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CS 561: Data Systems Architectures

class 7

Fast Scans on Key-Value Stores

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Fast Scans on Key-Value Stores (KVS)

Key-Value Stores are designed for ***transactional*** workloads (put and get operations)

Analytical workloads require efficient scans and aggregations
(typically offered by column-store systems)

Can we do both in one system?

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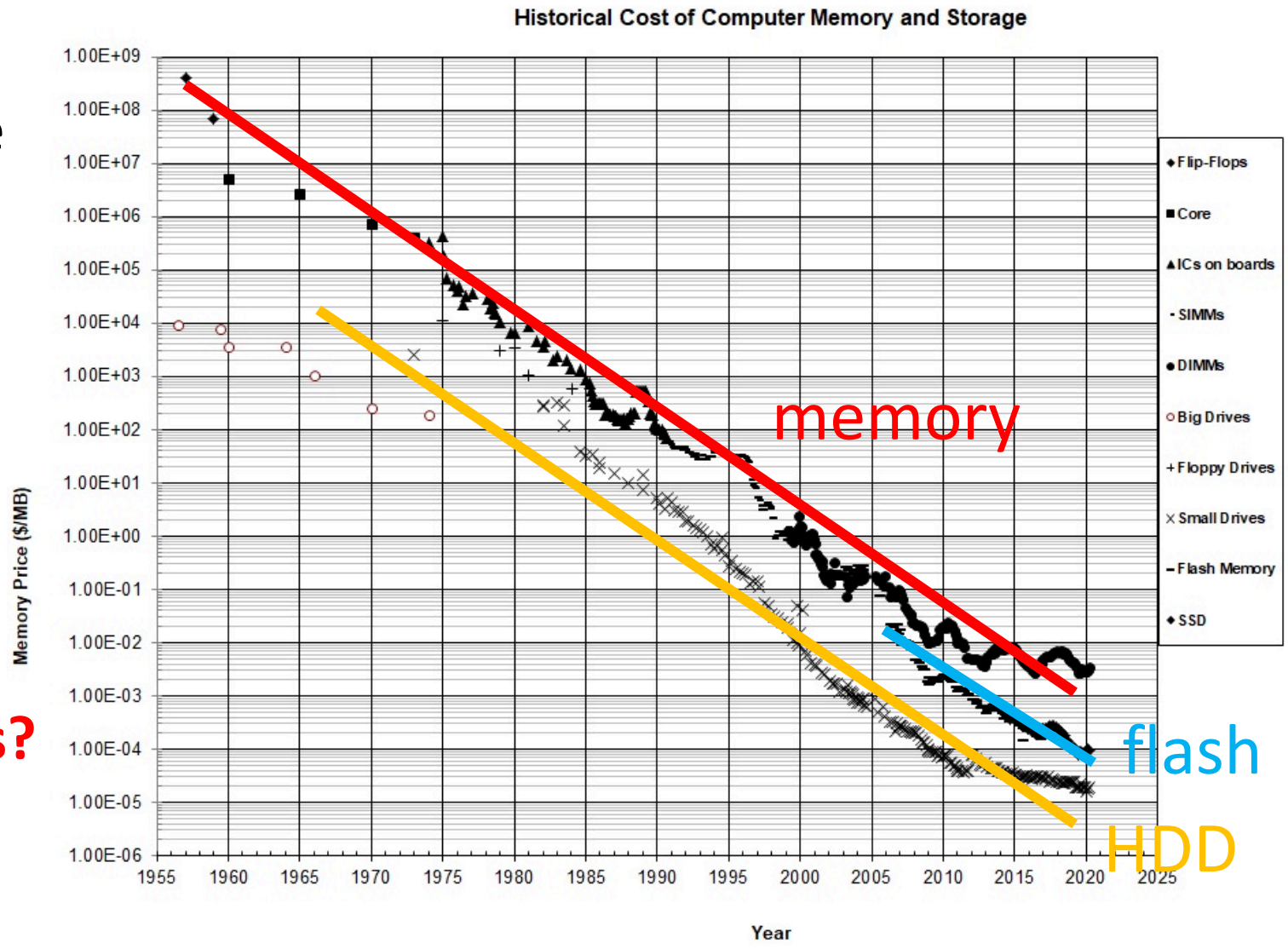
Why combine KVS and analytical systems?

cheaper and cheaper storage

more data ingestion

need for write-optimized data structures

what about analytical queries?



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Both **transactional** and **analytical** systems

Most organizations maintain both

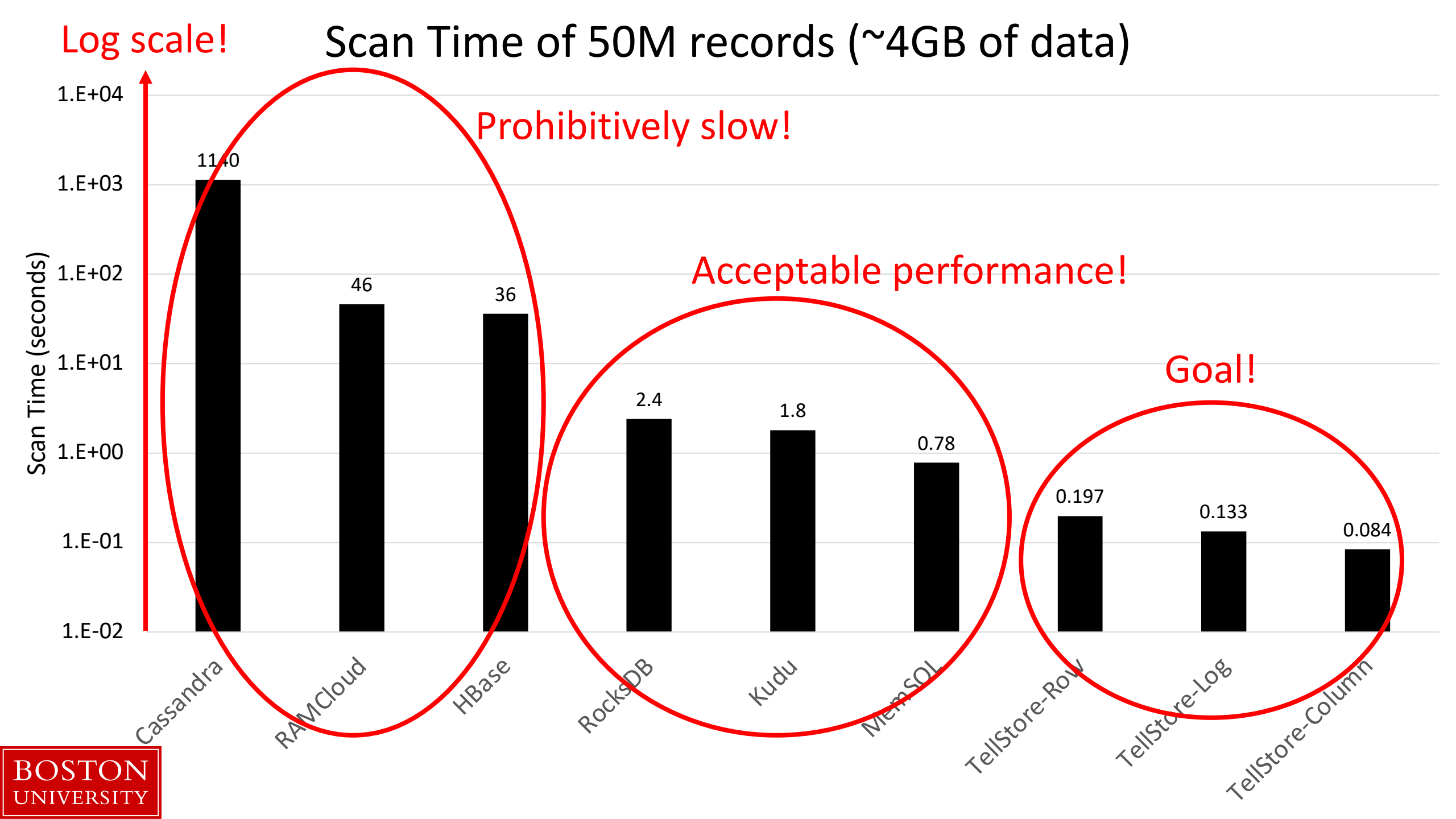
- ***transactional*** systems (often as key-value stores)
- ***analytical*** systems (often as column-stores)

problems?

requires additional expertise and management (e.g., two DBAs)

harder to maintain (more systems, more code)

time consuming data integration/transfer


Log scale!
Scan Time of 50M records (~4GB of data)
Prohibitively slow!
Acceptable performance!
Goal!
Scan Time (seconds)
1.E+04
1.E+03
1.E+02
1.E+01
1.E+00
1.E-01
1.E-02
1140
46
36
2.4
1.8
0.78
0.197
0.133
0.084
Cassandra
RAMCloud
HBase
RocksDB
Kudu
MemSQL
TellStore-Row
TellStore-Log
TellStore-Column

Goals of this paper

Bridge the conflicting goals of ***get/put*** and ***scan*** operations

get/put operations need **sparse indexes**
scans require **locality** (relevant data to be packed together)

we will discuss how to compromise, via the design of ***Tellstore***

how to amend the ***SQL-over-NoSQL*** architecture for mixed workloads

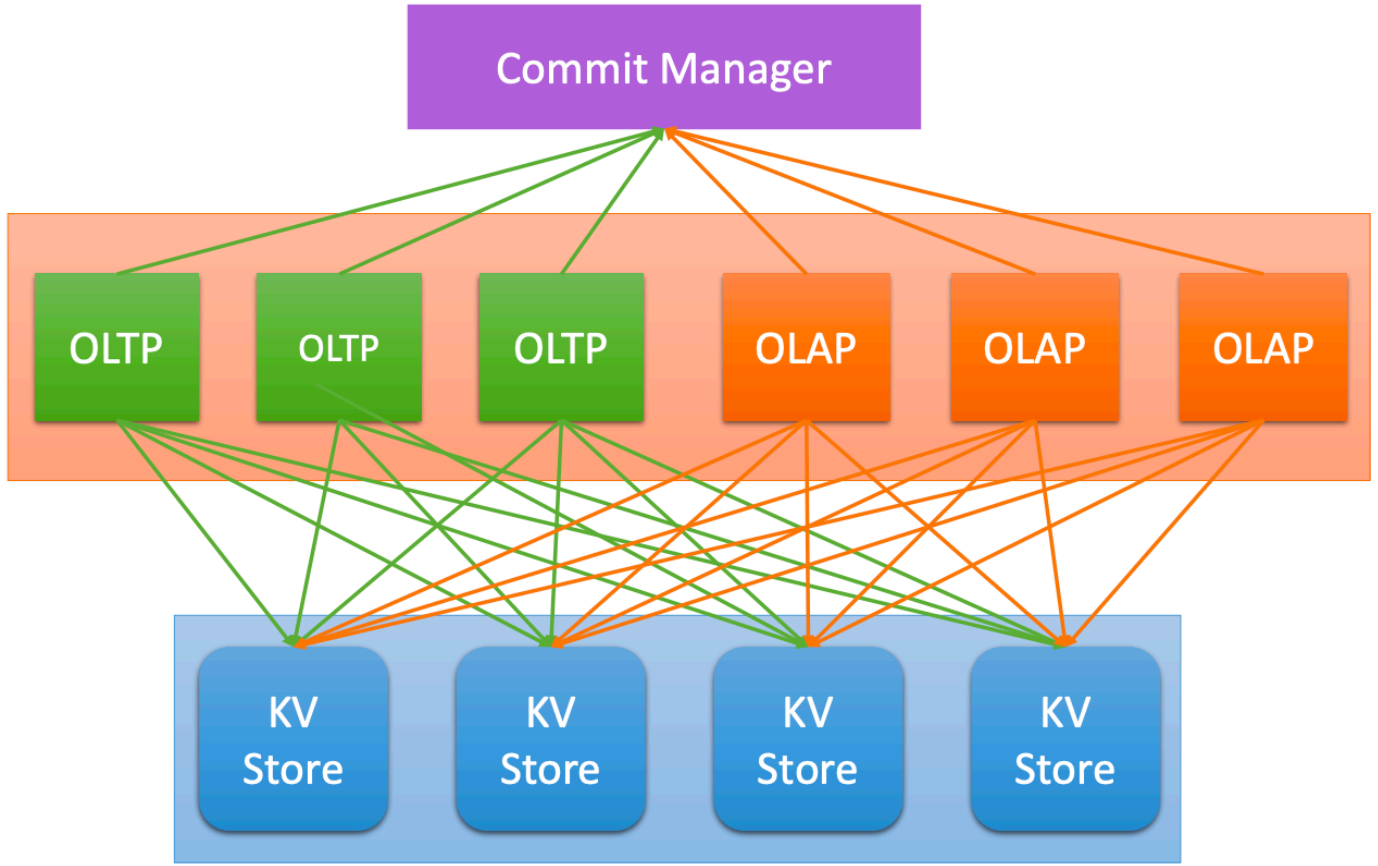
SQL over NoSQL

Elasticity

Snapshot Isolation

Support for:

- Scans
- Versioning
- Batching



Scans

selection

projection

(simple) aggregates

shared scans

remember them?

Versioning

multiple versions through timestamps

garbage collection

discarding old versions during scans might be costly

Batching

batch several requests to the storage layer

amortize the network time

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Challenges

scans vs. get/put

Scans need columnar locality

#1, John, 2/4/88, Boston

get/put need row-wise locality

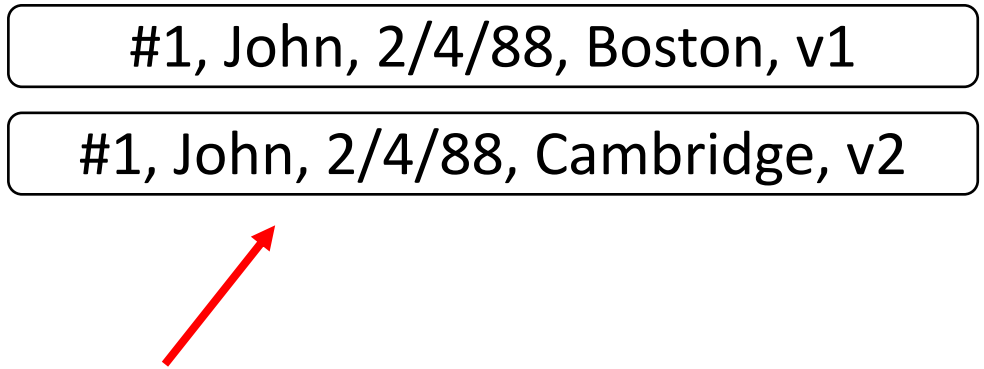
2/4/88
2/1/87
7/7/93
4/1/92
3/9/91
9/3/96

why?

Challenges

scans vs. get/put

scans vs. versioning



versioning reduces locality in scans

checking for the latest version in scans needs CPU time

Challenges

scans vs. get/put

scans vs. versioning

scans vs. batching

batching **multiple scans** or **multiple put/get** requests is ok

but …

batching scans and puts/gets is a **bad idea**!

why?

puts/gets need fast predictable performance

scans inherently have high and variable latency

How to design KVS for efficient scans?

Key design decisions

(A) Updates

(B) Layout

(C) Versioning

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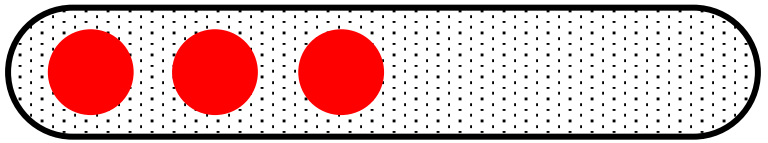
(A) Updates ***in-place*** ***log-structured***



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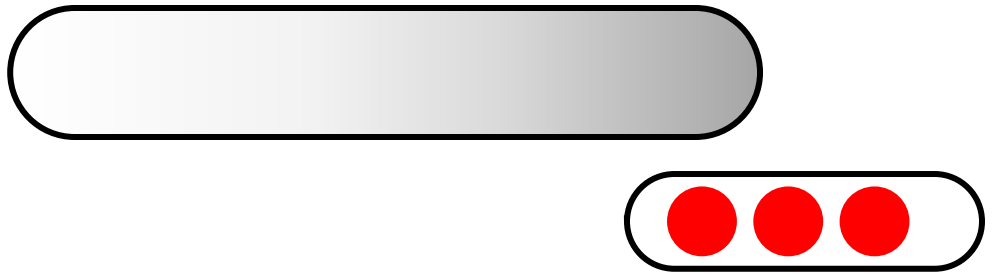

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Key design decisions

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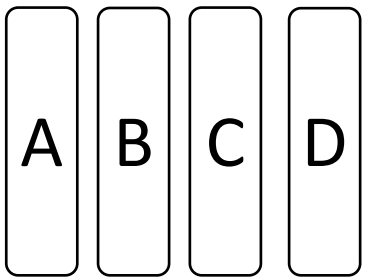
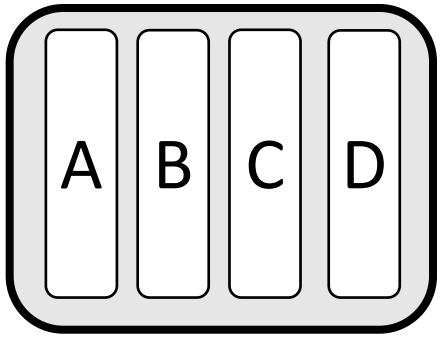
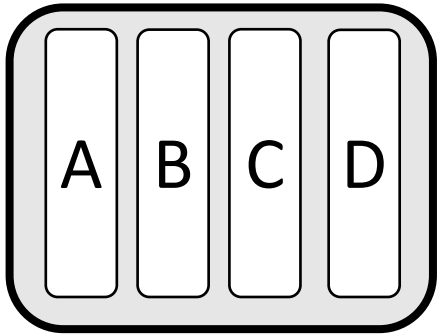
(B) Layout ***column*** ***PAX (columnar per page)***







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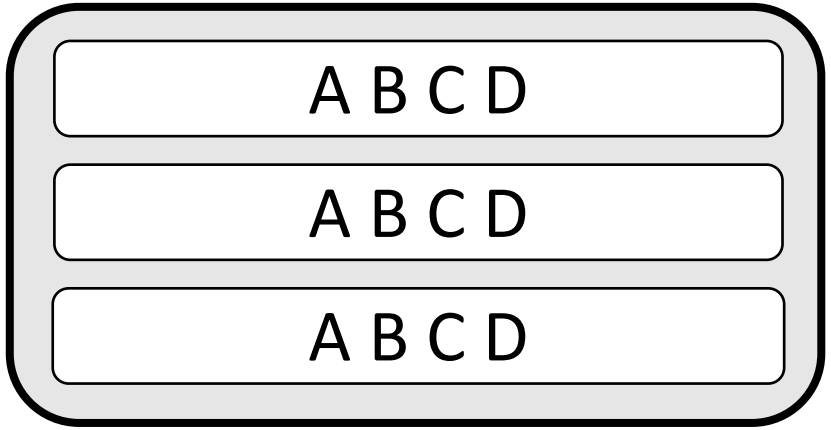

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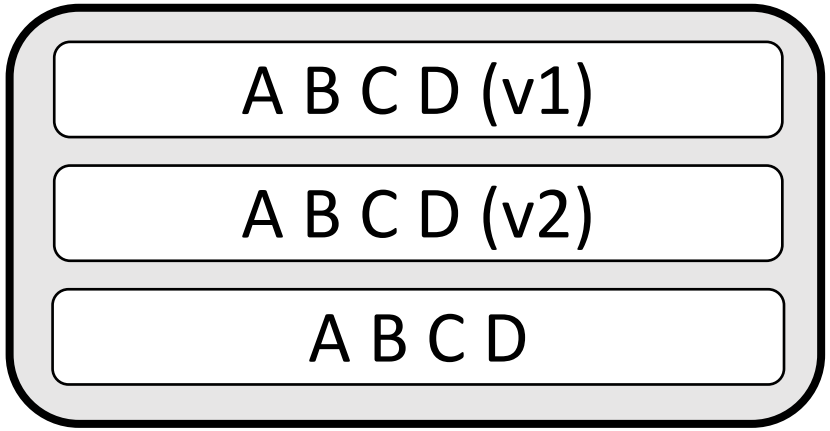
(C) Versioning ***clustered***



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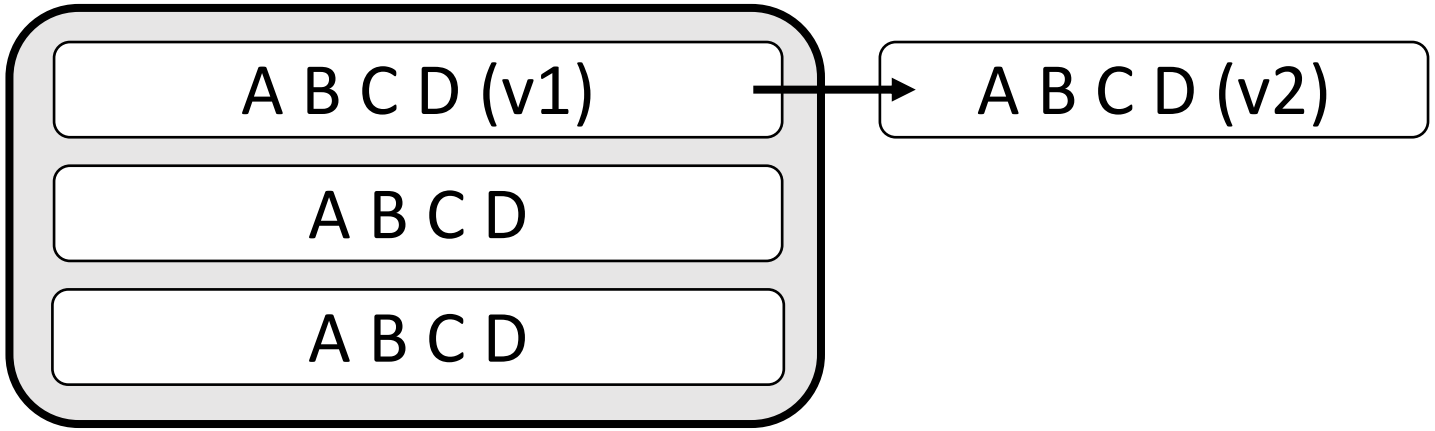
chained



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(B) Layout ***column (PAX)*** ***row***

(C) Versioning ***clustered*** ***chained***

what comes as a result of versioning?

Garbage Collection (GC)

(A) Periodic ***separate dedicated thread(s)***

(B) Piggy-backed GC during scans

increases scan time ***but frequently read tables benefit***

avoids re-reading for GC (since data is already accessed)

Design Space

Updates	×	Layout	×	Versioning	×	GC
in-place		***column (PAX)***		***clustered***		***periodic***
log-structured		***row***		***chained***		***piggy-backed***
delta-main						

hybrid designs are also valid!
should we consider all possible designs?

Design Space

Updates	×	Layout	×	Versioning	×	GC
in-place		***column (PAX)***		***clustered***		***periodic***
log-structured		***row***		***chained***		***piggy-backed***
delta-main						

some combinations do not make sense:

log-structured & column < delta-main & column

log-structured & clustered < log-structured & chained

note that each combination here represents multiple options

Design Space

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in-place		***column (PAX)***		***clustered***		***periodic***
log-structured		***row***		***chained***		***piggy-backed***
delta-main						

focus on two extremes:

(1) log-structured & row & chained ***TellStore-Log***

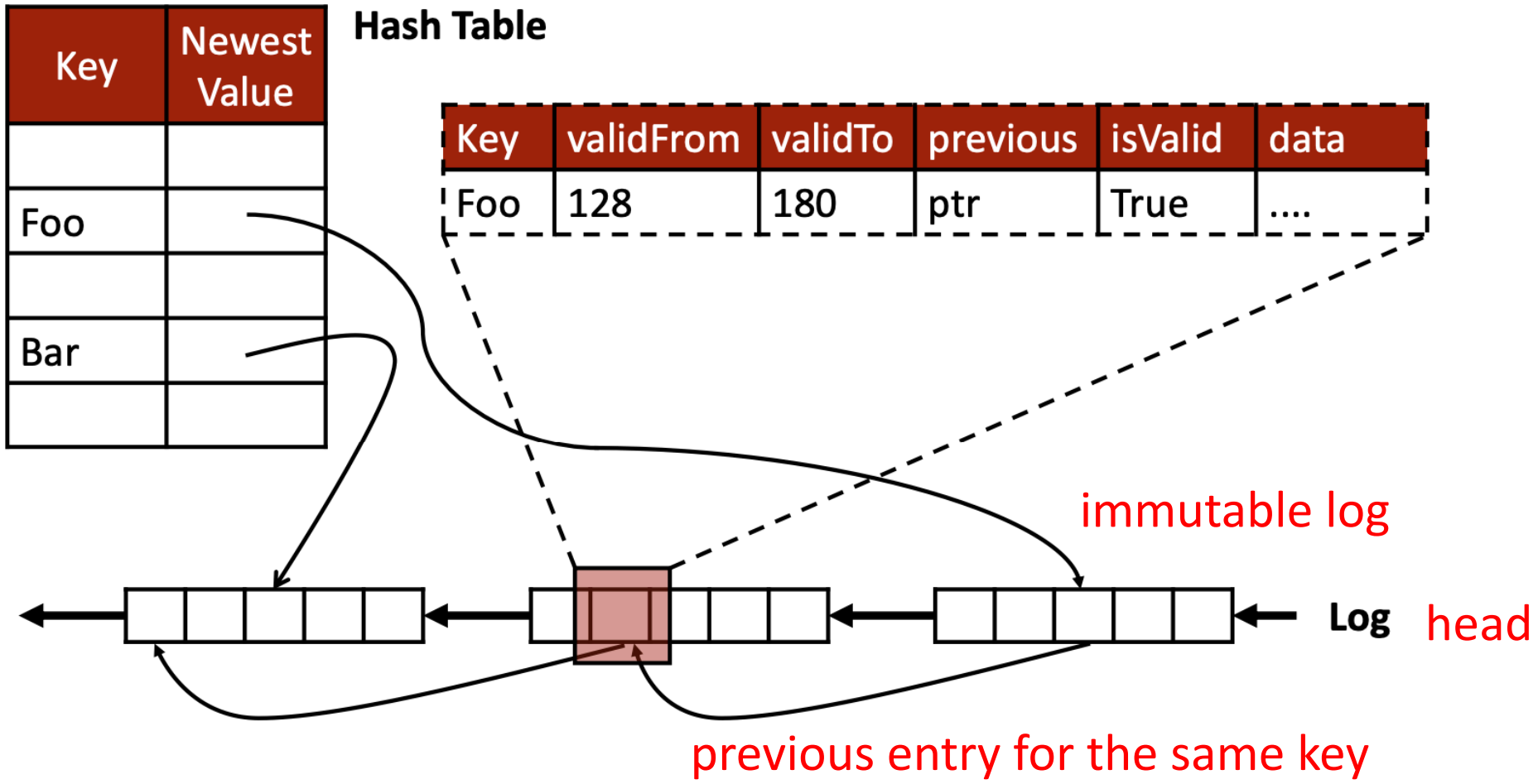
(2) delta-main & column & clustered ***TellStore-Col***

TellStore-Log

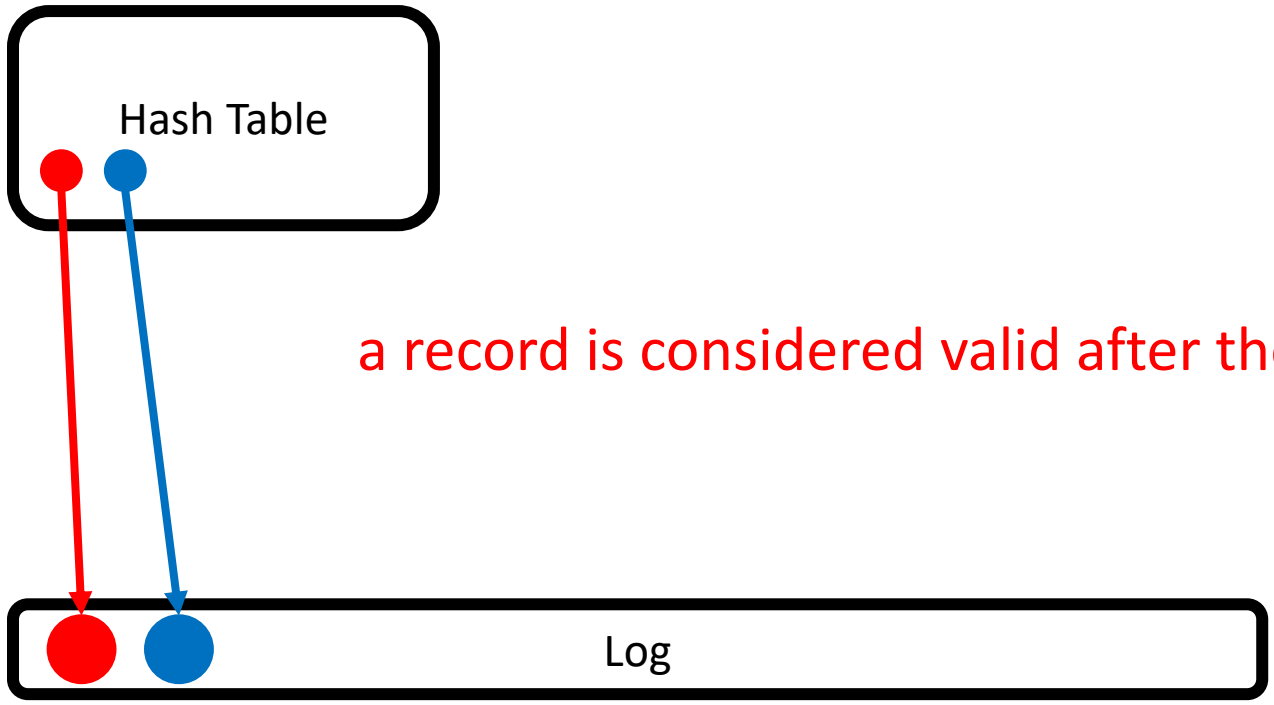
one log per table (locality for scans)

inserts, **updates**, and **deletes** are all **logged**

lock-free hash table



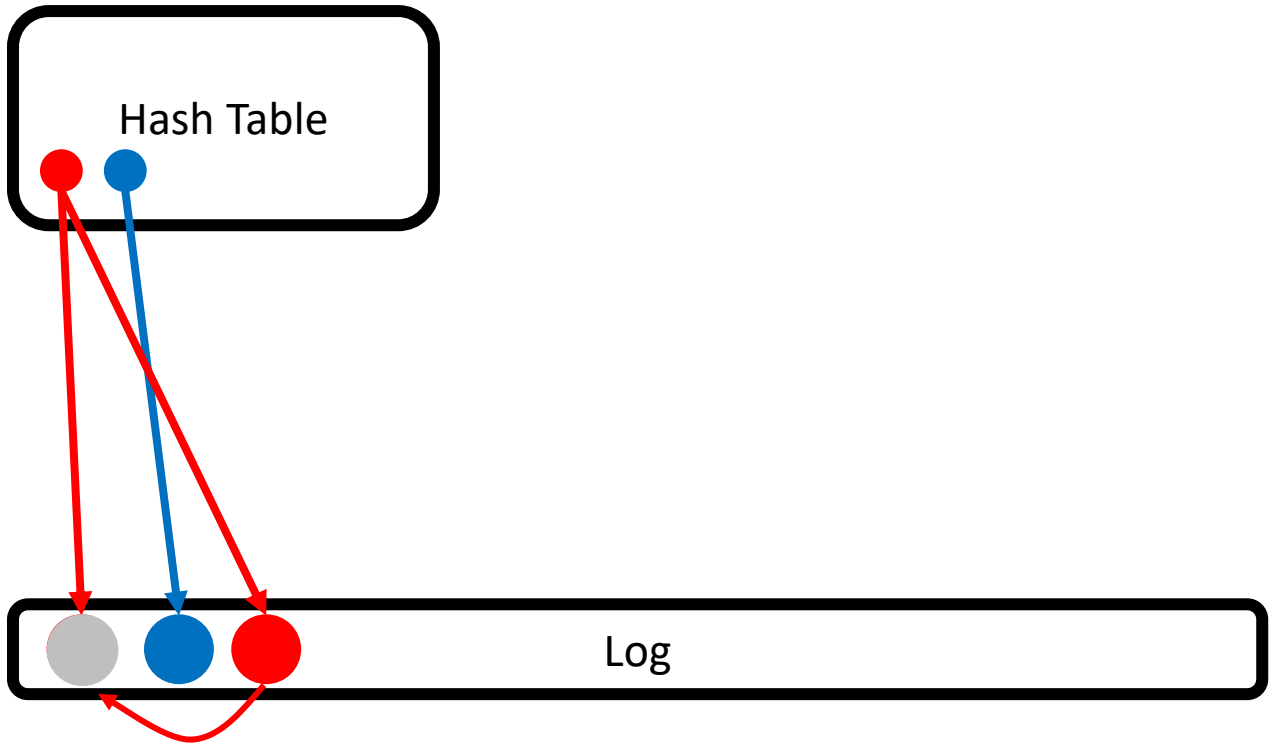
TellStore-Log Insertion



a record is considered valid after the hash table pointer is updated

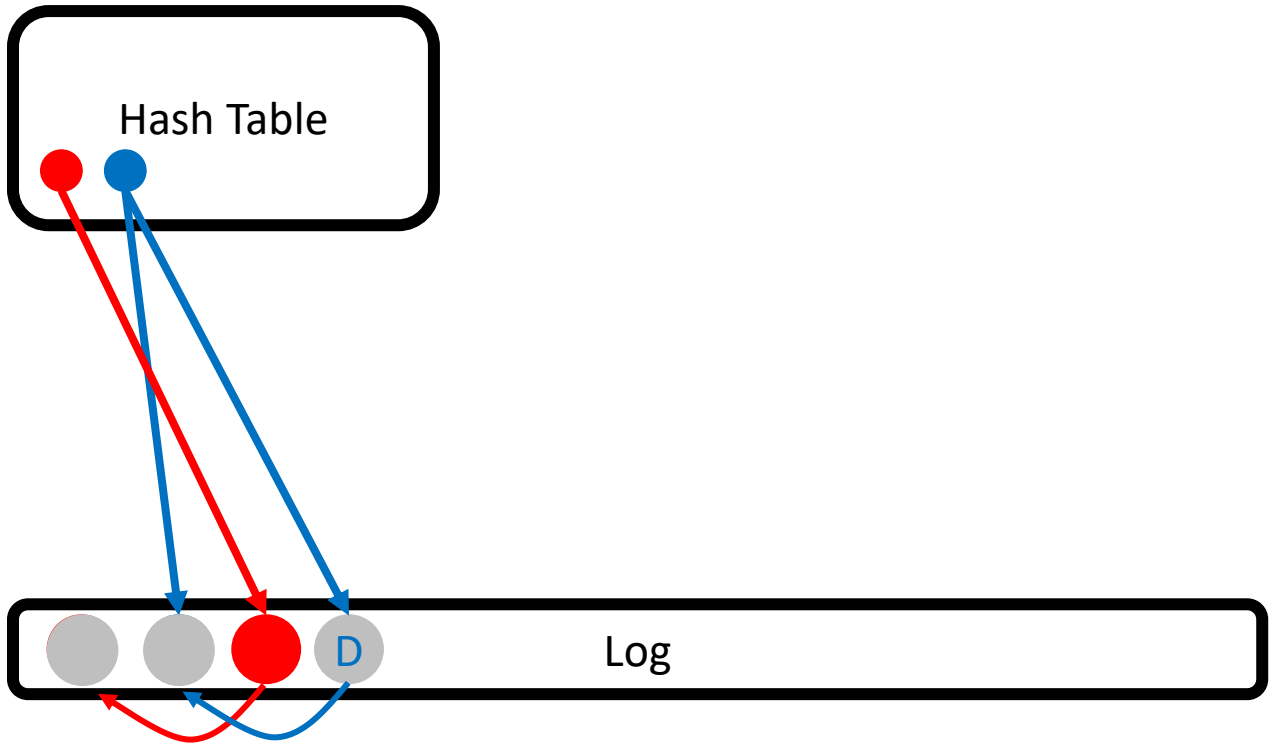
the log contains ***rows***

TellStore-Log Update



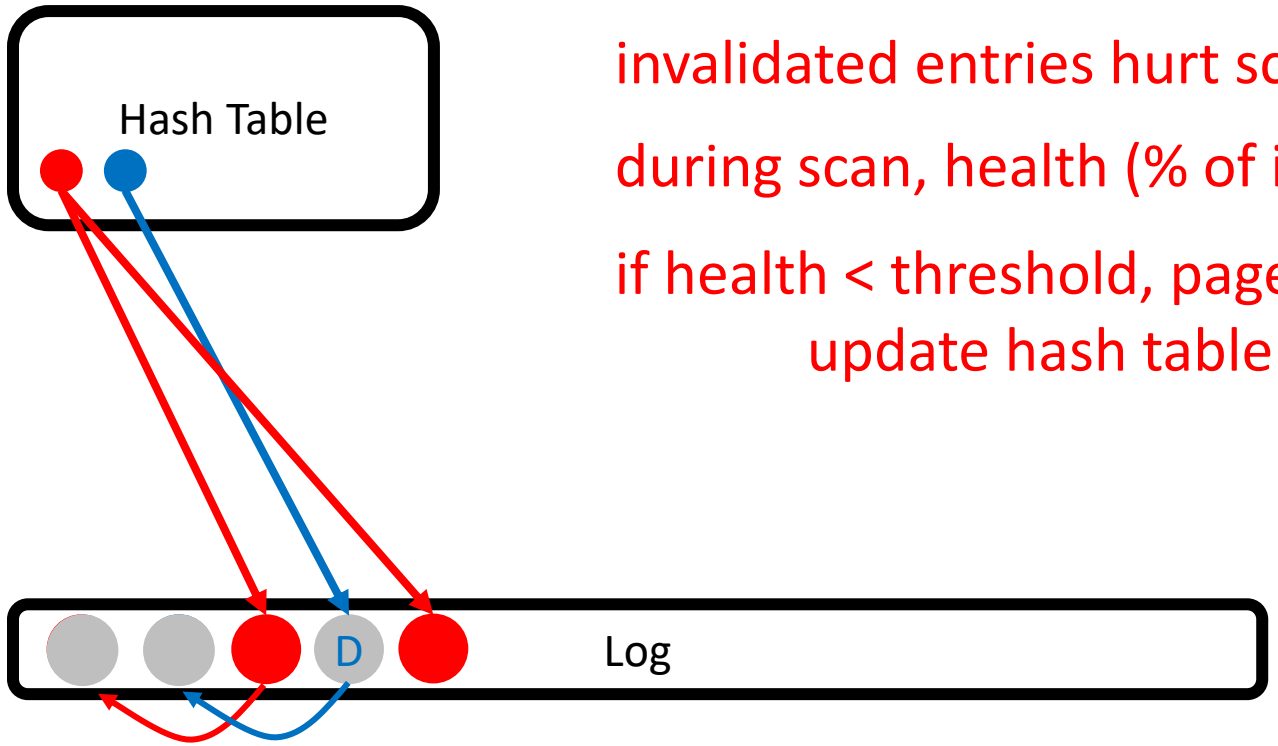
the log contains ***rows***

TellStore-Log Delete



the log contains ***rows***

TellStore-Log Garbage Collection



invalidated entries hurt scan performance

during scan, health (% of invalid entries) per page is calculated

if health < threshold, page is re-written in the head of the log & update hash table & old page is reclaimed

the log contains ***rows***

TellStore-Log in a nutshell

log-structure: efficient puts

hash-table: efficient gets (always points to the latest entry)

snapshot Isolation: high throughput, no locks needed

self-contained log: efficient scans (valid from/to needed)

lazy GC: Optimize tables that are scanned

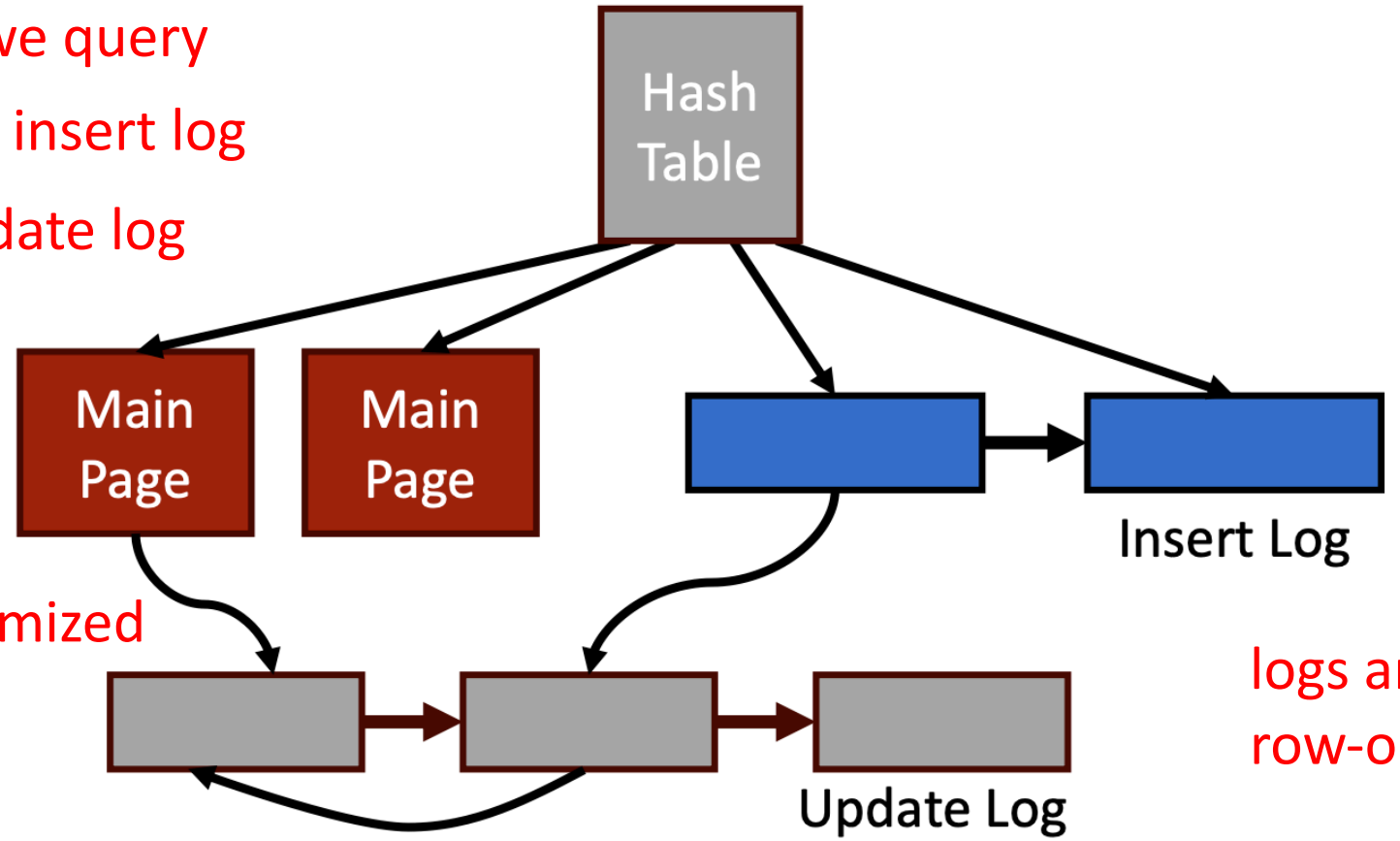
four data structures

TellStore-Col

before inserting we query

new entries go to insert log

updates go to update log



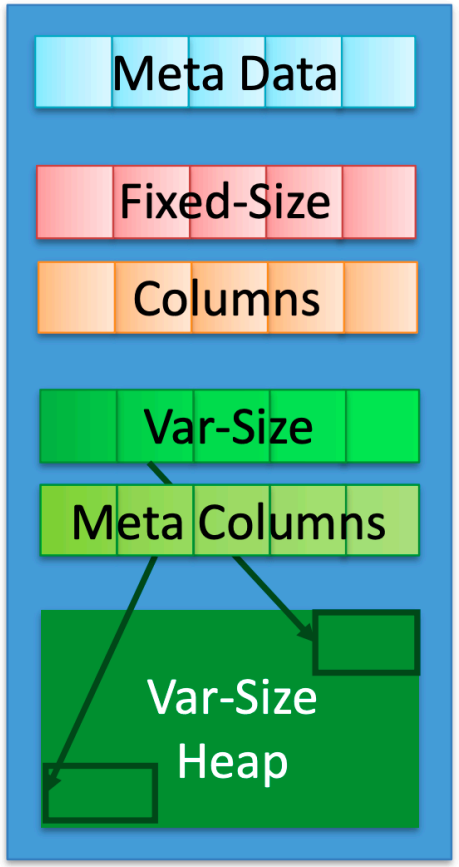
main is read-only

columnar: read-optimized

logs are write-optimized

row-oriented: append-only

TellStore-Col Layout



fixed-size data is stored in columnar format

variable-size data is index in columnar format
but stored in row-wise format

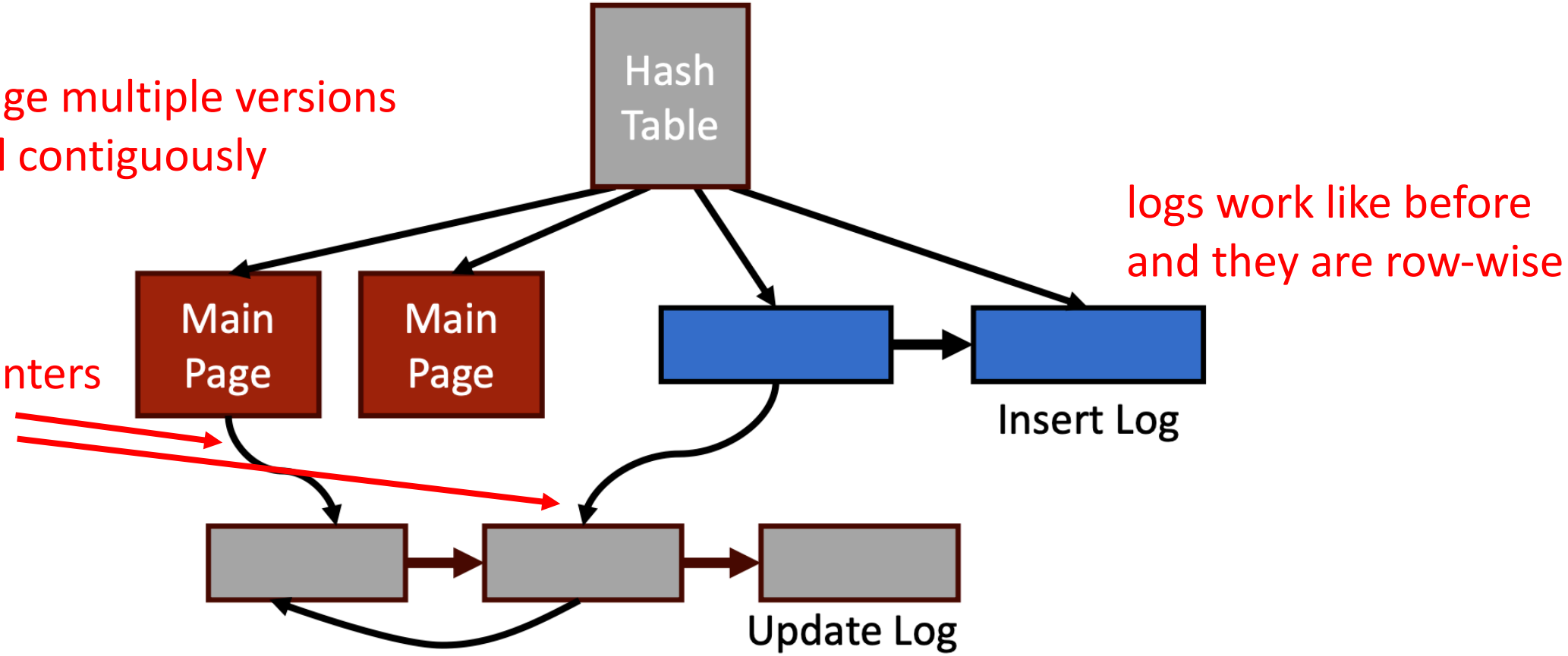
why row-wise?

(1) faster materialization (contiguous copying)

(2) less metadata (one offset for many columns)

TellStore-Col Versioning

in main storage multiple versions are **clustered** contiguously

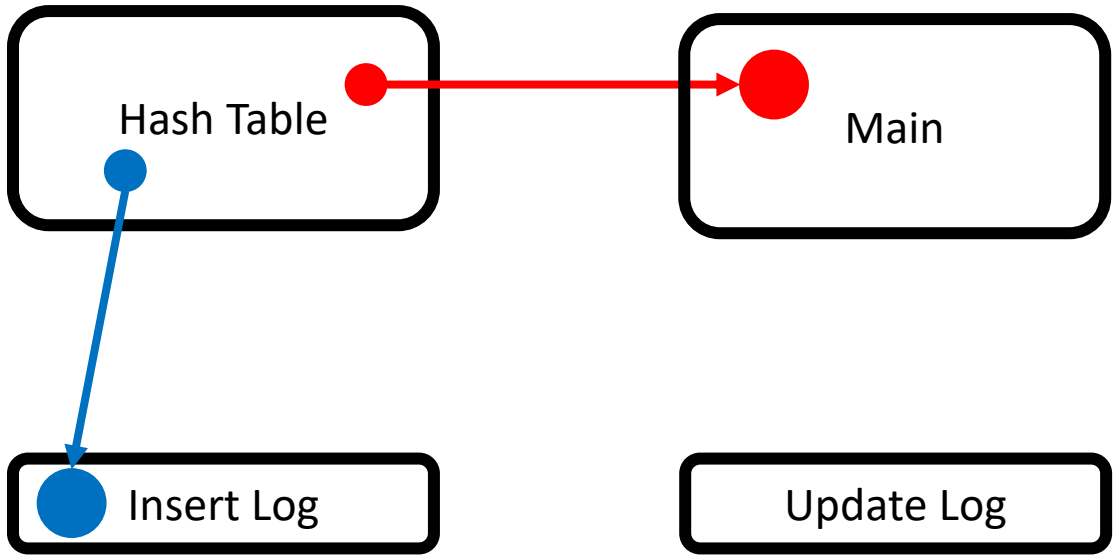


logs work like before and they are row-wise

newest pointers may exist

previous pointers may exist only in update log

TellStore-Col Insertion



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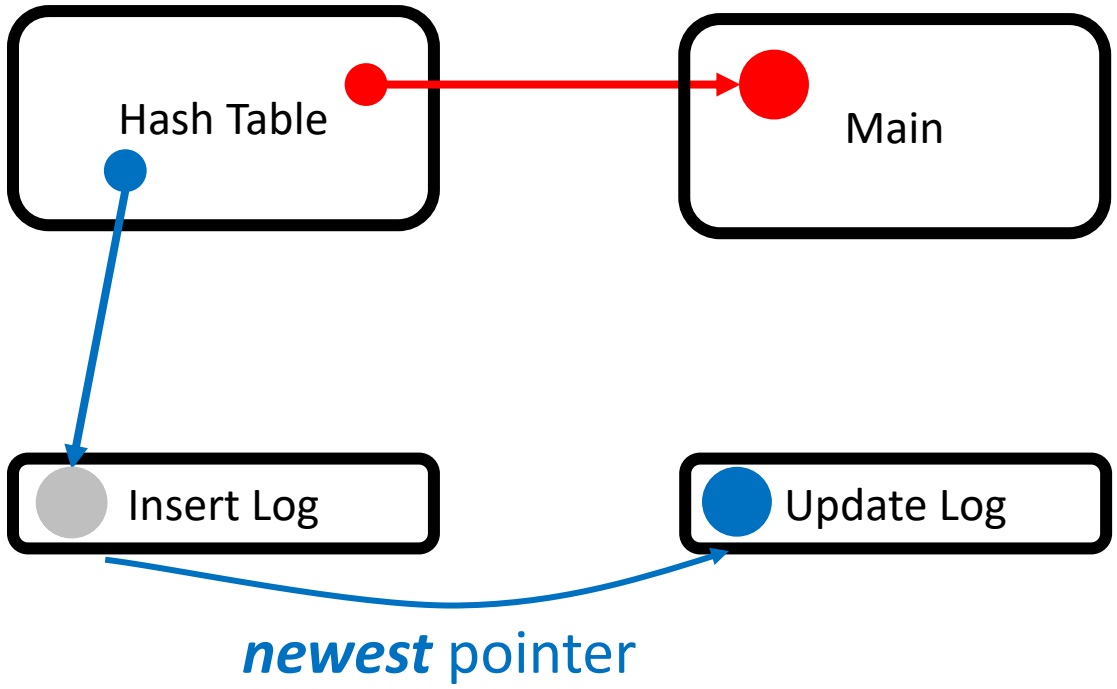

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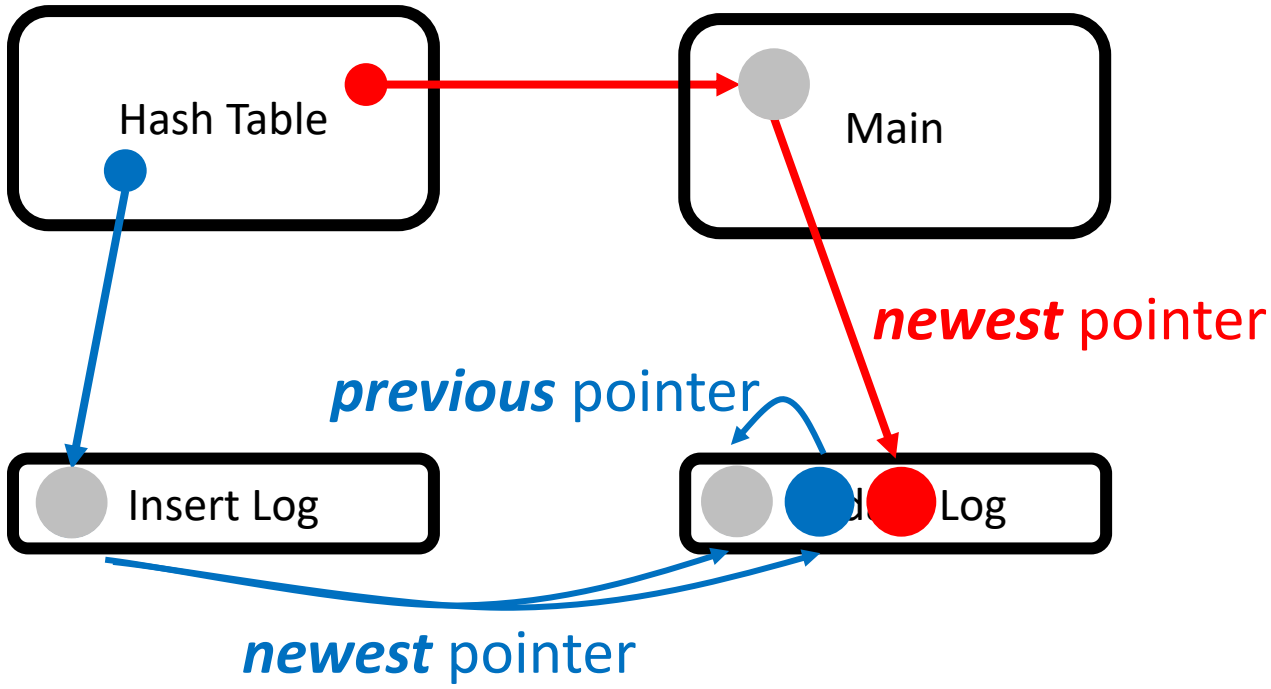

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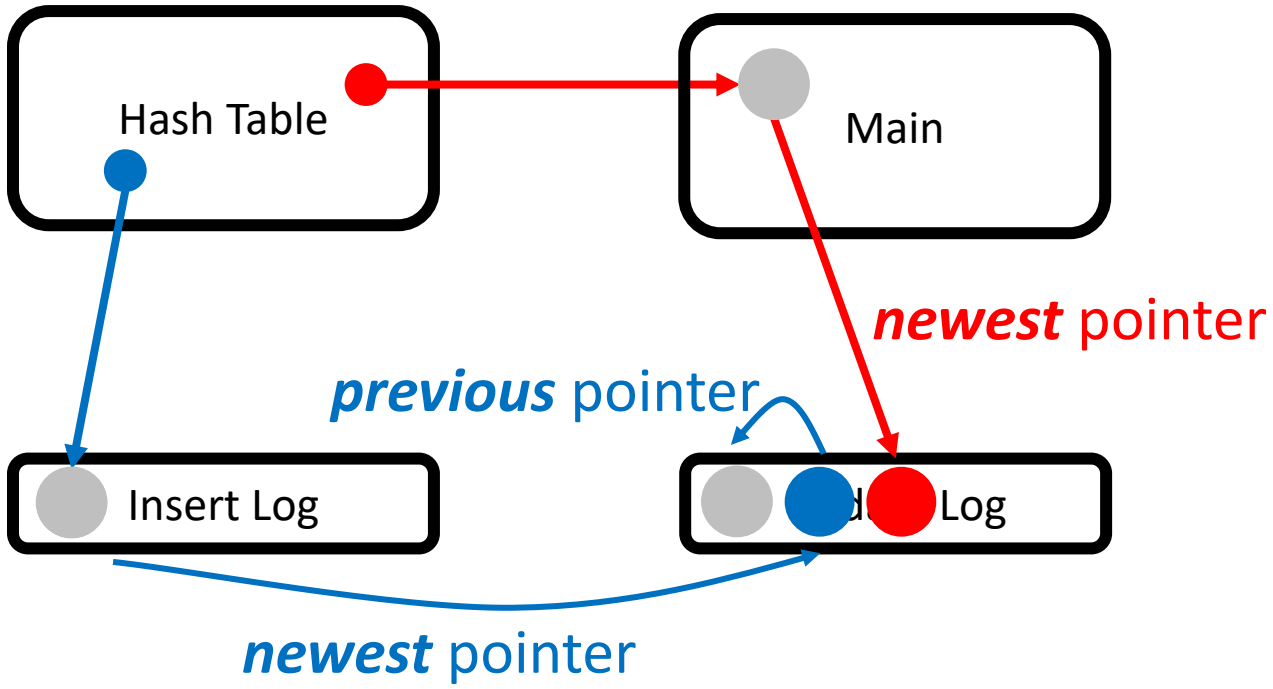


dedicated thread
(conversion from row to column)

all main pages with invalid entries

all pages from insert log + update to main

run GC frequently + truncate logs

TellStore-Col in a nutshell

delta-main: compromise between puts and scans

hash-table: efficient gets (always points to the latest entry, may need one more pointer to follow)

PAX layout: minimize disk I/O, maintain locality for scans

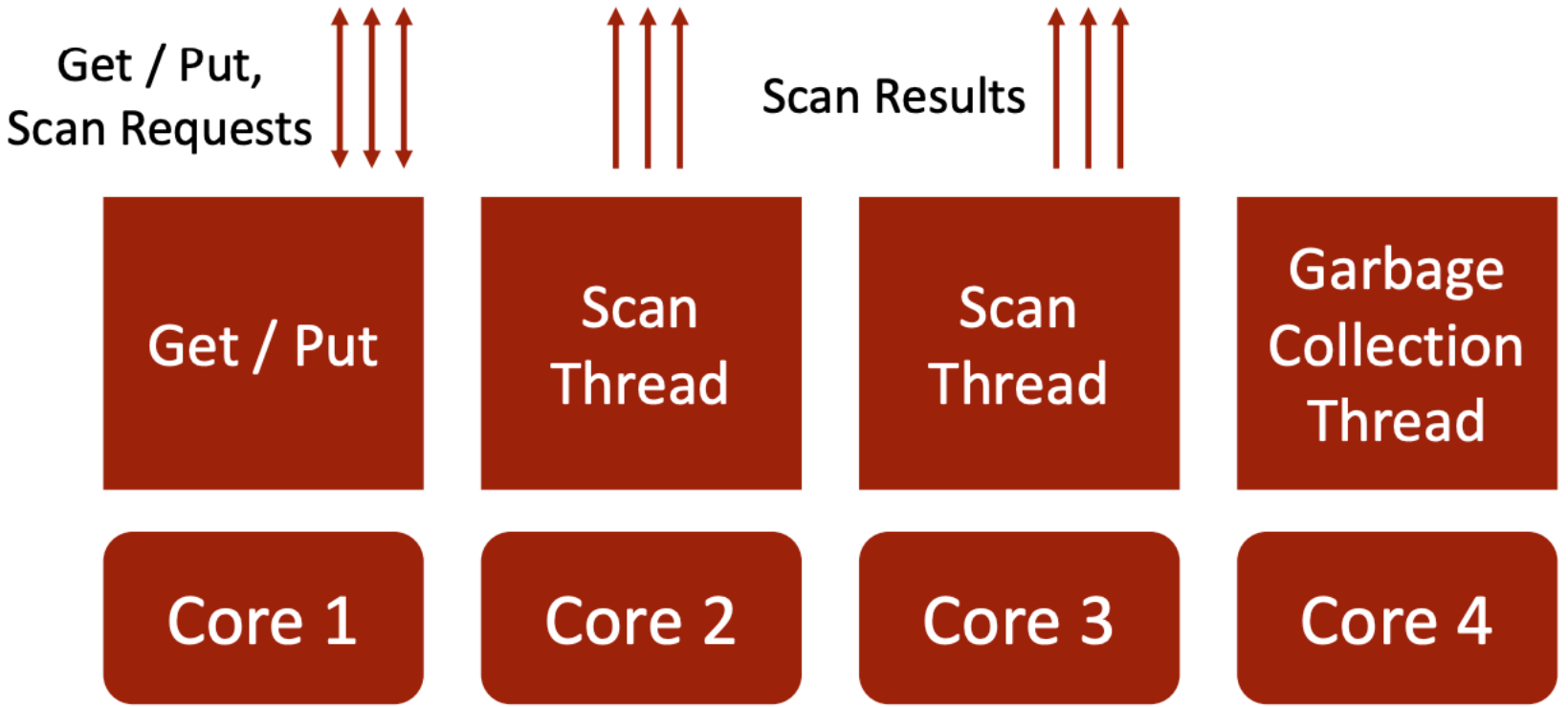
separate insert/update logs: efficient GC

eager GC: improve scans

Implementation Details

scans are assigned to dedicated threads

scan coordinator for shared scans

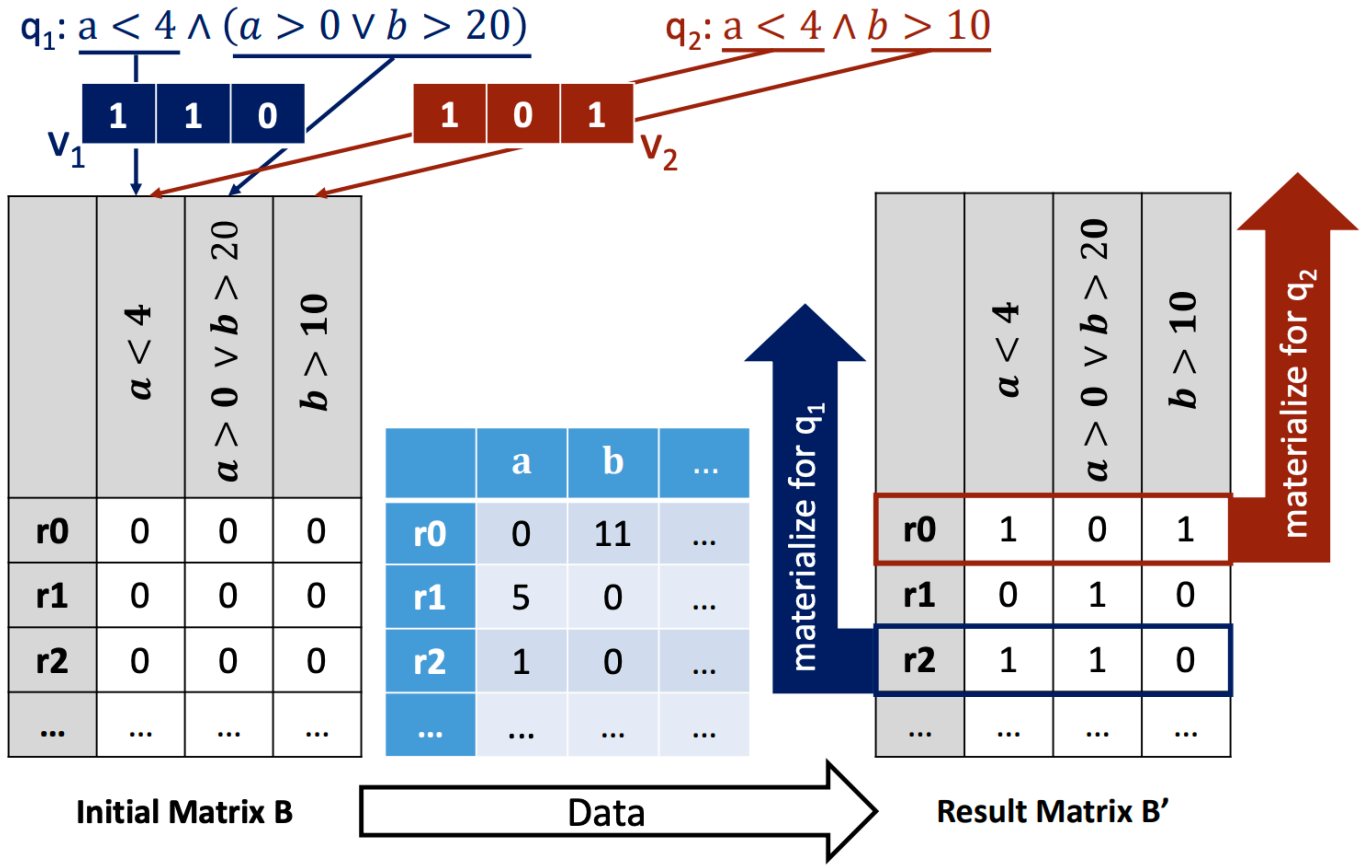


Implementation Details

efficient predicate evaluation via code generation and predicate pushdown

all queries in CNF

reuse work



Experiments: Transactional Workload

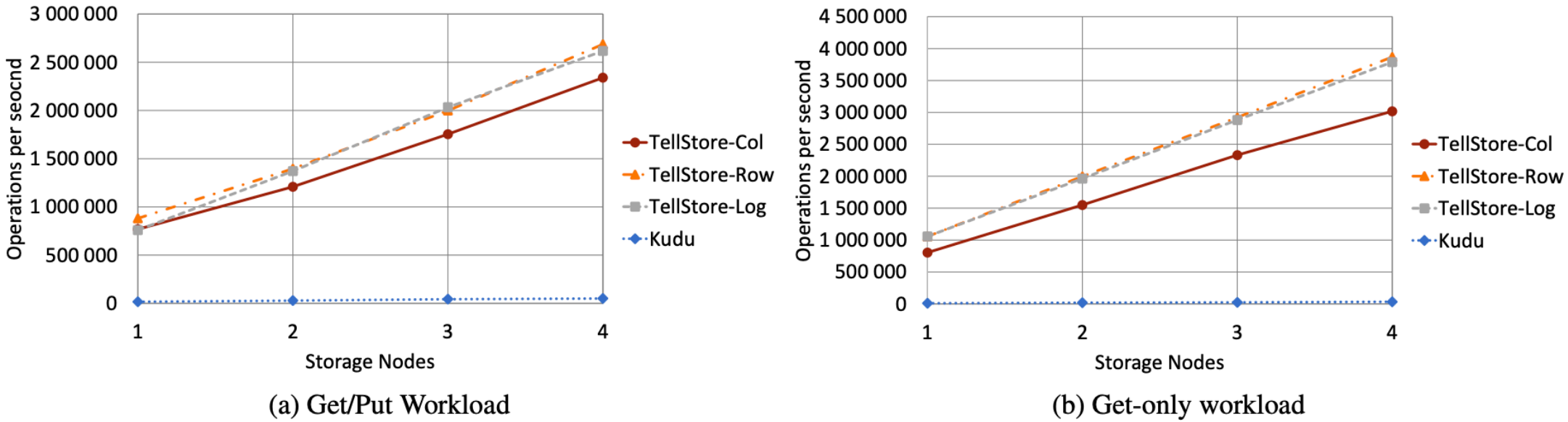


Figure 8: Exp 1, Throughput: YCSB, TellStore Variants and Kudu, Vary Storage Nodes

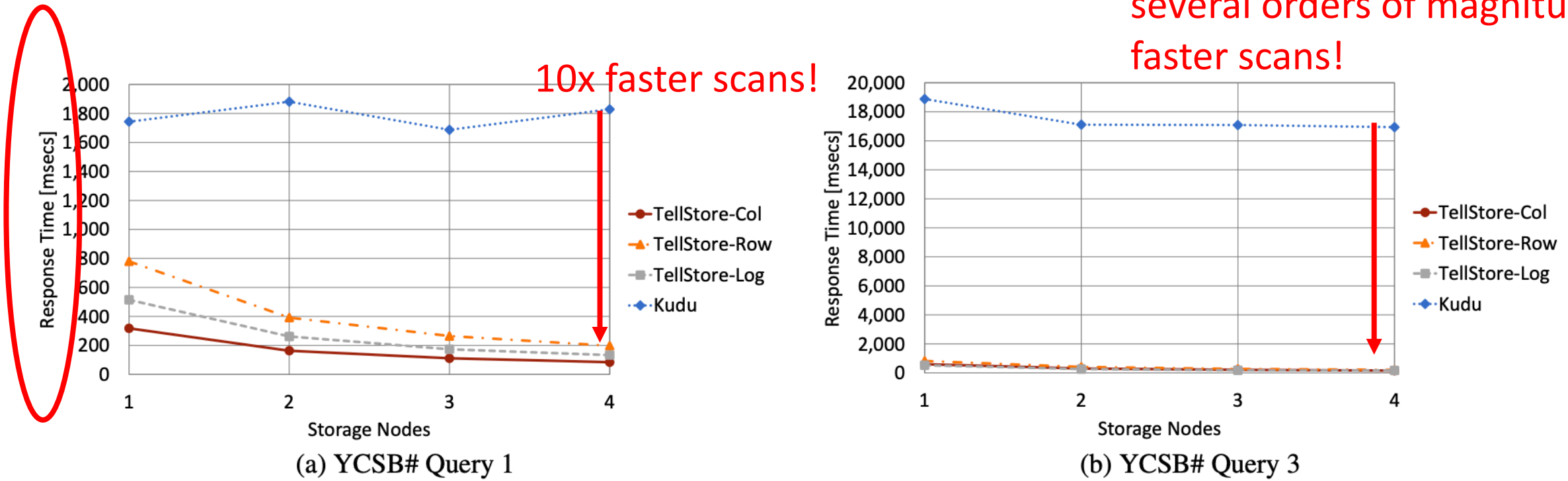
Kudu is used as it was the most competitive to begin with

All TellStore approaches are not that far!

Experiments: Scans

10x faster scans!

several orders of magnitude faster scans!



(a) YCSB# Query 1

(b) YCSB# Query 3

Figure 10: Exp 3, Response Time: YCSB#, Vary Storage Nodes

Q3 does not have projections, so no benefit from columnar

Experiments: Mixed Workload

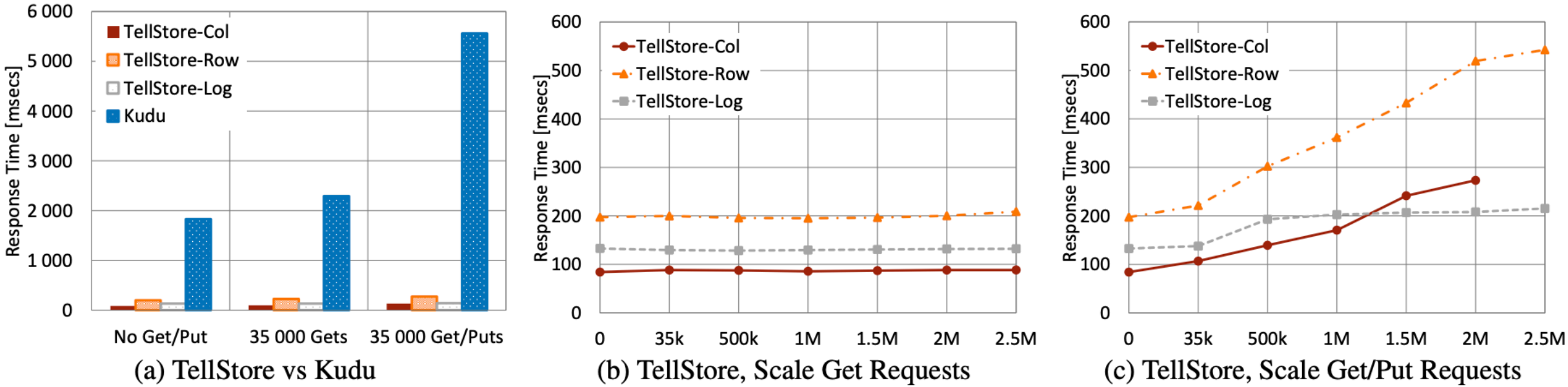


Figure 11: Exp 4, Response Time: YCSB# Query 1, 4 Storage Nodes

Contrary to competition, scan perf. is stable with more gets/puts

In the absence of updates TellStore scales perfectly: scans+gets go to different cores

With 50% updates eventually logging wins

Things to remember

KVS vs. Scans: how to compromise, navigate the design space

- ✓delta-main vs. log-structure
- ✓chained vs. clustered versions
- ✓row-major vs. column-major
- ✓lazy vs. eager GC

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