

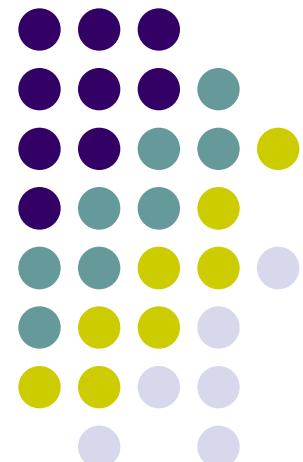


Tutorial

# Column-Oriented Database Systems

Peter Boncz (CWI)

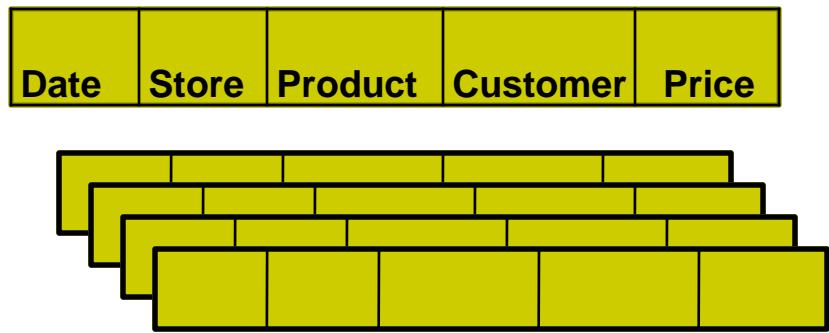
Adapted from VLDB 2009 Tutorial  
Column-Oriented Database Systems  
with  
Daniel Abadi (Yale)  
Stavros Harizopoulos (HP Labs)



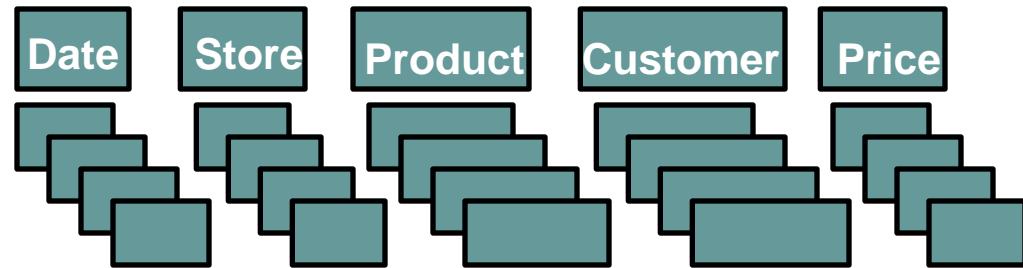


# What is a column-store?

**row-store**



**column-store**



- + easy to add/modify a record
- might read in unnecessary data

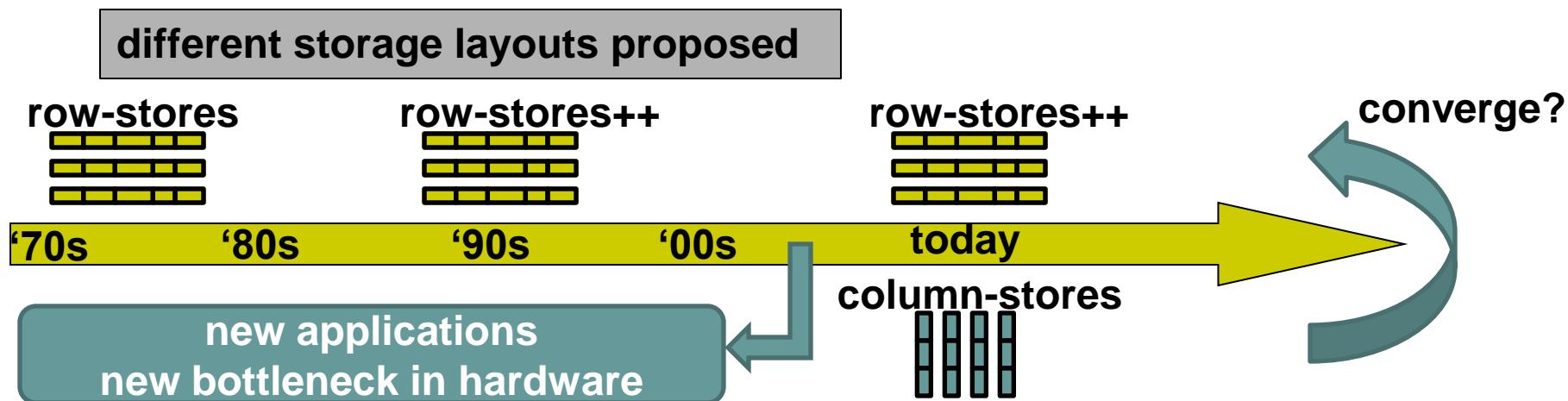
- + only need to read in relevant data
- tuple writes require multiple accesses

*=> suitable for read-mostly, read-intensive, large data repositories*



# Are these two fundamentally different?

- The only fundamental difference is the storage layout
- However: we need to look at the big picture



- How did we get here, and where we are heading Part 1
- What are the column-specific optimizations?
- How do we improve CPU efficiency when operating on Cs Part 2
- How do we improve CPU efficiency when operating on Cs Part 3

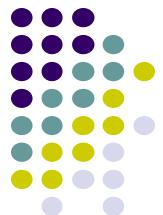




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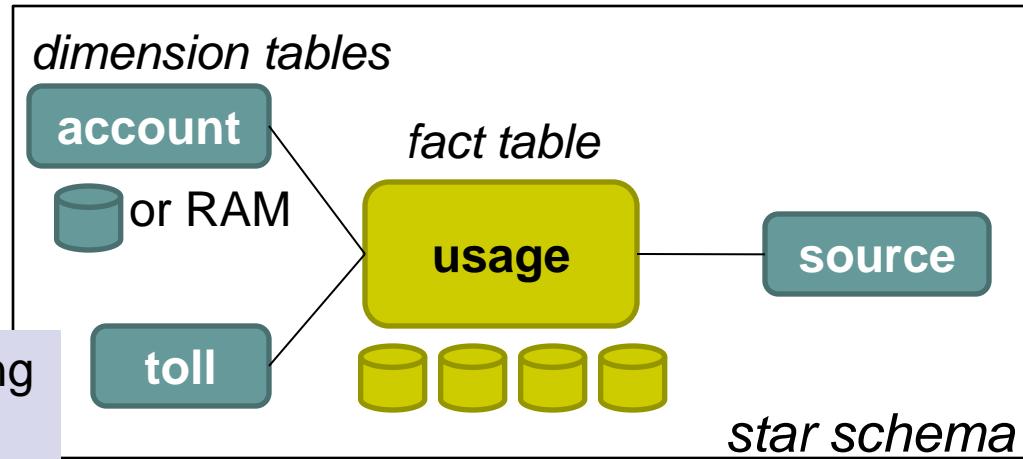




# Telco Data Warehousing example

- Typical DW installation
- Real-world example

“One Size Fits All? - Part 2: Benchmarking Results” Stonebraker et al. CIDR 2007



## QUERY 2

```
SELECT account.account_number,
       sum (usage.toll_airtime),
       sum (usage.toll_price)
  FROM usage, toll, source, account
 WHERE usage.toll_id = toll.toll_id
   AND usage.source_id = source.source_id
   AND usage.account_id = account.account_id
   AND toll.type_ind in ('AE', 'AA')
   AND usage.toll_price > 0
   AND source.type != 'CIBER'
   AND toll.rating_method = 'IS'
   AND usage.invoice_date = 20051013
 GROUP BY account.account_number
```

	Column-store	Row-store
Query 1	2.06	300
Query 2	2.20	300
Query 3	0.09	300
Query 4	5.24	300
Query 5	2.88	300

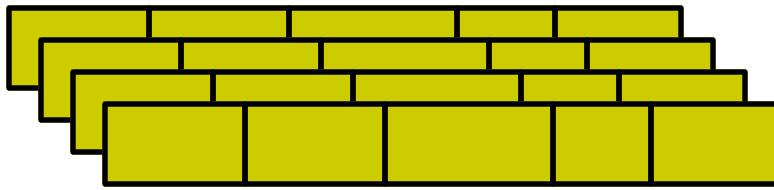
Why? Three main factors (next slides)



# Telco example explained (1/3): *read efficiency*



**row store**



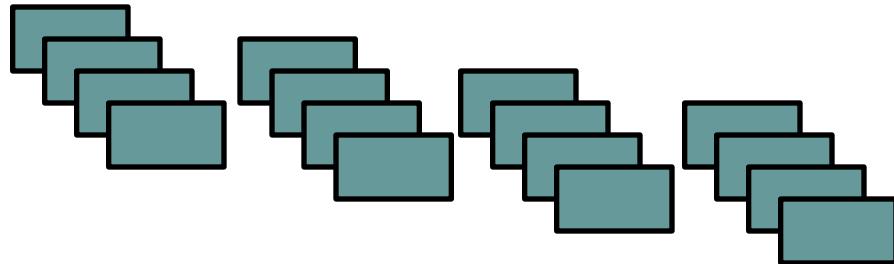
read pages containing entire rows

one row = 212 columns!

is this typical? (it depends)

**What about vertical partitioning?  
(it does not work with ad-hoc queries)**

**column store**



read only columns needed

in this example: 7 columns

caveats:

- “select \* ” not any faster
- clever disk prefetching
- clever tuple reconstruction





# Telco example explained (2/3): *compression efficiency*

- Columns compress better than rows
  - Typical row-store compression ratio 1 : 3
  - Column-store 1 : 10
- Why?
  - Rows contain values from different domains  
=> more entropy, difficult to dense-pack
  - Columns exhibit significantly less entropy
  - Examples:

Male, Female, Female, Female, Male  
1998, 1998, 1999, 1999, 1999, 2000
- Caveat: CPU cost (use lightweight compression)





# Telco example explained (3/3): *sorting & indexing efficiency*

- Compression and dense-packing free up space
  - Use multiple overlapping column collections
  - Sorted columns compress better
  - Range queries are faster
  - Use sparse clustered indexes

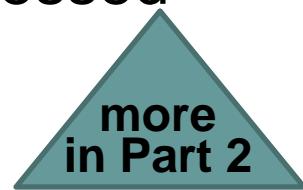
**What about heavily-indexed row-stores?  
(works well for single column access,  
cross-column joins become increasingly expensive)**





# Additional opportunities for column-stores

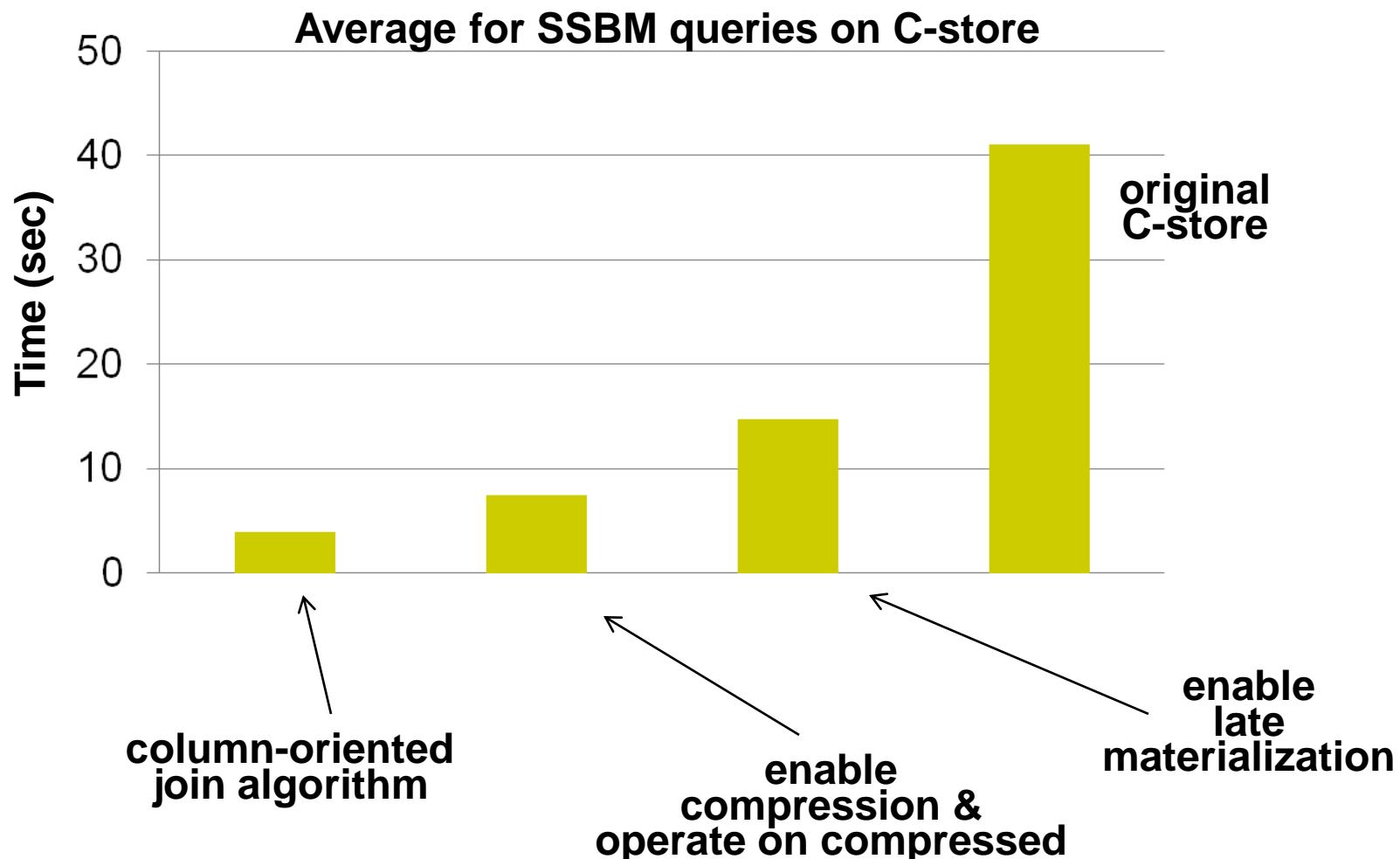
- Block-tuple / vectorized processing
  - Easier to build block-tuple operators
    - Amortizes function-call cost, improves CPU cache performance
  - Easier to apply vectorized primitives
    - Software-based: bitwise operations
    - Hardware-based: SIMD
- Opportunities with compressed columns
  - *Avoid* decompression: operate directly on compressed
  - *Delay* decompression (and tuple reconstruction)
    - Also known as: *late materialization*
- Exploit columnar storage in other DBMS components
  - Physical design (both static and dynamic)



See: *Database Cracking*, from CWI



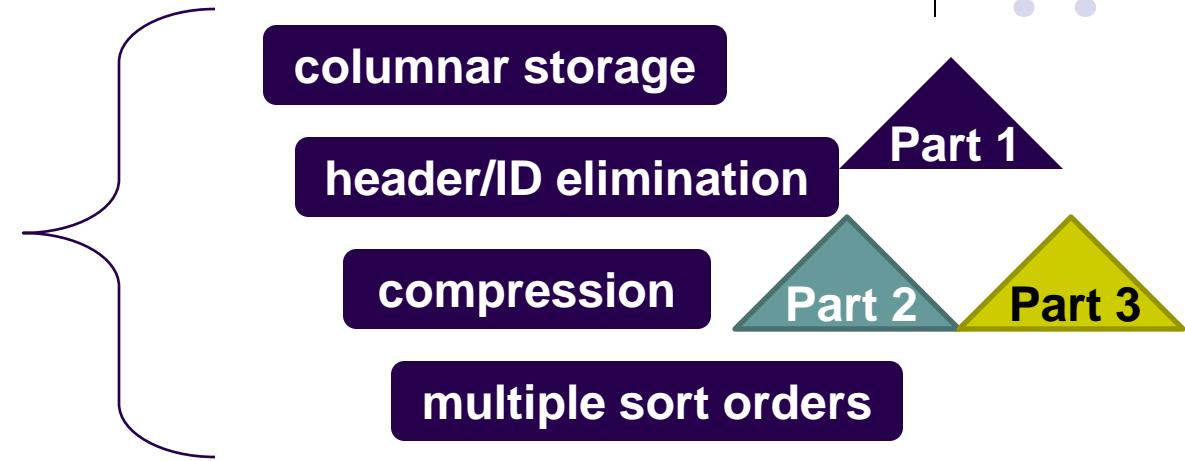
# Effect on C-Store performance



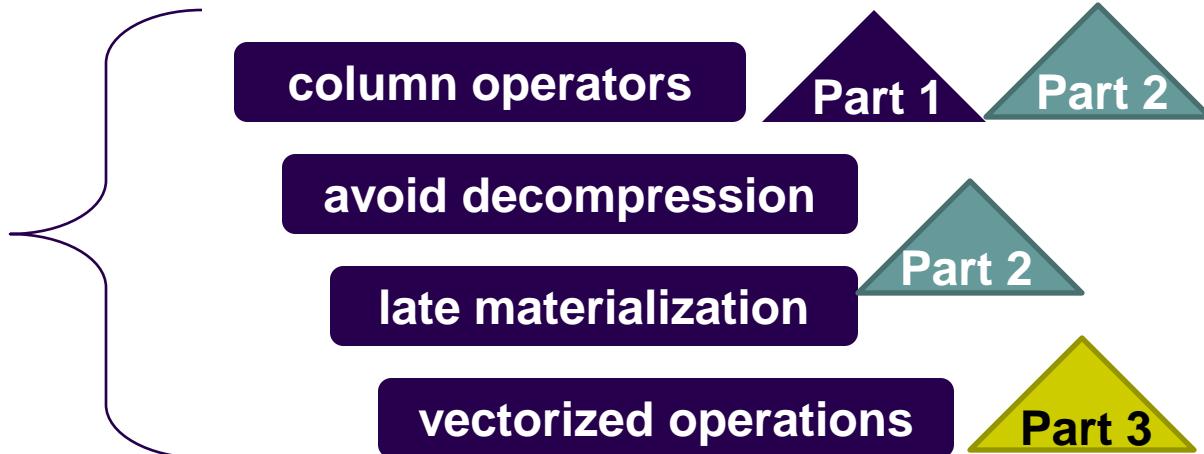


# Summary of column-store key features

- Storage layout



- Execution engine



- Design tools, optimizer





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# From DSM to Column-stores

70s -1985:

TOD: Time Oriented Database – Wiederhold et al.  
"A Modular, Self-Describing Clinical Databank System,"  
*Computers and Biomedical Research*, 1975  
More 1970s: Transposed files, Lorie, Batory, Svensson.

"An overview of cantor: a new system for data analysis"  
Karasalo, Svensson, SSDBM 1983

1985: DSM paper

"A decomposition storage model"  
Copeland and Khoshafian. SIGMOD 1985.

1990s: Commercialization through SybaseIQ

Late 90s – 2000s: Focus on main-memory performance

- DSM “on steroids” [1997 – now] CWI: MonetDB
- Hybrid DSM/NSM [2001 – 2004] Wisconsin: PAX, Fractured Mirrors

Michigan: Data Morphing

CMU: Clotho

2005 – : Re-birth of read-optimized DSM as “column-store”

MIT: C-Store

CWI: X100 → VectorWise

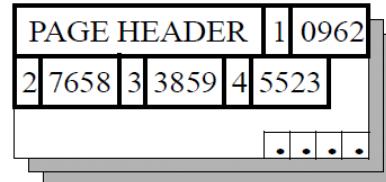
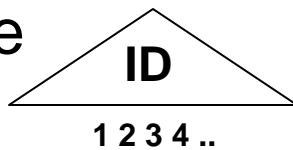
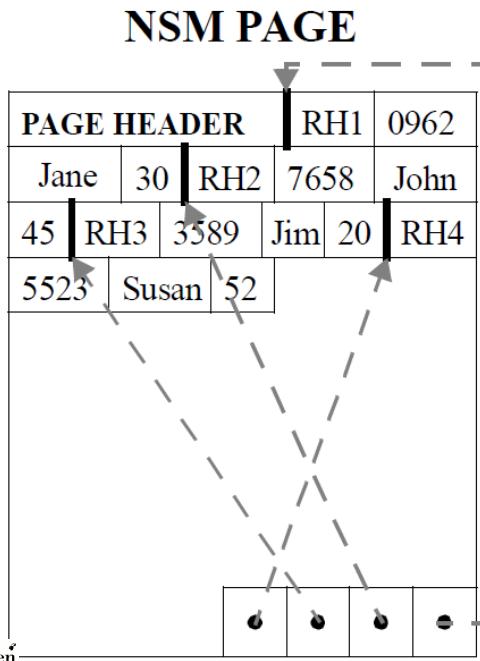
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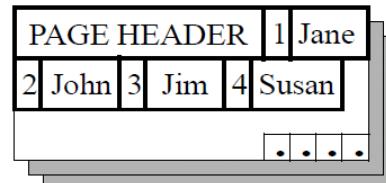


# The original DSM paper

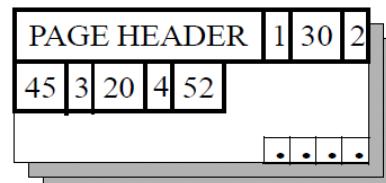
- Proposed as an alternative to NSM
- 2 indexes: clustered on ID, non-clustered on value
- Speeds up queries projecting few columns
- Requires more storage



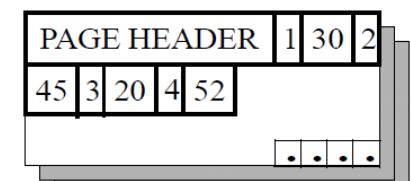
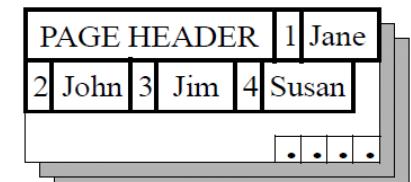
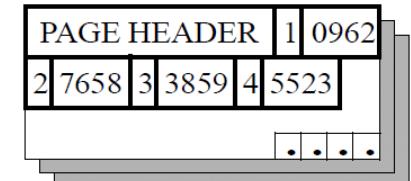
sub-relation R1



sub-relation R2



sub-relation R3





# Memory wall and PAX

- 90s: Cache-conscious research

**from:** “Cache Conscious Algorithms for Relational Query Processing.”  
Shatdal, Kant, Naughton. VLDB 1994.

**to:** “Database Architecture Optimized for the New Bottleneck: Memory Access.”  
Boncz, Manegold, Kersten. VLDB 1999.

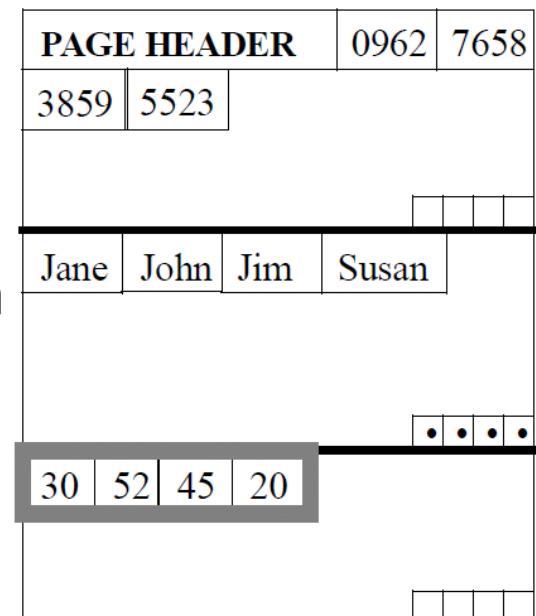
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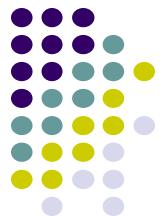
“DBMSs on a modern processor: Where does time go?” Ailamaki, DeWitt, Hill, Wood. VLDB 1999.

- PAX: Partition Attributes Across
  - Retains NSM I/O pattern
  - Optimizes cache-to-RAM communication

“Weaving Relations for Cache Performance.”  
Ailamaki, DeWitt, Hill, Skounakis, VLDB 2001.

**PAX PAGE**





# More hybrid NSM/DSM schemes

- Dynamic PAX: Data Morphing

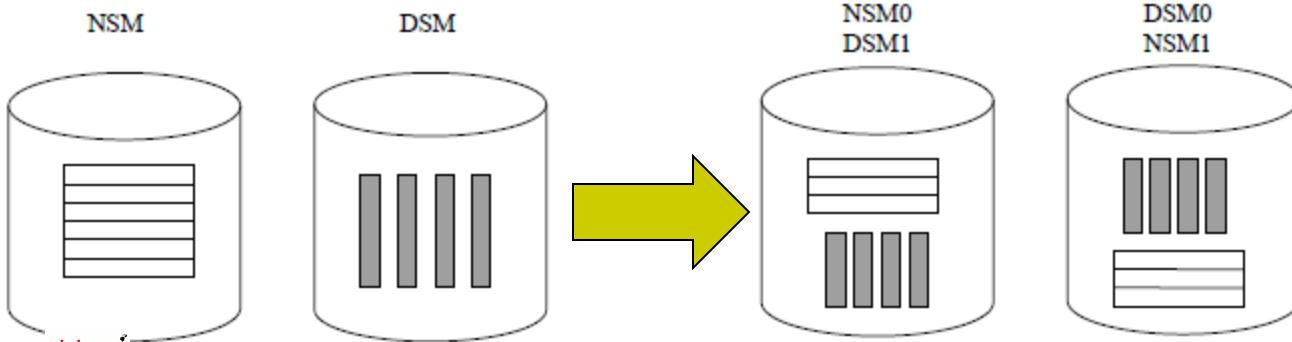
“Data morphing: an adaptive, cache-conscious storage technique.” Hankins, Patel, VLDB 2003.

- Clotho: custom layout using scatter-gather I/O

“Clotho: Decoupling Memory Page Layout from Storage Organization.” Shao, Schindler, Schlosser, Ailamaki, and Ganger. VLDB 2004.

- Fractured mirrors

- Smart mirroring with both NSM/DSM copies



“A Case For Fractured Mirrors.” Ramamurthy, DeWitt, Su, VLDB 2002.





# MonetDB (more in Part 3)

- Late 1990s, CWI: Boncz, Manegold, and Kersten
- Motivation:
  - Main-memory
  - Improve computational efficiency by avoiding expression interpreter
  - DSM with virtual IDs natural choice
  - Developed new query execution algebra
- Initial contributions:
  - Pointed out memory-wall in DBMSs
  - Cache-conscious projections and joins
  - ...





# 2005: the (re)birth of column-stores

- New hardware and application realities
  - Faster CPUs, larger memories, disk bandwidth limit
  - Multi-terabyte Data Warehouses
- New approach: combine several techniques
  - Read-optimized, fast multi-column access, disk/CPU efficiency, light-weight compression
- C-store paper:
  - First comprehensive design description of a column-store
- MonetDB/X100
  - “proper” disk-based column store
- Explosion of new products





# Performance tradeoffs: columns vs. rows

DSM traditionally was not favored by technology trends  
How has this changed?

- Optimized DSM in “Fractured Mirrors,” 2002
- “Apples-to-apples” comparison
  - “Performance Tradeoffs in Read-Optimized Databases”  
Harizopoulos, Liang, Abadi, Madden, VLDB’06
- Follow-up study
  - “Read-Optimized Databases, In-Depth” Holloway, DeWitt, VLDB’08
- Main-memory DSM vs. NSM
  - “DSM vs. NSM: CPU performance tradeoffs in block-oriented query processing” Boncz, Zukowski, Nes, DaMoN’08
- Flash-disks: a come-back for PAX?
  - “Fast Scans and Joins Using Flash Drives” Shah, Harizopoulos, Wiener, Graefe. DaMoN’08
  - “Query Processing Techniques for Solid State Drives” Tsirogiannis, Harizopoulos, Shah, Wiener, Graefe, SIGMOD’09

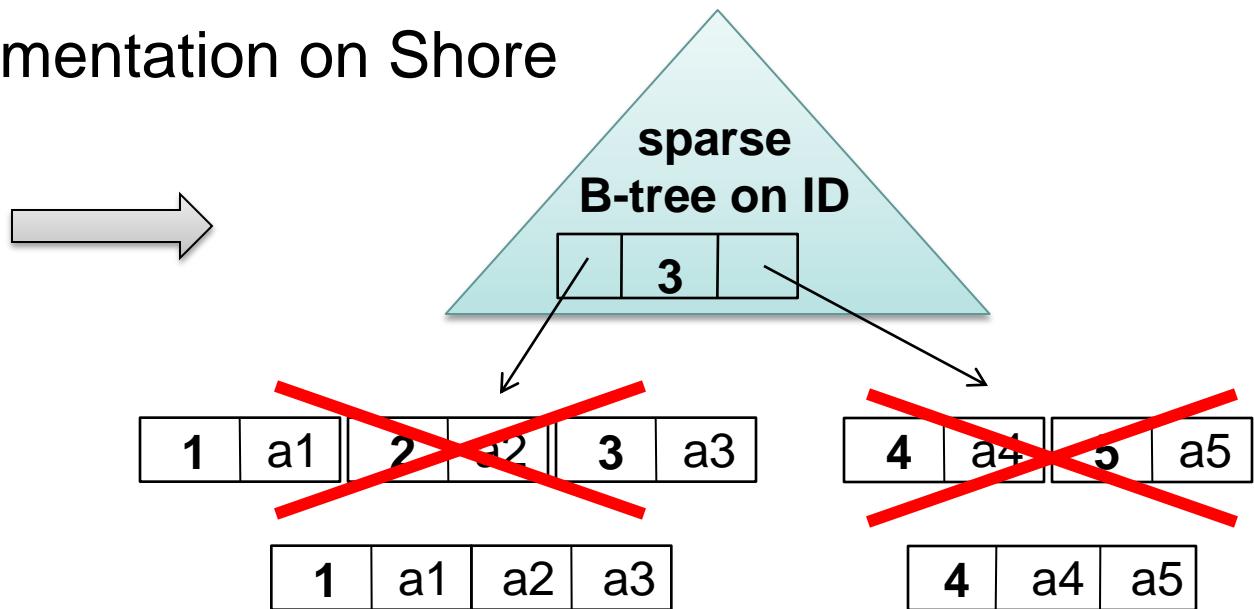


# Fractured mirrors: a closer look

- Store DSM relations inside a B-tree
  - Leaf nodes contain values
  - Eliminate IDs, amortize header overhead
  - Custom implementation on Shore

“A Case For Fractured Mirrors” Ramamurthy, DeWitt, Su, VLDB 2002.

Tuple Header	TID	Column Data
	1	a1
	2	a2
	3	a3
	4	a4
	5	a5



Similar: storage density comparable to column stores

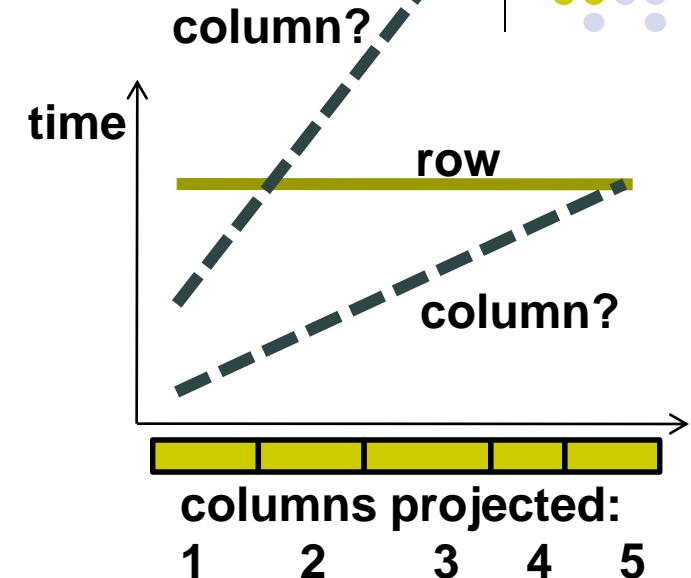
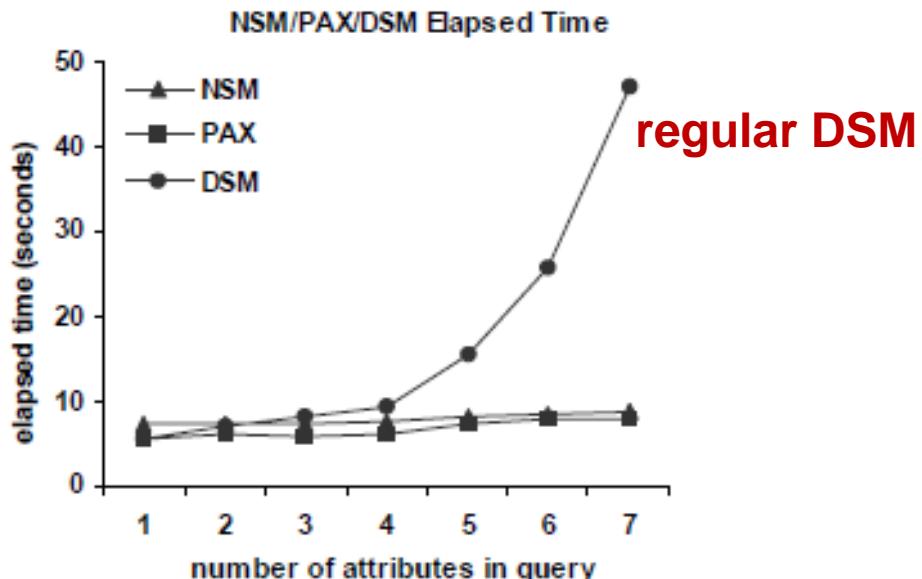
“Efficient columnar storage in B-trees” Graefe. Sigmod Record 03/2007.



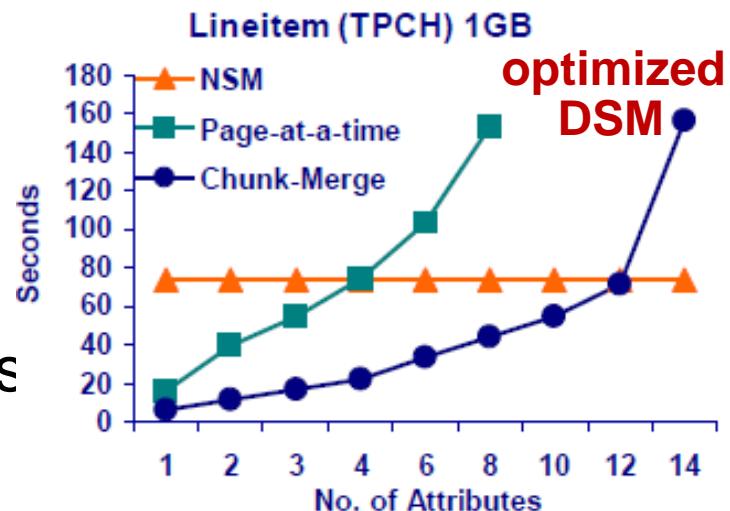
# Fractured mirrors: performance



From PAX paper:



- Chunk-based tuple merging
  - Read in segments of M pages
  - Merge segments in memory
  - Becomes CPU-bound after 5 pages

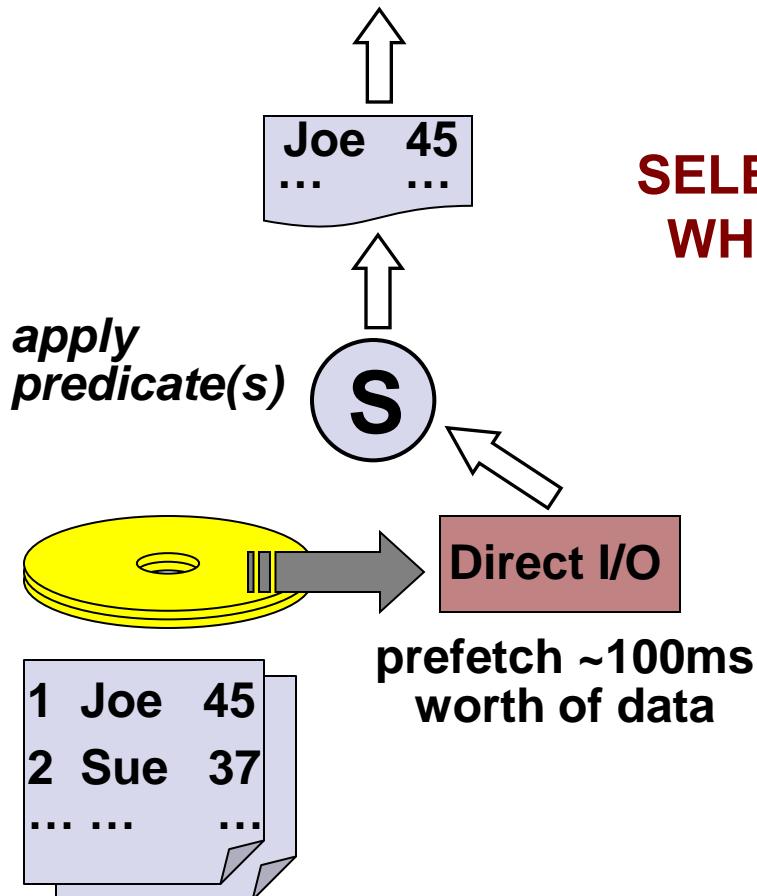


# Column-scanner implementation

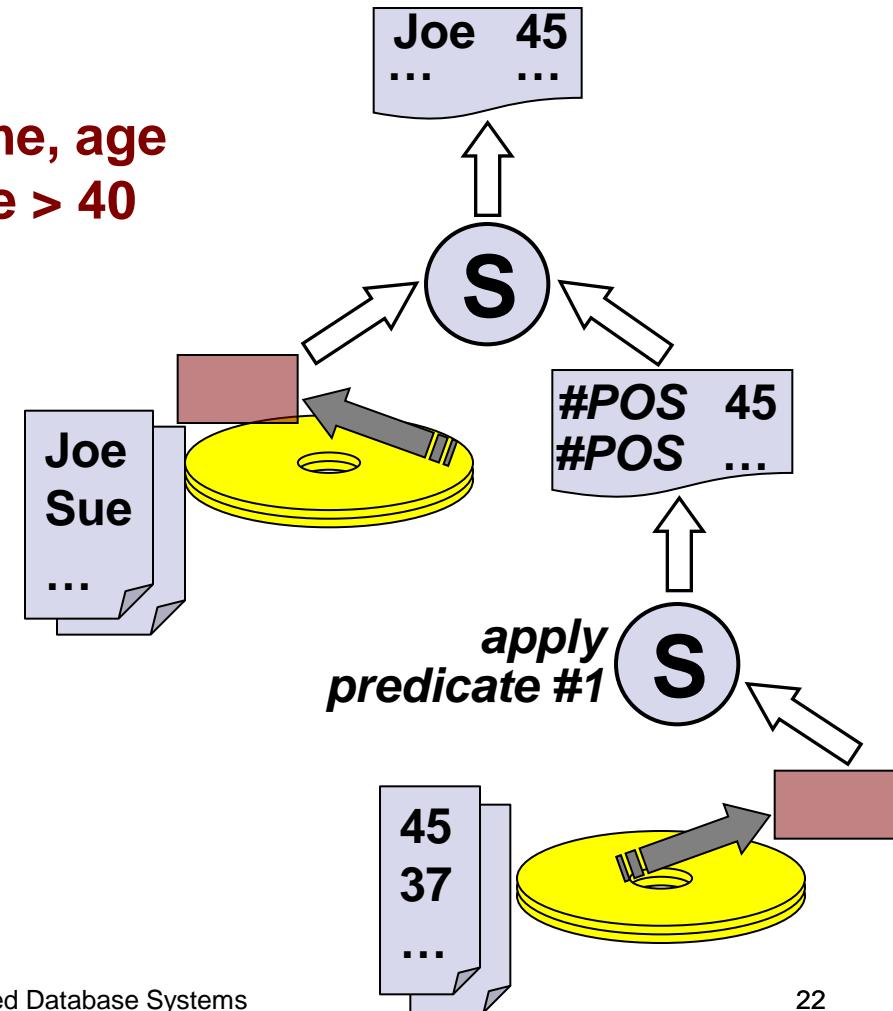
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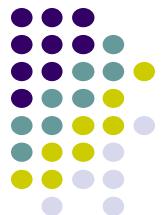


row scanner



column scanner

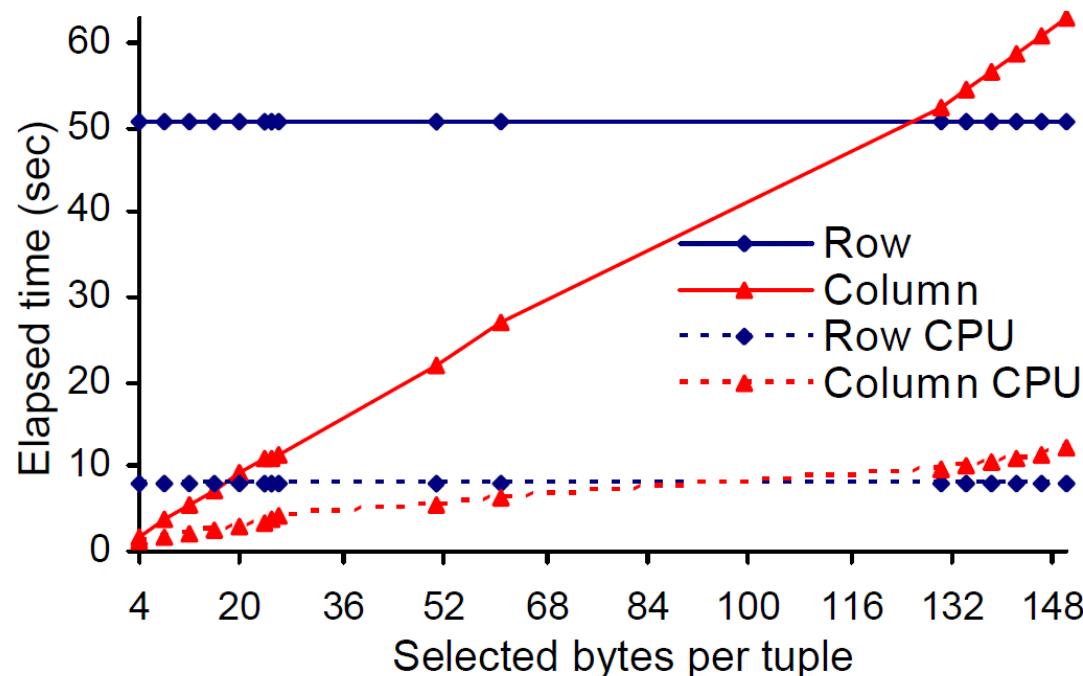


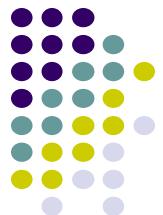


# Scan performance

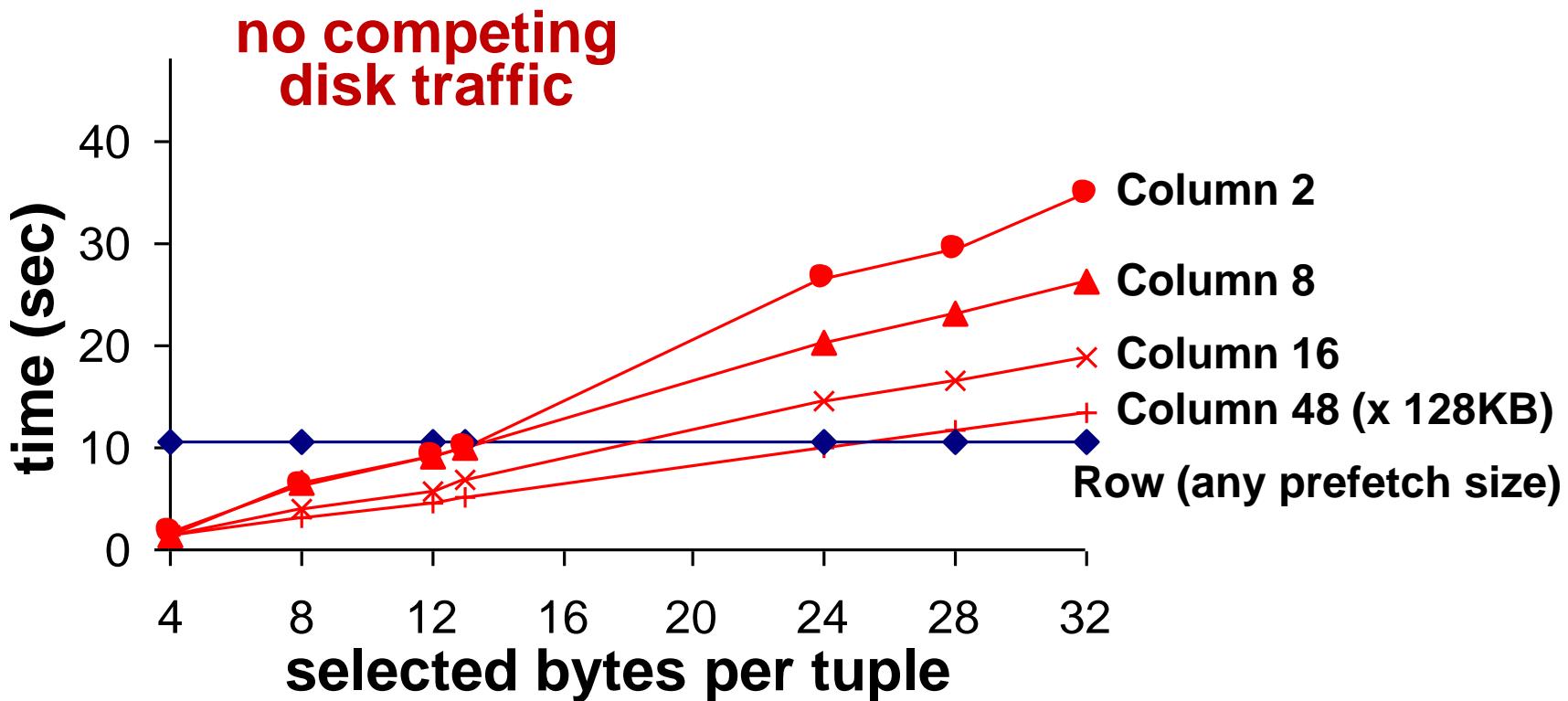
- Large prefetch hides disk seeks in columns
- Column-CPU efficiency with lower selectivity
- Row-CPU suffers from memory stalls
- Memory stalls disappear in narrow tuples
- Compression: similar to narrow

not shown,  
details in the paper





# Varying prefetch size

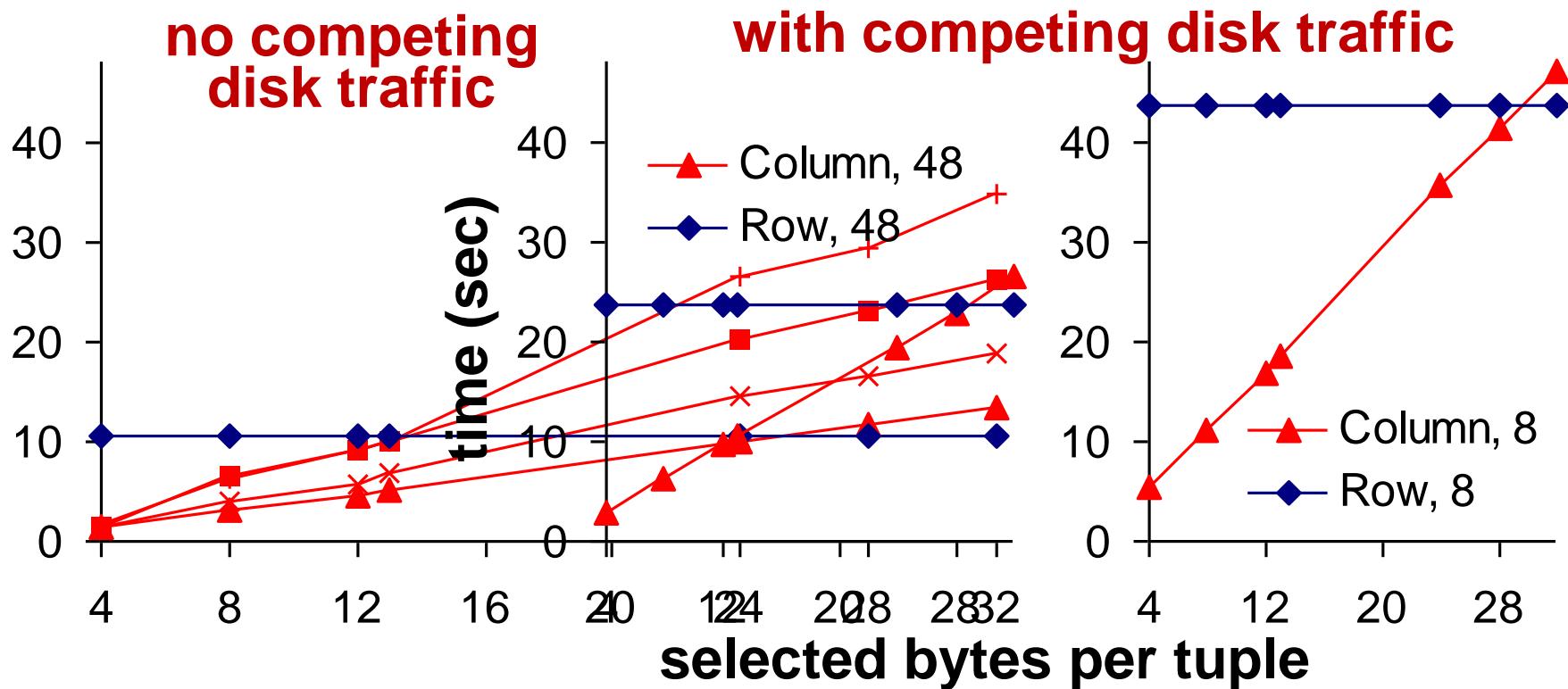


- No prefetching hurts columns in single scans





# Varying prefetch size



- No prefetching hurts columns in single scans
- Under competing traffic, columns outperform rows for any prefetch size





# CPU Performance

“DSM vs. NSM: CPU performance tradeoffs in block-oriented query processing” Boncz, Zukowski, Nes, DaMoN’08

- Playing field: in-flight tuples, regardless input storage
  - How is data stored in temporary in-memory buffers?
- Idea: on-the-fly conversion between NSM and DSM
  - Insert data storage conversion operators

Convert the entire in-flight tuple, or part of it

- Effectively hybrid layout
- Should be planned by query optimizer
  - “data layout planning”

Winners:

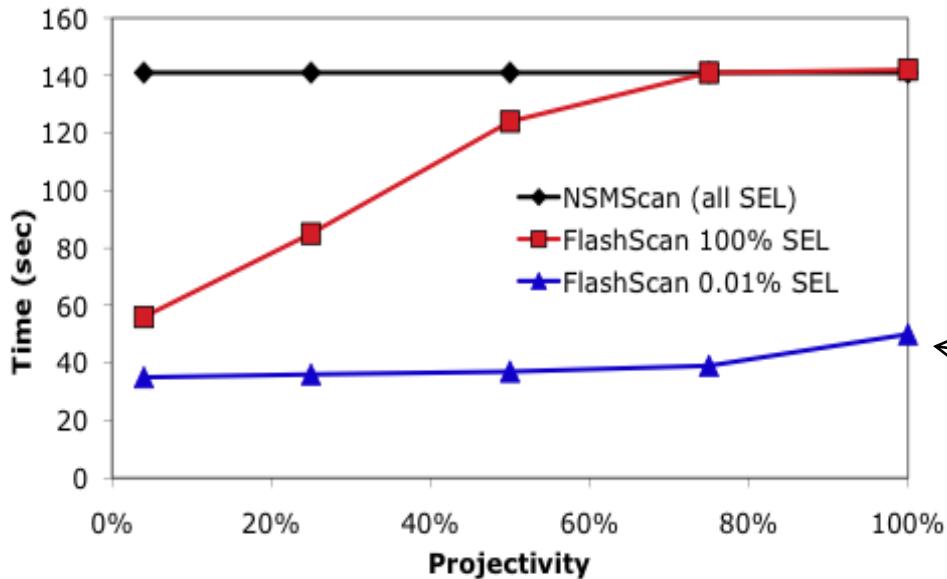
- DSM: sequential access (block fits in L2), random in L1
- NSM: random access, SIMD for grouped Aggregation





# Even faster column scans on flash SSDs

- New-generation SSDs
  - Very fast random reads, slower random writes
  - Fast sequential RW, comparable to HDD arrays
- No expensive seeks across columns
- FlashScan and Flashjoin: PAX on SSDs, inside Postgres



“Query Processing Techniques for Solid State Drives” Tsirgiannis, Harizopoulos, Shah, Wiener, Graefe, SIGMOD’09

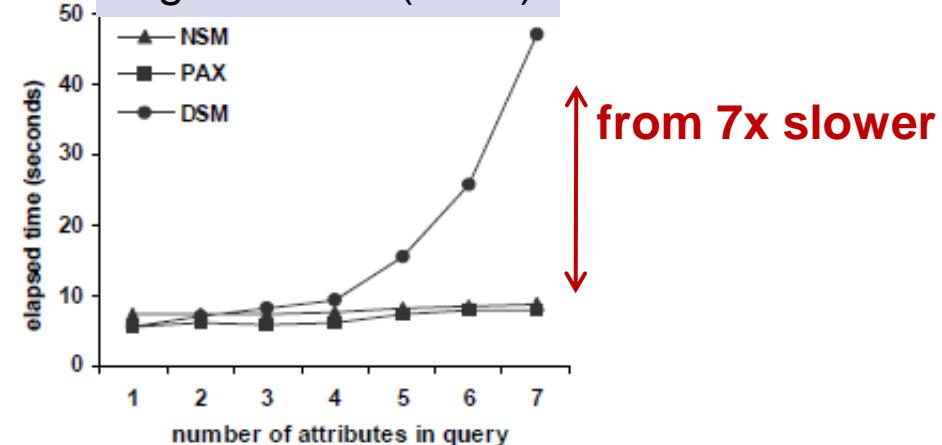
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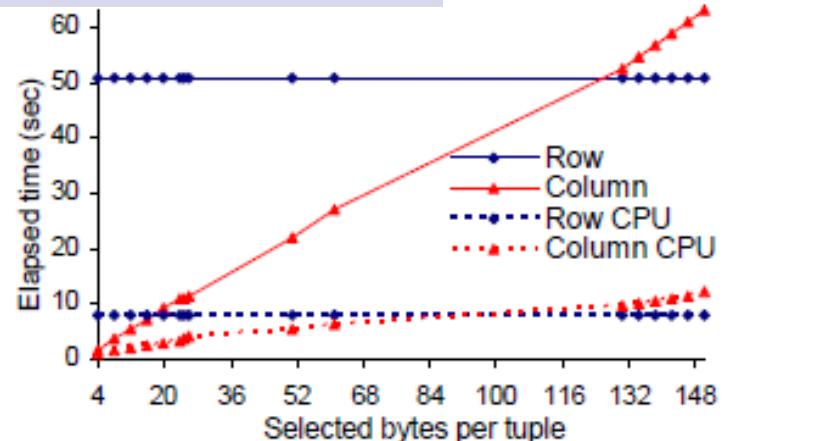
# Column-scan performance over time

regular DSM (2001)



from 7x slower

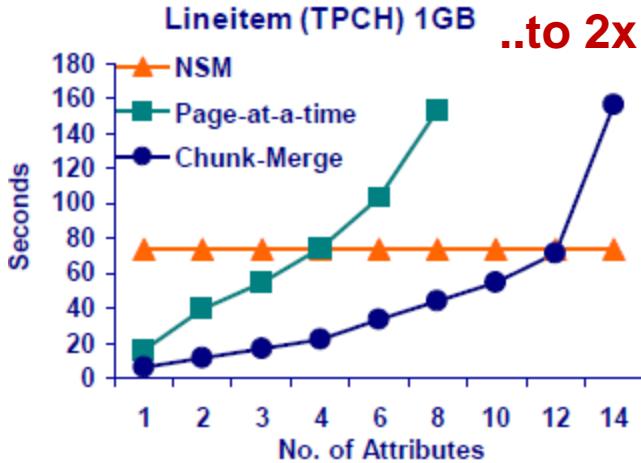
column-store (2006)



..to 1.2x slower

Lineitem (TPCH) 1GB

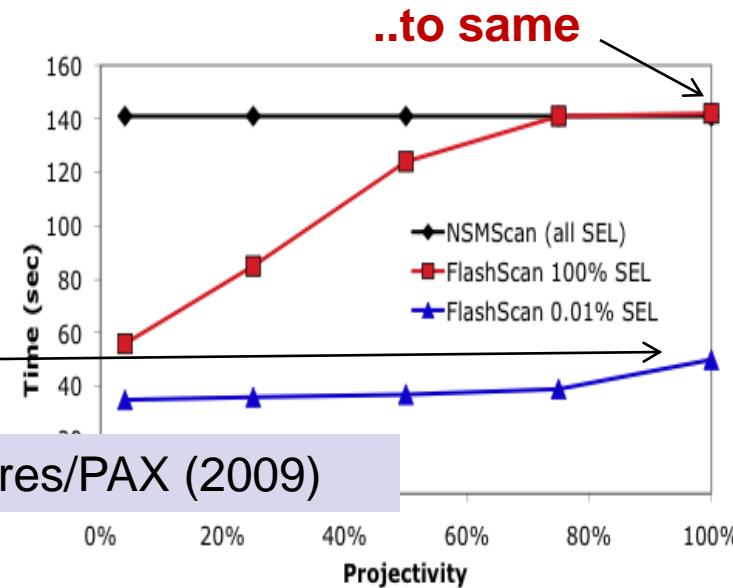
..to 2x slower



optimized DSM (2002)

and 3x faster!

SSD Postgres/PAX (2009)





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# Architecture of a column-store

## storage layout

- read-optimized: dense-packed, compressed
- organize in extends, batch updates
- multiple sort orders
- sparse indexes

## system-level

- system-wide column support
- loading / **updates**
- scaling through multiple nodes
- **transactions** / redundancy

## engine

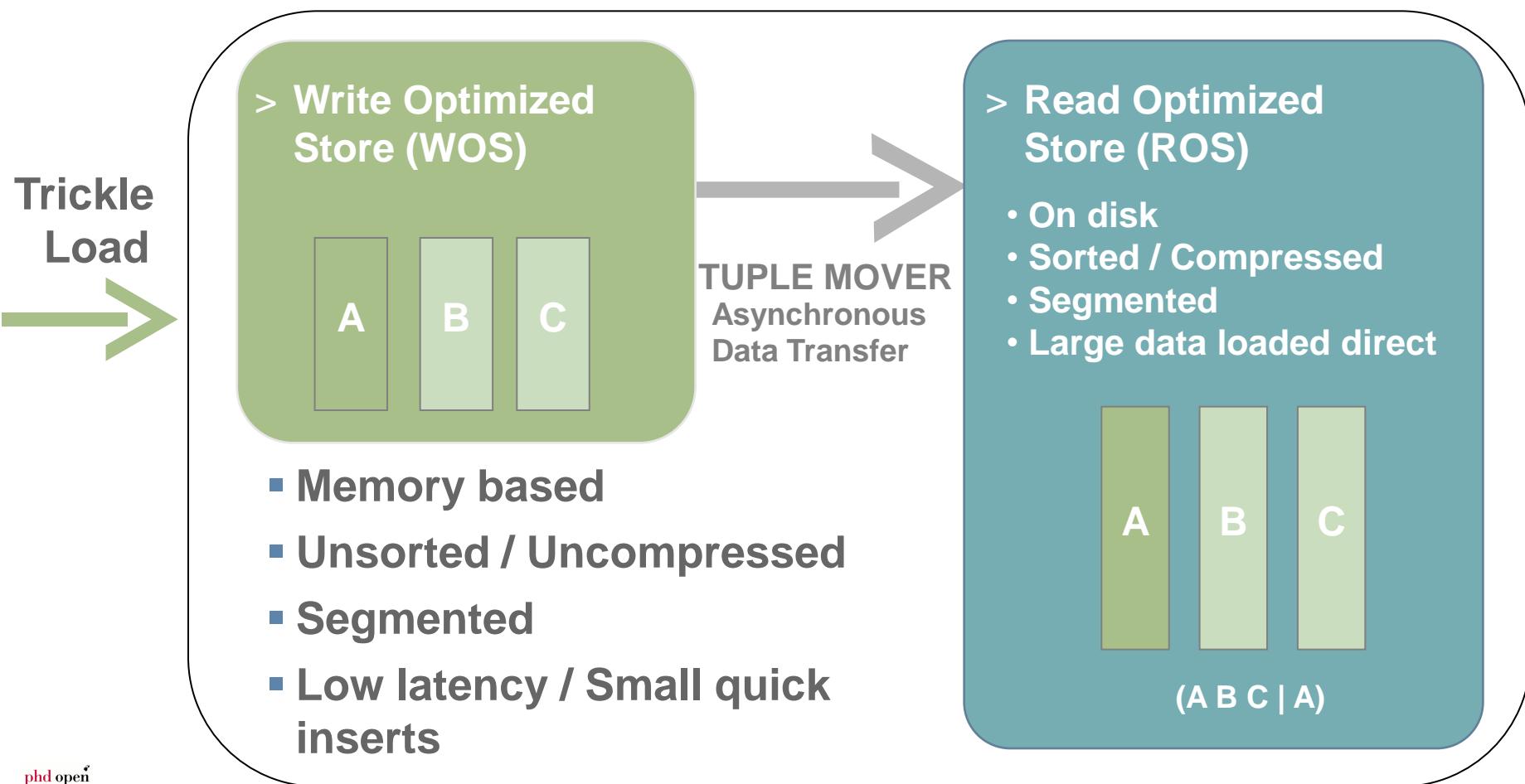
- **block-tuple operators**
  - new access methods
- work on compressed data**
- optimized relational operators





# Continuous Load and Query (Vertica)

## Hybrid Storage Architecture





# Differential Updates in Column Stores

- Problem Definition:
  - A table T is kept **ordered** on a sortkey SK
    - table is stored column-wise, compressed
  - Keep updates (INS,MOD,DEL) in a differential structure
    - “write store”, in C-Store/Vertica
- Questions:
  - What data structures/algorithms to use for updates?
  - How are read-only queries impacted?
    - Must **merge** differential structure with base table
  - Maximal update throughput that can be sustained?
    - Given constraints on
      - RAM for differences
      - IO bandwidth
      - per-modification memory cost
  - ➔ Currently viable approach for many scenarios





# Value-based Delta Tables (VDTs)

- How is the row-store organized?

- Simple approach:

- INS(C1..Cn) table
  - Keeps full record
- DEL(SK1..SKm)
  - Only stores keys of deleted tuples
- Modifications are DEL+INS

SQL:    T=inventory    SK=[store,prod]

```
SELECT * FROM ins
UNION (SELECT * FROM inventory WHERE NOT EXISTS
(SELECT * FROM del
WHERE inventory.store = del.store AND
inventory.prod = del.prod))
```

Physical Relational Algebra:

```
MergeUnion[store,prod](Scan(ins),
MergeDiff[store,prod](Scan(inventory),Scan(del)))
```

Problem: overhead on queries

- Always a MergeUnion (and MergeDiff) → CPU cost
- Union/Diff need the SKs
  - Many queries do not need these by themselves
  - Now the column-store must do IO for them anyway ☹





# Positional Updates

Remember the **position** of an update rather than its SK

- less CPU cost (especially in block-oriented processing)
  - Scan passes tuples through unmodified until the next modification position
- no need to scan SK columns

SID	store	prod	new	qty	RID
0	London	chair	N	30	0
1	London	stool	N	10	1
2	London	table	N	20	2
3	Paris	rug	N	1	3
4	Paris	stool	N	5	4

Figure 1: TABLE<sub>0</sub>

the SK=(store,prod) so inserts go “in between”!!

```
INSERT INTO inventory  
VALUES ('Berlin', 'table', 'Y', 10)  
INSERT INTO inventory  
VALUES ('Berlin', 'cloth', 'Y', .5)  
INSERT INTO inventory  
VALUES ('Berlin', 'chair', 'Y', 20)
```

Figure 2: BATCH<sub>1</sub>

SID	store	prod	new	qty	RID
0	Berlin	chair	Y	20	0
0	Berlin	cloth	Y	5	1
0	Berlin	table	Y	10	2
0	London	chair	N	30	3
1	London	stool	N	10	5
2	London	table	N	20	4
3	Paris	rug	N	1	6
4	Paris	stool	N	5	7

TABLE<sub>x</sub> = state of TABLE at time x

SID(t)=StableID=position of tuple t in columns=RID<sub>0</sub>(t) ← Stable

RID<sub>x</sub>(t) = RowID of tuple t at time x ← HIGHLY VOLATILE!!

Figure 5: TABLE<sub>1</sub>





# RIDs and SIDs

TABLE $\tau$  = state of TABLE at time  $\tau$

SID( $t$ )=StableID=position of tuple  $t$  in columns=RID<sub>0</sub>( $t$ )  $\leftarrow$  Stable

RID $\tau$ ( $t$ ) = RowID of tuple  $t$  at time  $\tau$   $\leftarrow$  HIGHLY VOLATILE!!

The difference between RID and SID:

$$\Delta_{t_2}^{t_1}(\tau) = \text{RID}(\tau)_{t_2} - \text{RID}(\tau)_{t_1} \quad (2)$$

which in the common case when we have one PDT on top of the stable table ( $t_1 = 0$ ) is RID minus SID:<sup>3</sup>

$$\Delta_t(\tau) = \text{RID}(\tau)_t - \text{SID}(\tau) \quad (3)$$

If we define the SK-based Table time-wise difference as:

$$\text{MINUS}_{t_2}^{t_1} = \{\tau \in \text{TABLE}_{t_1} : \nexists \gamma \in \text{TABLE}_{t_2} : \tau.\text{SK} = \gamma.\text{SK}\} \quad (4)$$

then we can compute  $\Delta$  as the number of inserts minus the number of deletes before  $\tau$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{t_2}^{t_1}(\tau) &= |\{\gamma \in \text{MINUS}_{t_1}^{t_2} : \text{RID}(\gamma)_{t_2} < \text{RID}(\tau)_{t_2}\}| - \\ &\quad |\{\gamma \in \text{MINUS}_{t_2}^{t_1} : \text{SID}(\gamma) < \text{SID}(\tau)\}| \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$





# Enter Positional Delta Trees

- A counting B-Tree that keeps track of cumulative tuple shifts
- DIFF<sup>ta\_tb</sup> maintains a monotonic mapping between RID<sub>x</sub>(ta) and RID<sub>y</sub>(tb)
- DIFF = (PDT, VALS), VALS = value space
- Merge Operator  $\leftarrow$  used by each query to get up-to-date table

$$\text{TABLE}_{t_2} = \text{TABLE}_{t_1}.\text{Merge}(\text{DIFF}_{t_2}^{t_1}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Aligned}(\text{DIFF}_{t_b}^{t_a}, \text{DIFF}_{t_d}^{t_c}) \Leftrightarrow t_a = t_c$$

$$\text{Consecutive}(\text{DIFF}_{t_b}^{t_a}, \text{DIFF}_{t_d}^{t_c}) \Leftrightarrow t_b = t_c$$

$$\text{Overlapping}(\text{DIFF}_{t_b}^{t_a}, \text{DIFF}_{t_d}^{t_c}) \Leftrightarrow t_a < t_d \leq t_b \vee t_c < t_b \leq t_d$$





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	SID	store	prod	new	qty	RID	
SI	0	Berlin	chair	Y	20	0	INSERT INTO inventory
	0	Berlin	cloth	Y	1	1	VALUES ('Paris','rack','Y',4)
	0	London	chair	N	30	2	INSERT INTO inventory
	1	London	stool	N	9	3	VALUES ('London','rack','Y',4)
	2	London	table	N	20	4	INSERT INTO inventory
	3	Paris	rug	N	1	5	VALUES ('Berlin','rack','Y',4)
	4	Paris	stool	N	5	5	

Figure 9: TABLE<sub>2</sub>

Figure 10: BATCH<sub>3</sub>

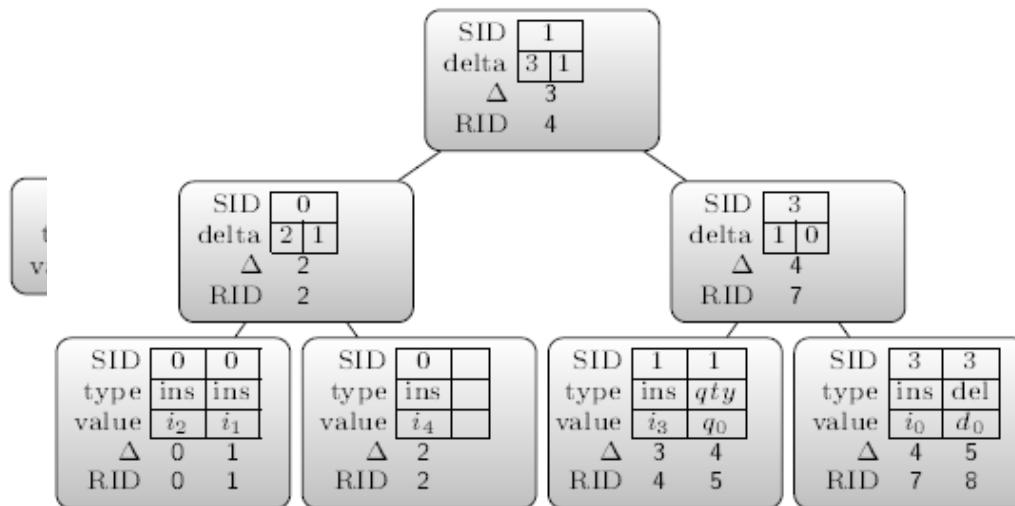
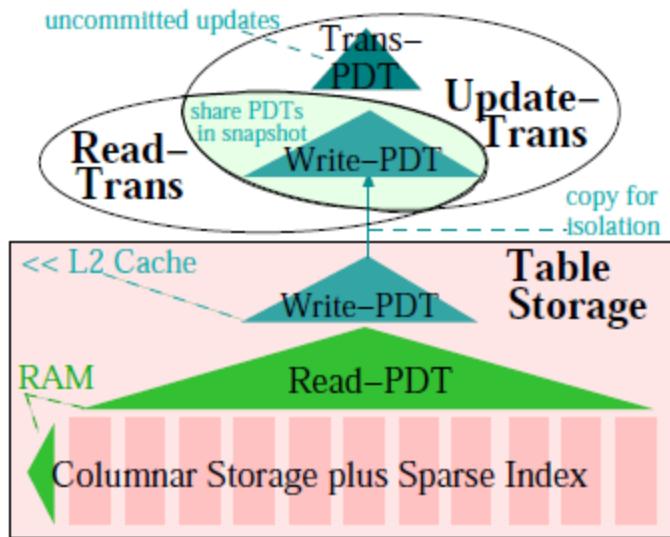


Figure 11: PDT<sub>3</sub> with annotated  $\Delta$ , RID = SID +  $\Delta$   
Column-Oriented Database Systems





# PDT-based Transactions



: Snapshot Isolation with Layered PDTs

- Propagate( $\text{PDT}^{\wedge t_2 \_ t_1}, \text{PDT}^{\wedge t_3 \_ t_2}$ )
  - Requires **Consecutive** PDTs
- Serialize( $\text{PDT}^{\wedge t_2 \_ t_0}, \text{PDT}^{\wedge t_3 \_ t_1}$ ) →  $\text{PDT}^{\wedge t_3 \_ t_2}$ 
  - Makes **Overlapping PDTs Aligned**
  - **May Fail!!** → transactional conflict detection

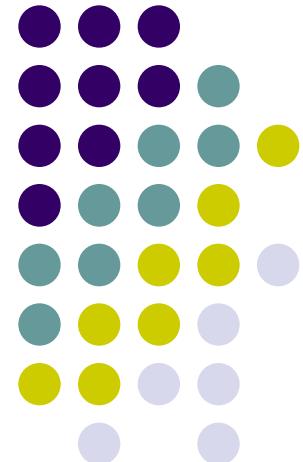




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# Column-Oriented Database Systems

## Compression



“Super-Scalar RAM-CPU Cache Compression”

Zukowski, Heman, Nes, Boncz, ICDE’06

“Integrating Compression and Execution in Column-

Oriented Database Systems” Abadi, Madden, and

Ferreira, SIGMOD ’06

•Query optimization in compressed database systems” Chen, Gehrke, Korn, SIGMOD’01

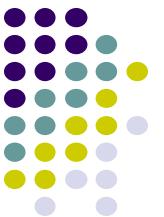




# Compression

- Trades I/O for CPU
- Increased column-store opportunities:
  - Higher data value locality in column stores
  - Techniques such as run length encoding far more useful
  - Can use extra space to store multiple copies of data in different sort orders





# Run-length Encoding

Quarter Product ID Price

Q1	1	5
Q1	1	7
Q1	1	2
Q1	1	9
Q1	1	6
Q1	2	8
Q1	2	5
...	...	...

Q2	1	3
Q2	1	8
Q2	1	1
Q2	2	4
...	...	...



Quarter

(value, start_pos, run_length)
(Q1, 1, 300)
(Q2, 301, 350)
(Q3, 651, 500)
(Q4, 1151, 600)

Product ID Price

(value, start_pos, run_length)
(1, 1, 5)
(2, 6, 2)
...
(1, 301, 3)
(2, 304, 1)
...

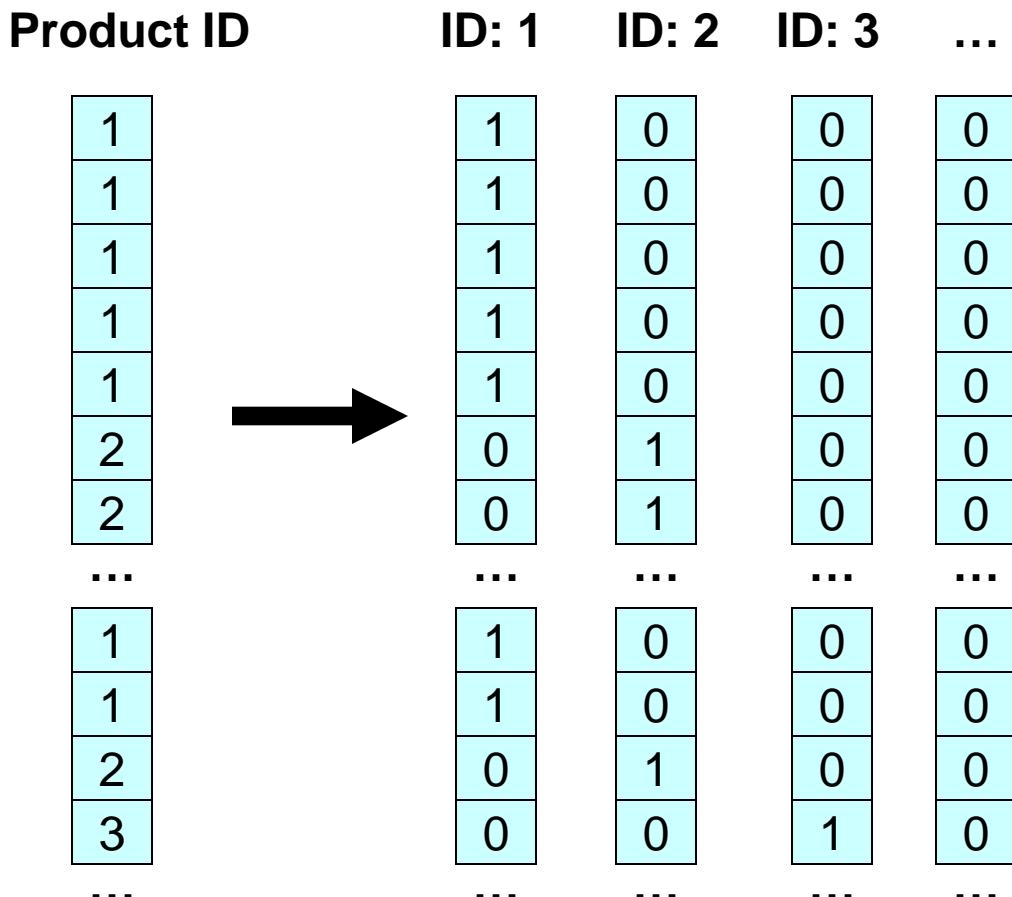
3
8
1
4
...





# Bit-vector Encoding

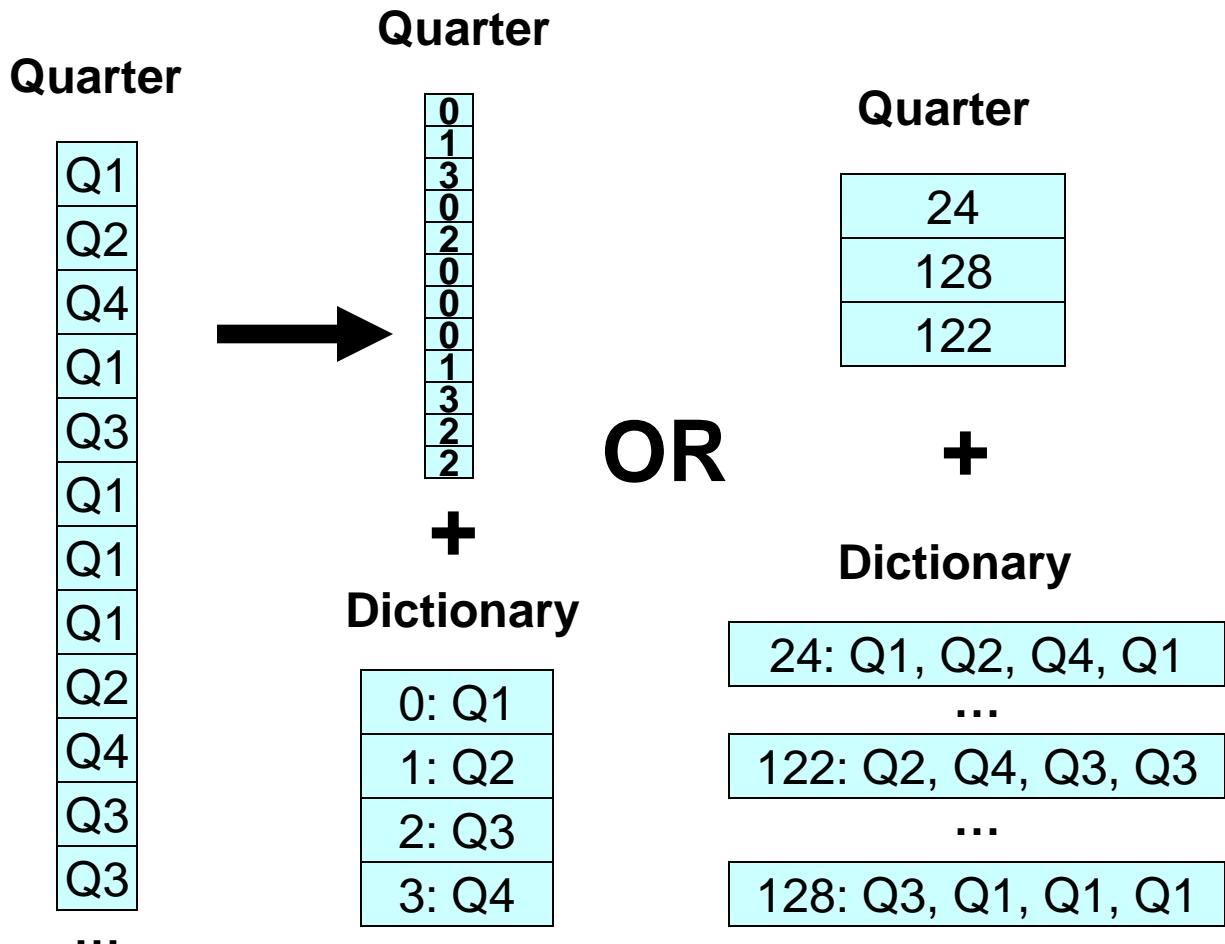
- For each unique value,  $v$ , in column  $c$ , create bit-vector  $b$ 
  - $b[i] = 1$  if  $c[i] = v$
- Good for columns with few unique values
- Each bit-vector can be further compressed if sparse





# Dictionary Encoding

- For each unique value create dictionary entry
- Dictionary can be per-block or per-column
- Column-stores have the advantage that dictionary entries may encode multiple values at once

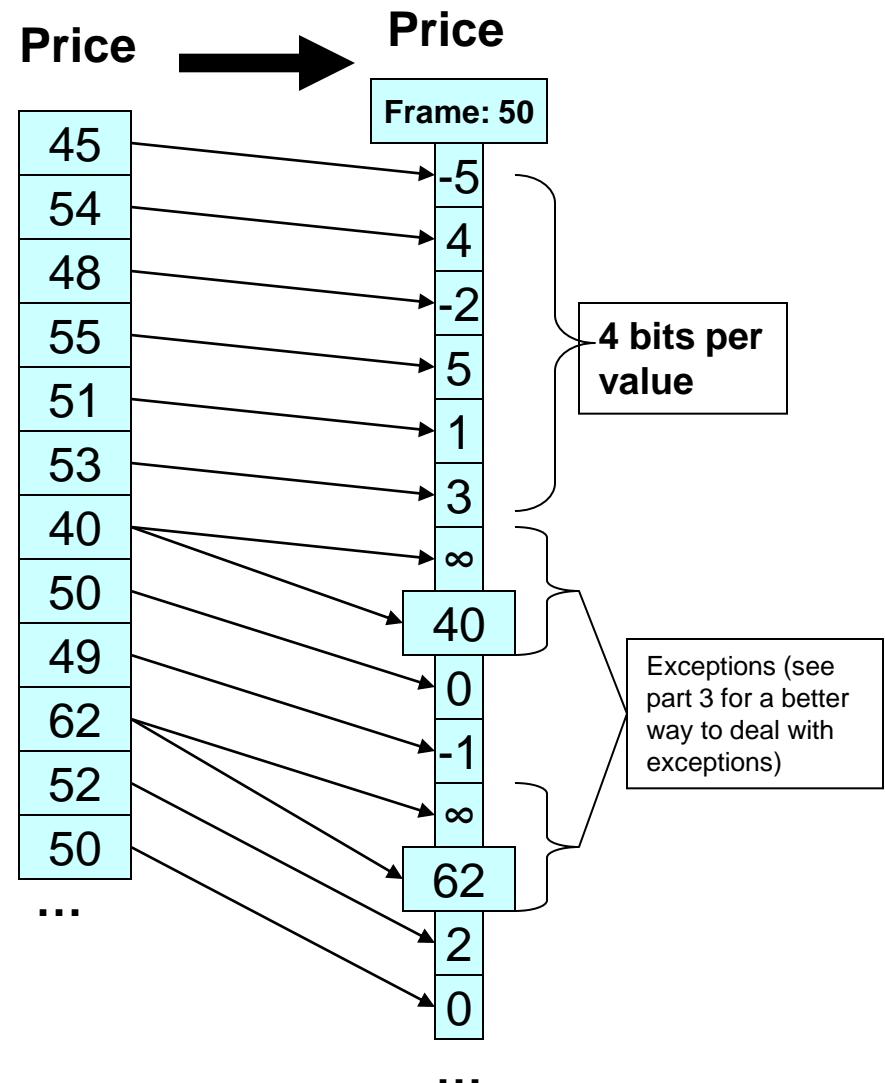




# Frame Of Reference Encoding

- Encodes values as b bit offset from chosen frame of reference
- Special escape code (e.g. all bits set to 1) indicates a difference larger than can be stored in b bits
  - After escape code, original (uncompressed) value is written

“Compressing Relations and Indexes” Goldstein, Ramakrishnan, Shaft, ICDE’98

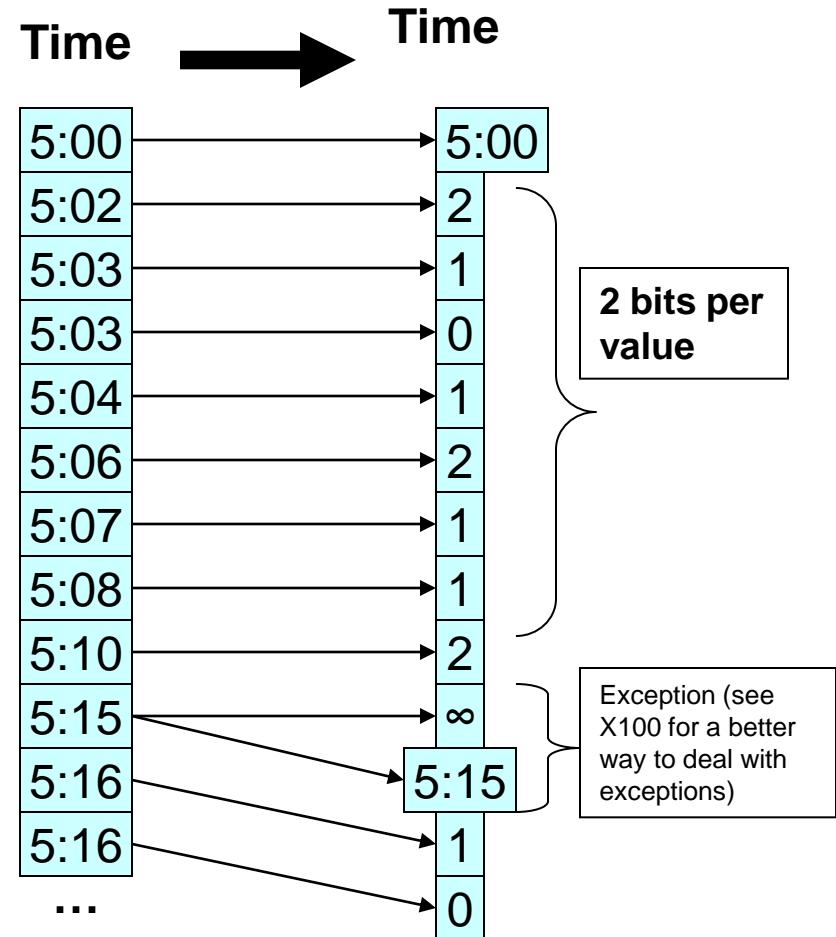




# Differential Encoding

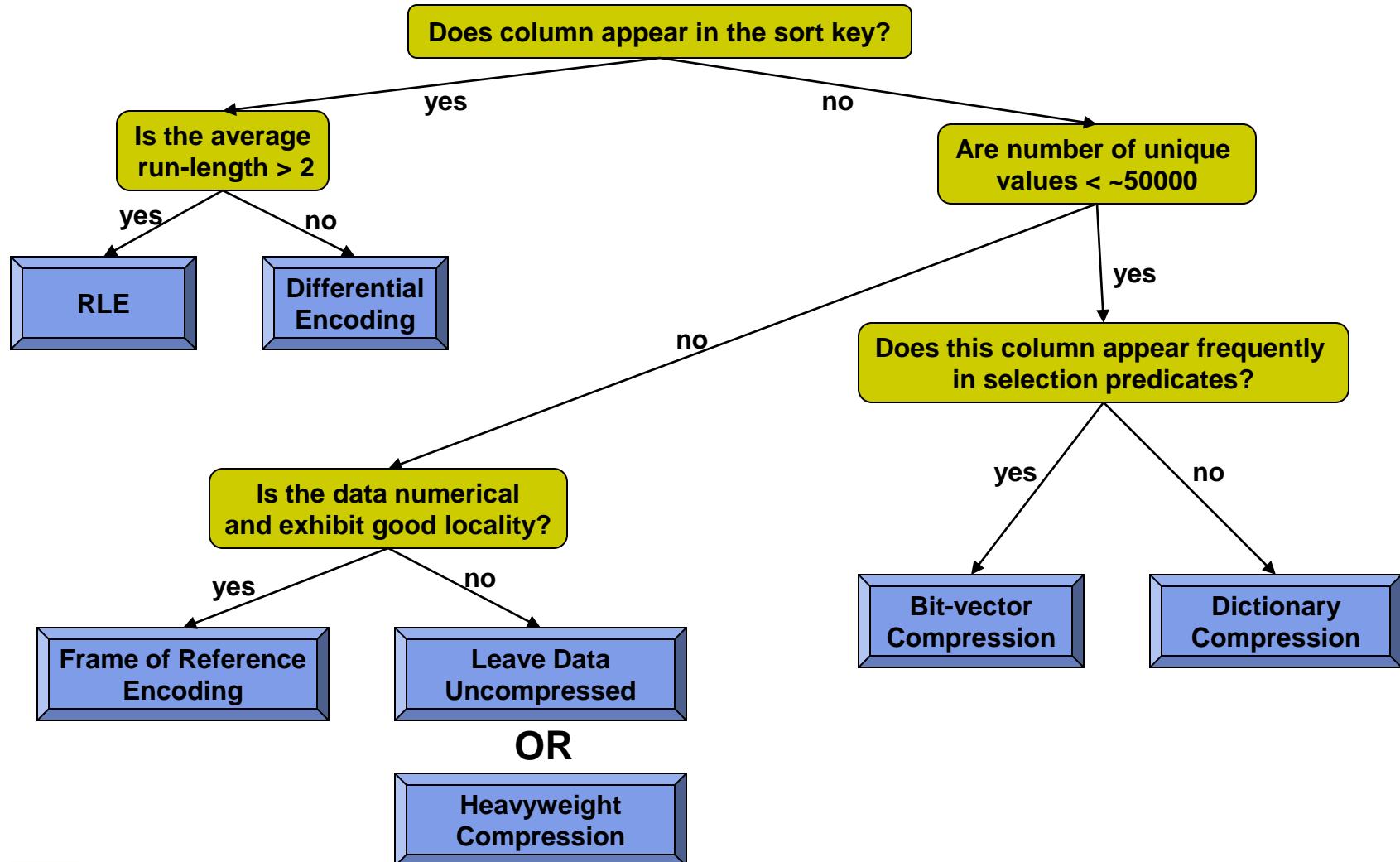
- Encodes values as b bit offset from previous value
- Special escape code (just like frame of reference encoding) indicates a difference larger than can be stored in b bits
  - After escape code, original (uncompressed) value is written
- Performs well on columns containing increasing/decreasing sequences
  - inverted lists
  - timestamps
  - object IDs
  - sorted / clustered columns

“Improved Word-Aligned Binary Compression for Text Indexing”  
Ahn, Moffat, TKDE’06





# What Compression Scheme To Use?





# Heavy-Weight Compression Schemes

Algorithm	Decompression Bandwidth
BZIP	10 MB/s
ZLIB	80 MB/s
LZO	300 MB/s

- Modern disk arrays can achieve > 1GB/s
- 1/3 CPU for decompression → 3GB/s needed
  - **Lightweight compression schemes are better**
  - **Even better: operate directly on compressed data**

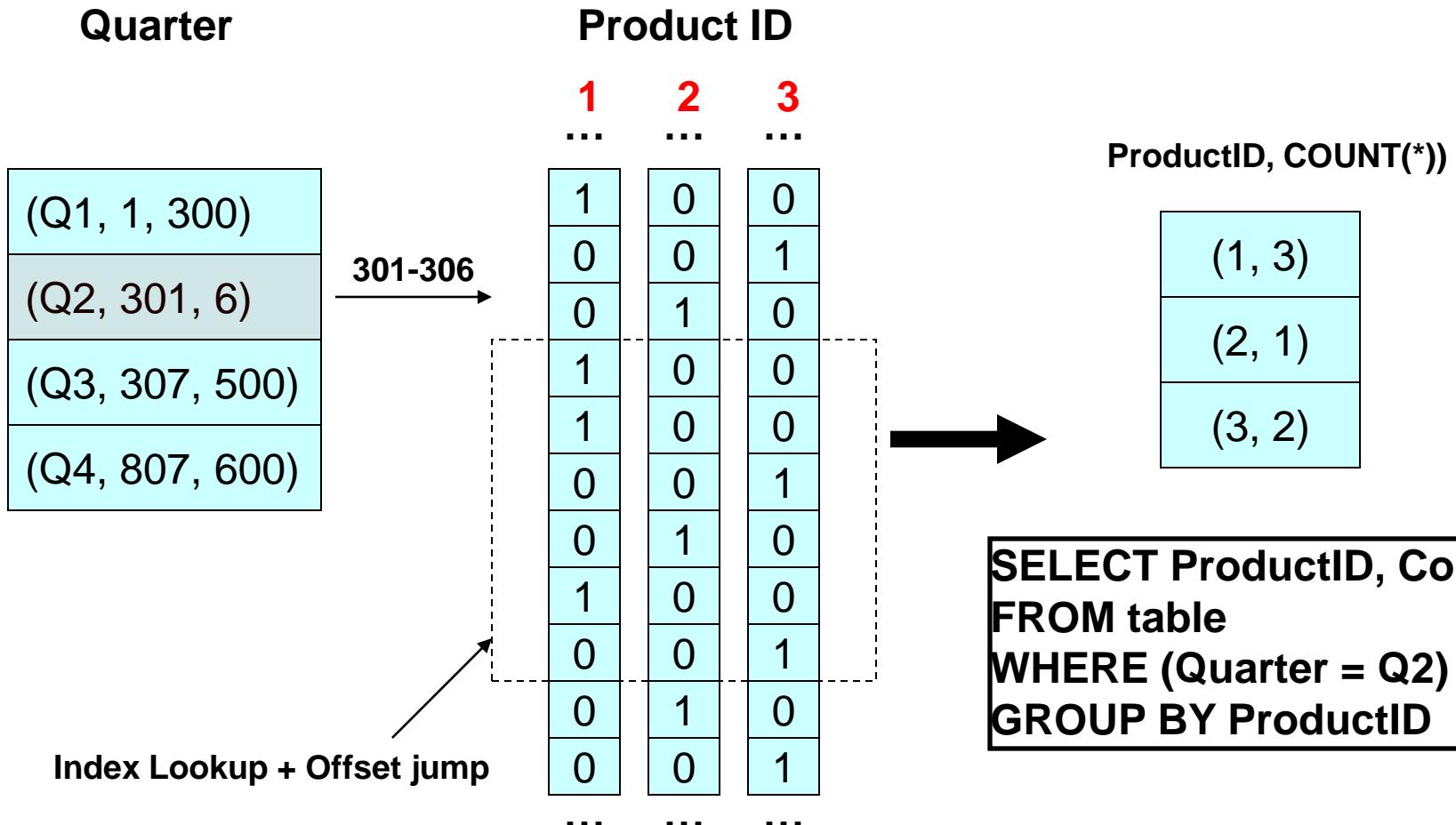


# Operating Directly on Compressed Data

- I/O - CPU tradeoff is no longer a tradeoff
- Reduces memory–CPU bandwidth requirements
- Opens up possibility of operating on multiple records at once

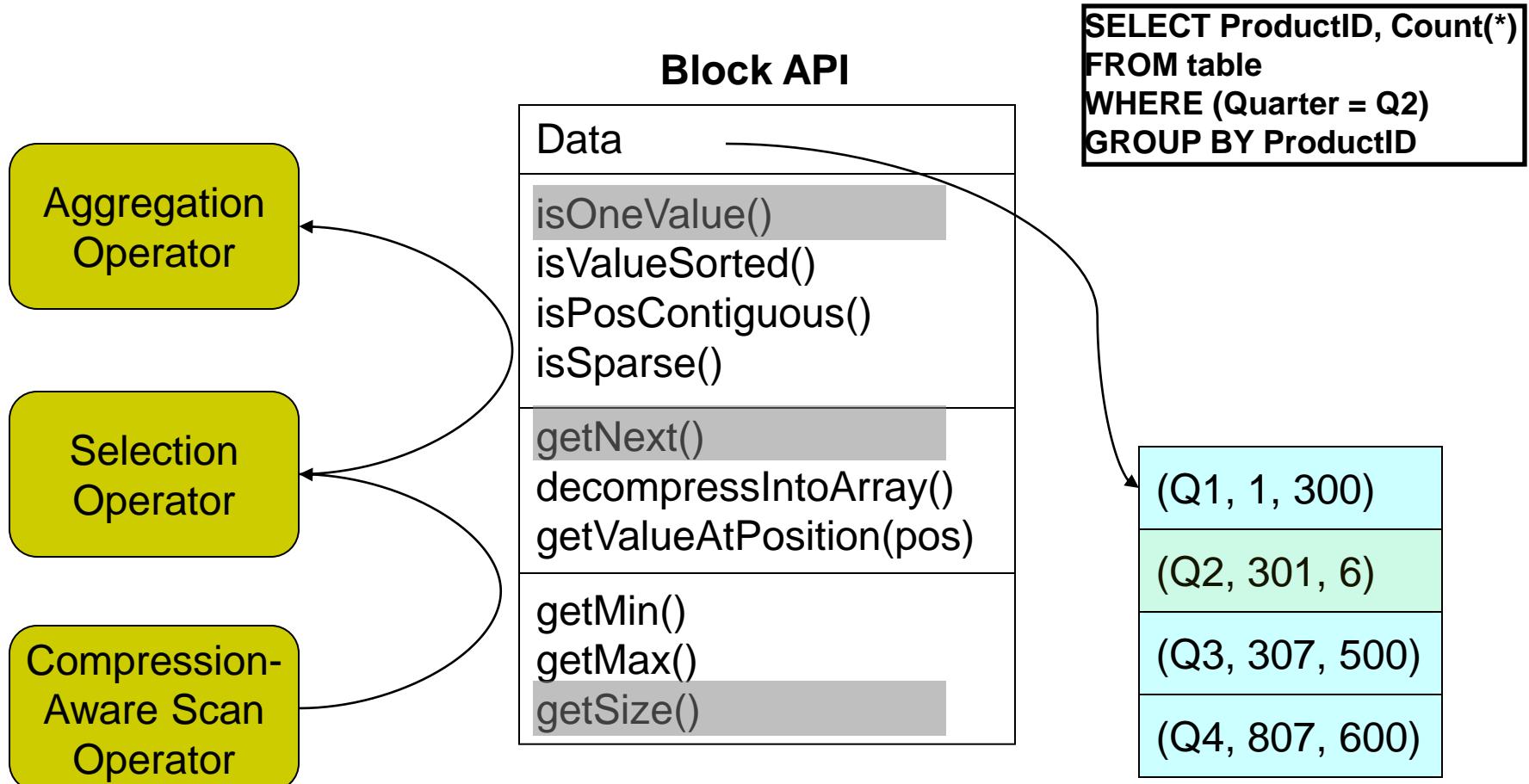


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# Column-Oriented Database Systems

## Tuple Materialization and Column-Oriented Join Algorithms

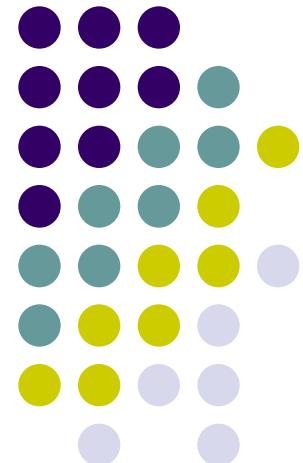
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“Self-organizing tuple reconstruction in column-stores”, Idreos, Manegold, Kersten, SIGMOD 2009

“Column-Stores vs Row-Stores: How Different are They Really?” Abadi, Madden, and Hachem. SIGMOD 2008.

“Query Processing Techniques for Solid State Drives” Tsirogiannis, Harizopoulos Shah, Wiener, and Graefe. SIGMOD 2009.

“Cache-Conscious Radix-Decluster Projections”, Manegold, Boncz, Nes, VLDB 2004





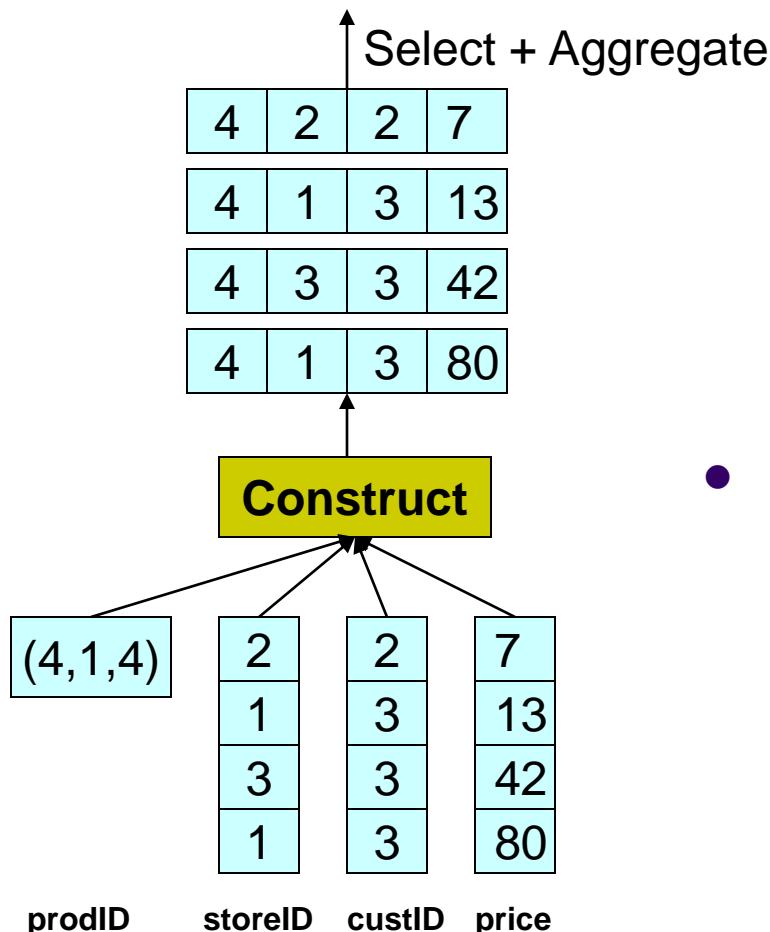
# When should columns be projected?

- Where should column projection operators be placed in a query plan?
  - Row-store:
    - Column projection involves removing unneeded columns from tuples
    - Generally done as early as possible
  - Column-store:
    - Operation is almost completely opposite from a row-store
    - Column projection involves reading needed columns from storage and extracting values for a listed set of tuples
      - This process is called “materialization”
    - **Early materialization:** project columns at beginning of query plan
      - Straightforward since there is a one-to-one mapping across columns
    - **Late materialization:** wait as long as possible for projecting columns
      - More complicated since selection and join operators on one column obfuscates mapping to other columns from same table
    - Most column-stores construct tuples and column projection time
      - Many database interfaces expect output in regular tuples (rows)
      - Rest of discussion will focus on this case





# When should tuples be constructed?



## QUERY:

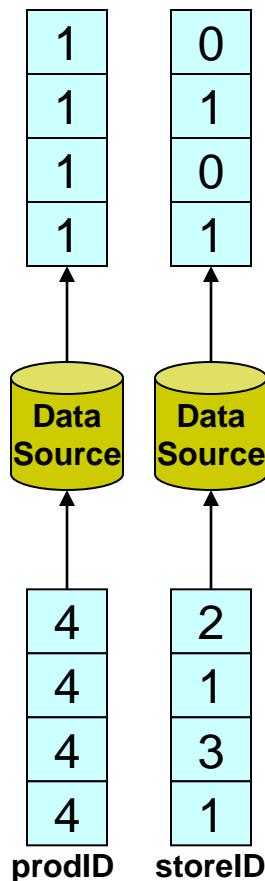
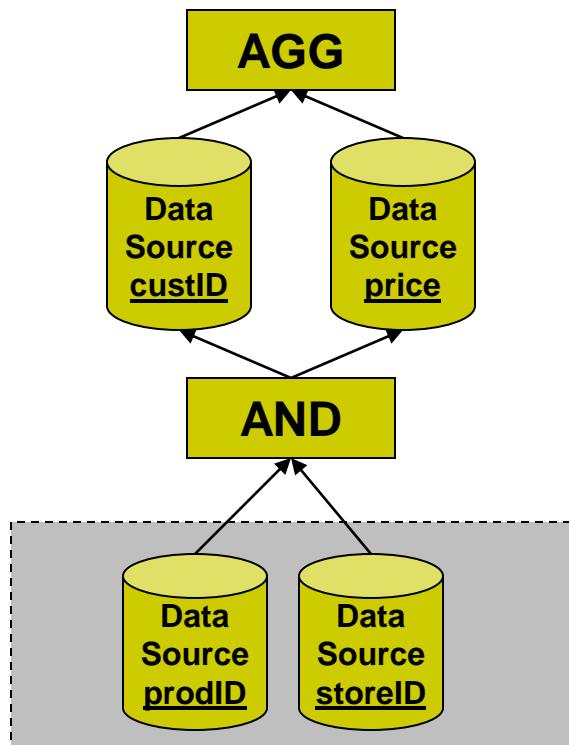
```
SELECT custID,SUM(price)  
FROM table  
WHERE (prodID = 4) AND  
      (storeID = 1) AND  
GROUP BY custID
```

- Solution 1: Create rows first (EM).  
But:
  - Need to construct ALL tuples
  - Need to decompress data
  - Poor memory bandwidth utilization





# Solution 2: Operate on columns



**QUERY:**

```

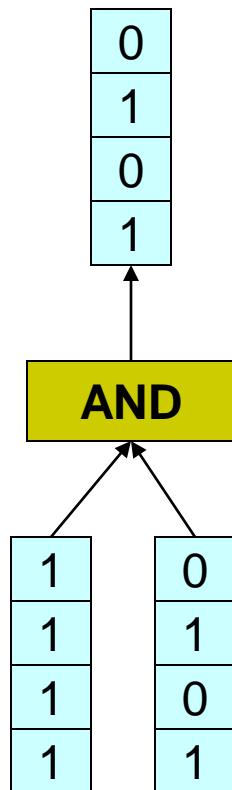
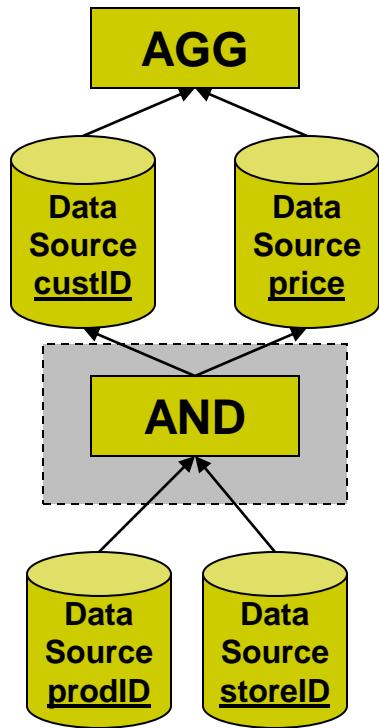
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WHERE (prodID = 4) AND
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      GROUP BY custID
  
```

prodID	storeID	custID	price
4	4	1	0
4	1	1	1
4	3	3	1
4	1	3	13
4	3	3	42
4	1	80	80





# Solution 2: Operate on columns



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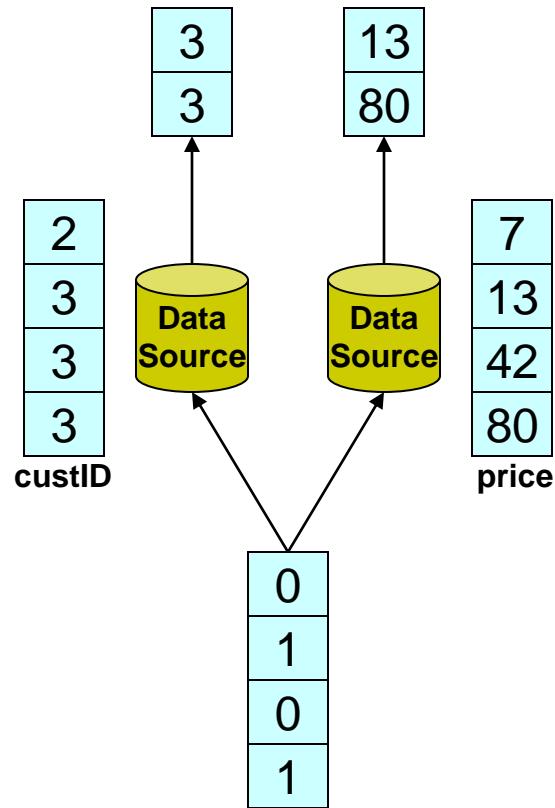
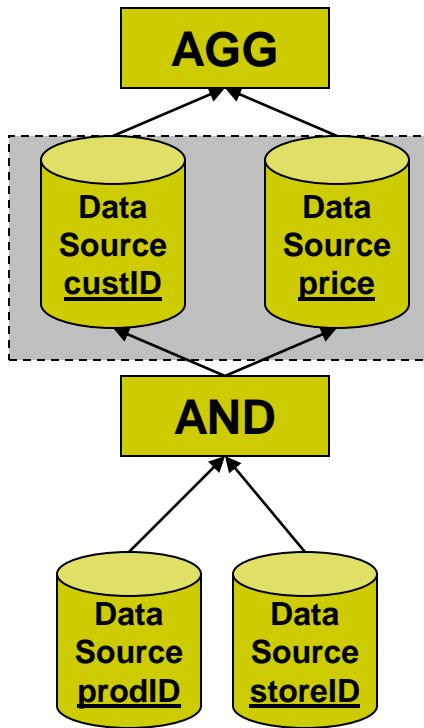
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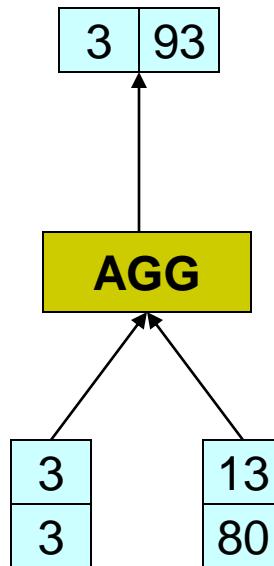
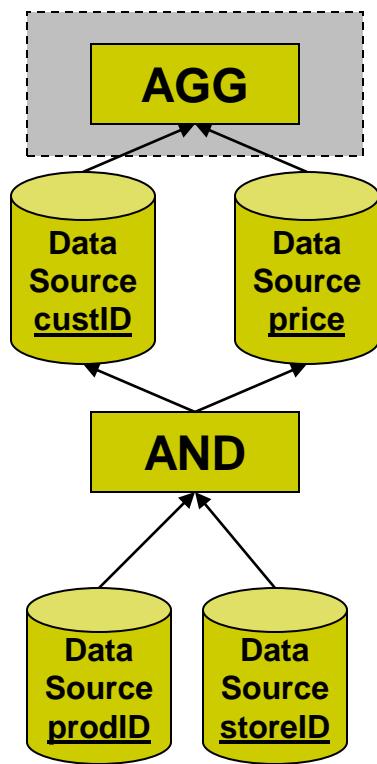
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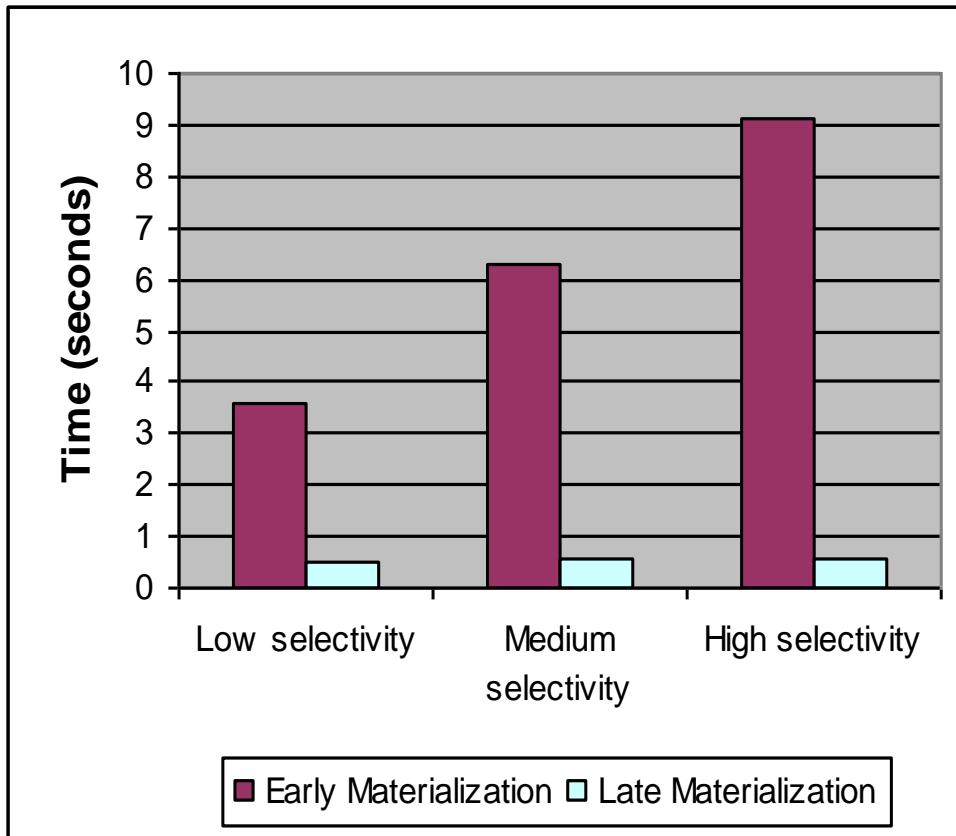
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# For plans without joins, late materialization is a win



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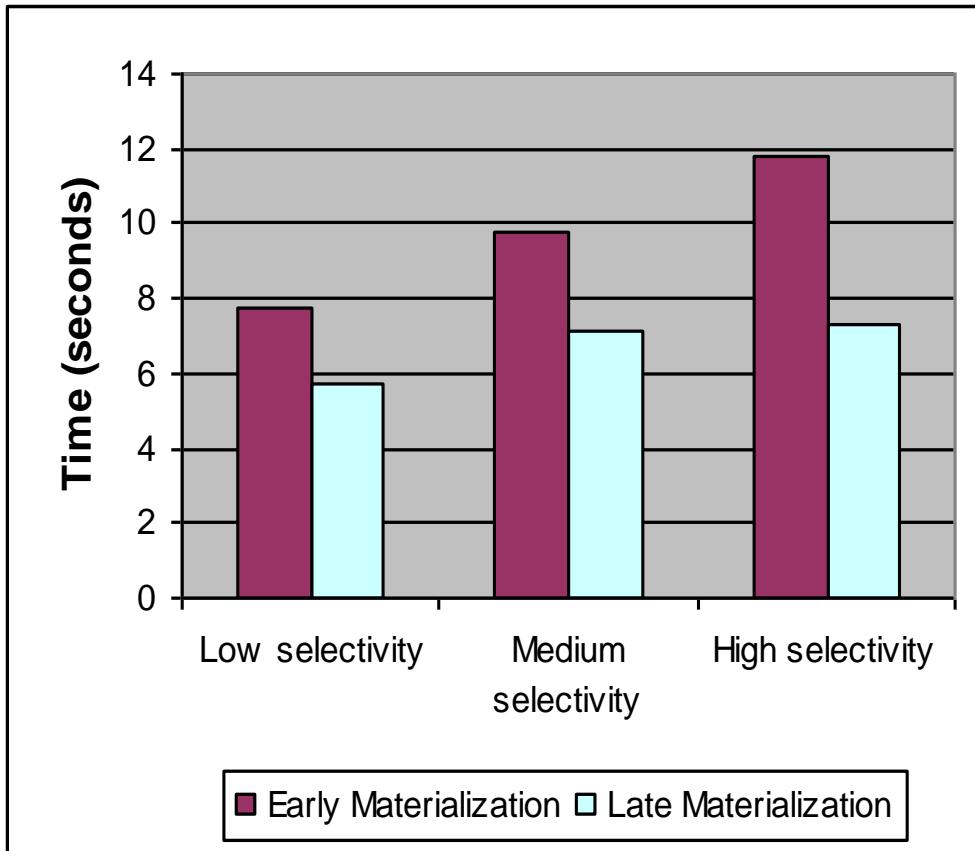
```
SELECT C1, SUM(C2)
FROM table
WHERE (C1 < CONST) AND
      (C2 < CONST)
GROUP BY C1
```

- Ran on 2 compressed columns from TPC-H scale 10 data





# Even on uncompressed data, late materialization is still a win



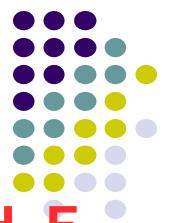
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```
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GROUP BY C1
```

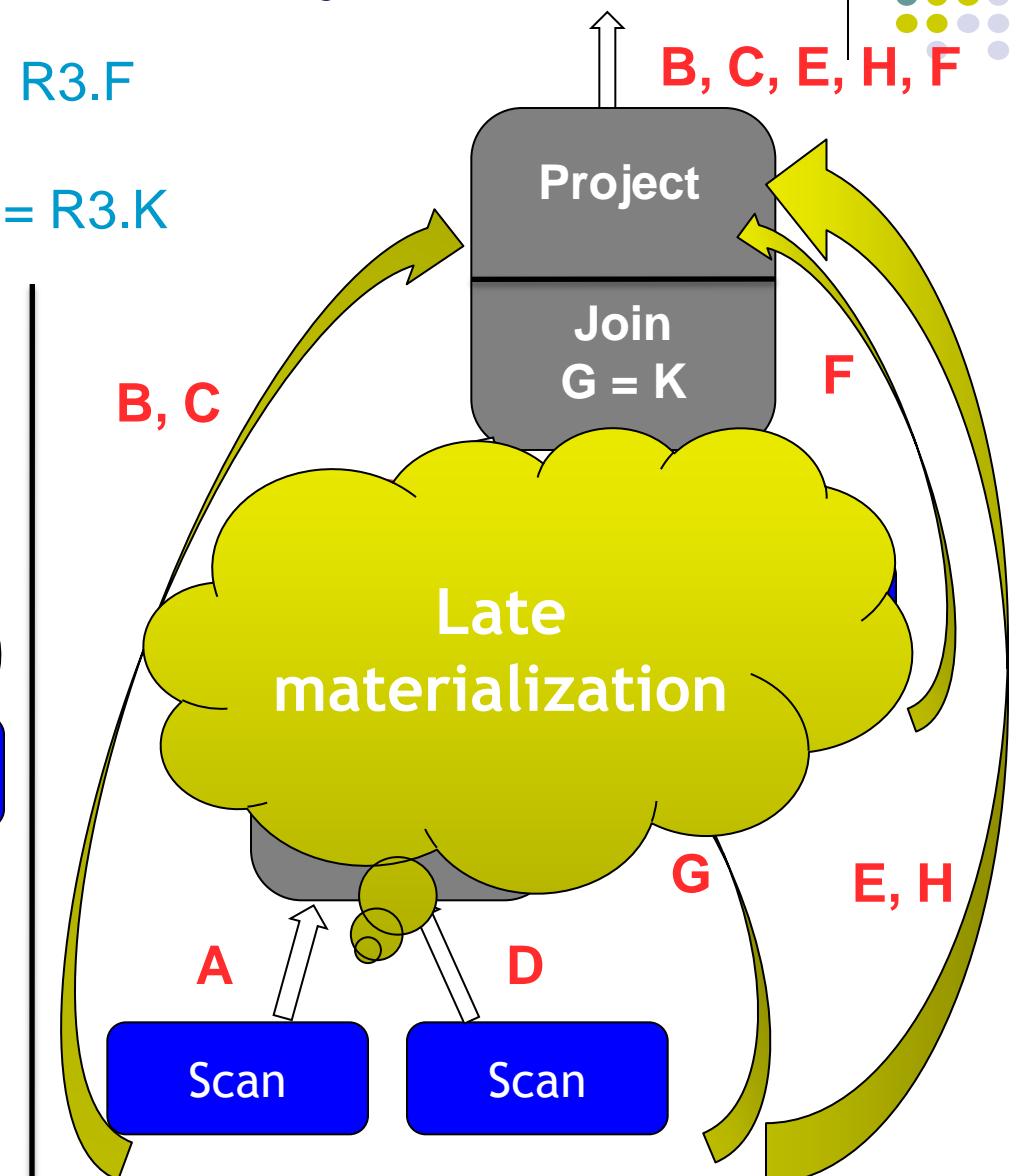
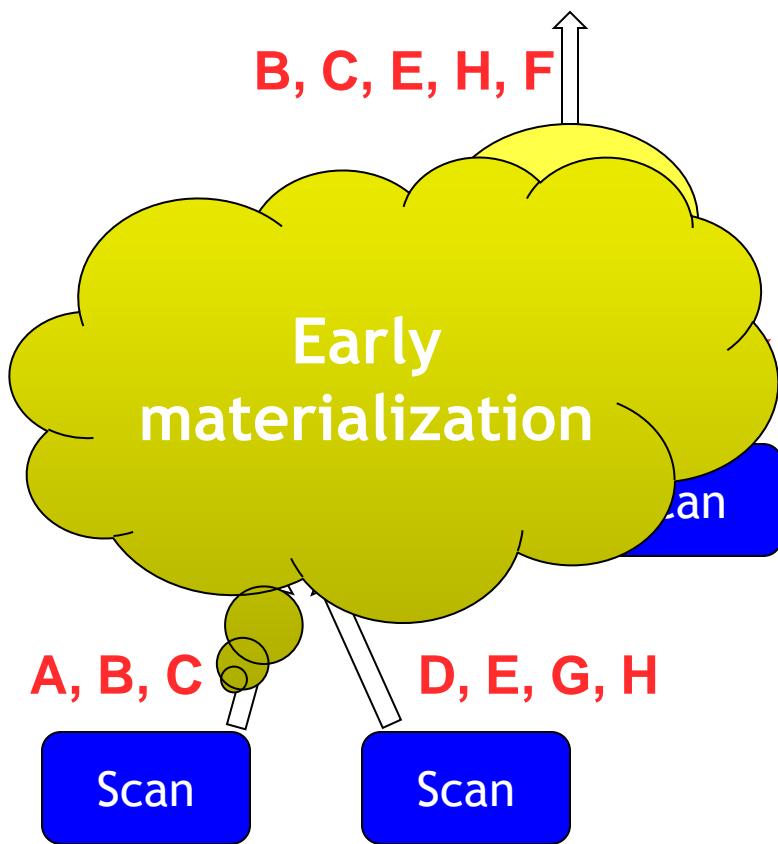
- Materializing late still works best



# What about for plans with joins?

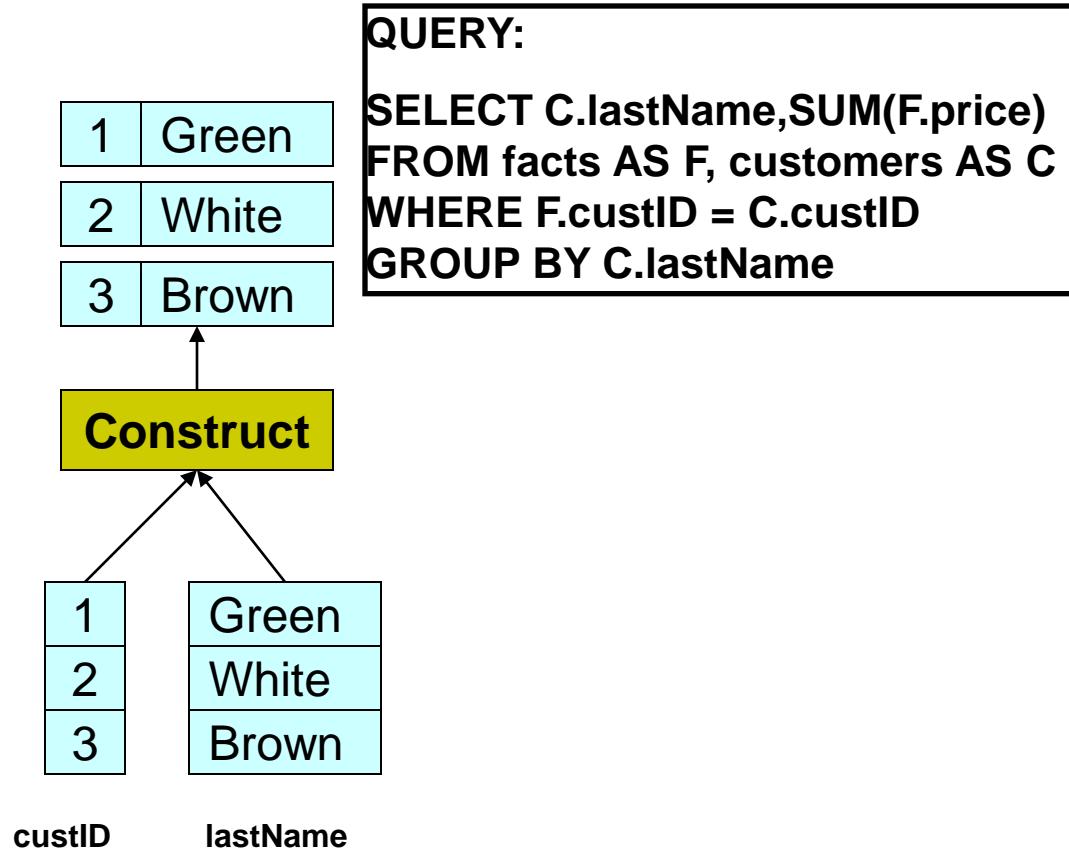
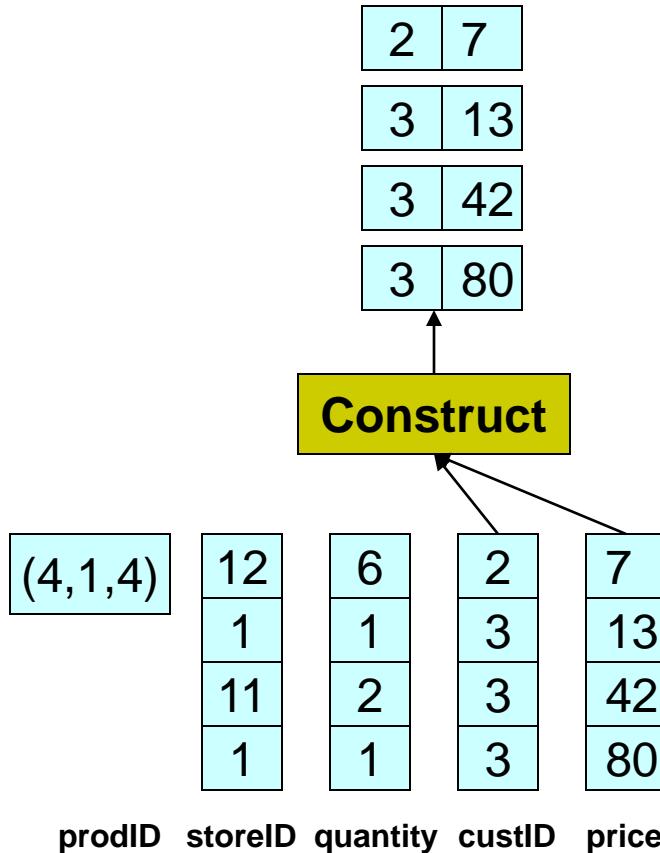


Select R1.B, R1.C, R2.E, R2.H, R3.F  
From R1, R2, R3  
Where R1.A = R2.D AND R2.G = R3.K



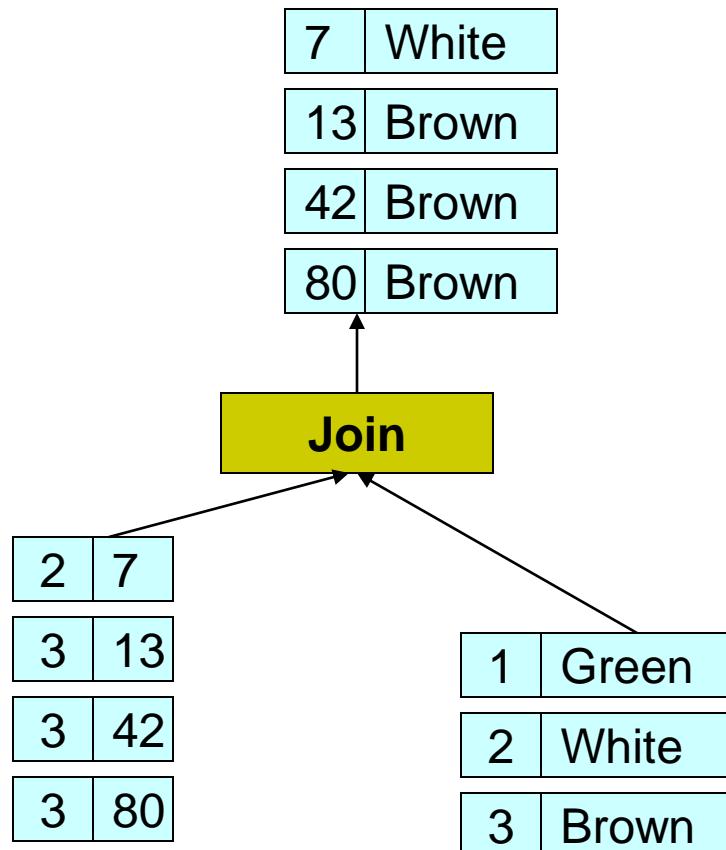


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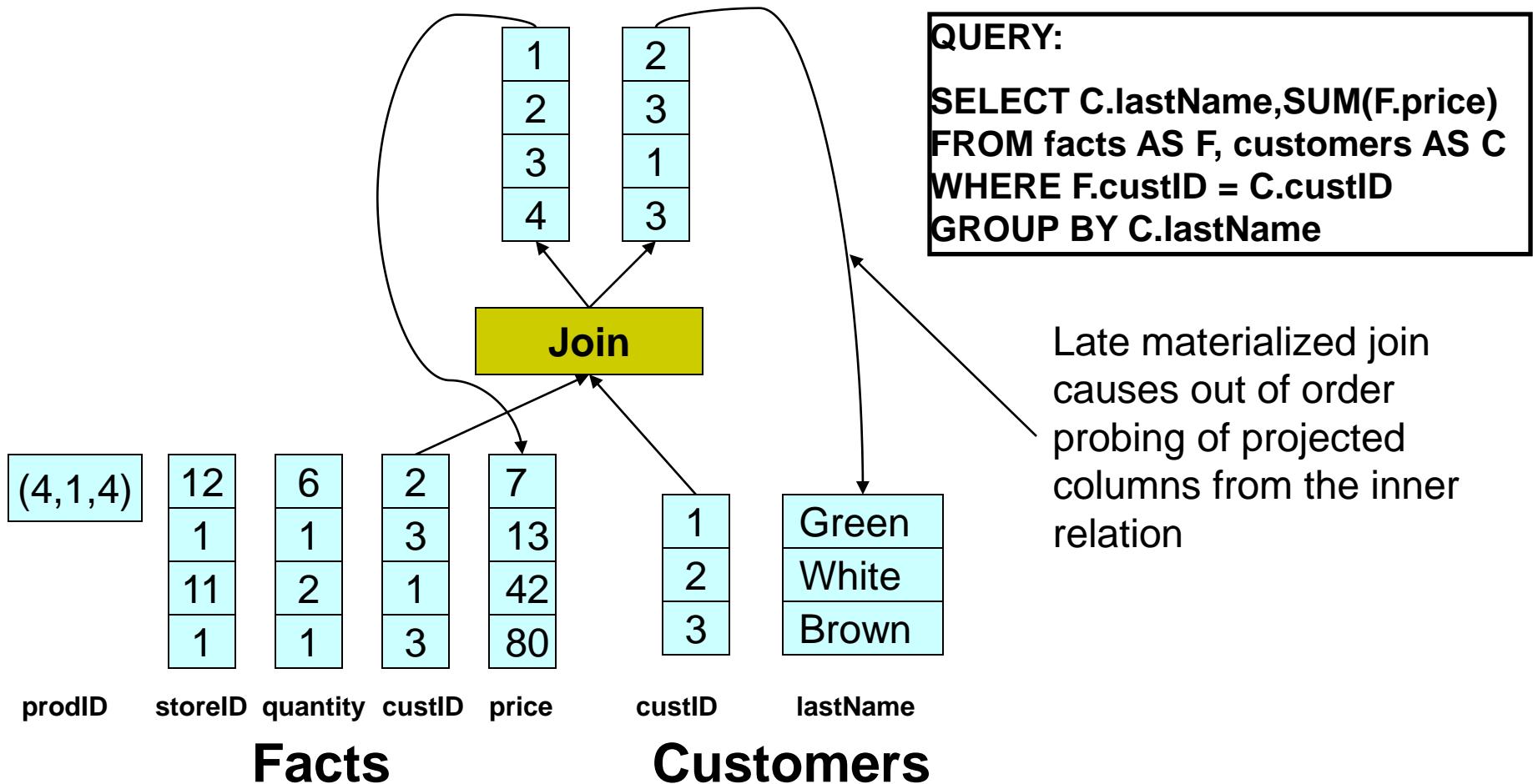
**QUERY:**

```
SELECT C.lastName,SUM(F.price)
FROM facts AS F, customers AS C
WHERE F.custID = C.custID
GROUP BY C.lastName
```





# Late Materialization Example





# Late Materialized Join Performance

- Naïve LM join about 2X slower than EM join on typical queries (due to random I/O)
  - This number is very dependent on
    - Amount of memory available
    - Number of projected attributes
    - Join cardinality
- But we can do better
  - Invisible Join
  - Jive/Flash Join
  - Radix cluster/decluster join



# Invisible Join

“Column-Stores vs Row-Stores: How Different are They Really?” Abadi, Madden, and Hachem. SIGMOD 2008.

- Designed for typical joins when data is modeled using a star schema
  - One (“fact”) table is joined with multiple dimension tables
- Typical query:

```
select c_nation, s_nation, d_year,  
       sum(lo_revenue) as revenue  
  from customer, lineorder, supplier, date  
 where lo_custkey = c_custkey  
   and lo_suppkey = s_suppkey  
   and lo_orderdate = d_datekey  
   and c_region = 'ASIA'  
   and s_region = 'ASIA'  
   and d_year >= 1992 and d_year <= 1997  
 group by c_nation, s_nation, d_year  
 order by d_year asc, revenue desc;
```





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# Invisible Join

Apply “region = ‘Asia’” On Customer Table

custkey	region	nation	...
1	ASIA	CHINA	...
2	ASIA	INDIA	...
3	ASIA	INDIA	...
4	EUROPE	FRANCE	...



Hash Table (or bit-map)  
Containing Keys 1, 2 and 3

Apply “region = ‘Asia’” On Supplier Table

suppkey	region	nation	...
1	ASIA	RUSSIA	...
2	EUROPE	SPAIN	...
3	ASIA	JAPAN	...



Hash Table (or bit-map)  
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Apply “year in [1992,1997]” On Date Table

dateid	year	...
01011997	1997	...
01021997	1997	...
01031997	1997	...



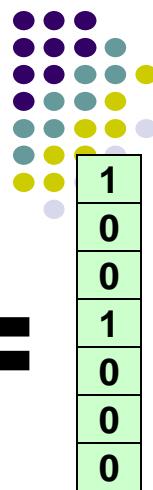
Hash Table Containing Keys  
01011997, 01021997, and  
01031997



## Original Fact Table

orderkey	custkey	suppkey	orderdate	revenue
1	3	1	01011997	43256
2	3	2	01011997	33333
3	4	3	01021997	12121
4	1	1	01021997	23233
5	4	2	01021997	45456
6	1	2	01031997	43251
7	3	2	01031997	34235

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Abadi et. al. SIGMOD 2008.



Hash Table  
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1, 2 and 3

+	custkey
	3
	3
	4
	1
	4
	1
	3

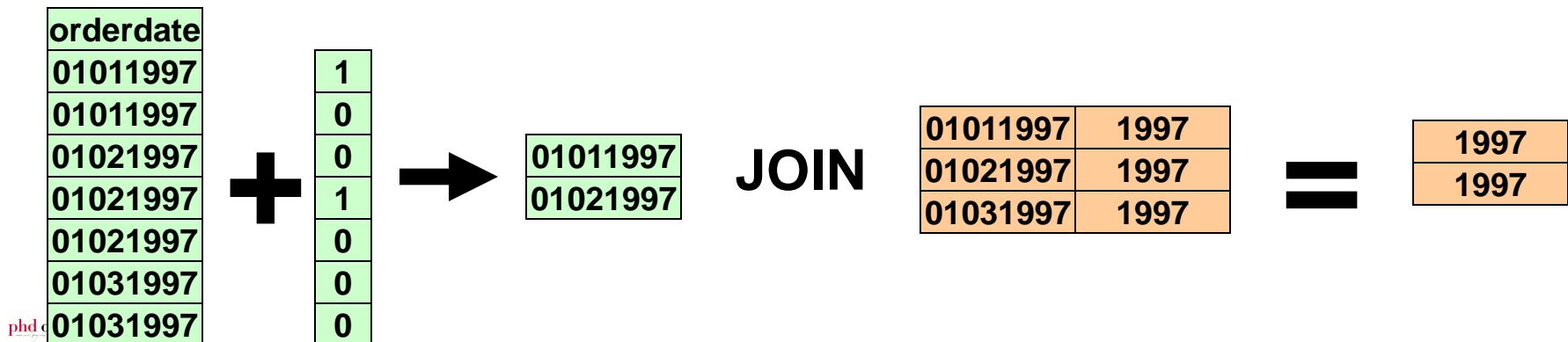
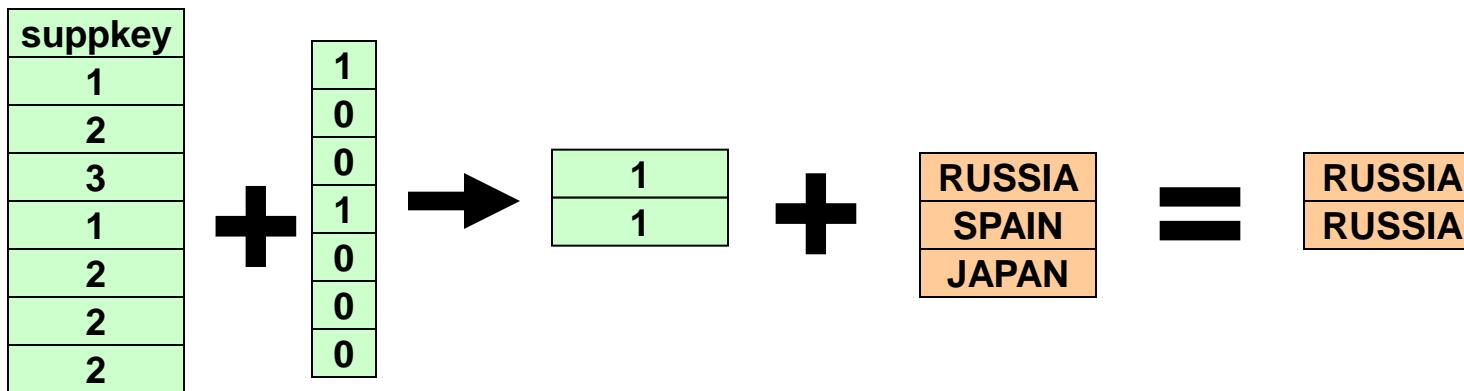
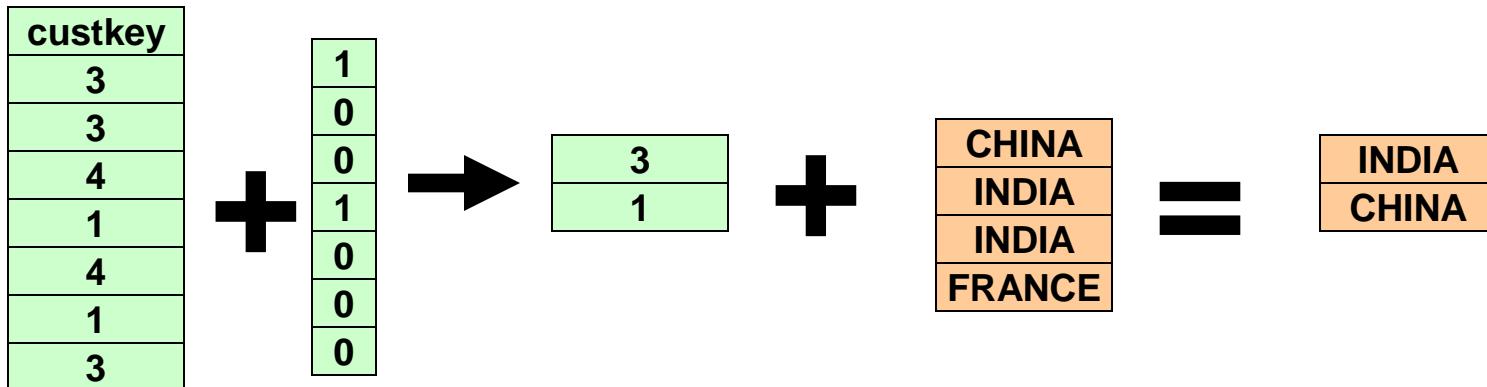
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+	suppkey
	1
	1
	0
	1
	0
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Hash Table Containing  
Keys 01011997,  
01021997, and 01031997

+	orderdate
	01011997
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**Range [1-3]**  
(between-predicate rewriting)

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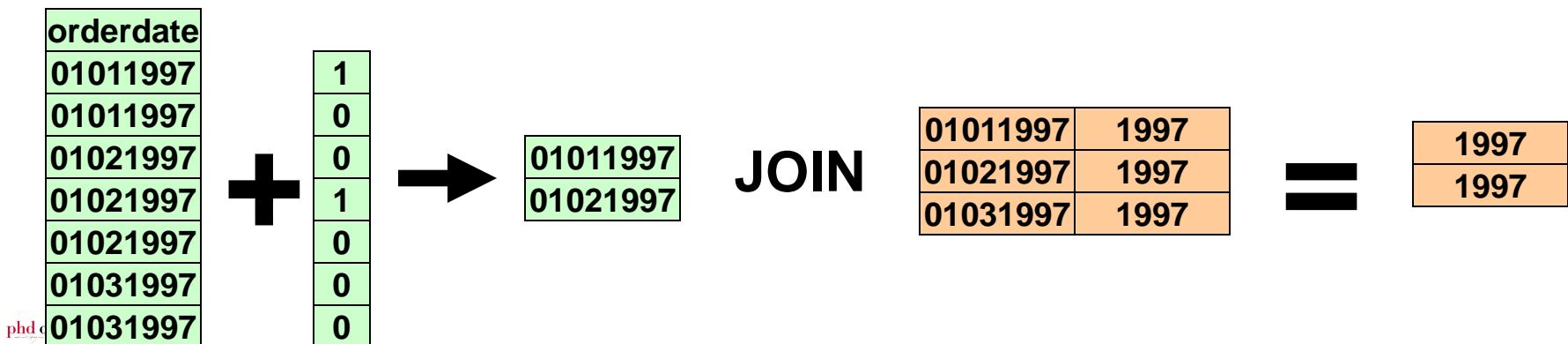
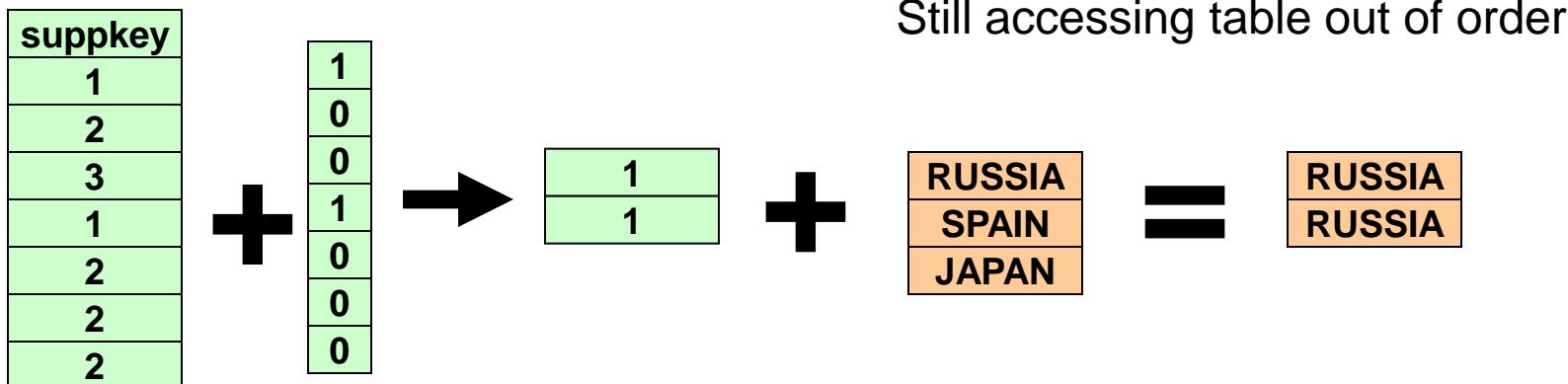
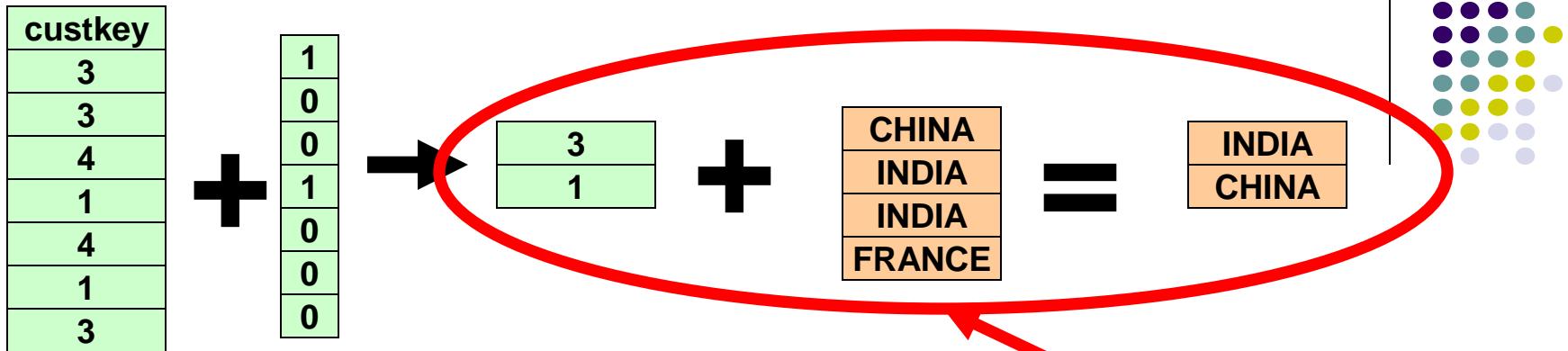


# Invisible Join

## Bottom Line

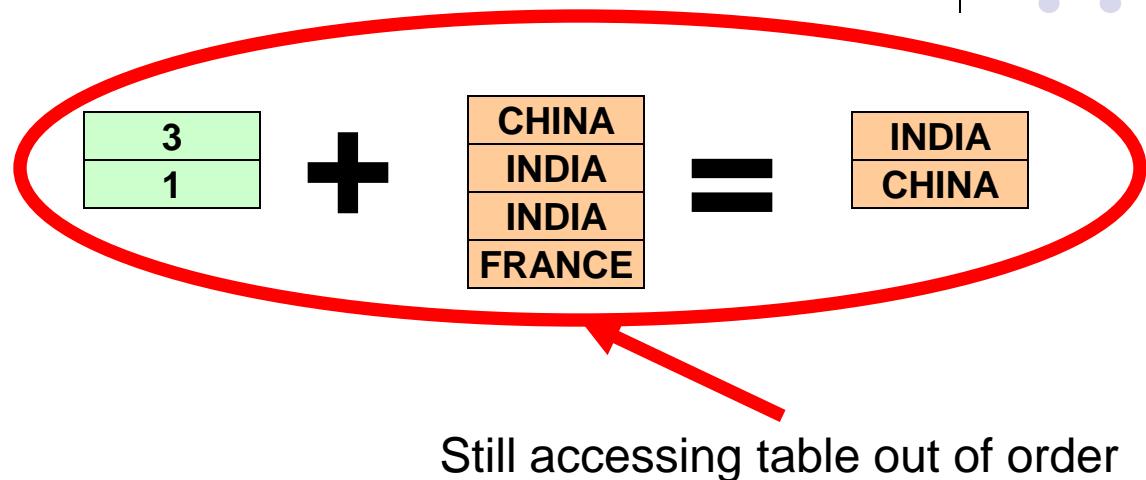
- Many data warehouses model data using star/snowflake schemes
- Joins of one (fact) table with many dimension tables is common
- Invisible join takes advantage of this by making sure that the table that can be accessed in position order is the fact table for each join
- Position lists from the fact table are then intersected (in position order)
- This reduces the amount of data that must be accessed out of order from the dimension tables
- “Between-predicate rewriting” trick not relevant for this discussion







# Jive/Flash Join



“Fast Joins using Join Indices”. Li and Ross,  
VLDBJ 8:1-24, 1999.

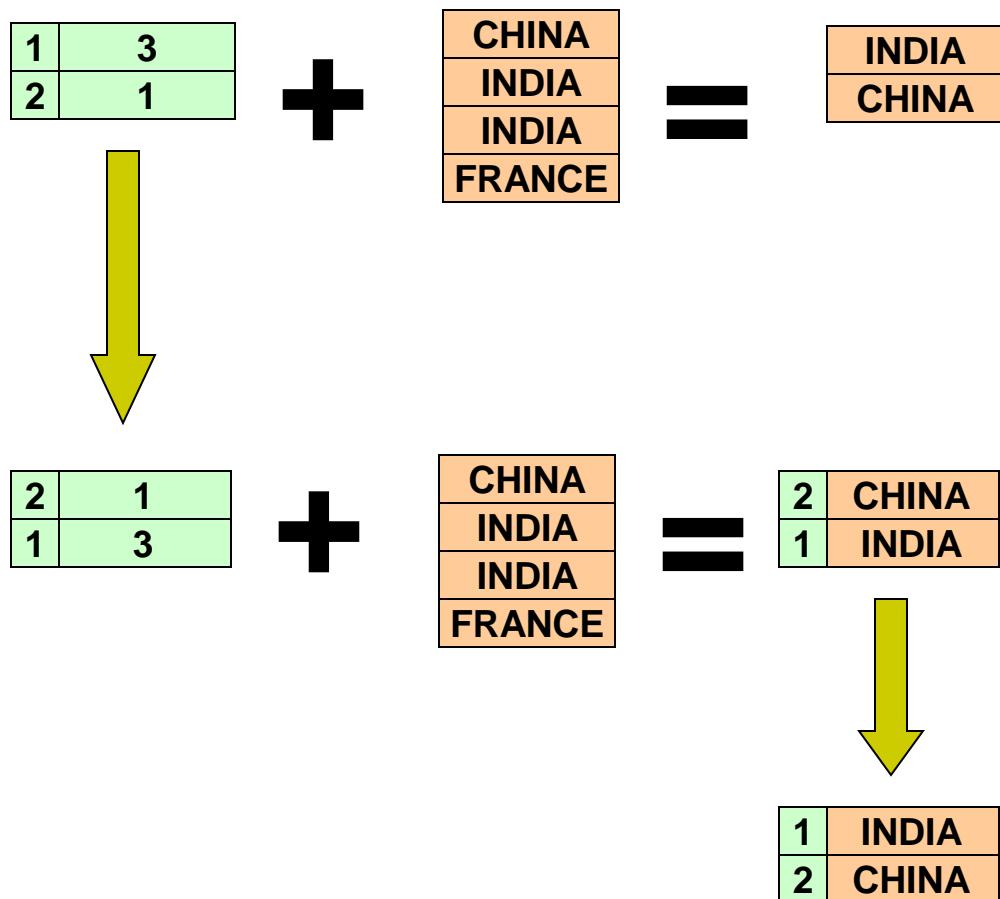
“Query Processing  
Techniques for Solid State  
Drives”. Tsirogiannis,  
Harizopoulos et. al.  
SIGMOD 2009.





# Jive/Flash Join

1. Add column with dense ascending integers from 1
2. Sort new position list by second column
3. Probe projected column in order using new sorted position list, keeping first column from position list around
4. Sort new result by first column





# Jive/Flash Join

## Bottom Line

- Instead of probing projected columns from inner table out of order:
  - Sort join index
  - Probe projected columns in order
  - Sort result using an added column
- LM vs EM tradeoffs:
  - LM has the extra sorts (EM accesses all columns in order)
  - LM only has to fit join columns into memory (EM needs join columns and all projected columns)
    - Results in big memory and CPU savings (see part 3 for why there is CPU savings)
  - LM only has to materialize relevant columns
  - In many cases LM advantages outweigh disadvantages
- LM would be a clear winner if not for those pesky sorts ... can we do better?



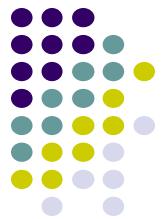


# Radix Cluster/Decluster

- The full sort from the Jive join is actually overkill
  - We just want to access the storage blocks in order (we don't mind random access within a block)
  - So do a radix sort and stop early
  - By stopping early, data within each block is accessed out of order, but in the order specified in the original join index
    - Use this pseudo-order to accelerate the post-probe sort as well

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# Radix Cluster/Decluster

## Bottom line

- Both sorts from the Jive join can be significantly reduced in overhead
- Only been tested when there is sufficient memory for the entire join index to be stored three times
  - Technique is likely applicable to larger join indexes, but utility will go down a little
- Only works if random access within a storage block
  - Don't want to use radix cluster/decluster if you have variable-width column values or compression schemes that can only be decompressed starting from the beginning of the block





# LM vs EM joins

- Invisible, Jive, Flash, Cluster, Decluster techniques contain a bag of tricks to improve LM joins
- Research papers show that LM joins become 2X faster than EM joins (instead of 2X slower) for a wide array of query types





# Tuple Construction Heuristics

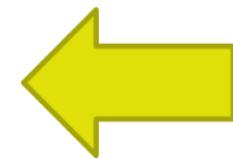
- For queries with selective predicates, aggregations, or compressed data, use late materialization
- For joins:
  - Research papers:
    - Always use late materialization
  - Commercial systems:
    - Inner table to a join often materialized before join (reduces system complexity):
    - Some systems will use LM only if columns from inner table can fit entirely in memory





# Outline

- Part 1: Basic concepts
  - Introduction to key features
  - From DSM to column-stores and performance tradeoffs
  - Column-store architecture overview
  - Will rows and columns ever converge?
- Part 2: Column-oriented execution
- Part 3: MonetDB/X100 (“VectorWise”) and CPU efficiency





# Outline

- Computational Efficiency of DB on modern hardware
  - how column-stores can help here
  - MonetDB & VectorWise in more depth
- CPU efficient column compression
  - vectorized decompression
- Conclusions
  - future work





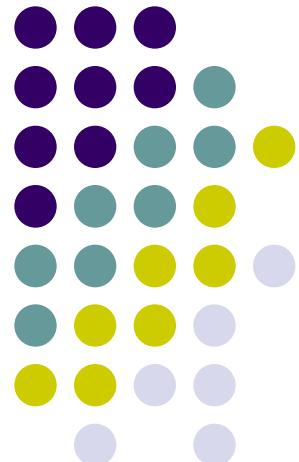
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# Column-Oriented Database Systems

40 years of hardware evolution

vs.

DBMS computational efficiency

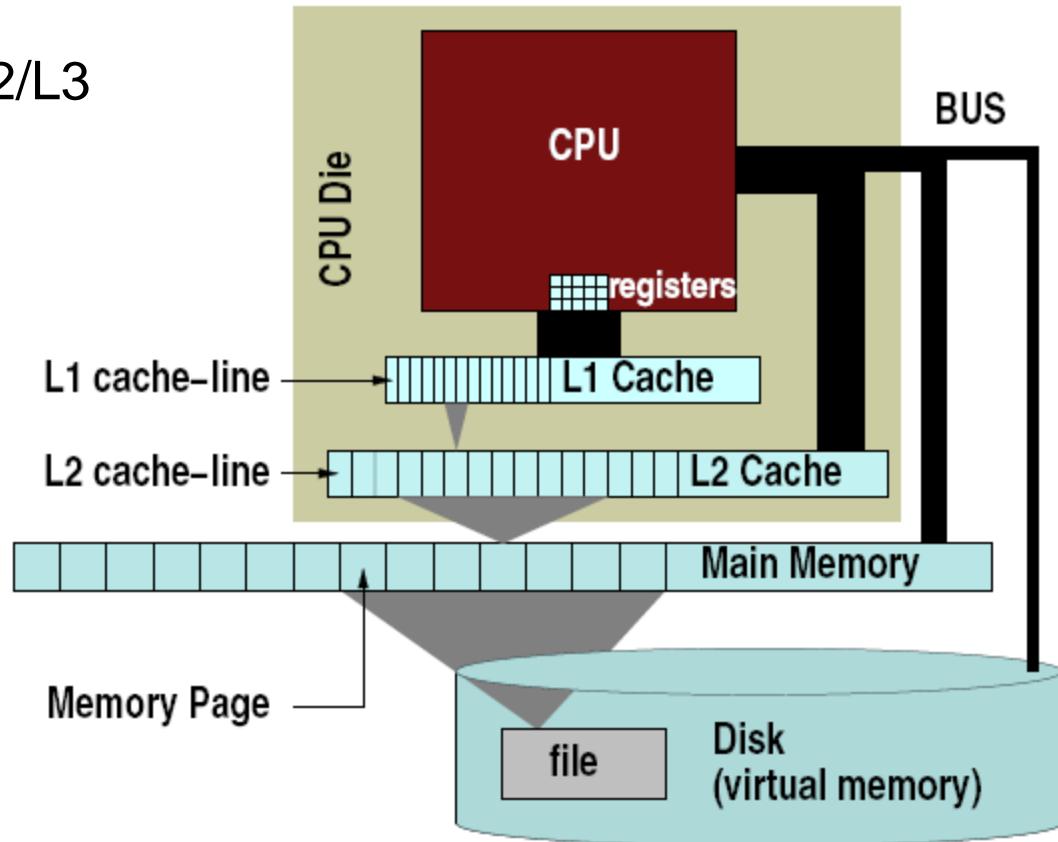


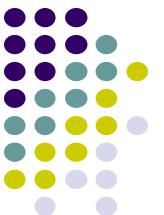


# CPU Architecture

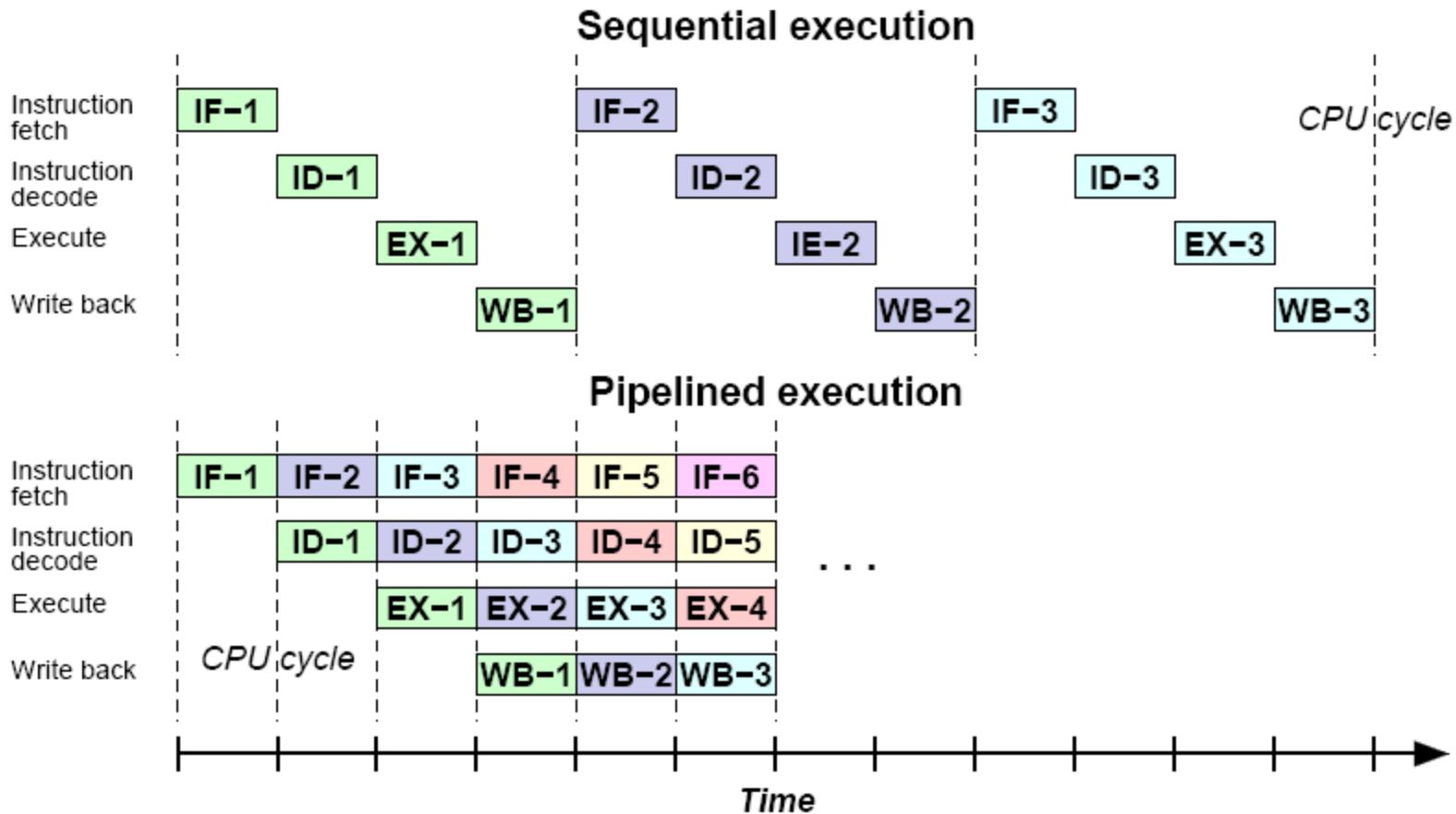
Elements:

- Storage
  - CPU caches L1/L2/L3
- Registers
- Execution Unit(s)
  - Pipelined
  - SIMD





# Super-Scalar Execution (pipelining)





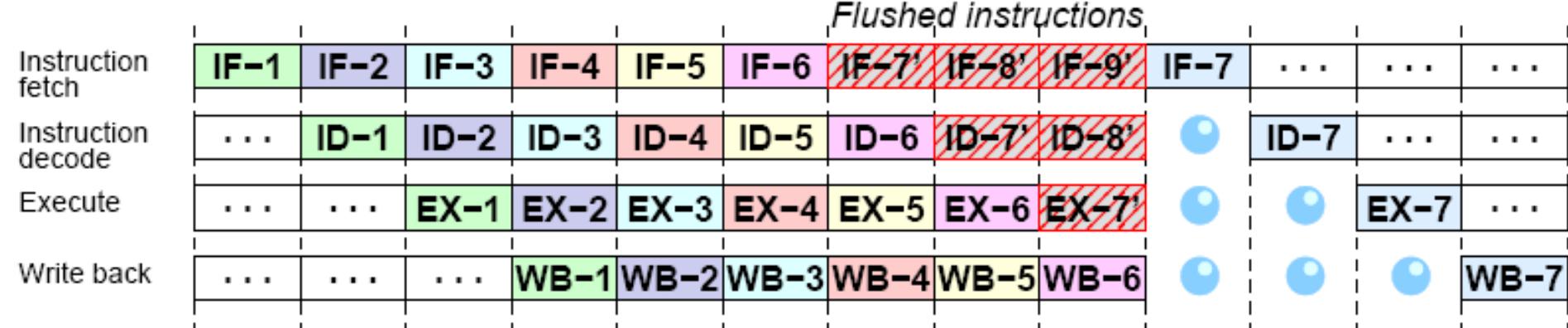
# Hazards

- Data hazards
  - Dependencies between instructions
  - L1 data cache misses
- Control Hazards
  - Branch mispredictions
  - Computed branches (late binding)
  - L1 instruction cache misses

Result: bubbles in the pipeline



*Flushed instructions*



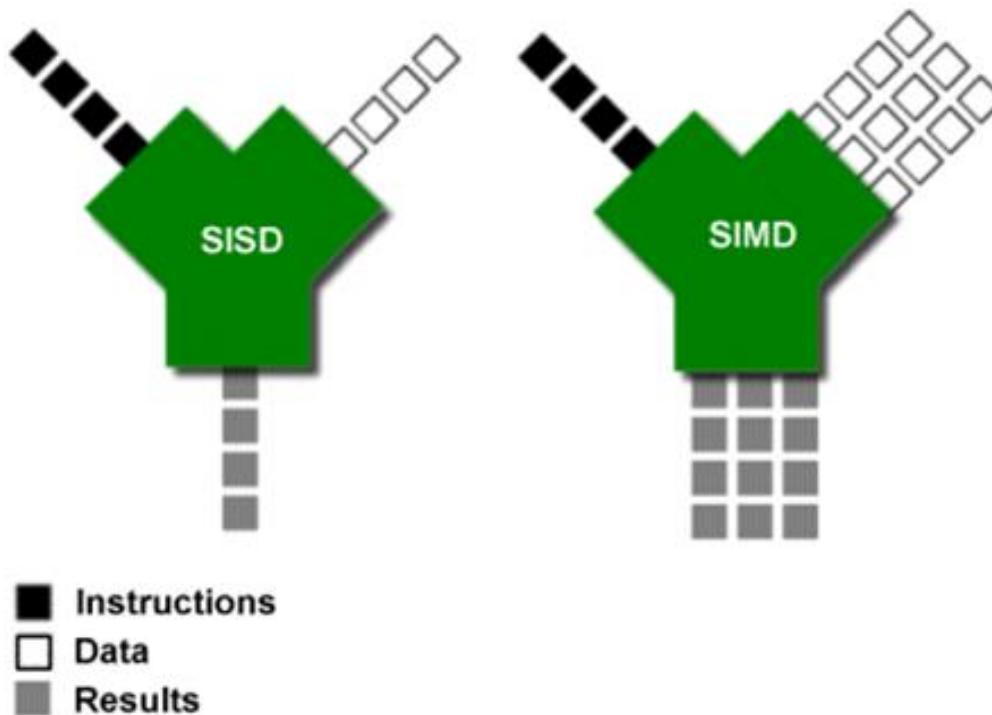
Out-of-order execution addresses data hazards

- control hazards typically more expensive





# SIMD

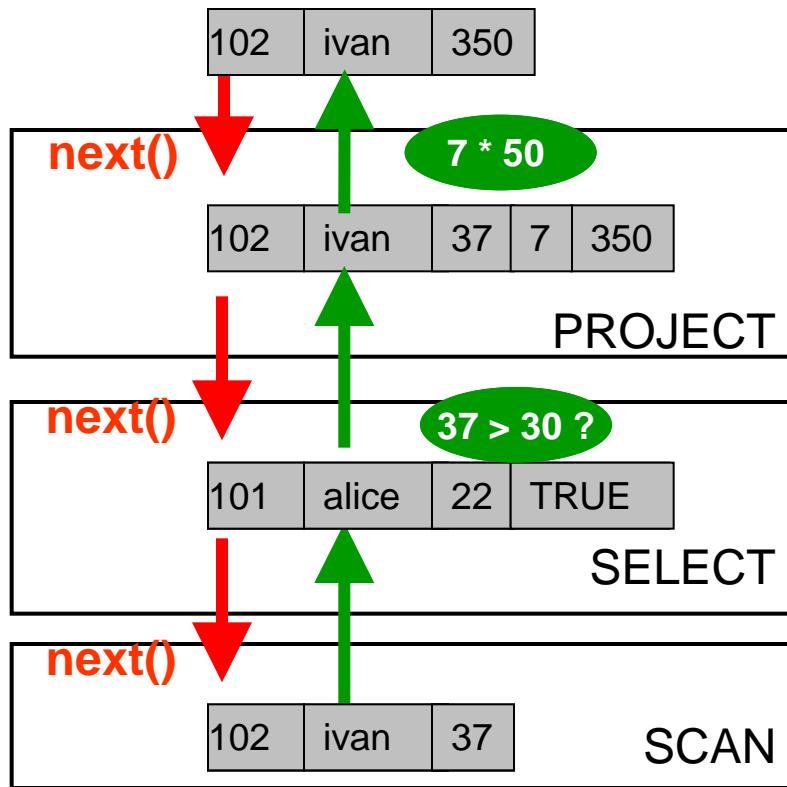


- Single Instruction Multiple Data
  - Same operation applied on a vector of values
  - MMX: 64 bits, SSE: 128bits, AVX: 256bits
  - SSE, e.g. multiply 8 short integers





# A Look at the Query Pipeline

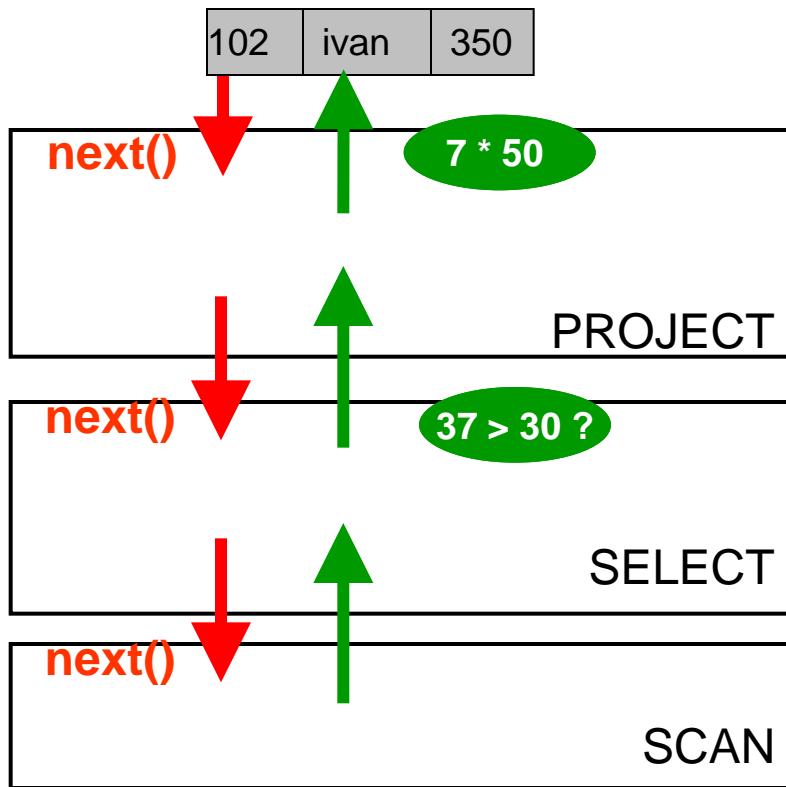


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SELECT id, name  
      ((age-30)*50 AS bonus)  
  FROM employee  
 WHERE age > 30
```





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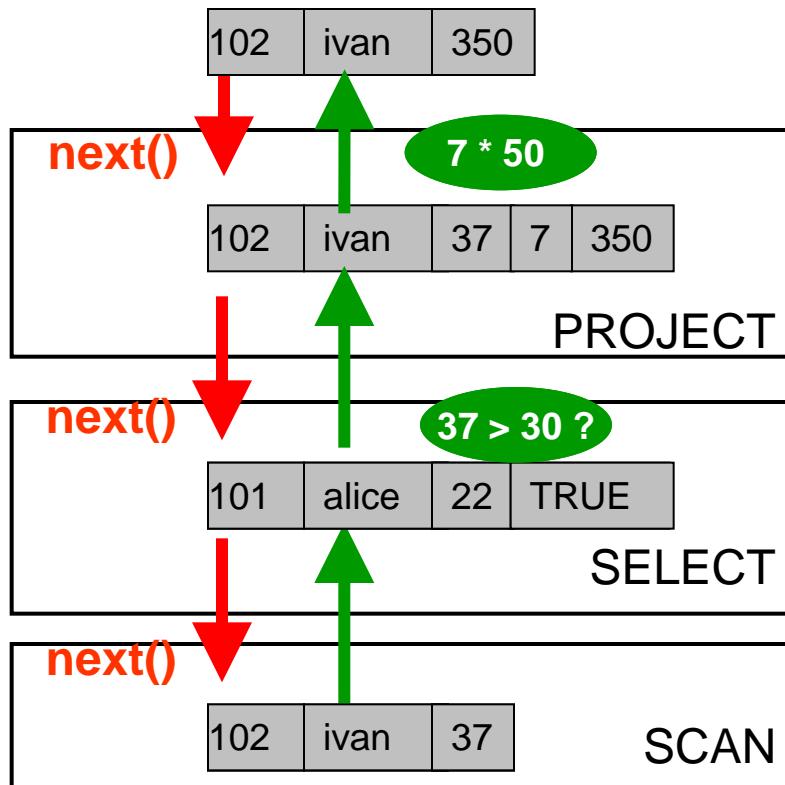
## Operators

Iterator interface  
-open()  
**-next(): tuple**  
-close()





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## Primitives

Provide computational functionality

All arithmetic allowed in expressions,  
e.g. Multiplication

$$7 * 50$$

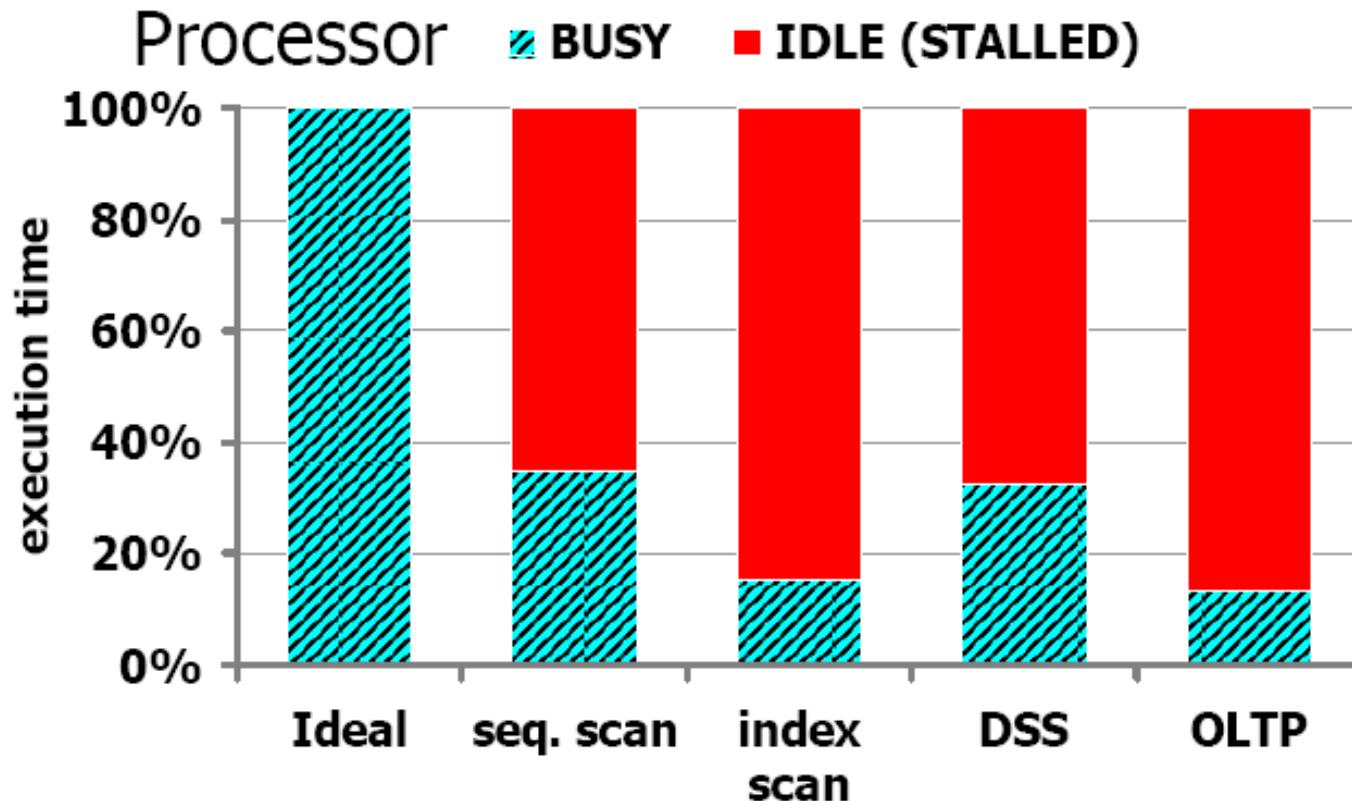
`mult(int,int) → int`





# Database Architecture causes Hazards

- DB workload execution on a modern computer



“DBMSs On A Modern Processor: Where Does Time Go? ”  
Ailamaki, DeWitt, Hill, Wood, VLDB’99

png open





# DBMS Computational Efficiency

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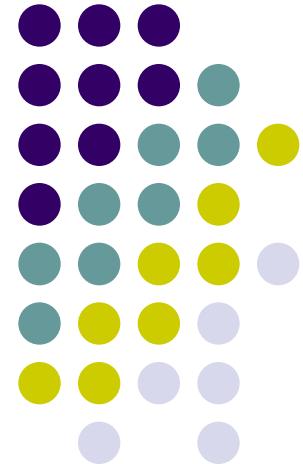
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## RISC Database Algebra

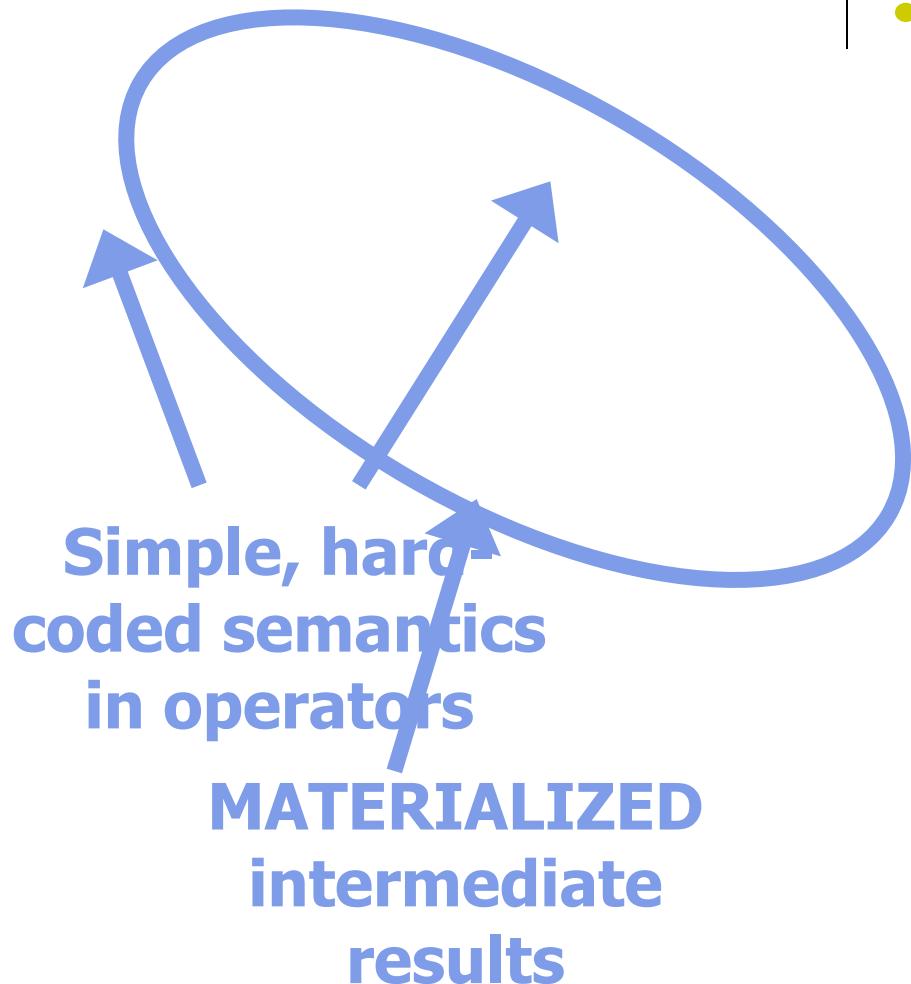
**CPU 😊? Give it “nice” code !**

- few dependencies (control,data)
- CPU gets out-of-order execution
- compiler can e.g. generate SIMD

**One loop for an entire column**

- no per-tuple interpretation
- arrays: no record navigation
- better instruction cache locality

```
{  
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)  
        res[i] = col[i] - val;  
}
```





# a column-store

- “~~save disk I/O when scan-intensive queries need a few columns~~”
- “~~avoid an expression interpreter to improve computational efficiency~~”

How?

- RISC query algebra: hard-coded semantics
  - Decompose complex expressions in multiple operations
- Operators only handle **simple arrays**
  - No code that handles slotted buffered record layout
- Relational algebra becomes **array manipulation language**
  - Often SIMD for free
  - Plus: use of *cache-conscious* algorithms for Sort/Aggr/Join





# a Faustian pact

- You want efficiency
  - Simple hard-coded operators
- I take scalability
  - Result materialization

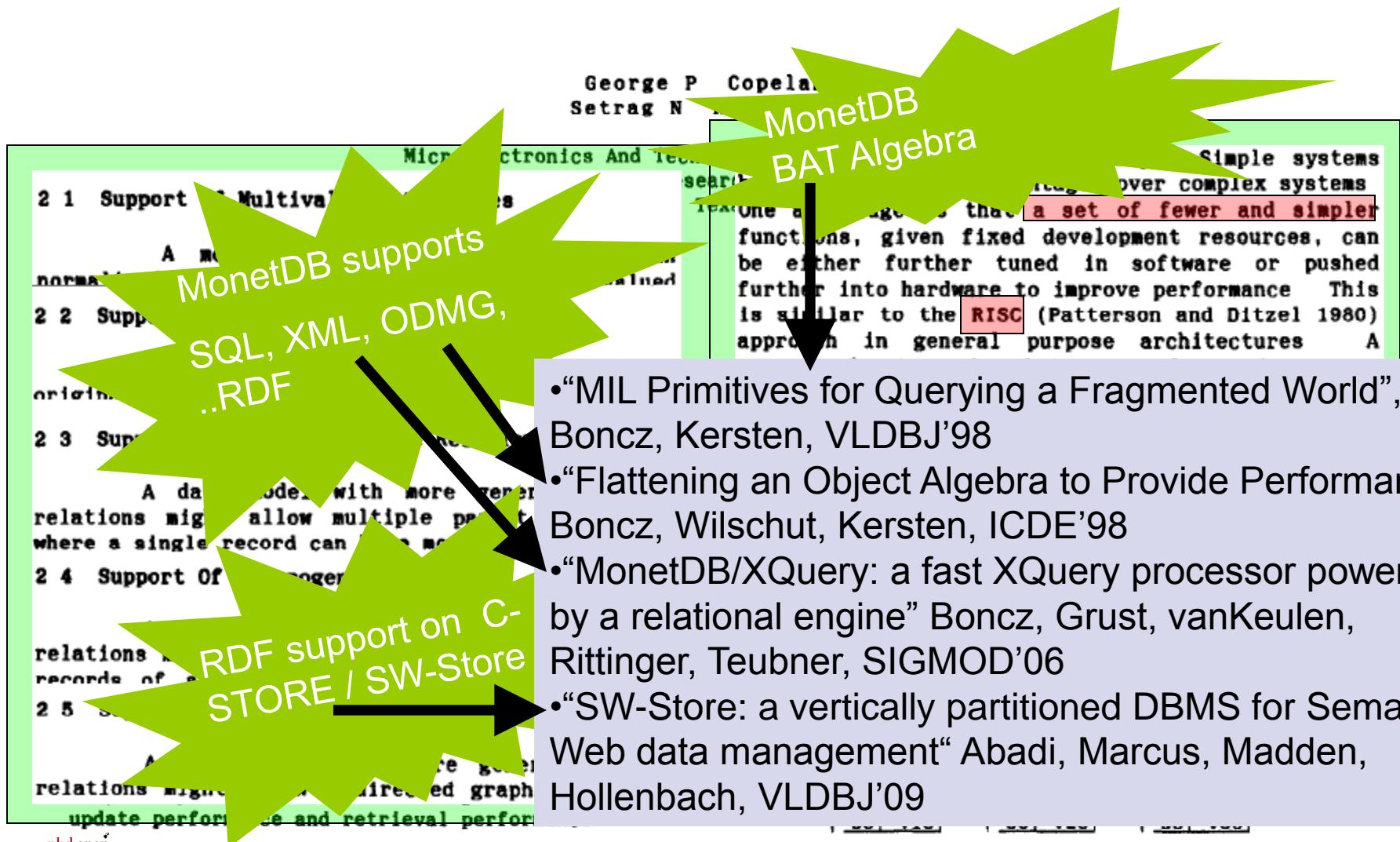
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# SIGMOD 1985

## A DECOMPOSITION STORAGE MODEL





# as a research platform

- Cache-Conscious Joins
  - Cost Models, Radix-cluster  
Radix-decluster
- MonetDB/XQuery:
  - structural joins exploiting  
positional column access
- Cracking:
  - on-the-fly automatic indexing  
without workload knowledge
- Recycling:
  - using materialized intermediates
- Run-time Query Optimization:
  - correlation-aware run-time  
optimization without cost model

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“An architecture for recycling intermediates in a column-store”, Ivanova, Kersten, Nes, Goncalves, SIGMOD’09

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- Radix-Cluster
  - Radix-Sort with early stopping
    - Each pass looks at  $B_i$  higher-most radix bits
    - Splitting each input cluster into  $2^{B_i}$  output clusters
  - leaves relation partially ordered

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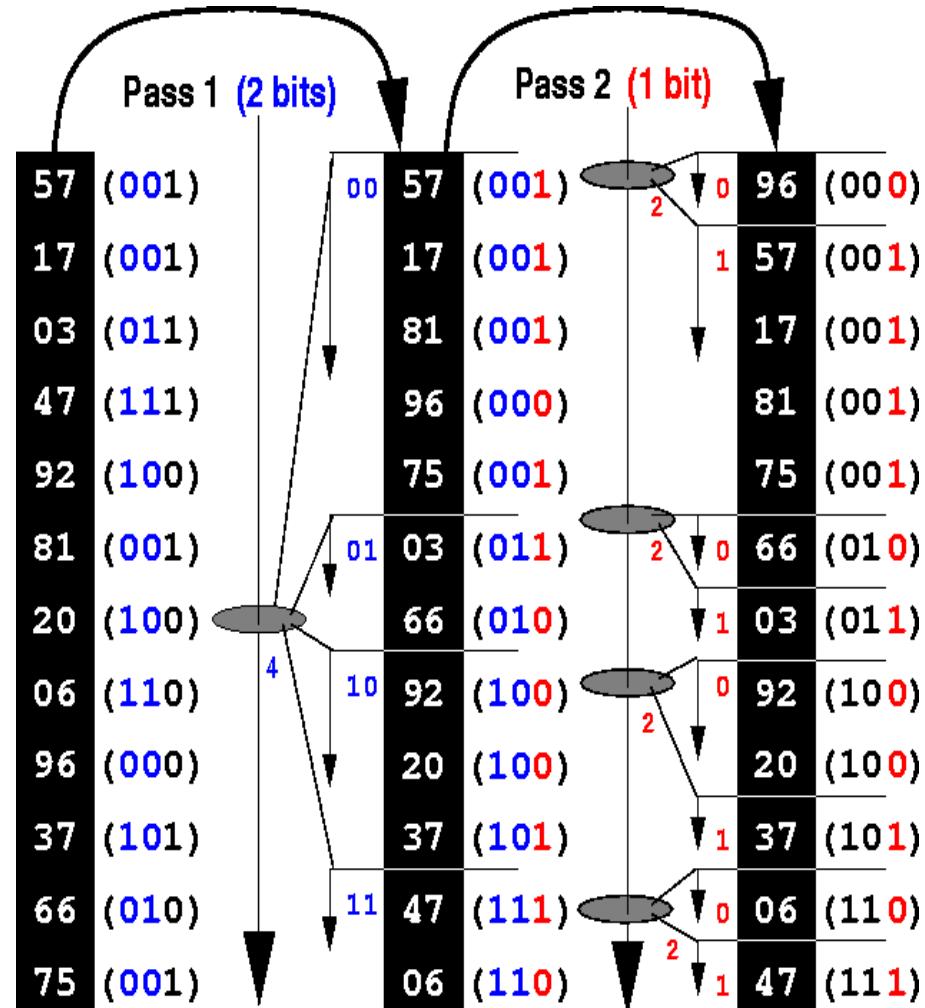


- Multiple clustering passes
- Limit number of clusters per pass
- Avoid cache/TLB trashing
- Trade memory cost for CPU cost
- Any data type (hashing)

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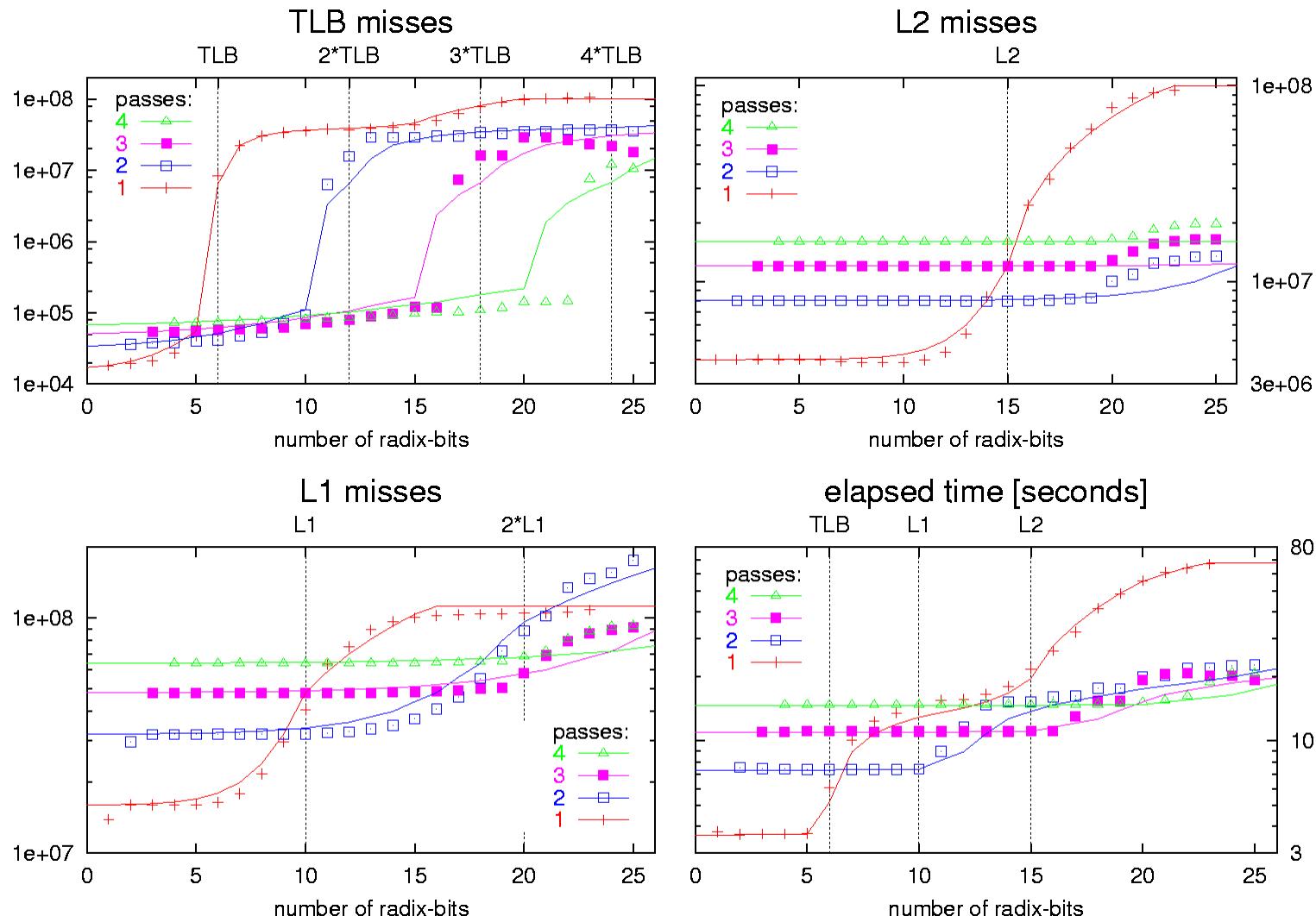
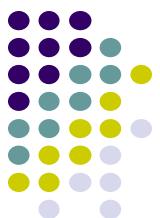
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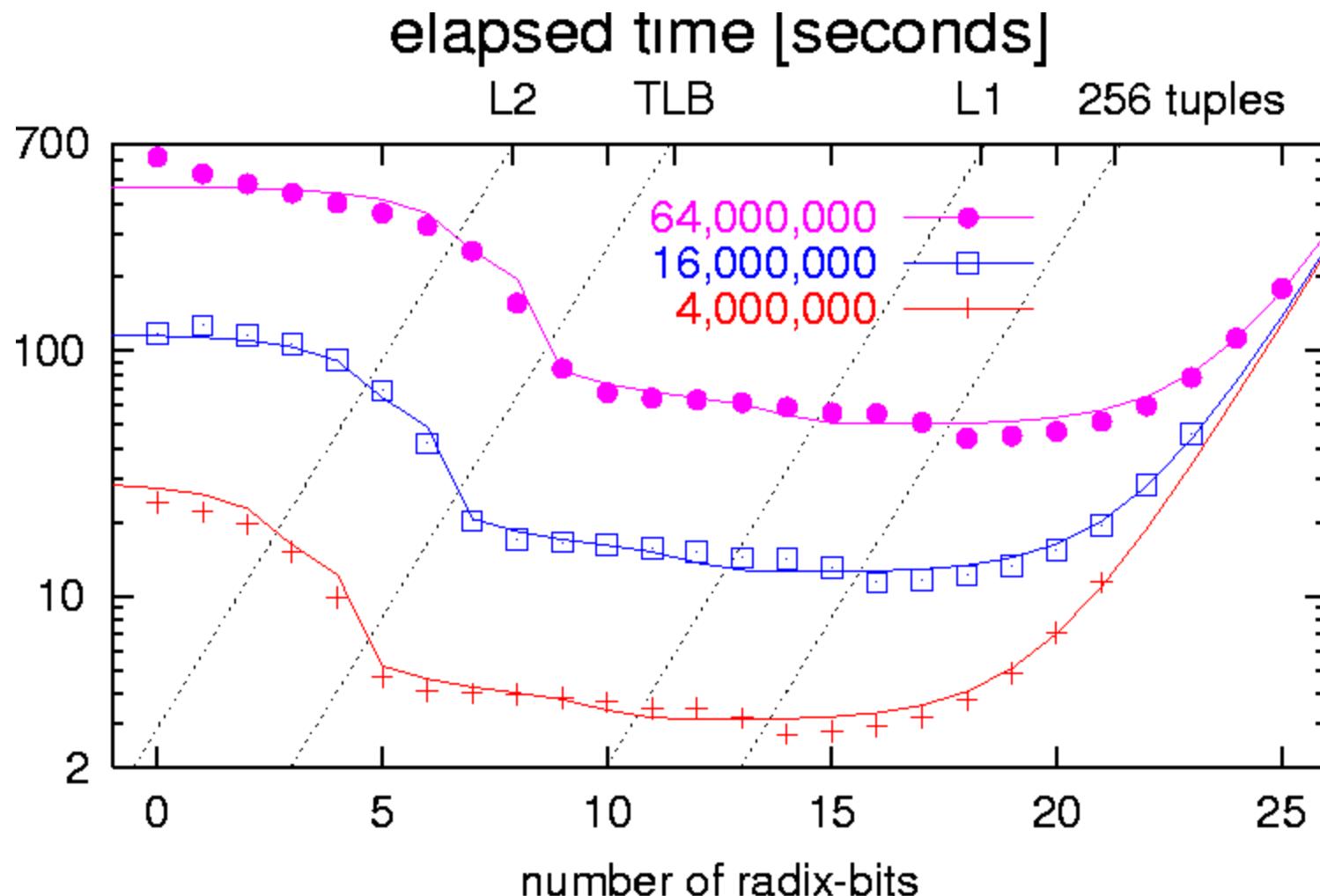
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## Accurate Cache Miss Cost Modeling



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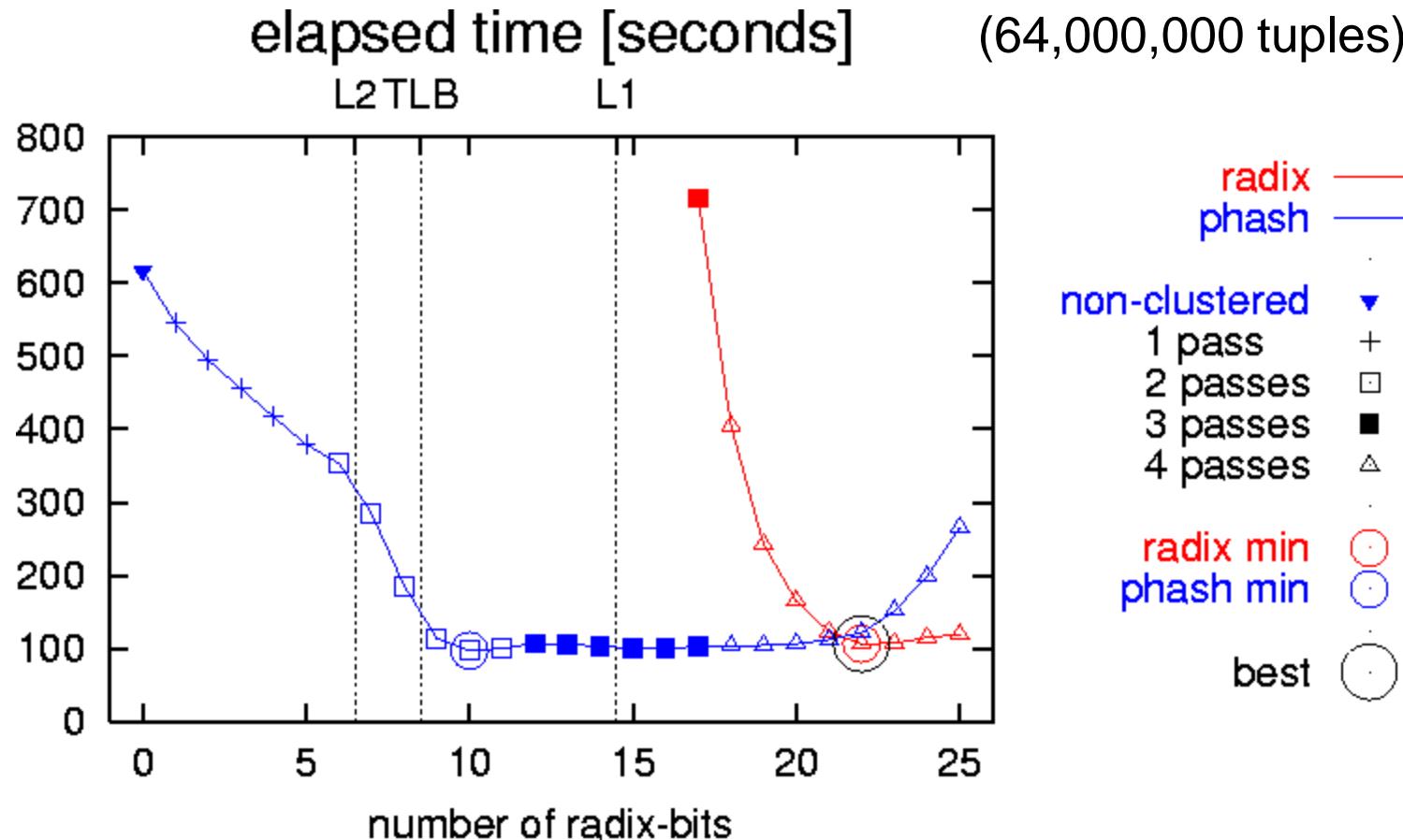
## Partitioned Hash Join





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## Radix-Clustered Hash-Join: overall perf

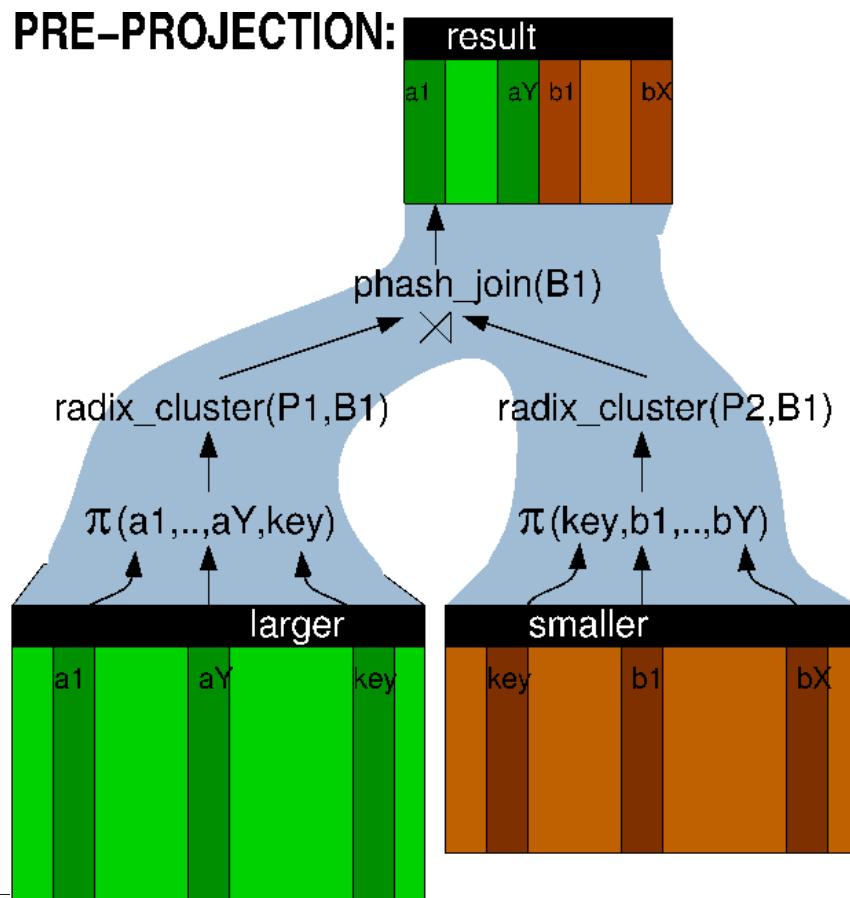




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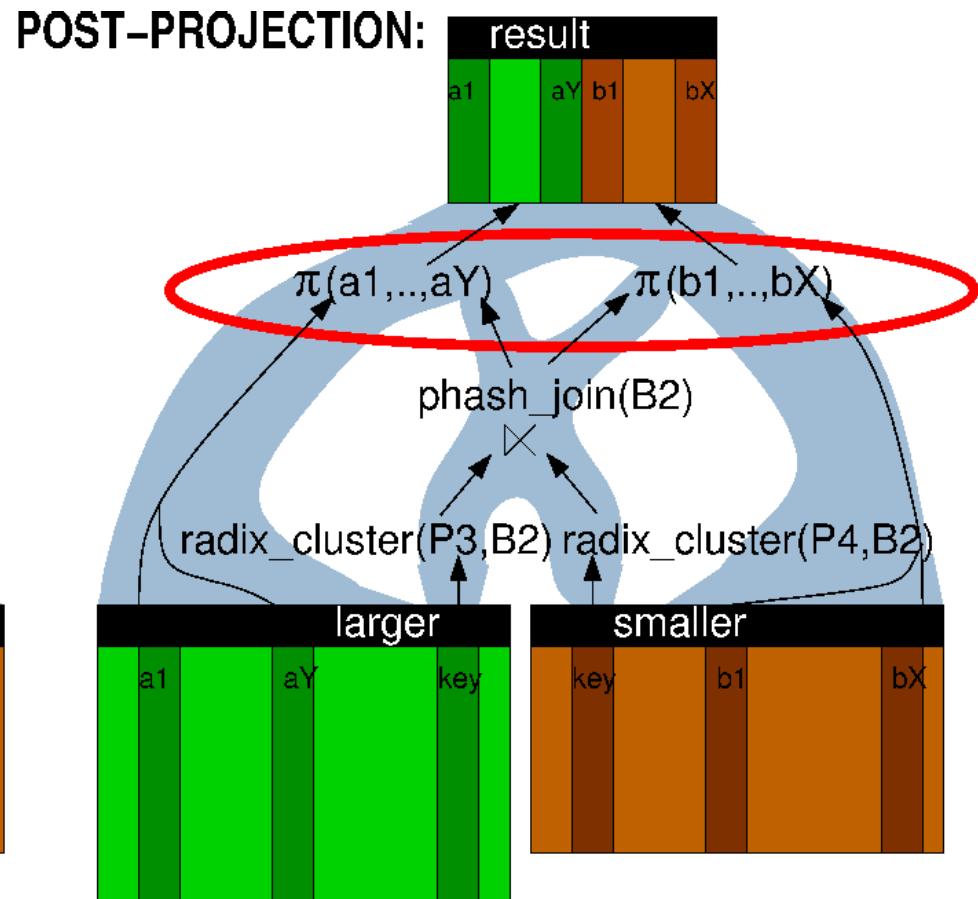
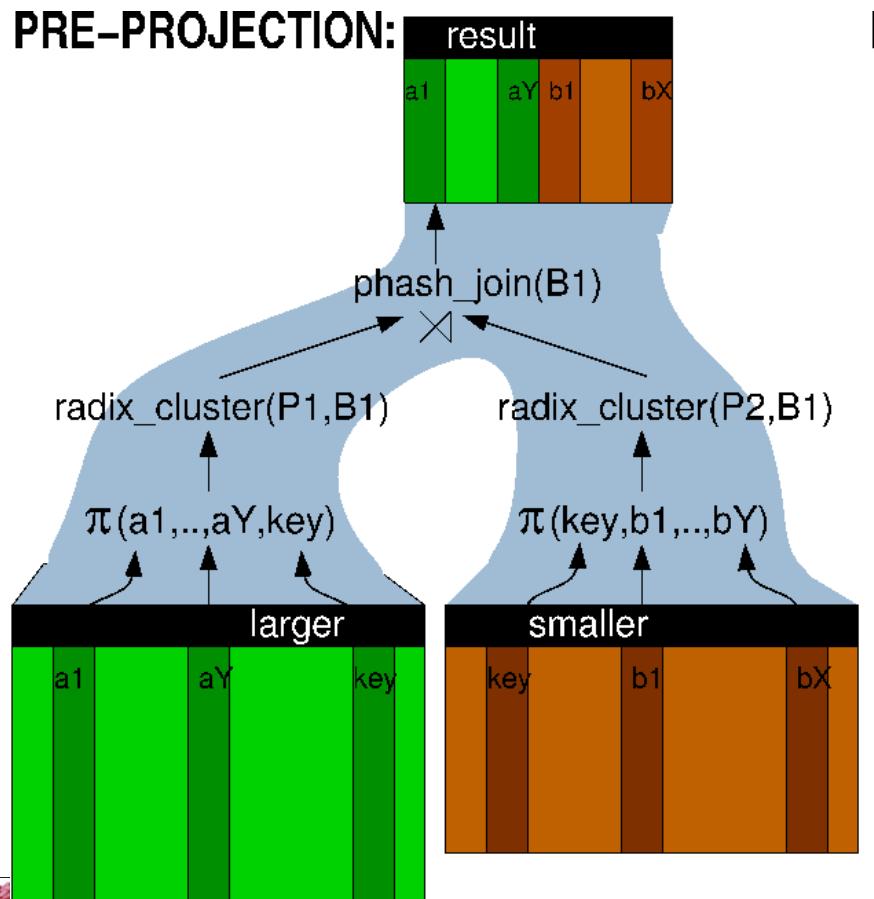




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## Pre-Projection vs. Post-Projection

- Radix-Decluster = cache-conscious post-projection





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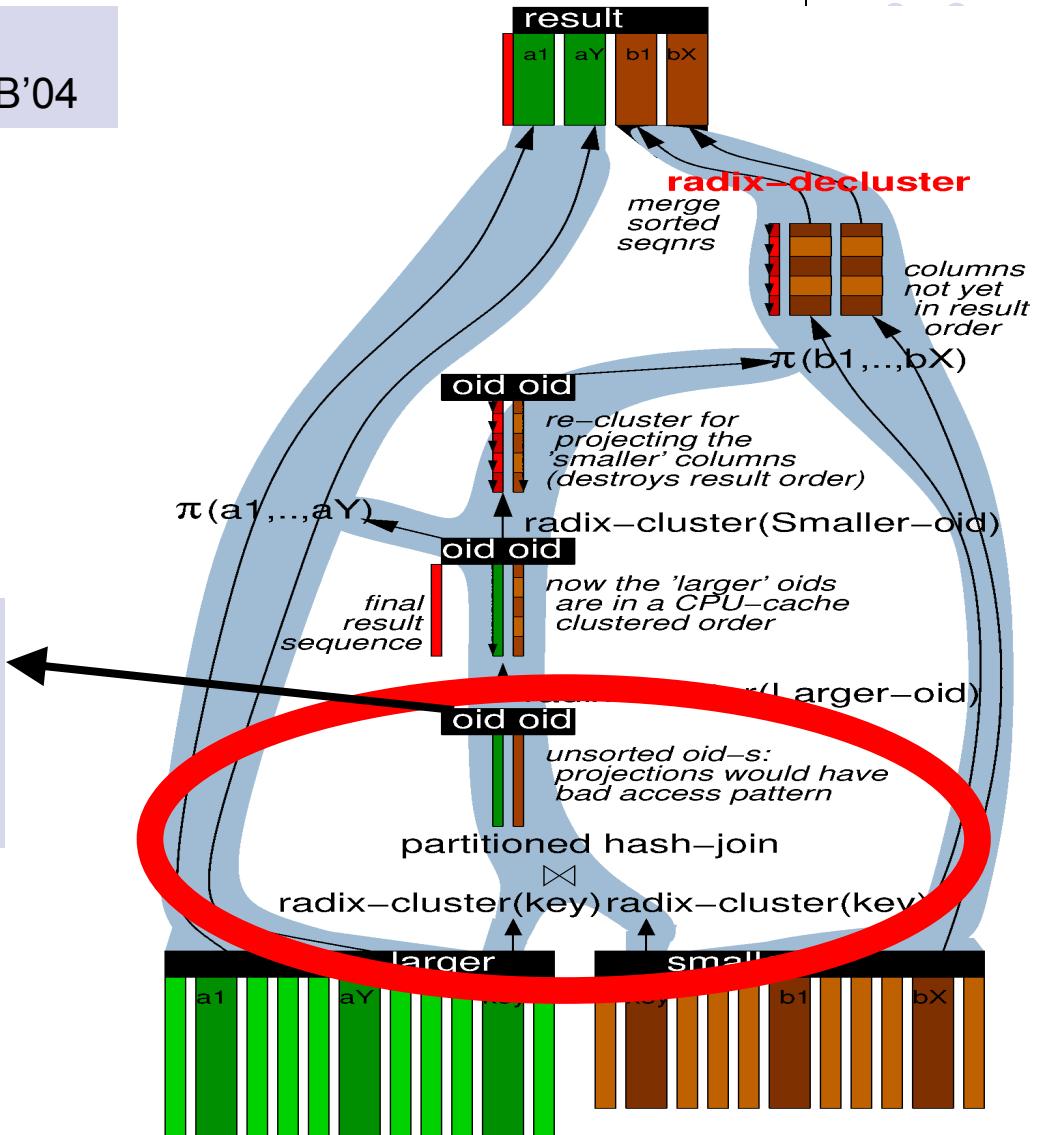
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- Partitioned Hash-Join

Join Index!

“Join Indices”  
Valduriez, TODS’87



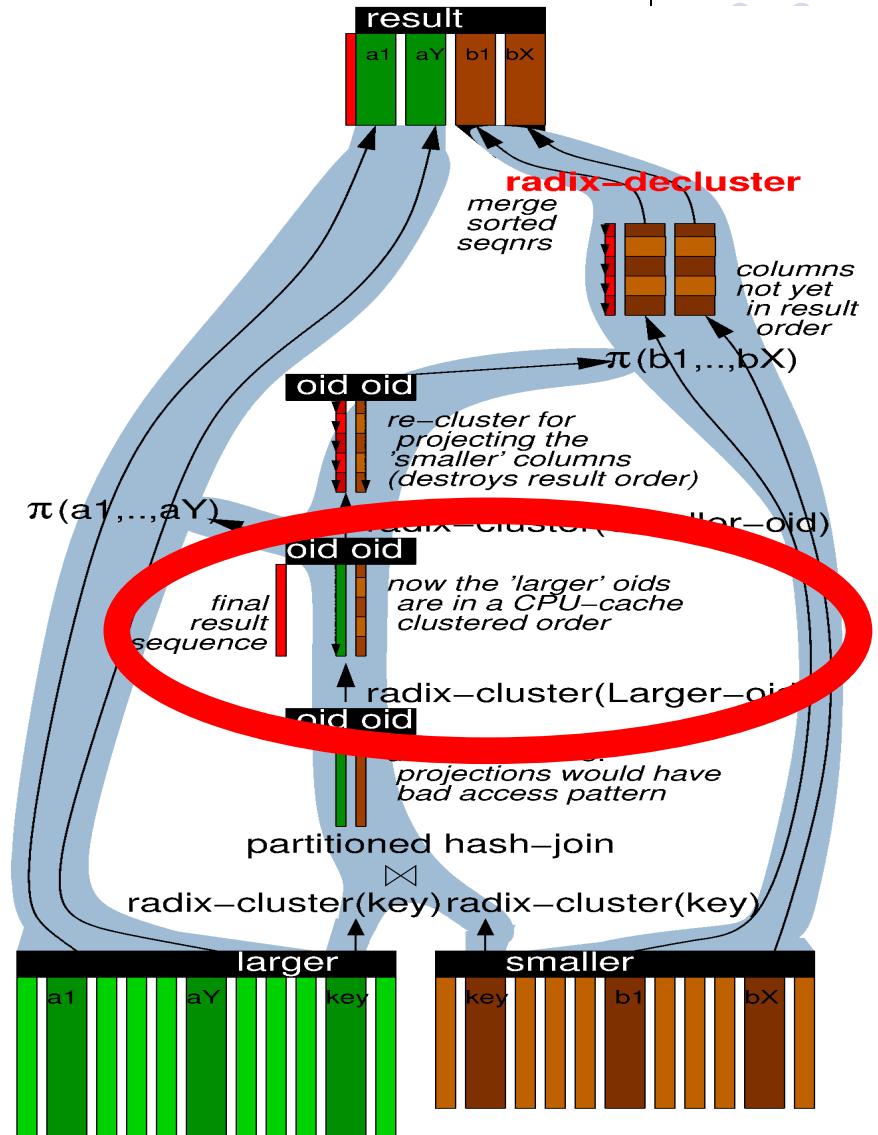
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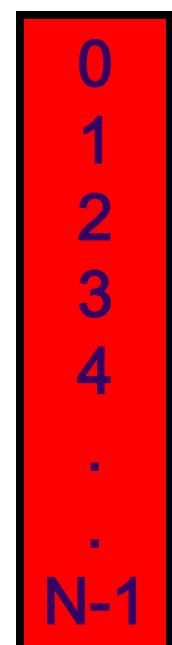
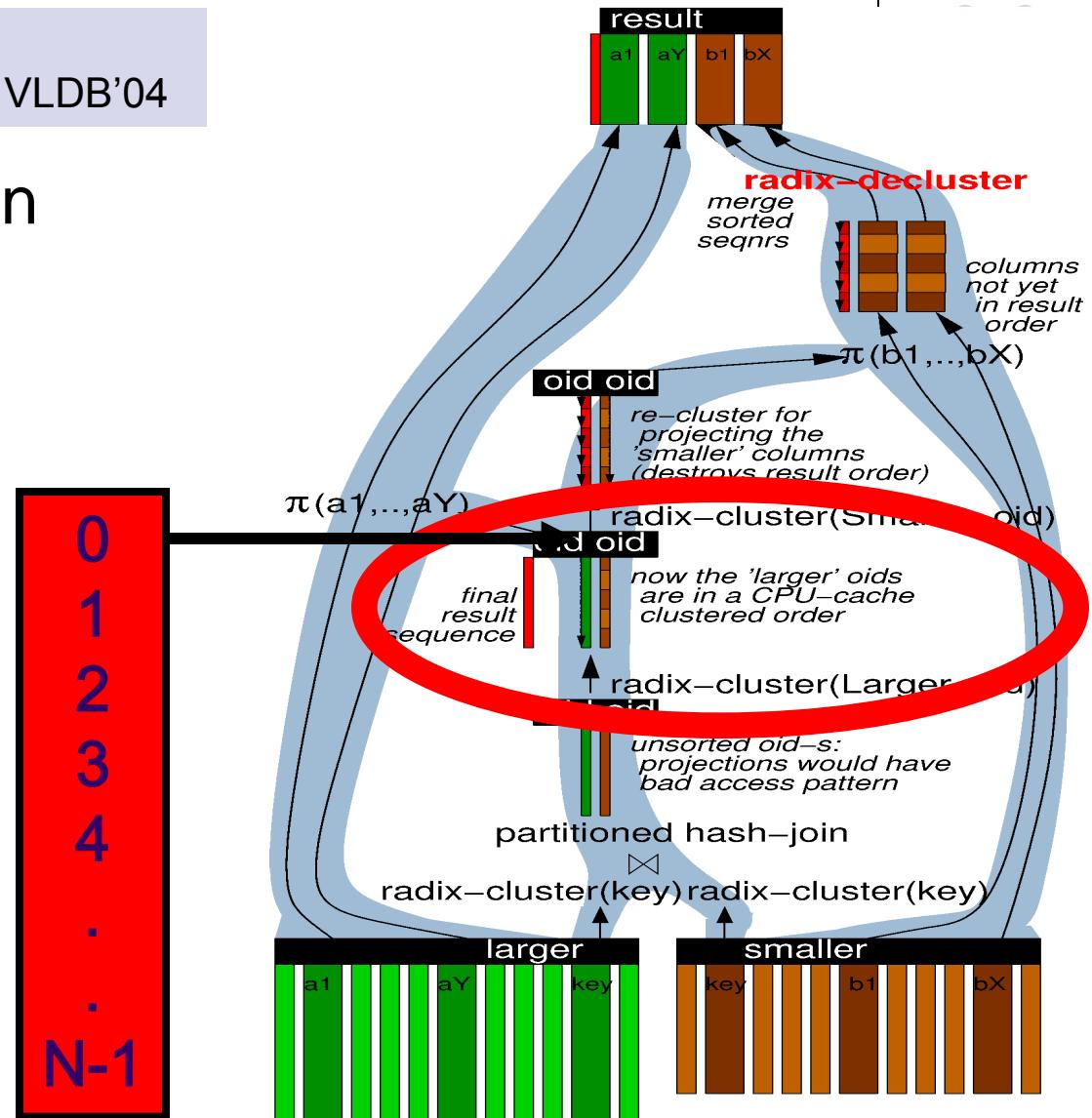
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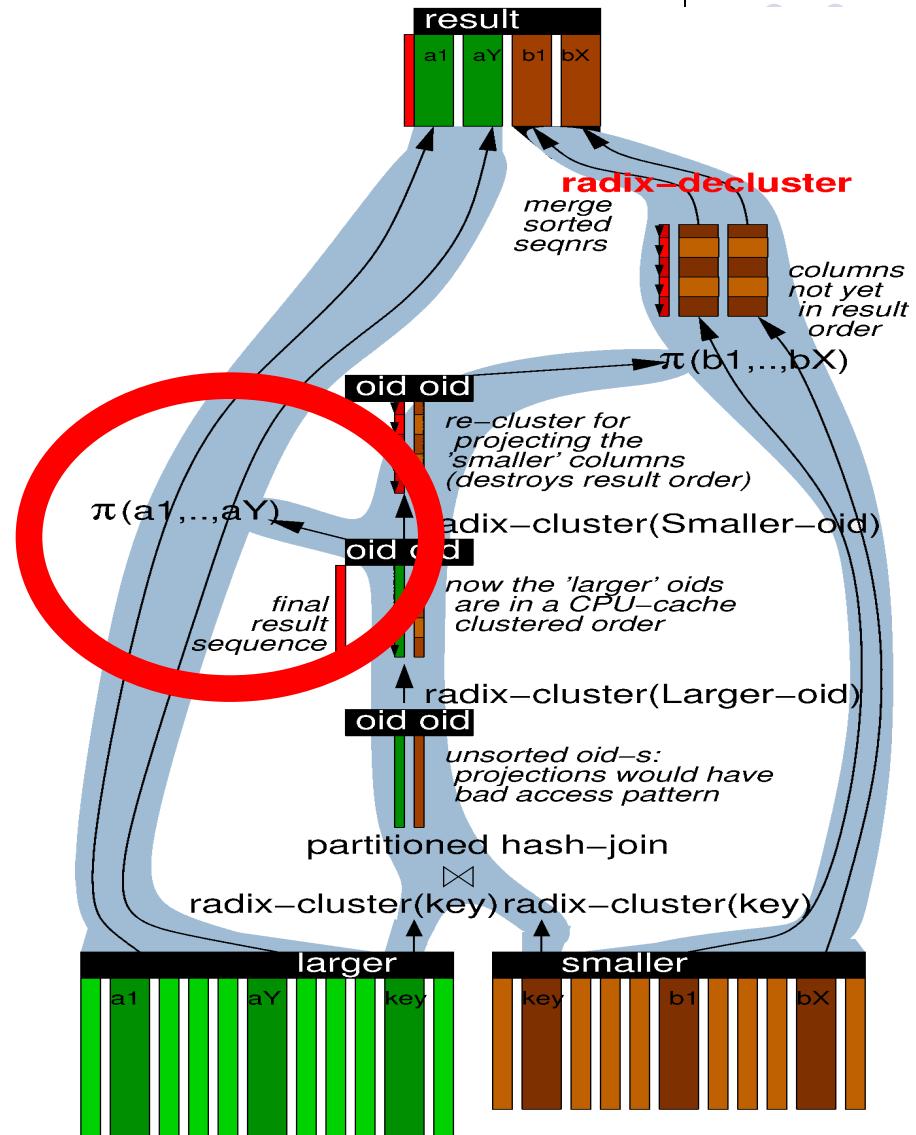
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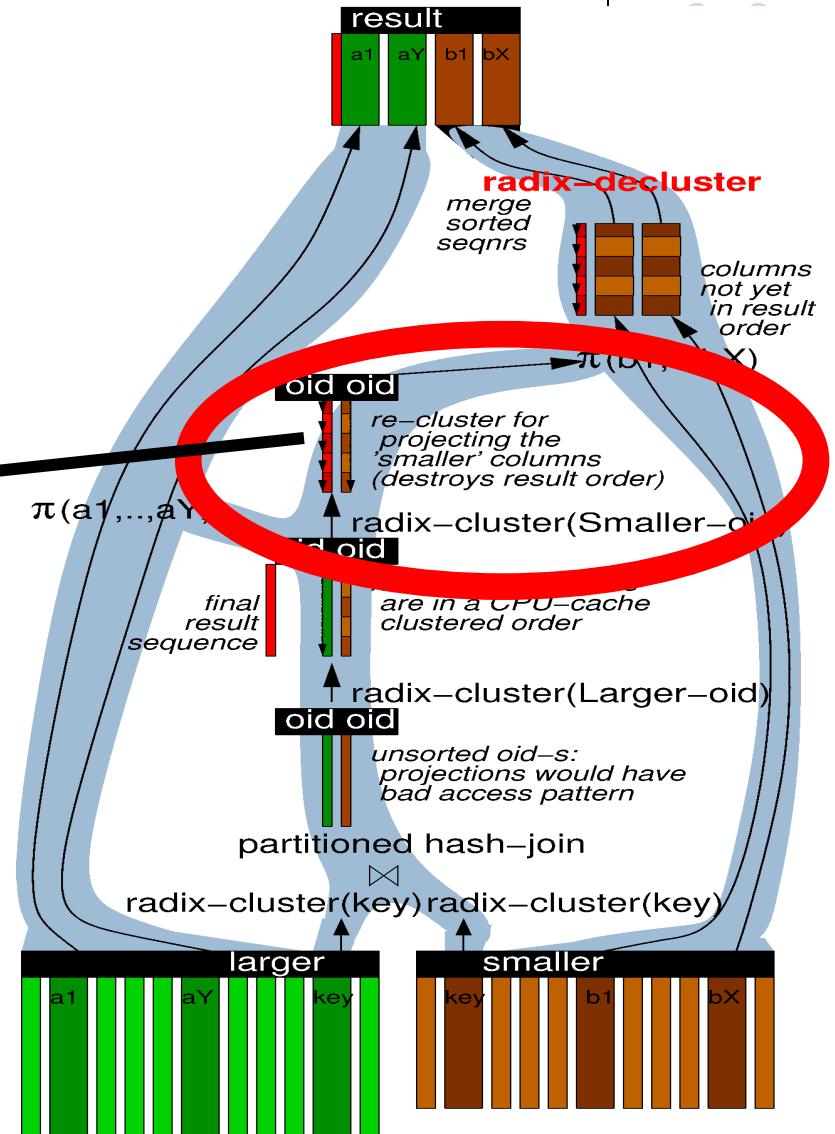
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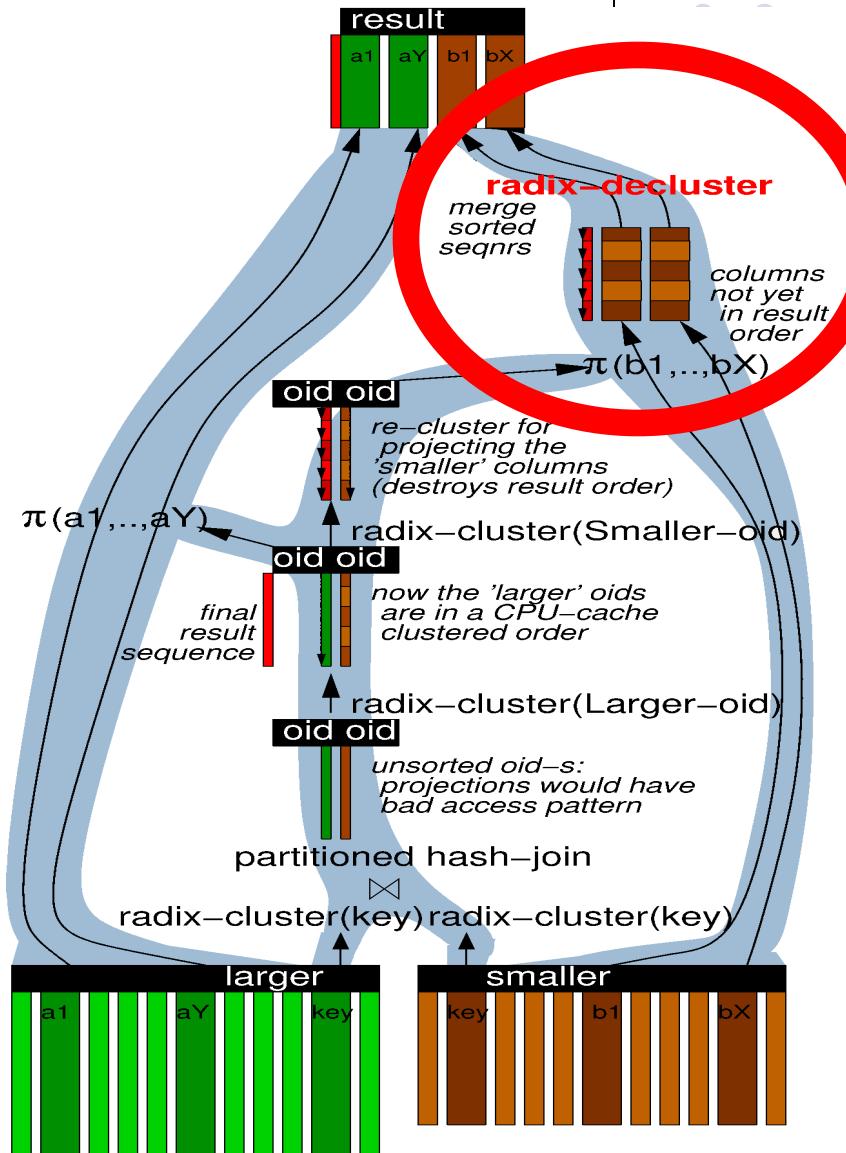
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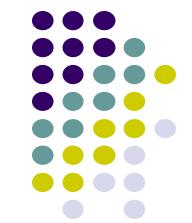
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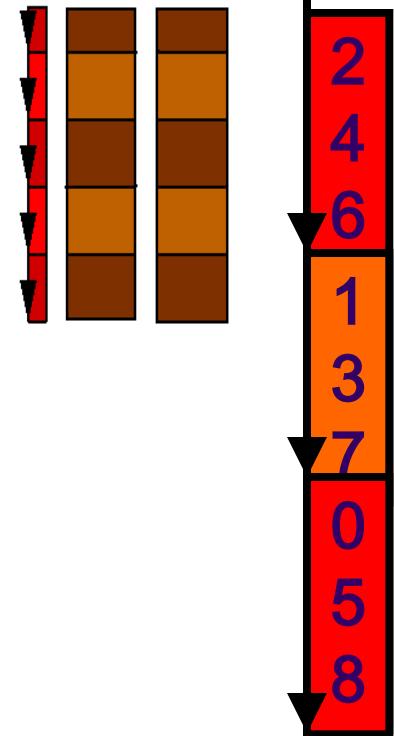
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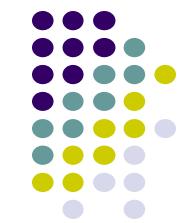
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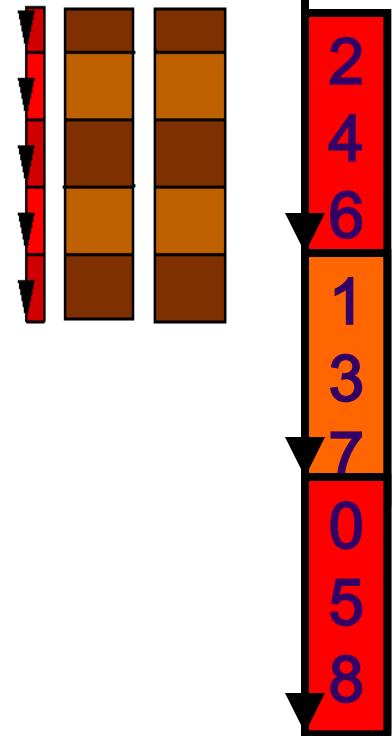
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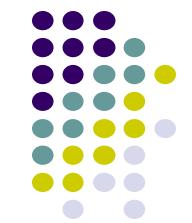
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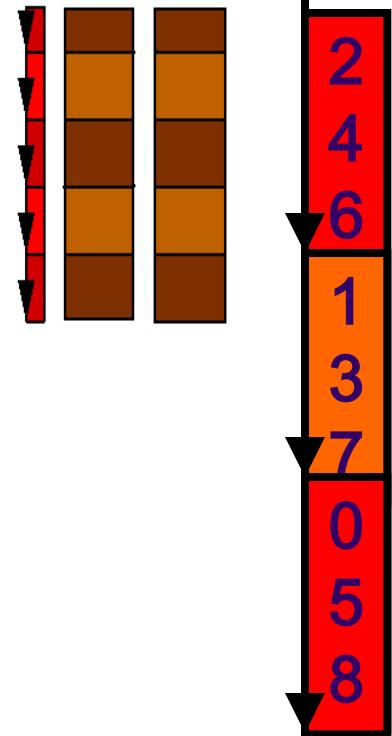
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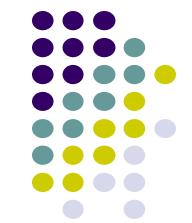
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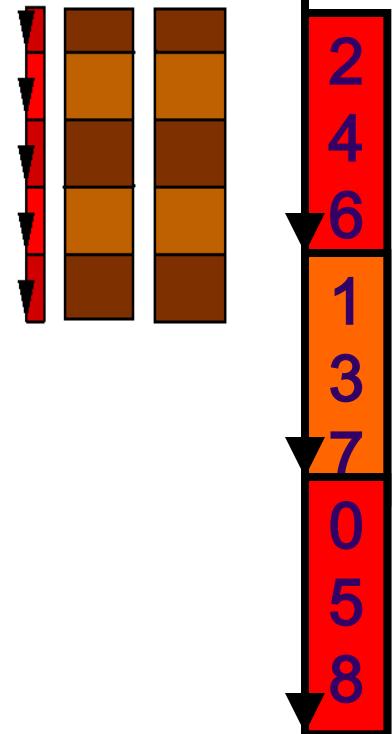
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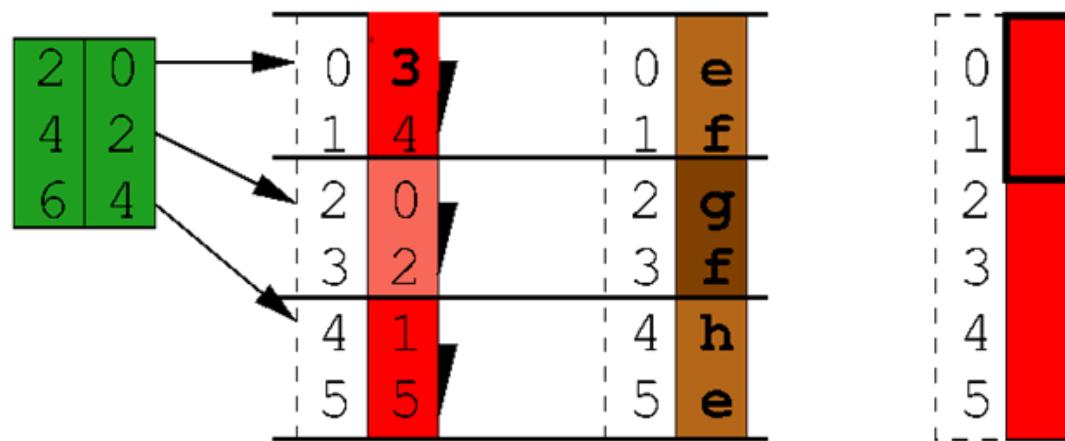


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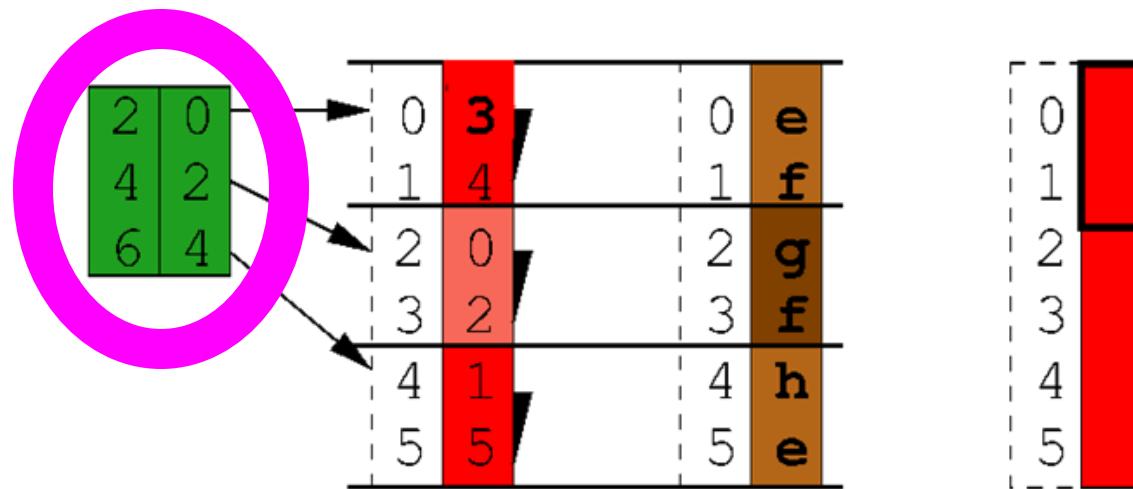


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3 clusters

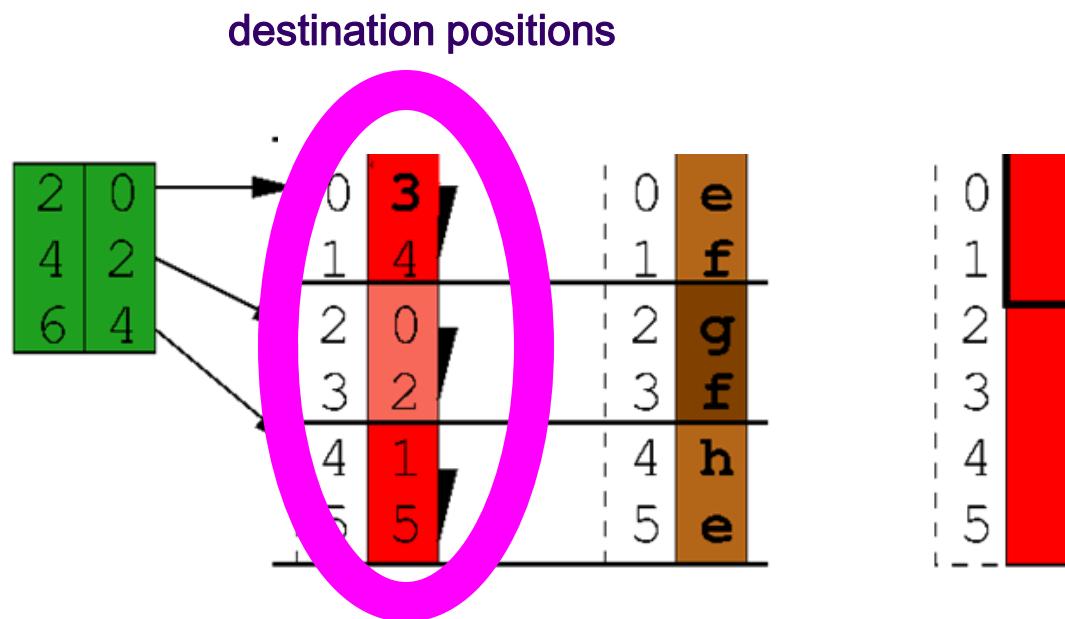


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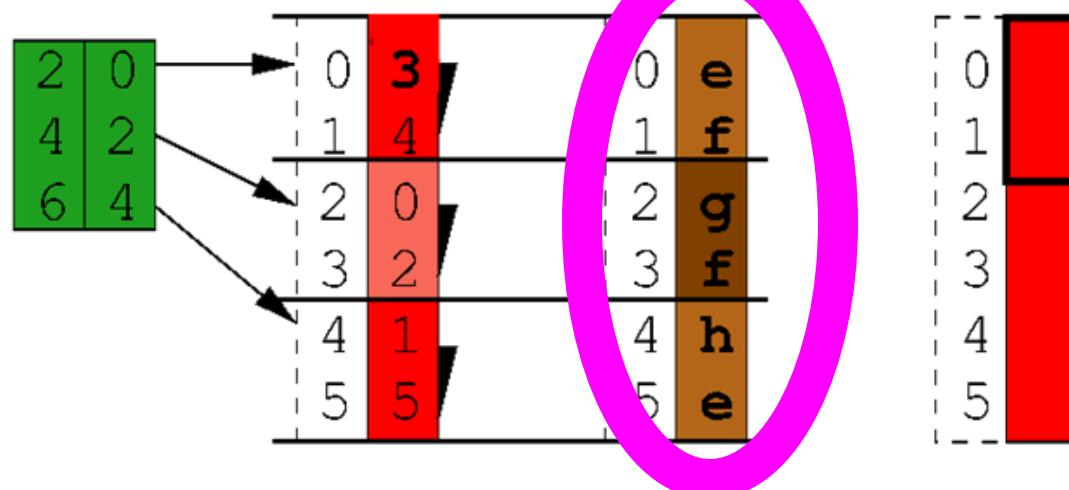
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Projection column (still)

in wrong order

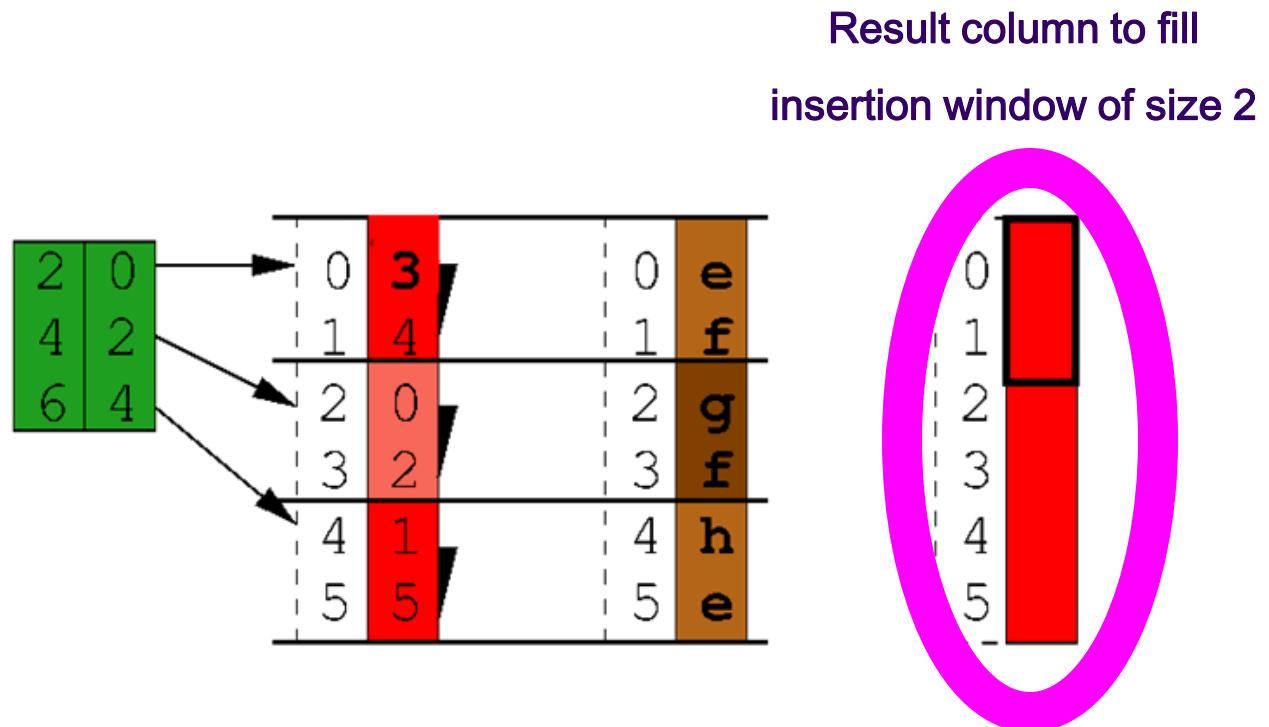




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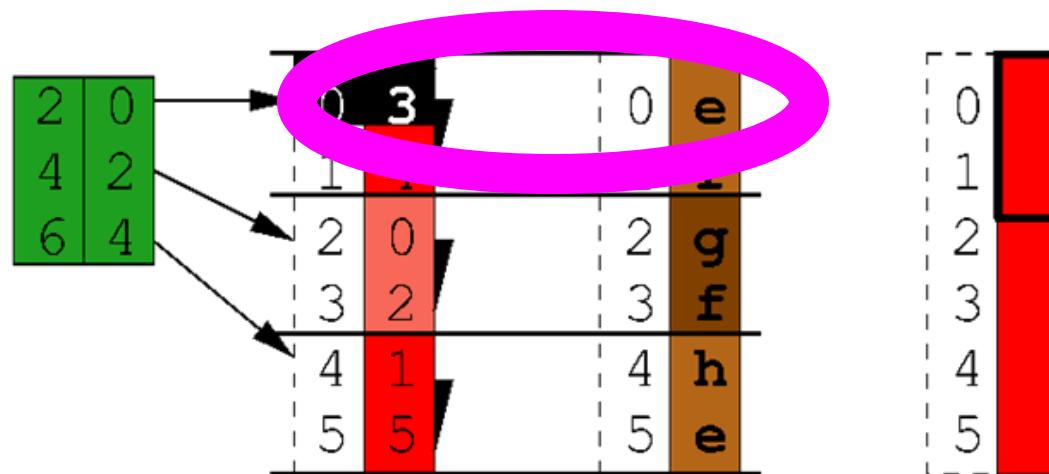




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**next cluster (3 is outside window)**

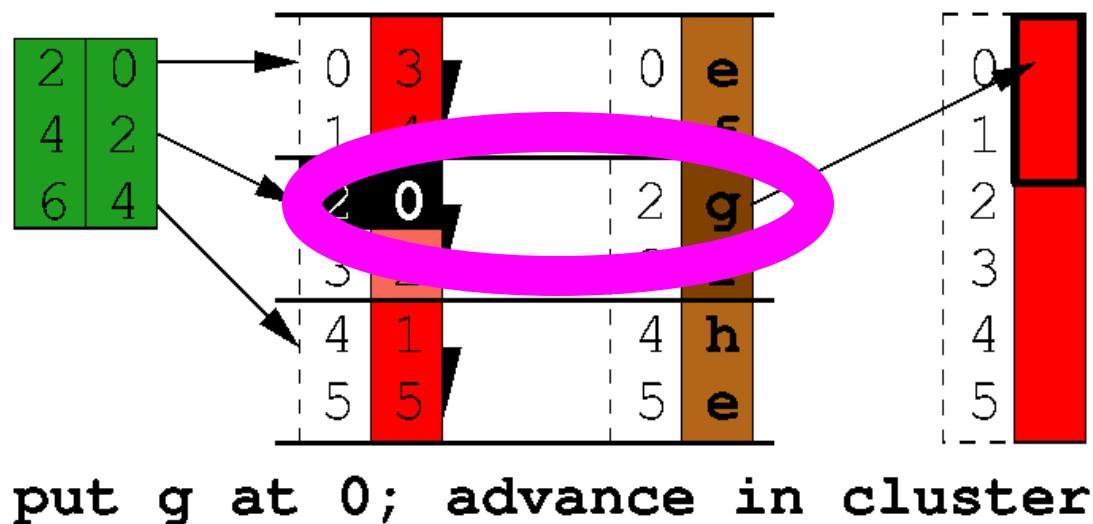




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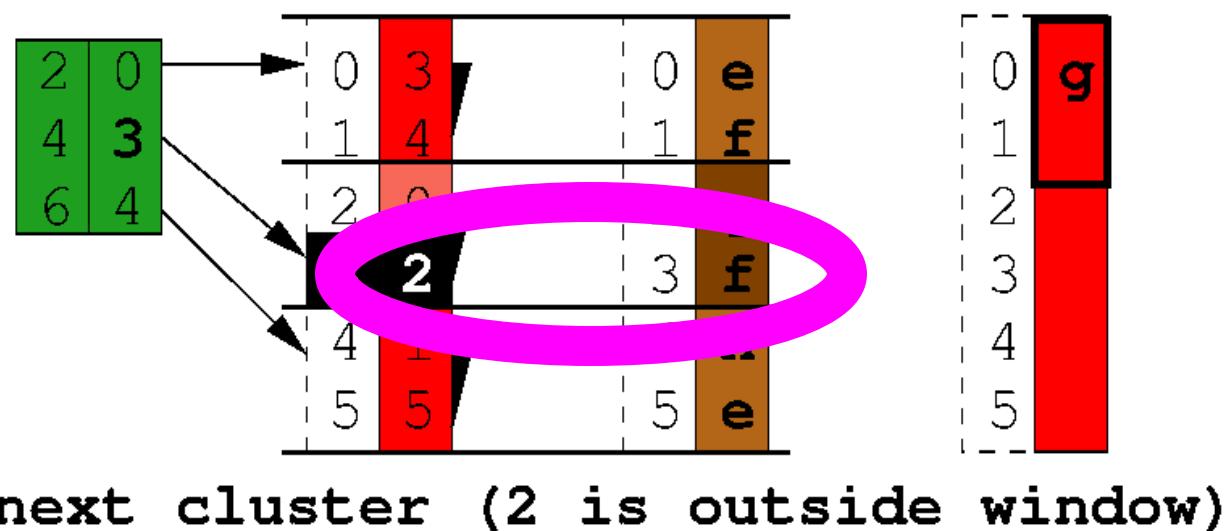




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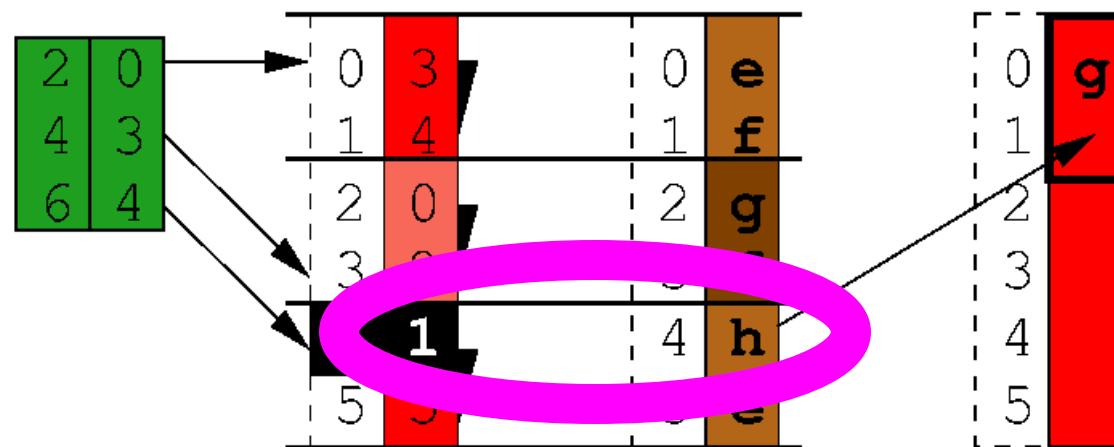




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**put h at 1; advance window; reset**

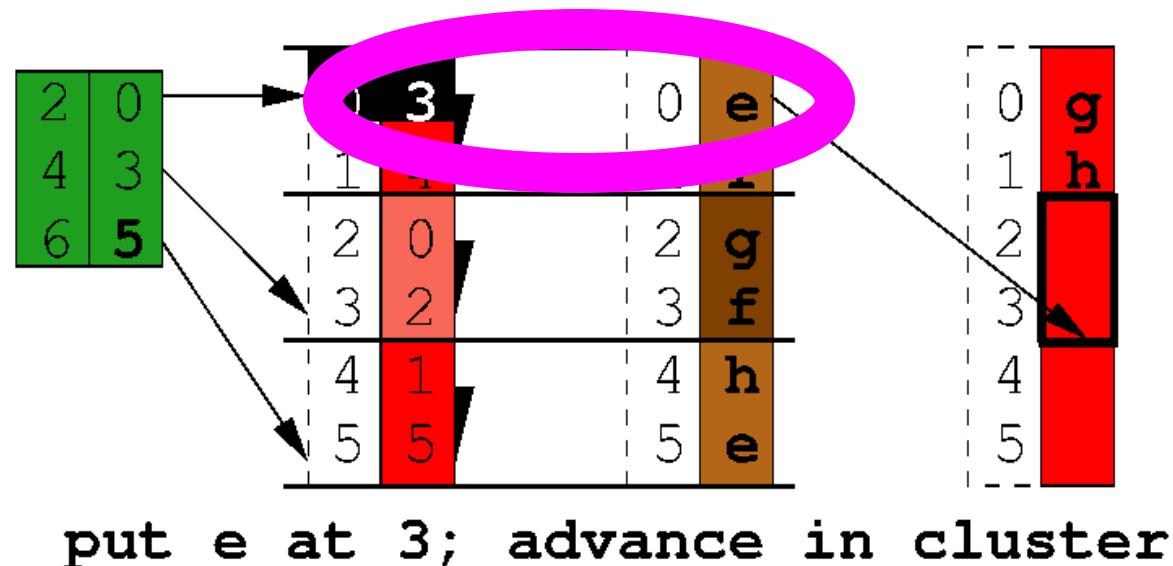




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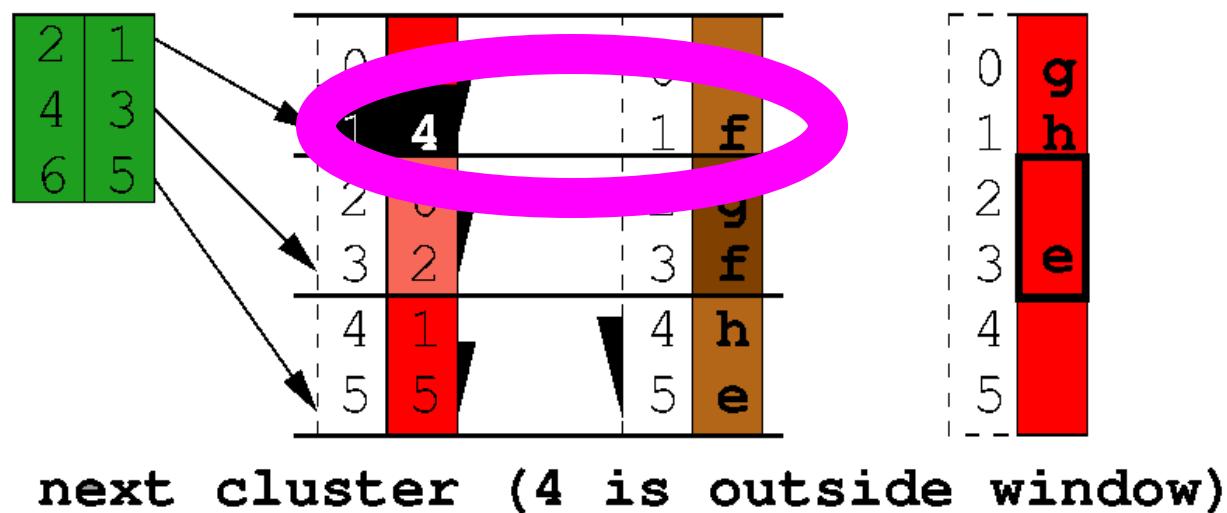




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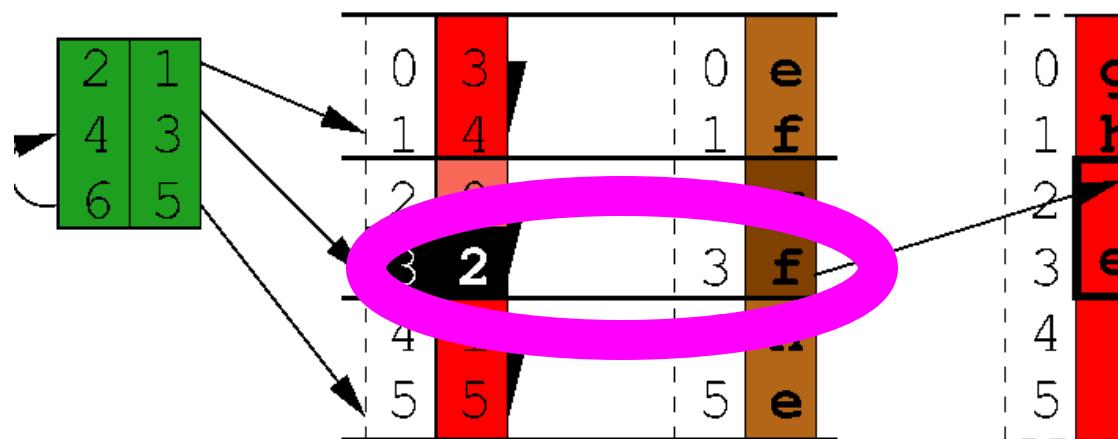




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**put f at 2; delete empty cluster;  
advance window; reset**

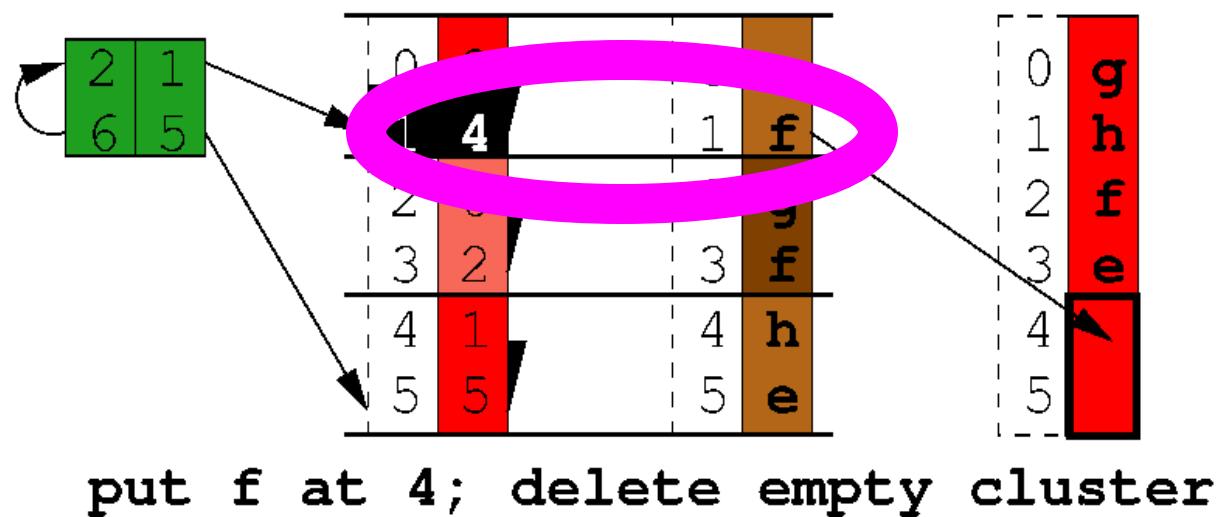




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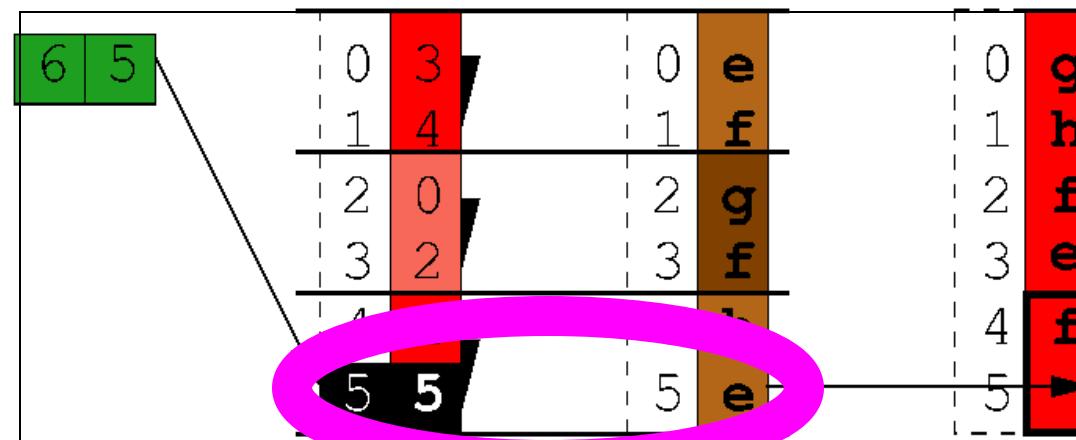




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put e at 5; delete empty cluster  
advance window; ready



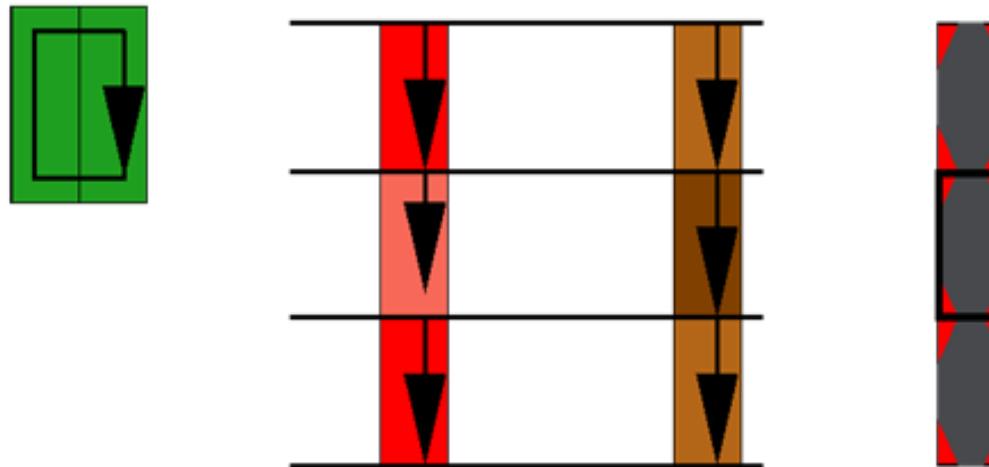


# Cache-Conscious Joins

## Radix-Decluster Memory Access Pattern

- “Cache-Conscious Radix-Decluster Projections”, Manegold, Boncz, Nes, VLDB’04

- Random access only to sliding window(<< cache size)



- Only compulsory misses → cache-conscious



# Cache-Conscious Joins

## Radix-Decluster Performance Tradeoff

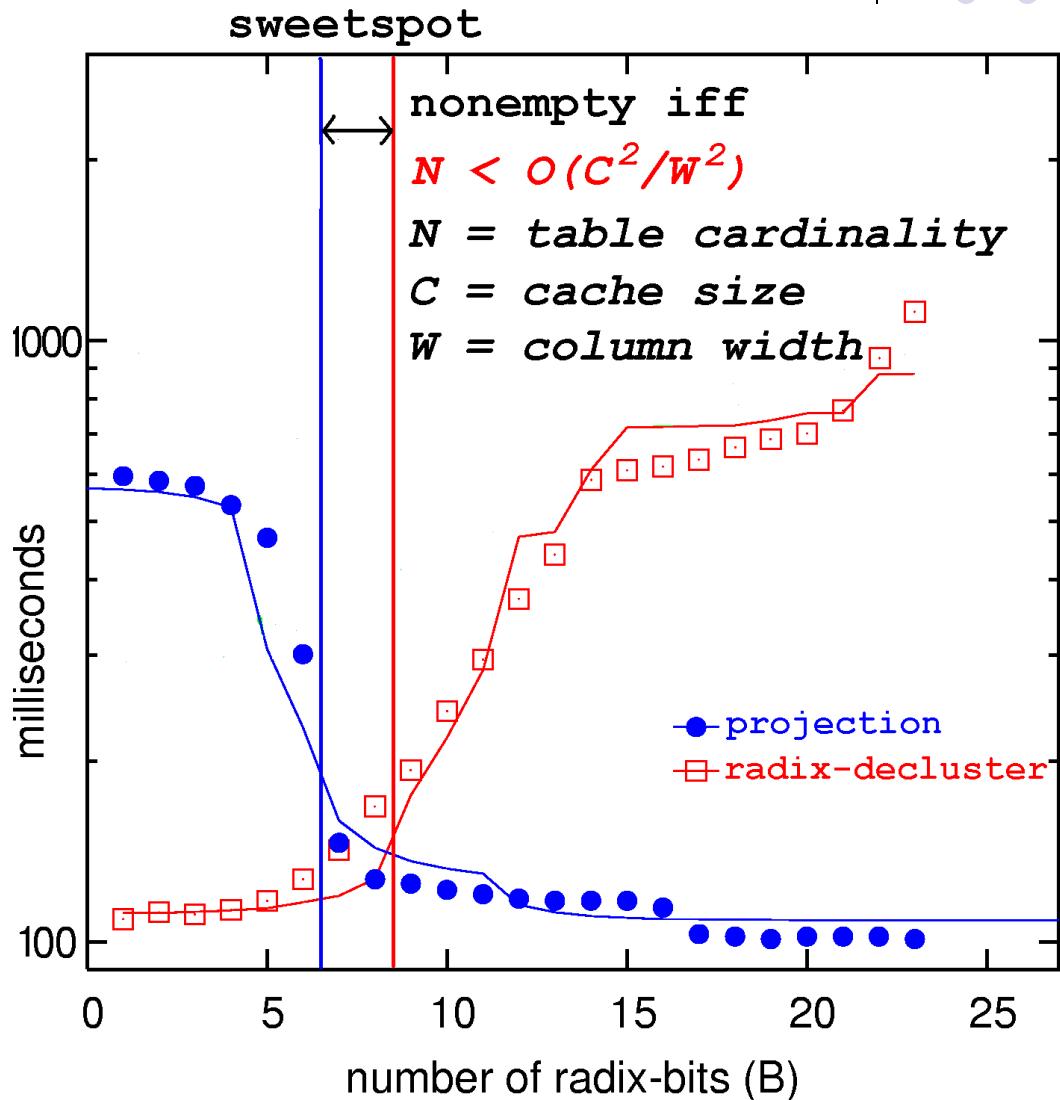


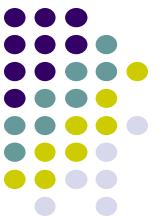
- Radix-Decluster prefers small W (i.e. vertical fragmentation)

Read Also:

- Jive Join
- Slam Join

“Fast Joins Using  
Join Indices”  
Ross, Lei, VLDBJ’98

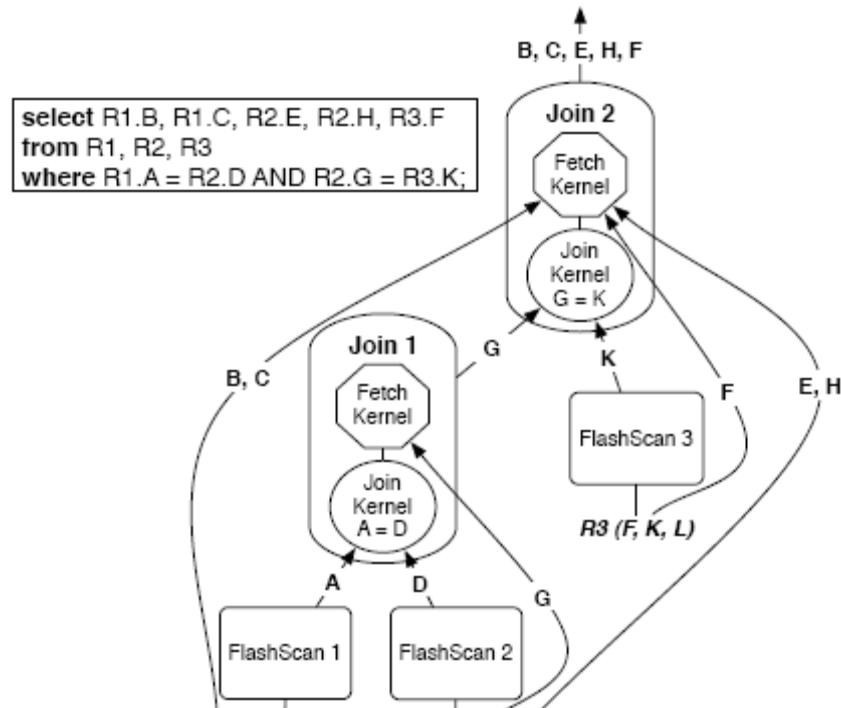




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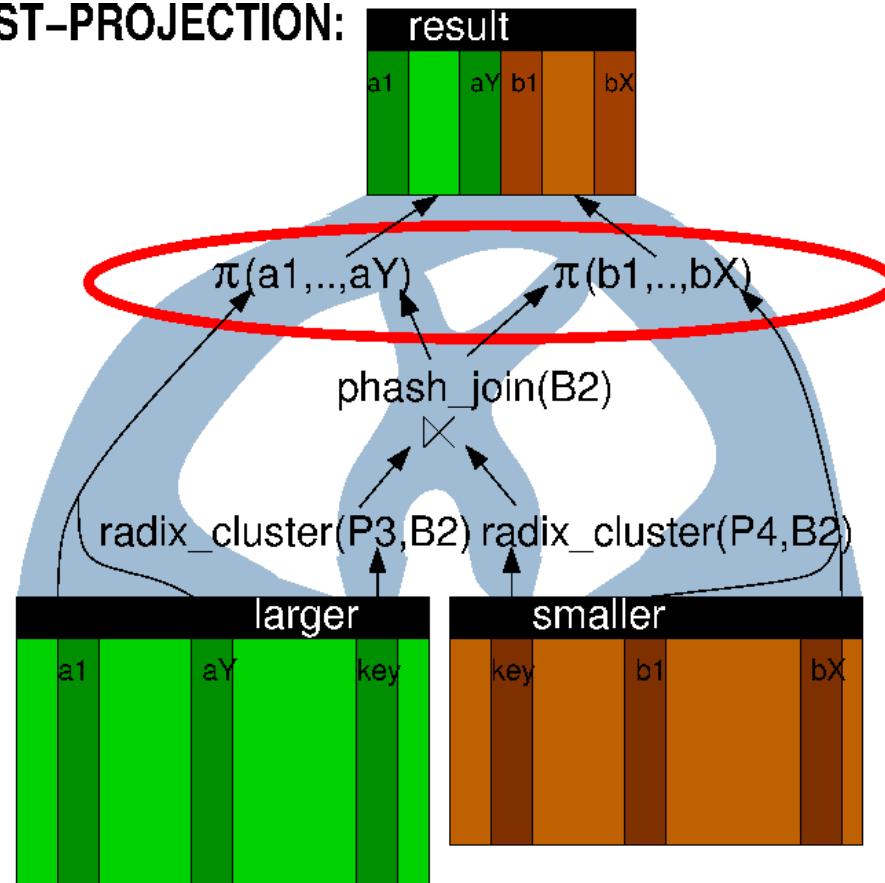
## Pre-Projection vs. Post-Projection

### 4.1 FlashJoin Overview



“Query Processing Techniques for Solid State Drives” Tsirgiannis,  
Harizopoulos, Shah, Wiener, Graefe,  
SIGMOD’09

### POST-PROJECTION:



# Column-Oriented Database Systems

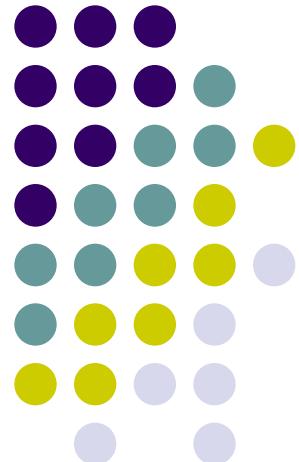
VLDB  
2009  
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vectorwise

“MonetDB/X100”

vectorized query processing

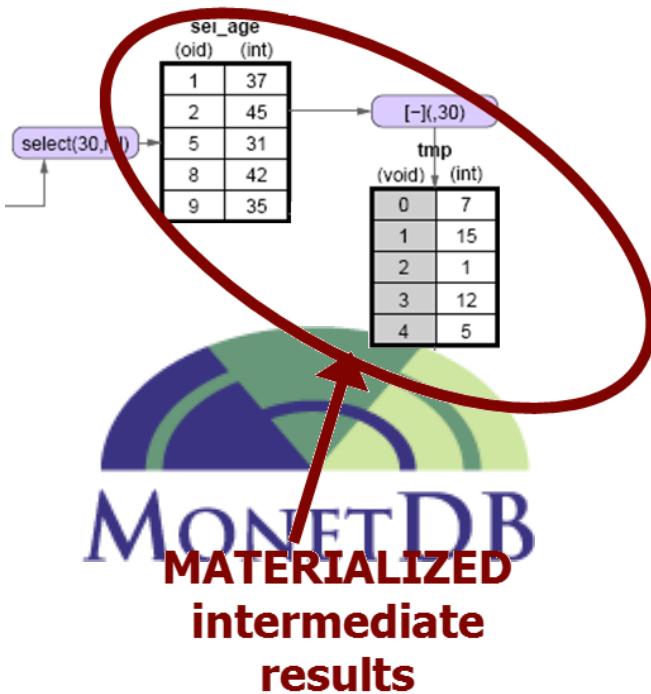




MonetDB spin-off: MonetDB/X100



## Materialization vs Pipelining





## "Vectorized In Cache Processing"

**vector = array of ~100**

**processed in a tight loop**

**CPU cache Resident**

- automatic SIMD

> 30 ?

FALSE  
TRUE  
TRUE  
FALSE

- 30

7  
15

\* 50

350  
750

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++)  
    res[i] = (col[i] > x)
```

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
```

```
    res[i] = col[i] - x  
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
```

```
        res[i] = (col[i] * x)
```

next()

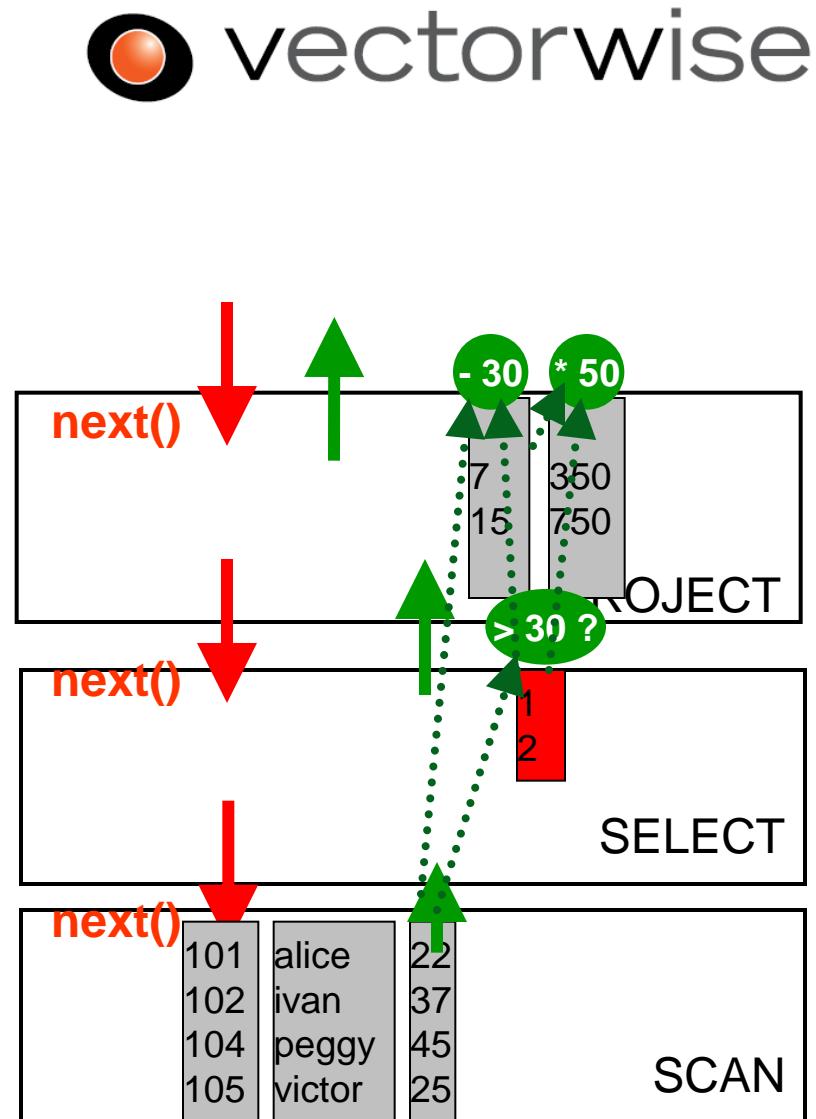




```
map_mul_flt_val_flt_col(
    float *res,
    int* sel,
    float val,
    float *col, int n)

{
    if (many selected and narrow)
        for(int i=0; i<n; i++) // SIMD!!
            res[i] = val * col[i];
    else
        for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
            res[i] = val * col[sel[i]];
}

"push selections up" to get SIMD
```





# MonetDB/X100

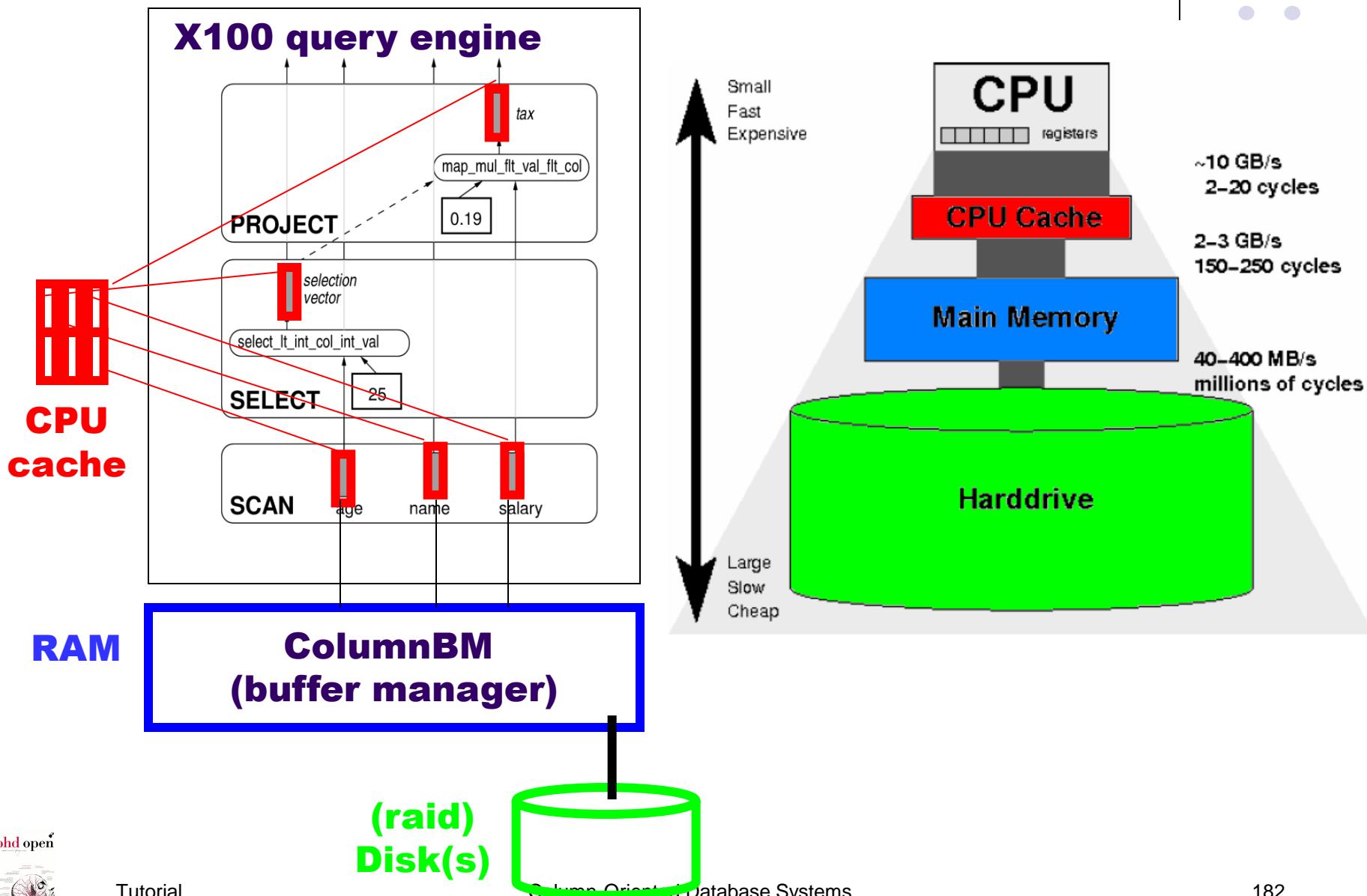
- Both efficiency
  - Vectorized primitives
- and scalability..
  - Pipelined query evaluation

■ C program:	0.2s
■ MonetDB/X100:	0.6s
■ MonetDB:	3.7s
■ MySQL:	26.2s
■ DBMS “X”:	28.1s



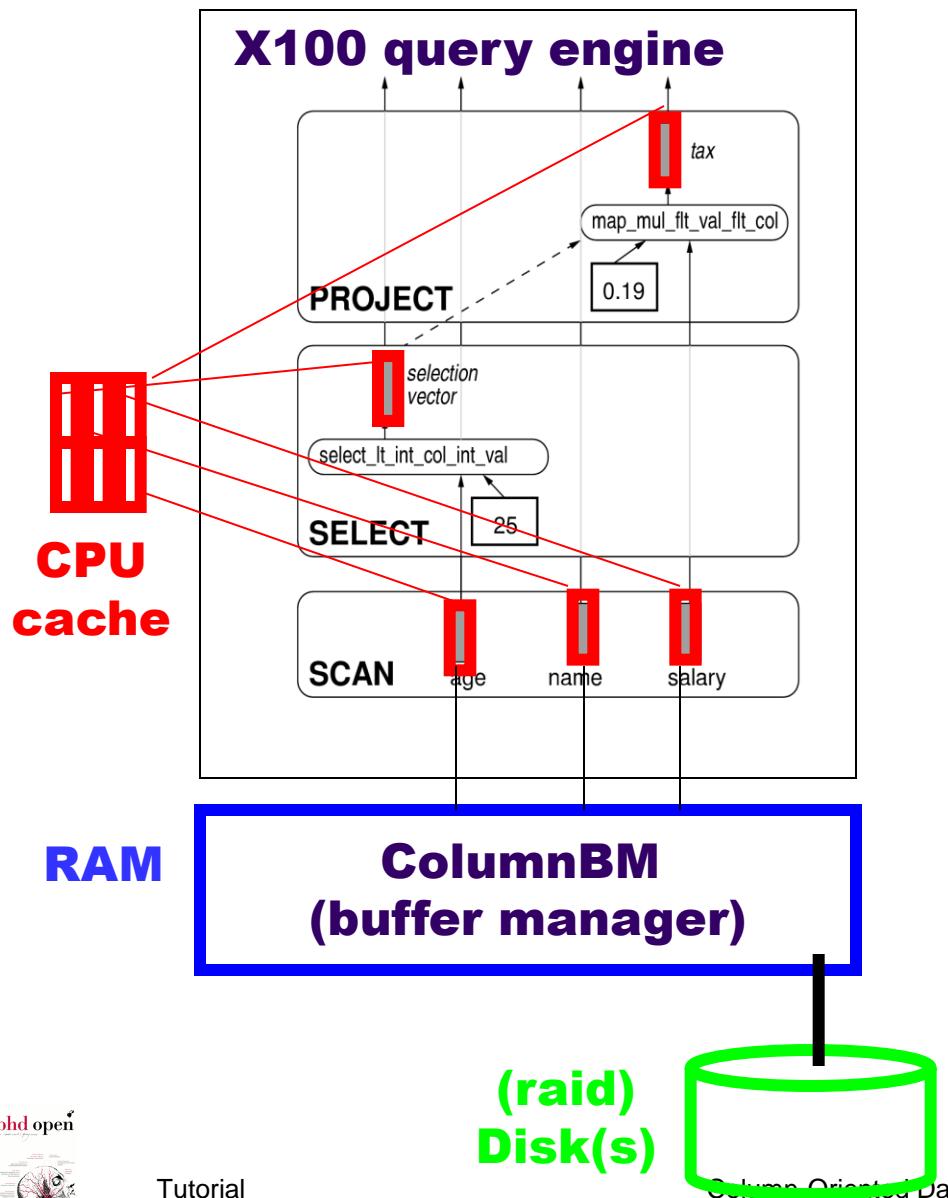


# Memory Hierarchy





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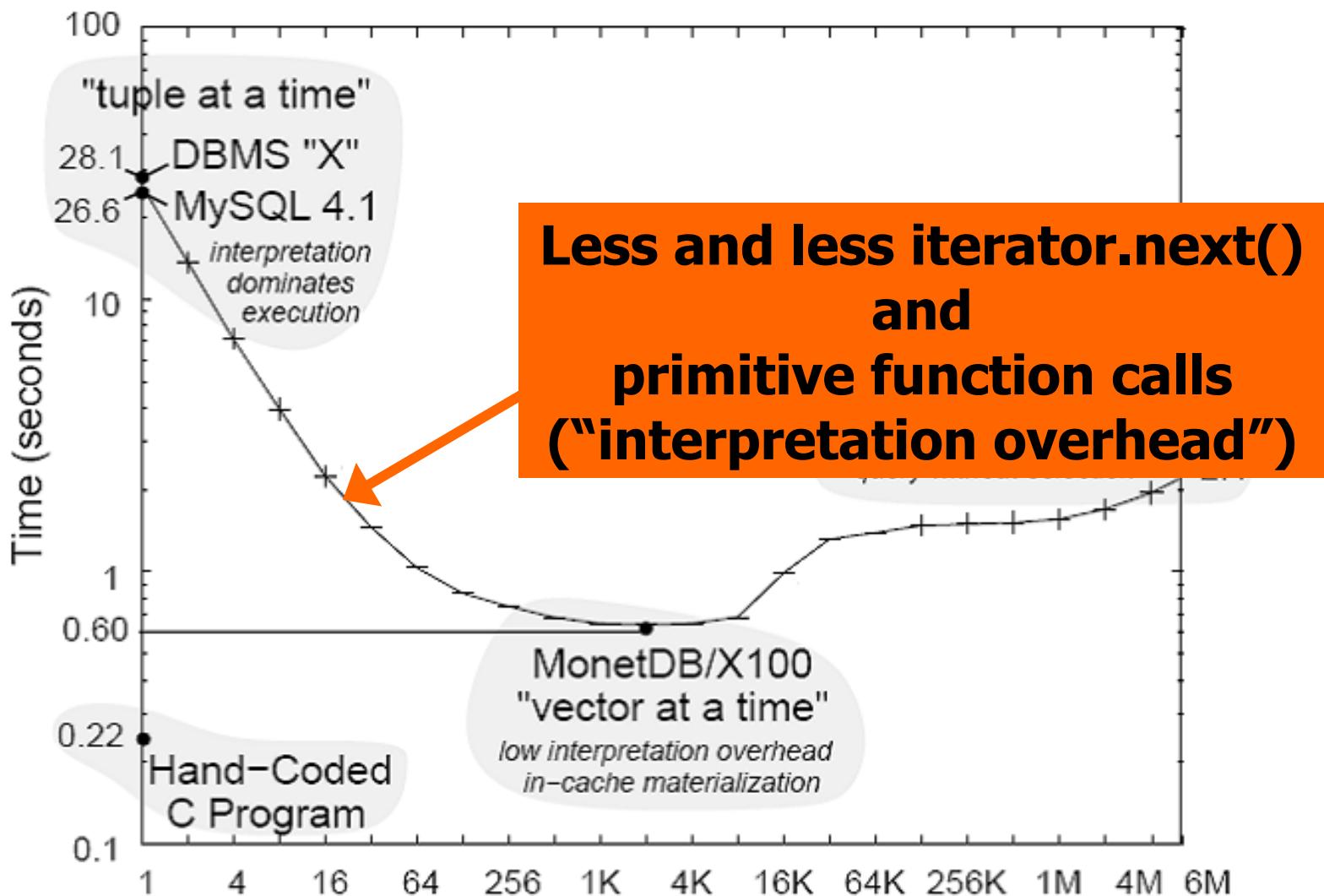
Vectors are only the in-cache representation

RAM & disk representation might actually be different

(vectorwise uses both PAX & DSM)

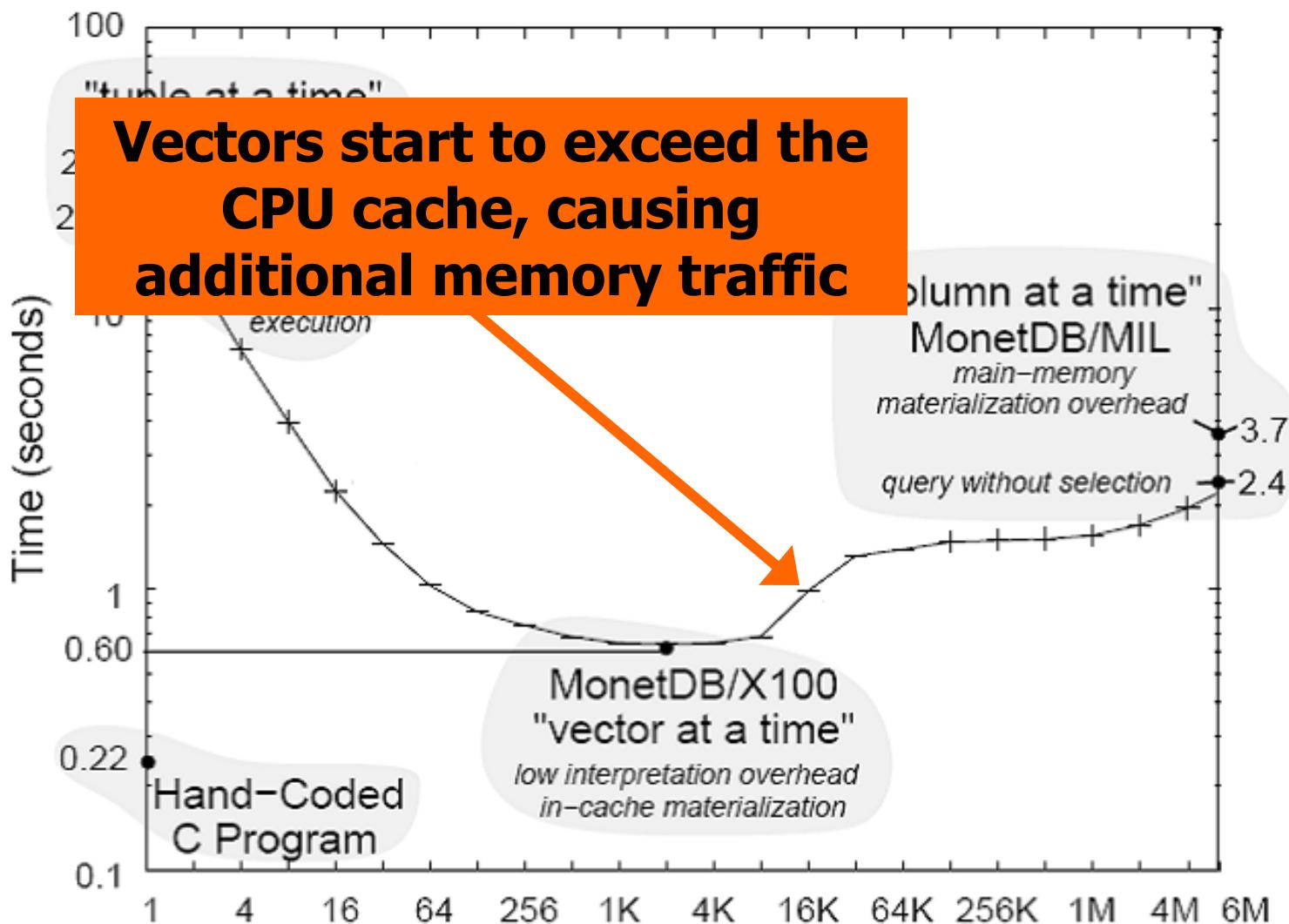


# Varying the Vector size



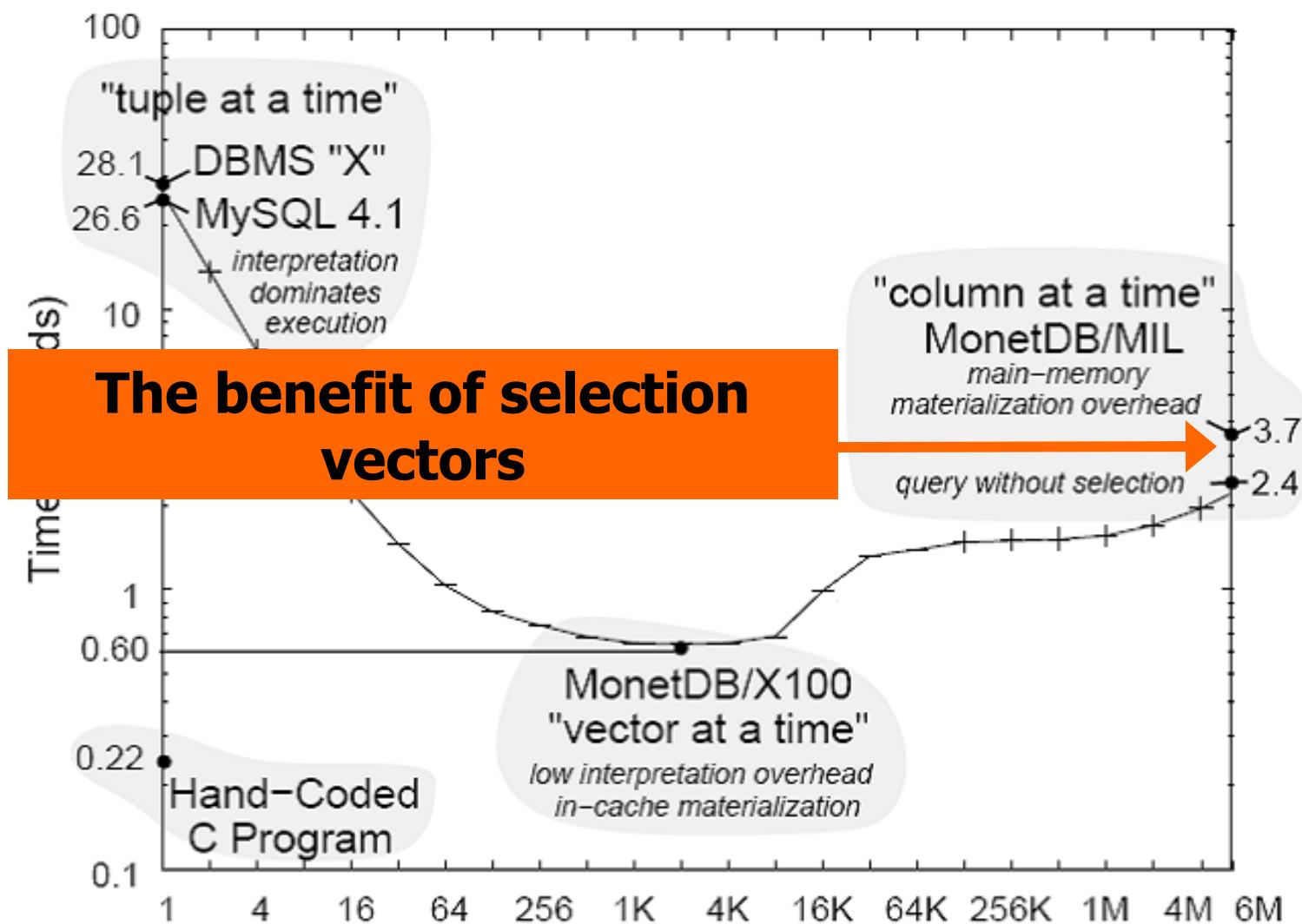


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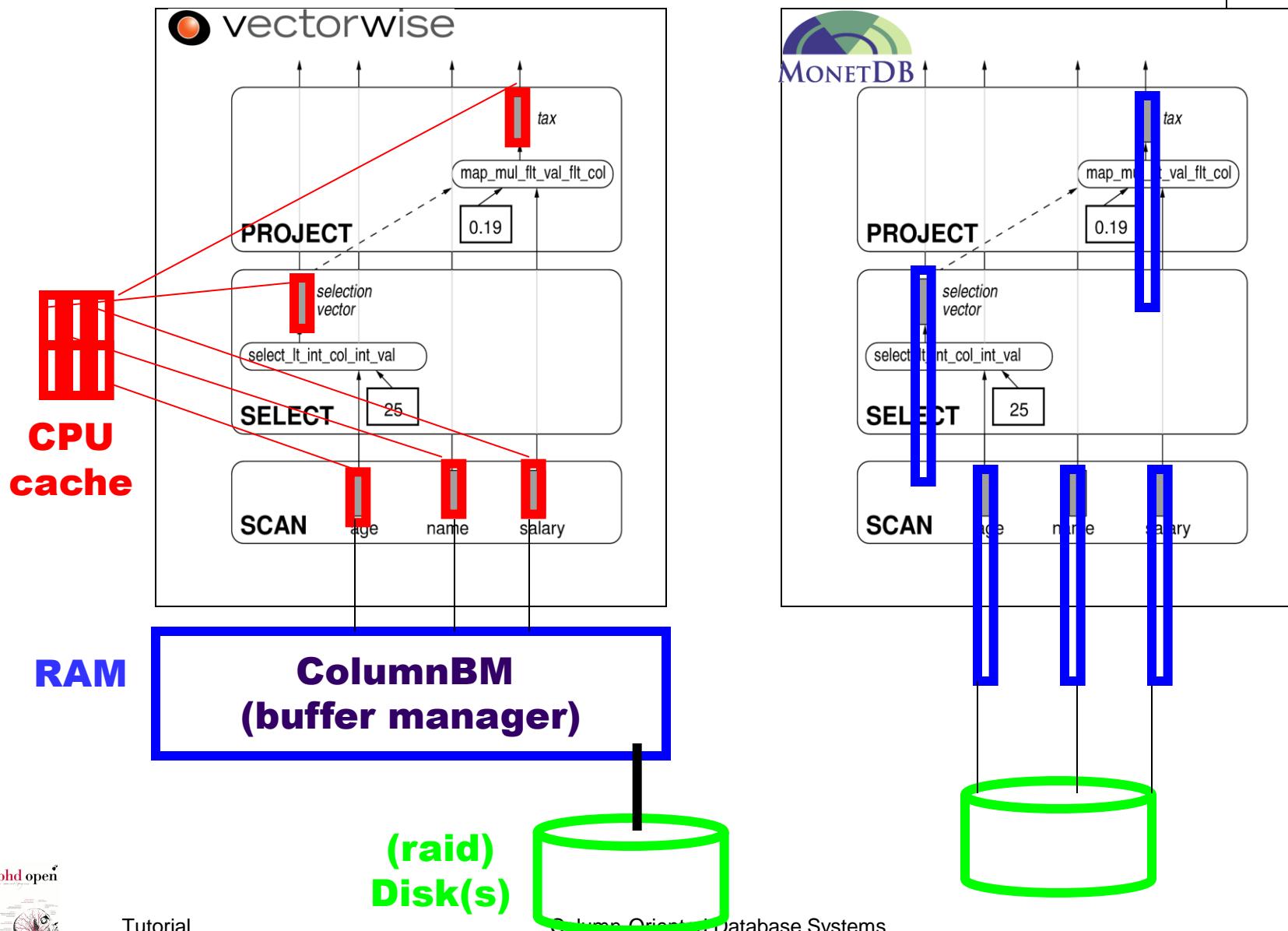


# Varying the Vector size





## MonetDB/MIL materializes columns





# Benefits of Vectorized Processing

- **100x less Function Calls**
  - iterator.next(), primitives
- **No Instruction Cache Misses**
  - High locality in the primitives
- **Less Data Cache Misses**
  - Cache-conscious data placement
- **No Tuple Navigation**
  - Primitives are record-oblivious, only see arrays
- **Vectorization allows algorithmic optimization**
  - Move activities out of the loop (“strength reduction”)
- **Compiler-friendly function bodies**
  - Loop-pipelining, automatic SIMD

“Buffering Database Operations for Enhanced Instruction Cache Performance”  
Zhou, Ross, SIGMOD’04

“Block oriented processing of relational database operations in modern computer architectures”  
Padmanabhan, Malkemus, Agarwal, ICDE’01



# Vectorizing Relational Operators

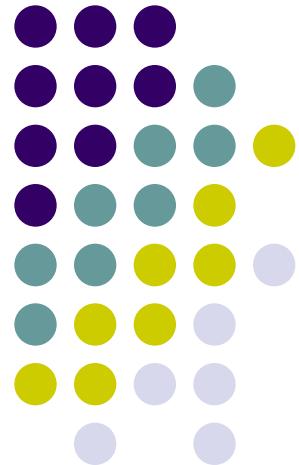
- Project
- Select
  - Exploit selectivities, test buffer overflow
- Aggregation
  - Ordered, Hashed
- Sort
  - Radix-sort nicely vectorizes
- Join
  - Merge-join + Hash-join

# Column-Oriented Database Systems



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# Summary (1/2)

- Columns and Row-Stores: different?
  - No fundamental differences
  - Can current row-stores simulate column-stores now?
    - not efficiently: row-stores need change
  - On disk layout vs execution layout
    - actually independent issues, on-the-fly conversion pays off
    - column favors sequential access, row random
  - Mixed Layout schemes
    - Fractured mirrors
    - PAX, Clotho
    - Data morphing





# Summary (2/2)

- Crucial Columnar Techniques
  - Storage
    - Lean headers, sparse indices, fast positional access
  - Compression
    - Operating on compressed data
    - Lightweight, vectorized decompression
  - Late vs Early materialization
    - Non-join: LM always wins
    - Naïve/Invisible/Jive/Flash/Radix Join (LM often wins)
  - Execution
    - Vectorized in-cache execution
    - Exploiting SIMD

