# What is dm-lc

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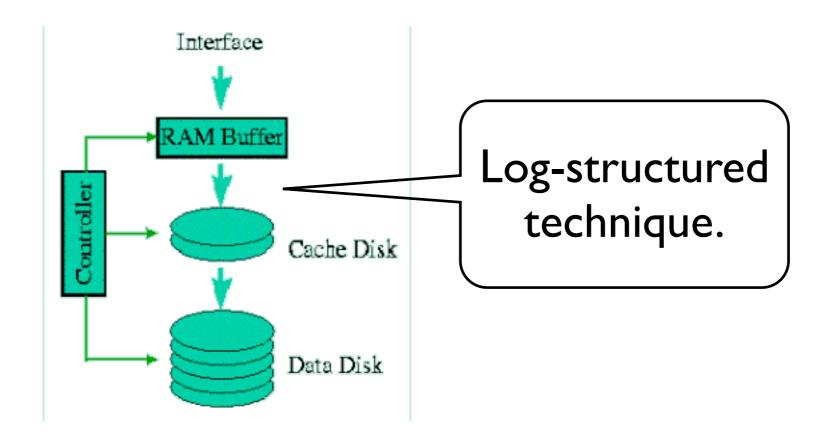


#### dm-lc?

- Cache module for Linux, based on Disk Caching Disk (DCD).
- caches ONLY writes.
- Small SSD cache can boost random writes of backing HDD.

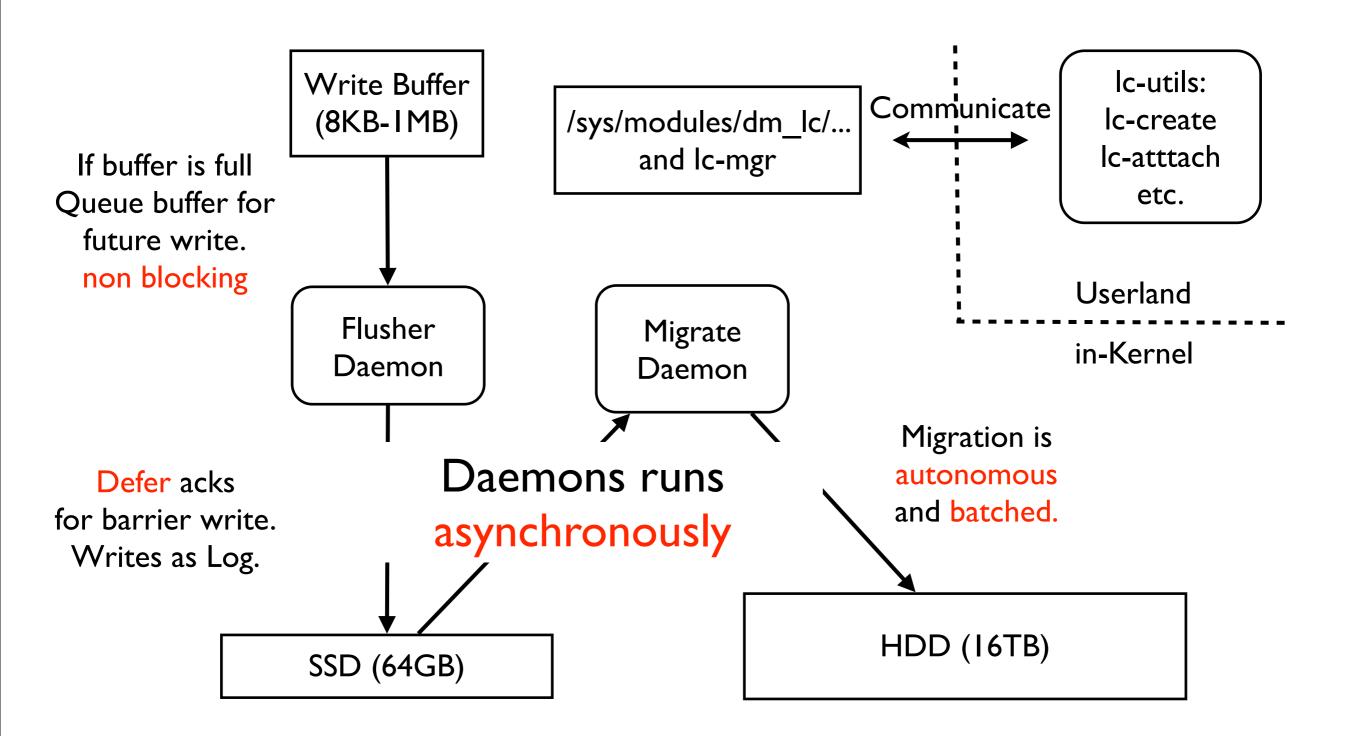
### DCD?

Log-structured filesystem in block layer.

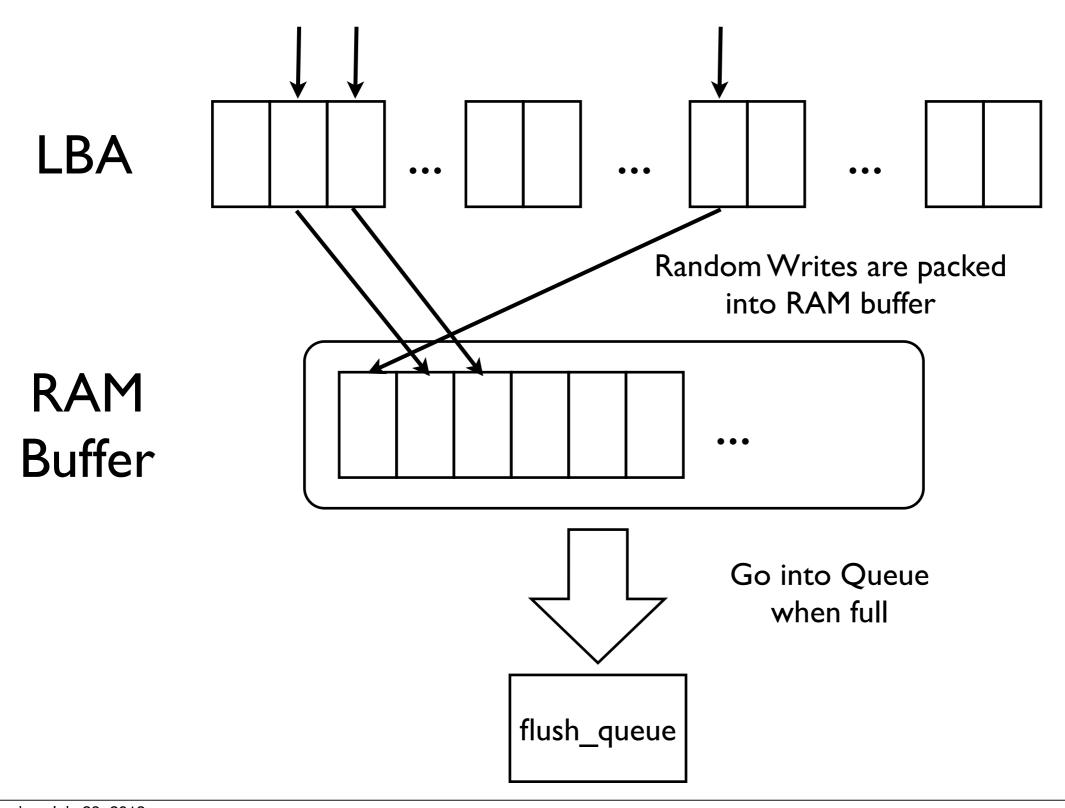


http://www.ele.uri.edu/research/hpcl/DCD/DCD.html

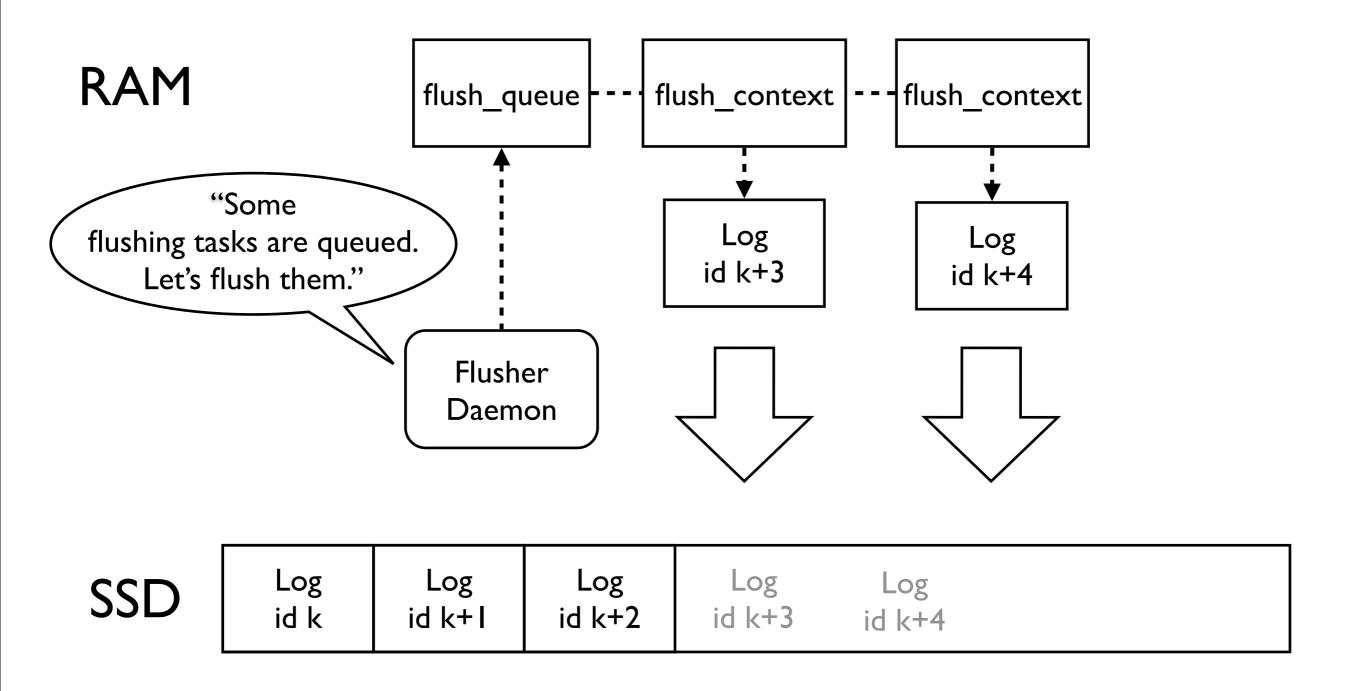
#### Architecture



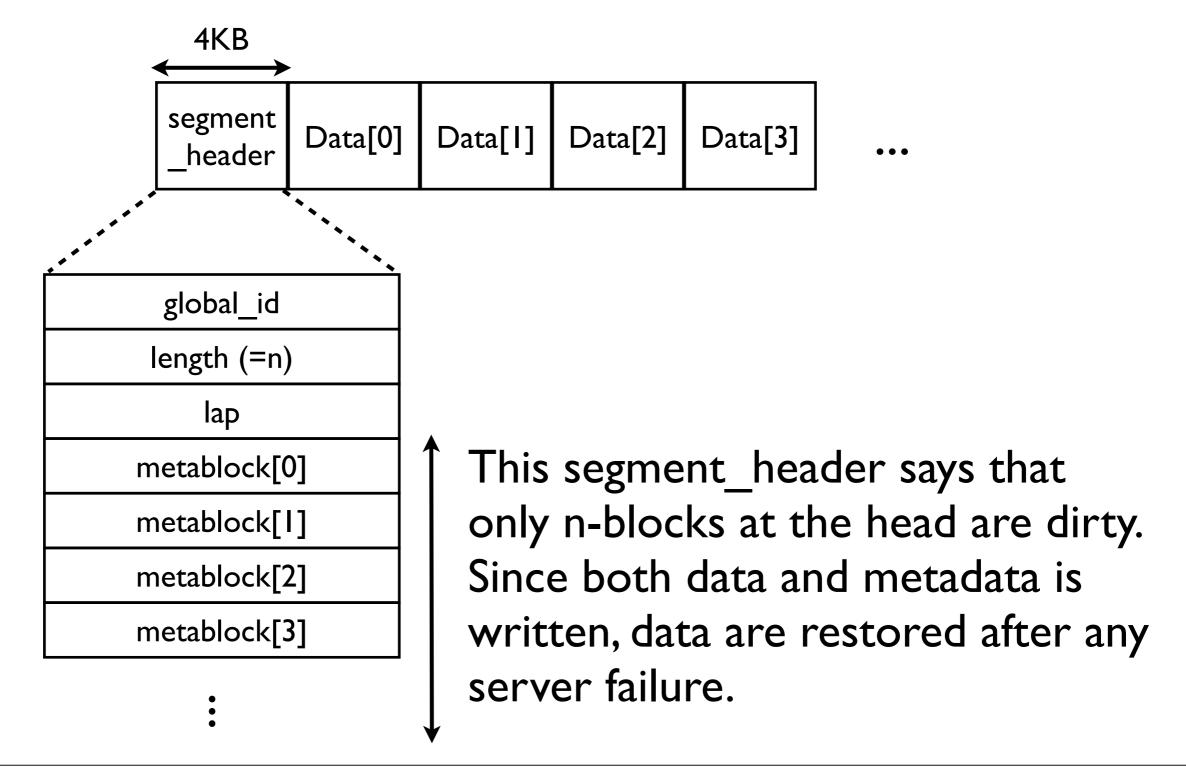
### RAM Buffer



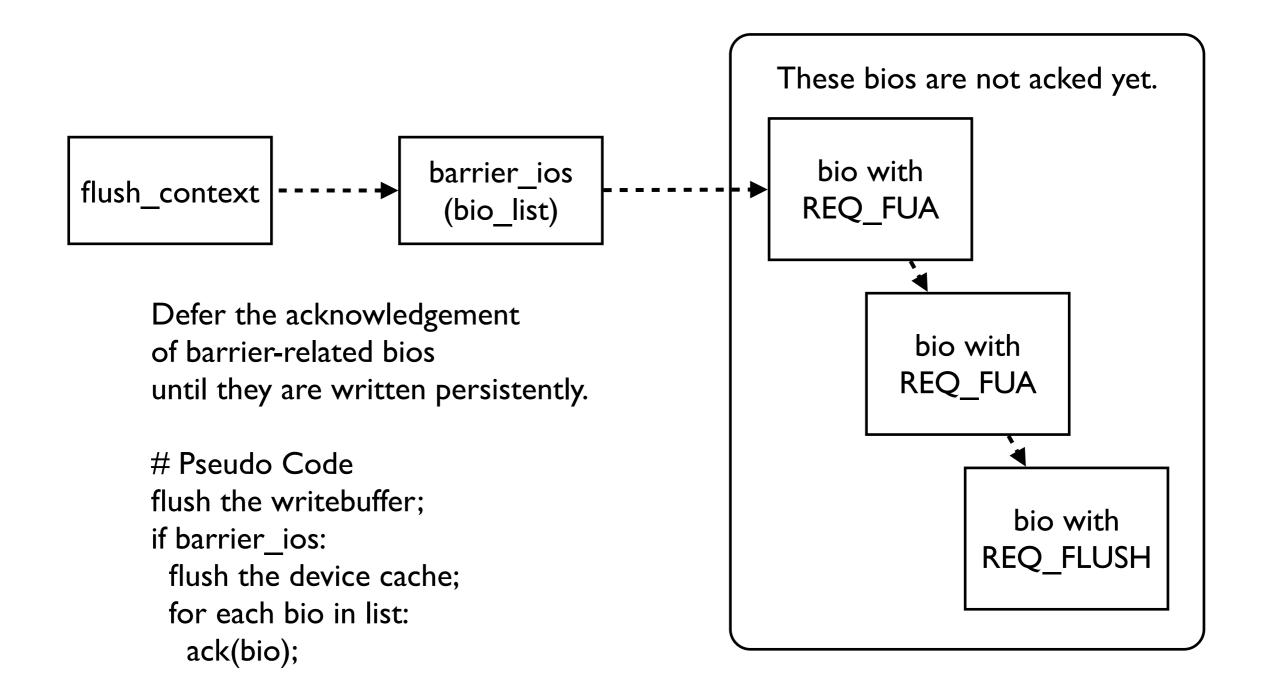
## Queue and Flush



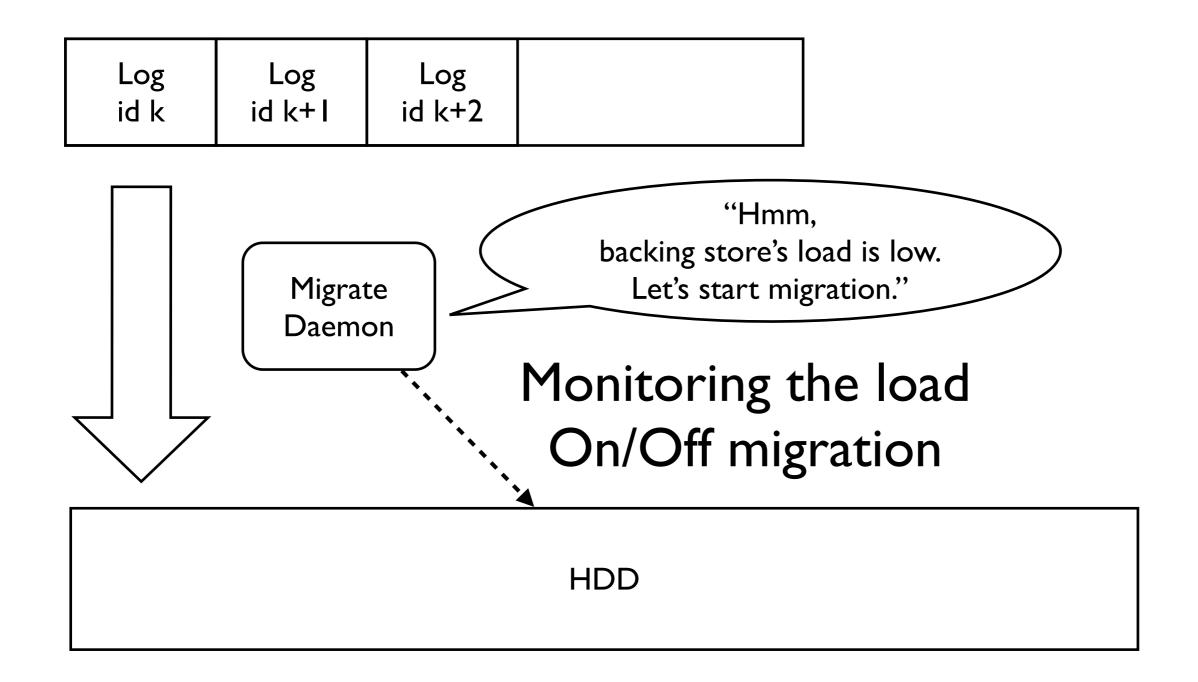
## Log Format



## Deferred ack for write barriers

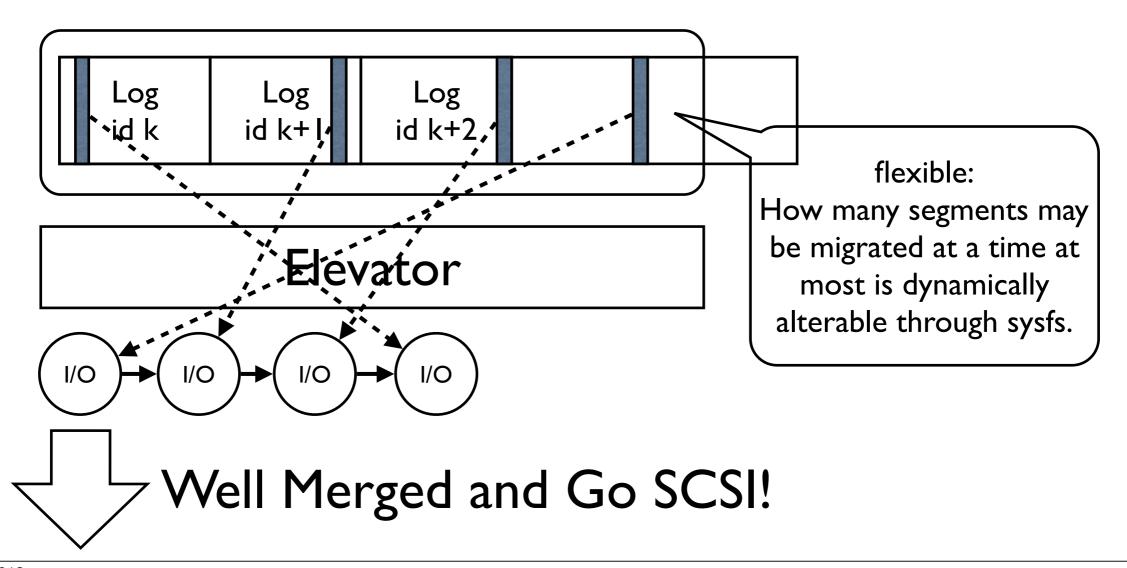


## Autonomous Migration



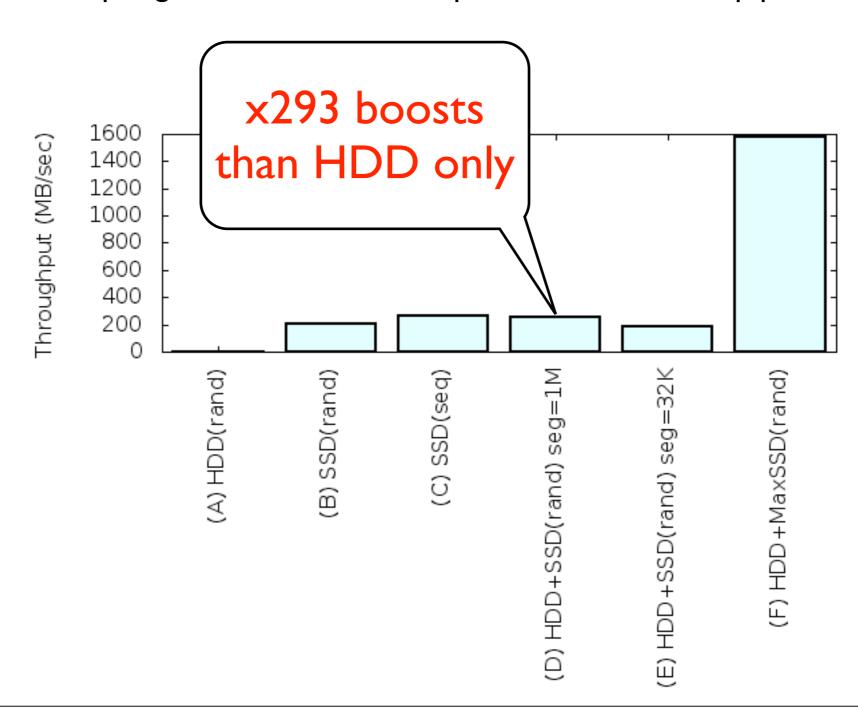
## Batched Migration

 Multiple segments are migrated at a time and bios are likely to be merged even if they are so distant in time space that they could not be merged without dm-lc's buffering aid.



### Performance

https://github.com/akiradeveloper/dm-lc/tree/develop/performance





Any question or discussion is welcome either on dm-devel or via personal e-mails.