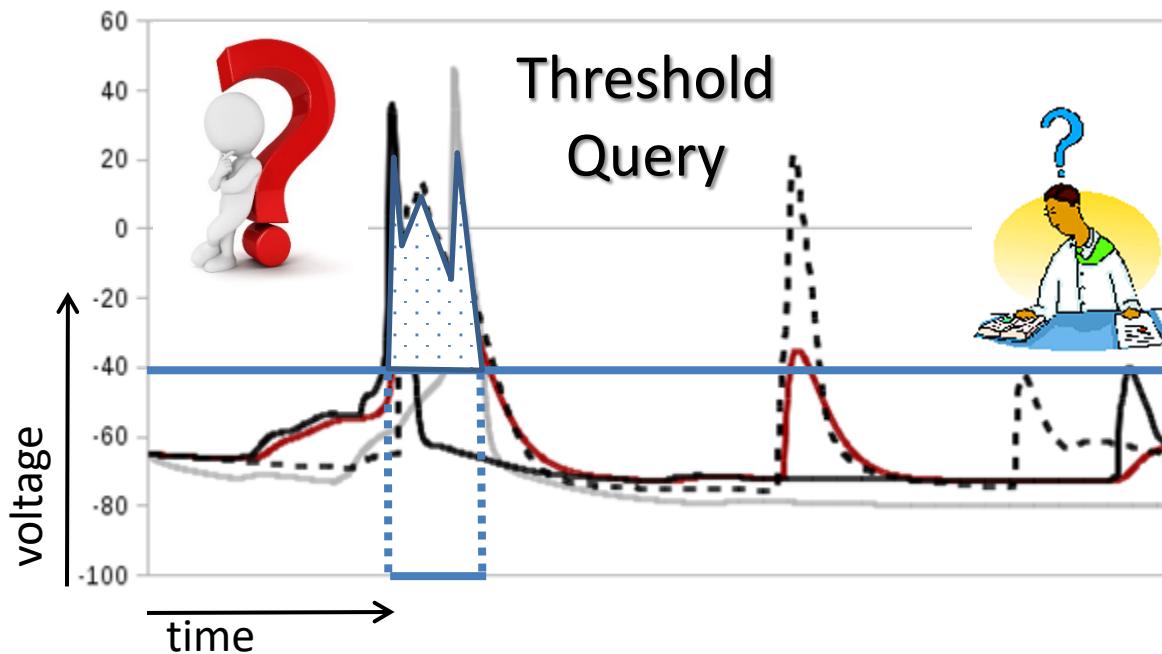
# Scaling up Brain Simulations



**Time Series Analysis: key to neuroscientific discovery**

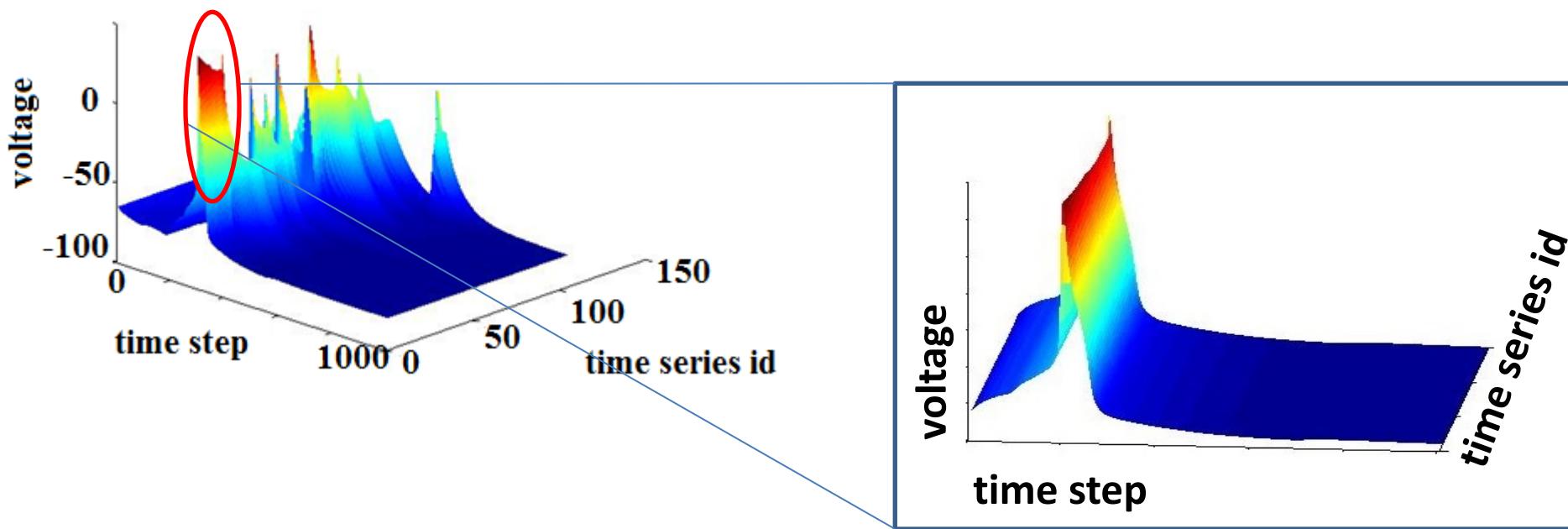
# Neuron firing: which and when

- Exploration
- Hypothesis Testing
- Identify subsets of interest:  
*time series where voltage > -40  
and time step  $\in [300,400]$*



**Threshold queries fuel efficient data analysis**

# Time Series Correlation...



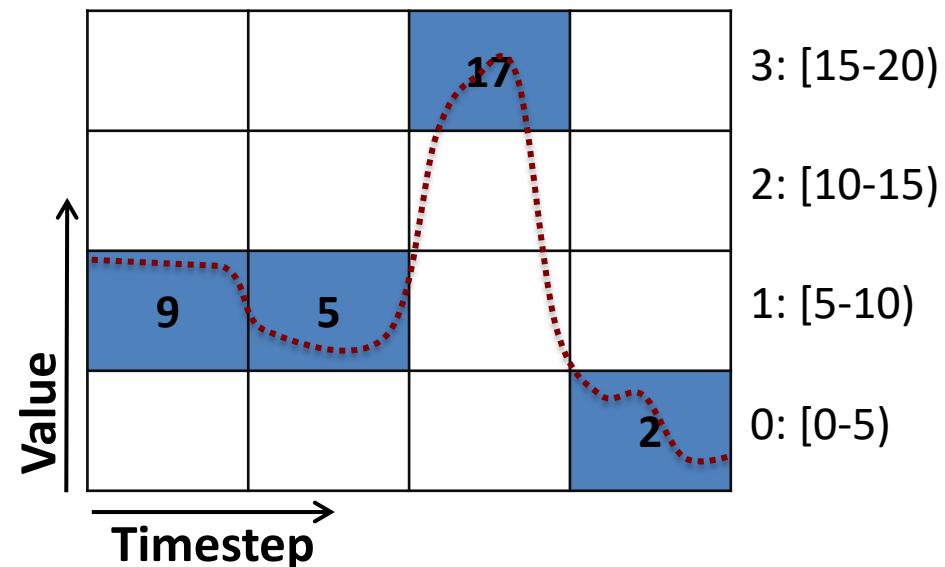
Trends	Correlation	Opportunity to scale with
Increased simulation duration	Across time	increase in temporal resolution
Increasingly detailed models	Across time series	increase in spatial resolution

**...enables efficient time series-specific compression**

# Time Series Data Discretization

## Binning:

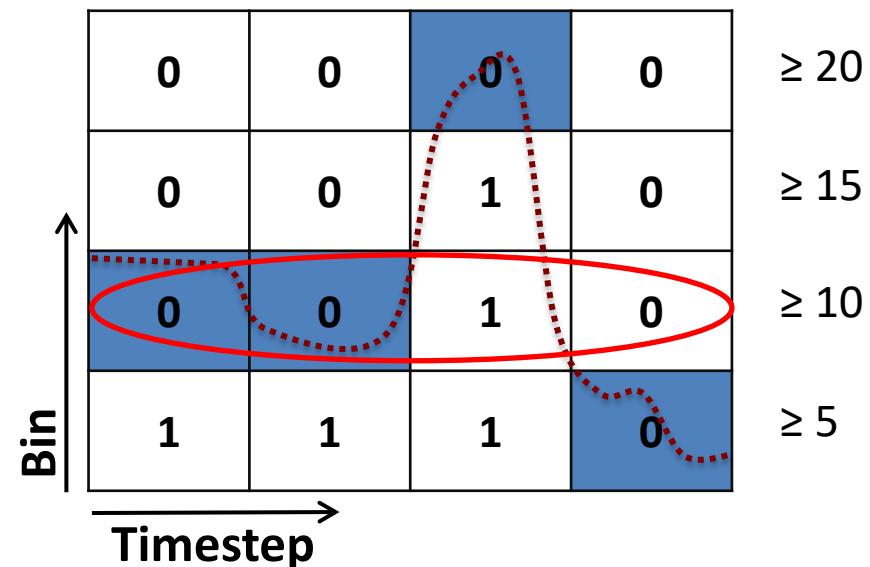
Partition the values into bins



**Increased similarity  
across time series**

## Range encoding:

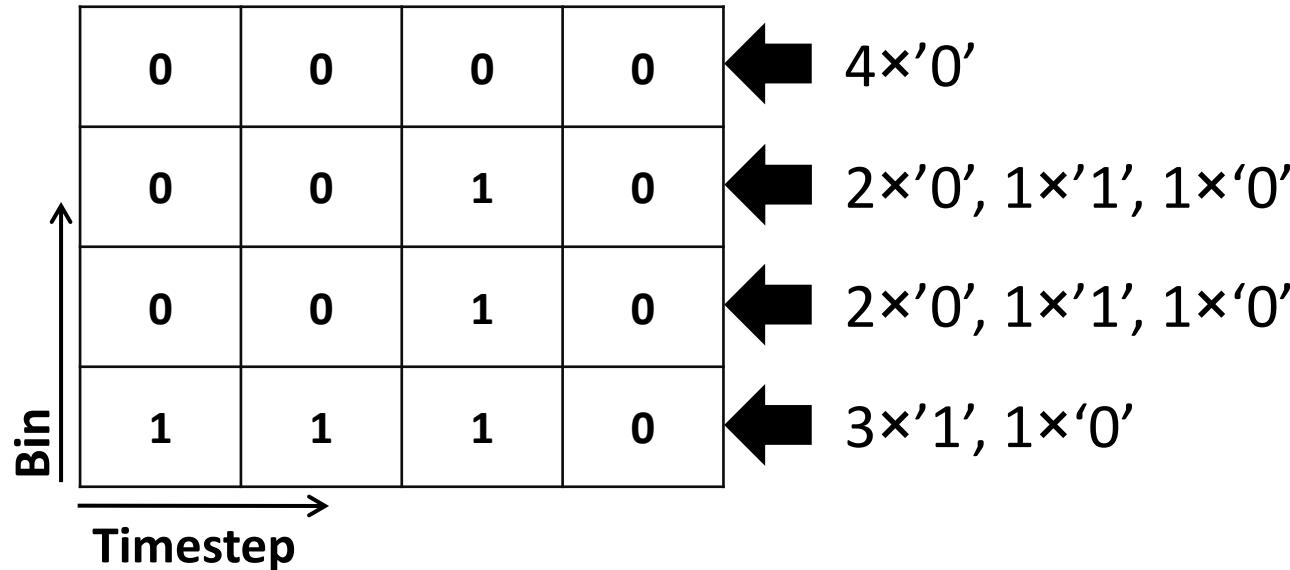
Set bin to '1' if condition satisfied,  
'0' otherwise



**Precomputed answers  
stored as a bitmap**

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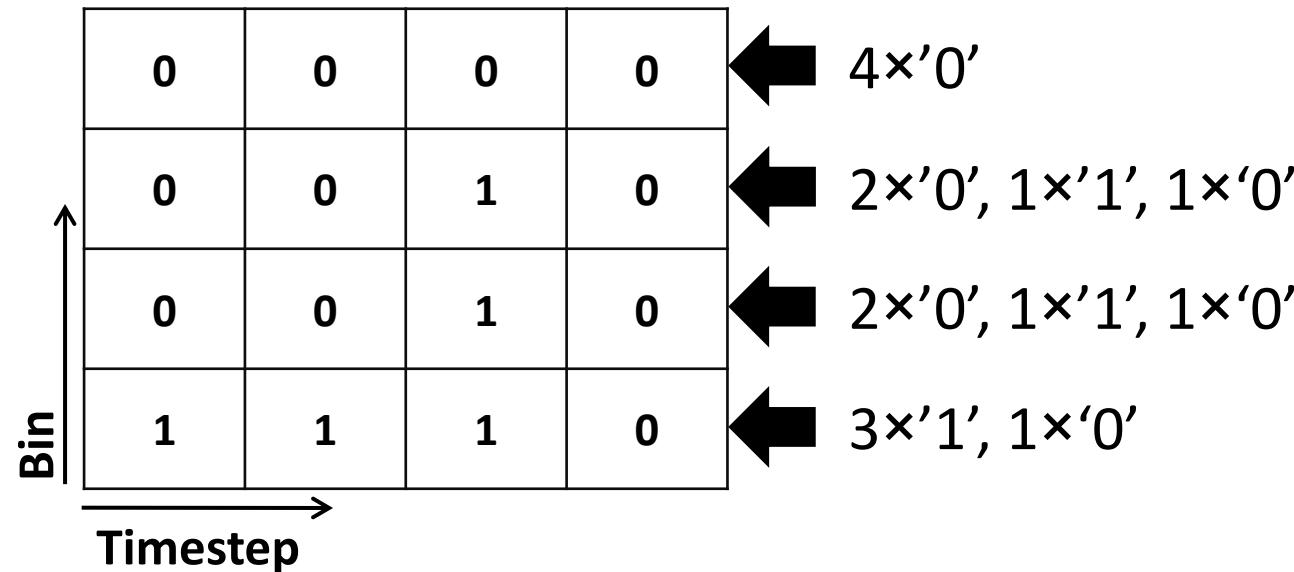
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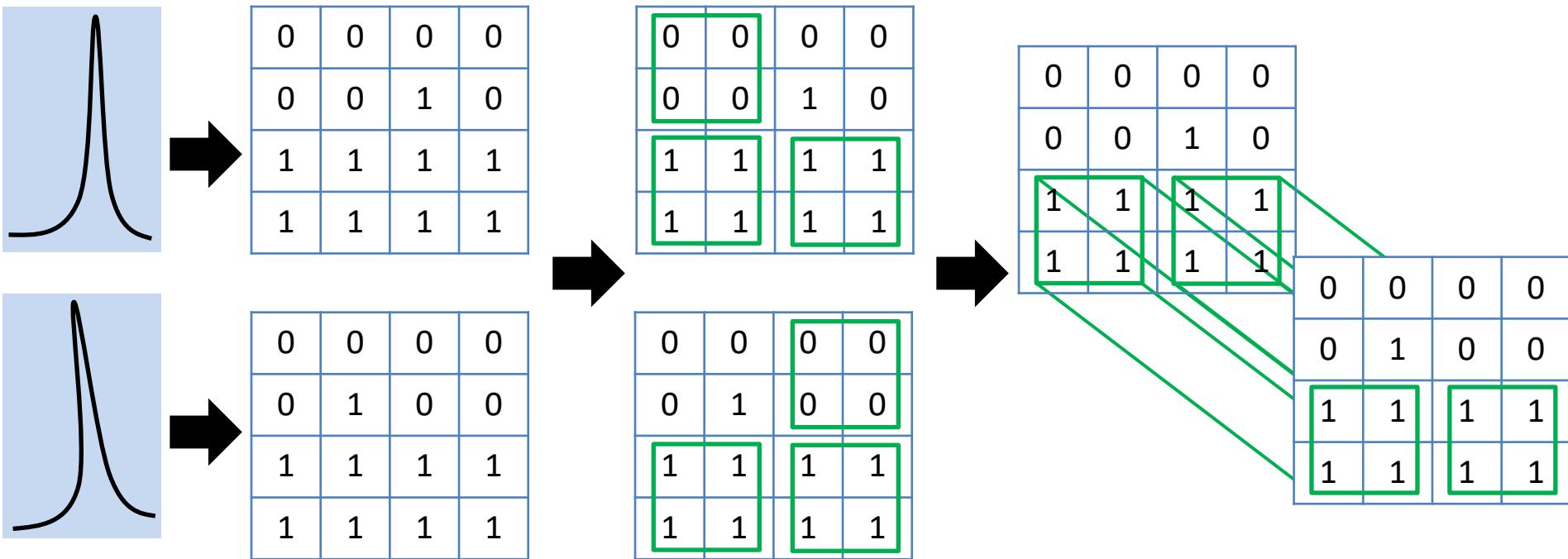


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**Values filtered independently of timesteps**

**Similarities across time series are not exploited**

# Our Approach: RUBIK



Bitmap index  
creation

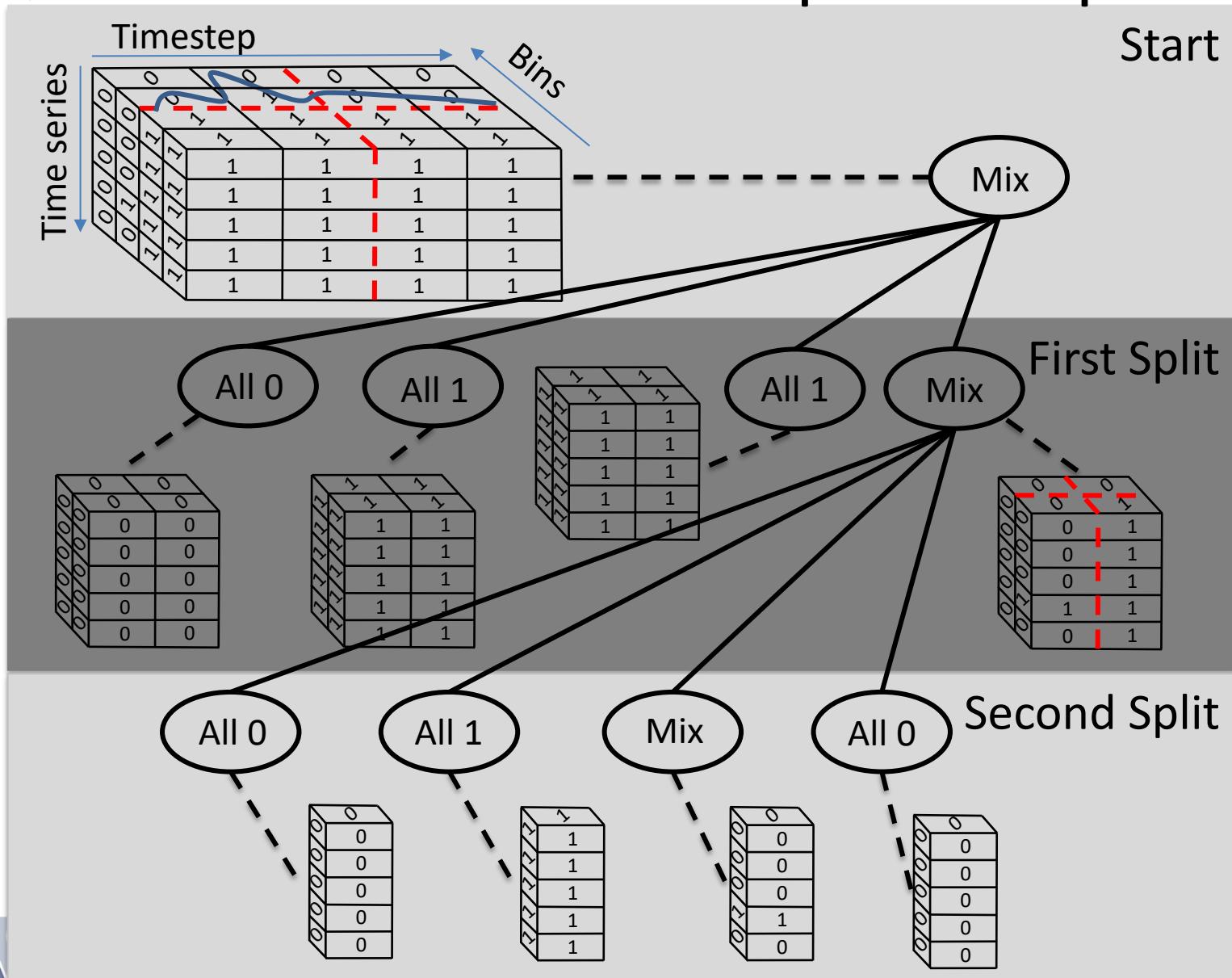
Quadtree-based  
bitmap decomposition

**Access specific  
timesteps**

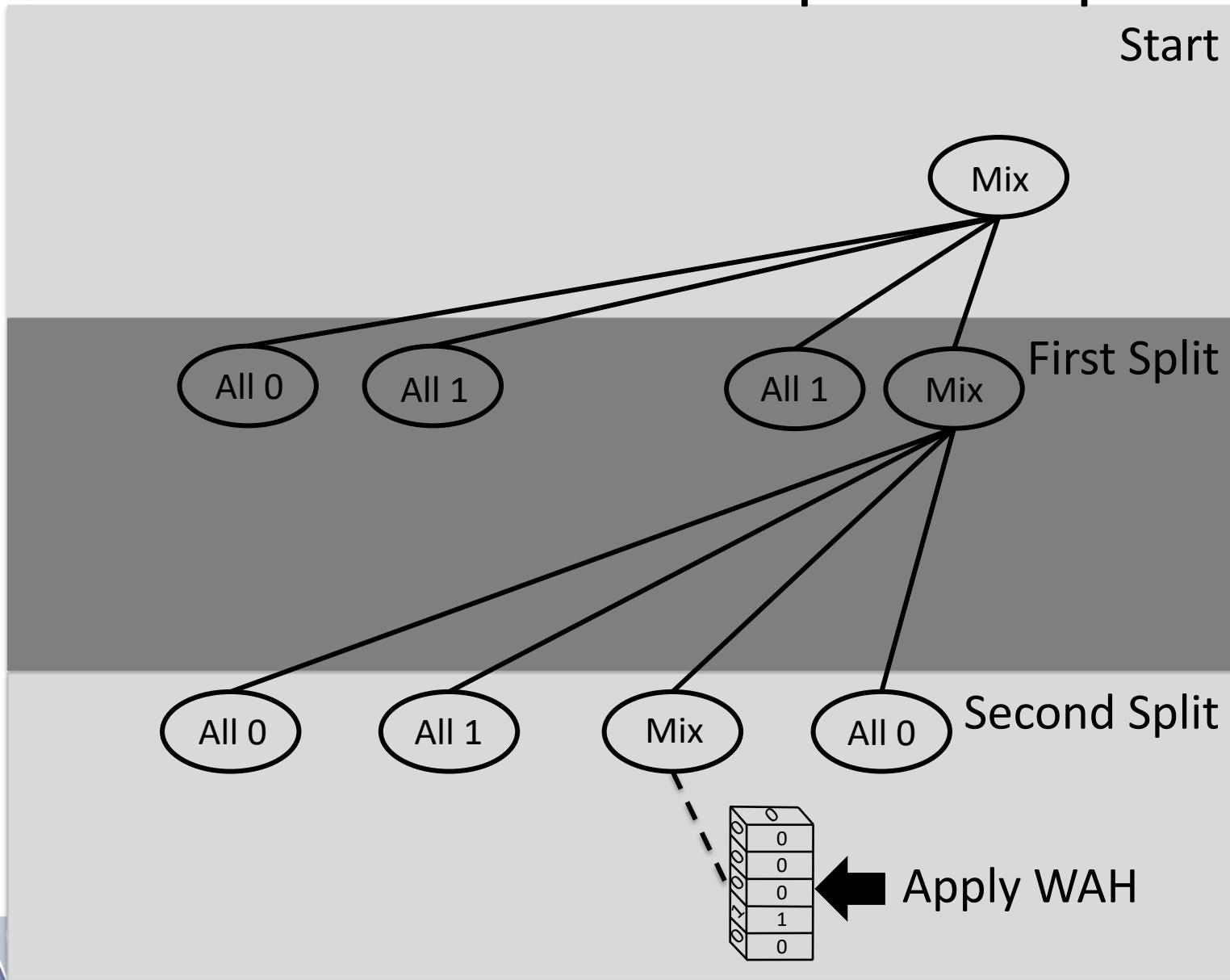
Bitmap stacking

**Exploit  
similarities**

# Quadtree-based 3D Bitmap Decomposition



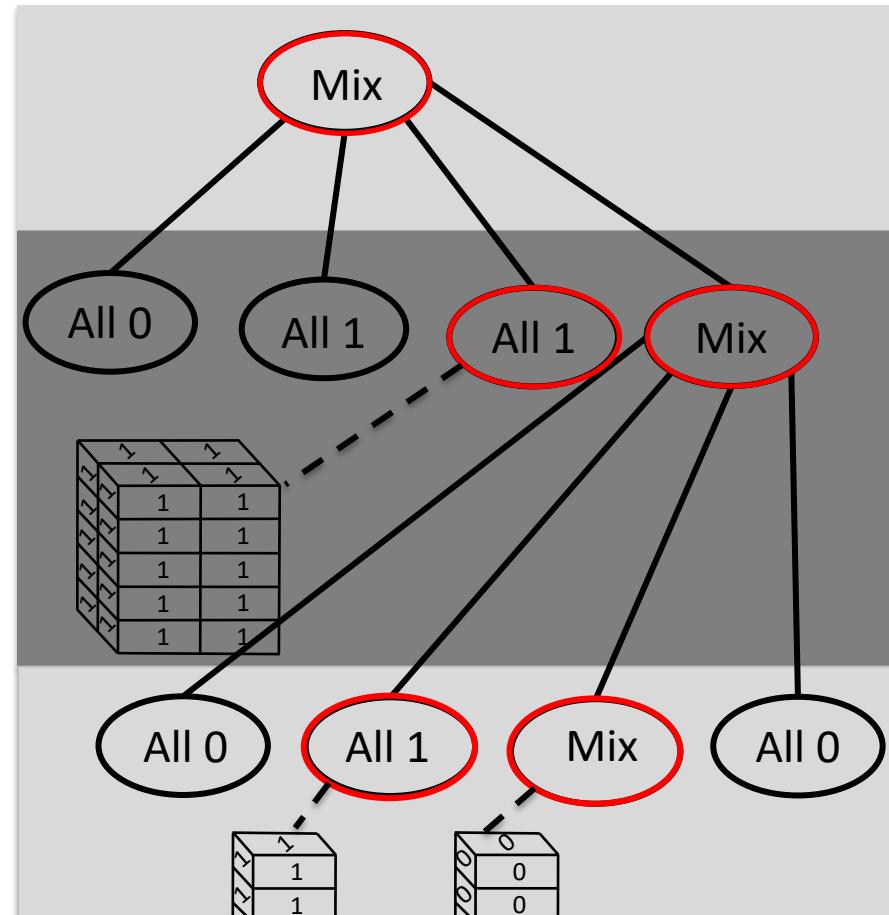
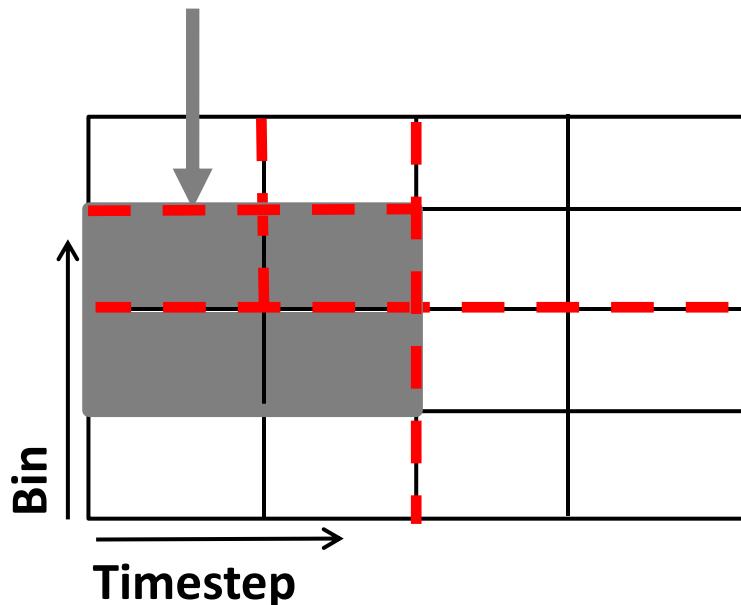
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# Query Execution

Query:

$voltage > 11 \text{ in time steps 1 and 2}$

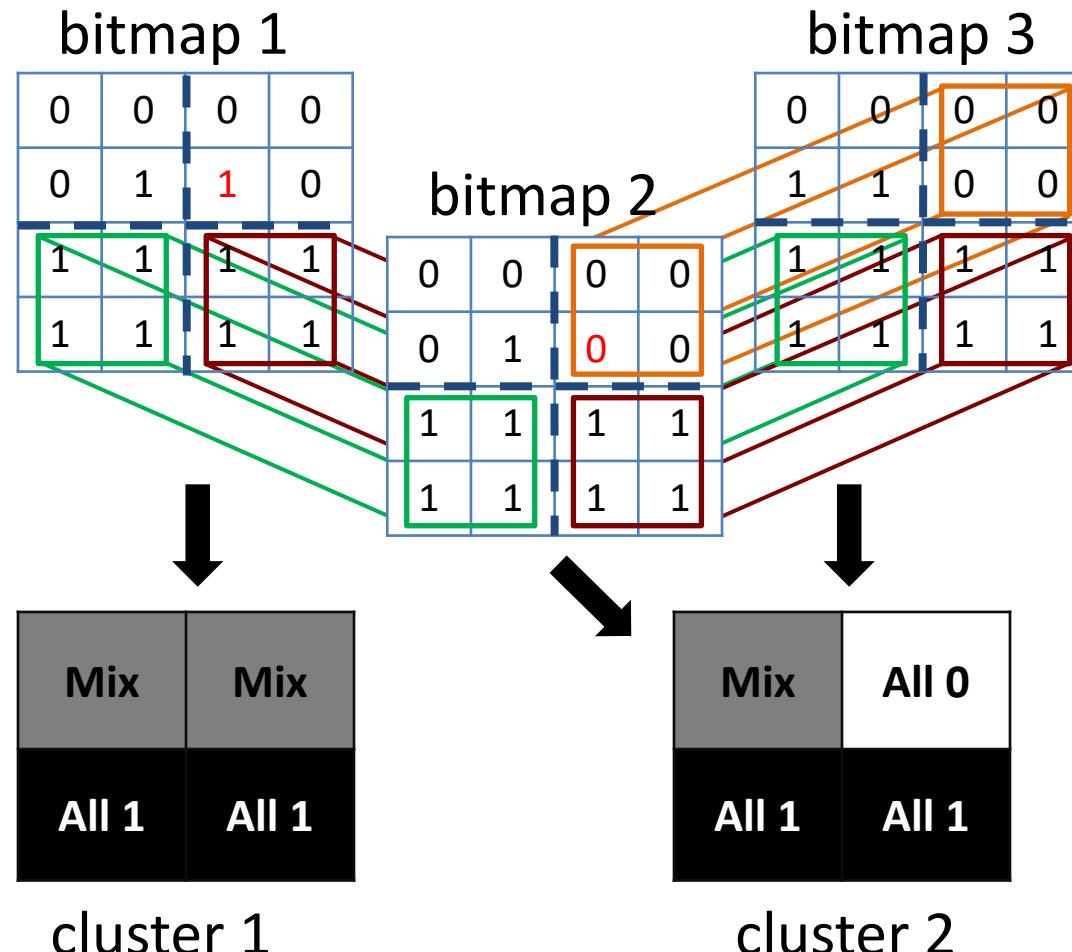


Transformation into a 2D bitmap problem

One tree traversal to retrieve multiple bitmaps

# Stacking Time Series Bitmaps

**Goal:** Maximize size and number of common squares



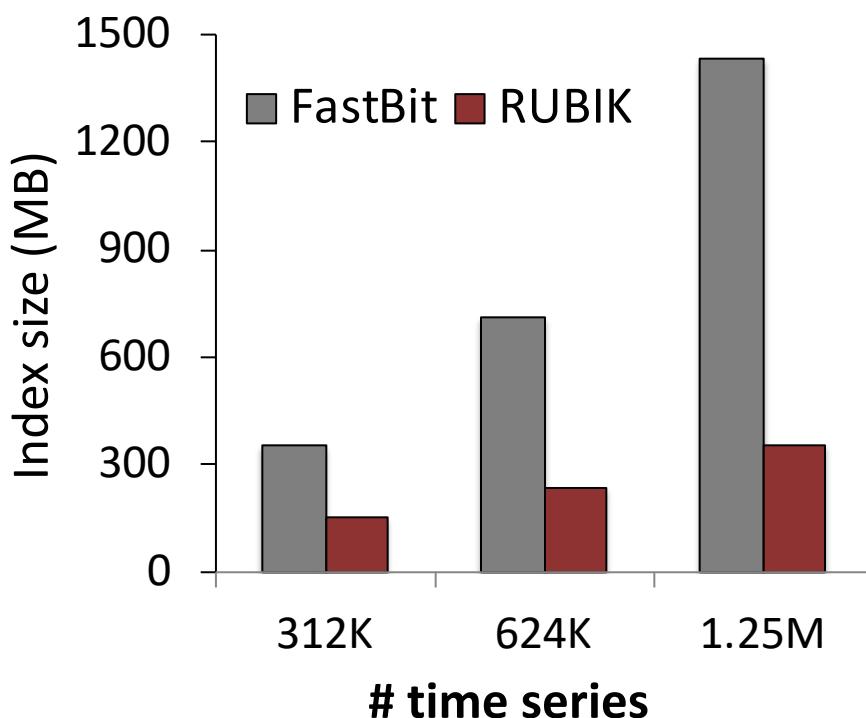
⇒ Maximize compression across time series

# Scaling with Data Volume

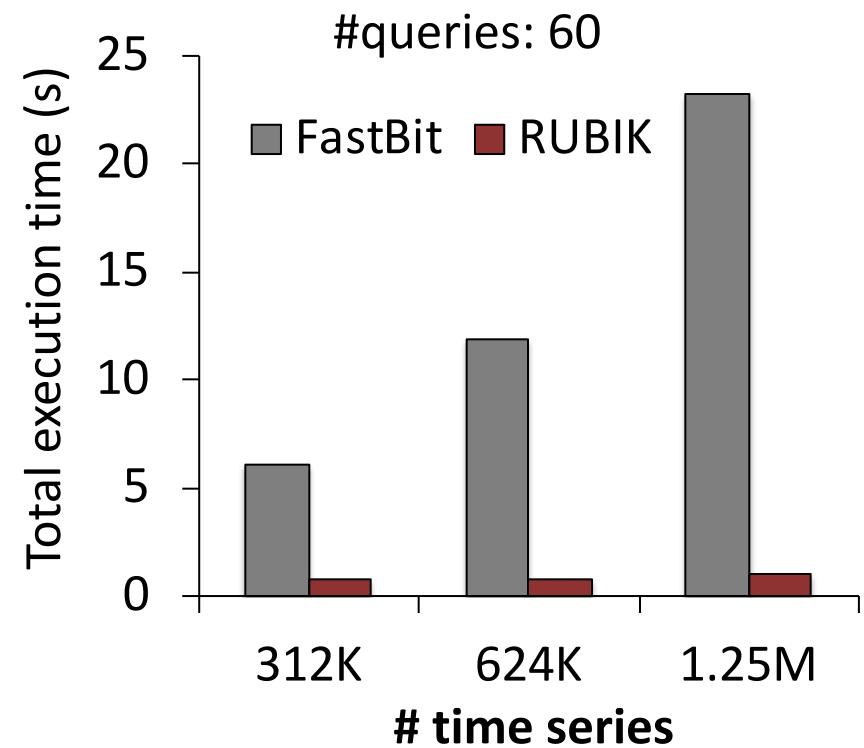
**In-memory indexes:** FastBit (WAH-compressed bitmap index) and **RUBIK**

**Configuration:** 128 bins, **Hardware:** AMD Opteron CPU @ 2.7GHz, 32GB RAM

**Time series data:** 1000 time steps, 1.2GB – 4.8GB



**RUBIK index size scales  
sublinearly**



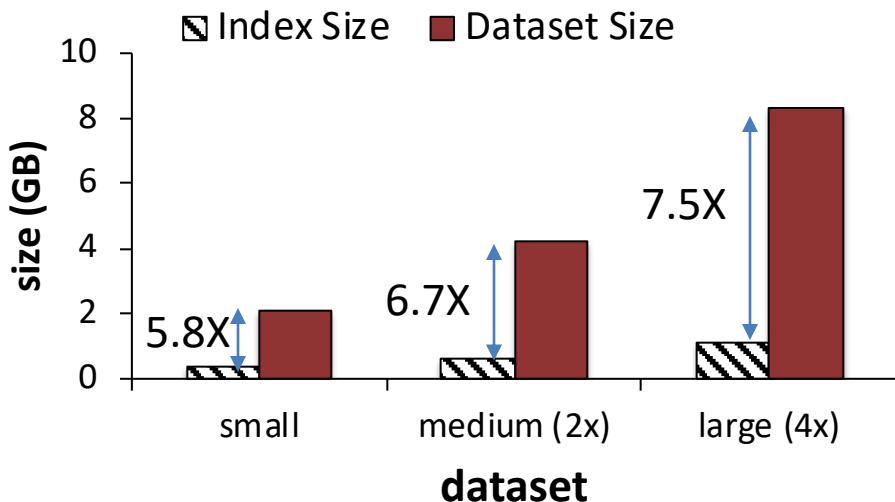
**9X to 23X speedup**

# RUBIK Sensitivity Analysis

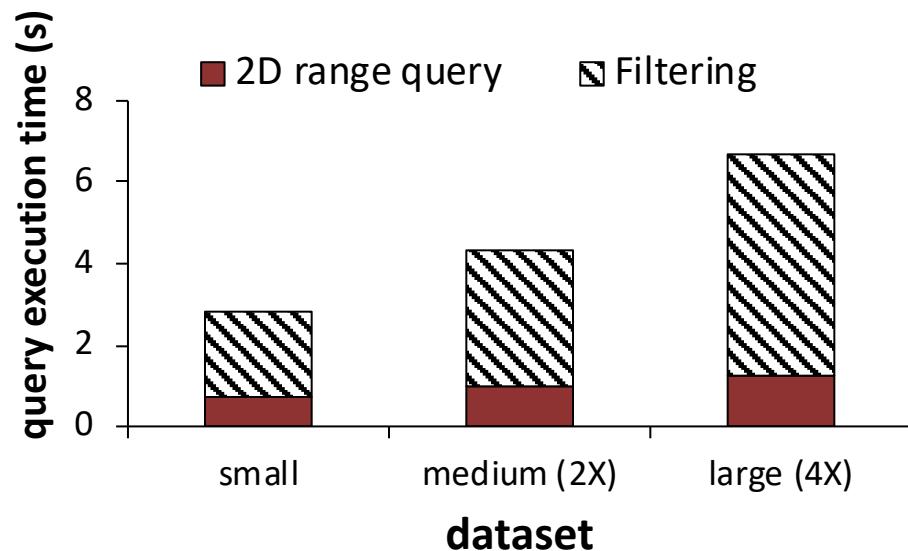
**Configuration:** 128 bins

**Datasets:** 500K – 2M time series,  
1024 time steps, 2.1GB – 8.4GB

**Benchmark:** 60 threshold queries,  
random thresholds, up to 15% selectivity



**Increased similarity  $\Rightarrow$**   
**Increased compression**



**~80% of the time is spent on filtering**

# Threshold Queries on Time Series

- Subsets of interest in neuroscience simulations
- **RUBIK** outperforms state-of-the-art by using:
  - Quadtree decomposition  
    ⇒ Transformation into a 2D bitmap problem
  - Time series clustering  
    ⇒ Similarities across time series are exploited
- **RUBIK** scales particularly well with time series from increasingly detailed simulation models

Thank you!