

Compute Cluster Intermediate Workshop



Recap

Recap

- Cluster is a shared resource
- Tune your resource requests to maximize utilization
 - sacct, seff, or --mail
- Load modules within job script
- Always try to move data as close to compute as possible
 - Copy your data to \$TMPDIR as first step in your job
 - Copy your results from \$TMPDIR as last step

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=00-00:06:00
#SBATCH --mem=4000M
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --tmp=1G
#SBATCH --gres=tmp:1G
#SBATCH --output=bwa.out
#SBATCH --open-mode=append

## load required modules
module load SAMtools BWA

## copy data to /tmp and change directory to /tmp
cp /g/huber/users/msmith/embl_hpc/Ecoli_genome.fa.gz $TMPDIR
cp /g/huber/users/msmith/embl_hpc/reads_*.fq.gz $TMPDIR
cd $TMPDIR

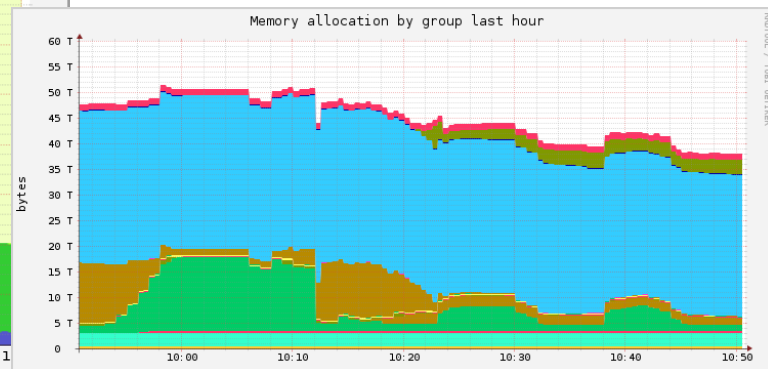
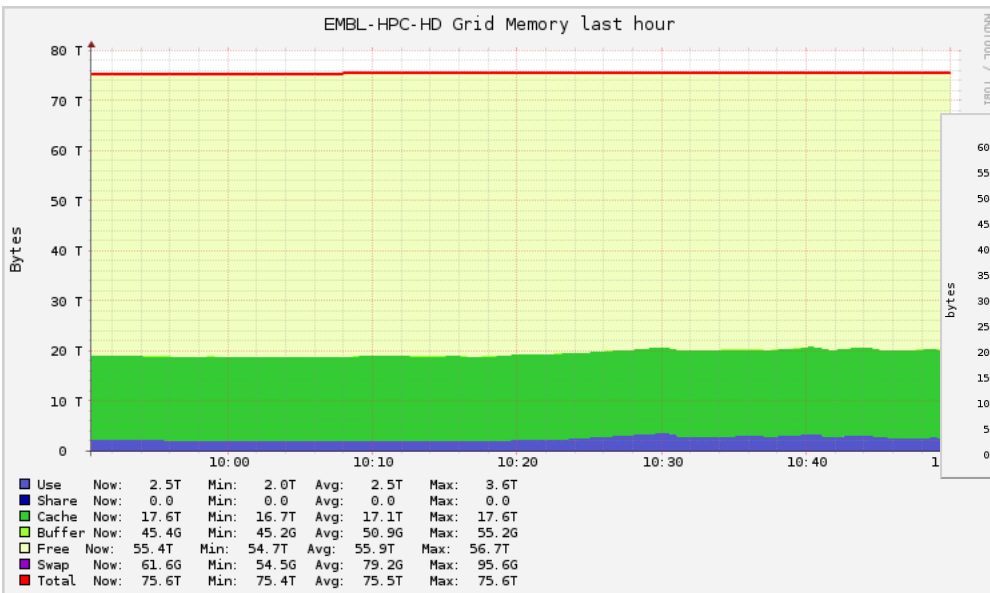
## create an index
bwa index -p ecoli Ecoli_genome.fa.gz

## perform alignment
bwa mem ecoli reads_1.fq.gz reads_2.fq.gz > aligned.sam

## create a compressed BAM file
samtools view -b aligned.sam > aligned.bam

## copy results back to where job was submitted from
cp aligned.bam $SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR/
```


On topic of memory ...



Types of Memory

- RES (or RSS) – resident (set) size
 - Indicates used physical memory
- SHR – shared memory
 - Memory that can be shared with other processes, like libraries
- VIRT – virtual size
 - $\text{res} + \text{shr} + \text{memory mapped files}$
 - Indicates how much memory process is able to access

← this goes in
sbatch --mem

Goal:

Minimize time to result

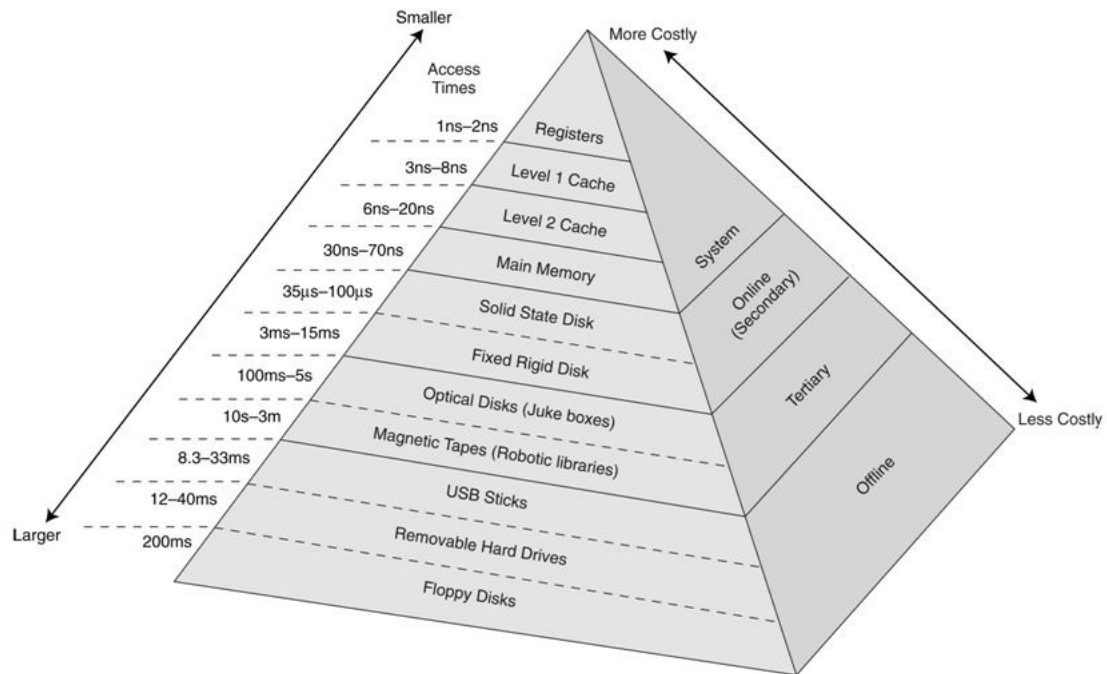
Challenge:

Understanding bottlenecks
&
Identifying and exploiting parallelism

IO bottlenecks

In Lifesciences bottleneck is the IO

- Data formats are designed without regard for the underlying storage system
- What works on your laptop might not work well on cluster
- What exactly is “bad IO”?
- IO is characterized by bandwidth and latency





Jim Gray's Storage Latency Analogy: How Far Away is the Data?

10^{**9} tape

Andromeda



2,000yr

10^{**6} disk

Pluto



2yr

100 Memory

Pittsburgh



1.5h

10 On board cache

This building

10min

2 on chip cache

This room

1min

1 registers

In my head

In Lifesciences bottleneck is the IO

- Network attached storage: ok on bandwidth, poor on latency

```
pecar@login:~$ ping -c 5 fhgfs1
PING fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.106 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.118 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.284 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.089 ms
64 bytes from fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de (10.11.12.87): icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.097 ms

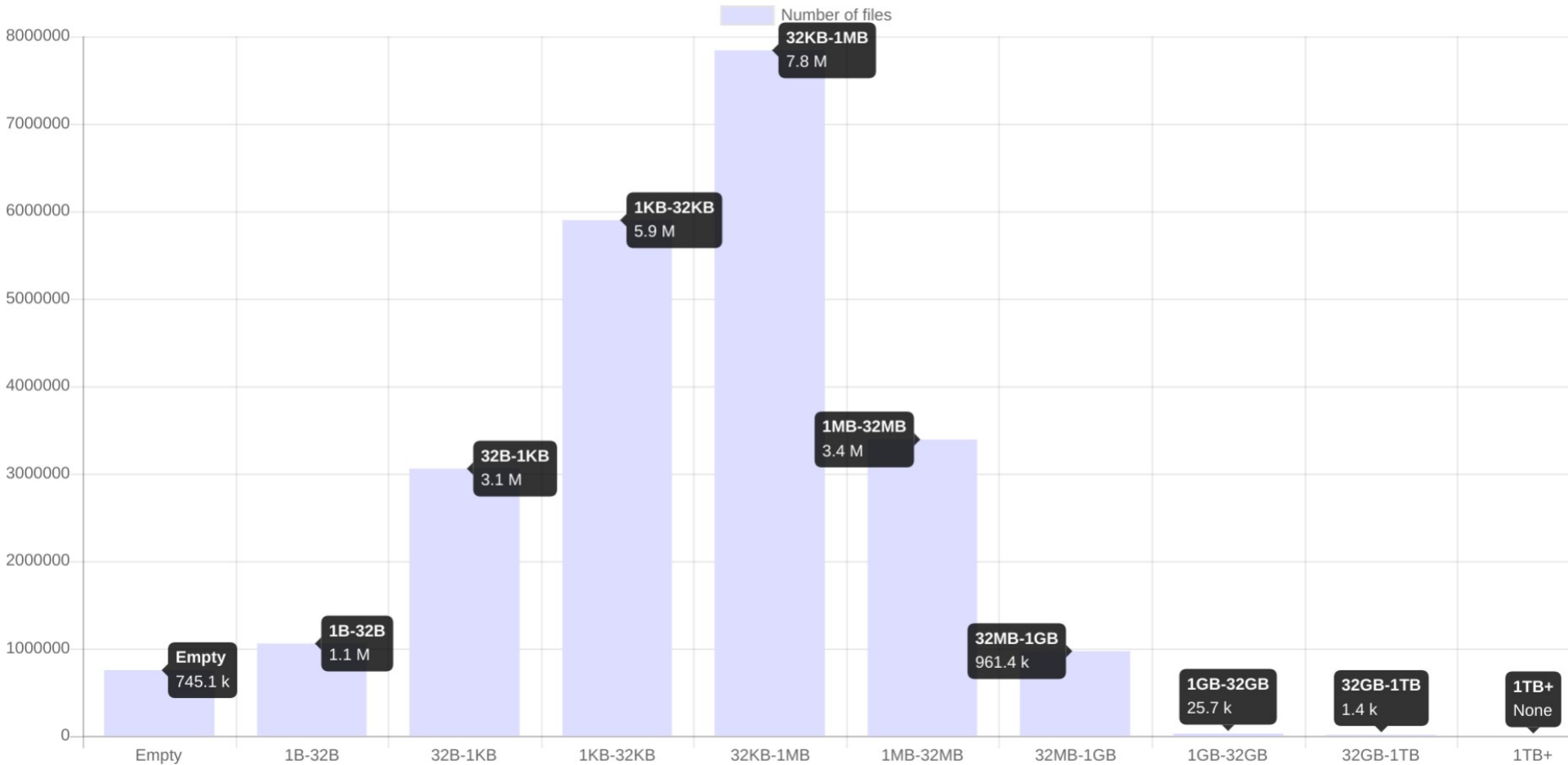
--- fhgfs1.cluster.embl.de ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 3999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.089/0.138/0.284/0.074 ms
```

IO operations per second

- $0.138\text{ms rtt} \rightarrow 1000/0.138 = 7246 \text{ iops}$
- We have 10Gb link on login node, so:
- $10240/7246 = 1.41\text{Mb}$ or 180KB per IO
- If you transfer less than 180KB per IO, you cannot make the full use of bandwidth

Metadata IO

- Cannot be big, limited by network rtt
- Is typically synchronous on the storage side → limited by storage latencies
- Any massive metadata IO sooner or later results in IOwait, either on client or on server



Avoid network latency

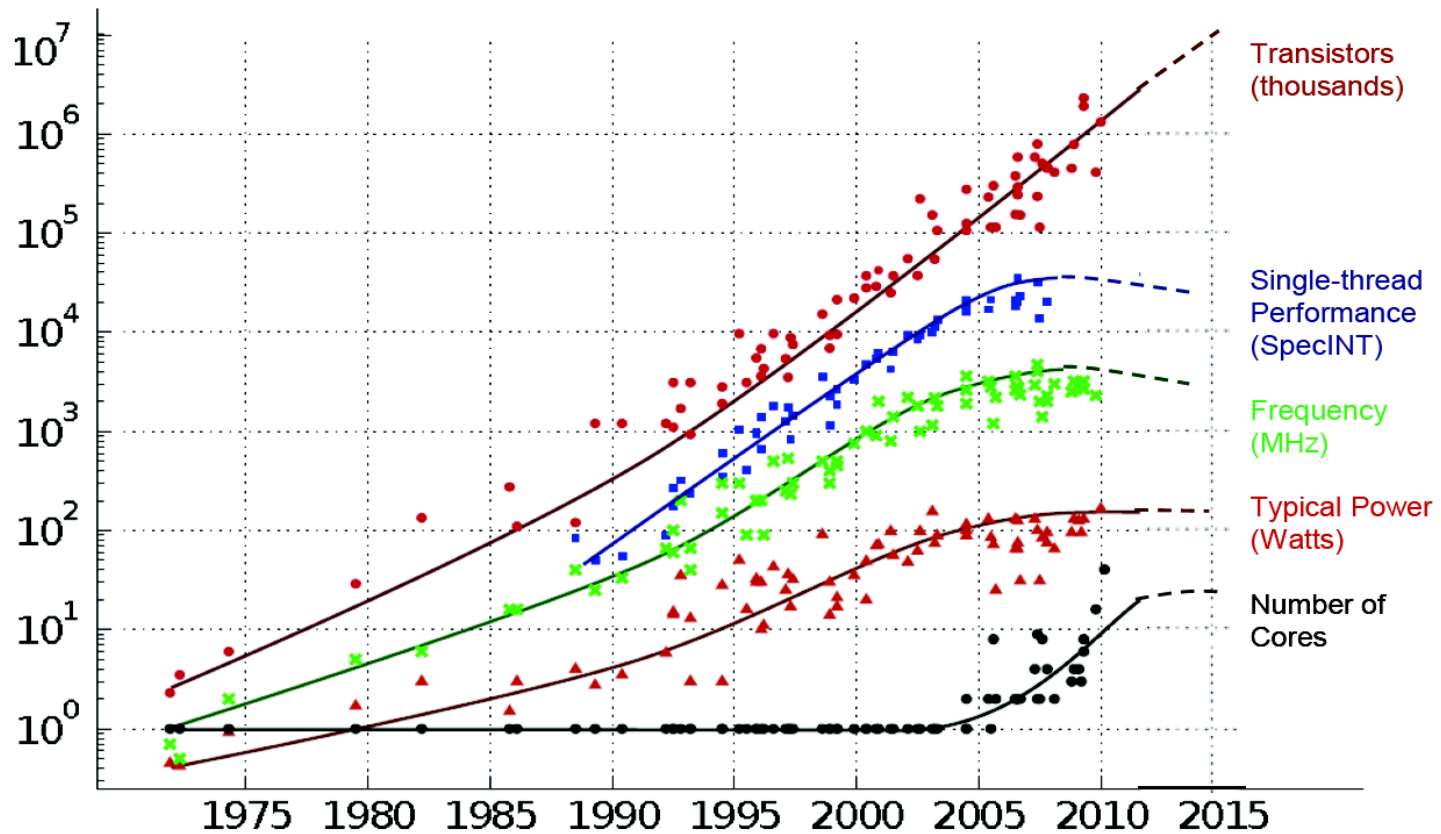
By copying your working data to \$TMPDIR

IO takeout

- Network attached storage – good for bulk transfers
- Local storage – good for small io
 - Especially flash (ssd, nvme)

Parallelism

35 YEARS OF MICROPROCESSOR TREND DATA



Original data collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond and C. Batten
Dotted line extrapolations by C. Moore

Types of parallelism

- Bit level
- Instruction level
- Task level
- Data level

Bit level parallelism

Bit level parallelism - SIMD

- Packing more data into single instruction
 - So called “vector extensions”
 - AVX (128bit)
 - AVX2 (256bit)
 - AVX512
- Best applied when writing code
- Compilers attempt to do their best at autovectorisation

Node Features

- Instruction set: avx, avx2, avx512
- CPU family: nehalem, sandybridge, haswell, broadwell, skylake, epyc
- CPU frequency: cpuX.XGHz
- Hyperthreading: HT or noHT
- By GPU type: gpu=1080Ti or gpu=P100

Examples

```
git clone https://git.embl.de/grp-bio-it/embl_hpc -b march2019
```

Example: GROMACS

- Popular molecular dynamics software
- Example provided by @pchen
 - “protein in water”
- See `exercises/gromacs/job.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
#SBATCH -J gromacs
```

```
#SBATCH -N 1
```

```
#SBATCH -c 8
```

```
#SBATCH --hint=nomultithread
```

```
#SBATCH -C avx #or avx2 or avx512
```

```
#SBATCH -t 04:00
```

```
module load GROMACS/2018.1-foss-2017b
```

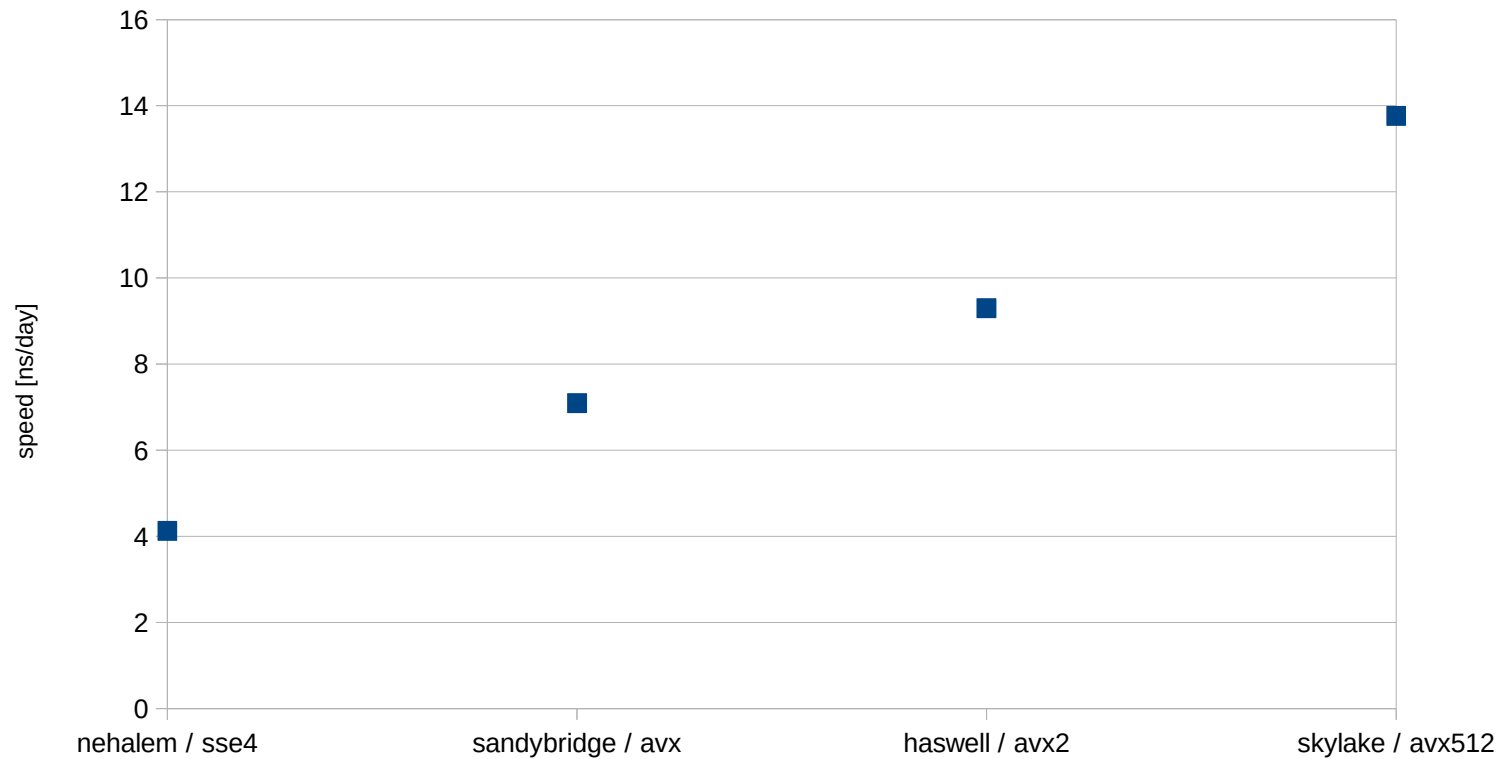
```
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/pchen_gromacs/10VA-AB.tpr $TMPDIR
```

```
cd $TMPDIR
```

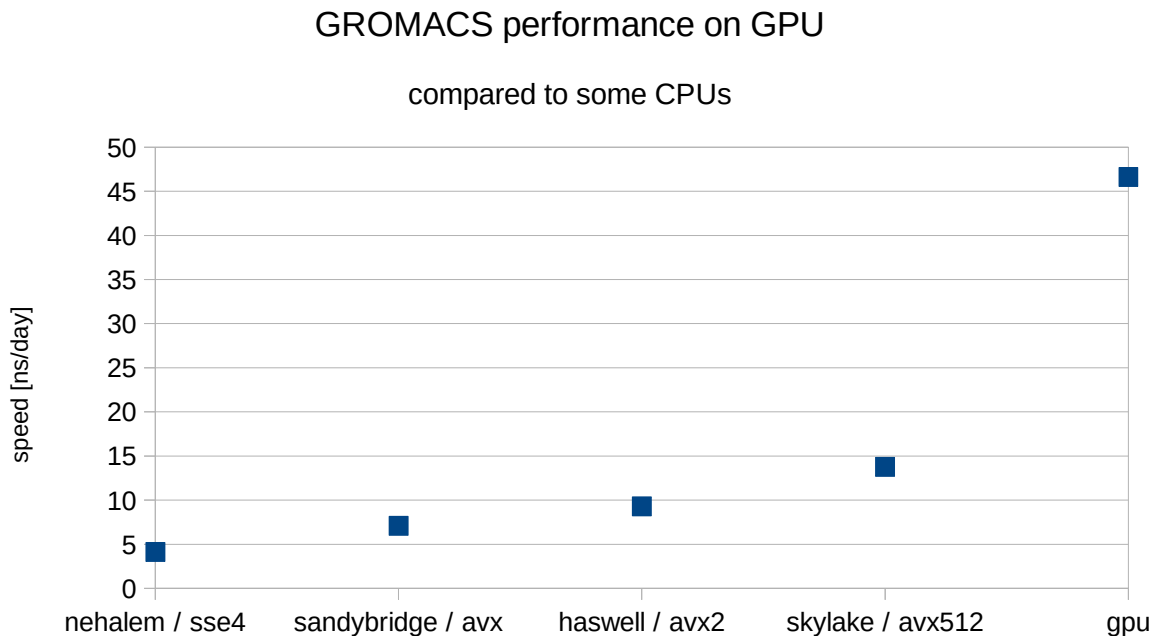
```
gmx mdrun -s 10VA-AB.tpr -nsteps 5000 -ntmpi 1
```

```
tail -5 md.log
```


GROMACS performance on different CPUs



Hint: these kind of codes tend to work well on GPUs



Instruction level parallelism

Instruction level parallelism

- Mostly a concern of cpu designers and compiler developers
- Symmetric multi-threading (or hyperthreading) is an example

Task level parallelism

Task level parallelism

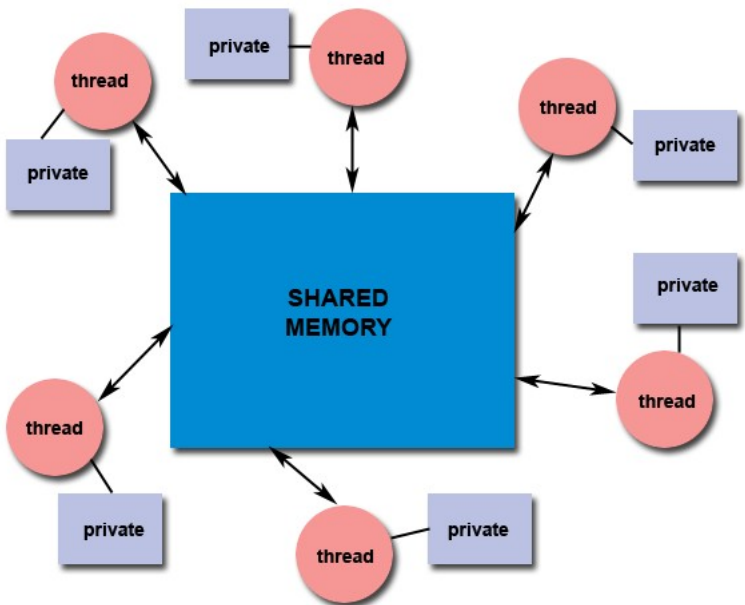
- Running different tasks on same data
- Many threading libraries and all MPI stacks allow you to do that

Data level parallelism

Data level paralelism

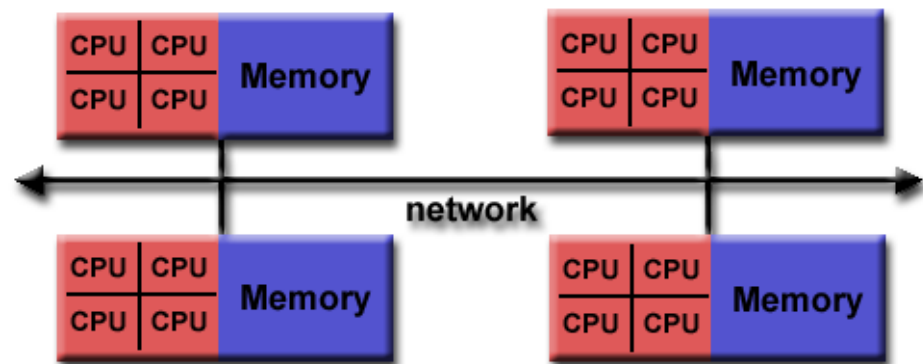
- Running same task on independent chunks of data
- On a code level implemented with
 - POSIX threads
 - CUDA
 - OpenMP, OpenACC
 - MPI
 - PGAS
 - ...

- Python:
 - 14 entries on python multiprocessing wiki
- R
 - Nice post on r-bloggers:
<https://www.r-bloggers.com/a-guide-to-parallelism-in-r/>



Posix threads
OpenMP, OpenACC
PGAS

VS



CUDA (across multiple GPUs)
MPI

Finding the best number of threads

- The more the better, right?
- Well ... no.

Example: bwa

- Burrows-Wheeler Alignment Tool
 - Bwa supports multithreading
- Example provided by @msmith
 - Based on Ecoli
- See `examples/bwa/bwa_batch.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J bwa
#SBATCH --time=00-00:06:00
#SBATCH --mem=4000M
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH -c 1 #vary this 1..128
#SBATCH --tmp=1G
#SBATCH --gres=tmp:1G
#SBATCH --output=bwa.out
#SBATCH --open-mode=append
```

```
module load SAMtools BWA
```

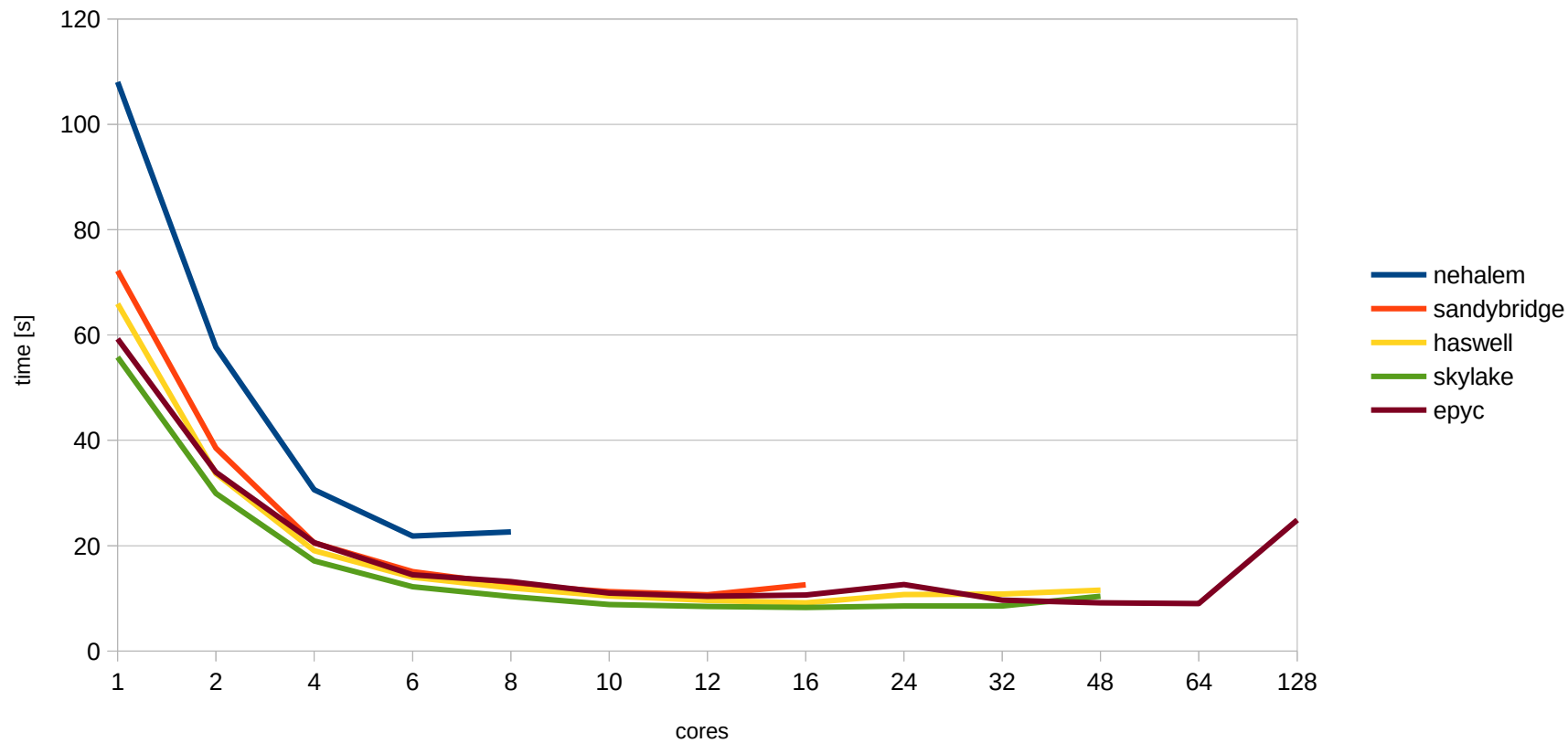
```
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/msmith_bwa/Ecoli_genome.fa.gz $TMPDIR
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/msmith_bwa/reads_*.fq.gz $TMPDIR
cd $TMPDIR
```

```
bwa index -p ecoli Ecoli_genome.fa.gz
```

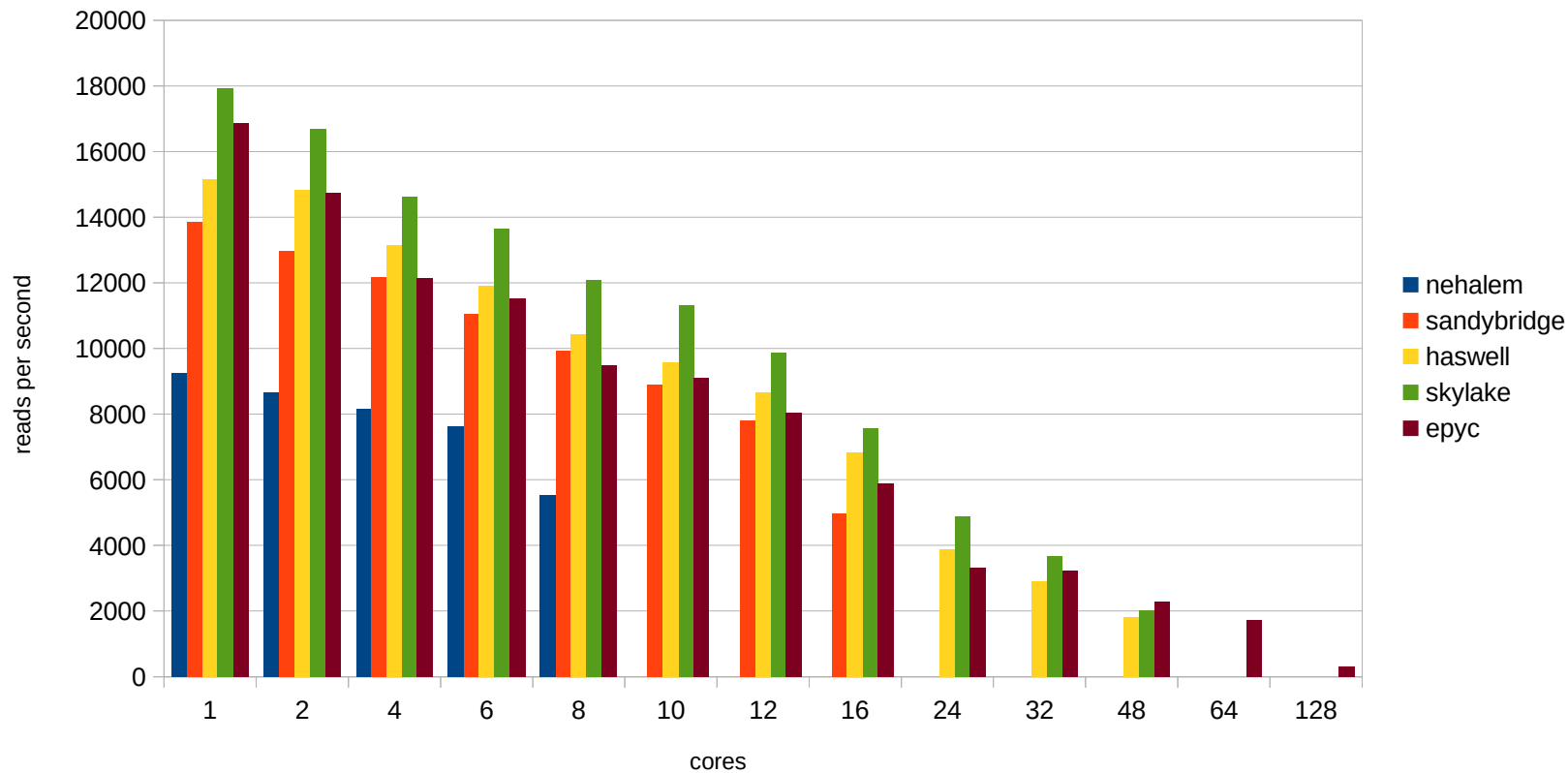
```
bwa mem -t $SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK ecoli reads_1.fq.gz reads_2.fq.gz > aligned.sam
```

```
samtools view -b aligned.sam > aligned.bam
```

BWA mem scalability on Ecoli



BWA mem reads per second per core



So ...

- Best for this case looks like around 4
 - Can vary based on data and algorithms
- Why?
 - Topic for advanced course ;)

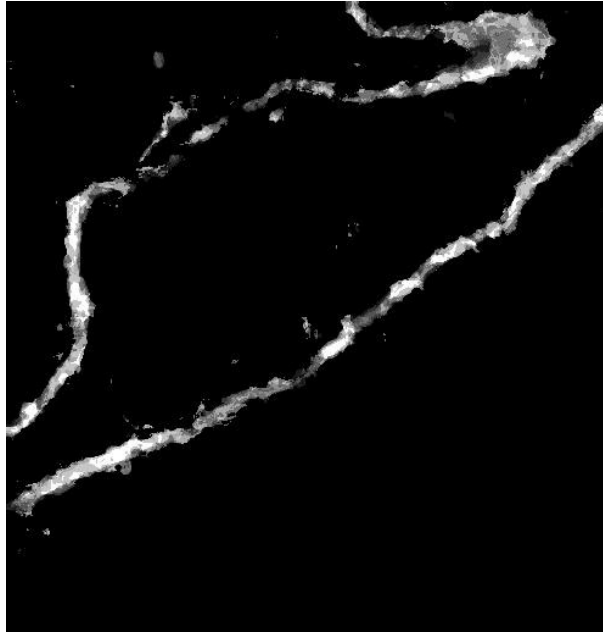
Takeout

- Aim for smaller number of threads
 - Unless your software scales really well
- So you can fit more jobs on the same number of cpus
- And you get better throughput

Example: ImageJ

- Java based image analysis and processing
- Example provided by @tischer
- Sample from Focussed-Ion-Beam Scanning Electron Microscopy (FIB-SEM), 10x10x10 nm
- Random forest classifier trained to distinguish ER from the rest





Challenge

- JVM does its own hardware abstraction and thread management
- Presents whole new dimension in problem space
- See [examples/imagej/serial.job](#)

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -c 24
#SBATCH --mem 180000
#SBATCH -t 0-01:00:00
```

```
module load Java
module load X11
```

```
mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/

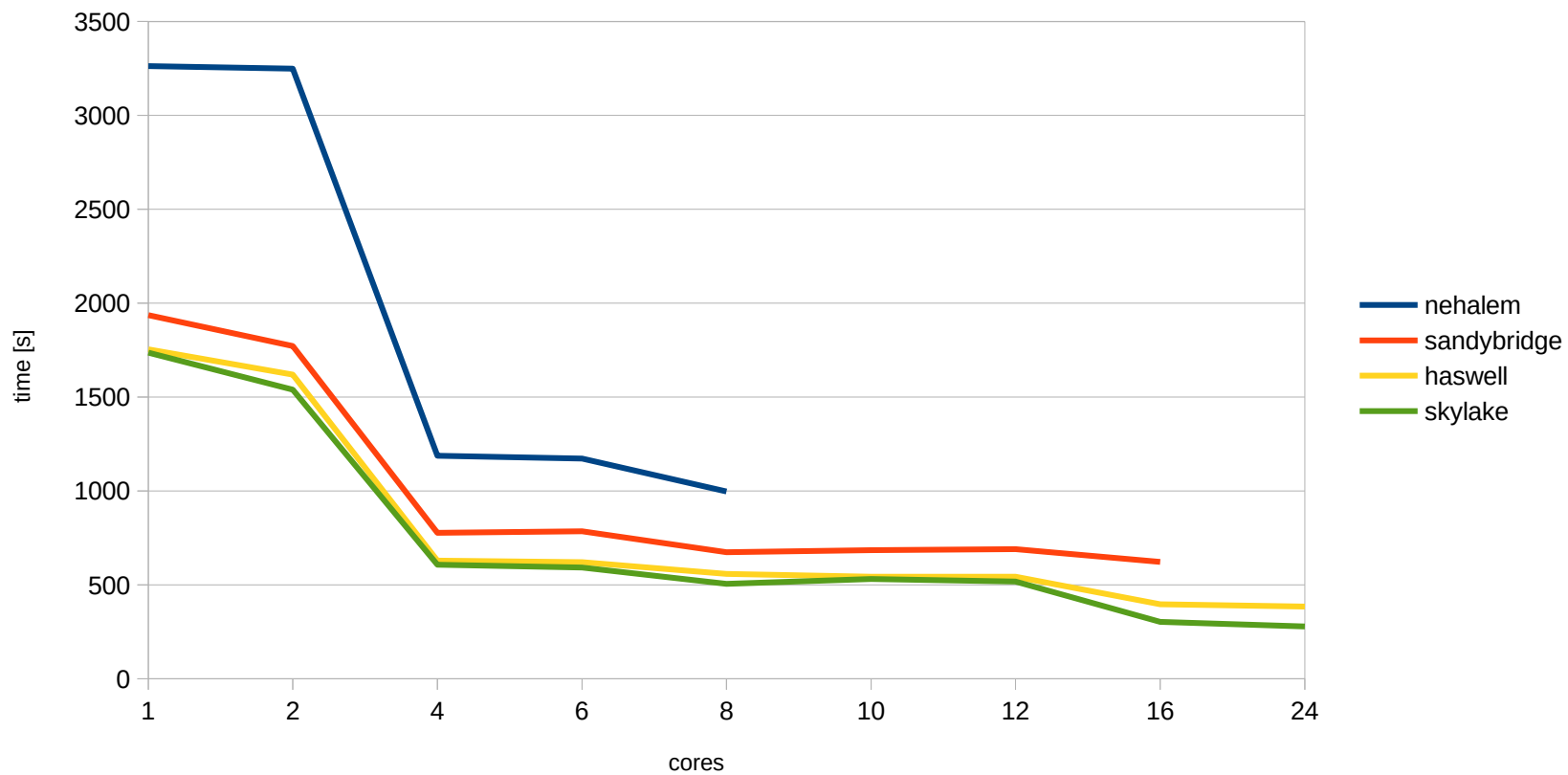
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif
$TMPDIR/
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/

cd $TMPDIR
```

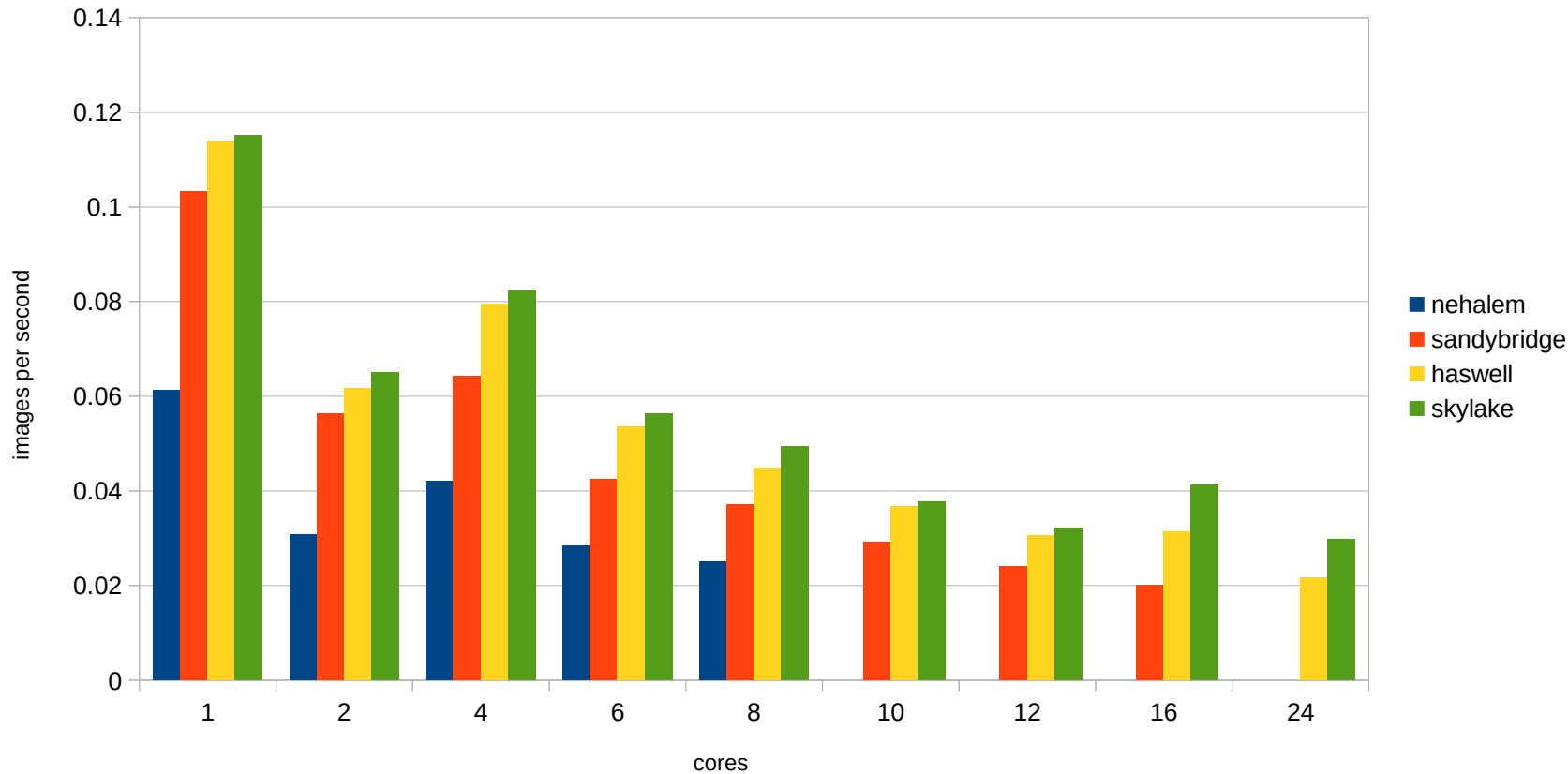
```
START_TIME=$SECONDS
```

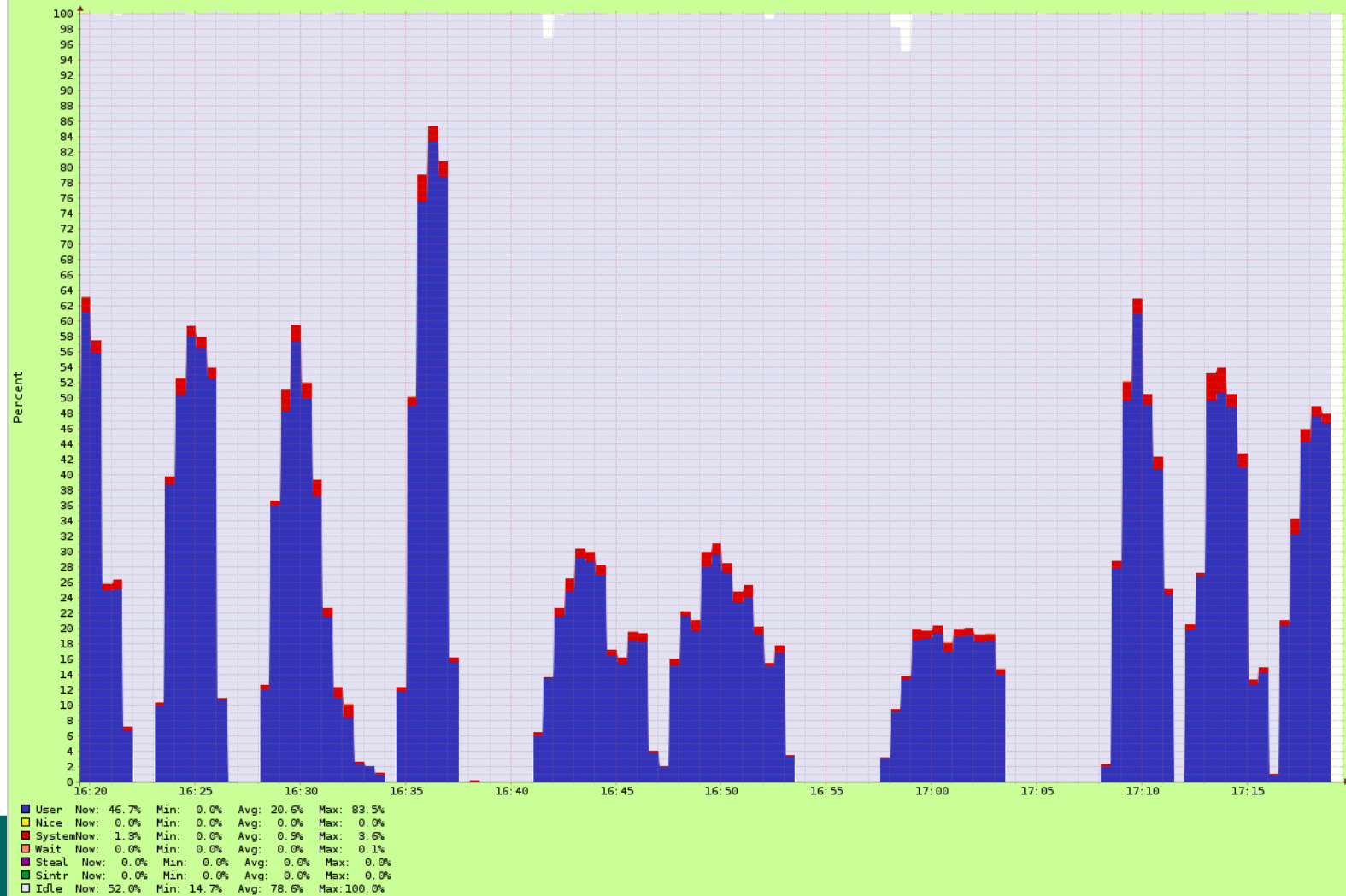
```
/g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=32000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --
run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--
8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-
er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities
as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1
virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,0,200,0,0',numWo
rkers='24'"
```

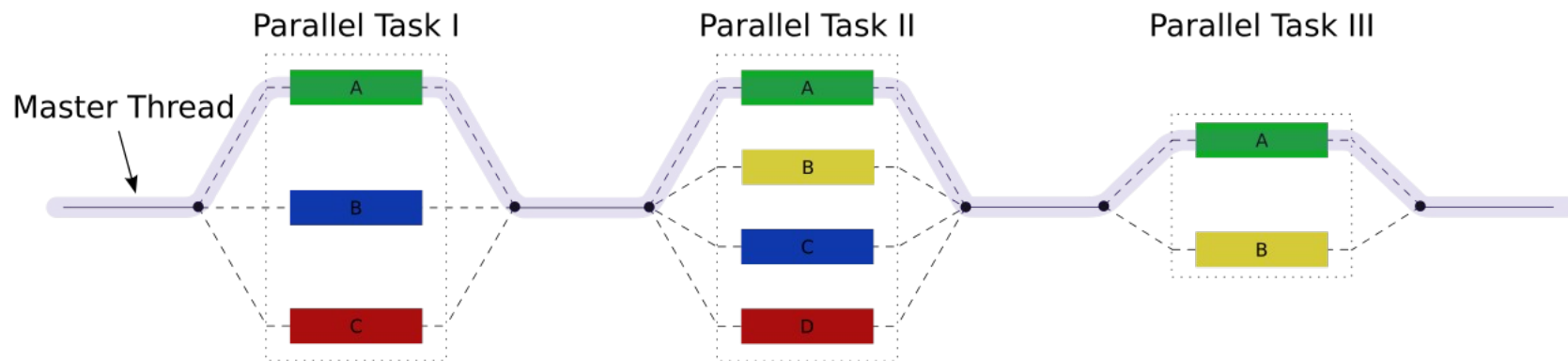
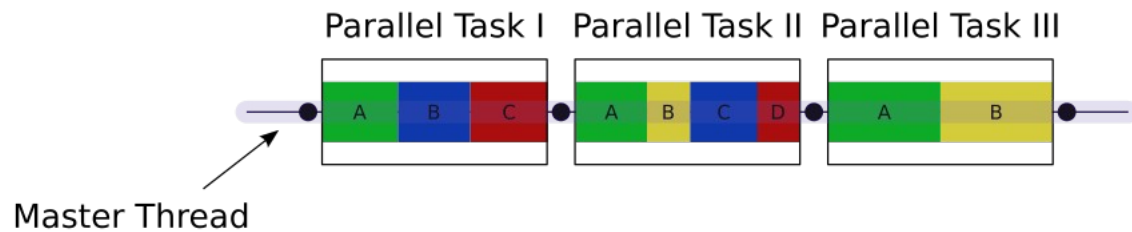
ImageJ case scaling



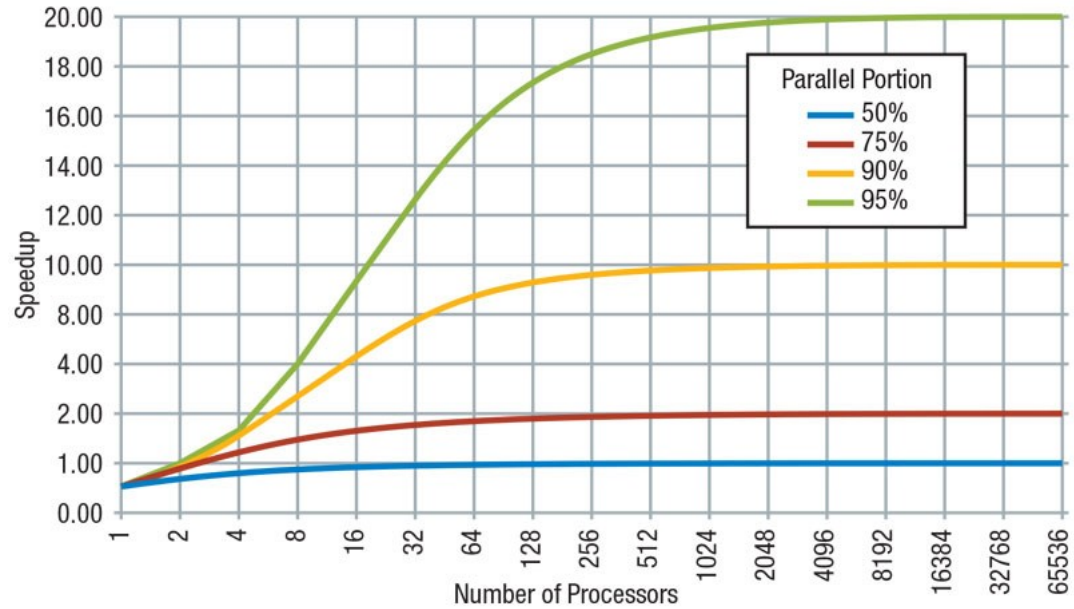
ImageJ case Images per second







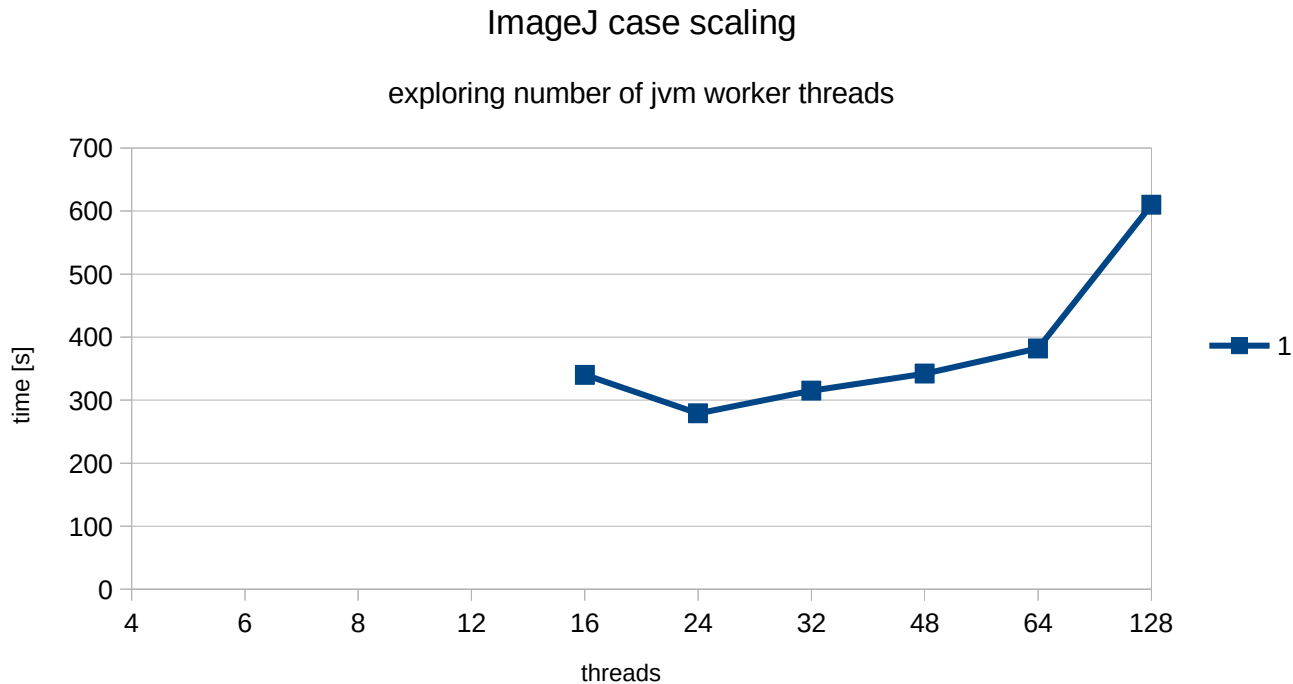
Amdahl's Law



JVM ...

- ImageJ does its own internal work split and distribution
- Java does its own thread management
 - And garbage collection
 - And who knows what else
- So ...

Lets overcommit number of java threads

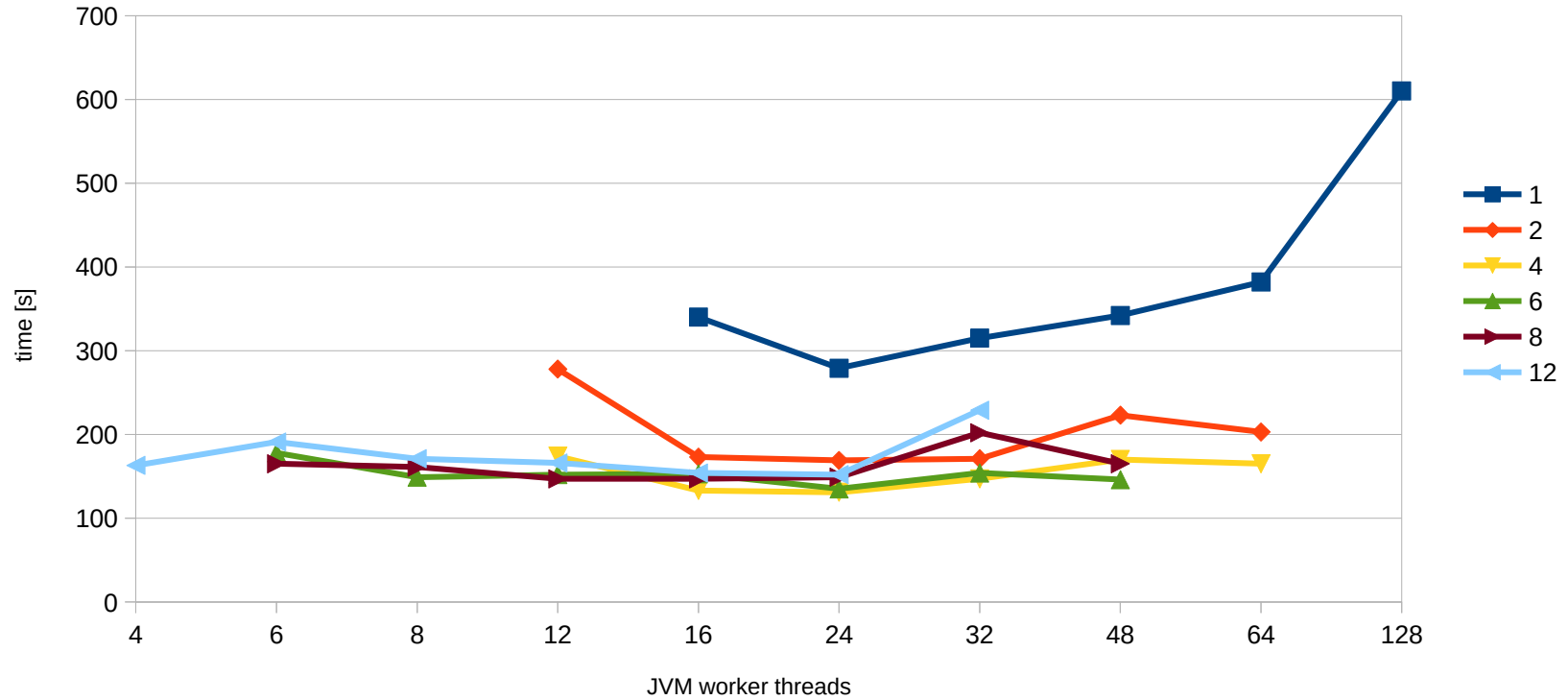


Can we do better?

- Try overlapping serial codepaths
- Try avoiding jvm internal overhead
- Split work across many jvm instances

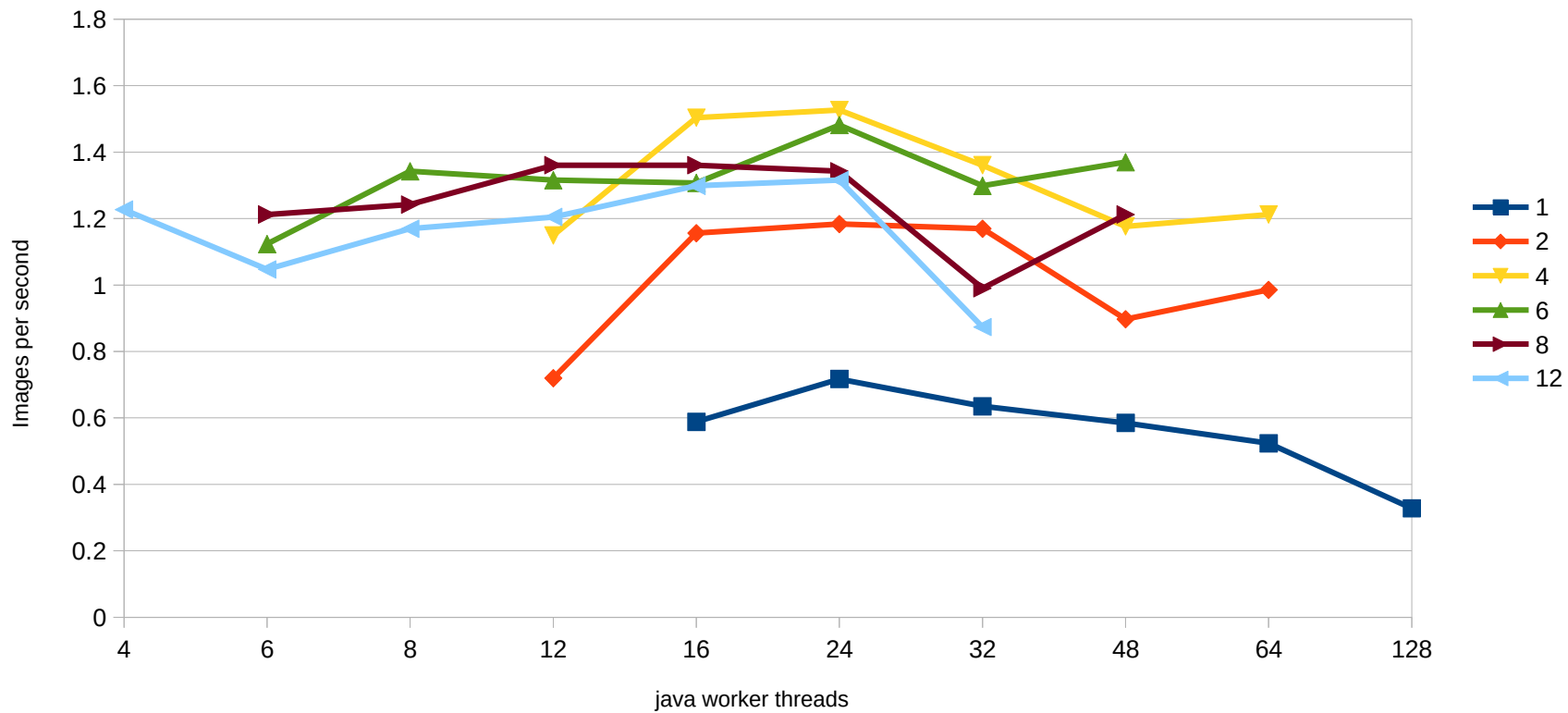
ImageJ case scaling

exploring jmv instances



ImageJ case scaling

whole skylake node



Takeout

- JVM by default is not really high performance
 - It can be made to behave with enough effort
- Easiest method is to split work across many jvm instances
- And you get better throughput

#SBATCH -n or -c ?

- -n is number of tasks
- -c is number of cores per task
- Each will tell slurm to give your job that number of cores
- Using both will tell slurm to give you $n \times c$ number of cores
- -n also instructs MPI how many ranks it can use
- -c also affects OMP_NUM_THREADS

MPI example: tomsa

- Developed and provided by @turonova
- Workflow:
 - Extracts particles from tomograms
 - Averages all to create a reference
 - Runs few iterations of alignment
 - After best is found, averages again
 - Writes out new references and rotations
- See `excerics/tomsa/run.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J tomsa_mpi
#also try -N with --ntasks-per-node
#SBATCH -n 24
#SBATCH -C "net10G|net25G"
#SBATCH --switches=1
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=20
#SBATCH --time=00:05:00
```

```
module load foss/2017b
```

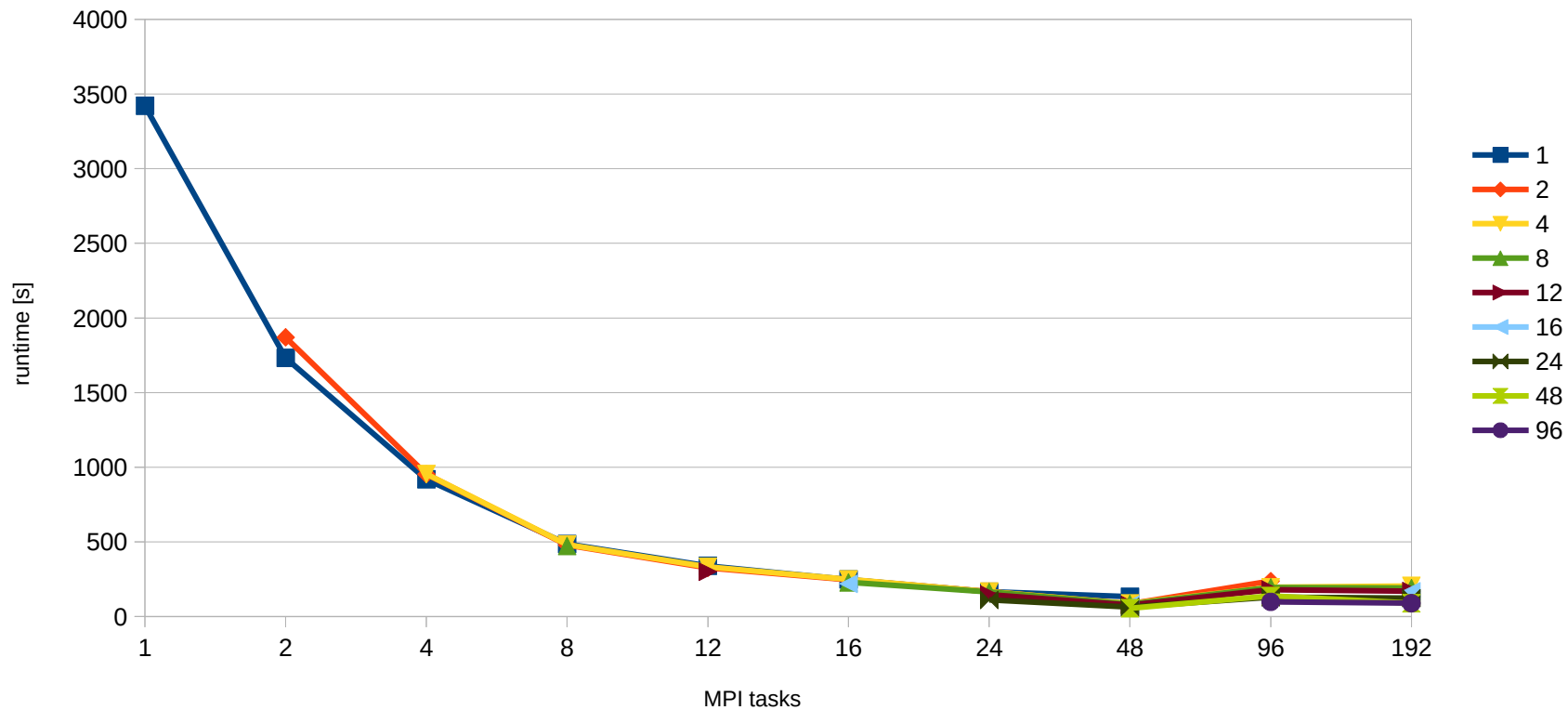
```
cd $SCRATCHDIR
tar xzf /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/turonova_tomsa/data.tgz
```

```
START=$SECONDS
mpirun tomsa -param params.txt -folder ./results
echo took $((SECONDS-START)) seconds with $SLURM_NTASKS tasks across
$SLURM_NNODES nodes

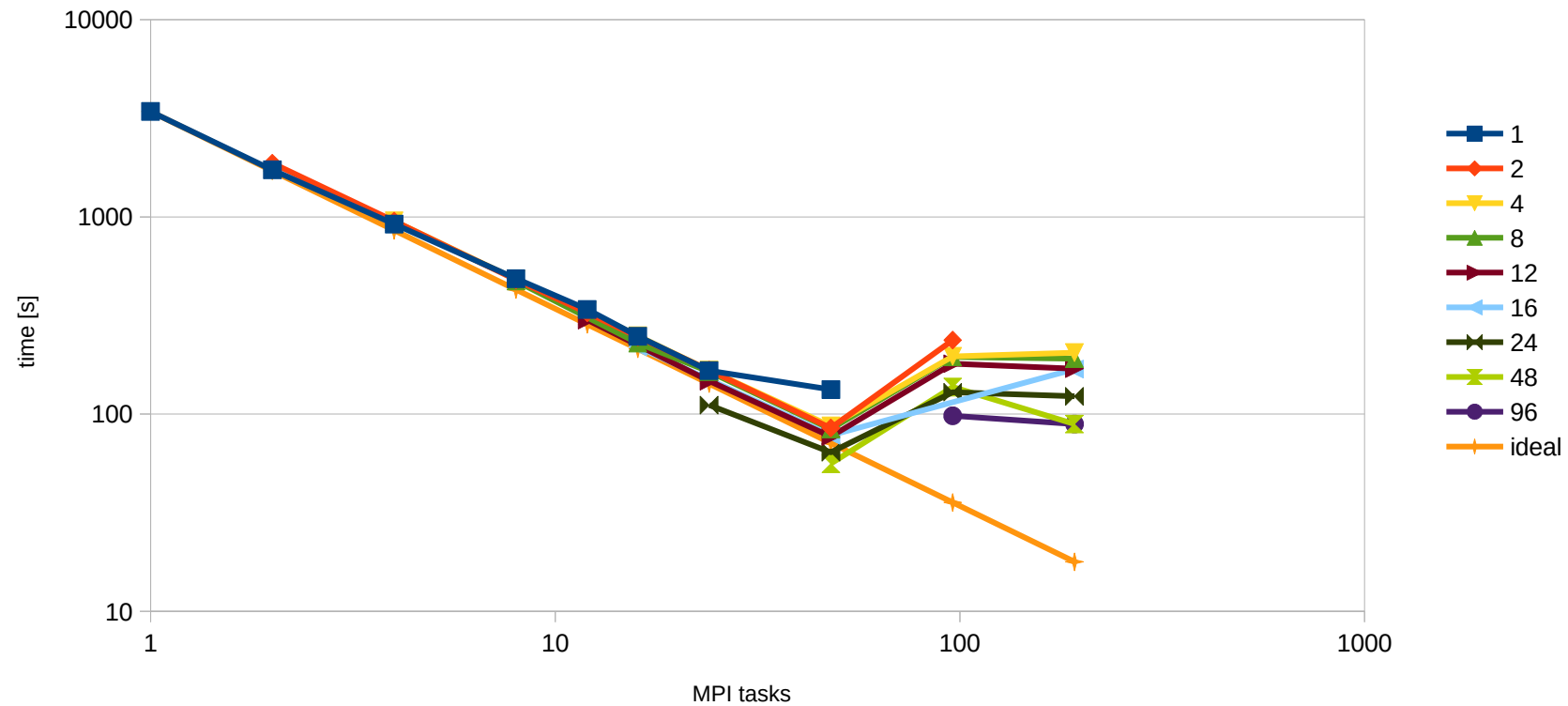
#cp results/* $SLURM_SUBMIT_DIR/
```

tomsa mpi example

on skylake nodes

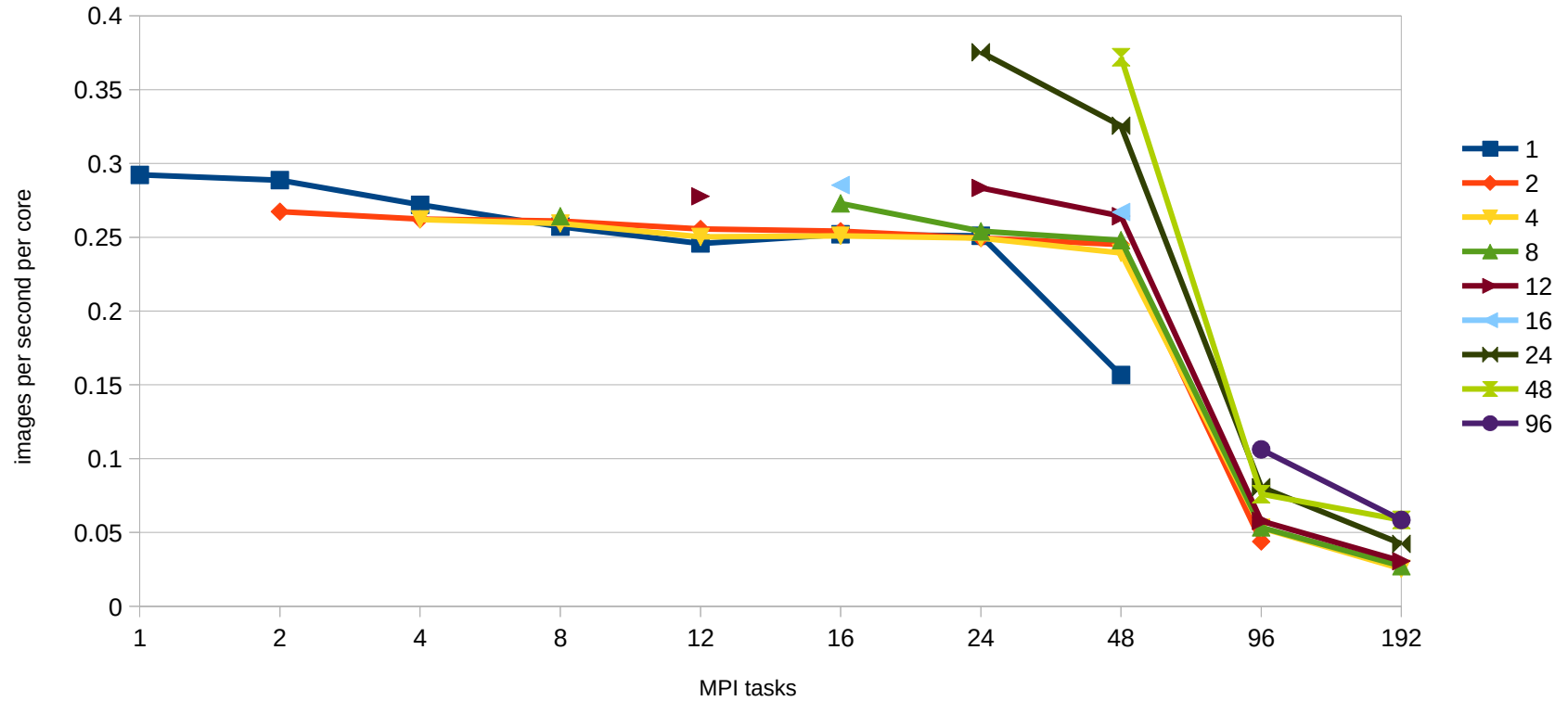


on skylake nodes



tomsa mpi scaling

on skylake nodes



MPI takeouts

- Understand ratio of communication to computation of your code
- Always good idea to try to keep tasks as close as possible (from communication perspective)
 - Single node
 - `#SBATCH --switches=1`

Manual data level parallelism

How SLURM can help you

- Within a job
 - Use `--ntasks-per-node` and `--cpus-per-task`
 - Then use `srun` within job script to distribute work
- Collection of jobs
 - Array jobs

Within a job

- See `examples/imagej/manytask.job`

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -n 12 -c 4 --ntasks-per-node=1 --mem 16000 -t 0-00:10:00
module load Java
module load X11
mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/
srun -n 12 --ntasks-per-node=1 cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif $TMPDIR/
srun -n 12 --ntasks-per-node=1 cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/
cd $TMPDIR
START_TIME=$SECONDS
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,0,16,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,17,32,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,49,64,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,65,80,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,81,96,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,97,104,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,105,120,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
srun -n 1 /g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run "Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1 virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516,105,120,0,0',numWorkers='12'" &
```

Array jobs

- Very useful if you have your data organized in some sequence
- Submit with `--array=1-20` for 20 jobs
- See `examples/imagej/array.job`

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -c 4
#SBATCH --mem 4000
#SBATCH -t 0-00:03:00
#SBATCH --array=0-191:10%5
```

```
module load Java
module load X11
```

```
mkdir -p ~/.imagej
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/IJ_Prefs.txt ~/.imagej/
```

```
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm.tif $TMPDIR/
cp /g/its/home/pecar/benchmarks/tischer_fib-sem-cell-crop/bg-er.classifier $TMPDIR/
```

```
cd $TMPDIR
START_TIME=$SECONDS
```

```
/g/almf/software/Fiji.app/ImageJ-linux64 --mem=16000M --ij2 --allow-multiple --headless --run
"Apply Classifier" "inputImageFile='fib-sem--cell--
8x8x8nm.tif',memoryMB='32000',quitAfterRun='true',classifierFile='bg-
er.classifier',dataSetID='fib-sem--cell--8x8x8nm',outputModality='Save class probabilities as Tiff
slices',outputDirectory='.',inputModality='Open using ImageJ1
virtual',saveResultsTable='false',classificationIntervalXYZT='0,496,0,516','$SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID',"
$((SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID+10))",0,0',numWorkers='8'"
```

```
ELAPSED_TIME=$(( $SECONDS - $START_TIME ))
```

```
echo "Array $SLURM_ARRAY_TASK_ID took $ELAPSED TIME seconds."
```

Organizing work from outside of cluster

- Python wiki page lists 30+ projects
- Language agnostic ones can be used with R, Perl, ...
- Some also support different backends, such as cloud infrastructures
- R has package batchtools

In-house experience with:

- GC3Pie @pecar
- Drmaa @ralves
- Jug @coelho
- Snakemake @carnold
- Toil (CWL) @kbreuer

Q & A

Thanks
&
Happy Computing