Drilling Deep Into Exadata Performance

With ASH, SQL Monitoring and Exadata Snapper

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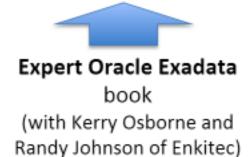






- Tanel Pöder
 - Former Oracle Database Performance geek
 - Present Exadata Performance geek ;-)
- My Exadata experience
 - I have had the luck to work with all possible Exadata configurations out there
 - Exadata V1 ... X3
 - Multi-rack Exadatas ...
 - Even a mixed rack Exadata (V2 <-> X2-2 :)
- Enkitec Exadata experience
 - Over 100 implementations!







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- Enkitec LP
 - North America





- EMEA
- 90+ staff
 - In US, Europe
 - Consultants with Oracle experience of 15+ years on average





- What makes us unique
 - 100+ Exadata implementations to date
 - 100% customer satisfaction rate
 - Exadata-specific services
 - Exadata Quarterly Patching Service
 - Enkitec Exadata lab
 - We have 2 Exadatas for thorough testing and PoCs



Everything Exadata

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Agenda

- Finding non-Exadata friendly SQL
- A little bit of Smart Scan internals
- Reading a SQL Monitoring report on Exadata
 - ... and where it falls short
- 4. Using advanced Exadata performance metrics
 - Exadata Snapper (ExaSnap)!!!



Exadata's "secret sauce" for different workloads

"DW / Reporting"

- Long running SQL statements
- Executed less frequently
- Secret Sauce: Smart Scans + Offloading + Storage Indexes
- SQL statements should use full table scans + hash joins

"OLTP"

- Short SQL statements
- Executed very frequently
- Secret Sauce: Flash Cache
- SQL & performance tuning is the same as usual!



Intro

Finding non-Exadata-friendly SQL

(non-smart-scan-friendly SQL...)



1) Finding top non-Exadata-friendly SQLs

- Option 1:
 - Find SQLs which wait for non-smart scan IO operations the most
 - ASH!
- Option 2:
 - Find SQLs doing the most disk reads without Smart Scans
 - Highest MB read or highest IOPS
 - a) ASH!
 - SUM(DELTA_READ_IO_REQUESTS)
 - SUM(DELTA_READ_IO_BYTES)
 - b) ..or join to V\$SQLSTAT (or DBA_HIST_SQLSTAT)
 - SUM(PHYSICAL_READ_REQUESTS_DELTA)
 - SUM(PHYSICAL_READ_BYTES_DELTA)



2) Are these long-running or frequently executed short queries?

- Exadata Smart scans are not optimized for ultra-frequent execution
 - Smart Scanning 1000s of times per second isn't good
 - That's why Smart Scans shouldn't be used for your OLTP-queries
- Here's an analogy:
 - 1. Want to deliver a single parcel to a destination
 - Use a Ferrari
 - Want to deliver 10 000 parcels to a destination
 - Use a truck
 - Want to deliver 10 000 000 parcels to a destination
 - Use a freight train
 - Smart Scan is the Exadata's freight train
 - Brute force scanning with relatively high inertia to get started, not a few quick (buffered) I/O operations done with surgical precision



Demo – exafriendly.sql

Drill down into ASH wait data:

SQL> @exadata/exafriendly.sq	l gv\$active_session_hi	story			
SESSION WAIT_CLASS			SECONDS	PCT	
ON CPU			192356		
WAITING User I/O					
WAITING User I/O WAITING User I/O	db file parallel read cell smart table scar		40577 28593		
	cell multiblock physi				
WAITING User I/O			18398	3.3	
WAITING Application		reuse	8690		
WAITING User I/O	direct path read		5812	1.0	
•••					
PLAN_LINE	USERNAME	EVENT		SECONDS	
TABLE ACCESS BY LOCAL INDEX			block physical rea		
TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	USER_779	cell single	block physical rea	d 32129	16.7
INDEX RANGE SCAN	USER_104	_	block physical rea		
TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL		_	block physical rea		
INDEX RANGE SCAN TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	USER_779 USER_783	_	block physical rea block physical rea		
UPDATE	USER_104		block physical rea		
TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	_	-	block physical rea		
MERGE	USER_962	cell single	block physical rea	d 2910	1.5



Demo – mon_topsql.sql

TOP Time-consuming SQLs with IO & execution counts

That way we'll separate the Ferraris from Freight Trains!

The "Ferraris" aren't Exadata smart scan friendly

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DAY	PCT	OWNER	OBJECT_NAME	PROCEDURE_NAME	SQL_ID	TOTAL_HOURS	TOTAL_SECONDS	EXECUTIONS	SECONDS_PER_EXEC	IO_PCT	CPU_PCT
9/4/11	4.10%				32vkfmvcdgfkp	40.3	145200	0		65.8	19.1
	3.20%				5qjq8ckgsu054	31.7	114050	0		98.7	1.3
	3.20%				8b1bta0wk04s9	31.7	114010	1159739	0.1	0	98
	3.20%					31.7	113980			2.5	34.1
	3.10%				cwyy1g22pyf60	30.3	109180	0		0	99.5
	2.80%				4suwa3nur4d2q	27.6	99440	0		90.4	6.2
	2.30%				1bnn9jw75t95c	23.1	83130	0		99.3	0.7
	2.10%				gsv18p3ykvv34	20.3	73230	0		0.1	99.9
	1.80%	APPX_MOD_RMS	MAP_PACKAGE	STATE_MAPPINGS	gbmmdsp0ra23n	17.8	63990	7	9141.43	93.3	6
	1.60%				5vgtm5hfhw1wa	15.5	55890	0		98.8	0.8
	1.50%				5xdxcr7pk0cn5	14.7	52810	37985	1.39	98.5	1.5
	1.40%				5fpy9xtn5tv2g	13.6	49130	0		58.8	41.2
	1.20%				3zzcx99ufryt1	12.1	43420	52004462	0	86.9	13.1
9/5/11	2.40%					58.6	211110			7	35.6
	2.40%				fw0tar4rfa39x	58.6	210880	28666	7.36	92.8	5.9
	2.30%				1xxqkv6n9bgu7	58.5	210660	19295	10.92	92.6	6.5
	2.30%				a615cdv2xn65v	58.3	210010	24302	8.64	94	5
	2.30%				fqh4bksfg44bw	58.1	209000	17863	11.7	93.7	5.2
	2.30%				10jbqndnjwuvk	57.5	206980	30286	6.83	86	12.5
	2.00%				cwyy1g22pyf60	49.6	178530	0		0	99.7
	1.90%				4suwa3nur4d2q	47.9	172480	0		94.9	2.4
	1.60%				3zzcx99ufryt1	40	143960	61655359	0	95.6	4.4



Other sources for overview information

- ASH reports (based on ASH data which I've used)
- EM 12c ASH analytics

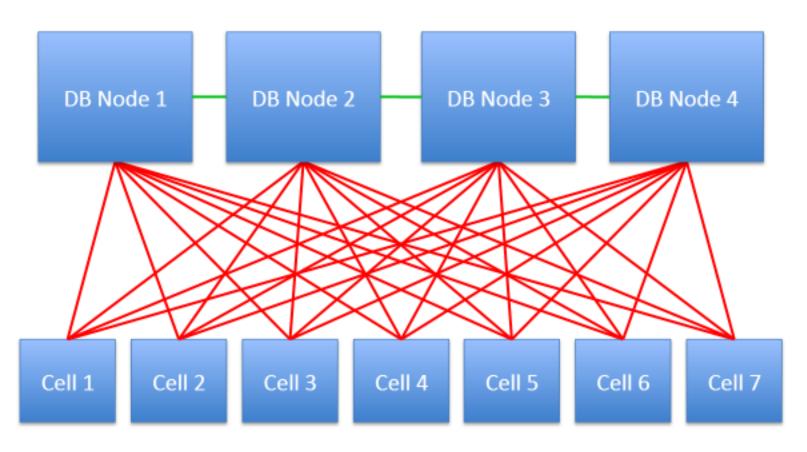
Top SQL with Top Row Sources

SQL ID	PlanHash	Sampled # of Executions	% Activity	Row Source	% RwSrc	Top Event	% Event
91atnkya3uq3u	1846793290	1	6.99	TABLE ACCESS - STORAGE FULL	6.99	cell smart table scan	6.91
a7p9s9nark2aj	256013542	3171	6.89	TABLE ACCESS - STORAGE FULL	6.79	CPU + Wait for CPU	6.79
gctaxcyk0dt67	2150706944		2.33	SELECT STATEMENT		SQL*Net break/reset to client	2.33
7mh3k1p8ht1sy	720331710	1		TABLE ACCESS - STORAGE FULL FIRST ROWS		cell multiblock physical read	1.68
1u0xfr31yrh2u	785828209	1	1.76	LOAD AS SELECT	0.60	CPU + Wait for CPU	0.47



Exadata Architecture

- All DB nodes talk to all (configured) cells ASM striped data
- A cell never talks to another cell !!!





Smart Scans: Asynchronous, independent prefetching

```
PARSING IN CURSOR #47233445473208 len=38 dep=0 uid=93 oct=3 lid=93 tim=1303079537221426
select * from t3 where owner like 'S%'
END OF STMT
PARSE #47233445473208:c=1000,e=8964,p=0,cr=0,cu=0,mis=1,r=0,dep=0,og=1,plh=4161002650,ti
EXEC #47233445473208:c=0,e=21,p=0,cr=0,cu=0,mis=0,r=0,dep=0,og=1,plh=4161002650,tim=1303
WAIT #47233445473208: nam='SQL*Net message to client' ela= 4 driver id=1413697536 #bytes
WAIT #47233445473208: nam='SQL*Net more data to client' ela= 16 driver id=1413697536 #by
WAIT #47233445473208: nam='reliable message' ela= 1337 channel context=11888341784 chann
WAIT #47233445473208: nam='eng: KO - fast object checkpoint' ela= 143 name|mode=12634685
WAIT #47233445473208: nam='enq: KO - fast object checkpoint' ela= 130 name|mode=12634685
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 25 cellhash#=3176594409 p2=0 p3=0
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 882 cellhash#=2133459483 p2=0 p3=
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 34 cellhash#=3176594409 p2=0 p3=0
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 837 cellhash#=2133459483 p2=0 p3=
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 26 cellhash#=2133459483 p2=0 p3=0
WAIT #47176529789912: nam='cell smart table scan' ela= 22 cellhash#=379339958 p2=0 p3=0
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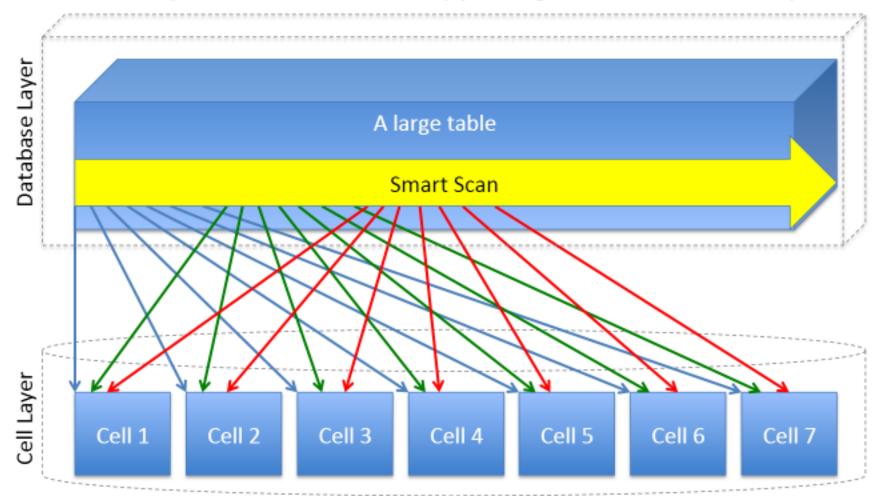
If cell smart table/ index scan waits show up, then a smart scan is attempted The waits are so short due to the asynchronous nature of smart scans. Cellsrvs in each cell process the blocks independently to fill their send buffers and the DB just pulls the results from there

The object checkpointrelated wait events reliable message and enq: KO – fast object checkpoint always precede every direct path scan (thus smart scan too)



Storage cells are "shared nothing"

And they don't see what's happening in the database layer...





Physical disks - Simple math

- Sequential "brute force" scan rate 150 MB/sec per disk or
- 200 random IOPS per disk
- 12 disks in a storage cell
- 14 storage cells in a full rack

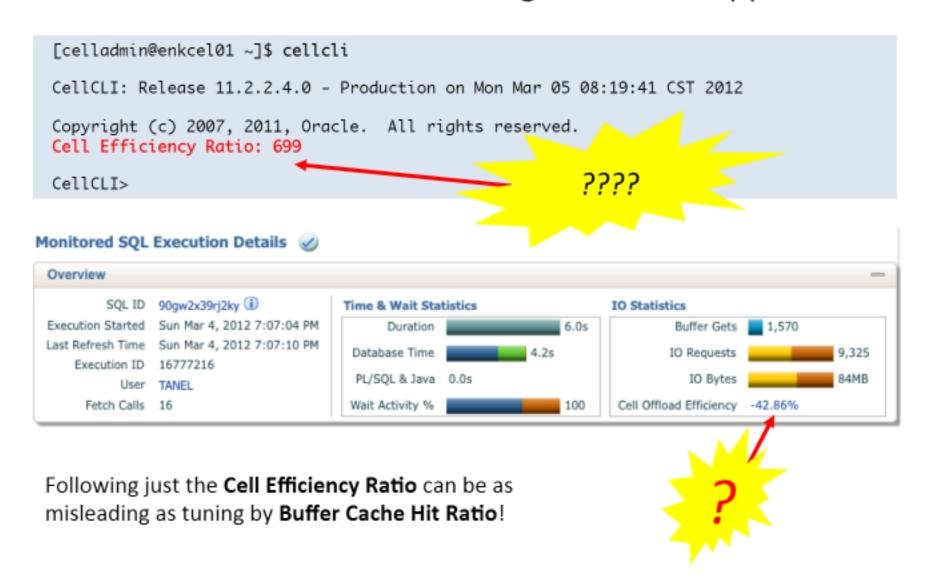
I'm leaving flash cache out for simplicity for now

- 150 * 12 * 14 = 25200 MB/sec physical disk scanning rate
 - If doing only sequential brute force scanning
- 200 * 12 * 14 * 8kB = 262.5 MB/sec
 - Random physical read rate (index scan!) around 100x slower!

However, Index scans can read only a subset of data

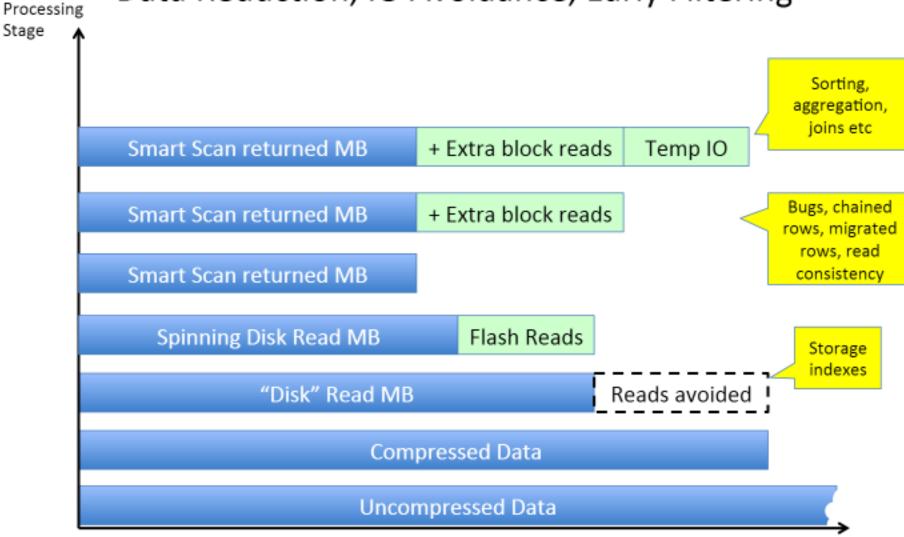


The Motivation for Writing Exadata Snapper





Data Reduction, IO Avoidance, Early Filtering



Data Volume



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Negative Cell Offload Efficiency ratio?

- Must understand where does this ratio come from
 - Ratio of which Exact metrics?
 - And use those metrics in the future



Negative Cell Offload Efficiency: Data Load Example



The "Bytes returned by Exadata"
metric actually uses the "cell physical
IO interconnect bytes" metric
internally, which includes all traffic, not
just rows returned from smart scan.

So, write IOs also influence cell offload efficiency calculation (data loads, sort/join/aggregate operation TEMP usage).

Write IOs are double/triple mirrored by ASM!

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Interpreting the raw metrics with Exadata Snapper

- IO Efficiency breakdown
 - How much physical IO did we really do?
 - How much reads / how much writes?
 - How much disk IO did we avoid doing thanks to Flash Cache?
 - How much disk IO did we avoid doing thanks to Storage Indexes?
 - What was the total interconnect traffic?
 - How much data was fully processed in the cell (and not shipped back in blocks due to fallback or problems in the cell?)
 - How much data was returned by a Smart Scan (as rows)?
- @exadata/exasnap.sql
 - Beta quality
 - Meant to complement ASH and SQL Monitoring reports, not replace them



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ExaSnap example: A CTAS statement

☐ CREATE TABLE STATEMENT ☐ LOAD AS SELECT 1 1 529KB 2GB 9.09 14 6.25	Operation	Name	Estim	Cost	Timeline(51s)	Ex	Act	Me	Tem	IO Bytes	Cell	CPU Activity	Wait Activity
	□ CREATE TABLE STATEMENT					1	1						
TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL SALES 59M 78K 1 59M 2GB 9.09 14 6.25	⊟-LOAD AS SELECT					1	1	529KB		2G	В	86	94
	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	59M	78K		1	59M			2G	9.09	1 4	6.25

> @exadata/exasnap % 123 Exadata Snapper v0.5 BET		ec - The Exadata Exper	Bytes read from disks: 4GB Bytes returned by Exadata: 6GB	
SID CATEGORY	METRIC	IOEFF_PERCENTAGE		ME
.280 DB_IO	DB_PHYSIO_MB	######################################	**************************	4435
DB_IO	DB_PHYSRD_MB	####################################		2219
DB_IO	DB_PHYSWR_MB	1######################################	The <i>real</i> disk writes are doubled due to	221
AVOID_DISK_IO	PHYRD_FLASH_RD_MB	T.	ASM double-mirroring	
AVOID_DISK_IO	PHYRD_STORIDX_SAVED_MB	1	ASIM double-IlliToTilig	(
DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_IO_MB	####################################		6649
DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_RD_MB	####################################	V I	221
DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_WR_MB	1######################################	************	443
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	PRED_OFFLOAD_MB	####################################	1	221
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	TOTAL_IC_MB	####################################	***********************	644
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	SMART_SCAN_RET_MB	1######################################	1	200
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	NON_SMART_SCAN_MB	#####################################	***********	443
CELL_PROC_DEPTH	CELL_PROC_DATA_MB	1 #####################################	1	223
CELL_PROC_DEPTH	CELL_PROC_TNDEX_MB			



ExaSnap example 2: Storage Index Savings

SQL> @exadata/exasnap basic 90 91 --- Exadata Snapper v0.5 BETA by Tanel Poder @ Enkitec - The Exada The real (spinning) disk reads IO was only 1078 MB thanks to 1138 MB of disk IO avoided due to storage indexes: (2216 – 1138 = 1078)

CATEGORY	METRIC	IOEFF_PERCENTAGE	M	/IB
DB_LAYER_IO	DB_PHYSIO_MB	*************************************	221	6
DB_LAYER_IO	DB_PHYSRD_MB		221	6
DB_LAYER_IO	DB_PHYSWR_MB	1		0
AVOID_DISK_IO	PHYRD_FLASH_RD_MB			0
AVOID_DISK_IO	PHYRD_STORIDX_SAVED_MB		113	8
REAL_DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_IO_MB	*************************************	107	19
REAL_DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_RD_MB	####################################	107	8
REAL_DISK_IO	SPIN_DISK_WR_MB	1		1
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	PRED_OFFLOADABLE_MB	*************************************	221	.6
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	TOTAL_IC_MB			Z
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	SMART_SCAN_RET_MB			Z
REDUCE_INTERCONNECT	NON_SMART_SCAN_MB	1		0
CELL_PROC_DEPTH	CELL_PROC_DATA_MB		107	78
CELL_PROC_DEPTH	CELL_PROC_INDEX_MB			0

All 1078 MB worth of blocks got offloaded: they were opened and processed inside the cells (data layer)



So, why isn't my query Exadata-friendly?



Drilling down into a SQL execution

SQL Monitoring report

- Execution plan!
- Where is most of the response time spent (retrieval vs. subsequent processing)
- Are smart scans used for data retrieval?
- IO MB read from disks vs data returned from the cells
 - (also called the offload efficiency ratio but knowing the underlying numbers is way better)

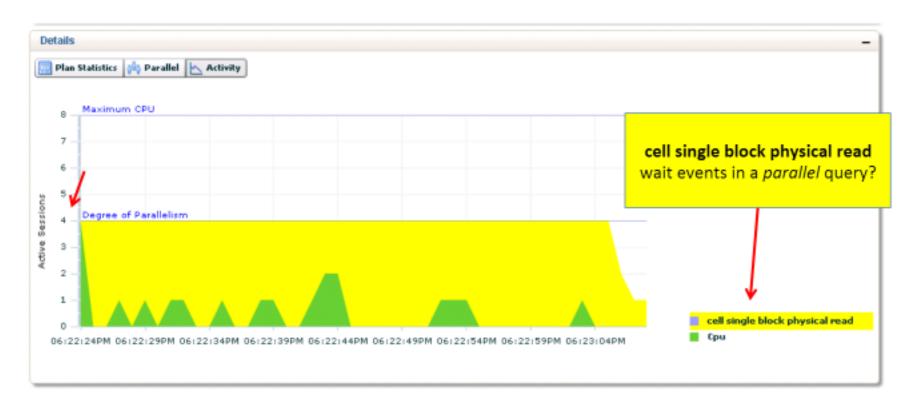
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Or read the raw v\$sesstat metrics if you dare ;-)



Warm-up case study

Testing after migration, a query is slow:





Warm-up case study: check the execution plan

Parallel execution plan does not force full table scans...

Id I	Operation I	Name	I	TQ	IN-OUT	PQ Distri	ЬΙ
0 1	SELECT STATEMENT I		1		I		1
1 1	PX COORDINATOR I		1		1	l	- 1
2	PX SEND QC (RANDOM)	:TQ10002	L	Q1,02	I P->S	QC (RAND)	- 1
* 3 I	FILTER		L	Q1,02	I PCWC	l	- 1
4	HASH GROUP BY		L	Q1,02	I PCWP	I	- 1
5 1	PX RECEIVE I		I	Q1,02	I PCWP	I	- 1
6 1	PX SEND HASH	:TQ10001	L	Q1,01	I P->P	HASH	- 1
7 [NESTED LOOPS		L	Q1,01	I PCWP	Carial	
8	NESTED LOOPS		L	Q1,01	I PCWP		
9	NESTED LOOPS		Т	Q1,01		in a pa	aralle
10	BUFFER SORT I		Т	Q1,01	I PCWC	l pl	an
11	PX RECEIVE I		Т	Q1,01	I PCWP		-
12	PX SEND ROUND-ROBIN	:TQ10000	I		I S->P	RND-ROBIN	
* 13	TABLE ACCESS BY GLOBAL INDEX ROWID		ı		1	l	-
* 14	INDEX RANGE SCAN	ORD_STATUS_IX	1				
15	PARTITION HASH ITERATOR		ı	Q1,01	I PCWP	Paralle	l inde
* 16	TABLE ACCESS BY LOCAL INDEX ROWID	CUSTOMERS	1	Q1,01	I PCWP	scan	s (on
* 17	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	CUSTOMERS_PK	1	Q1,01	I PCWP		rent
18	PARTITION HASH ITERATOR			Q1,01	I PCWP		
* 19	INDEX RANGE SCAN	ORDER_ITEMS_PK	1	Q1,01	I PCWP	partii	tions)
20	TABLE ACCESS BY LOCAL INDEX ROWID	ORDER_ITEMS		Q1,01	I PCWP		-



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Warm-up case study – adjusted execution plan

After forcing full table scans:

0 SELECT ST		 	 		 	 		 	<u>-</u>	execution plan
	QC (RANDOM)	TO	10003 I		l I	i	01.03	 DS	1 QC (RAND) I
3 FILTER		1 .10	1		' 	i	Q1,03			(מוויסו
	GROUP BY	i	i		' 	i	Q1,03			i
	ECEIVE	i	i		I	i	Q1,03			i
	SEND HASH	:T0	10002 I		ı	i	Q1,02		I HASH	i i
	SH JOIN	1				i	Q1,02			i
	ART JOIN FILTER CREATE	I :BF	0000	Ì	I	i	Q1,02	I PCWP		i
	PX RECEIVE	1	i	Ì		i	Q1,02			i
10	PX SEND BROADCAST	:T0	10001	Ì	l	İ	Q1,01			DCAST I
11	HASH JOIN	1				Ī	01,01			1
12	PART JOIN FILTER CREATE	I :BF	0001 I			I	Q1,01			Ī
13 I	PX RECEIVE	1	1		I	I	Q1,01		1	1
14	PX SEND BROADCAST	1 :TQ	10000 I		I	Ι	01,00		I BROA	DCAST
15 I	PX BLOCK ITERATOR	1		1	16	I	Q1,00	I PCWC	1	1
16	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FUI	LLI ORD	ERS I	1	16	1	Q1,00	PCWP	1	1
17 I	PX BLOCK ITERATOR	1	- 1	:BF0001	:BF0001	LI	Q1,01	I PCWC	1	E 11 - 1 - 1
18	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	I CUS	TOMERS I	:BF0001	:BF0001	LI	Q1,01	PCWP	1	Full table
19 I P	X BLOCK ITERATOR	I	I	:BF0000	:BF0000	16	Q1,02	I PCWC	1	(partition
20 I	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	I ORD	ER_ITEMS	:BF0000	1:BF0000	16	Q1,02	I PCWP	1	scans with
										bloom filte



Case 2: Response time 24 seconds – where is it spent?

Full scan: TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL

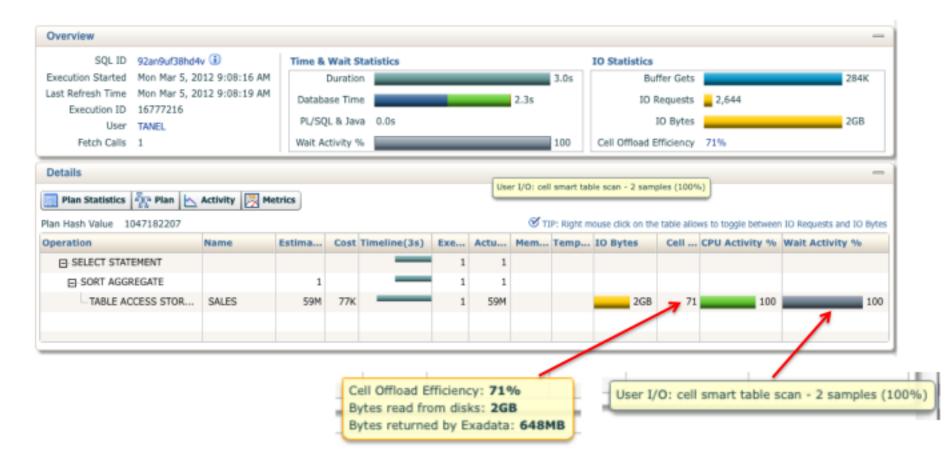
- Smart scan will help!
- But waiting for a buffered read wait event
 - cell multiblock physical read instead of cell smart table/index scan





Case 2: The same query runs in 3 seconds with Smart Scan

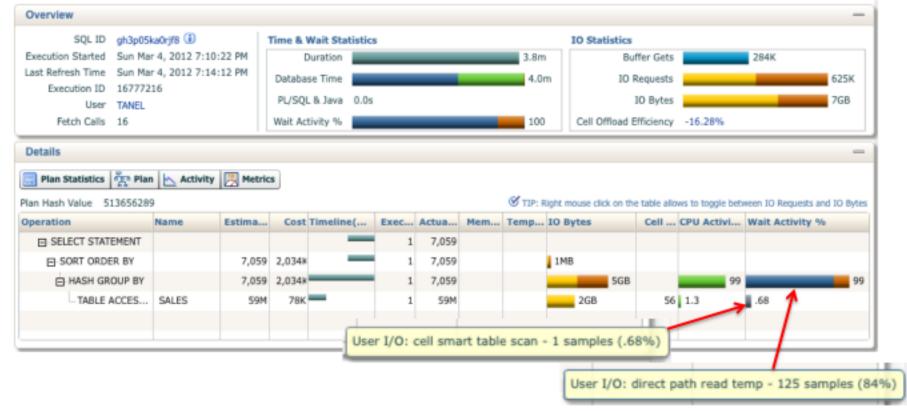
- So, why is it faster?
 - Data retrieval (ACCESS) from storage is faster





Case 2: Now let's do something with the data...

- Same query, with an extra GROUP BY:
 - Takes 3.8 minutes! (228 seconds)
 - Why? Let's see what's taking the extra time:





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Checkpoint

Smart Scans make the data retrieval from storage faster

Any other problems require the usual SQL & DB optimization



Smart Scans do **not** make any of these things faster (by design):

- Index unique/range/skip scans *
- Sorting
- Aggregation (GROUP BY)
- Analytic Functions
- Filters that can't be pushed down to table level:
 - WHERE t1.col + t2.col = 1
- Any function calls in projection (select list)
- PL/SQL function calls in projection (or WHERE clause)
- Nested loop joins, sort-merge joins and FILTER lookups
 - Hash joins are special though
- So, you'll have to see where is your bottleneck!
 - SQL Monitoring report is a good start

smart scans is a full segment scan anyway

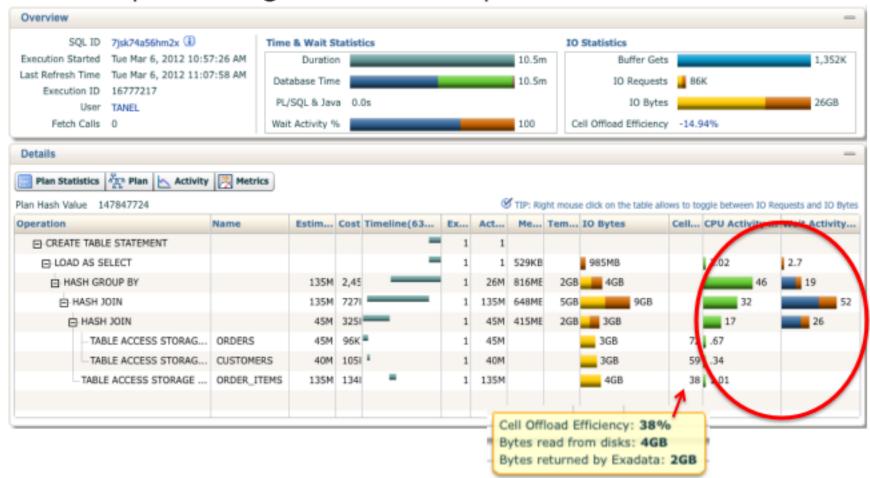
A prerequisite for

This is not a full list of limitations.



A query bottlenecked by data processing, not retrieval

A SQL performing data load and spills to TEMP





Case 3: Case insensitive search

The **plan** hash value does not change as it doesn't take the predicate differences into account!

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Predicate Information

2 - storage("CUST_FIRST_NAME" LIKE 'j%')
filter("CUST_FIRST_NAME" LIKE 'j%')
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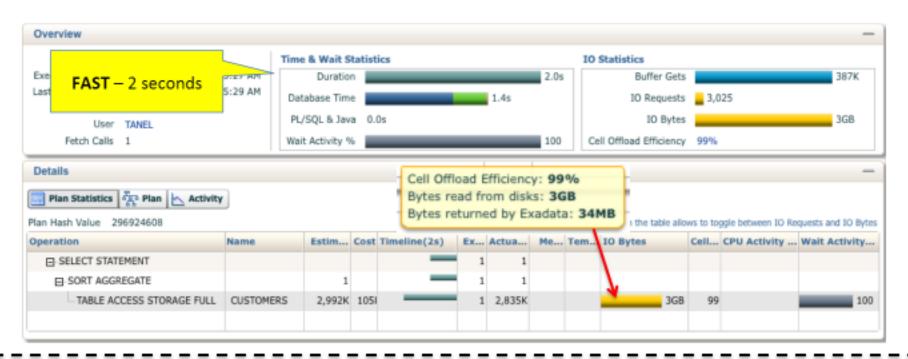
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ALTER SESSION SET nls_comp = LINGUISTIC;
ALTER SESSION SET nls_sort = BINARY_CI;
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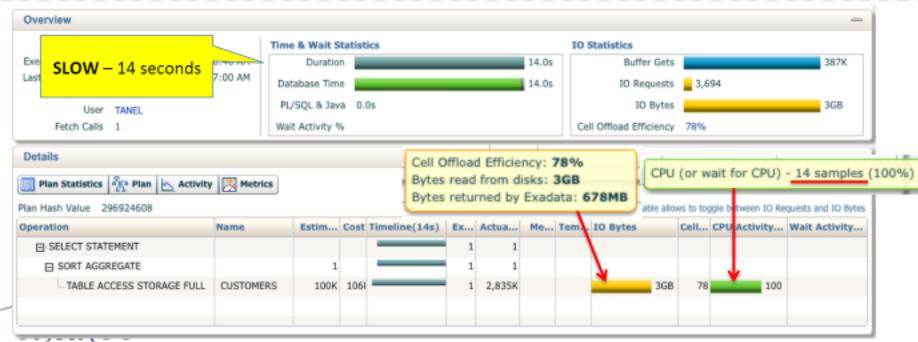
```
Predicate Information

2 - filter(NLSSORT
("OWNER",'nls_sort=''BINARY_CI''')
>HEXTORAW('7300'))
```

Where's the storage predicate?







Thank you – and oh, wait!

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