



Running Spark on a High-Performance Cluster using RDMA Networking and NVMe Flash

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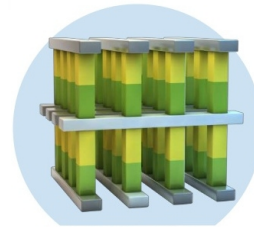
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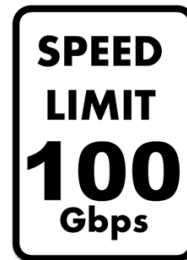
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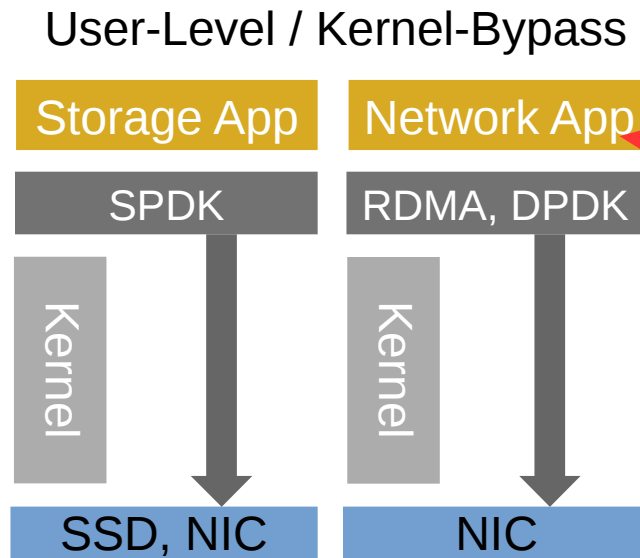
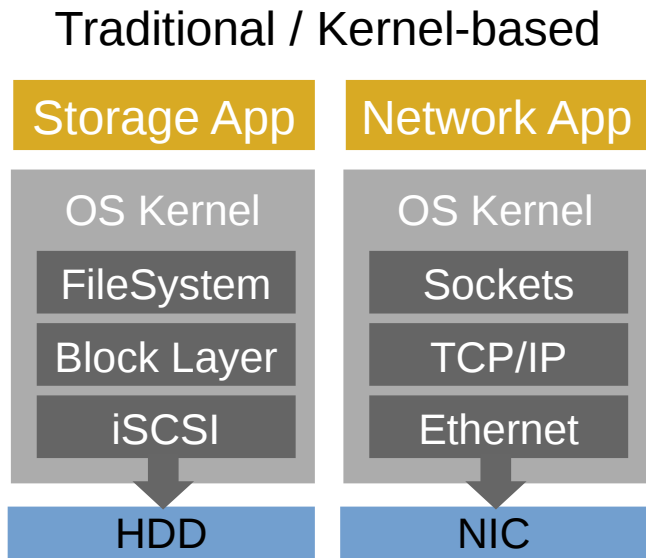
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3D XPoint

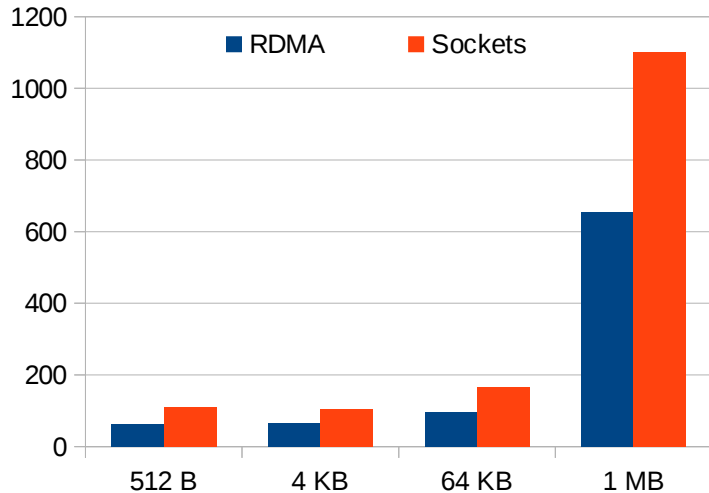


User-Level APIs

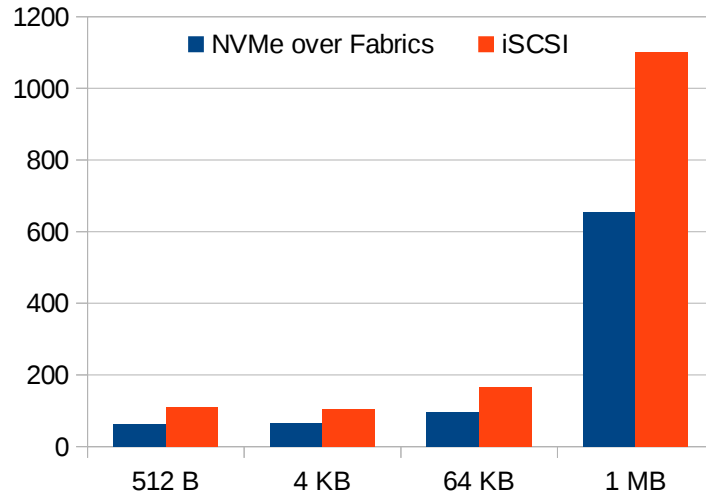


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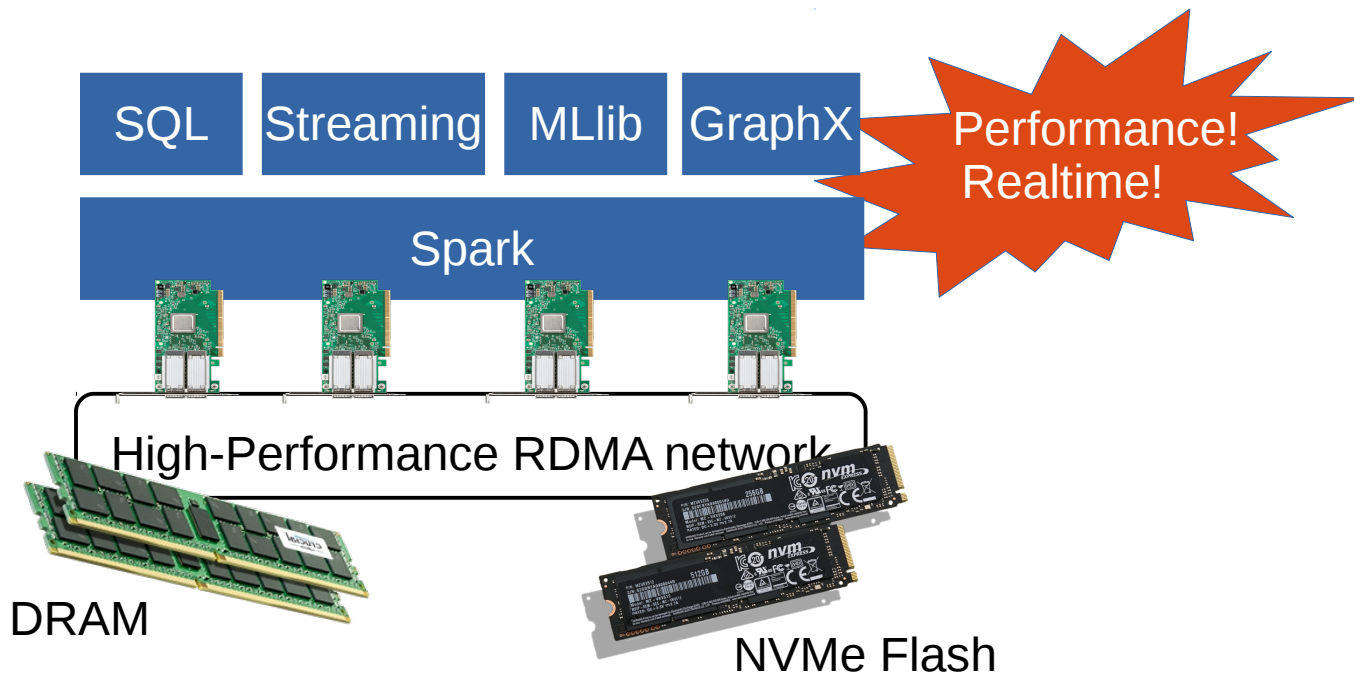
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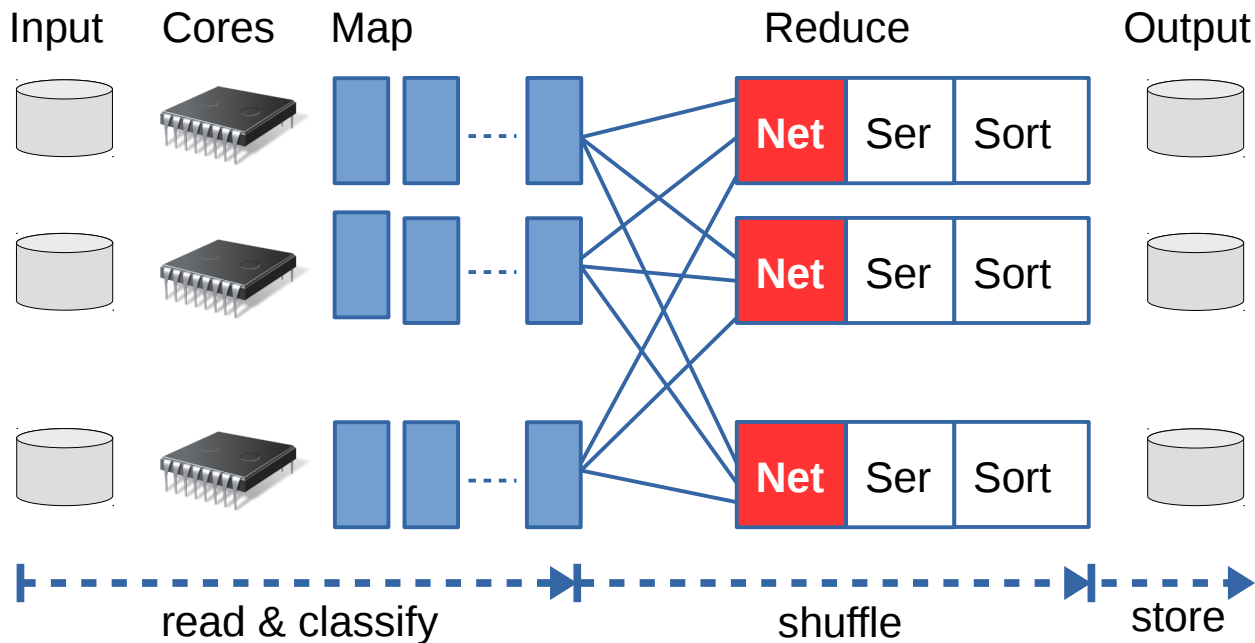
NVMe Flash



Let's Use it!

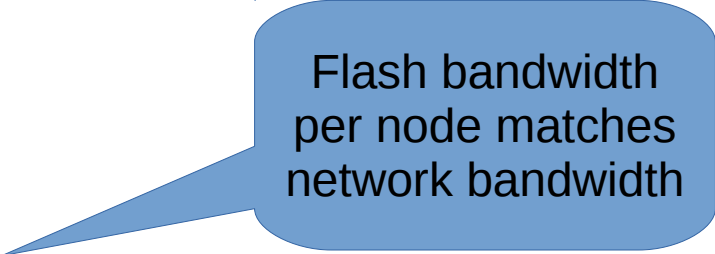


Case Study: Sorting in Spark



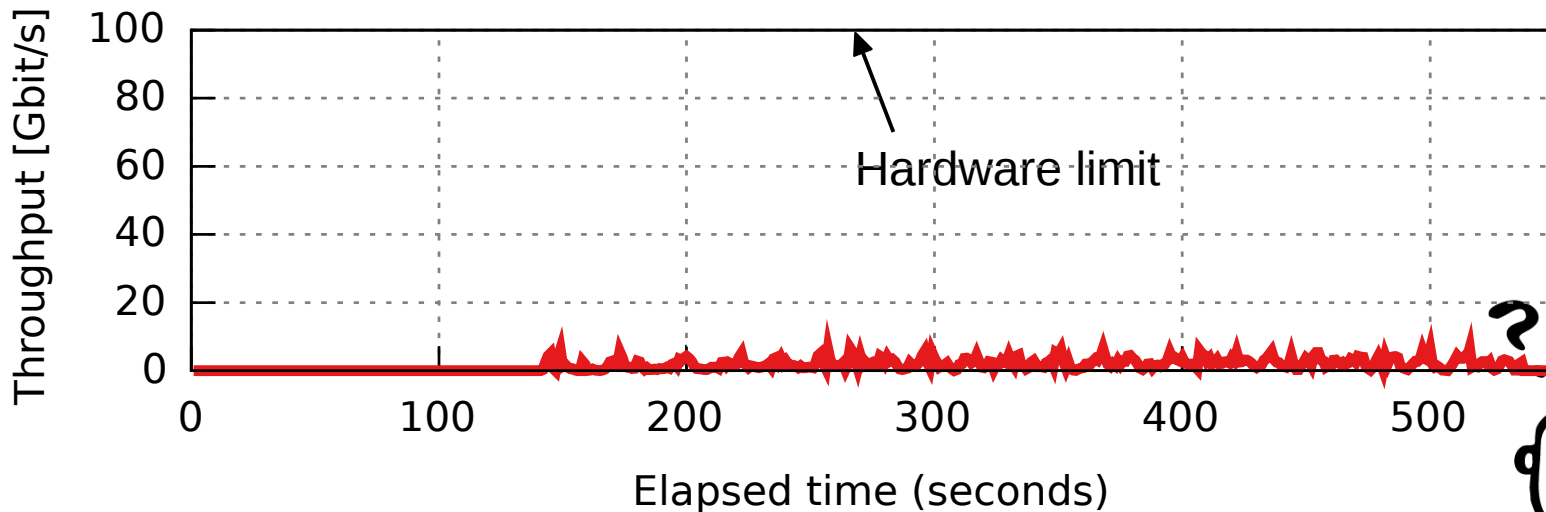
Experiment Setup

- Total data size: 12.8 TB
- Cluster size: 128 nodes
- Cluster hardware:
 - DRAM: 512 GB DDR 4
 - Storage: 4x 1.2 TB NVMe SSD
 - Network: 100GbE Mellanox RDMA

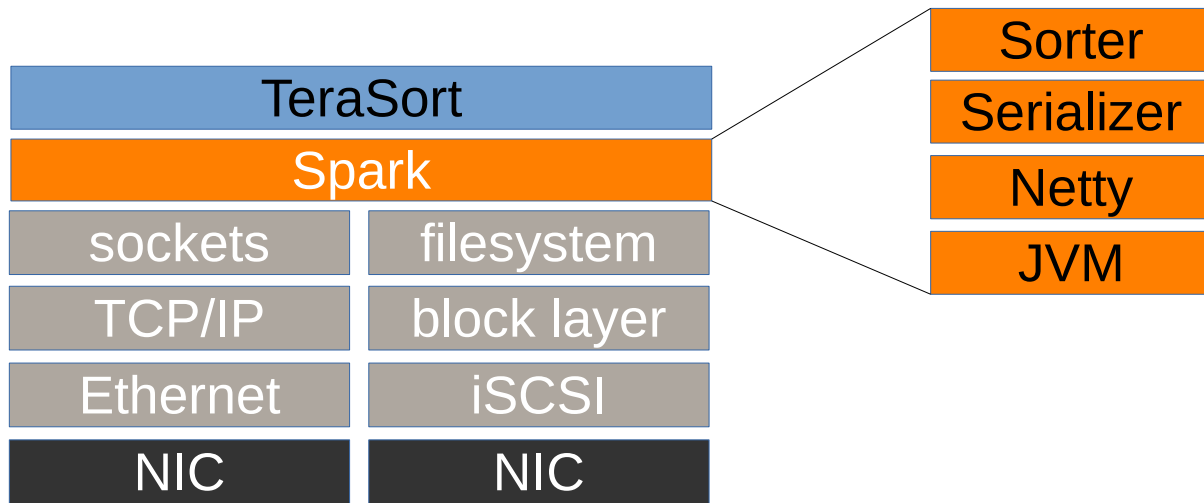


Flash bandwidth
per node matches
network bandwidth

How is the Network Used?



What is the Problem?

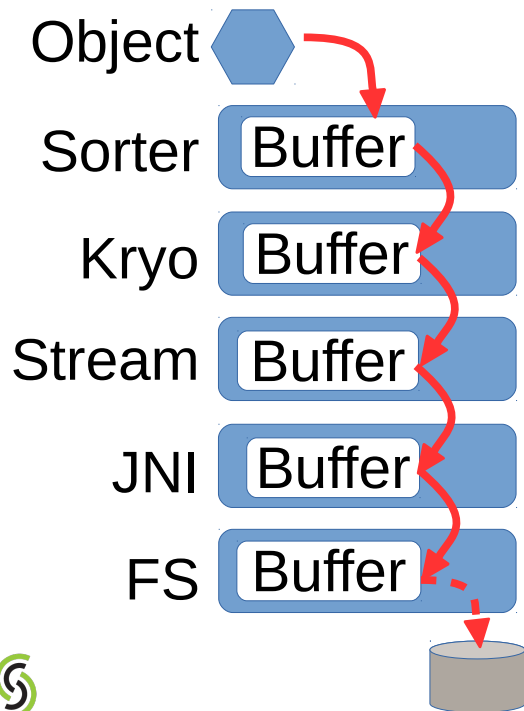


- Spark uses legacy networking and storage APIs: no kernel-bypass
- Spark itself introduces additional I/O layers: Netty, serializer, sorter, etc.

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Example: Shuffle (Map+Reduce)



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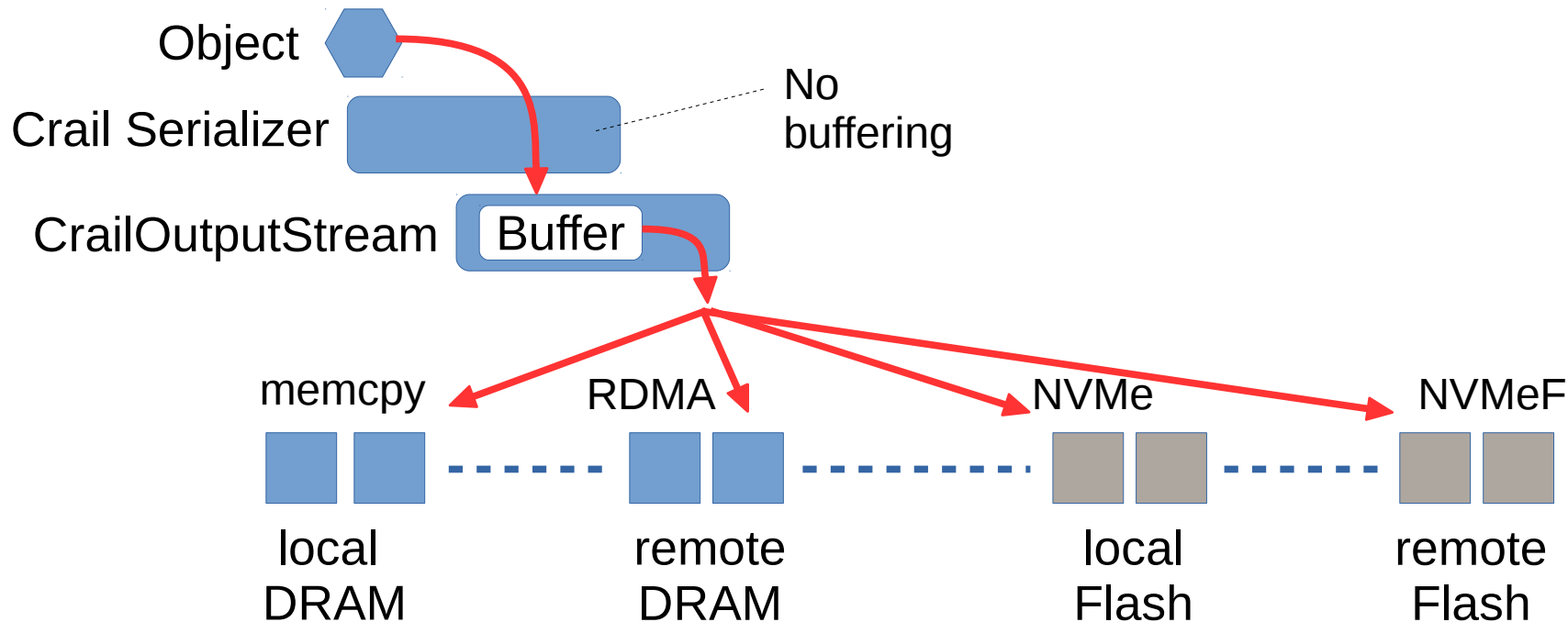
How can we fix this...

- Not just for shuffle
 - Also for broadcast, RDD transport, inter-job sharing, etc.
- Not just for RDMA and NVMe hardware
 - But for any possible future high-performance I/O hardware
- Not just for co-located compute/storage
 - Also for resource disaggregation, heterogeneous resource distribution, etc.
- Not just improve things
 - Make it perform at the hardware limit

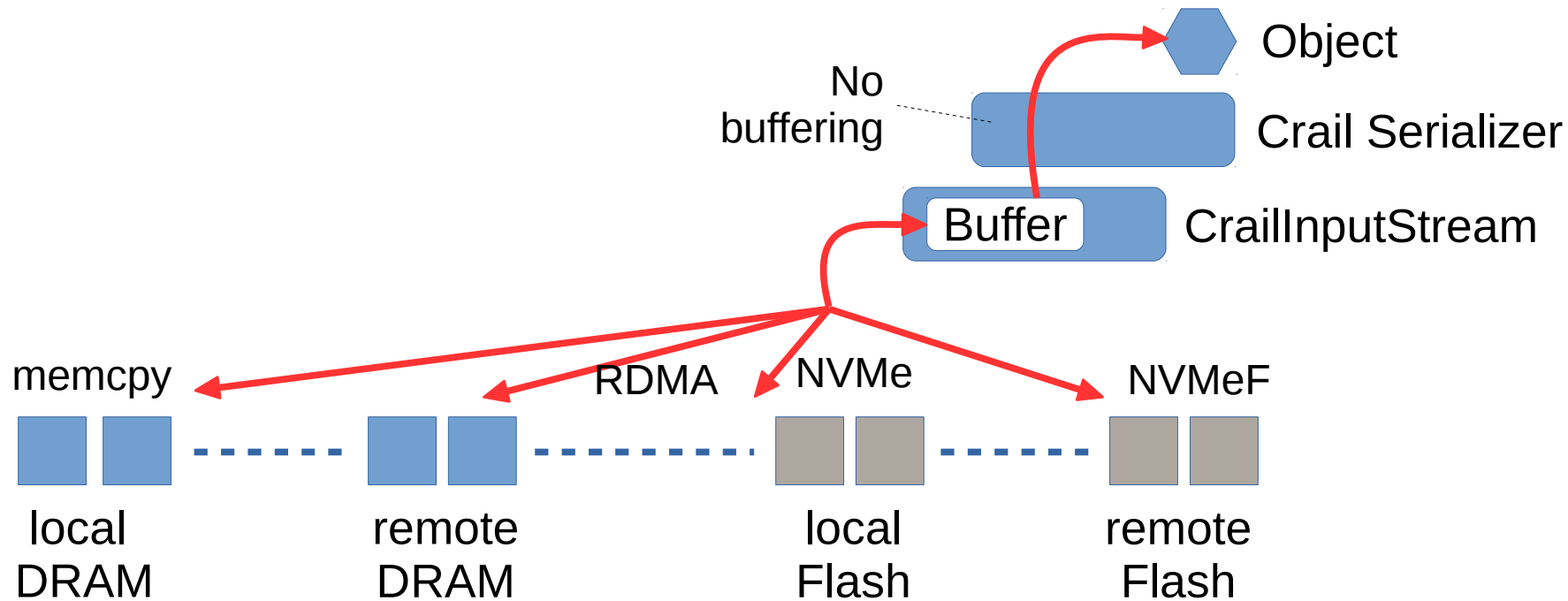
The CRAIL Approach



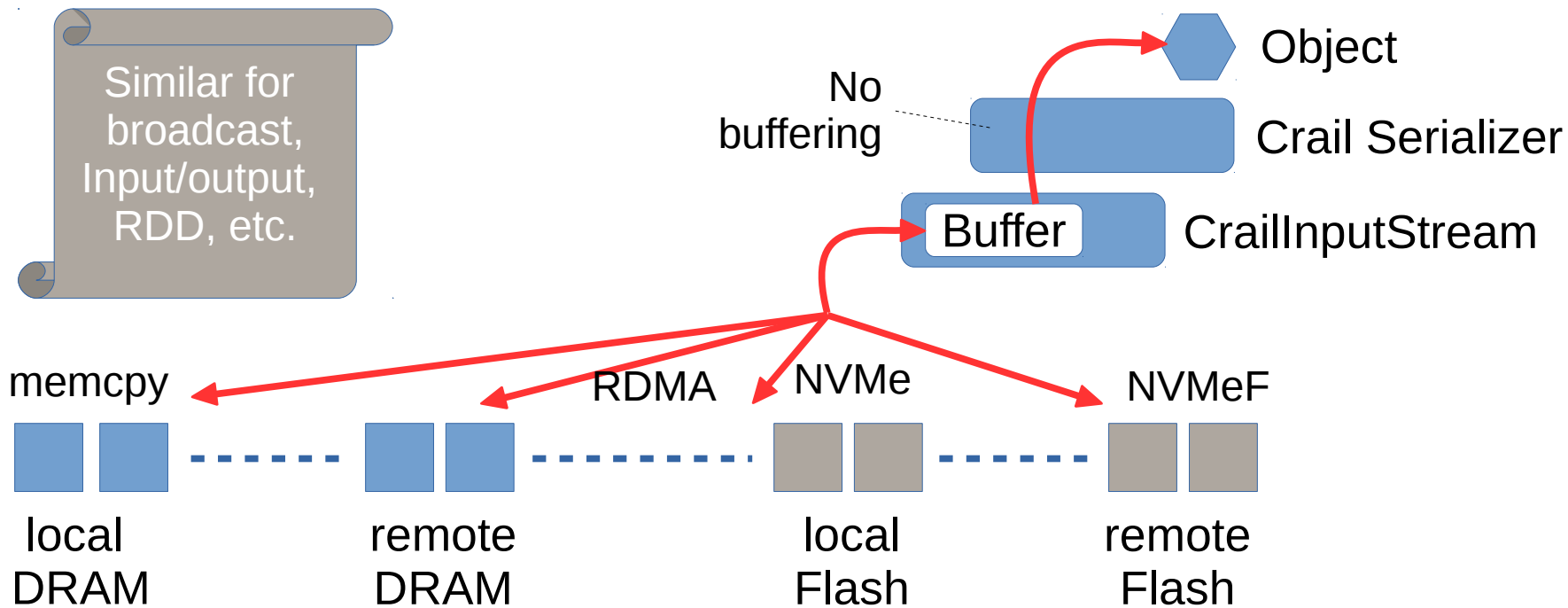
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Example: Crail Shuffle (Reduce)



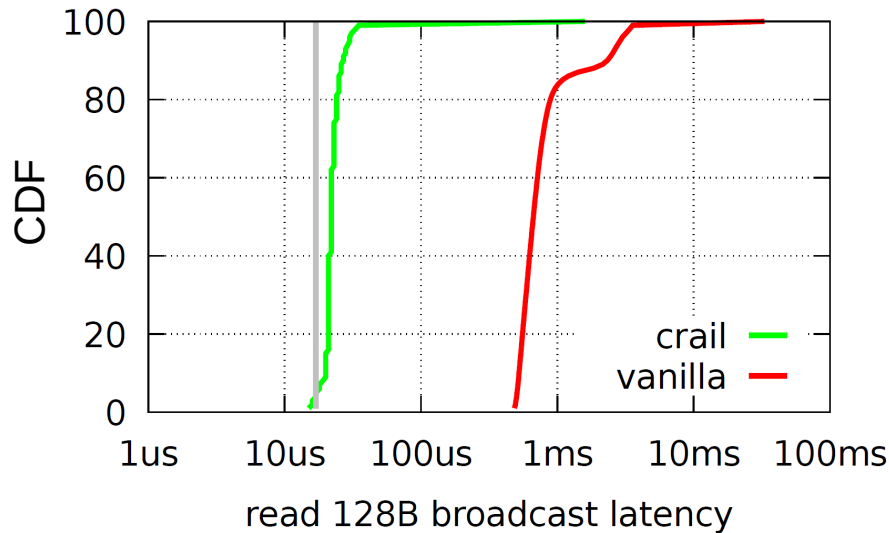
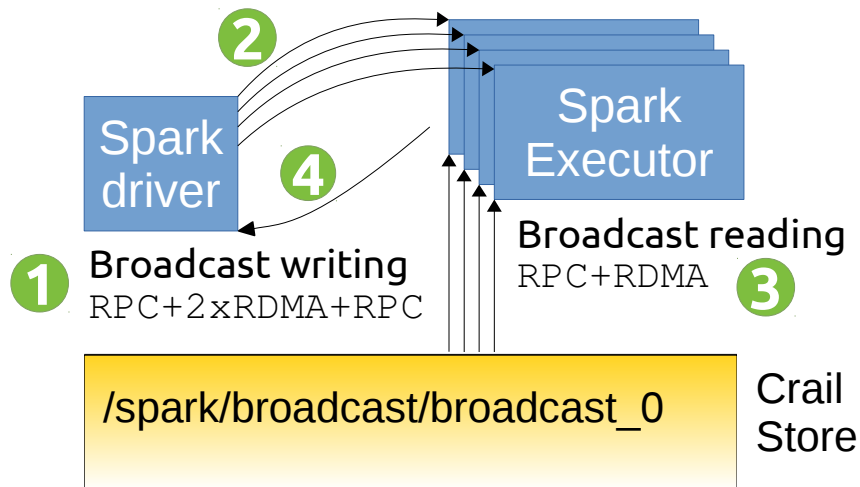
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Performance: Configuration

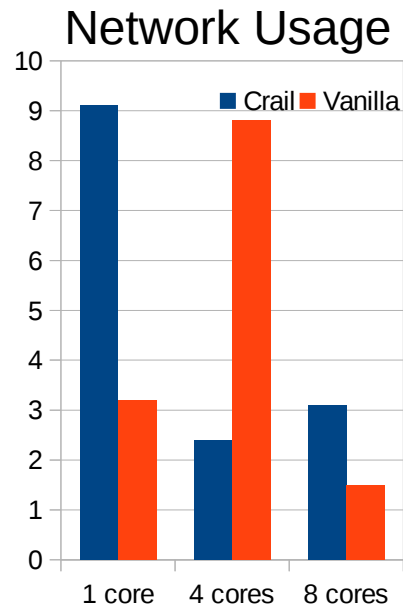
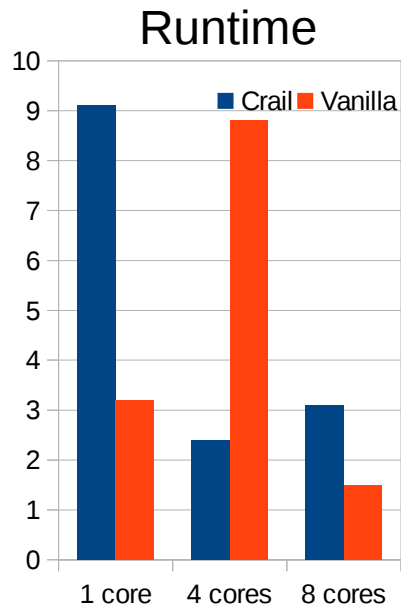
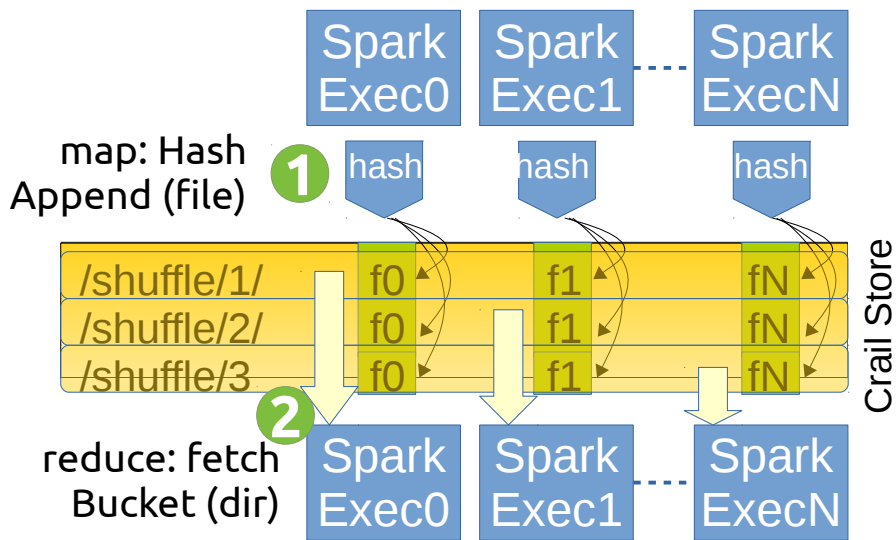
- Experiments
 - Broadcast, GroupBy, TeraSort, SQL
- Cluster size: 8 nodes, except TeraSort: 128 nodes
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Spark Broadcast



```
val bcVar = sc.Broadcast(new Array[Byte](128))
sc.parallelize(1 to tasks, tasks).map(_ => {
  bcVar.value.length
}).count
```

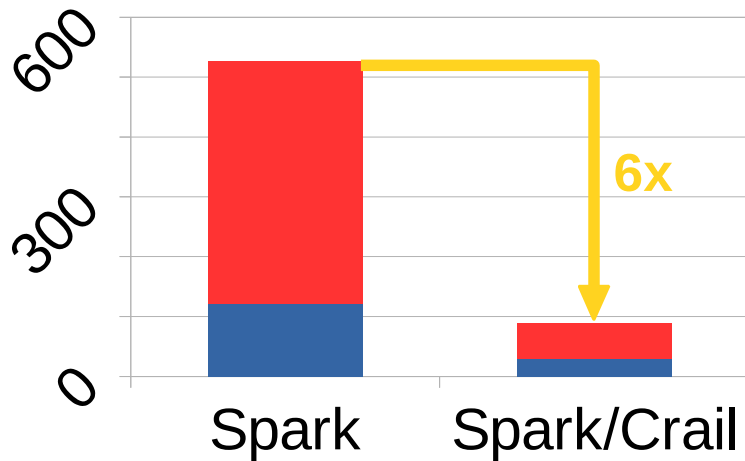
Spark GroupBy



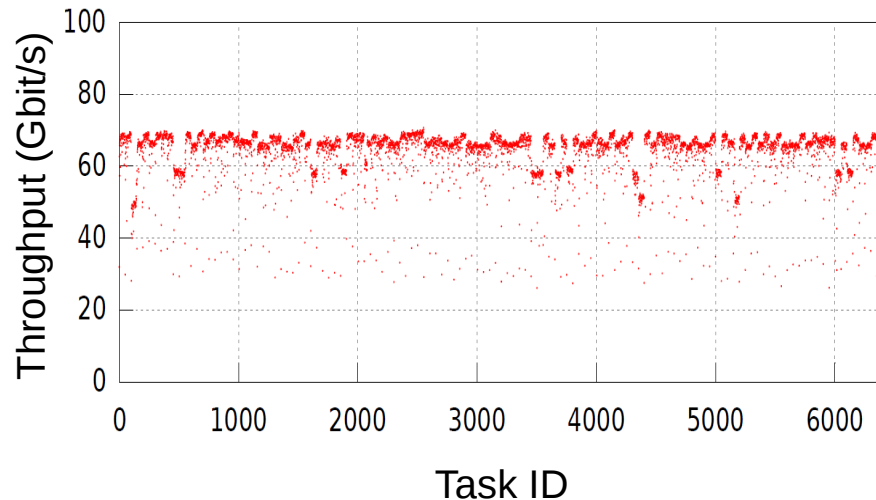
```
val pairs = sc.parallelize(1 to tasks, tasks).flatMap(_ => {  
  var values = new array[Long,Array[Byte]](numKeys)  
  values = initialValues(values)  
}).cache().groupByKey().map(v => v._1).count()
```

Sorting 12.8 TB on 128 nodes

Sorting Runtime



Spark/Crail Network Usage



How fast is this?

www.sortingbenchmark.org

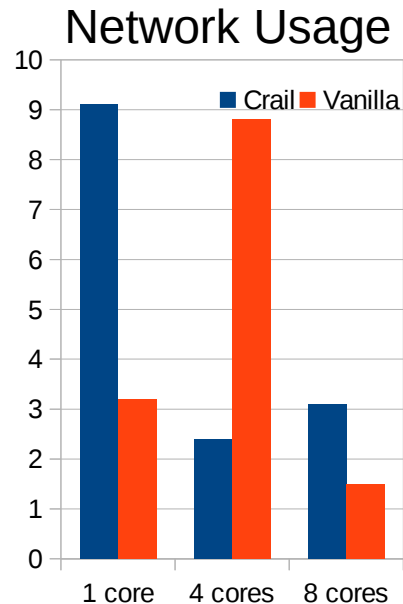
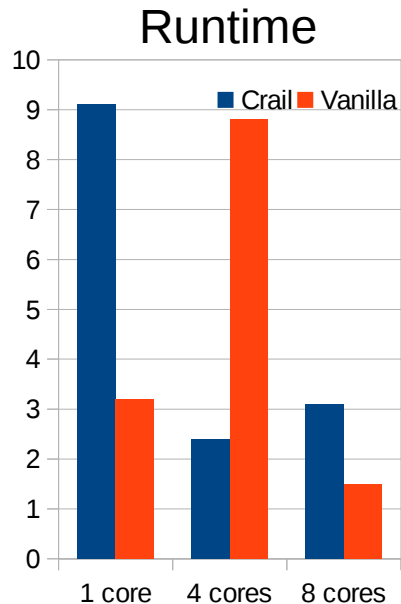
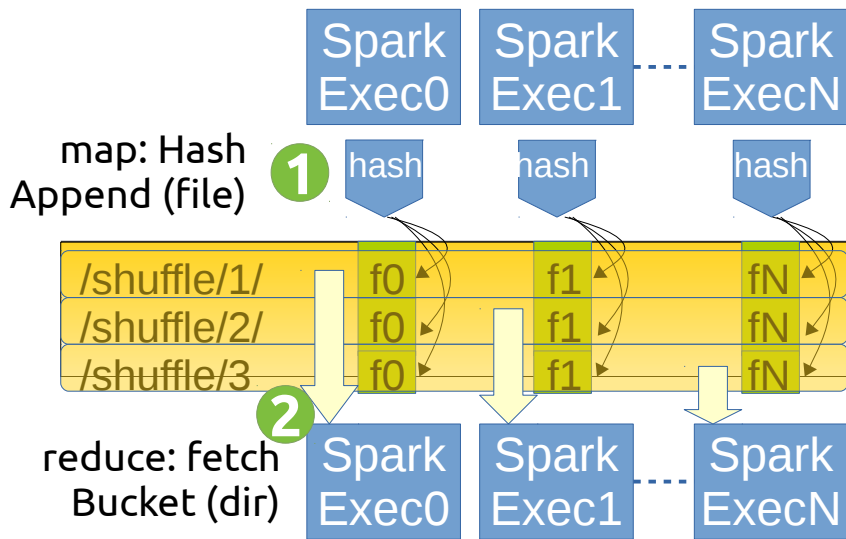
Spark

Native C
distributed
sorting
benchmark

	Spark/Craill	Winner 2014	Winner 2016
Size (TB)	12.8	100	100
Time (sec)	98	1406	98.6
Total cores	2560	6592	10240
Network HW (Gbit/s)	100	10	100
Rate/core (GB/min)	3.13	0.66	4.4

Sorting rate of
Craill/Spark only 27%
slower than rate of
Winner 2016

Spark SQL EquiJoin



```
val ds1 = spSess.read.parquet("...")
val ds2 = spSess.read.parquet("...")
val resultDS = ds1.joinWith(ds1, ds1(key) === ds2(key))
resultDS.write.format("parquet").mode(SaveMode.Overwrite).save("...")
```



Thank You.

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