

Persisting with Cassandra



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Apache Cassandra

Use Cases

Data Modeling with Cassandra

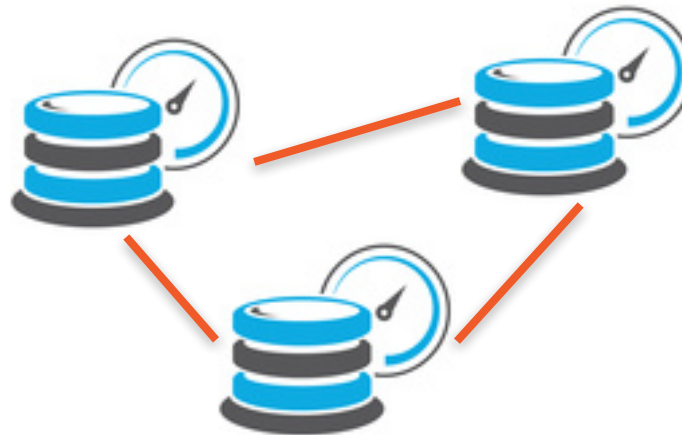
Spark Cassandra Connector

Serving Layer with Batch and Realtime Views



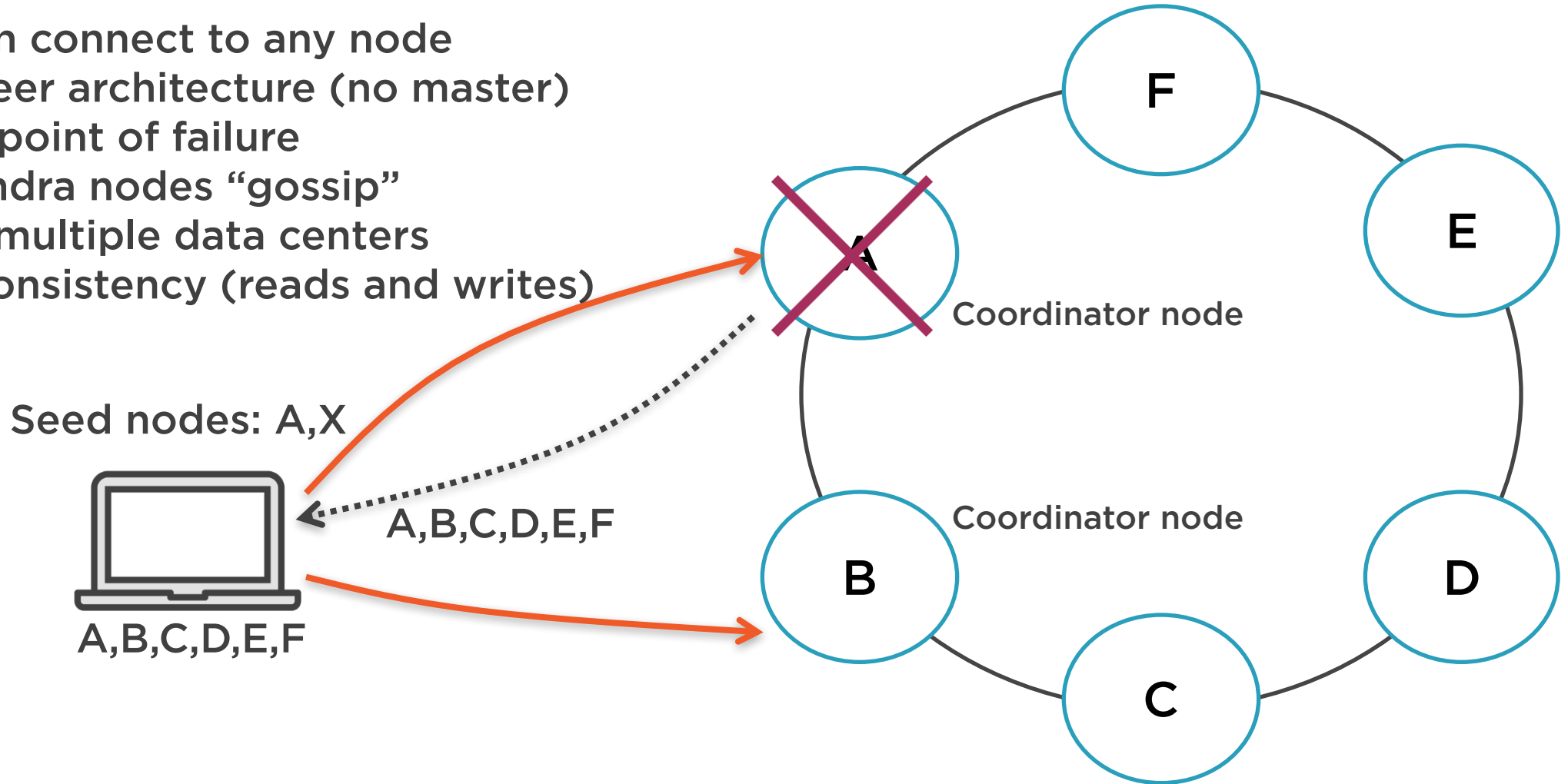


Distributed database management system designed for large amounts of data, providing high availability with no single point of failure.



Apache Cassandra

- Clients can connect to any node
- Peer-to-peer architecture (no master)
- No single point of failure
 - Cassandra nodes “gossip”
- Can span multiple data centers
- Tunable consistency (reads and writes)



Relational Database vs. Cassandra

| Relational | Cassandra |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Database | Keyspace |
| Table | Column Family |
| Primary Key | Row Key |
| Column Name | Column Name/Key |
| Column Value | Column Value |



Spark Cassandra Connector

Seamless integration with Spark

Exposes Cassandra
tables as RDDs

Customizable Object Mapping

Map Cassandra rows to
objects of user defined
classes

CQL, Spark SQL and DataFrames

Allows for advanced
optimizations like
“`joinWithCassandraTable`”



Spark Cassandra Connector

Using Spark Data Sources API

```
val df = sqlContext
  .read
  .format("org.apache.spark.sql.cassandra")
  .options(Map( "table" -> "commentsByUser", "keyspace" -> "test" ))
  .load()
```



Spark Cassandra Connector

Using Spark SQL

```
sqlContext.sql(
  """CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE commentsByUser
  | USING org.apache.spark.sql.cassandra
  | OPTIONS (
  |   table " commentsByUser ",
  |   keyspace "test",
  |   pushdown "true"
  |)""").stripMargin)
```

```
val df = sqlContext.sql(s"SELECT * FROM commentsByUser WHERE username = '$username'")
```



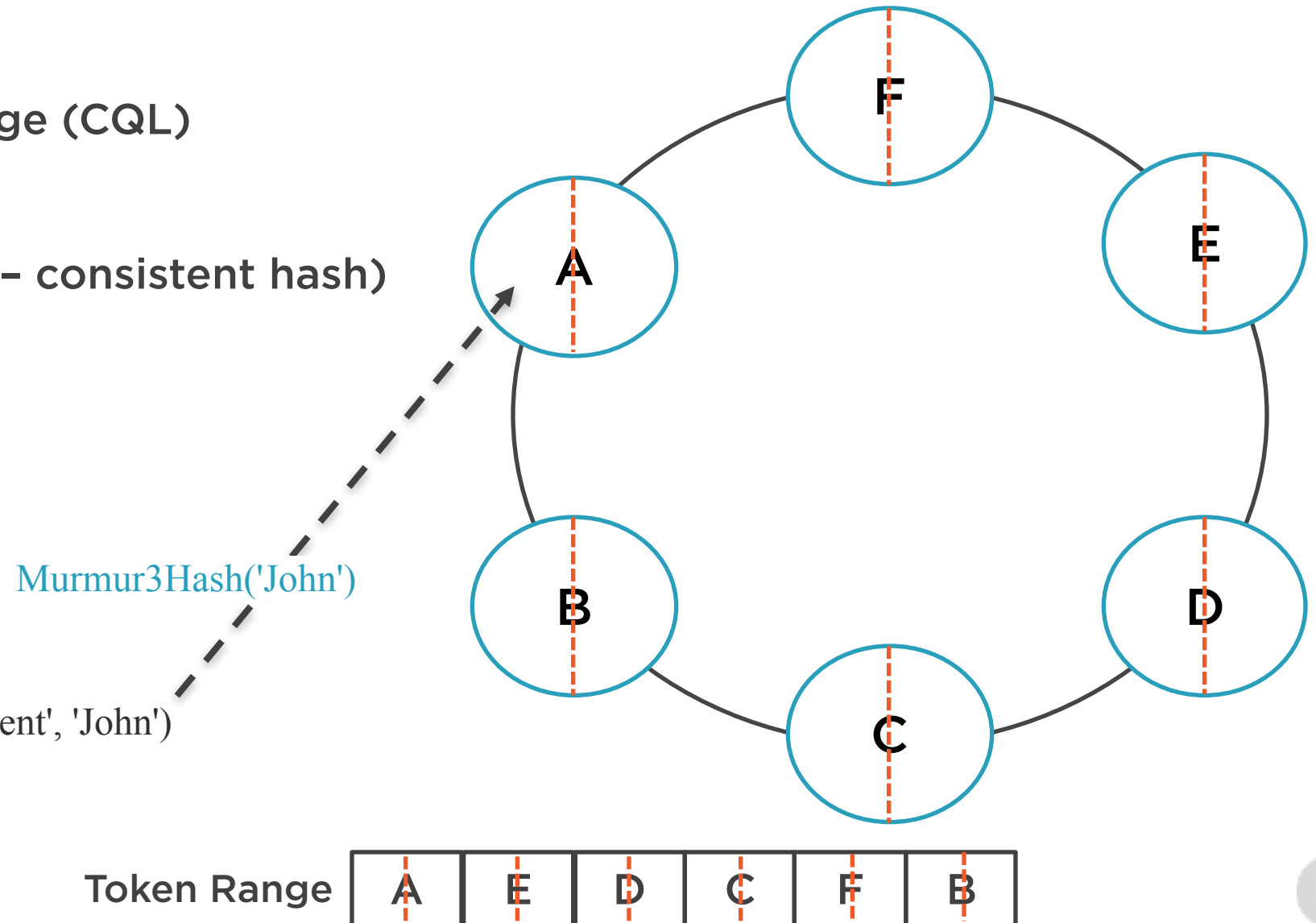
Cassandra's Data Model

- Cassandra is a row-store
- Cassandra Query Language (CQL)
- Distributed Map
 - Access by Key
 - Partitioner (Murmur3 – consistent hash)

```
CREATE TABLE commentsByUser (  
  email text ,  
  comment text ,  
  username text PRIMARY KEY  
);
```

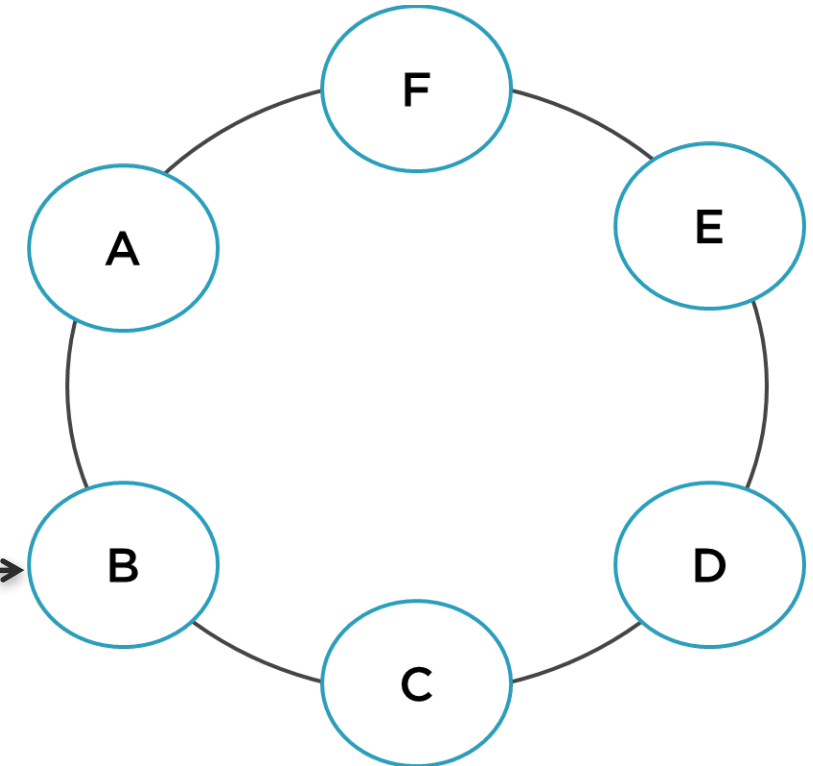
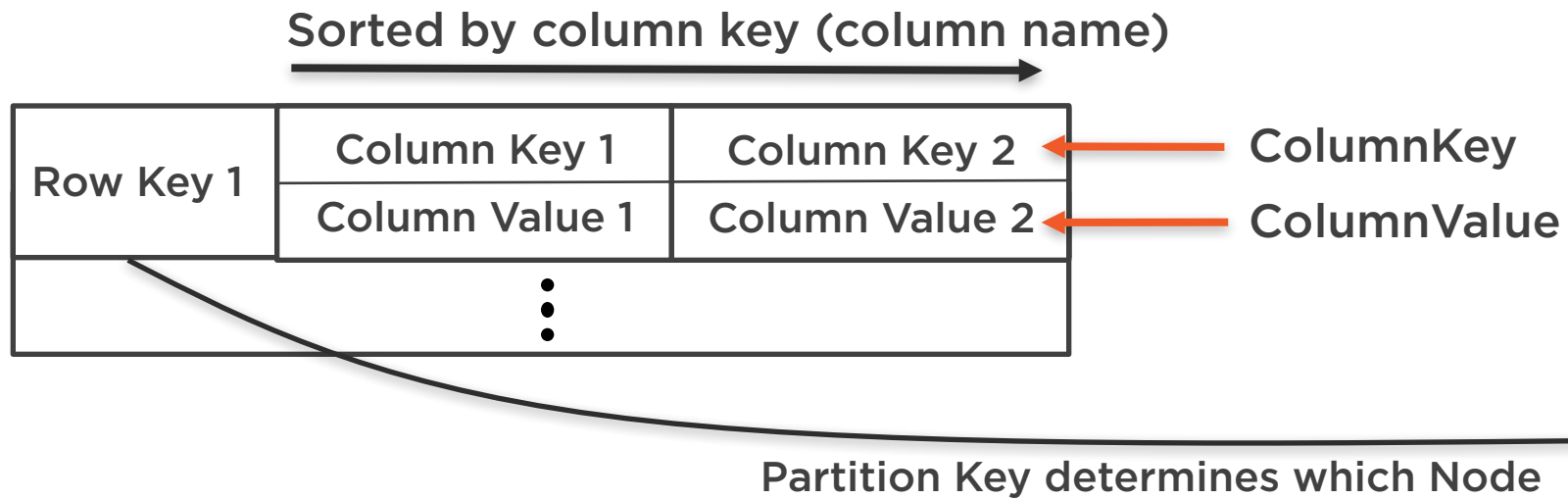
```
INSERT INTO commentsByUser  
(email, comment, username)  
VALUES ('john@doe.com', 'first comment', 'John')
```

```
SELECT username  
FROM commentsByUser  
WHERE username = 'John'
```



Cassandra's Data Model

Map[RowKey, SortedMap[ColumnKey, ColumnValue]]



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);
```

Also defines Partition Key

PRIMARY KEY (email, username)

Partition Key

commentsByUser

| | | |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| John | comment | email |
| | first comment | john@doe.com |

ColumnKey

ColumnValue

Partition Key
(Row Key)

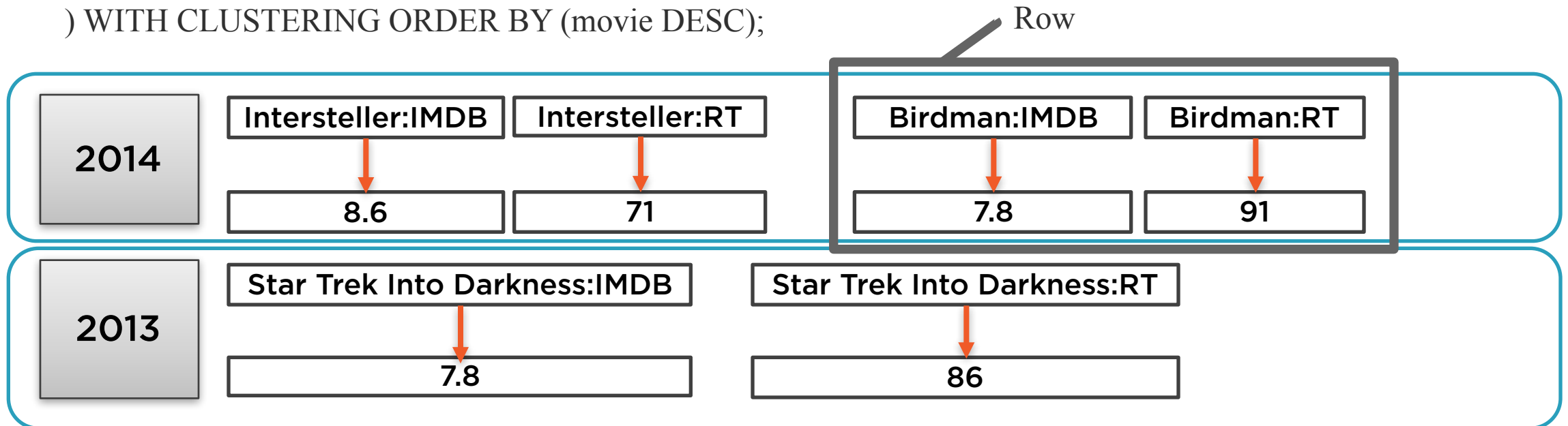


Composite Primary Key

Map[RowKey, SortedMap[ColumnKey, ColumnValue]]

```
CREATE TABLE movieRatings_by_year_movie (  
  year int ,  
  movie text ,  
  IMDB float,  
  RT int,  
  PRIMARY KEY (year, movie)  
) WITH CLUSTERING ORDER BY (movie DESC);
```

| year | movie | IMDB | RT |
|------|-------------------------|------|----|
| 2013 | Star Trek Into Darkness | 7.8 | 86 |
| 2014 | Interstellar | 8.6 | 71 |
| 2014 | Birdman | 7.8 | 91 |

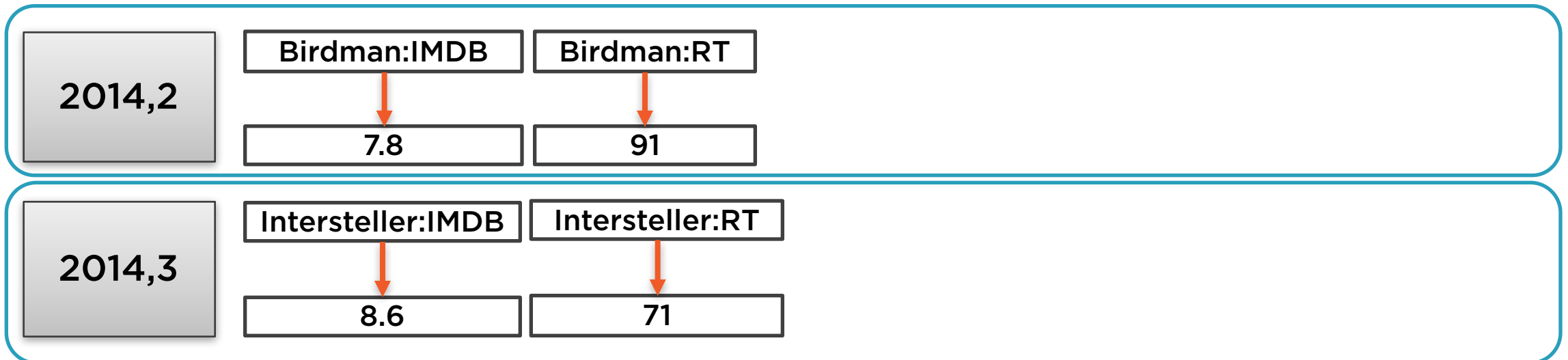


Composite Partition Key

Map[RowKey, SortedMap[ColumnKey, ColumnValue]]

```
CREATE TABLE movieRatings_by_year_movie (  
  year int ,  
  movie text ,  
  IMDB float,  
  RT int,  
  hash_prefix int,  
  PRIMARY KEY ((year, hash_prefix), movie)  
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Time Series

Map[RowKey, SortedMap[ColumnKey, ColumnValue]]

Time series data stored in Cassandra as a wide-row

eventsByCompany

Sorted by column key (column name)

| | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|
| Company X | timestamp1 | timestamp2 | timestamp3 | timestamp4 | ... |
| | event1 | event2 | event3 | event4 | |

[timestamp]

Using composite columns

eventsByCompanyEventType

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| Company X | Call timestamp1 | Call timestamp2 | Offer timestamp1 | ... |
| | {data} | {data} | {data} | |

[eventType, timestamp]



Summary

