

P&S Genomics

Lecture 6c: SneakySnake

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Goal: Minimizing Alignment Time

Sequence Alignment is **expensive**

Our goal is to **accelerate** read mapping
by **reducing** the need for
dynamic programming algorithms

Key Idea

Genomic Strings

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graph TD; A[Genomic Strings] --> B[Dissimilar Strings]; A --> C[Similar Strings];
```

EXPENSIVE!

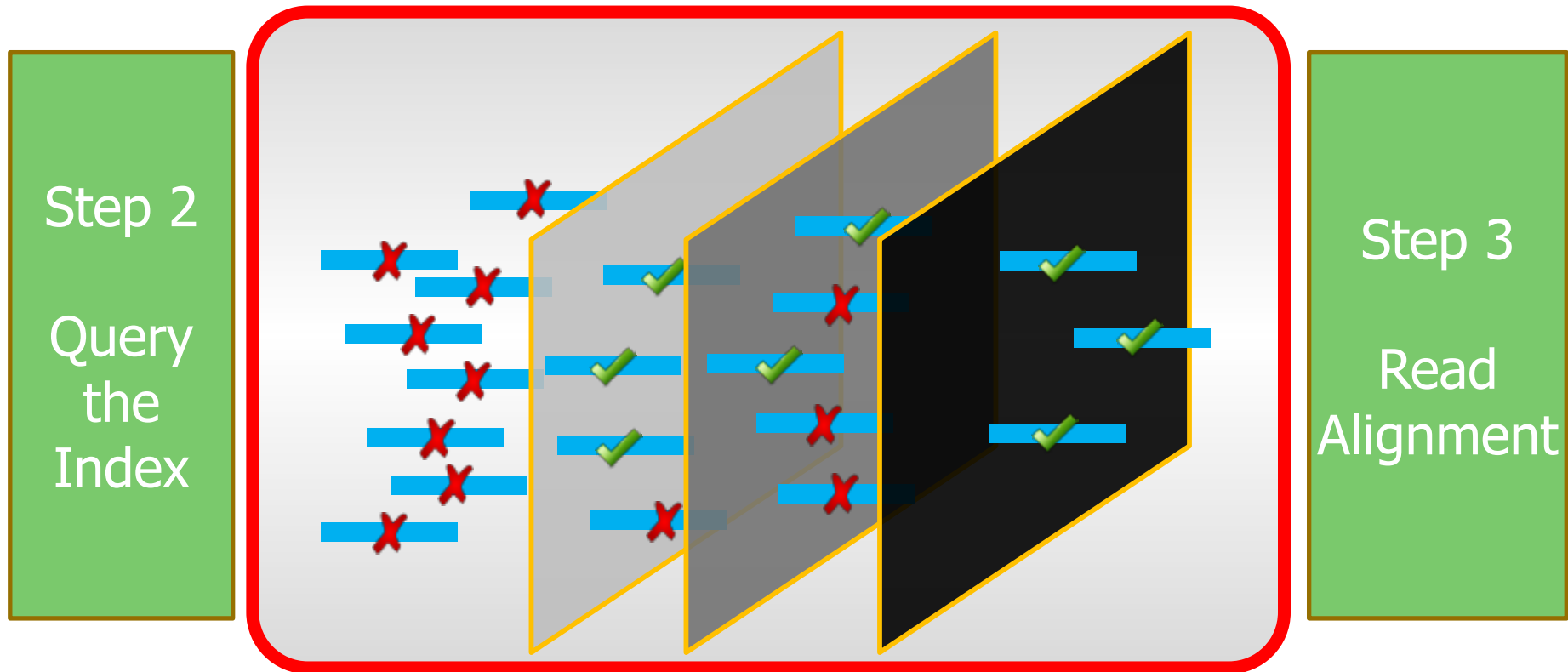
Dissimilar
Strings

Ignore them if the number of differences exceeds a threshold.

Similar
Strings

Find number, location, and type of differences?

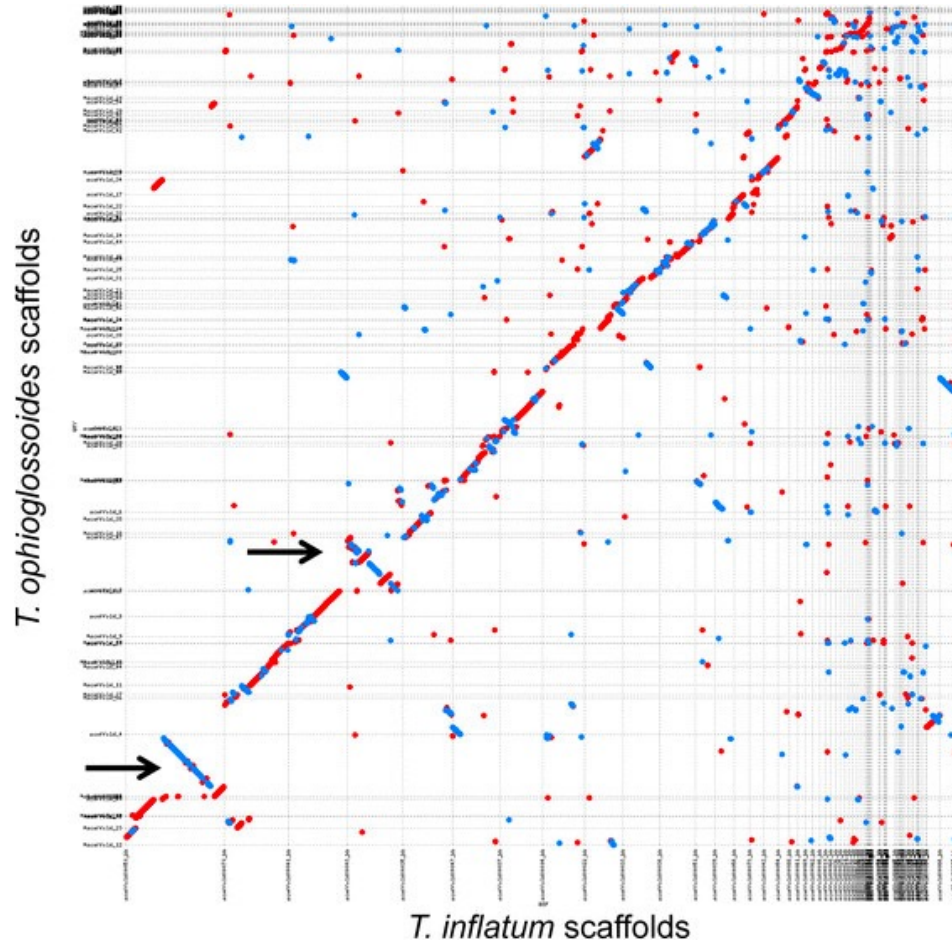
Ideal Filtering Algorithm



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

SneakySnake

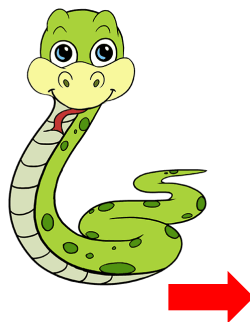
- **Key observation:**
 - Correct alignment is a sequence of non-overlapping long matches.



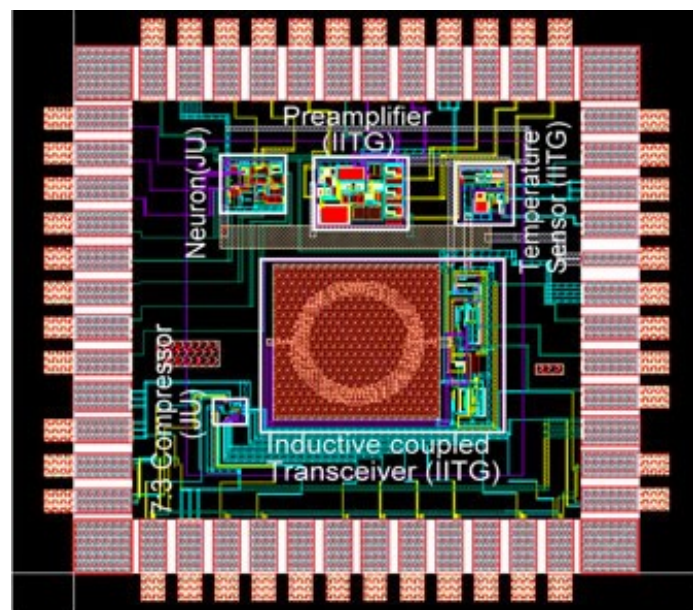
Dot plot, dot matrix
(Lipman and Pearson, 1985)

SneakySnake

- **Key observation:**
 - Correct alignment is a sequence of non-overlapping long matches
- **Key idea:**
 - Approximate edit distance calculation is similar to **Single Net Routing problem** in VLSI chip



VLSI chip layout



SneakySnake Walkthrough

Building Neighborhood Map

Finding the Optimal Routing Path

Examining the Snake Survival

Given two genomic sequences, a reference sequence $R[1 \dots m]$ and a query sequence $Q[1 \dots m]$, and an edit distance threshold E , we calculate the entry $Z[i, j]$ of the chip maze, where $1 \leq i \leq (2E + 1)$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, as follows:

$$E = 3$$

$$Z[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = E + 1, Q[j] = R[j], \\ 0, & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq E, Q[j - i] = R[j], \\ 0, & \text{if } i > E + 1, Q[j + i - E - 1] = R[j], \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

	column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>3rd Upper Diagonal</i>	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	
<i>2nd Upper Diagonal</i>	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
<i>1st Upper Diagonal</i>	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
<i>Main Diagonal</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>1st Lower Diagonal</i>	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	
<i>2nd Lower Diagonal</i>	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	
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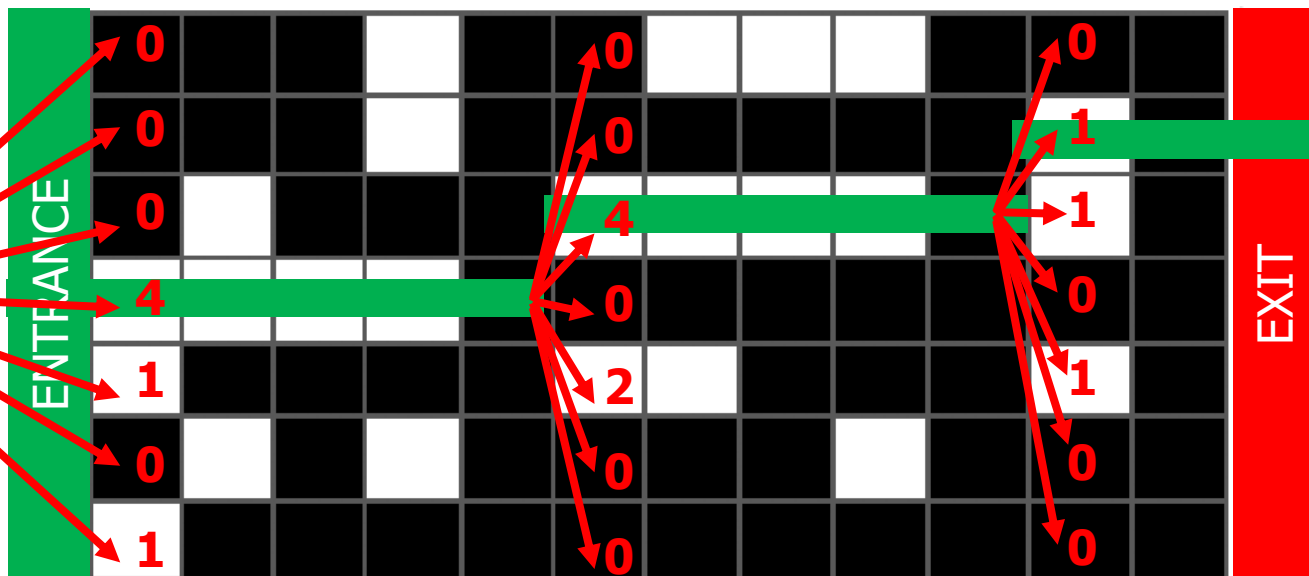
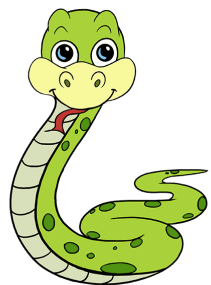
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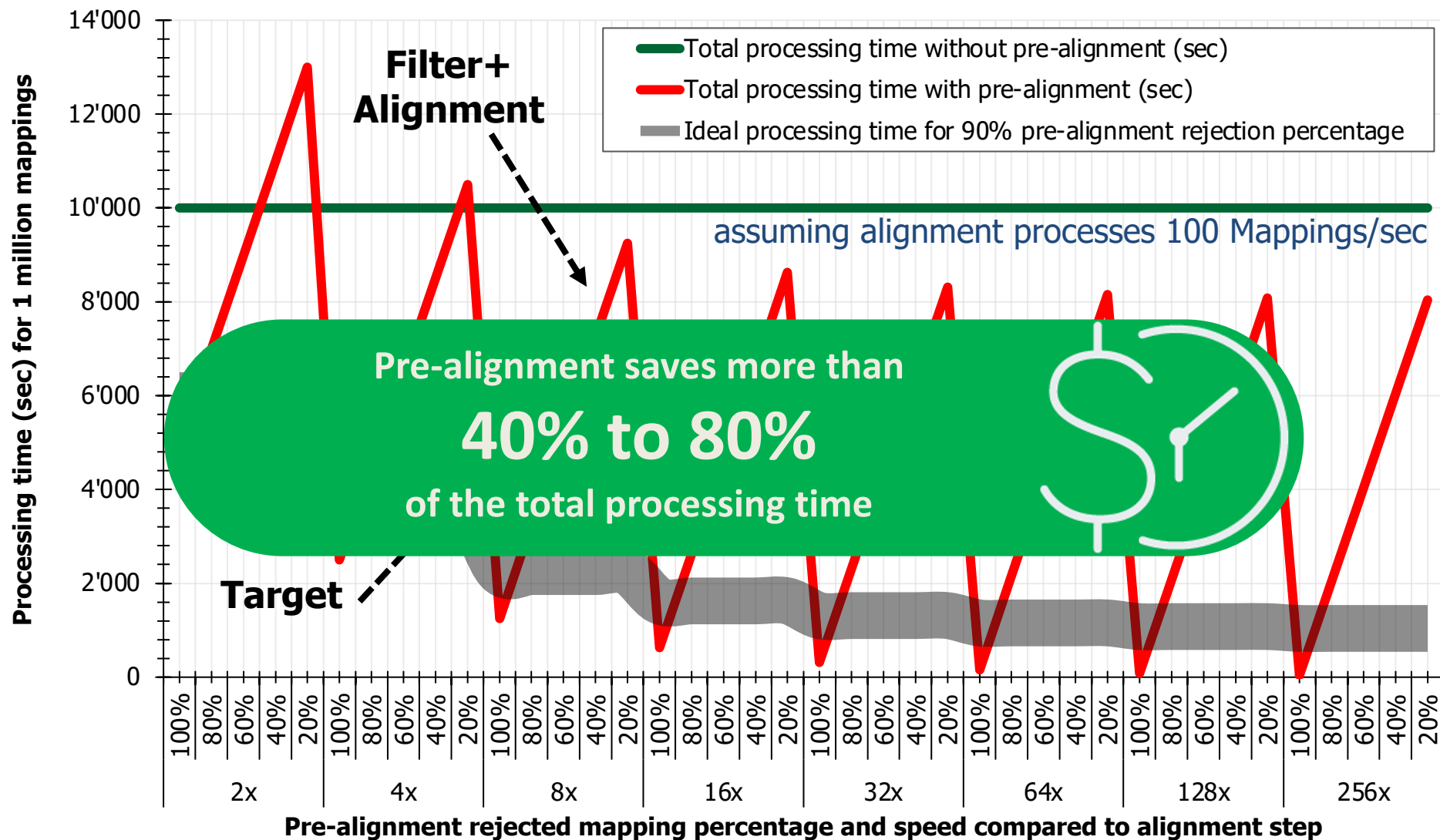


FPGA Resource Analysis

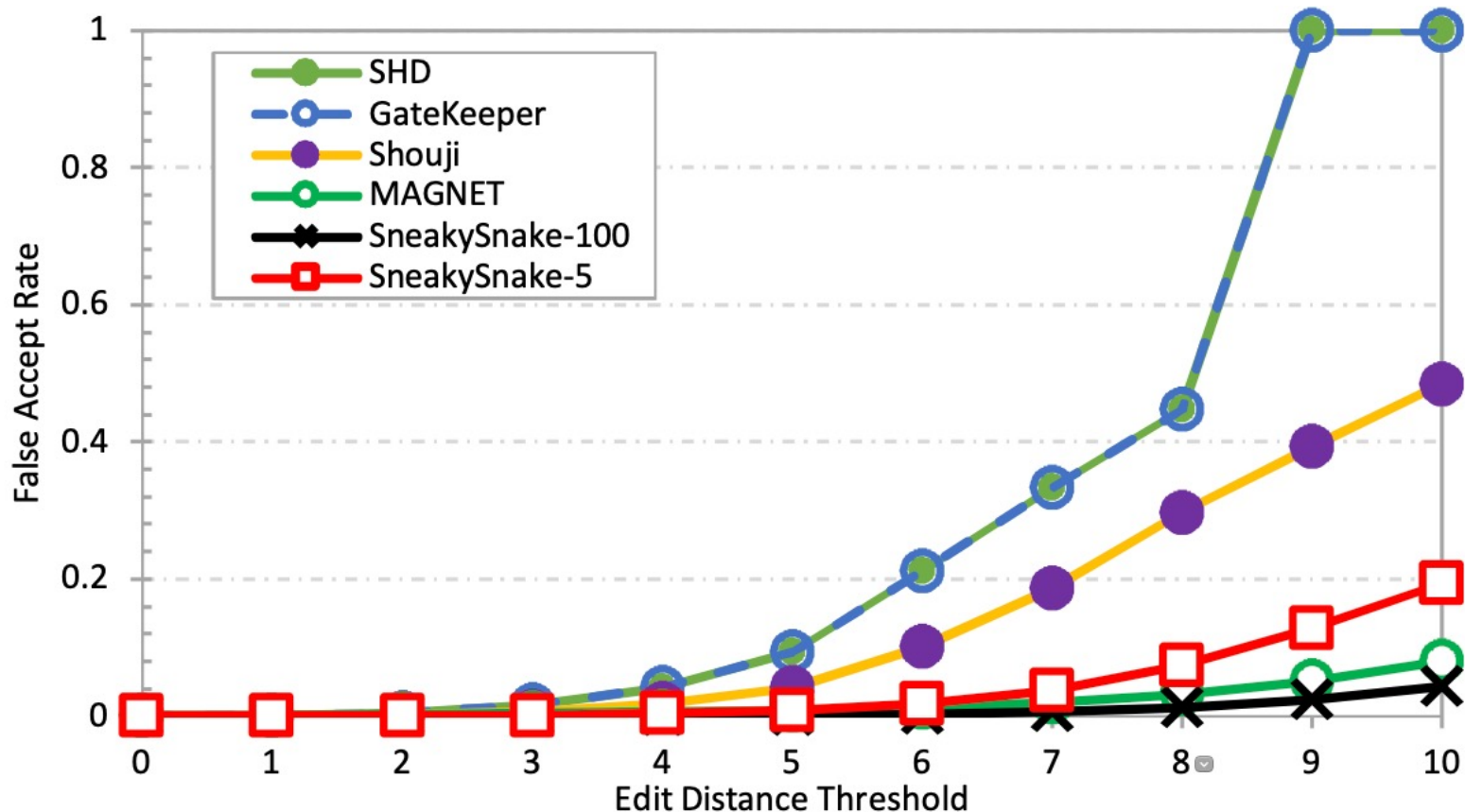
- FPGA resource usage for a single filtering unit of GateKeeper, Shouji, and Snake-on-Chip for a sequence length of 100 and under different edit distance thresholds (E).

	E (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

The Effect of Pre-Alignment (Theoretically)



Filtering Accuracy

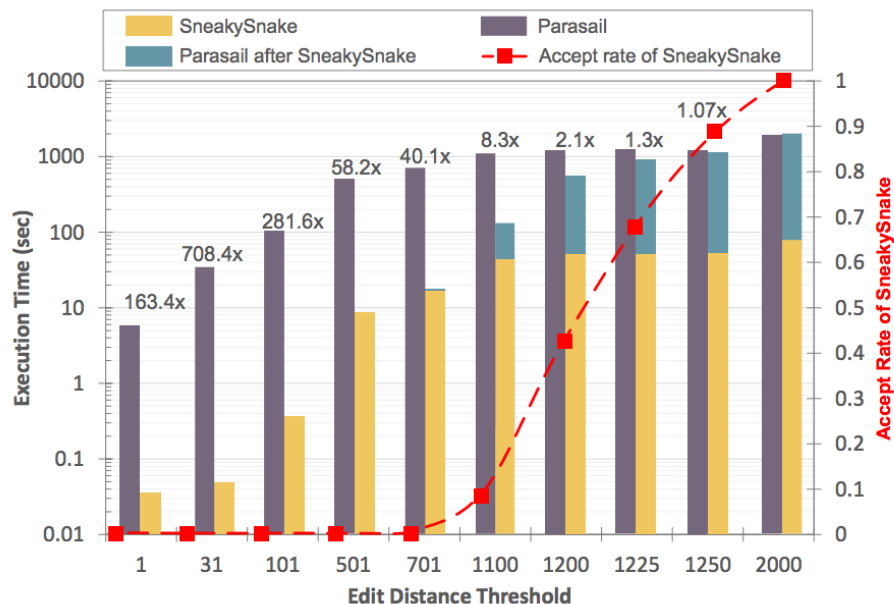


Alser, "[Accelerating the Understanding of Life's Code Through Better Algorithms and Hardware Design](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.03936)", *arXiv preprint arXiv:1910.03936*, 2019.

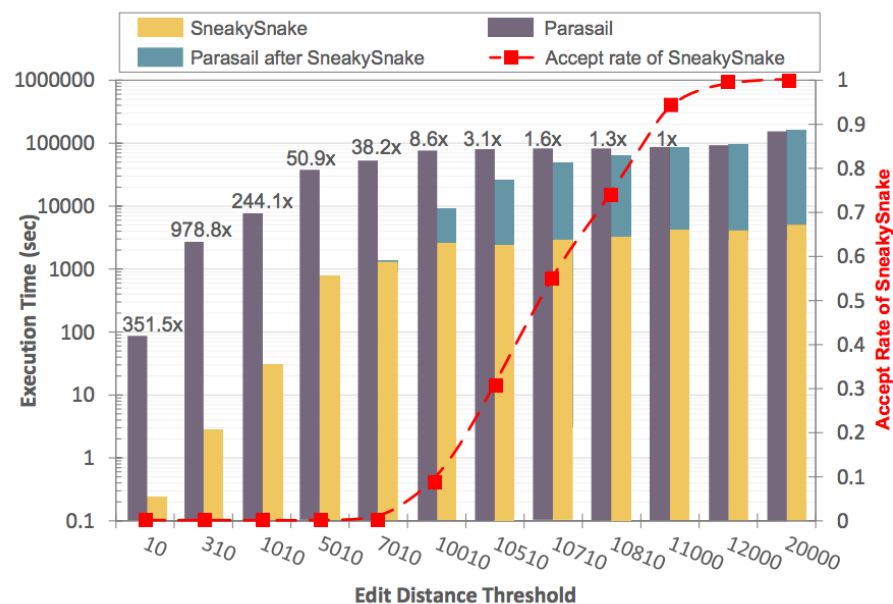
Long Read Mapping (SneakySnake vs Parasail)

10K bp reads

100K bp reads



(a)

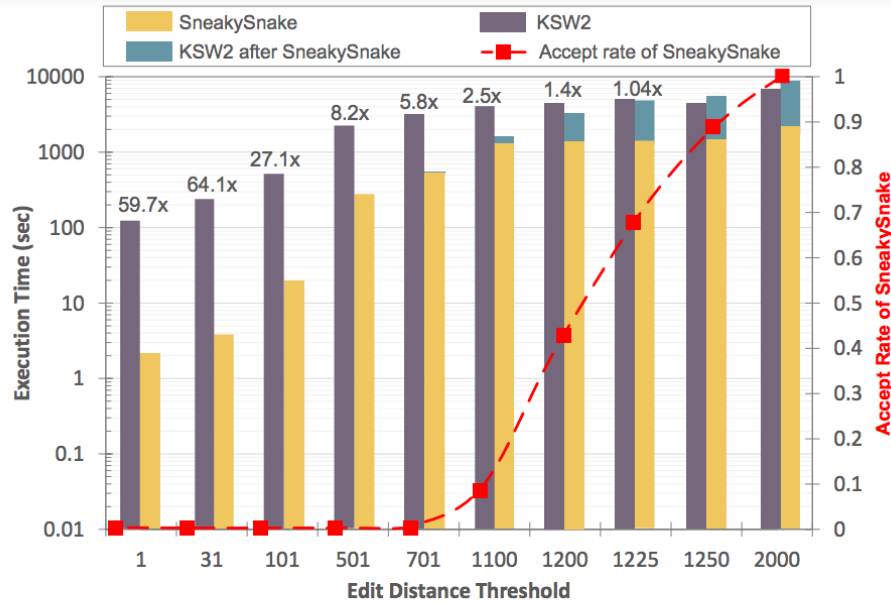


(b)

Fig. 10: The execution time of SneakySnake, Parasail, and SneakySnake integrated with Parasail using long sequences, (a) 10Kbp and (b) 100Kbp, and 40 CPU threads. The left y-axes of (a) and (b) are on a logarithmic scale. For each edit distance threshold value, we provide in the right y-axes of (a) and (b) the rate of accepted pairs (out of 100,000 pairs for 10Kbp and out of 74,687 pairs for 100Kbp) by SneakySnake that are passed to Parasail. We present the end-to-end speedup values obtained by integrating SneakySnake with Parasail.

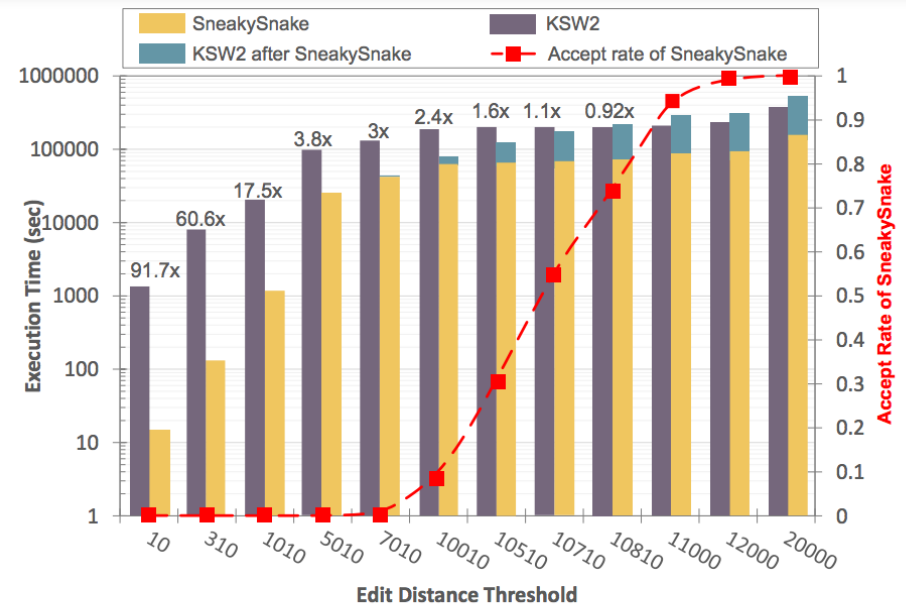
Long Read Mapping (SneakySnake vs KSW2)

10K bp reads



(a)

100K bp reads



(b)

Fig. 11: The execution time of SneakySnake, KSW2, and SneakySnake integrated with KSW2 using long sequences, (a) 10Kbp and (b) 100Kbp, and a single CPU thread. The left y-axes of (a) and (b) are on a logarithmic scale. For each edit distance threshold value, we provide in the right y-axes of (a) and (b) the rate of accepted pairs (out of 100,000 pairs for 10Kbp and out of 74,687 pairs for 100Kbp) by SneakySnake that are passed to KSW2. We present the end-to-end speedup values obtained by integrating SneakySnake with KSW2.

Key Results of SneakySnake

- ❑ SneakySnake is up to **four orders of magnitude more accurate** than **Shouji** (Bioinformatics'19) and **GateKeeper** (Bioinformatics'17)
- ❑ Using short reads, SneakySnake **accelerates Edlib** (Bioinformatics'17) and **Parasail** (BMC Bioinformatics'16) by
 - up to **37.7× and 43.9×** (>12× on average), on CPUs
 - up to **413× and 689×** (>400× on average) with **FPGA/GPU acceleration**
- ❑ Using long reads, SneakySnake **accelerates Parasail** and **KSW2** by **140.1× and 17.1×** on average, respectively, on CPUs

Can We Do Better?

Alleviating
Data Movement
Bottlenecks

Read Mapping & Filtering in Memory

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

Near-memory Pre-alignment Filtering

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Near-memory SneakySnake

- Problem: Read Mapping is heavily bottlenecked by data movement from main memory
- Solution: Perform read mapping near where data resides (i.e., near-memory)
- We carefully redesigned the accelerator logic of SneakySnake to exploit near-memory computation capability on modern FPGA boards with high-bandwidth memory

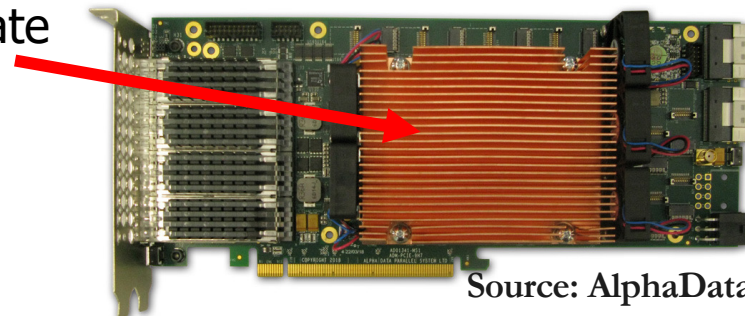
Heterogeneous System: CPU+FPGA

We evaluate two POWER9+FPGA systems:

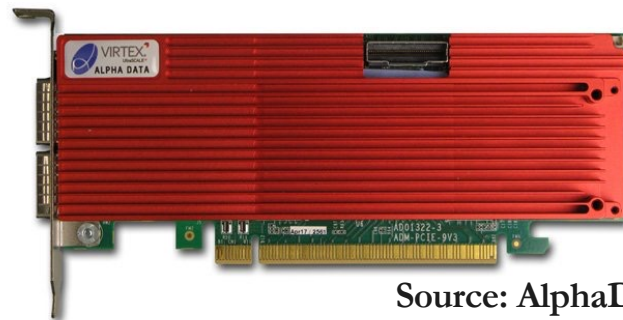
1. **HBM-based AD9H7 board:** Xilinx Virtex Ultrascale+™ XCVU37P-2
2. **DDR4-based AD9V3 board:** Xilinx Virtex Ultrascale+™ XCVU3P-2

FPGA + HBM on the same package substrate

HBM-based AD9H7 board



Source: AlphaData



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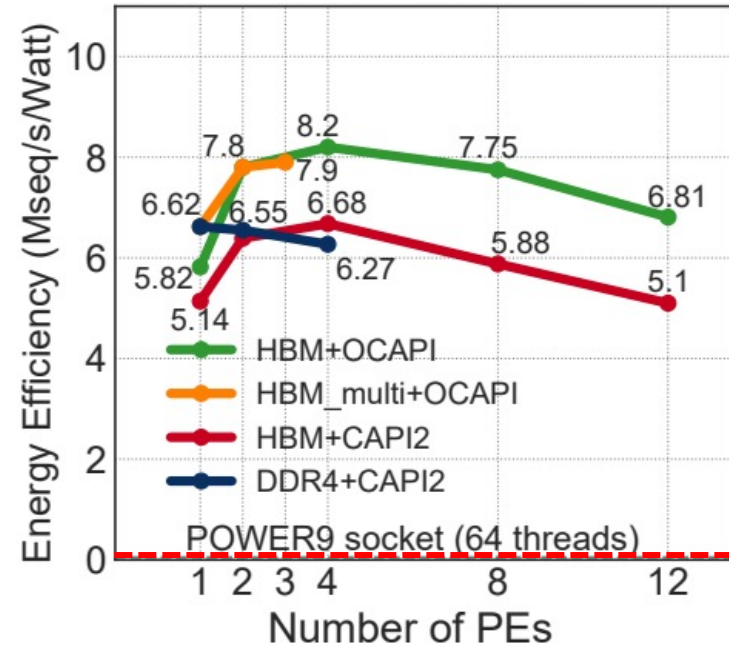
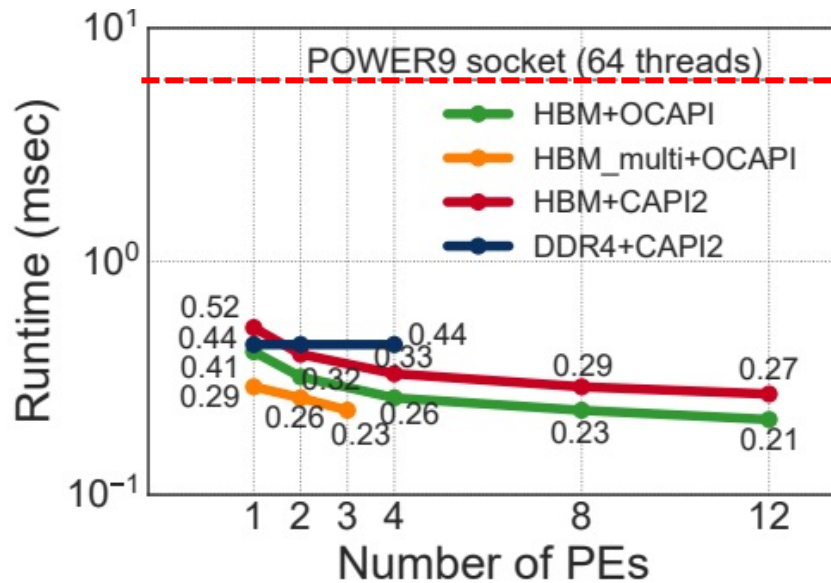
DDR4-based AD9V3 board



Source: IBM

POWER9 AC922

Key Results of Near-memory SneakySnake



Near-memory pre-alignment filtering improves **performance** and **energy efficiency** by 27.4× and 133×, respectively, over a 16-core (64 hardware threads) IBM POWER9 CPU

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More on SneakySnake [Bioinformatics 2020]

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Bioinformatics, 2020.

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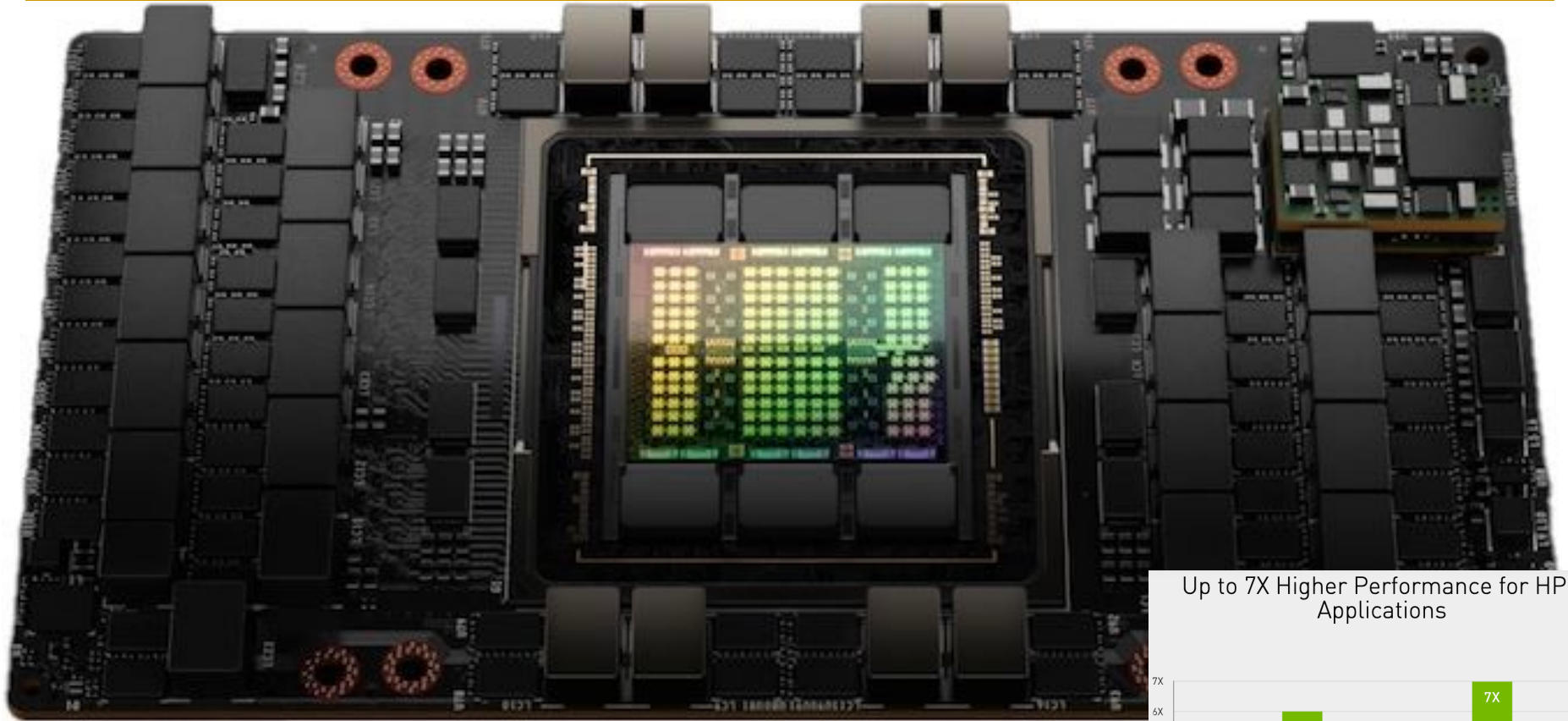
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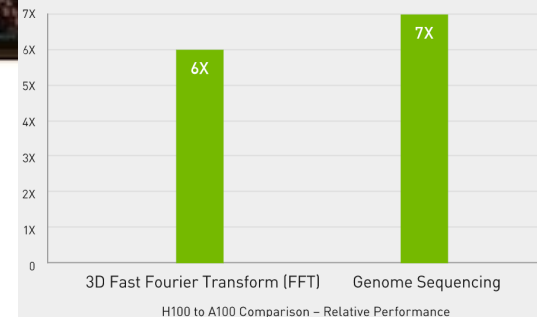
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NVIDIA H100 (2022)



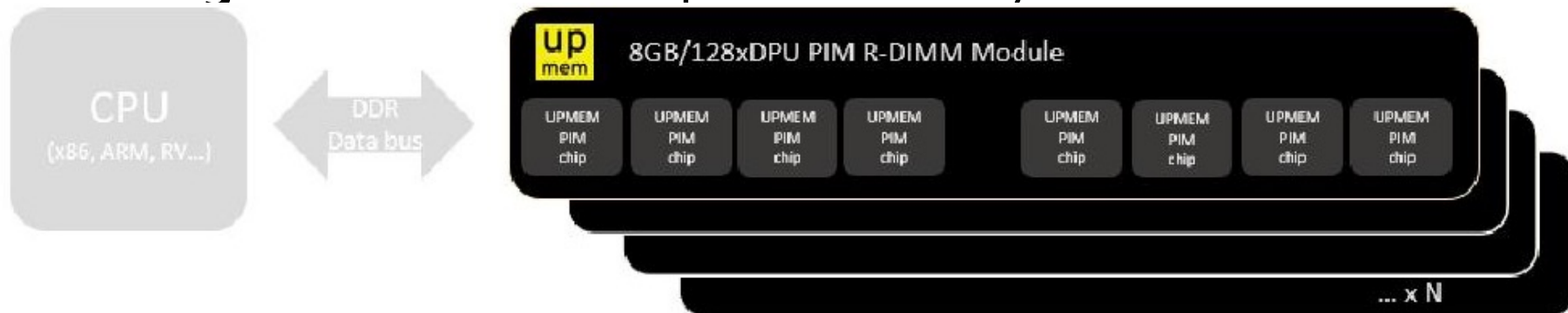
NVIDIA is claiming a **7x improvement** in dynamic programming algorithm (**DPX instructions**) performance on a single H100 versus naïve execution on an A100.

Up to 7X Higher Performance for HPC Applications



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>

<https://www.upmem.com/video-upmem-presenting-its-true-processing-in-memory-solution-hot-chips-2019/>

Key Conclusion

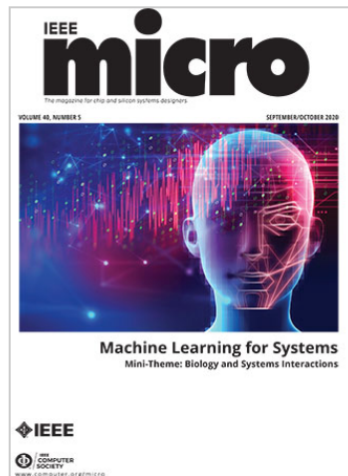
Most speedup comes from
parallelism enabled by
novel architectures and **algorithms**

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Read Mapping in 111 pages!

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["Technology dictates algorithms: Recent developments in read alignment"](#)

Genome Biology, 2021

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Alser et al. *Genome Biology* (2021) 22:249
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Genome Biology

REVIEW

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Technology dictates algorithms: recent developments in read alignment



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Feedback From Our Community!



James Ferguson

@Psy_Fer_

This is awesome! I've got my evening reading sorted.



Stéphane Le Crom

@slecrom

Very complete article on the evolution of read alignment algorithms. [#NGS](#) [#genomics](#)



Svetlana Gorokhova

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An impressive overview of read alignment methods over the last three decades



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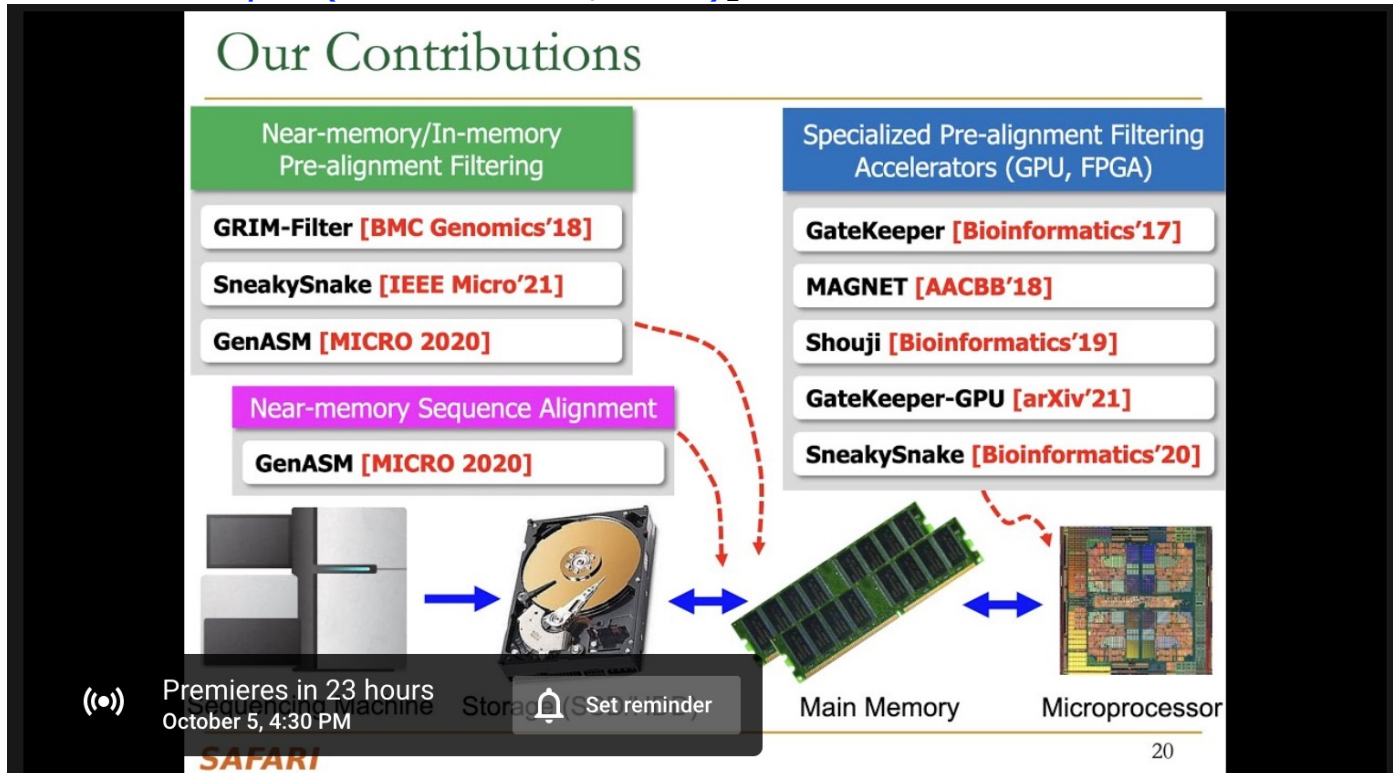


Replying to @mealser @GenomeBiology and 3 others

Buen hilo de repaso sobre la evolución de los algoritmos de alineamiento de secuencias a medida que ha mejorado la tecnología de secuenciación

More on Accelerating Genome Analysis ...

- Mohammed Alser,
"Accelerating Genome Analysis: A Primer on an Ongoing Journey"
Talk at [RECOMB 2021](#), Virtual, August 30, 2021.
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More on Intelligent Genome Analysis ...

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Our Solution: GateKeeper

Alignment Filter + FPGA-based Alignment Filter = 1st FPGA-based Alignment Filter.

Low Speed & High Accuracy
Medium Speed, Medium Accuracy
High Speed, Low Accuracy

x10¹² mappings → x10³ mappings

1 High throughput DNA sequencing (HTS) technologies
2 Read Pre-Alignment Filtering Fast & Low False Positive Rate
3 Read Alignment Slow & Zero False Positives

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More on Fast Genome Analysis ...

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Insight: Shifting a String Helps Similarity Search

7 matches 1 mismatch

I S T A N B U L

I S T N B U L

I S T N B U L

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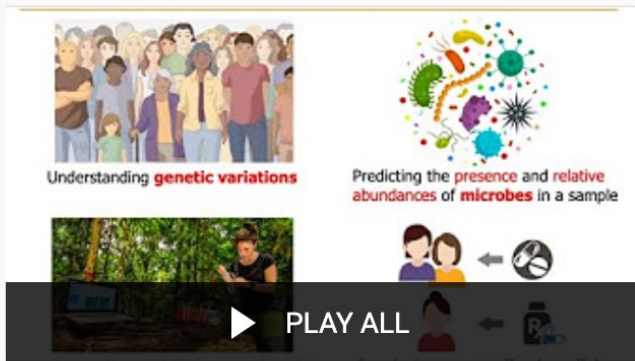
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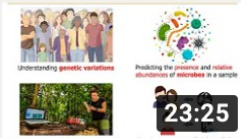
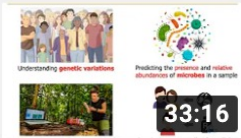

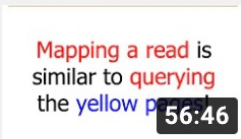

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W2	20.10 Wed.	Live	M2: Introduction to Sequencing (PDF) (PPT)		
W3	27.10 Wed.	Live	M3: Read Mapping (PDF) (PPT)		
W4	3.11 Wed.	Live	M4: GateKeeper (PDF) (PPT)		
W5	10.11 Wed.	Live	M5: MAGNET & Shouji (PDF) (PPT)		
W6	17.11 Wed.		M6.1: SneakySnake (PDF) (PPT) Video		
			M6.2: GRIM-Filter (PDF) (PPT) Video		
W7	24.11 Wed.		M7: GenASM (PDF) (PPT) Video		

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Detailed Lectures on Genome Analysis

- **Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 3a**
 - **Introduction to Genome Sequence Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrRb32v7SJc&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=5>
- **Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 8**
 - **Intelligent Genome Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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