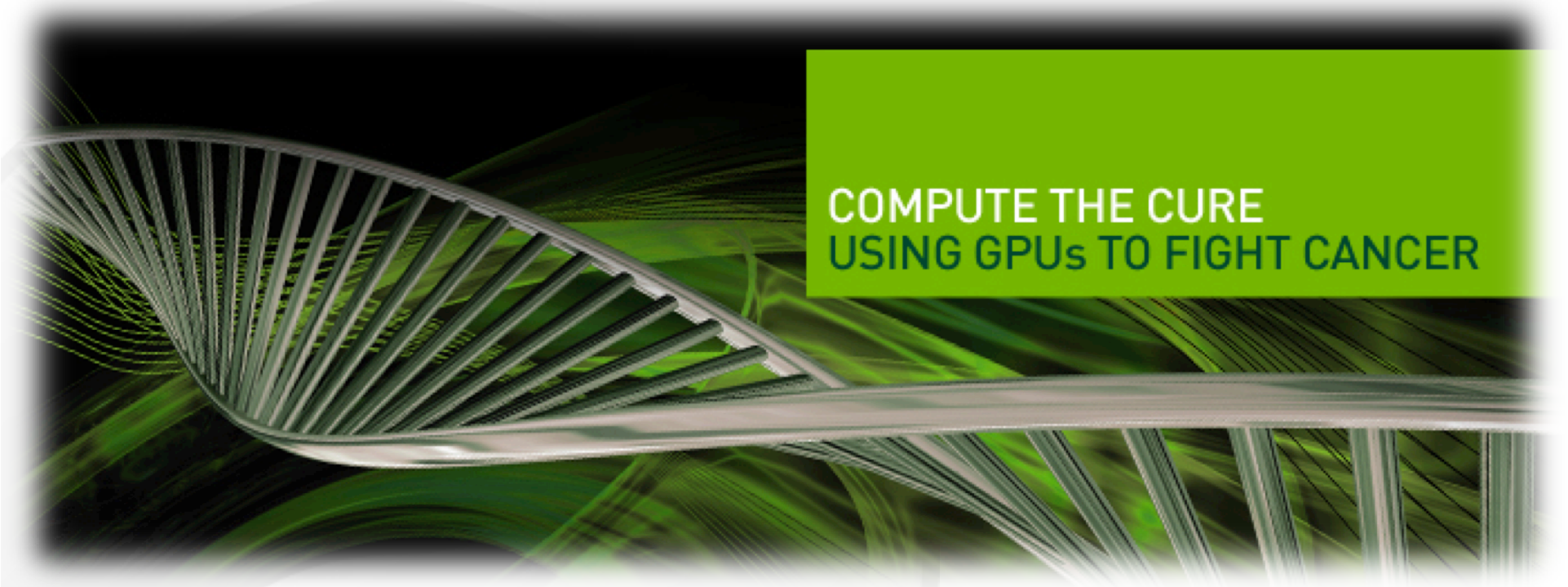

Towards Computing the Cure for Cancer

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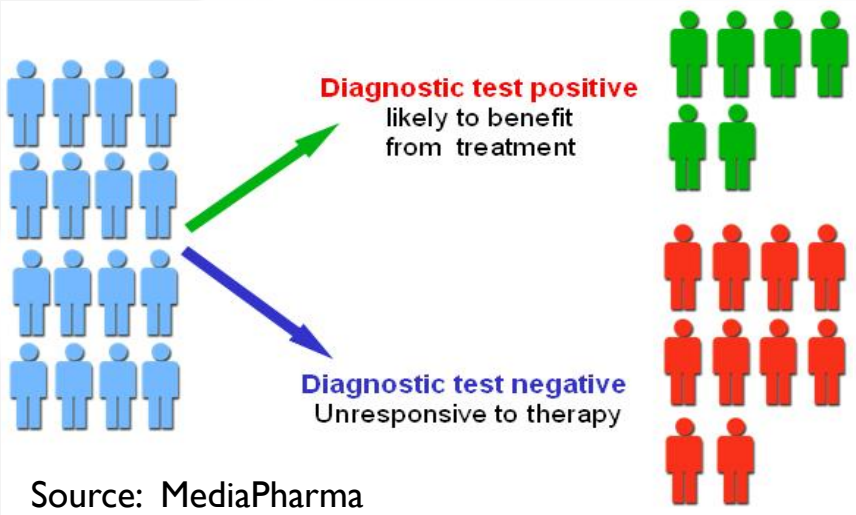
Facts about Cancer

- How frequent does a person die from cancer in the U.S.?
  - *Once every MINUTE*
- How many *new* cases of cancer diagnosed worldwide in 2007?
  - *More than 12 MILLION (12,000,000)*
- How many died from cancer in 2007?
  - *7.6 MILLION,* making it *the* leading cause of death worldwide
- What are the conservative projections for 2050?
  - *New Cases: More than 27 MILLION*
  - *Deaths: 17.6 MILLION* if our ability to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer does not improve

Sources: ICGC, TCGA, WHO

Goals of Cancer Genome Research

- Identify changes in the genomes of tumors
  … that drive cancer progression
- Identify new targets for therapy
- Select drugs based on the genomics of the tumor



Source: MediaPharma

The Ultimate Goal

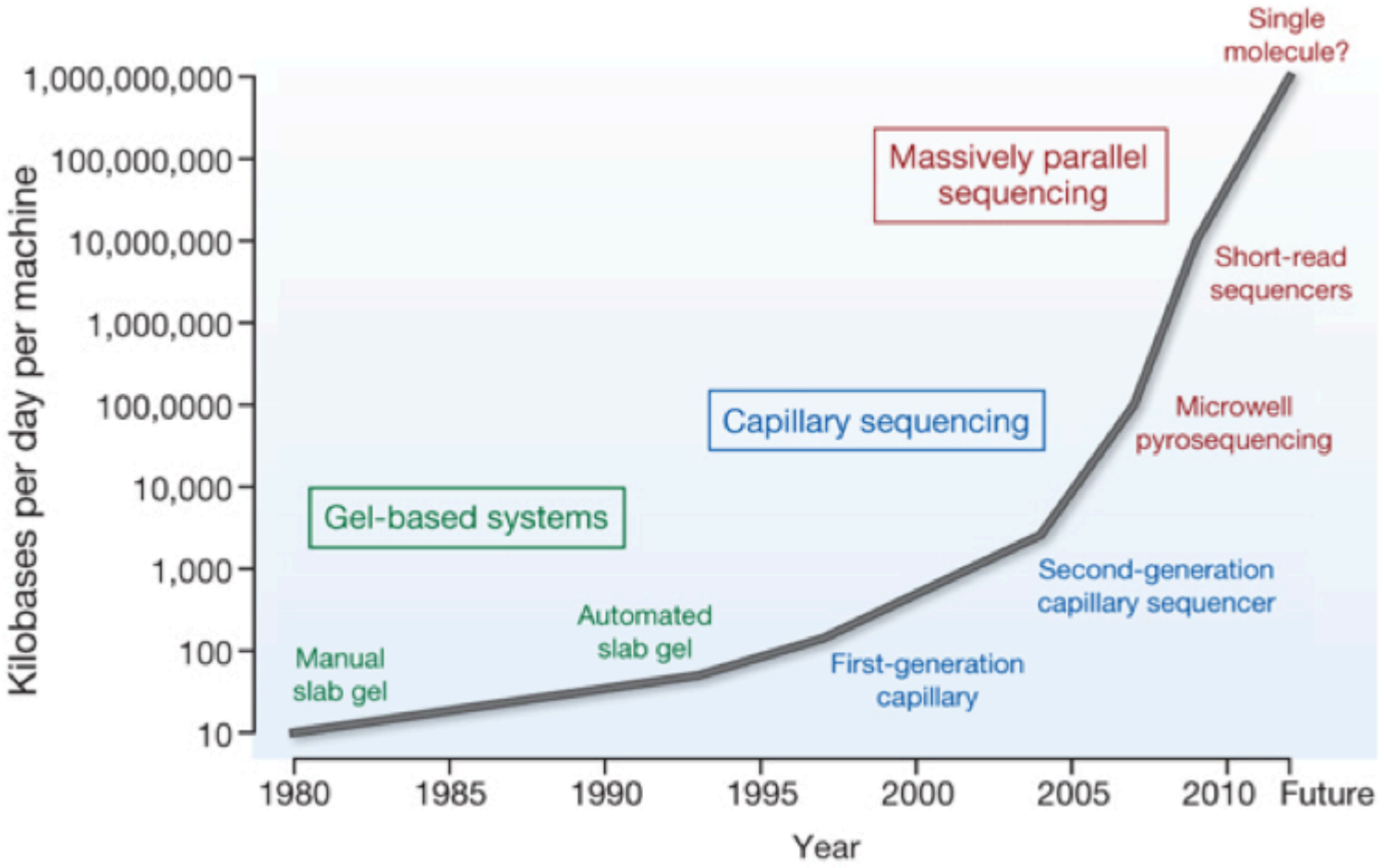
The right treatment
… at the right dose
… for the right patient
… at the right time
… for the right outcome

Source: ICGC

Large-Scale Cancer Genome Studies

- Johns Hopkins U. (Wood et al., *Science*, Oct. 2007)
  - More than 18,000 genes analyzed for mutations
  - 11 breast and 11 colon tumors
- Welcome Trust Sanger Institute (Greenman et al., *Science*, Mar. 2007)
  - 518 genes analyzed for mutations
  - 210 tumors of various types
- The Cancer Genome Atlas (Collins & Barker, *Sci. Am.*, Mar. 2007)
  - Multiple technologies to map genetic changes of 20 cancers
- International Cancer Genome Consortium
  - Identify genomic, transcriptomic, and epigenomic changes in 50 tumor types

Sequencing Throughput



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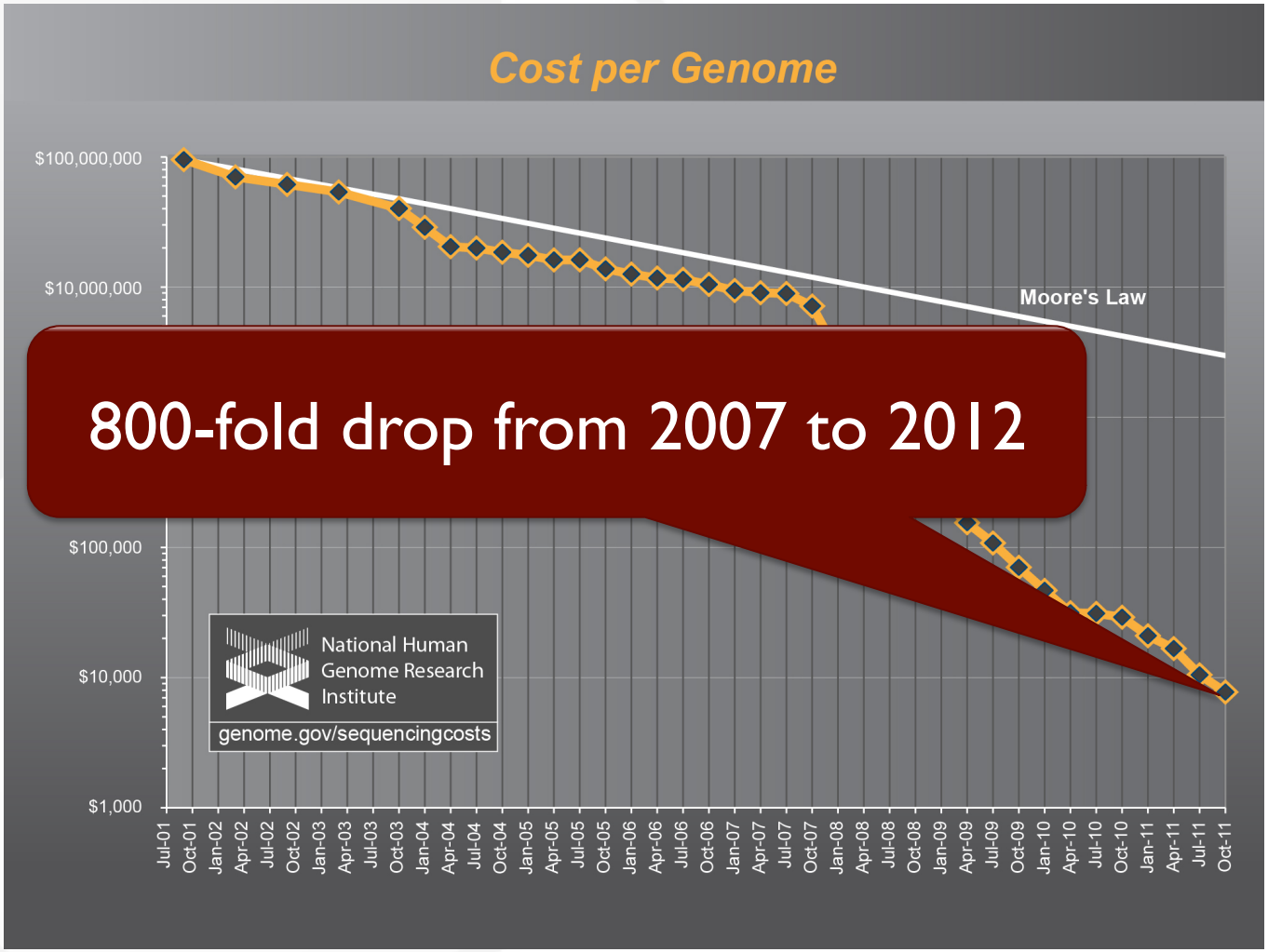
Cost of DNA Sequencing



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Next-gen sequencing (NGS)
presents many opportunities to
understanding cancer genome
changes

Challenges of Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) for Cancer

- Efficiently store and *analyze* massive amounts of DNA data

Personalizing NGS … *Not the Analysis*

Towards Personalizing NGS Analysis

Sampling of our work

Accelerating Protein Sequence Search in a Heterogeneous Computing System

cuBLASTP

On the Robust Mapping of Dynamic Programming onto a Graphics Processing Unit

Shucai Xiao*, Heshan Lin†, and Wu-chun Feng*†

GPU-RMAP: Accelerating Short-Read Mapping on Graphics Processors

A Maintainable Software Architecture for Fast and Modular Bioinformatics Sequence Search

Missing genes in the annotation of prokaryotic genomes

Andrew S Warren[1,2*], Jeremy Archuleta[2], Wu-chun Feng[2], João Carlos Setubal[1,2*]

Parallel Genomic Sequence-Search on a Massively Parallel System

Parallel Genomic Sequence-Searching on an Ad-Hoc Grid: Experiences, Lessons Learned, and Implications

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Short-Read Mapping

- Bfast
- BioScope
- Bowtie/Bowtie2
- BWA
- CLC bio
- CloudBurst
- Eland/Eland2
- GenomeMapper
- GnuMap
- Karma
- MAQ
- MOM
- Mosaik
- MrFAST/ MrsFAST
- NovoAlign
- PASS
- PerM
- RazerS
- RMAP
- SSAHA2
- Segemehl
- SeqMap
- SHRiMP/SHRiMP2
- Slider/Slider II
- SOAP/SOAP2
- Srprism
- Stampy
- Vmatch
- ZOOM

… and so on

Pain Points for Cancer Biologist

- Time to Solution
  - Sequencing throughput >> compute throughput
  - Days to analyze (instead of hours or even minutes)
- Ease of Use
  - Steep learning curve to identify right tools, use tools, and integrate & compose tools

Key Unmet Need in NGS

"Lack of *user-friendly tools* to decipher the *large amount of data* generated by next-generation sequencing (NGS)."

Source: DeciBio, November 2011

Which bio tool do I use and how do I use it?

How do I integrate the use of tools from my toolbox?

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Towards Computing the Cure for Cancer

http://www.computethecure.org/

- Empower scientists to fight cancer

  … through innovative parallel computing

- Foster a community

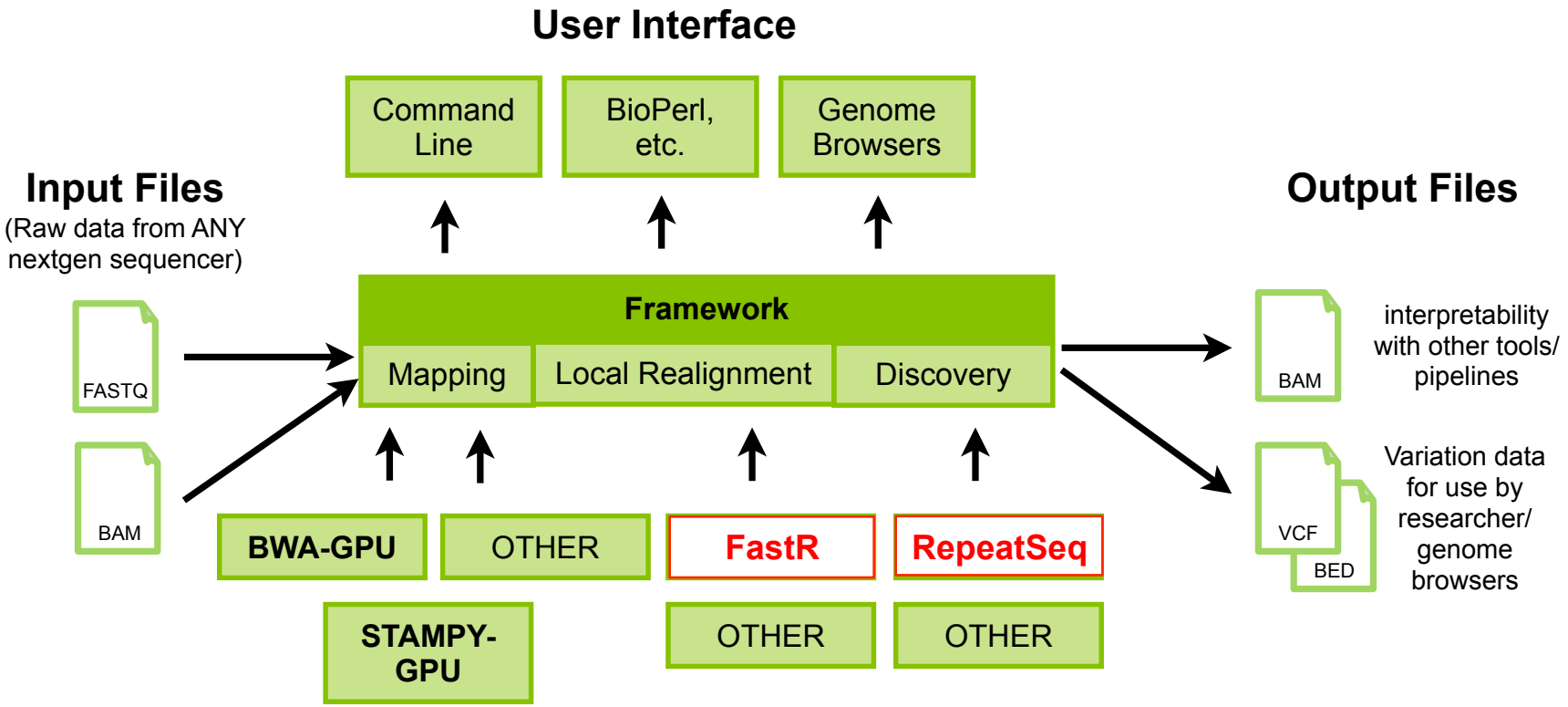
  … for developing accelerated bioinformatics tools

- Develop an easy-to-use genome analysis framework

  … to allow cancer biologists to focus on the science of cancer rather than on the *computer* science

A Framework for Genome Analysis

→ Open Genomics Engine (OpenGE)



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Phase I

Improved Tools

Novel Tools

Source: NVIDIA Foundation & D. Mittelman
(Inspired by GATK @ Broad Institute)

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Overall Status of OpenGE

- Open-source software framework for cancer researchers to improve the productivity (i.e., speed and ease of use) with which to identify DNA mutations that lead to cancer.
- Sample OpenGE Workflows
  - BWA → GATK IndelRealigner → GATK Genotyper
  - BWA → FastR → Dindel
  - BWA → SAMtools
- Primary OpenGE Plug-Ins
  - Short-Read Mapping: BWA and (soon) CUSHAW
  - Local Realignment: ***FastR*** and GATK Realignment
  - Discovery: Dindel and ***RepeatSeq***

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Teaser: *Beyond* OpenGE

Why? →

- Hardware design that keeps future applications in mind
- Basis for future applications? 13 computational dwarfs

Example: N-body

- Fermi
  - 400M interactions (200,000 bodies)
  - 1M particles/second
- Kepler
  - 789M interactions (280,875 bodies)
  - 10M particles/second → billions of years of simulation

Similar Idea for OpenGE

- Abstract common algorithmic components
- Provide a library of GPU-accelerated components for building high-performance analysis (plug-in) tools

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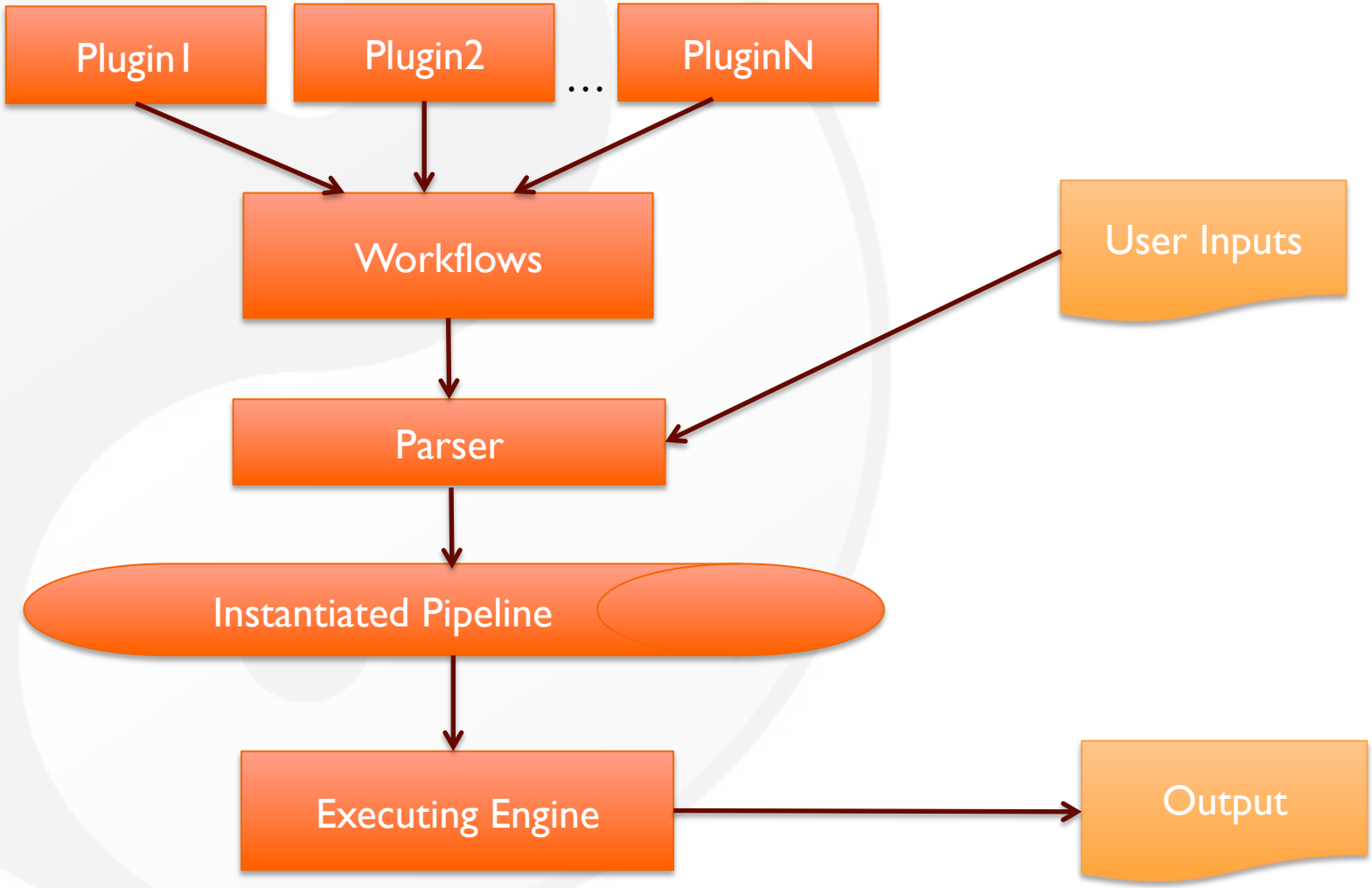
- OpenGE
  - Overview
  - Workflow & Plug-In Specification
  - User Interface
  - Beyond OpenGE

OpenGE Design Goals

- Flexible
  - Support majority of existing genomics analysis tools
  - Allow composing sophisticated workflows
- Extensible
  - Fine-grained control of heterogeneous resources
    - Mapping between plugins and GPUs
    - Establish pipeline between CPU and GPUs
- Easy to Use
  - Lightweight
  - Currently provides intuitive command line interface
  - Could be extended to GUI in the future

OpenGE Overview



Plugin XML Definition

- Inspired by Galaxy
- Structures
  - Command(s)
  - Input parameters
  - Output parameters
- Conditional parameters
  - Ternary operator [condition? para1 : para2]
    - String comparison
      - Str1 == Str2
      - Str1 != Str2
    - Boolean variables
      - True
      - False

```
<plugin id="bwa_aln" name="BWA Align" version="0.5.9">
  <description>Align reads with BWA</description>
  <commands>
    <command> bwa aln [$num_threads != ""? -t $numthreads]
$ref_genome $input_read -f $output_sai
    </command>
  </commands>

  <inputs>
    <param name="ref_genome" type="file" format="bwt_index"
label="Index of reference genome"/>
    <param name="input_read" type="file" format="fastq"
label="Input read file"/>
    <param name="num_threads" type="int" value="4"
label="Number of threads"/>
  </inputs>

  <outputs>
    <param name="output_sai" type="file" format="sai"
label="Output BWA alignments" />
  </outputs>
</plugin>
```

Workflow XML Definition

- Essentially a directed acyclic graph (DAG) of plugins
- Structure
  - Inputs
  - Outputs
  - Steps
    - Plugin/sub-workflow
    - Inputs
    - Outputs
- Dependencies
  - Express dependency via input-output connections between steps
  - Output file automatically generated

Example Workflow

```
<inputs>
    <param name="in.read1" type="file" format="fastq" />
    <param name="in.read2" type="file" format="fastq" />
    <param name="in.genome" type="file" format="bwt" />
</inputs>
```

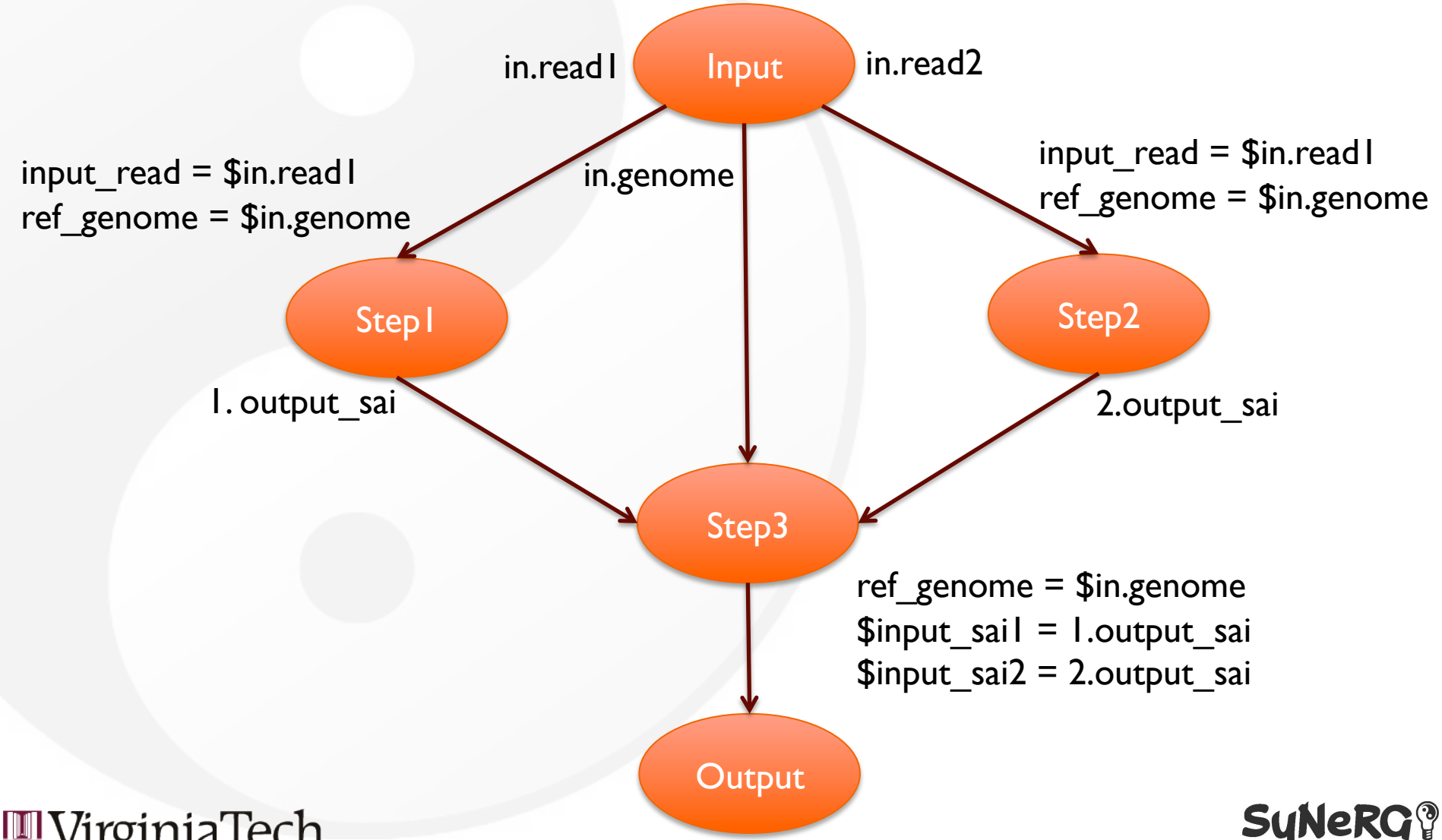
```
<steps>
    <step id="1" type="plugin" plugin_id="bwa_aln" >
      <inputs>
        <param name="input_read" value="$in.read1" />
        <param name="ref_genome" value="$in.genome" />
      </inputs>
      <outputs>
        <param name="output_sai" />
      </outputs>
    </step>
    <step id="2" type="plugin" plugin_id="bwa_aln" >
      <inputs>
        <param name="input_read" value="$in.read2" />
        <param name="ref_genome" value="$in.genome" />
      </inputs>
```

```
      <outputs>
        <param name="output_sai" />
      </outputs>
    </step>
```

```
<step id="3" type="plugin" plugin_id="bwa_sampe" >
      <inputs>
        <param name="input_read1" value="$in.read1" />
        <param name="input_read2" value="$in.read2" />
        <param name="ref_genome" value="$in.genome" />
        <param name="input_sai1" value="$1.output_sai" />
        <param name="input_sai2" value="$2.output_sai" />
      </inputs>
      <outputs>
        <param name="output_sam" />
      </outputs>
    </step>
  </steps>
```

```
<outputs>
    <param name="output_sam" type="file" format="sam"
value="$3.output_sam" />
  </outputs>
```

Workflow DAG



OpenGE User Interface

- Command line interface
- Programmable interface
- Annotated script importer

Command Line Interface

- Query
  - listWorkflows
  - listPlugins
  - queryWorkflow
  - queryPlugin
  - …
- Edit
  - CreatePluginTemplate
  - CreateWorkflow
  - …
- Execute
  - testWorkflow
  - executeWorkflow
  - …

CLI Screen Shot

```
ctc > testWorkflow bwa_pe_sam --input-read1 1.fastq --input-read2 2.fastq --ref_genome hg19.fa --output_sam aln.sam

[Mon May 14 20:04:46 2012] Changing working directory to /Users/hlin2/codes/CTC/engine/test/workspace/TfMkkJrxO
[Mon May 14 20:04:46 2012] Executing:  bwa aln -n 0.04 -o 1 -e -1 -d 16 -i 5  -k 2 -t 4 -M 3 -O 11 -E 4     -q 0  -B 0  hg19.fa 1.fastq -f /Users/hlin2/codes/CTC/engine/test/workspace/TfMkkJrxO/aln1-bwa_aln-output_sai.tmp.sai
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[Mon May 14 20:04:46 2012] Changing working directory to /Users/hlin2/codes/CTC/engine

ctc >
```

Programmable Interface

```
Workflow workflow;

// Construct inputs of the workflow
Parameter p1(DATA_FILE, "", "fastq", "");
workflow.addInput("in_read1", p1);
….
// Construct steps of the workflow
WorkflowStep s_aln1(PLUGIN, "aln1", "bwa_aln");
s_aln1.addInput("input_read", "$in_read1");
s_aln1.addInput("ref_genome", "$in_genome");
s_aln1.addOutput("output_sai");
workflow.addStep(s_aln1);
…
WorkflowStep s_aln2(PLUGIN, "aln2", "bwa_aln");
s_aln2.addInput("input_read", "$in_read2");
s_aln2.addInput("ref_genome", "$in_genome");
s_aln2.addOutput("output_sai");
workflow.addStep(s_aln2);
```

```
…
WorkflowStep s_tosam(PLUGIN, "tosam", "bwa_sampe");
s_tosam.addInput("input_read1", "$in_read1");
s_tosam.addInput("input_read2", "$in_read2");
s_tosam.addInput("ref_genome", "$in_genome");
s_tosam.addInput("input_sai1", "$aln1.output_sai");
s_tosam.addInput("input_sai2", "$aln2.output_sai");
 s_tosam.addOutput("output_sam");
 workflow.addStep(s_tosam);

Parameter p4(DATA_FILE, "$tobam.output_bam", "bam",
"");
workflow.addOutput("output", p4);
…
Engine engine(engine_dir);
engine.executeWorkflow(workflow, paras, true);
```

Annotated Scripts

- Import from users' existing workflow scripts
  - Automatically generate XML plugins and workflows
  - Automatically connect two consecutive steps
- Limitation
  - Support single input and single output for each step
- Inspired by Bpipe

  http://code.google.com/p/bpipe/

```
WORKFLOW_ID=imported_variant_calling
WORKFLOW_NAME="Call variants with samtools"
WORKFLOW_VERSION=1.0.0

REFERENCE=hg19.fa
align := {
    bwa aln -l -t 8 $REFERENCE $input > ${input}.sai
    bwa samse $REFERENCE ${input}.sai $input > $output
}
sort := {
    samtools view -bSu $input  | samtools sort - $output
    mv ${output}.bam ${output}
}
index := {
    samtools index $input
}
call_variants := {
    samtools mpileup -uf $REFERENCE $input | bcftools
view -bvcg - > $output
}
```

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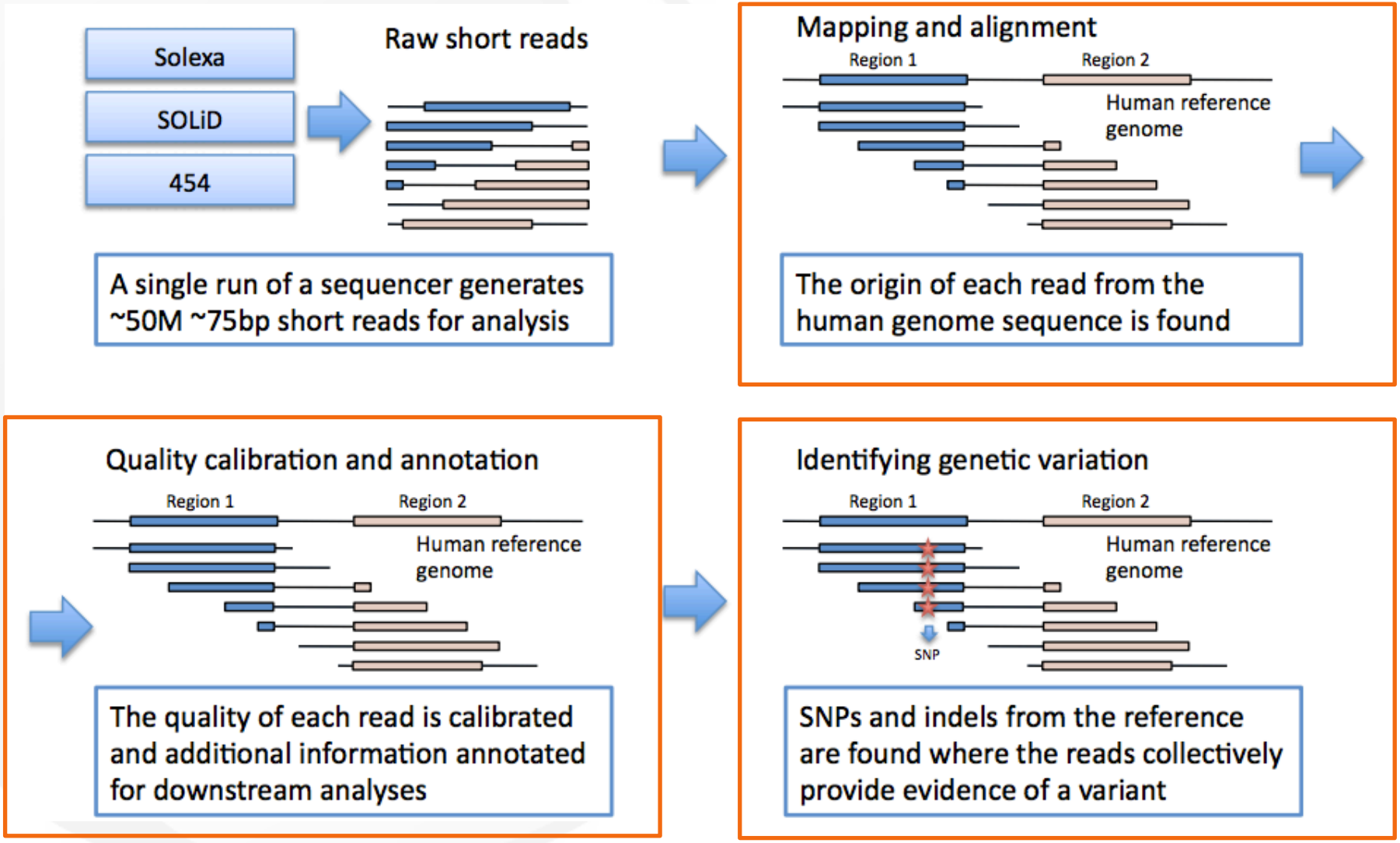
From Reads to Genetic Variation Detection



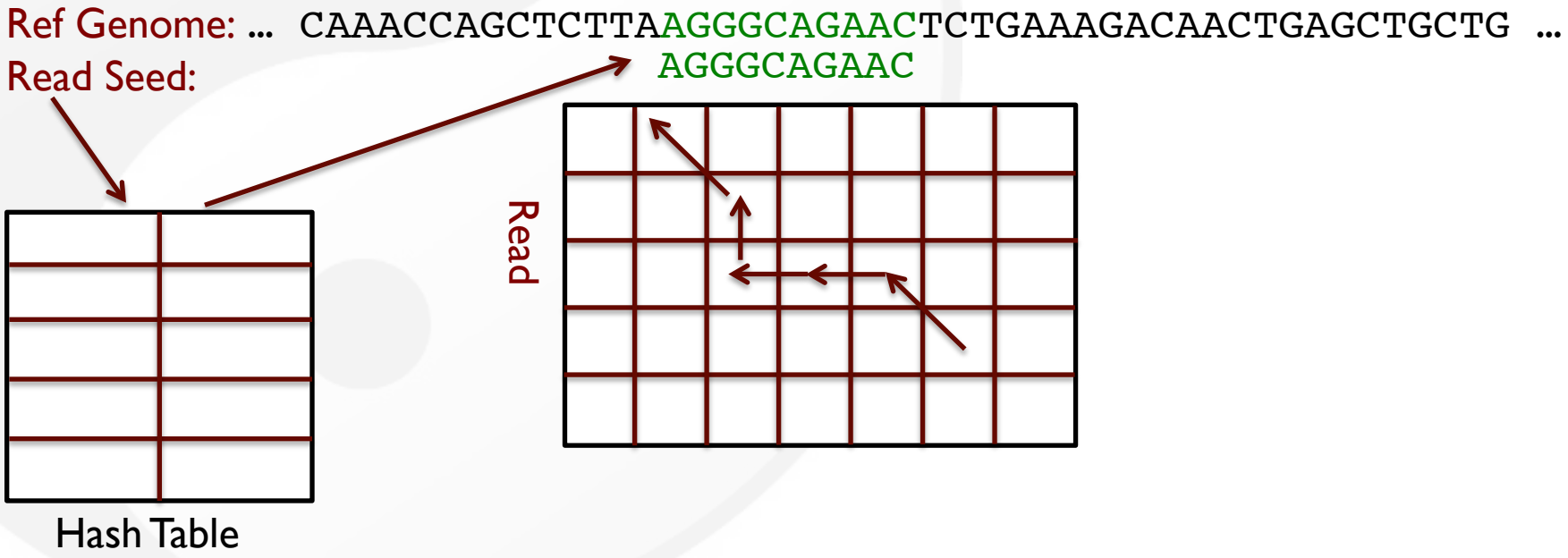
Source: 1000 Genomes project: From mapping reads to de novo mutations, Mark DePristo, Broad Institute

Read Mapping

- Problem definition
  - Given a read, identify where is from the reference genome
- Computational challenge?
  - Make it FAST … VERY FAST
    - Fastest short-read mapping algorithms take 13 CPU day to align a human genome with standard coverage
  - Make it accurate
    - Sequencing errors
    - Mapping errors

Hash-Based Mapping Algorithms

- Basic idea: Seed and extend
  - Build a hash table on k-length words on genome or reads
  - Segment query sequence into k-length seed words



Hash-Based Mapping Algorithms (Cont.)

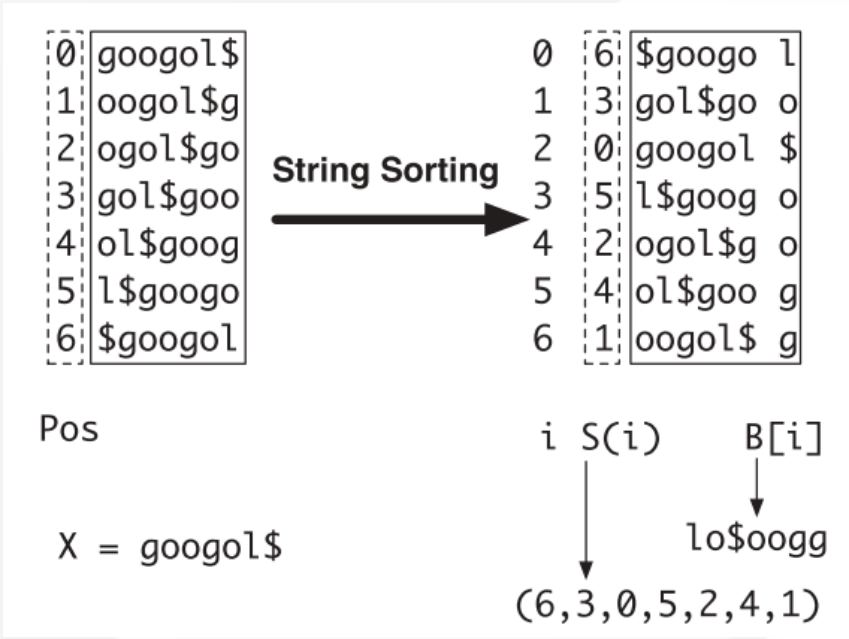
- Improvement: Spaced seeding
  - More sensitive than consecutive seeding

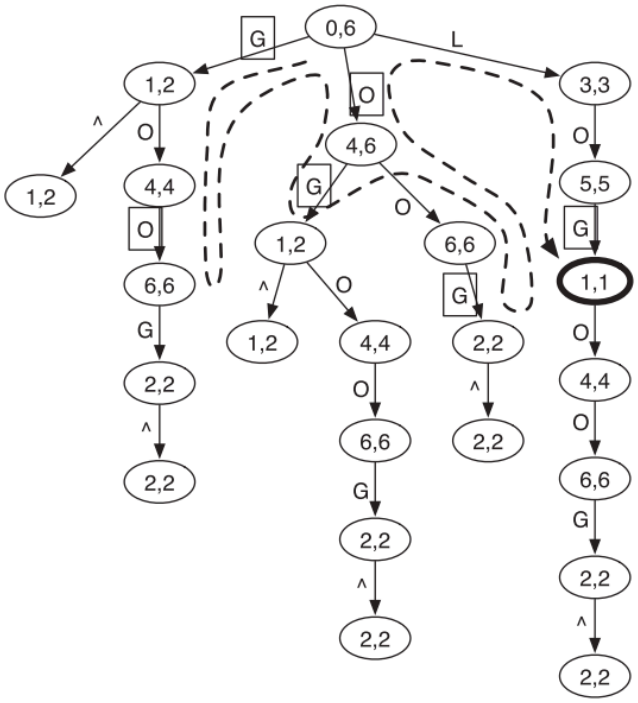
```
Ref Genome: … CAAACCAGCTCTTAAGGGCAGAACTCTGAAAGACAACTGAGCTGCTG …
Mask:                         100111110111
Read Seed:                    ATTGCAGACCTC
```

- Hashing strategies
  - Hash on reads
    - Memory efficient: controllable usage
    - Redundant computation for repetitive regions in the genome
  - Hash on genome
    - Save computation for searching repetitive regions
    - Memory intensive: 10s of GBs

FM-Index Based Mapping

- Build upon Burrows-Wheeler Transform
- Tree-based search → backward search ranges in suffix array
  - Mimic inexact search with exhaustive tree traversal





Source: Fast and Accurate Short Read Alignment with Burrows-Wheeler Transfer

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FM-Index Based Mapping (Cont.)

- Advantages
  - Small memory footprint
    - FM-Index: 2-8 GBs
    - Suffix tree: > 35 GBs
    - Suffix array: > 12 GBs
    - Hash-table: > 12 GBs
  - Fast mapping on repetitive regions
- Disadvantages
  - Search space grow fast as more mismatches and gaps allowed
  - Not applicable for long reads

FM-Index vs. Hash-Based Mapping

- FM-Index based mappers are widely used for speed
  - But less sensitive than hash-based approach
- Most accurate mappers are still hash-based
  - Examples: NovoAlign, Stampy

- Alignment tools used in the 1000 Genomes Project
  - Illumina: BWA (FM-Index)
  - ABI Solid: BFAST (Hash)
  - Roche 454: MOSAIK (Hash)

Emergent Trends

- Hybrid mapper
  - Use FM-Index based mappers to align well matched reads, and use hash-based mappers to align the rest
  - Example: Stampy
- FM-Index seed-and-extend mappers
  - Lookup seed matching in FM-Index
  - Extend seeded alignments with dynamic programming
  - Can be used to align long reads
    - Examples: BWA-SW, Bowtie2

Common Programming Components

- Indexing and lookup
  - Hashing with spaced seeding
  - FM-Index
- Dynamic programming
  - E.g., Smith-Waterman, Needleman-Wunsch
- Preliminary studies on GPU acceleration

	Applications	Speedup on GPU
Hashing on reads	RMAP	10 X
FM-Index	SOAP3	7.5 X over BWA
	CUSHAW	6-12 X over BWA
Smith Waterman	FastR (w/o traceback)	30 X
	FastR (w traceback)	7 X

Variation Discovery

- Opportunities
  - Abundance of parallelism (MapReduce type of computation)
    - Inference on each variant sites are independent
  - Early GPU acceleration study case
    - GSNP: 40X over SOAPsnp
- Challenges
  - Mapping statistical analysis on GPUs
  - Preliminary effort in accelerating DIndel with GPU
    - Detect short insertions and deletions in genome based probalistic realignments
    - Compute intensive: 18 hours on chromosome 22
    - Initial speedup: 2X
      - Bottleneck: data marshaling and demarshaling

Closing Thought

- A GPU-accelerated bioinformatics library for genome analysis?
  - Possible with convergence of algorithmic patterns
- Challenges
  - Bioinformatics algorithms are irregular
    - More challenging to map compared to dense matrix computation
    - Solution: Kepler?
  - What is the right level of abstractions
    - Balance between code restructuring and performance
    - Higher-level programming model to bridge the gap?

Conclusion

- Compute the Cure
  - A strategic philanthropic initiative of the NVIDIA Foundation that aims to support cancer researchers in the search for a cure.
- Open Genomics Engine (OpenGE)
  - An open-source software framework for cancer researchers to accelerate the identification of DNA mutations that lead to cancer.
- We Want You!
  - Open access to the OpenGE framework.
  - Source code repository to add algorithms and create plug-ins.
  - Seeking sponsors and adopters that may wish to connect OpenGE to their existing genomics workflow tools.