



# CS 839: Design the Next-Generation Database

## Lecture 13: Smart SSD

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# Announcements

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Upcoming deadlines:

- Proposal due: **Mar. 10**

Fill this Google sheet for course project information

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W7ObfjLqjDChm49GqrLg49x6r4B28-f-PBpQPHX01Mk/edit?usp=sharing>

# Project Proposal

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Use VLDB 2020 format

- <https://vldb2020.org/formatting-guidelines.html>

The proposal is **1-page** containing the following

- Project name
- Author list
- Abstract (1-2 paragraphs about your idea)
- Introduction (Why is the problem interesting; what's your contribution)
- Methodology (how do you plan to approach the problem)
- Task-list (Who works on what tasks of the project)
- Timeline (List of milestones and when you plan to achieve them)

**Submit proposal by March 10** to <https://wisc-cs839-ngdb20.hotcrp.com>

# Discussion Highlights

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## Why HBM more successful with GPU than CPU?

- GPU has more computation to saturate HBM bandwidth
- GPU workloads are throughput-bound, not latency bound

## Future of storage hierarchy?

- HBM becomes the new DRAM
- Need a universal interface to control the hardware
- Customizable storage solutions
- Another layer: Smart memory
- Some may disappear (e.g., HDD)

## APU for database?

- Depends on the price
- Promising because the bandwidth between CPU and GPU increases
- Maybe hard to program



# Today's Paper

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## Query Processing on Smart SSDs: Opportunities and Challenges

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### ABSTRACT

Data storage devices are getting “smarter.” Smart Flash storage devices (a.k.a. “Smart SSD”) are on the horizon and will package CPU processing and DRAM storage inside a Smart SSD, and make that available to run user programs inside a Smart SSD. The focus of this paper is on exploring the opportunities and challenges associated with exploiting this functionality of Smart SSDs for relational analytic query processing. We have implemented an initial prototype of Microsoft SQL Server running on a Samsung Smart SSD. Our results demonstrate that significant performance and energy gains can be achieved by

caches). Various areas of computer science have focused on making this data flow efficient using techniques such as prefetching, prioritizing sequential access (for both fetching data to the main memory, and/or to the processor caches), and pipelined query execution.

However, the boundary between persistent storage, volatile storage, and processing is increasingly getting blurrier. For example, mobile devices today integrate many of these features into a single chip (the SoC trend). We are now on the cusp of this hardware trend sweeping over into the server world. The focus of this project is the integration of processing power and non-volatile

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# Today's Agenda

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Computation in Memory/Storage

Solid State Drive (SSD)

Query processing on Smart SSDs

# Computation vs. Memory/Storage

Multicore



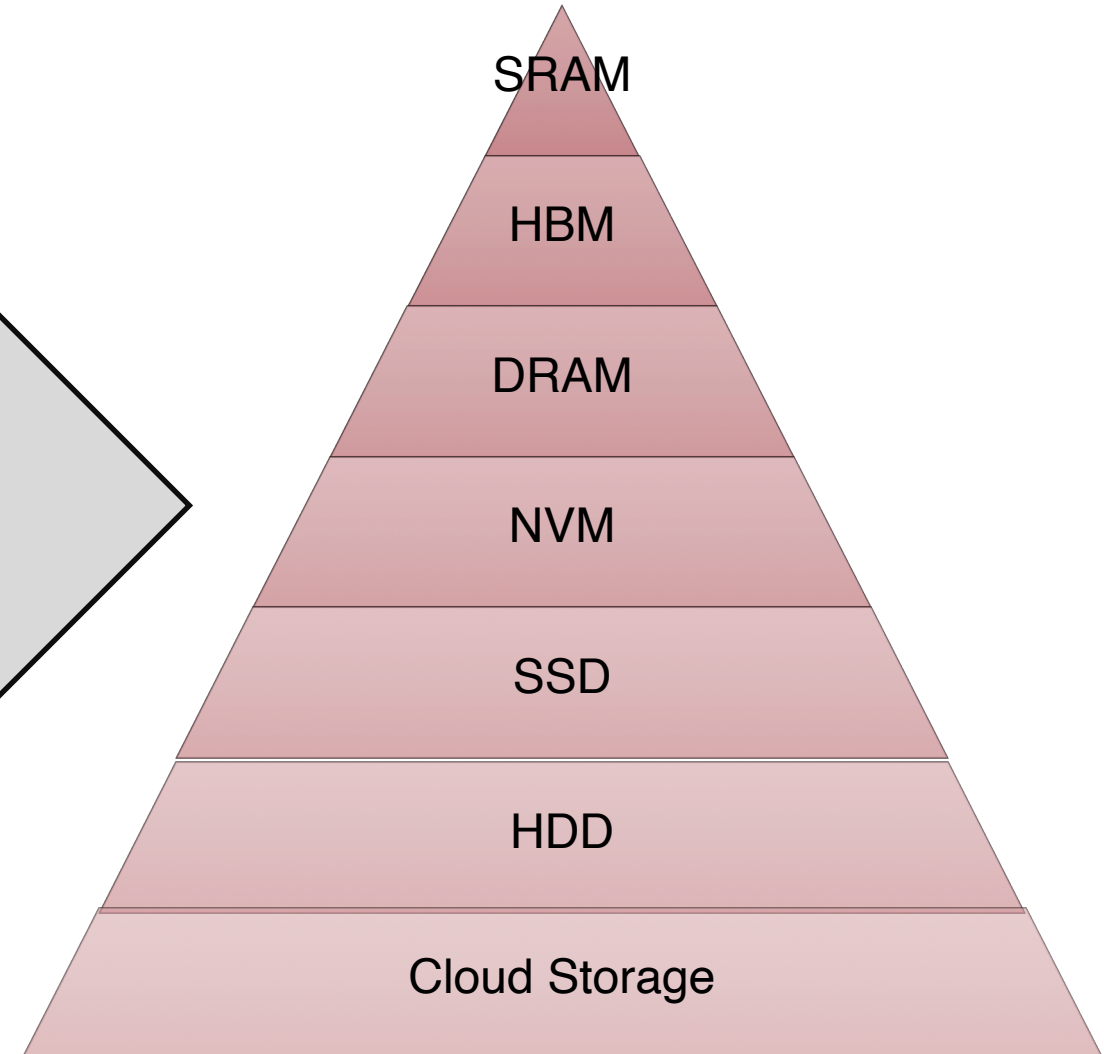
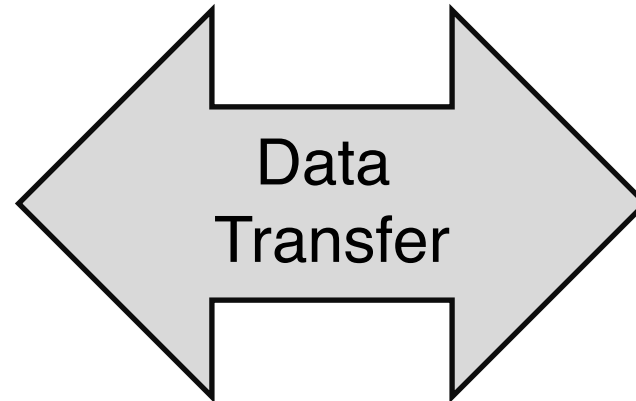
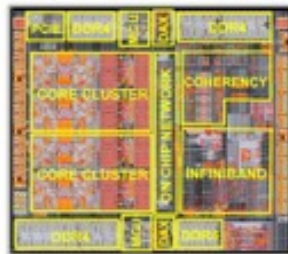
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FPGA



Accelerator

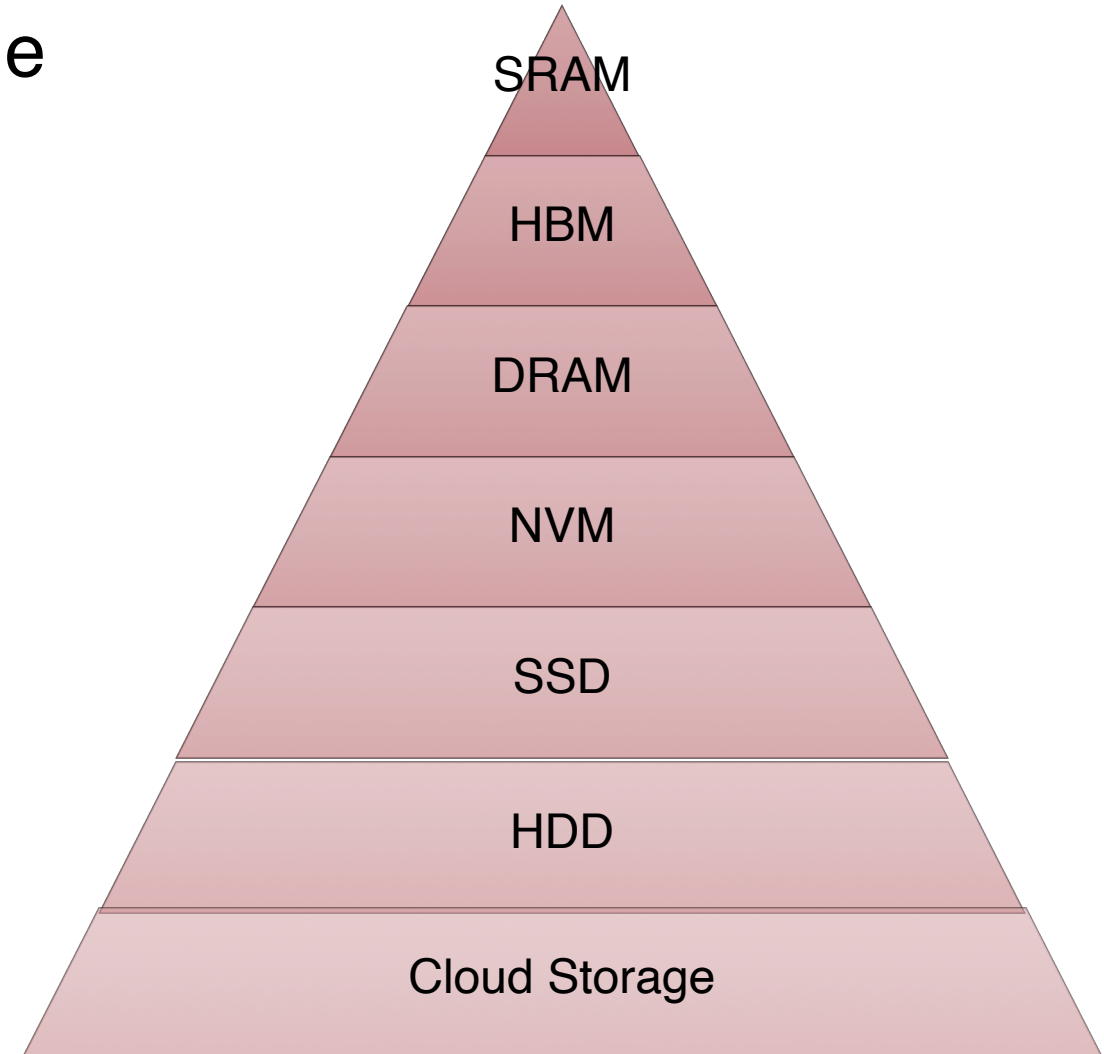


# Smart Memory/Storage

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## Pushing computation to memory/storage

- Process in memory (PIM)
- Smart SSD
- Active Disk
- Intelligent Disk
- AWS S3 Select



# Active Disk (CMU), 1998

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Embed low-powered processor into each storage device

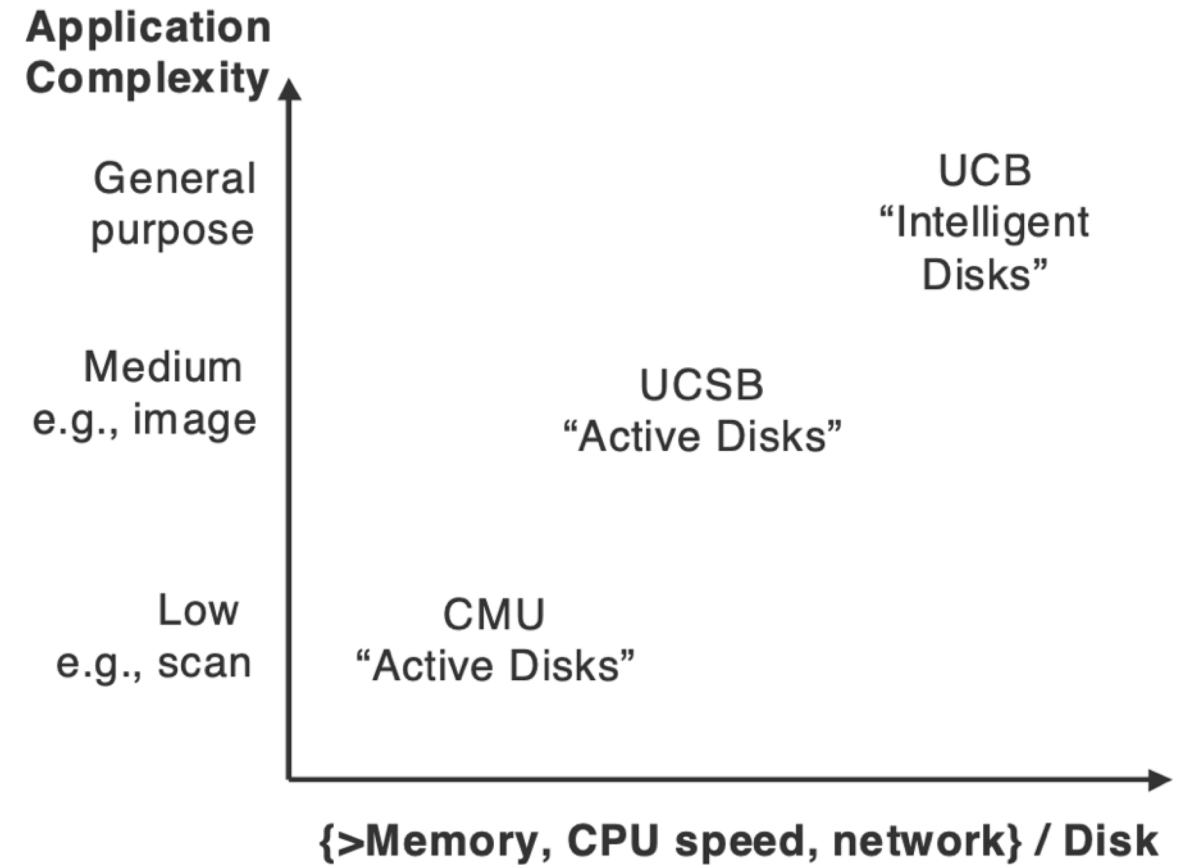
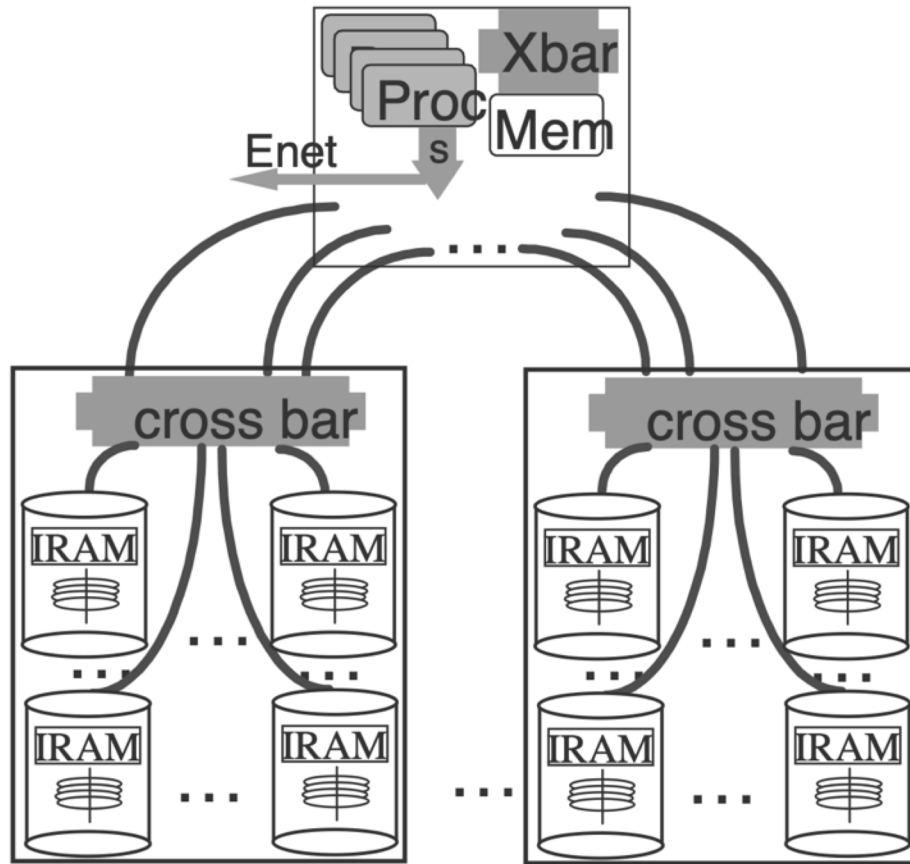
- dramatically reducing data traffic
- exploiting the parallelism in large storage systems

Database operators

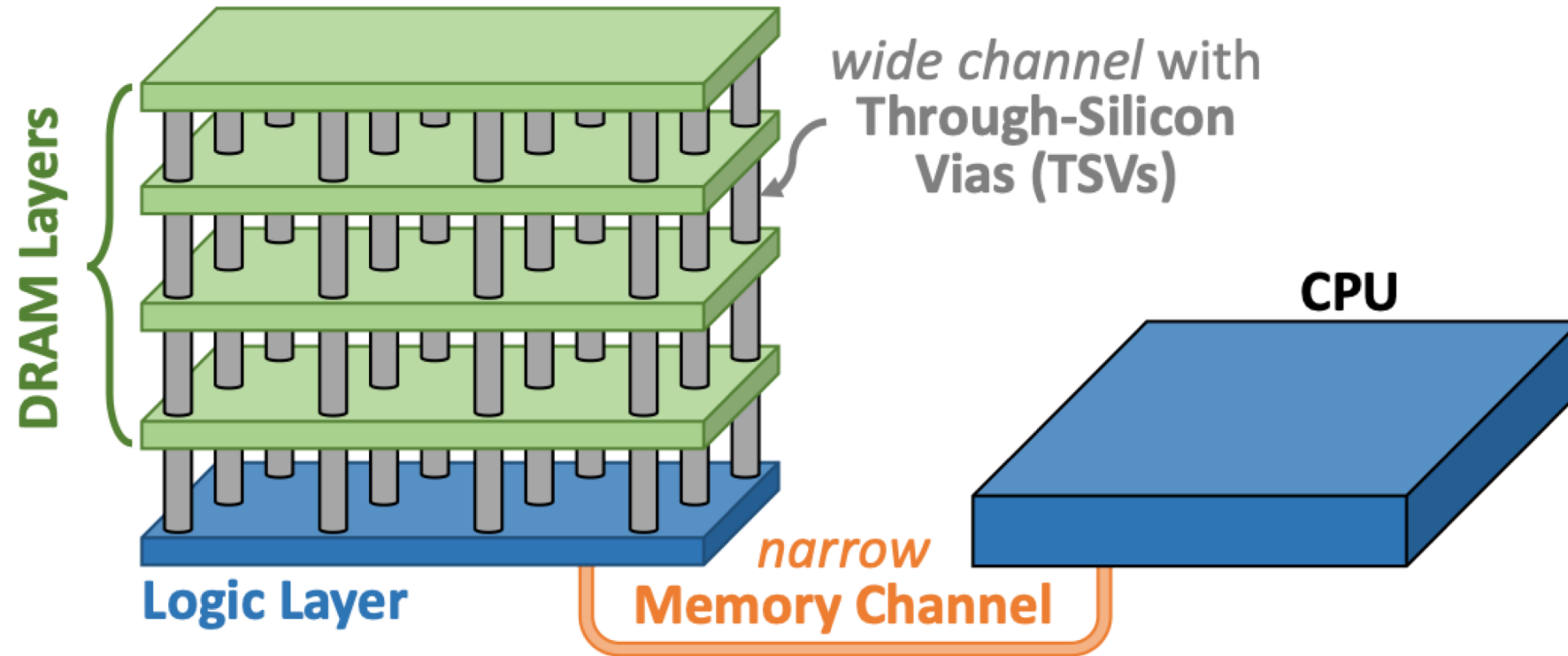
- Scan
- Aggregation
- Bloom join

2x speedup based on a prototype

# Intelligent Disk (Berkeley), 1998



# Process in Memory



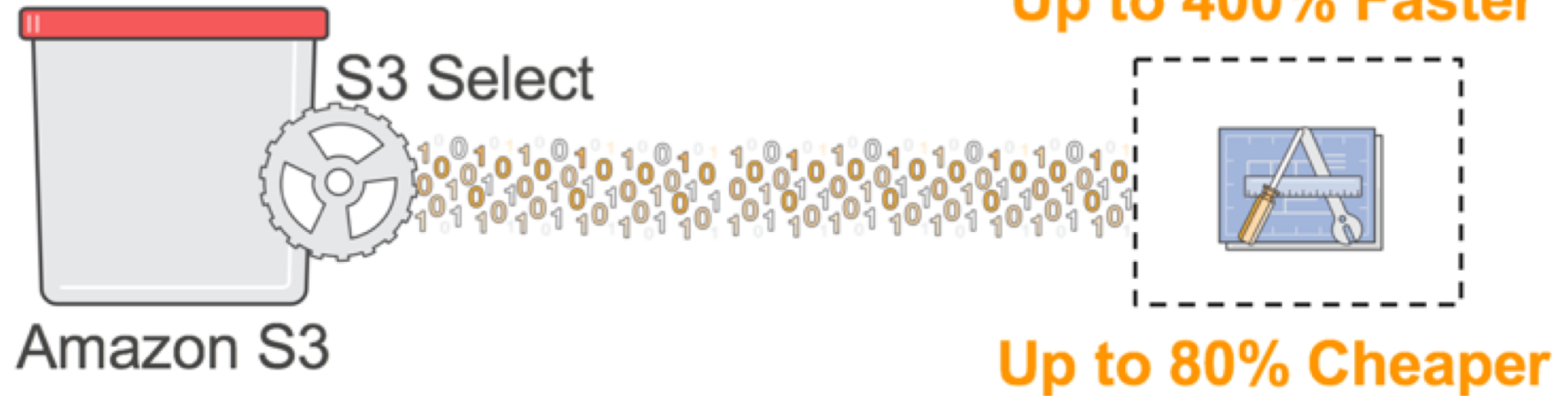
More on this next lecture

# AWS S3 Select

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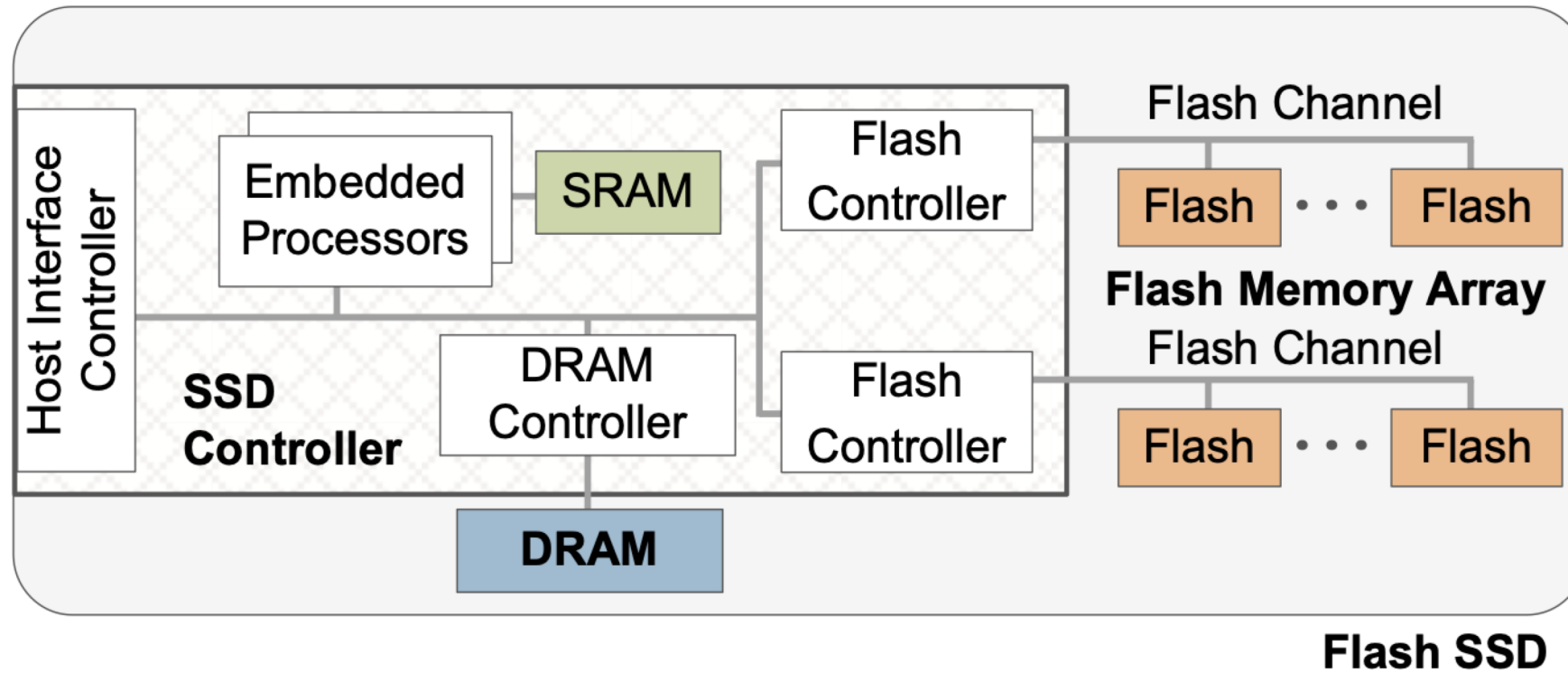


**After:**





# Solid State Drive (SSD)



## Flash Translation Layer (FTL)

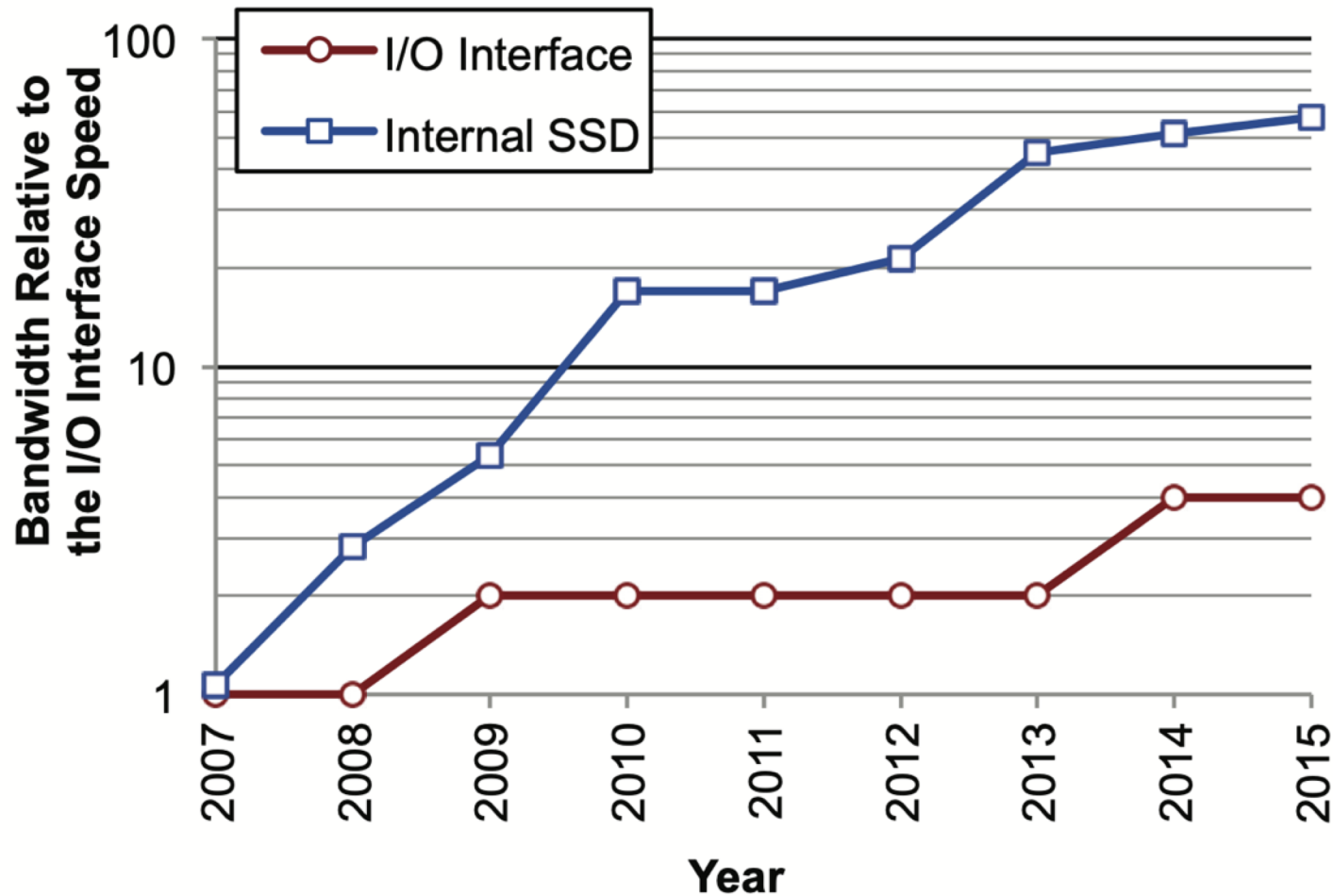
- Bad Block Management
- Map logical addresses with physical addresses
- Wear-levelling
- Garbage Collection

# SSD Performance

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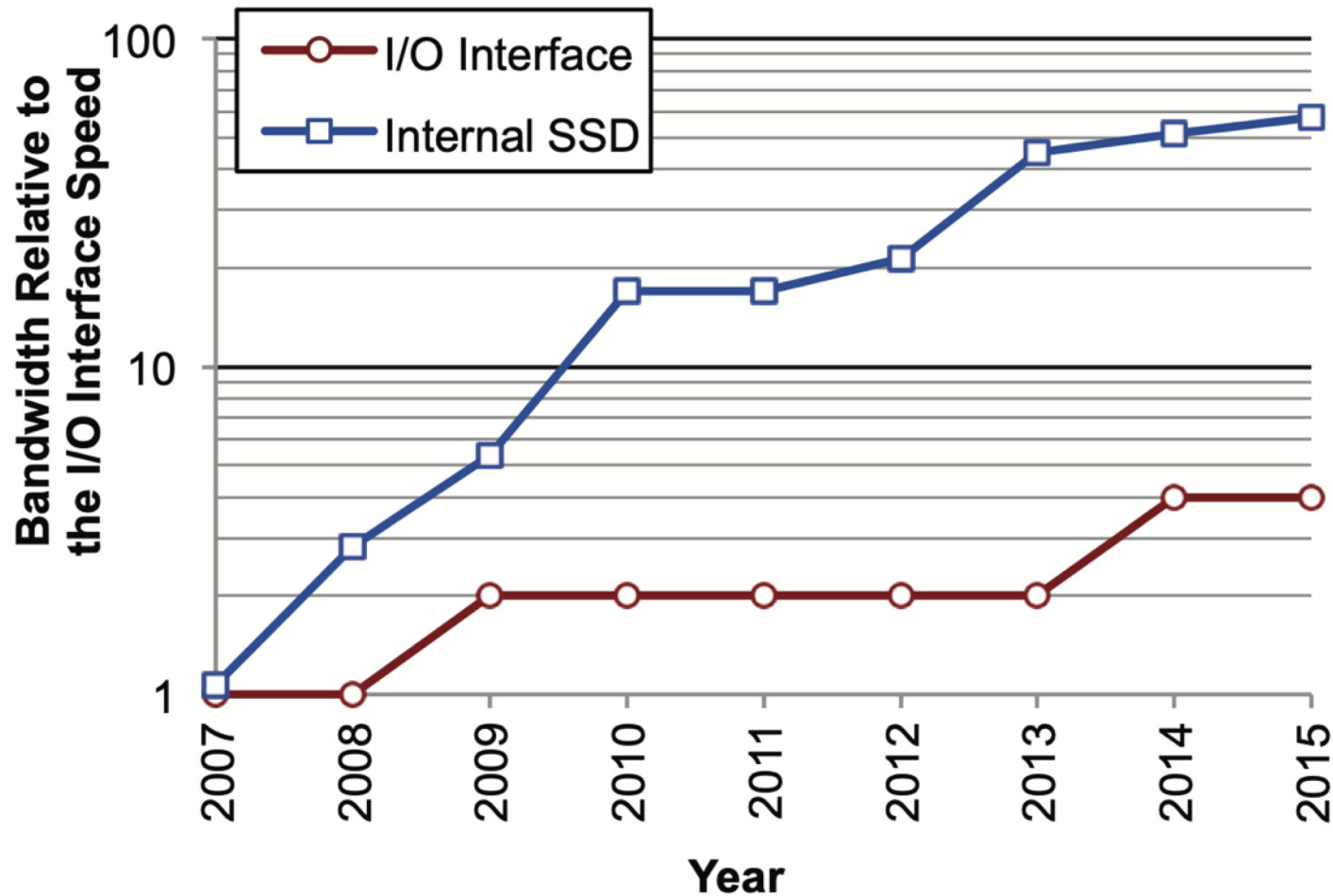
	SATA SSD	NVMe SSD	Optane	DDR4 DRAM
Read Bandwidth	530 MB/s	2150 MB/s	6600 MB/s	25.6 GB/s
Write Bandwidth	500 MB/s	1550 MB/s	2300 MB/s	25.6 GB/s

# Query processing on Smart SSDs



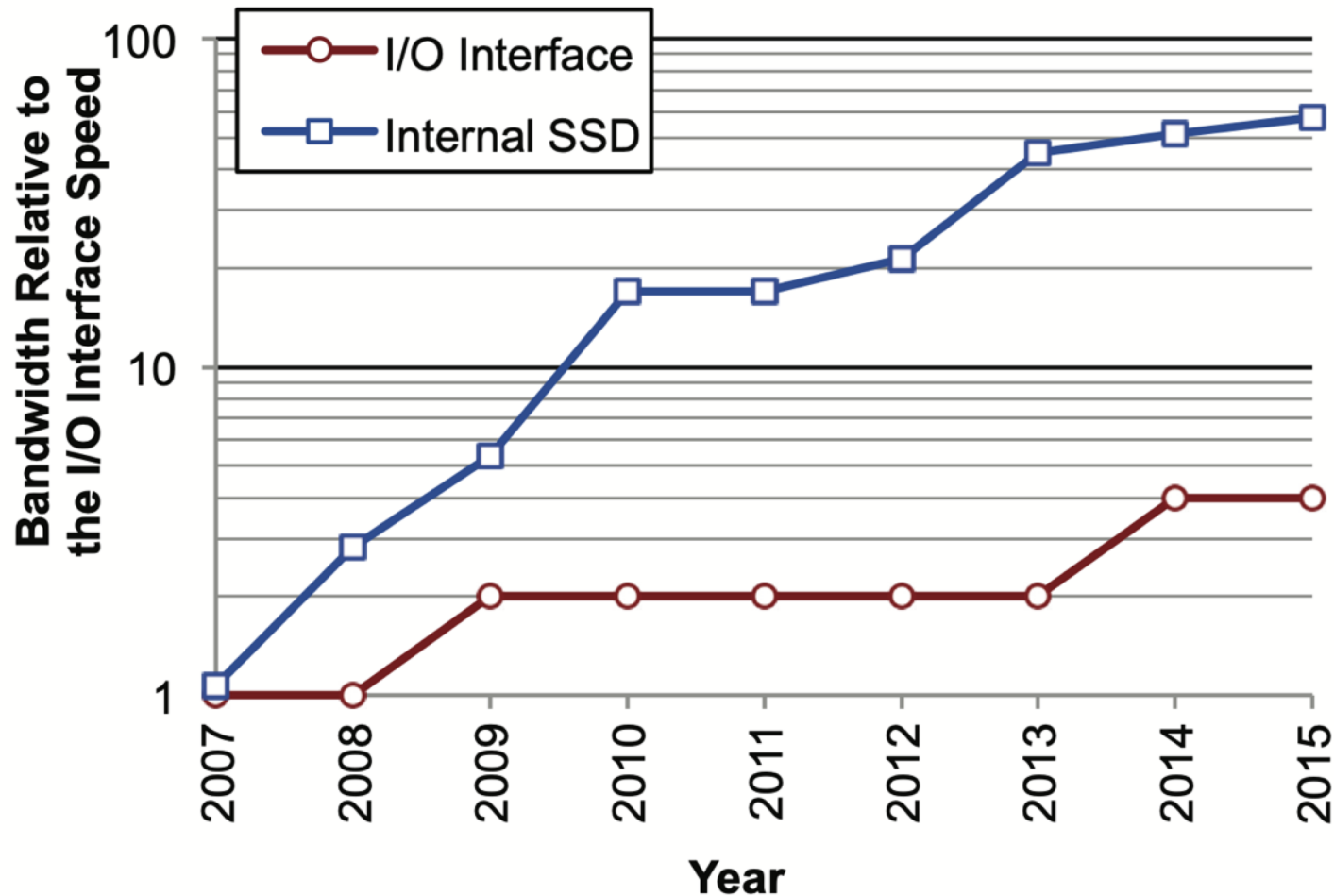
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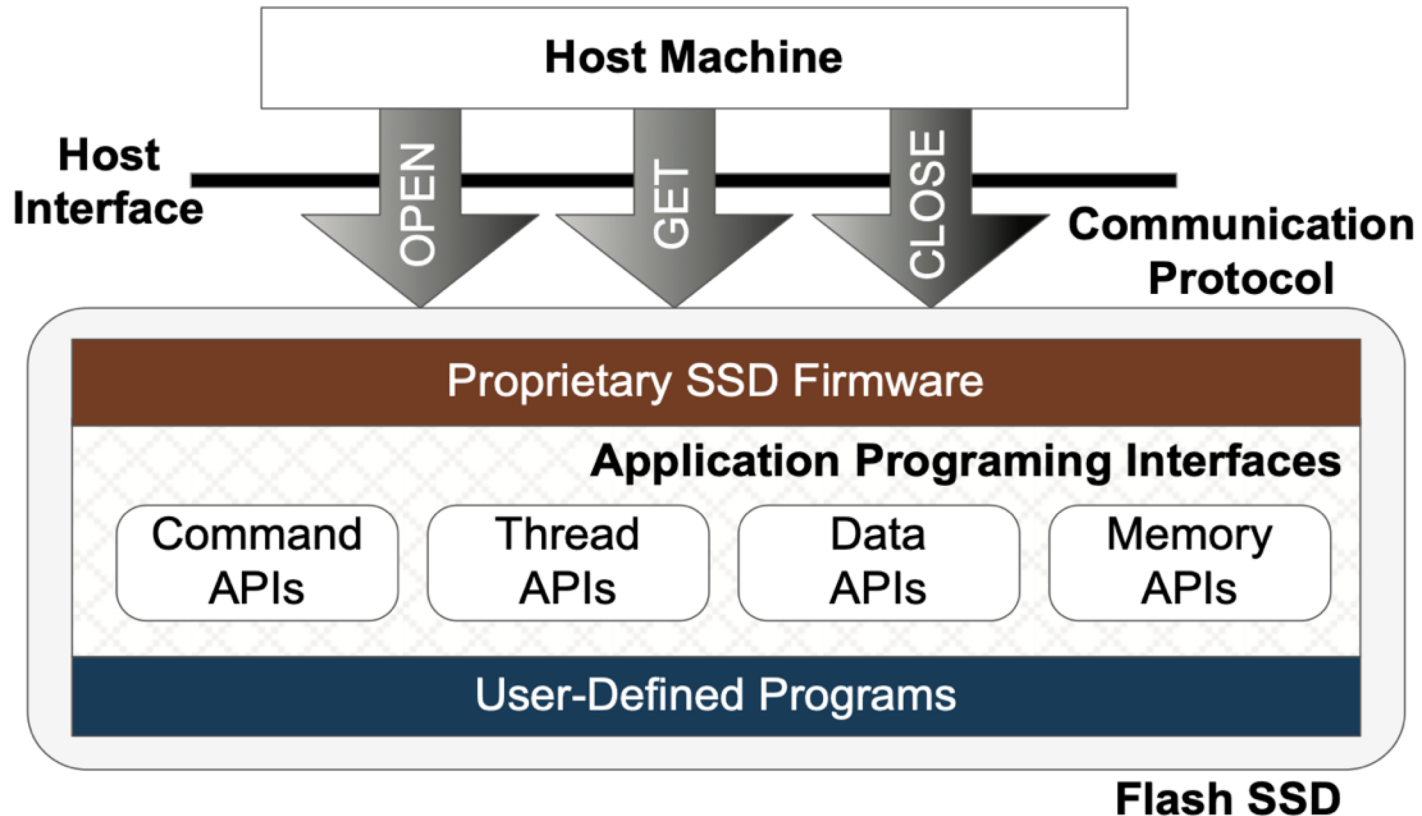
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- In-SSD processor is less powerful and cheaper, Smart SSD may improve overall cost/performance
- Reduce energy consumption

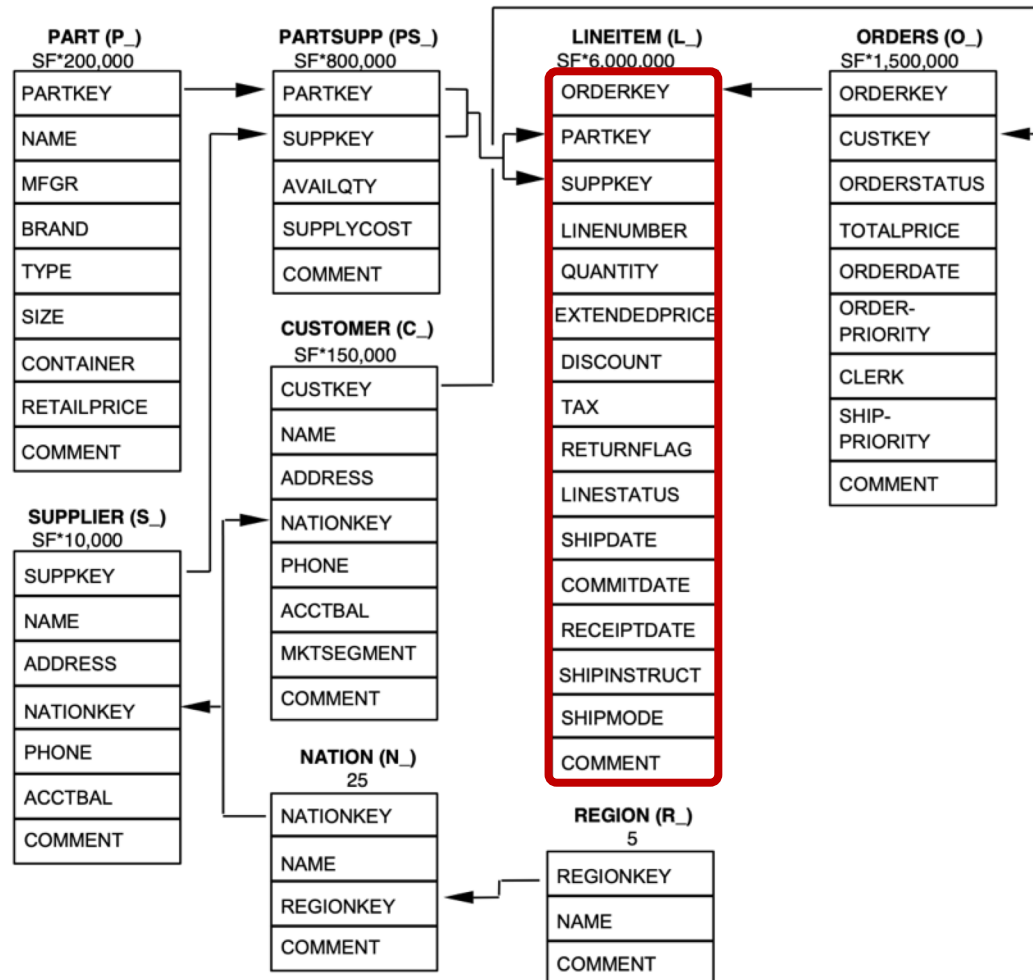
# Runtime Framework



- **OPEN/CLOSE** to start/end a session
  - Allocate threads and memory
- **Get**
  - Monitor the status of the program and retrieve results
  - 10ms polling interval

# Evaluation – Data Set (TPC-H)

## TPC-H (lineitem)



- Fixed-length char string for the variable-length column (L\_COMMENT)
- All decimal numbers were multiplied by 100 and stored as integers
- All dates converted to numbers of days

# Evaluation – Data Set (Synthetic)

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Synthetic4: 4 integer columns

Synthetic16: 16 integer columns

Synthetic64: 64 integer columns



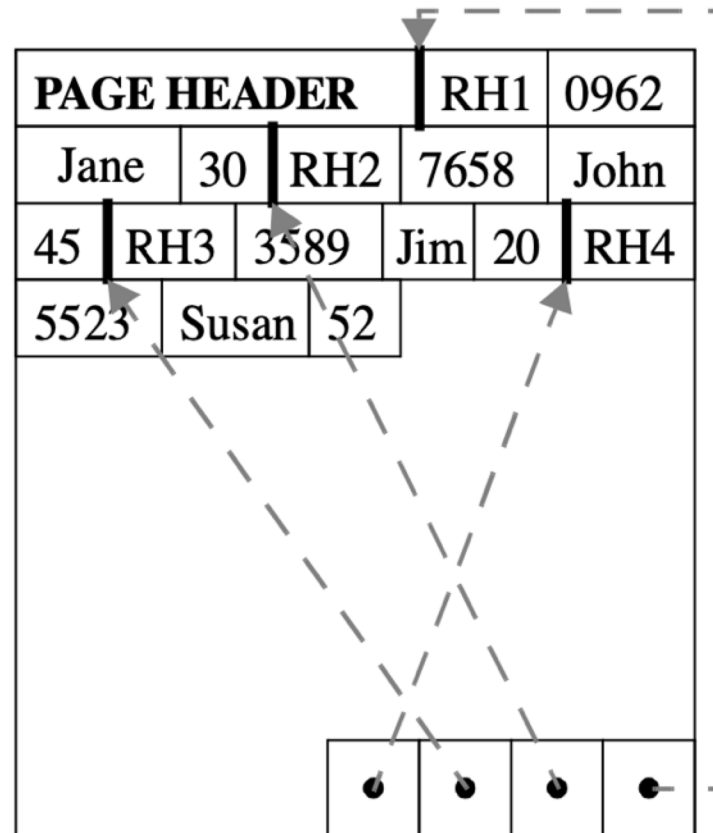
# Page Layout – NSM

- N-ary Storage Model (NSM)

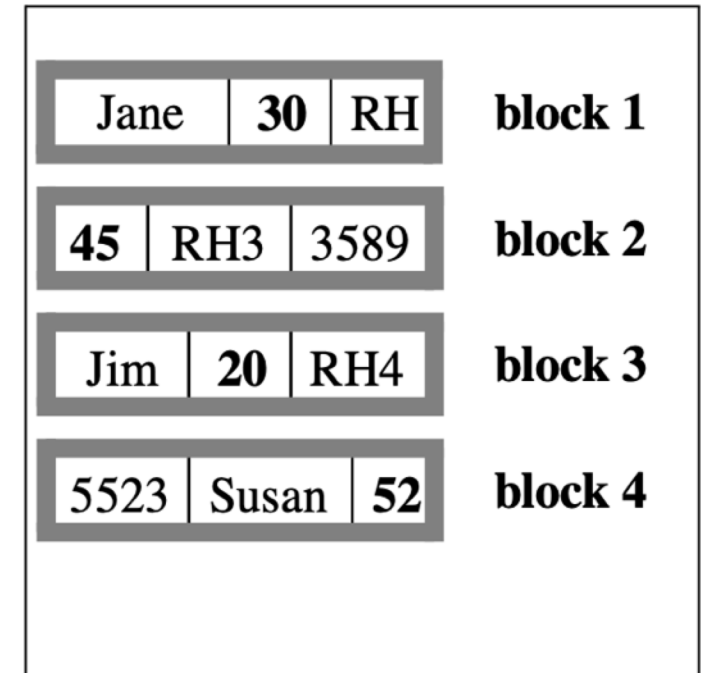
**RELATION R**

RID	SSN	Name	Age
1	0962	Jane	30
2	7658	John	45
3	3859	Jim	20
4	5523	Susan	52
5	9743	Leon	43
6	0618	Dan	37

**NSM PAGE**

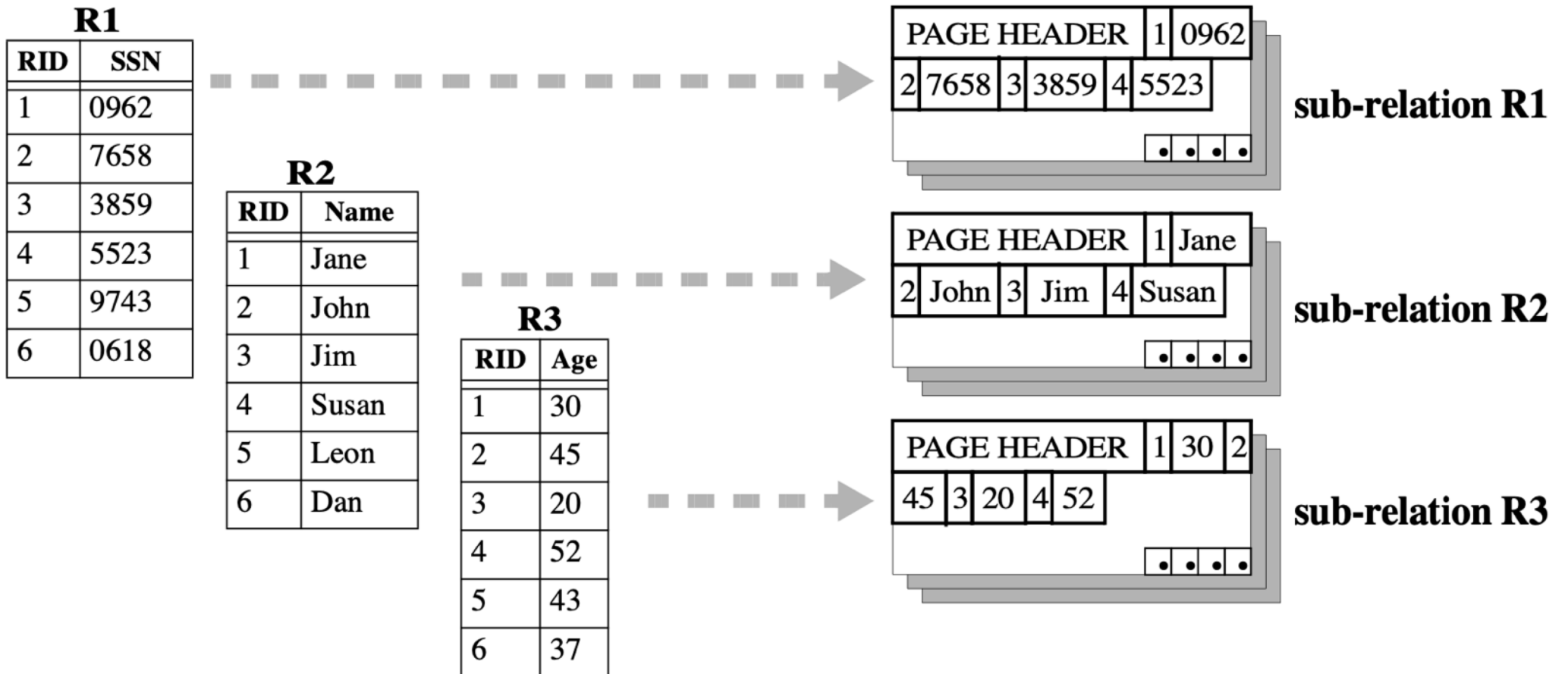


**CACHE**



# Page Layout – DSM

## Decomposition Storage Model (DSM)



# Page Layout – PAX

# Partition Attributes Across (PAX)

[illegible]

<b>PAX PAGE</b>			
<b>PAGE HEADER</b>		0962	7658
3859	5523		
Jane	John	Jim	Susan
30	52	45	20

# CACHE

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**block 1**

# Maximum Sequential Bandwidth

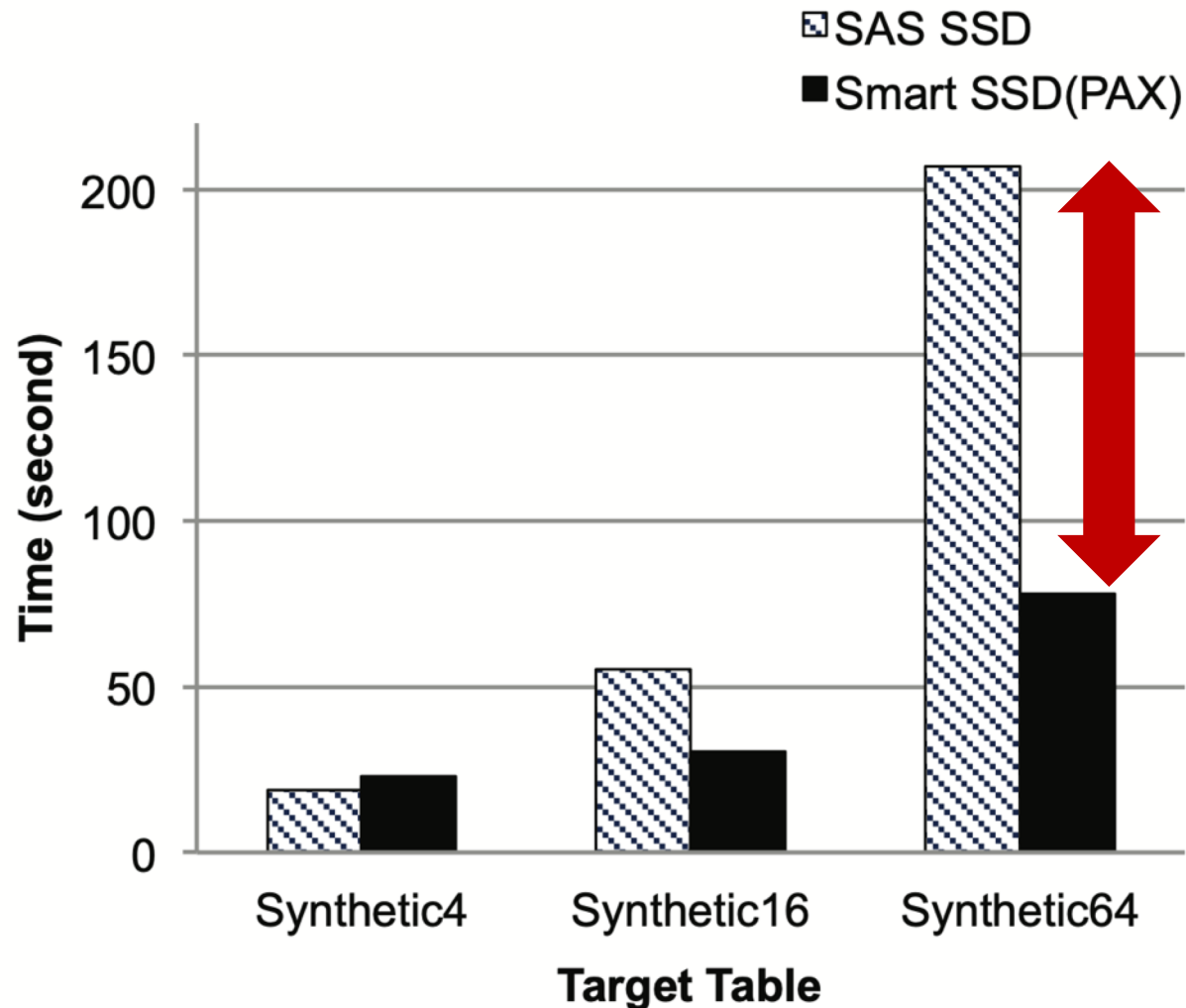
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**Table 1: Maximum sequential read bandwidth with 32-page (256KB) I/Os.**

	<i><b>SAS HDD</b></i>	<i><b>SAS SSD</b></i>	<i><b>(Internal) Smart SSD</b></i>
<b>Seq. Read (MB/sec)</b>	80	550	1,560

Maximum potential gain is  $1560 / 550 = 2.8$

# Selection Query

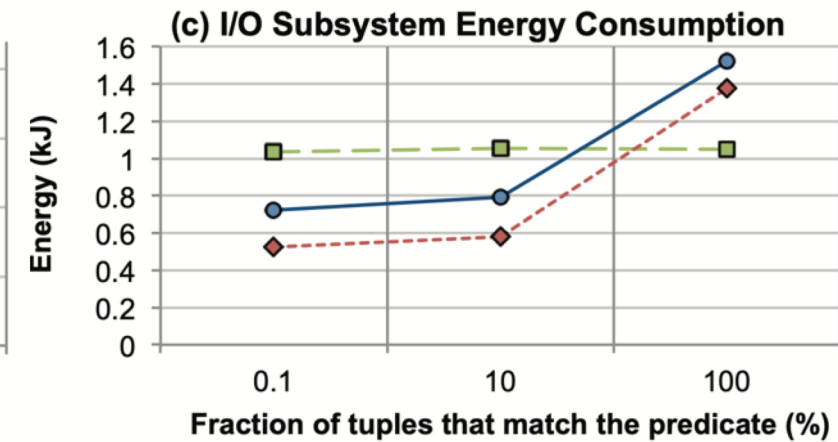
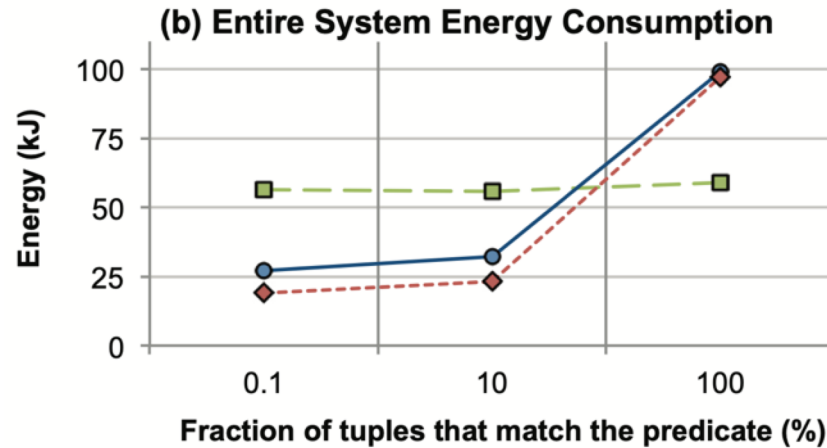
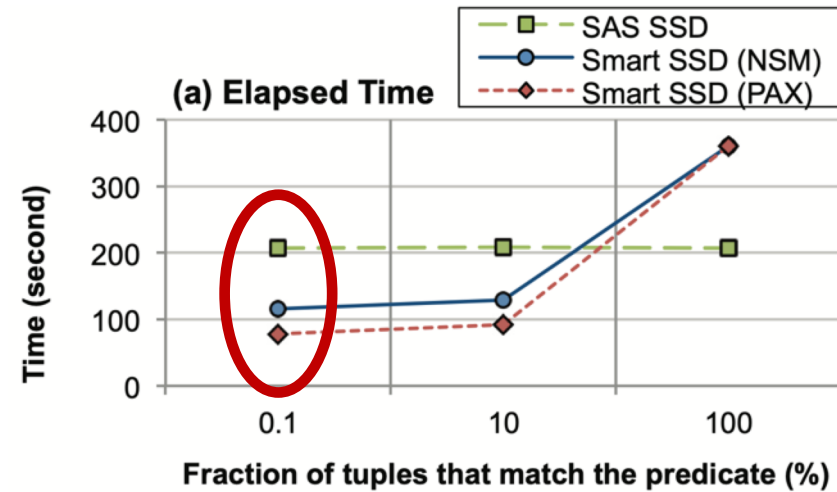


**SELECT** SecondColumn  
**FROM** SyntheticTable  
**WHERE** FirstColumn < [VALUE]

Selectivity = 0.1%

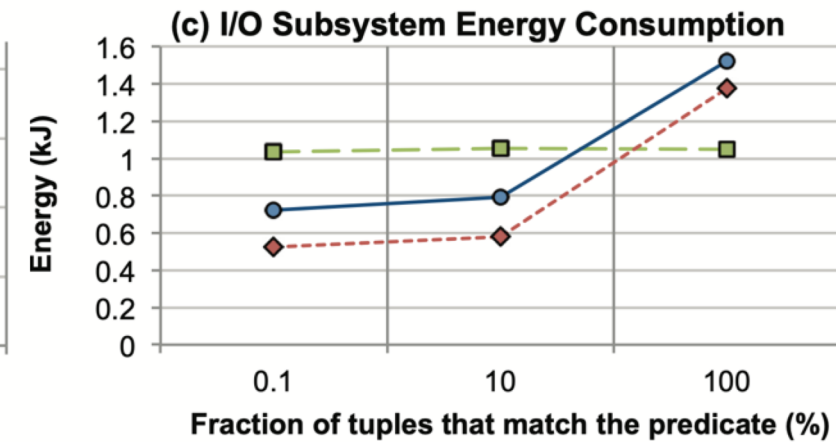
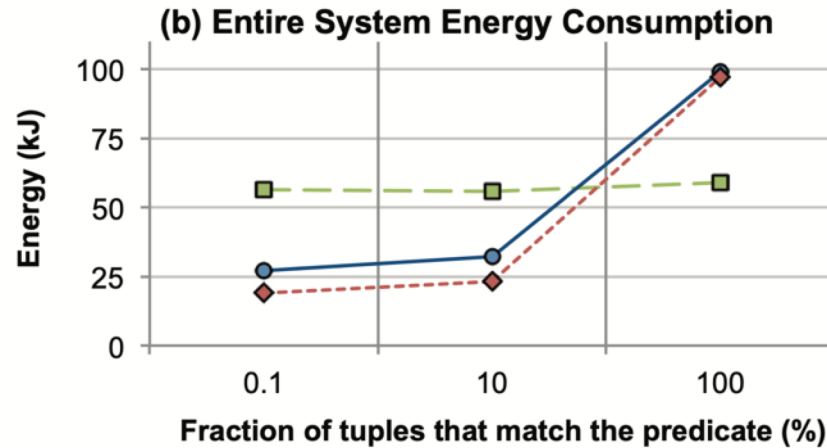
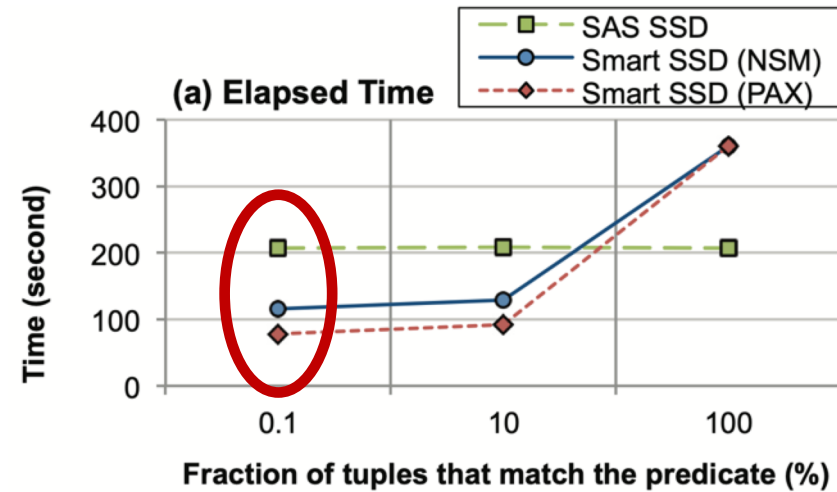
**Speedup = 2.6X**

# Selection Query (Synthetic64)



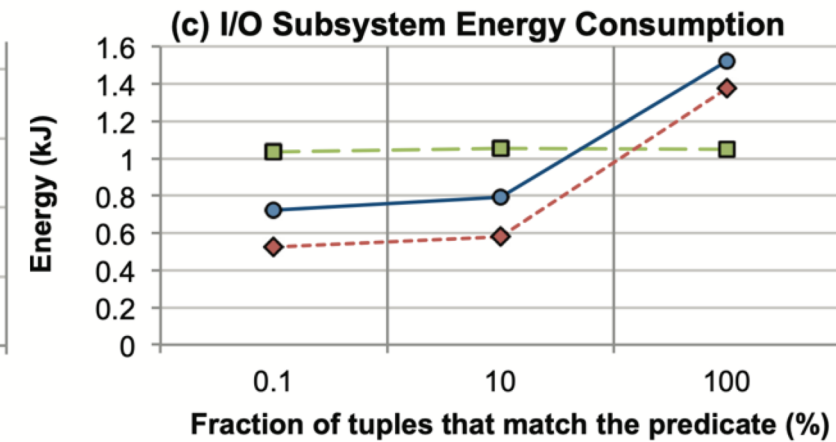
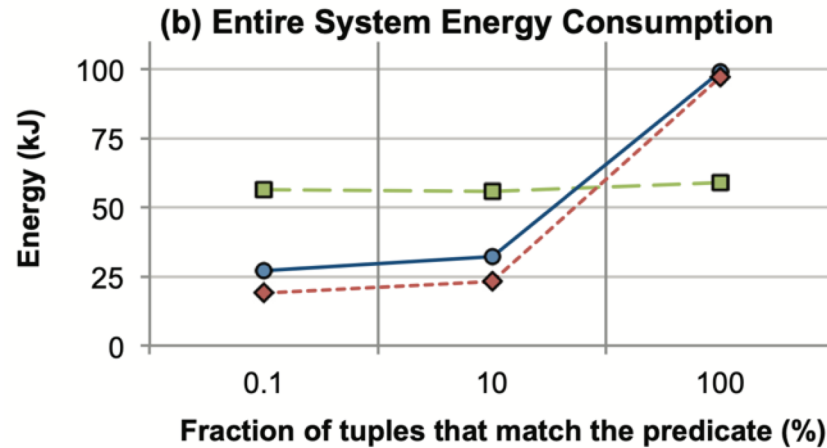
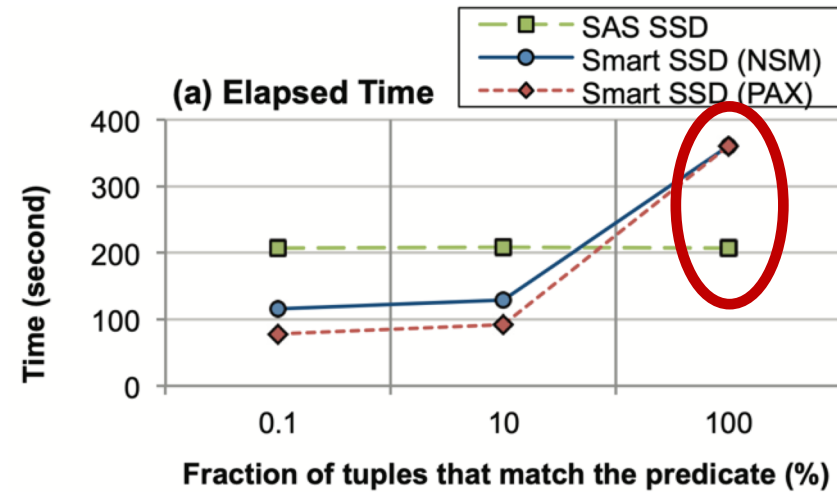
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Embedded CPU becomes bottleneck



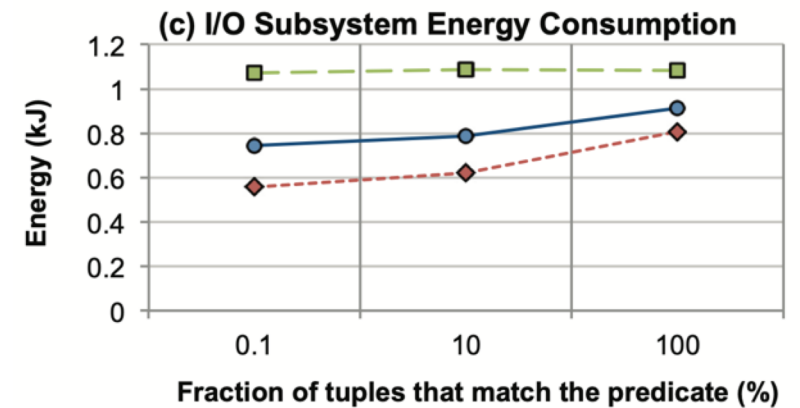
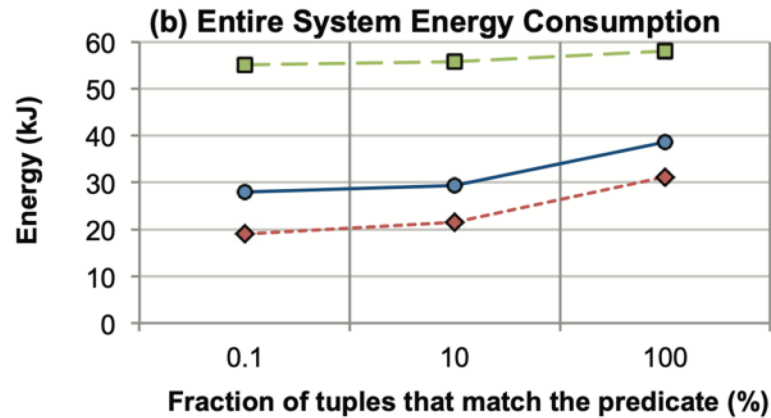
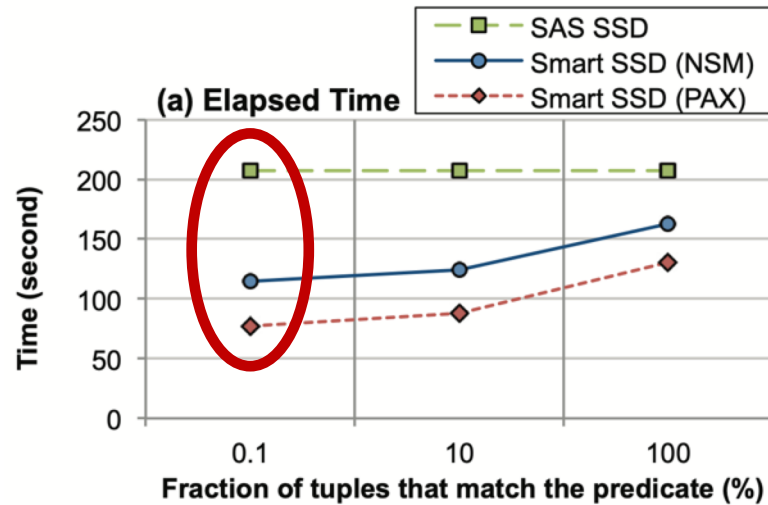
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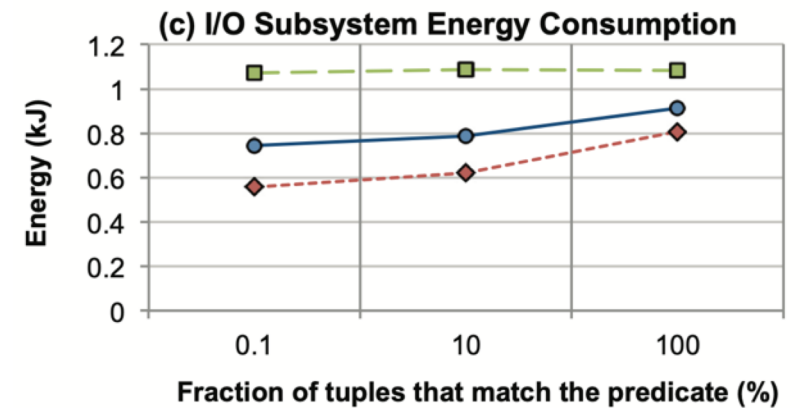
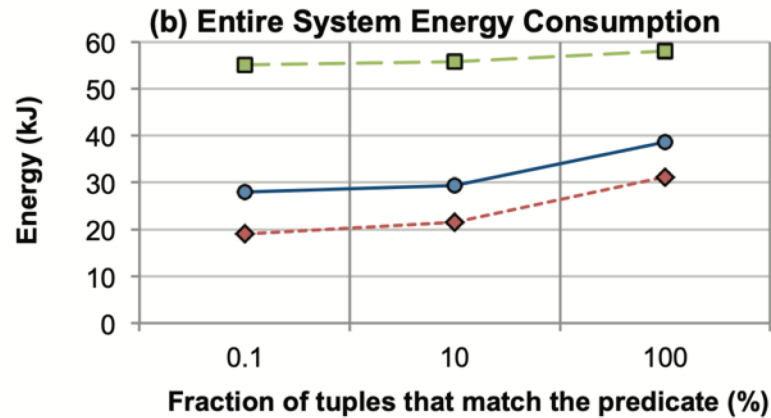
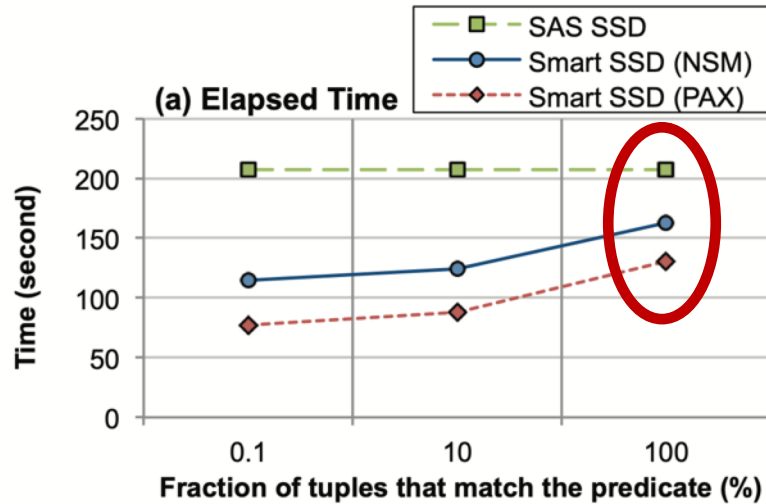
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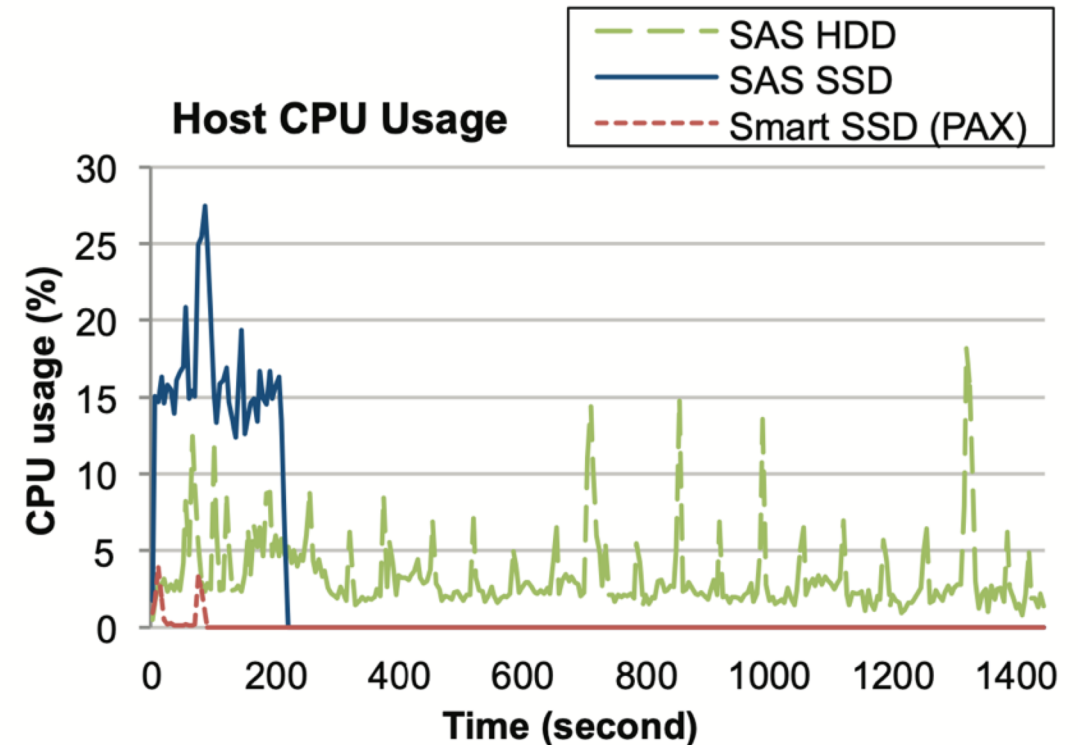
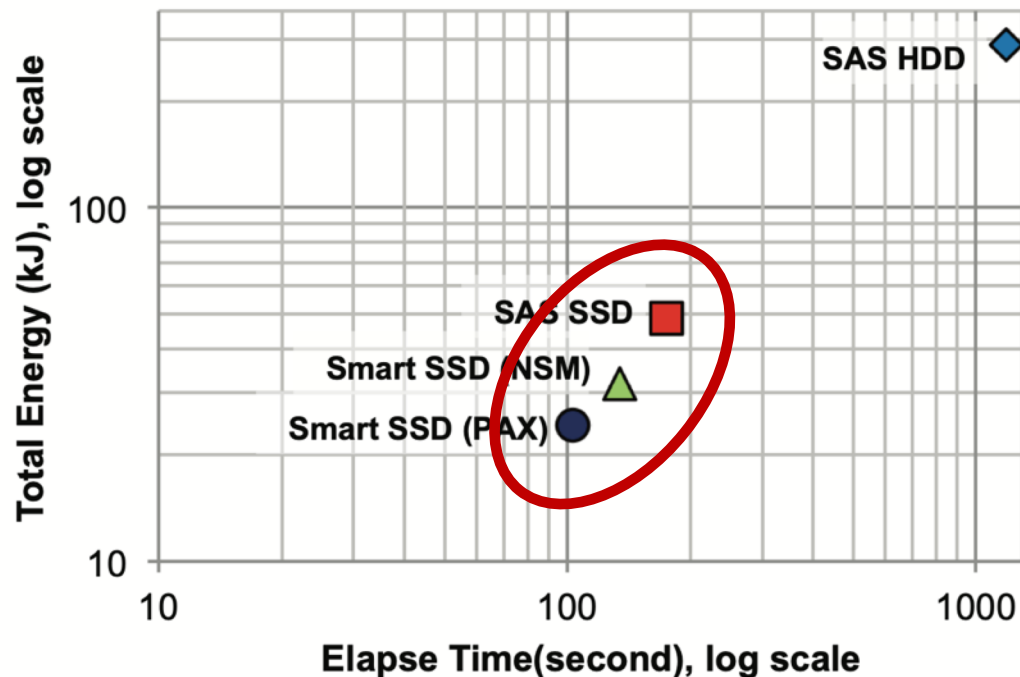


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Less data transfer with aggregation

# TPC-H Query 6

```
SELECT SUM (EXTENDEDPRICE*DISCOUNT)
FROM LINEITEM
WHERE SHIPDATE >= 1994-01-01 AND
      SHIPDATE < 1995-01-01 AND
      DISCOUNT > 0.05 AND
      DISCOUNT < 0.07 AND
      QUANTITY < 24
```



# Discussion

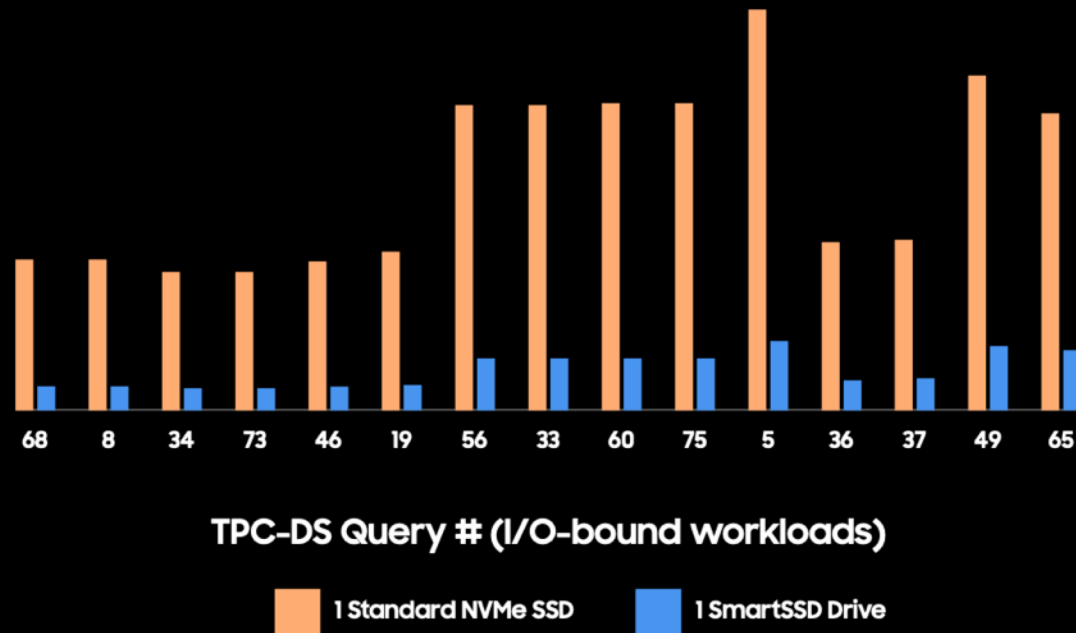
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1. Processing capabilities inside the Smart SSD becomes a performance bottleneck
2. Needs better development environment
3. Handle dirty data in buffer pool
4. Database internals (e.g., query optimization, caching vs. pushdown)

# Samsung SmartSSD Today

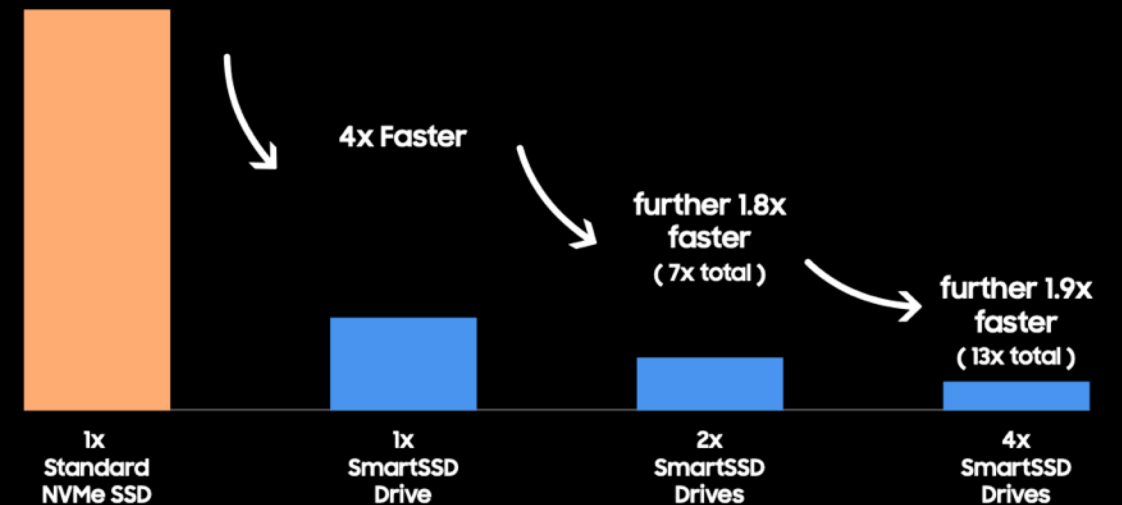
## 5x - 6x Faster Time to Insight

Query execution time of TPC-DS benchmarks



## Scalable Acceleration

Query execution time for airline data



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# Samsung SmartSSD Today

## SmartSSD Computational Storage Drive Specification\*

Form Factor	2.5" (U.2)	
Storage Capacity	3.84TB (other capacities coming soon)	
Host Interface	Single-port PCIe Gen 3x4	
Spec Compliance	NVMe spec rev. 1.3, PCIe base specification rev. 3.0, NVMe Management Interface (NVMe MI) 1.0	
Programmable Hardware Accelerator (FPGA)	Xilinx Kintex Ultrascale+ KU15P FPGA	
	System Logic Cells	1.143 Million
	Available LUTs for acceleration tasks	Approx. 300k
	DSP Slices	1,968
	Internal Distributed RAM	34.6 Mbit
	Internal UltraRAM	36.0 Mbit
	Accelerator-dedicated DRAM	4 GByte DDR4 SDRAM @ 2400 Mbps
	Speed Grade	-2LE



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– Michael Stonebraker

[1] M. Stonebraker, editor. *Readings in Database Systems*, second edition, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, San Francisco, 1994, p. 603.

# Smart SSD – Q/A

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How to support join?

Support for UDF? How hard to program Smart SSD?

Follow-up work on Smart SSD?

Are Smart SSDs widely deployed today?

Why modify LINEITEM?

Does Smart SSD still make sense with fast IO?

# Group Discussion

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What's your opinion on Prof. Stonebraker's comment?

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How does fast IO/network affect the design of smart memory/storage in general?

Besides filter and aggregation, how can other operators benefit from smart SSD? (E.g., Join, group-by, sort, etc.)

# Before Next Lecture

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Submit discussion summary to <https://wisc-cs839-ngdb20.hotcrp.com>

- **Deadline: Wednesday 11:59pm**

Submit review for

- Database Processing-in-Memory: An Experimental Study
- [Optional] The Mondrian Data Engine