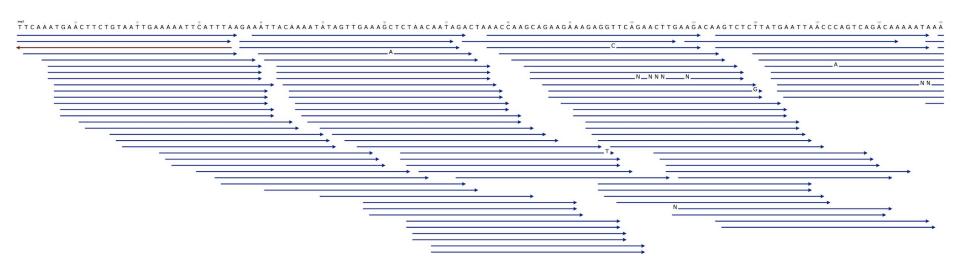
# Data Structures for Genomic Read Alignment

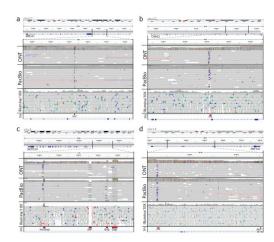
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### What is Read Alignment?

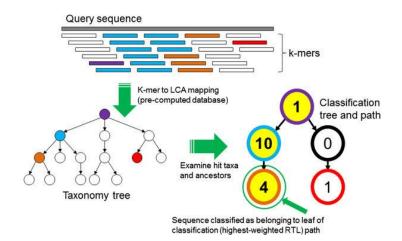


### Why align reads?

- → Variant calling
- → Zoom in on target regions
- → Sequence classification
- → Assembly validation



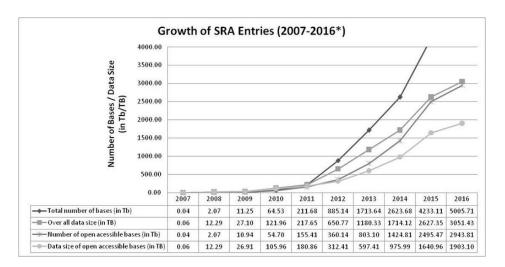
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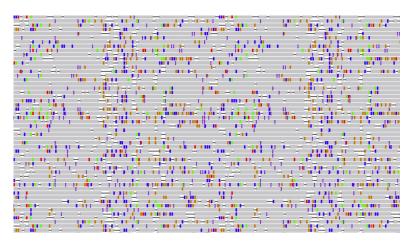


Kraken: ultrafast metagenomic sequence classification using exact alignments (Wood et. al., 2014)

### Why is it difficult?

- Genomes are very large
- Many reads in each experiment
- Sequencing error
- Repetitive sequences





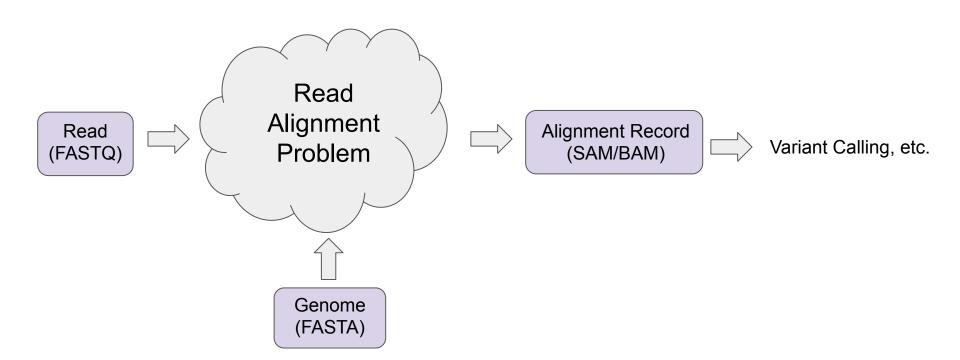
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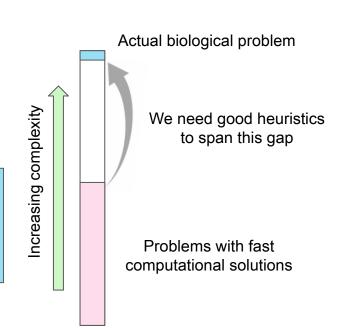
### Alignment Algorithms



### Breaking the Problem Down

Common technique is to solve an easier version of the problem and then bridge the gap later

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### Seed and Extend Motivation

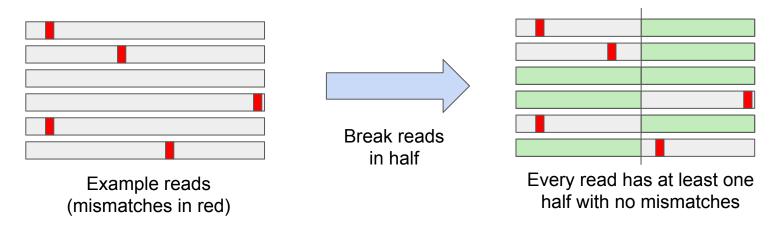
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**Easy Version**: Given a sequence, where in the genome are the <u>exact</u> matches to it (if there are any)?

This lecture focuses on this version of the problem, and seed and extend is one heuristic for bridging the gap between this and the original problem.

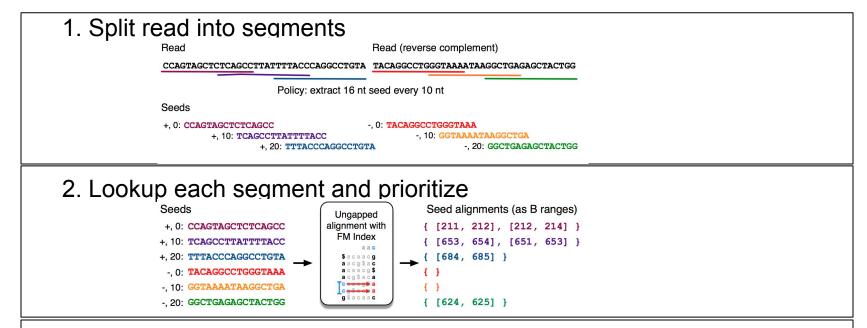
### Pigeonhole Principle

Suppose we could guarantee that for any read, the best match would have at most 1 mismatch.



This principle generalizes to more mismatches; if a read has at most k mismatches and we divide it into k+1 segments, there will be at least one mismatch-free segment.

### Seed and Extend Technique



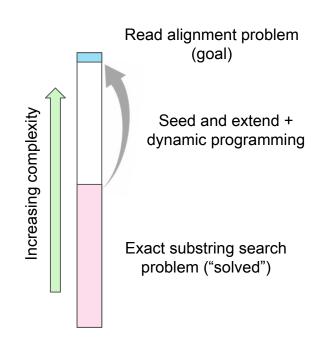
#### 3. Evaluate end-to-end match

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SAM alignments
Extension candidates
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SA:624, chr2:462
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SA:211: chr4:762
SA:213: chr12:1935
                                                NM: i:0
                                                        MD: Z: 36 YT: Z: UU
SA:652: chr12:1945
                                                YM:1:0
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(Langmead & Salzberg, 2012)

### Areas of Improvement

- Improve exact substring search algorithms
- Extend substring search algorithms to work with some amount of mismatches
- → Better heuristics to go from exact matches to full alignments



# Brute Force Algorithm

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- Brute Force:
  - At every possible offset in the genome:
    - Do all of the characters of the query match?
- Analysis
  - Simple, easy to understand
  - Genome length = n
  - Ouery length = m
  - Comparisons: (n-m+1) \* m

Overall runtime: O(nm)

[3B]

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### Brute Force Reflections

Why check every position?

o GATTACA can't possibly start at positions 10-14

[WHY?]

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Ш	12	13	14	15	•••
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Improve runtime to O(n + m)

$$[3B + 7]$$

- If we double both, it just takes twice as long
- Knuth-Morris-Pratt, 1977
- Boyer-Moyer, 1977, 1991
- For one-off scans, this is the best we can do (optimal performance)
  - We have to read every character of the genome, and every character of the query
  - For short queries, runtime is dominated by the length of the genome

### Is this Good Enough?

How long would this algorithm take to align 30x short (100 bp) read data to the human genome on a single processor?

### Is this Good Enough?

#### Genome size:

3,000,000,000 bp

#### Number of reads:

(3 billion bp) \* (30x coverage) / (100 bp per read) = 900 million reads

#### Runtime per read:

 $n + m = (3 \text{ billion}) + 100 = 3.0001 \text{ billion operation} \sim = 3 \frac{3 \text{ seconds/read}}{3 \text{ seconds/read}}$ 

#### **Total runtime:**

3 seconds/read \* 900 million read ~= 86 years

If we start this run right now on 100 processors in parallel, it'll finish right around the end of the calendar year!

### Data Structures are Everywhere

A <u>data structure</u> is a way of organizing data so that the updates/queries you need for a specific application are more efficient.

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#### Frequency Array/Hash Table

Map each number to the number of times it occurs, and then just look up this number for each query.

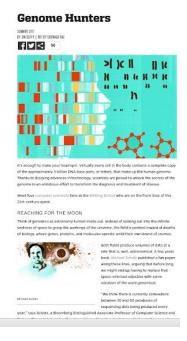
#### Sorted Array

All of the copies of a number will be stored together, and algorithms like binary search can be used to quickly find where they are in O(log(n)) operations.

# Suffix Arrays

### Phone Books: A Data Structure for Text

- Suppose you are trying to call the Genome Hunters to help you analyze some genomes
  - We don't need to check every page to find "Genome Hunters"
  - Sorting alphabetically lets us immediately skip 96% (25/26) of our contacts list without any loss in accuracy





# Suffix Arrays: Sorting a String

- Sorting the genome: Suffix Array (Manber & Myers, 1991)
  - Sort every suffix of the genome



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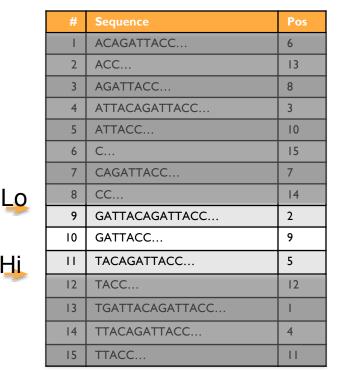
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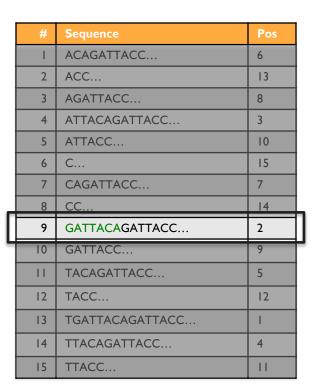
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  - Middle = Suffix[9] = GATTACA...=> Match at position 2!



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- Total Runtime: O(m lg n)
  - More complicated, but much faster!
  - Looking up a query loops 32 times instead of 3B



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Can be reduced to O(m + lg n), or ~2 minutes on 30x human dataset, using an auxiliary data structure called the LCP array



# Suffix Arrays in Practice

#### A few additional notes:

- Don't actually store the suffixes instead store their starting positions
- There are O(n) algorithms for construction
- Once the suffix array is made it can be used for all queries when mapping to the same reference (even for reads from different sequencing runs)

#### **Downsides**

- Requires loading the entire suffix array into memory (high RAM)
- Binary search requires memory accesses which are far apart (bad for cache)



# Burrows Wheeler Transform

### Algorithmic challenge

How can we combine the speed of a suffix array O(m + lg(n)) (or even O(m)) with the size of a brute force analysis (n bytes)?

What would such an index look like?

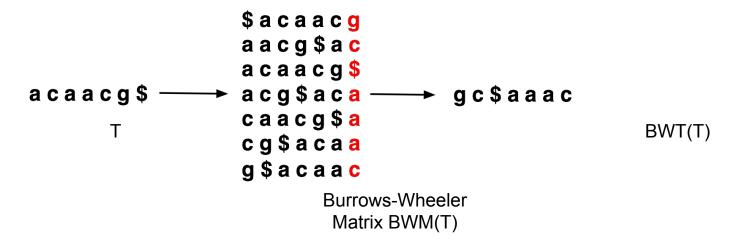


# Bowtie: Ultrafast and memory efficient alignment of short DNA sequences to the human genome

Slides Courtesy of Ben Langmead

## Burrows-Wheeler Transform

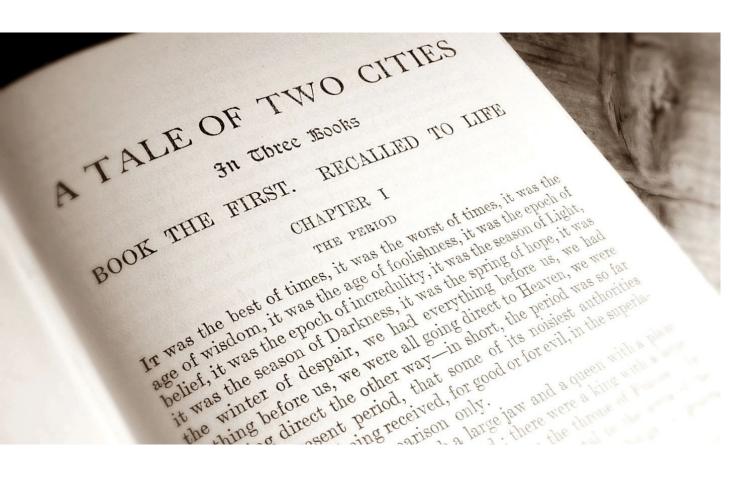
Permutation of the characters in a text



• BWT(T) is the index for T

A block sorting lossless data compression algorithm.

Burrows M, Wheeler DJ (1994) Digital Equipment Corporation. Technical Report 124



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### Run Length Encoding:

- Replace a "run" of a character X with a single X followed by the length of the run
- GAAAAAAATTACA => GA8T2ACA (reverse is also easy to implement)
- If your text contains numbers, then you will need to use a (slightly) more sophisticated encoding

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Why does the BWT tend to make runs in english text?

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### rle(bwt)[464]:

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.dlms2ftysesdtrsns_y_2$_yfofe4tg2sfefefg2e2drofr,12re2f-,fs,9nfrsdn2 hereghet2edndete2ge2nste2,s5t,es3ns2f2te2dt10r,4e3feh2_2p_2fpDw11e2h 1_ew_5eo2_ne3oa2eo2_4seph2r2hvh2w2egmgh7kr2w2h2s2Hr3vtr2ib2dbcbvs_2t hw2p3vm2irdn2ib_2eo12_4e2n6a2i_3ec2_2t18s_tsgltsLlvt2_3h2o2re_wr2ad2 wlors_9r_2lteiril2re_oua2no2i2oeo4i3hki6o_2ieitsp2ioi_12g2nodsc_s3_g fhf_f3hwh_nsmo_2ue2_sio3ae4o2_i2cgp2e2aoaeo2e2s2eu2teta1li_2ei_in_2a 2ie e3rei hrs3nac2i2Ii7sn 15oyoui 2a i3ds 2ai2ae2 21tlar
```

Saved 614-464 = 150 bytes (24%) with zero loss of information!

# Burrows-Wheeler Transform

- Recreating T from BWT(T)
  - Start in the first row and apply LF repeatedly, accumulating predecessors along the way



# **BWT Exact Matching**

• LFc(r, c) does the same thing as LF(r) but it ignores r's actual final character and "pretends" it's c:

```
LFc(5, g) = 8

$ a c a a c g

a a c g $ a c

a c a a c g $

a c g $ a c a

c a a c g $ a

c a a c g $ a

c a a c g $ a

c g $ a c a a

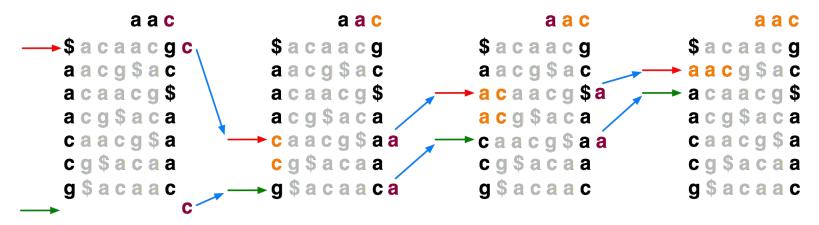
Rank: 2

F
```

# **BWT Exact Matching**

Start with a range, (top, bot) encompassing all rows and repeatedly apply modified
 LF-mapping:

```
top = LFc(top, qc); bot = LFc(bot, qc)
qc = the next character to the left in the query
```

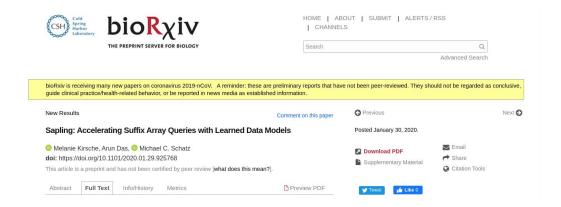


Ferragina P, Manzini G: Opportunistic data structures with applications. FOCS. IEEE Computer Society; 2000.

# **BWT Notes**

- → Query is O(m) because we apply m LF-mappings
- → We still need a few other data structures
  - Cumulative frequency arrays
  - Suffix array
- → But since we're getting the suffix array range with LF-mappings, we can get away with storing only a sample of it

# Sapling: Accelerated Suffix Array Queries

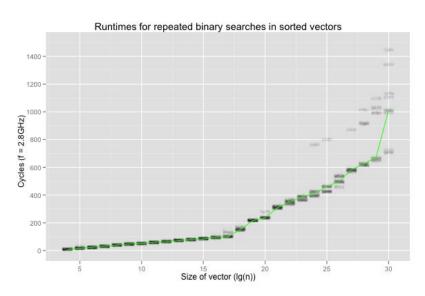






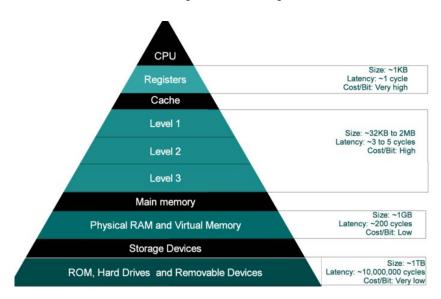


# Binary Search and Caching

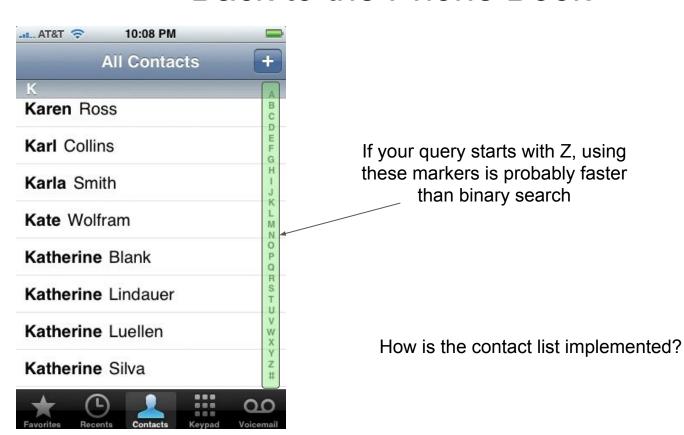


"Binary Search is a pathological case for caches" (Khuong, Paul)

### Memory Hierarchy

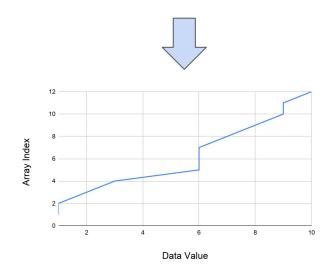


## Back to the Phone Book



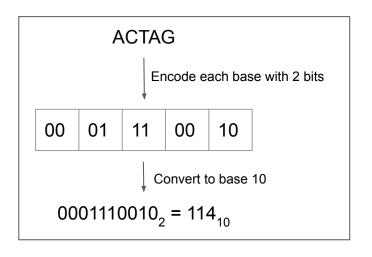
# Data Structures as Functions

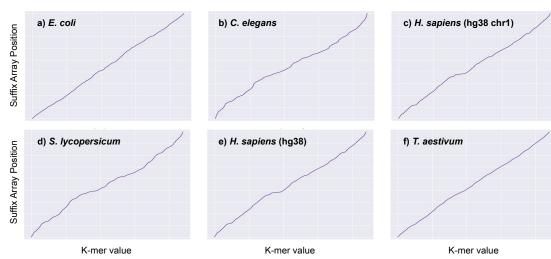
Index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Value	1	1	2	3	6	6	6	7	8	9	9	10



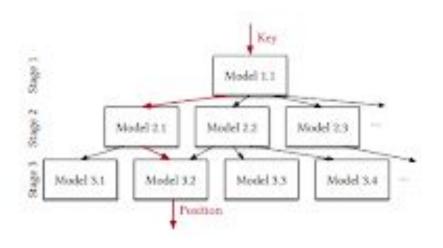
Goal: Approximate the function and use that to speed up queries

# **Suffix Array Position Function**





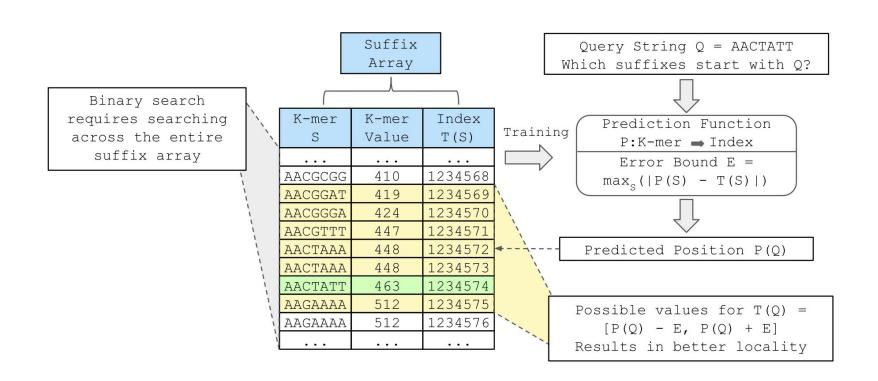
## Learned Index Structures



The Case for Learned Index Structures (Kraska et. al., 2018)

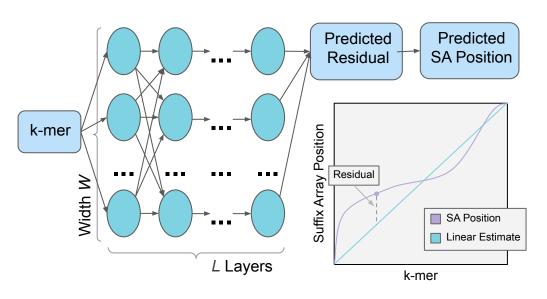
- 1. Train a model on all data points
- 2. Predict the position of all data points and determine maximum prediction error E
- 3. When performing a **lookup**, compute the predicted position, and search within the range [p E, p + E]

# Applying to Suffix Arrays

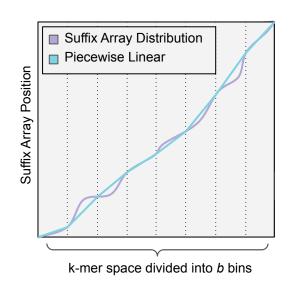


# Modeling the function

### a) ANN Architecture



### **b)** Piecewise Linear Architecture

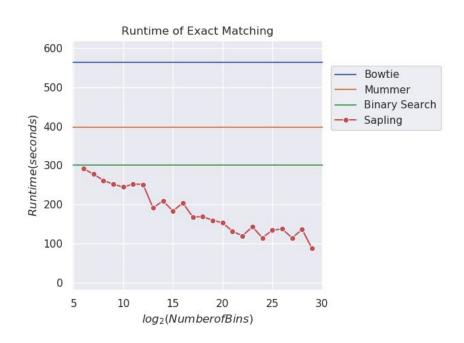


# Modeling Results

Table 1. Summary of performance and model complexities for several PWL and ANN architectures.

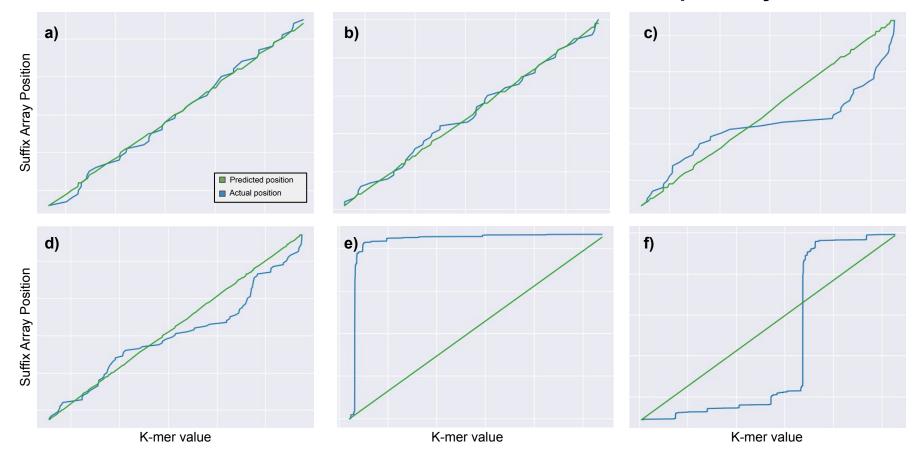
Model Type Piecewise Linear		Piecewise Linear	Piecewise Linear	Neural Network	Neural Network	Neural Network	
Number of Buckets	16k	256x	2111	1k	16k	16K	
Width x Depth	N/A	AWA.	N/A	32 x 1	32×1	120 × 2	
Median Error	899	68	34	900	131	56	
95th Percentile Error	7,658	1,579	653	4238	853	463	
Maximum Error	263,165	180,453	135,664	45,839	24,081	13,264	
Memory Overhead	256 KB	4 MB	32 MB	8 M8	131 MB	1245 MB	

# Runtime Results





# What makes certain bins behave poorly?



# **Future Work**

→ Extend into full aligner (currently just a proof-of-concept with very simple seed-and-extend heuristics)

→ Fitting other types of functions between simple piecewise linear and complex neural network

→ Apply to other data structures (e.g., FM-index)

→ Apply to other problems in genomics

# Conclusions

- → Two key components to read alignment
  - Exact substring search
  - Seed-and-extend heuristics

- → Data structures enable fast algorithms for exact substring search
  - Suffix Arrays
  - ◆ FM-Index
  - Sapling
  - Many others!
- → Even theoretically optimal algorithms may not be optimal in practice