Accelerating Genome Analysis Using New Algorithms and Hardware Designs

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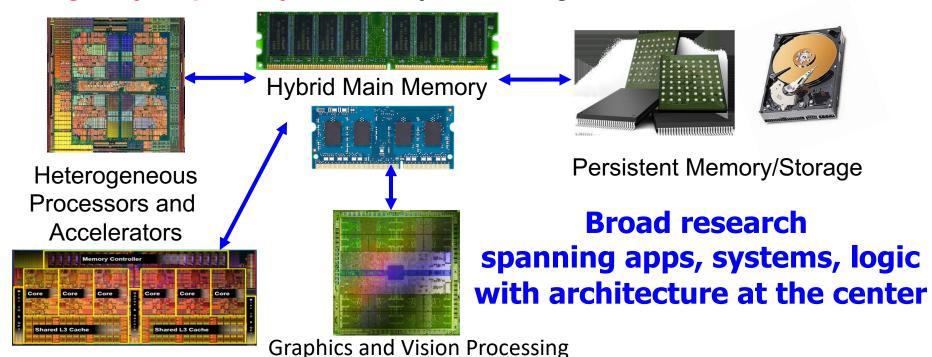
Research, Education, Consulting in

- Computer architecture and systems, bioinformatics
- Memory and storage systems, emerging technologies
- Many-core systems, heterogeneous systems, core design
- Interconnects
- Hardware/software interaction and co-design (PL, OS, Architecture)
- Predictable and QoS-aware systems
- Hardware fault tolerance and security
- Algorithms and architectures for genome analysis
- **.**..

Current Research Focus Areas

Research Focus: Computer architecture, HW/SW, security, bioinformatics

- Memory and storage (DRAM, flash, emerging), interconnects, security
- Heterogeneous & parallel systems, GPUs, systems for data analytics
- System/architecture interaction, new execution models, new interfaces
- Energy efficiency, fault tolerance, hardware security, performance
- Genome sequence analysis & assembly algorithms and architectures
- Biologically inspired systems & system design for bio/medicine



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 This lecture is NOT about how to analyze biological data using available tools.

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Why Genome Analysis? Why Bother?

- Personalized medicine.
- Genome-wide association study (GWAS).
- City-scale microbiome profiling.
- Tracing birth parents.
- Disease risk profiling.
- **...**

1-Personalized Medicine

Nan-Byo Difficult + Illness

Coined in 1972 by the Japanese Ministry of Labor, Health, and Welfare.

https://www.nanbyo-research.jp/nanbyo



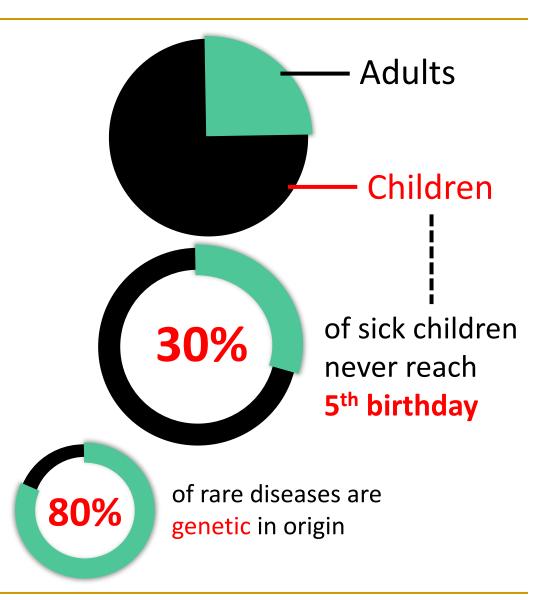
1-Personalized Medicine



1 in 17 people

in the world have a rare disease

That's 350 Million



Rare Diseases in Japan

"We don't know exactly how many people in Japan have a rare disease, which is why we want to design the rare disease platform to be as comprehensive as possible. There are thousands of rare diseases. So even though the number of patients with each disease is very small, there are many people who have one. Out of 20 of your friends, for example, one will have a rare disease," explains Matsuda.



Prof. Fumihiko Matsuda, Director of the Center for Genomic Medicine, Kyoto University

https://www.nanbyo-research.jp/feature/43/japan%E2%80%99s-rare-disease-database-expedites-more-effective-research

Personalized Medicine in Japan

European Journal of Human Genetics

Policy | Open Access | Published: 05 July 2017

Japan's initiative on rare and undiagnosed diseases (IRUD): towards an end to the diagnostic odyssey

Takeya Adachi ⊡, Kazuo Kawamura, Yoshihiko Furusawa, Yuji Nishizaki, Noriaki Imanishi, Senkei Umehara ⊡, Kazuo Izumi ⊡ & Makoto Suematsu

European Journal of Human Genetics 25, 1025–1028(2017) | Cite this article





> 600 million

JPY annually



Personalized Medicine in UK

npj Genomic Medicine

www.nature.com/npjgenmed

NPJ Genom Med. 2018; 3: 10.

PMCID: PMC5884823

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PMID: <u>29644095</u>

Rapid whole-genome sequencing decreases infant morbidity and cost of hospitalization

Lauge Farnaes, #1,2 Amber Hildreth, #1,2 Nathaly M. Sweeney, #1,2 Michelle M. Clark, 1 Shimul Chowdhury, 1

Shareef Nahas, 1 Julie A. Cakici, 1 Wendy Benson, 1 Robert H. Kaplan, 3 Richard Kronick, 4 Matthew N. Bainbridge, 1

Jennifer Friedman, 1,2,5 Jeffrey J. Gold, 1,5 Yan Ding, 1 Narayanan Veeraraghavan, 1 David Dimmock, 1 and

Stephen F. Kingsmore 1



reduced inpatient cost by \$100,000-\$300,000

NHS
National Institute for
Health Research

"From 2019, all seriously ill children in UK will be offered whole genome sequencing as part of their care"

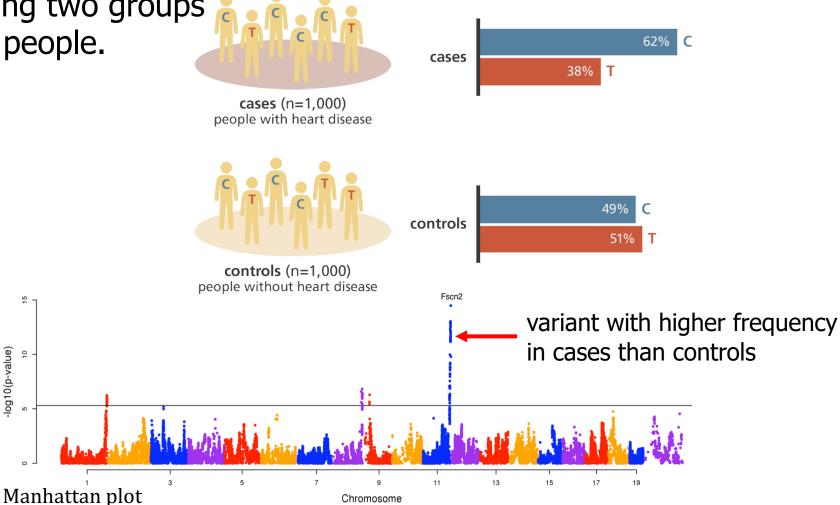
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Farnaes+, "Rapid whole-genome sequencing decreases infant morbidity and cost of hospitalization", NPJ Genom Med. 2018

2-Genome-Wide Association Study (GWAS)

Detecting genetic variants associated with phenotypes

using two groups of people.



-log10(p-value)

Finding SNPs Associated with Complex Trait

SNP1	SNP2	Blood Pressure
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAGGCC	180
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAAGCC	175
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAGGCC	170
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAAGCC	165
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAGGCC	160
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAGGCC	145
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAAGCC	140
ACATGCCGACATT	CATAAGCC	130
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAGGCC	120
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAAGCC	120
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAGGCC	115
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAAGCC	110
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAGGCC	110
ACATGTCGACATTT	CATAAGCC	110
ACATGTCGACATT1	CATAGGCC	105
ACATGTCGACATT1	CATA AGCC	100

Eleazar Eskin: Discovering the Causal Variants Involved in GWAS Studies, CGSI 2018, UCLA

Different

individuals

Mirror Phenotypes of 593 Kb CNVs



AUTISM

Weiss, *N Eng J Med* 2008 Deletion of 593 kb



SCHIZOPHRENIA

McCarthy, *Nat Genet* 2009 Duplication of 593 kb



OBESITY

Walters, *Nature* 2010 Deletion of 593 kb



UNDERWEIGHT

Jacquemont, *Nature* 2011 Duplication of 593 kb

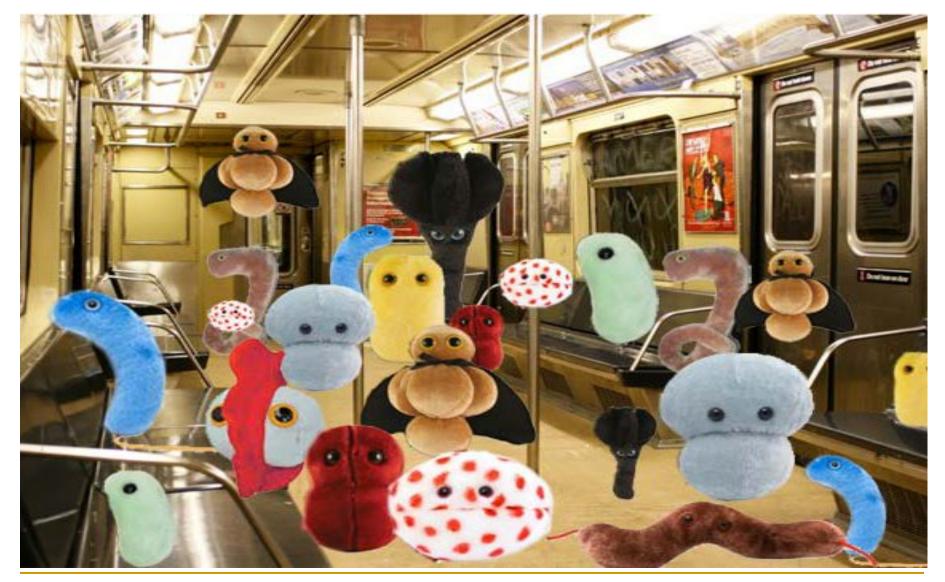


Deletion in the short arm of chromosome 16 (16p11.2)



Duplication in the short arm of chromosome 16 (16p11.2)

3- City-Scale Microbiome Profiling



3- City-Scale Microbiome Profiling (cont'd)

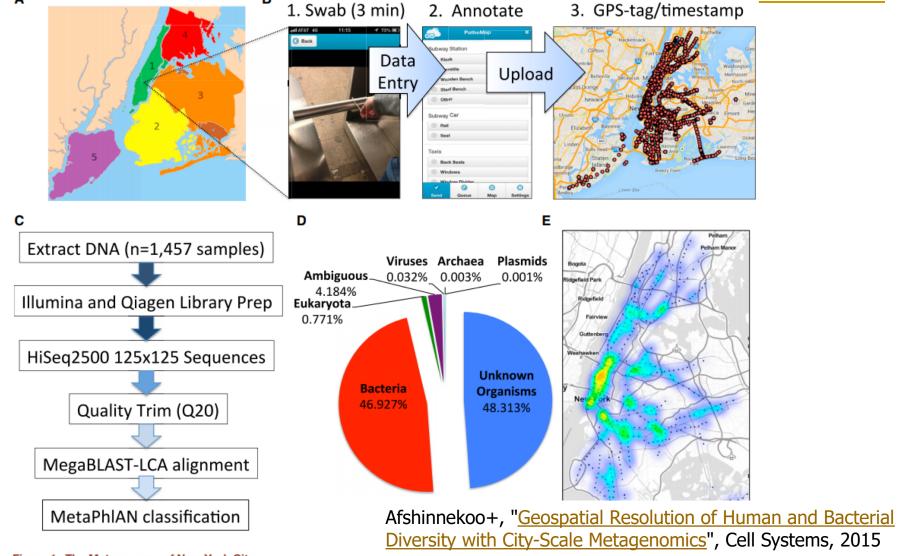


Figure 1. The Metagenome of New York City

(A) The five boroughs of NYC include (1) Manhattan (green), (2) Brooklyn (yellow), (3) Queens (orange), (4) Bronx (red), (5) Staten Island (lavender).

(B) The collection from the 466 subway stations of NYC across the 24 subway lines involved three main steps: (1) collection with Copan Elution swabs, (2) data entry into the database, and (3) uploading of the data. An image is shown of the current collection database, taken from http://pathomap.giscloud.com.

(C) Workflow for sample DNA extraction, library preparation, sequencing, quality trimming of the FASTQ files, and alignment with MegaBLAST and MetaPhlAn to

Plague in New York Subway System?

Plague (Yersinia Pestis)



What Is It?

Published: December, 2018

Plague is caused by Yersinia pestis bacteria. It can be a life-threatening infection if not treated promptly. Plague has caused several major epidemics in Europe and Asia over the last 2,000 years. Plague has most famously been called "the Black Death" because it can cause skin sores that form black scabs. A plague epidemic in the 14th century killed more than one-third of the population of Europe within a few years. In some cities, up to 75% of the population died within days, with fever and swollen skin sores.

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The New Hork Times Bubonic Plague in the Subway System? Don't Worry About It

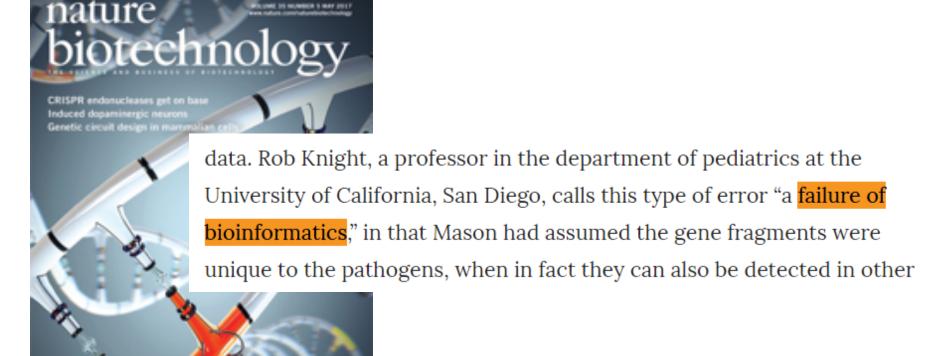


In October, riders were not deterred after reports that an Ebola-infected man had ridden the subway just before he fell ill. Robert Stolarik for The New York Times

https://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/07/nyregion/bubonic-plague-in-the-subway-system-dont-worry-about-it.html

The findings of Yersinia Pestis in the subway received wide coverage in the lay press, causing some alarm among New York residents

Failure of Bioinformatics



Charles Schmidt, "Living in a microbial world", Nature Biotechnology, 2017 https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.3868

There is a critical need for **fast** and **accurate** genome analysis.

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Genome Analysis



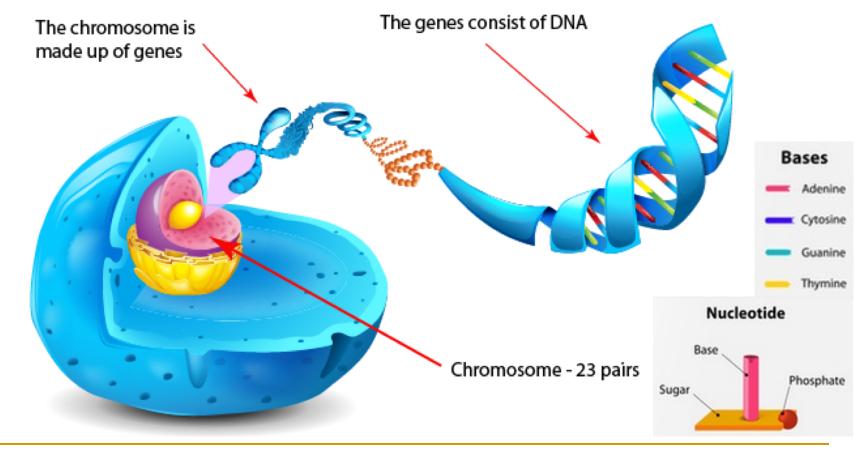
No machine can read the *entire* content of a genome



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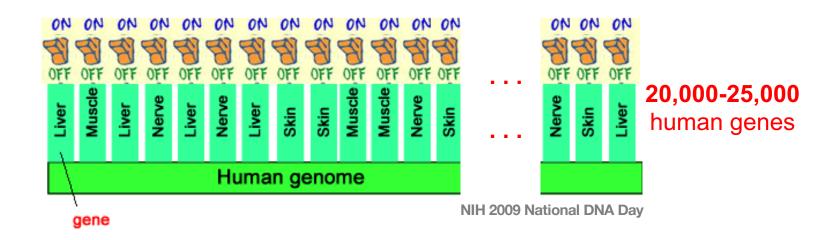
Life Begins with Cell

- A cell is a smallest structural unit of an organism that is capable of independent functioning.
 - Cells store all information to replicate themselves.

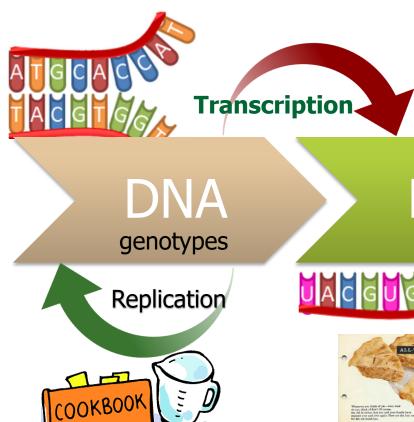


Cells of Different Organs and Tissues

- All the cells in a person's body have the same DNA and the same genes.
 - Expression of the genes differs between cells.
 - But not all genes are used or expressed by those cells.



All Life Depends on 3 Critical Molecules





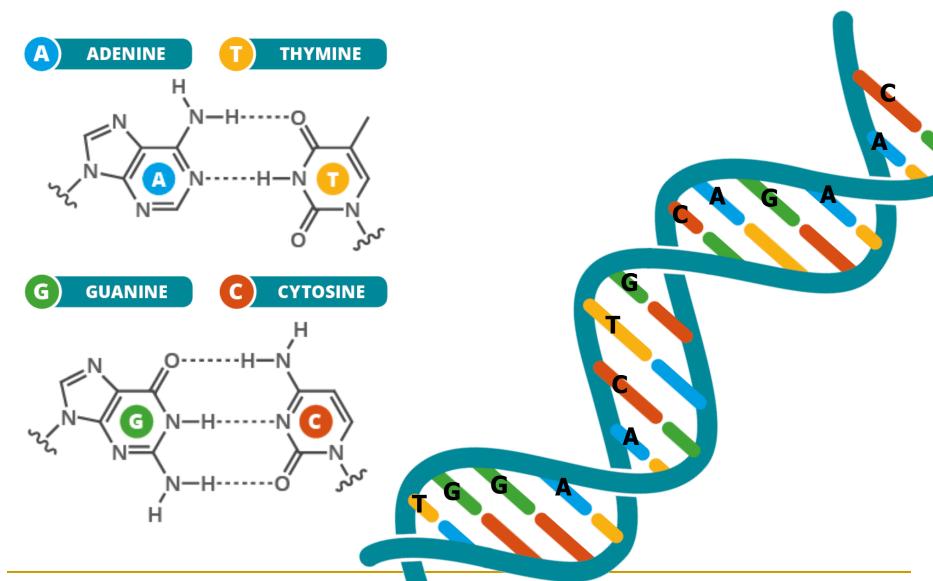








Chemical Structure of DNA



Chemical Structure of DNA

 If you stretched the DNA in one cell all the way out, it would be about 2-3 meters long.

 DNA is supercoiled so that it takes up less space within a cell (human cell's diameter 4-100 microns).



How Long is DNA?



The Genetic Similarity Between Species



Human ~ Human 99.9%



Human ~ Chimpanzee 96%



Human ~ Cat 90%

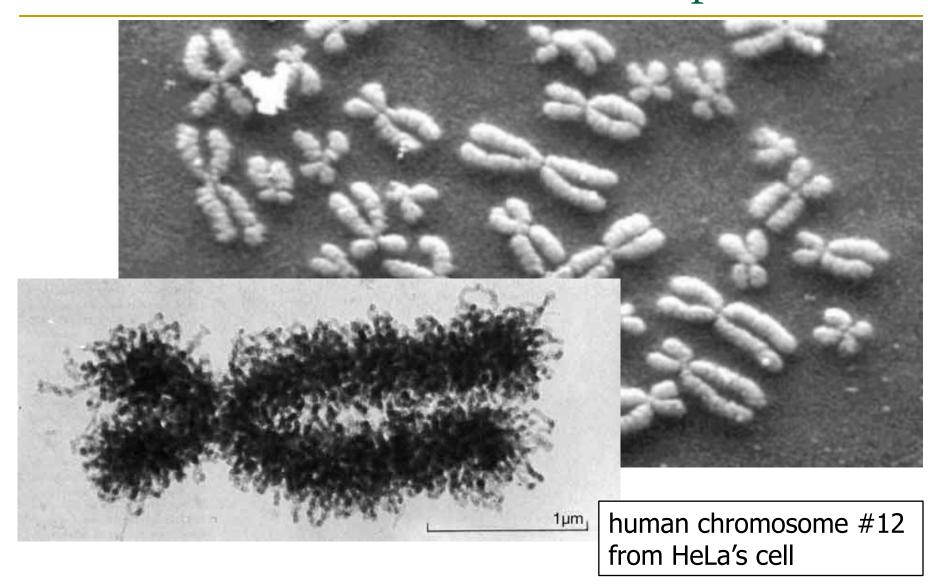


Human ∼ Cow 80%



Human ∼ Banana 50-60%

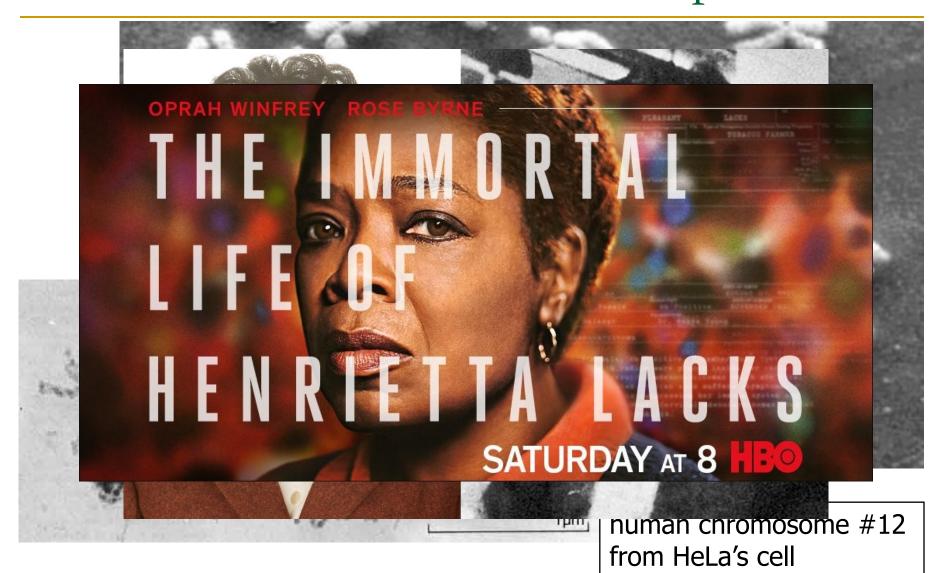
DNA Under Electron Microscope



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Untangling Yarn Balls & DNA Sequencing

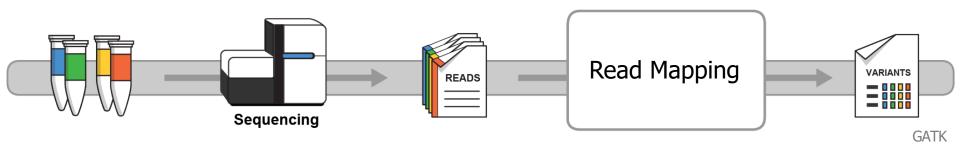


Cracking the 1st Human Genome Sequence

■ **1990-2003:** The Human Genome Project (HGP) provides a complete and accurate sequence of all **DNA base pairs** that make up the human genome and finds 20,000 to 25,000 human genes.



Vast Improvement in Sequencing



CCCCCTATATATACGTACTAGTACGT

ACGACTTTAGTACGTACGT TATATACGTACTAGTACGT

ACGTACG CCCCTACGTA
TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT

ACGACTTTAGTACGTACGT TATATATACGTACTAGAGTACGT TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT

ACG TTTTTAAAACGTA
TATATATACGTACTACGT

ACGAC GGGGAGTACGTACGT



1x10¹² bases*



44 hours*



<1000 \$

* NovaSeq 6000

High-Throughput Sequencers



Illumina MiSeq



Illumina NovaSeq 6000



Pacific Biosciences Sequel II



Pacific Biosciences RS II



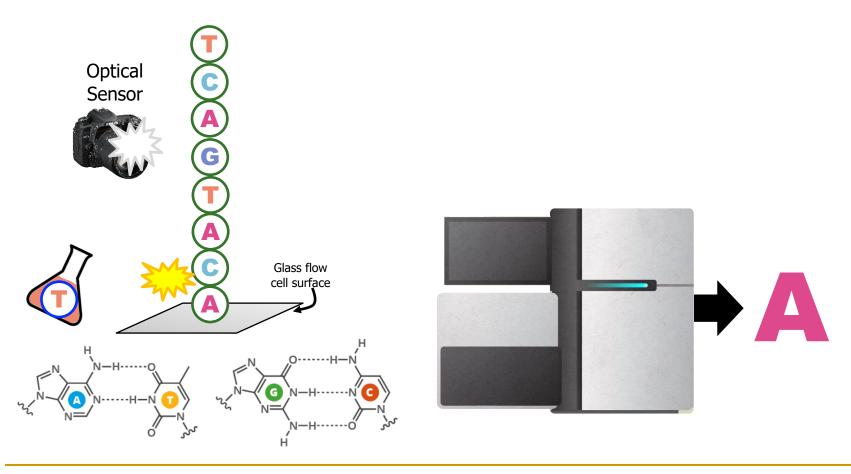


Oxford Nanopore MinION

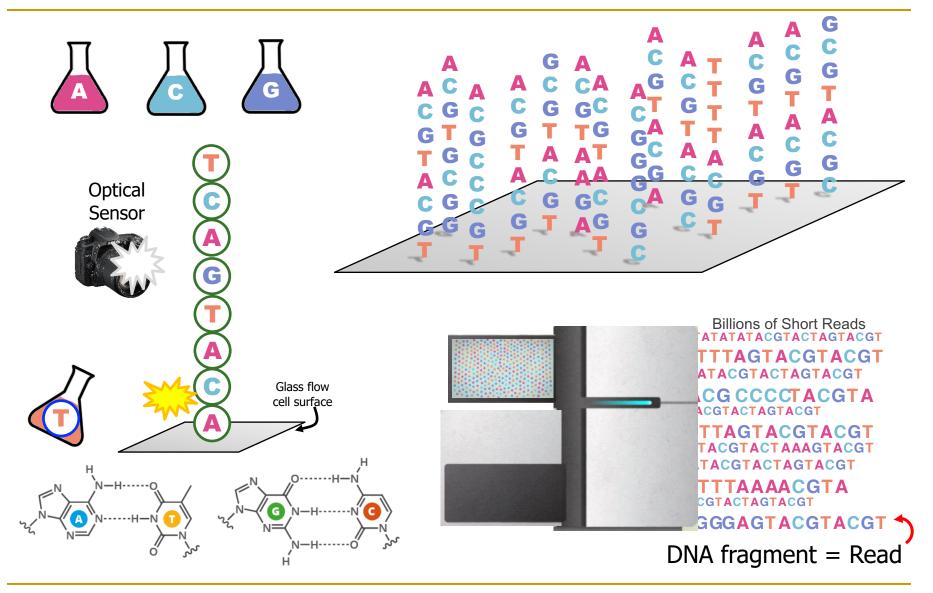


... and more! All produce data with different properties.

How Does HTS Machine Work?



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Reads lack information about their order and location (which part of genome they are originated from)



Sequencing

Genome

Read Mapping

Read

Alignmer

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Short Read

Analysis

reference: TTTATCGCTTCCATGACGCAG

read1: ATCGCATCC read2: TATCGCATC

read3: CATCCATGA

read4: **CGCTTCCAT**

read5: CCATGACGC

read6: **TTCCATGAC**

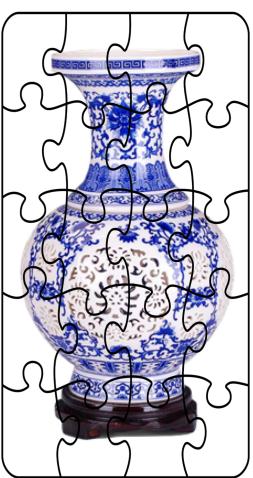


Reference Genome

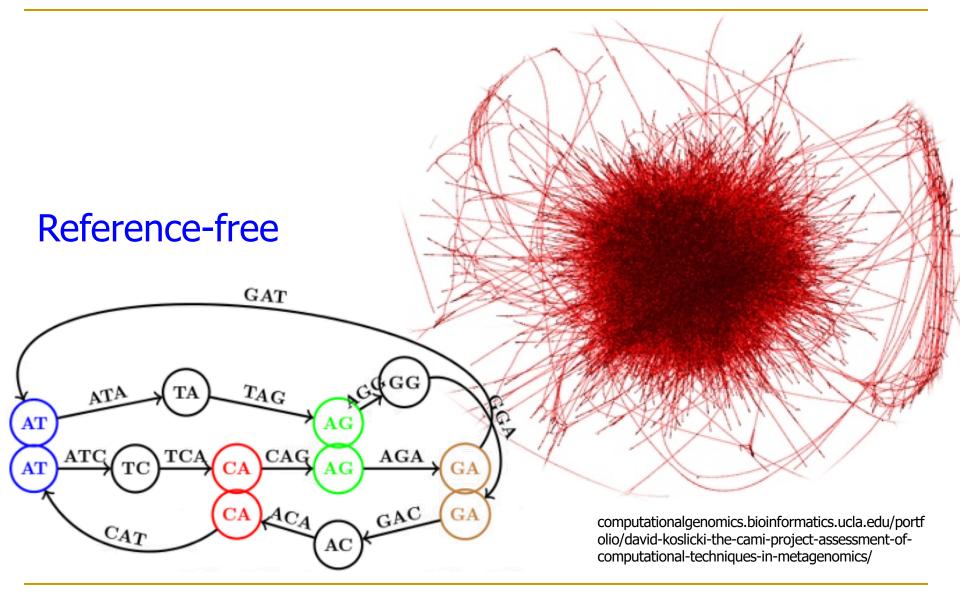
Scientific Discovery

Building up the Donor's Genome





De Novo Genome Assembly



HTS Sequencing Output

Small pieces of a broken vase short reads



Large pieces of a broken vase long reads



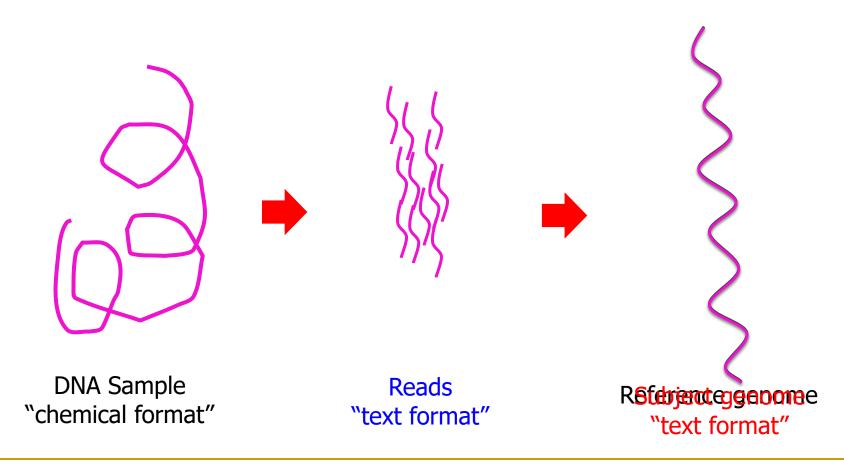
Which sequencing technology is the best?

- □ 50-300 bp
- □ low error rate (~0.1%)

- □ 10K-100K bp
- ☐ high error rate (~15%)

Genome Analysis

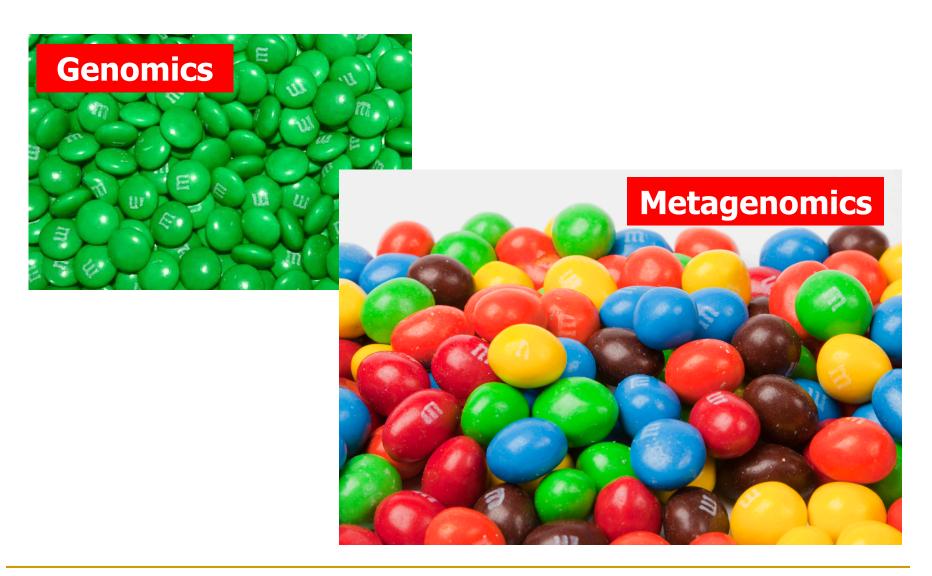
Map reads to a known reference genome with some minor differences allowed



Metagenomics Analysis

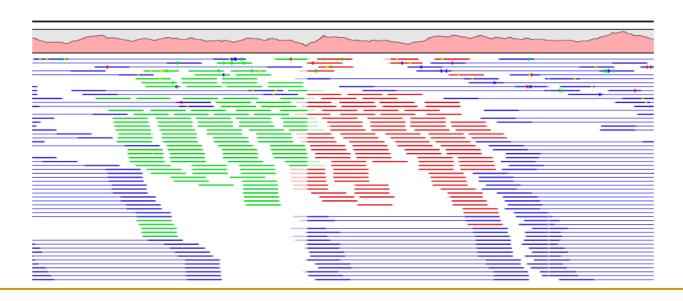
Reads from different unknown donors at sequencing time are mapped to many known reference genomes genetic material recovered directly from environmental Reads Reference samples "text format" Database

Genomics vs. Metagenomics



Challenges in Read Mapping

- Need to find many mappings of each read
- Need to tolerate small variances/errors in each read
- Need to map each read very fast (i.e., performance is important, life critical in some cases)



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Read Mapping: A Brute Force Algorithm

Reference



Read

Very Expensive! $O(m^2kn)$

m: read length

k: no. of reads

n: reference genome length

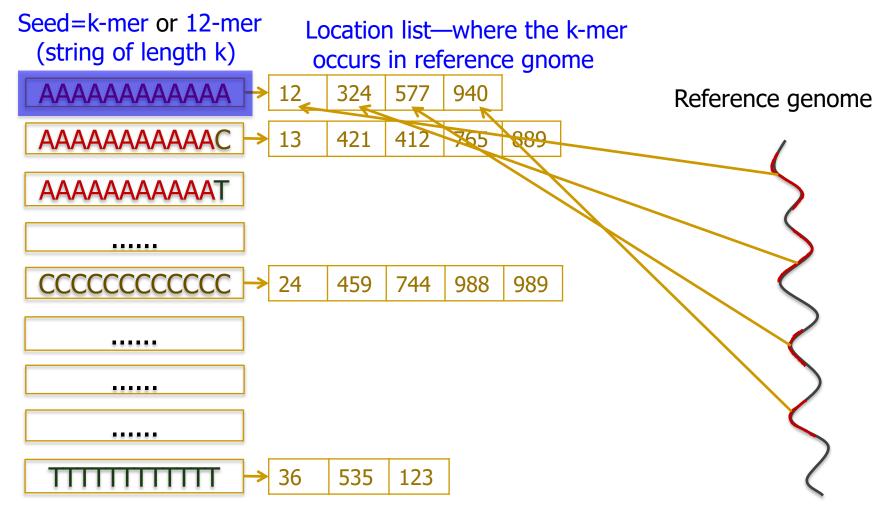
Similar to Searching Yellow Pages!

Step 1: Get the page number from the book's index using a small portion of the name (e.g., 1st letter).

Step 2: Retrieve the page(s).

Step 3: Look for the full name & get the phone number.

Step 1: Indexing the Reference Genome



We can query the table with substrings from reads to quickly find a list of possible mapping locations



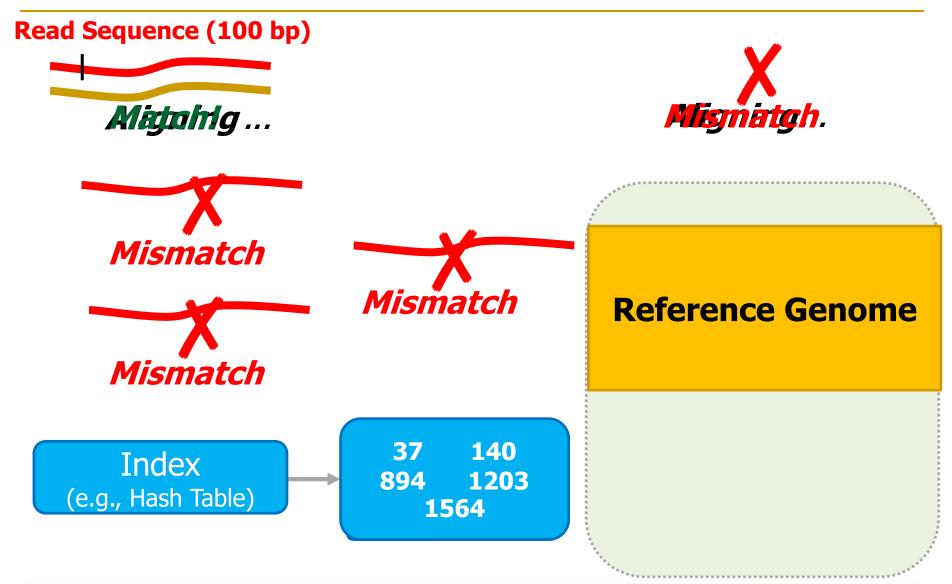
Genome Index Properties

- The index is built only once for each reference.
- Seeds can be overlapping, non-overlapping, spaced, adjacent, non-adjacent, minimizers, compressed, ...

Tool	Version	Index Size*	Indexing Time		
mrFAST	2.2.5	16.5 GB	20.00 min		
minimap2	0.12.7	7.2 GB	3.33 min		
BWA-MEM	0.7.17	4.7 GB	49.96 min		

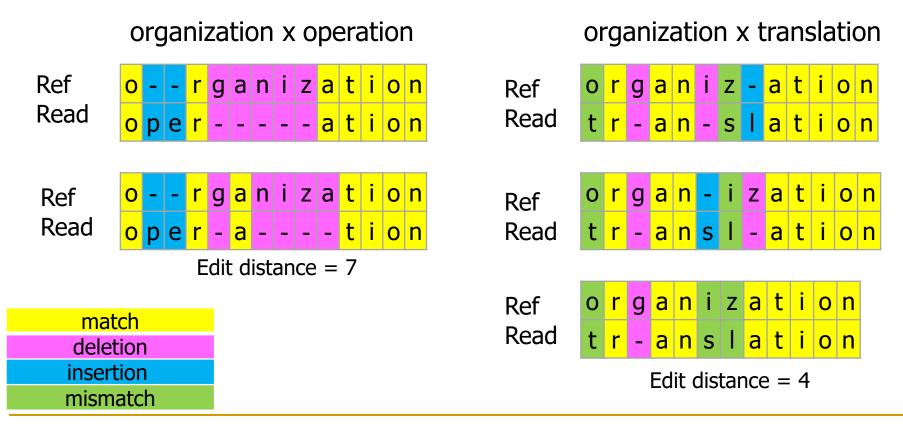
^{*}Human genome = 3.2 GB

Step 2: Query the Index Using Read Seeds



Step 3: Read Alignment (Verification)

 Edit distance is defined as the minimum number of edits (i.e. insertions, deletions, or substitutions) needed to make the read exactly match the reference segment.



An Example of Hash Table Based Mappers

- + Guaranteed to find all mappings → very sensitive
- + Can tolerate up to e errors



https://github.com/BilkentCompGen/mrfast

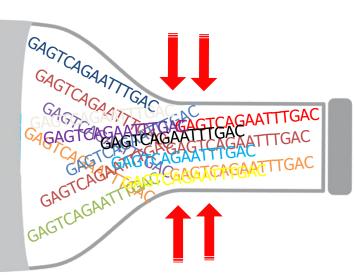
Personalized copy number and segmental duplication maps using next-generation sequencing

Can Alkan^{1,2}, Jeffrey M Kidd¹, Tomas Marques-Bonet^{1,3}, Gozde Aksay¹, Francesca Antonacci¹, Fereydoun Hormozdiari⁴, Jacob O Kitzman¹, Carl Baker¹, Maika Malig¹, Onur Mutlu⁵, S Cenk Sahinalp⁴, Richard A Gibbs⁶ & Evan E Eichler^{1,2}

Bottlenecked in Read Alignment!!

378 Million bases/minute

Read Sequencing **



2 Million bases/minute

Read Mapping*

150x slower

^{*} BWA-MEM

^{**} NovaSeq 6000, MinION

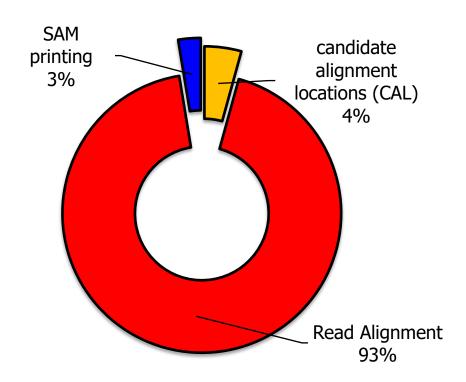
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What Makes Read Mapper Slow?

Key Observation # 1

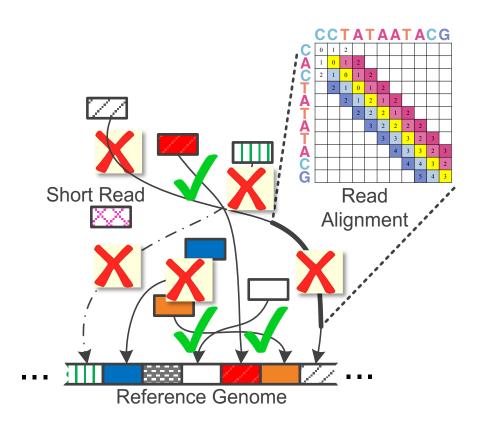
93%
of the read mapper's
execution time is spent
in read alignment.



Alser et al, Bioinformatics (2017)

What Makes Read Mapper Slow? (cont'd)

Key Observation # 2



989/0
of candidate locations
have high dissimilarity
with a given read.

Cheng et al, BMC bioinformatics (2015) Xin et al, BMC genomics (2013)

What Makes Read Mapper Slow? (cont'd)

Key Observation # 3

Quadratic-time dynamicprogramming algorithm WHY?!

Enumerating all possible prefixes

NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAND

NETHERLANDS x S

NETHERLANDS x SW

NETHERLANDS x SWI

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NETHERLANDS x SWITZ

NETHERLANDS x SWITZE

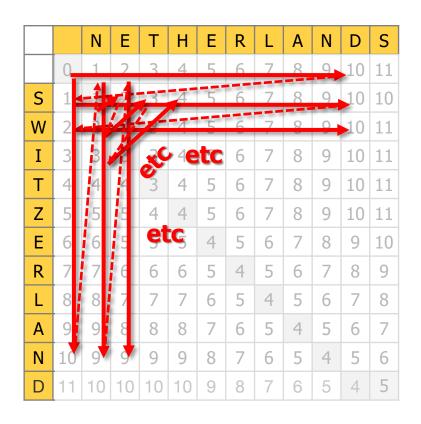
NETHERLANDS x SWITZER

NETHERLANDS x SWITZERL

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NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAN

NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAND



What Makes Read Mapper Slow? (cont'd)

Key Observation # 3

Quadratic-time dynamicprogramming algorithm

Enumerating all possible prefixes

 Data dependencies limit the computation parallelism

Processing row (or column) after another

Entire matrix is computed even though strings can be dissimilar.

		N	Ε	Т	Н	Ε	R	L	Α	N	D	S
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
S	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10
W	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ι	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Т	4	4	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Z	5	5	5	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Е	6	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
R	7	7	6	6	6	5	4	5	6	7	8	9
L	8	8	7	7	7	6	5	4	5	6	7	8
Α	9	9	8	8	8	7	6	5	4	5	6	7
N	10	9	9	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	5	6
D	11	10	10	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	5

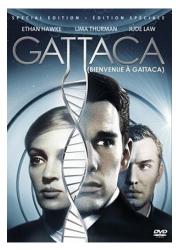
Number of differences is computed only at the backtraking step.

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Our Goal

 Our goal is to significantly reduce the time spent on calculating the optimal alignment in genome analysis from hours to mere seconds using both new algorithms & hardware accelerators, given limited computational resources (i.e., personal computer or small hardware).







1997 2015

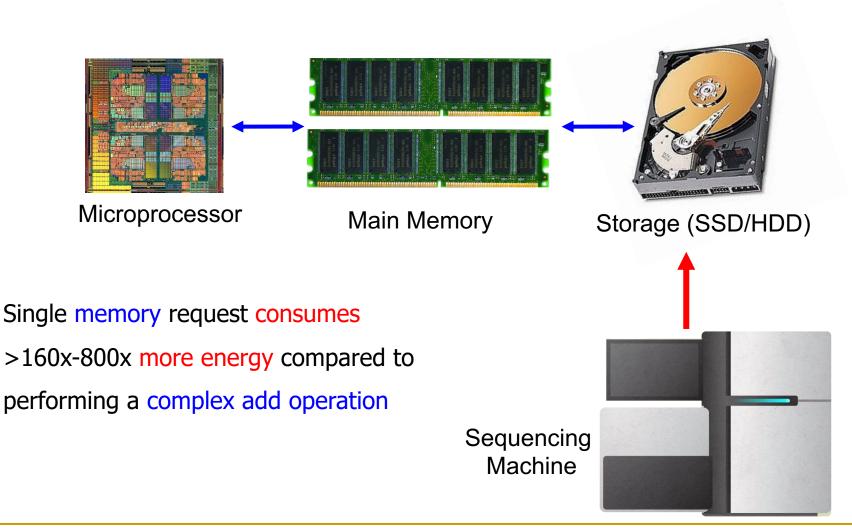
Open Questions

How and where to enable

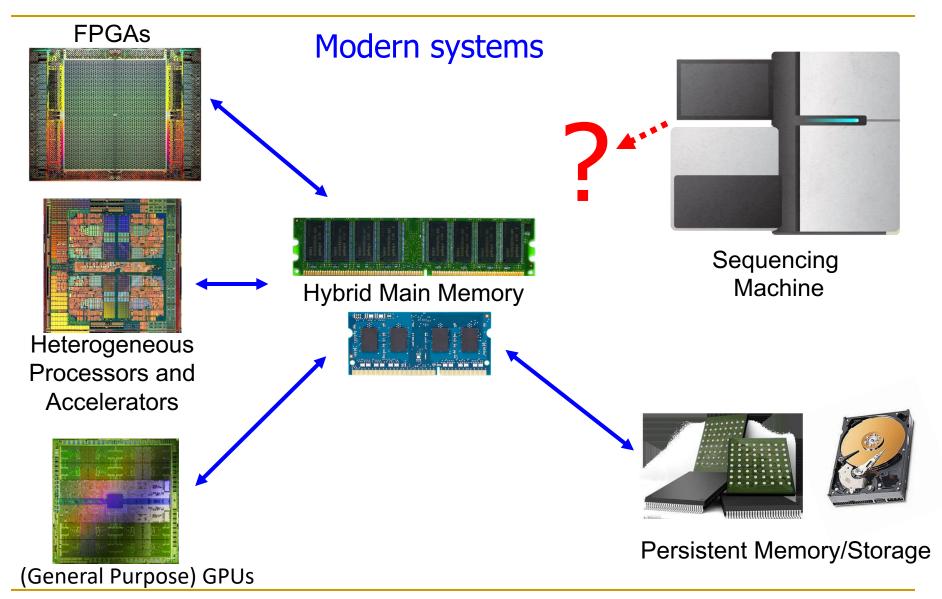
fast, accurate, cheap,

privacy-preserving, and exabyte scale analysis of genomic data?

Pushing Towards New Architectures

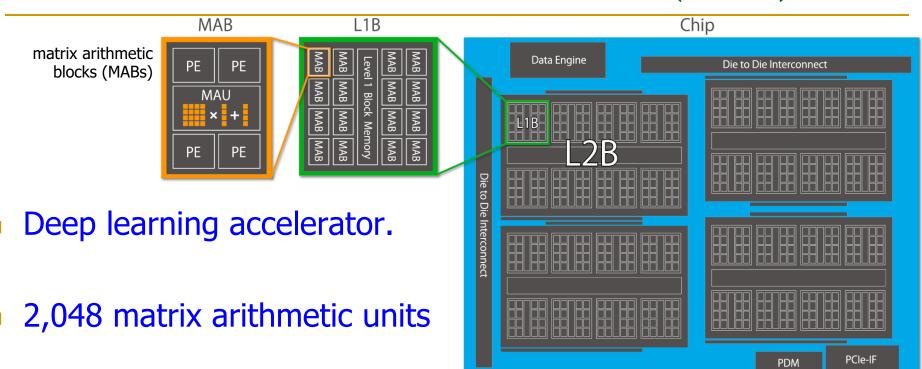


Processing Genomic Data Where it Makes Sense



Most speedup comes from parallelism enabled by novel architectures and algorithms

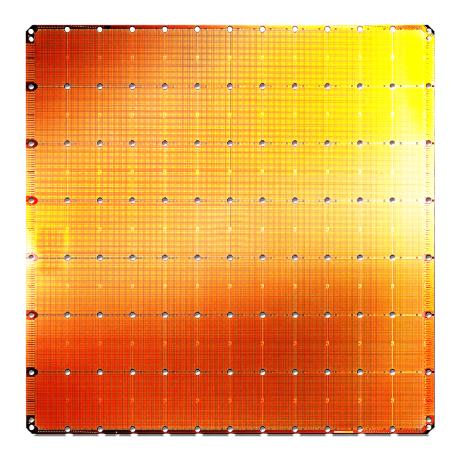
Preferred Networks' MN-Core (2018)



Fabrication process	TSMC 12nm
Estimated power consumption (W)	500
Peak performance (TFLOPS)	32.8 (DP) / 131 (SP) / 524 (HP)
Estimated performance per watt (TFLOPS / W)	0.066 (DP) / 0.26 (SP) / 1.0 (HP)

(Notes) DP: double precision, SP: single precision, HP: half precision.

Cerebras's Wafer Scale Engine (2019)



- The largest ML accelerator chip
- **400,000** cores



Cerebras WSE

1.2 Trillion transistors 46,225 mm²

Largest GPU

21.1 Billion transistors 815 mm²

https://www.cerebras.net/cerebras-wafer-scale-engine-why-we-need-big-chips-for-deep-learning/

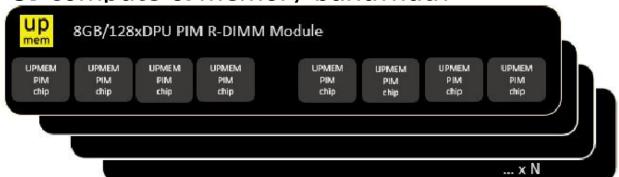
UPMEM Processing-in-DRAM Engine (2019)

- Processing in DRAM Engine
- Includes standard DIMM modules, with a large number of DPU processors combined with DRAM chips.
- Replaces standard DIMMs
 - DDR4 R-DIMM modules
 - 8GB+128 DPUs (16 PIM chips)
 - Standard 2x-nm DRAM process



Large amounts of compute & memory bandwidth





https://www.anandtech.com/show/14750/hot-chips-31-analysis-inmemory-processing-by-upmem

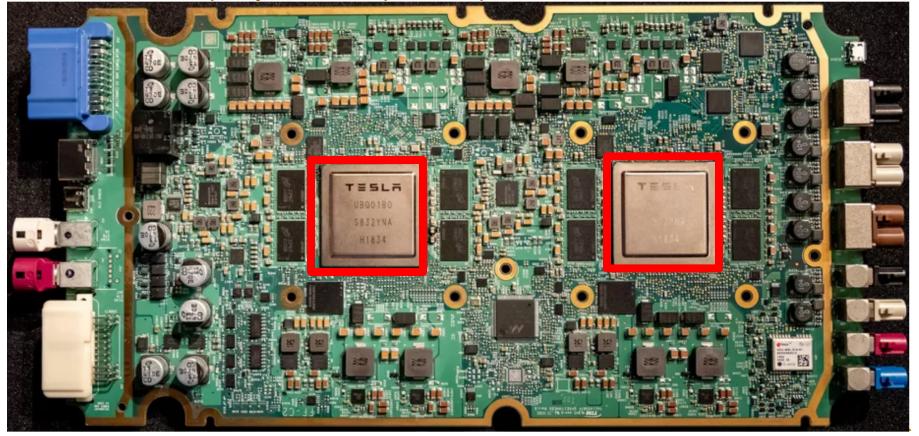
TESLA Full Self-Driving Computer (2019)

ML accelerator: 260 mm², 6 billion transistors,
 600 GFLOPS GPU, 12 ARM 2.2 GHz CPUs.



Two redundant chips for better safety.

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Illumina + Edico Genome

PRESS RELEASE

Illumina Acquires Edico Genome to Accelerate Genomic Data Analysis

Edico's DRAGEN® Bio-IT Platform Delivers Faster, Streamlined Output for Next-Generation Sequencing

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Illumina + PacBio

PRESS RELEASE

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Scientific Discovery

- Brings Together Highly Accurate Short- and Long-Read Sequencing Technologies, Paving the Path to a More Perfect View of a Genome
- Pacific Biosciences' Recent Advances with its Sequel SMRT[®] Technology, Combined with Illumina's Infrastructure, will Expand Biological Discovery and Clinical Insight
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An Example of Ongoing Directions

Read Sequence (100 bp) Pre-Alignment 2) Pre-Alignment Filtering... Match! 3) Rapid Alignment Allgbing... **Reference Genome** 1) Seed Filtering ... 37 140 Hash Table 894 1203 1564

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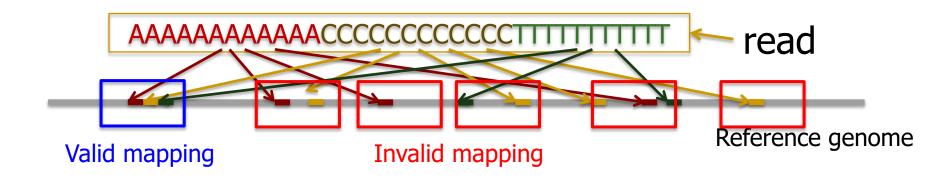
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- Key insight: Some k-mers are cheaper to verify than others because they have shorter location lists (they occur less frequently in the reference genome)
- Key Idea: Read mapper can choose the cheapest k-mers and verify their locations

Cheap K-mer Selection

occurrence threshold = 500read AAGCTCAATTIC CCTCCTTAATTI TOCTCTTAAGAA GGGTATGGCTAG AAGGTTGAGAGC CTTAGGCTTACC 326 338 350 376 388 1231 Location 151 1470 4414 2 loc. 2 loc. 9219 Number of Locations 4 loc. Cheapest 3 k-mers 1K loc. 2K loc. 1K loc. Expensive 3 k-mers Previous work needs FastHASH verifies only: to verify: 8 locations 3004 locations

FastHASH Conclusion

- Problem: Existing read mappers perform poorly in mapping billions of short reads to the reference genome, in the presence of errors
- Observation: Most of the verification calculations are unnecessary → filter them out
- Key Idea: To reduce the cost of unnecessary verification
 - Select Cheap and Adjacent k-mers.
- Key Result: FastHASH obtains up to 19x speedup over the state-of-the-art mapper without losing valid mappings

More on FastHASH

- Download source code and try for yourself
 - Download link to FastHASH

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Pre-alignment Filtering Technique

Read Alignment is expensive

Our goal is to reduce the need for dynamic programming algorithms

Ideal Filtering Algorithm

Step 2 Step 3 Query Read the Alignment Index

- 1. Filter out most of incorrect mappings.
- 2. Preserve all correct mappings.
- 3. Do it quickly.

GateKeeper

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GateKeeper

Key observation:

If two strings differ by E edits, then every bp match can be aligned in at most 2E shifts.

Key idea:

- Compute "Shifted Hamming Distance": AND of 2E+1 Hamming vectors of two strings, to identify invalid mappings
 - Uses bit-parallel operations that nicely map to FPGA architectures

Key result:

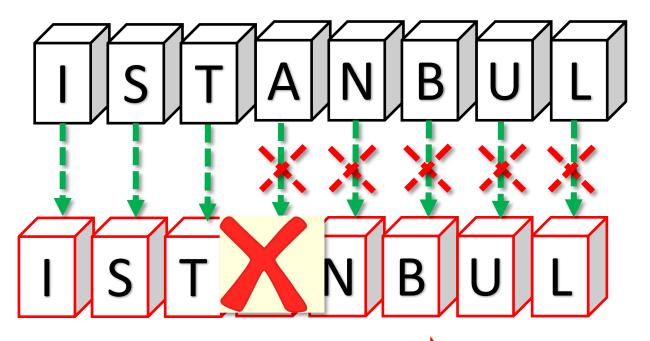
- GateKeeper is 90x-130x faster than than SHD (Xin et al., 2015) and the Adjacency Filter (Xin et al., 2013), with only a 7% false positive rate
- □ The addition of GateKeeper to the mrFAST mapper (Alkan et al., 2009) results in 10x end-to-end speedup in read mapping

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Hamming Distance ($\Sigma \oplus$)

3 matches 5 mismatches

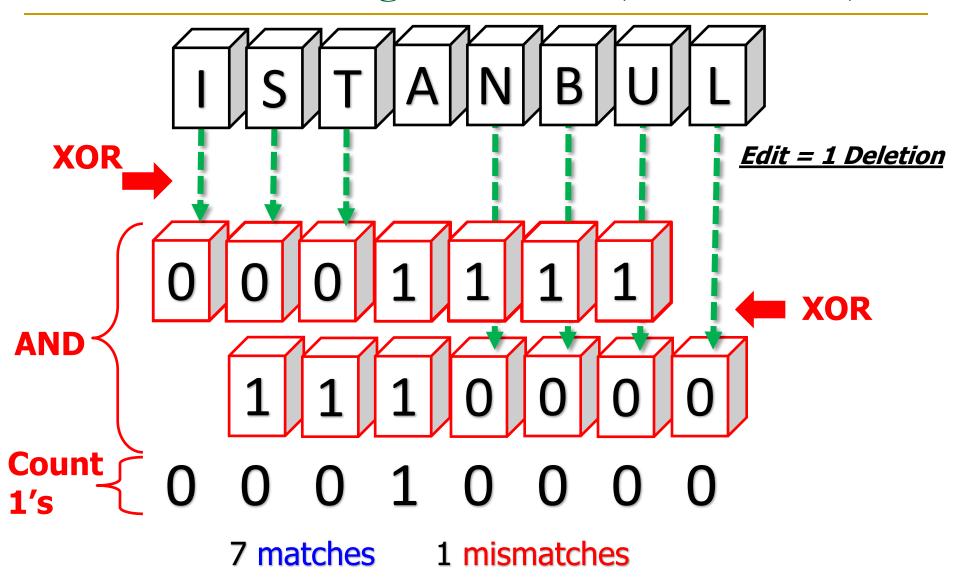
<u>Edit = 1 Deletion</u>





To cancel the effect of a deletion, we need to shift in the *right* direction

Shifted Hamming Distance (Xin+ 2015)



GateKeeper Walkthrough

Generate 2E+1 masks

Amend random zeros: $101 \rightarrow 111 \& 1001 \rightarrow 1111$

AND all masks, ACCEPT iff number of $1' \le Threshold$

--- Masks after amendment ---

:GAGAGAGATATTTAGTGTTGCAGCACTACAACACAAAAGAGGGCCAACTTACGTGTCTAAAAAGGGGGAACATTGTTGGGCCGGA

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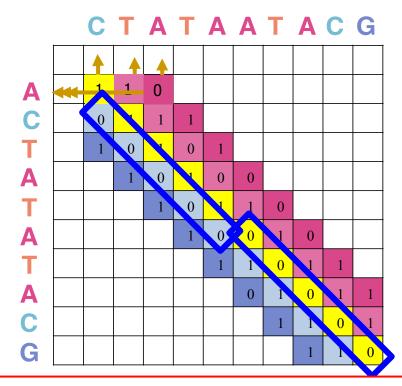
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Alignment Matrix vs. Neighborhood Map



Neighborhood Map

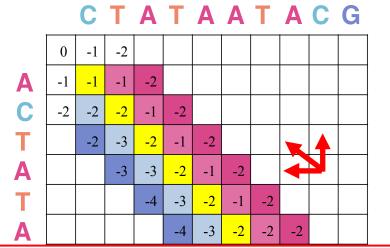


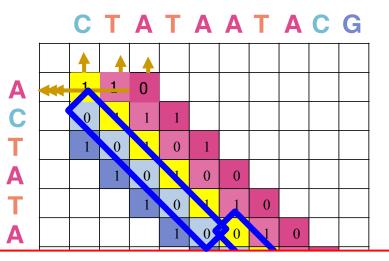
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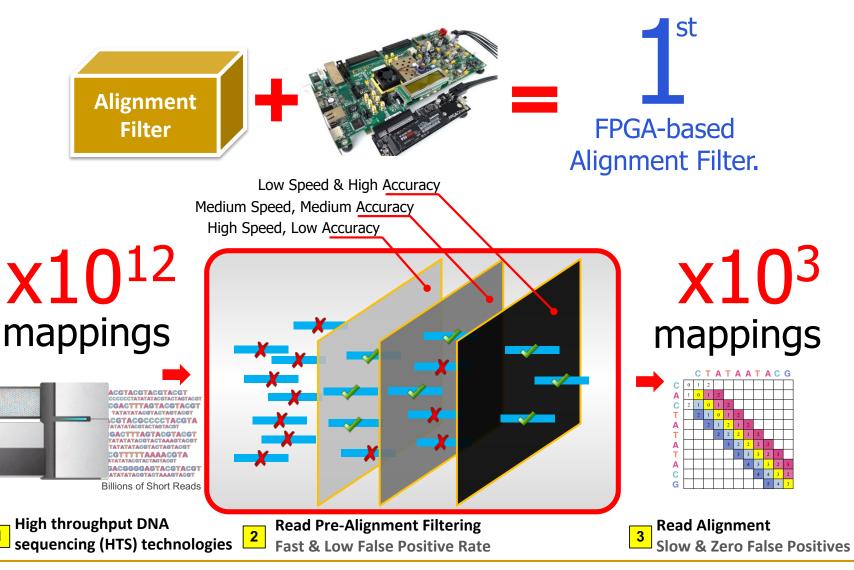




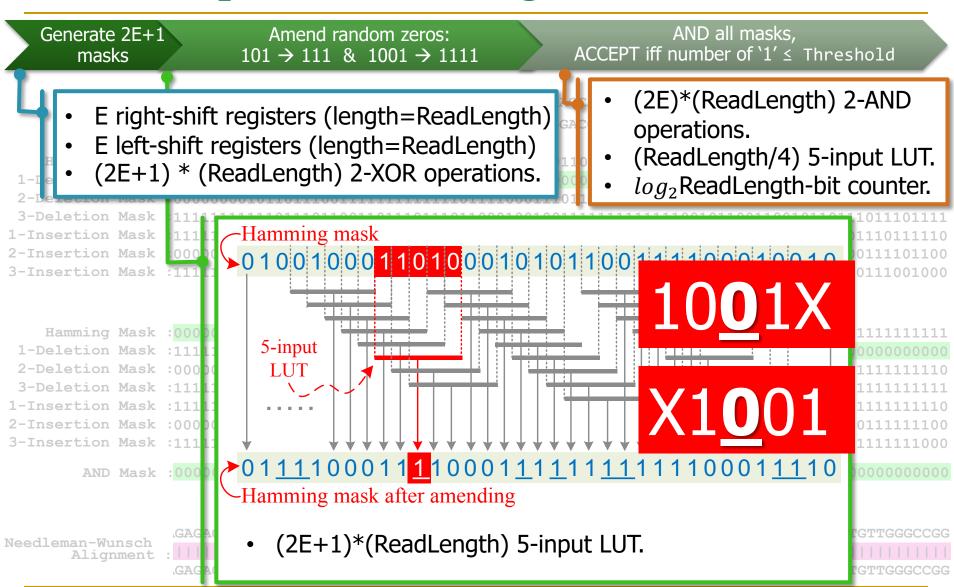
Independent vectors can be processed in parallel using hardware technologies



Our Solution: GateKeeper

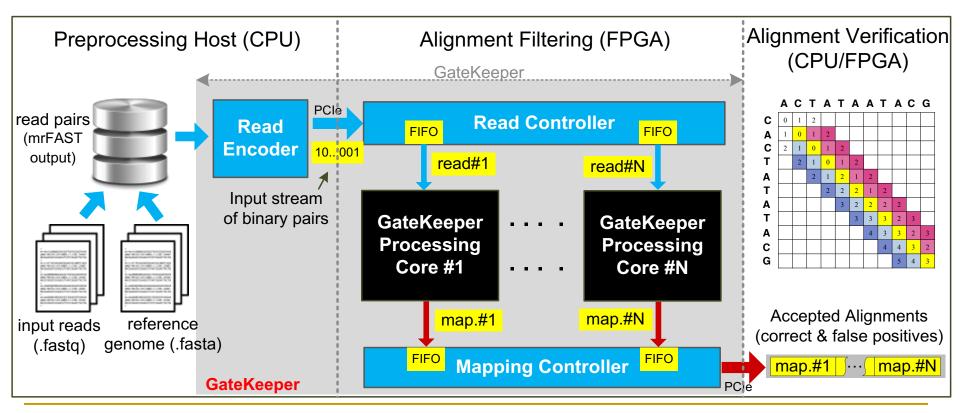


GateKeeper Walkthrough (cont'd)

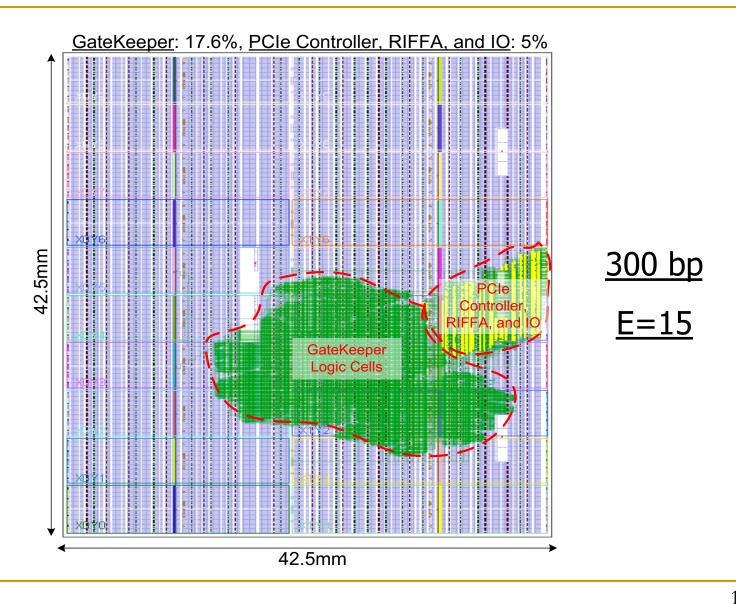


GateKeeper Accelerator Architecture

- Maximum data throughput =~13.3 billion bases/sec
- Can examine 8 (300 bp) or 16 (100 bp) mappings concurrently at 250 MHz
- Occupies 50% (100 bp) to 91% (300 bp) of the FPGA slice LUTs and registers



FPGA Chip Layout



GateKeeper: Speed & Accuracy Results

90x-130x faster filter

than SHD (Xin et al., 2015) and the Adjacency Filter (Xin et al., 2013)

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Freely available online

github.com/BilkentCompGen/GateKeeper

GateKeeper Conclusions

- FPGA-based pre-alignment greatly speeds up read mapping
 - 10x speedup of a state-of-the-art mapper (mrFAST)

- FPGA-based pre-alignment can be integrated with the sequencer
 - It can help to hide the complexity and details of the FPGA
 - Enables real-time filtering while sequencing

More on SHD (SIMD Implementation)

- Download and test for yourself
- https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/Shifted-Hamming-Distance

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Sequence analysis

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Shouji

Key observation:

- Correct alignment always includes long identical subsequences.
- Processing the entire mapping at once is ineffective for hardware design.

Key idea:

 Use overlapping sliding window approach to quickly and accurately find all long segments of consecutive zeros.

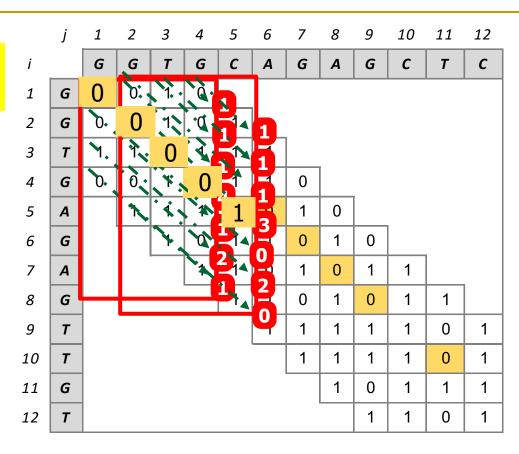
Key result:

- Shouji on FPGA is at least 160x faster than its CPU implementation.
- Shouji accelerates best-performing CPU read aligner Edlib (Bioinformatics 2017) by up to 18.8x using 16 filtering units that work in parallel.
- Shouji is 2.4x to 467x more accurate than GateKeeper (Bioinformatics 2017) and SHD (Bioinformatics 2015).

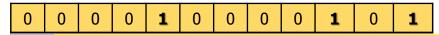
Shouji Walkthrough

Building the Neighborhood Map

Finding all common subsequences (diagonal segments of consecutive zeros) shared between two given sequences.



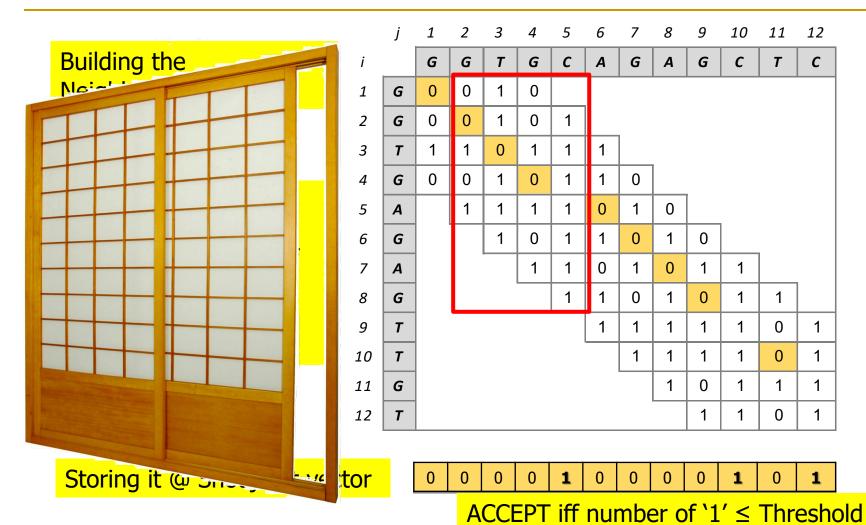
Storing it @ Shouji Bit-vector



ACCEPT iff number of '1' ≤ Threshold

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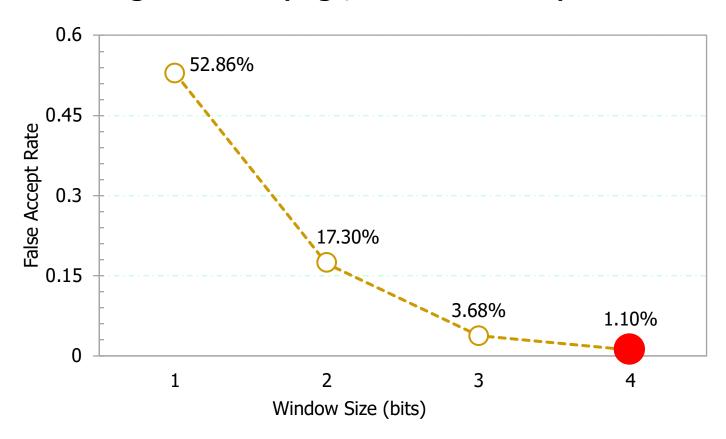
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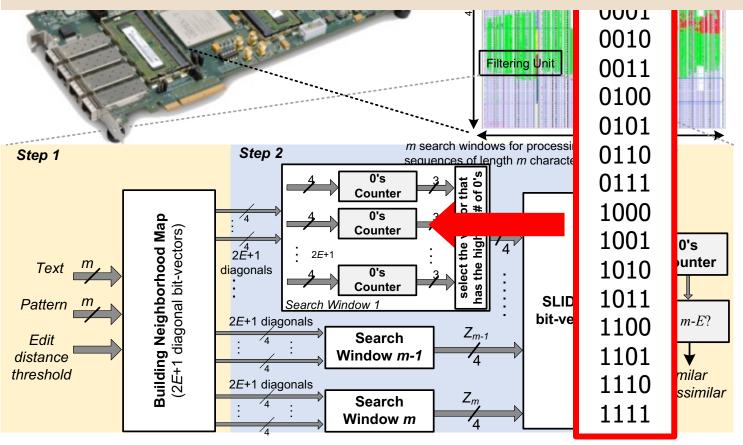
Sliding Window Size

 The reason behind the selection of the window size is due to the minimal possible length of the identical subsequence that is a single match (e.g., such as `101').



Hardware Implementation

 Counting is performed concurrently for all bit-vectors and all sliding windows in a single clock cycle using multiple 4-input LUTs.



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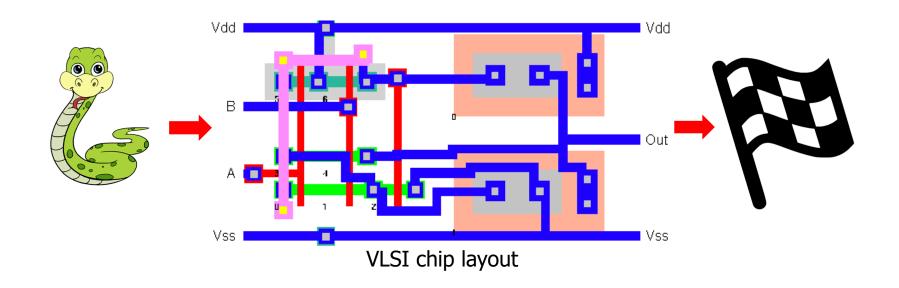
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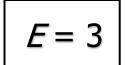
- SneakySnake is up to four orders of magnitude more accurate than Shouji (Bioinformatics'19) and GateKeeper (Bioinformatics'17).
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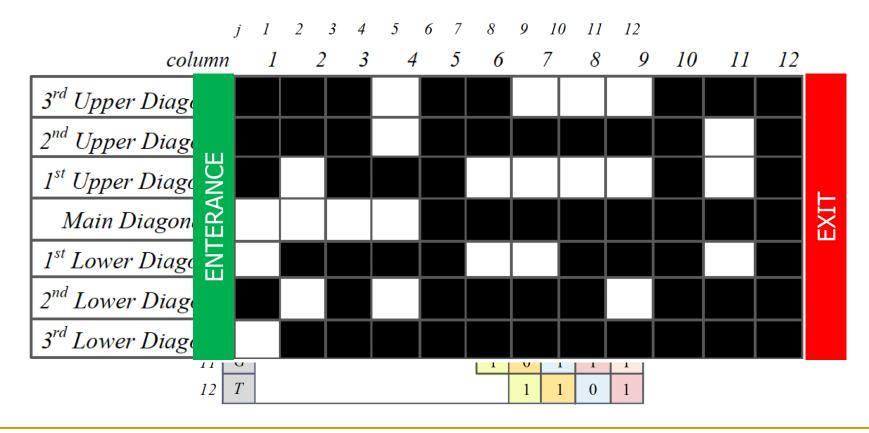
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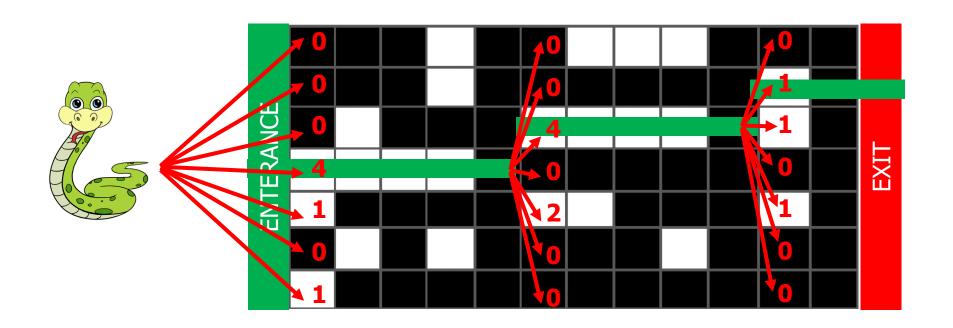
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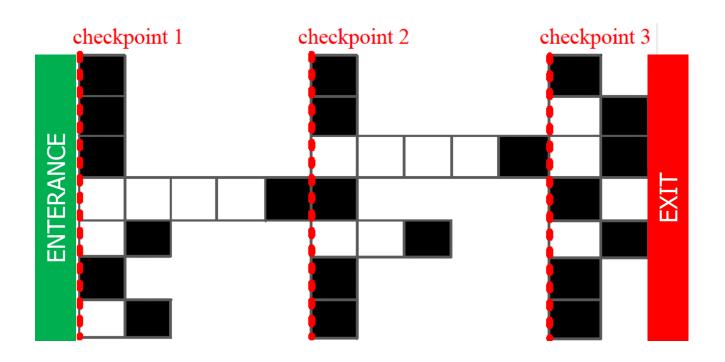
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This is what you actually need to build and it can be done on-the-fly!





FPGA Resource Analysis

 FPGA resource usage for a single filtering unit of GateKeeper, Shouji, and Snake-on-Chip for a sequence length of 100 and under different edit distance thresholds (E).

	<i>E</i> (bp)	Slice LUT	Slice Register	No. of Filtering Units
GateKeeper	2	0.39%	0.01%	16
	5	0.71%	0.01%	16
Shouji	2	0.69%	0.08%	16
	5	1.72%	0.16%	16
Snake-on-Chip	2	0.68%	0.16%	16
	5	1.42%	0.34%	16

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Download and test for CPU, GPU, and FPGA:

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Read Mapping & Filtering

- Problem: Heavily bottlenecked by Data Movement
- Shouji performance limited by DRAM bandwidth [Alser+, Bioinformatics 2019]
- GateKeeper performance limited by DRAM bandwidth [Alser+, Bioinformatics 2017]
- Ditto for SHD [Xin+, Bioinformatics 2015]
- Solution: Processing-in-memory can alleviate the bottleneck

Read Mapping & Filtering in Memory

We need to design mapping & filtering algorithms that fit processing-in-memory

GRIM-Filter

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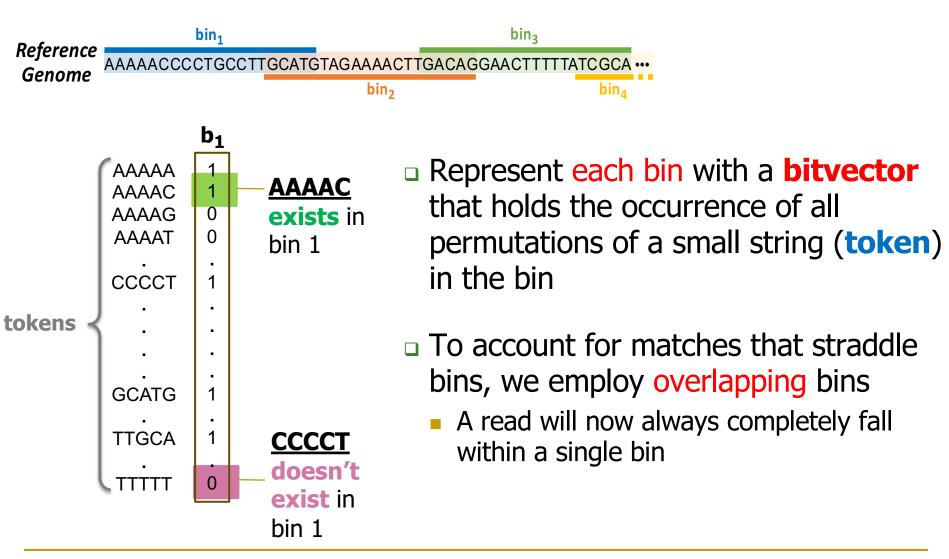
GRIM-Filter

- Key observation: FPGA and GPU accelerators are Heavily bottlenecked by Data Movement.
- Key idea: exploiting the high memory bandwidth and the logic layer of 3D-stacked memory to perform highly-parallel filtering in the DRAM chip itself.

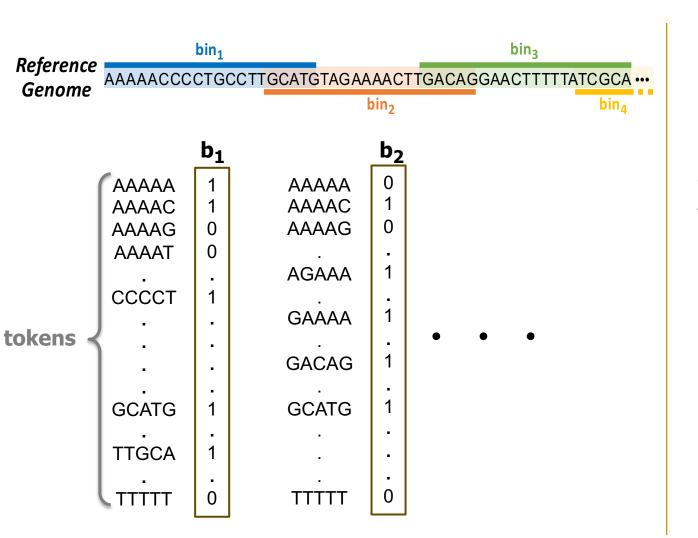
Key results:

- We propose an algorithm called GRIM-Filter
- GRIM-Filter with processing-in-memory is 1.8x-3.7x (2.1x on average) faster than FastHASH filter (BMC Genomics'13) across real data sets.
- GRIM-Filter has 5.6x-6.4x (6.0x on average) lower falsely accepted pairs than FastHASH filter (BMC Genomics'13) across real data sets.

GRIM-Filter: Bitvectors



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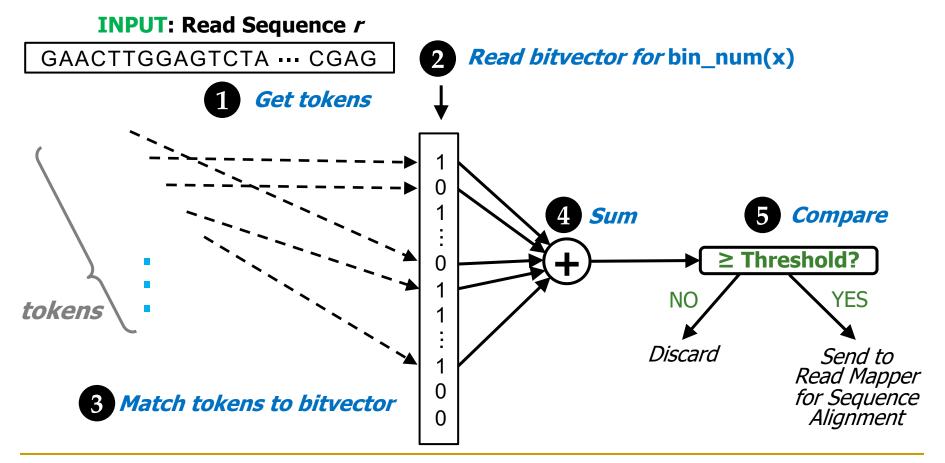


Storing all bitvectors requires $4^n * t$ bits in memory, where t = number of bins & n = token length.

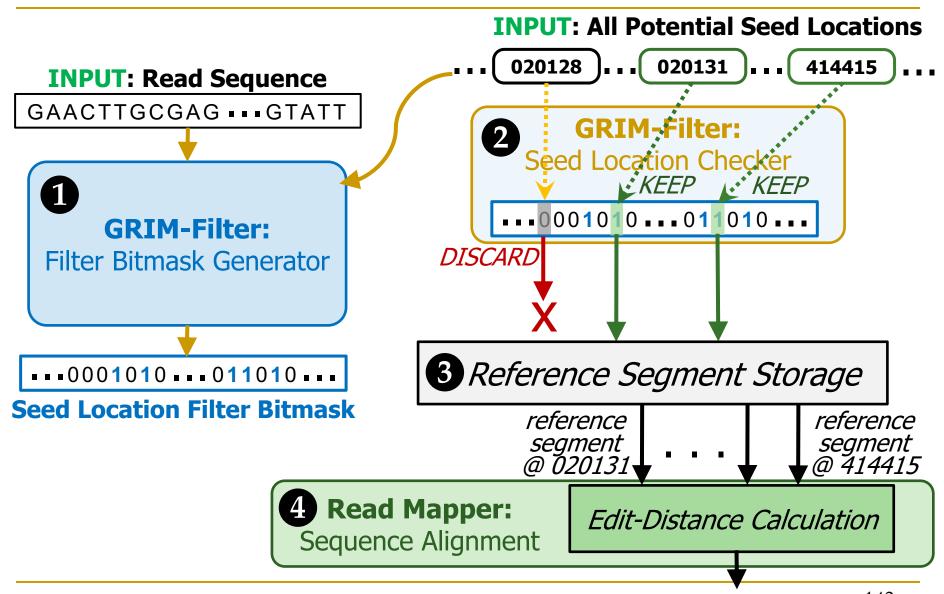
For **bin size** ~200, and **n** = 5, **memory footprint** ~3.8 GB

GRIM-Filter: Checking a Bin

How GRIM-Filter determines whether to **discard** potential match locations in a given bin **prior** to alignment



Integrating GRIM-Filter into a Read Mapper



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OUTPUT: Correct Mappings

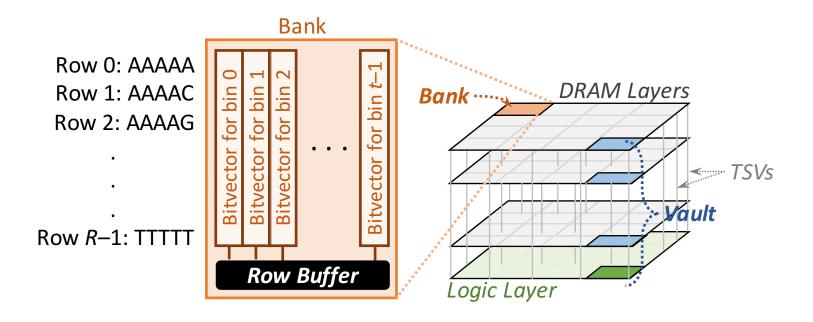
Key Properties of GRIM-Filter

1. Simple Operations:

- To check a given bin, find the sum of all bits corresponding to each token in the read
- Compare against threshold to determine whether to align
- 2. **Highly Parallel:** Each bin is operated on independently and there are many many bins
- 3. Memory Bound: Given the frequent accesses to the large bitvectors, we find that GRIM-Filter is memory bound

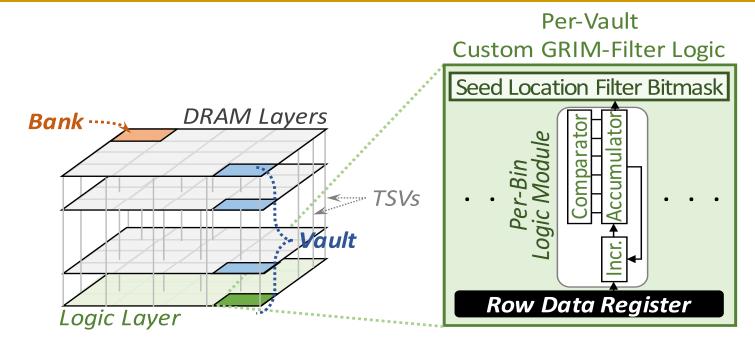
These properties together make GRIM-Filter a good algorithm to be run in 3D-Stacked DRAM

GRIM-Filter in 3D-Stacked DRAM



- Each DRAM layer is organized as an array of banks
 - A bank is an array of cells with a row buffer to transfer data
- The layout of bitvectors in a bank enables filtering many bins in parallel

GRIM-Filter in 3D-Stacked DRAM



- Customized logic for accumulation and comparison per genome segment
 - Low area overhead, simple implementation
 - For HBM2, we use 4096 incrementer LUTs, 7-bit counters, and comparators in logic layer

More on GRIM-Filter

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GenCache

GenCache: Leveraging In-Cache Operators for Efficient Sequence Alignment

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GenCache

Key observation: State-of-the-art alignment accelerators are still bottlenecked by memory.

Key ideas:

- Performing in-cache alignment + pre-alignment filtering by enabling processing-in-cache using previous proposal, ComputeCache (HPCA'17).
- Using different Pre-alignment filters depending on the selected edit distance threshold.

Results:

- GenCache on CPU is 1.36x faster than GenAx (ISCA 2018).
 GenCache in cache is 5.26x faster than GenAx.
- GenCache chip has 16.4% higher area, 34.7% higher peak power, and 15% higher average power than GenAx.

GenCache's Four Phases

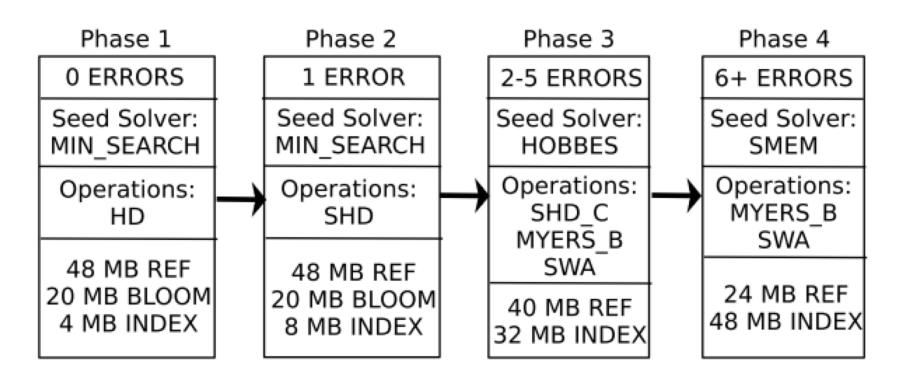


Figure 7: Four phases in the new alignment algorithm that exploits in-cache operators.

Throughput Results

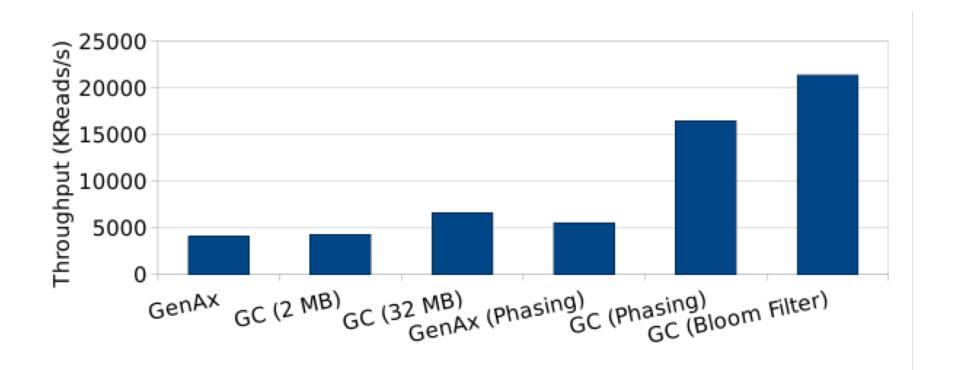


Figure 9: Throughput improvement of GenCache (Hardware & Software).

Ongoing Directions

Seed Filtering Technique:

- Goal: Reducing the number of seed (k-mer) locations.
 - Heuristic (limits the number of mapping locations for each seed).
 - Supports exact matches only.

Pre-alignment Filtering Technique:

- Goal: Reducing the number of invalid mappings (>E).
 - Supports both exact and inexact matches.
 - Provides some falsely-accepted mappings.

Read Alignment Acceleration:

- Goal: Performing read alignment at scale.
 - Limits the numeric range of each cell in the DP table and hence supports limited scoring function.
 - May not support backtracking step due to random memory accesses.

Darwin

Session 3A: Programmable Devices and Co-processors

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Seed filter: D-Soft

Read alignment accelerator: GACT ← We will cover this

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Darwin: GACT Hardware Acceleration

Key observation:

 Data Dependencies limit accelerating the dynamic programming table calculation.

Key idea:

- Divide the dynamic programming table into overlapping tiles.
- Calculate each tile independently and in a systolic array fashion.
- Calculate many alignments concurrently.

Key result:

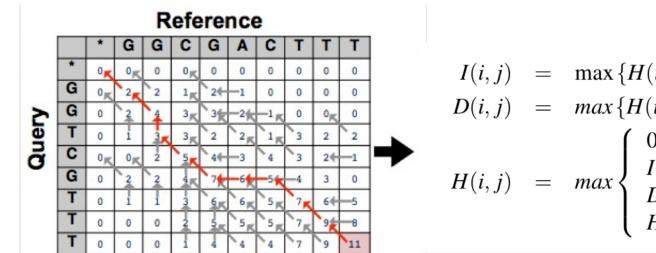
- It is simulated for TSMC 40nm CMOS process.
- It provides a speedup of up to 380x compared to GACT software.
- It is three orders of magnitude faster than Edlib (best-performing CPU read aligner).

Weaknesses:

 It is not clear if tiling maintains the same accuracy as the original dynamic programming algorithm.

Specialized Accelerator for Read Aligner

 Accelerating the read alignment algorithm as-is using specialized hardware (40 nm CMOS) provides a limited speedup (37x).



$$\begin{split} I(i,j) &= \max \left\{ H(i,j-1) - o, \, I(i,j-1) - e \right\} \\ D(i,j) &= \max \left\{ H(i-1,j) - o, \, D(i-1,j) - e \right\} \\ H(i,j) &= \max \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ I(i,j) \\ D(i,j) \\ H(i-1,j-1) + W(r_i,q_j) \end{matrix} \right. \end{split}$$

Dynamic programming for gene sequence alignment (Smith-Waterman)

VS.

CPU-based read aligner

On 14nm CPU

35 ALU ops, 15 load/store

37 cycles

81nJ

Hardware accelerated read aligner

On 40nm Special Unit

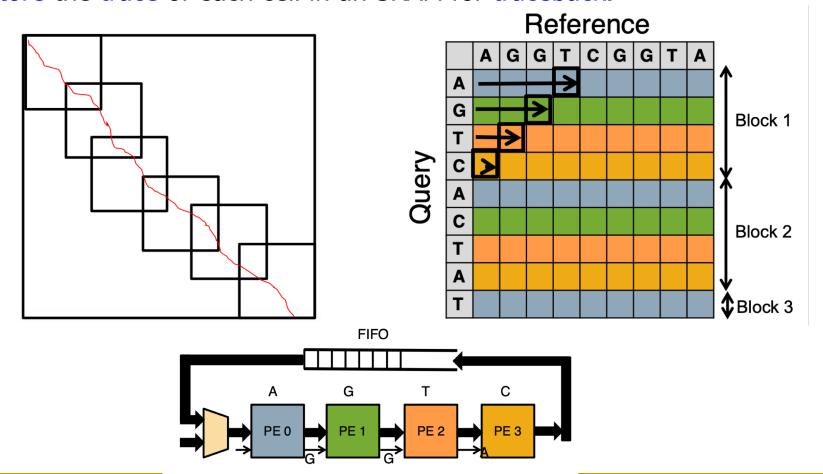
1 cycle (37x speedup)

3.1pJ (26,000x efficiency)

300fJ for logic (remainder is memory)

GACT Alignment

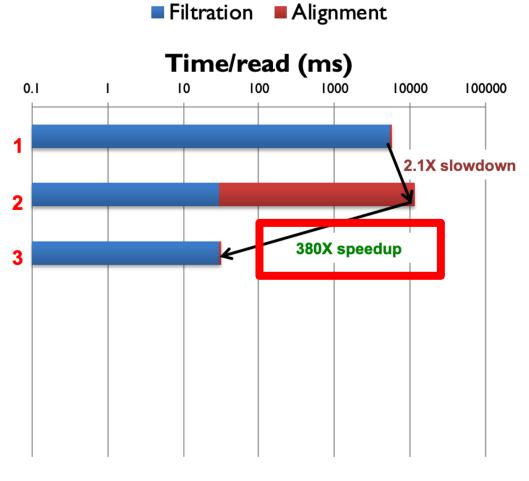
- Solution: Divide the table into overlapping tiles and compute them all independently using systolic arrays.
- Store the trace of each cell in an SRAM for traceback.



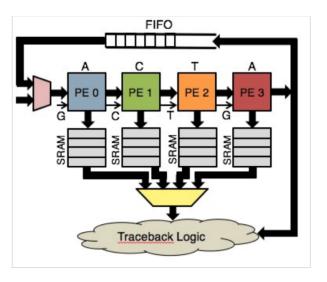
Implementation Details

- It is simulated for TSMC 40 nm CMOS process.
- 64 systolic arrays are working concurrently.
- 64 PEs (processing elements) in each systolic array.
- Each entry of the dynamic programming table accommodates 16-bit value.
- Each systolic array requires 128 KB SRAM (each PE = 2 KB SRAM bank) for traceback purposes.

GACT Hardware vs. Software Speedup



- Graphmap (software)
- 2. Replace by D-SOFT and GACT (software)
 - 3. GACT hardware-acceleration



GACT Hardware vs. Edlib

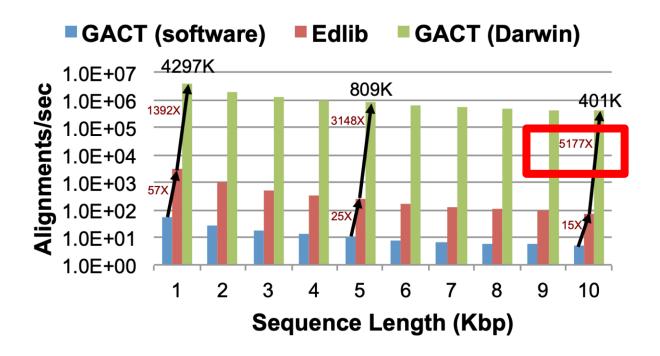


Figure 10: Throughput (alignments/second) comparison for different sequence lengths between a software implementation of GACT, Edlib library and the hardware-acceleration of GACT in Darwin.

More on Darwin

https://github.com/gsneha26/Darwin-WGA

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Disclaimer on Darwin

- Darwin is NOT developed in SAFARI group, but we developed BitMAC that is now <u>under review</u>.
- BitMAC = new read alignment algorithm + PIM specialized accelerator.
- BitMAC provides 2.1x better throughput per unit area and 59.2x better throughput per unit power when compared with GACT of Darwin.

Conclusion on Ongoing Directions

- Read alignment can be substantially accelerated using computationally inexpensive and accurate pre-alignment filtering algorithms designed for specialized hardware.
- All the three directions are used by mappers today, but filtering has replaced alignment as the bottleneck.
- Pre-alignment filtering does not sacrifice any of the aligner capabilities, as it does not modify or replace the alignment step.

Agenda for Today

- Why Genome Analysis?
- What is Genome Analysis?
- How we Map Reads?
- What Makes Read Mapper Slow?
- Algorithmic & Hardware Acceleration
 - Seed Filtering Technique
 - Pre-alignment Filtering Technique
 - Read Alignment Acceleration
- Where is Read Mapping Going Next?

Where is Read Mapping Going Next?

Will 100% accurate genome-long reads alleviate/eliminate the need for read mapping?

Think about metagenomics, pan-genomics, ...

Where is Read Mapping Going Next?

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Assembly of a pan-genome from deep sequencing of 910 humans of African descent

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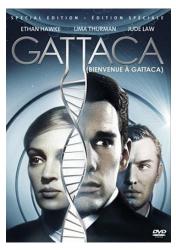
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African pan-genome contains ~10% more DNA than the current human reference genome.

Did we Achieve Our Goal?

 Our goal is to significantly reduce the time spent on calculating the optimal alignment in genome analysis from hours to mere seconds using both new algorithms & hardware accelerators, given limited computational resources (i.e., personal computer or small hardware).







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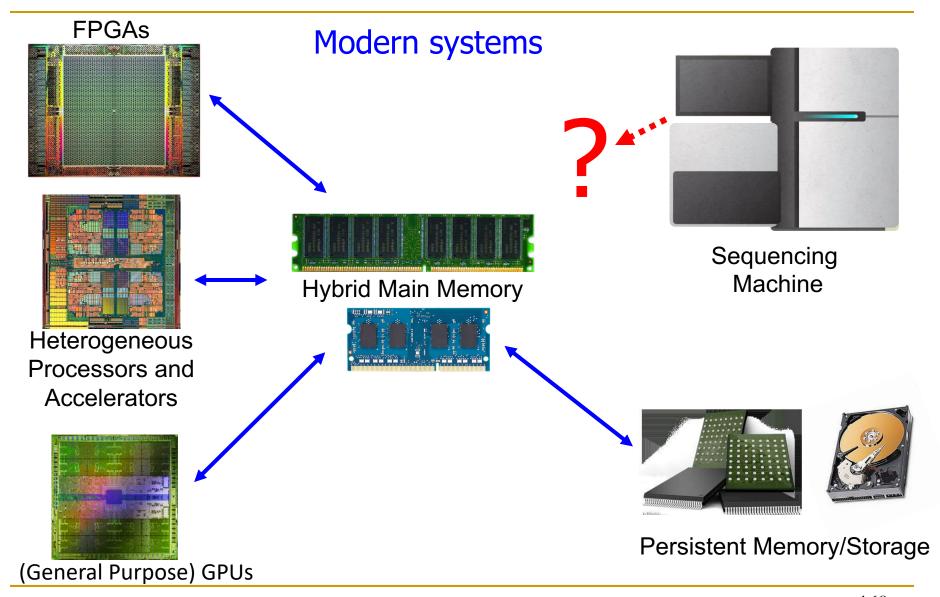
Open Questions

How and where to enable

fast, accurate, cheap,

privacy-preserving, and exabyte scale analysis of genomic data?

Processing Genomic Data Where it Makes Sense



Lecture Conclusion

- System design for bioinformatics is a critical problem
 - It has large scientific, medical, societal, personal implications
- This lecture is about accelerating a key step in bioinformatics: genome sequence analysis
 - In particular, read mapping
- Many bottlenecks exist in accessing and manipulating huge amounts of genomic data during analysis
- We cover various recent ideas to accelerate read mapping
 - A journey since September 2006

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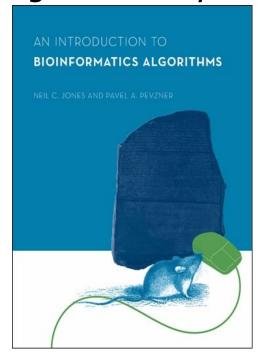
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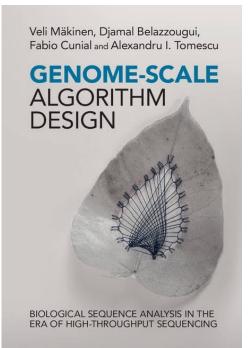
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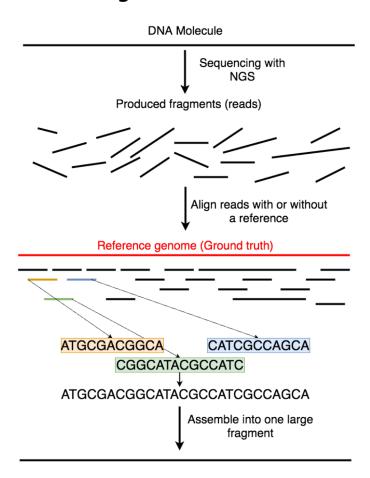
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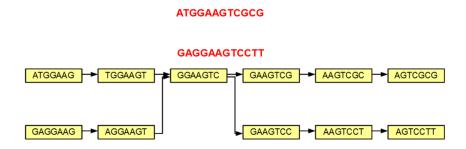
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Constructing an assembly of reads

Alignment-based



Graph-based: De Bruijn Graphs



Apollo

Key observations:

- It may not be possible to construct the entire genome using short reads due to the complexity to find overlaps between short reads
- Re-assembling the long reads produce erroneous genome, which may cause incorrect findings in the further steps of the genome analysis
- Existing polishing tools cannot polish large genomes

Key idea:

 Polishing the errors in each contig of an assembly individually using all the available read sets (long + short reads) within a single run.

Key insights:

- Errors are not random and can be represented in a graph by assigning certain probabilities to resolve each error type at certain positions
- A profile hidden Markov model (pHMM) is a good fit to represent the actual contig as well as the possible errors that can take place after each basepair
- Aligning reads to a contig gives a clue about the differences between a contig and a read

Contribution

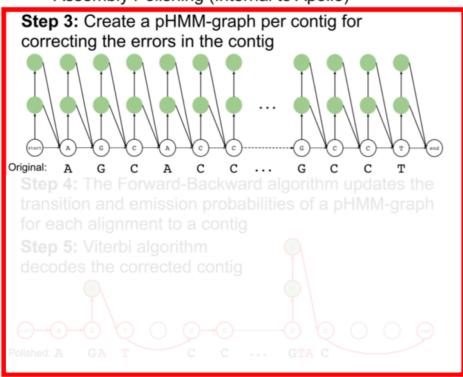
First algorithm that can scale well **to polish large genomes** and that can **SAFARis**e multiple read sets from any sequencing technology within a single

Assembly polishing pipeline

Input Preparation (External to Apollo)

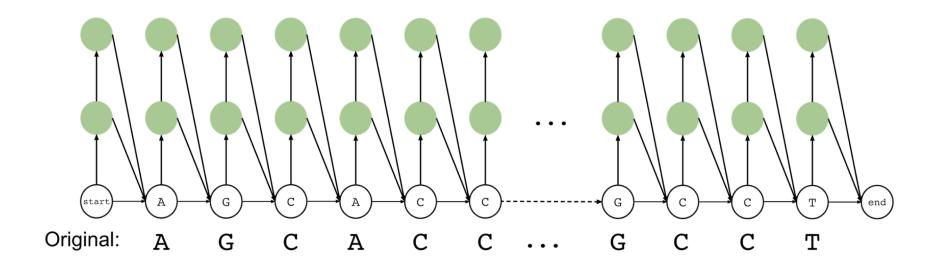


Assembly Polishing (Internal to Apollo)



A Profile hidden Markov model

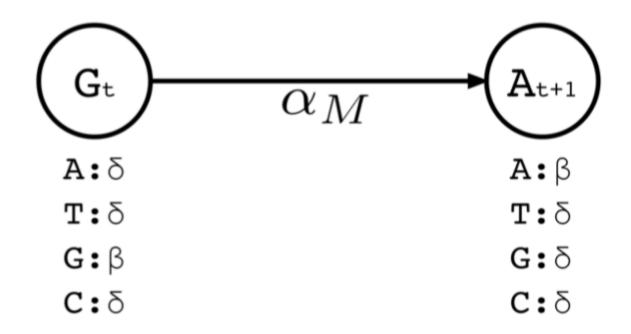
Represent the contig "AGCACC...GCCT" in a pHMM-graph



- Each state emits (i.e., consumes or outputs) a single base when visited
- Correction:
 - Visiting insertion states to insert more bases between two bases in a contig
 - Skipping certain states to delete some bases
 - Emitting a different a different base than a base that is actually present at certain location (e.g., changing G to T at position 2)

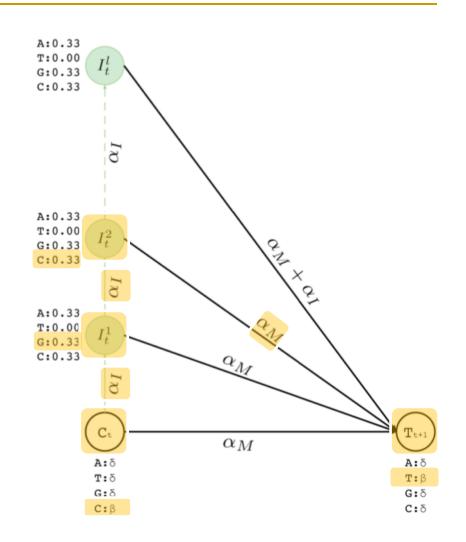
Resolving substitution errors or no error

- Match states for bases "GA" at positions t and t+1, respectively
- If no error: emit "G" at position t with the probability of having no error
- For substitution error, emit either A, T, or C at position t with substitution error probability
- All type of emission and transition probabilities are a parameter to Apollo



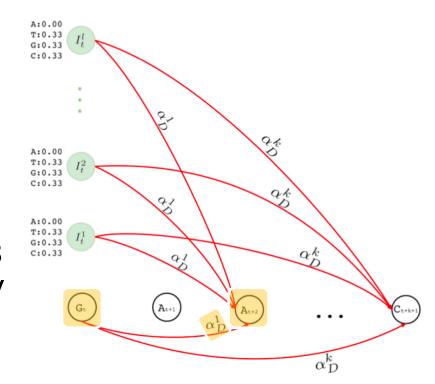
Resolving deletion errors

- Insertion states to insert at most / many bases between two bases in a contig
- To insert "GC" between "CT"
 - Visit match state at position t and emit C
 - Visit first insertion state after position t and emit G with deletion error probability
 - Visit second insertion state and emit C with deletion error probability
 - From second insertion state
 visit match state at position
 t+1 and emit T
 - Resulting sequence "CGCT"
- Maximum number of insertions is a parameter to Apollo



Resolving insertion errors

- Deletion transitions to delete one or many bases in a row
- To delete the first A in "GAA"
 - Visit match state at position t and emit G
 - Visit match state at position t+2 and emit A with single insertion error probability
 - Resulting sequence: "GA"
- Having single or more deletions in a row may not be necessarily equally likely
- Maximum number of deletions in a row is a parameter to Apollo

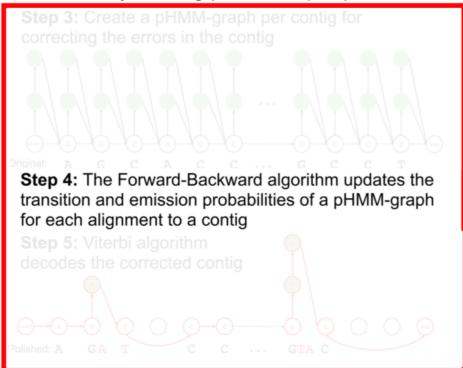


Assembly polishing pipeline

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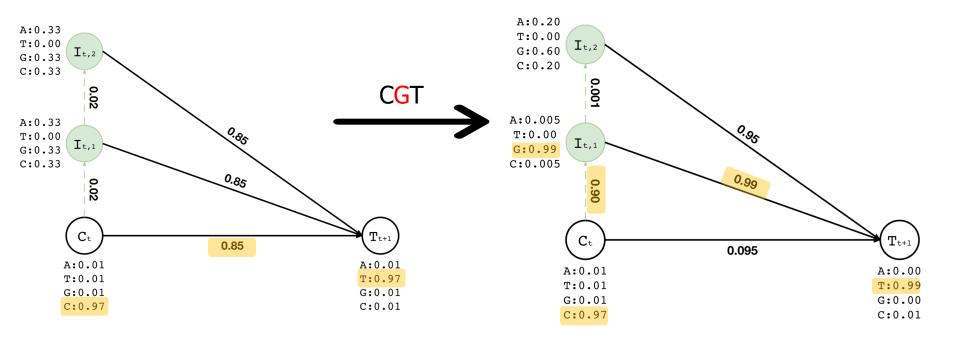


Assembly Polishing (Internal to Apollo)



Training

- Training data:
 - Read aligned to the location t of a contig
- Assume we have the read "CGT" aligned to location t
- After training the corresponding region of the graph we would expect change in the probabilities so that it will be likely to emit "CGT" somehow



The Forward-Backward algorithm

- Calculating the likelihood of visiting a state to emit a certain character of a given sequence (i.e., aligned read)
 - Forward calculation (F)

$$F_1(j) = \alpha_{0j}e_j(r[1])$$
 s.t. $j \in V_s$, $E_{0j} \in E_s$

$$F_t(j) = \sum_{i \in V_s} F_{t-1}(i) \alpha_{ij} e_j(r[t]) \quad j \in V_s, \quad 1 < t \le m$$

Backward calculation (B)

$$B_m(i) = \alpha_{i(m+1)} \quad i \in V_s, \quad E_{i(m+1)} \in E_s$$

$$B_t(i) = \sum_{j \in V_s} \alpha_{ij} e_j(r[t+1]) B_{t+1}(j) \quad j \in V_s, \quad 1 \le t < m$$

Backward calculation needs a starting point

Training: The Baum-Welch algorithm

Expectation maximization step using the Baum-Welch algorithm

$$e_i^*(X) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^m F_t(i)B_t(i)(r[t] == X)}{\sum_{t=1}^m F_t(i)B_t(i)} \quad \forall X \in \Sigma, \forall i \in V_s$$

$$\alpha_{ij}^* = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{m-1} \alpha_{ij} e_j(r[t+1]) F_t(i) B_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_{t=1}^{m-1} \sum_{x \in V_s} \alpha_{ix} e_x(r[t+1]) F_t(i) B_{t+1}(x)} \quad \forall E_{ij} \in E_s$$

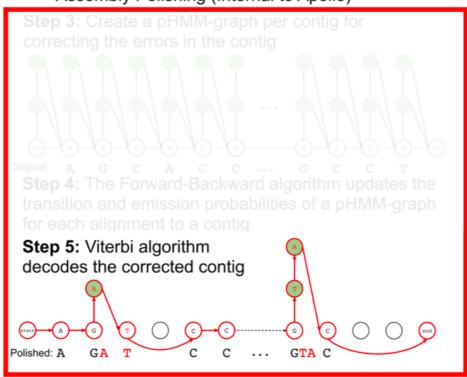
- If there are multiple reads aligning to same region, we have multiple F(i) for a position t
 - Take the average and use it as F(i) for position t

Assembly polishing pipeline

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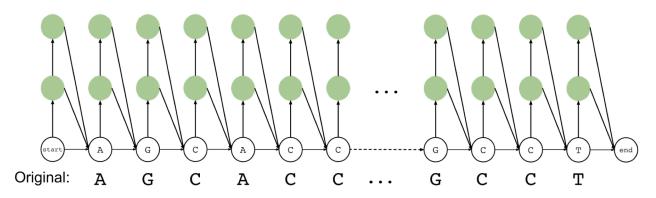


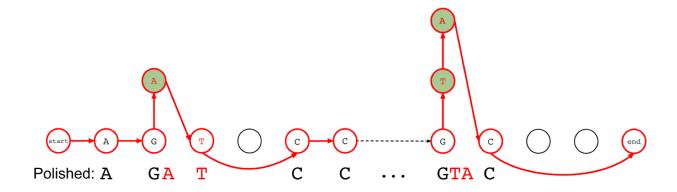
Assembly Polishing (Internal to Apollo)



Inference: The Viterbi algorithm

- Our original contig before polishing was: "AGCACC...GCCT"
- After updating the probabilities, the most likely path from start to end reveals the corrected contig: "AGATCC...GTAC"





Inference: The Viterbi algorithm

- Decode the entire graph after training to have the corrected version of a contig
 - 1. Initialization

$$v_1(j) = \hat{\alpha}_{start-j}\hat{e}_j(X') \quad \forall j \in V$$

$$b_1(j) = start \quad \forall j \in V$$

2. Recursion

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i \in V} v_{t-1}(i)\hat{\alpha}_{ij}\hat{e}_j(X') \quad \forall j \in V, 1 < t \le T$$

$$b_t(j) = \underset{i \in V}{\operatorname{argmax}} v_{t-1}(i)\hat{\alpha}_{ij}\hat{e}_j(X') \quad \forall j \in V, 1 < t \le T$$

3. Termination

$$v_T(end) = \max_{i \in V} v_T(i)\hat{\alpha}_{i-end}$$

$$b_T(end) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{i \in V} v_T(i) \hat{\alpha}_{i-end}$$

Results

Data Sets

Data Set	Accession Number	Details
E.coli K-12 - ONT	Loman Lab*	164,472 reads (avg. 9,010bps, 319X coverage) via Metrichor
E.coli K-12 - Ground Truth	GenBank NC_000913	Strain MG1655 (4,641Kbps)
E.coli O157 - PacBio	SRA SRR5413248	177,458 reads (avg. 4,724bps, 151X coverage)
E.coli O157 - Illumina	SRA SRR5413247	11,856,506 paired-end reads (150bps each, 643X coverage)
E.coli O157 - Ground Truth	GenBank NJEX02000001	Strain FDAARGOS_292 (5,566Kbps)
E.coli O157:H7 - PacBio	SRA SRR1509640	76,279 reads (avg. 8,270bps, 112X coverage)
E.coli O157:H7 - Illumina	SRA SRR1509643	2,978,835 paired-end reads (250bps each, 265X coverage)
E.coli O157:H7 - Ground Truth	GCA_000732965	Strain EDL933 (5,639Kbps)
Yeast S288C - PacBio	SRA ERR165511(8-9), ERR1655125	296,485 reads (avg. 5,735bps, 140X coverage)
Yeast S288C - Illumina	SRA ERR1938683	3,318,467 paired-end reads (150bps each, 82X coverage)
Yeast S288C - Ground Truth	GCA_000146055.2	Strain S288C (12,157Kbps)
Human CHM1 - PacBio	SRA SRR130433(1-5)	912,421 reads (avg. 8,646bps, 2.6X coverage)
Human CHM1 - Ground Truth	GCA_000306695.2	3.04Gbps
Human HG002 - PacBio	SRA SRR2036(394-471), SRR203665(4-9)	15,892,517 reads (avg. 6,550bps, 35X coverage)
Human HG002 - Illumina	SRA SRR17664(42-59)	222,925,733 paired-end reads (148bps each, 22X coverage)
Human HG002 - Ground Truth	GCA_001542345.1	Ashkenazim trio - Son (2.99Gbps)



Applicability of the Polishing Algorithms to Large Genomes

Aligner	Sequencing Tech. of the Reads	Polishing	Runtime	Memory
	of the Keaus	Algorithm		(GB)
Minimap2	PacBio (35X)	Apollo	227h 12m 15s	62.91
BWA-MEM	PacBio (35X)	Apollo	198h 41m 15s	58.60
Minimap2	PacBio (35X)	Racon	N/A	N/A
BWA-MEM	PacBio (35X)	Racon	N/A	N/A
pbalign	PacBio (35X)	Quiver	N/A	N/A
Minimap2	PacBio (8.9X)	Apollo	55h 38m 44s	44.99
BWA-MEM	PacBio (8.9X)	Apollo	41h 38m 27s	45.00
Minimap2	PacBio (8.9X)	Racon	2h 48m 25s	54.13
BWA-MEM	PacBio (8.9X)	Racon	1h 36m 39s	51.55
pbalign	PacBio (8.9X)	Quiver	N/A	N/A
Minimap2	Illumina (22X)	Apollo	96h 22m 16s	101.12
BWA-MEM	Illumina (22X)	Apollo	102h 01m 57s	107.06
Minimap2	Illumina (22X)	Racon	N/A	N/A
BWA-MEM	Illumina (22X)	Racon	N/A	N/A
Minimap2	Illumina (22X)	Pilon	N/A	N/A
BWA-MEM	Illumina (22X)	Pilon	N/A	N/A



Benefits of using a hybrid set of reads

Data Set	First Run	Second Run	Aligned	Accuracy	Polishing	Runtime	Memory
			Bases (%)		Score		(GB)
E.Coli O157			99.94	0.9998	0.9992	43m 53s	3.79
E.Coli O157	Apollo (Hybrid)		99.94	0.9999	0.9993	8h 16m 08s	13.85
E.Coli O157	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (Illumina)	99.94	0.9994	0.9988	21m 44s	22.65
E.Coli O157	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (PacBio)	99.94	0.9984	0.9978	4m 58s	2.43
E.Coli O157	Racon (PacBio)	Pilon (Illumina)	99.40	0.9989	0.9829	12m 14s	8.51
E.Coli O157	Pilon (Illumina)	Pilon (Illumina)	99.94	0.9999	0.9993	4m 10s	11.40
E.Coli O157	Pilon (Illumina)	Racon (PacBio)	99.94	0.9986	0.9980	4m 58s	11.40
E.Coli O157	Quiver (PacBio)	Pilon (Illumina)	99.94	0.9998	0.9992	5m 01s	7.50
E.Coli O157	Quiver (PacBio)	Racon (PacBio)	99.94	0.9986	0.9980	5m 13s	2.48
E.Coli O157:H7			100.00	0.9998	0.9998	43m 19s	3.39
E.Coli O157:H7	Apollo (Hybrid)		100.00	0.9999	0.9999	5h 58m 05s	8.86
E.Coli O157:H7	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (Illumina)	100.00	0.9995	0.9995	9m 43s	6.56
E.Coli O157:H7	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (PacBio)	100.00	0.9970	0.9970	5m 36s	2.24
E.Coli O157:H7	Racon (PacBio)	Pilon (Illumina)	100.00	0.9996	0.9996	10m 23s	6.41
E.Coli O157:H7	Pilon (Illumina)	Pilon (Illumina)	100.00	0.9998	0.9998	35m 12s	10.79
E.Coli O157:H7	Pilon (Illumina)	Racon (PacBio)	100.00	0.9996	0.9996	6m 04s	10.75
Yeast S288C			99.89	0.9998	0.9987	1h 20m 39s	6.24
Yeast S288C	Apollo (Hybrid)		99.89	0.9998	0.9987	11h 08m 41s	6.38
Yeast S288C	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (Illumina)	99.89	0.9994	0.9983	38m 21s	6.93
Yeast S288C	Racon (PacBio)	Racon (PacBio)	99.89	0.9949	0.9938	49m 52s	6.93
Yeast S288C	Racon (PacBio)	Pilon (Illumina)	99.89	0.9992	0.9981	26m 25s	14.25
Yeast S288C	Pilon (Illumina)	Pilon (Illumina)	99.89	0.9998	0.9987	1m 10s	11.85
Yeast S288C	Pilon (Illumina)	Racon (PacBio)	99.89	0.9960	0.9949	21m 42s	11.85



Using a set of reads from a single sequencing technology

Still comparable performance for smaller genomes even when a single set of reads used

Sequencing Tech.	Assembler	Aligner	Sequencing Tech.	Polishing	Aligned	Accuracy	Polishing	Runtime	Memory
of the Assembly			of the Reads	Algorithm	Bases (%)		Score		(GB)
PacBio	Miniasm	-	-	-	94.93	0.9000	0.8544	1m 48s	10.03
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	PacBio	Apollo	98.49	0.9798	0.9650	2h 27m 49s	7.07
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	PacBio	Pilon	96.43	0.9528	0.9188	1h 31m 32s	17.68
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	PacBio	Racon	99.35	0.9951	0.9886	2m 13s	2.44
PacBio	Miniasm	pbalign	PacBio	Quiver	99.80	0.9993	0.9973	7m 31s	0.51
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	Illumina	Apollo	97.61	0.9816	0.9581	4h 25m 17s	9.22
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	Illumina	Pilon	96.52	0.9775	0.9435	32m 48s	18.60
PacBio	Miniasm	Minimap2	Illumina	Racon	96.45	0.9876	0.9525	14m 09s	21.57
PacBio	Miniasm	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Apollo	96.62	0.9738	0.9409	3h 32m 45s	9.21
PacBio	Miniasm	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Pilon	96.13	0.9693	0.9318	31m 21s	18.45
PacBio	Miniasm	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Racon	96.90	0.9813	0.9509	12m 05s	20.85
PacBio	Canu	-	-	-	99.94	0.9998	0.9992	43m 53s	3.79
PacBio	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio	Apollo	99.94	0.9997	0.9991	3h 42m 03s	8.82
PacBio	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio	Racon	99.94	0.9986	0.9980	2m 17s	2.34
PacBio	Canu	pbalign	PacBio	Quiver	99.94	0.9998	0.9992	7m 06s	0.20
PacBio	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Apollo	99.94	0.9999	0.9993	4h 49m 15s	11.05
PacBio	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Pilon	99.94	0.9998	0.9992	2m 05s	11.40
PacBio	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Racon	99.94	0.9999	0.9993	14m 58s	21.04
PacBio (30X)	Miniasm*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PacBio (30X)	Canu	-	-	-	99.98	0.9981	0.9979	21m 03s	3.70
PacBio (30X)	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio (30X)	Apollo	99.98	0.9982	0.9980	43m 32s	8.00
PacBio (30X)	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio (30X)	Racon	99.98	0.9980	0.9978	15s	0.59
PacBio (30X)	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio (30X, Corr.)	Apollo	99.97	0.9976	0.9973	46m 10s	7.99
PacBio (30X)	Canu	Minimap2	PacBio (30X, Corr.)	Racon	99.98	0.9983	0.9981	7s	0.37
PacBio (30X)	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Apollo	99.98	0.9997	0.9995	4h 48m 31s	10.35
PacBio (30X)	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Pilon	99.98	0.9998	0.9996	$3 \mathrm{m} \ 03 \mathrm{s}$	$\bf 8.52$
PacBio (30X)	Canu	BWA-MEM	Illumina	Racon	99.98	0.9997	0.9995	14m 42s	21.04



Takeaways

- For large genomes, Apollo is the only algorithm that can scale well to use available data set
- Polish Canu-generated assemblies with a hybrid set of reads if the intention is to produce most reliable assembly
- The pHMM-graph proposed in Apollo is very flexible
 - Change the parameters according to the error profile of a sequencing machine
 - Decide whether to chunk a pHMM-graph or not during decoding
- Not good in terms of the run time
- Viterbi and Forward-Backward calculations per state very simple but yet serial in the current implementation

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