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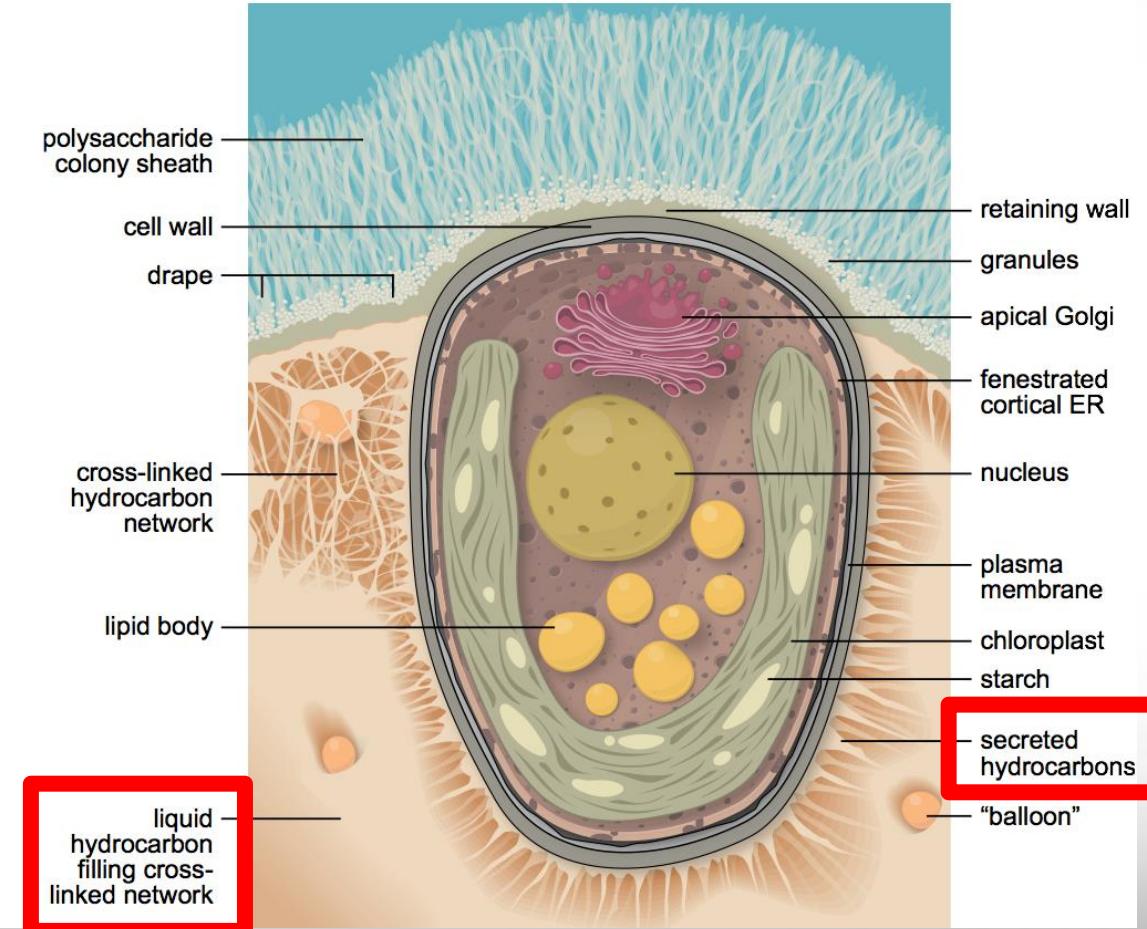
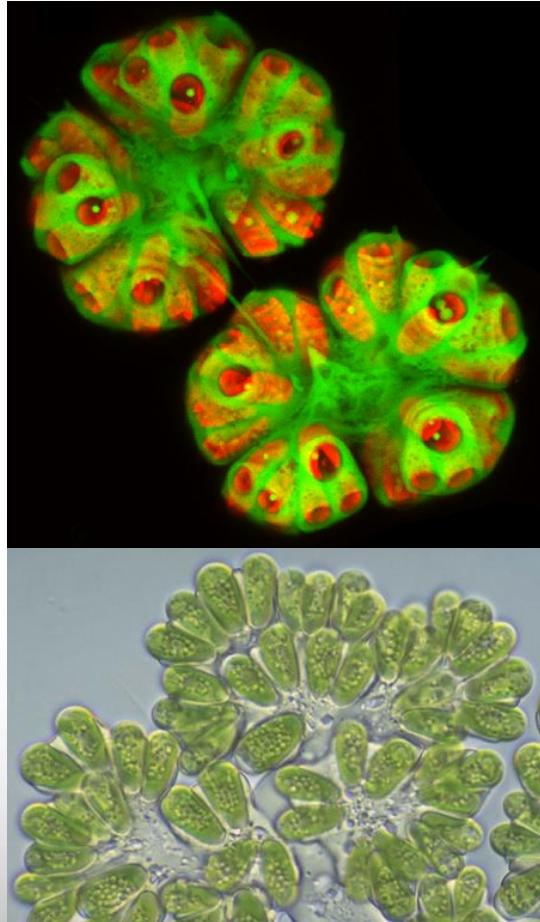
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## Basic model of *Botryococcus braunii* cell biology



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## Why sequence the *B. braunii* genome?



- ***B. braunii* is a potential source of renewable fuels and chemicals**
- ***B. braunii* is found worldwide, most notably in oil and coal shale deposits**
- ***B. braunii* has a very high oil content, ~40% of dry weight**
- ***B. braunii* oils can be processed with conventional petroleum technology**

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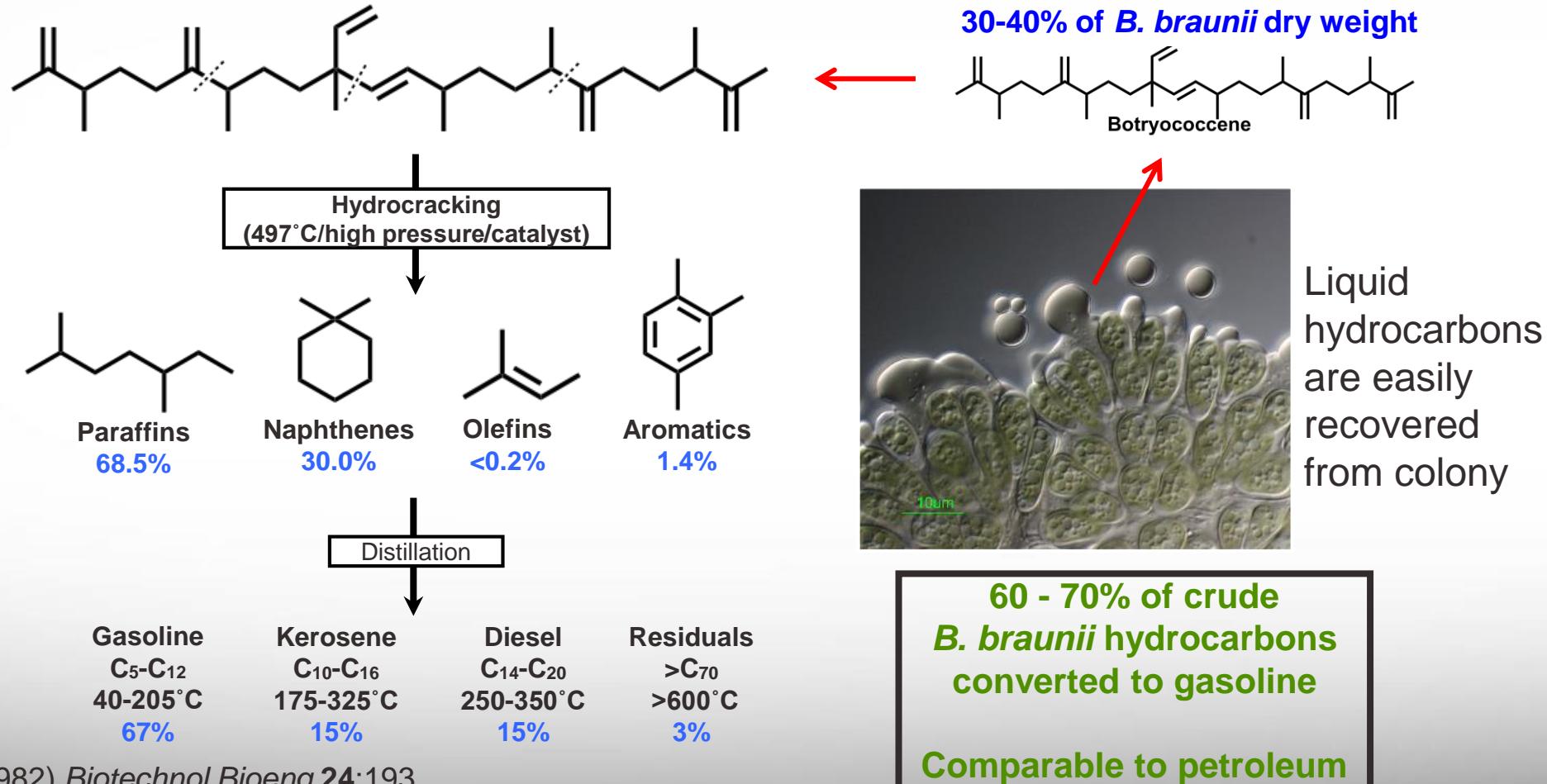
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## High rates of drop-in biofuel recovery



Hillen et al. (1982) *Biotechnol Bioeng* 24:193



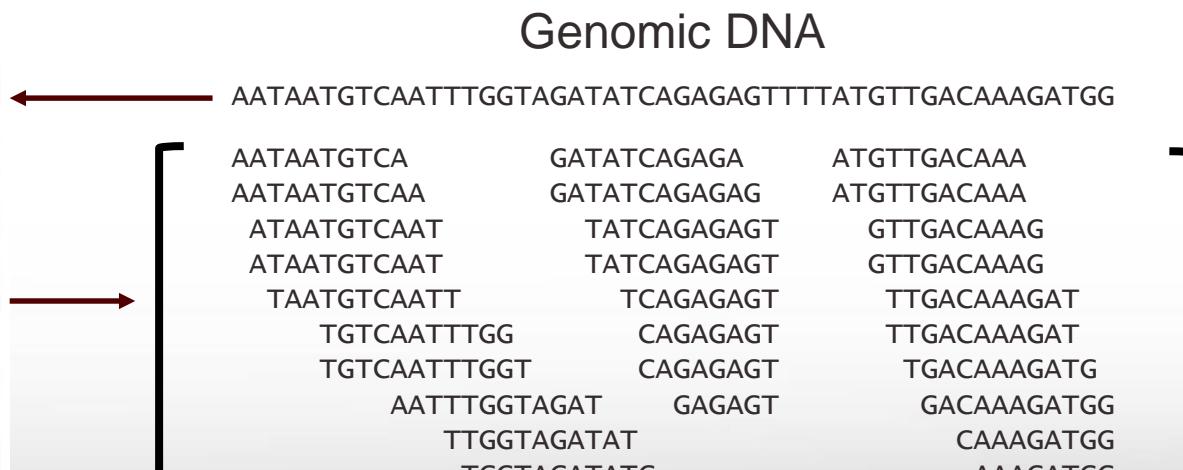
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Reconstructed DNA Sequence



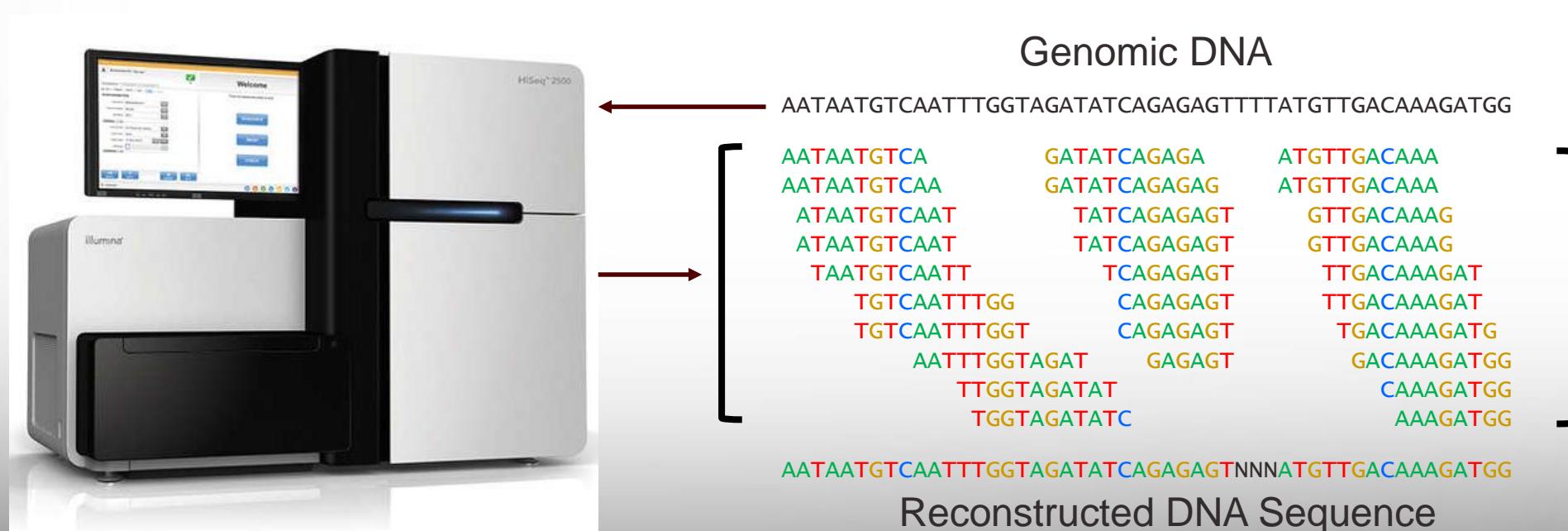
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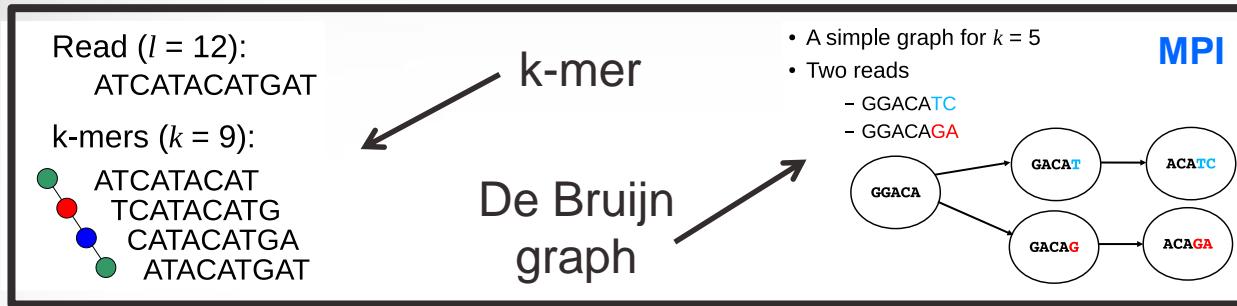
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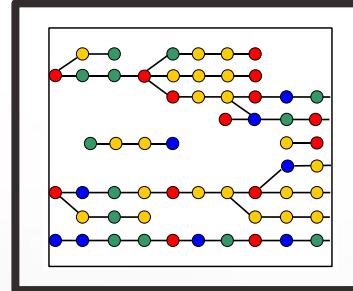


# Workflow of Assembly By Short Sequences (ABySS): A parallel *de novo* genome assembler with MPI support

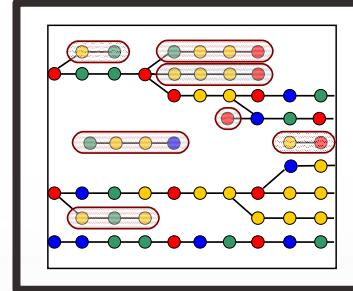
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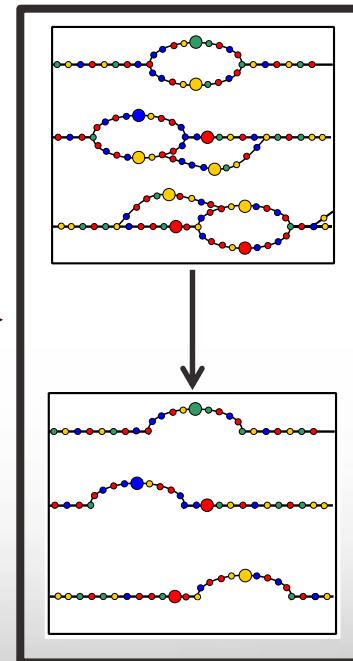
## (2) AdjList



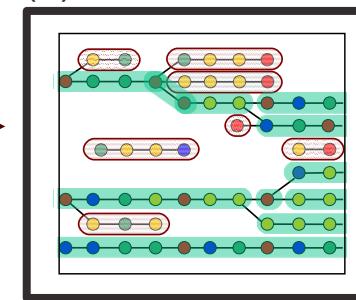
## (3) Prune tips



## (4) Pop bubbles



## (5) Generate contigs



map 1

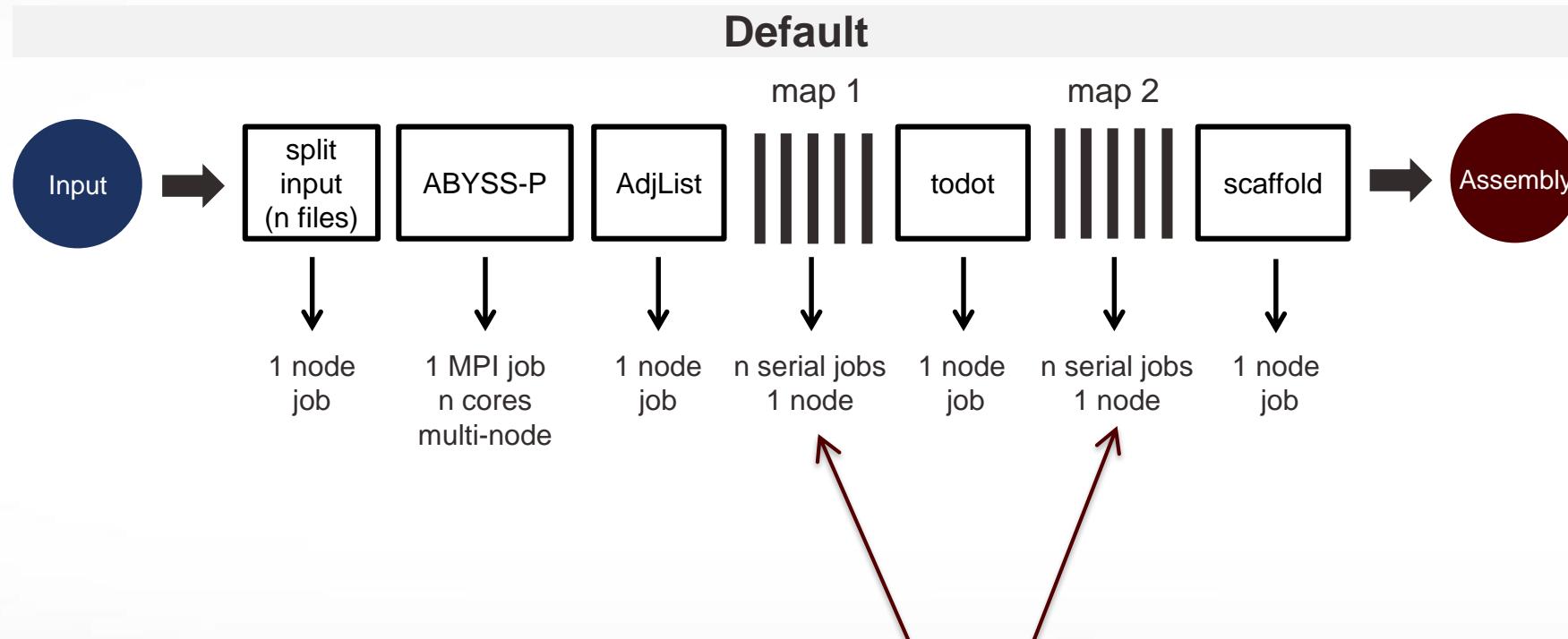
map 2

scaffold

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## Default and modified ABYSS execution pipelines



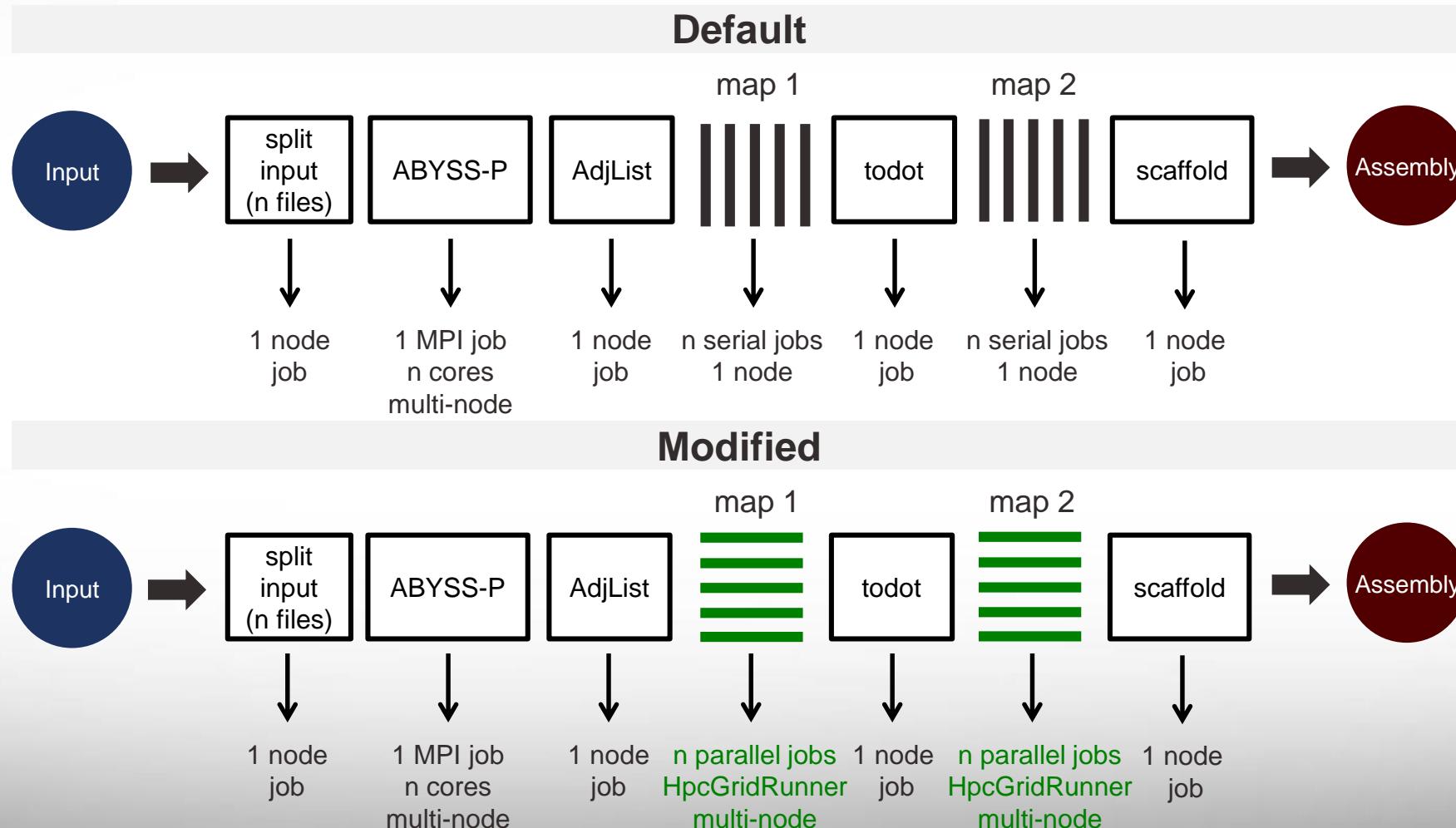
*All commands of each mapping step run in serial and limited to one compute node*



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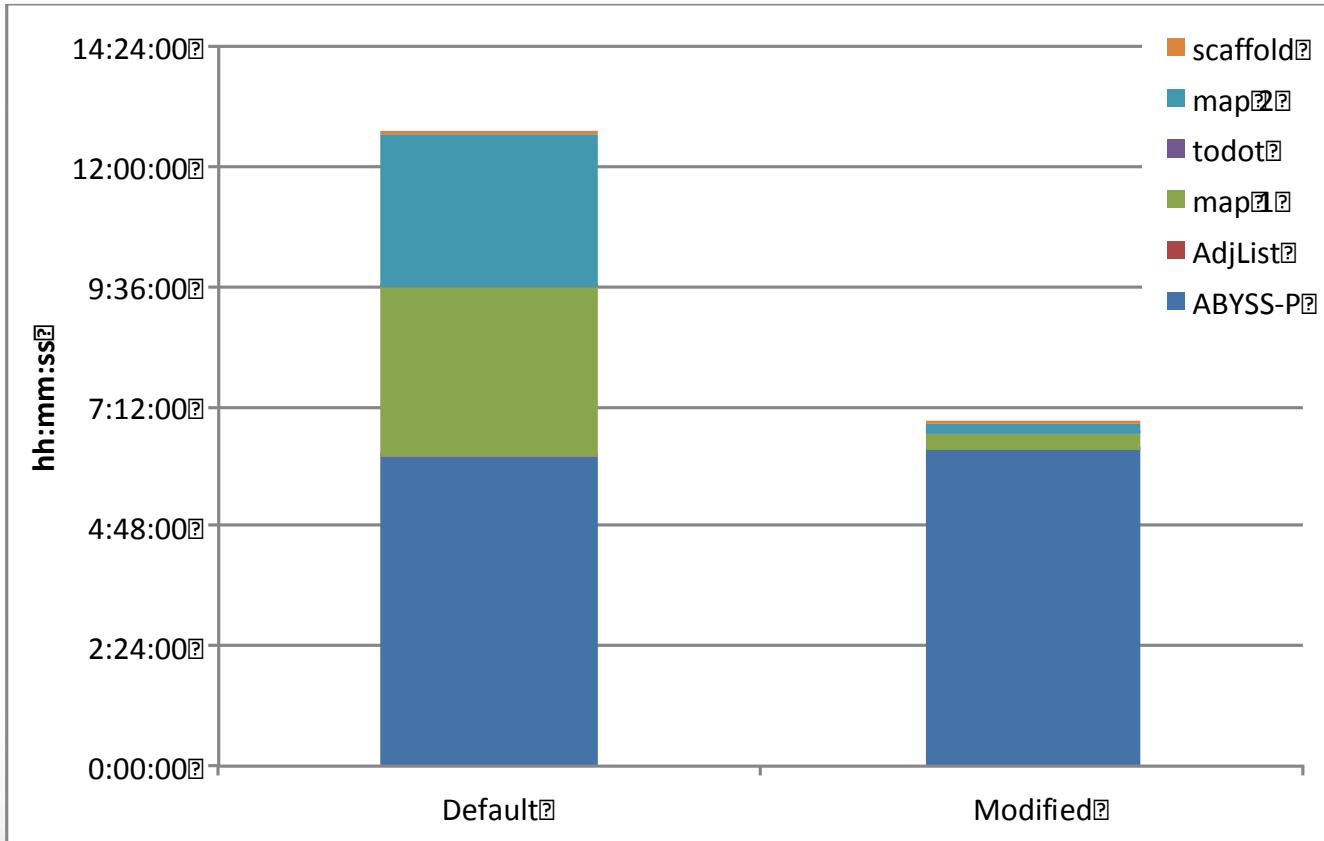
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## Assembly times of default and modified pipelines



- HPC resource utilization: 50 cores (5 cores/node \* 10 nodes)
- Assembly time reduced by 46% using modified ABySS pipeline.
- Modified pipeline eliminated 45 cores being idle for almost 6 hours.





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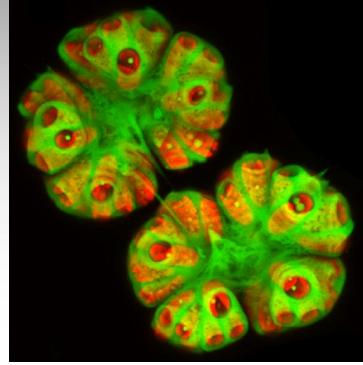
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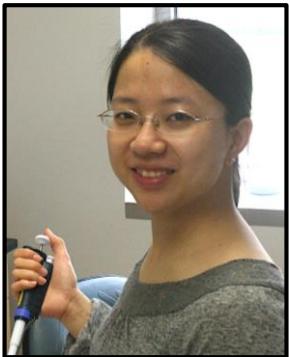
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