

# Projects & Seminars

## Mobile Genomics

### Genome Sequencing on Mobile Devices

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# The Role of This Course

# Projects & Seminars: Mobile Genomics

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- We will cover the **basics** of **genome analysis** to understand the **speed-accuracy tradeoff** in using computationally-lightweight heuristics versus accurate computationally-expensive algorithms.
- Students will **experimentally** evaluate different heuristic **algorithms** and observe their effect on **the end results**.
- This evaluation will give the students the chance to carry out a **hands-on project** to implement one or more of these heuristic algorithms in **their smartphones** and **help the society by enabling on-site analysis of genomic data**.

# Key Objectives

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- Multiple components that are aimed at improving students'
  - ❑ Basic knowledge in genome analysis (dry lab)
  - ❑ Technical skills in genome analysis and computer architecture
  - ❑ Critical thinking and analysis
  - ❑ Familiarity with key research directions
  - ❑ Technical presentation of your project



# Key Goal

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(Learn how to)

efficiently implement

one of the key steps in genome  
analysis on portable devices

# Prerequisites of the Course

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- No prior knowledge in bioinformatics or genome analysis is required.
- A good knowledge in C programming language and programming is required.
- Interest in making things efficient and solving problems

# Course Info: Who Are We?

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## ■ Onur Mutlu

- ❑ Full Professor @ ETH Zurich ITET (INFK), since September 2015
- ❑ Strecker Professor @ Carnegie Mellon University ECE/CS, 2009-2016, 2016-...
- ❑ PhD from UT-Austin, worked at Google, VMware, Microsoft Research, Intel, AMD
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## ■ Research and Teaching in:

- ❑ Computer architecture, computer systems, hardware security, bioinformatics
- ❑ Memory and storage systems
- ❑ Hardware security, safety, predictability
- ❑ Fault tolerance
- ❑ Hardware/software cooperation
- ❑ Architectures for bioinformatics, health, medicine
- ❑ ...

# Course Info: Who Are We?

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- Lead Supervisor:
  - Dr. Mohammed Alser
- Supervisors:
  - Dr. Juan Gomez Luna
  - Jeremie Kim
  - Can Firtina
- Get to know them and their research
  - <https://safari.ethz.ch/safari-group/>

# Course Requirements and Expectations

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- Attendance required for all meetings
- Study the learning materials
- Each student will carry out a hands-on project
  - Build, implement, code, and design with close engagement from the supervisors
- Participation
  - Ask questions, contribute thoughts/ideas
  - Read relevant papers

We will help the projects with good progress to get published in good venues!

# Course Website

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- [https://safari.ethz.ch/projects\\_and\\_seminars/doku.php?id=genome\\_seq\\_mobile](https://safari.ethz.ch/projects_and_seminars/doku.php?id=genome_seq_mobile)
- Useful information for the course
- Check your email frequently for announcements
- We will also have Piazza for Q&A, announcements, ..

# Next Meetings

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- We will **announce the projects** and their descriptions **next week**.
- We will give you a chance to select a project,
- Then, we will have **1-1 meetings** to match your interests, skills, and background with a suitable project.
- It is important that you **study the learning materials** **before** our next meeting!

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# WHAT IS GENOME ANALYSIS?



# Genome Analysis

Our goal is to find the complete sequence of A, C, G, T's in DNA (or RNA).



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



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>CCTCCTCAGTGCCACCCAGCCCACTGGCAGCTCCCAAACAGGCTCTTATTAACACCCTGTTCCCTGCCCTTG
GAGTGAGGTGTCAAGGACCTAACTAAAAAAAAAAAAAGAAAAAGAAAAGAAAAGAATTTAAAATTTAAGTAATTCT
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# Cracking the 1<sup>st</sup> Human Genome Sequence

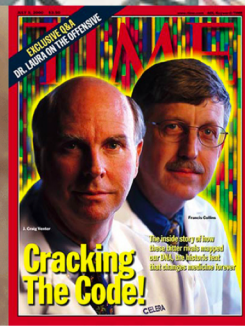
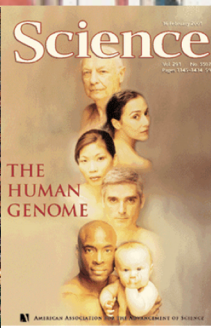
- **1990-2003:** The Human Genome Project (HGP) provides a complete and accurate sequence of all **DNA base pairs** that make up the human genome and finds 20,000 to 25,000 human genes.



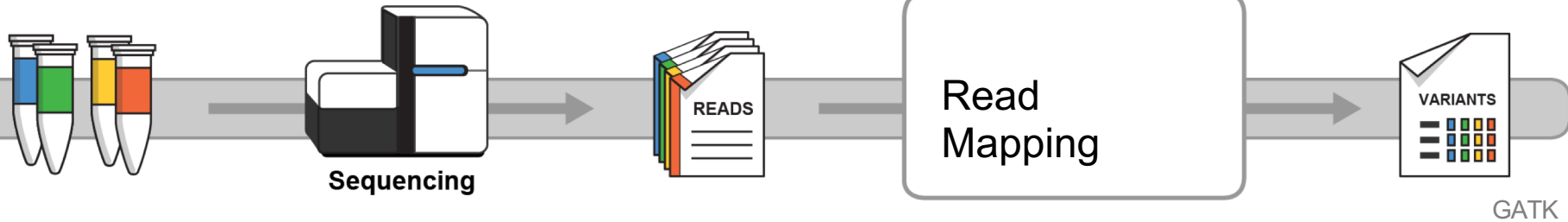
**A C**  $3.2 \times 10^9$   
**G T** bases

 13 years

  $>3 \times 10^9$  \$



# Vast Improvement in Sequencing



CCCCCTATATATACGTACTAGTACGT  
ACGACTTTAGTACGTACGT  
TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT  
ACGTACGCCCCTACGTA  
TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT  
ACGACTTTAGTACGTACGT  
TATATATACGTACTAAAGTACGT  
TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT  
ACGTTTTTAAACGTA  
TATATATACGTACTAGTACGT  
ACGACGGGGAGTACGTACGT



$1 \times 10^{12}$  bases\*



44 hours\*



<1000 \$

\* NovaSeq 6000

# High-Throughput Sequencers



Illumina MiSeq



Pacific  
Biosciences  
Sequel II

Oxford  
Nanopore  
PromethION



Illumina NovaSeq 6000



Pacific Biosciences RS II



Oxford Nanopore MinION



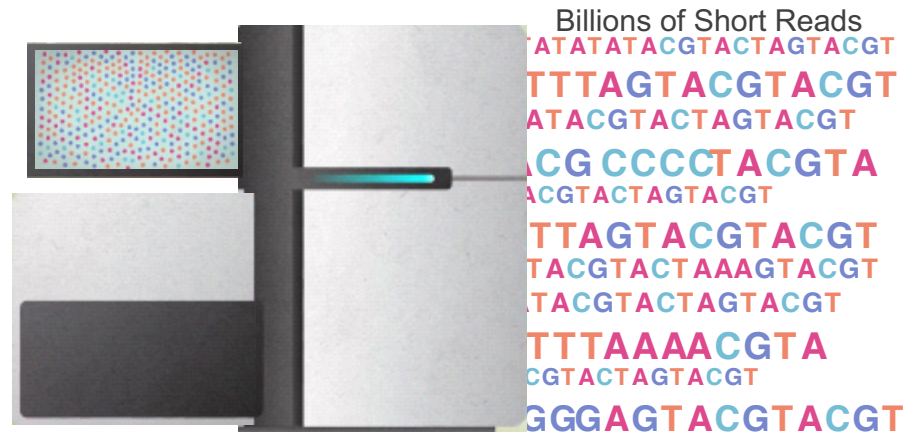
Oxford  
Nanopore  
SmidgION

**... 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)

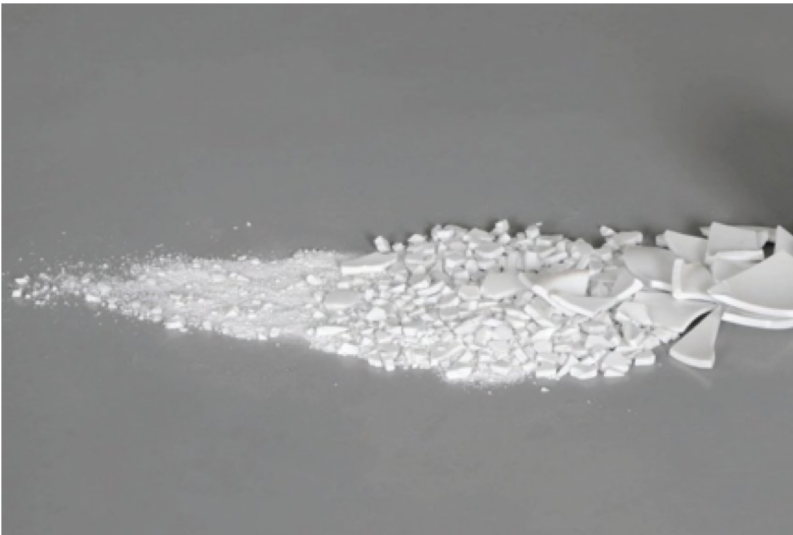




# HTS Sequencing Output

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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 ( $\sim 0.1\%$ )

☐ 10K-100K bp

☐ high error rate ( $\sim 15\%$ )

# Building up the Donor's Genome

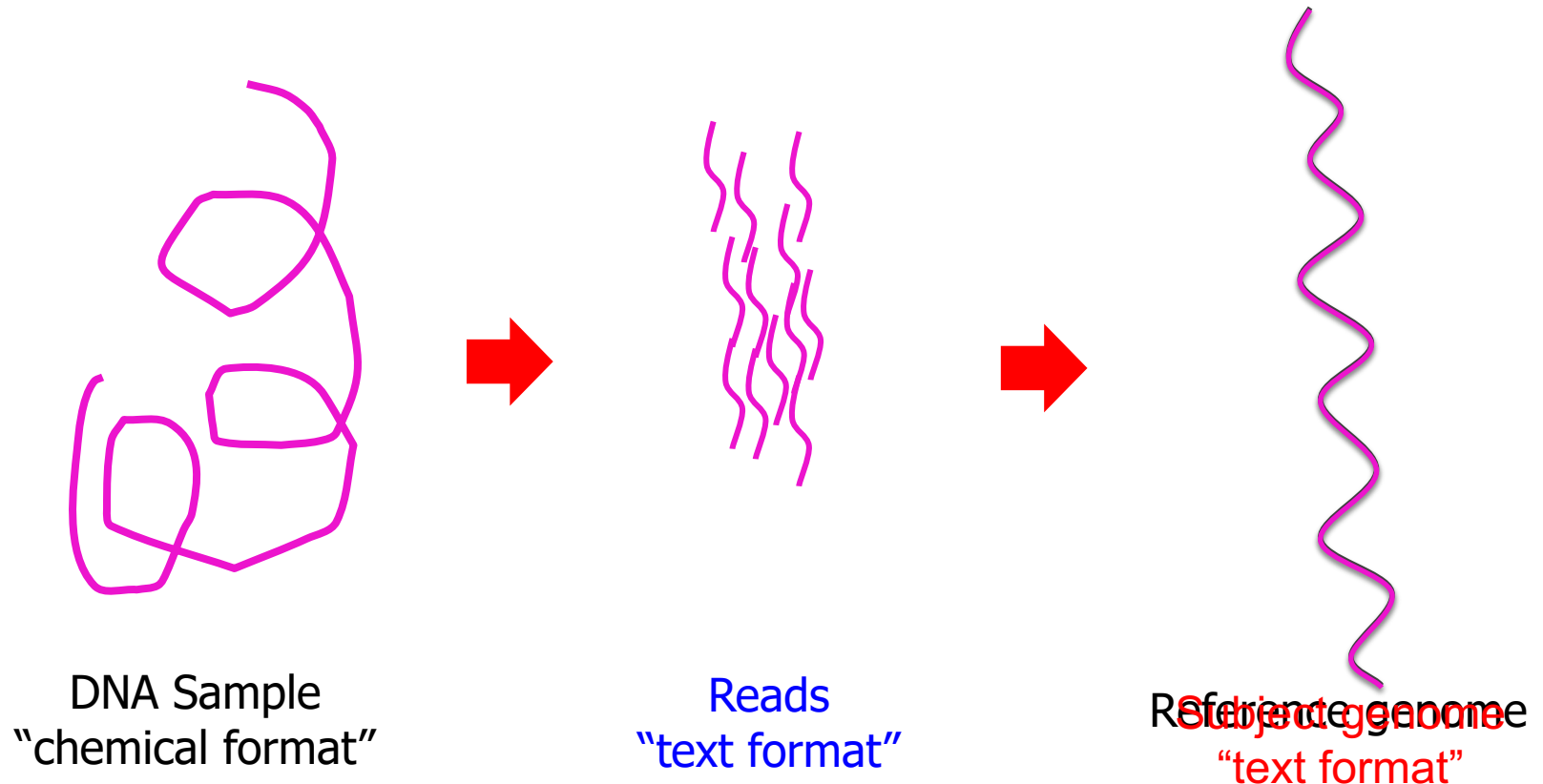
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# Genome Analysis

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

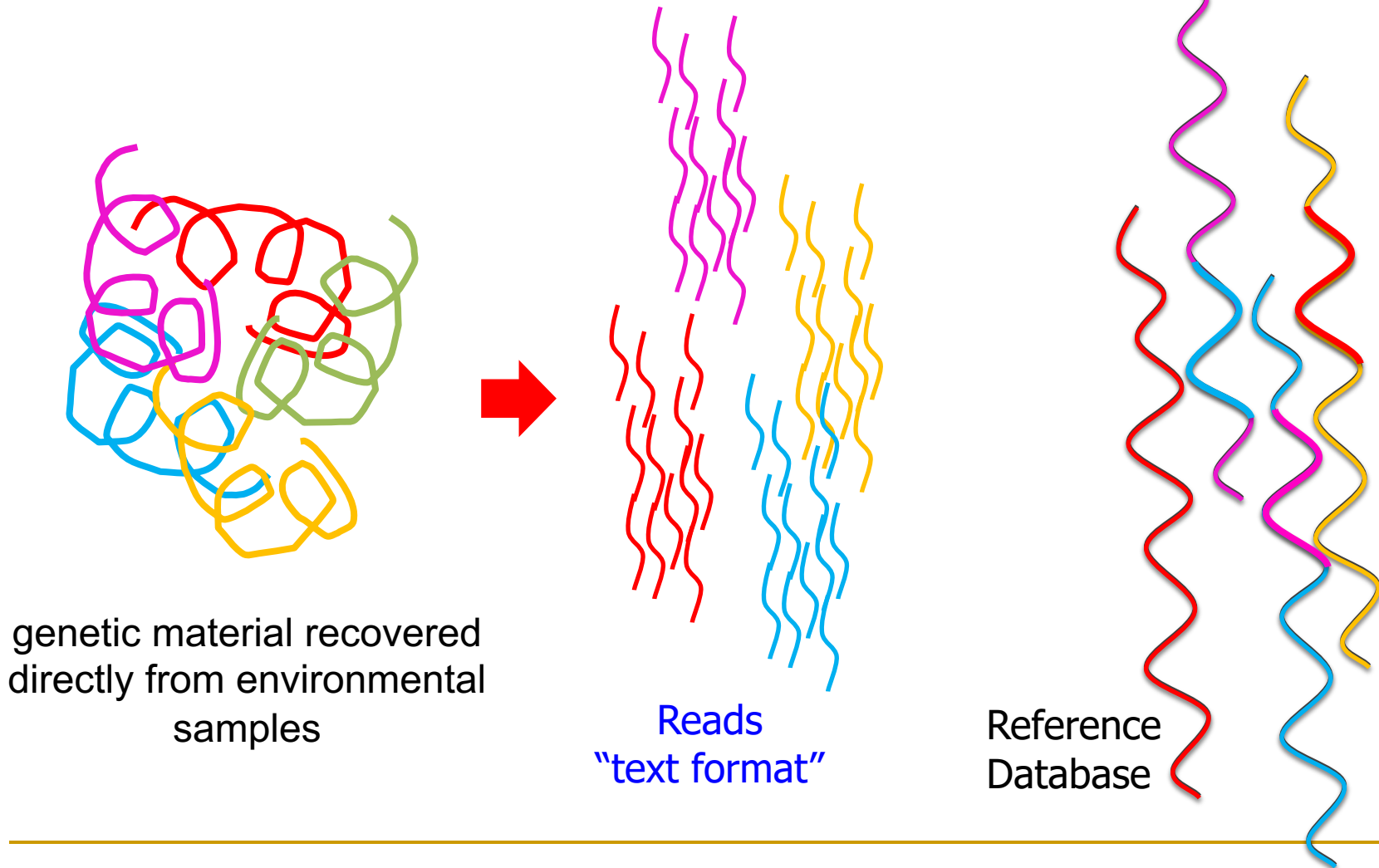




# Metagenomics Analysis

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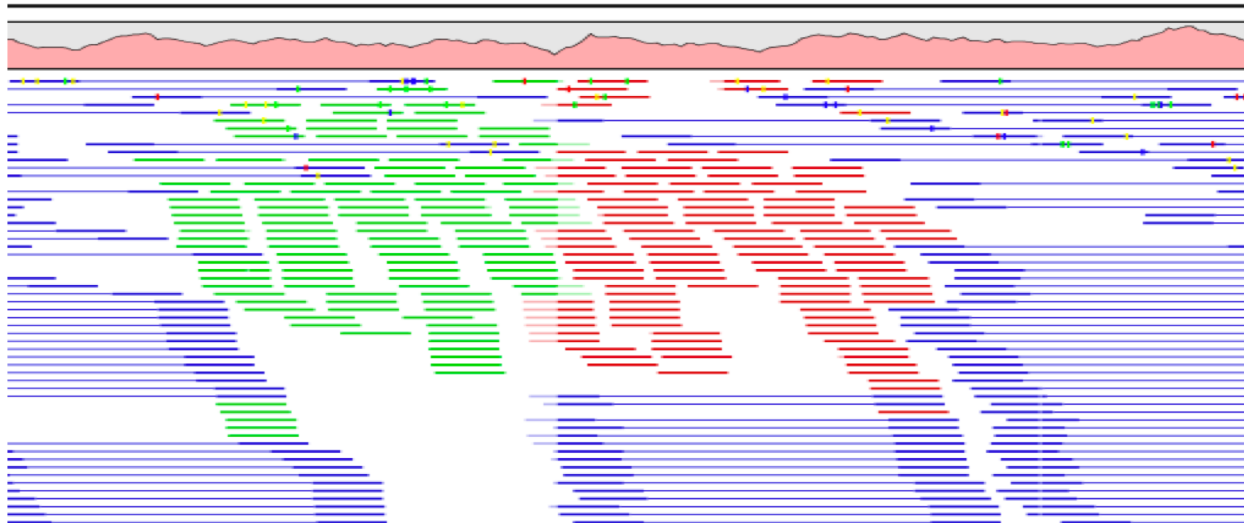
Reads from different **unknown** donors at sequencing time are mapped to **many known reference** genomes



# Challenges in Read Mapping

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- 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)



# Read Mapping: A Brute Force Algorithm

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Reference



Read

Very Expensive!

$$O(m^2kn)$$

$m$ : read length

$k$ : no. of reads

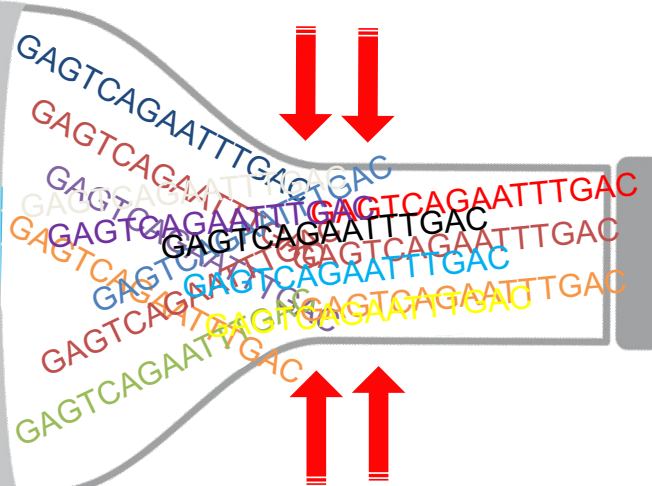
$n$ : reference genome length

# Bottlenecked in Read Alignment!!

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378 Million  
bases/minute

Read Sequencing\*\*



2 Million  
bases/minute

Read Mapping\*

150x slower

\* BWA-MEM

\*\* NovaSeq 6000, MinION

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# ACCELERATING GENOME ANALYSIS

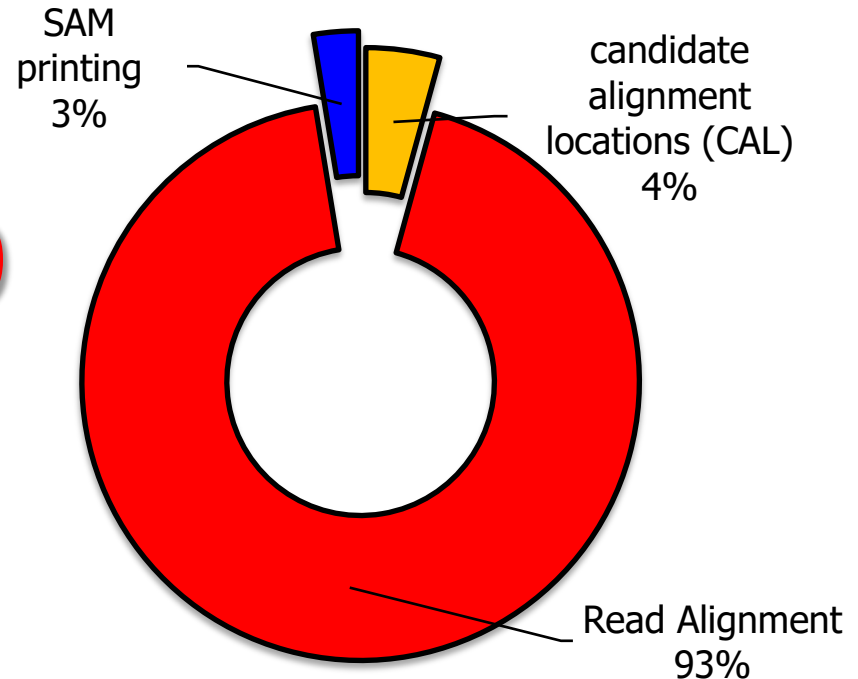
# What Makes Read Mapper Slow?

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## Key Observation # 1

**70-90%**

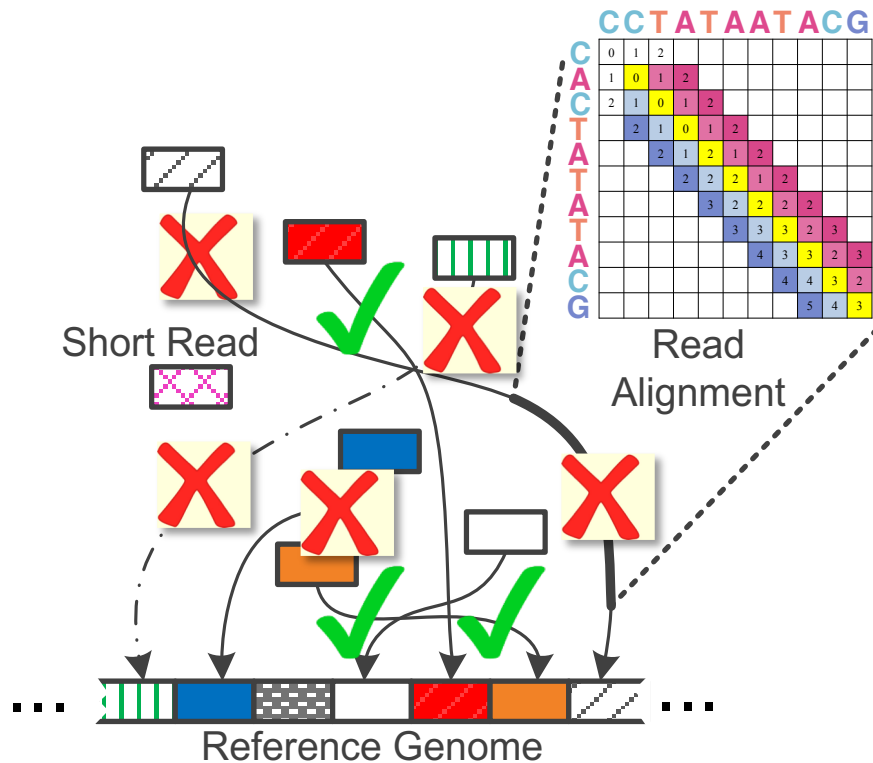
**of the read mapper's  
execution time is spent  
in read alignment.**



*Alser et al, Bioinformatics (2017)*

# What Makes Read Mapper Slow? (cont'd)

## Key Observation # 2



**98%**  
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** dynamic-programming algorithm **WHY?!**

Enumerating all possible prefixes

- NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAND  
NETHERLANDS x S  
NETHERLANDS x SW  
NETHERLANDS x SWI  
NETHERLANDS x SWIT  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZ  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZE  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZER  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZERL  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLA  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAN  
NETHERLANDS x SWITZERLAND

		N	E	T	H	E	R	L	A	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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
I	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
T	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	
E	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	
A	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	



# What Makes Read Mapper Slow? (cont'd)

## Key Observation # 3

- **Quadratic-time** dynamic-programming 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.

Number of differences is computed only at the backtracking step.

		N	E	T	H	E	R	L	A	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
I	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
T	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
E	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
A	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

# Finding SNPs Associated with Complex Trait

	SNP1	SNP2	Blood Pressure
Different individuals	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>G</b> GCC...		<b>180</b>
	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>175</b>
	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>G</b> GCC...		<b>170</b>
	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>165</b>
	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>G</b> GCC...		<b>160</b>
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	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>140</b>
	...ACATG <b>C</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>130</b>
	...ACATG <b>T</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>G</b> GCC...		<b>120</b>
	...ACATG <b>T</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>120</b>
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	...ACATG <b>T</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>G</b> GCC...		<b>105</b>
	...ACATG <b>T</b> CGACATTTCATAG <b>A</b> GCC...		<b>100</b>



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

# 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



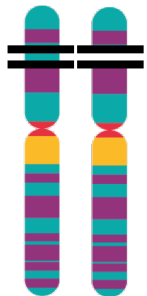
## **OBESITY**

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)



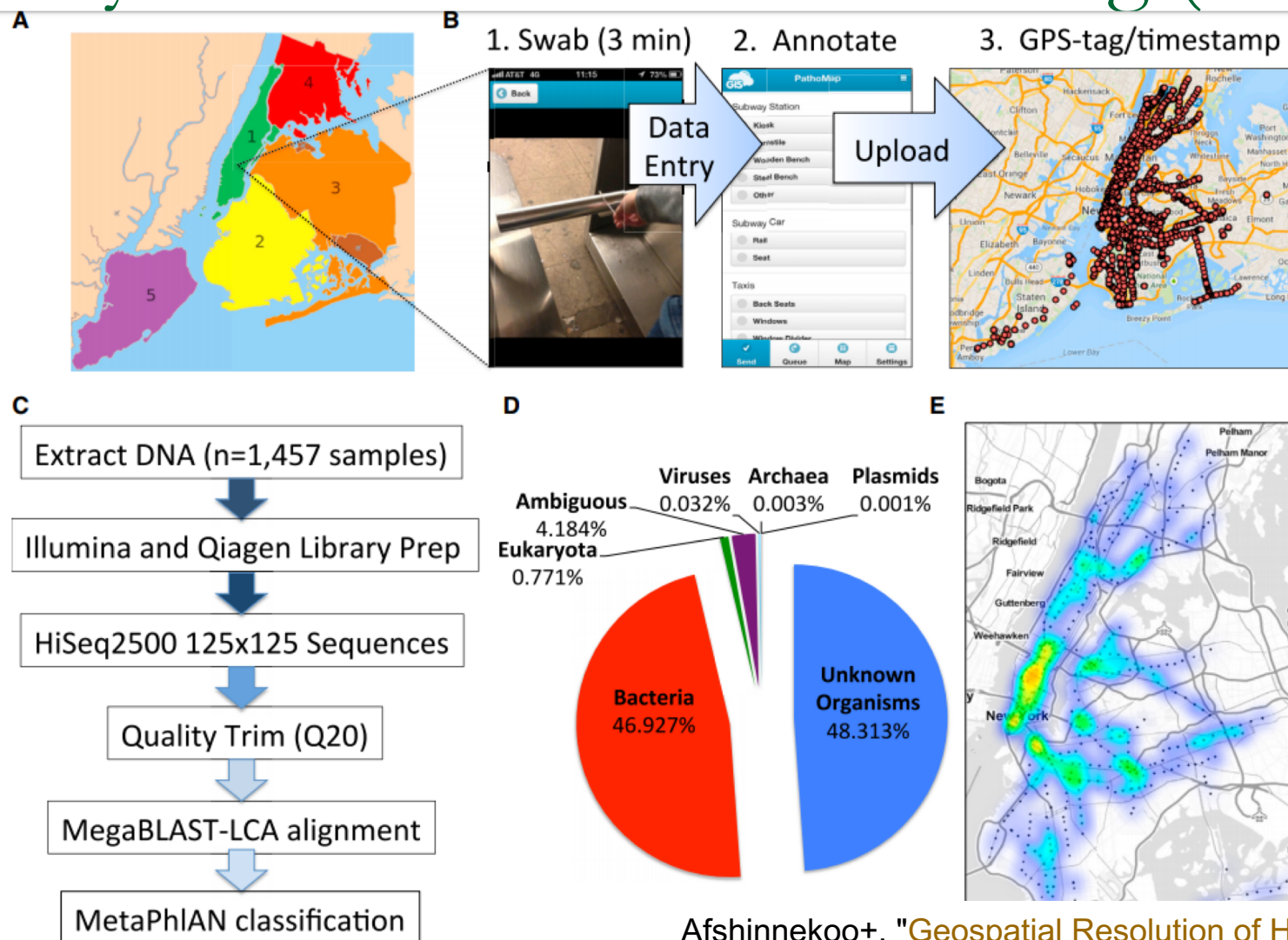
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# City-Scale Microbiome Profiling



# City-Scale Microbiome Profiling (cont'd)



Afshinneko+, "Geospatial Resolution of Human and Bacterial Diversity with City-Scale Metagenomics", Cell Systems, 2015

**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 discern taxa present.

# Plague in New York Subway System?

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## Plague (Yersinia Pestis)



Harvard Health Publishing  
**HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL**

*Trusted advice for a healthier life*

### 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 York 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

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data. Rob Knight, a professor in the department of pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego, calls this type of error “a **failure of bioinformatics**,” in that Mason had assumed the gene fragments were unique to the pathogens, when in fact they can also be detected in other

Living in a microbial world

Charles Schmidt

*Nature Biotechnology*, **volume 35**, pages 401–403 (2017)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.3868>



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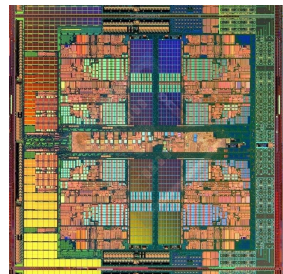
There is a critical need for **fast** and  
**accurate** genome analysis.

# Open Questions

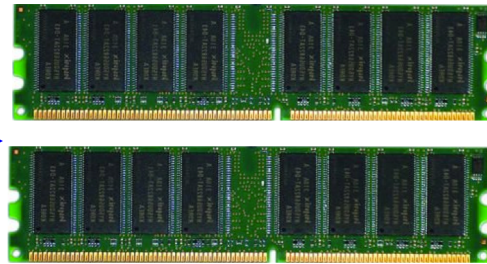
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How and where to enable  
fast, accurate, cheap,  
privacy-preserving, and exabyte scale  
analysis of genomic data?

# Pushing Towards New Architectures



Microprocessor



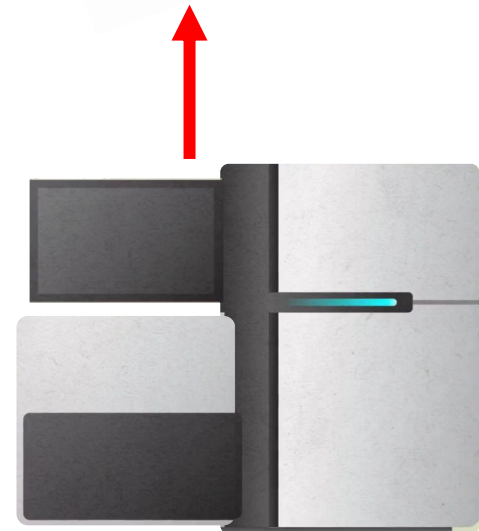
Main Memory



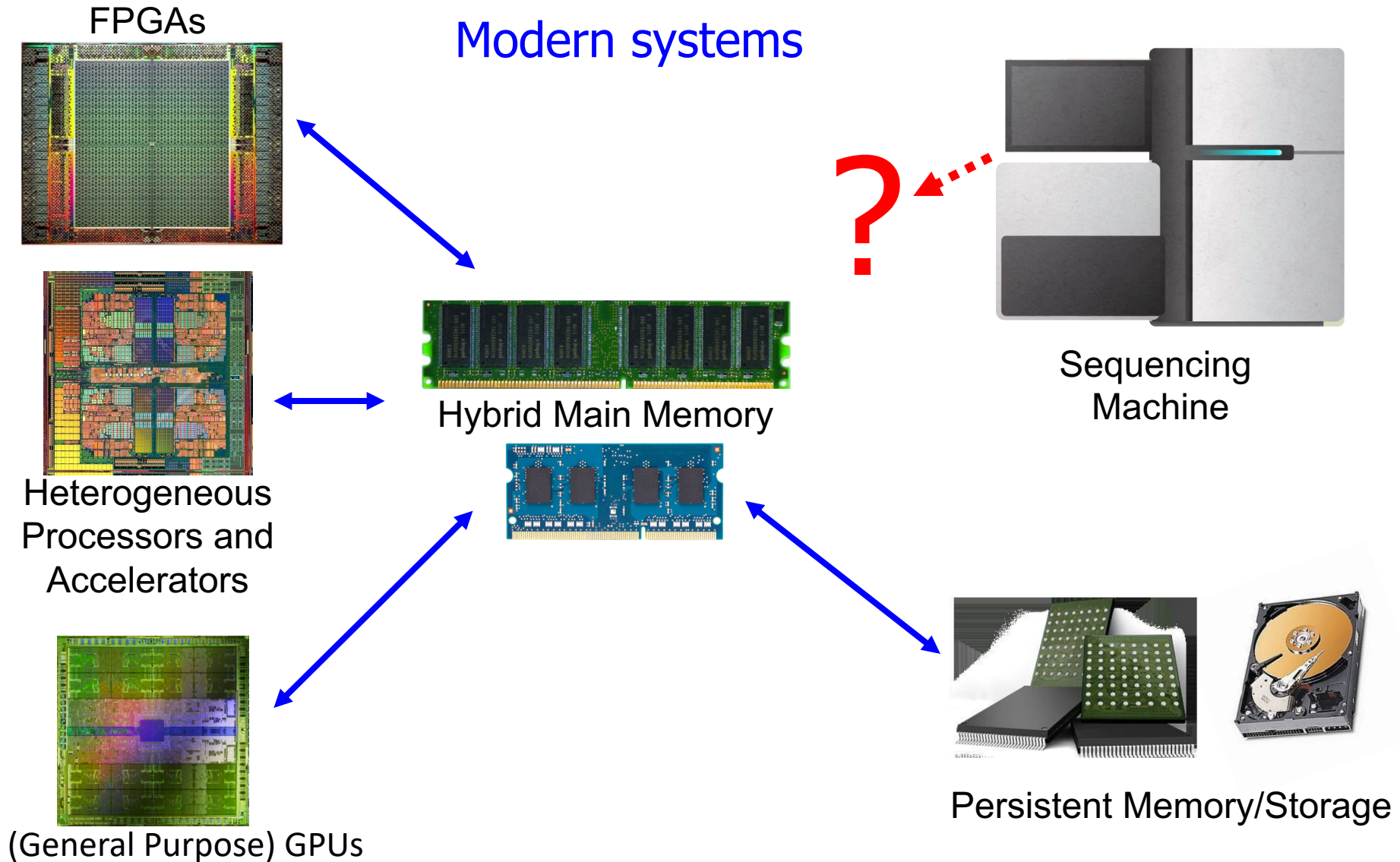
Storage (SSD/HDD)

Single **memory** request **consumes**  
>160x-800x **more energy** compared to  
performing a **complex add operation**

Sequencing  
Machine



# Processing Genomic Data Where it Makes Sense



# Key Takeaways

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Most speedup comes from **parallelism** enabled  
by **novel architectures** and **algorithms**

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