

Assembly in the Clouds

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Outline

1. Genome Assembly by Analogy
2. DNA Sequencing and Genomics
3. Sequence Analysis in the Clouds
 1. Mapping & Genotyping
 2. De novo assembly



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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- 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
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of times, it was the
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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

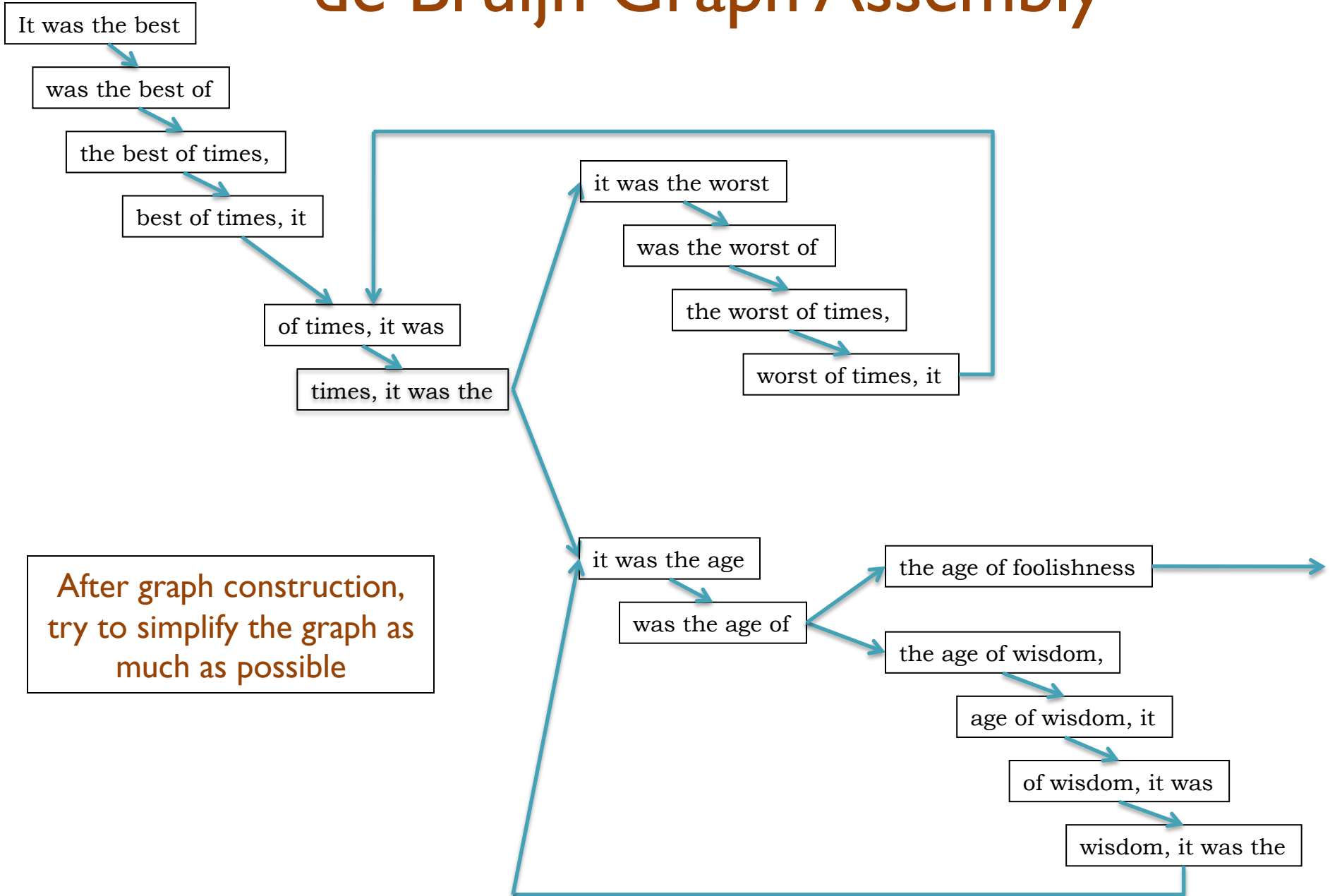
- Locally constructed graph reveals the global sequence structure
 - Overlaps between sequences implicitly computed

de Bruijn, 1946

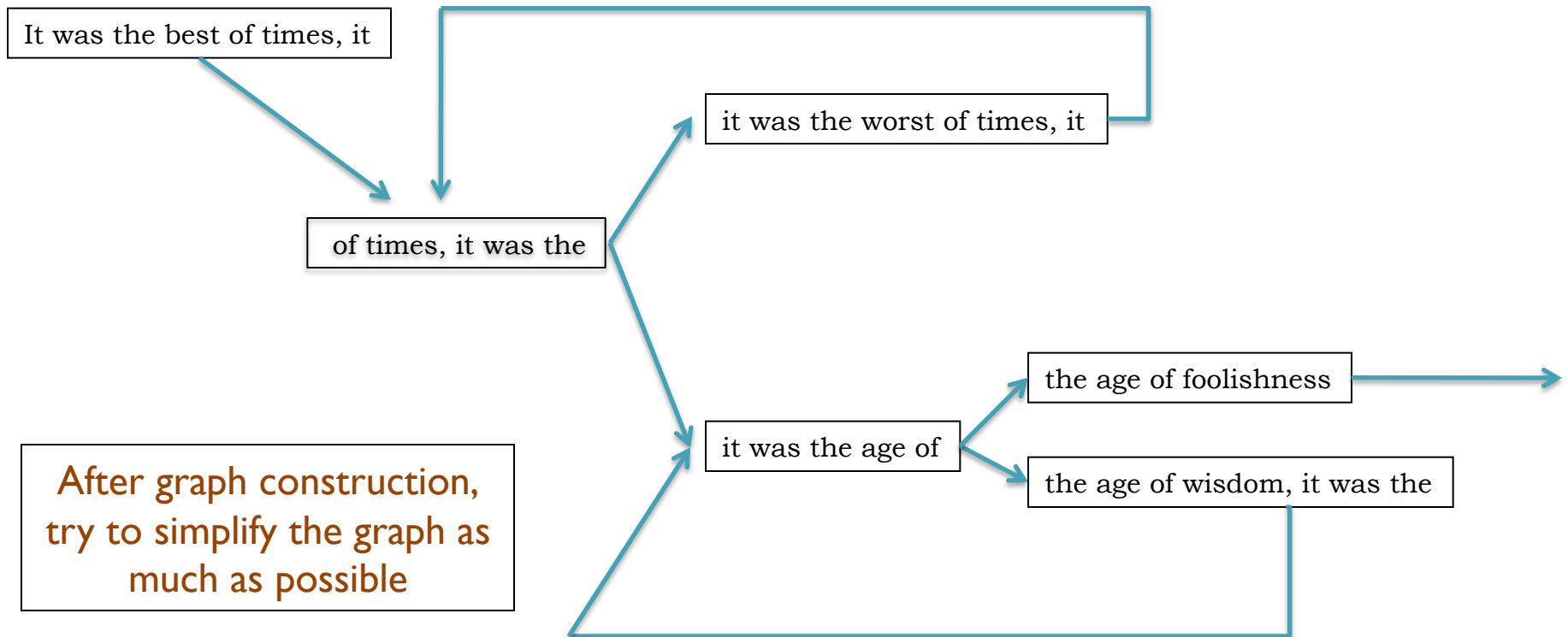
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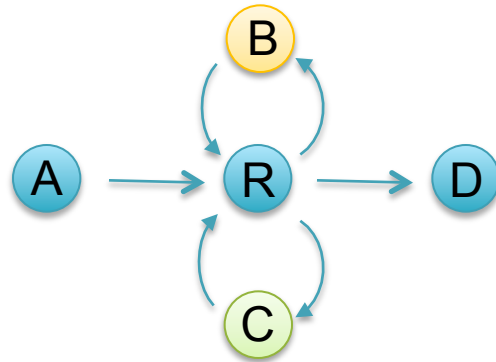
de Bruijn Graph Assembly



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Counting Eulerian Tours



AR**B**RCRD
or
ARC**R**BRD

Typically an astronomical number of possible assemblies

- Value computed by application of the BEST theorem (Hutchinson, 1975)

$$W(G, t) = (\det L) \left\{ \prod_{u \in V} (r_u - 1)! \right\} \left\{ \prod_{(u,v) \in E} a_{uv}! \right\}^{-1}$$

$L = n \times n$ matrix with $r_u - a_{uu}$ along the diagonal and $-a_{uv}$ in entry uv

$r_u = d^+(u) + 1$ if $u=t$, or $d^+(u)$ otherwise

$a_{uv} =$ multiplicity of edge from u to v

Assembly Complexity of Prokaryotic Genomes using Short Reads.

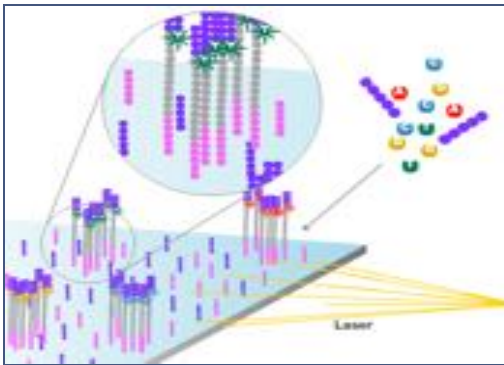
Kingsford C, Schatz MC, Pop M (2010) *BMC Bioinformatics*.

Molecular Biology & DNA Sequencing



Genome of an organism encodes the genetic information in long sequence of 4 DNA nucleotides:ACGT

- Bacteria: ~3 million bp
- Humans: ~3 billion bp



Current DNA sequencing machines can sequence millions of short (25-500bp) reads from random positions of the genome

- Per-base error rate estimated at 1-2% (Simpson *et al*, 2009)

ATCTGATAAGTCCCAGGACTTCAGT

GCAAGGCAAACCCGAGCCCAGTTT

TCCAGTTCTAGAGTTTCACATGATC

GGAGTTAGTAAAAGTCCACATTGAG

Like Dickens, we can only sequence small fragments of the genome at once.

- A single human genome requires ~100 GB of raw data
- We need extremely scalable systems and algorithms

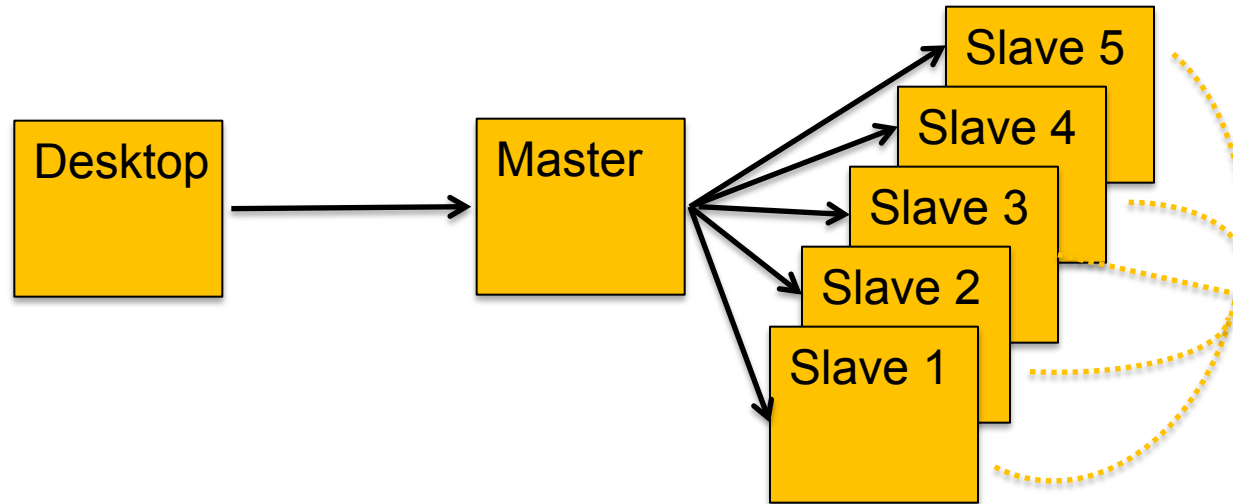
Hadoop MapReduce

<http://hadoop.apache.org>

- MapReduce is the parallel distributed framework invented by Google for large data computations.
 - Data and computations are spread over thousands of computers
 - Indexing the Internet, PageRank, Machine Learning, etc... (Dean and Ghemawat, 2004)
 - 946,460 TB processed in May 2010 (Jeff Dean @ Stanford, Nov 10, 2010)
 - Hadoop is the leading open source implementation
 - 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



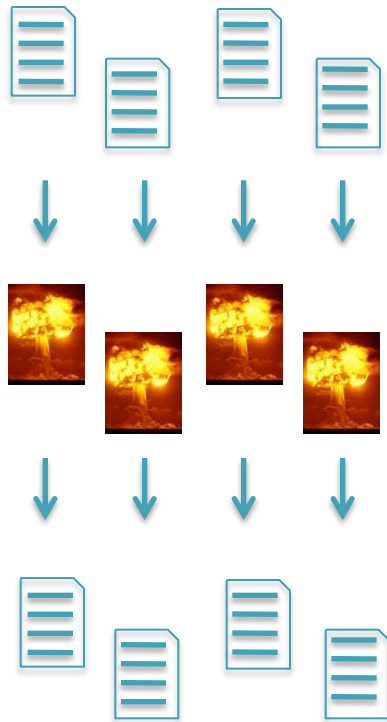
System Architecture



- 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

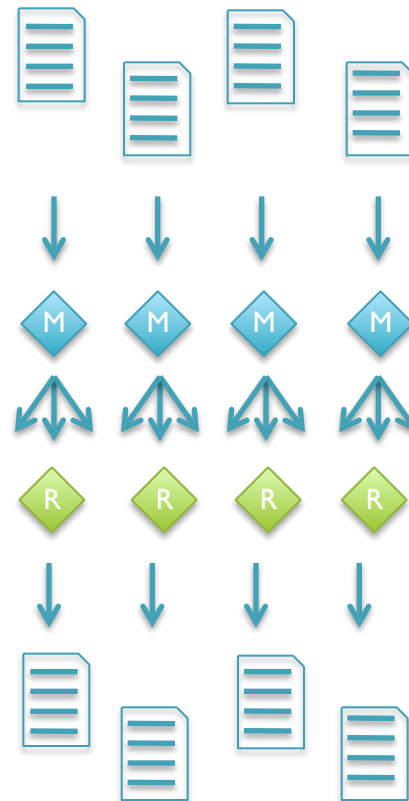
Programming Models

Embarrassingly Parallel



Map-only
Each item is Independent
Batch Computing

Loosely Coupled



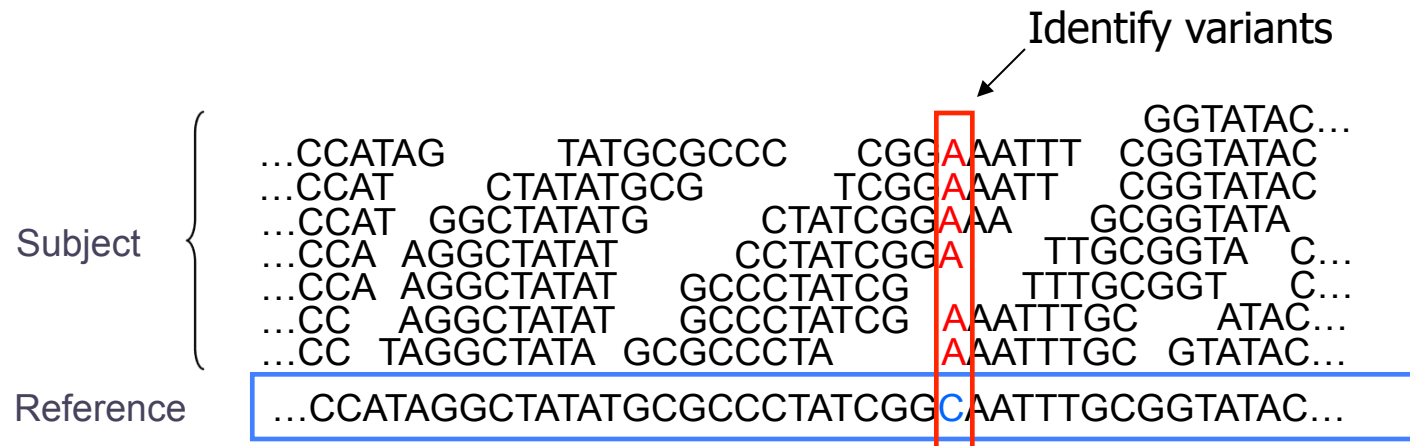
MapReduce
Independent-Shuffle-Independent
Batch Computing + Data Exchange

Tightly Coupled



Iterative MapReduce
Nodes interact with other nodes
Big Data MPI

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

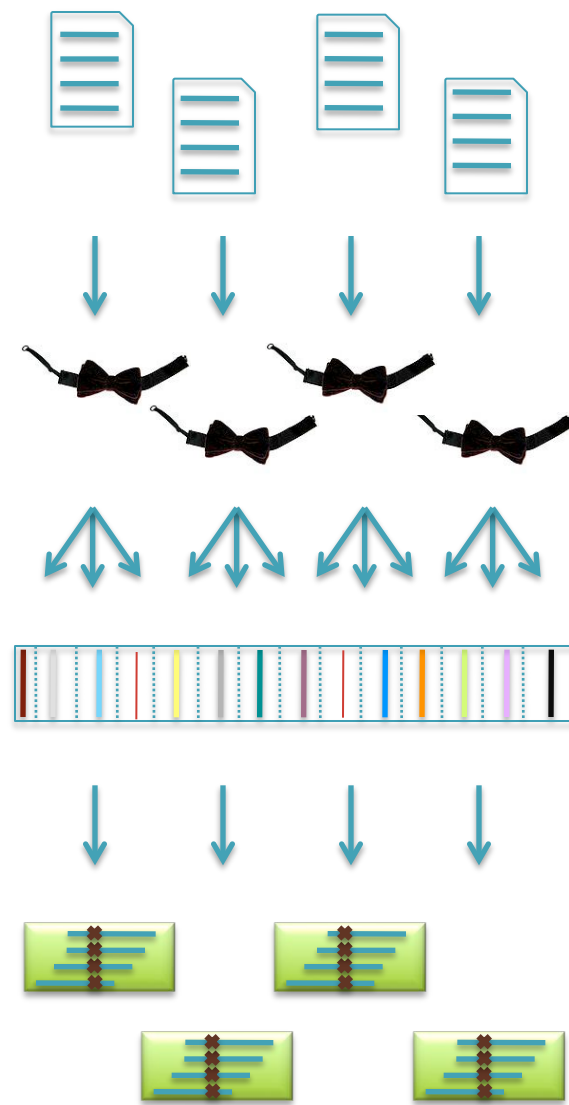
- Desperate need for scalable solutions
 - Single human requires >1,000 CPU hours / genome



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

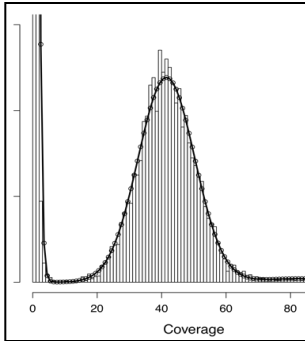
Analyze an entire human genome for ~\$100 in an afternoon.
Accuracy validated at >99%

Searching for SNPs with Cloud Computing.

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

Hadoop for NGS Analysis

Quake



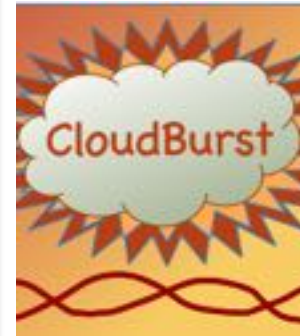
Quality-aware error correction of short reads

Correct 97.9% of errors with 99.9% accuracy

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

(Kelley, Schatz, Salzberg, 2010*)

CloudBurst



Highly Sensitive Short Read Mapping with MapReduce

100x speedup mapping on 96 cores @ Amazon

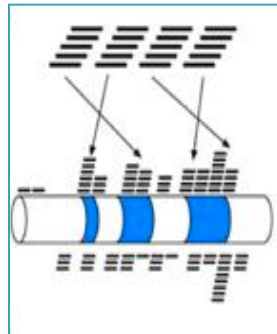
<http://cloudburst-bio.sf.net>

(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/>

AMOS

Searching for SNPs in the Turkey Genome

Scan the de novo assembly to find 920k heterozygous alleles



(Dalloul et al, 2010)

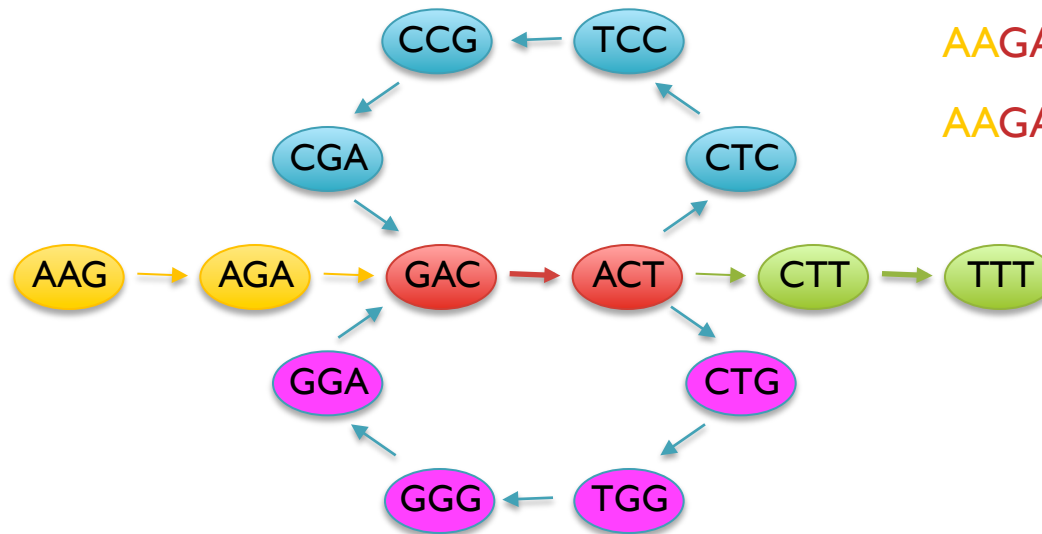
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Short Read Assembly

Reads

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

de Bruijn Graph



Potential Genomes

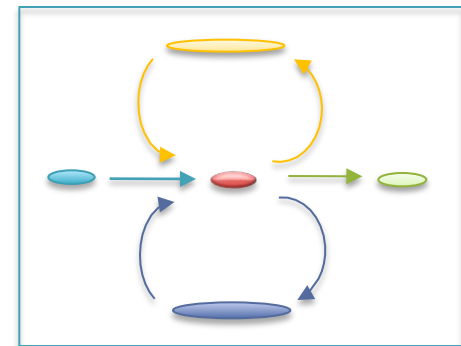
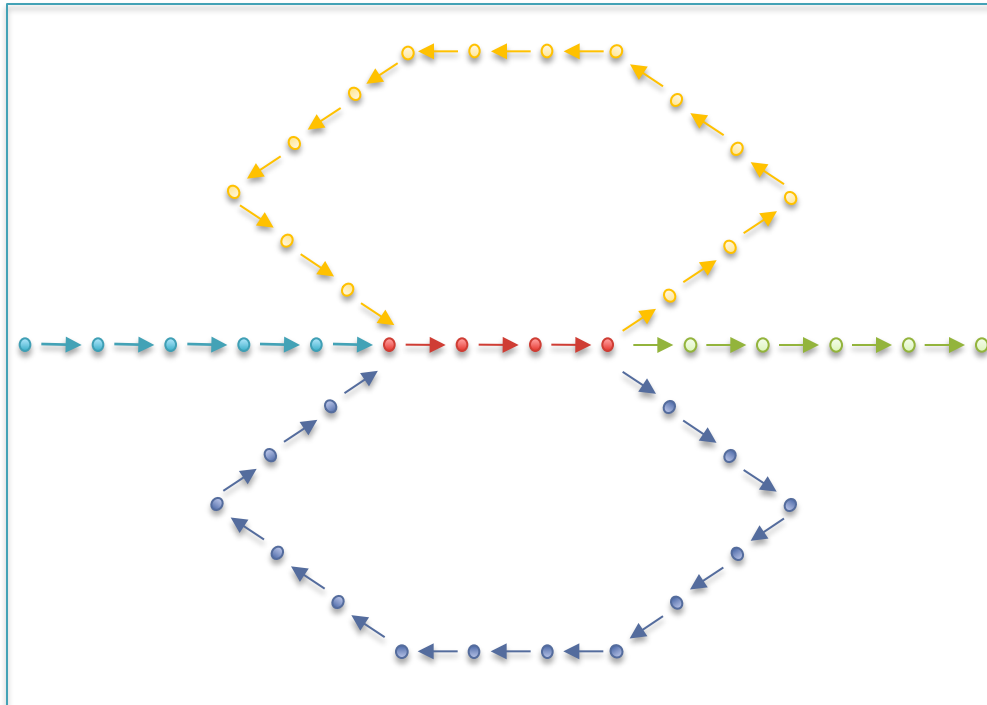
AAGACTCCGACTGGGACTTT

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

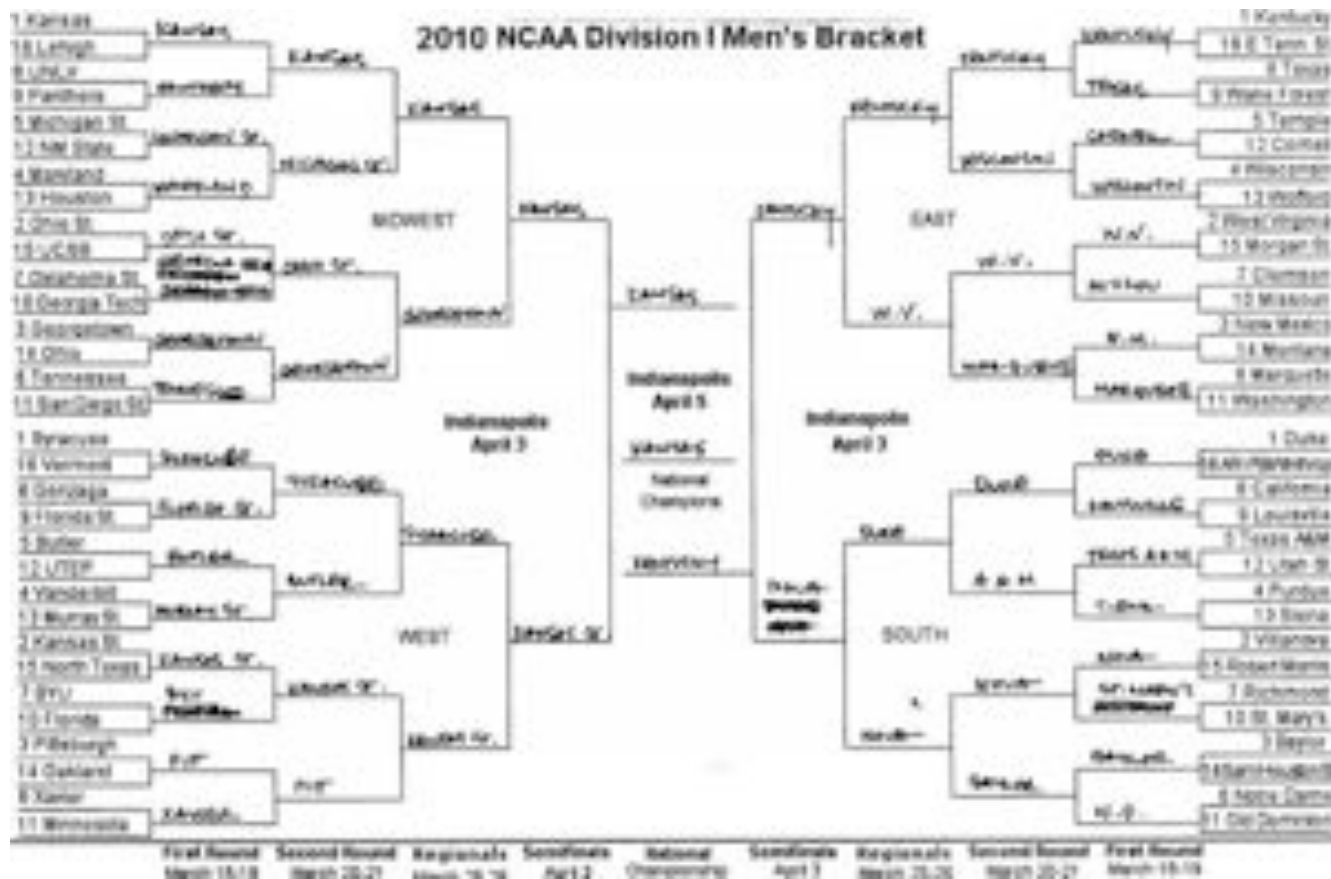


Design Patterns for Efficient Graph Algorithms in MapReduce.

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

Warmup Exercise

- Who here was born closest to November 12?
 - You can only compare to 1 other person at a time



Find winner among 64 teams in just 6 rounds

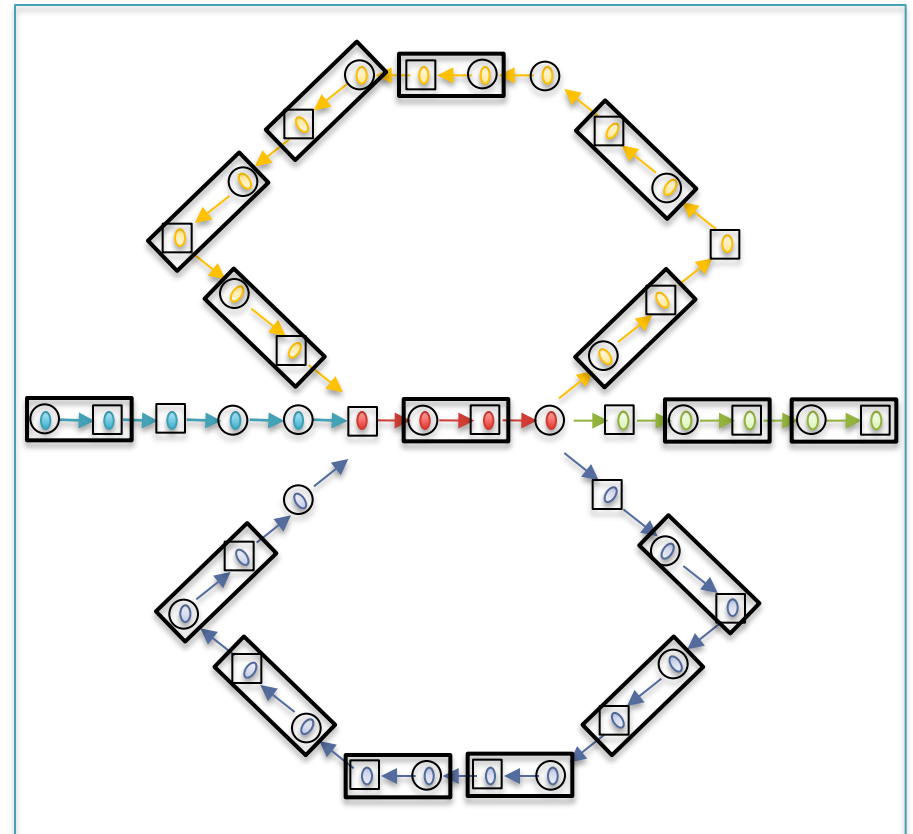
Fast Path Compression

Challenges

- Nodes stored on different computers
- Nodes can only access direct neighbors
- No "Tournament Bracket"

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.

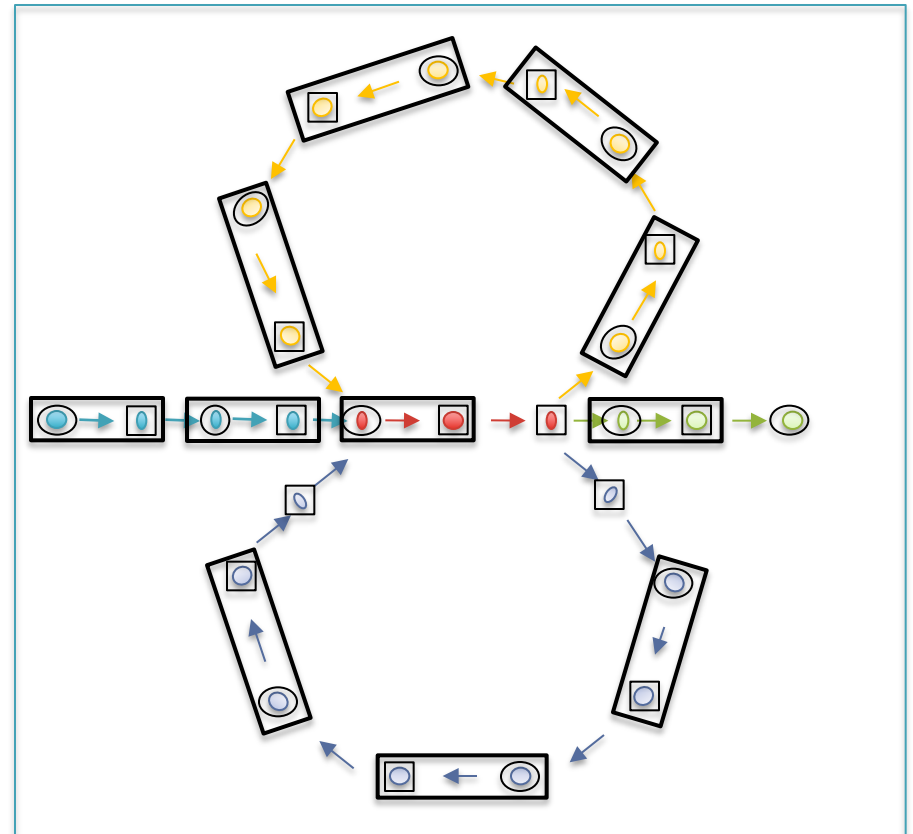
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Round 1: 26 nodes (38% savings)

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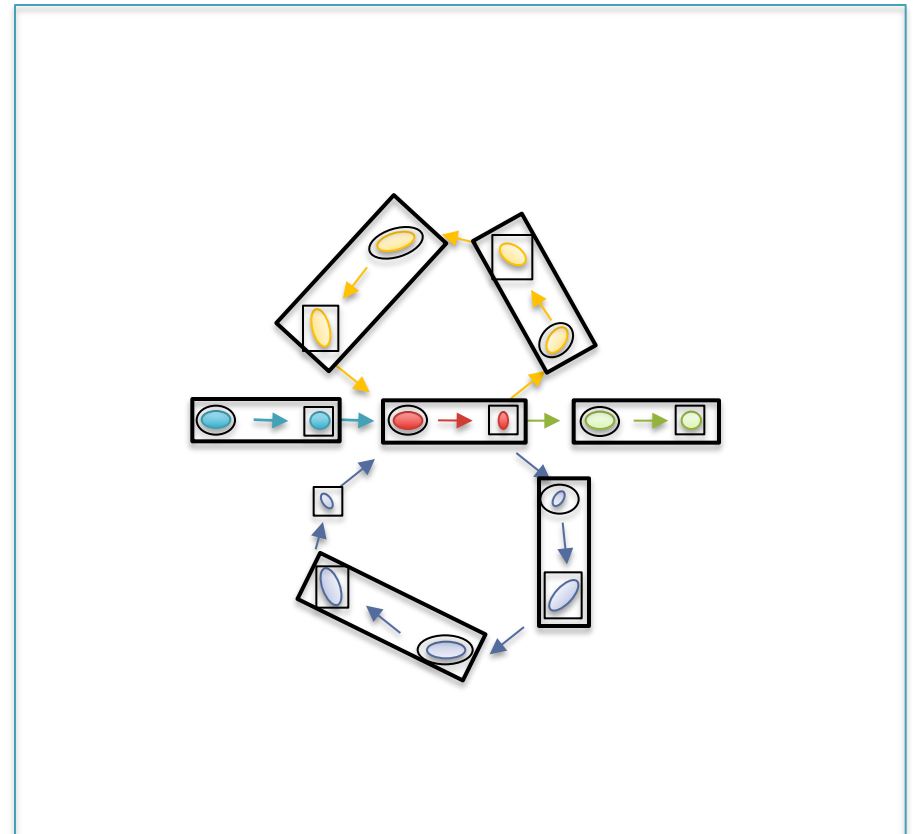
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Round 2: 15 nodes (64% savings)

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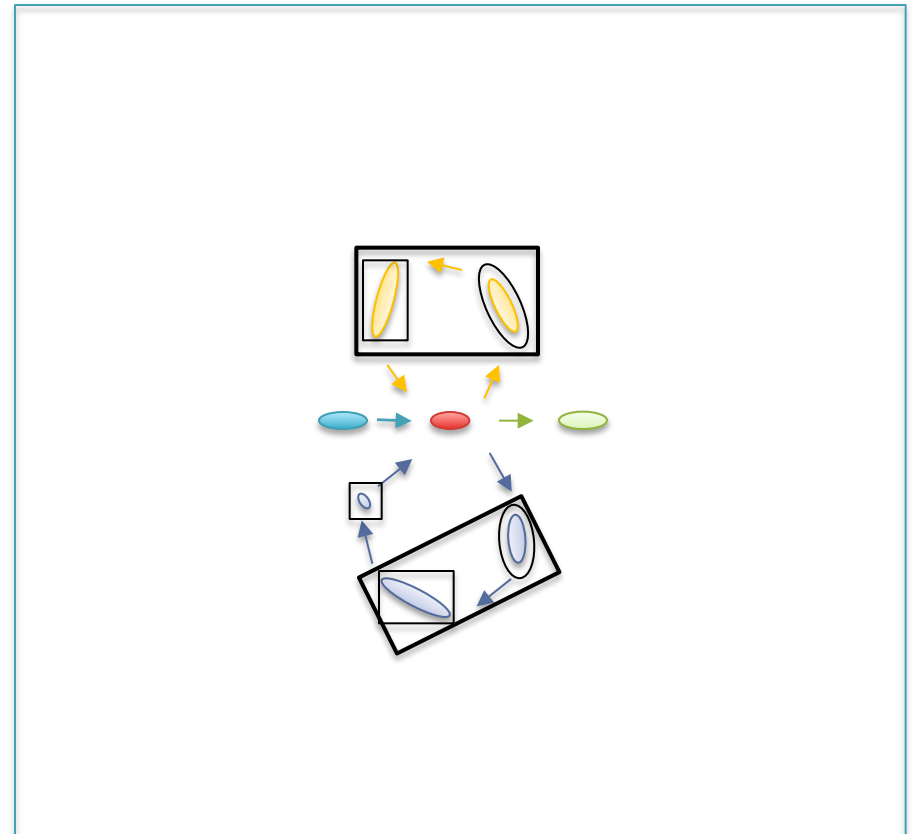
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Randomized List Ranking

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



Round 2: 8 nodes (81% savings)

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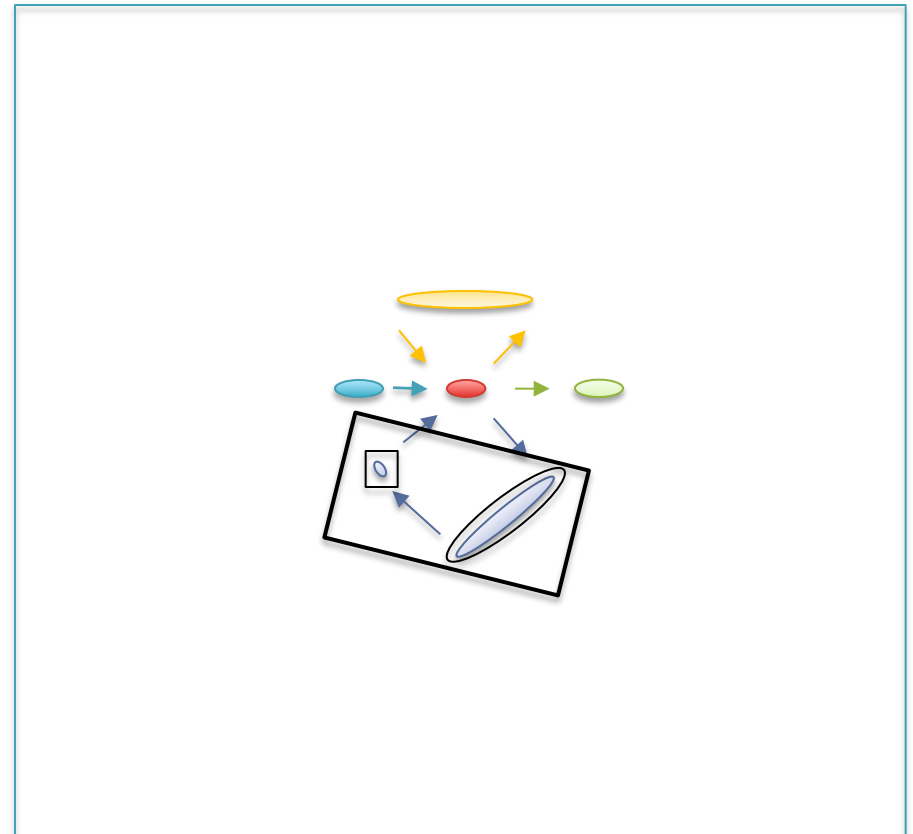
Fast Path Compression

Challenges

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Randomized List Ranking

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



Round 3: 6 nodes (86% savings)

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Fast Path Compression

Challenges

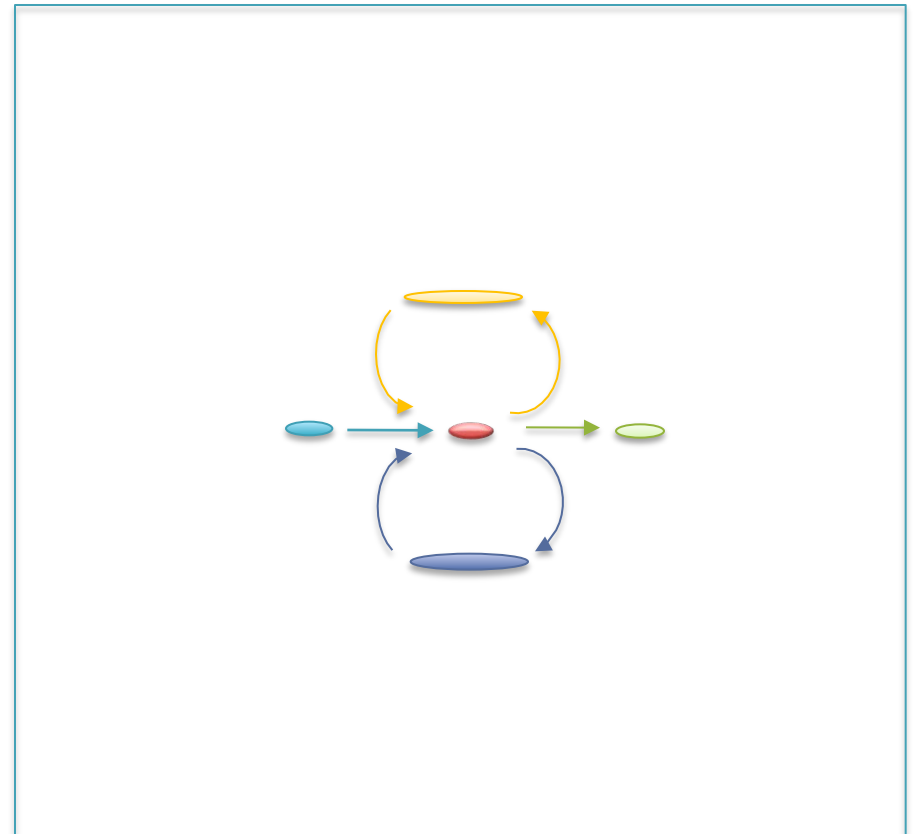
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Performance

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

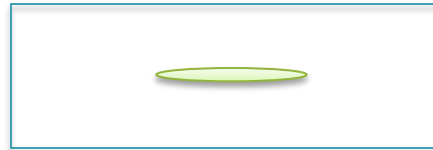


Round 4: 5 nodes (88% savings)

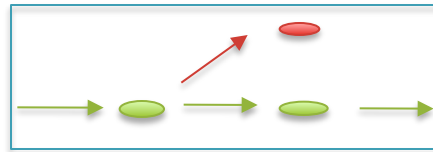
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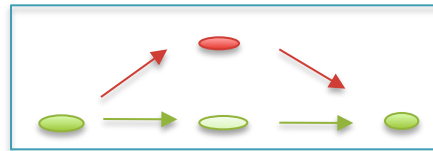
Node Types



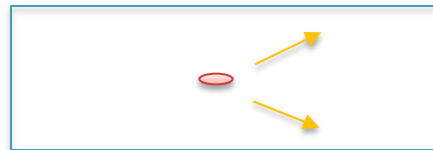
Isolated nodes (10%)



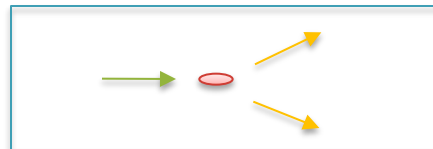
Tips (46%)



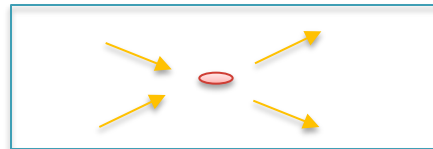
Bubbles/Non-branch (9%)



Dead Ends (.2%)



Half Branch (25%)



Full Branch (10%)

(Chaisson, 2009)

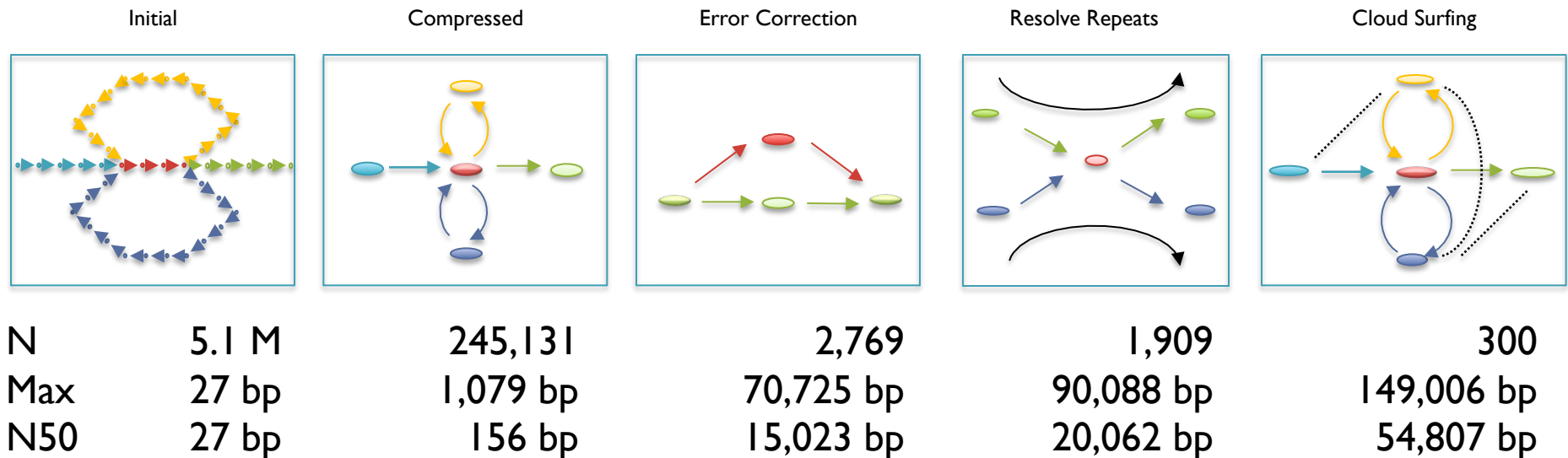
Contrail

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



De novo bacterial assembly

- *Genome: E. coli* K12 MGI655, 4.6Mbp
- *Input: 20.8M* 36bp reads, 200bp insert (~150x coverage)
- *Preprocessor: Quake* Error Correction



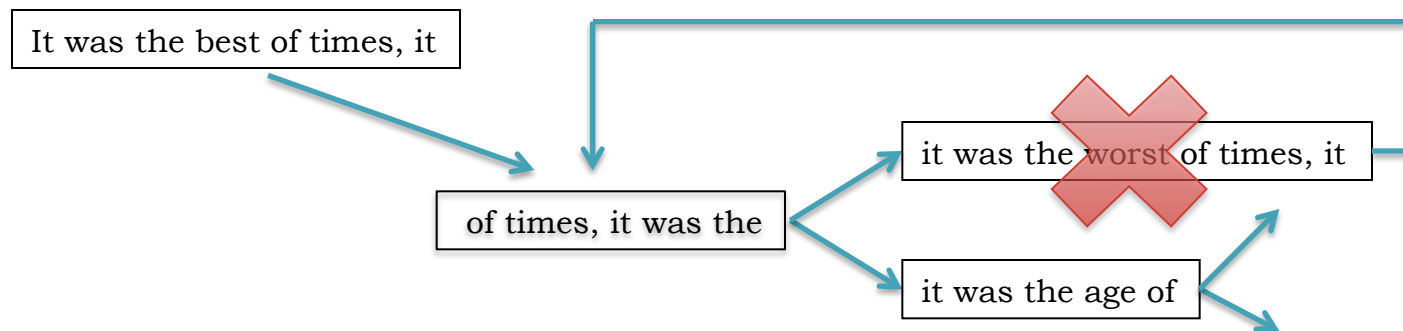
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E. coli Assembly Quality

Incorrect contigs: Align at < 95% identity or < 95% of their length

Assembler	Contigs \geq 100bp	N50 (bp)	Incorrect contigs
Contrail PE	300	54,807	4
Contrail SE	529	20,062	0
SOAPdenovo PE	182	89,000	5
ABYSS PE	233	45,362	13
Velvet PE	286	54,459	9
EULER-SR PE	216	57,497	26
SSAKE SE	931	11,450	38
Edena SE	680	16,430	6



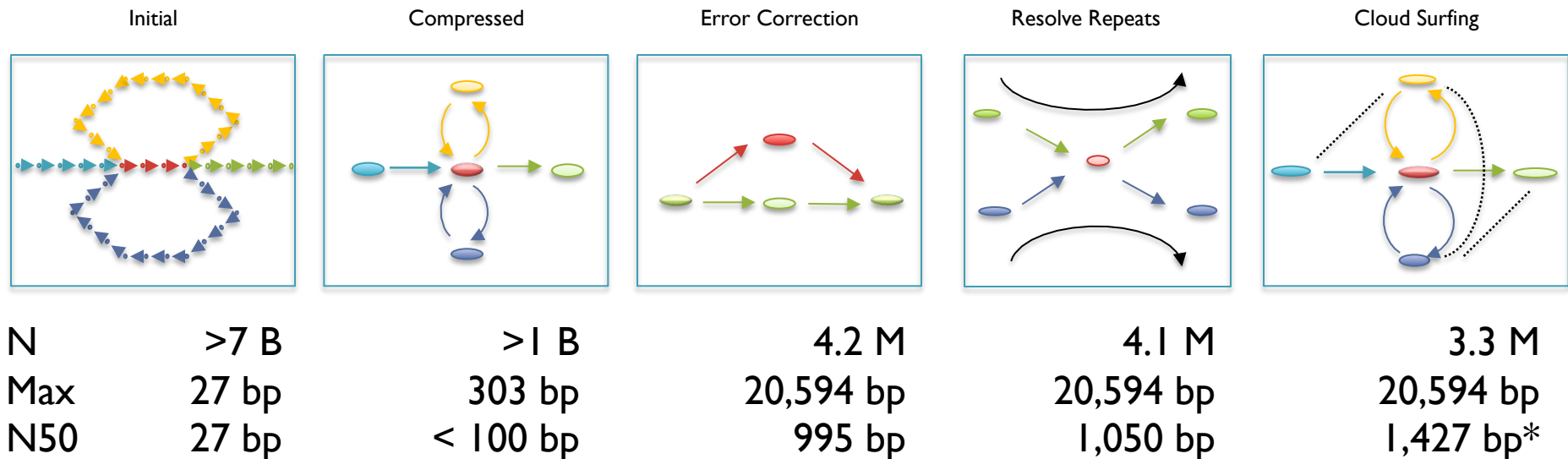
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De novo assembly of the Human Genome

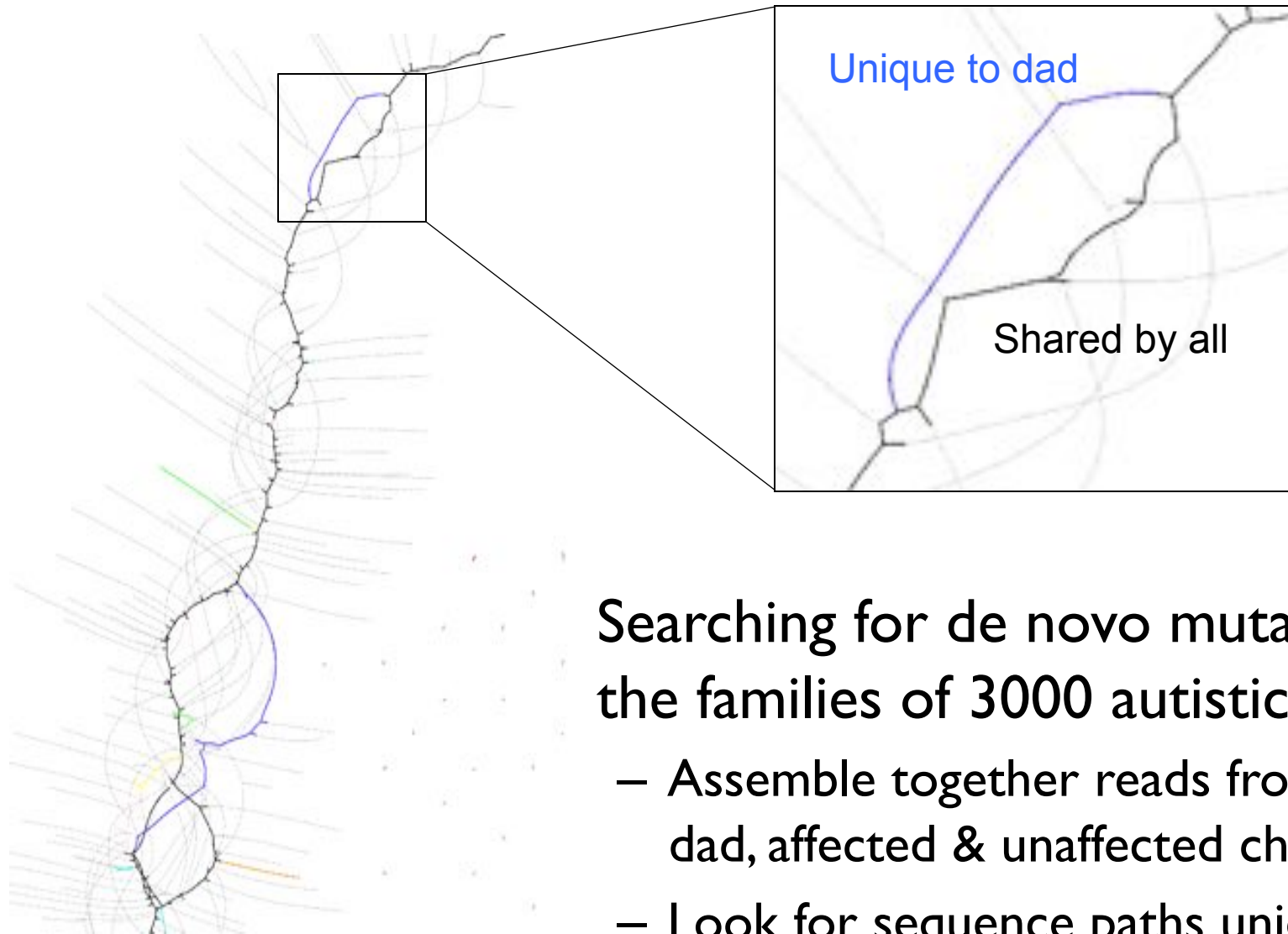
- *Genome*: African male NAI8507 (SRA000271, Bentley *et al.*, 2008)
- *Input*: 3.5B 36bp reads, 210bp insert (~40x coverage)



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Variations and de Bruijn Graphs



MRCILI

Searching for de novo mutations in the families of 3000 autistic children.

- Assemble together reads from mom, dad, affected & unaffected children
- Look for sequence paths unique to affected child



Summary

- Staying afloat in the data deluge means computing in parallel
 - Hadoop + Cloud computing is an attractive platform for large scale sequence analysis and computation
- Significant obstacles ahead
 - Time and expertise required for development
 - Transfer time
 - Privacy / security requirements
 - Price
 - What are the alternatives?
- Emerging technologies are a great start, but we need continued research
 - A word of caution: new technologies are new

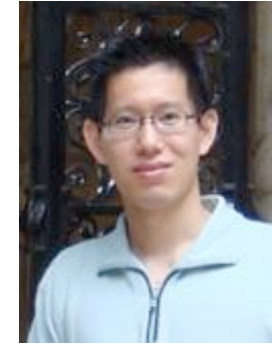
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