

Data Systems at Scale: Scaling Up by Scaling Down and Out

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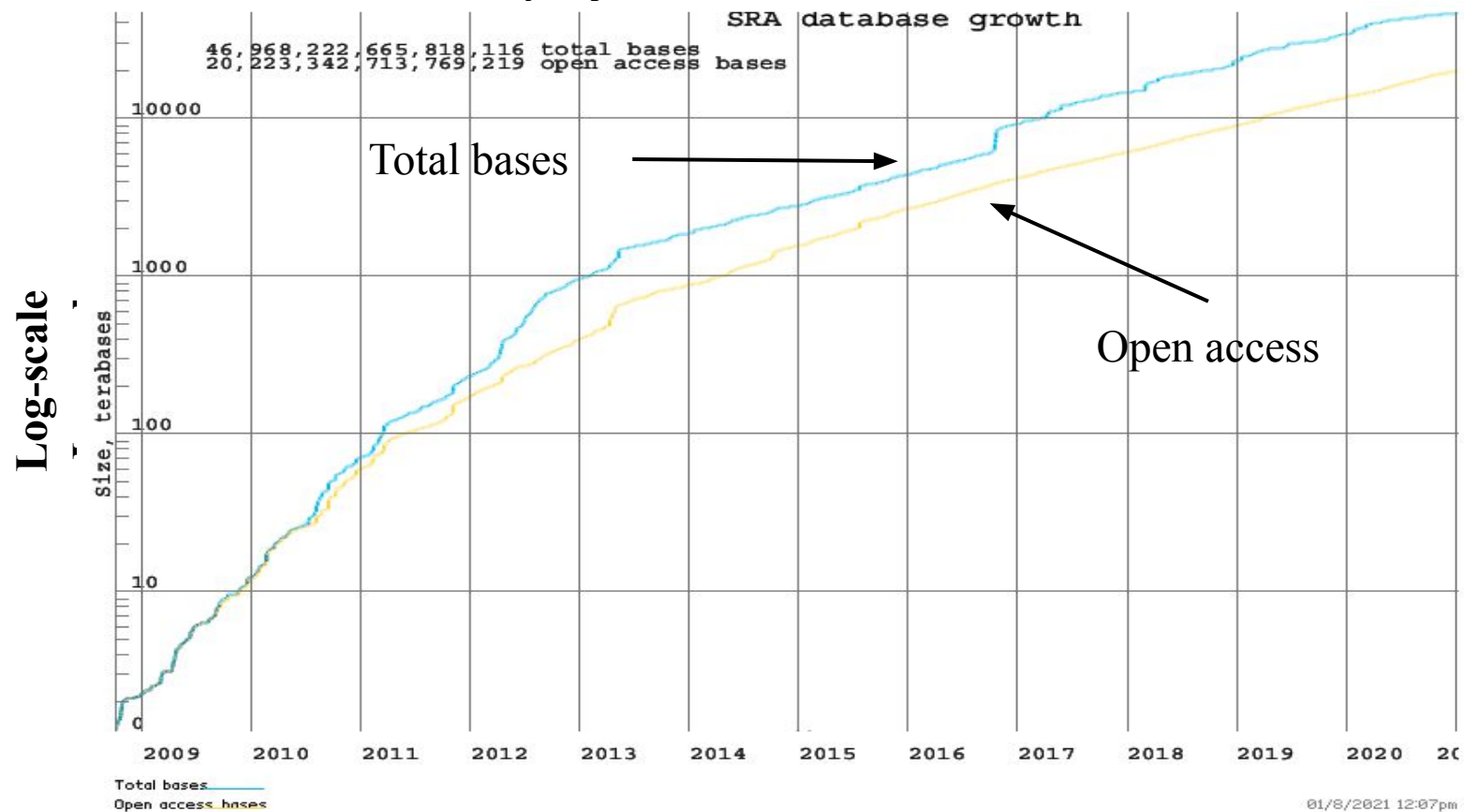


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Sequence Read Archive (SRA) growth

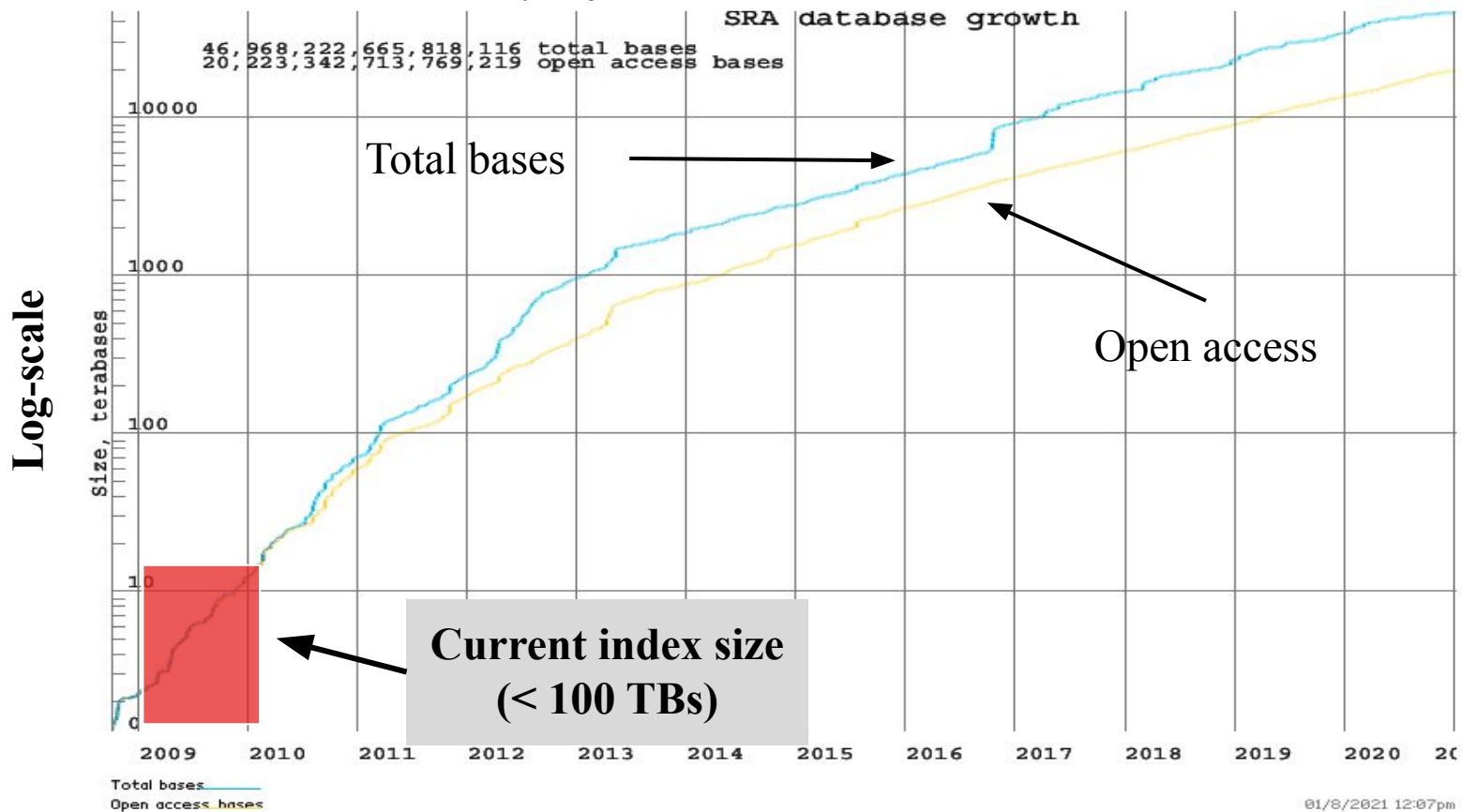
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Q: What if I find e.g., a new disease-related gene, and want to see if it appeared in other experiments?

Scalability is the bottleneck for data science

SRA contains a lot of *diversity information*



This renders what is otherwise an immensely valuable public resource *largely inert*

Scalability is a ubiquitous challenge

Cyber monitoring

Internet of Things

Financial tech

Social networks

AstroPhysics

Chemistry

Environmental science

- People generate 2.5 quintillion bytes of data each day. (IBM, 2016)
 - More than 150 zettabytes (150 trillion gigabytes) of data will need analysis by 2025. (Forbes, 2019)
 - 90 percent of the world's data was created between 2015 and 2016 alone. (IBM, 2016)
- <https://learn.g2.com/big-data-statistics>

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24. 88% of data is ignored by companies.

(Forrester Research)

A widely-quoted figure from a 2012 paper from Forrester Research says that, on average, companies analyze only 12% of the available data. Reasons for this include a lack of analytics tools, repressive data silos, and the difficulty in knowing which information is valuable and which is worth leaving.

<https://lefronic.com/big-data-statistics/>

My goal as a researcher

My goal as a researcher is to build *scalable data systems* to *accelerate* and *scale* next generation data analysis

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Goal: partition and distribute data on multiple nodes

Techniques:

- Distributed hash table
- Distributed key-value store



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Quotient Filter
SIGMOD '17,
SIGMOD '21

Buffered CMS
ESA '18,
Scalable MG
arXiv '19

**Order Min
Hash**
ISMB '19

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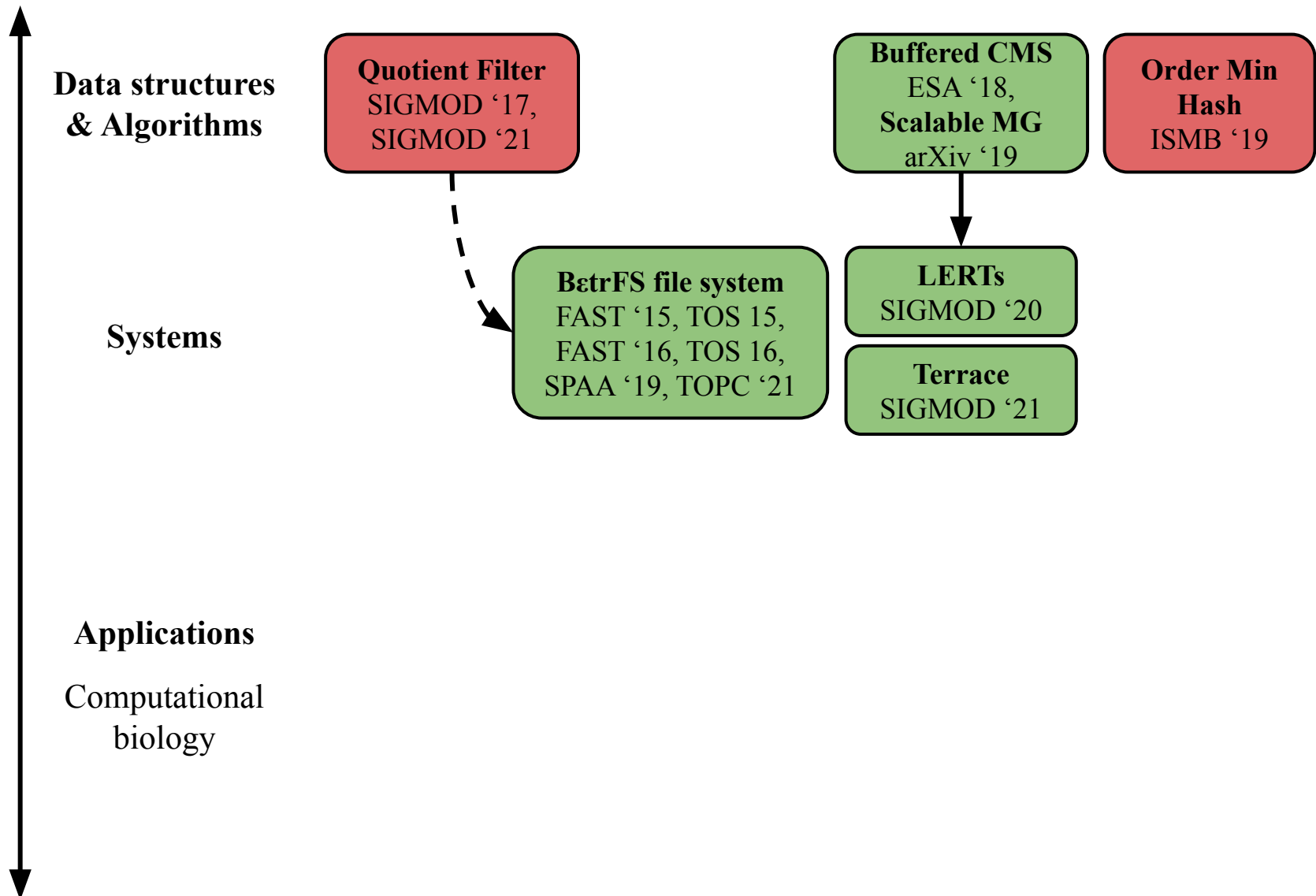
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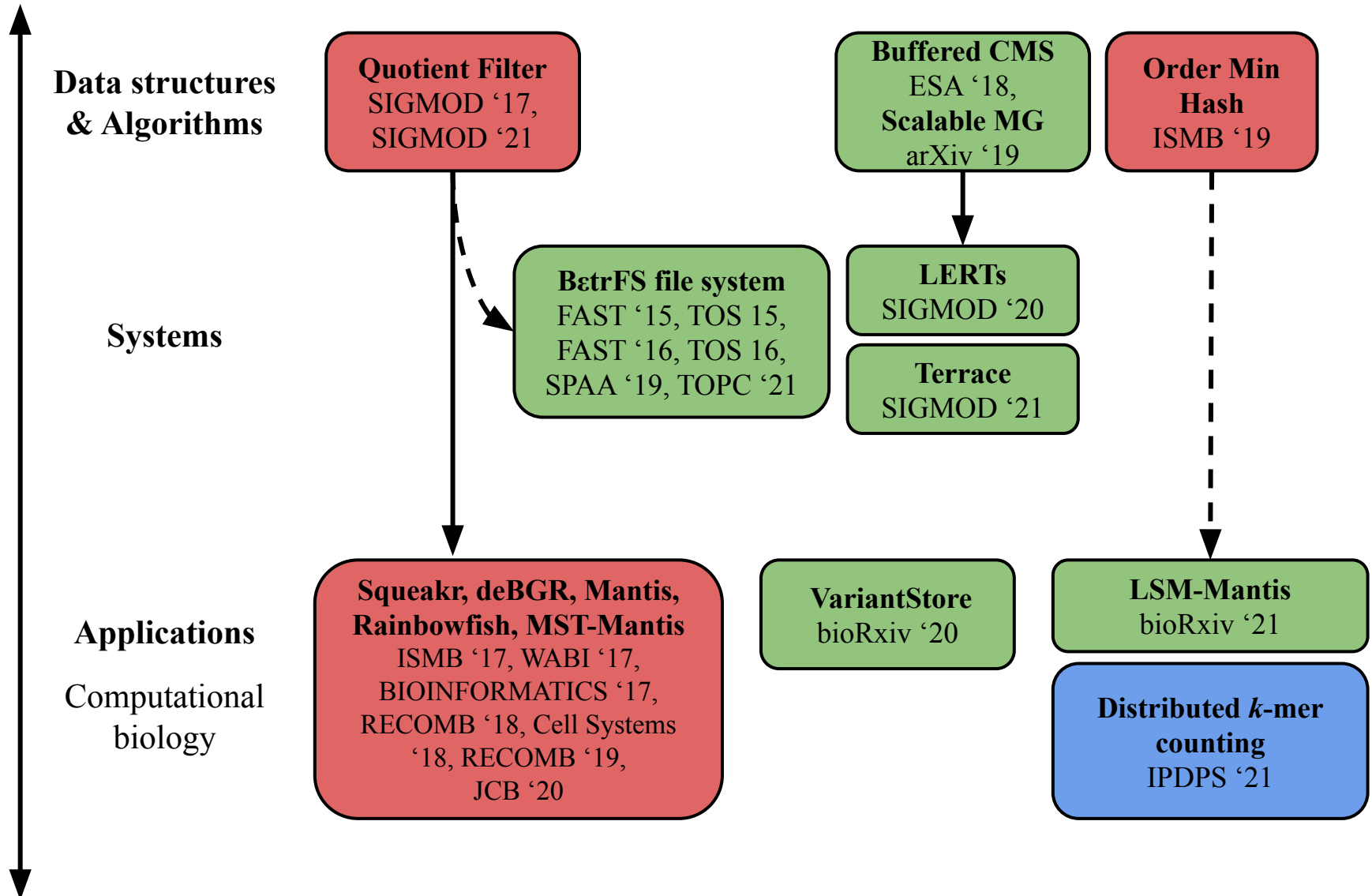


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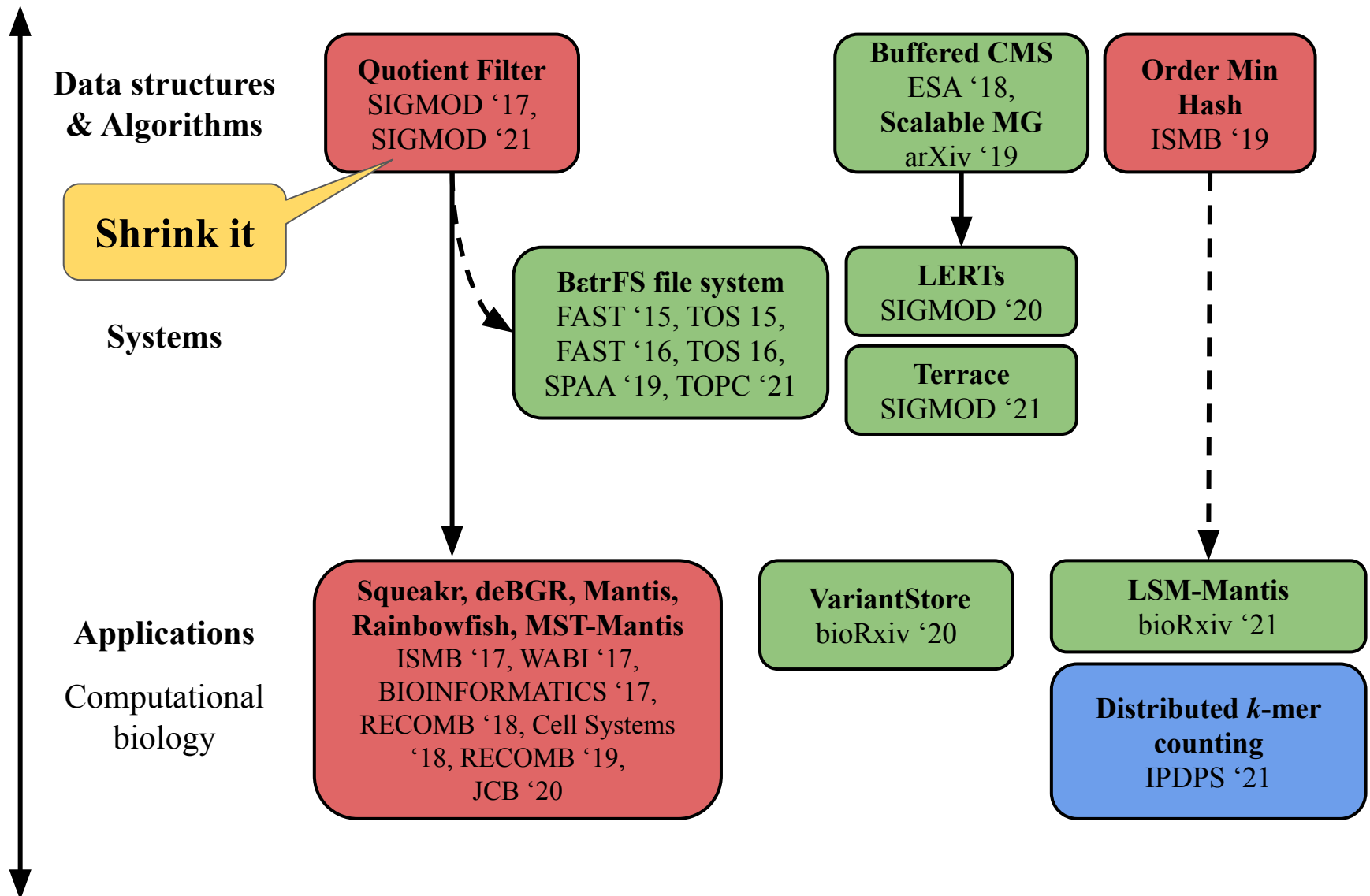


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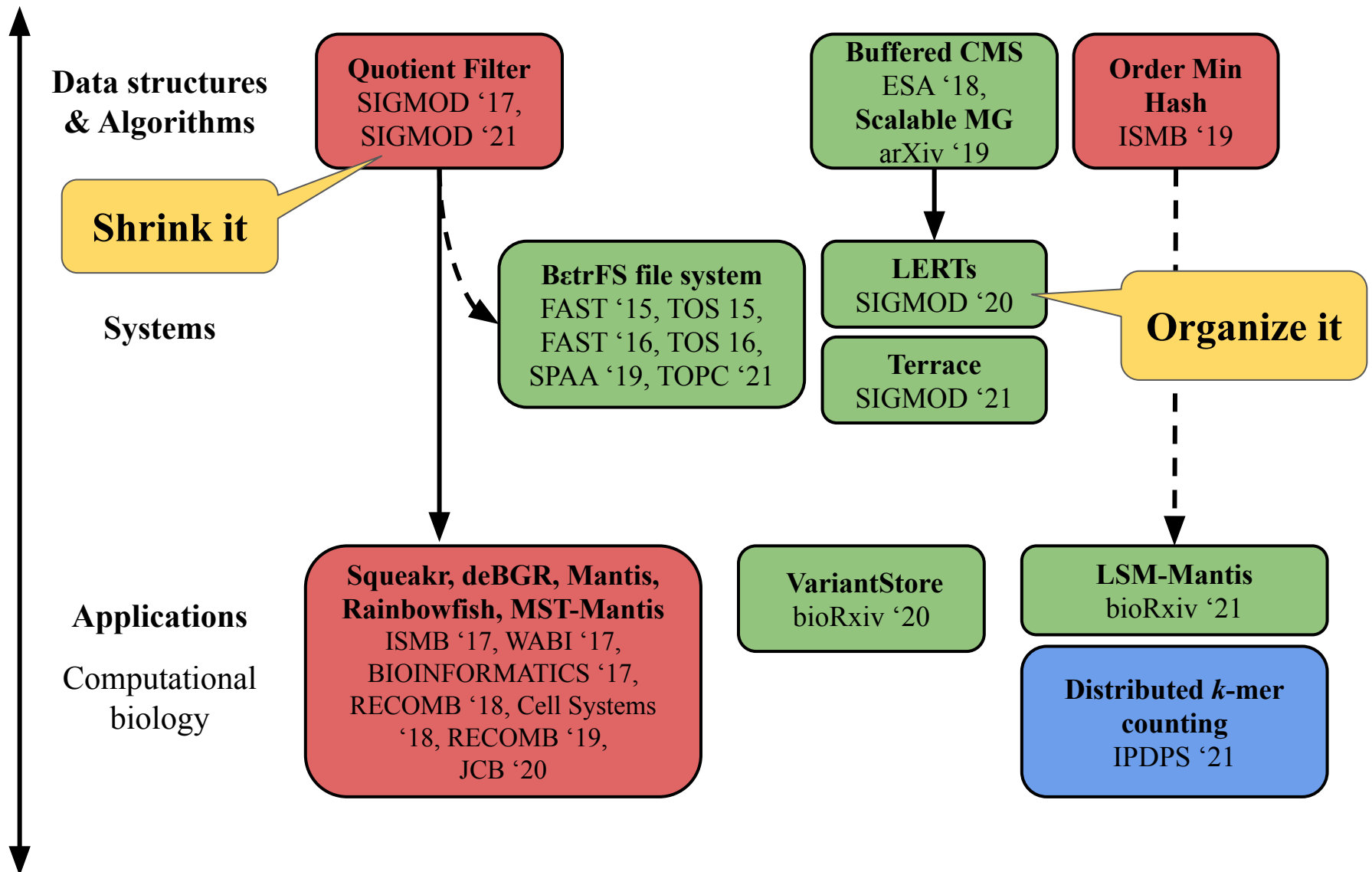


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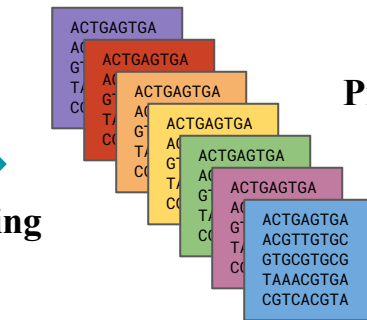
Computational biology applications using quotient filters

Application 1: k -mer counting



Biological samples

Sequencing



**Raw sequencing data
(Sequence Read
Archive)**

Preprocessing



| k -mer | Count |
|----------|---------|
| ACTGATG | 10 |
| GGTGCAT | 20 |
| AACTGGA | 2 |
| CCGTGAC | 1000 |
| GGTGTGC | 4000000 |
| CGTGCAC | 11 |
| GTGTCAC | 9090992 |

**k -mer counting
> 30 papers**



1. Genome/metagenome assembly
2. Error correction
3. Metagenomic classification
4. Sequence clustering
5. Sequence search
6. Abundance study etc.

Downstream applications

- The *size* of the raw sequencing data makes the problem challenging
- k -mer counts follow *highly skewed distributions* making the problem computationally intensive

Application 1: Squeakr [Pandey et al. Bioinformatics '17]

Index space

| Dataset | KMC2 [Deorowicz, et al '14] | Jellyfish2 (Bloom filter) [Marçais & Kingsford '11] | Squeakr (quotient filter) | Squeakr-exact (quotient filter) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>F. vesca</i> | 8.3 | 8.3 | 4.8 | 9.3 |
| <i>G. gallus</i> | 32.8 | 31.7 | 13.0 | 28.8 |
| <i>M. balbisiana</i> | 48.3 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 14.2 |
| <i>H. sapiens 1</i> | 71.4 | 61.8 | 22.1 | 51.5 |
| <i>H. sapiens 2</i> | 107.4 | 61.8 | 30.8 | 60.1 |

Using *space-efficient* data structures, we can save space and build *simpler* and *efficient* systems

Application 2: sample discovery problem

Solomon & Kingsford Nat Biotech '16

...ACACGTA...

**Check if this new
transcript has
been seen before?**

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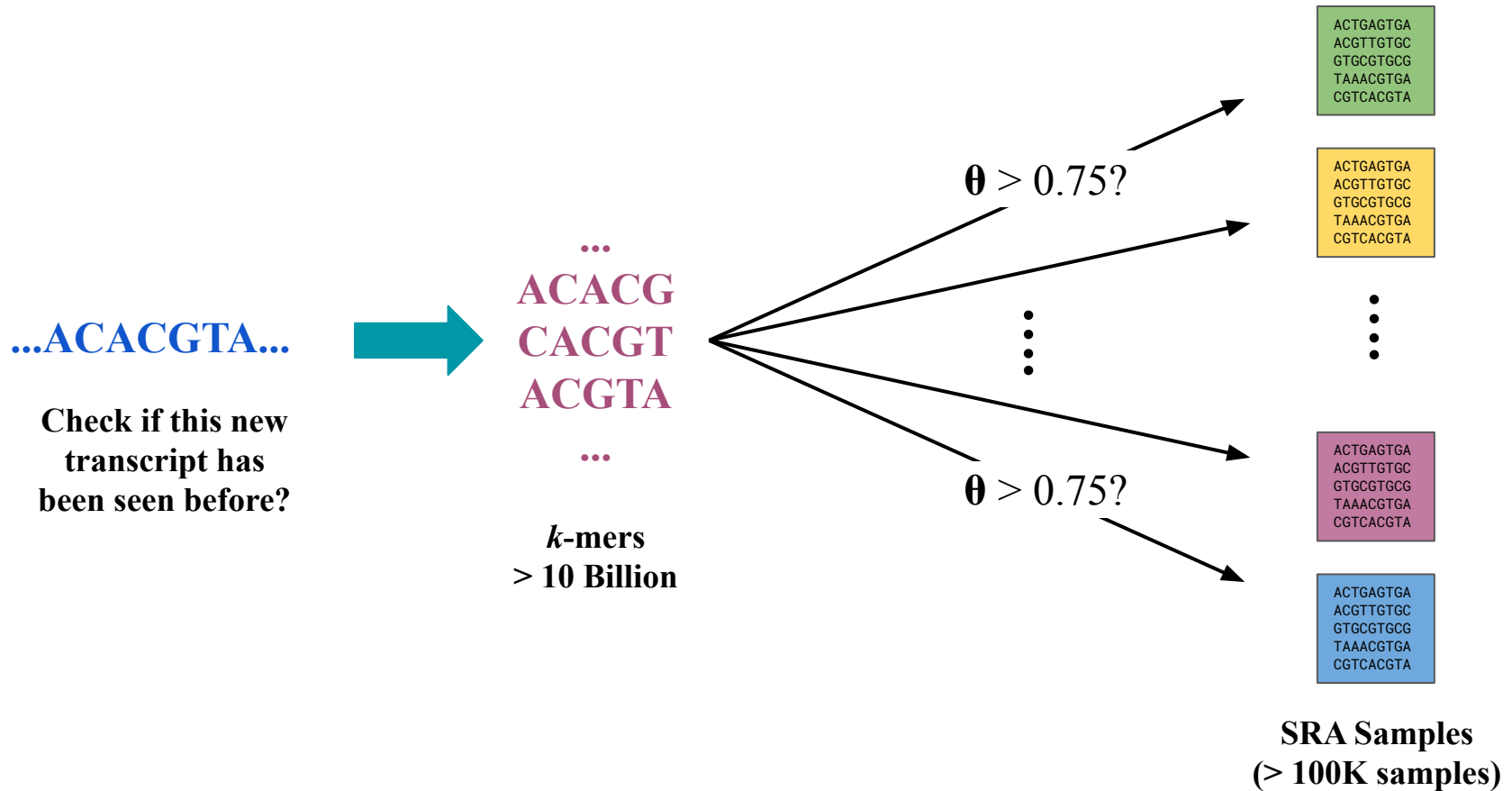
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**SRA Samples
(> 100K samples)**

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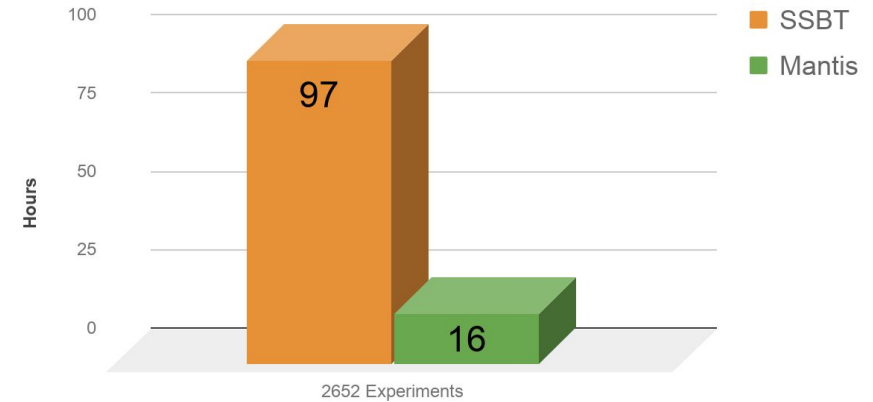
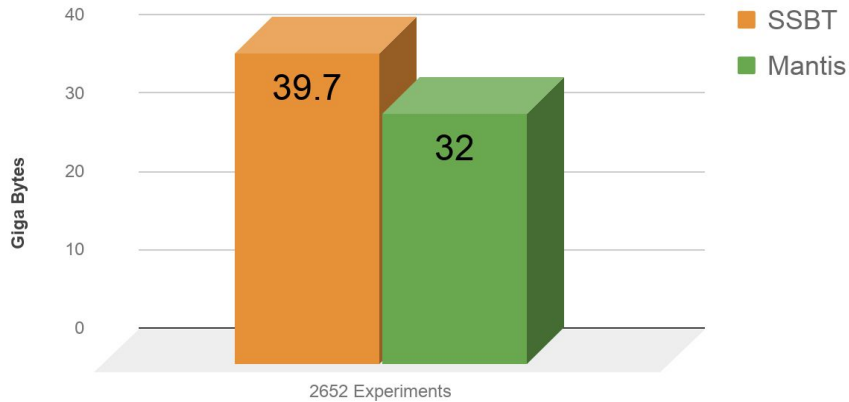
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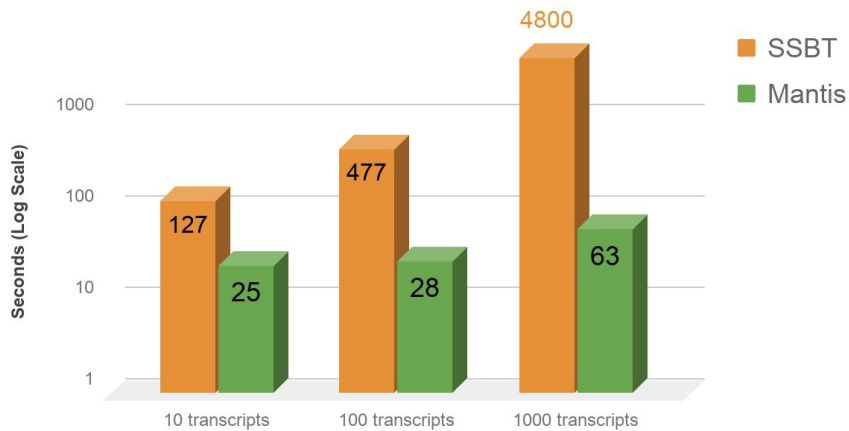


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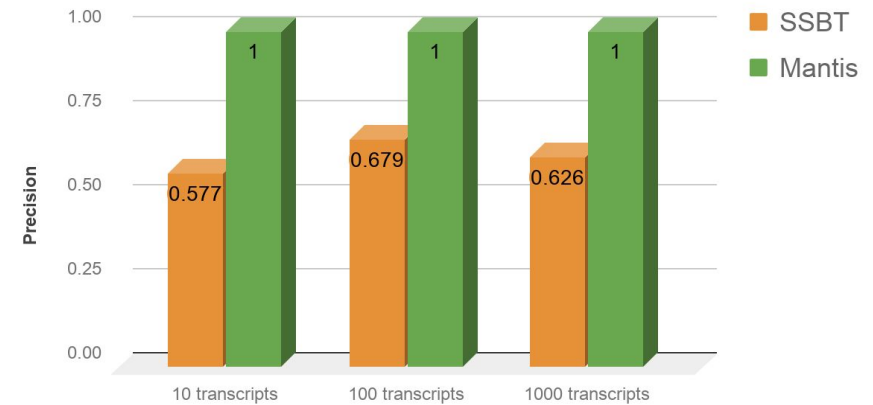


Space



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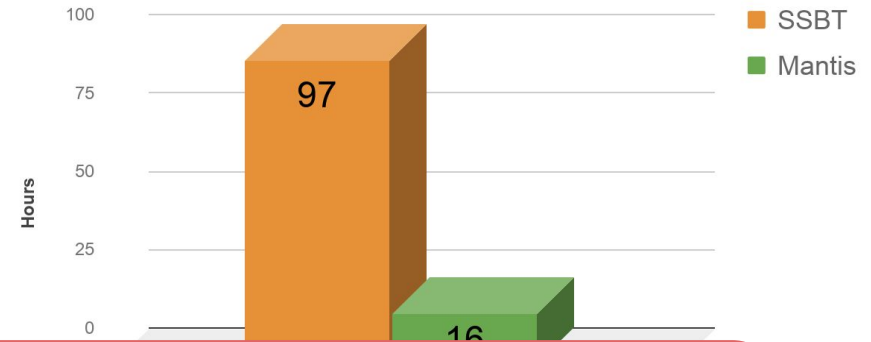
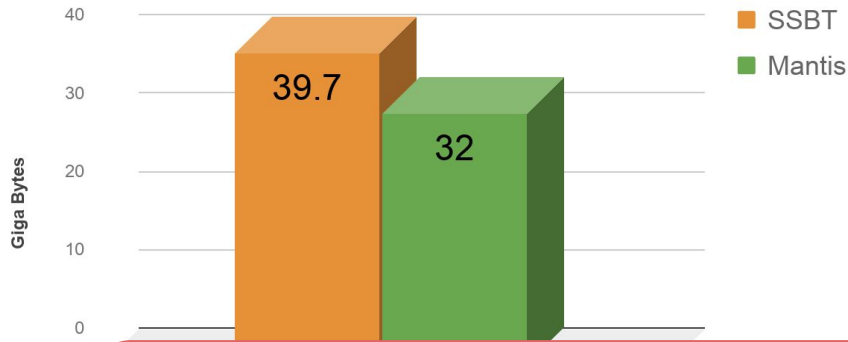
Construction time



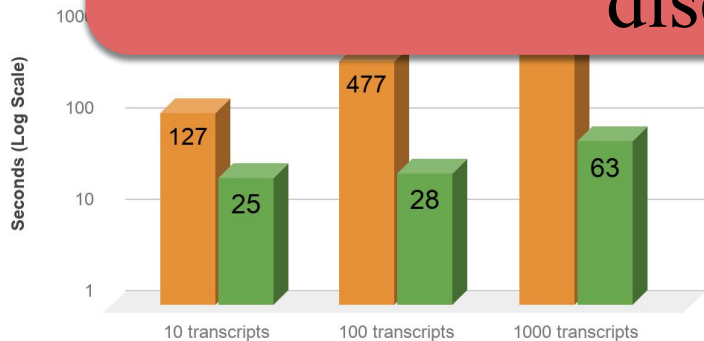
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A space efficient map yields a faster, smaller, simpler, and an exact solution to the sample discovery problem



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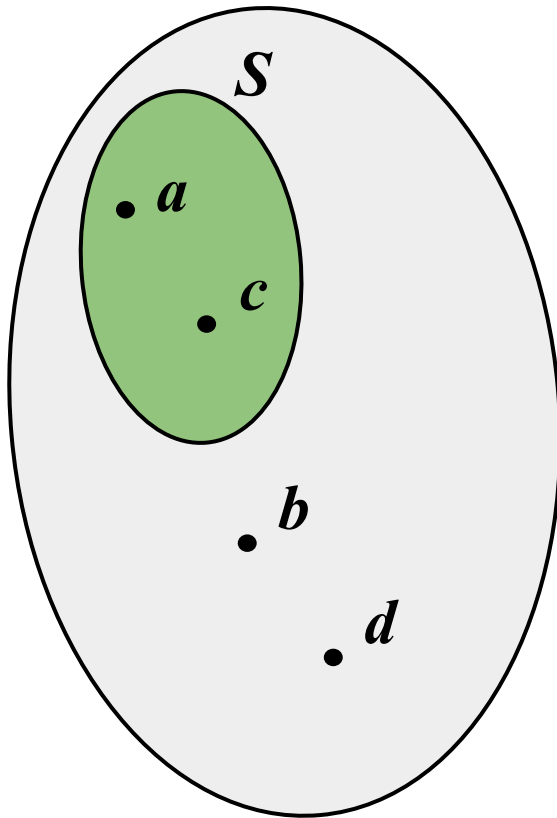


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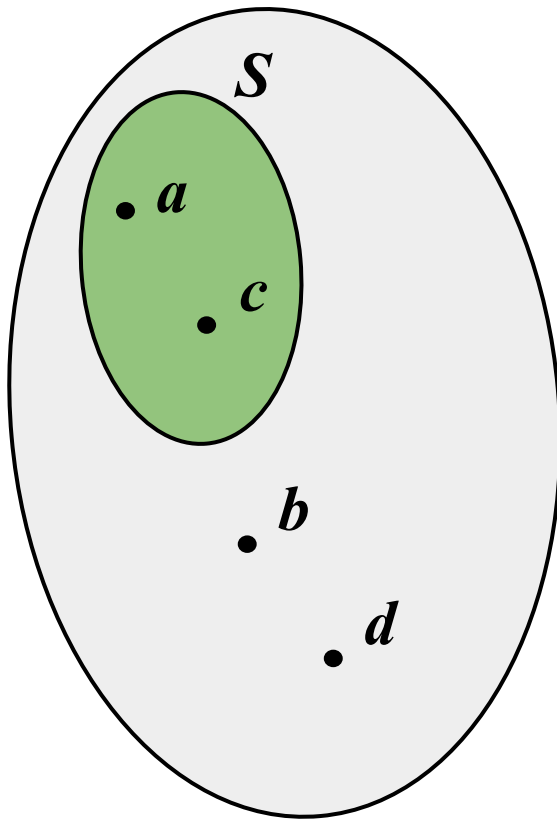
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Filter data structure

A filter is an *approximate* dictionary.



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membership(d): ✓ 🙄 **false positive**

A filter supports approximate membership queries on S .

A filter guarantees a false-positive rate ε

if $q \in S$, return  with probability 1 **true positive**

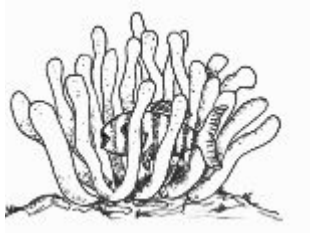
if $q \notin S$, return $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{✗ with probability } \square 1 - \varepsilon \text{ **true negative**} \\ \text{✓ with probability } \leq \varepsilon \text{ **false positive**} \end{array} \right.$

one-sided
errors

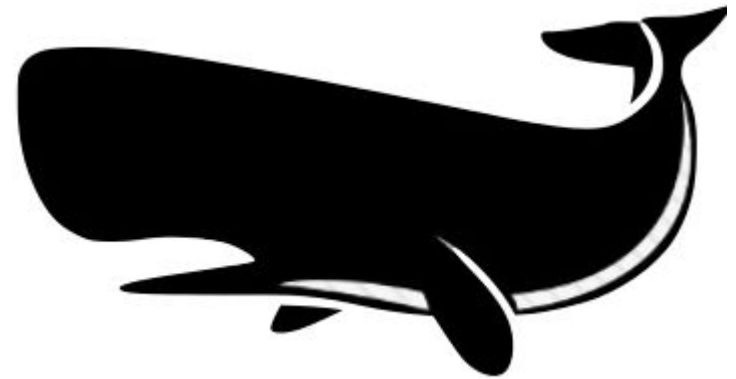
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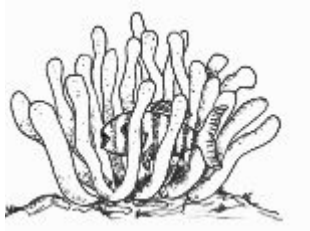


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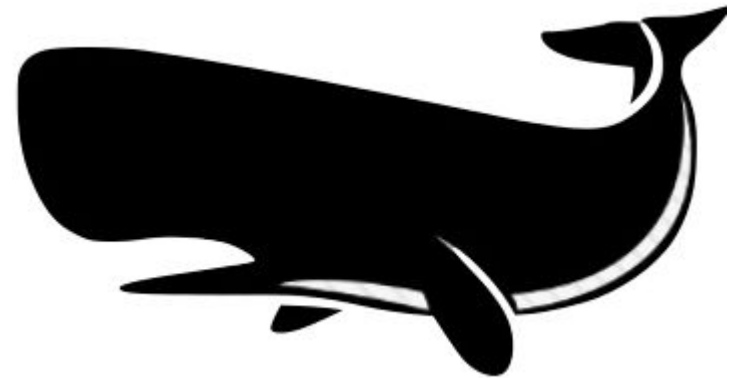
Small



Filter

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Large



Dictionary

For most practical purposes:

$\epsilon = 2\%$, a Bloom filter requires ≈ 8 bits/item

Classic filter: The Bloom filter [Bloom '70]

Bloom filters are ubiquitous (> 4300 citations)

Streaming applications



Networking



Databases



Computational biology



Storage systems



Bloom filters have suboptimal performance

| | Bloom filter | Optimal |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Space (bits) | $\approx 1.44 n \log(1/\epsilon)$ | $\approx n \log(1/\epsilon) + \Omega(n)$ |
| CPU cost | $\Omega(1/\epsilon)$ | $O(1)$ |
| Data locality | $\Omega(1/\epsilon)$ probes | $O(1)$ probes |

Applications often work around Bloom filter limitations

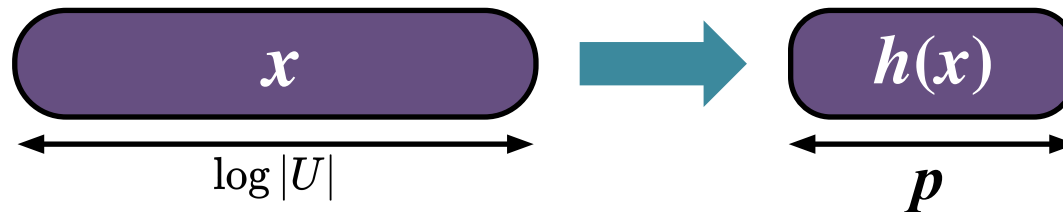
| Limitations | Workarounds |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| No deletes | Rebuild |
| No resizes | Guess N , and rebuild if wrong |
| No filter merging or enumeration | ??? |
| No values associated with keys | Combine with another data structure |

Bloom filter limitations increase system complexity, waste space, and slow down application performance

Quotienting is an alternative to Bloom filters

[Knuth. Searching and Sorting Vol. 3, '97]

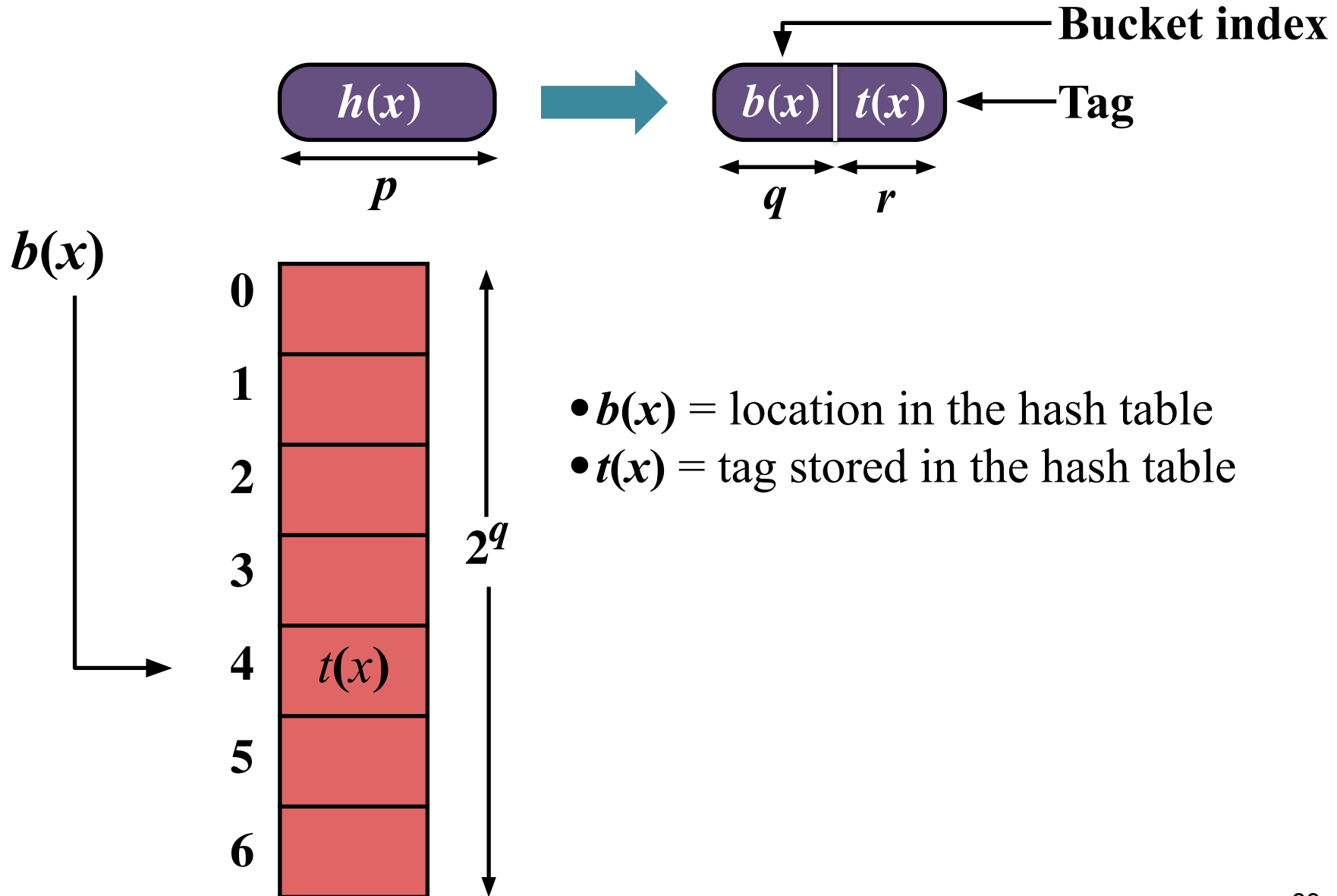
- **Store fingerprints compactly in a hash table.**
 - Take a fingerprint $h(x)$ for each element x .



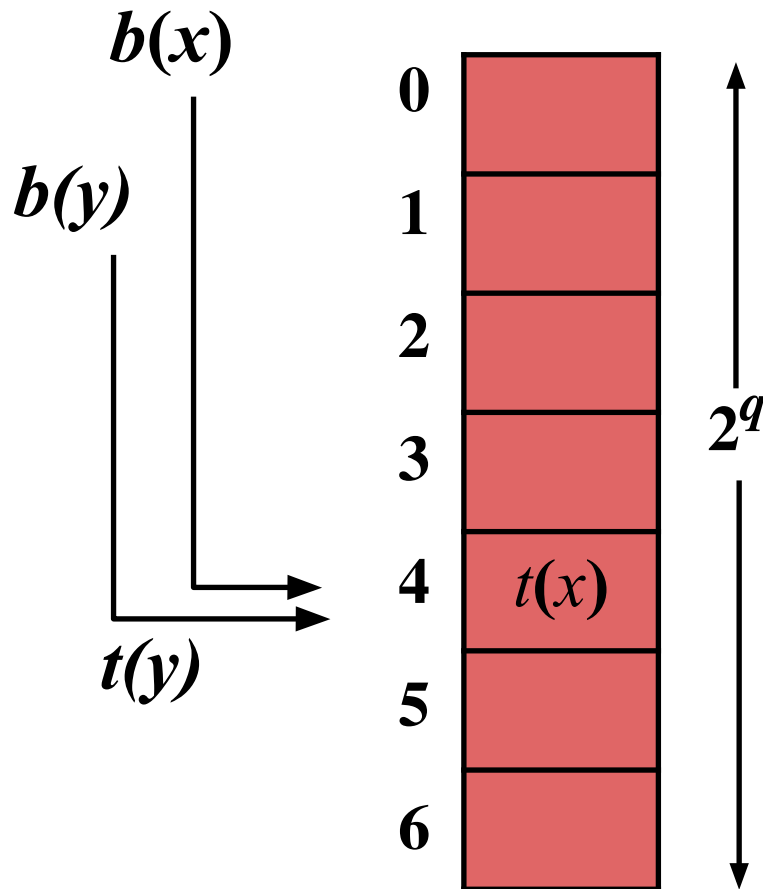
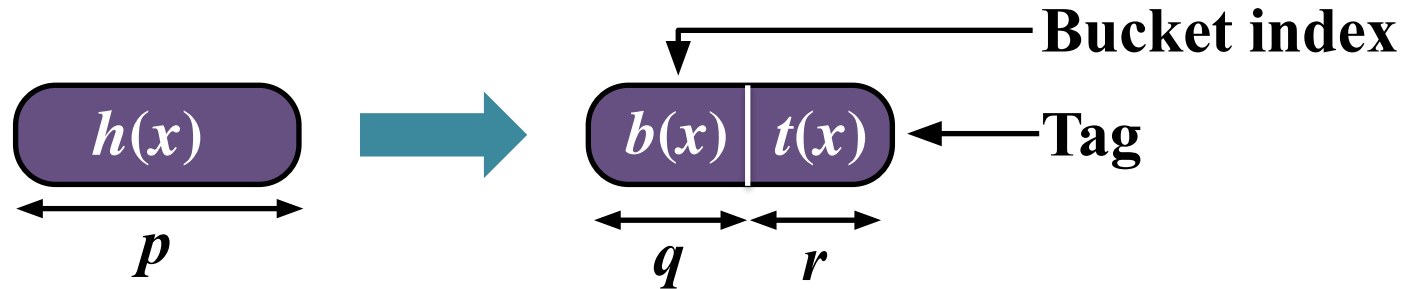
- **Only source of false positives:**
 - Two distinct elements x and y , where $h(x) = h(y)$
 - If x is stored and y isn't, $\text{query}(y)$ gives a false positives

$$\Pr[x \text{ and } y \text{ collide}] = \frac{1}{2^p}$$

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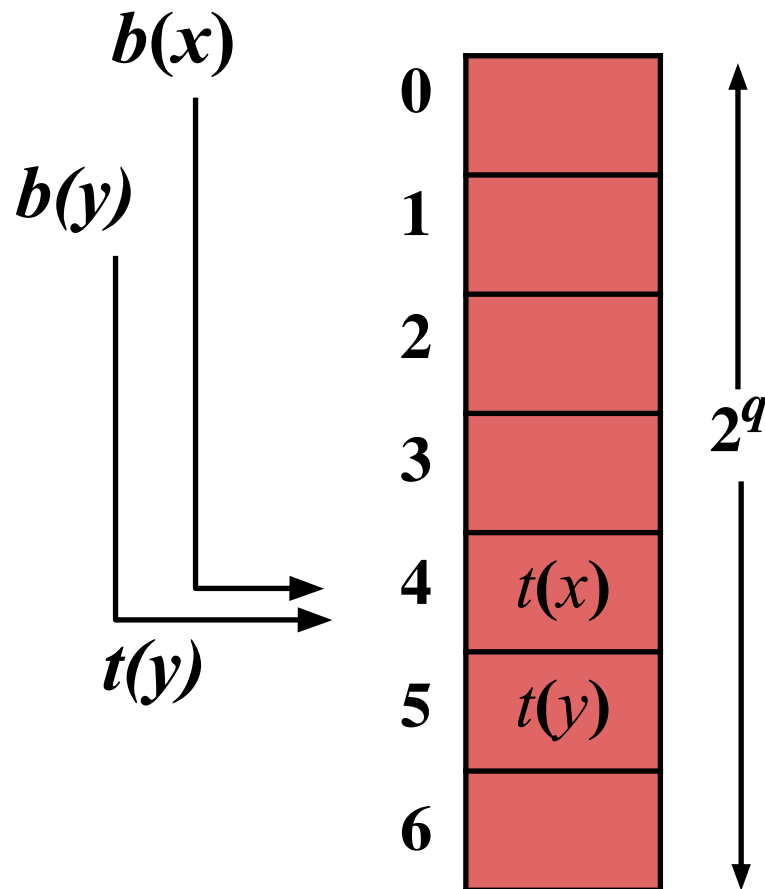
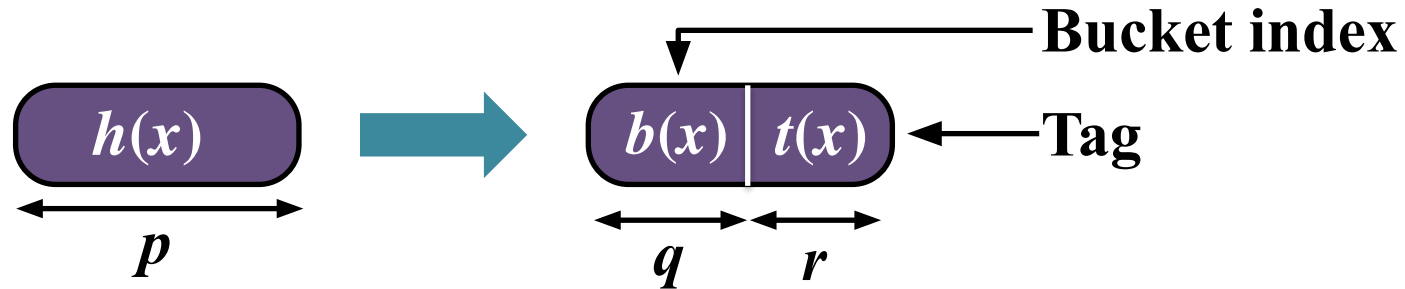
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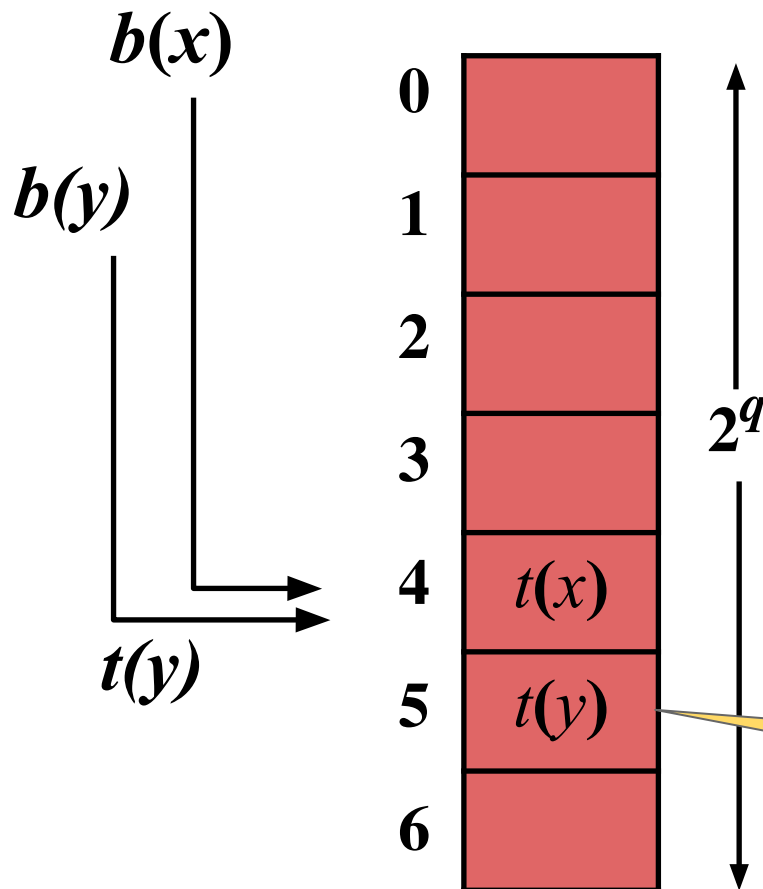
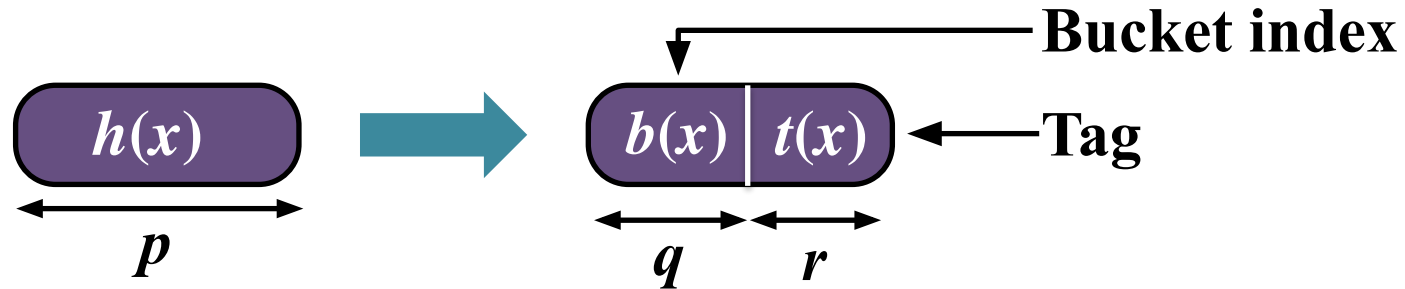


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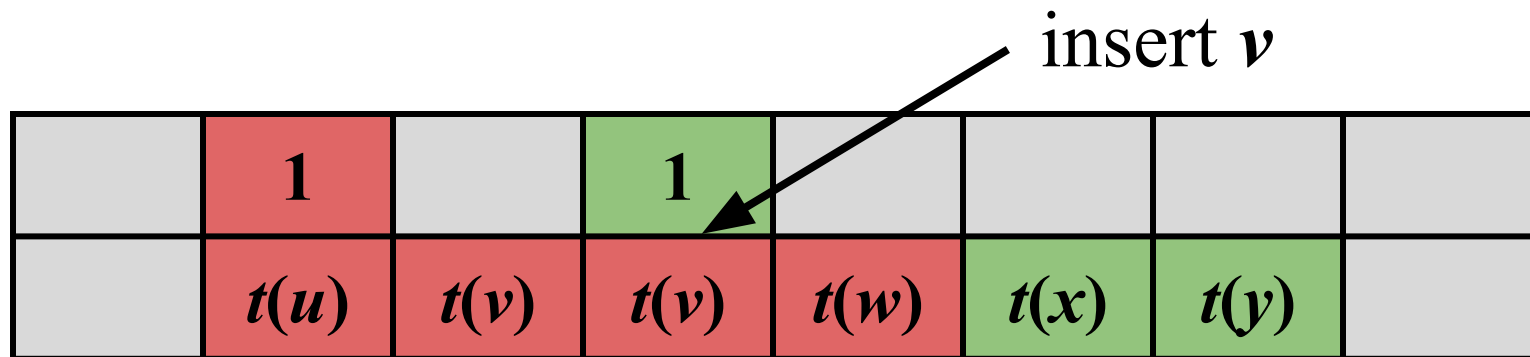
$t(y)$ belongs to slots 4 or 5?

- QF uses two metadata bits to resolve collisions and identify home bucket

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| | $t(u)$ | $t(v)$ | $t(w)$ | $t(x)$ | $t(y)$ | | |

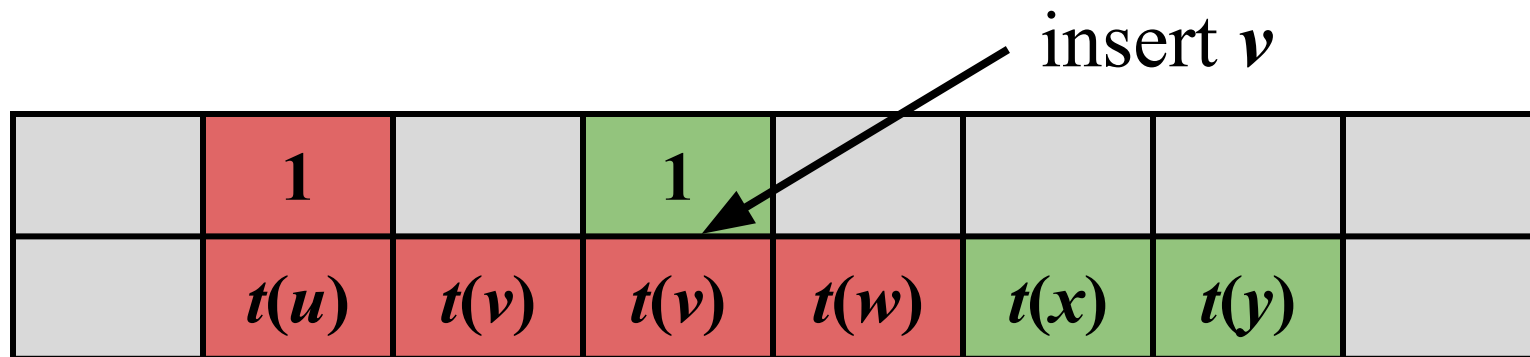
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The metadata bits enable us to identify the slots holding the contents of each bucket.

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Squeakr uses the QF to count items



Quotient filters use less space than Bloom filters for all practical configurations

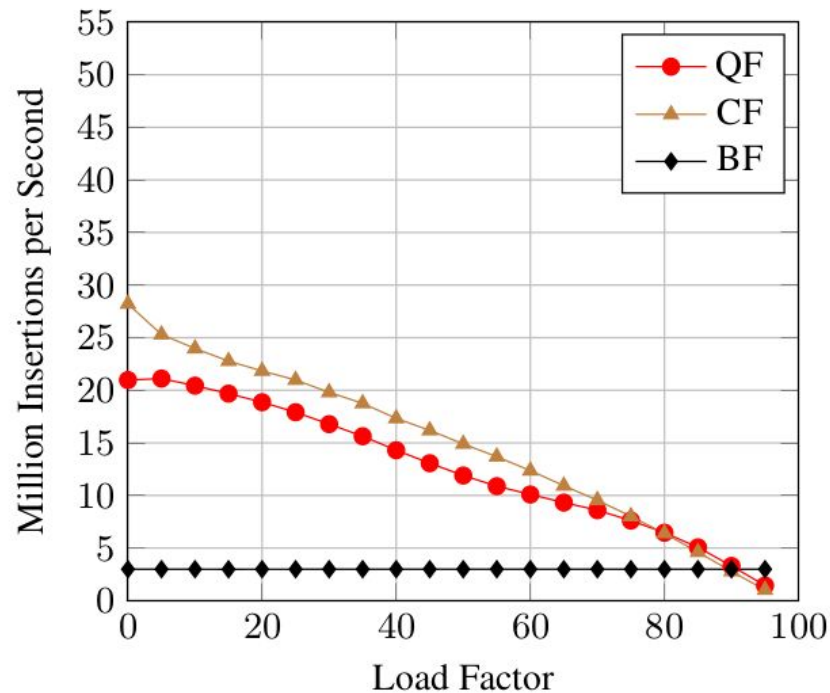
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The quotient filter has theoretical advantages over the Bloom filter

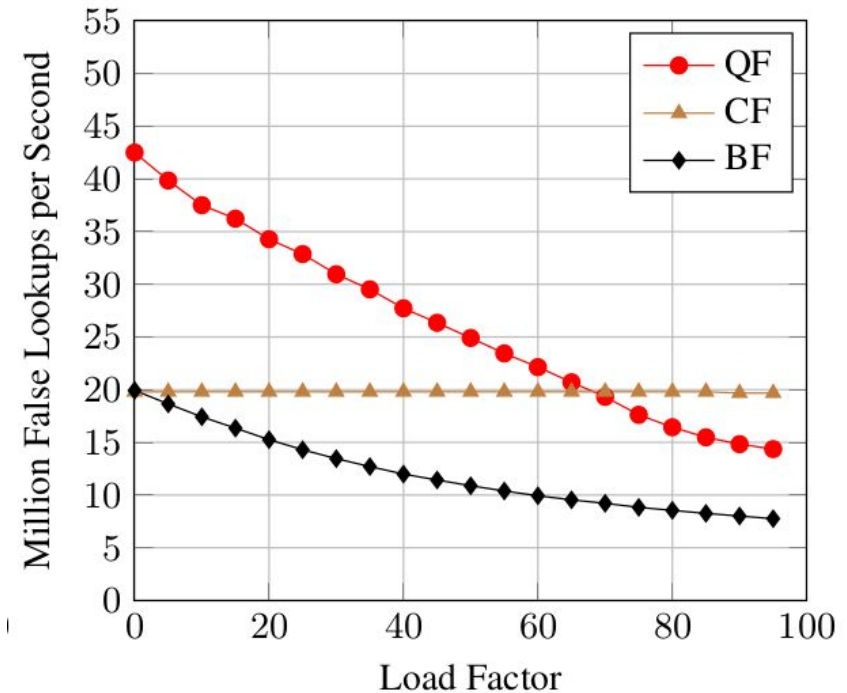
Quotient filters perform better (or similar) to other non-counting filters



Inserts

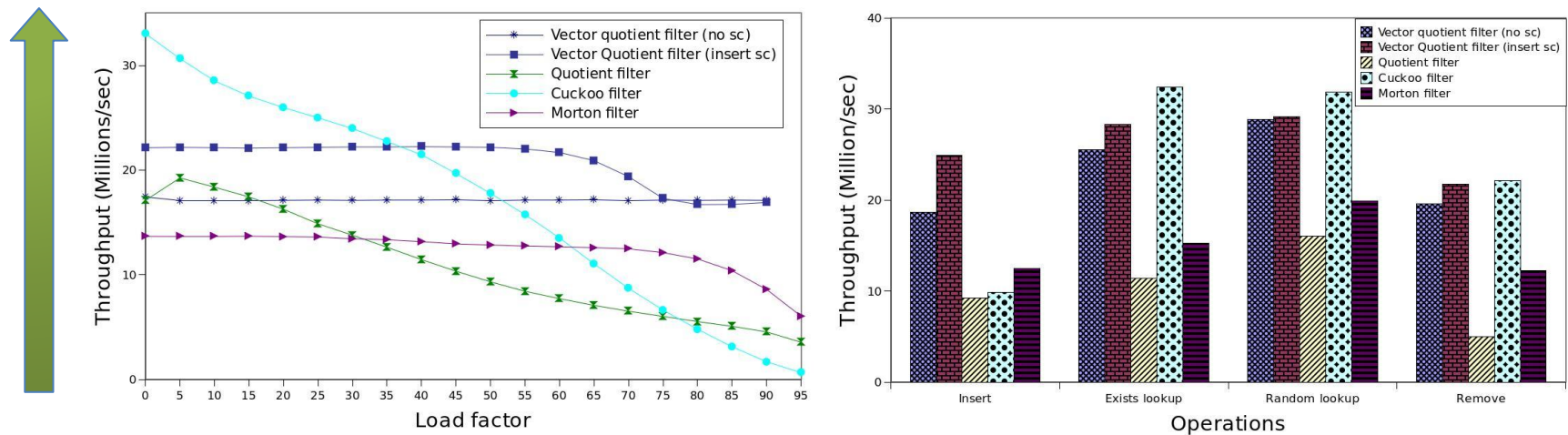


Lookups



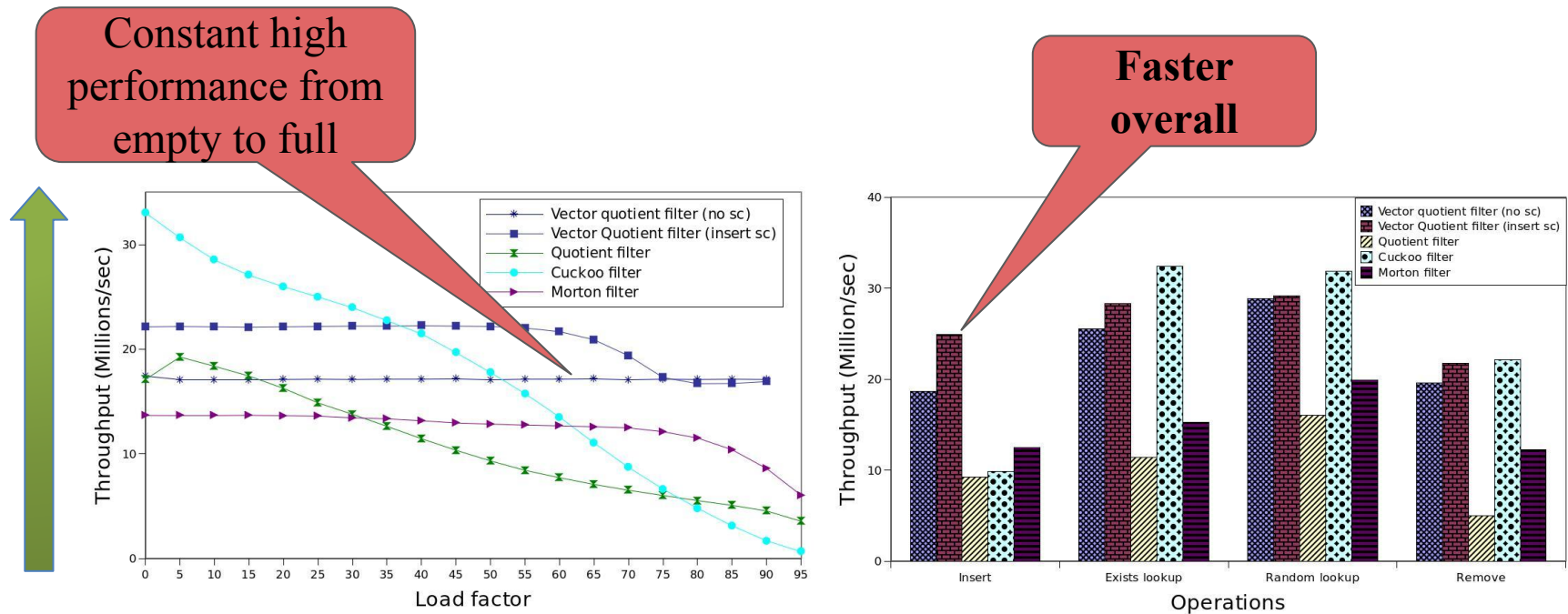
- Insert performance is similar to the state-of-the-art non-counting filters
- Query performance is significantly fast at low load-factors and slightly slower at higher load-factors

Vector quotient filter (VQF) [Pandey et al. SIGMOD '21]



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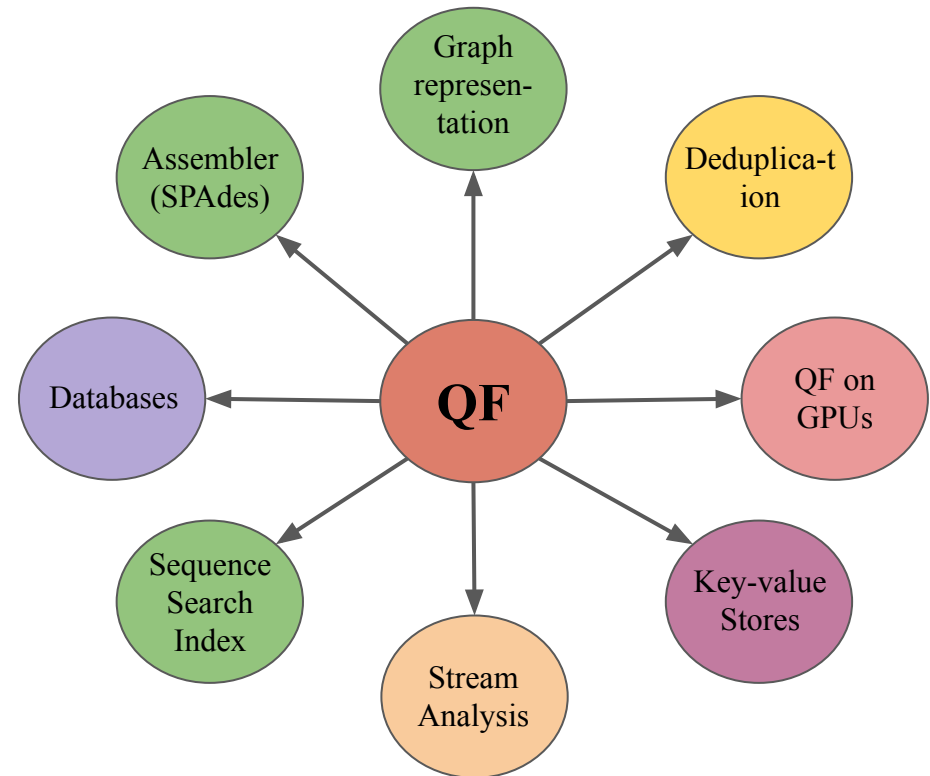
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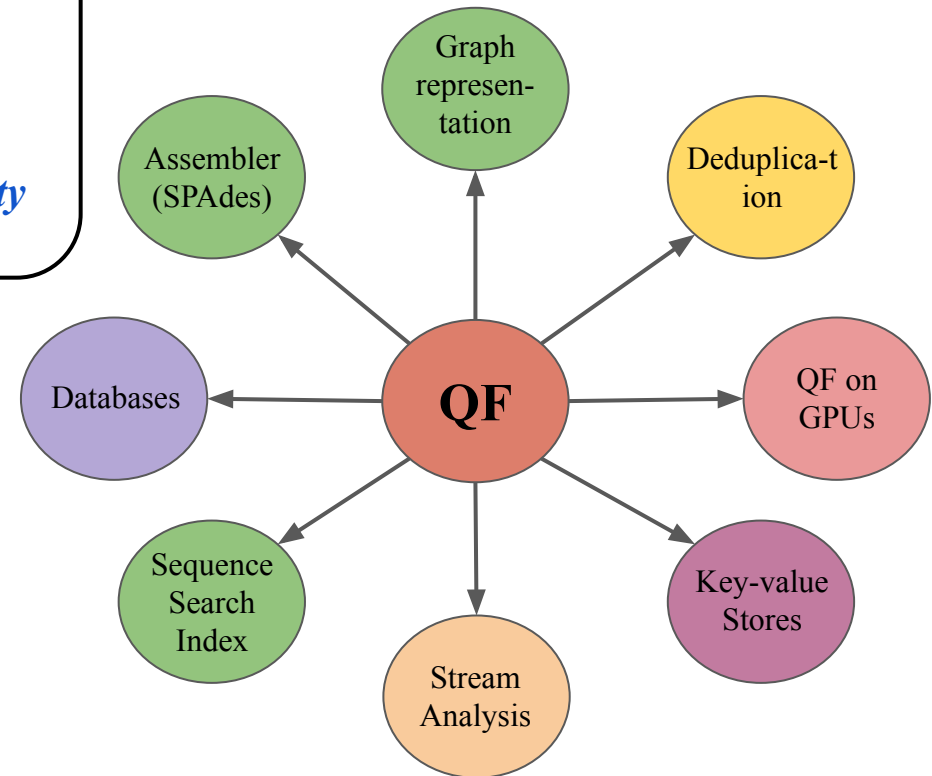
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Industry

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2. Nutanix
3. Apocrypha
4. Hyrise
5. *A data security startup*

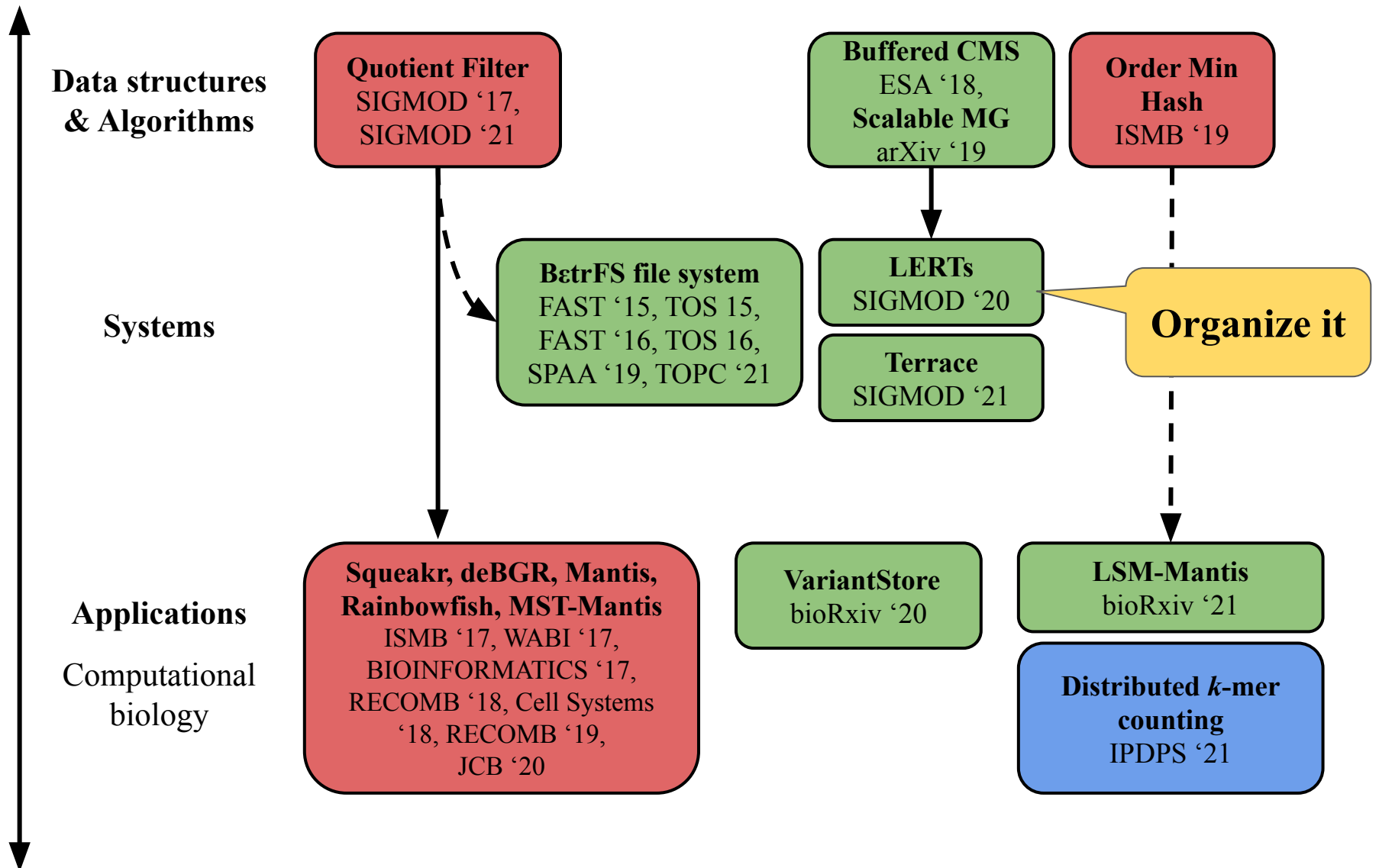
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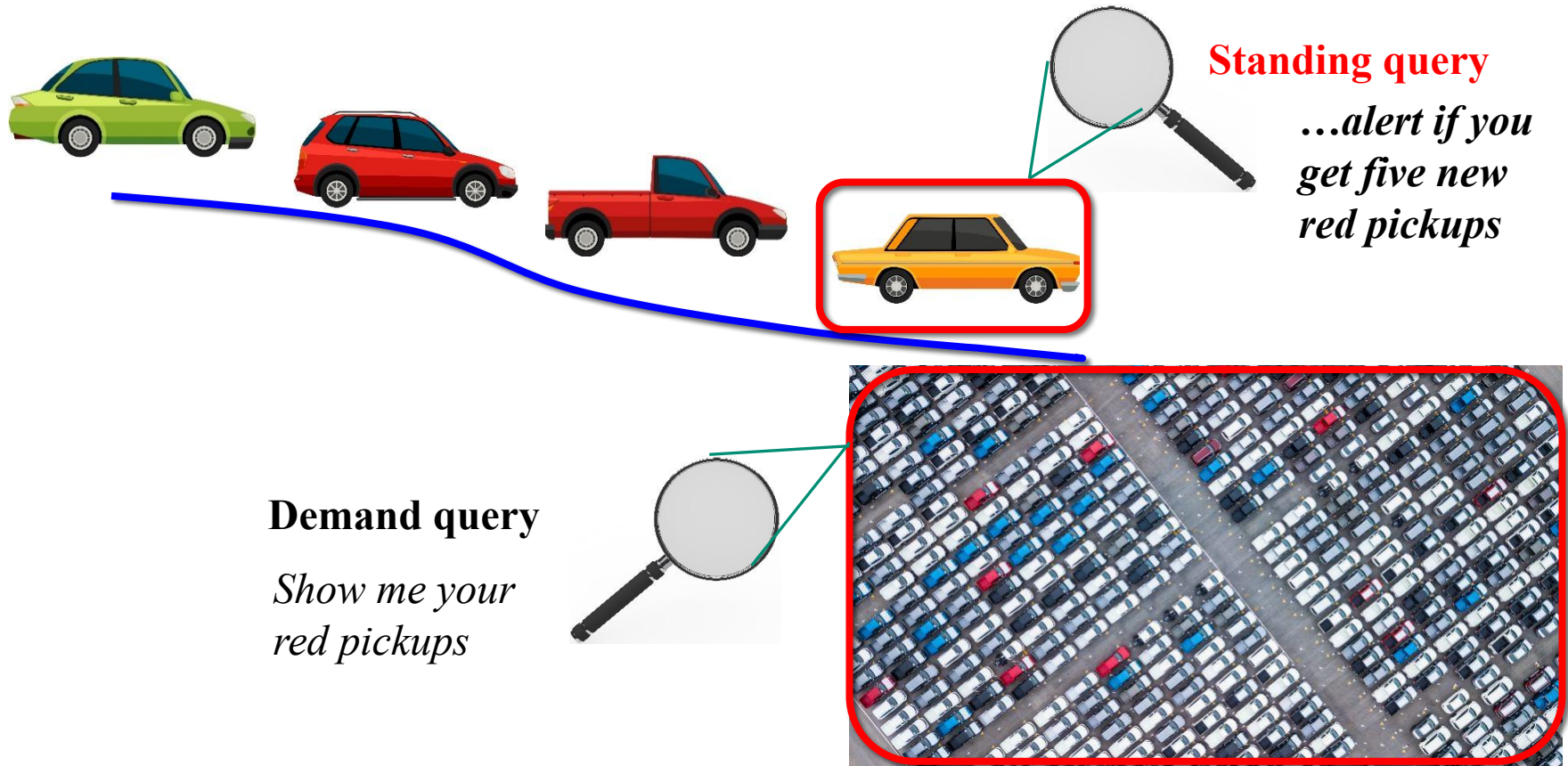


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Learned “Shrink it”. Now “Organize it”



Timely event detection problem



In **timely event-detection problem (TED)**, we want to answer standing queries

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- Malicious traffic forms a small portion of the stream

Very small reporting thresholds

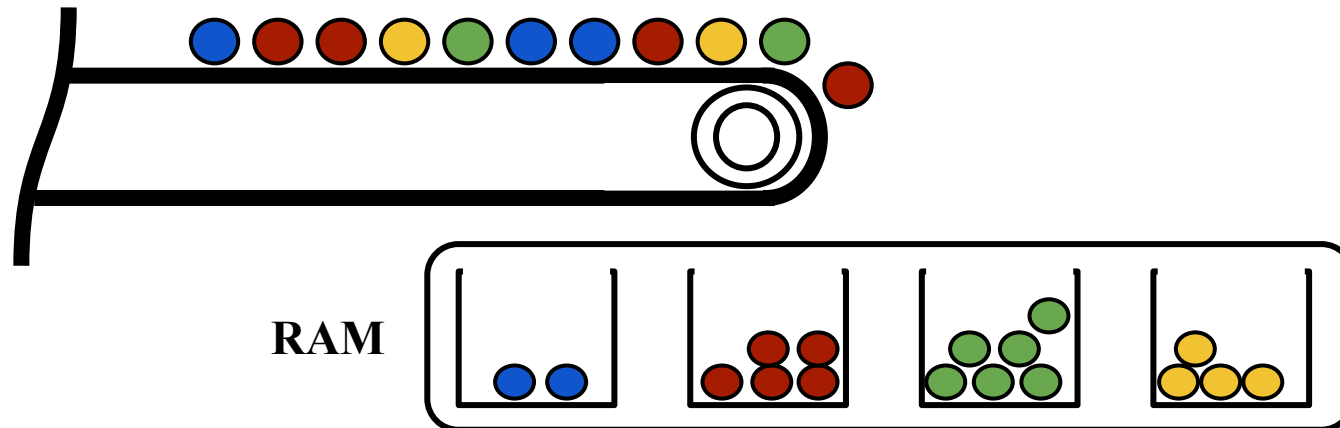


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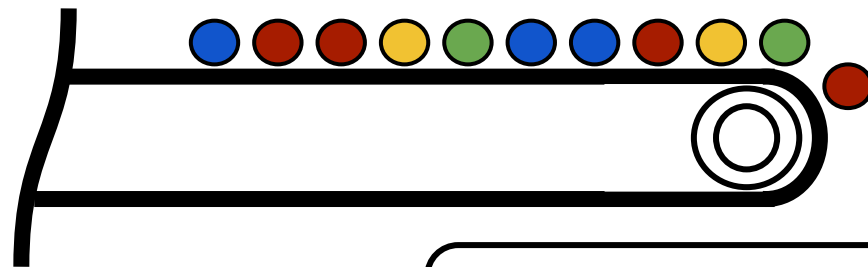
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- **Heavy hitter problem:** report items whose frequency $\geq \phi N$
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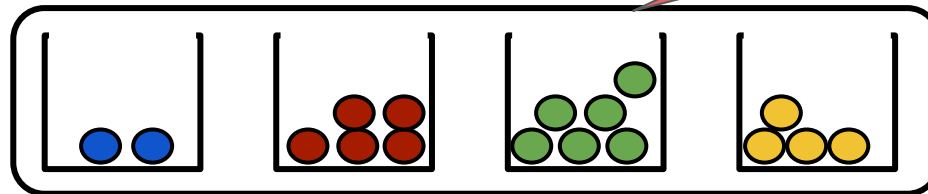
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Maintain count estimates in RAM
[Misra & Gries '82]

RAM



Real time with false-positives!

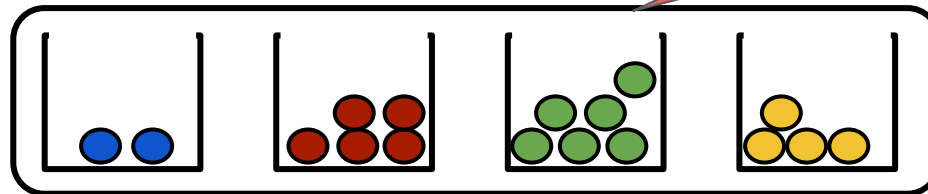
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For some apps, ϕN is a small constant,
So $\Omega(1/\epsilon)$ is very very large!!
Can't solve in RAM for very small ϕ

[Misra & Gries '82]

RAM



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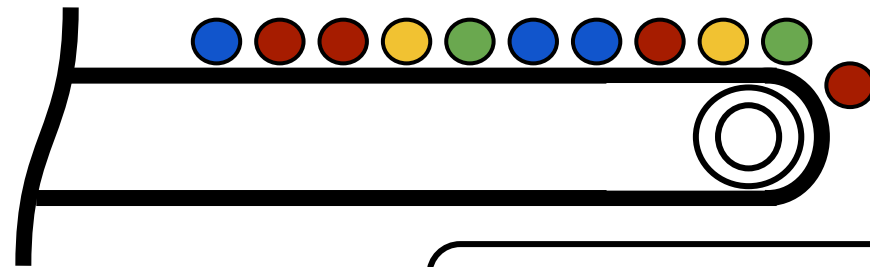
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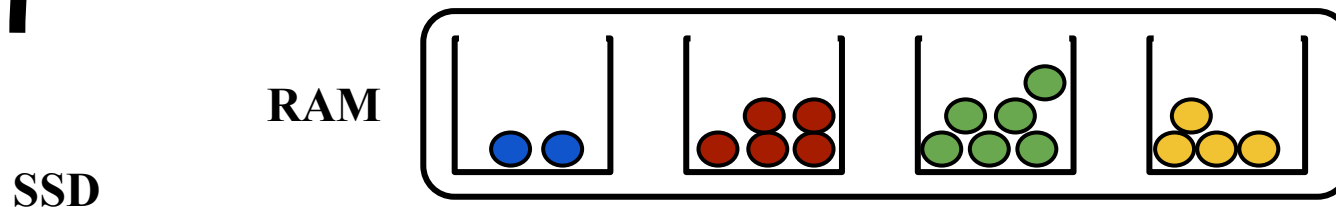


Two-pass streaming isn't real-time

- A second pass over the stream can get rid of errors
- Store the stream on SSD and access it later



Scales to very small ϕ
but offline!



Second pass



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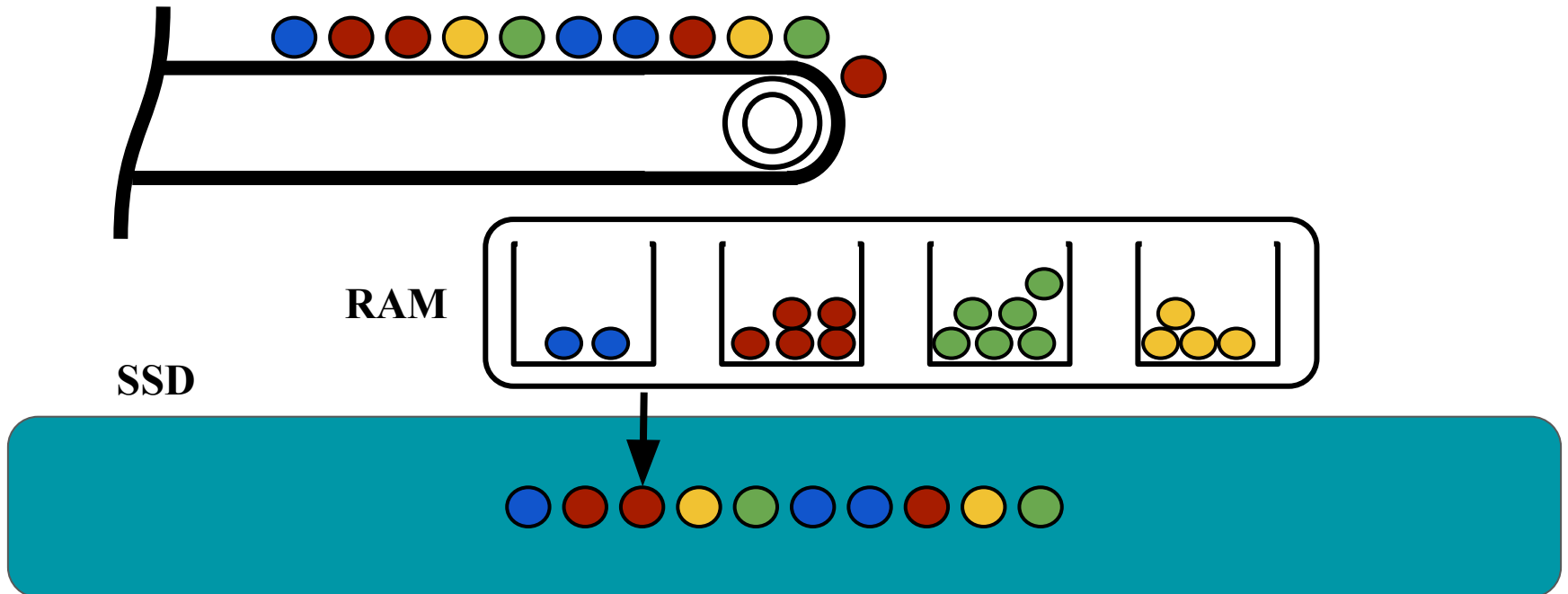
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If data is stored: why not access it?

Why wait for second pass?





Idea: combine streaming and external memory (EM) [Pandey et al. SIGMOD '20]



Use an efficient external-memory counting data structure to scale Misra-Gries algorithm to SSDs

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Bender et al. '12

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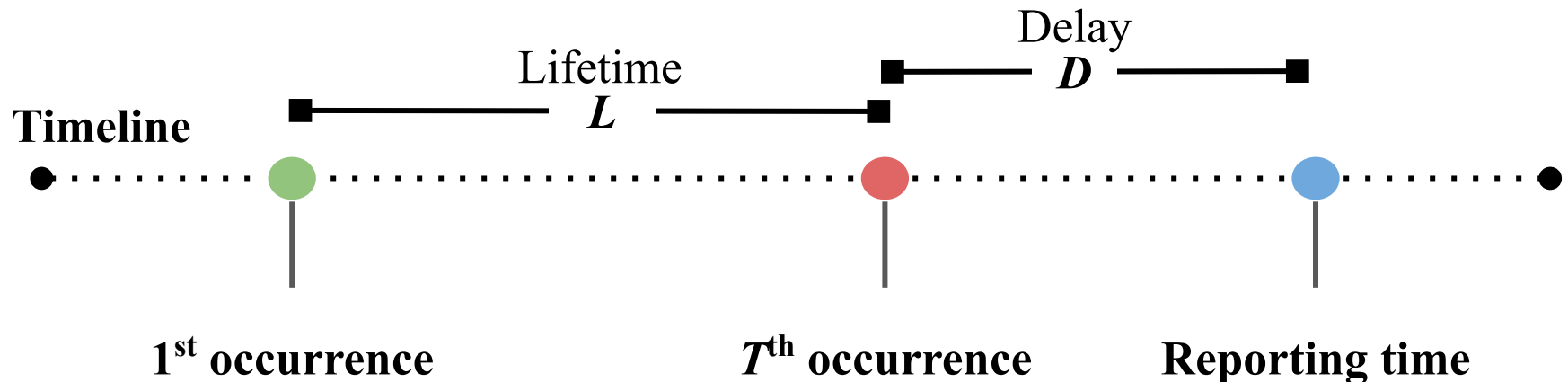
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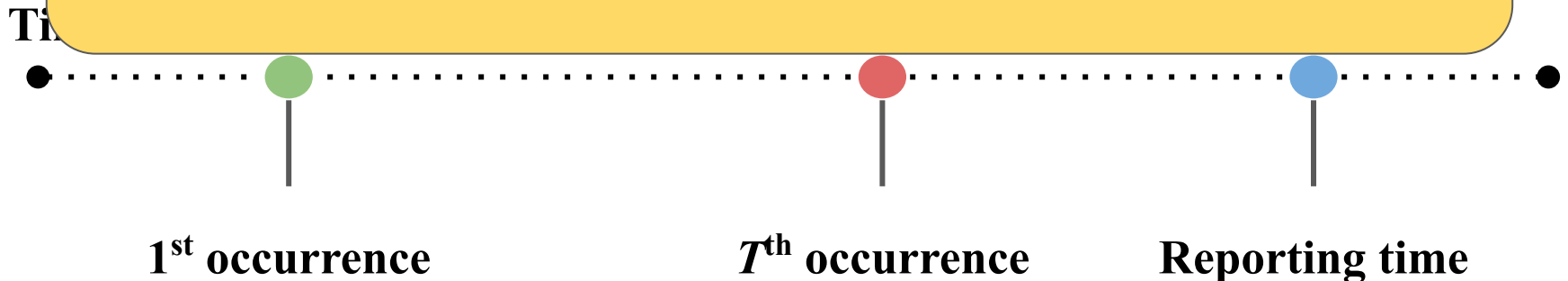


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**Main idea: the longer the lifetime of an item,
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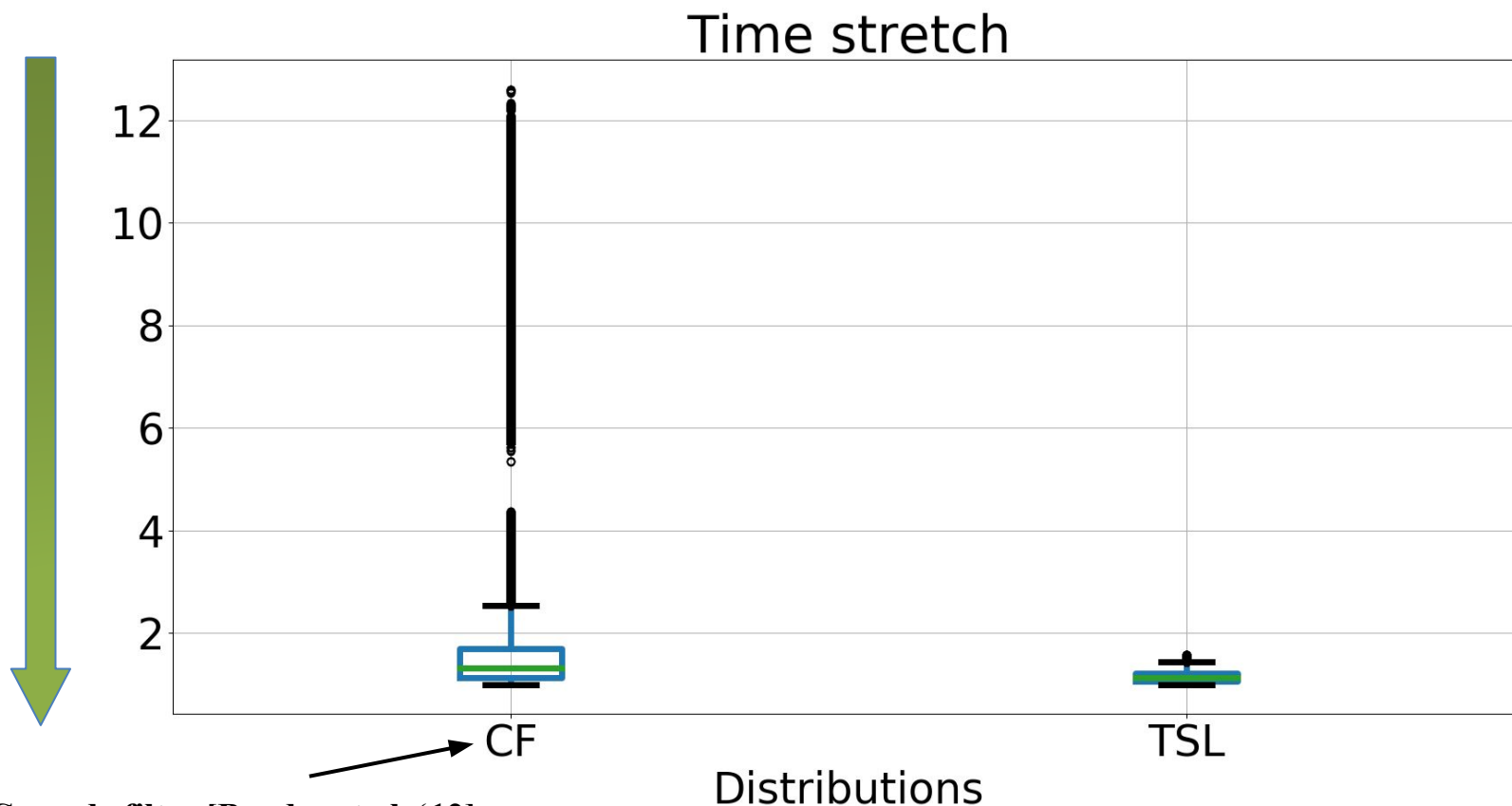
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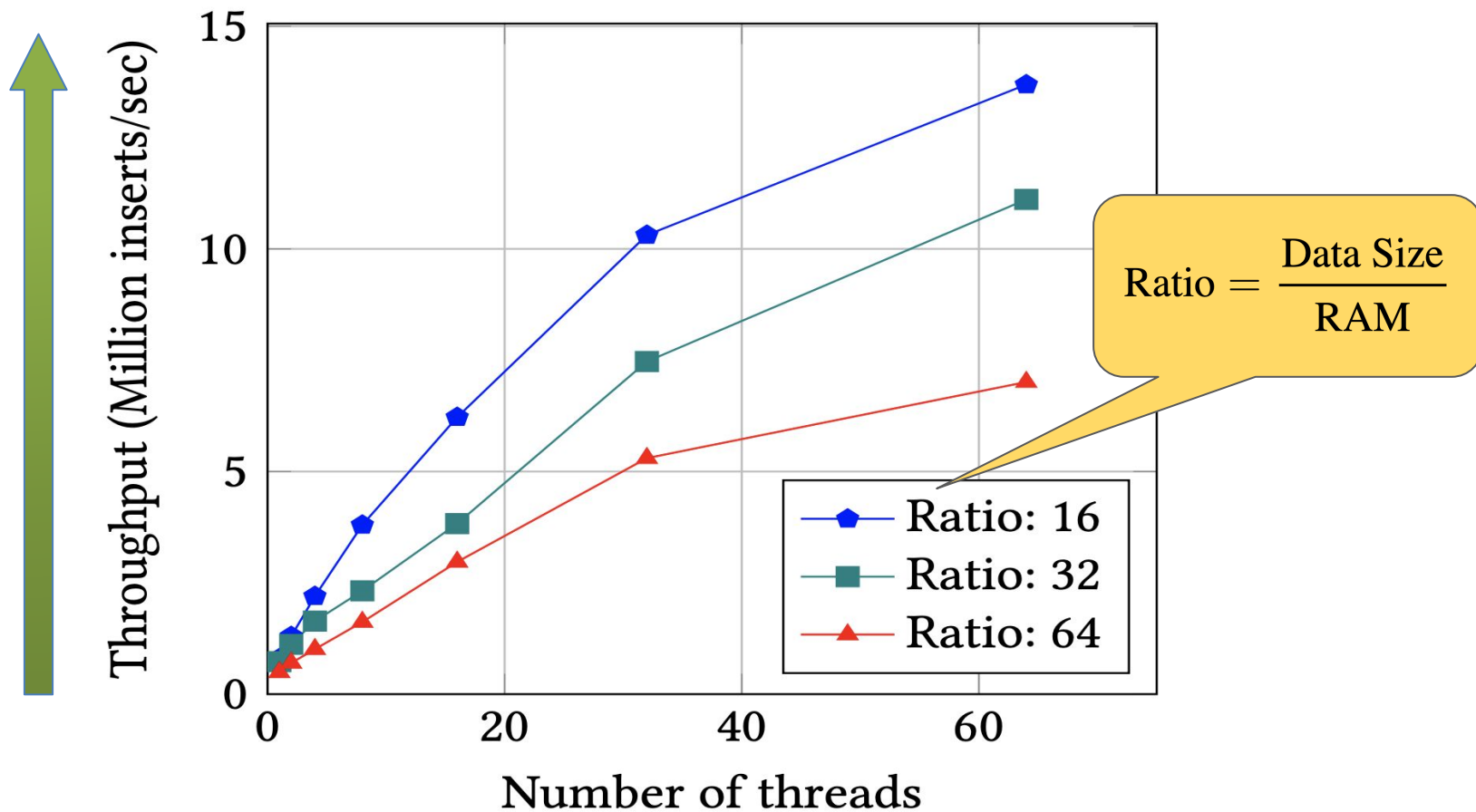
Evaluation: empirical time stretch



Cascade filter [Bender et al. '12]
State-of-the-art external memory counting
table

Average time stretch is 43% smaller than theoretical upper bound.

Evaluation: scalability



The insertion throughput increases as we add more threads.

We can achieve $> 13\text{M}$ insertions/sec.

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Goal: Overcome *decades-old* data structure *trade-offs* using new algorithmic paradigms and modern hardware

Existing hash table techniques

Separate chaining

- Chaining with linked-list
- Chaining with binary tree

Open addressing

- Linear probing
 - Coalesced chaining
 - Cuckoo hashing
 - Hopscotch hashing
 - Robin Hood hashing
 - 2-choice hashing
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- Cuckoo hashing suffers from *random hopping*
 - Linear probing/Robin Hood hashing suffer from *long chains*
 - 2-choice/d-left hashing suffer from *multiple probes*

Iceberg hash table

Collaborators: Joe Durie, Alex Conway, Rob Johnson, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton



- Step 1: set *primary bin* by single hashing
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d-left hashing

Limits variance across bins without random hopping and multiple probes

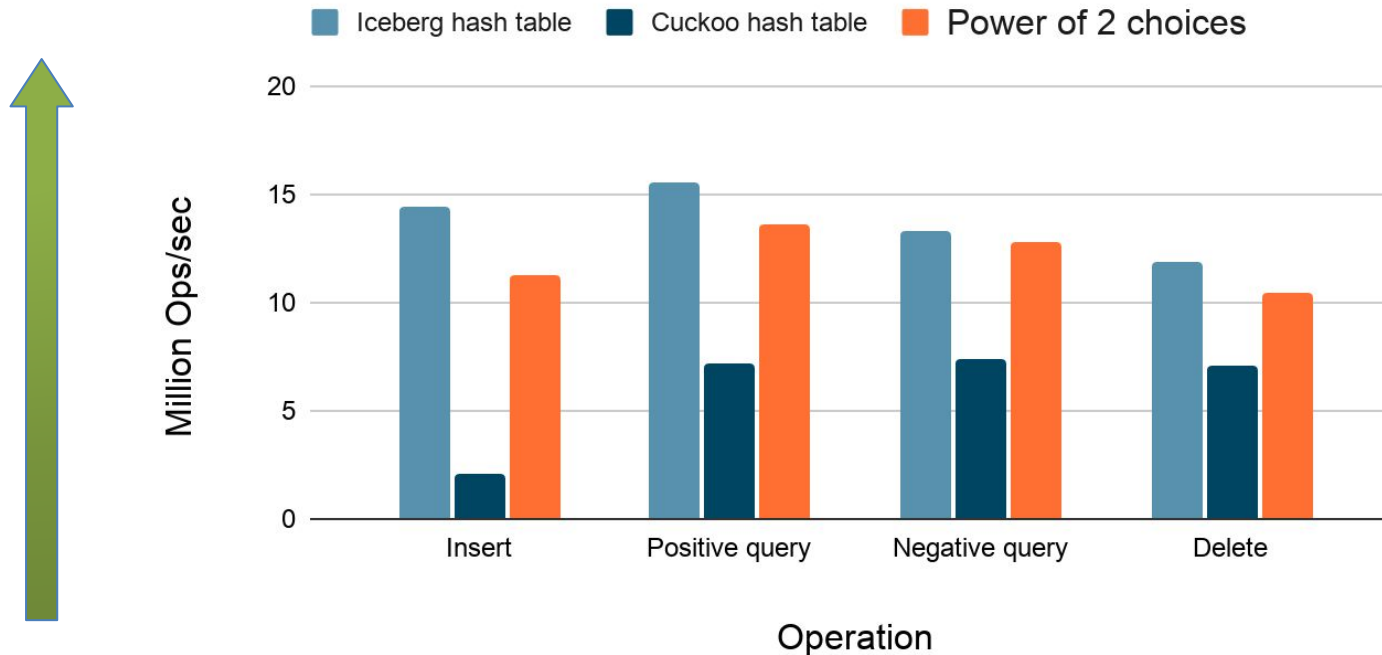
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Throughput (Table size = 67 Million Single thread)

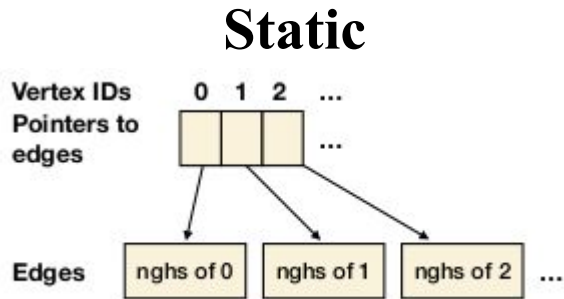


- **6.8X faster for insertions**
- **~2X faster for queries**
- **1.6X faster for deletes**

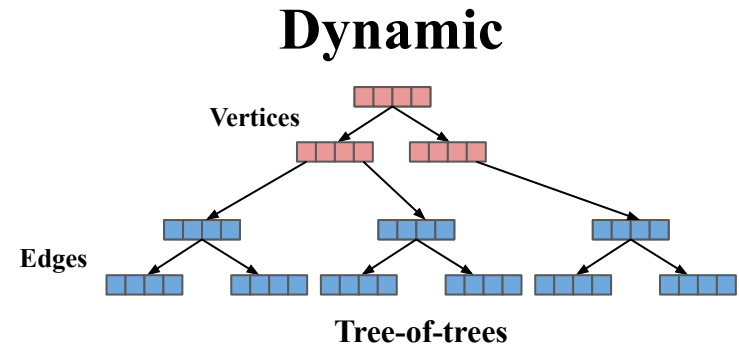
Future work: system for streaming graphs

Goal: build *highly scalable* streaming graph representation system

“One-size-fits-all” approach is suboptimal



LIGRA [Shun & Blelloch '13]



ASPEN [Dhulipala et al.
'19]

| | LIGRA | ASPEN |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
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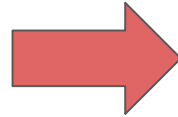
Real world graphs are often skewed

High variance in the
degree distribution

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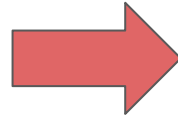


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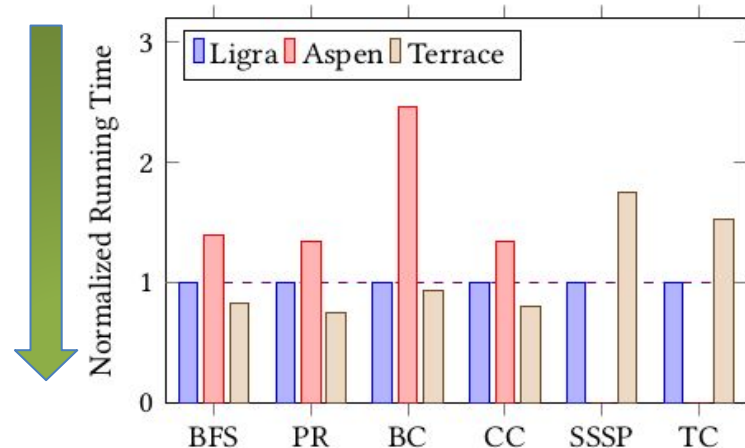
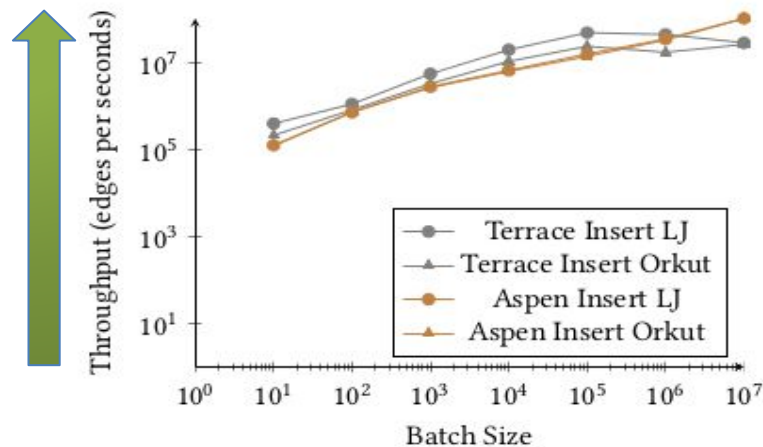
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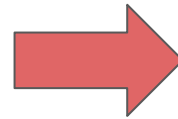
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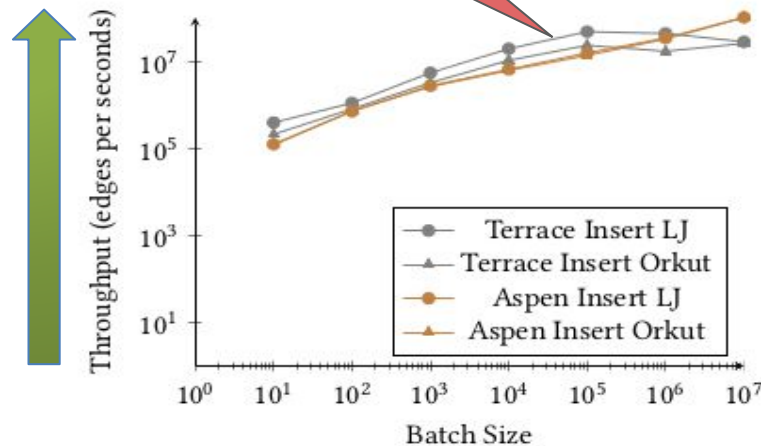
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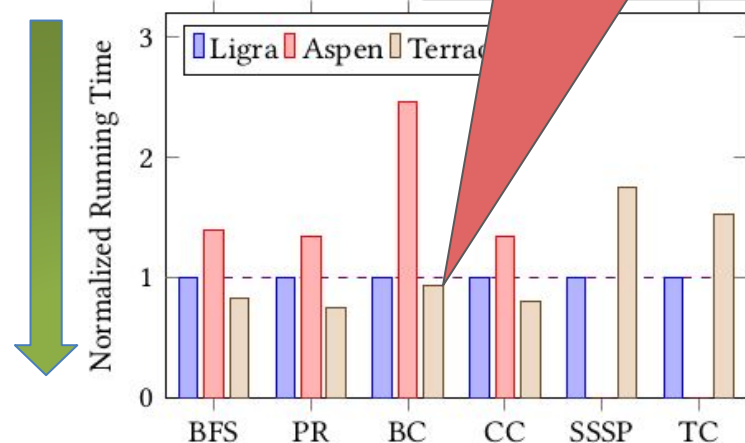


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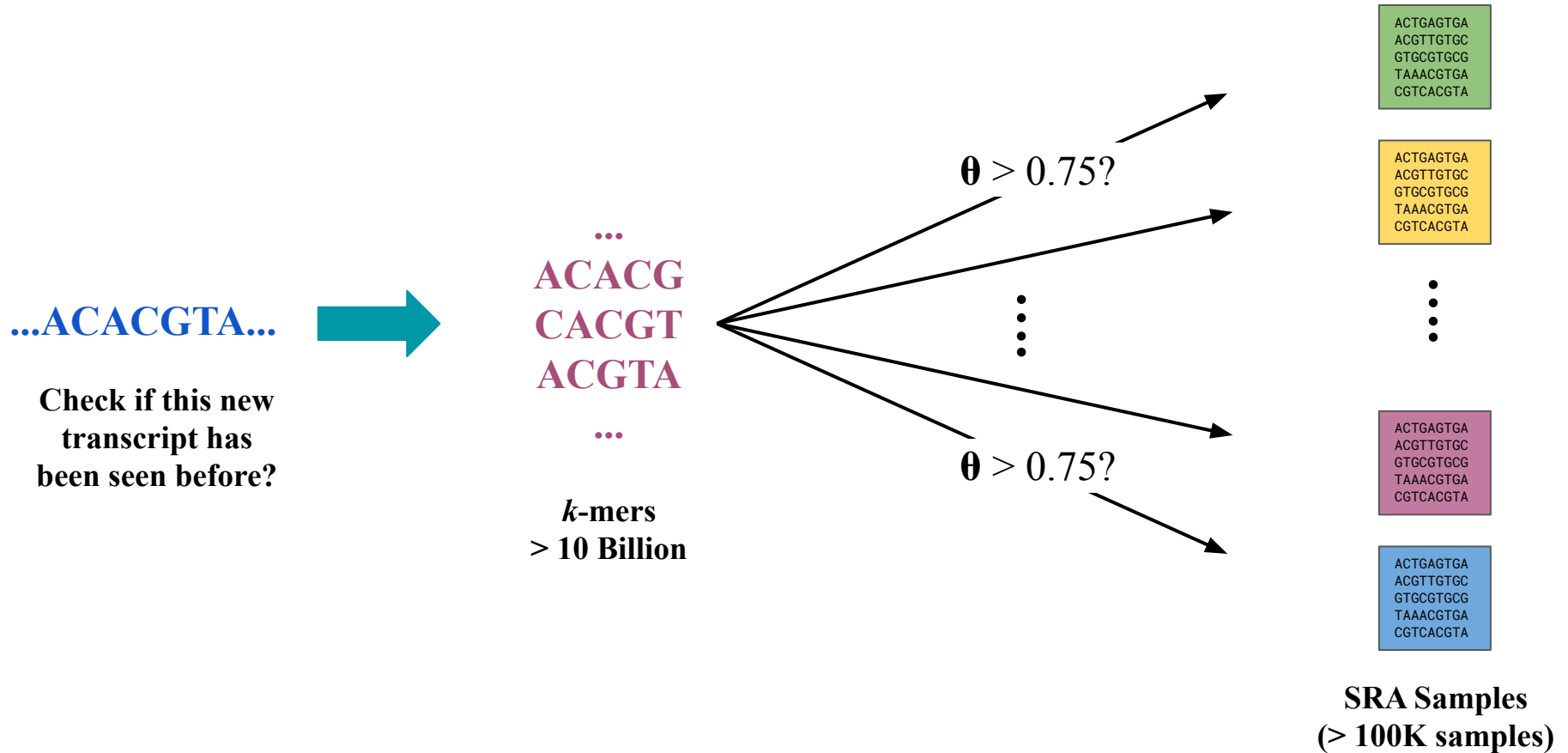
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Goal: optimize large-scale indexing solutions using machine learning

Sample discovery problem

Solomon & Kingsford Nat Biotech '16



Return all samples that contain at least some user-defined fraction θ of the k -mers present in the query string

Mantis index for sample discovery problem

...ACACGTA...

Check if this new transcript has been seen before?



Mantis index



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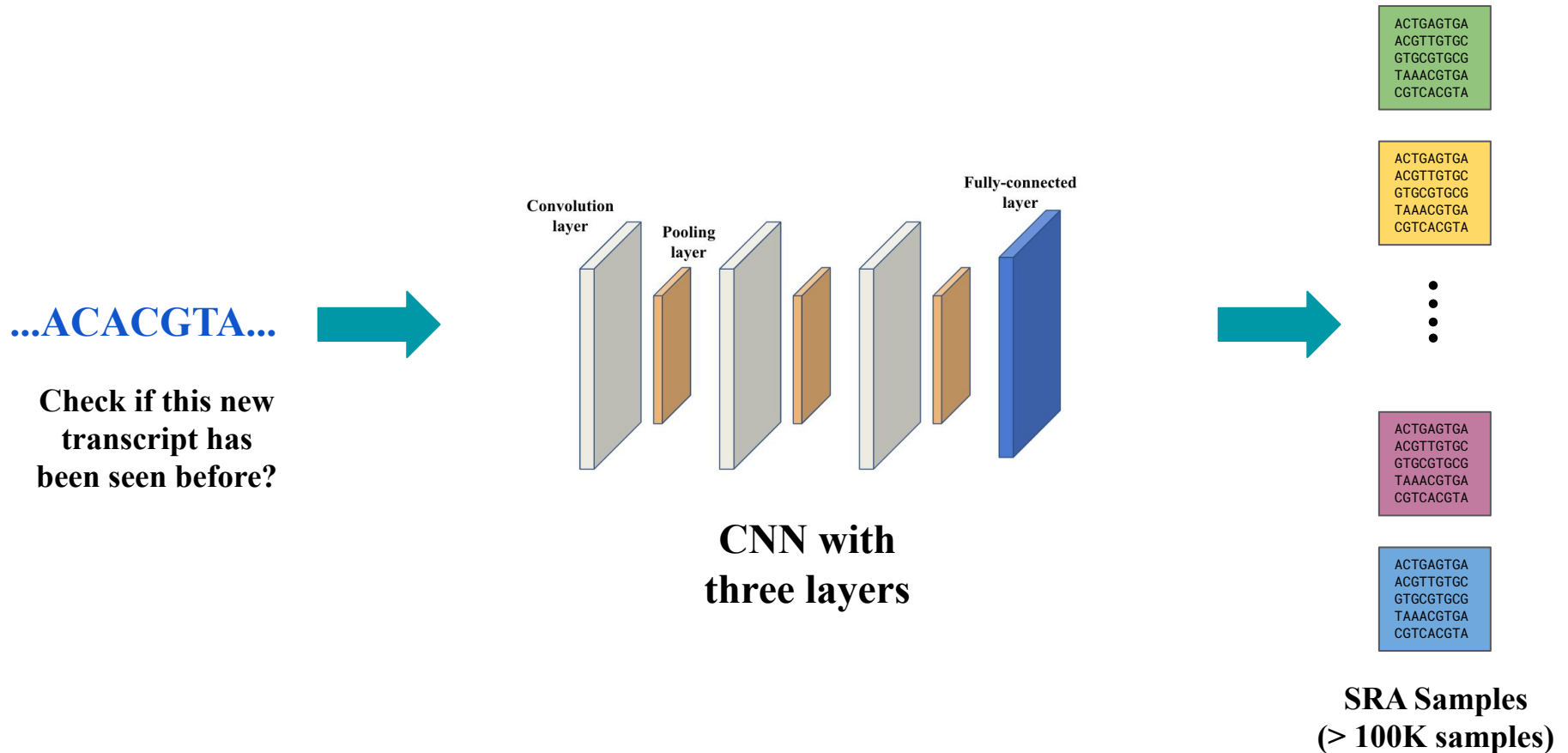
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SRA Samples
(> 100K samples)

Mantis index is based on a map from *k*-mers to a list of samples where the *k*-mer appears.

ML for sample discovery problem

Collaborators: Nick Bhattacharya, Aydin Buluc, Kathy Yelick



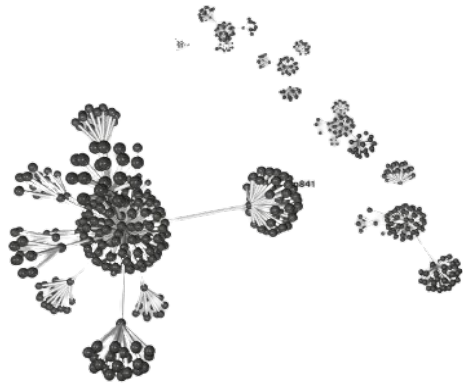
The loss function is optimized for the edit distance between sequences

We are planning to use (Order Min Hash ISMB '19) a LSH for edit distance

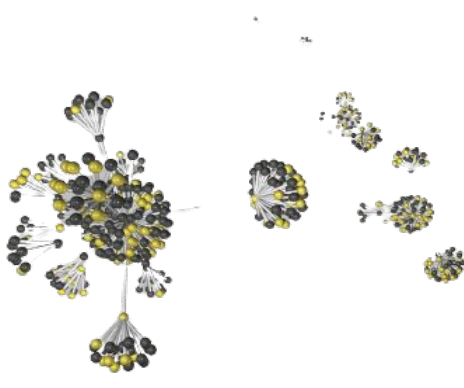
Metagenomic reads classification

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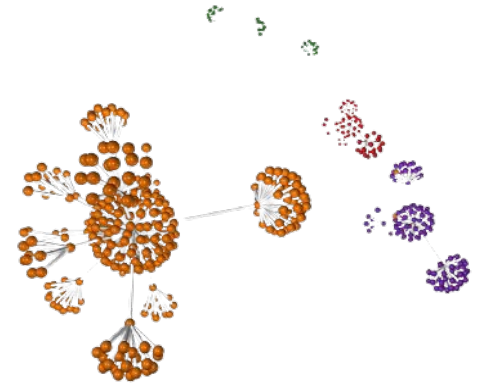
Overlap graph with no labels



Overlap graph with training labels



Overlap graph with learned labels



- Assign ground truth labels to training nodes
- Assign tetra-nucleotide frequency as node vectors

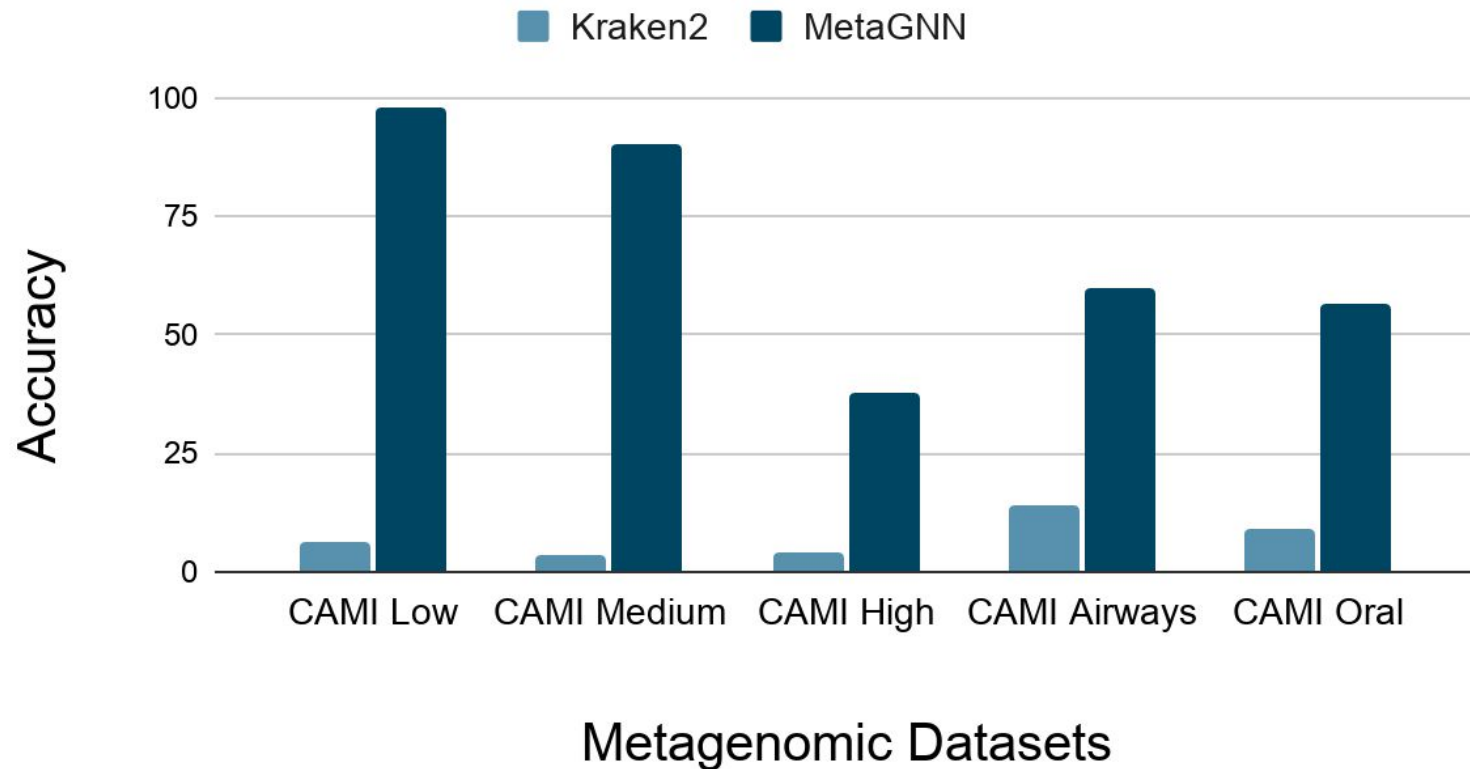
Semi-supervised learning using Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)

- Generate overlap graph: **reads** → **nodes** & **overlap** → **edges**
- Node features → Tetra nucleotide freq of reads
- Reference-based mapping as ground truth labels

Overlap graph + graph neural network (GNN)

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Kraken2 and MetaGNN (F1 Score)



Can achieve higher accuracy using graph-based learning

Conclusion

- Scalability of data management systems will be the biggest challenge in future
- Changing hardware give rise to new algorithmic paradigms

Data Science at Scale

ML

Genomics

Cyber Sec.

NLP

Data Systems

Data structures & Algorithms

Scale down

Scale to disk

Scale out

Modern hardware

Vector inst.

GPU

NVM

SSD

We need to *redesign* existing data structures to take full advantage of modern hardware and *rebuild* data systems to efficiently support *future* data science.

<https://prashantpandey.github.io>

Backup slides

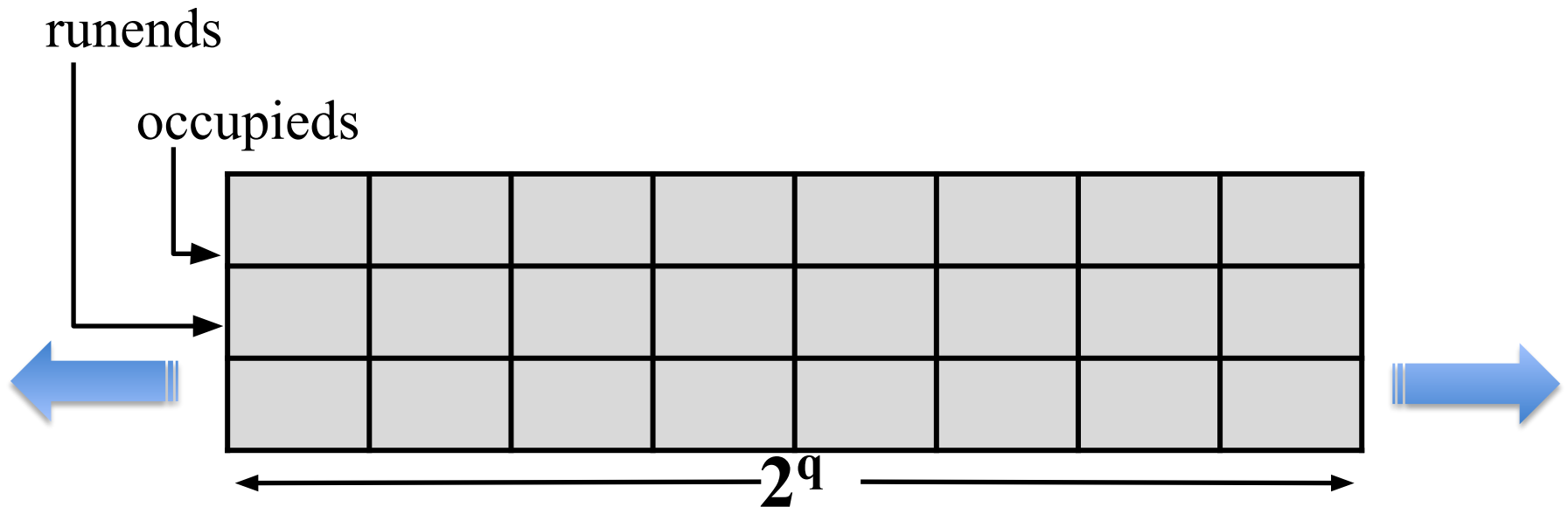
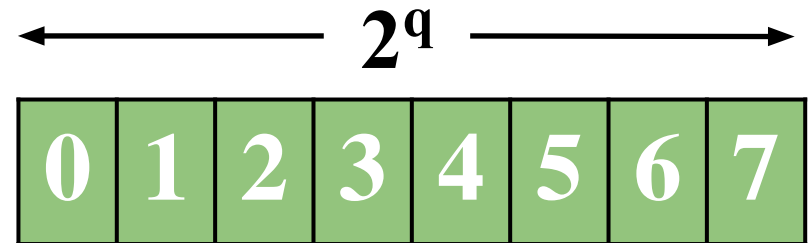
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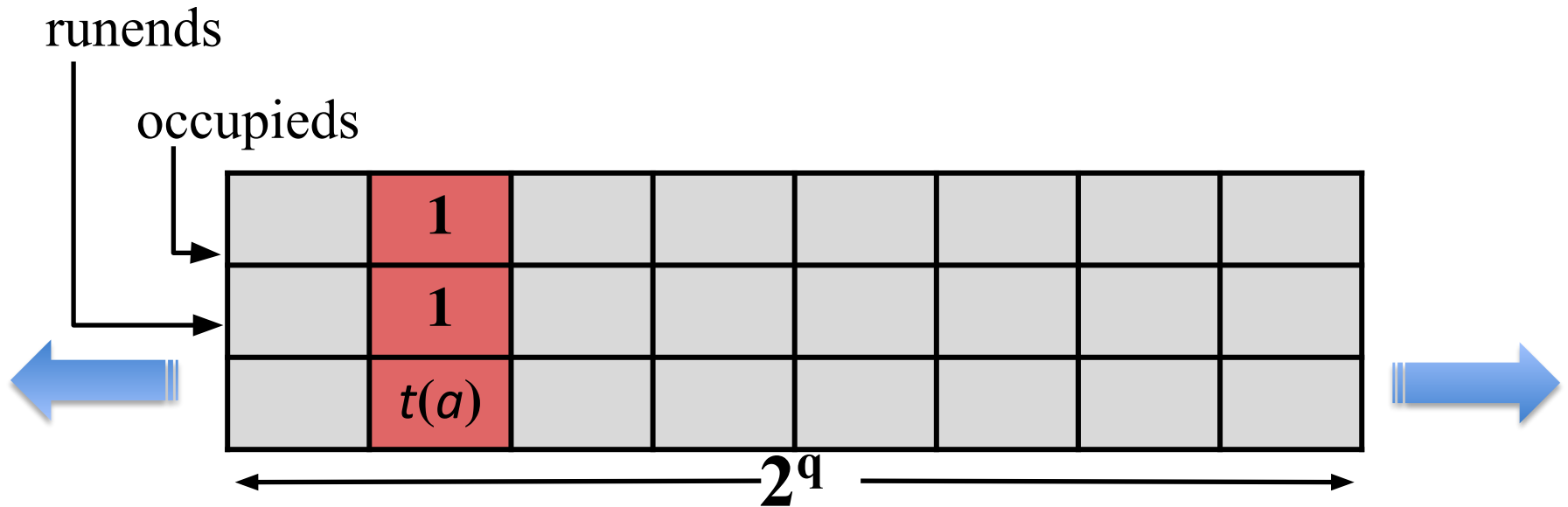
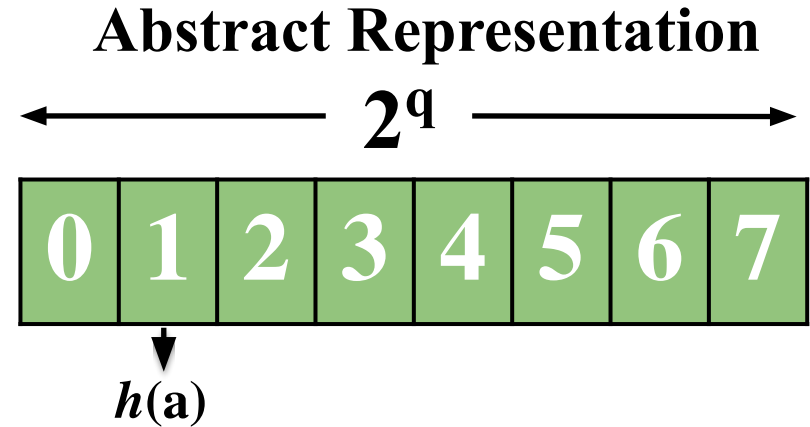


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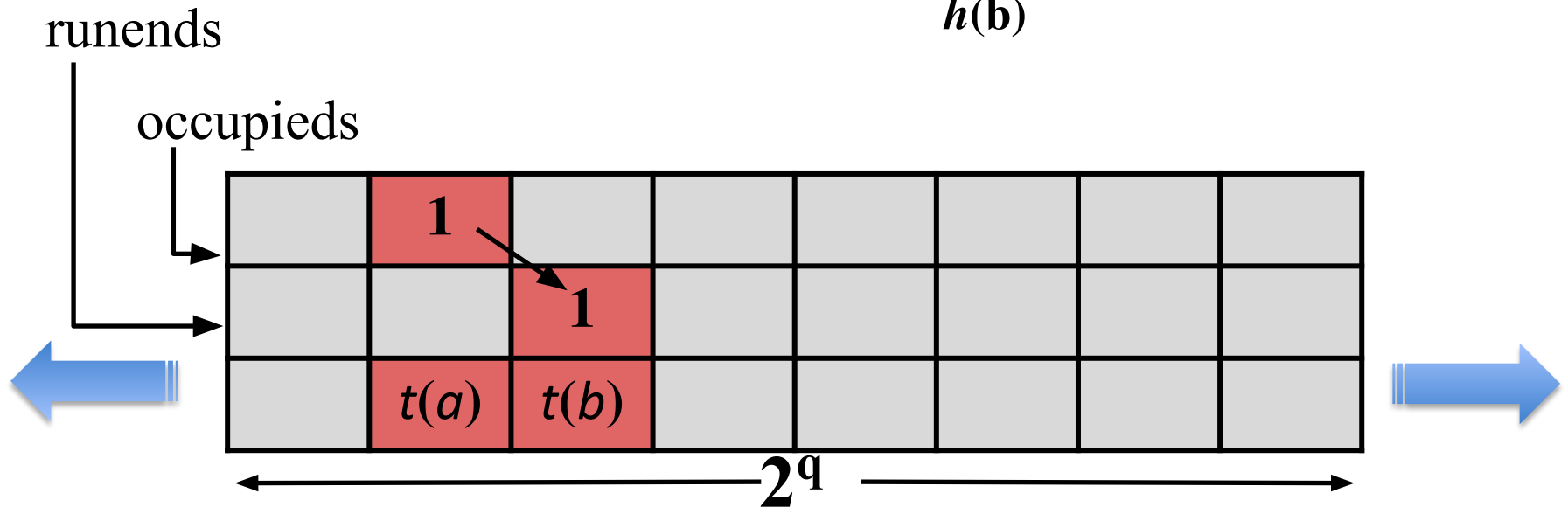
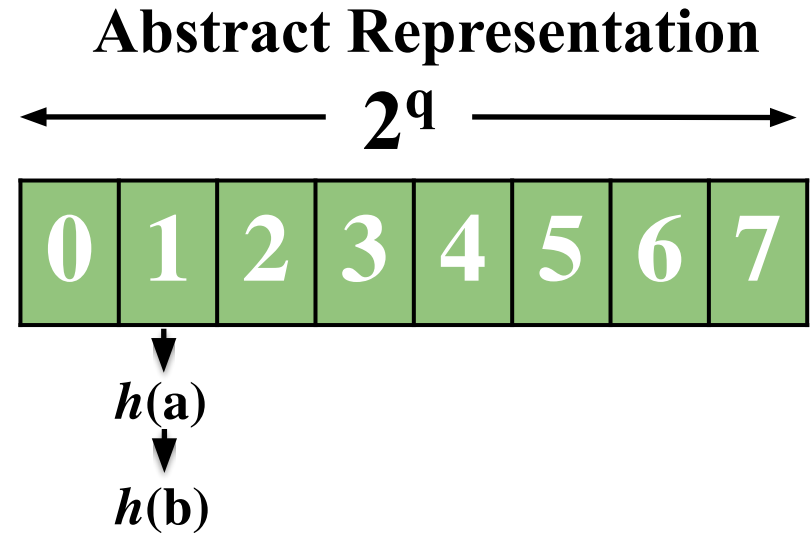


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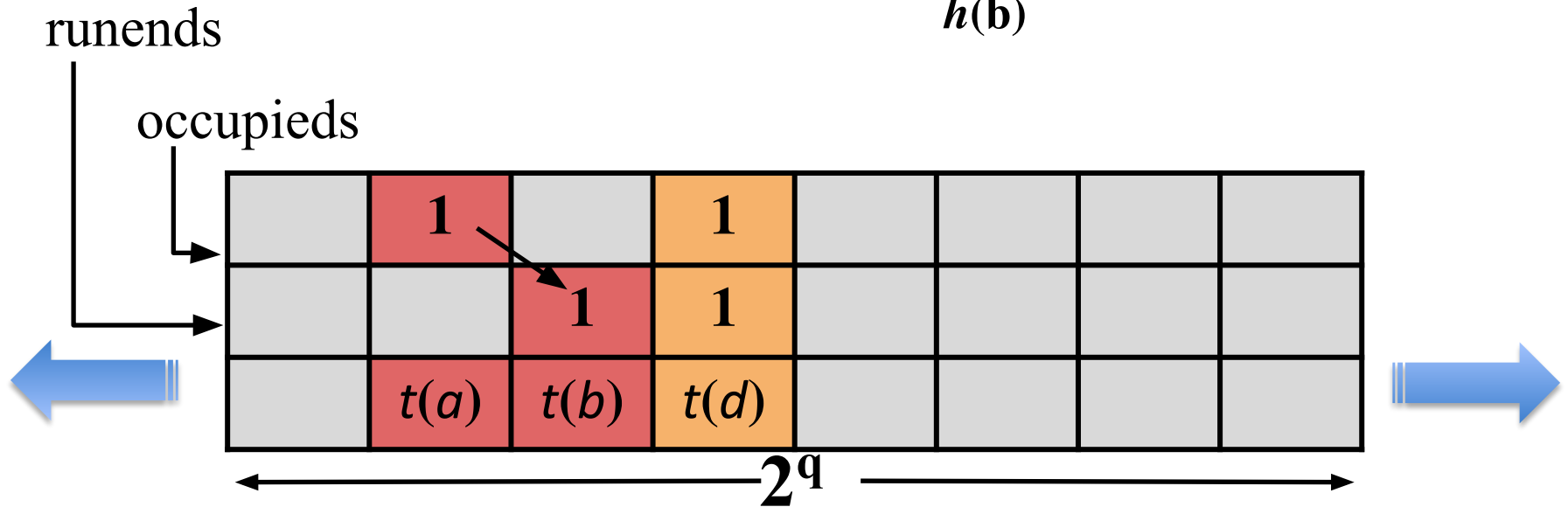
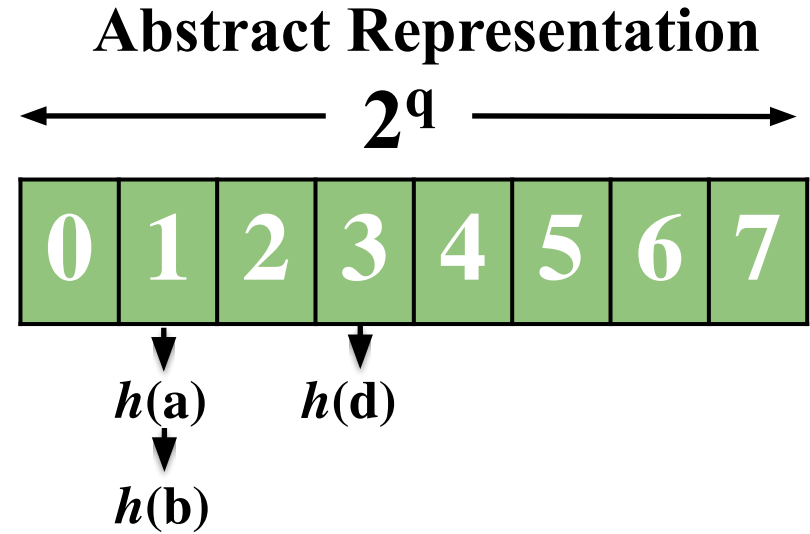


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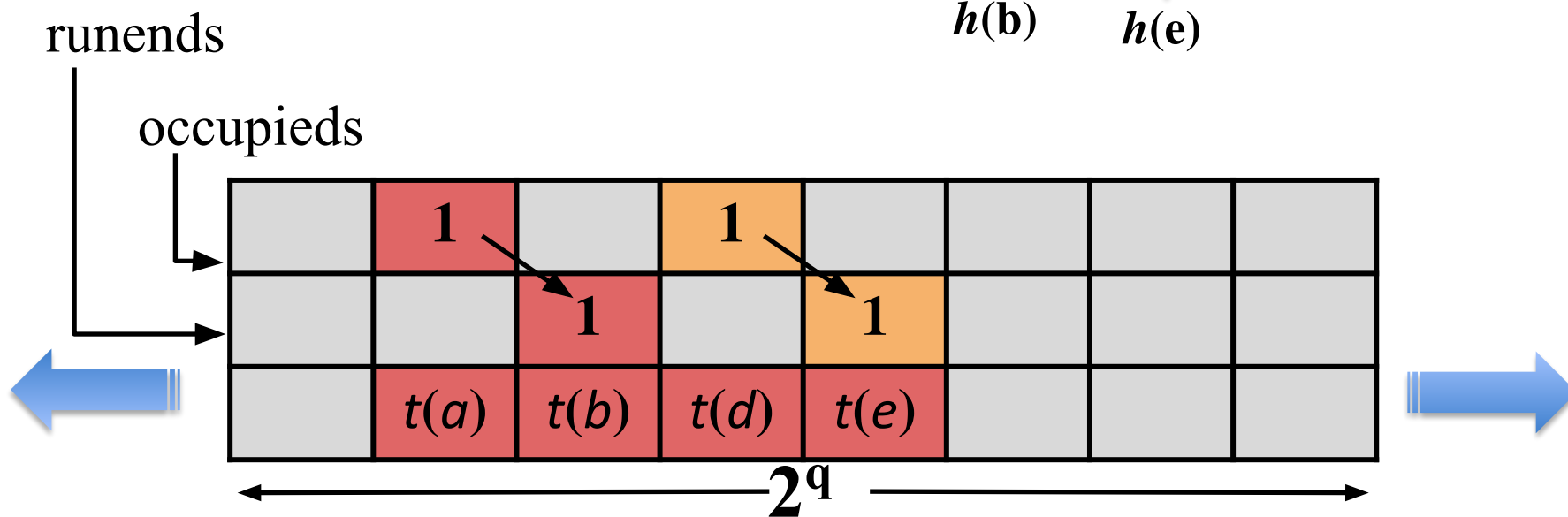
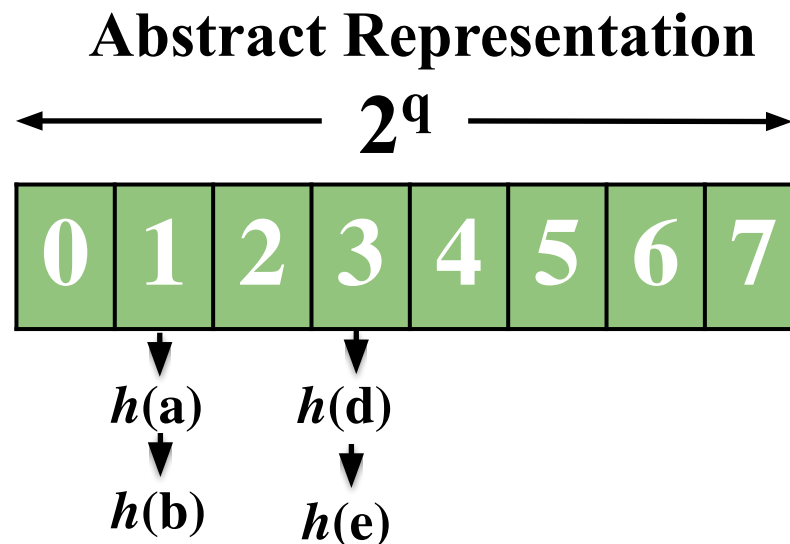


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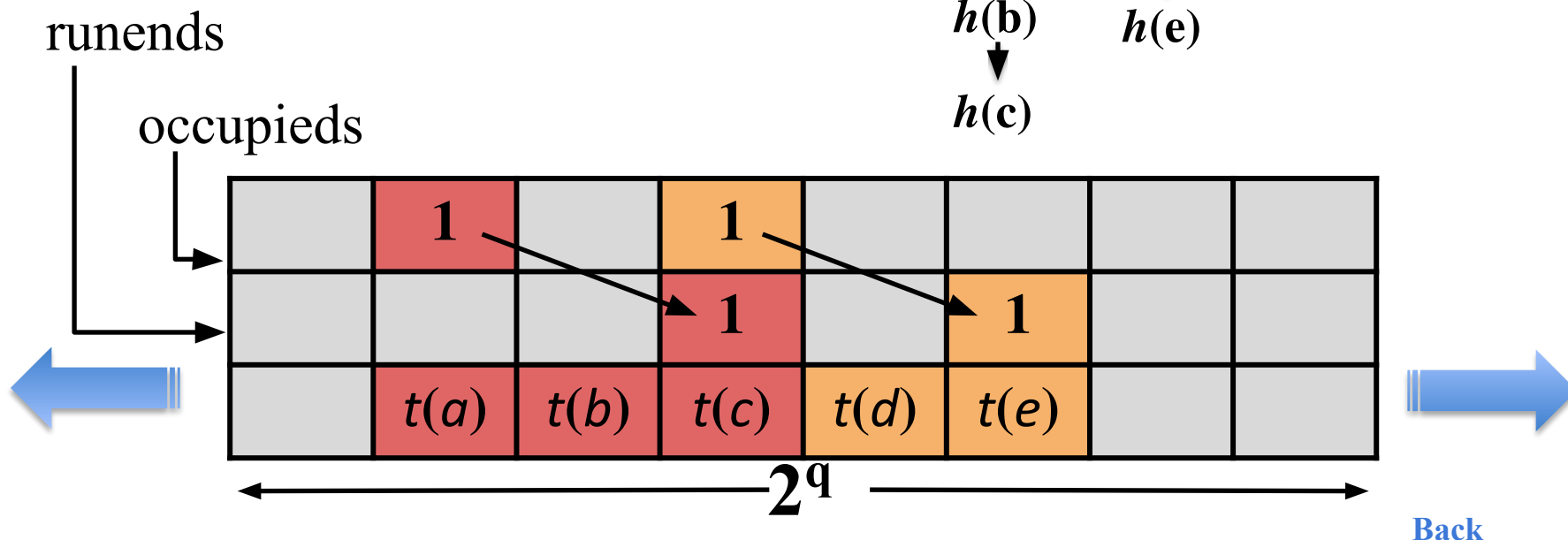
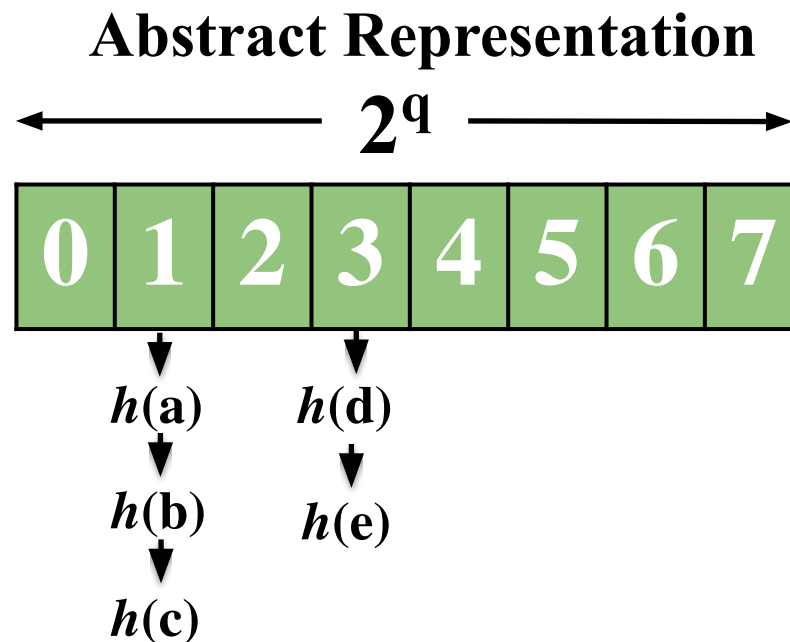


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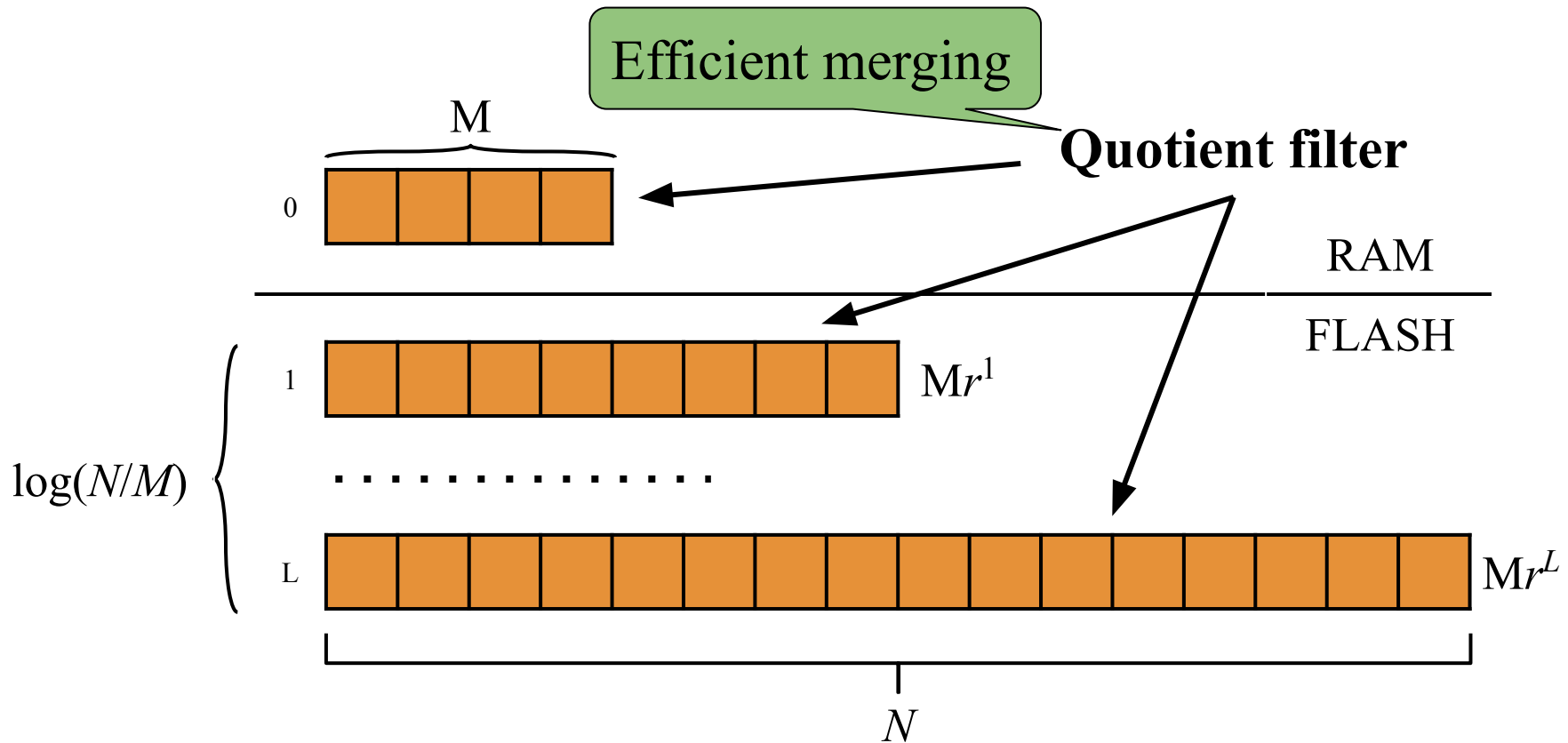
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Cascade filter: write-optimized quotient filter

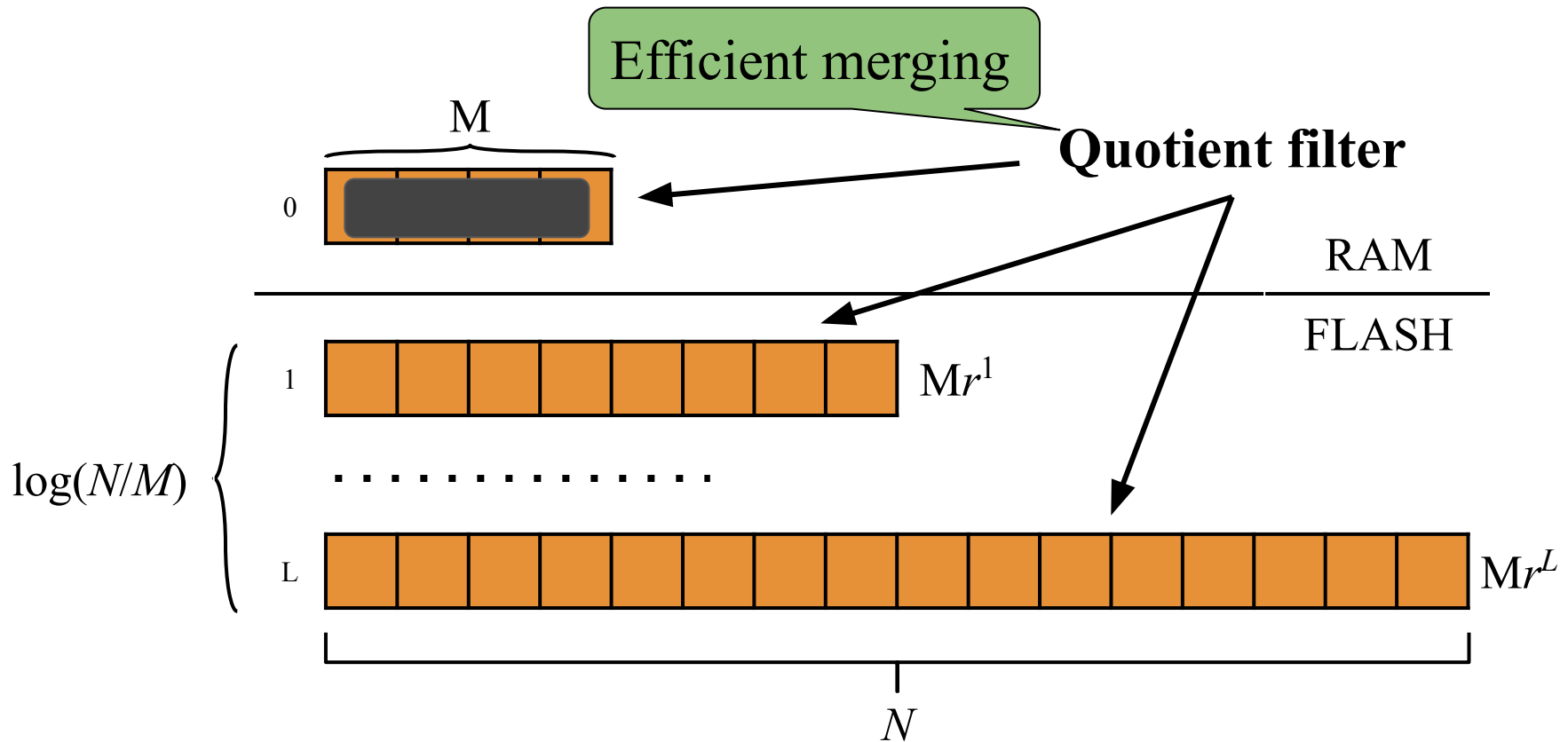
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- The Cascade filter efficiently scales out-of-RAM
- It accelerates insertions at some cost to queries

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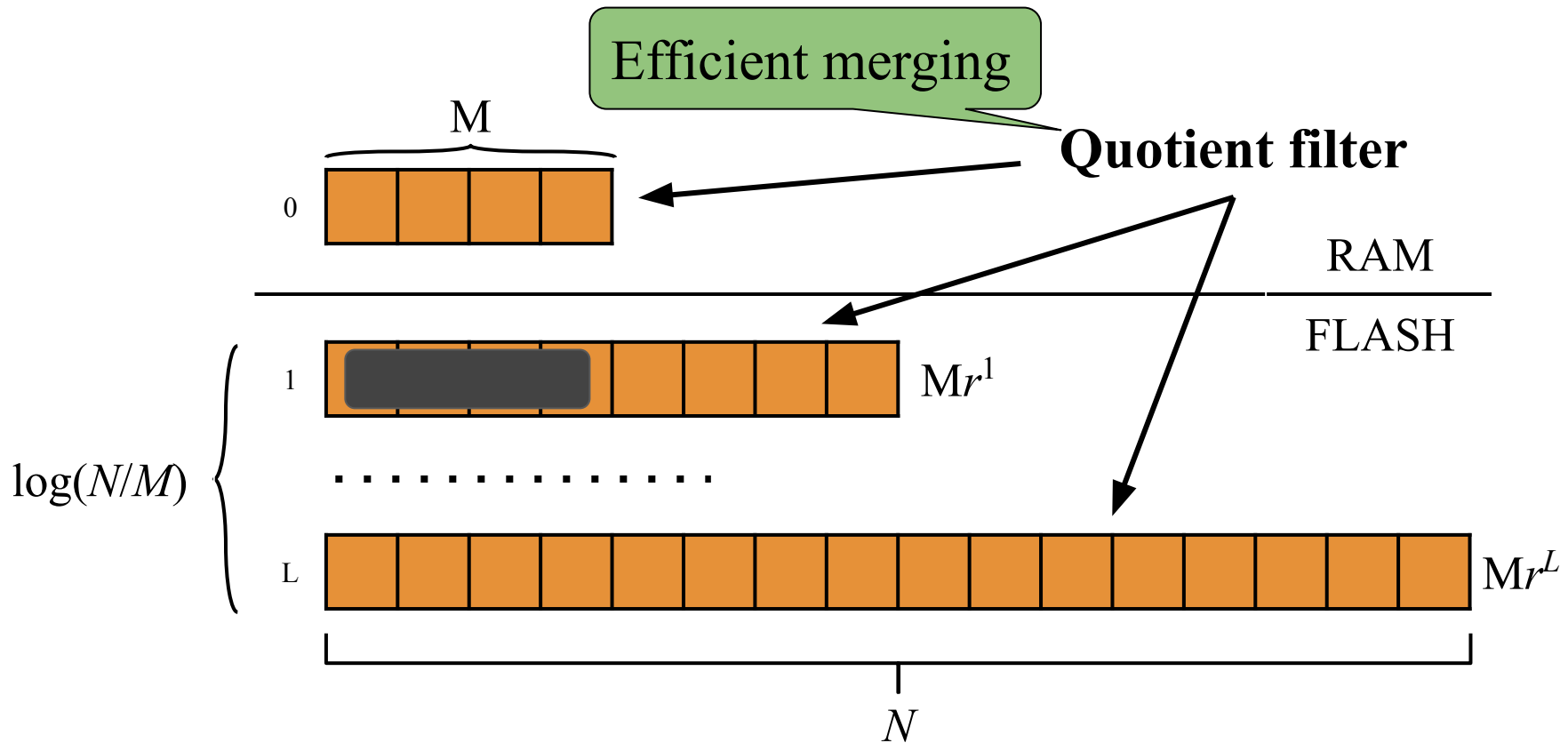
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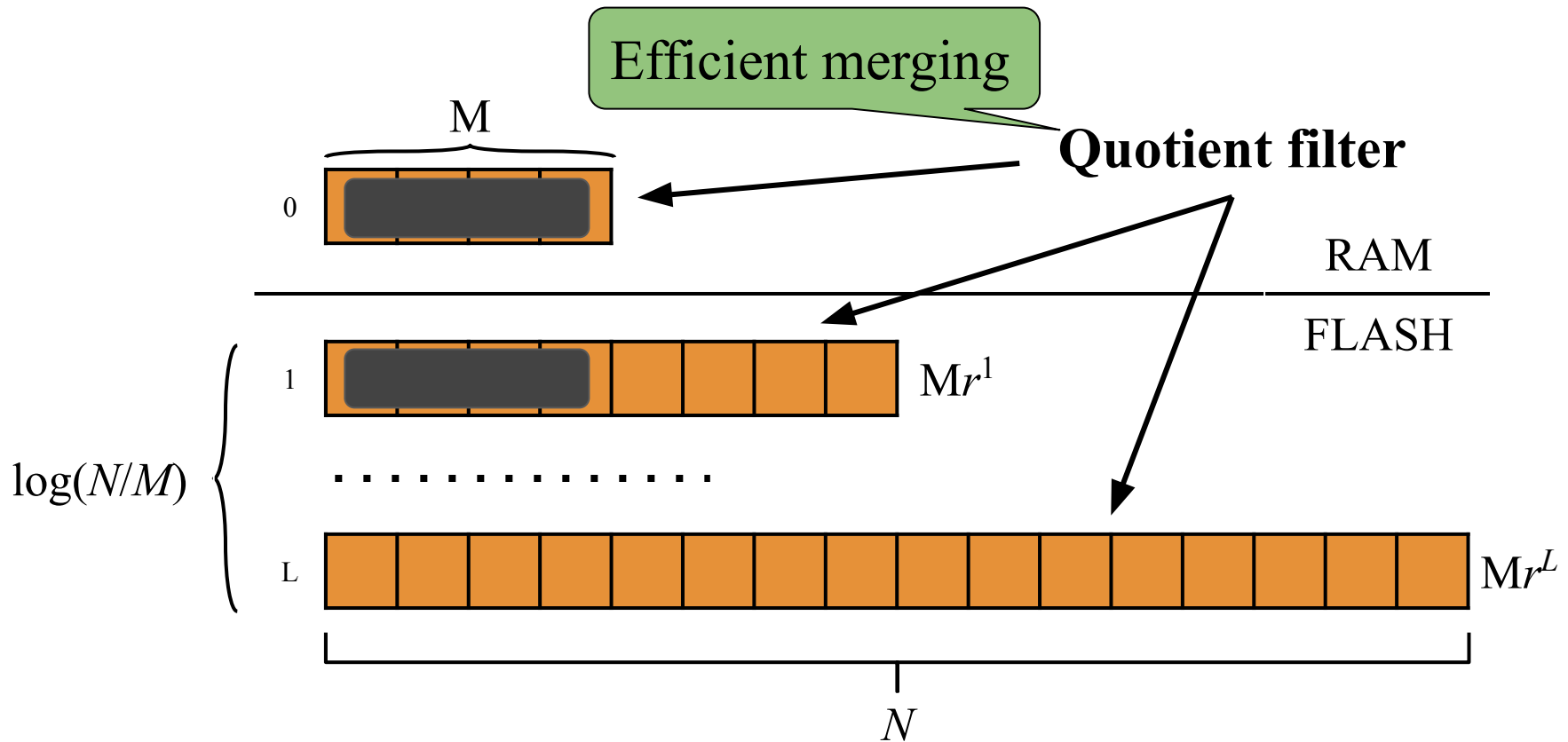
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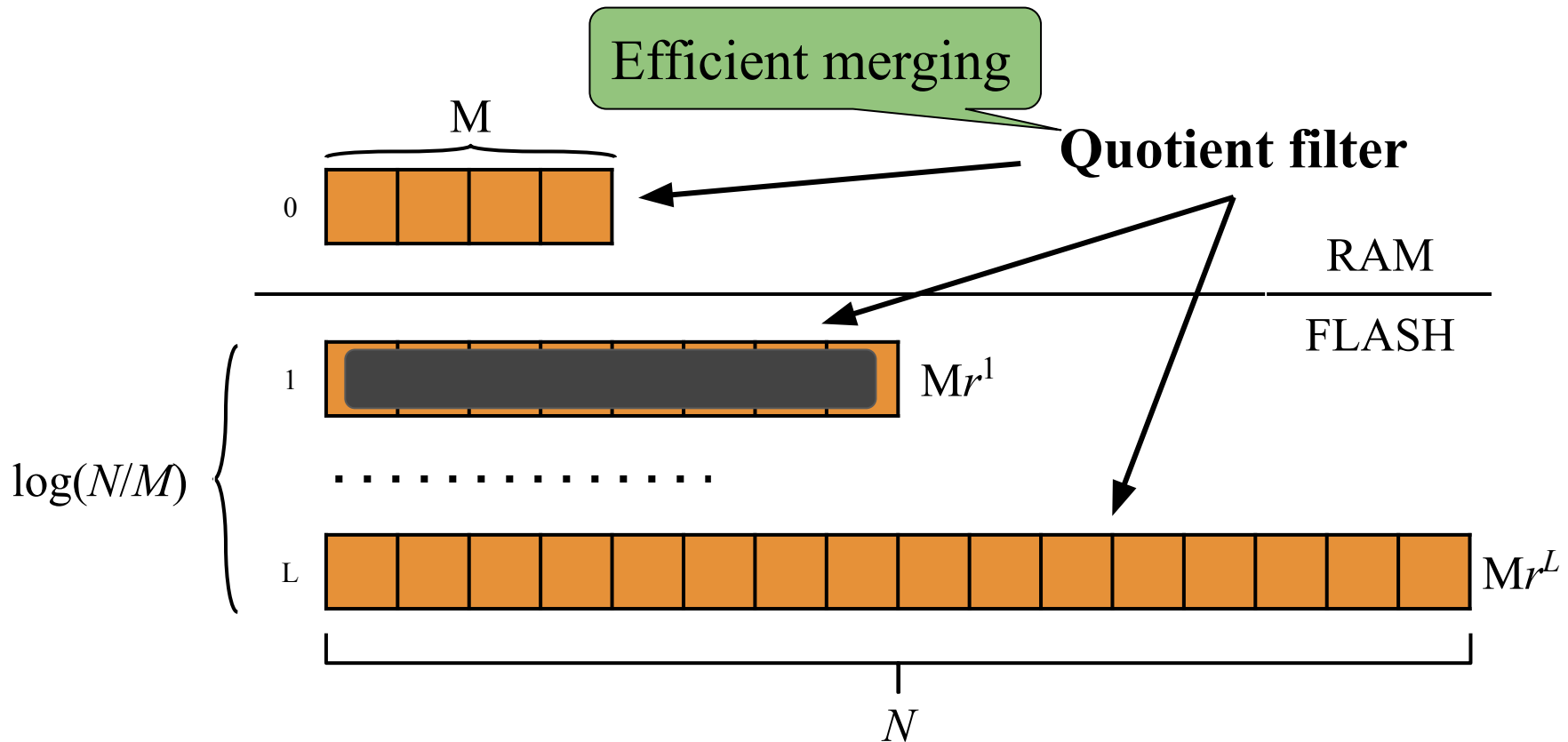
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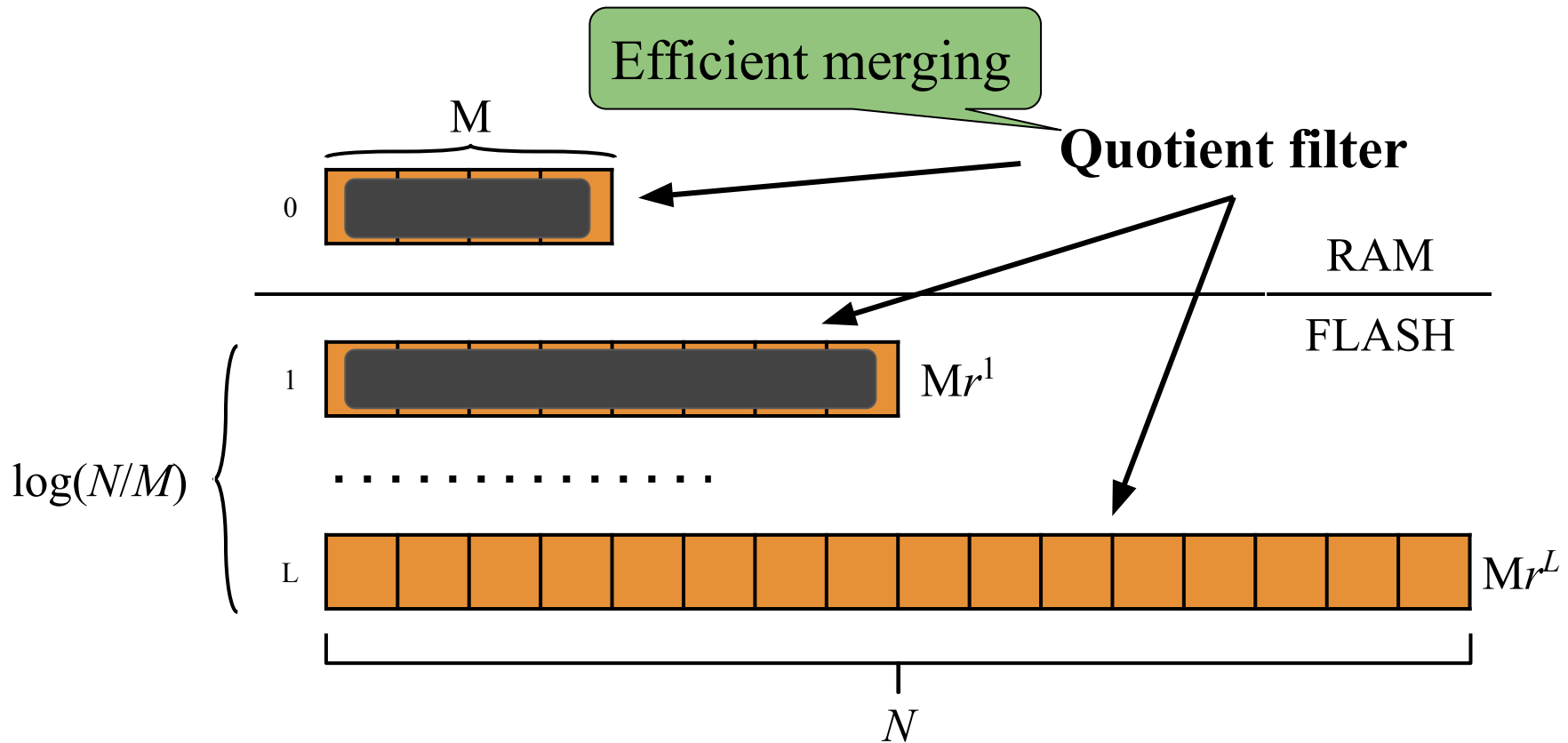
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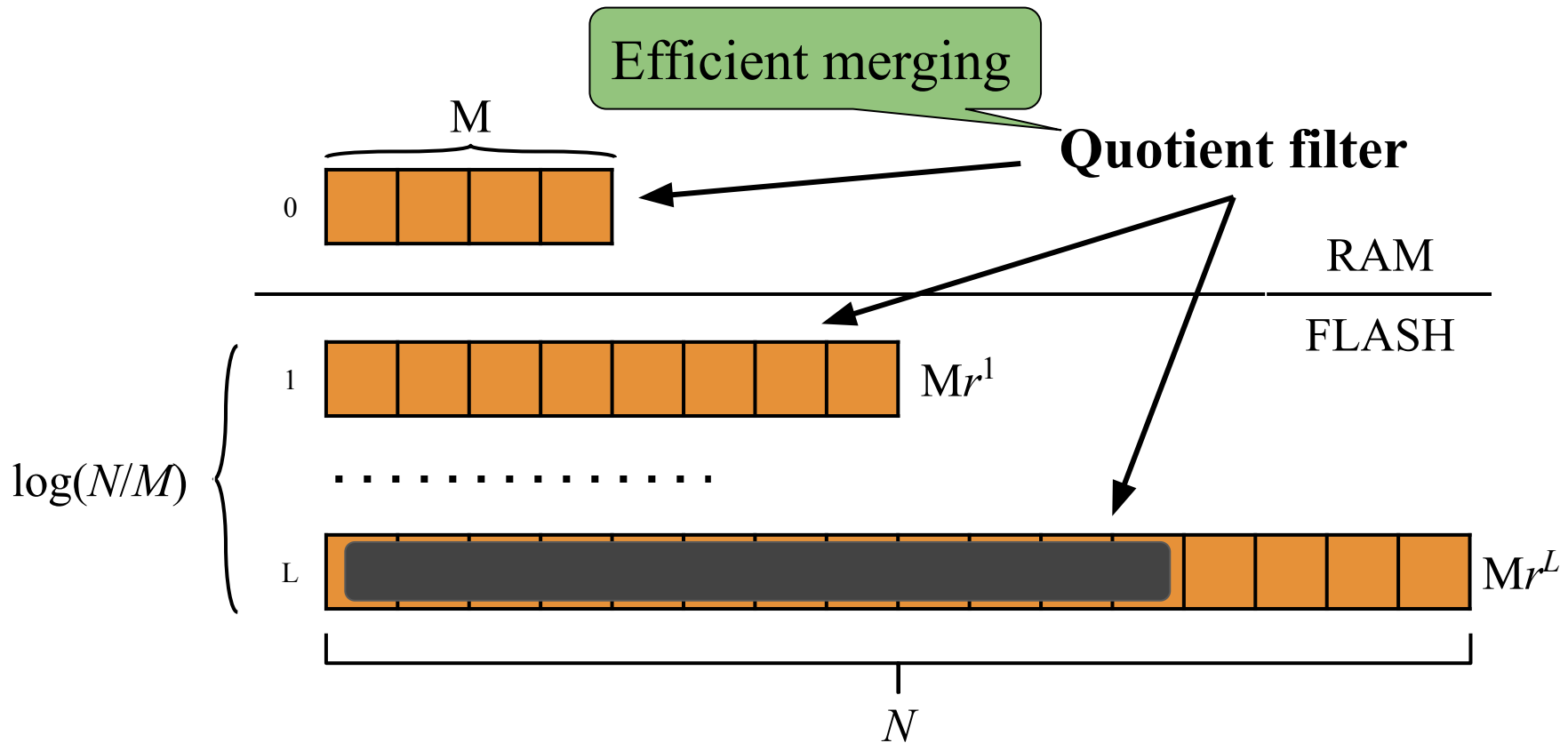
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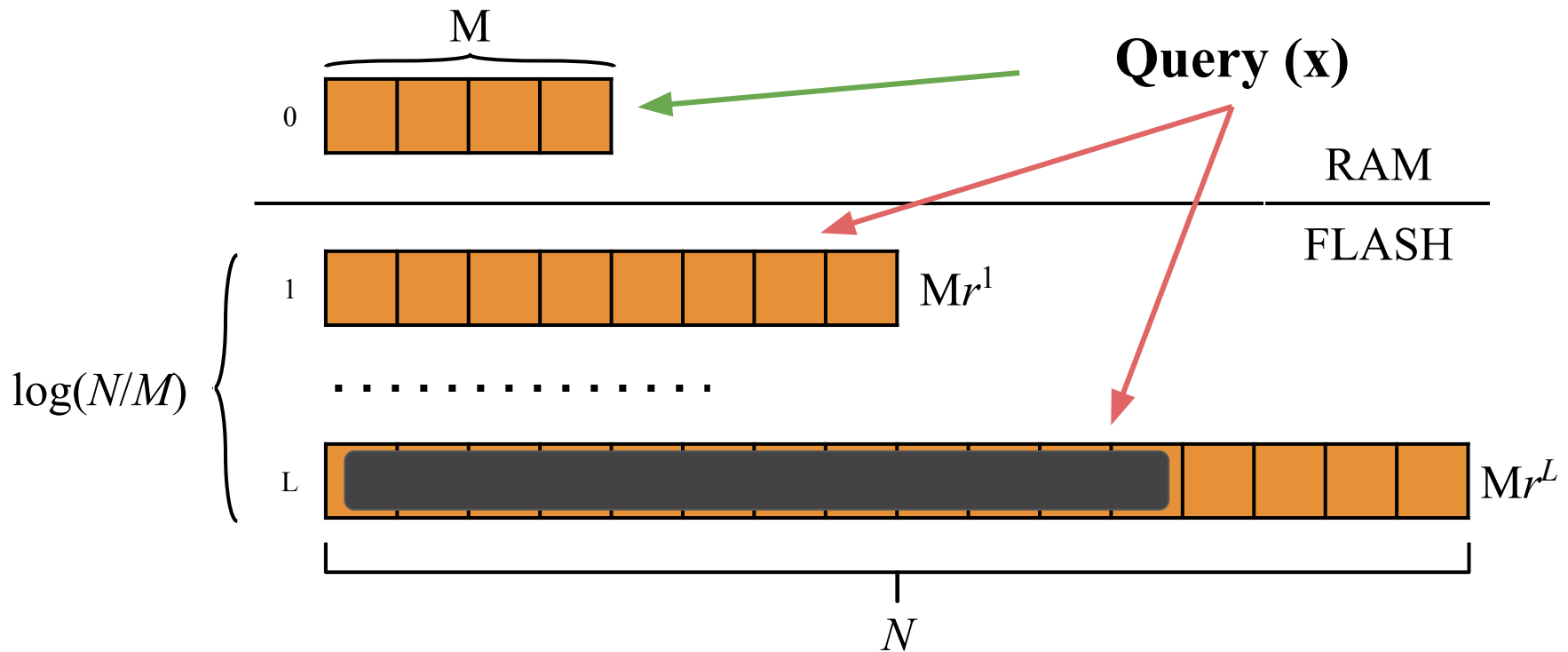
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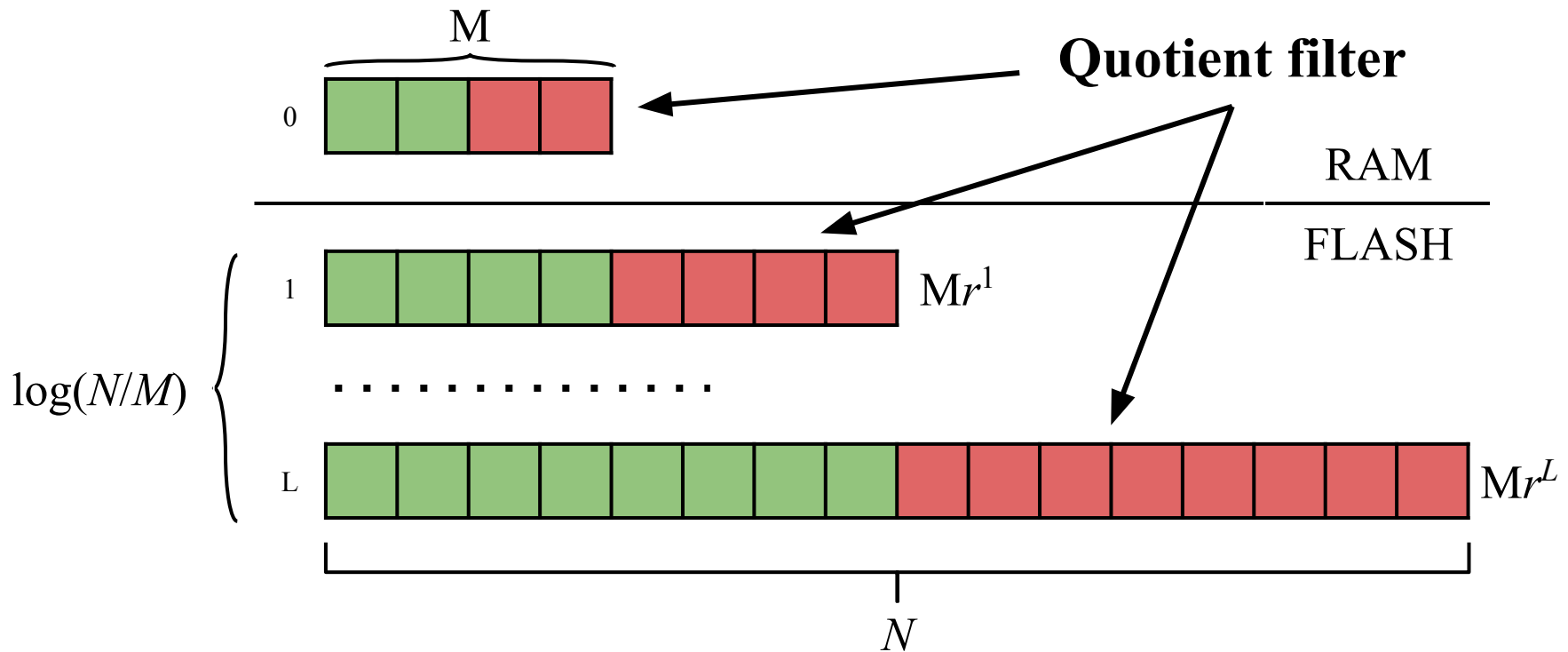
Cascade filter: query

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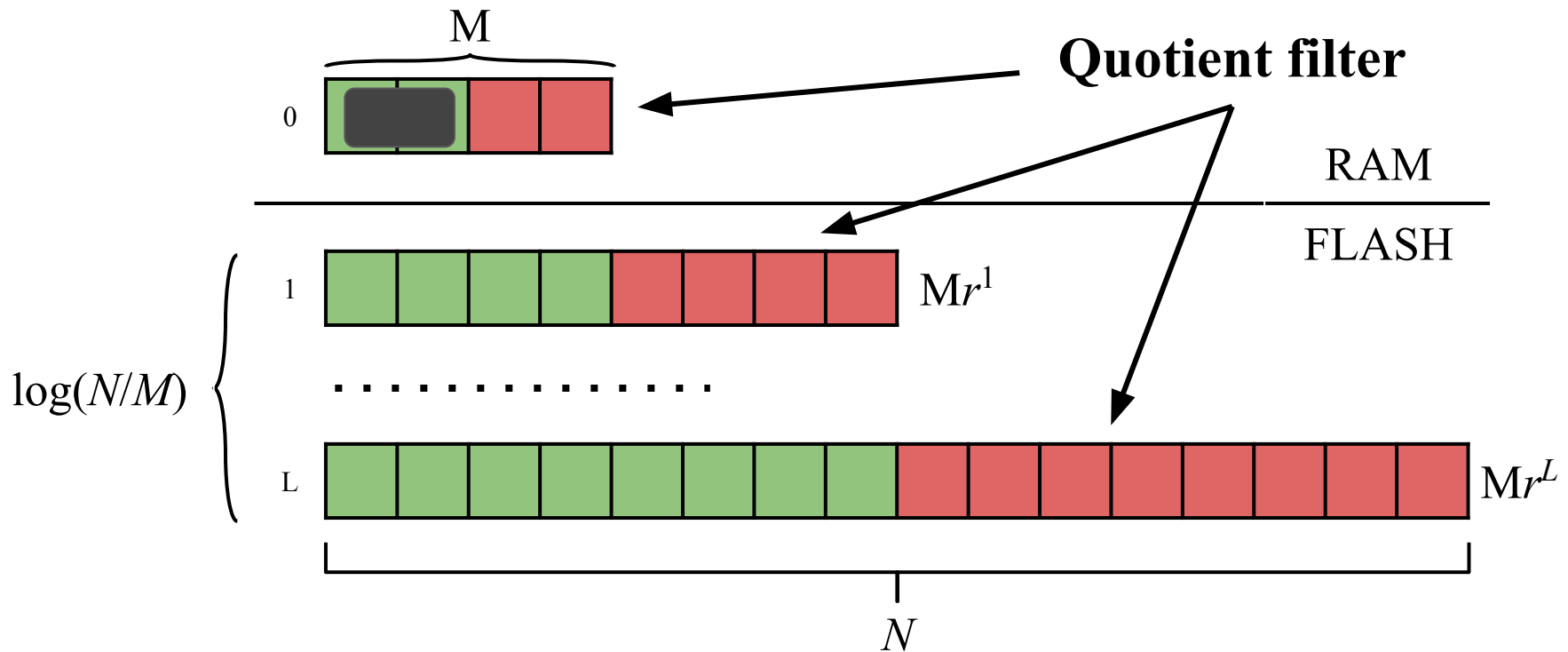
A query operation requires a lookup in each non-empty level

Time-stretch LERT



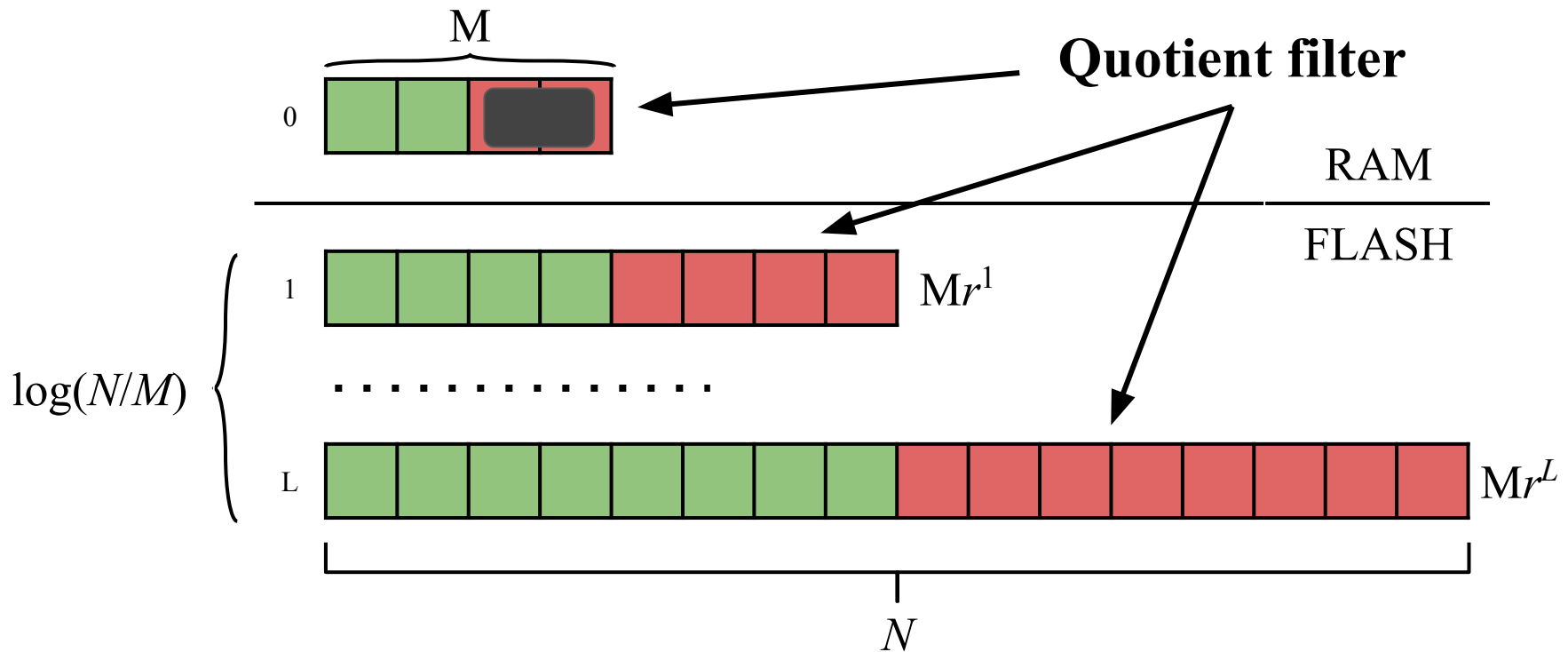
Divide each level into $1 + 1/\alpha$, equal-sized bins.

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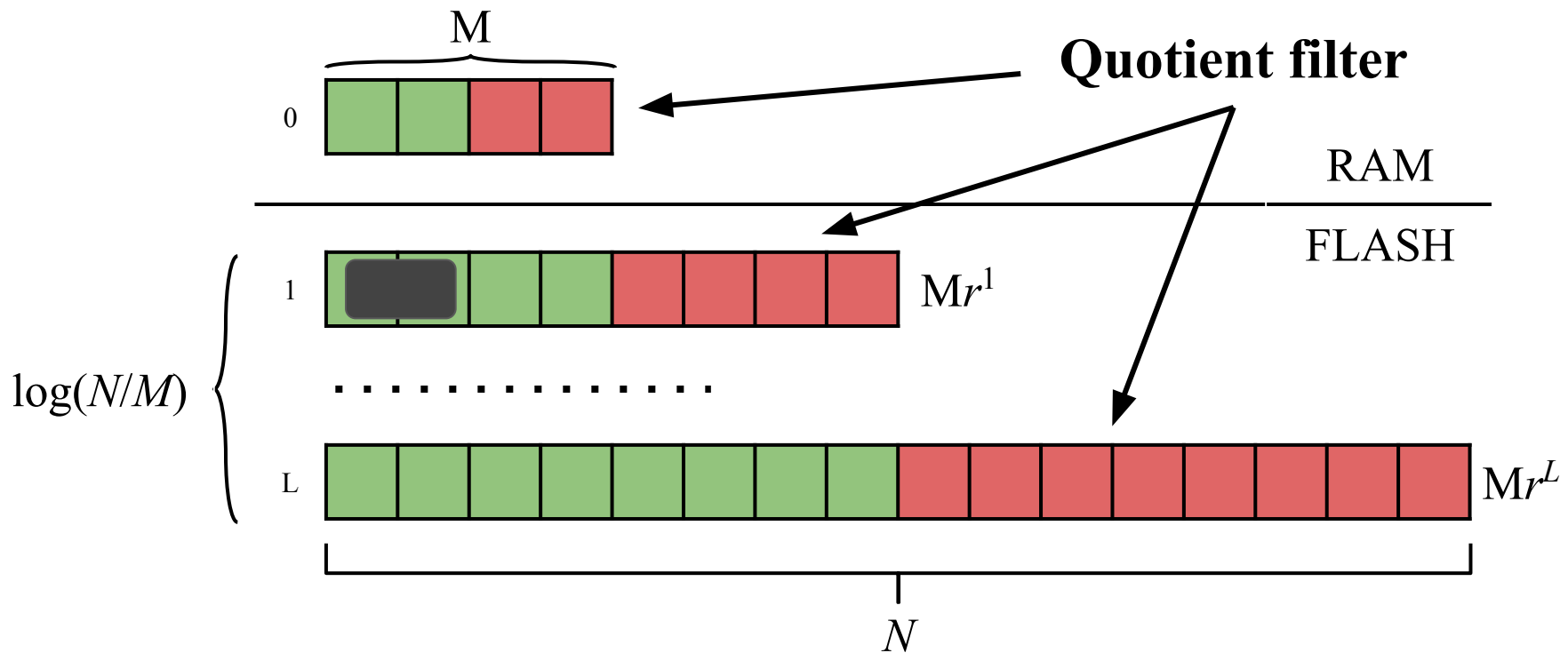
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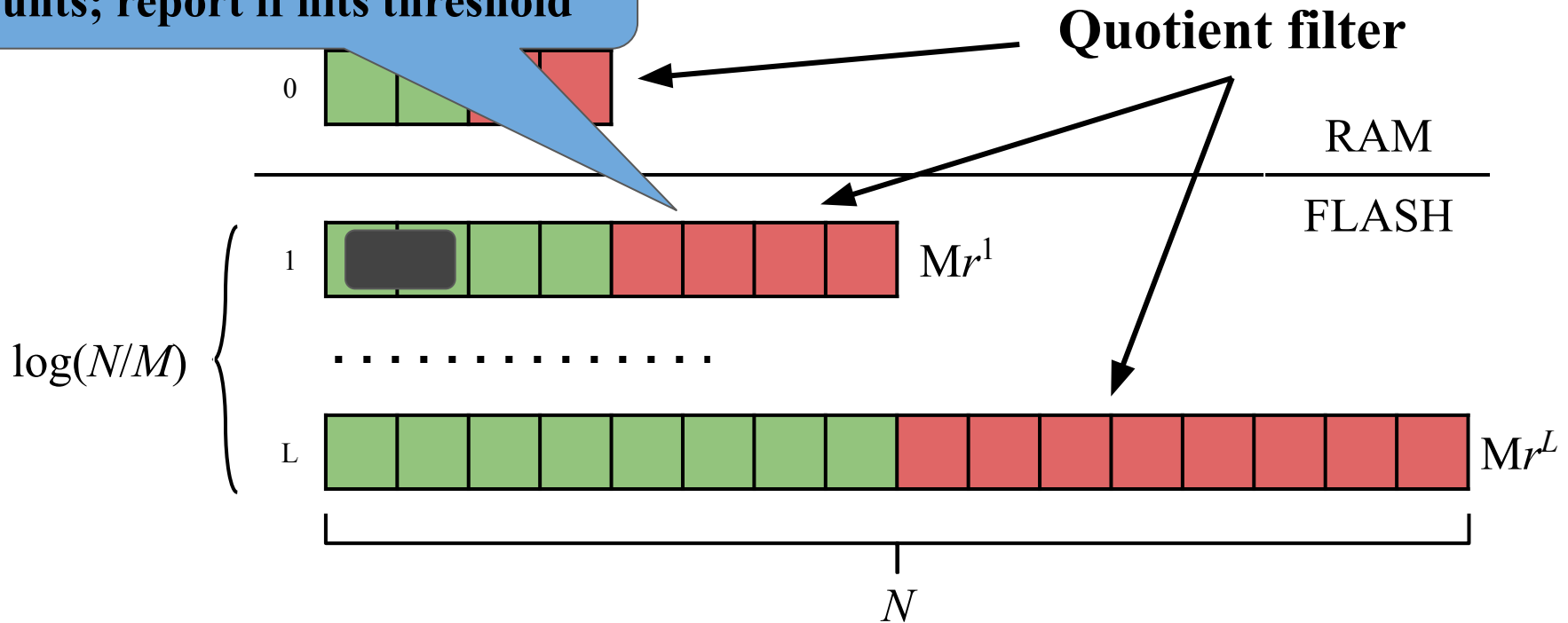
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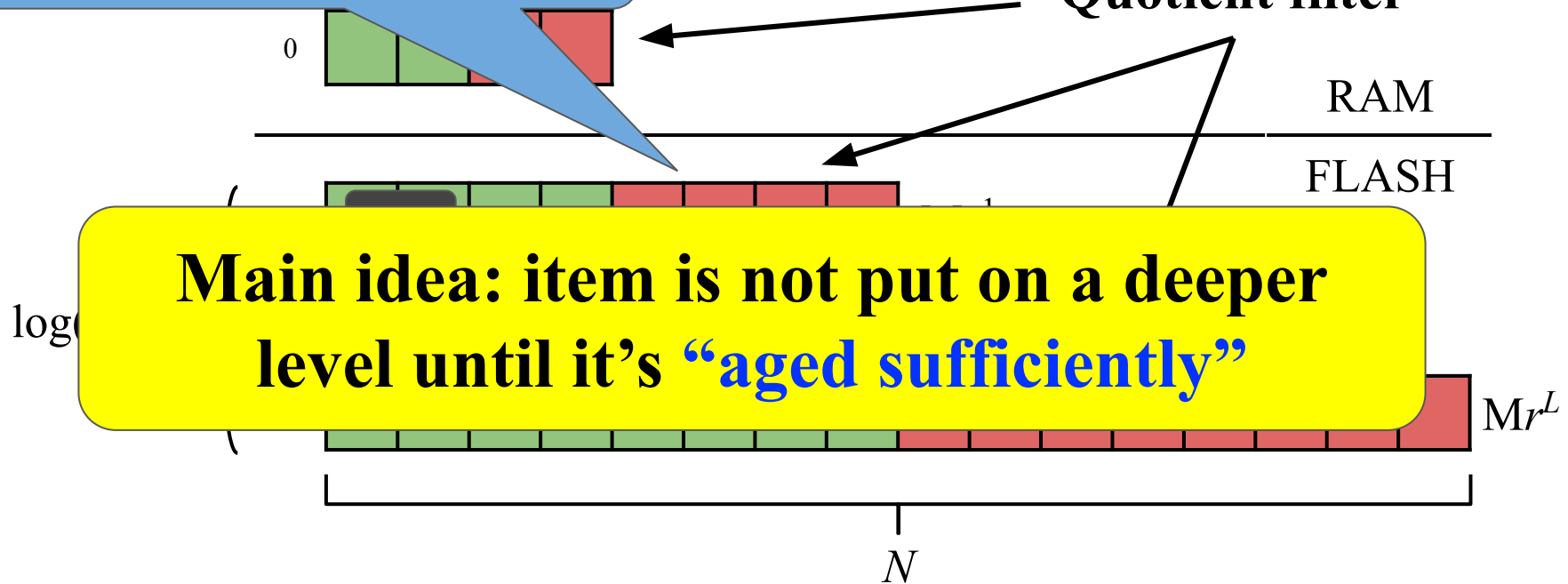


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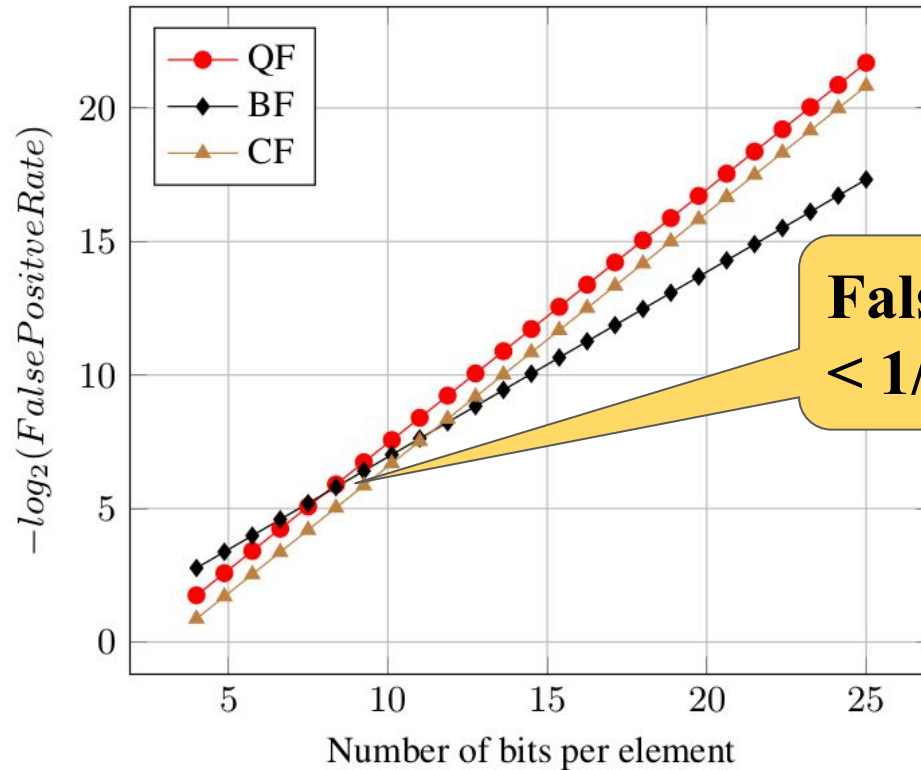
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Extra cost because we only move one bin during a flush. Constant loss for constant α

Optimal insert cost for Write-optimized data structure

Quotient filters use less space than Bloom filters for all practical configurations

Accuracy



False-positive rate
< 1/64 (or 0.15).

Bloom filter: $\sim 1.44 \log(1/\epsilon)$ bits/element.

Quotient filter: $\sim 2.125 + \log(1/\epsilon)$ bits/element.

Cyber monitoring → real-time data analysis

Defense systems for cyber security monitor *high-speed* streams for malicious traffic over *large periods* of time



Malicious traffic forms a *small portion* of the stream



Automated systems take defensive actions for *every reported event*



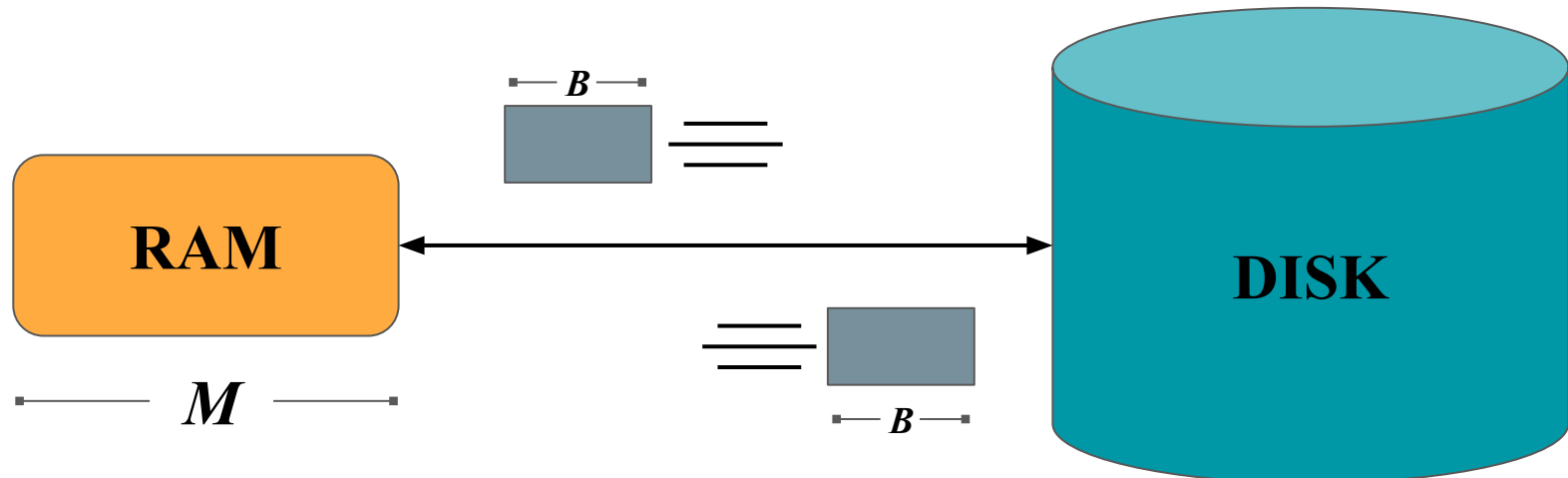
External memory model [Aggarwal+Vitter '08]

- **How computations work:**

- Data is transferred in blocks between RAM and disk.
- The number of block transfers dominate the running time.

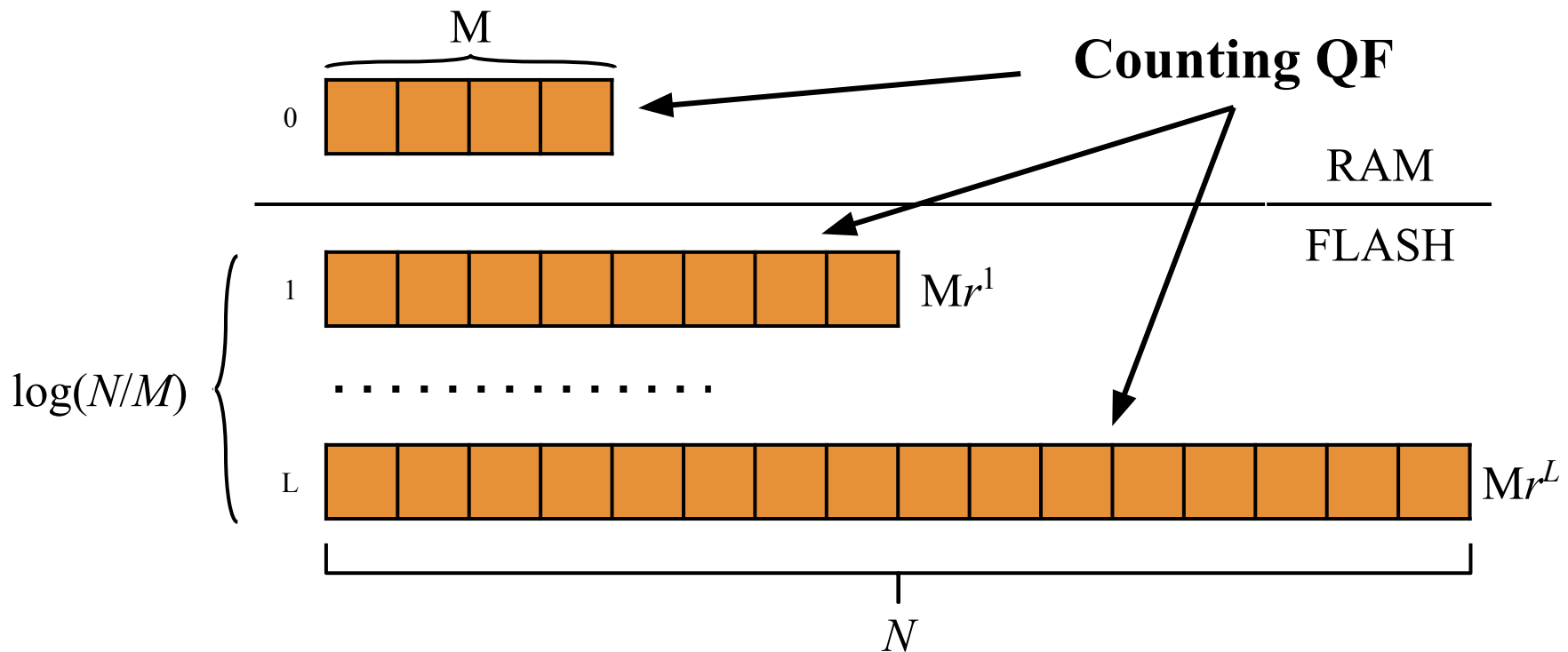
- **Goal: Minimize number of block transfers**

- Performance bounds are parameterized by block size B , memory size M , data size N .



Cascade filter: write-optimized quotient filter

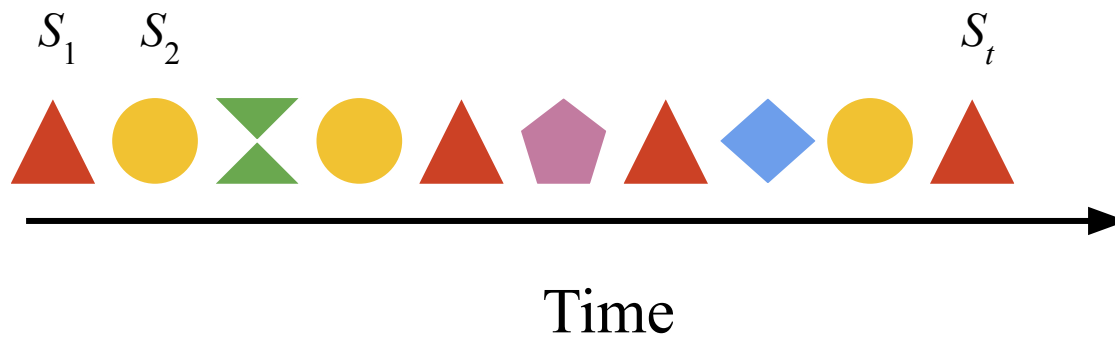
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- The Cascade filter efficiently scales out-of-RAM
- It accelerates insertions at some cost to queries

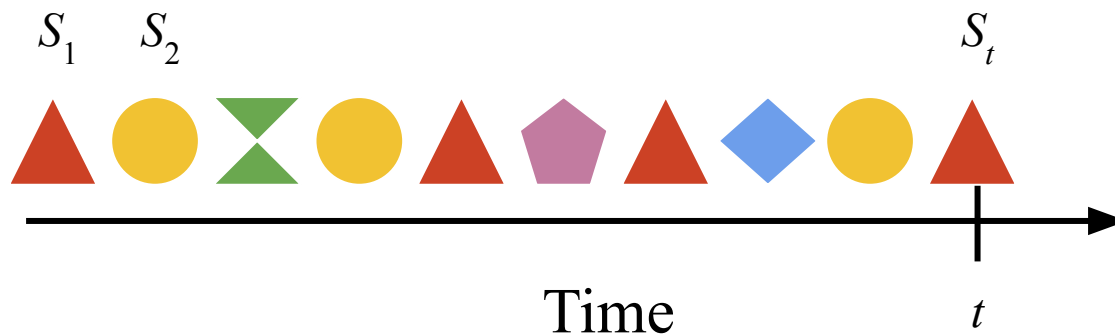
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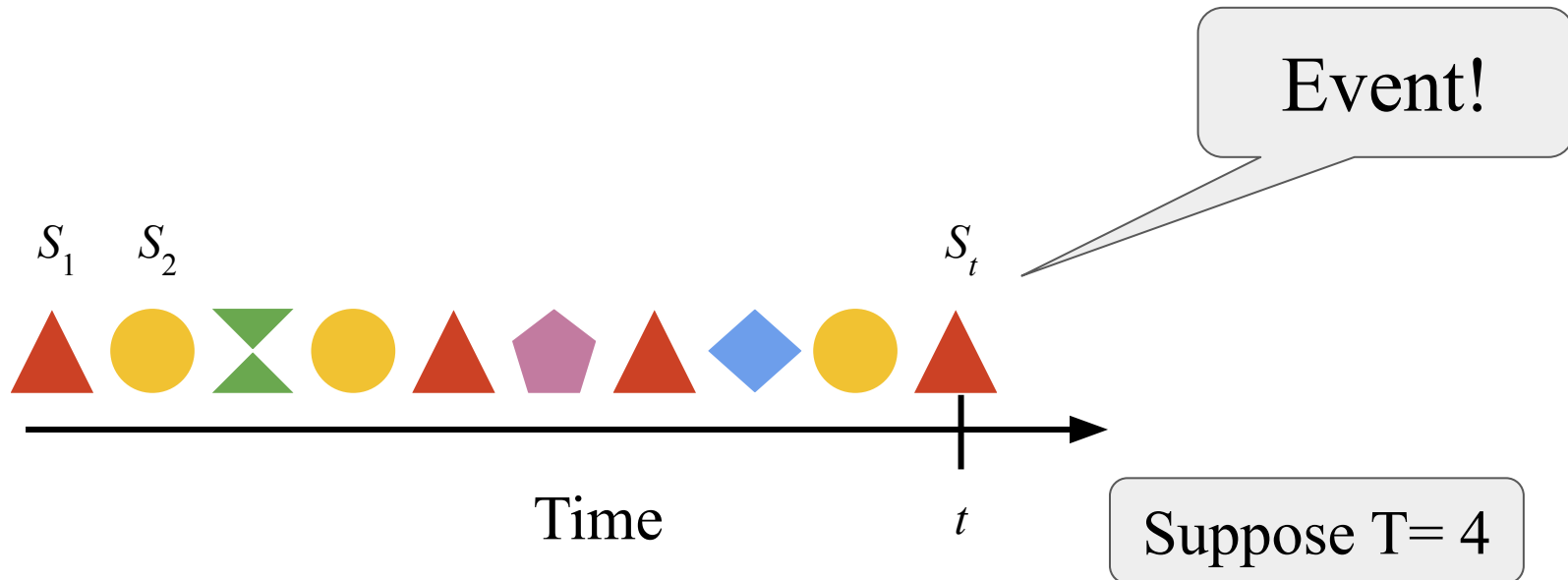
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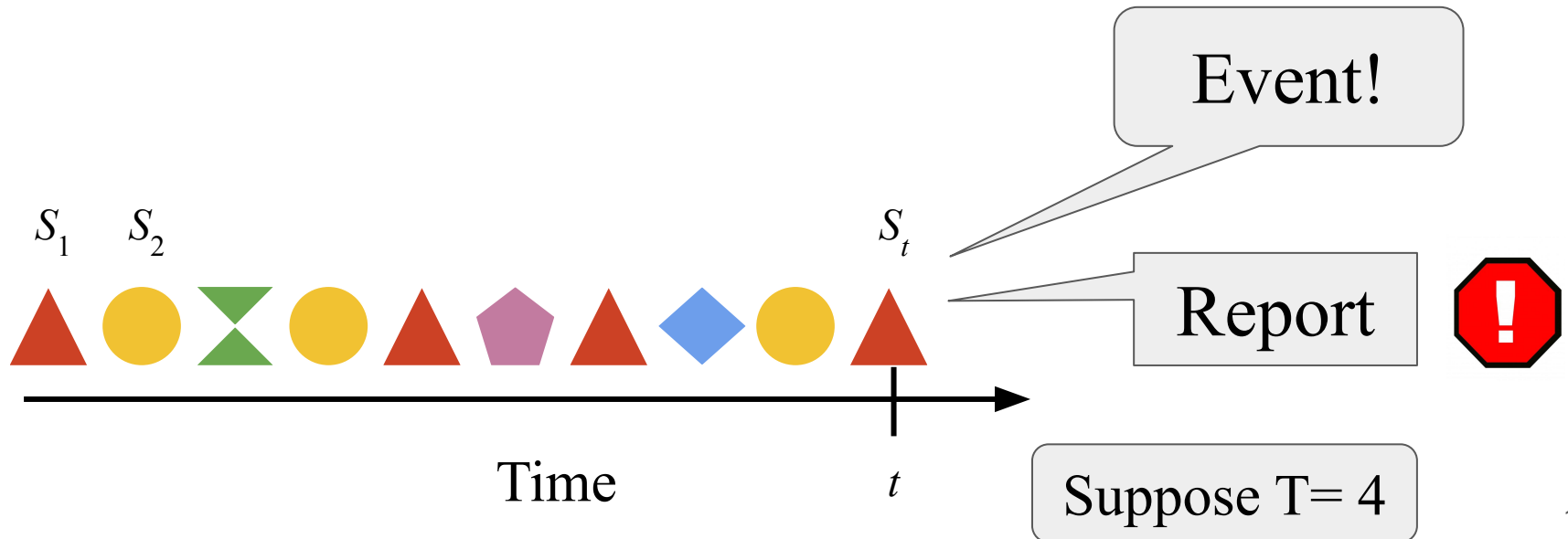
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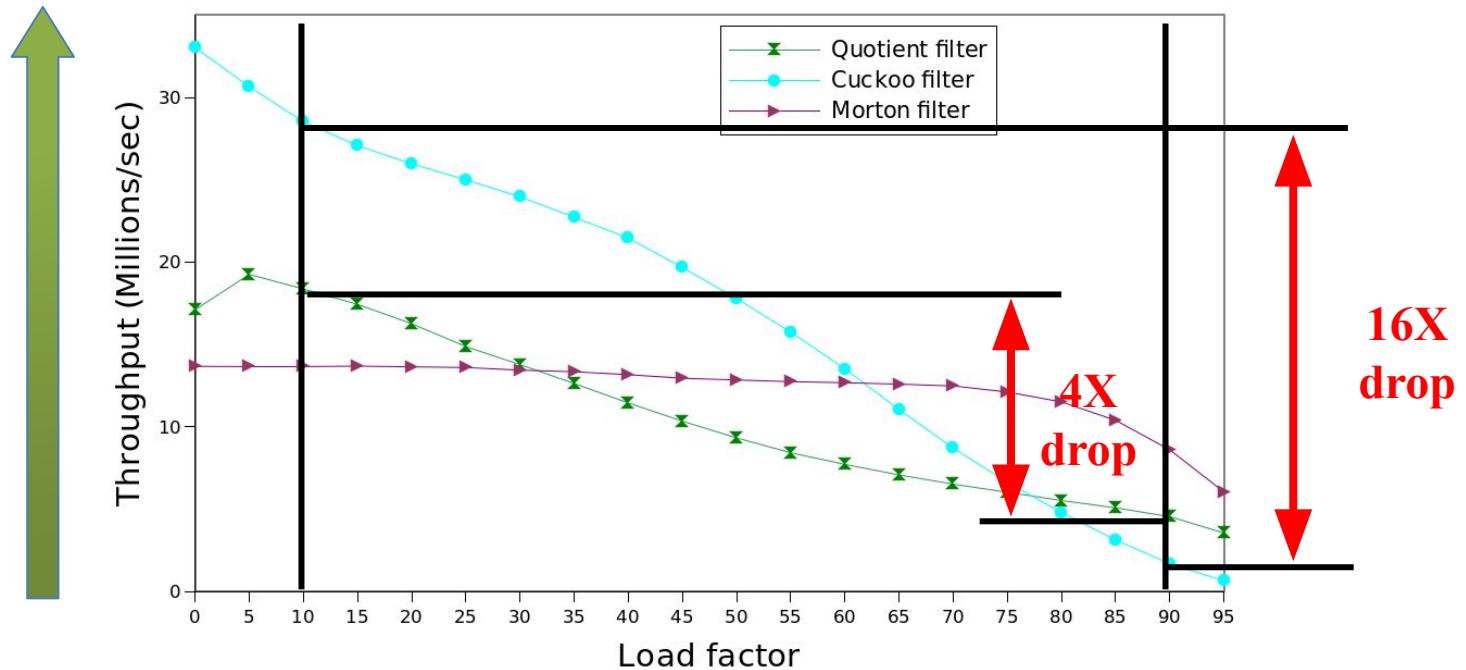


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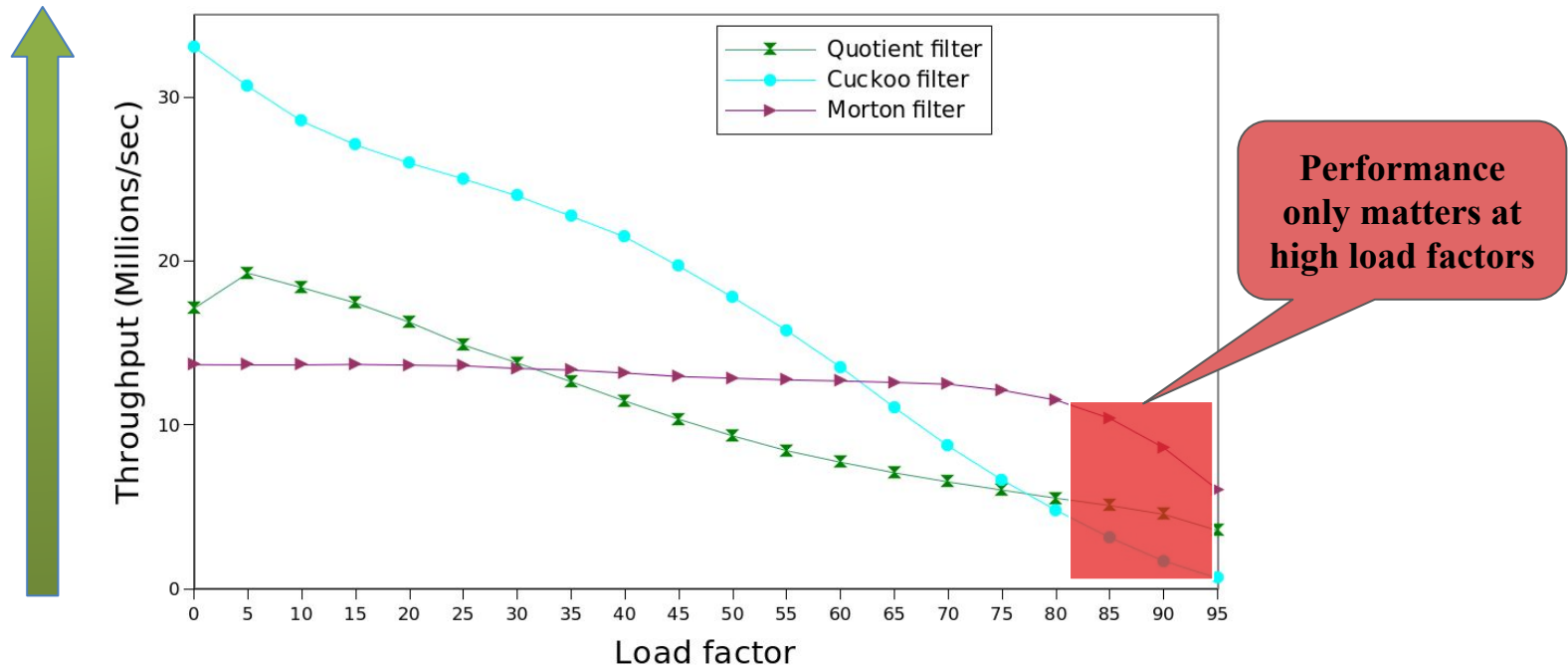
Trade-off: Insertion throughput degrades with load factor



Performance suffers due to high-overhead of *collision resolution*

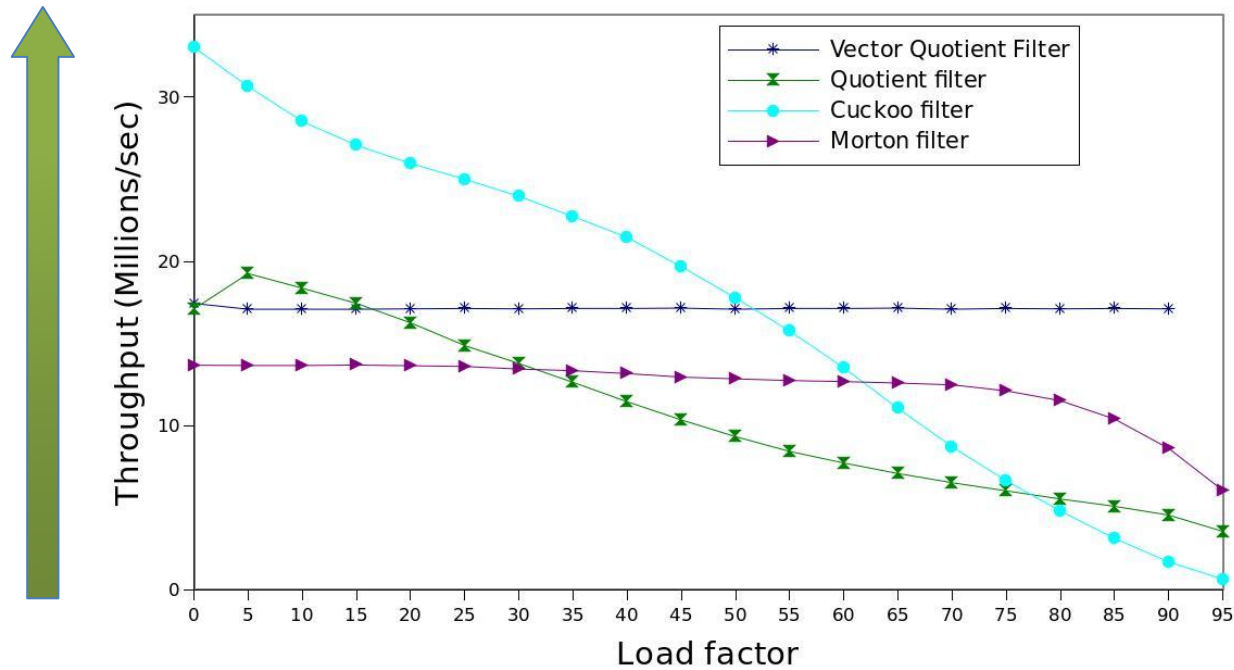
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Insertion throughput vs load factor of state-of-the-art filters



Many update-intensive applications (e.g., network caches, data analytics, etc.) maintain filters at high load factors

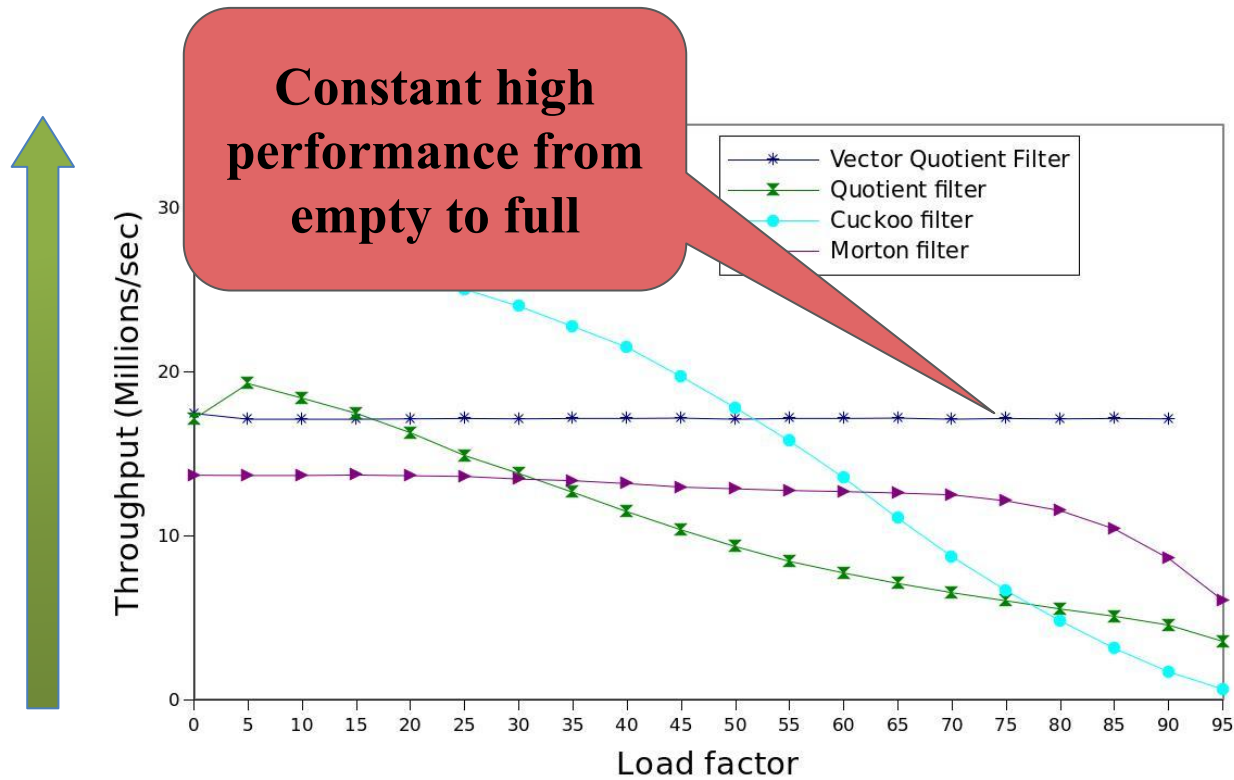
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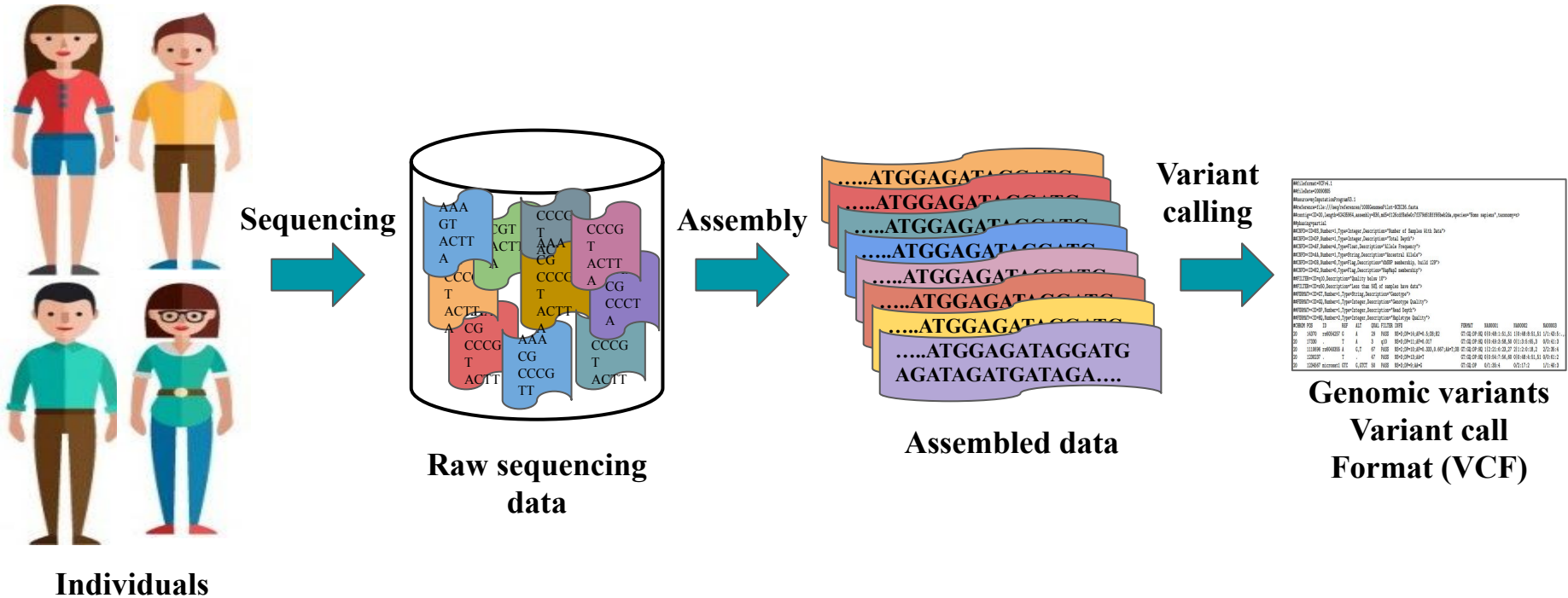


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Future work: population-scale variant index

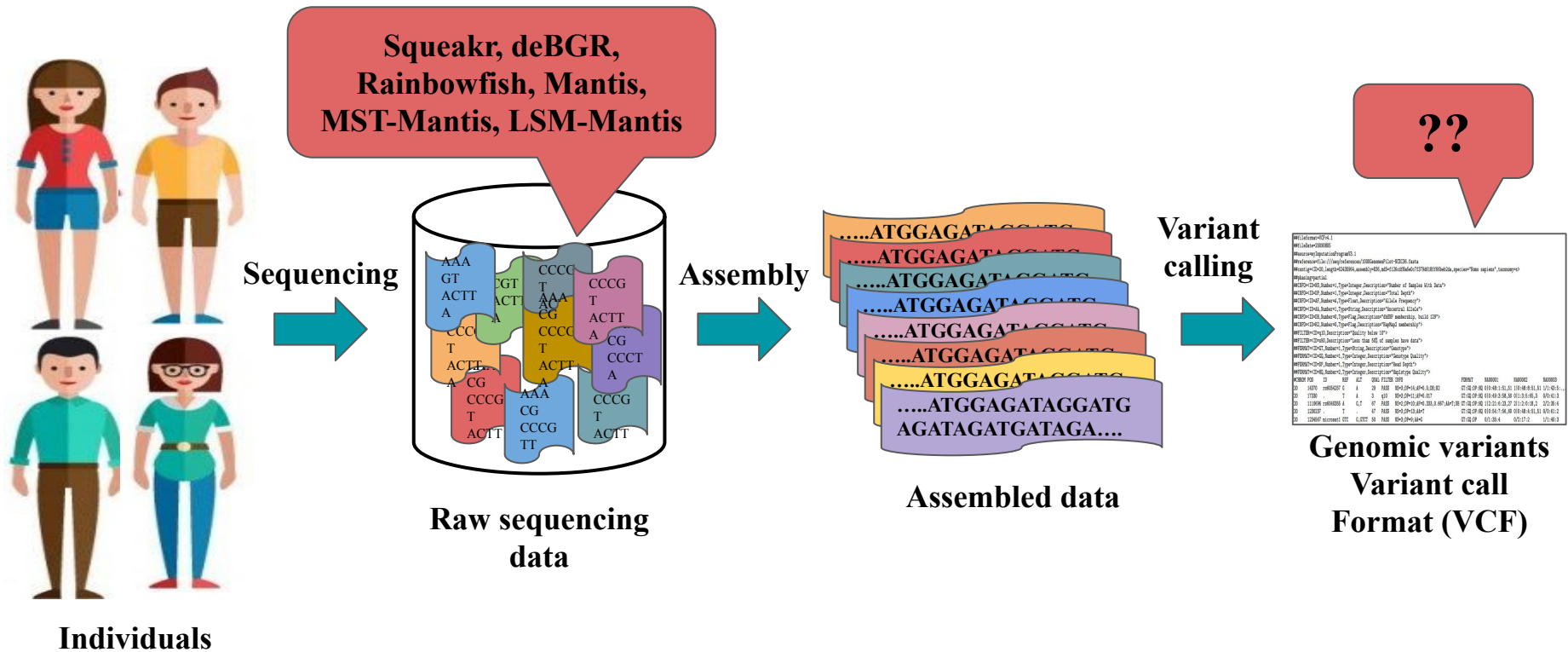
Goal: Build a *population-scale* index on variation data to enable downstream apps to gain *quick insights into variants*

Country-scale sequencing efforts produce huge amounts of sequencing data



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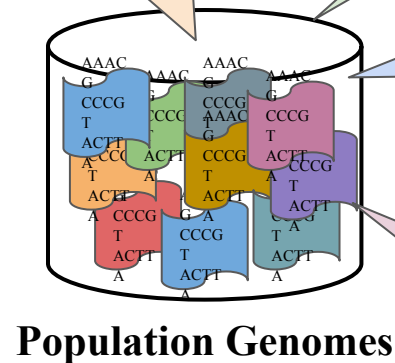
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Variation data analysis can improve downstream applications

- Population-level disease analysis
- Genome-wide association studies
- Personalized medicine
- Cancer remission-rate prediction
- Colocalization analysis
- PCR primer design
- Genome assembly



Sequencing & assembly



For person P , return the closest variant from position X

Count the number of variants in a gene

List all people, with $> N$ variants in a gene

Return all positions with variants in a gene

List all people, with sequence S in a gene

Indexing in multiple coordinates is challenging

Reference-only indexes map positions only in the reference coordinate system

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Pan-genome analysis involves queries based on sample coordinate systems

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An inverted index on the pan-genome graph

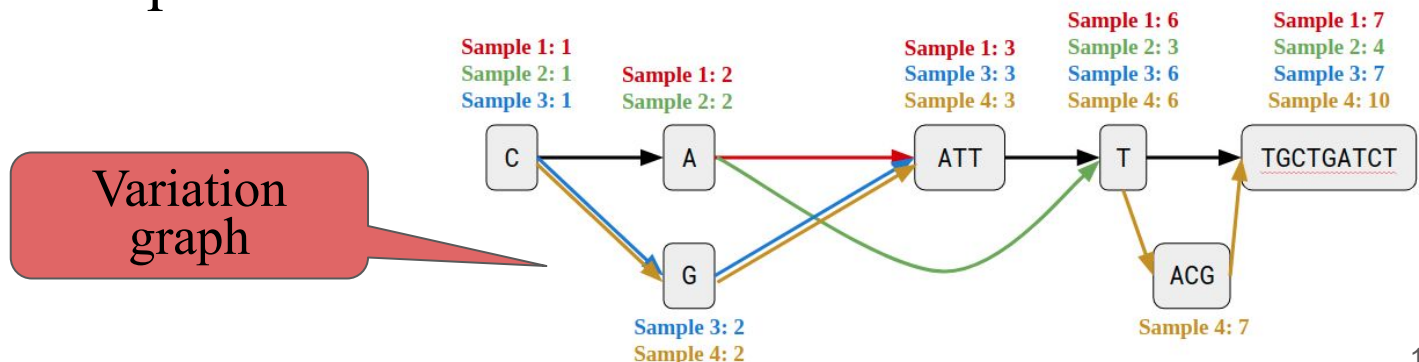
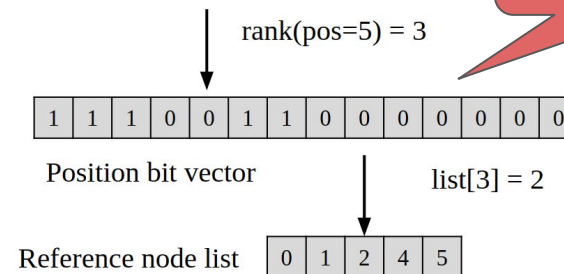
Collaborators: Yinjie Gao, Carl Kingsford

- Partition the variation graph based on coordinate ranges
- Store partitions on disk

Queries often require loading 1-2 partitions

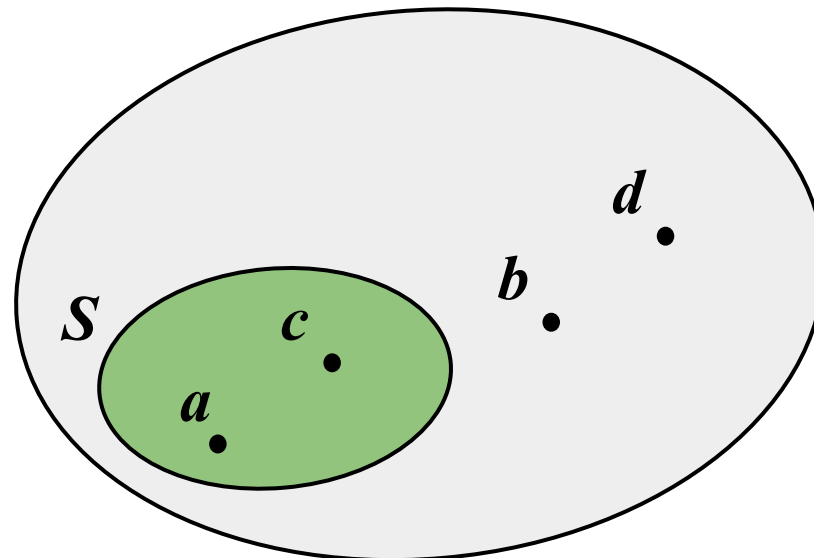
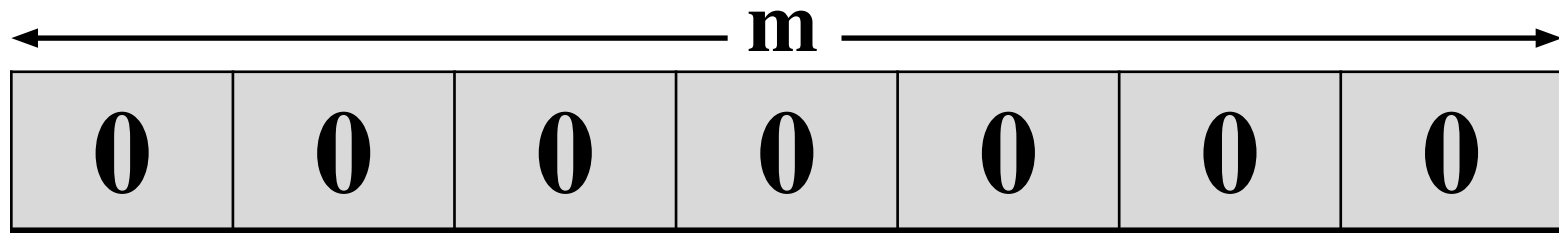
- Succinct index for reference coordinate system
- Local-graph exploration to map position from reference to sample coordinate

Position index



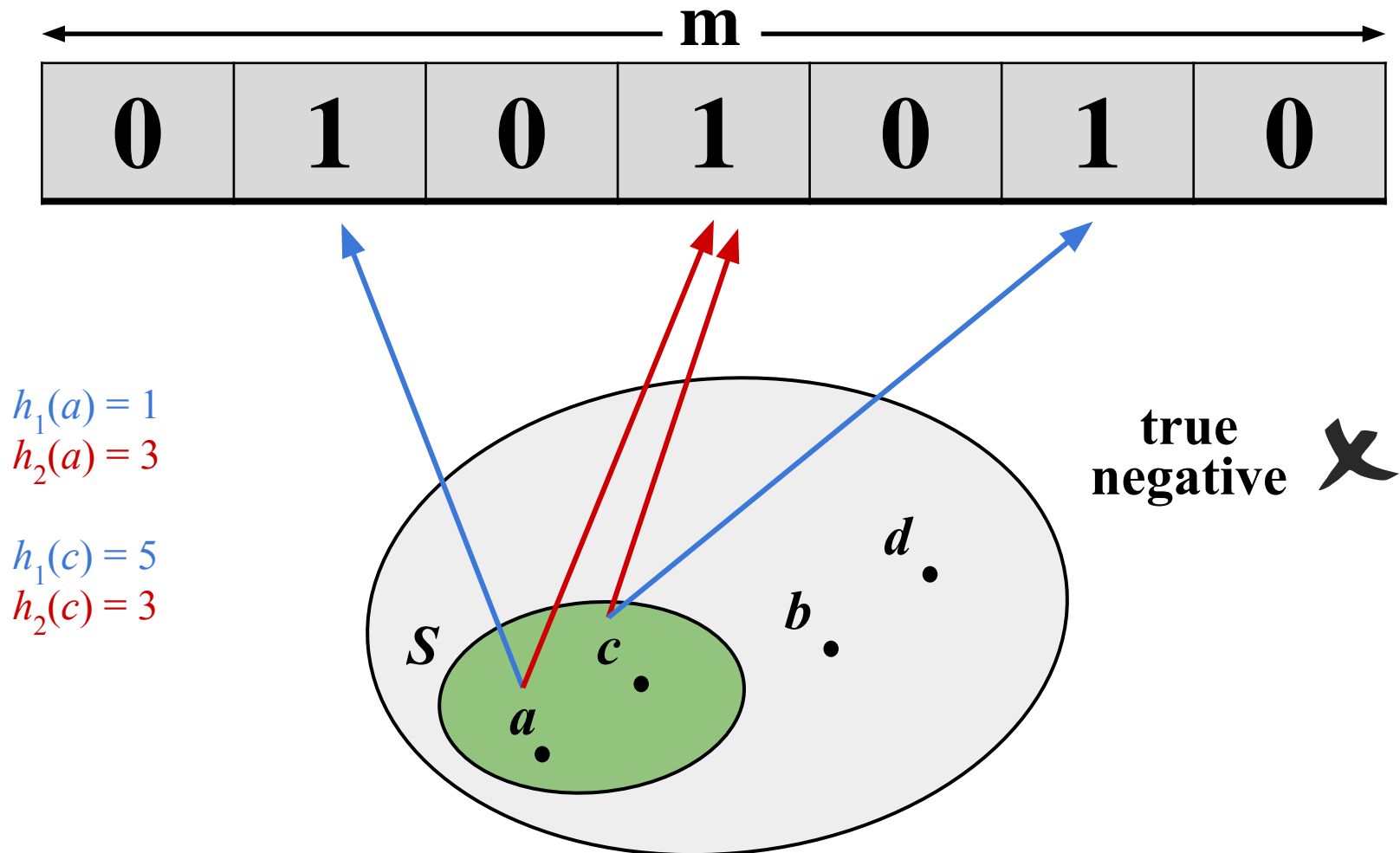
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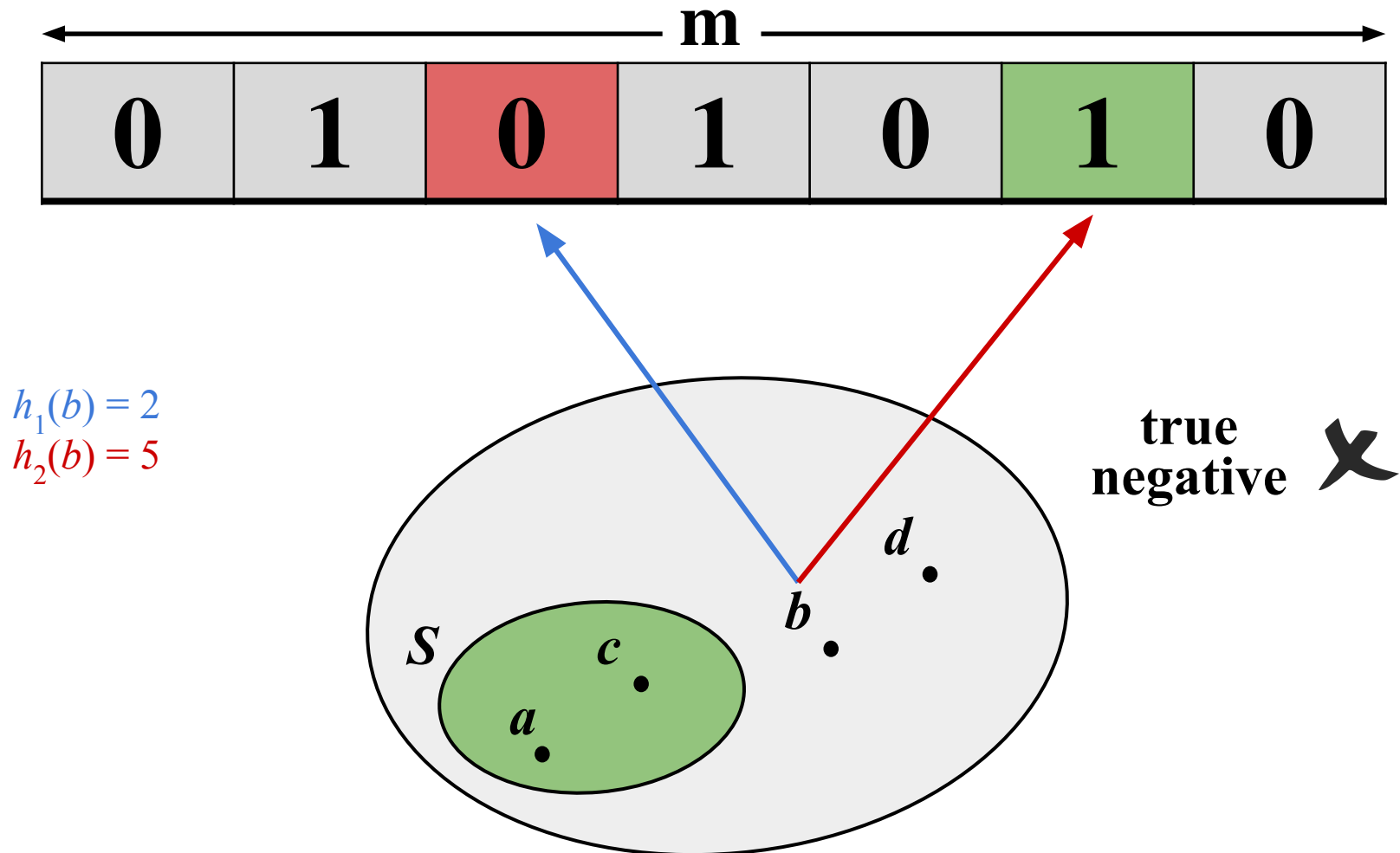
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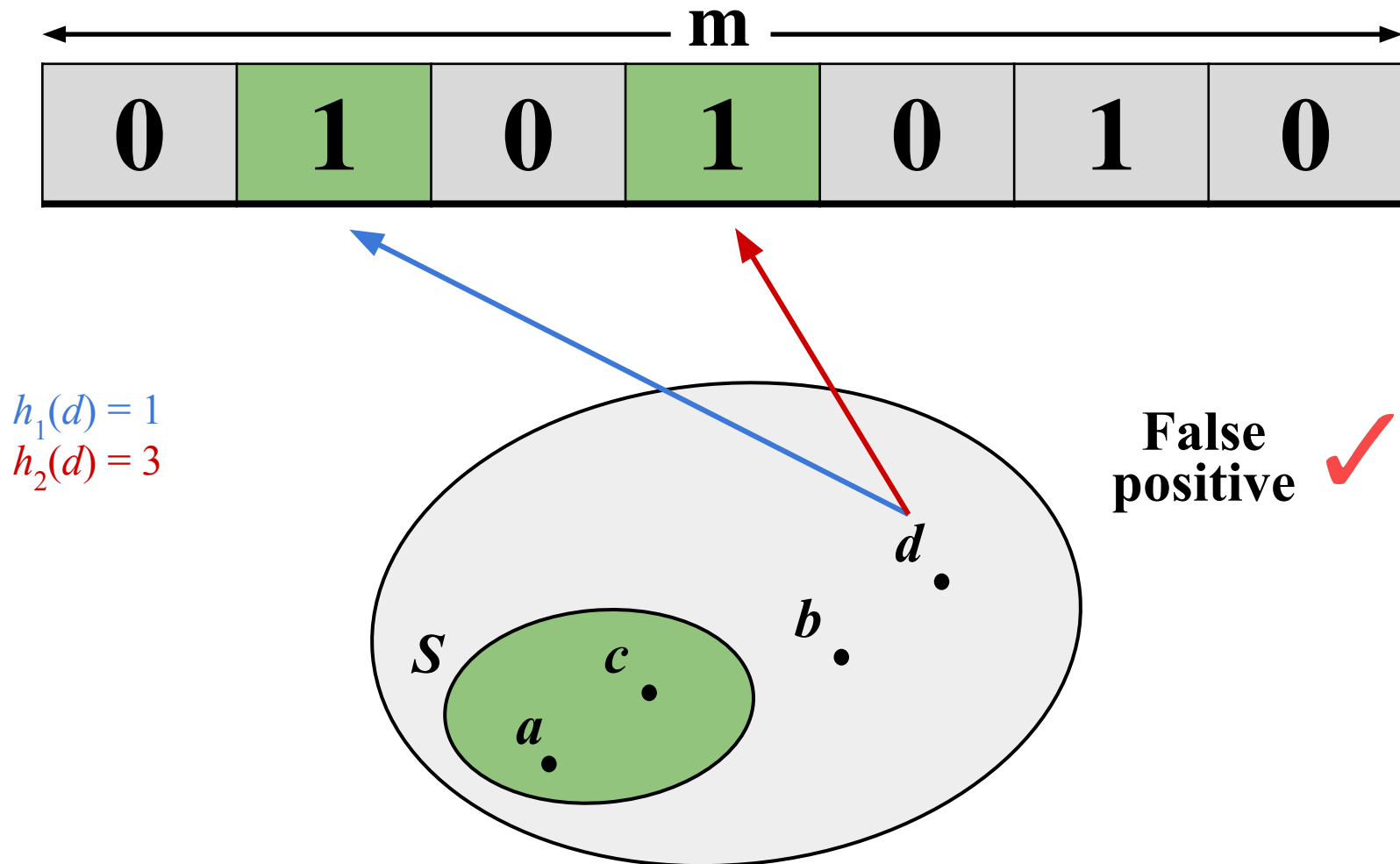
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Bloom filters are ubiquitous (> 4300 citations)

Streaming applications



Networking



Databases



Computational biology

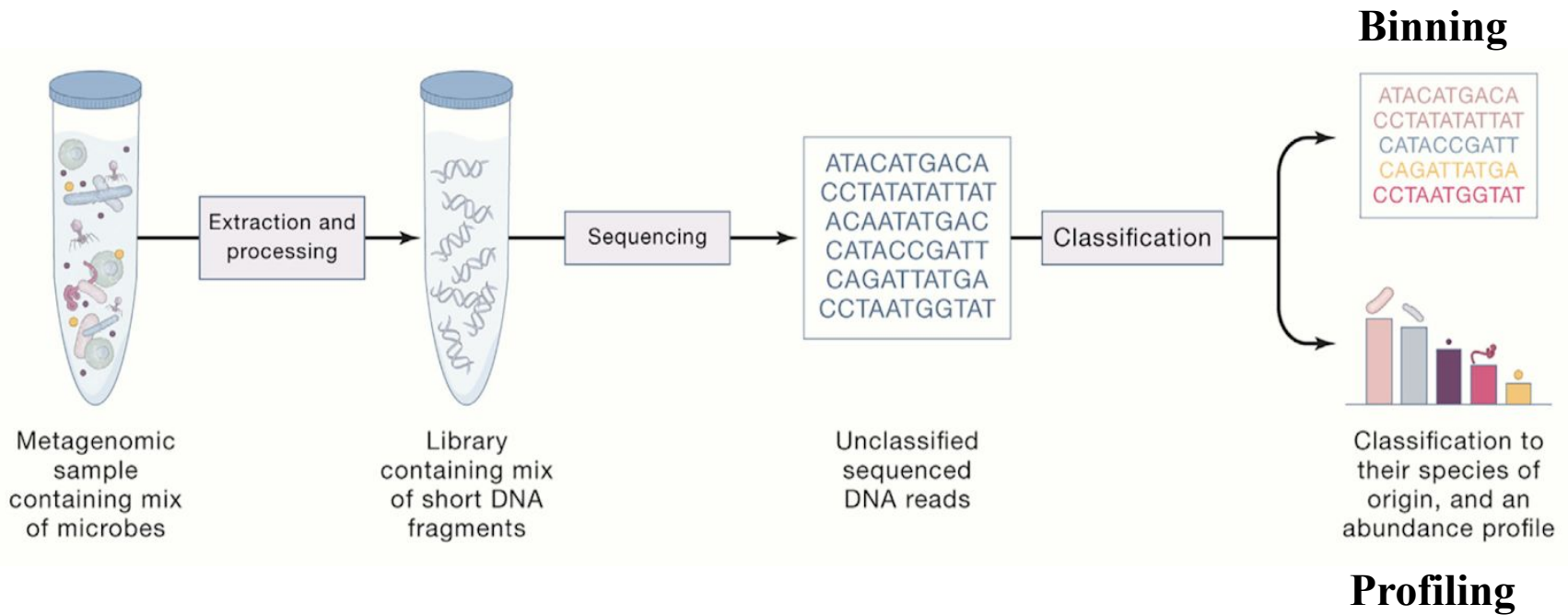


Storage systems



Metagenomic classification pipeline

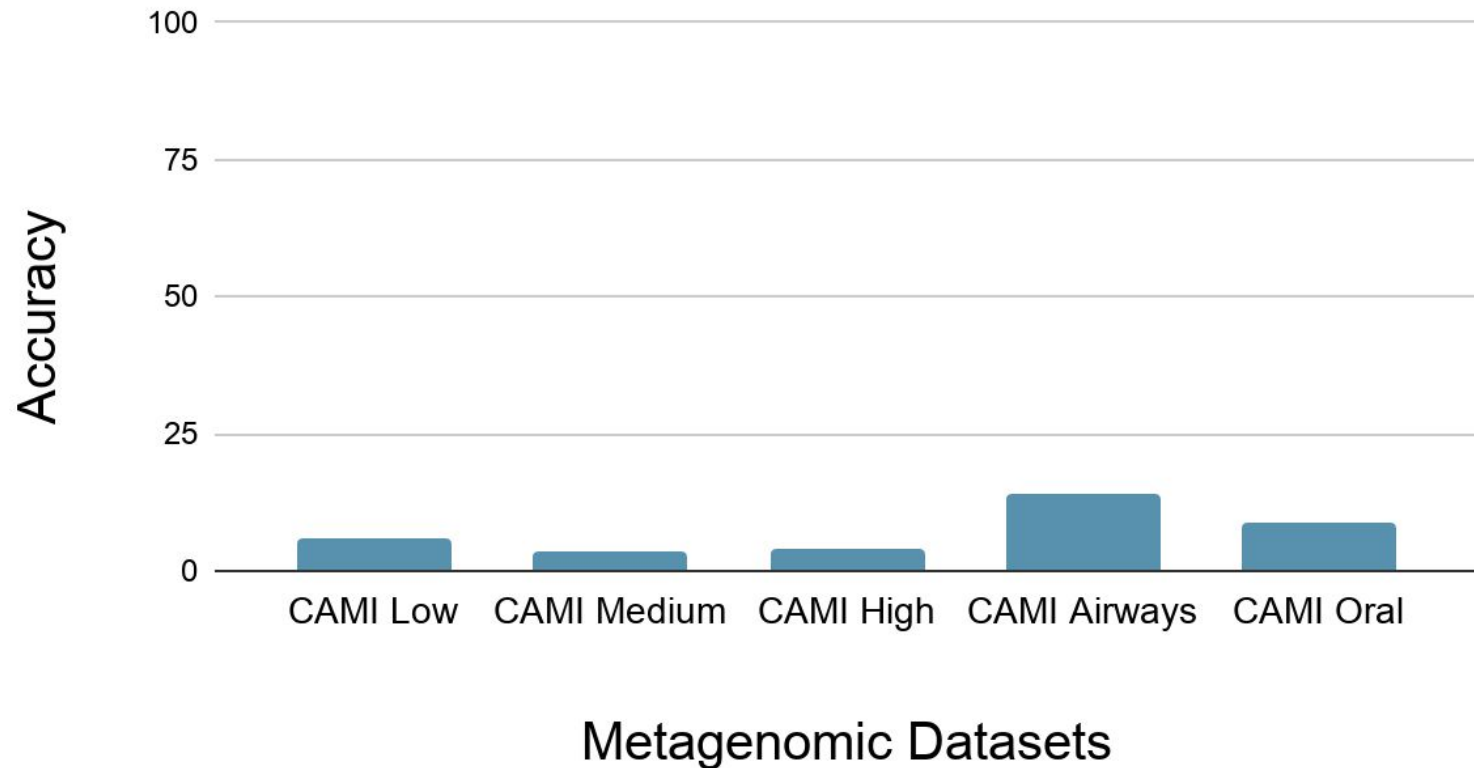
[Ye et al. 2019]



Classification is the *critical first step* in many metagenomic analysis pipeline

Existing indexing techniques offer low accuracy

Kraken2 (F1 Score)



Indexing-based classification is done based *only on the contents on the input sequences*