**Eigentokens: Grammar‑Aware Inline Deduplication and Range‑Friendly Object Storage for AI/Analytics**

*If LLM models are build handcrafted in assembly now, I must confess to have invented a modular LLM language to already compile them.*

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# Glossary

ELM – Eigentoken Language Model(er)

CELM – Component-based Eigentoken Language Model(er)

Interpretation – a parameterized program to give at least one output stream or result data from at least one input stream or input data.

Knowledge – Deeply for correspondence analysed information across at least one object

Data – Plain mathematical Information that needs to be interpreted to define a meaning

Storage – Any form of local or distributed institution to store structured data objects/tokens

B+-Tree – Indices and Eigentoken B+-Tree similar to indices B+-Trees in MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL

B+-Forest – Several topic- or version-oriented B+-Trees, most of the time in a database/storage context to only contain filtered content or Eigentokens that offer linkage to a set of well-defined topics

Model-bucket – As we gather data to learn knowledge by analysis, keeping data sorted and in order is key, for example we sort frog pictures into one bucket and kangaroos into another, text in a third bucket. Those buckets may have full sorted subcategories, recursively becoming increasingly fine granular. B+-Trees keep major versions of the machine itself referring to changes in the interpretation program, model-buckets keep order and versioning on the data side

# Abstract

We propose Eigentokens, a storage-internal grammar tokenization rule-scheme, enabling LLM grammar modeling, assembly and debugging in storage. Eigentokens enable database structuring and adaptation, by using asynchronous inline deduplication and lossless compression techniques as grammar analysis tools, while preserving range-friendly reads in an S3/KV object interface, as well as an additional LLM analysis interface. The grammar is constructed heuristically from byte-stream similarity and mapped to a non-strict B+ forest (see Glossary) to align Eigentokens with seekable blocks and offsets, where each token may at least contain data and/or an interpretation-program. The project evaluates dedup and context efficiency, ingest throughput, write amplification, and HTTP Range latency versus CDC (see Glossary) baselines.

# Preface

Eigentokens and the resulting B+-forest-ELM (Eigentoken language model) completely go without floating point operations to be either correct or incorrect on their knowledge detection. The goal is to self-analyze any unknown grammar into organized shards and subprograms without supervision, to create language models, whilst storing them in an efficient, optionally compressed, form. ELMs are metamodeling programs in M2, that can be part of metamodel M3 cluster machinery for self-aware and self-reflecting systems to build, compile, analyze and debug LLM trained models. Instead of building a model they give a place to define how a model in M1 can be defined by M2 rules. Another problem is that that most current LLM modeling techniques produce nondeterministic model tools. Eigentokens in ELMs allow the construction of truly deterministic LLM building tools and systems, that only reside in polynomial time – which requires all interpretations to use poly-time programs to execute their data.

Core thought of the innovation from the perspective of the machine processing Eigentoken language modeling in M2 metalevel (ELM2):

1. Be the model
2. Understand yourself by “thinking” every thought possible from your knowledge
3. Organize your knowledge and train hard
4. Know it all or nothing
5. Describe yourself to others and your thought process (M3 autonomous self-metamodeling by using M2 model grammar to compile facts about data into an output interface)

Comment from the author: Knowing something or deciding if something is known to a probability is called dementia or hallucinations, failing to self-reflect knowledge is called low self-awareness. Splitting knowledge from the process of learning new things is called dogmatism. Failing to adapt to changes may be a form of autism. Falling short in consistence of processing decision making and knowledge is called ADHD. So, in terms of computers, it may be that LLM systems these days carry many sicknesses in terms of unfulfilled goals and non-available self-development without human intervention. To introduce human-like learning, we need to introduce human-like processing of data, accessing knowledge deterministically, but creating knowledge by interconnection of data until an efficient point we chose (virtually deterministic, but terminated in reality).

# Motivation

Modern AI/analytics pipelines exhibit high redundancy and frequent small range reads. Conventional object stores either compress or store whole blobs (hurting seekability) or deduplicate coarsely (losing editlocality). Learning and training AI models is mostly still a costly manual task. Learning, training, storing and gathering data are still split disciplines with a united neural network model as a united outcome, it’s not the other way around. This project proposes Eigentokens—storage-internal grammar tokens, laid out as byte (or even custom bit) fragments, that reorganize similar byte snippets into a non-strict B+ forest. Incoming objects are asynchronously (or on demand synchronously) inline grammar-analyzed or deduplicated and optionally losslessly compressed; similar snippets are arranged into grammar productions that remind us of Eigenvector production and mathematical matrix reproducibility. At their core they consist of at least one of the parts program/interpretation and data/information that deliver any such as a compiled interpretable string of a concept, structured data, control flow, arithmetic description. Eigentokens reorganize similar byte fragments into grammar productions and lays them out as a non‑strict B+ forest, enabling token‑aligned range reads without full rehydration. Each of these B+-Trees defines a structured way of data string Eigentoken-objects, defining concepts to retrieve an output data result from a defined set of just data or available other Eigentokens within the data forest.

In this world, Tokens are not linguistic words, but arbitrary byte-stream segments constructed heuristically due to storagelevel pressures (looping grammar productions, dedup boundaries, range I/O). Externally, an S3/KV facade exposes objects and fingerprints, and an AI analysis interface enables us to interpret data changes, grammar/knowledge connections and statistics of topics. Since we can only store data with S3, the AI interface also enables us to set rules and configurations to each B+-Tree, that holds several “model buckets”. The aim is to reduce storage and I/O costs without sacrificing random‑access latency or operational simplicity, while building a programming language including a self-reflective metamodel compiler to produce LLM models as assembled output. The target of organizing storage in this way, is saving storage, while making the storage become the grammar itself and the assembling ground for poly-time omni-models. The aim is to reduce storage and I/O costs for LLM processing and LLM model creation effort, without sacrificing randomaccess latency or operational simplicity.

We have observed within ourselves, that humans’ intelligence is based on learning sequential tasks and recombining them recursively by ordering multiple experiences as single blocks or groups of experiences, while base data is interpreted from different perspectives. Forming our knowledge is a modular process, therefore learning itself as a concept should be. Evolving AI technologies into a modular science is a breakpoint software engineering already has seen. In the result, we may see an evolution that AI technologies may set themselves apart as knowledge technologies, which have the fundament of computer science as their base, just as electrical engineering set apart computer science from itself.

In general, we have observed how the era of computer science evolved in terms of software engineering, unraveling assembly code into modular component structures using different compilers to transfer the plan of a programming language into a machine-readable description. This is true for script languages and compiled programs. Once more, I’d like to contribute to this procedure in terms of LLM Model creation, composition and research. Therefore, ELM models should create a new M2 meta-metamodel layer, that can compile knowledge into M1 language models, while being maintainable in transient components. Like C++ and Java delivered advantages to languages like C, Fortran, Cobol and Algol 60, in terms of modularity, concepts, build, templates and later design patterns, we now skip the process of reinventing the wheel to repeat the process on LLM evolution stepwise. ELM or CELM should be compound data models that live in the M2 meta layer and define LLM model construction by separating Interpretations and knowledge, like program context was once split away from the data to be processed on the Harvard architecture. In common, this structure should be able to simulate any resulting LLM model before compilation, so efficient debugging is thinkable. For this summary we first require the fundaments of “Computer architecture” by Andrew S. Tanenbaum and compiler construction in “Compilers Principles, Techniques, and Tools Alfred V. Aho” to describe the processing of rules into detected patterns and behaviors, to build interpretations/programs on Eigentoken data. Second, we require the fundaments of “Invasive Software Composition” by Uwe Aßmann to define, merge, plug and replace data component that are detected within loosely stored object storages.

Nowadays we are still in the age of handcrafted LLM experiments and experience and we shall go the same way as software engineering did to reach maturity of knowledge science, which uses AI machinery as a tool of discovery.

# Prior Work: UltiHash vs. Eigentokens

This section clarifies how the proposed work by Benjamin-Elias Probst differs from his earlier prototype at UltiHash.

* UltiHash (earlier approach):
* Static chunking with a few brute‑force entry points into deduplicable snippets.
* Pre‑allocated 1‑GB blocks sorting static snippets; two‑level tree layout.
* Indirect deduplication up to ~40% observed, but no grammar, no range‑optimized meta‑structure, just pointer reference hard coded self-reflection of existing strings
* Eigentokens (this work):
* Grammar‑aware dynamic chunking: CDC seeding followed by merging into grammar tokens (meta-productions) that remain stable under local edits (insert/shift/rename).
* Non‑strict B+ forest as layout/metadata image of the grammar (production = internal node, leaf = token‑aligned (e.g., zstd‑compressed) block with offsets).
* Asynchronous inline pipeline: immediately writable stable references; grammar and compression finalized in the background → reduced write amplification at high ingest.
* S3/KV facade with token‑aligned range maps for low tail latenc (see Glossary)ies.
* AI interface for configuration, statistics, token-stack, debugging, fact injection, compilation control

# Scope & Non‑Overlap

This work does not propose a new text tokenizer for Large Language Models (LLMs) and does not perform NLP evaluation. Eigentokens are storage‑internal clear byte‑stream grammar tokens for deduplication, lossless compression and layout. Overall Eigentokens deliver a fundament of the construction of deterministic ELMs. The evaluation focuses on system metrics (space efficiency, ingest throughput, write amplification, and HTTP Range read latency), not NLP quality metrics. Instead of modeling a grammar directly, Eigentokens are designed to machine learn an M1 metamodel to construct a metamodel grammar to then define how a grammar – tokenized or not – should be learned by the object storage. This leads to the creation of grammar to guide storage rules instead of learning LLM grammar from any language. Therefore, the machine learning strategy is inverse. The machine learning component governs grammar construction for storage layout, not linguistic modeling; hence also the learning strategy is inverse to LLM tokenization, since the data will create its grammar using autonomous M1 and M2 Metamodel construction.

# Problem Statement & Research Questions

* **RQ1 (Chunking & Grammar):** Can grammar‑aware dynamic chunking with grammar-creation machine learning (Eigentokens) improve deduplication ratio and edit locality versus state‑of‑the‑art Content‑Defined Chunking (CDC) under realistic edits (insert/shift/rename)?
* **RQ2 (Index & Layout):** Does mapping grammar structure to a non‑strict B+ forest reduce write amplification and improve range‑read latency versus flat object layouts or LSM‑style indirections?
* **RQ3 (Inline Pipeline):** What is the latency/throughput trade‑off of asynchronous inline deduplication and compression during ingest compared to offline pipelines?
* **RQ4 (Range Semantics):** Can we maintain seekability (P50/P95/P99 HTTP Range read latency for varying spans) on compressed/deduplicated objects comparable to uncompressed baselines during write, read, and delete?

RQP (Roadmap): How do replication/erasure policies behave when grammar leaves act as the unit of placement? How can we introduce a generative ELM modeling machine by using Eigentokens? (Beyond the first paper’s scope.)

# Related Work (concise)

* ContentDefined Chunking (CDC): Rabin/gearhash, FastCDC (see Glossary) and successors as baselines for boundary stability and dedup efficiency.
* **Grammar‑based compression:** Sequitur/Re‑Pair lineage; adapted here for storage layout rather than linguistic modeling.
* **Key‑Value/Object stores:** B+‑trees versus LSM‑trees — trade‑offs in write amplification, compaction, and recovery.
* **Range‑friendly compression:** Offset‑addressable compressed blocks and block maps for efficient HTTP Range reads.

# Related Work and Gap

Content‑Defined Chunking (CDC)—including FastCDC and successors—provides robust boundaries and good deduplication, but models neither hierarchical structure nor productions (no grammar), and offers no explicit range‑optimized structure across multiple objects. [1, 3–5, 6]

Grammar‑based compression (e.g., Sequitur/Re‑Pair; Straight‑Line Programs (SLP (see Glossary)s) with self‑indexing) supports substring extraction on compressed data but is not designed as an object‑store layout with inline deduplication or S3‑level range semantics.

Seekable block formats (e.g., blocked GZIP/BGZF (see Glossary)) are range‑friendly yet lack cross‑object deduplication and do not exploit grammatical reuse. Deduplication and compression thrive on an increase of reference knowledge. Keeping the accessible knowledge base on a maximum will increase the potential of deduplication for the trade of some asynchronous performance and more required implementation optimization.

Machine‑learning‑assisted autonomous AI chunking and rule/cookbook innovation can improve boundaries and resemblance detection, but prior work does not elevate a learned grammar to the primary layout structure of an object store.

Gap: No integrated system combines agentic grammar‑aware chunking, a range‑optimized B+‑forest layout, and an asynchronous inline pipeline within a single S3/KV object store and grammar cookbook, that learn their own grammar from unknown sources across all available different objects in a database storage.

Let’s analyze first, how the 3 largest LLM families are built, trained and operated.

# Approach & System Design (Known vs. Novel)

To highlight the novelty of the Eigentokens approach, it is instructive to contrast it with the **state-of-the-art large language model (LLM) architectures** dominating AI today. Below we overview three prominent model families and their design philosophies – which rely on **probabilistic, sub-symbolic** representations – and then explain how Eigentokens fundamentally differs with a **deterministic, grammar-based** paradigm.

* OpenAI GPT-4.1 and GPT-5 (GPT Series): Architecture: The GPT family are giant Transformer-based networks trained on vast corpora of text (and code, plus images in GPT-4) using next-token prediction. GPT-4.1, an enhanced iteration of GPT-4, maintains a dense decoder-only transformer architecture with hundreds of billions of parameters (exact figures proprietary), refined via extensive fine-tuning and reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF). GPT-5 (2025) introduced a unified dual-model system: a fast, efficient sub-model handles simple queries, while a deeper “GPT-5 Thinking” model is invoked for complex problems, with a learned router deciding between them based on context. Training Data & Operation: These models ingest internet-scale data (web text, literature, code, etc.), thereby encoding a broad range of knowledge implicitly in their weight matrices. They operate by computing probability distributions over the next token in a sequence, effectively modeling language statistically rather than via explicit rules. Limitations: GPT models have a fixed (though growing) context window (e.g. tens of thousands of tokens), and no built-in long-term memory beyond what’s compressed in the weights or provided in prompts. Their reasoning is sub-symbolic – they cannot cleanly separate “facts” or formal rules, and often hallucinate or produce inconsistent outputs if prompted beyond their learned statistical patterns. Even GPT-5’s advanced architecture (with its internal “thinking” mode) remains fundamentally a probabilistic sequence model; it improves speed and reasoning depth but does not incorporate explicit semantic or grammatical modules. [27–29]
* Google Gemini 1.5 (Pro/Flash): Architecture: Gemini is a family of multimodal LLMs developed by Google DeepMind, succeeding models like PaLM 2 and LaMDA. Version 1.5 (early 2024) came in two main variants: Pro (a high-capacity model) and Flash (a faster, lightweight model). Gemini’s architecture builds on Transformer foundations but with Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) and advanced parallelism to scale up capabilities. Notably, Gemini-1.5-Pro offered an unprecedented context window on the order of 1 million tokens, enabled by specialized attention mechanisms and external memory management, allowing it to ingest extremely large documents or even video frames as text. Training & Design: Gemini was trained on a diverse, multimodal dataset – not just text and code, but images, audio, and video transcripts – aiming to imbue the model with agent-like problem solving and tool use. It can break down tasks into intermediate “thought” steps (exposed in a Flash mode that shows its reasoning chain) and interface with external tools (e.g. search, calculators) as part of its responses. Despite these innovations, Gemini’s knowledge and skills are still learned through pattern recognition across its training data. Limitations: Like other LLMs, Gemini lacks explicit symbolic representations – it cannot natively create or follow formal grammar rules, it only emulates them through statistical learning. The complexity of techniques like MoE and huge context windows improves performance but also makes the model a massive black box requiring immense computational resources. It remains prone to errors such as contradictory or inaccurate outputs (hallucinations) when confronted with scenarios outside its training distribution, since it doesn’t encode ground truth rules – only correlations. In short, Gemini extends the probabilistic LLM approach to new modalities and scales but does not depart from the probabilistic paradigm. [30]
* Anthropic Claude 3.5 “Sonnet”: Architecture: Claude 3.5 (introduced mid-2024) is Anthropic’s latest large language model, focused on efficiency and alignment. It uses a Transformer-based architecture similar to GPT, trained on a massive text and code corpus, and notably expanded the context window to ~200,000 tokens to handle very large inputs. Through careful engineering and likely model compression/distillation, Claude 3.5 achieves roughly 2× the speed of its predecessor (Claude 3 “Opus”) while improving performance on complex tasks. It also incorporates vision capabilities, able to interpret images and charts, making it multi-modal to an extent. Training & Design: Anthropic trained Claude with a special emphasis on “Constitutional AI” – instead of relying solely on human feedback to fine-tune behavior, they defined a set of guiding principles (a “constitution”) that the model uses to self-supervise and refine its outputs for harmlessness and coherence. Operationally, Claude 3.5 is offered at different tiers (e.g. instant vs. improved versions), but all operate as probabilistic text generators under the hood. Limitations: Claude 3.5, despite some unique alignment methodology, is still a probabilistic LLM without transparent internal logic. It doesn’t possess a built-in knowledge graph or rule system; all knowledge is stored as implicit connections in its neural weights. Thus, it can still produce incorrect statements or reasoning if prompted adversarially or if it encounters gaps in its training familiarity. Its large context window mitigates some memory limitations by allowing more reference text, but this is a workaround rather than a true long-term symbolic memory. The model’s improved safety is achieved by additional training constraints, not by introducing explicit rules or logic circuits. In summary, Claude 3.5 exemplifies a highly optimized neurosymbolic model (neural at core with some higher-level guidance), yet it remains firmly on the probabilistic side of the spectrum, without the deterministic, modular knowledge representations that a truly symbolic system would have. [31, 32]

# Eigentokens: A Novel Deterministic Grammar-Based Paradigm

In contrast to the above, **Eigentokens** takes a fundamentally different approach to representing and manipulating information. It is a **deterministic, grammar-inducing system** rather than a probabilistic neural network. Instead of adjusting millions of weights to **statistically approximate** a language or data distribution, Eigentokens explicitly **learns a grammar** from the data. This involves a meta-learning process: an **M1 metamodel** first learns how to construct a *metamodel grammar* for the incoming data streams (i.e. the system learns *how to learn* the grammar). The outcome of this process is a set of **explicit production rules** that can exactly regenerate segments of the data and are the interpretation part of the stored objects and shards, called Eigentokens. In other words, Eigentokens create the fundament to produce a *formal grammar* tailored to the dataset, capturing repetitive structures and patterns as reusable modularized objects, patterns and rules. This approach yields **lossless, interpretable representations**: each token and rule has a concrete definition (a sequence of bytes it expands to), unlike an LLM’s opaque embedding. The system’s knowledge is thus **symbolically organized** as grammar rules, managed by the Eigentoken internals, which is the inverse of an LLM’s strategy — rather than burying the grammar of the data in millions of parameters, Eigentokens **derives the grammar directly** and stores it transparently.

Crucially, Eigentokens tokens and rules behave like **modular building blocks** of knowledge. The learned grammar can be seen as a **“cookbook” of rules** describing the dataset that is analog to the representation of grammar: each rule (or *knowledge module*) is a recipe that the storage-LLM/ELM engine can use to reconstruct a certain pattern or sub-object. These modules are stored in a **B+‑forest** (a collection of many flavors of B+‑tree indexes), which organizes the grammar productions and their occurrences in a way that supports efficient lookup and assembly. This design is analogous to **modular software composition** in classical software engineering (as explored by Prof. Uwe Aßmann et al.), extending it with the possibility of M3 self-adaptation on ELMs: just as software is built from modules or libraries that encapsulate certain functionality, Eigentokens build data representations from self-contained grammar components. Each component (grammar rule) is **autonomously self-descriptive** – it explicitly defines the content it represents and can be understood in isolation (e.g. a rule might say “Token\_42 = <common byte sequence>”). There is no mystery as to what a given Eigentoken means or contains. By combining these modules, the system can construct complex objects in a **compositional, deterministic** manner (much like linking together software modules), as opposed to an LLM’s diffuse generation process. This modularity not only improves interpretability but also means the system’s behavior is driven by **structured rules** rather than probabilistic inference.

While our project is focused on storage efficiency and data management, the **principles of Eigentokens hint at a broader AI capability**. By converting raw data into grammar-based knowledge modules, we lay a foundation for a future **generative system with symbolic traits**. In principle, an Eigentokens-powered ELM engine could be extended to function as an *omni-LLM* – a model capable of generating outputs (text, code, etc.) using its grammar modules instead of neural activations. Such a system would generate new sentences or data by **executing the production rules** (in novel combinations or sequences) rather than by sampling from a neural probability distribution. This would imbue the generation process with **logical consistency and traceability reducing cost**: the origin of each generated token could be traced back to a rule in the knowledge base, creating a solid and maintainable reasoning fundament, much like how a compiler expands macros or functions. Outcome data is therefore dependent on the bugs set on the input, but debugging data by deleting and modifying tokens is thinkable. One could imagine the Eigentokens knowledge base growing and updating autonomously as new data comes in – an AI that **self-describes and self-organizes** its knowledge in grammars, potentially mitigating issues like hallucination because it *knows exactly* which rules it’s applying. Base data can either be correct or incorrect, existent or not. Achieving an AI that combines LLM-like versatility with strict symbolic grounding is an ambitious vision (beyond the scope of this storage project), but the **Eigentokens approach marks a step in that direction**. By prioritizing explicit structure over statistical guesswork, our system design moves toward bridging probabilistic and symbolic methods in AI into becoming a mature engineering discipline.

**In summary,** Eigentokens diverge from conventional LLM architectures by using **deterministic grammar rules** as the core representation of knowledge. Below, we outline the concrete system design and components that implement this novel approach:

A1 – **Eigentokens & Dynamic Chunking:** Seed chunk boundaries via CDC; refine them into grammar tokens by merging similar snippets into productions stable under local edits. Maintain token IDs and one or more object fingerprints; allow recursive subdivision for hot ranges.

A2 – B+Forest Metadata: Map the grammar to a non-strict B+ forest—internal nodes encode productions; leaves hold raw or preprocessed (e.g., zstd-compressed) snippets. Preserve order and offsets to support range reads without full rehydration.

A3 – **Asynchronous Inline Pipeline:** Ingest computes similarity and grammar updates asynchronously; stable references are written immediately; background tasks finalize compression and index compaction.

A4 – API & Integration: S3compatible object interface; KV semantics; per-object fingerprint export. Range GET is served via token-aligned block maps for efficient partial reads; optional BATCH GET for batched data loader access.

A5 – **Analysis/Control API:** To get metrics from the system to grammars, patterns and rules, be require a second interface to set database behavior.

A6 – **Eigentoken mock of local rules:** Develop some pattern rules for Eigentoken processing to demonstrate storage and grammar linking behavior.

A7 – **(Roadmap) Replication/Erasure:** Apply placement and erasure-coding policies on grammar leaves for resilience and space efficiency (future extension beyond the first project scope).

# Contributions

* C1 (Algorithmic): Grammar‑aware dynamic chunking improves deduplication and edit localization versus CDC under insert/shift/rename workloads.
* C2 (Systems/Layout): A non‑strict B+ forest over productions reduces write amplification and maintains stable range latencies (P50/P95/P99).
* C3 (Pipeline): Asynchronous inline deduplication and compression achieve near‑baseline ingest throughput while improving space efficiency.
* C4 (Benchmarking): An open harness with FastCDC, fixed‑size chunking, and optionally LSM as baselines; ablations removing grammar, forest, or async components.

# Comparative Landscape (including UltiHash)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Approach | Cross‑Object Dedup | Edit Stability | Range Reads | Write Ampl. | Ingest | Metadata | Layout |
| Fixed‑Size + zstd | Medium | Low | Medium (block map) | Low | High | Low | Flat |
| CDC / FastCDC | High | High | Medium (block map) | Medium | High | Low–Medium | Flat/LSM |
| Grammar + Self‑Index (SLP/Sequitur/Re‑Pair) | High (intra‑object) | Medium | High (substring) | High | Low–Medium | High | Index‑centric |
| Seekable Block (BGZF etc.) | n/a | n/a | High | Low | High | Low | Block‑map |
| UltiHash (earlier) | Medium (indirect) | Low–Medium | Medium | Medium | Medium | Low | 2‑level, static |
| Eigentokens (this work) | High | High | High (token‑aligned) | Lower | High (async) | Medium | B+‑forest, LLM meta compiler |

# Evaluation Plan

Datasets:

* Code corpora (high near-deduplicate rate)
* Text corpora / logs (append-heavy, frequent edits)
* Columnar blobs (e.g. Parquet/CSV) typical for analytics
* Synthetic edit workloads (insert/shift/rename) to stress boundary stability

Baselines:

* Fixed‑size chunking with standard compression (e.g., zstd)
* CDC (Rabin, FastCDC, brute-force hashing) with and without compression
* Flat object layout without grammar mapping
* Optional: LSM‑style index for comparison (if time permits)

Metrics

* Space: deduplication ratio, compression ratio, index size
* I/O: ingest throughput, write and delete amplification; read latency (P50/P95/P99) for HTTP Range GET requests across cold/warm cache
  + Shard-switching related I/O delay measurement
* Compute: CPU-seconds per GB processed, memory overhead
* Robustness: edit locality under shifts; crash/recovery behavior; index rebuild time

Datasets: code corpora (near‑duplicates), text/log corpora (append‑heavy), columnar blobs typical for analytics (e.g., Parquet/CSV), and synthetic edit workloads (insert/shift/rename).

Baselines: fixed‑size+zstd, CDC (Rabin/FastCDC) with/without compression, flat layout without grammar mapping, and optionally an LSM‑style index.

Metrics: space (deduplication and compression ratios; index footprint); I/O (ingest throughput; write/delete amplification; HTTP Range latencies P50/P95/P99 across cold/warm caches; shard‑switching delay); compute (CPU‑seconds/GB; memory); robustness (edit locality under shifts; crash/recovery; index rebuild).

# Timeline (15 weeks, indicative)

| **Phase** | **Milestones** |
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| **W1–W2** | Finalize spec and architecture; micro-design of Eigentokens & B+‑forest; benchmark harness and metric interface. |
| **W3–W8** | Prototypes ingest path (CDC → grammar induction → dedup index → compression); implement fingerprint export; basic S3 facade (PUT/GET/HEAD). |
| **W9–W10** | Implement range read path & token-aligned block maps; performance tuning; ensure crash‑safe metadata. |
| **W11–W12** | Evaluation runs (benchmark scenarios, ablation studies, plotting); draft preliminary results. |
| **W13–W14** | Writing (compose paper‑style report and finalize Exposé). |
| **W15–W20** | Buffer period for refinement, additional experiments, and submission planning (targeting a workshop or short-paper venue). |

# Risks & Mitigations

* **Grammar induction overheads** may impact ingest throughput — Mitigation: use an asynchronous pipeline and enforce a bounded tokenization depth to cap processing cost.
* Rangefriendly mapping could increase metadata size — Mitigation: employ token-aligned block maps and compact leaf storage policies to limit metadata bloat.
* Implementation scope vs. semester time (risk of attempting too much in one term) — *Mitigation:* prioritize core components A1–A3; implement A4 as a minimal S3 subset (rather than full API) if needed; defer replication/EC (A7) to future work as planned.

# Assessment Alignment & Deliverables

* Colloquium (60 min): presentation, demo, and Q&A on design, evaluation, and implications.
* Deliverables: C++ prototype + CLI, reproducible benchmark scripts, datasets/pointers, report (PDF), slide deck (PDF), and a ~20‑page workshop‑style draft.
* Open benchmarking harness: ablations tied to research questions; transparent profiling and tail‑latency reporting.
* We evaluate deduplication efficiency, ingest throughput, write amplification, and HTTP Range latencies (P50/P95/P99) versus Content‑Defined Chunking (CDC) family baselines and flat/Log‑Structured Merge (LSM) layouts.

# Selected References

CDC & Deduplication: LBFS (SOSP’01), Venti (FAST’02), FastCDC (USENIX ATC’16) and later analyses.

Grammar‑based compression/self‑indexing: Sequitur, Re‑Pair, SLP surveys; grammar self‑indexes.

Indexes & KV/Object metadata: LSM trees, B/B+ trees, WiscKey, SILT, FASTER.

Range‑friendly access: HTTP Range (IETF), BGZF/Tabix, SAM/BAM toolchains.

Tokenizer literature for contrast only: BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece/Unigram.

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Production (rule) – A named expansion that reproduces a byte sequence or composition thereof; forms the building blocks of Eigentokens.

Cross‑object grammar – Grammar productions whose reuse spans multiple objects/files across the corpus.

Token‑aligned block map – A range map aligning HTTP range offsets to token (grammar) boundaries for seekability.

Seekable compression – Blocked/offset‑addressable compression (e.g., BGZF, zstd‑seekable) enabling random access within compressed data.

CDC / FastCDC – Content‑defined chunking with rolling hashes (e.g., Rabin, Gear); FastCDC is a modern variant optimizing throughput and ratio.

SLP – Straight‑Line Program; a compact grammar representation used by grammar compressors and self‑indexes.

RLZ (see Glossary) – Relative Lempel‑Ziv; compression relative to a reference with fast random access.

Tail latency – High‑percentile response latency (P95/P99), critical for storage read performance.

Write amplification – Extra I/O writes beyond logical data due to layout, compaction, or metadata updates.

Fingerprint – Content‑derived identifier (e.g., hash) to address objects or chunks for deduplication.

S3/KV facade – An object/key‑value API surface compatible with S3 semantics.

Asynchronous inline pipeline – Ingest writes stable references first, deferring grammar/consolidation to background tasks.

HTTP Range semantics (RFC 9110) – The current reference for partial content requests across HTTP versions; obsoletes RFC 7233.

zstd‑seekable – A zstd framing/pointer approach allowing random access; practice via skippable frames/seek tables.