The Impact of HPC Best Practice Applied to Next-Generation Sequencing Workflows

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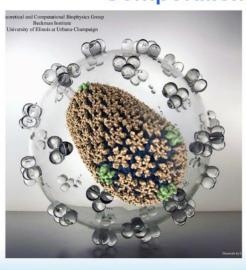
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Computational Chemistry Embraces HPC





First Unprecedented Result Computational Microscope



- Klaus Schulten (PI) and the NAMD group - Code NAMD/Charm++
- Completed the highest resolution study of the mechanism of HIV cellular infection.
 - Are now able to develop mitigation and drug strategies
- May 30, 2013 Cover of Nature
- Orders of magnitude increase in number of atoms – resolution at about 1 angstrom

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Example: Hartree-Fock (HF) and Density Functional Theory (DFT).

The initial problem, HF, is essentially very large to solve, often too large.

DFT, was created (in part) in order to more easily adapt the problem size and accuracy (xc functionals) to the available supercomputer

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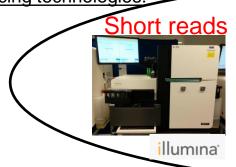
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2 main "next-generation" sequencing technologies:



A <u>"Reads"</u> = a "puzzle piece" of nucleotides (the "ATGC"s)



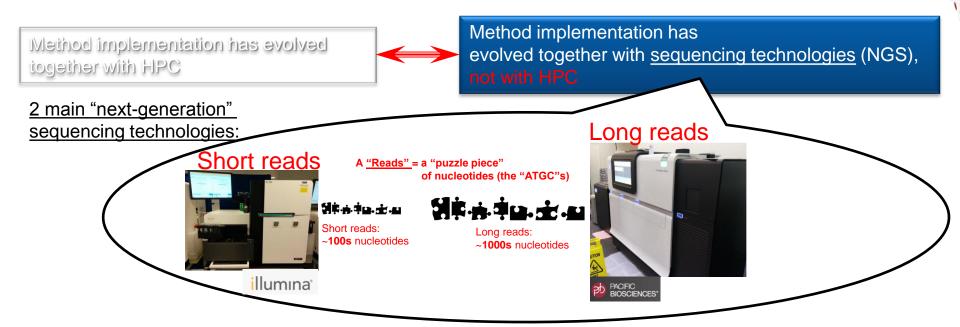
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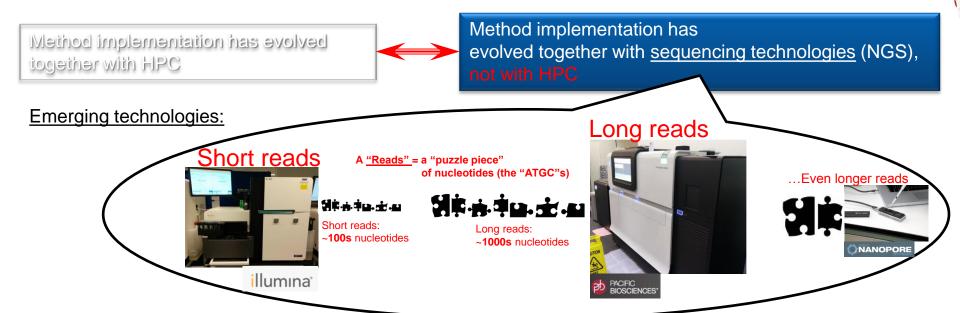
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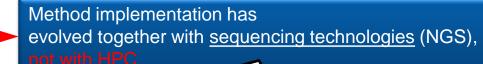
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sequencing

Short reads

Smallest genomes
Bacteria
Drosophila
Mouse

Human

/ Hulliai /

Spruce

Axolotl (not done)
Largest genome

Software

- ✓ Develop/compute on laptop
- ✓ On laptop
- ✓ On laptop
- ✓ On workstation
- ✓ On workstation

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✓ On supercomputer?



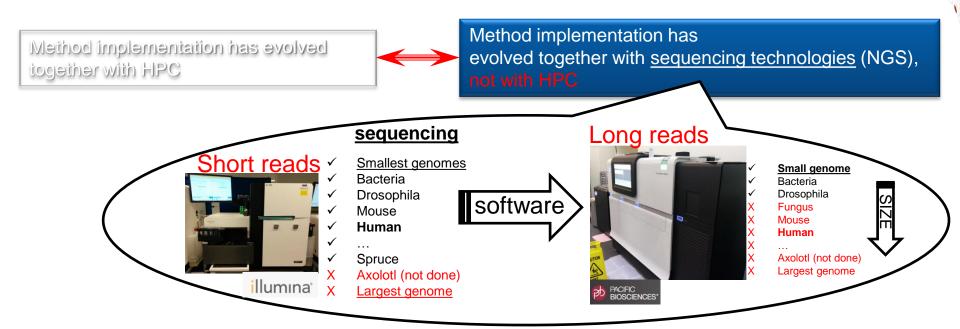
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Most applications are developed as a single executable

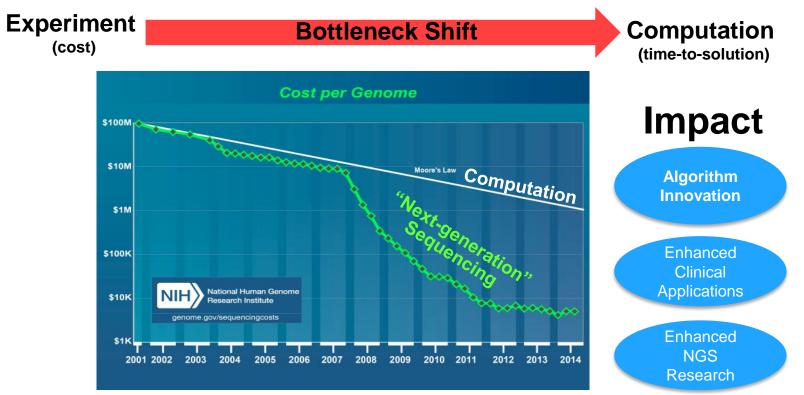


NGS relies on running a collection of applications via a workflow

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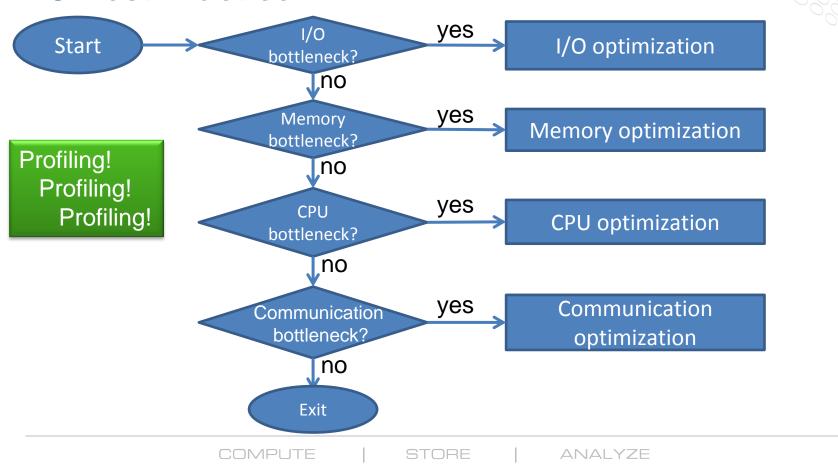




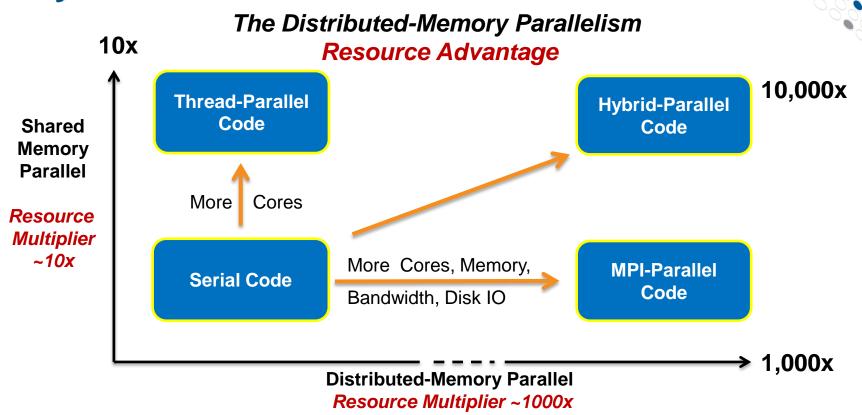
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HPC Best Practice



Why HPC Best Practice?



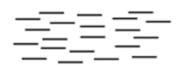
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TrinityRNA-Seq – How it works:



RNA-Seq "reads"

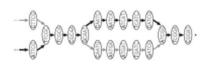


Short reads illumina

Linear "contigs"

>a121:len=5845	
>a122:len=2560	
>a123:len=4443	_
>a124:len=48	
>a125:len=8876	
>a126:len=66	

de-Bruijn graphs



Thousands of disjoint graphs

Transcripts + Isoforms

TT00011 T01T0001

...CTTCGCAA...TGATCGGAT...
...ATTCGCAA...TCATCGGAT...

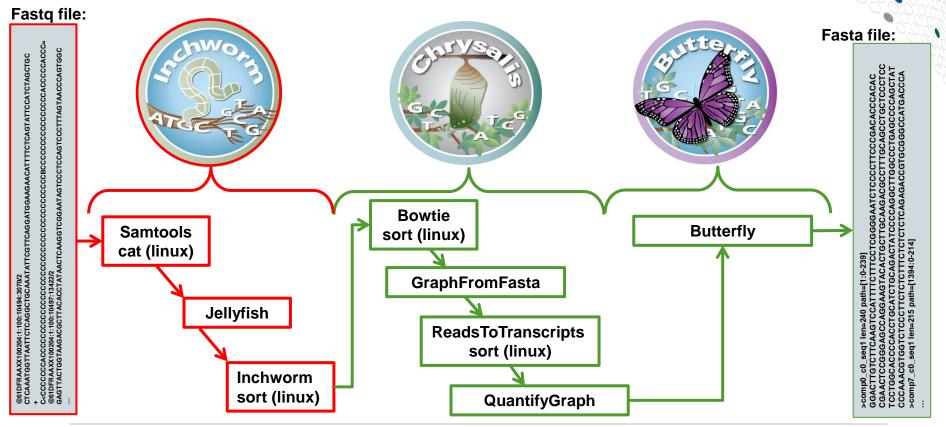
https://github.com/trinityrnaseq/trinityrnaseq/releases/tag/v2.0.6

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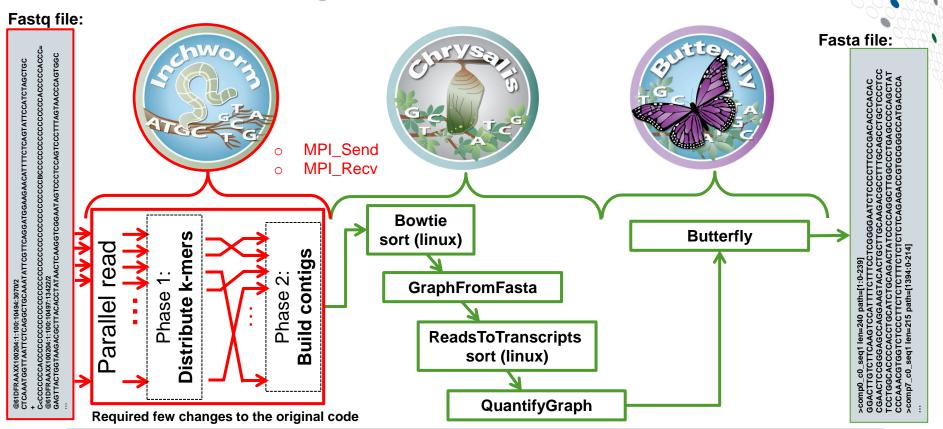




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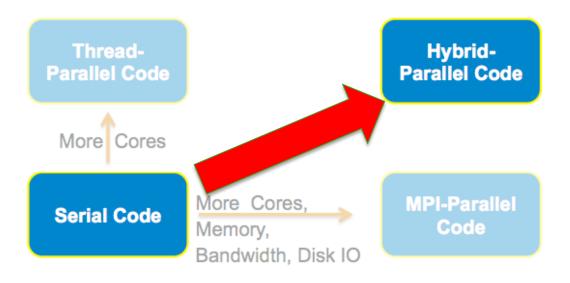
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- Phase 1: Distribute k-mers
- Phase 2: Build contigs

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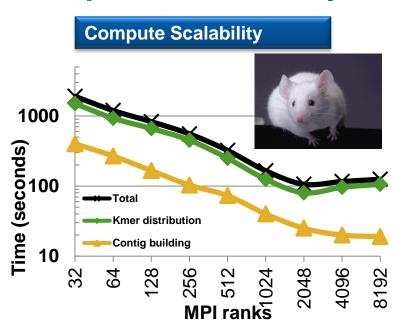
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Hardware Resources

- Cray XC40, 64-bit Intel® Xeon® E5-2698 V3 "Haswell"
- **16 core** 2.3 GHz processor
- Two processors per compute node and 384 processors per cabinet
- The processor **peak performance** per core is 36.8 GF
- The memory consists of 128 GB DDR4-2133 MHz per compute node
- Memory bandwidth is 120 GB/s per node
- The system interconnect is **Cray Aries multilevel dragonfly topology**

Essentially, 2 cabinets XC40 (2x192 nodes) is ideal for running MPI-inchworm (one run after another).

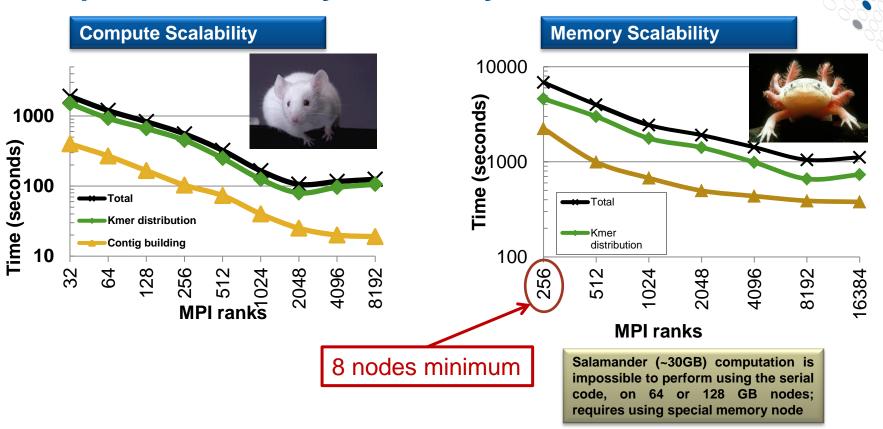
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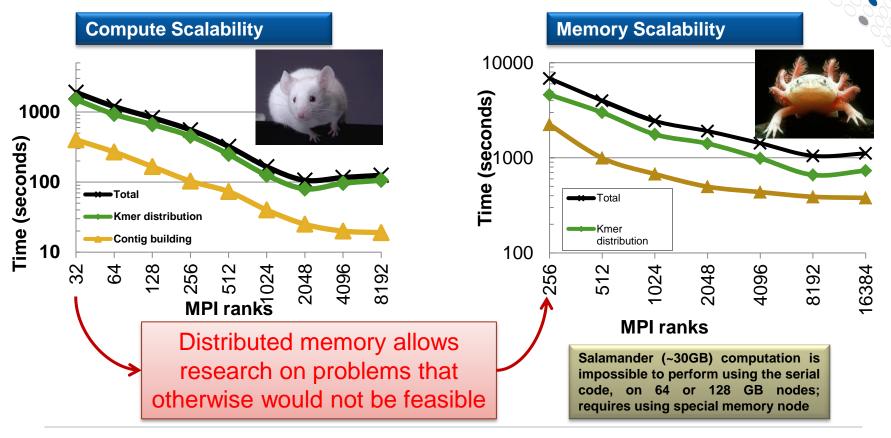
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Conclusions



- HPC Best Practice can be applied to the parallelization of NGS workflows.
- The distributed MPI-Inchworm can now utilize 4096 and more cores.
- Any bioinformatics workflow can greatly benefit from HPC.
- Distributed-memory parallelism eliminates the need for hybrid configurations with large shared-memory nodes.

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