

# Compute Cluster Intermediate Workshop



# Recap

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- Cluster is a shared resource
- Tune your resource requests to maximize utilization
  - `sacct`, `seff`, or `--mail`
- Load modules within job script
- Always try to move data as close to compute as possible
  - Copy your data to `$TMPDIR` as first step in your job
  - Copy your results from `$TMPDIR` as last step

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=00-00:06:00
#SBATCH --mem=4000M
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --tmp=1G
#SBATCH --gres=tmp:1G
#SBATCH --output=bwa.out
#SBATCH --open-mode=append

## load required modules
module load SAMtools BWA

## copy data to /tmp and change directory to /tmp
cp /g/huber/users/msmith/emb1_hpc/Ecoli_genome.fa.gz $TMPDIR
cp /g/huber/users/msmith/emb1_hpc/reads_*fq.gz $TMPDIR
cd $TMPDIR

## create an index
bwa index -p ecoli Ecoli_genome.fa.gz

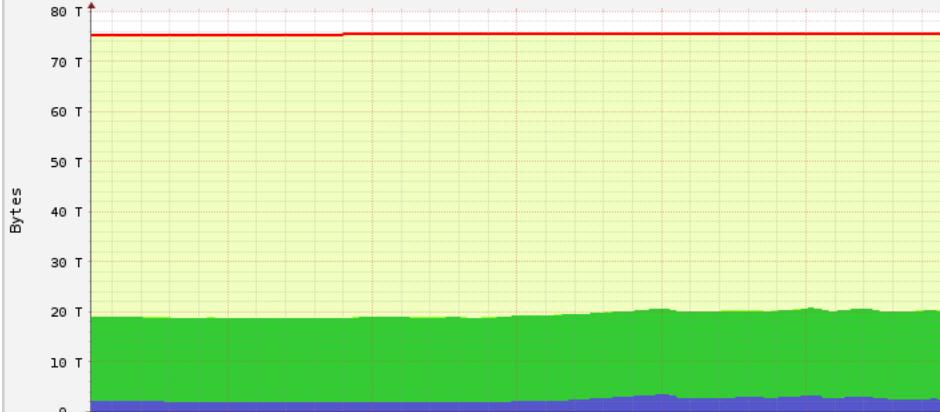
## perform alignment
bwa mem ecoli reads_1.fq.gz reads_2.fq.gz > aligned.sam

## create a compressed BAM file
samtools view -b aligned.sam > aligned.bam

## copy results back to where job was submitted from
cp aligned.bam $SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR/
```

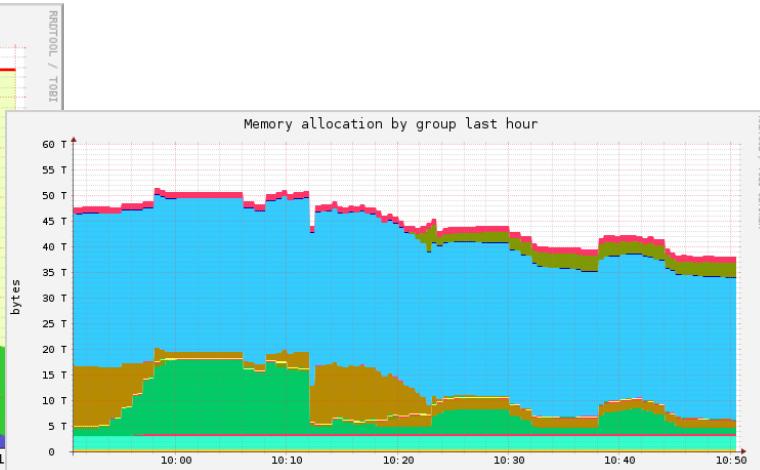
On topic of memory ...

EMBL-HPC-HD Grid Memory last hour



	Now:	Min:	Avg:	Max:
Use	2.5T	2.0T	2.5T	3.6T
Share	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cache	17.6T	16.7T	17.1T	17.6T
Buffer	45.4G	45.2G	50.9G	55.2G
Free	55.4T	54.7T	55.9T	56.7T
Swap	61.6G	54.5G	79.2G	95.6G
Total	75.6T	75.4T	75.5T	75.6T

Memory allocation by group last hour



# Types of Memory

- RES (or RSS) – resident (set) size
    - Indicates used physical memory
  - SHR – shared memory
    - Memory that can be shared with other processes, like libraries
  - VIRT – virtual size
    - res + shr + memory mapped files
    - Indicates how much memory process is able to access
- ← this goes in  
sbatch --mem

Goal:

Minimize time to result

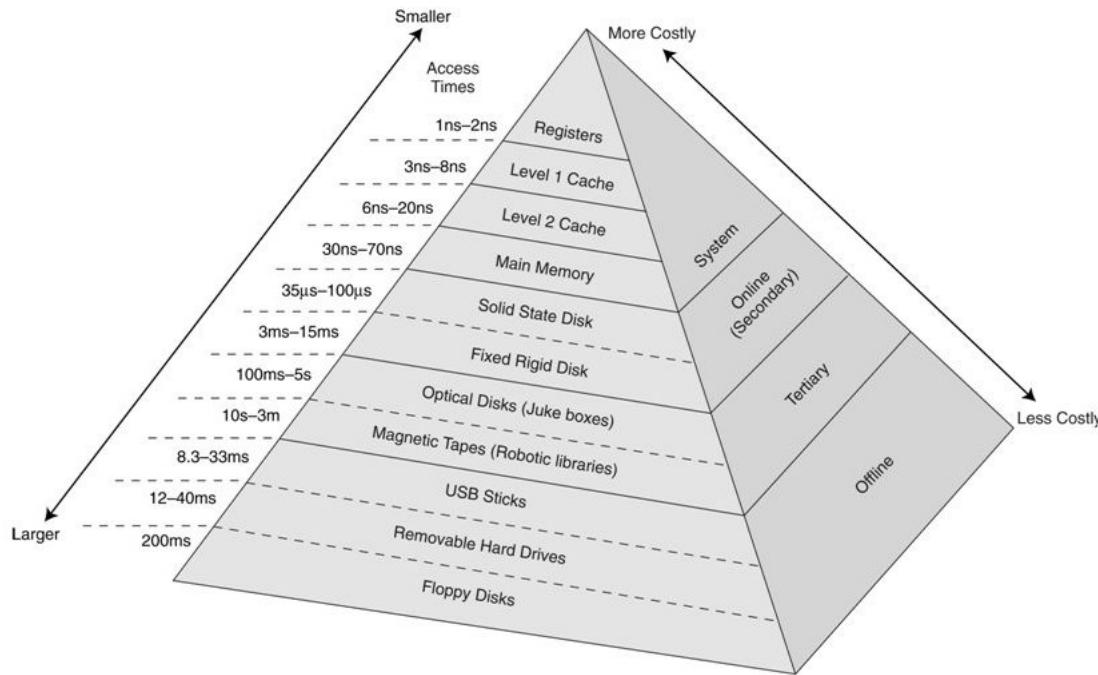
Challenge:

Understanding bottlenecks  
&  
Identifying and exploiting parallelism

# IO bottlenecks

# In Lifesciences bottleneck is the IO

- Data formats are designed without regard for the underlying storage system
- What works on your laptop might not work well on cluster
- What exactly is “bad IO”?
- IO is characterized by bandwidth and latency



# Jim Gray's Storage Latency Analogy: How Far Away is the Data?



$10^{**9}$  tape

Andromeda



2,000yr

$10^{**6}$  disk

Pluto



2yr

100 Memory

Pittsburgh



1.5h

10 On board cache

This building

10min

2 on chip cache

This room

1min

1 registers

In my head

# In Lifesciences bottleneck is the IO

- Network attached storage: ok on bandwidth, poor on latency

```
pecar@login:~$ ping -c 5 fhgfs1
PING fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.106 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.118 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.284 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.089 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.097 ms

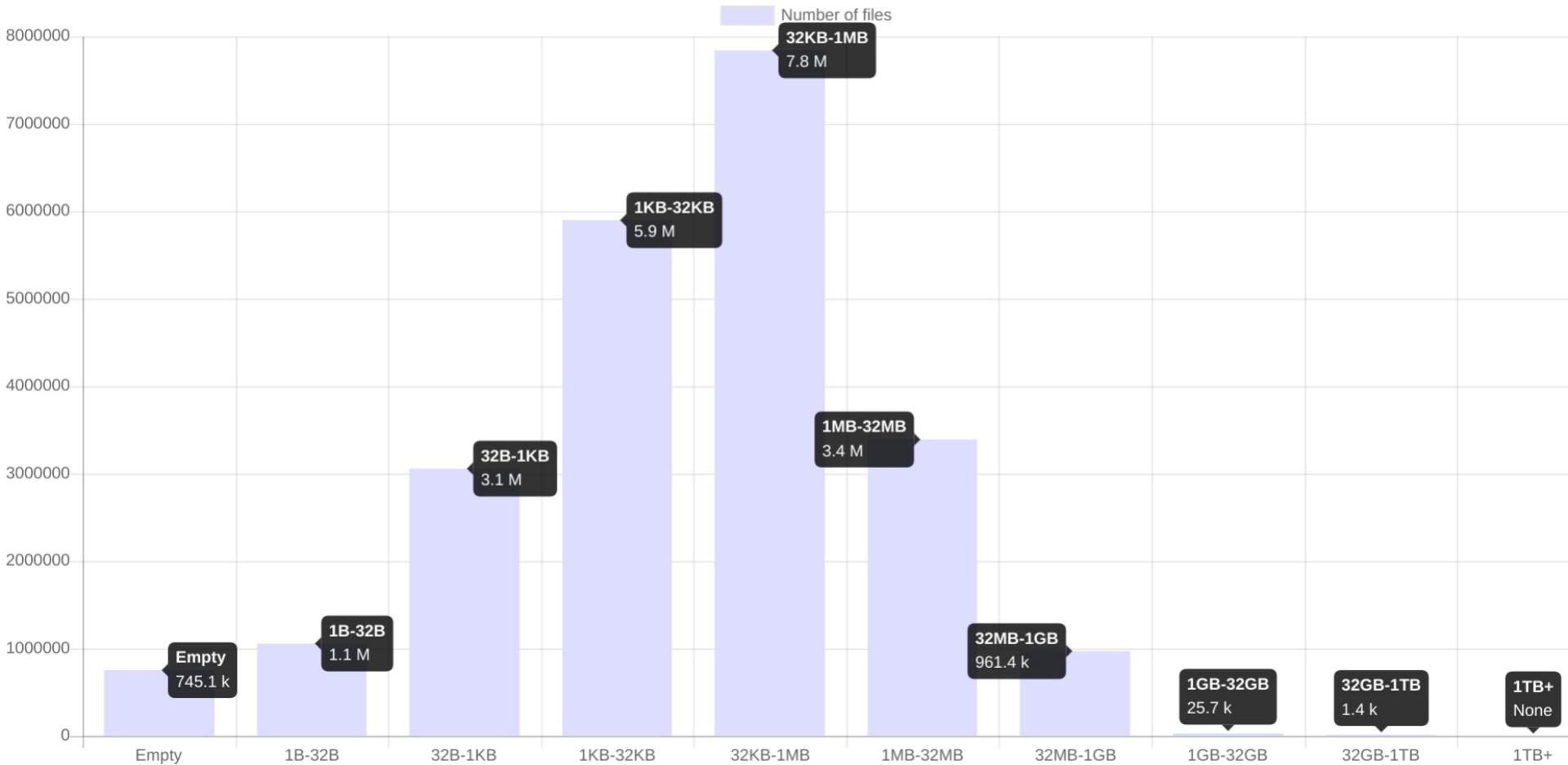
--- fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 3999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.089/0.138/0.284/0.074 ms
```

# IO operations per second

- 0.138ms rtt →  $1000/0.138 = 7246$  iops
- We have 10Gb link on login node, so:
- $10240/7246 = 1.41\text{Mb}$  or 180KB per IO
- If you transfer less than 180KB per IO, you cannot make the full use of bandwidth

# Metadata IO

- Cannot be big, limited by network rtt
- Is typically synchronous on the storage side → limited by storage latencies
- Any massive metadata IO sooner or later results in IOwait, either on client or on server



# Avoid network latency

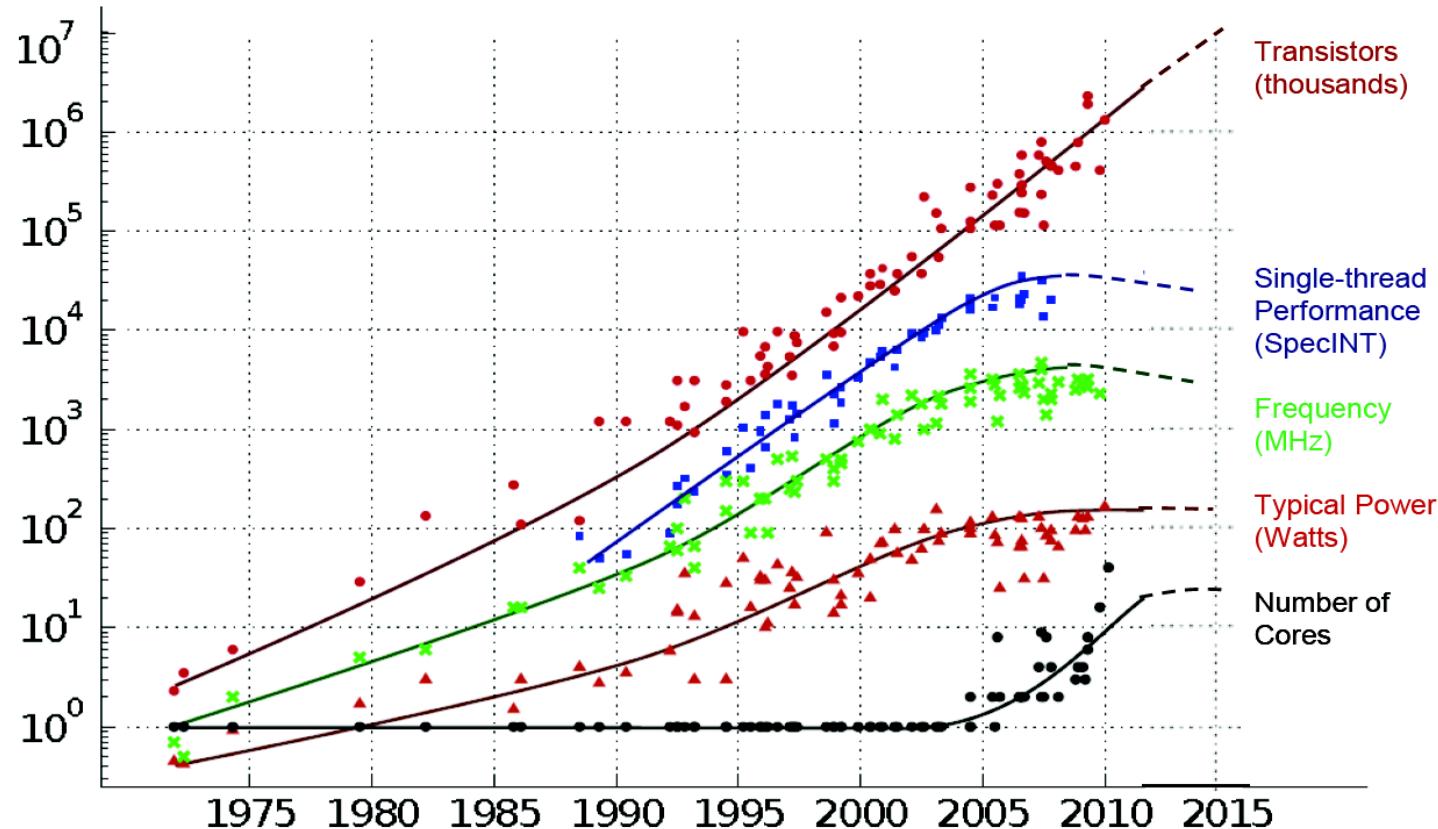
By copying your working data to \$TMPDIR

# IO takeout

- Network attached storage – good for bulk transfers
- Local storage – good for small io
  - Especially flash (ssd, nvme)

# Parallelism

# 35 YEARS OF MICROPROCESSOR TREND DATA



Original data collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond and C. Batten  
Dotted line extrapolations by C. Moore

# Types of parallelism

- Bit level
- Instruction level
- Task level
- Data level

# Bit level parallelism

# Bit level parallelism - SIMD

- Packing more data into single instruction
  - So called “vector extensions”
  - AVX (128bit)
  - AVX2 (256bit)
  - AVX512
- Best applied when writing code
- Compilers attempt to do their best at autovectorisation

# Node Features

- Instruction set: avx, avx2, avx512
- CPU family: nehalem, sandybridge, haswell, broadwell, skylake, epyc
- CPU frequency: cpuX.XGHz
- Hyperthreading: HT or noHT
- By GPU type: gpu=1080Ti or gpu=P100

# Examples

```
git clone https://git.embl.de/grp-bio-it/emb1_hpc -b march2019
```

# Example: GROMACS

- Popular molecular dynamics software
- Example provided by @pchen
  - “protein in water”
- See exercises/gromacs/job.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

#SBATCH -J gromacs
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -c 8
#SBATCH --hint=nomultithread
#SBATCH -C avx #or avx2 or avx512
#SBATCH -t 04:00

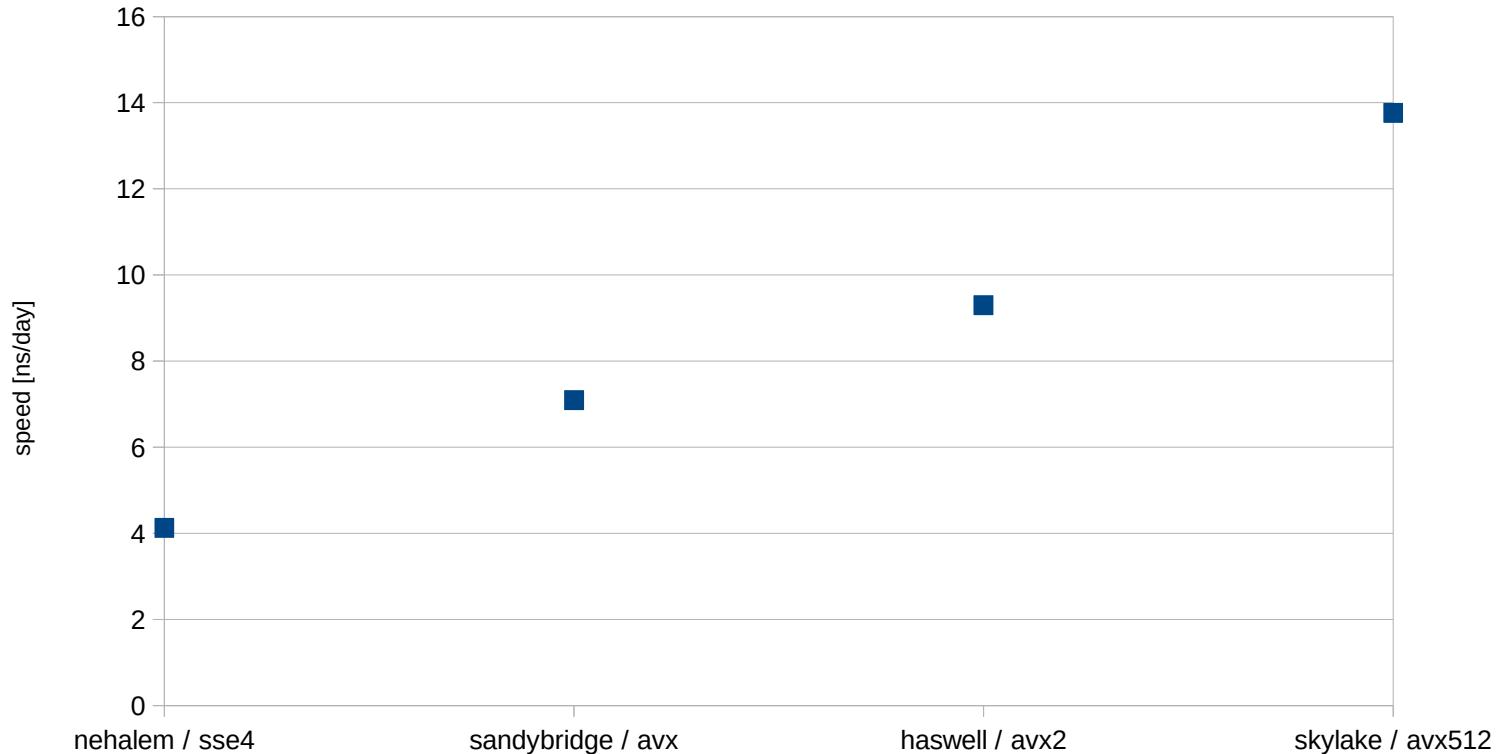
module load GROMACS/2018.1-foss-2017b

cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/pchen_gromacs/10VA-AB.tpr $TMPDIR
cd $TMPDIR

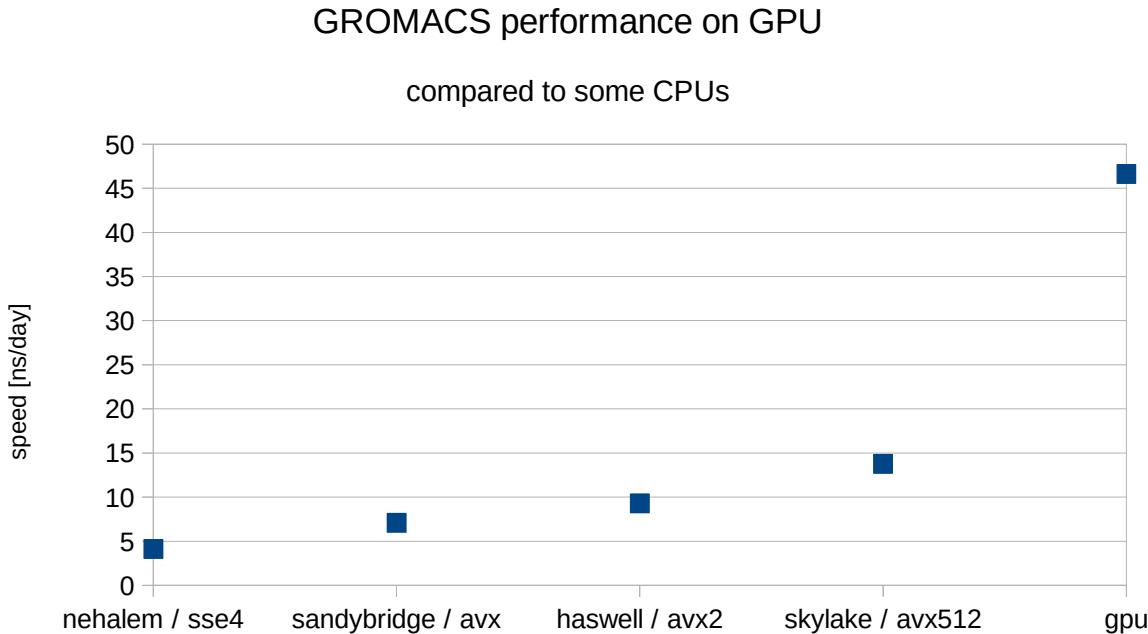
gmx mdrun -s 10VA-AB.tpr -nsteps 5000 -ntmpi 1

tail -5 md.log
```

## GROMACS performance on different CPUs



# Hint: these kind of codes tend to work well on GPUs



# Instruction level parallelism

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- Mostly a concern of cpu designers and compiler developers
- Symmetric multi-threading (or hyperthreading) is an example

# Task level parallelism

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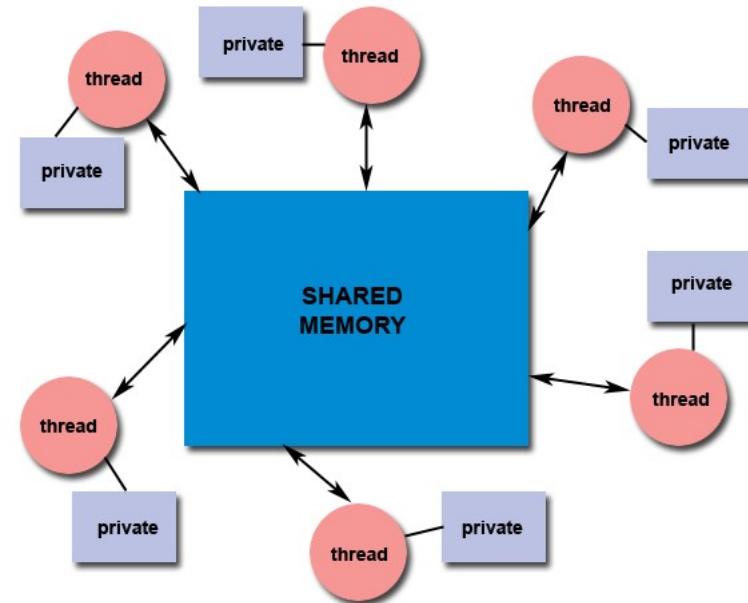
- Running different tasks on same data
- Many threading libraries and all MPI stacks allow you to do that

# Data level parallelism

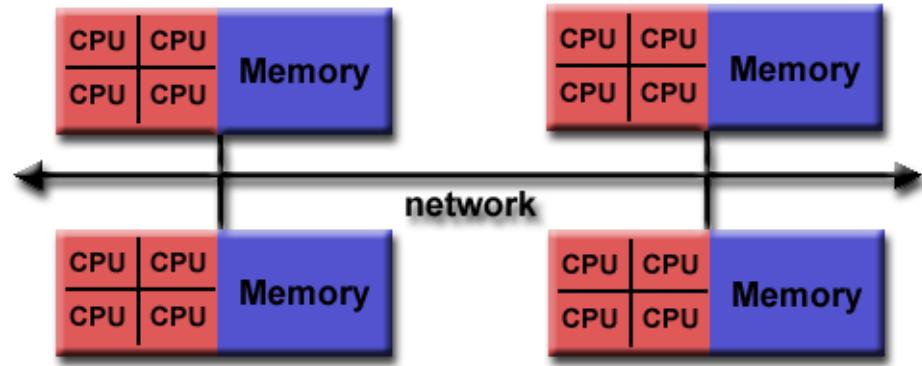
# Data level parallelism

- Running same task on independent chunks of data
- On a code level implemented with
  - POSIX threads
  - CUDA
  - OpenMP, OpenACC
  - MPI
  - PGAS
  - ...

- Python:
  - 14 entries on python multiprocessing wiki
- R
  - Nice post on r-bloggers:  
<https://www.r-bloggers.com/a-guide-to-parallelism-in-r/>



VS



Posix threads  
OpenMP, OpenACC  
PGAS

CUDA (across multiple GPUs)  
MPI

# Finding the best number of threads

- The more the better, right?
- Well ... no.

# Example: bwa

- Burrows-Wheeler Alignment Tool
  - Bwa supports multithreading
- Example provided by @msmith
  - Based on Ecoli
- See examples/bwa/bwa\_batch.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J bwa
#SBATCH --time=00-00:06:00
#SBATCH --mem=4000M
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH -c 1 #vary this 1..128
#SBATCH --tmp=1G
#SBATCH --gres=tmp:1G
#SBATCH --output=bwa.out
#SBATCH --open-mode=append

module load SAMtools BWA

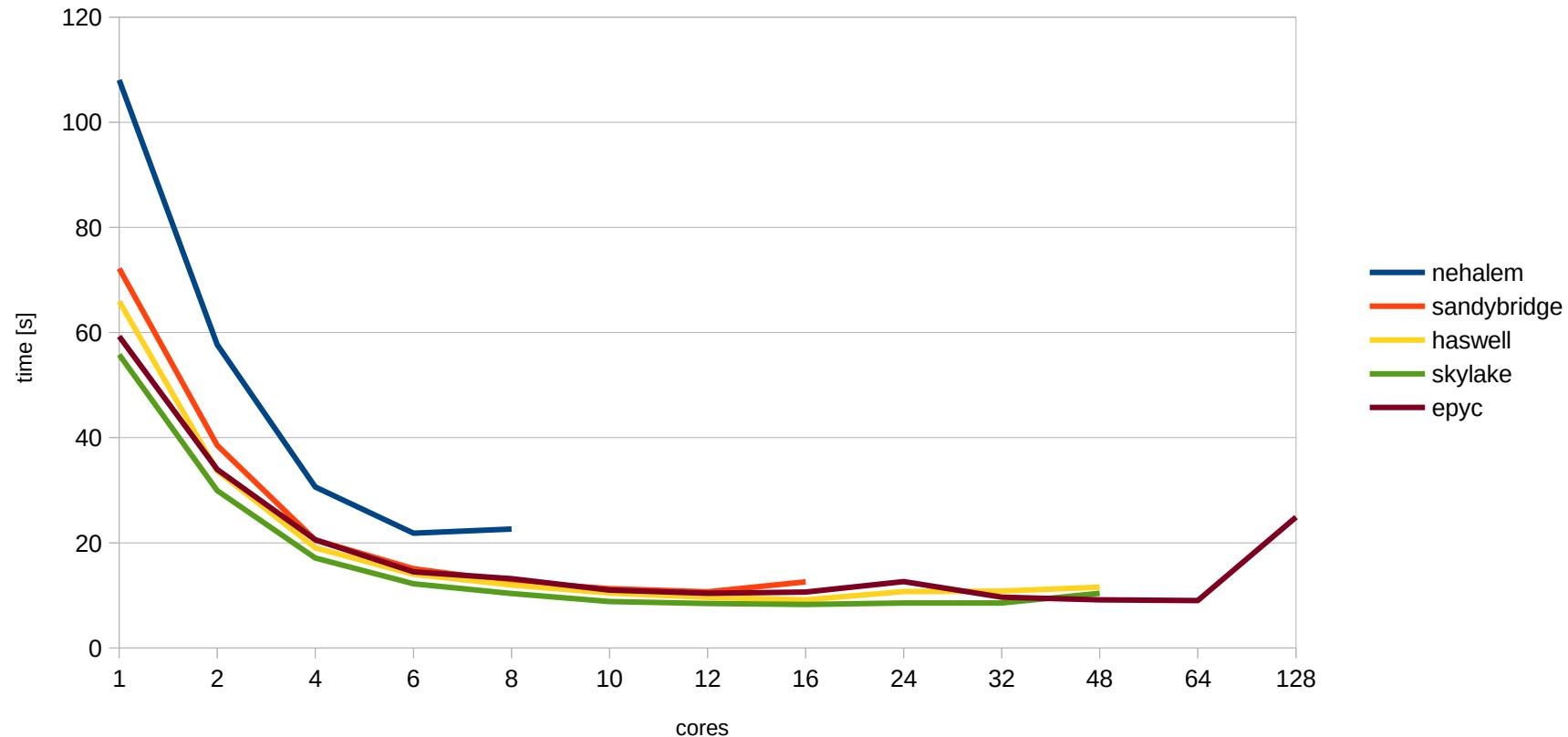
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/msmith_bwa/Ecoli_genome.fa.gz $TMPDIR
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/msmith_bwa/reads_*.fq.gz $TMPDIR
cd $TMPDIR

bwa index -p ecoli Ecoli_genome.fa.gz

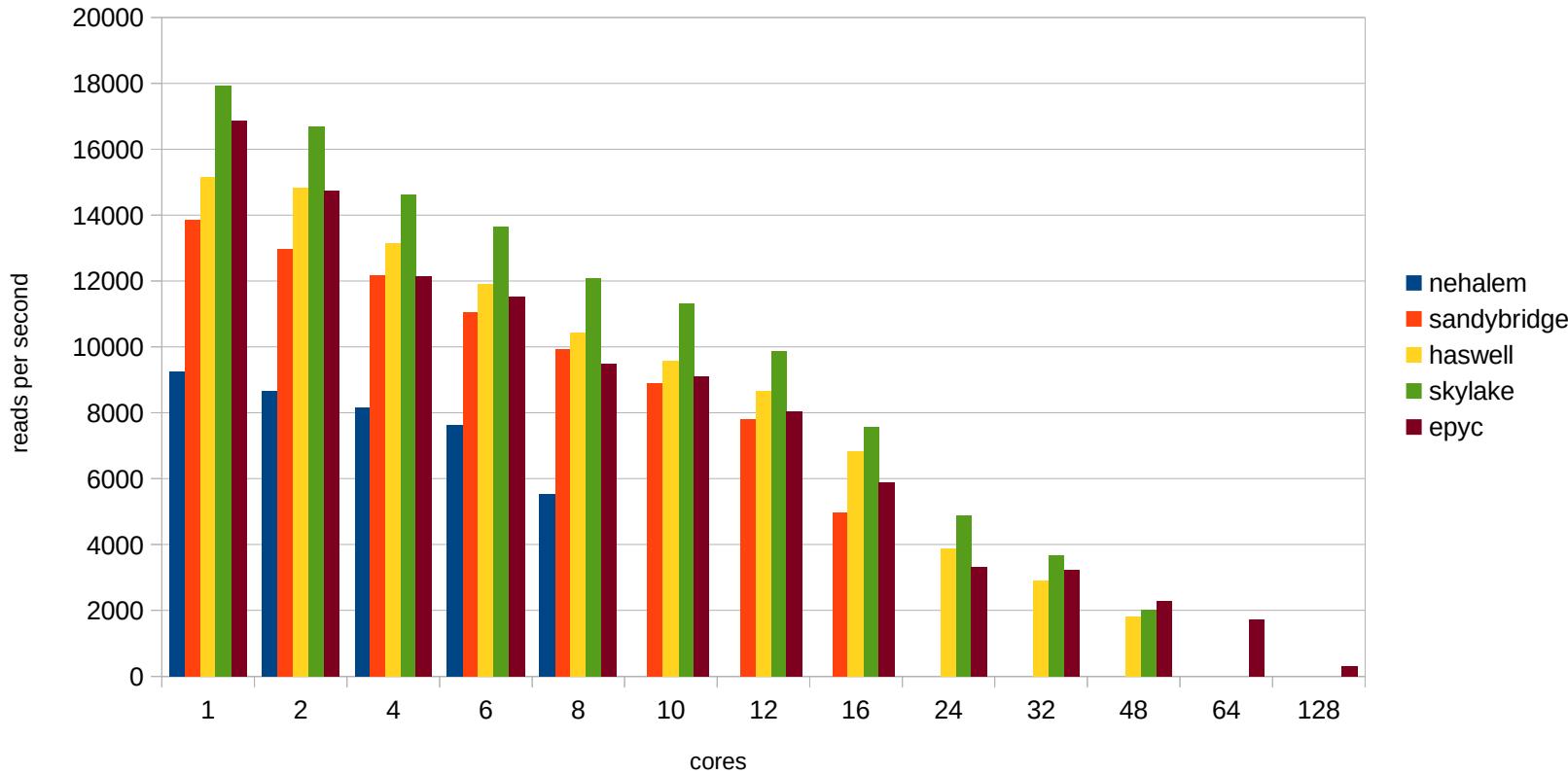
bwa mem -t $SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK ecoli reads_1.fq.gz reads_2.fq.gz > aligned.sam

samtools view -b aligned.sam > aligned.bam
```

## BWA mem scalability on Ecoli



## BWA mem reads per second per core



# So ...

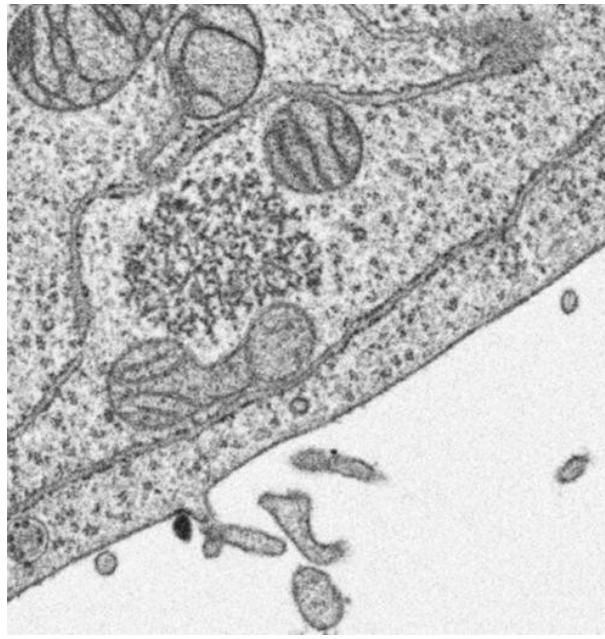
- Best for this case looks like around 4
  - Can vary based on data and algorithms
- Why?
  - Topic for advanced course ;)

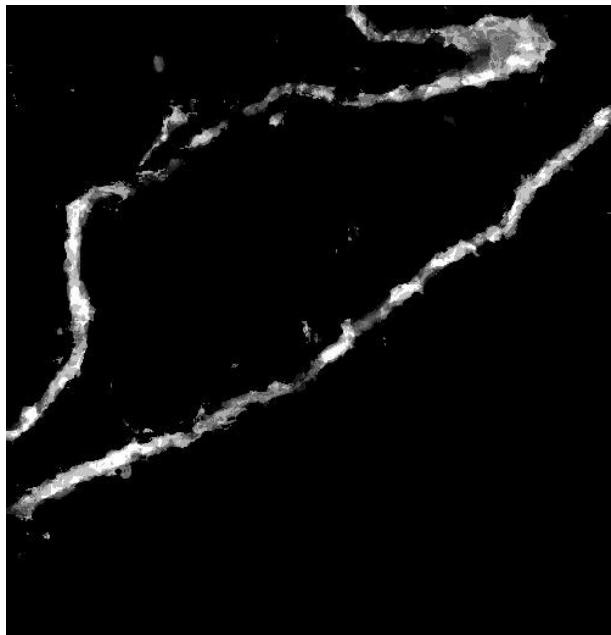
# Takeout

- Aim for smaller number of threads
  - Unless your software scales really well
- So you can fit more jobs on the same number of cpus
- And you get better throughput

# Example: ImageJ

- Java based image analysis and processing
- Example provided by @tischer
- Sample from Focussed-Ion-Beam Scanning Electron Microscopy (FIB-SEM), 10x10x10 nm
- Random forest classifier trained to distinguish ER from the rest





# Challenge

- JVM does its own hardware abstraction and thread management
- Presents whole new dimension in problem space
- See examples/imagej/serial.job

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -c 24
#SBATCH --mem 180000
#SBATCH -t 0-01:00:00

module load Java
module load X11

mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/

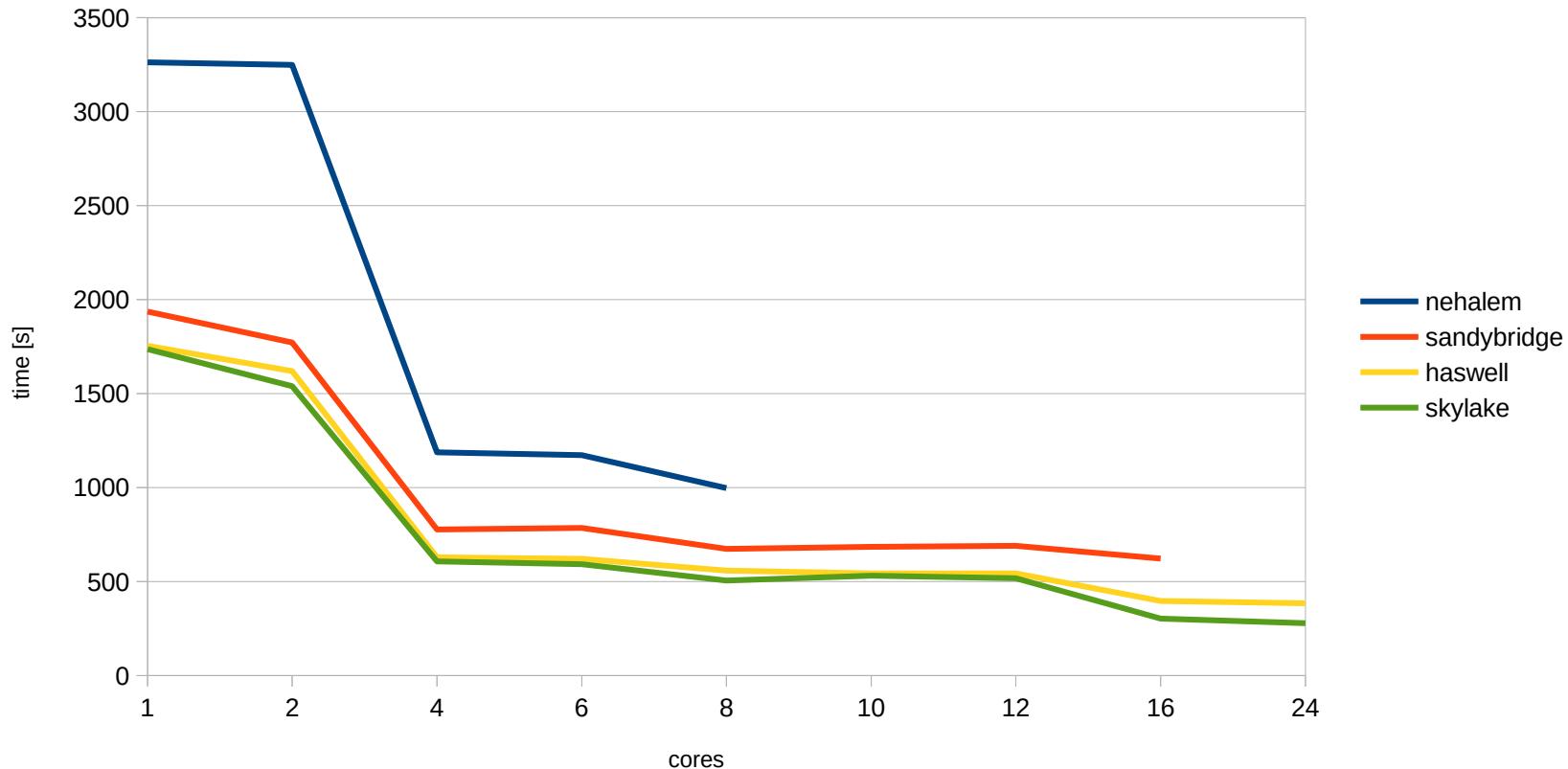
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif
$TMPDIR/
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/

cd $TMPDIR

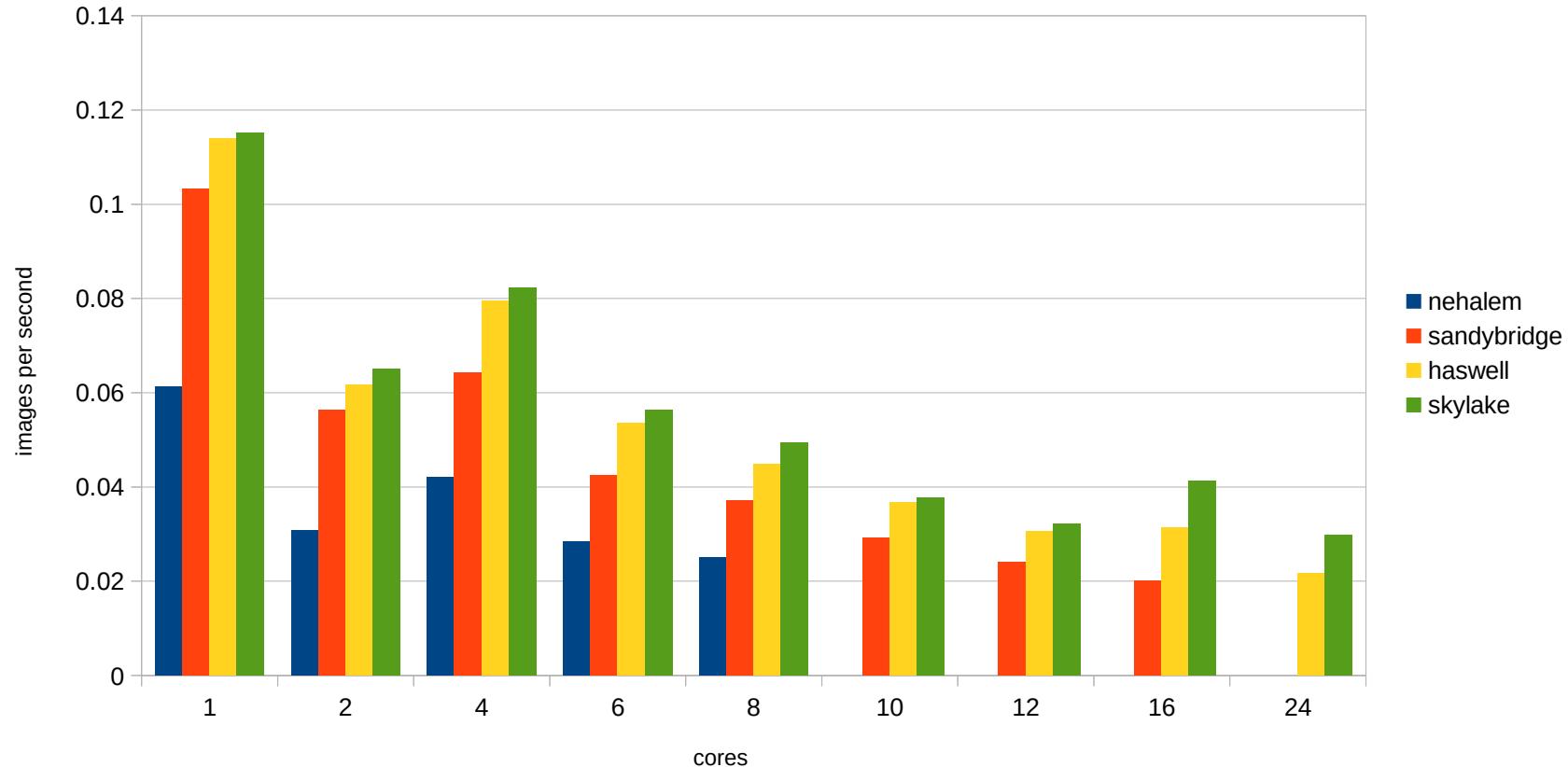
START_TIME=$SECONDS

/g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=32000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --
run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--
8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-
er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities
as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1
virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,0,200,0,0',numWo
rkers='24'"
```

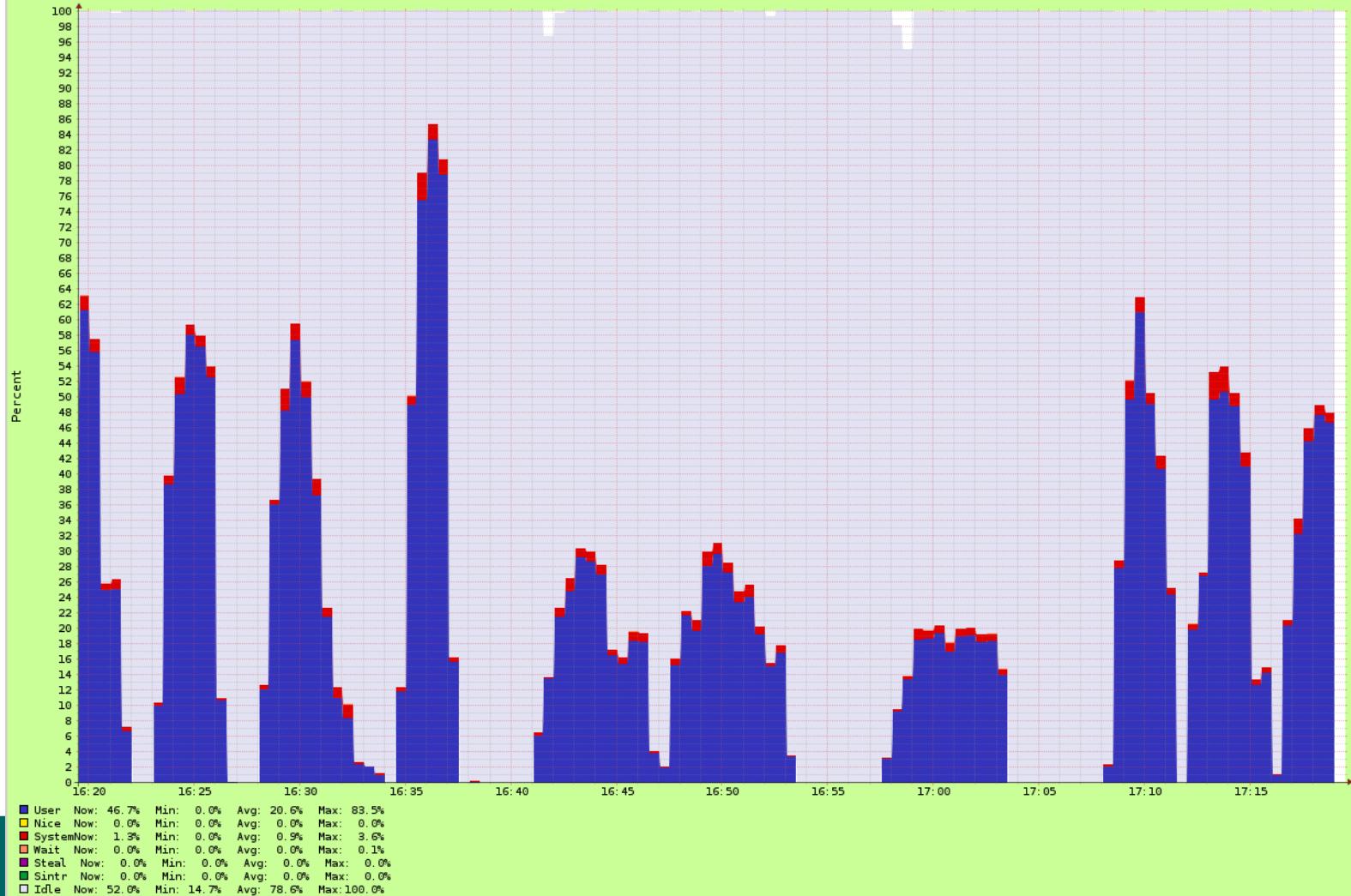
## ImageJ case scaling

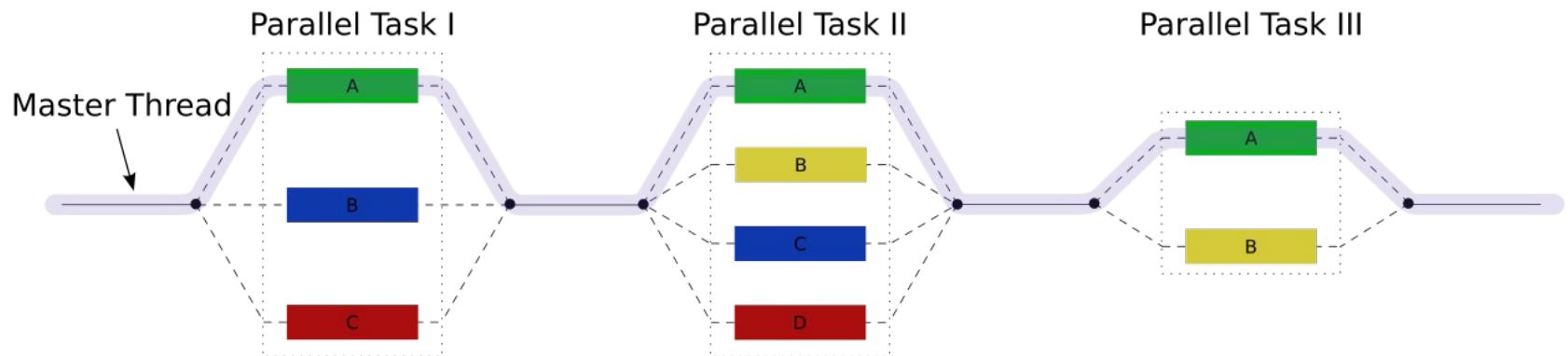
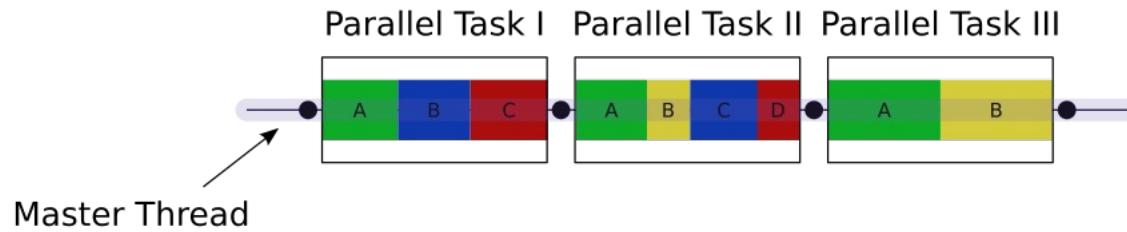


## ImageJ case Images per second

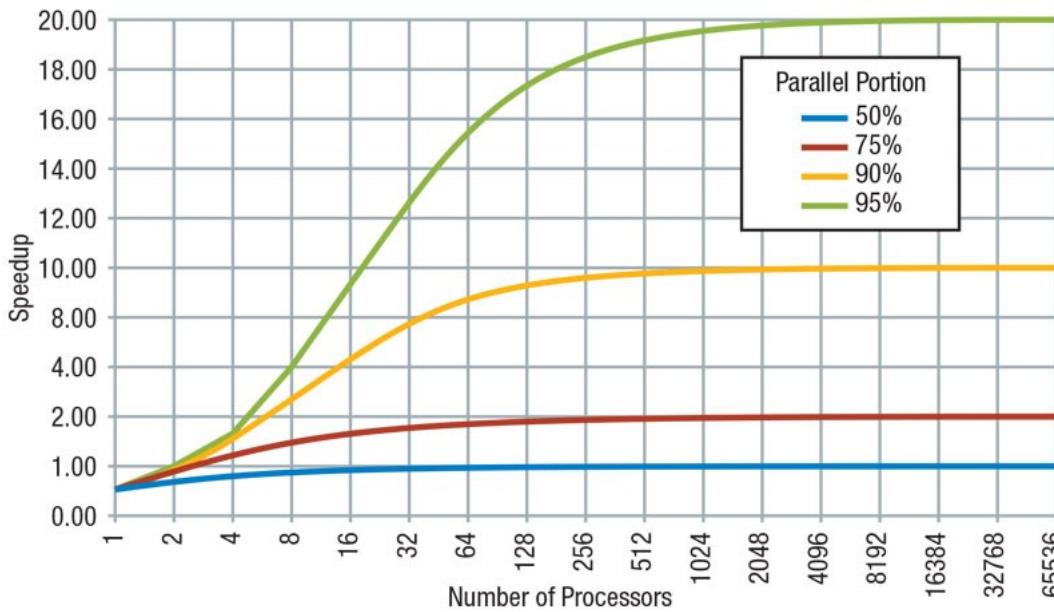


## sb01-01 CPU last hour





Amdahl's Law



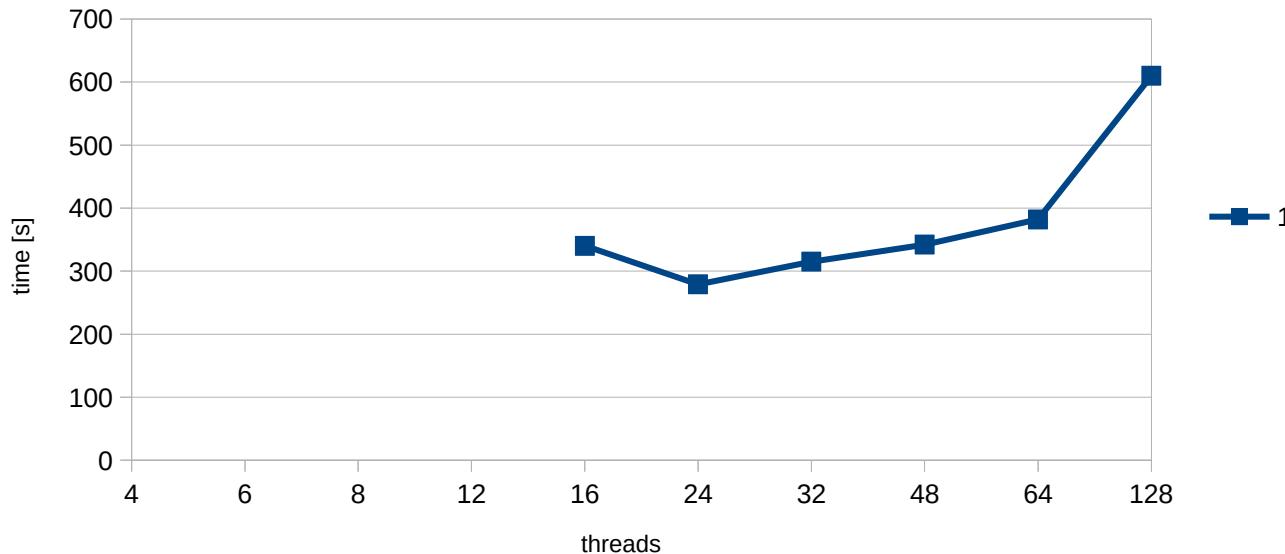
# JVM ...

- ImageJ does its own internal work split and distribution
- Java does its own thread management
  - And garbage collection
  - And who knows what else
- So ...

# Lets overcommit number of java threads

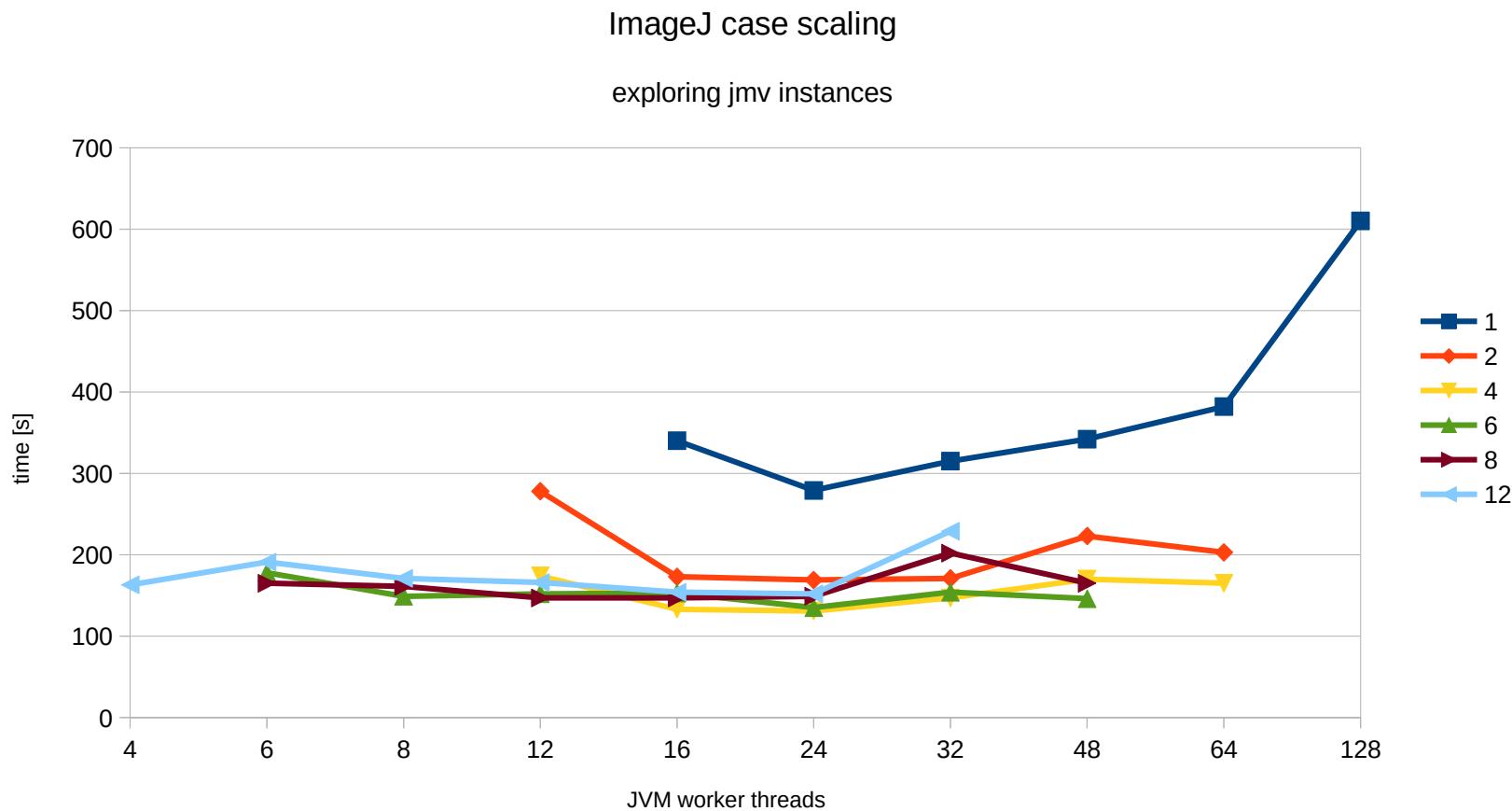
ImageJ case scaling

exploring number of jvm worker threads



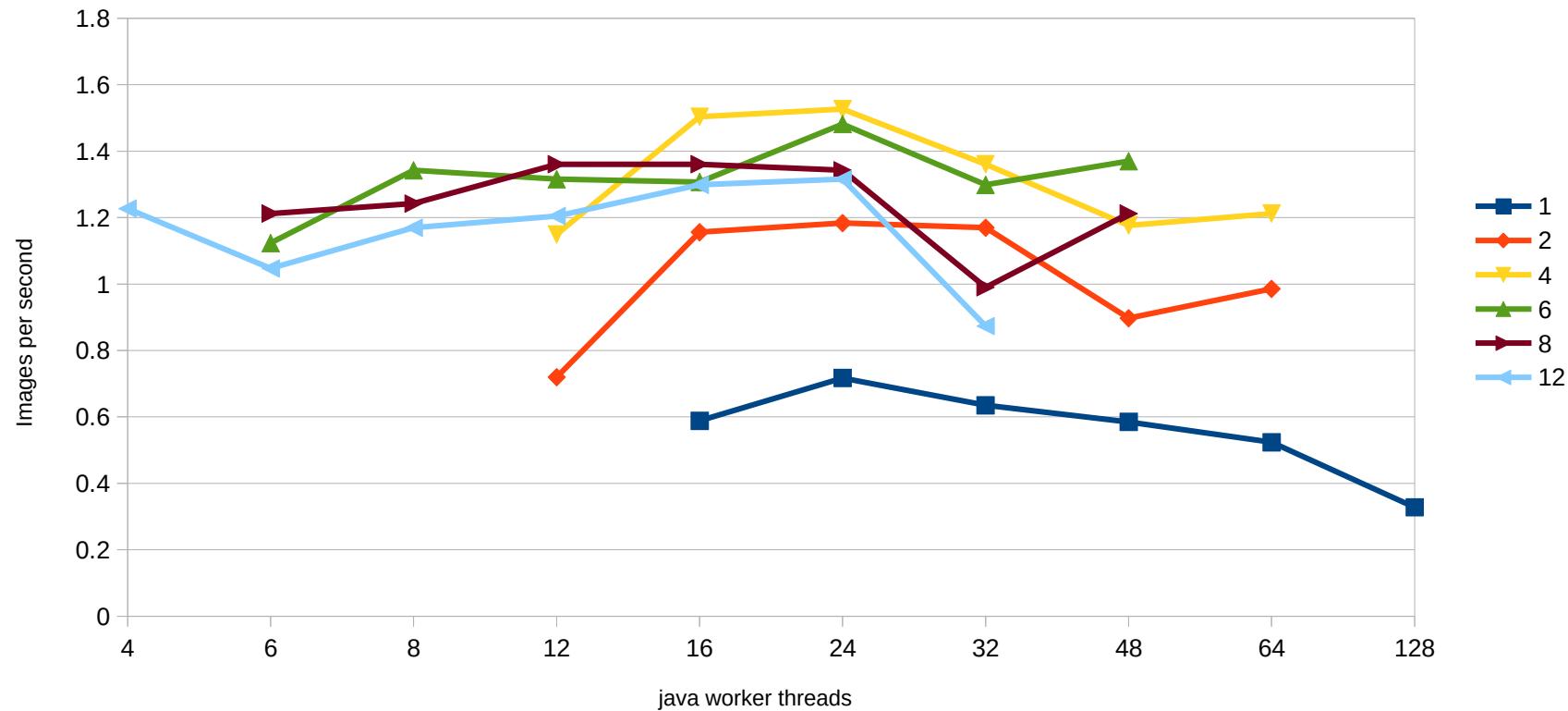
# Can we do better?

- Try overlapping serial codepaths
- Try avoiding jvm internal overhead
- Split work across many jvm instances



# ImageJ case scaling

whole skylake node



# Takeout

- JVM by default is not really high performance
  - It can be made to behave with enough effort
- Easiest method is to split work across many jvm instances
- And you get better throughput

# #SBATCH -n or -c ?

- -n is number of tasks
- -c is number of cores per task
- Each will tell slurm to give your job that number of cores
- Using both will tell slurm to give you  $n*c$  number of cores
- -n also instructs MPI how many ranks it can use
- -c also affects OMP\_NUM\_THREADS

# MPI example: tomsa

- Developed and provided by @turonova
- Workflow:
  - Extracts particles from tomograms
  - Averages all to create a reference
  - Runs few iterations of alignment
  - After best is found, averages again
  - Writes out new references and rotations
- See excercises/tomsa/run.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J tomsa_mpi
#also try -N with --ntasks-per-node
#SBATCH -n 24
#SBATCH -C "net10G|net25G"
#SBATCH --switches=1
#SBATCH -mem-per-cpu=20
#SBATCH --time=00:05:00

module load foss/2017b

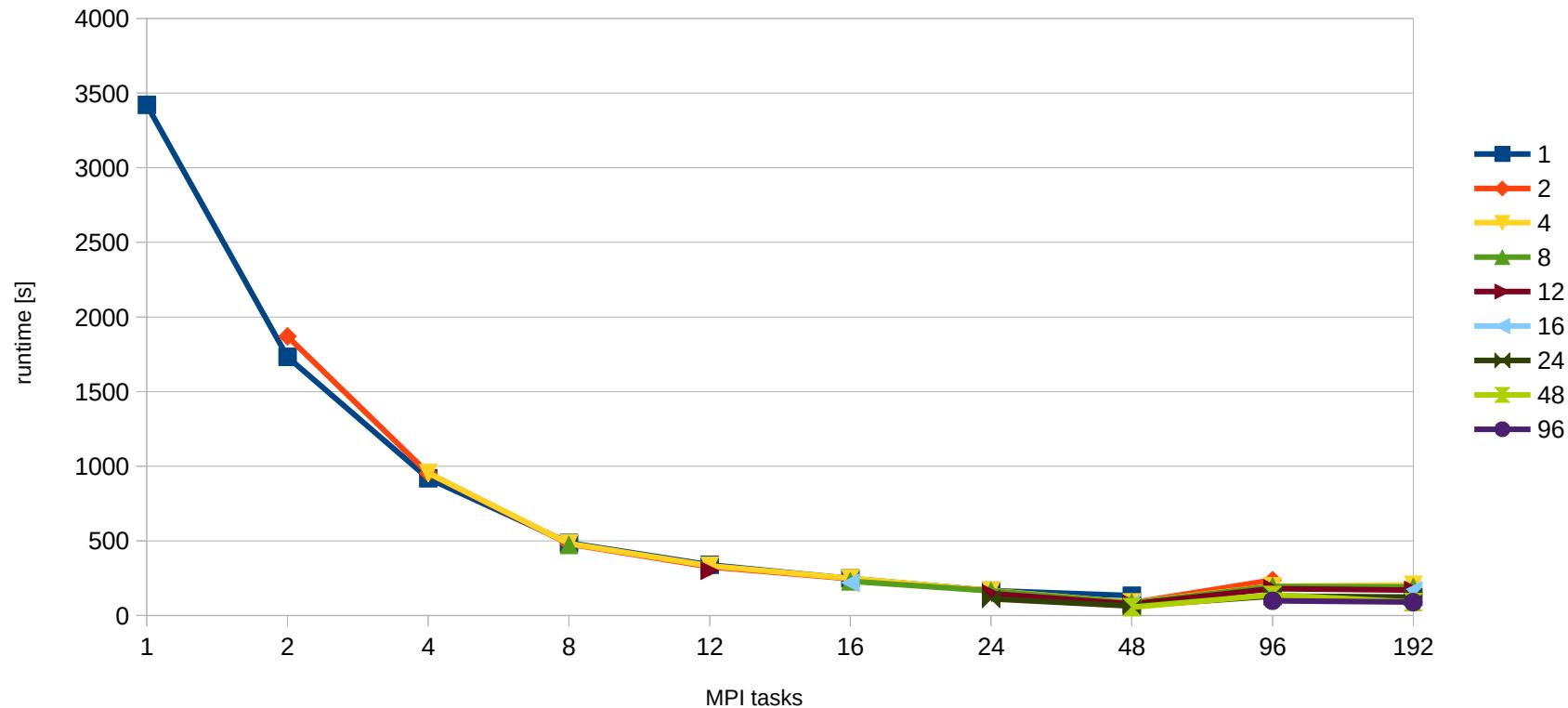
cd $SCRATCHDIR
tar zxf /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/turonova_tomsa/data.tgz

START=$SECONDS
mpirun tomsa -param params.txt -folder ./results
echo took $((SECONDS-START)) seconds with $SLURM_NTASKS tasks across
$SLURM_NNODES nodes

#cp results/* $SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR/
```

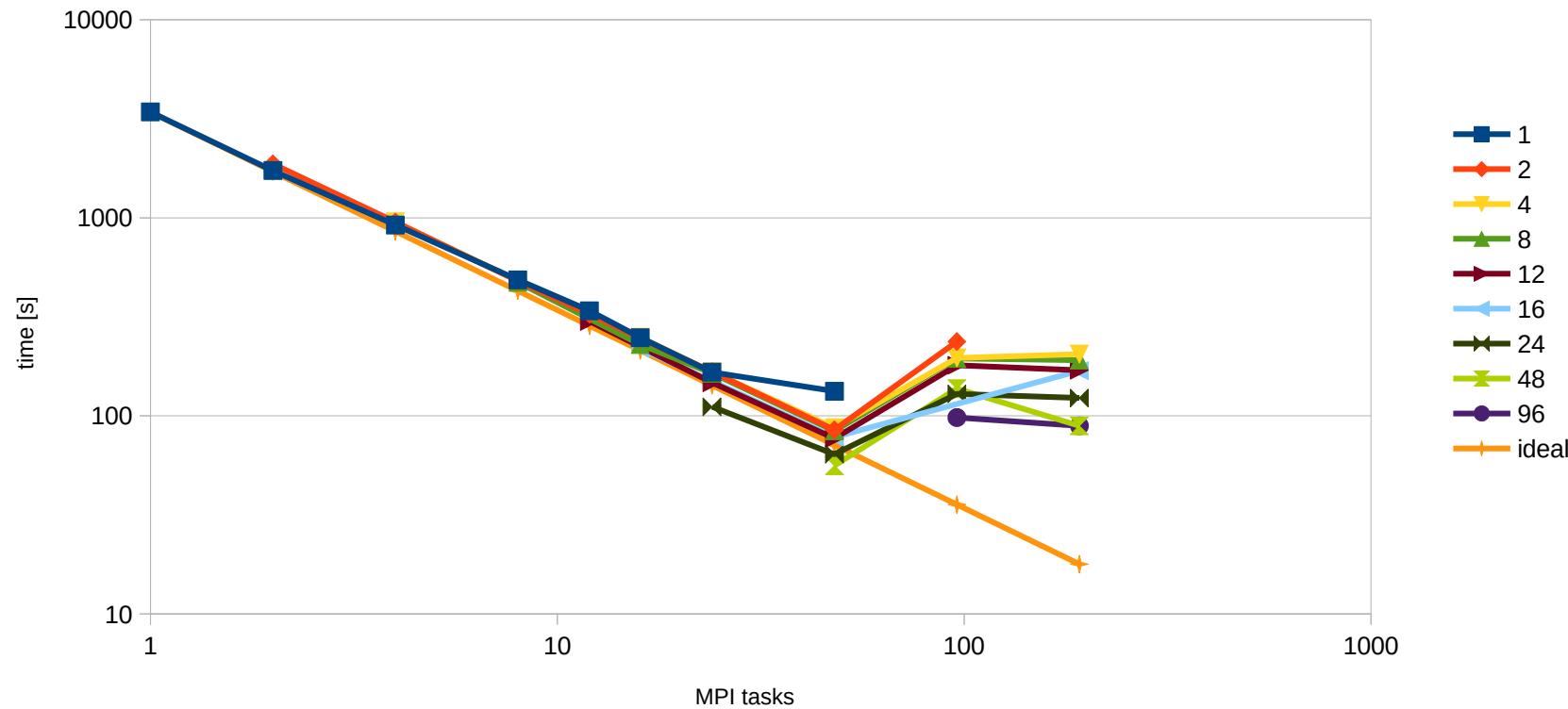
## tomsa mpi example

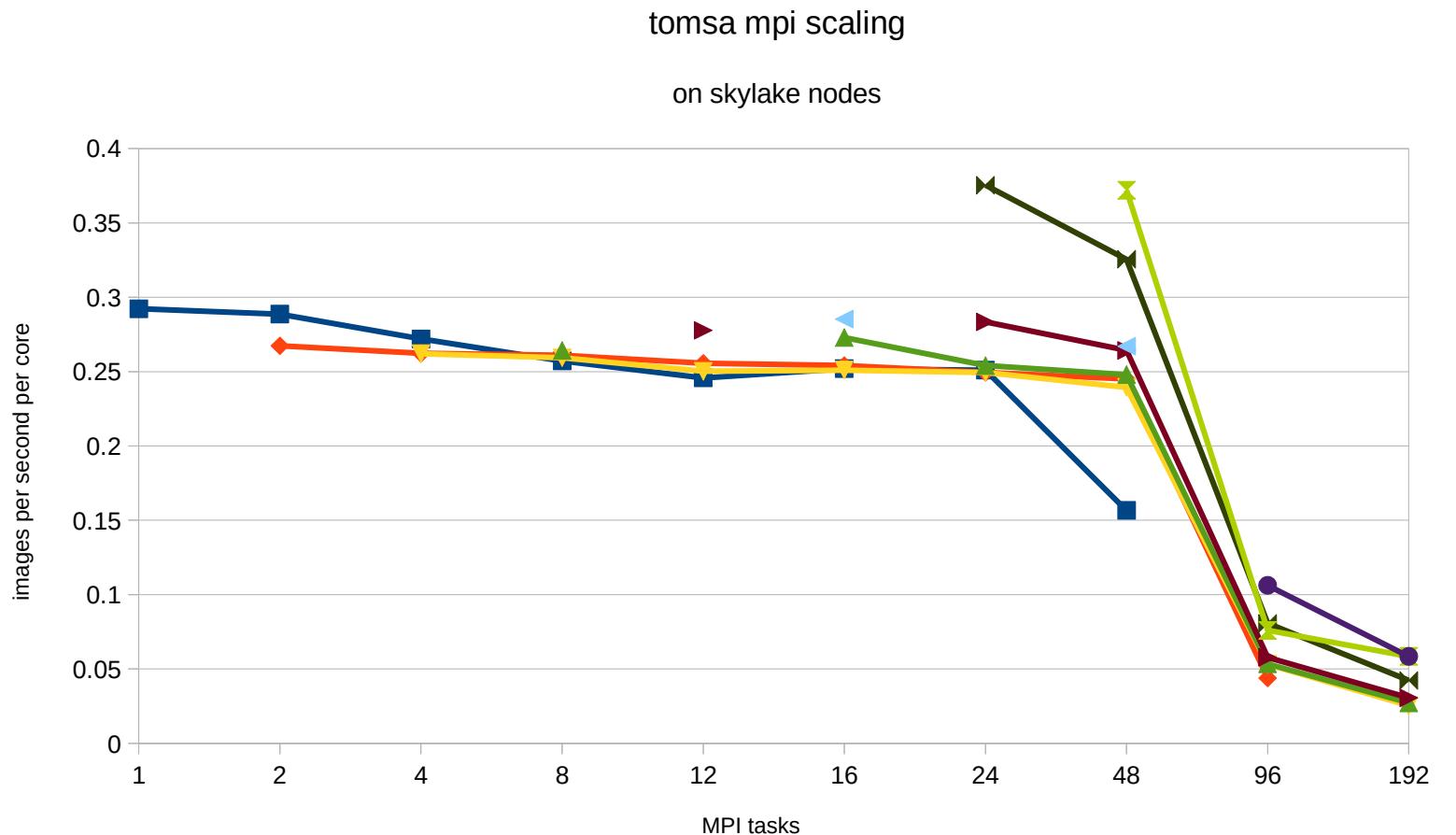
on skylake nodes



# tomsa mpi scaling

on skylake nodes





# MPI takeouts

- Understand ratio of communication to computation of your code
- Always good idea to try to keep tasks as close as possible (from communication perspective)
  - Single node
  - `#SBATCH --switches=1`

# Manual data level parallelism

# How SLURM can help you

- Within a job
  - Use --ntasks-per-node and --cpus-per-task
  - Then use `srun` within job script to distribute work
- Collection of jobs
  - Array jobs

# Within a job

- See examples/imagej/manytask.job

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -n 12 -c 4 --ntasks-per-node=1 --mem 160000 -t 0-00:10:00
module load Java
module load X11
mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/
srun -n 12 --ntasks-per-node=1 cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif $TMPDIR/
srun -n 12 --ntasks-per-node=1 cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/
cd $TMPDIR
START_TIME=$SECONDS
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,0,16,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,17,32,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
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srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,65,80,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,81,96,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,97,104,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
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```

# Array jobs

- Very useful if you have your data organized in some sequence
- Submit with --array=1-20 for 20 jobs
- See examples/imagej/array.job

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -c 4
#SBATCH --mem 4000
#SBATCH -t 0-00:03:00
#SBATCH --array=0-191:10%
```

```
module load Java
module load X11

mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/

cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif $TMPDIR/
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/

cd $TMPDIR
START_TIME=$SECONDS

/g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run
"Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--
8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-
er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff
slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1
virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,\"$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID\",
$(($SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID+10))',0,0',numWorkers='8'"
```

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ELAPSED_TIME=$(($SECONDS - $START_TIME))

echo "Array $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID took $ELAPSED TIME seconds."
```

# Organizing work from outside of cluster

- Python wiki page lists 30+ projects
- Language agnostic ones can be used with R, Perl, ...
- Some also support different backends, such as cloud infrastructures
- R has package batchtools

# In-house experience with:

- GC3Pie @pecar
- Drmaa @ralves
- Jug @coelho
- Snakemake @carnold
- Toil (CWL) @kbreuer

# Q & A

Thanks  
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