DEPART: Replica Decoupling for Distributed Key-Value Storage

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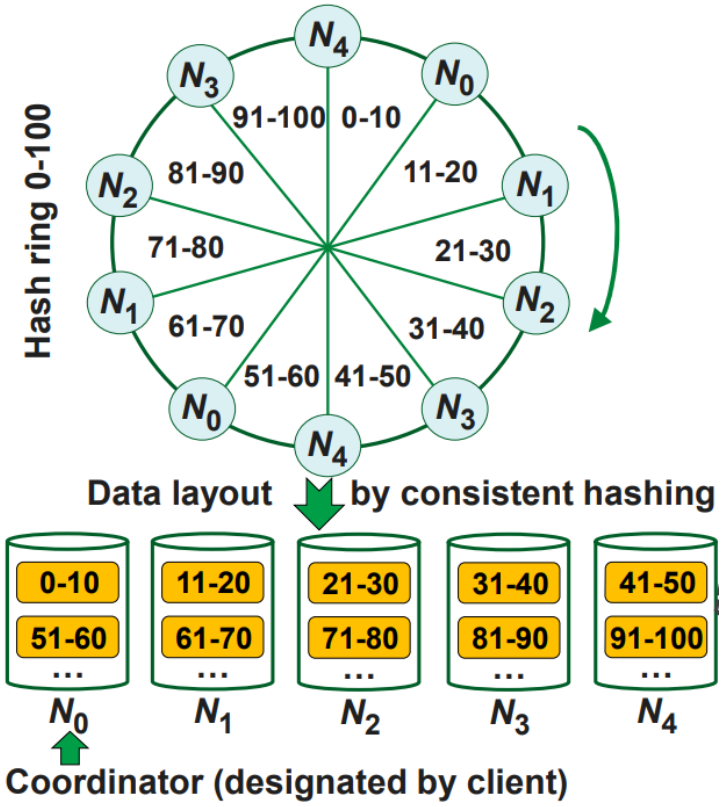
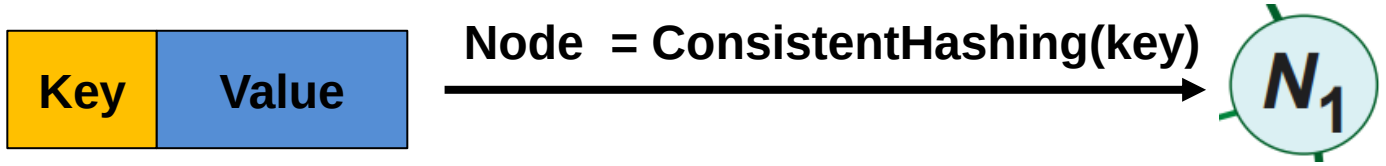
Background

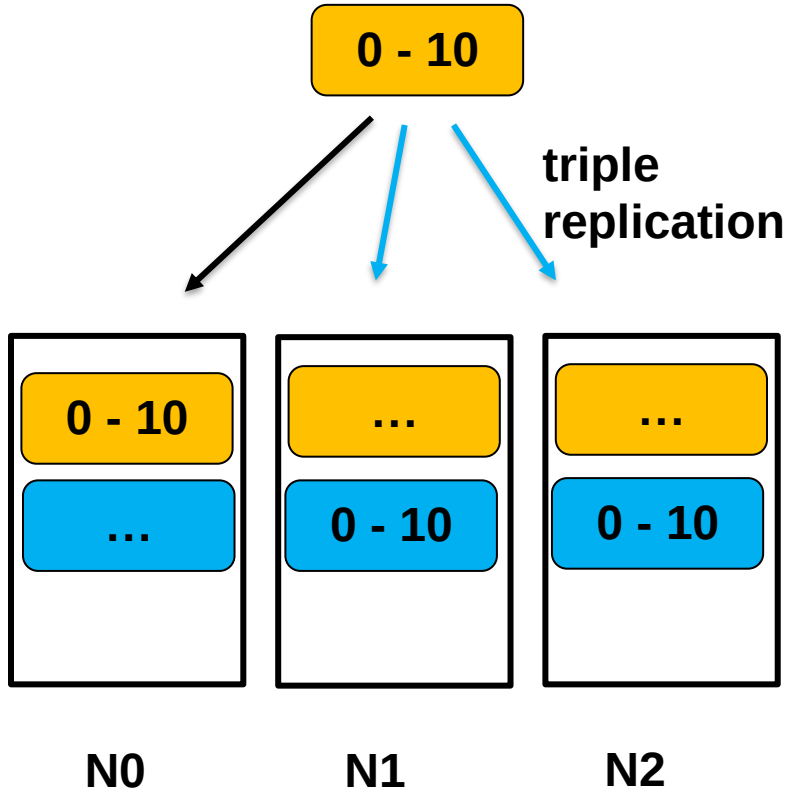
- **Distributed Storage Server**
  - Multiple storage nodes
  - Consistent hash ring
- **Client behavior**
  - Calculate consistent hashes and find nodes





Background

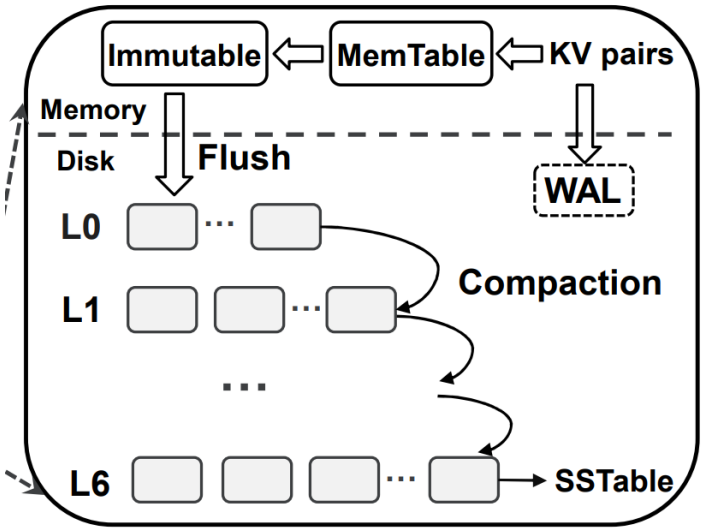
- **Fault tolerance & Reliability**
  - Large systems have the potential for error
  - Data loss or inconsistency
- **Solution: Replication**
  - Each KV-pair is stored in multiple nodes
  - Two kinds of data: primary and redundant



Background

➢ In-node Storage structure: LSM-Tree

- MEM(Tree) + Disk
- Multi-Level tree (KV-pairs is **sorted** by key in each level)
- The capacity of each level is limited;
  the higher the level, the bigger the capacity
- Write: Mem table → Immutable
  -> Level ->**Compaction**(if full)
  Write amplification
- Read: Query top level to bottom level
  Read amplification



Internal storage structure (LSM-tree)

The larger the LSM-tree, the more serious the read/write amplification

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Problem

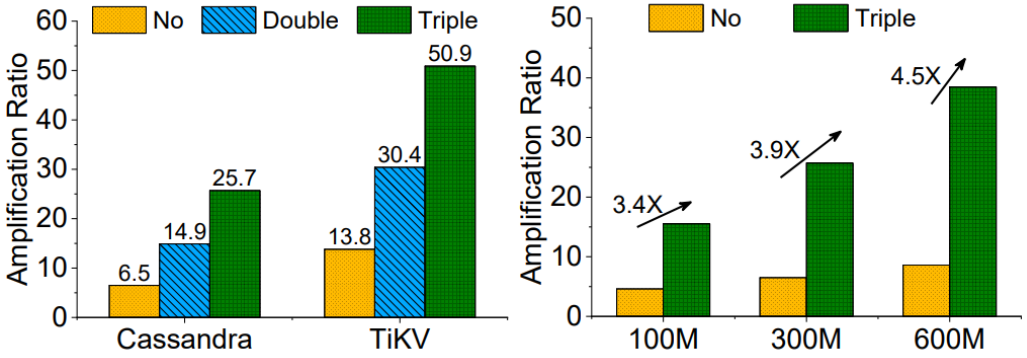
- **Uniform indexing**

  Primary data and redundant data are stored in the same LSM tree(Cassandra, TiKV, etc…)

- **Problem**

Uniform indexing cause serious read amplification and write amplification

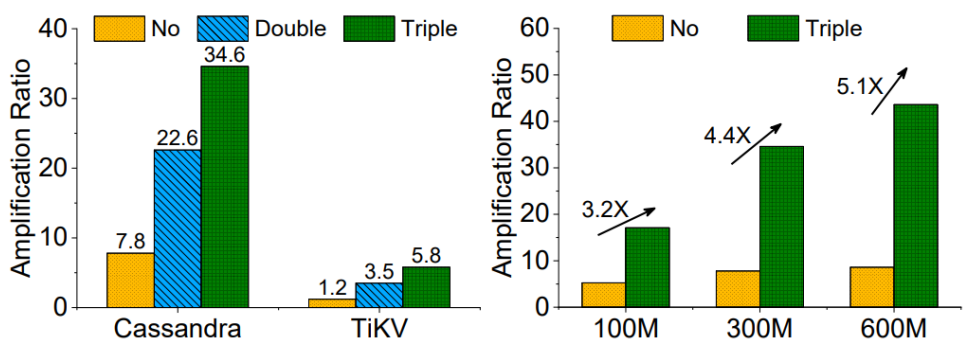
Verification



(a) Impact of replication in Cassandra and TiKV

(b) Impact of KV store size in Cassandra

Write 300 M KV-pairs



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Read from 300 M

Increase degree of replication

Increase KV store size

→ **Increase LSM-tree size** →

read/write amplification

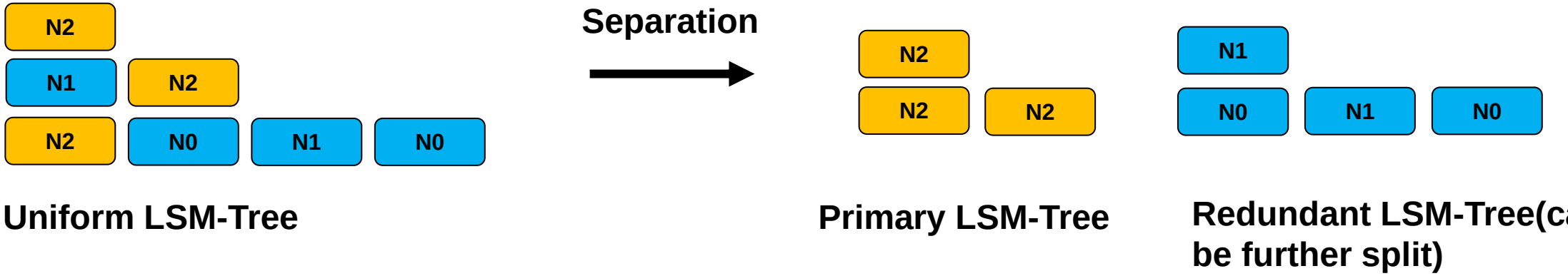
Basic Idea

- **Idea**
  - **Separate** primary and redundant data to reduce LSM-tree size

Plain Design

➢ Multiple LSM trees

- Separate uniform tree into primary data tree and redundant tree



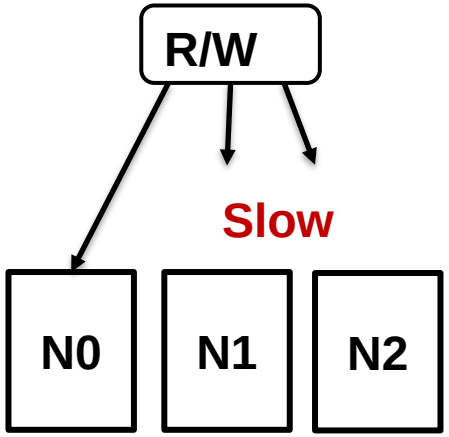
➢ Evaluation

- Advantage : Reduce read/write amplification
- Problem: More memory overhead(Same memory usage for each tree)

Idea

➢ Consistency

- Read/Write consistency level (RCL/WCL)
  - The minimum number of successful reads/writes that need to be confirmed for a successful operation
- Consistency level is a Balance on Performance and Reliability
- Quantified consistency Level : WCL + RCL



Success R/W operation in RCL/WCL = 1

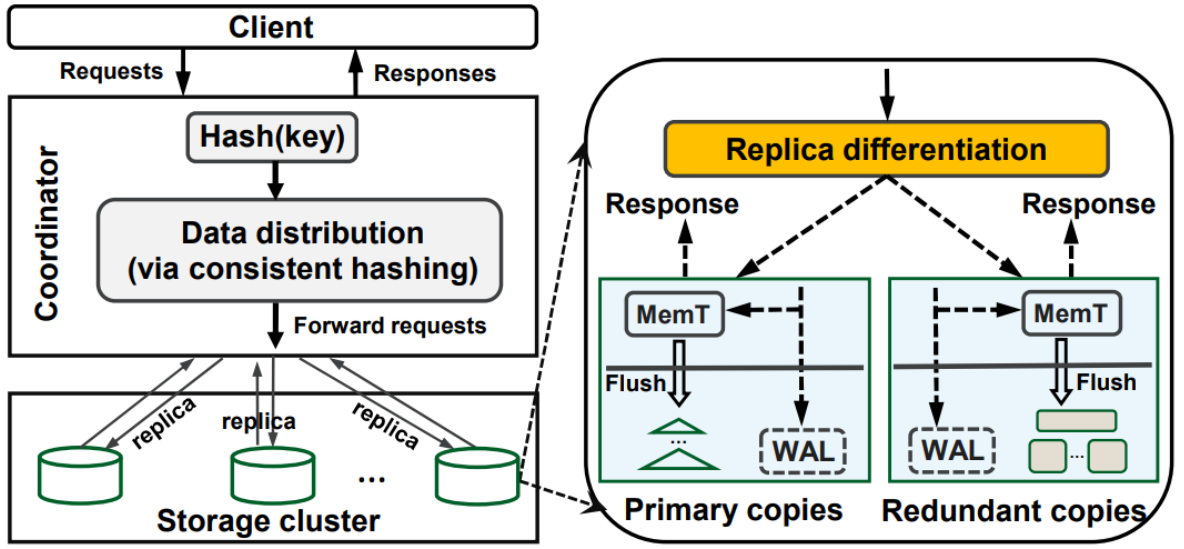
Fixed consistency Level

Idea

- **LSM-Tree**
  - Strong Sorted in each level(High read performance, low write performance) Not suitable for WCL > RCL
- **Idea**
  - **Trick on consistency level : Balance on Read and Write**
    - **WCL > RCL -> Guarantee write performance -> weakly ordered**
    - **WCL < RCL -> Guarantee read performance -> strongly ordered**

Design

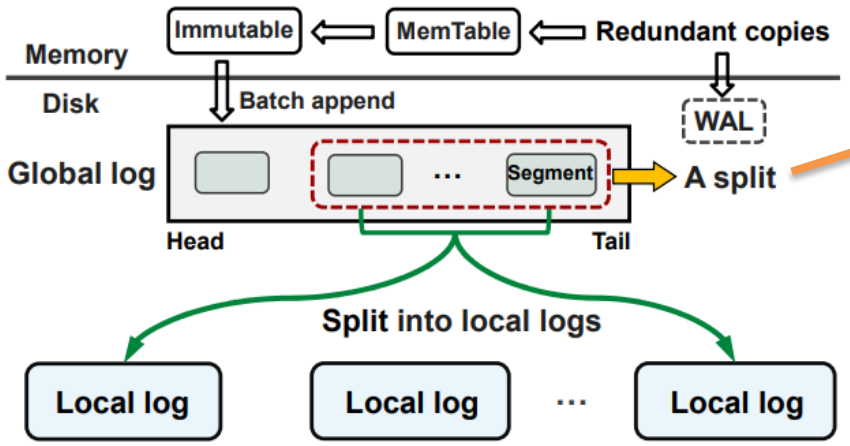
- **Separation + Two-layer log**
  - Replica differentiation : recalculate hash to check if a KV pair is primary or redundant
  - Primary data : LSM-Tree
  - Redundant data : Two-layer log
    - global log
    - local log

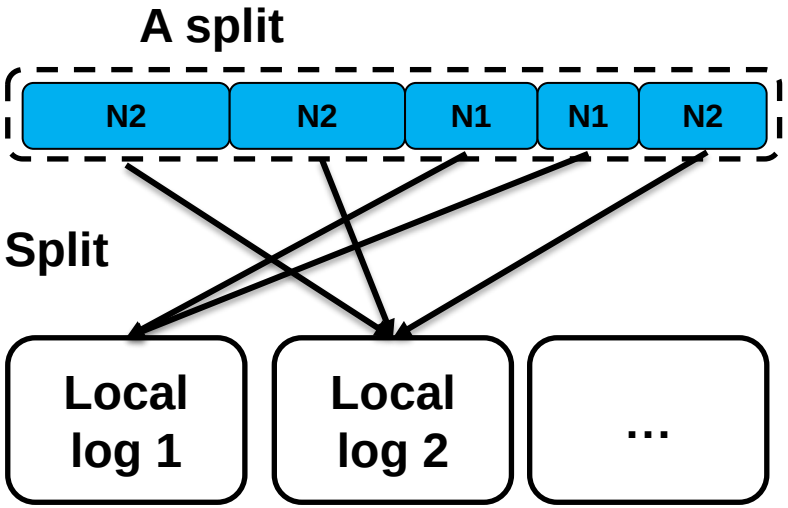


Design

➢ Two-layer log

- Global log :save all flushed KV-pairs without any extra metadata
  - **Feature Inline + Append-only → Fast write**
  - **Problem Hard to recovery(read) + garbage collection cost**
- Local log : take some log from the end of the global log and save them to local log (**background**)

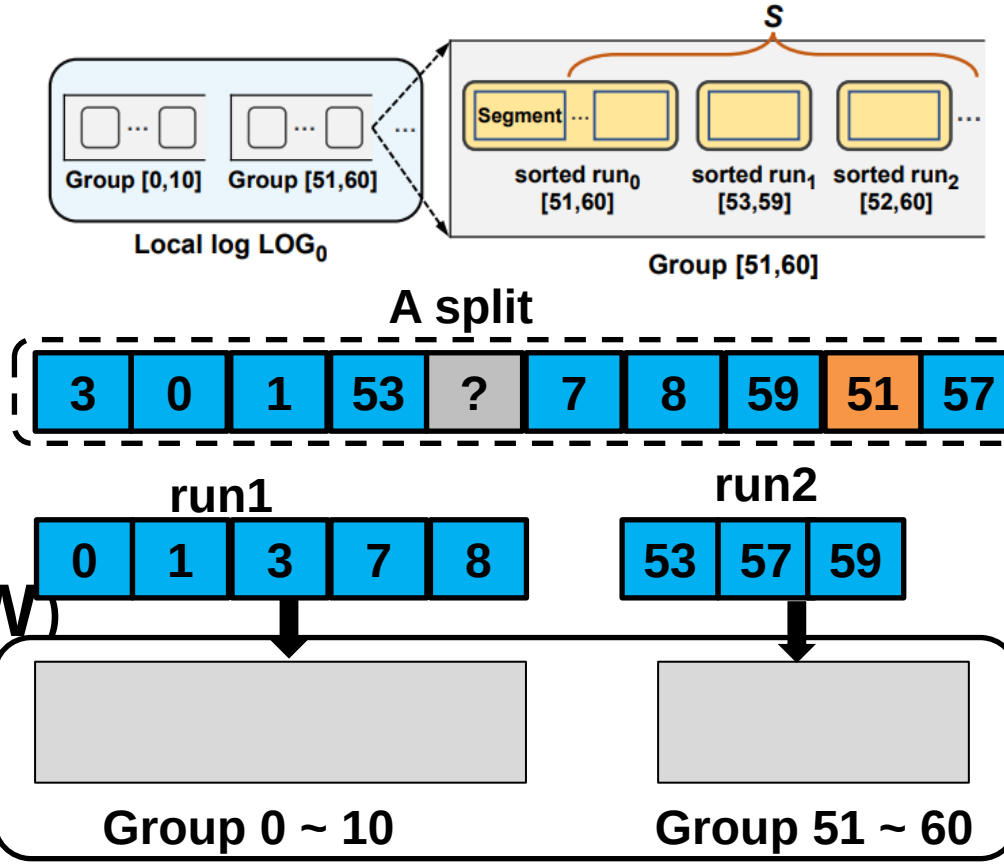




Design

➢ Local Log Structure

- Range-based grouping(virtual nodes-friendly)
- Sorted inside each run
- Each split generate **1** run for each group



➢ Tunable Ordering(balance between R/W)

- user-configurable S: maximum runs in a range group
- Merge new runs into old ones when the S reaches the limit(big overhead)
- S = 1 Read ↑ Write ↓ (Like a simple LSM-Tree, for high RCL)
- S = Inf Read ↓ Write ↑ (for high WCL)

Evaluation

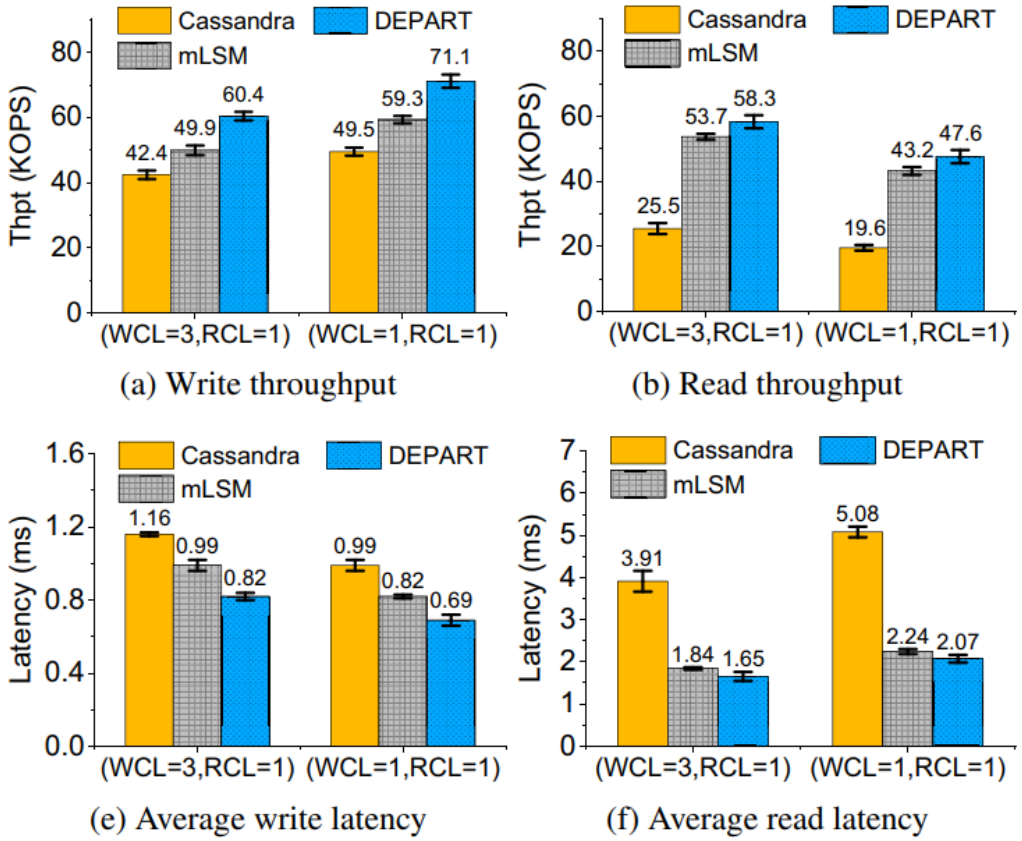
- **Setup**
  - Distributed System: local cluster, 10Gb/s switch
  - Hardware: 500G SSD 12-core E5-2650 v4
- **Workloads**
  - Generated by YCSB(Zipfian constant 0.99)
  - Pair size 1KB(key size: 24B)
- **Settings**
  - Compare objects: Cassandra(traditional), mLSM, DEPART
  - Storage system: 5 nodes + triple replication
  - Different consistency level (WCL= 1,RCL=1 & WCL = 3,RCL=1)

Evaluation

➢ IO Throughputs / Latency

DEPART > mLSM > Cassandra

- DEPART vs. Cassandra
  - Smaller LSM Tree
- DEPART vs. mLSM
  - Smaller gap
  - (2-layer-log > LSM?)(unknown size of runs)
- WCL = 3 vs. WCL = 1
  - (Why does WCL=3 have better read performance)

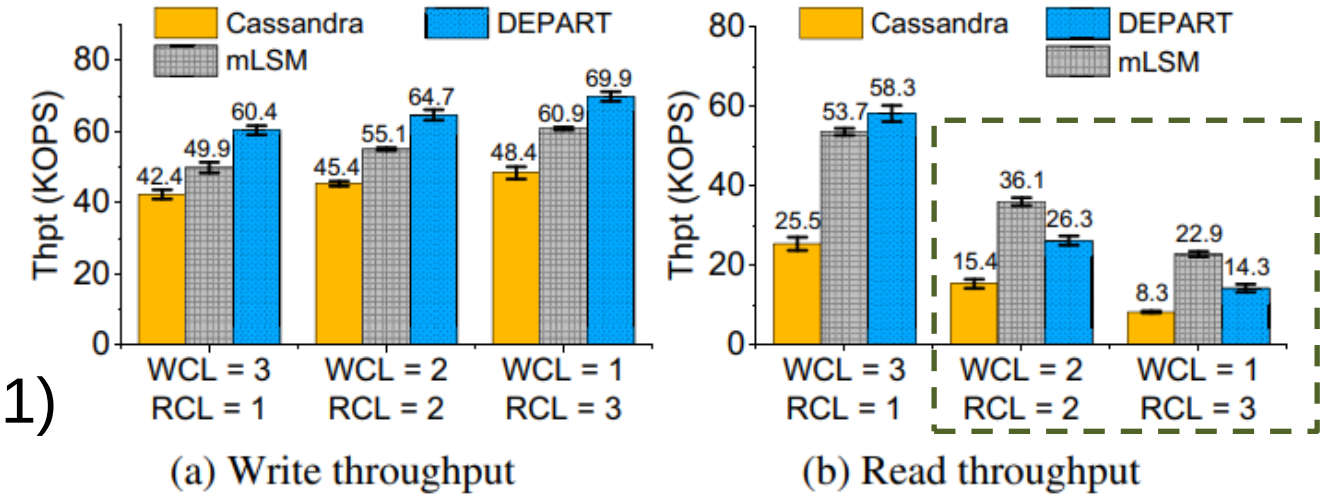


Evaluation

➢ Performance under different consistency configurations

DEPART ? mLSM > Cassandra

- Write
  - DEPART > mLSM
- Read
  - DEPART < mLSM (when RCL > 1)



DEPART prefer write performance, It is possible to configure a larger number of runs

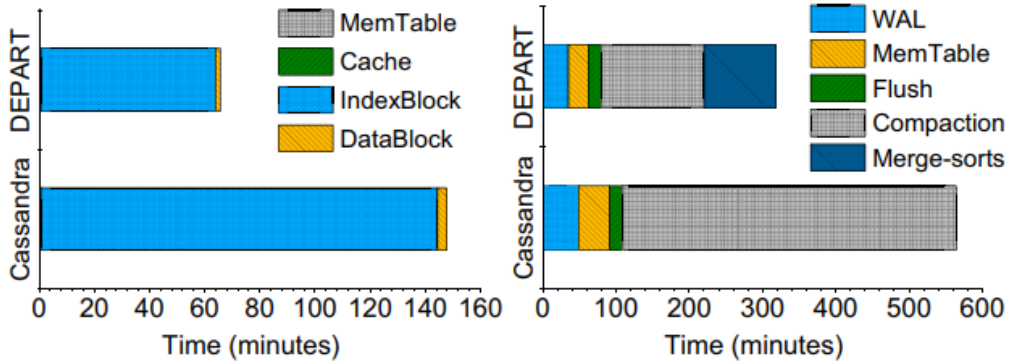
Evaluation

➢ Time breakdown

No data for mLSM

DEPART > Cassandra

- Read
  - Less index time
- Write
  - Merge sort < compaction



(a) Read time breakdown (b) Write time breakdown

➢ Impact of the ordering degree S

S	Write thpt (KOPS)	Read thpt (KOPS)
1	37.2	42.3
10	57.2	31.5
20	64.7	23.1
$\rightarrow \infty$	78.4	7.6
Cassandra	45.4	15.4

Conclusion

- **Problem**
  - Big LSM-Tree cause serious read and write amplification
- **Idea**
  - Separation primary data and redundant data
  - Trick on consistency level : Balance on Read and Write
- **Solution**
  - Store primary data in LSM-Tree
  - Store redundant data in 2-layer-log
  - 2-layer-log can adjust internal data organization to meet different consistency requirements