

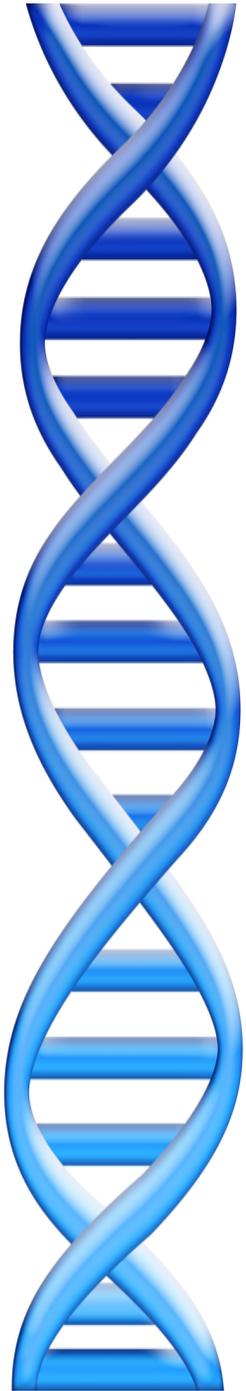
# Biology in the Clouds

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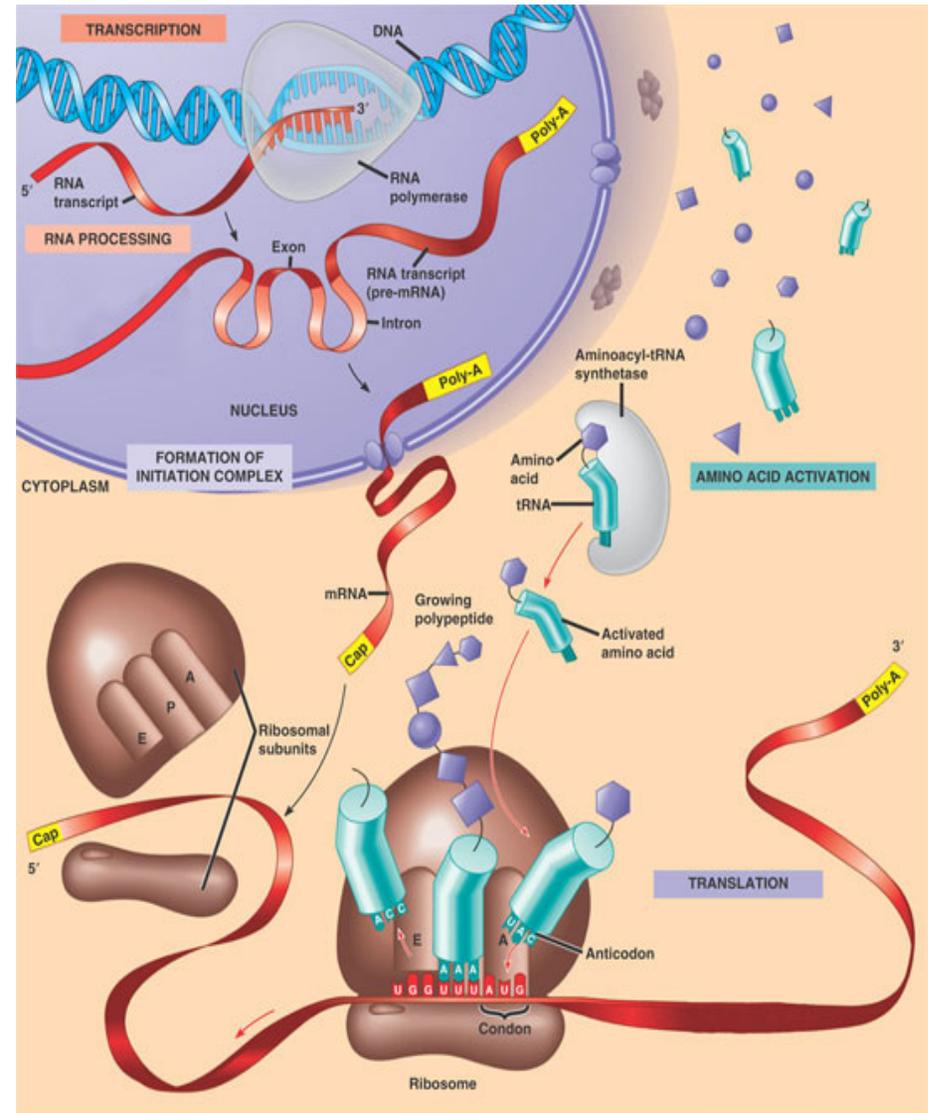
# Outline

1. Milestones in genomics
  1. Quick primer on molecular biology
  2. The evolution of sequencing
2. Hadoop Applications for Genomics
  1. Mapping & Jnomics
  2. Assembly & Contrail

# Milestones in Genomics

In 1953 James Watson and Francis Crick determined the double helix structure of DNA as a long series of 4 different nucleotides. In 1958 Francis Crick established the **Central Dogma** of Biology:

1. Genetic information is transmitted from generation to generation by the sequence of nucleotides in your **DNA**.
2. Active regions called genes, are transcribed into **messenger RNAs** that are sent to cellular machines called ribosomes for processing
3. RNA messages are translated by the ribosomes into **proteins** that do work in the cell



# Milestones in Genomics

Your genome and environment define who you are:

- Human with 5 fingers & 5 toes
- Hair, eye & skin color
- Susceptibility to diseases, responses to drugs
- Personality and social disorders
- ...

There is tremendous interest to sequence genomes:

- What is your genome sequence?
- How does your genome compare to my genome?
- Where are the genes and how active are they?
- How does gene activity change under development?
- Where do proteins bind and regulate genes?
- How has the disease mutated your genome?
- What virus and microbes are living inside you?
- What drugs should we give you?
- ...



# Milestones in Genomics: Zeroth Generation Sequencing

Nature Vol. 265 February 24 1977 687

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## articles

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### Nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage $\Phi$ X174 DNA

F. Sanger, G. M. Air<sup>1</sup>, B. G. Barrell, N. L. Brown<sup>1</sup>, A. R. Coulson, J. C. Fiddes, C. A. Hutchison III<sup>1</sup>, P. M. Slocombe<sup>2</sup> & M. Smith<sup>1</sup>

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QH, UK

*A DNA sequence for the genome of bacteriophage  $\Phi$ X174 of approximately 5,375 nucleotides has been determined using the rapid and simple 'plus and minus' method. The sequence identifies many of the features responsible for the production of the proteins of the nine known genes of the organism, including initiation and termination sites for the proteins and RNAs. Two pairs of genes are coded by the same region of DNA using different reading frames.*

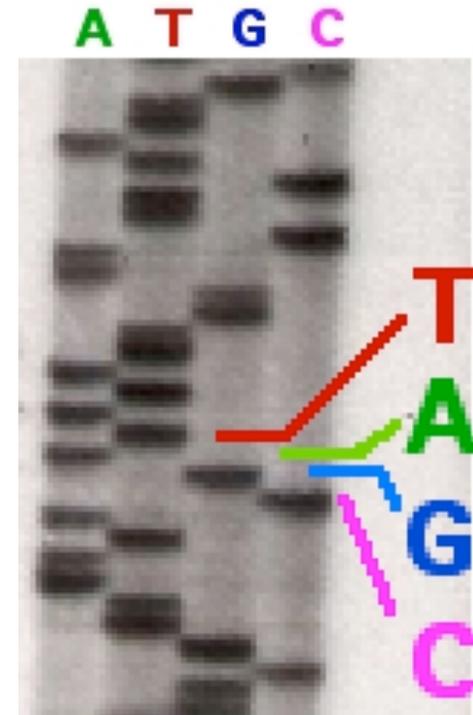
The genome of bacteriophage  $\Phi$ X174 is a single-stranded, circular DNA of approximately 5,400 nucleotides coding for nine known proteins. The order of these genes, as determined by genetic techniques<sup>1-4</sup>, is A-B-C-D-E-J-F-G-H. Genes F, G and H code for structural proteins of the virus capsid, and gene J (as defined by sequence work) codes for a small basic protein

strand DNA of  $\Phi$ X has the same sequence as the mRNA and, in certain conditions, will bind ribosomes so that a protected fragment can be isolated and sequenced. Only one major site was found. By comparison with the amino acid sequence data it was found that this ribosome binding site sequence coded for the initiation of the gene G protein<sup>15</sup> (positions 2,362-2,413).

At this stage sequencing techniques using primed synthesis with DNA polymerase were being developed<sup>16</sup> and Schott<sup>17</sup> synthesised a decanucleotide with a sequence complementary to part of the ribosome binding site. This was used to prime into the intergenic region between the F and G genes, using DNA polymerase and <sup>32</sup>P-labelled triphosphates<sup>18</sup>. The ribo-substitution technique<sup>16</sup> facilitated the sequence determination of the labelled DNA produced. This decanucleotide-primed system was also used to develop the plus and minus method<sup>1</sup>. Suitable synthetic primers are, however, difficult to prepare and as

**1977**

**1<sup>st</sup> Complete Organism  
Bacteriophage  $\phi$  X174  
5375 bp**



Radioactive Chain Termination  
5000bp / week / person

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sequencing.jpg>  
<http://www.answers.com/topic/automated-sequencer>

**Nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage  $\phi$ X174 DNA**  
Sanger, F. et al. (1977) *Nature*. 265: 687 - 695

# Milestones in Genomics: First Generation Sequencing



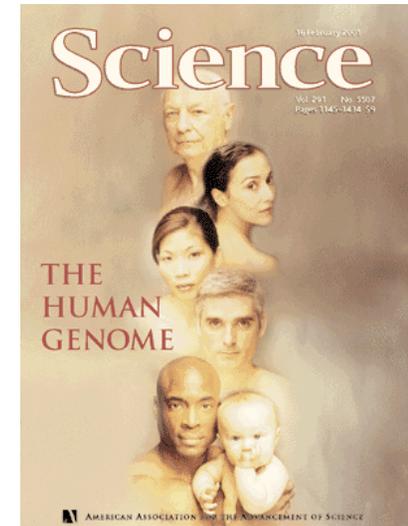
**1995**

Fleischmann *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Free Living Organism  
TIGR Assembler. 1.8Mbp



**2000**

Myers *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Large WGS Assembly.  
Celera Assembler. 116 Mbp



**2001**

Venter *et al.* / IHGSC  
Human Genome  
Celera Assembler. 2.9 Gbp

ABI 3700: 500 bp reads x 768 samples / day = 384,000 bp / day.

"The machine was so revolutionary that it could decode in a single day the same amount of genetic material that most DNA labs could produce in a year." J. Craig Venter

# Milestones in Genomics: Second Generation Sequencing



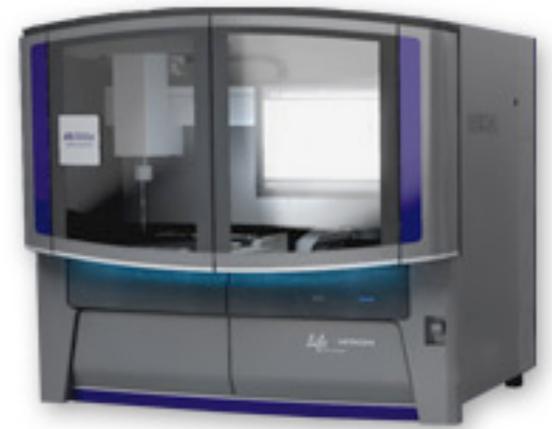
**2004**  
454/Roche  
*Pyrosequencing*

Current Specs (Titanium):  
1M 400bp reads / run =  
1 Gbp / day



**2007**  
Illumina  
*Sequencing by Synthesis*

Current Specs (HiSeq 2000):  
2.5B 100bp reads / run =  
60Gbp / day



**2008**  
ABI / Life Technologies  
*SOLiD Sequencing*

Current Specs (5500xl):  
5B 75bp reads / run =  
30Gbp / day

# Milestones in Genomics: Third Generation Sequencing



**2010**  
Ion Torrent  
*Postlight Sequencing*

Current Specs (Ion 318):  
11M 300bp reads / run =  
>1Gbp / day



**2011**  
Pacific Biosciences  
*SMRT Sequencing*

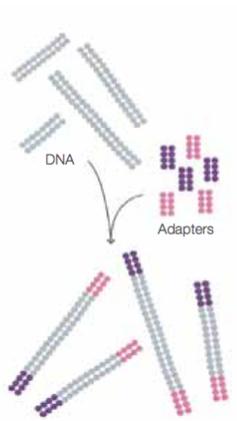
Current Specs (RS):  
50k 10kbp reads / run =  
>500Mbp / day



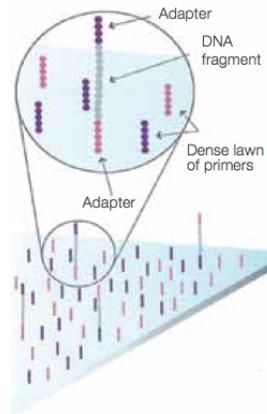
**2012**  
**Oxford Nanopore**  
*Nanopore sensing*

Many GB / day?  
Very Long Reads?

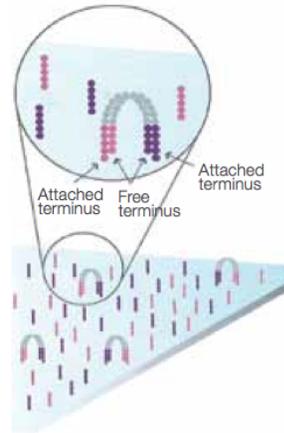
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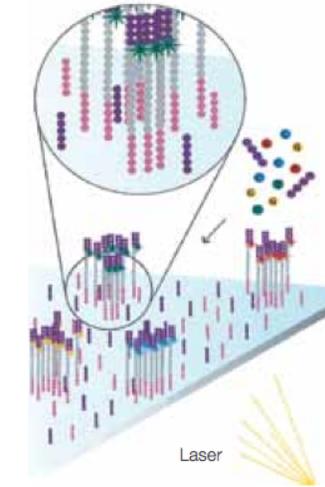
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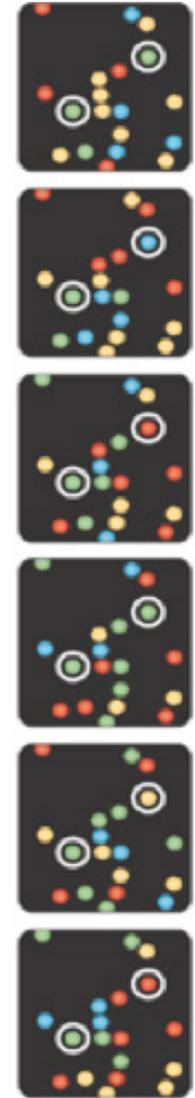
2. Attach



3. Amplify



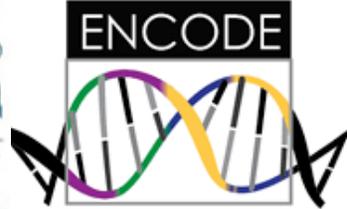
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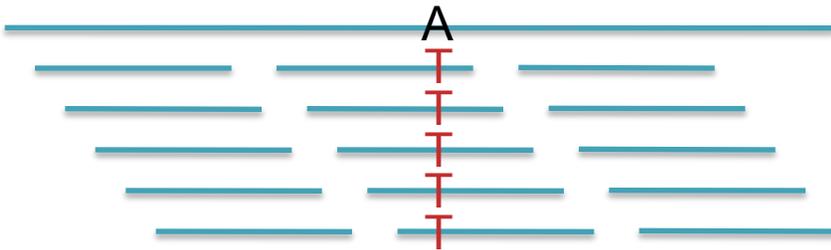
5. Basecall

Metzker (2010) Nature Reviews Genetics 11:31-46  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I99aKKHcxC4>

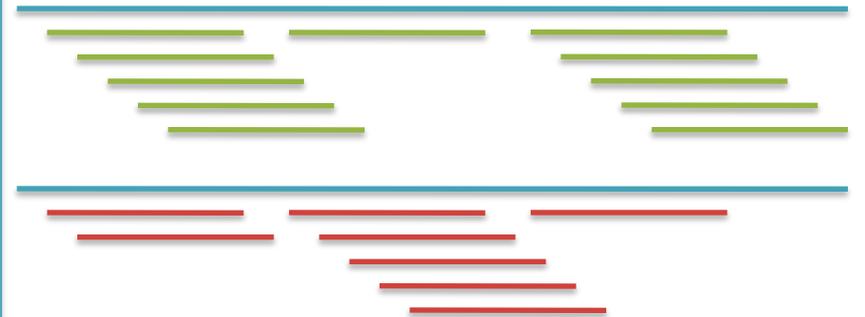
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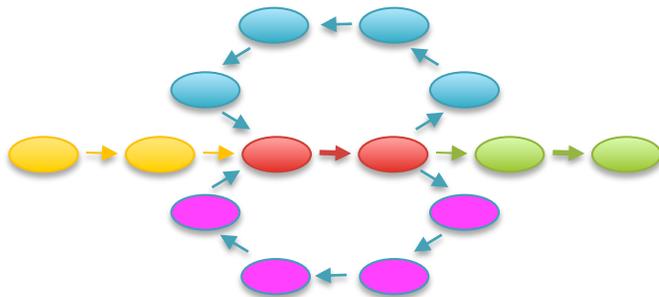
## Alignment & Variations



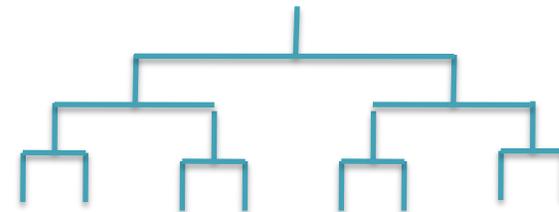
## Differential Analysis



## De novo Assembly

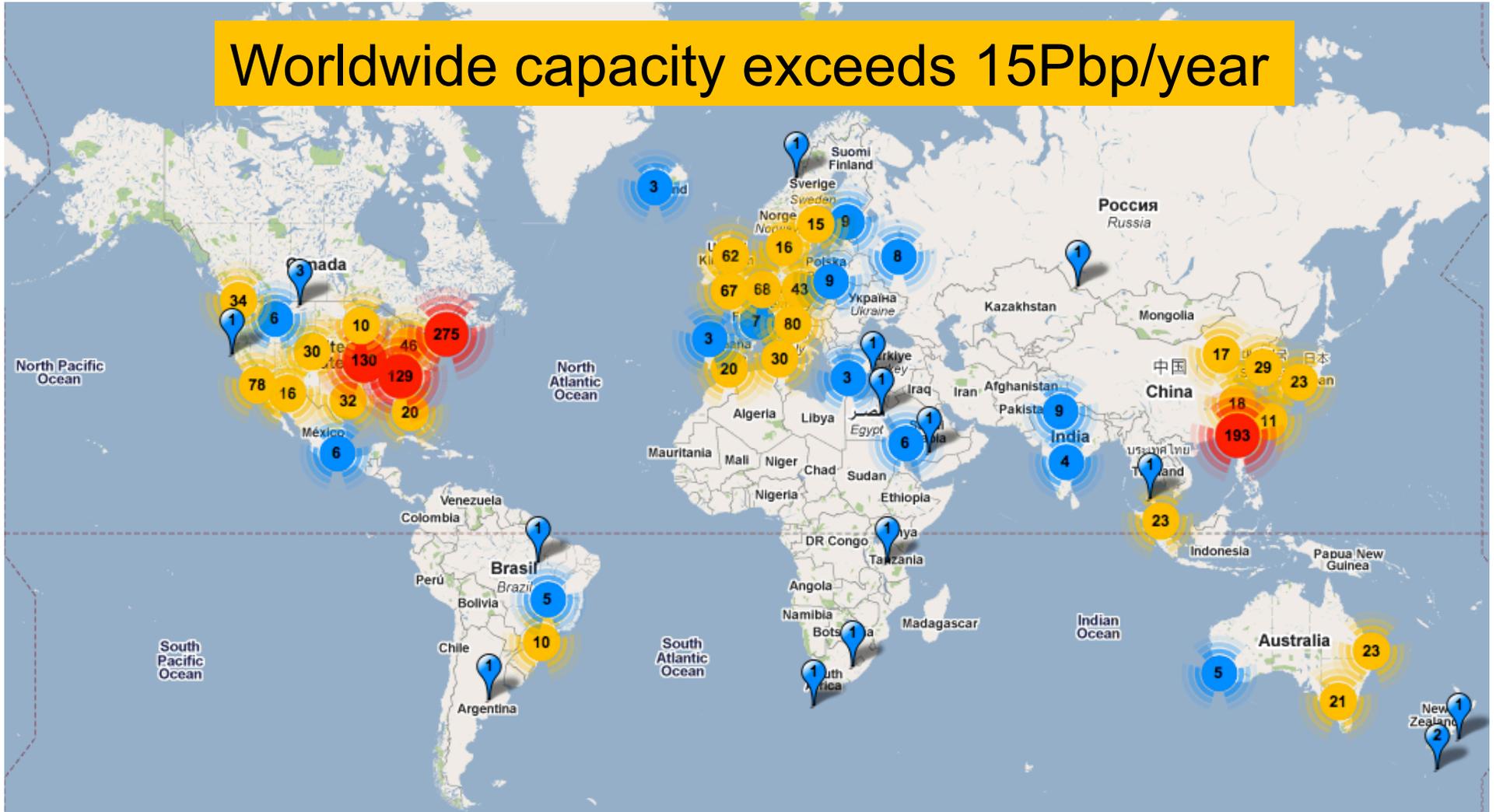


## Phylogeny & Modeling



# Sequencing Centers

Worldwide capacity exceeds 15Pbp/year



**Next Generation Genomics: World Map of High-throughput Sequencers**

<http://pathogenomics.bham.ac.uk/hts/>

# Hadoop MapReduce

<http://hadoop.apache.org>

- MapReduce is Google's framework for large data computations
  - Data and computations are spread over thousands of computers
    - Indexing the Internet, PageRank, Machine Learning, etc... (Dean and Ghemawat, 2004)
    - 946PB processed in May 2010 (Jeff Dean at Stanford, 11.10.2010)
  - Hadoop is the leading open source implementation
    - Developed and used by Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter, Amazon, etc
    - GATK is an alternative implementation specifically for NGS
- Benefits
  - Scalable, Efficient, Reliable
  - Easy to Program
  - Runs on commodity computers
- Challenges
  - Redesigning / Retooling applications
    - Not Condor, Not MPI
    - Everything in MapReduce



# Hadoop for NGS Analysis



## CloudBurst

Highly Sensitive Short Read Mapping with MapReduce

*100x speedup mapping on 96 cores @ Amazon*

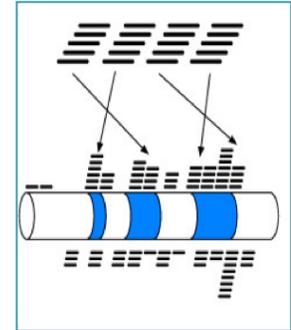
<http://cloudburst-bio.sf.net>

(Schatz, 2009)

## Myrna

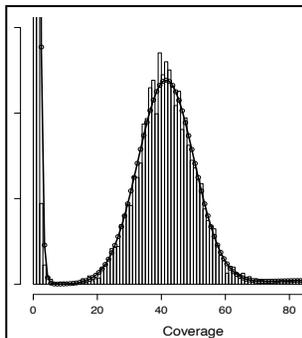
Cloud-scale differential gene expression for RNA-seq

*Expression of 1.1 billion RNA-Seq reads in ~2 hours for ~\$66*



(Langmead, Hansen, Leek, 2010)

<http://bowtie-bio.sf.net/myrna/>



## Quake

Quality-aware error correction of short reads

*Correct 97.9% of errors with 99.9% accuracy*

<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/quake/>

(Kelley, Schatz, Salzberg, 2010)

## Genome Indexing

Rapid Parallel Construction of Genome Index

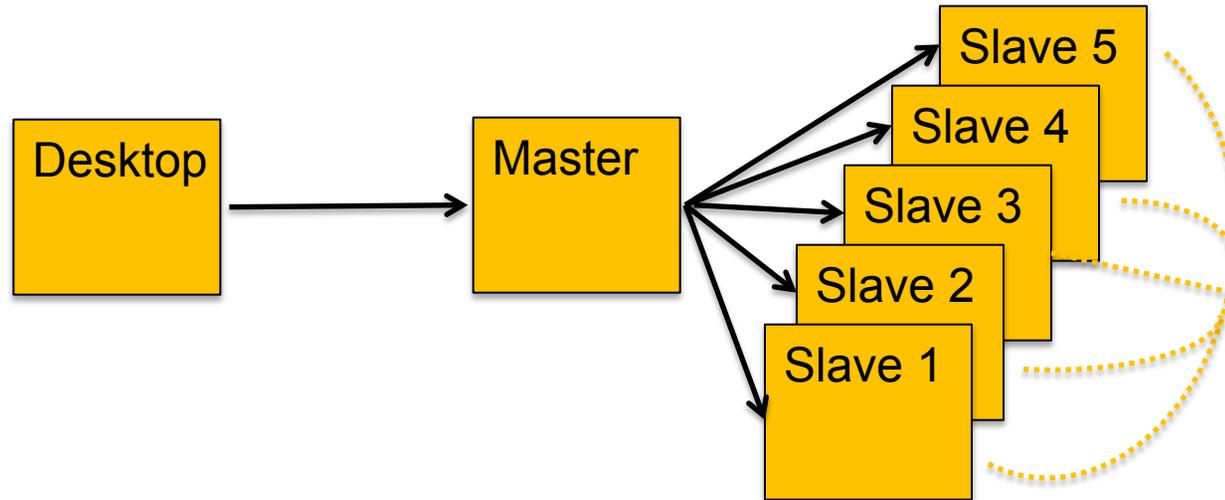
*Construct the BWT of the human genome in 9 minutes*

```
$GATTACA  
A$GATTAC  
ACA$GATT  
ATTACA$G  
CA$GATTA  
GATTACA£  
TACA$GAT  
TTACA$GA
```

(Menon, Bhat, Schatz, 2011\*)

<http://code.google.com/p/genome-indexing/>

# System Architecture



- Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS)
  - Data files partitioned into large chunks (64MB), replicated on multiple nodes
  - Computation moves to the data, rack-aware scheduling
- Hadoop MapReduce system won the 2009 GreySort Challenge
  - Sorted 100 TB in 173 min (578 GB/min) using 3452 nodes and 4x3452 disks

# Parallel Algorithm Spectrum

## Embarrassingly Parallel



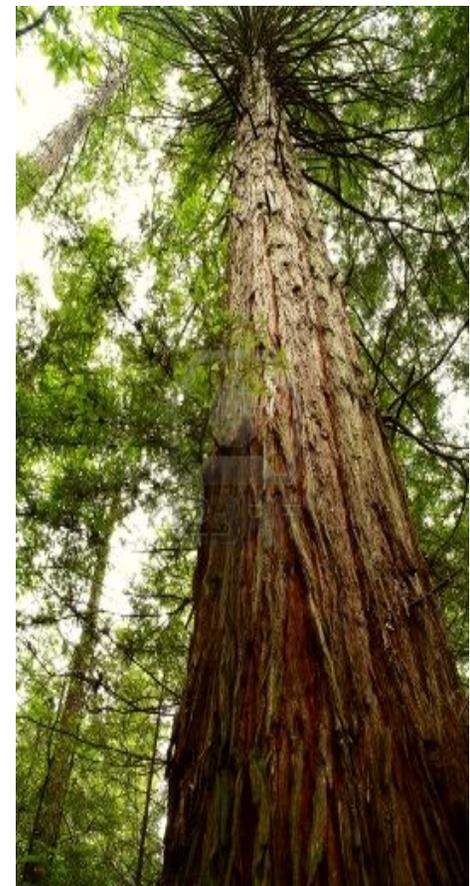
Map-only  
Each item is Independent

## Loosely Coupled



MapReduce  
Independent-Sync-Independent

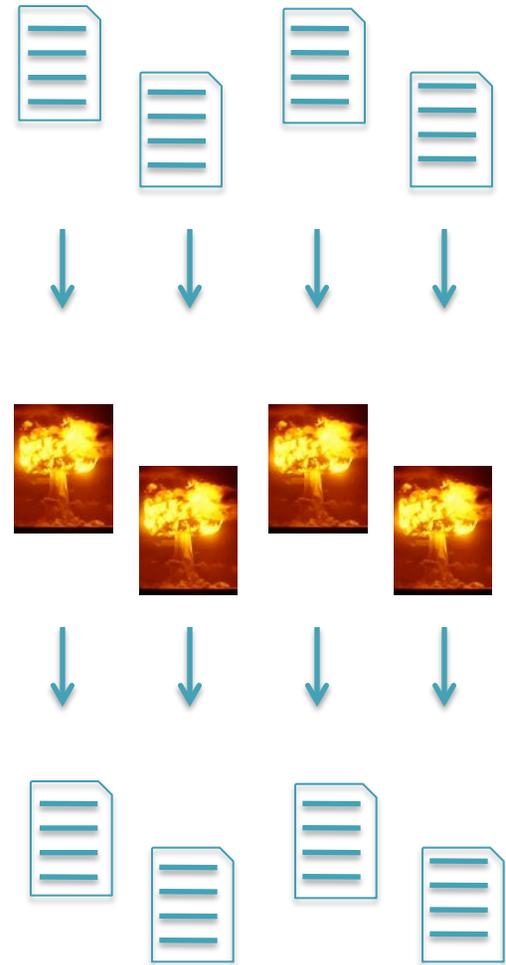
## Tightly Coupled



Iterative MapReduce  
Constant Sync

# I. Embarrassingly Parallel

- Batch computing
  - Each item is independent
  - Split input into many chunks
  - Process each chunk separately on a different computer
- Challenges
  - Distributing work, load balancing, monitoring & restart
- Technologies
  - Condor, Sun Grid Engine
  - Amazon Simple Queue

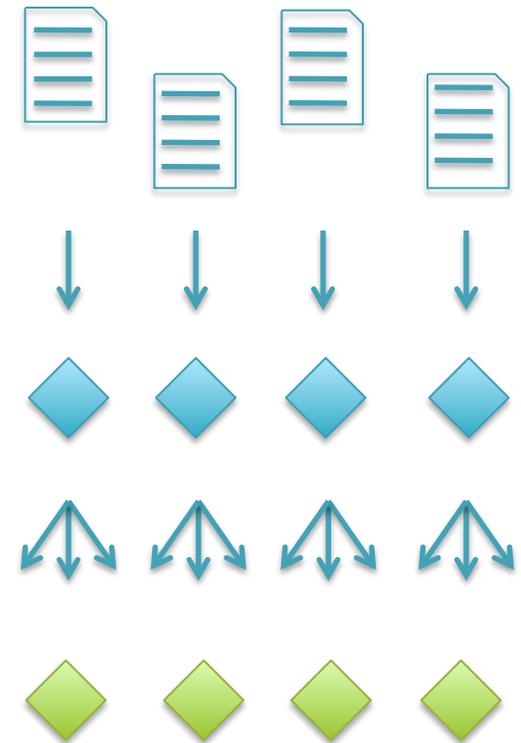


# Elementary School Dance



## 2. Loosely Coupled

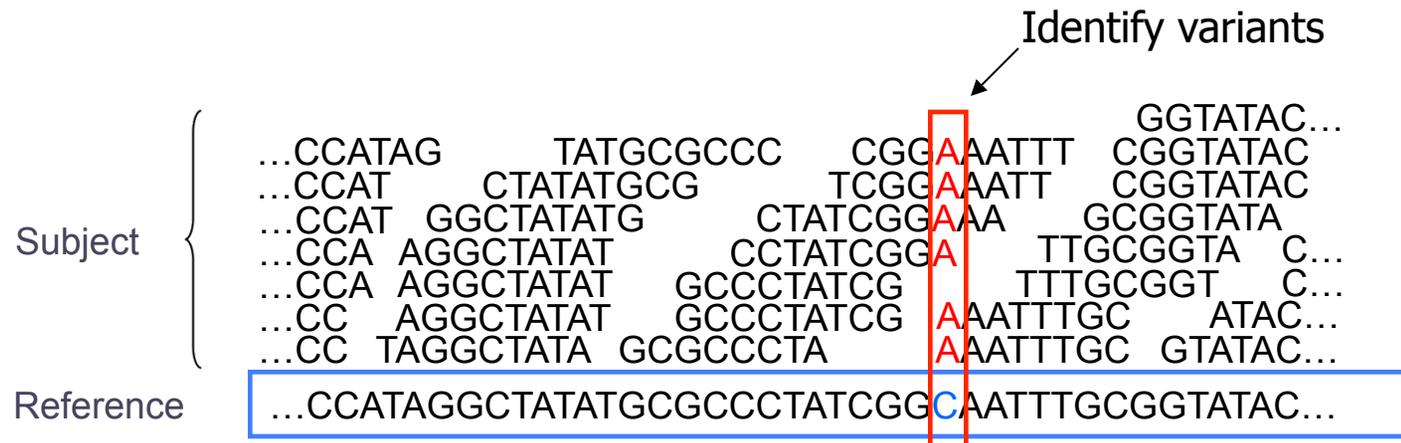
- Divide and conquer
  - Independently process many items
  - Group partial results
  - Scan partial results into final answer
- Challenges
  - Batch computing challenges
  - + Shuffling of huge datasets
- Technologies
  - Hadoop, Elastic MapReduce, Dryad
  - Parallel Databases



# Junior High Dance



# Short Read Mapping



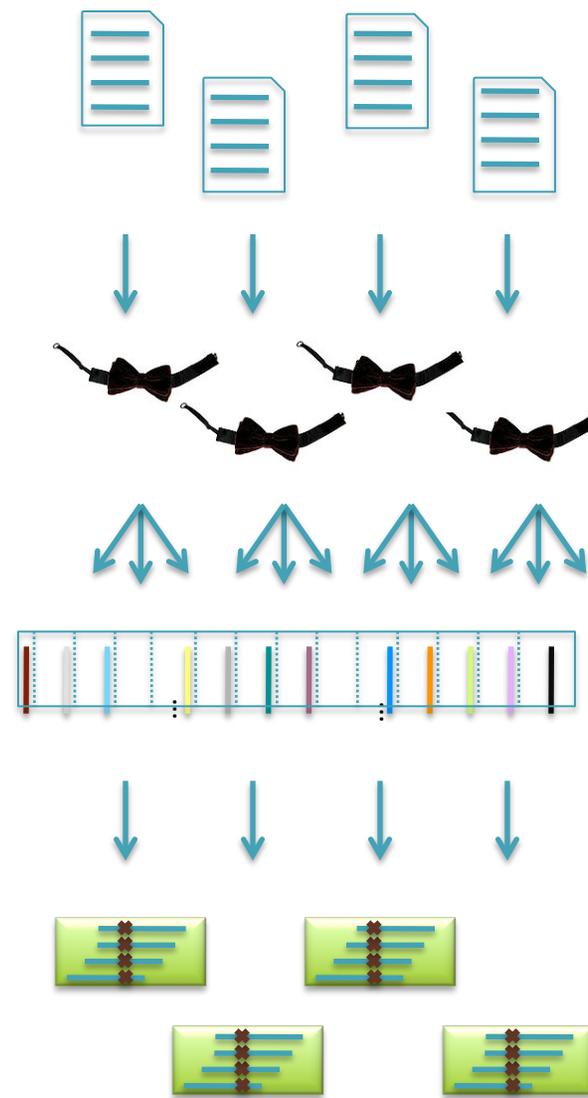
- Given a reference and many subject reads, report one or more “good” end-to-end alignments per alignable read
  - Find where the read most likely originated
  - Fundamental computation for many assays
    - Genotyping                      RNA-Seq                      Methyl-Seq
    - Structural Variations          Chip-Seq                      Hi-C-Seq
  
- Desperate need for scalable solutions
  - Single human requires >1,000 CPU hours / genome



# Crossbow

<http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/crossbow>

- Align billions of reads and find SNPs
  - Reuse software components: Hadoop Streaming
- Map: Bowtie (Langmead *et al.*, 2009)
  - Find best alignment for each read
  - Emit (chromosome region, alignment)
- Shuffle: Hadoop
  - Group and sort alignments by region
- Reduce: SOAPsnp (Li *et al.*, 2009)
  - Scan alignments for divergent columns
  - Accounts for sequencing error, known SNPs



# Performance in Amazon EC2

<http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/crossbow>

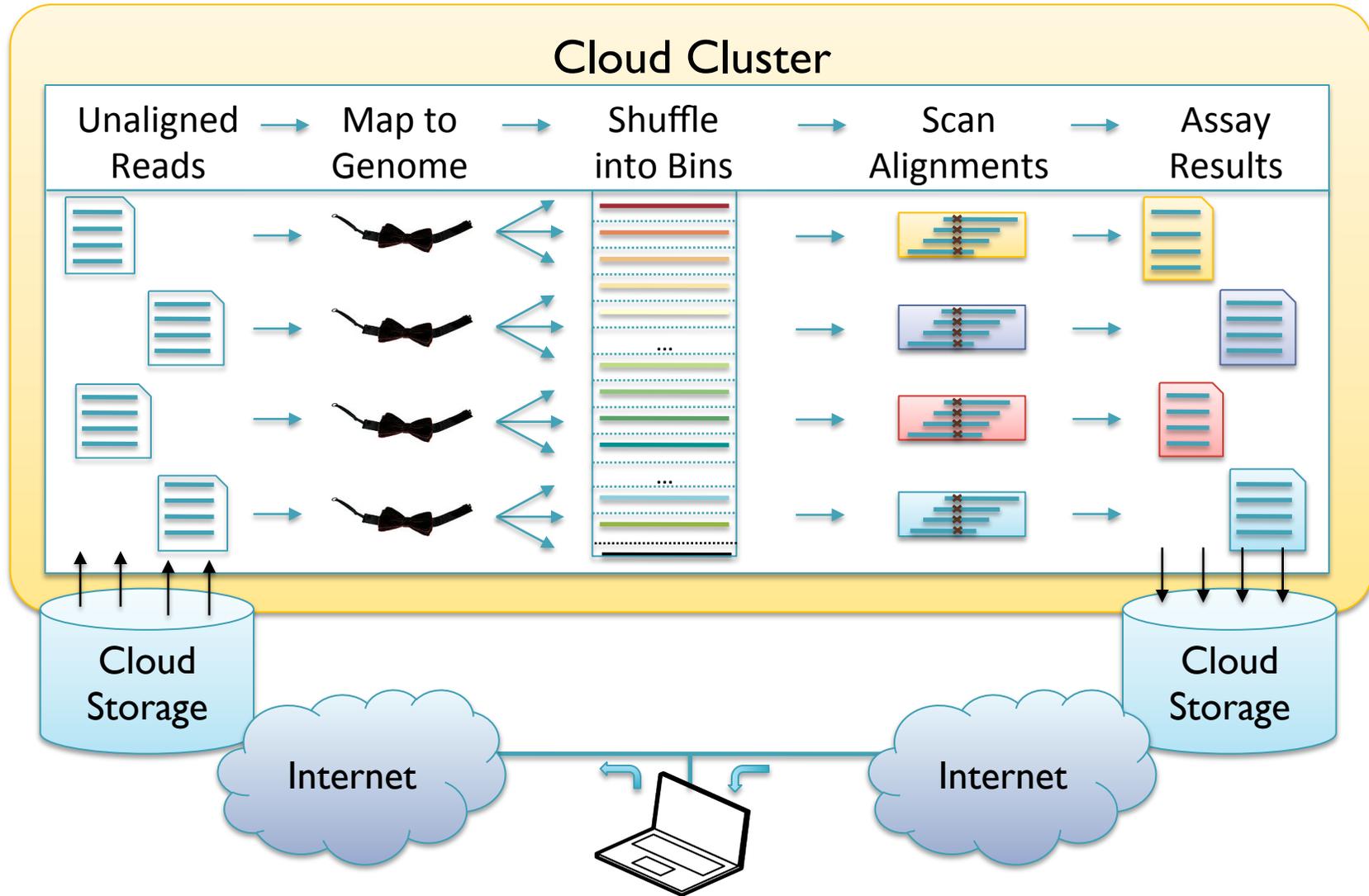
	Asian Individual Genome		
<b>Data Loading</b>	3.3 B reads	106.5 GB	\$10.65
<b>Data Transfer</b>	1h :15m	40 cores	\$3.40
<b>Setup</b>	0h : 15m	320 cores	\$13.94
<b>Alignment</b>	1h : 30m	320 cores	\$41.82
<b>Variant Calling</b>	1h : 00m	320 cores	\$27.88
<b>End-to-end</b>	4h : 00m		\$97.69

Discovered 3.7M SNPs in one human genome for ~\$100 in an afternoon.  
Accuracy validated at >99%

## Searching for SNPs with Cloud Computing.

Langmead B, Schatz MC, Lin J, Pop M, Salzberg SL (2009) *Genome Biology*. **10**:R134

# Map-Shuffle-Scan for Genomics

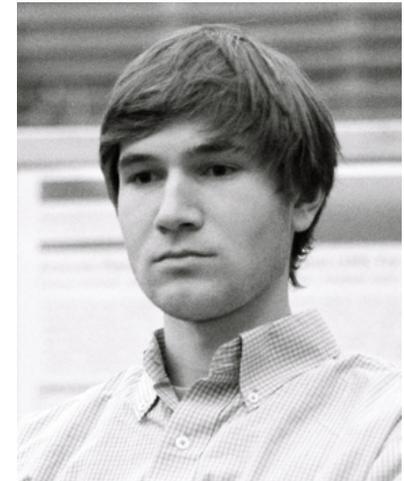
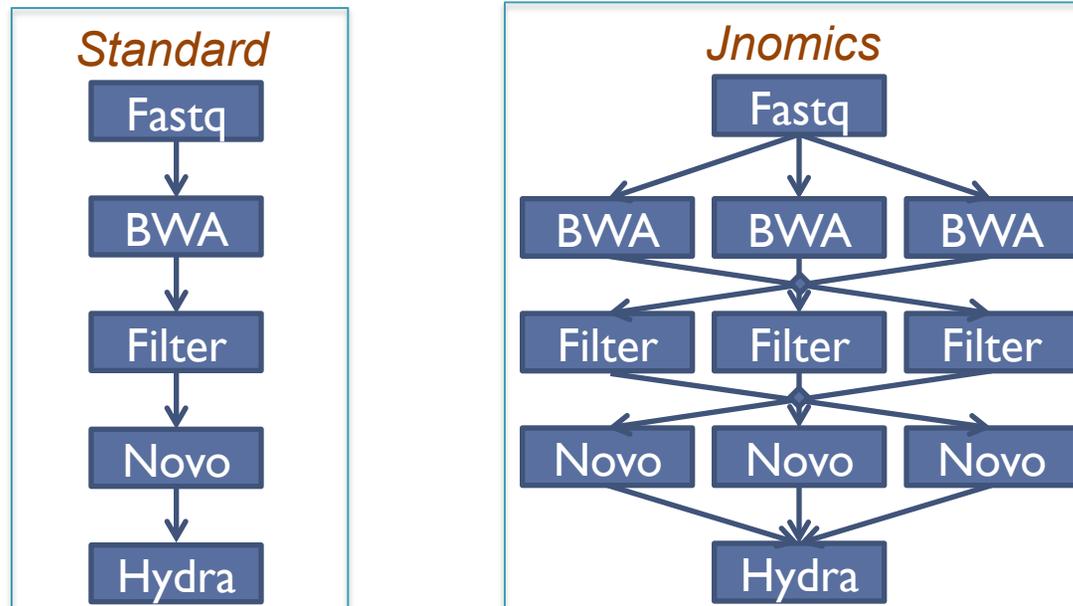


**Cloud Computing and the DNA Data Race.**

Schatz, MC, Langmead B, Salzberg SL (2010) *Nature Biotechnology*. **28**:691-693

# Jnomics: Cloud-scale genomics

James Gurtowski, Matt Titmus, Michael Schatz



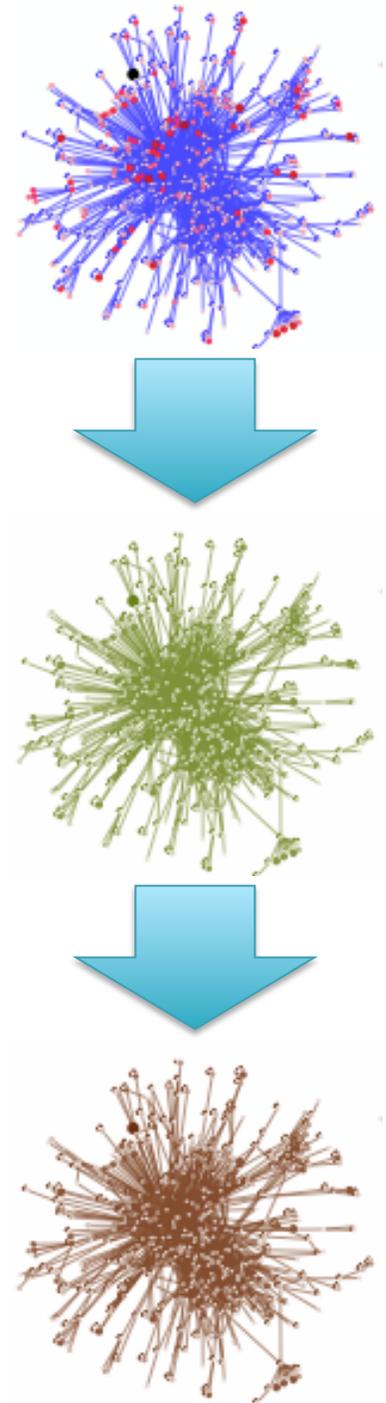
- Rapid parallel execution of NGS analysis pipelines
  - FASTX, BWA, Bowtie, Novoalign, SAMTools, Hydra
  - Sorting, merging, filtering, selection, of BAM, SAM, BED, fastq
  - Population analysis: Clustering, GWAS, Trait Inference
- Used for rapidly analyzing human diseases and plants

## Answering the demands of digital genomics

Titmus, M.A., Gurtowski, J, Schatz, M.C.. (2012) *Under Review*

# 3. Tightly Coupled

- Computation that cannot be partitioned
  - Graph Analysis
  - Molecular Dynamics
  - Population simulations
- Challenges
  - Loosely coupled challenges
  - + Parallel algorithms design
- Technologies
  - MPI
  - MapReduce, Dryad, Pregel



# High School Dance



# Shredded Book Reconstruction

- Dickens accidentally shreds the first printing of A Tale of Two Cities
  - Text printed on 5 long spools

It was	the	best	of	times,	it	was	the	worst	of	times,	it	was	the	age	of	wisdom,	it	was	the	age	of	foolishness, ...	
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It	was	the	best	of	times,	it	was	the	worst	of	times,	it	was	the	age	of	wisdom,	it	was	the	age	of	foolishness, ...

- How can he reconstruct the text?
  - 5 copies x 138,656 words / 5 words per fragment = 138k fragments
  - The short fragments from every copy are mixed together
  - Some fragments are identical

# Greedy Reconstruction

It was the best of  
age of wisdom, it was  
best of times, it was  
it was the age of  
it was the age of  
it was the worst of  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
of wisdom, it was the  
the age of wisdom, it  
the best of times, it  
the worst of times, it  
times, it was the age  
times, it was the worst  
was the age of wisdom,  
was the age of foolishness,  
was the best of times,  
was the worst of times,  
wisdom, it was the age  
worst of times, it was

It was the best of  
was the best of times,  
the best of times, it  
best of times, it was  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
times, it was the worst  
times, it was the age

The repeated sequence make the correct reconstruction ambiguous

- It was the best of times, it was the [worst/age]

Model sequence reconstruction as a graph problem.

# de Bruijn Graph Construction

- $D_k = (V, E)$ 
  - $V =$  All length- $k$  subfragments ( $k < l$ )
  - $E =$  Directed edges between consecutive subfragments
    - Nodes overlap by  $k-1$  words

Original Fragment

It was the best of

Directed Edge

It was the best → was the best of

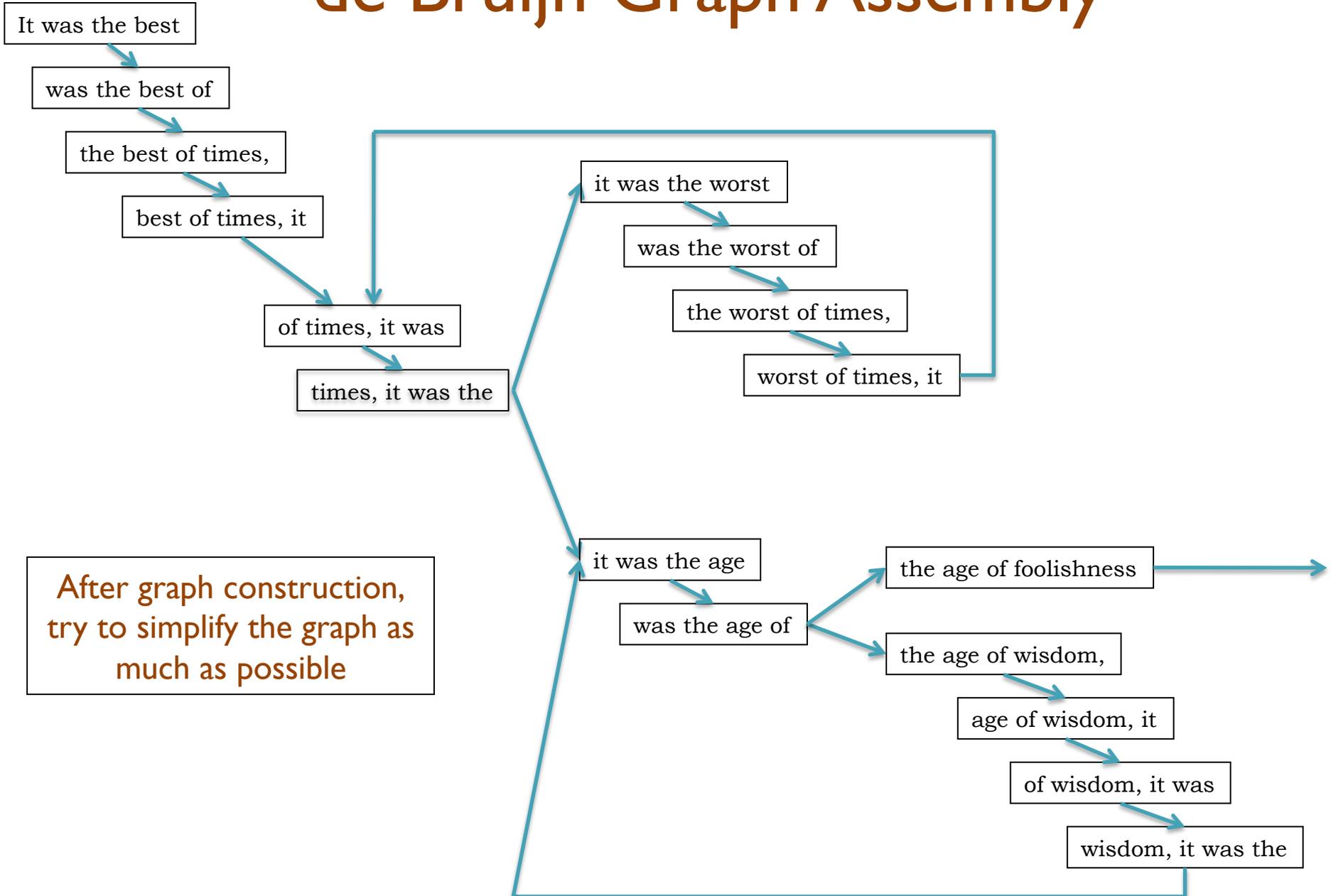
- Locally constructed graph reveals the global sequence structure
  - Overlaps between sequences implicitly computed

de Bruijn, 1946

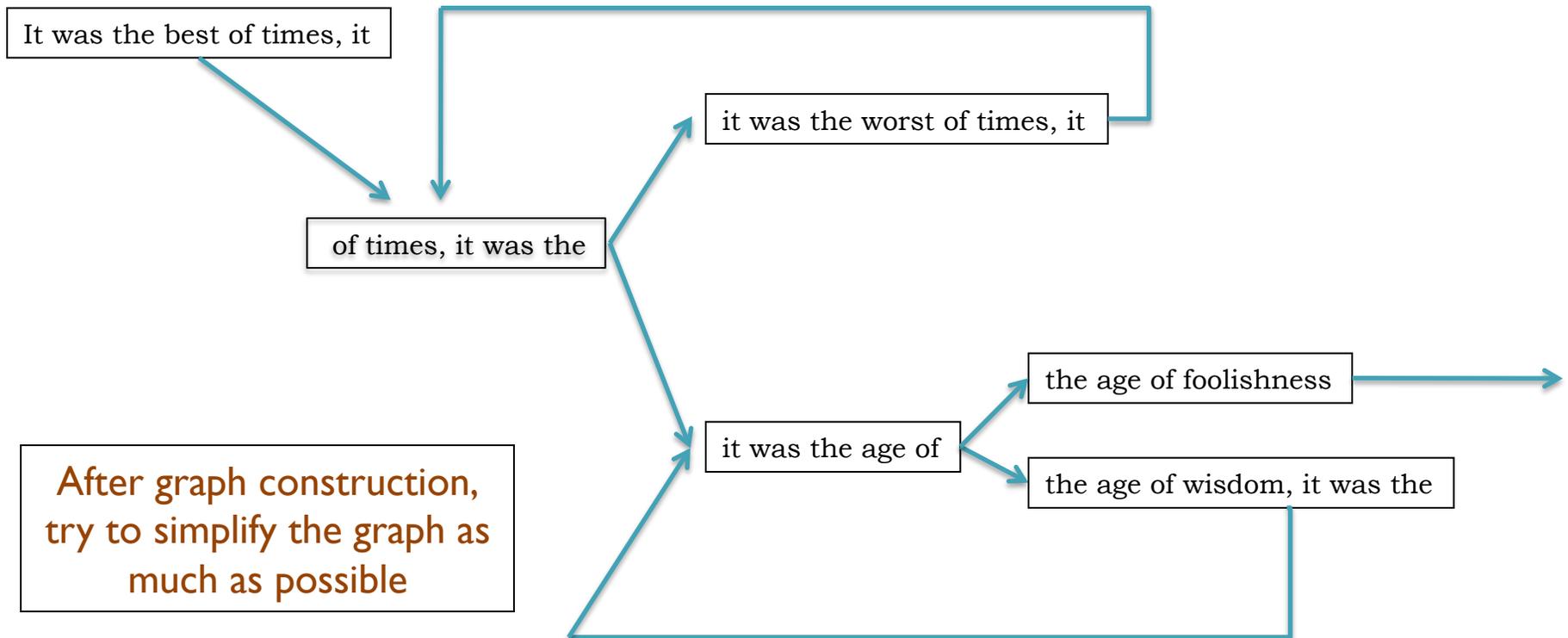
Idury and Waterman, 1995

Pevzner, Tang, Waterman, 2001

# de Bruijn Graph Assembly



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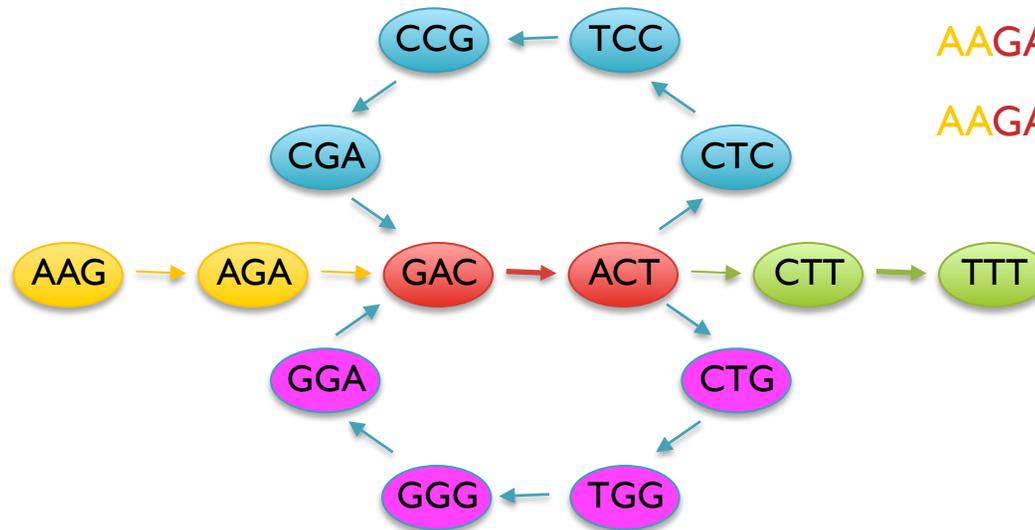


# Genome Assembly

## Reads

AAGA  
ACTT  
ACTC  
ACTG  
AGAG  
CCGA  
CGAC  
CTCC  
CTGG  
CTTT  
...

## de Bruijn Graph



## Potential Genomes

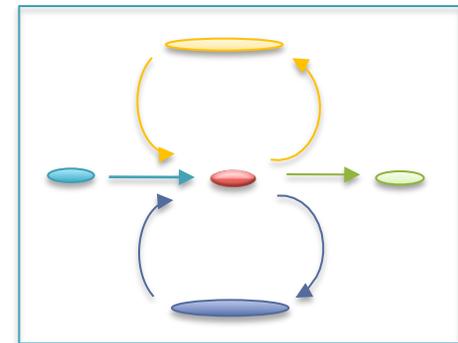
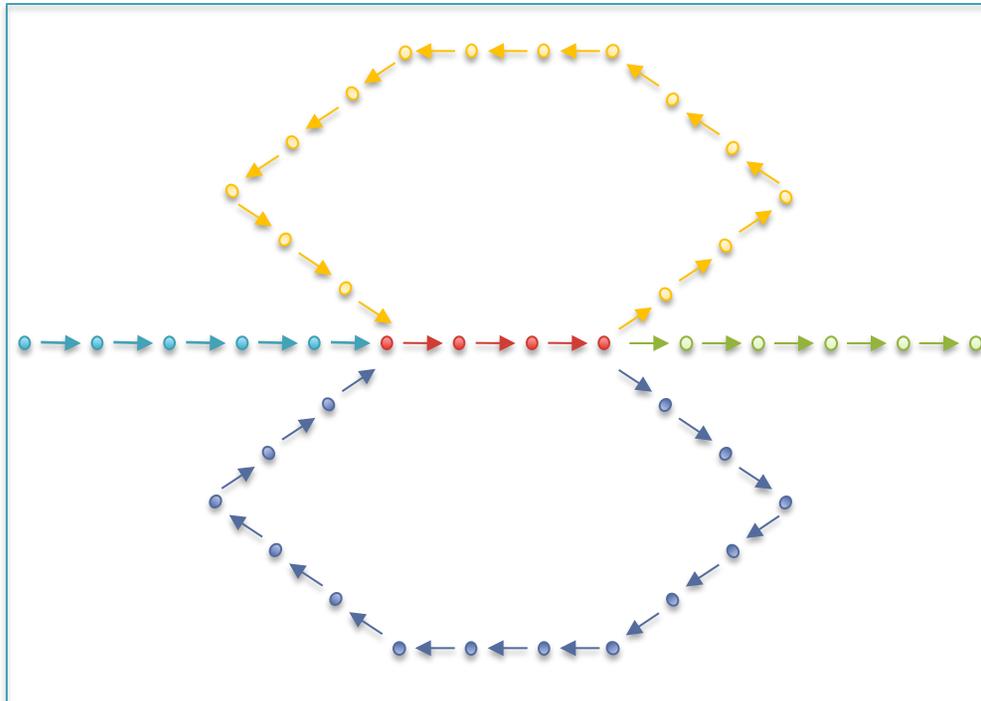
AAGACTCCGACTGGGACTTT

AAGACTGGGACTCCGACTTT

- Genome assembly as finding an Eulerian tour of the de Bruijn graph
  - Human genome: >3B nodes, >10B edges
- The new short read assemblers require tremendous computation
  - Velvet (Zerbino & Birney, 2008) serial: > 2TB of RAM
  - ABySS (Simpson *et al.*, 2009) MPI: 168 cores x ~96 hours
  - SOAPdenovo (Li *et al.*, 2010) pthreads: 40 cores x 40 hours, >140 GB RAM

# Graph Compression

- After construction, many edges are unambiguous
  - Merge together compressible nodes
  - Graph physically distributed over hundreds of computers



**Design Patterns for Efficient Graph Algorithms in MapReduce.**

*Lin, J., Schatz, M.C. (2010) Workshop on Mining and Learning with Graphs Workshop (KDD-2010)*

# Warmup Exercise

- Who here was born closest to July 30?
  - You can only compare to 1 other person at a time



Find winner among 64 teams in just 6 rounds

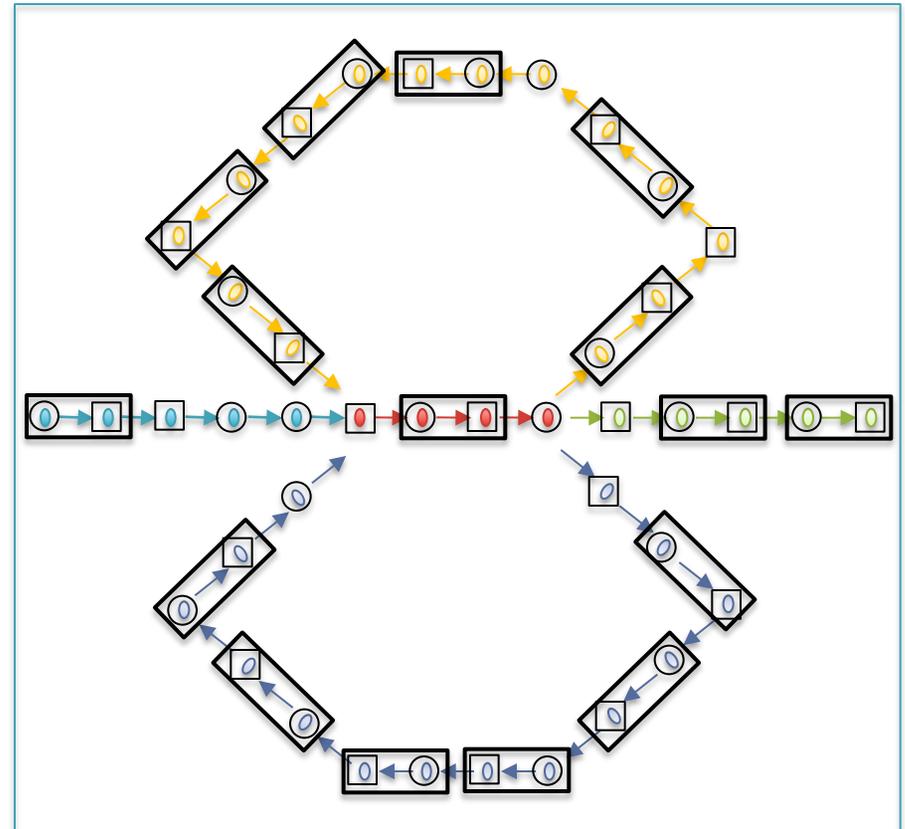
# Fast Path Compression

## Challenges

- Nodes stored on different computers
- Nodes can only access direct neighbors

## Randomized List Ranking

- Randomly assign  $\textcircled{H}$  /  $\square T$  to each compressible node
- Compress  $\textcircled{H} \rightarrow \square T$  links



Initial Graph: 42 nodes

## Randomized Speed-ups in Parallel Computation.

Vishkin U. (1984) *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computation*. 230-239.

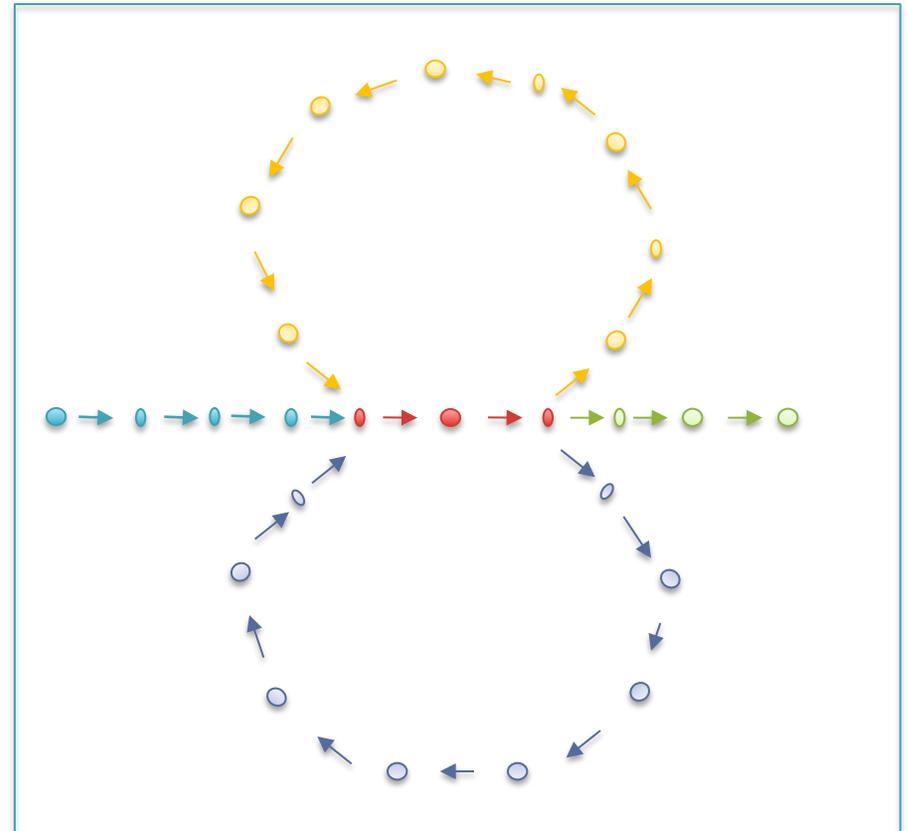
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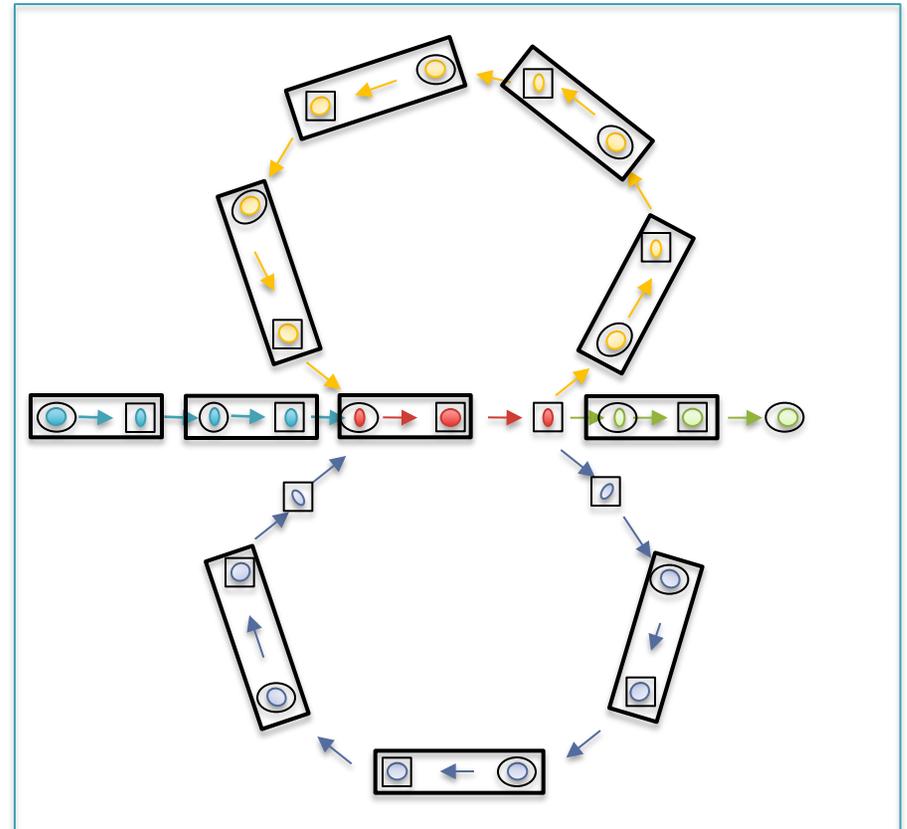
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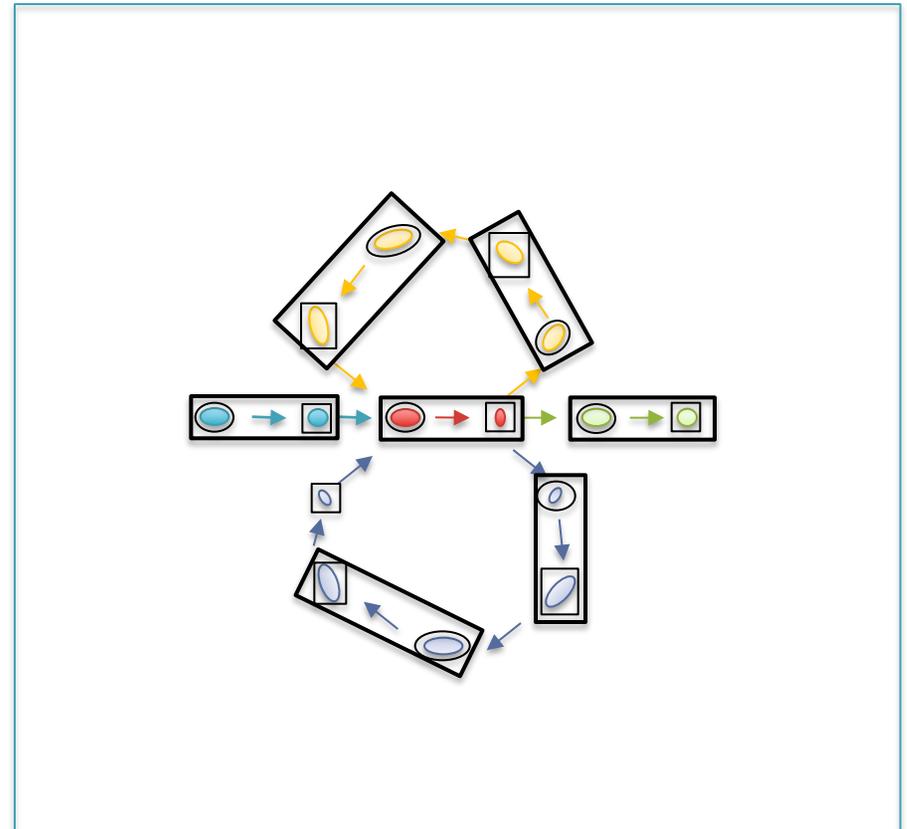
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Round 2: 15 nodes (64% savings)

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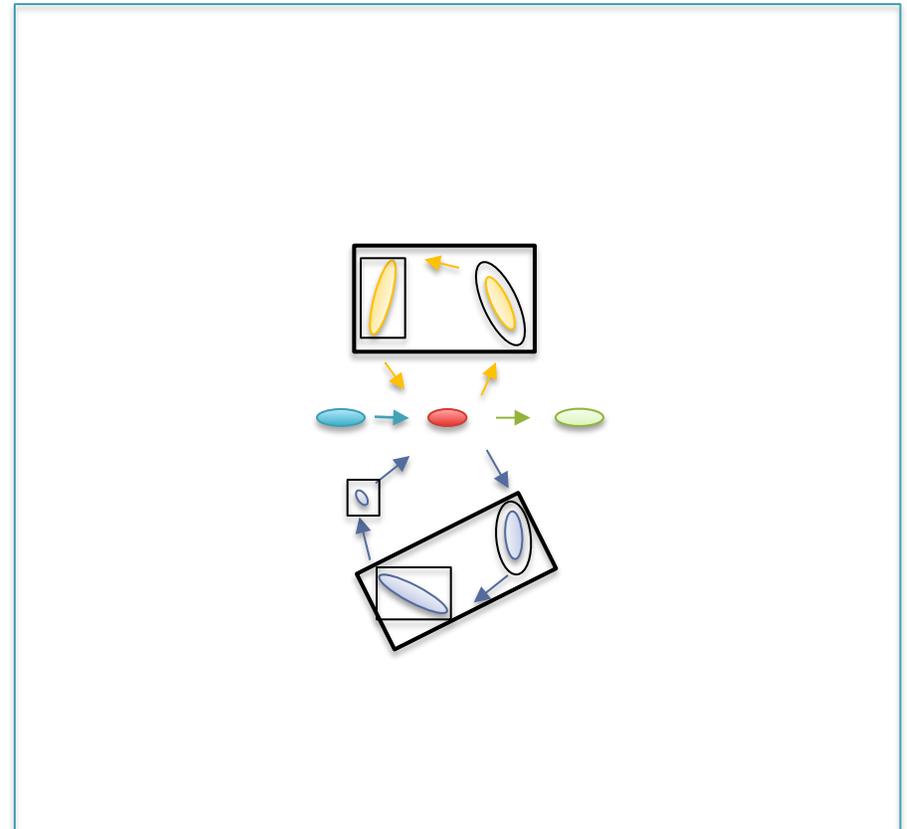
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Round 2: 8 nodes (81% savings)

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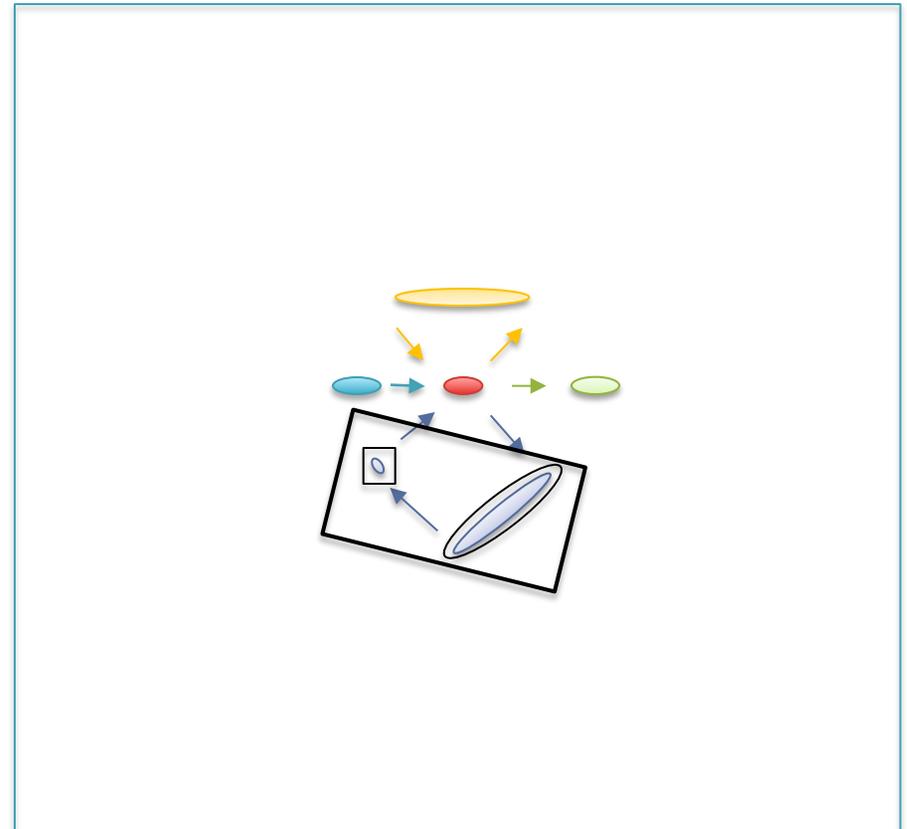
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Round 3: 6 nodes (86% savings)

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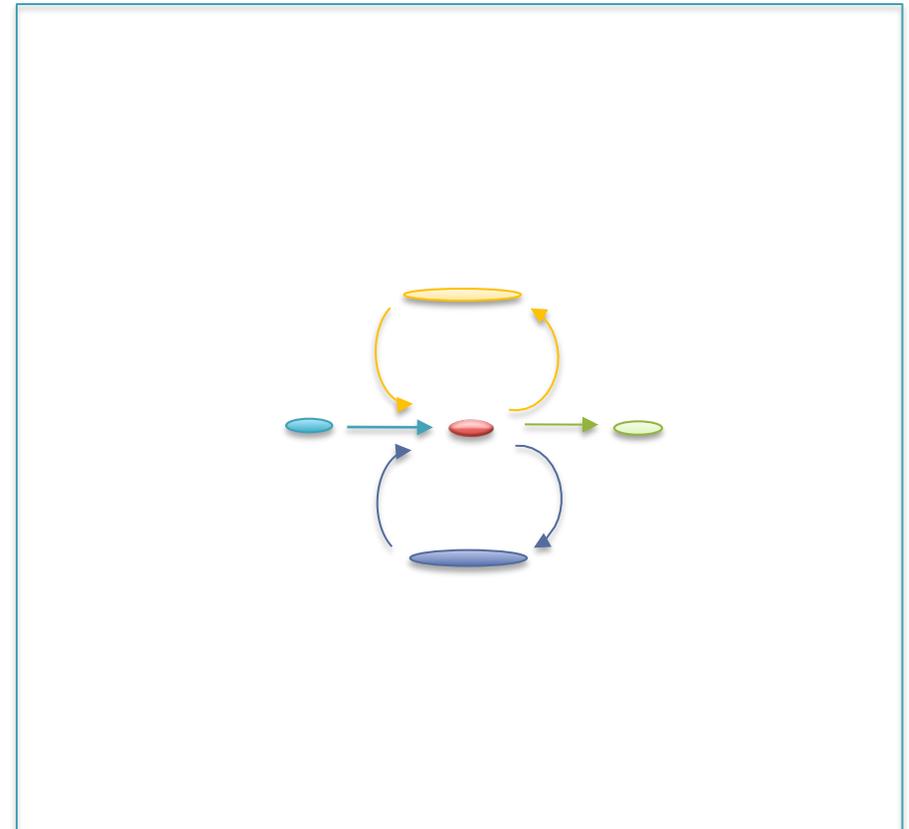
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## Performance

- Compress all chains in  $\log(S)$  rounds



Round 4: 5 nodes (88% savings)

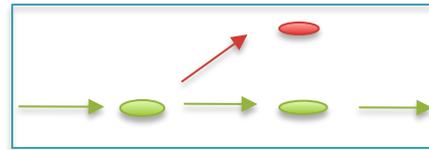
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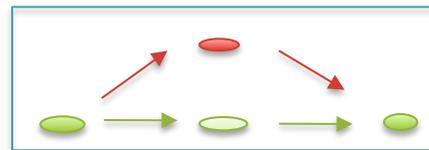
# Node Types



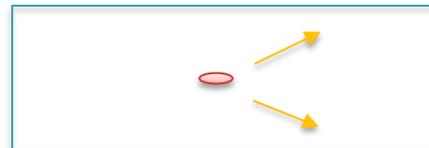
Isolated nodes (10%)



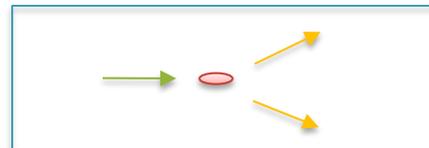
Tips (46%)



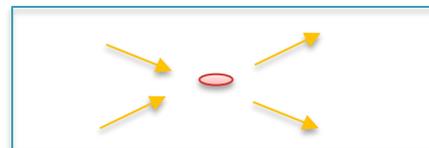
Bubbles/Non-branch (9%)



Dead Ends (.2%)



Half Branch (25%)



Full Branch (10%)

(Chaisson, 2009)

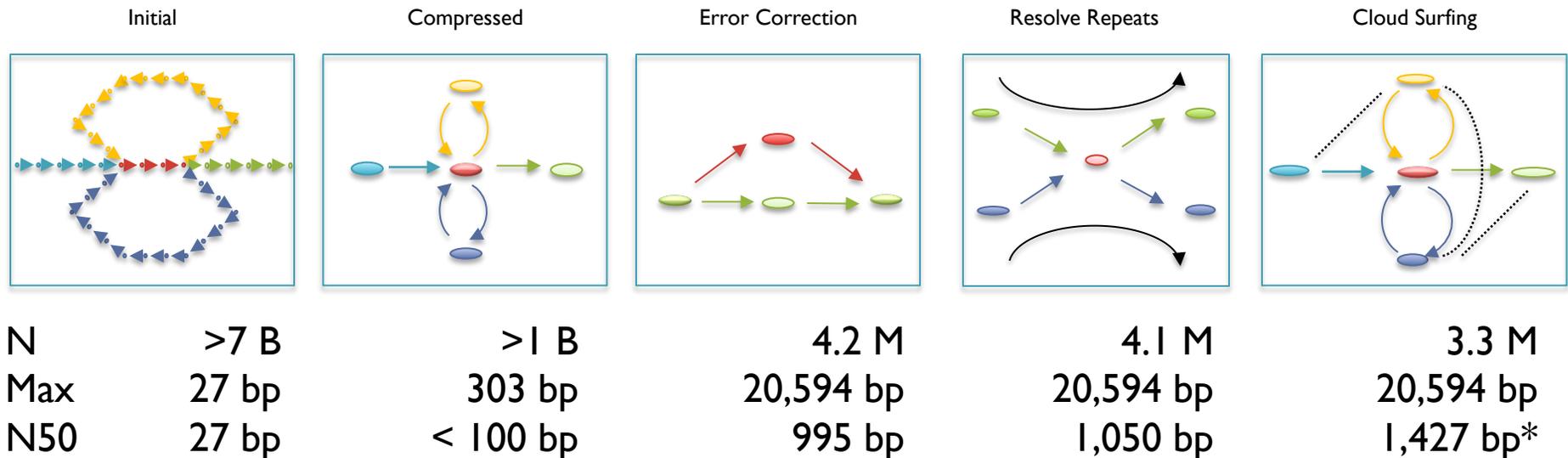
# Contrail

<http://contrail-bio.sourceforge.net>



## De novo Assembly of the Human Genome

- *Genome*: African male NA18507 (SRA000271, Bentley *et al.*, 2008)
- *Input*: 3.5B 36bp reads, 210bp insert (~40x coverage)



## Assembly of Large Genomes with Cloud Computing.

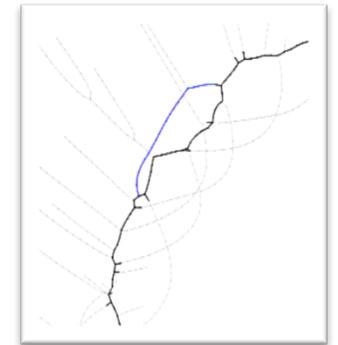
Schatz MC *et al.* *In Preparation.*

# Scalpel: Haplotype Microassembly

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- Use assembly techniques to identify complex variations from short reads
  - Improved power to find indels
  - Trace candidate haplotypes sequences as paths through assembly graphs



Ref: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Father: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Mother: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Sib: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Aut(1): ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

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6bp heterozygous indel at chr13:25280526 ATP12A



# Summary

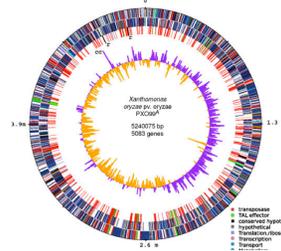
- We are in the digital age of biology
  - Next generation sequencing, microarrays, mass spectrometry, microscopy, ecology, etc
  - Parallel computing may be our only hope for keeping up with the pace of advance
- Modern biology requires (is) quantitative biology
  - Computational, mathematical, and statistical techniques applied to analyze, integrate, and interpret biological sensor data
- Don't let the data tsunami crash on you
  - Study, practice, collaborate with quantitative techniques

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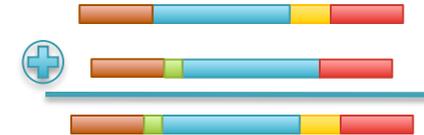
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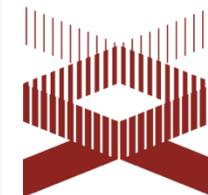


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