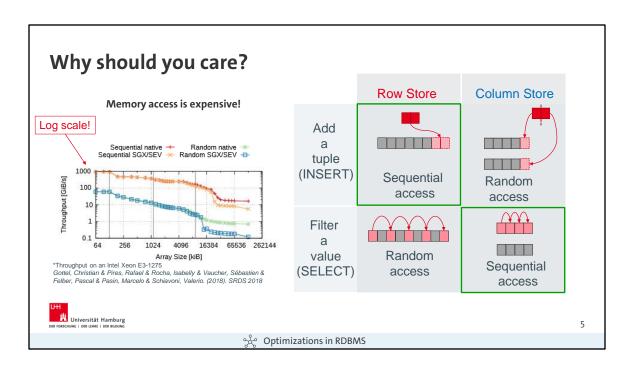
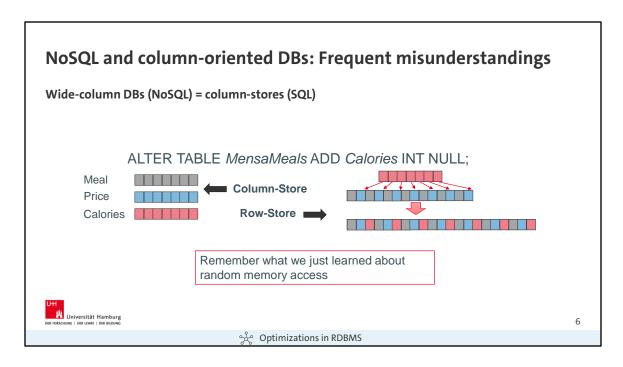


Relations are usually illustrated as tables

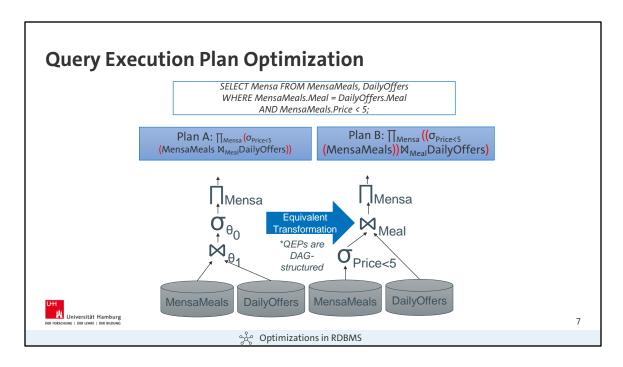
 $\rightarrow$  This tells us nothing about the storage layout (cf. a matrix that can be stored differently  $\rightarrow$  row- or column-major)



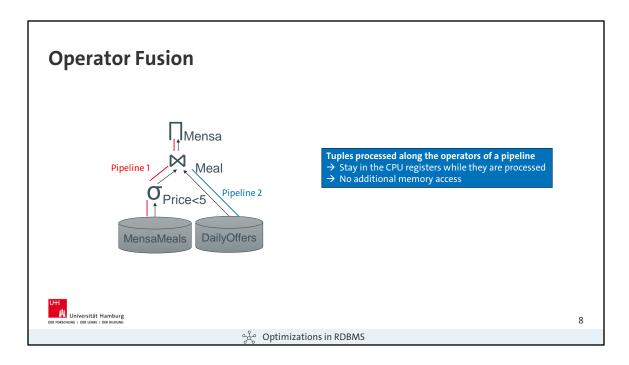
Your ideal layout depends on your use-case. Different systems use different layouts, so choose wisely!



- NoSQL stands for Not only SQL
- Wide-column DBs (NoSQL) and column-stores (SQL) are not the same, but both often referenced as column-oriented
  - → We will use it to reference column-stores
- Usually, column-oriented databases can be queried using SQL and allow the definition of relations
  - → Convenience of SQL, and performance and flexibility of column-stores
  - → Example: Fast and easy addition/deletion of attributes



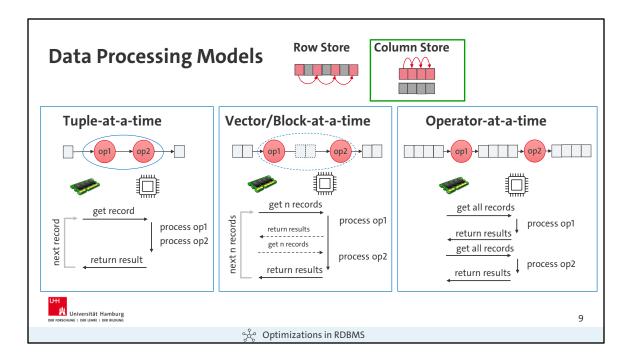
- Database Systems use a relational algebra for internal representation
- Optimizers try to automatically find the most efficient sequence of operators
  - ightarrow Conventional approach: Reduce data as early and as cheap as possible
  - → Tool: Cardinality/Selectivity estimation
- The chosen sequence of operators is the final Query Execution Plan (QEP)
- See 1st lecture of the semester for further reading



- Step 1: Optimizer identifies pipeline breakers, i.e. operators that must materialize (intermediate) results
- Step 2: Query is compiled such that there is one loop for each pipeline
- Step 3: Values/individual tuples are loaded into CPU registers
- Step 4: Tuples are processed along their pipeline (pushed to the parent operators) without being materialized until the next pipeline breaker

### **Further Reading**

Menon, Prashanth, Todd C. Mowry, and Andrew Pavlo. "Relaxed operator fusion for in-memory databases: Making compilation, vectorization, and prefetching work together at last." *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment* 11.1 (2017): 1-13.



For parallel or pipelined execution, data must be split

### Tuple-at-a-time

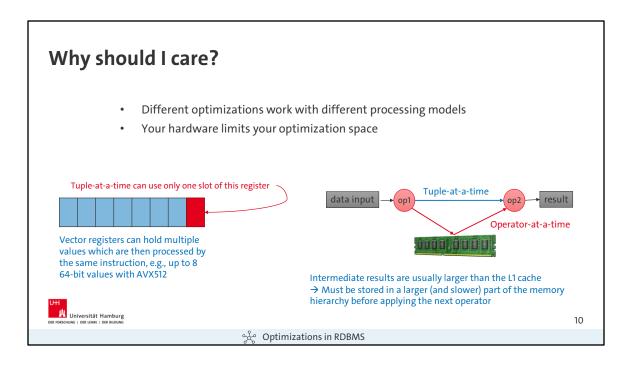
- Intermediate tuples not stored, but passed directly to next operator
  - →Operators can be fused
- Limited applicability of other optimizations, e.g. prefetching, vectorization, compression,...

### Vector/Block-at-a-time

- A part (vector/block) of the column processed at once
  - →Operator fusion only for small blocks
- Trade-off between operator fusion and memory access performance

### Operator-at-a-time

- Whole operator (all elements of the column) processed at once
- Intermediates materialized
  - → No operator fusion, only coarse-grained parallelization
- High potential for optimization of memory reads

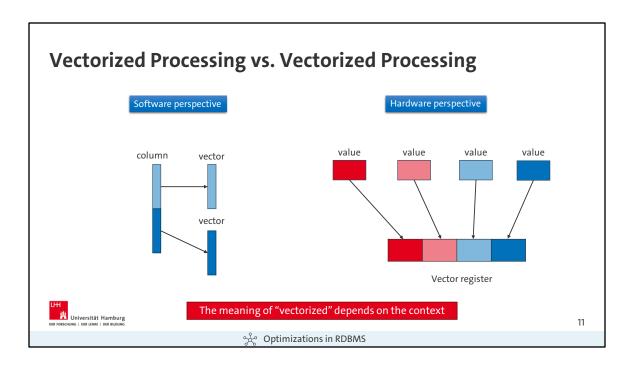


**Example A**: You have a recent intel server with the AVX512 instruction set for vectorization (under linux, *lscpu* tells you if you have it; no root required)

→ A system which implements only tuple-at-a-time is not able to use this instruction set

**Example B**: You do not have much main memory and writing to it is slow

→ Materializing your intermediates becomes a bottleneck and might not work at all with operator-at-a-time or large blocks (block-at-a-time)



### Software perspective

Data is divided into vectors or blocks and processed vector-wise  $\rightarrow$  Vector-at-a-time

## Hardware perspective

A single register ("vector register") can hold multiple values which are then processed at the same time  $\rightarrow$  Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)

- A vector in vector-at-a-time processing can be as small as a vector register, but can also be significantly larger
- · Both approaches can be used at the same time

# **Exercise Optimizations**

- Assume a table t(a1 SMALLINT, a2 FLOAT) that has 20\*109 records
- The table resides in main memory
- Assume further that we process all queries on a system with two 64-bit memory channels and a maximum memory frequency of 2GHz
- How much time does it take **at least** to copy all values for the following query from main memory to L1 cache if a column store + vector-at-a-time is used?:

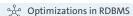
SELECT a1 FROM t WHERE a1 < 5;

How much time does it take for a row store + operator-at-a-time?

smallint → 16 bit int → 64 bit (on most systems)

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100bn smallint values = 100\*109\*2 / 10243 = 186 GB

Ignored here (among others):

- NOPs
- Computation of the operators
- · Computation of addresses
- Materialization of the (intermediate) results

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SELECT a1+a2 FROM t WHERE a1 < 5;

- How much time does it take without operator fusion?
- How much time does it take for a column store + vector-at-a-time (no operator fusion)?

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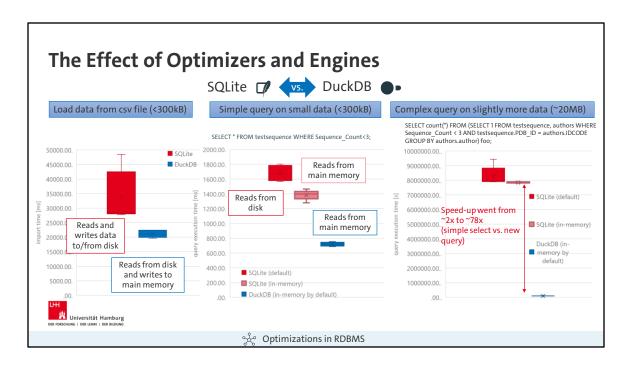
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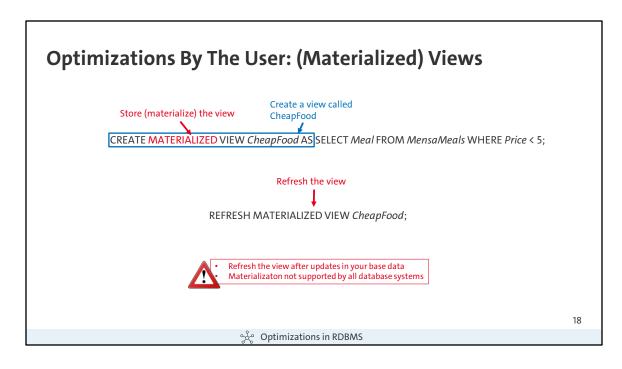
Data was taken from the Protein Data Bank (wwwpdb.org, accessed in 2022)

# **SQLite**

- Row-Store
- Disc-centric
- Tuple-at-a-time processing
- Only 1 Join implementation
- Next to no query optimization
- "Ancient" and extremely popular

#### **DuckDB**

- Column-Store
- In-Memory with out-of-memory option
- Vector-at-a-time processing
- Different Join implementations
- Optimizer actually does stuff (join order optimization, eliminate common subqueries,...)
- Relatively new and less popular than SQLite



We already talked about indexes in the first lecture this semester

### Reusability of queries and query results

- → Queries and Subqueries (Views) can be stored and referenced → Nicer queries
- → The result of views can be stored → Higher performance for frequently used queries and remote data

# **Exercise Optimizations by the user**

#### Query 1

 ${\tt SELECT count(*) FROM test sequence, authors WHERE test sequence. Sequence\_Count < 3 AND test sequence. PDB\_ID = authors. IDCODE;}$ 

#### Query 2

SELECT authors.IDCODE,authors.name FROM institute, testsequence, authors WHERE testsequence.Sequence\_Count < 3 AND testsequence.PDB\_ID = authors.IDCODE AND institute.name = authors.institute;

Which optimizations can a user apply to increase the query performance?



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