

# The disruptive nature of portable sequencing & edge compute for community empowerment

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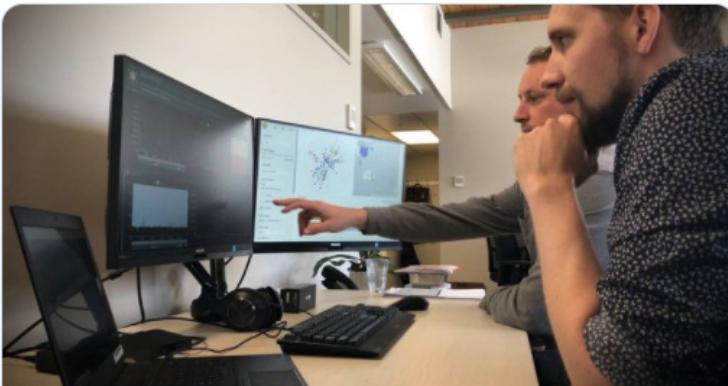
# Genomics in NZ's pandemic response

A sequencing success story made possible by the awesome **Una Ren, Matt Storey & Joep de Ligt**



Jamie Morton @Jamienzherald · Mar 8

If you're one of the clueless people bashing scientists over not knowing enough about Covid-19, you may be interested to learn they're now using positive samples to rapidly sequence whole freaking genomes, right here in NZ



The Mars Bar-sized gadget helping NZ scientists decode Covid-19 virus  
NZ scientists are now sequencing whole genomes of the virus driving the Covid-19 crisis.

[nzherald.co.nz](http://nzherald.co.nz)

Give us some time and money and we'll demonstrate what this technology can do.



NZ ChiefSciAdvisor ✅ @ChiefSciAdvisor · 13h

Whole genome sequencing has made a massive difference to containing the Auckland outbreak. Mike Bunce, CSA @EPAgovtNZ has done a rapid review for @minhealthnz CSA @ianTown3 on this great work from @ESRNewZealand to inform future outbreaks. Read it here



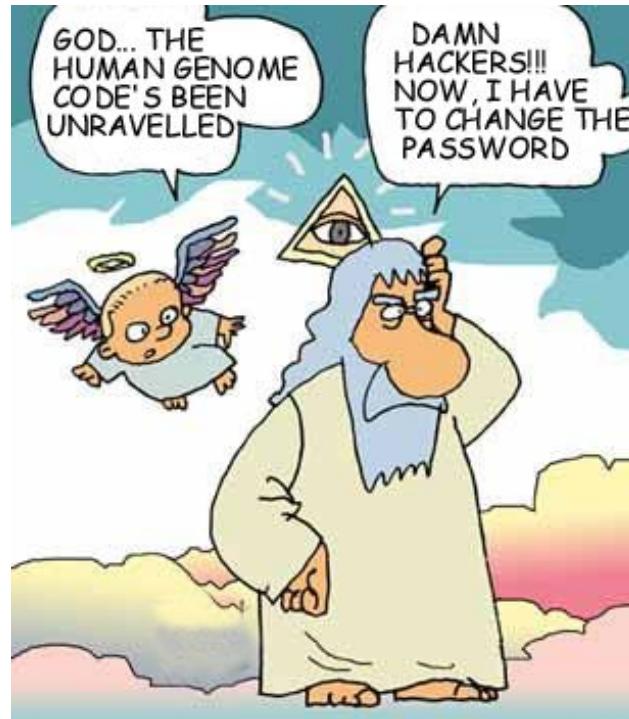
Using genetic fingerprints in our COVID-19 response  
We reflect on the role of genome sequencing in the most recent COVID-19 outbreak in Auckland as the ...  
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# Genomic sequencing

# A snapshot of the Human Genomics group

- **Independent research**
  - type-2 diabetes & obesity (genomics, epigenetics, protein 'omics)
  - Guinea pigs! ([Max Berry, University of Otago](#))
  - empowering people to explore and interpret their data
- **Clinical diagnostics through genetics**
  - Contract(s) with CCDHB [Wellington Regional Genetics Lab](#)
  - Providing support to CCDHB for Clinical Genomics GA project ([Stephen Robertson](#))
- **Clinical research**, in collaboration with local clinician ([Richard Carroll](#)) - hyperparathyroidism
  - sequencing 100 exomes
  - engaging clinicians from other DHBs
  - exploring the replacement of gene panels with exome/genome

# A big part of what we do is sequencing

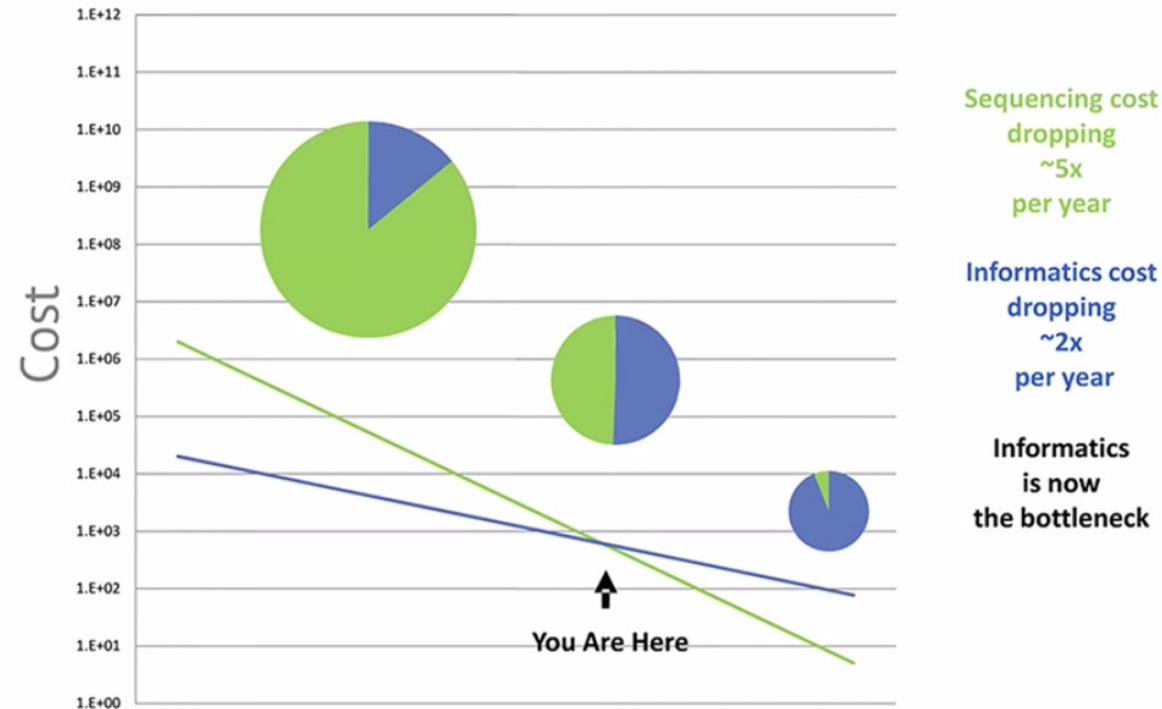




(image source: [illumina.com](http://illumina.com))

*"Soon, It Will Cost Less To Sequence A Genome Than To Flush A Toilet -- And That Will Change Medicine Forever"*

## DNA Sequencing Economics



(image source: <https://www.businessinsider.com.au/super-cheap-genome-sequencing>)

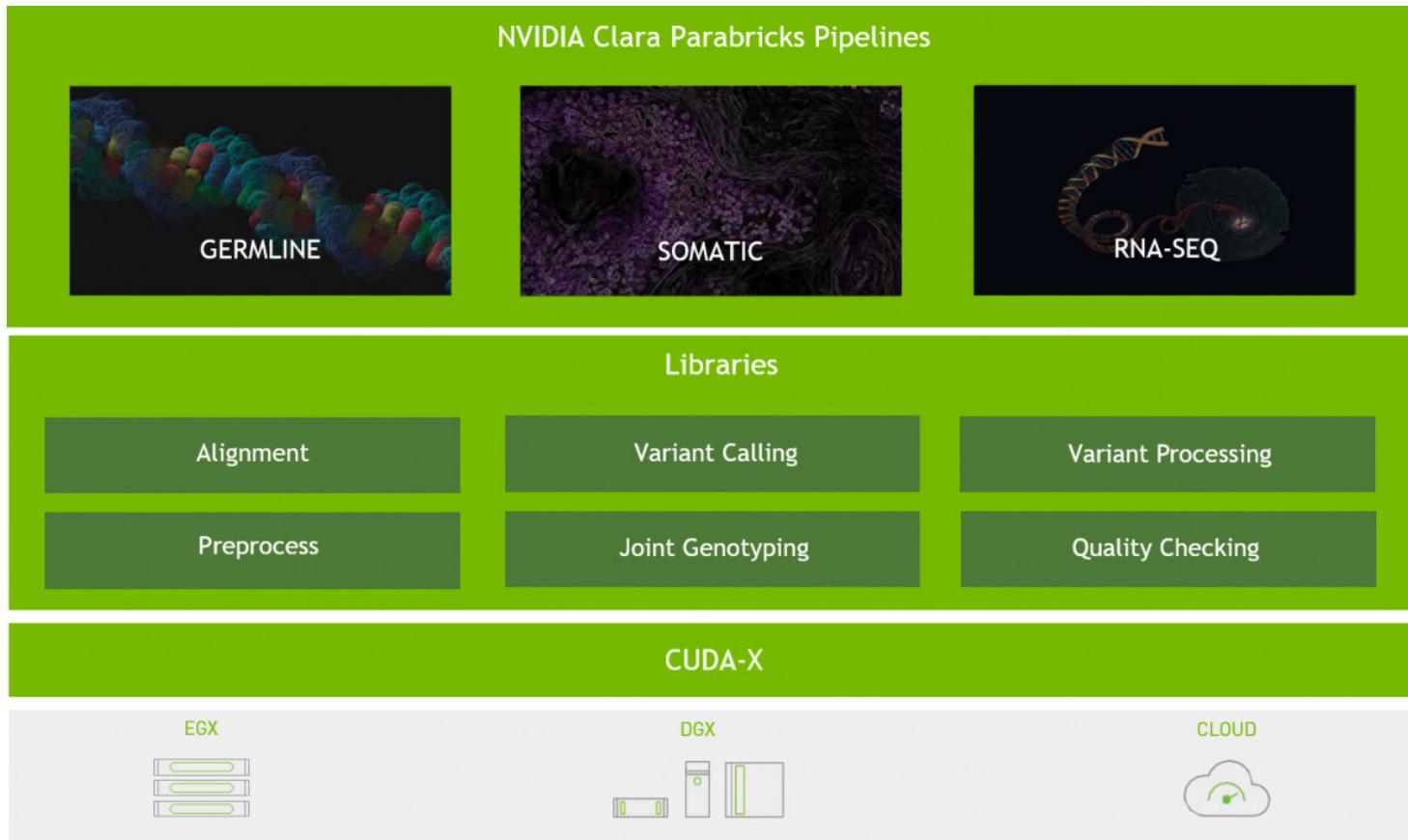
# Can we speed things up?

Thanks to eResearch 2020 ...enter [Nvidia Clara Parabricks](#)



powered by GPU





[www.nvidia.com/en-us/healthcare/clara-parabricks/](http://www.nvidia.com/en-us/healthcare/clara-parabricks/)

# How much does that matter?

Identical pipelines with a slight difference...

- **Pipeline [CPU]**

- Exomes: >100X exome takes between 8-12 hours
- Genomes: ~30X genome takes between 30-48 hours

- **Pipeline [GPU - Parabricks]**

- Exomes: >100X exome takes between **6-12 mins**
- Genomes: 100X genome takes **~4 hours**



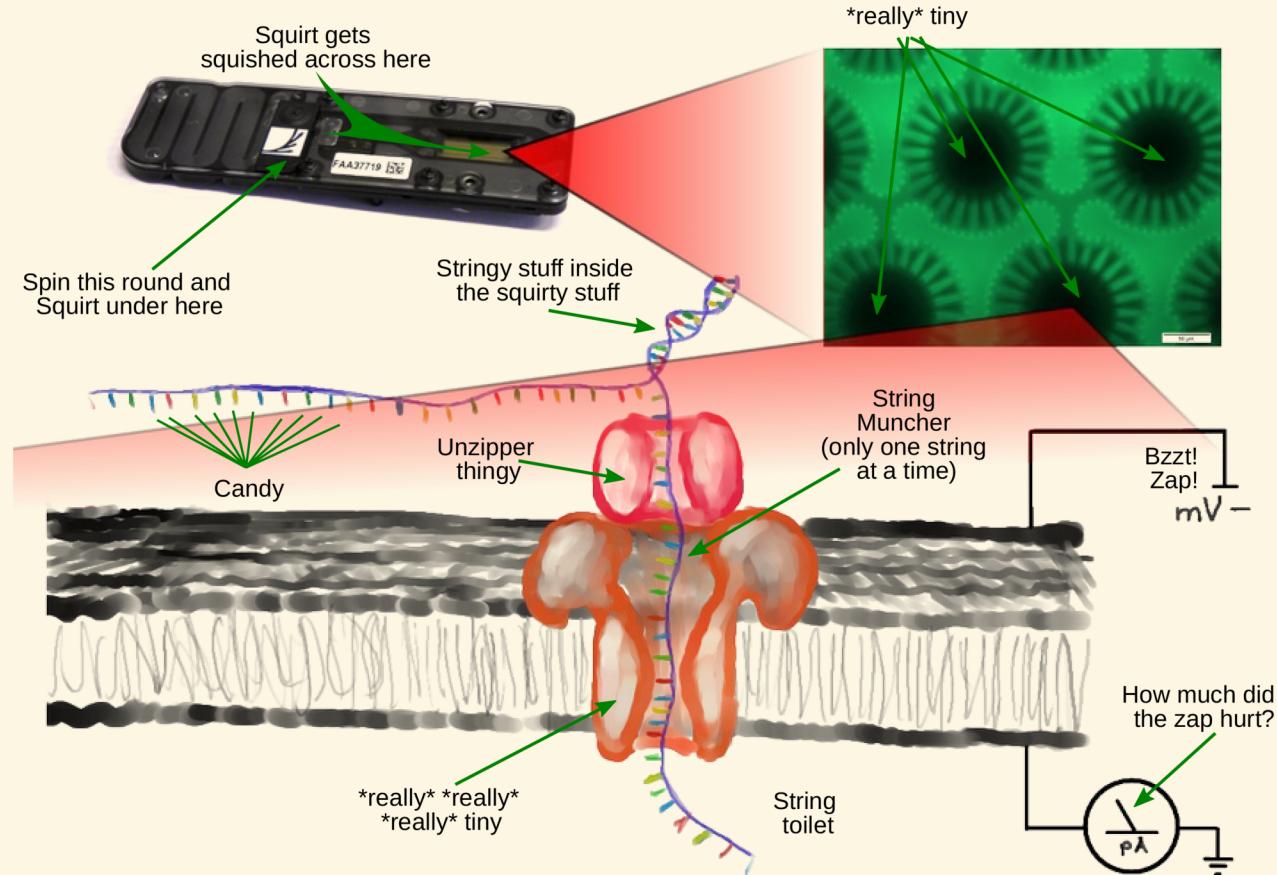
# Another type of sequencing technology

...sorry PacBio I'm ignoring you today...



(image source: [nanoporetech](#))

# Nanopore Sequencing



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"Sequencing DNA with Linux Cores and Naopores"





How nanopore sequencing works



Watch later



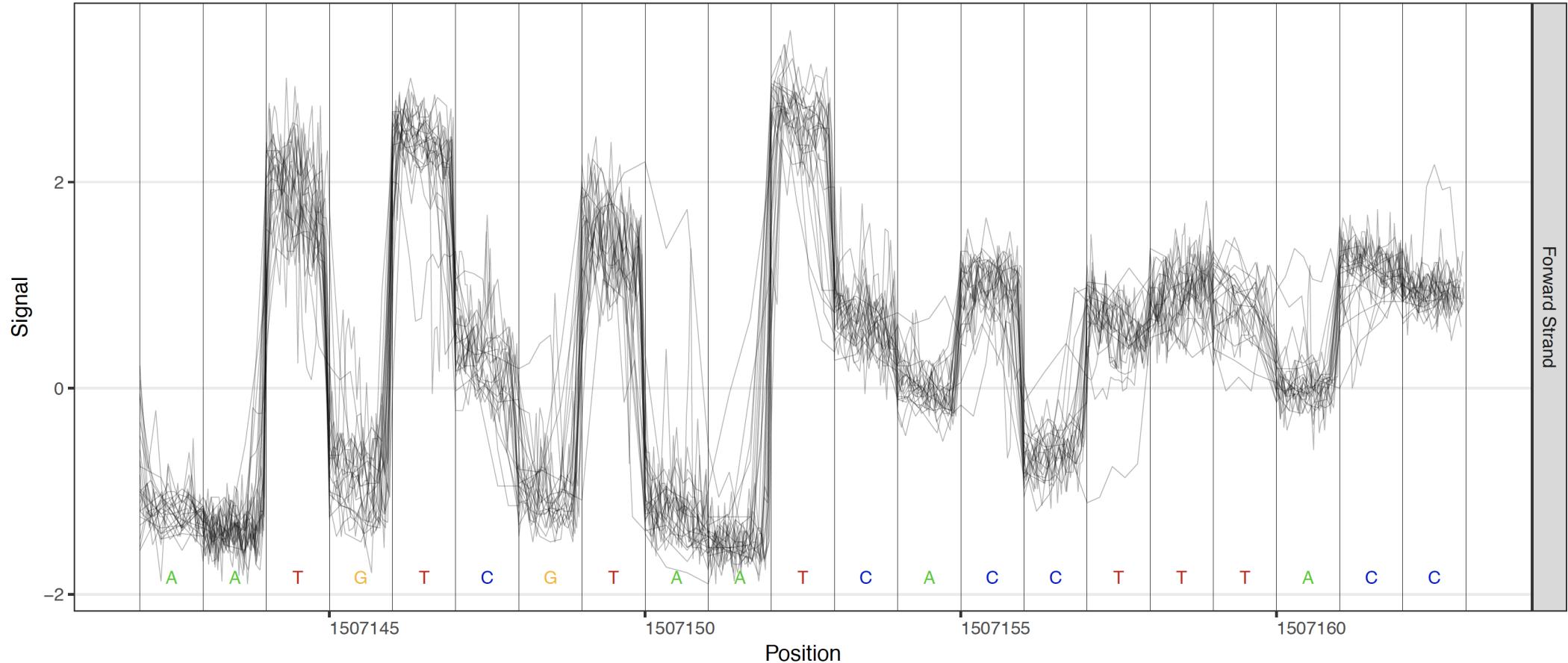
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# Example squiggle plot



(image source: [tombo manual](#))

# GPUs accelerate basecalling of Nanopore long-read data (a lot)



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Nanopore basecalling benchmarking: [link](#) (ESR GitHub)

# Why GPUs?

New type of sequencing data requires new type of 'analysis'

- squiggle data lends itself nicely to neural nets
- GPUs are very capable in this space
  - CUDA cores

ESR GPU basecalling benchmarks ([link](#))

- Titan RTX & 2x Tesla V100



[UPDATE:] guppy is now able to scale across multiple GPUs!

Let's step back a couple of years

*... a personal story ...*



# a personal story

- had a lumbar puncture ('9 days' old)
  - (after being born 8 weeks early)
- suspected meningitis (bacteria/viral)?
  - told after the fact
- **>48 hours** for results return

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**This isn't a stretch of the imagination anymore, soon to be reality**

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Community Science | "United in Data"

# Our experiences with the Xavier (link)



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# Benchmarking ([link](#))\*

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Most Jetson devices have the ability to be put into different power modes

Power.mode	Time
10W	33.4 mins
15W	14.3 mins
30W 2 cores	10.8 mins
30W 4 cores	10.8 mins
30W MAX (8 cores)	7.5 mins

*Note:* this table represents basecalling performed when running on a portable powerbank.

# Very rough comparison of Nvidia ecosystem<sup>#</sup>

Card	TFLOPS	Price	Power
Jetson Nano	~0.5	\$99	5-10W
Jetson Xavier NX*	6	\$399	10-15W
Jetson Xavier	11	\$699	10-30W
Geforce 1080 Ti	11.3	~\$650	215W
Geforce 2080 Ti	~13-14	~\$800-\$1000	250W
Titan RTX	16.3	~\$3000	280W
Tesla V100	16.4	~\$8500	250W

Price in USD

<sup>#</sup> a very small selection of what Nvidia offers obviously!

\* this can fit in an existing Jetson Nano carrier boards

# Community engagement leading to empowerment

*... a few stories of the journey ...*

# So how about unlocking it for everyone?

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# The unboxing and a slight snag



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**Jean-Baka Domelevo Entfellner** @JeanBakaDE  
Hey Miles! Got that RTX 2070 just today! 😊  
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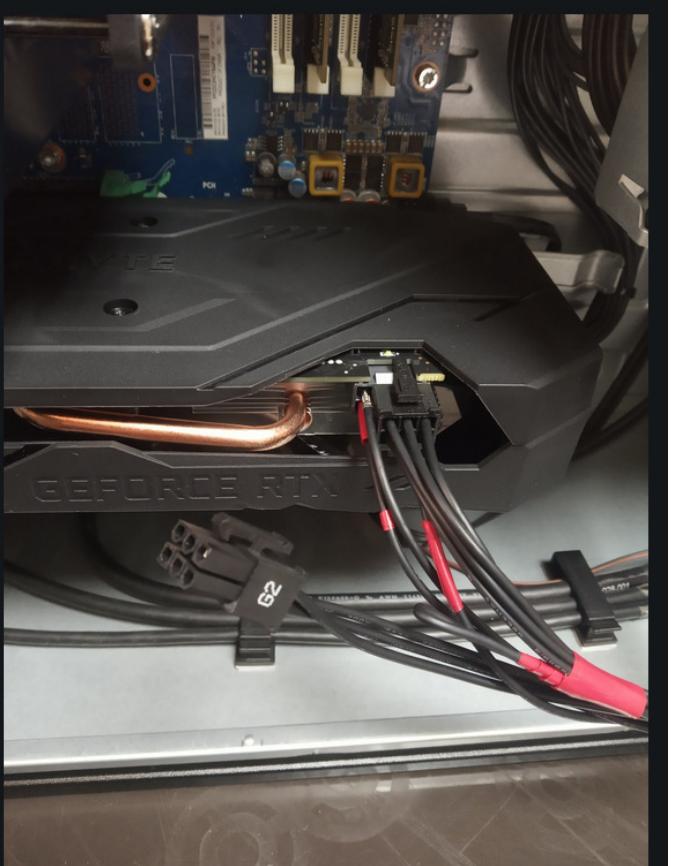
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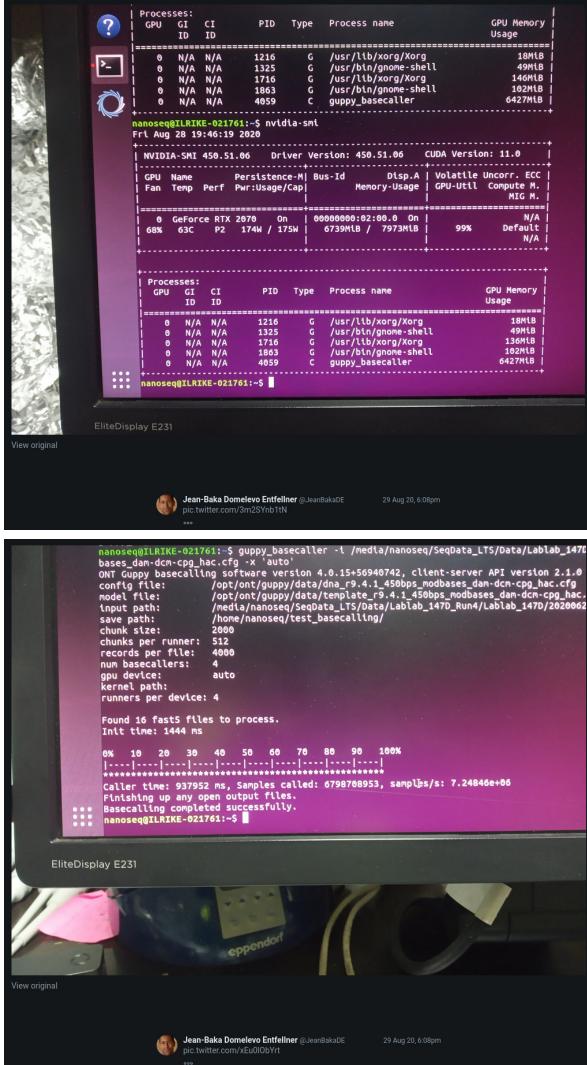
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I'd say it's not too bad, right? 😊 pic.twitter.com/blqRFf



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You can follow the story here: [GitHub Gist - Xavier basecalling notes](#)

# ~~The future...~~



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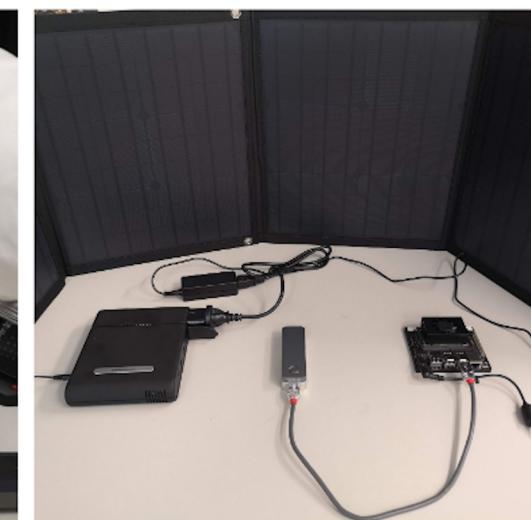
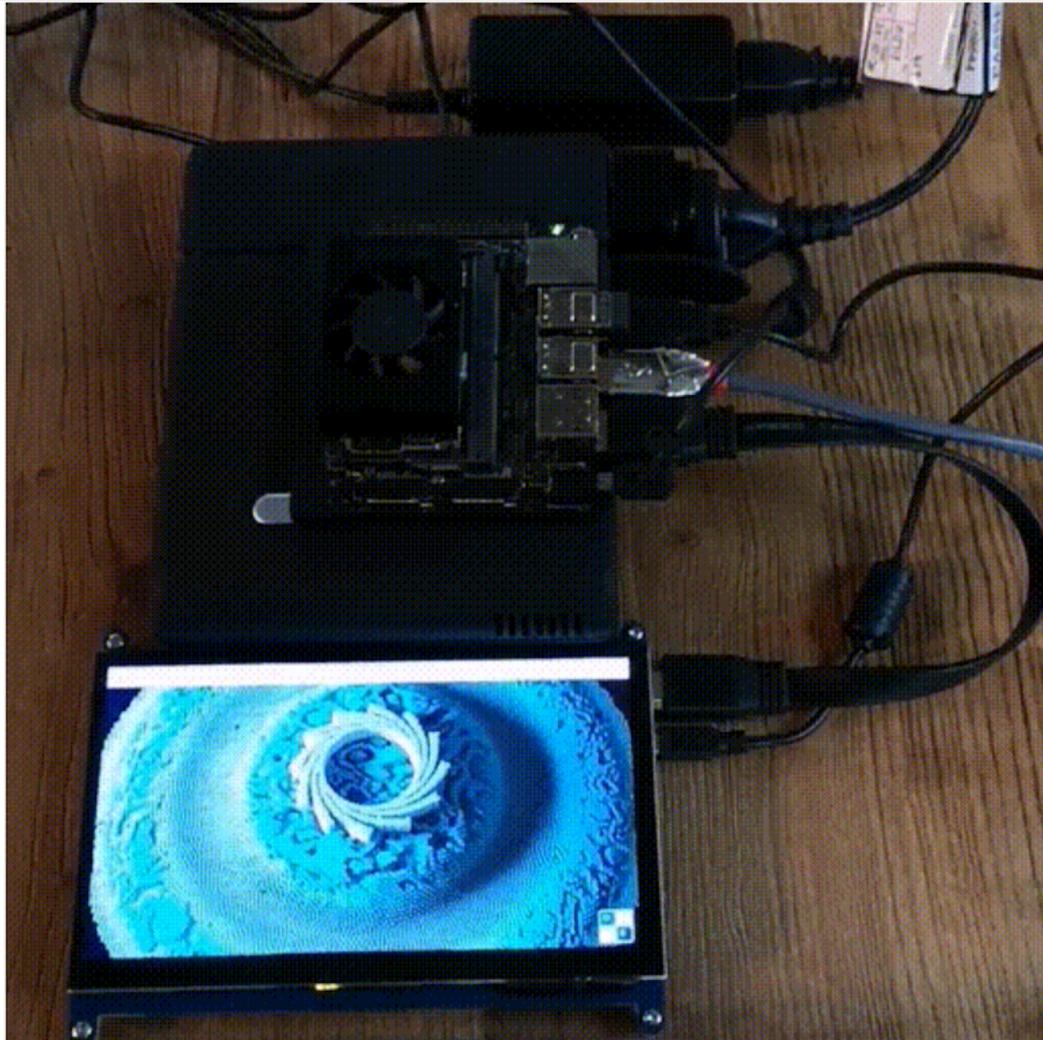
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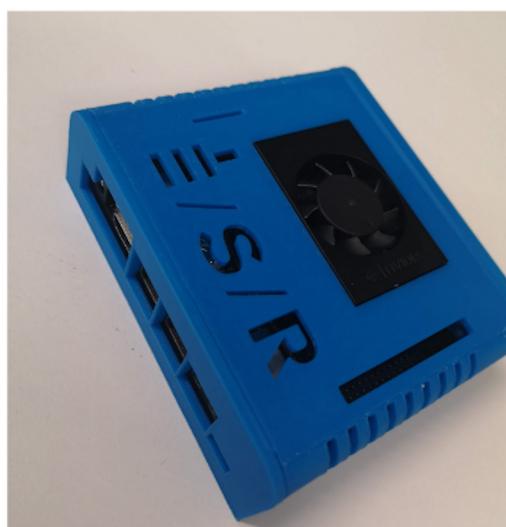
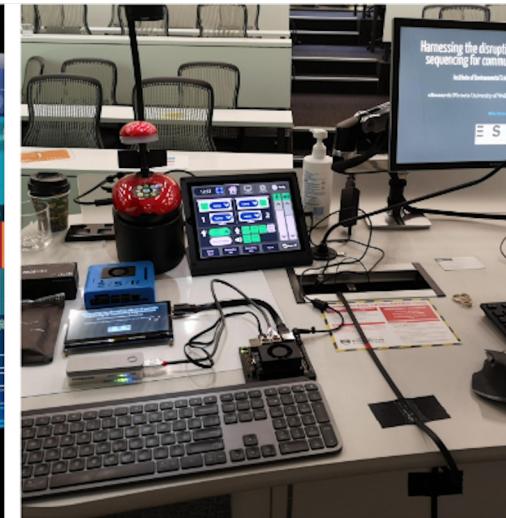
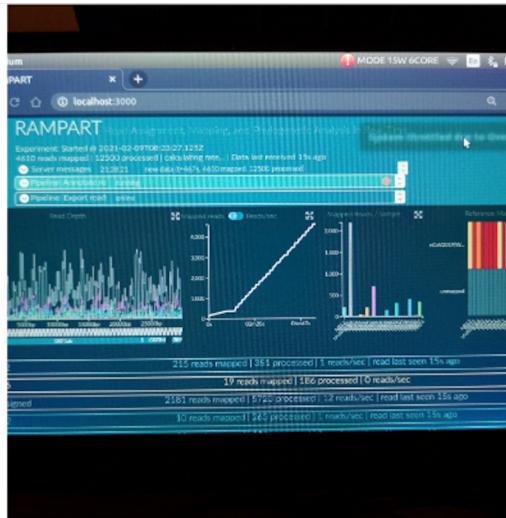
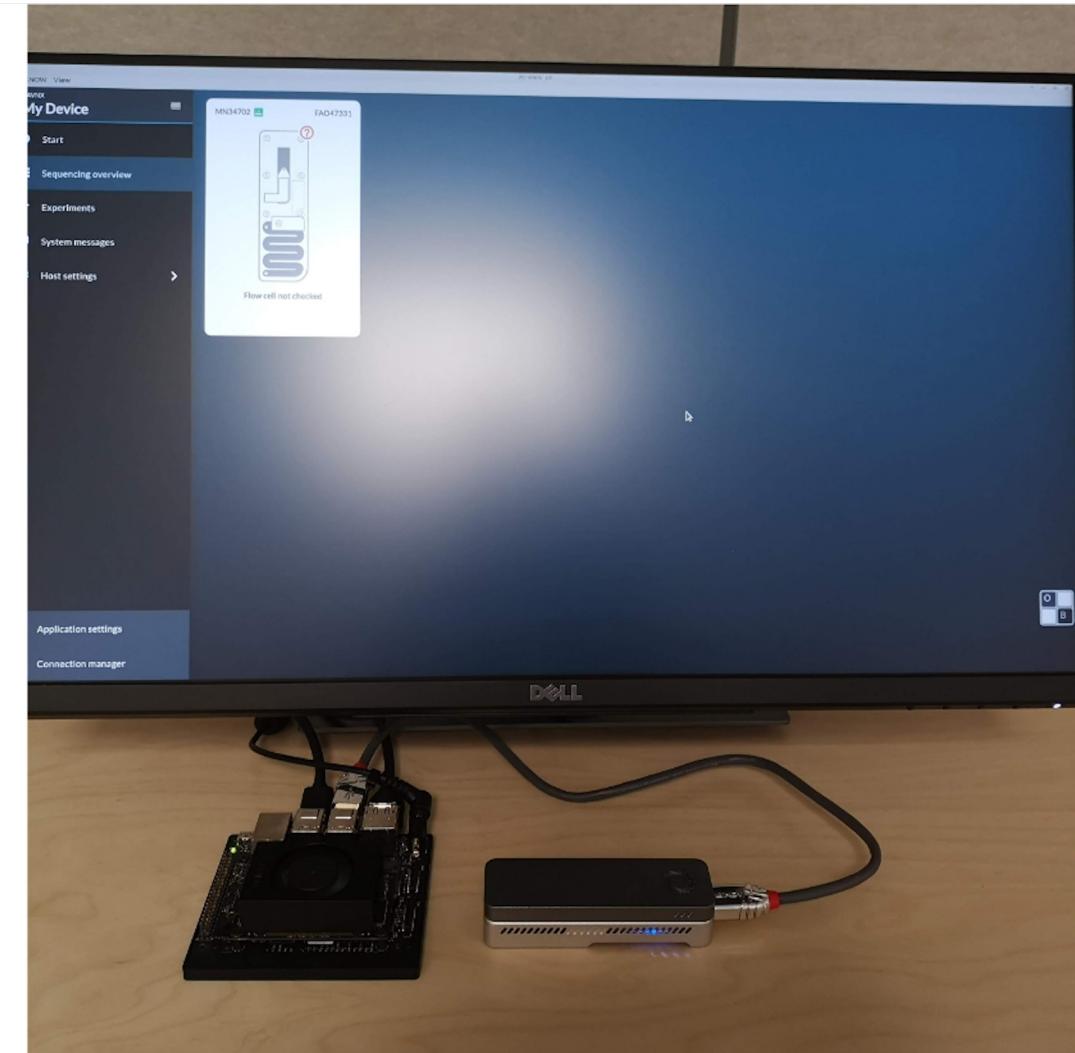
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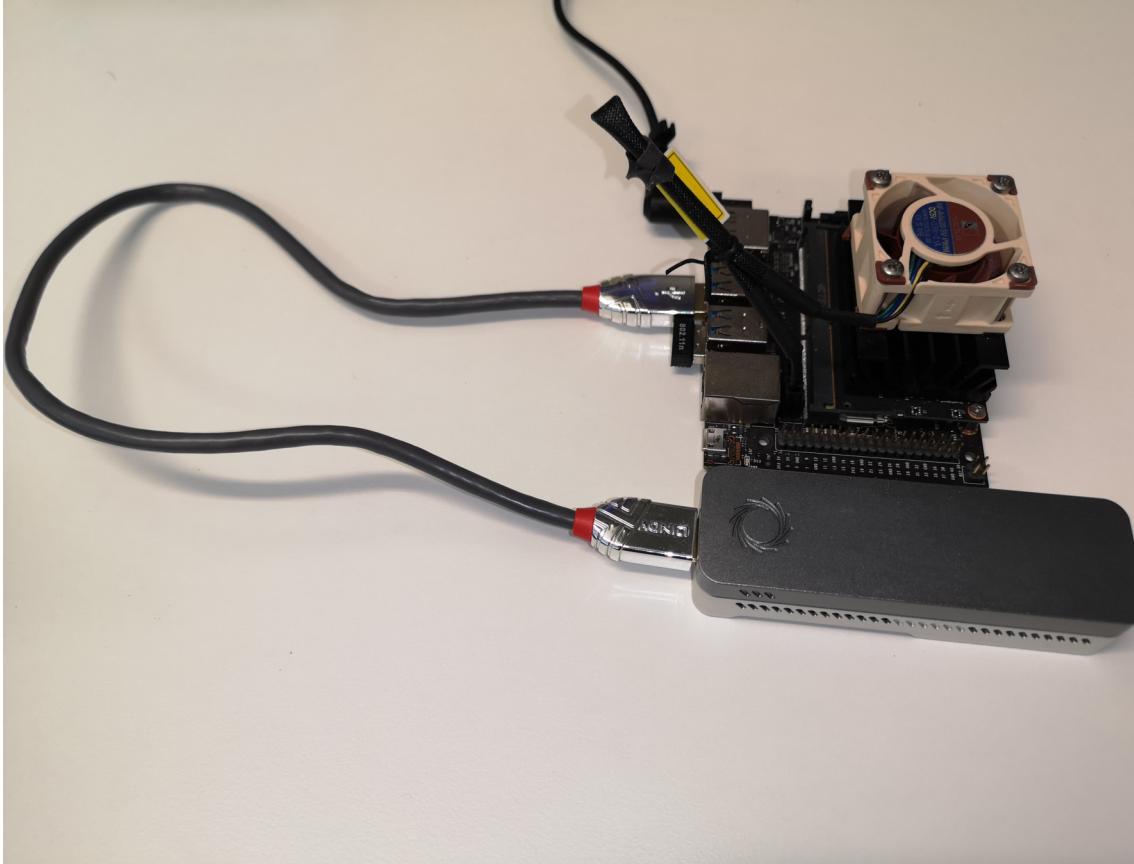


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Can you sequence SARS-CoV2 on ~\$100 USD compute? ... YES!



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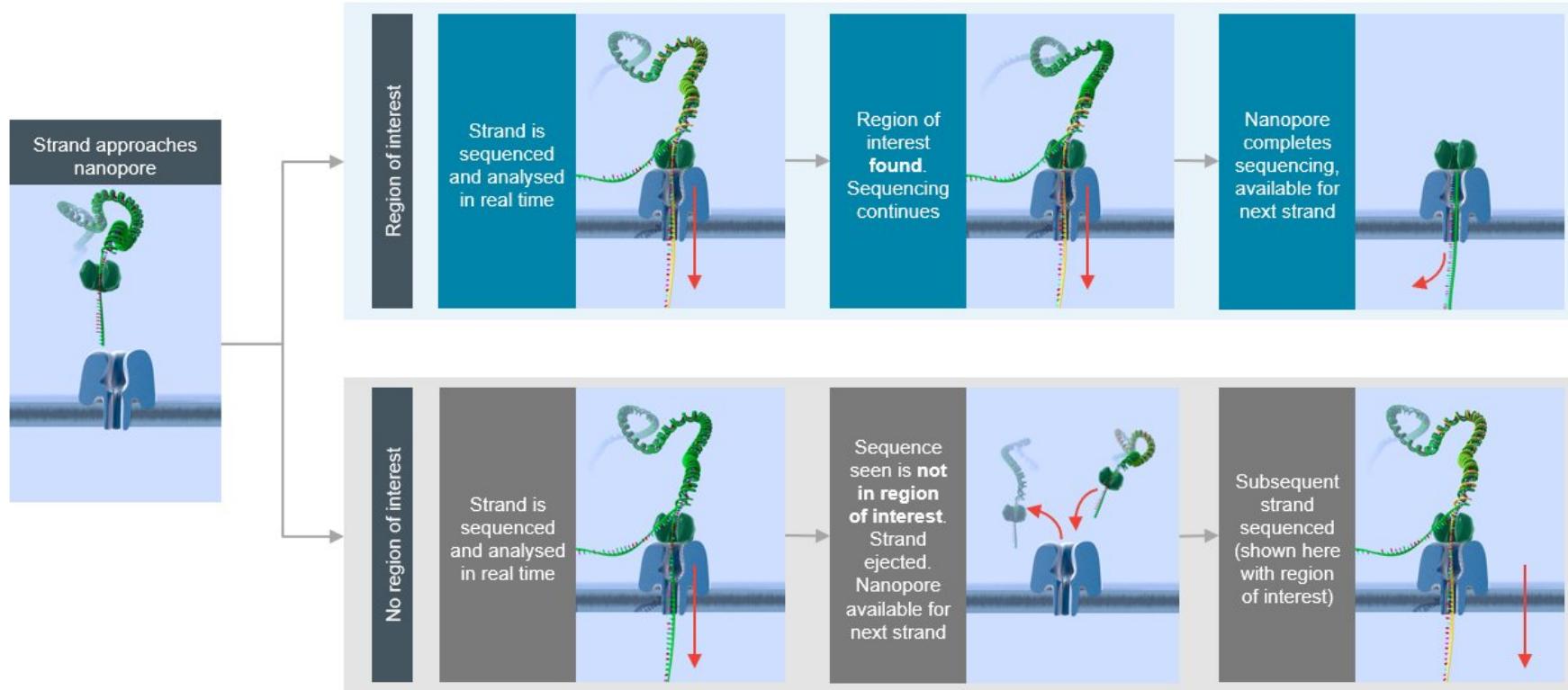
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Jürgen Hench, Basel, Switzerland ([cancer methylation sequencing](#))

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# Our experiences with the Jetson Xaviers

## Article in the NZ Herald

- The Genius of Genomics ([link](#))
- Story also on ESR website ([link](#))

## Jetson Nanopore Sequencing

- A place to collate notes and resources of our journey into porting nanopore sequencing over to accessible, portable technology
  - up to date information, including parts list and set up guide

## eResearch 2020 presentation

- Assessing the potential of autonomous AI devices cool tech for portable real-time sequencing
  - live base-calling and presentation run from the Xavier

## Xavier AGX setup and notes

- Xavier AGX unboxing and setup

## Xavier base-calling benchmarking and notes

- Xavier benchmarking

# If you're interested in GPUs and genomics...

Miles Benton  
@miles\_benton

I wrote a thing: [hackmd.io/@Miles/B1U-cOM...](https://hackmd.io/@Miles/B1U-cOM...)

If you are interested in @nvidia #GPUs & compute for @nanopore MinION sequencing I put a few of my thoughts down. I'm not saying they're good thoughts, but there might be some useful info in there for people wanting to get started.

 GPU musings (with an eye on genomics) - HackMD  
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(<https://hackmd.io/XbpQsODuRKe2>)  
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