

A JEALOUS CRYPTANALYST

In search of a short vector

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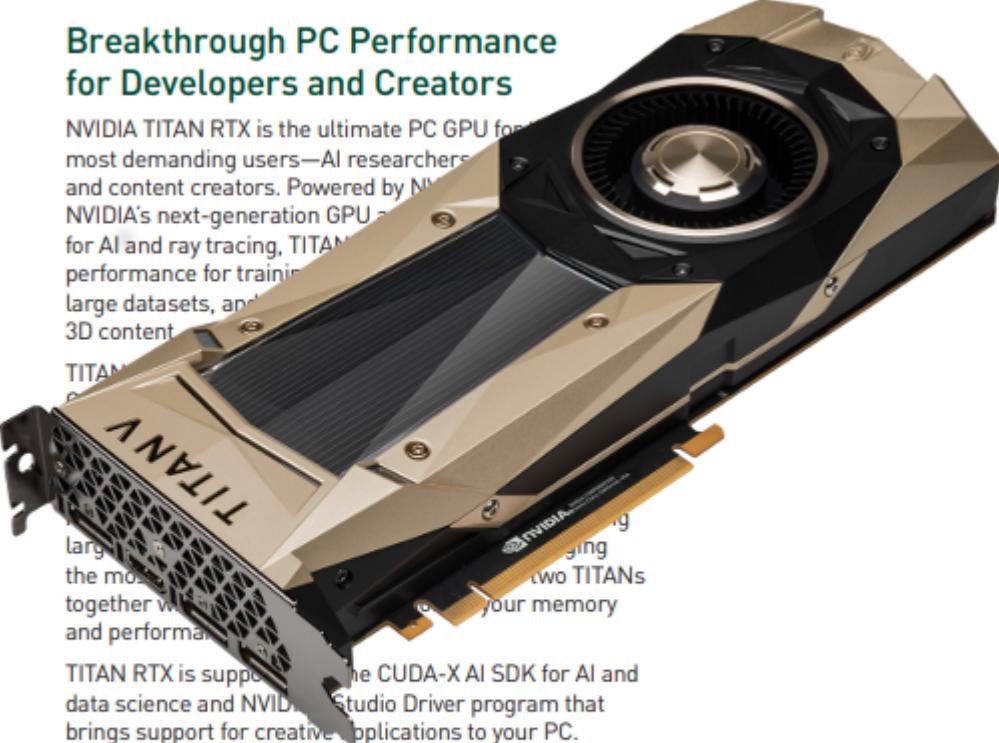
The spec sheet of their GPUs:

Breakthrough PC Performance for Developers and Creators

NVIDIA TITAN RTX is the ultimate PC GPU for the most demanding users—AI researchers, scientists, and content creators. Powered by NVIDIA's next-generation GPU architecture, Turing™, designed for AI and ray tracing, TITAN RTX provides breakthrough performance for training deep learning models on large datasets, and rendering complex 3D content.

TITAN RTX is the most powerful GPU ever made. It can handle the most demanding workloads, including two TITANs together with NVLink, to double your memory and performance.

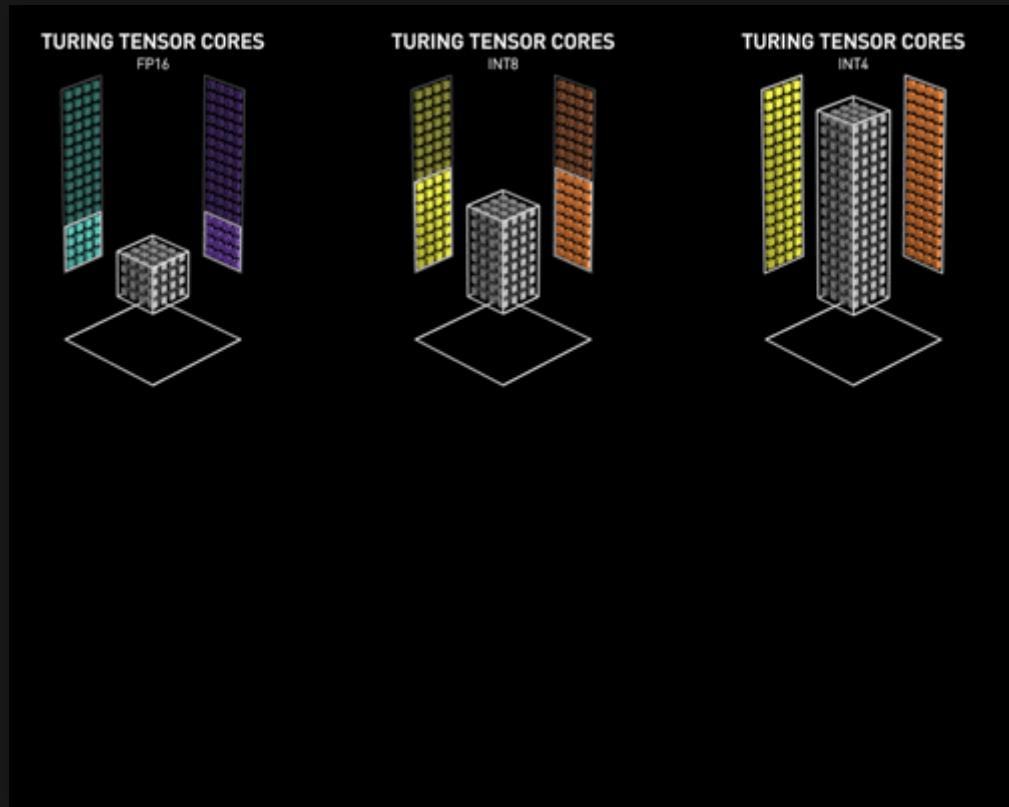
TITAN RTX is supported by the CUDA-X AI SDK for AI and data science and NVIDIA Studio Driver program that brings support for creative applications to your PC.



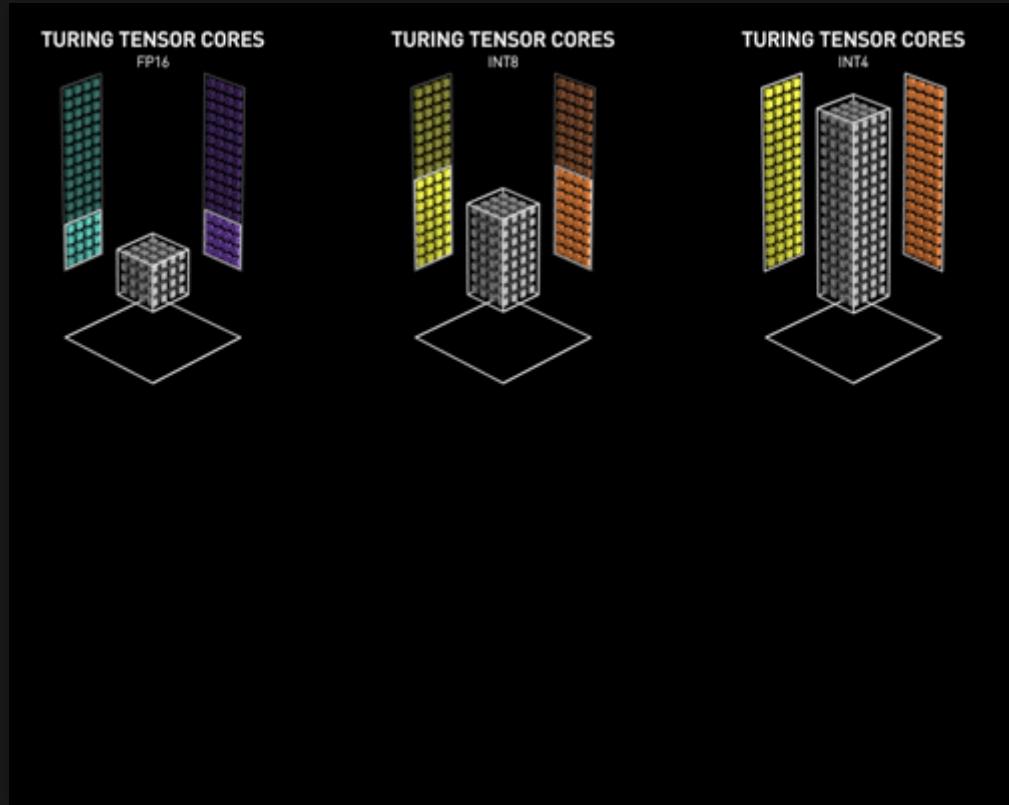
SPECIFICATIONS

GPU Memory	24 GB GDDR6
Memory Interface	384-bit
Memory Bandwidth	Up to 672 GB/s
NVIDIA CUDA® Cores	4,608
NVIDIA Tensor Cores	576
NVIDIA RT Cores	72
Single-Precision Performance	16.3 TFLOPS
Tensor Performance	130 TFLOPS
NVIDIA NVLink	Connects 2 TITAN RTX GPUs
NVIDIA NVLink Bandwidth	100 GB/s (bidirectional)
System Interface	PCI Express 3.0 x 16
Power Consumption	280 W
Thermal Solution	Active
Form Factor	4.4" H x 10.5" L, Dual slot, full height
Display Connectors	3x DisplayPort, 1x HDMI, 1x USB Type-C
Max Simultaneous Displays	4x 4096 x 2160 @ 120 Hz, 4x 5120 x 2880 @ 60 Hz, 2x 7680 x 4320 @ 60 Hz
Encode/Decode Engines	1x encode, 1x decode
VR Ready	Yes
Graphics APIs	Microsoft DirectX 12 API ² , Vulkan API ⁴ , OpenGL 4.6 ⁴
Compute APIs	CUDA, DirectCompute, OpenCL™

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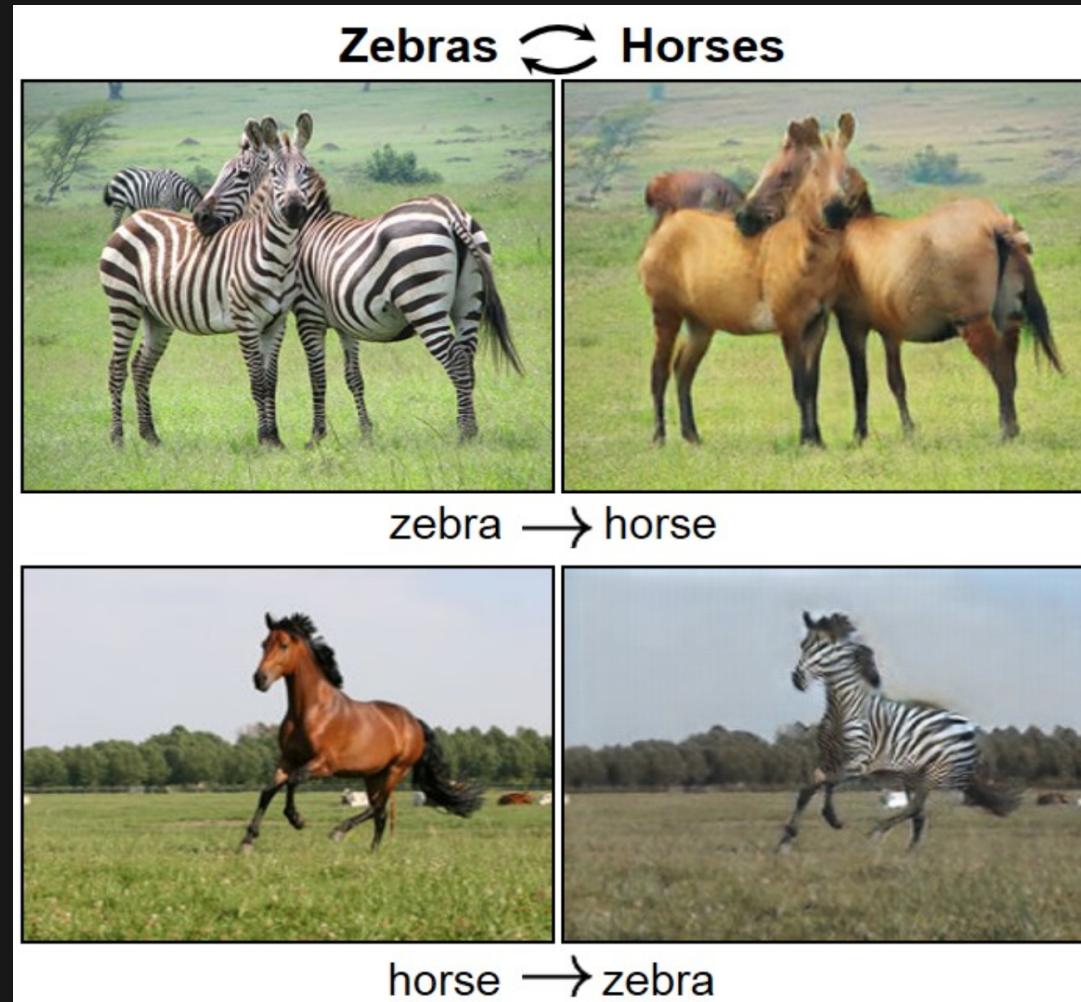
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with 130.000 GigaFlops^(fp16) of raw power.

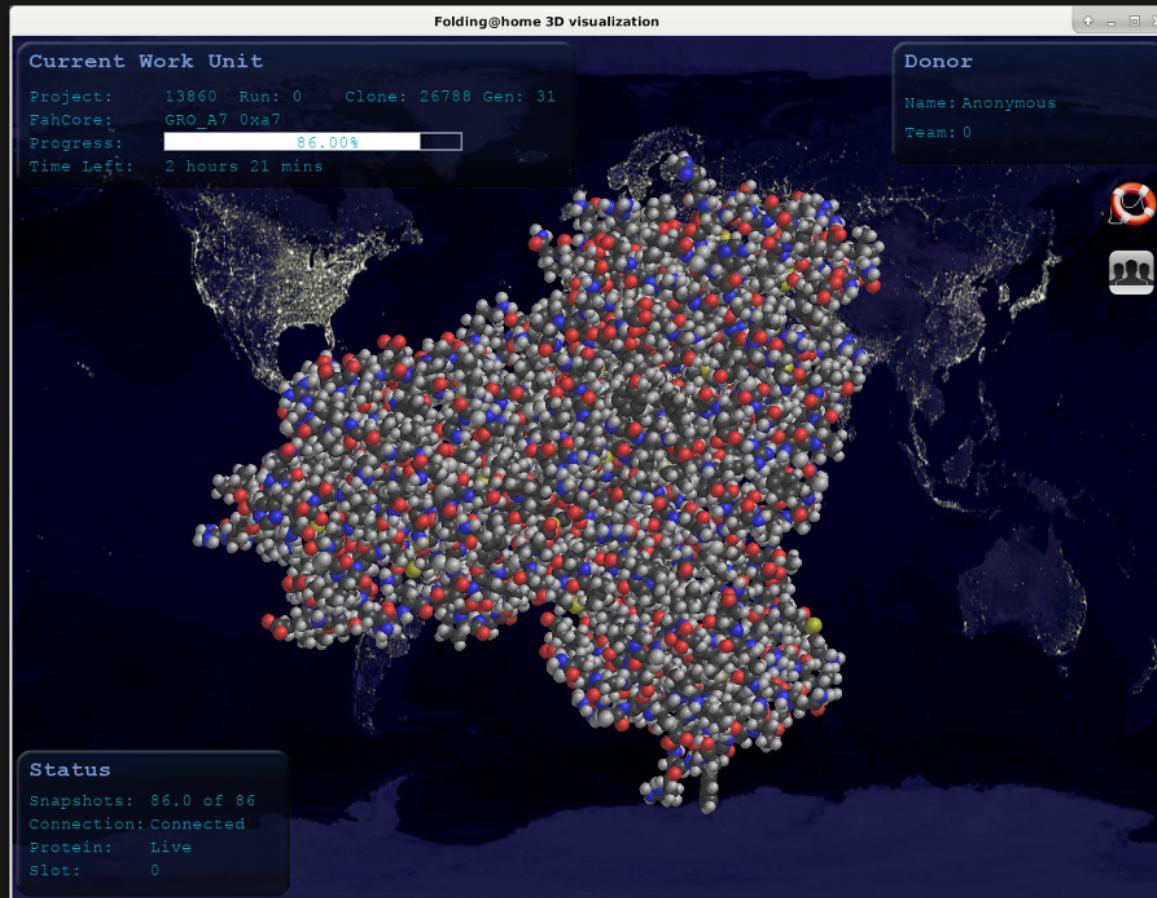
The ML group had great stories about their use

Changing species



(CycleGAN)

Eradicating diseases

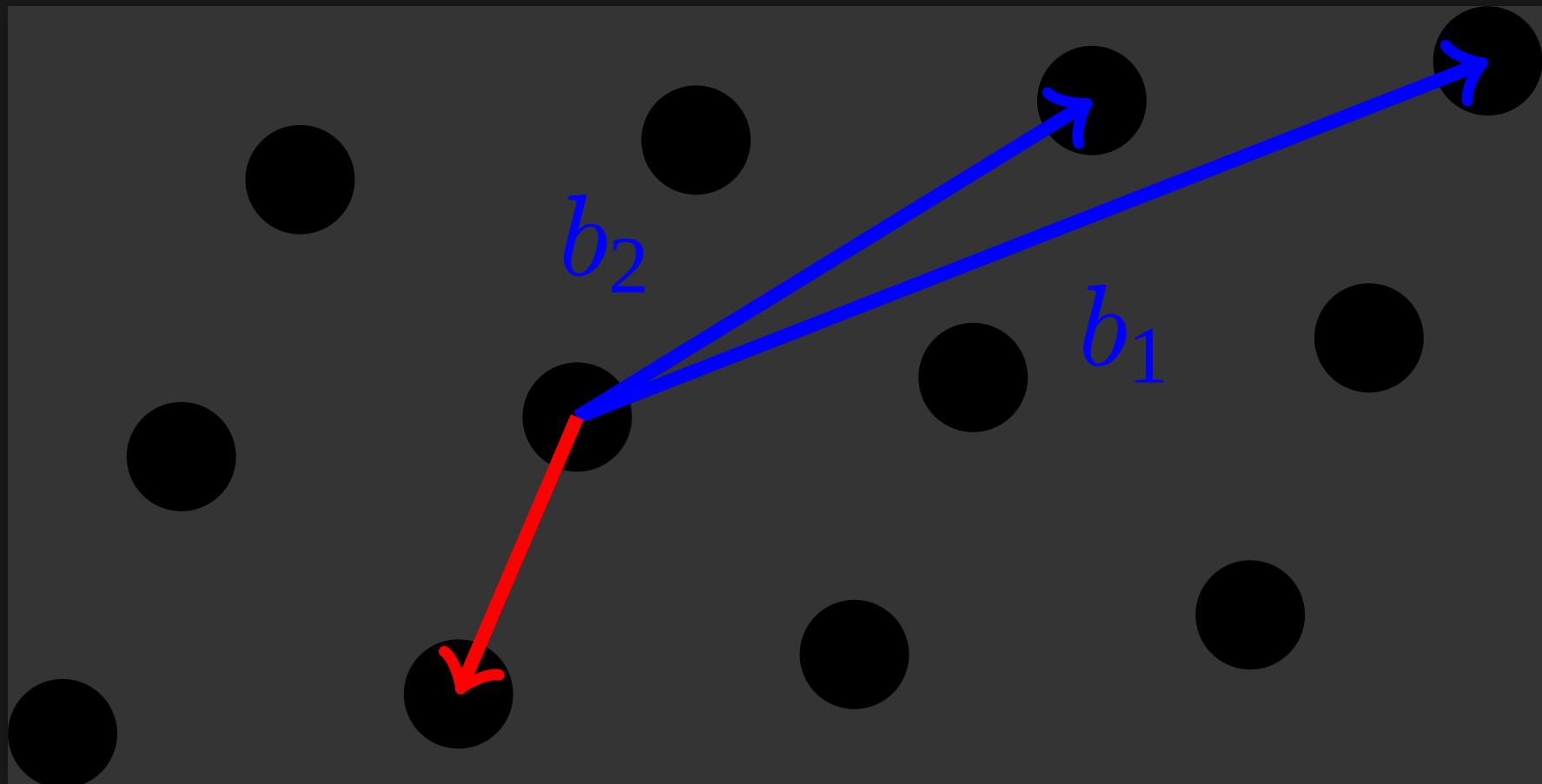


World peace

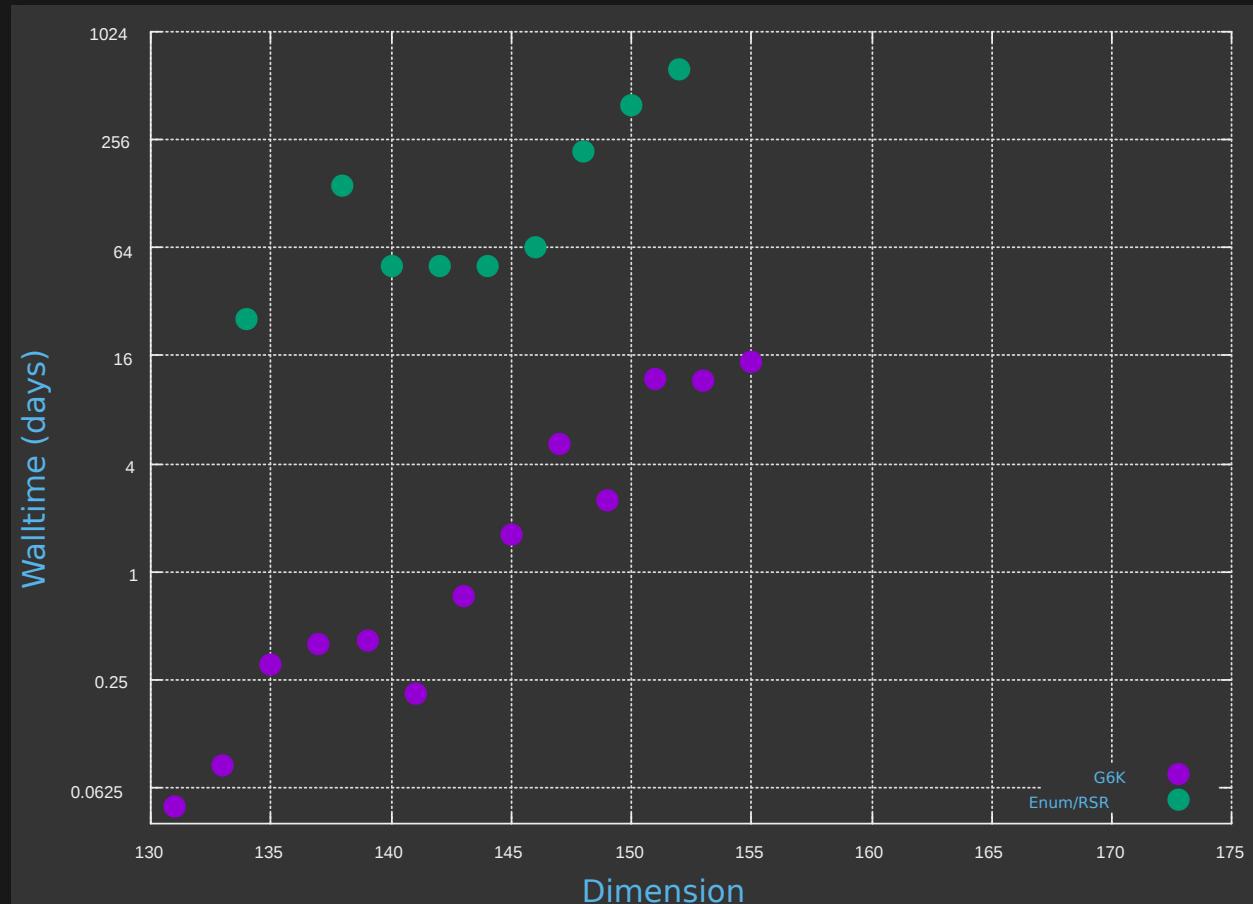


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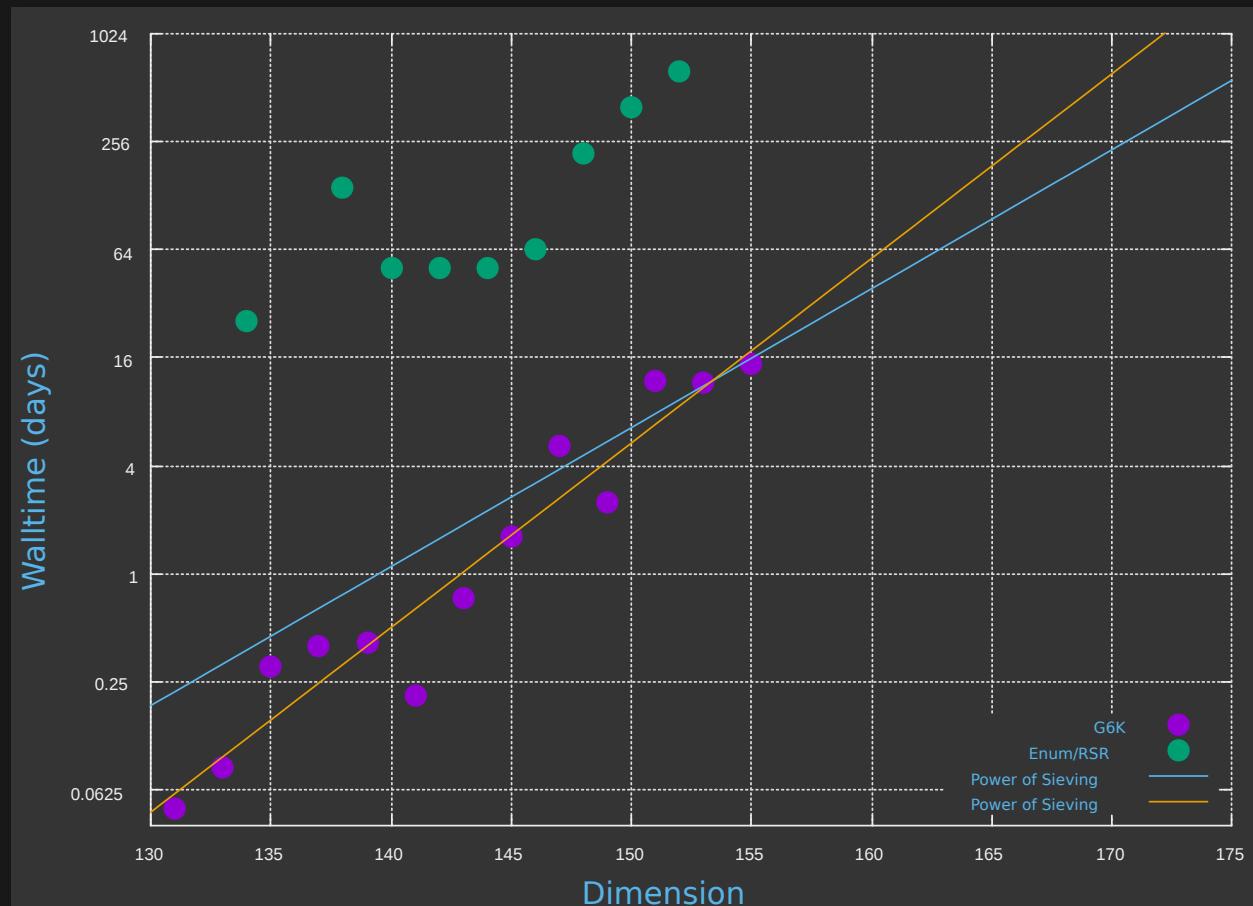
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finding a **short lattice vector**



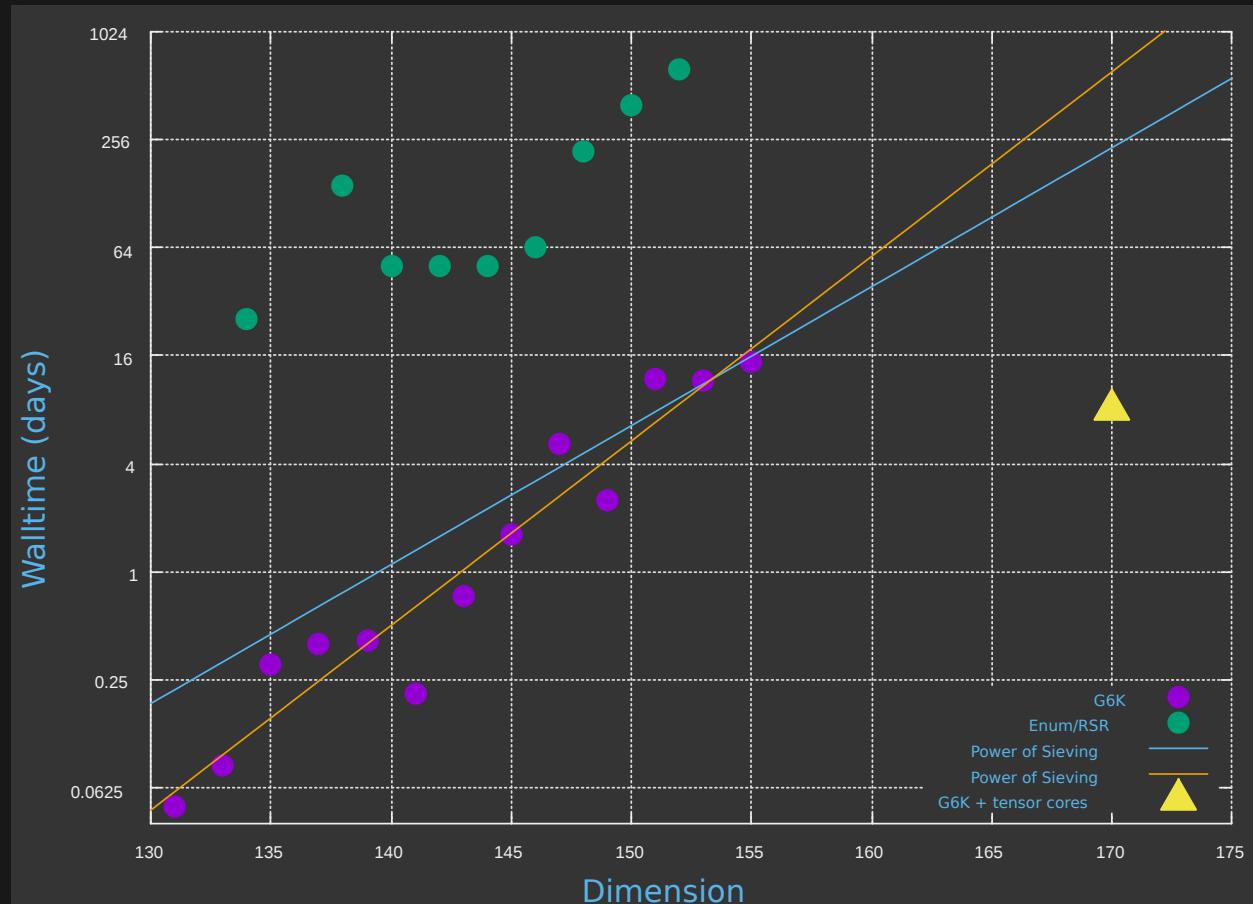
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New World Record!

$d = 170$, seed = 0, Walltime ≈ 8 days

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28 -213 -187 -196 -798 321 -153 343 165 -253 -298 59 -38  
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195 -279 -206 158 -310 -256 270 301 123 71 237 326 191 -299  
9 -23 46 -82 313 -206 27 -210 52 -128 135 225 130 164 -61  
267 -111 426 113 149 -220 -133 45 657 -446 -605 152 -396 -245  
46 -252 128 338 -55 228 644 101 -52 233 -154 232 -319 35  
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365 -127 4 -124 -575 65 -169 130 359 -189 381 375 -315 52  
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-91 -49 24 122 -208 -267 -288 146 -475 108 -152 -302 26 -83  
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And they lived happily ever after...