

Exploiting Serverless Function to Build a Cost-effective Cloud Storage

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Rule-breaking approach

* Quoted from “*A Rule-Breaking Approach to Research*”,
by Todd Austin, MICRO’24.

- A rule-breaking approach is effective and exciting
 - Identify a rule no one breaks
 - Invent a way to break that rule
 - See what happens!
- You will often find yourself in fertile ground
 - The “rules” are typically learned early or based on “conventional wisdom”
 - The “rules” create dogma that hide opportunity
- 50% will be intrigued with your crazy idea
- 50% will think your crazy idea will never work
- Embrace the pushback, it will inform and sharpen

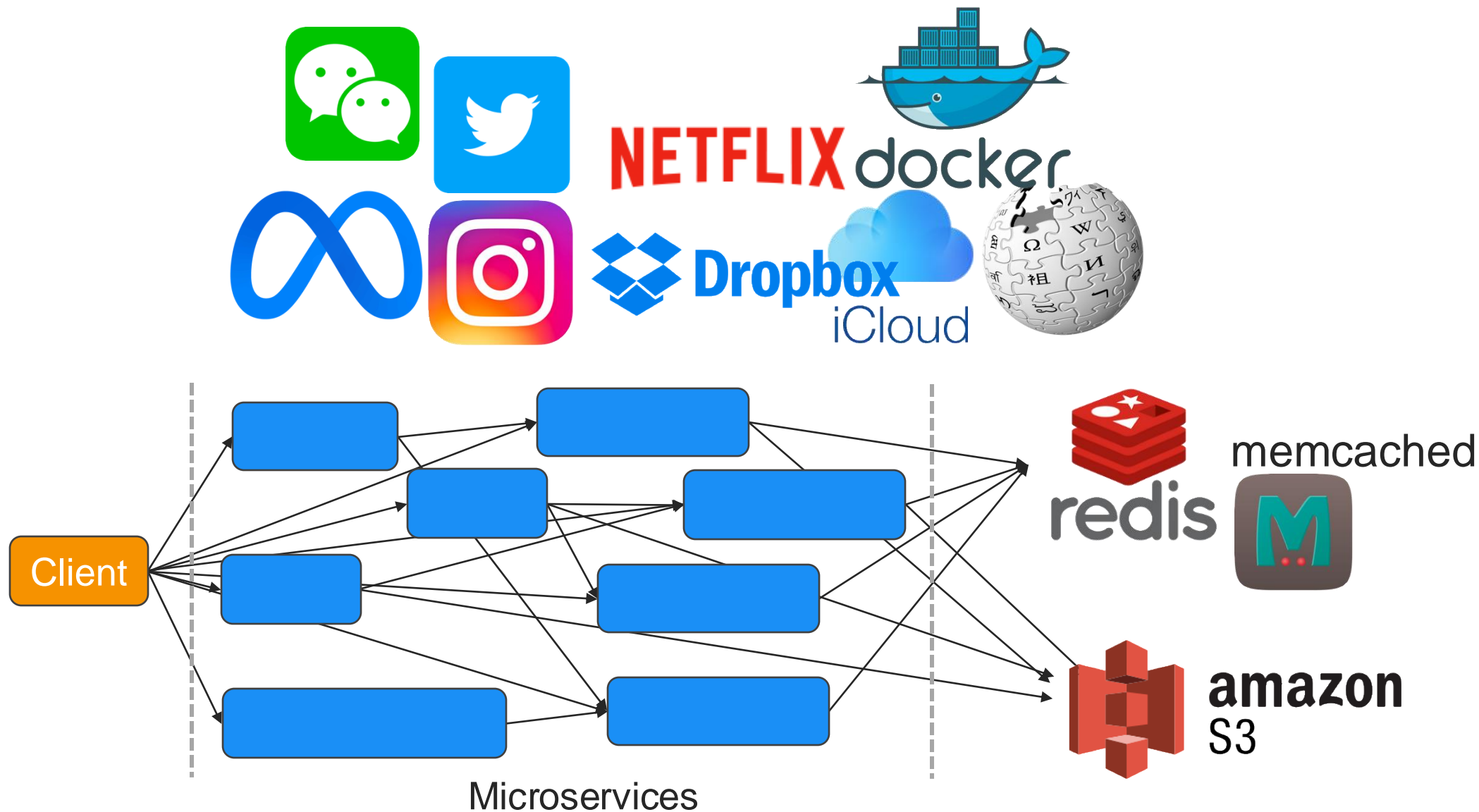


Breaking rules in serverless

- **Rule:** Serverless functions are stateless and can never work as storage
- **Rule-breaking idea:** Use functions as a brand-new storage medium to build a first-of-its-kind cloud storage system
 - Exploiting provider's function caching to retain data between func invocations
 - Erasure coding + replication to improve availability and performance
 - Reasonable performance+availability while being **extremely cost-effective** for not-too-busy storage workloads
 - Case study: **IBM Docker registry**



Internet-scale web apps are storage-intensive



Example app: IBM Cloud Container Registry

- Collected the workload traces of IBM Cloud Container Registry service for a duration of **75 days** across **seven datacenters** in 2017
- Selected datacenters: Dallas & London



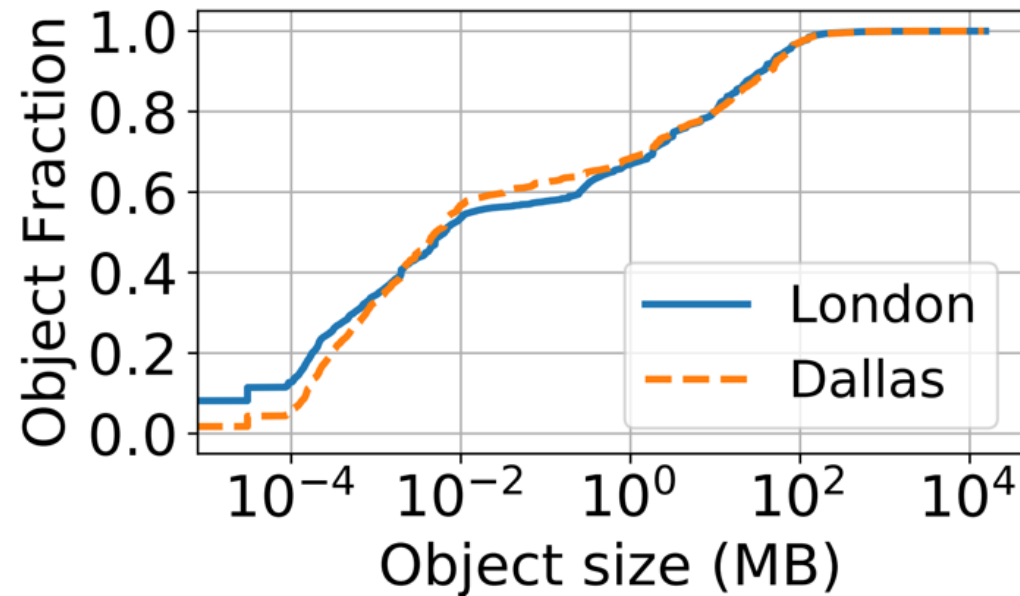
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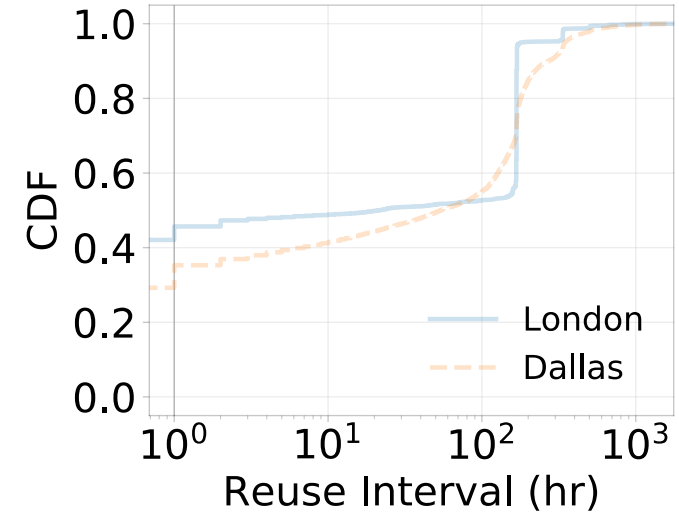
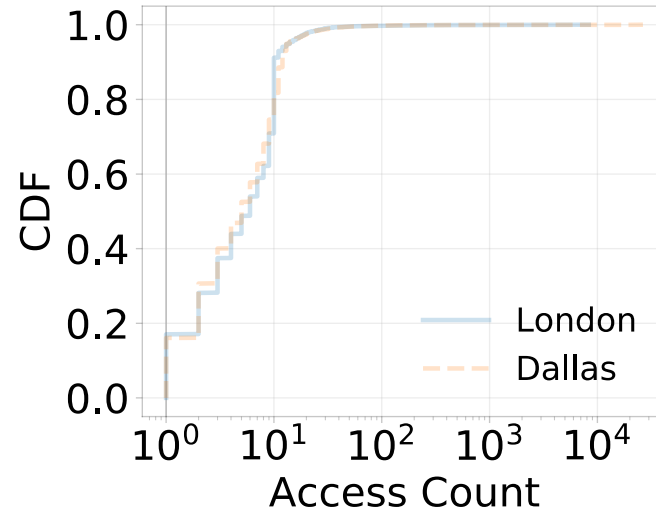


Extreme variability in object sizes:

- Object sizes span over 9 orders of magnitude
- 20% of objects > 10MB

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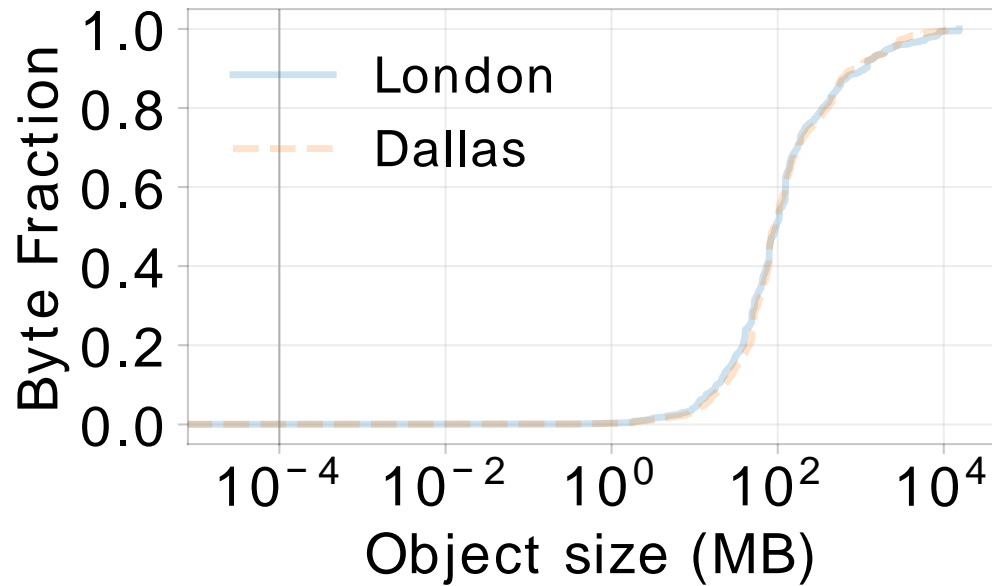


Caching large objects is beneficial:

- **> 30%** large object being accessed **10+ times**
- Around **35-45%** of them get reused **within 1 hour**

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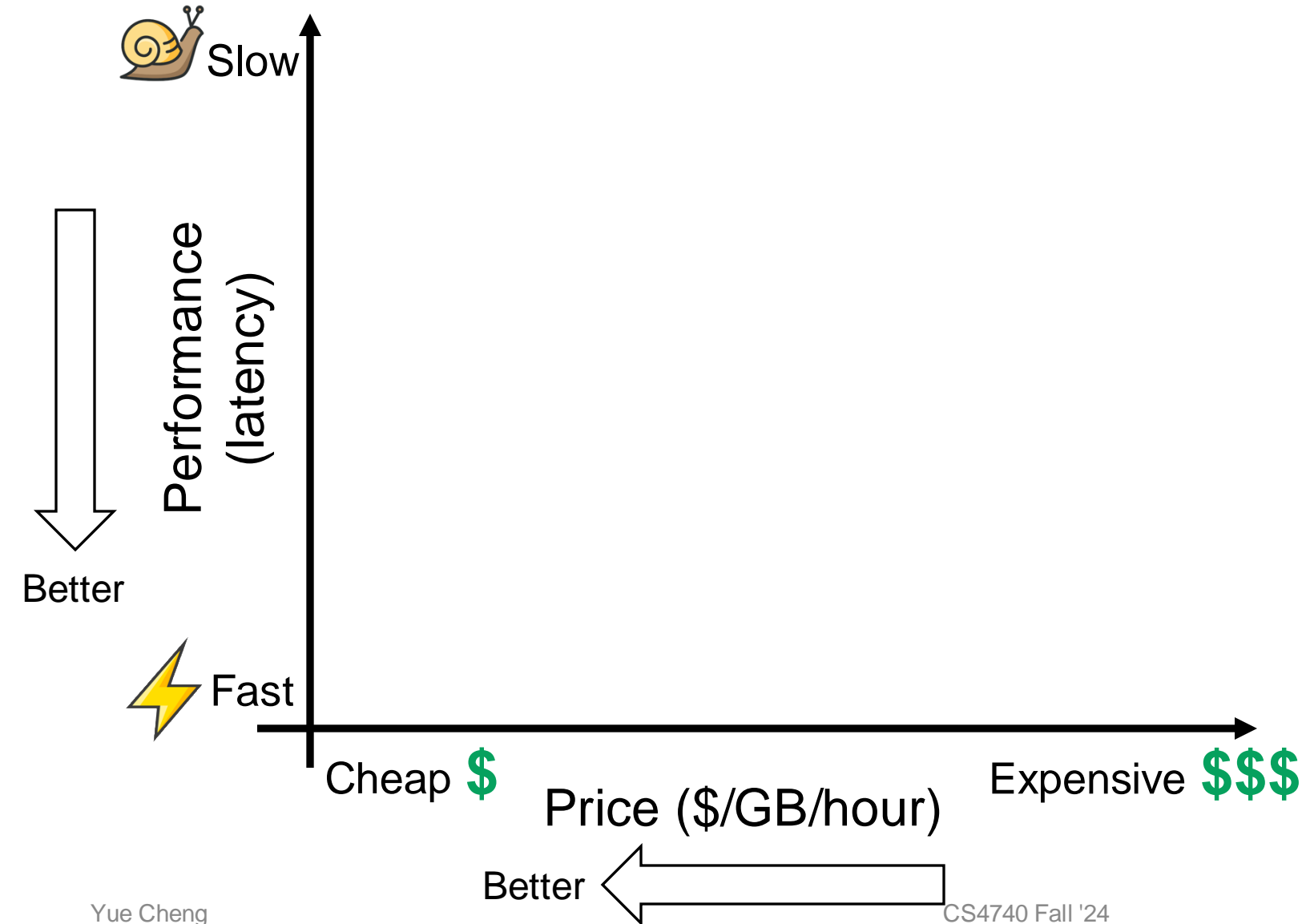
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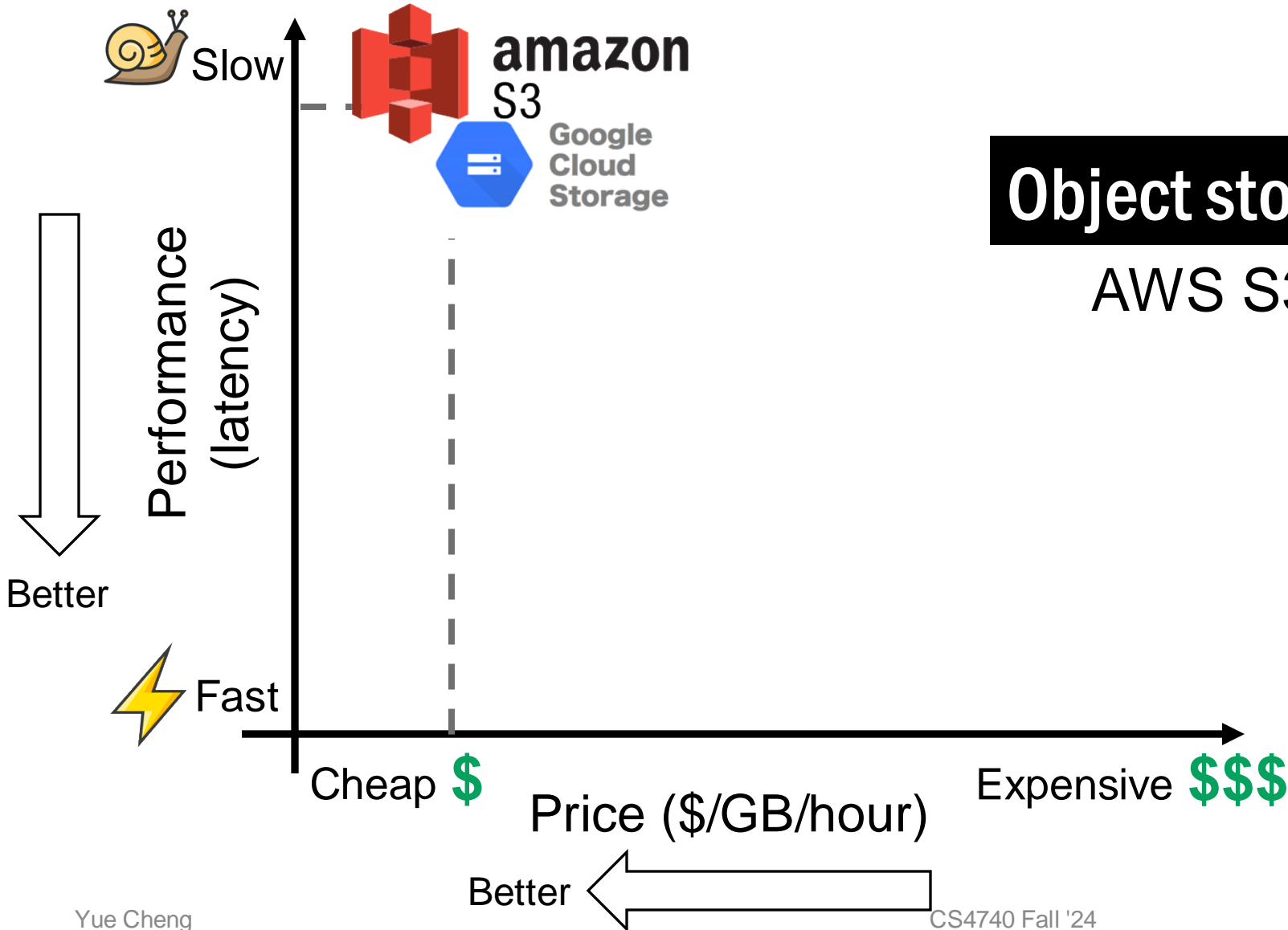
Extreme tension between small and large objects:

- Large objects ($>10\text{MB}$) occupy **95%** storage footprint

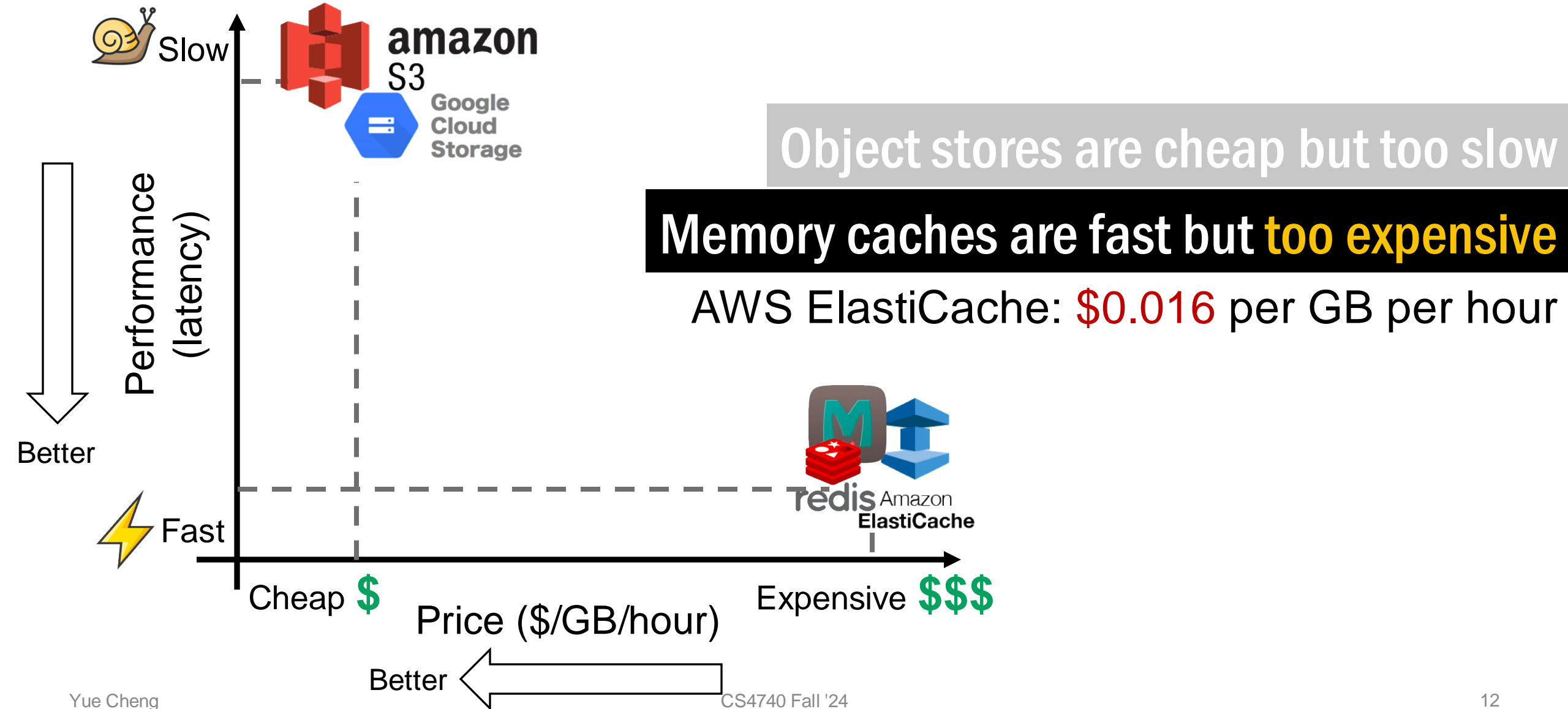
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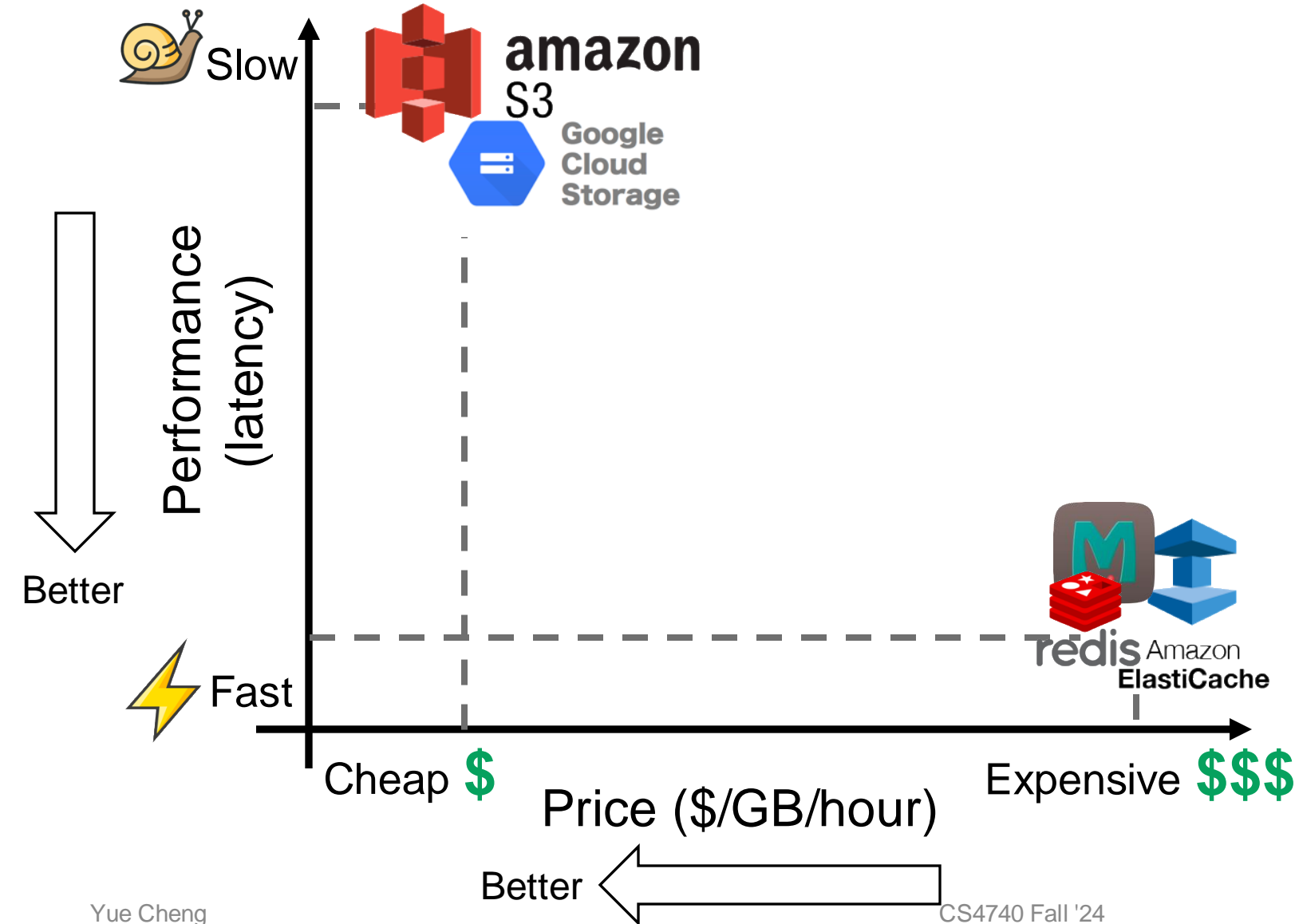
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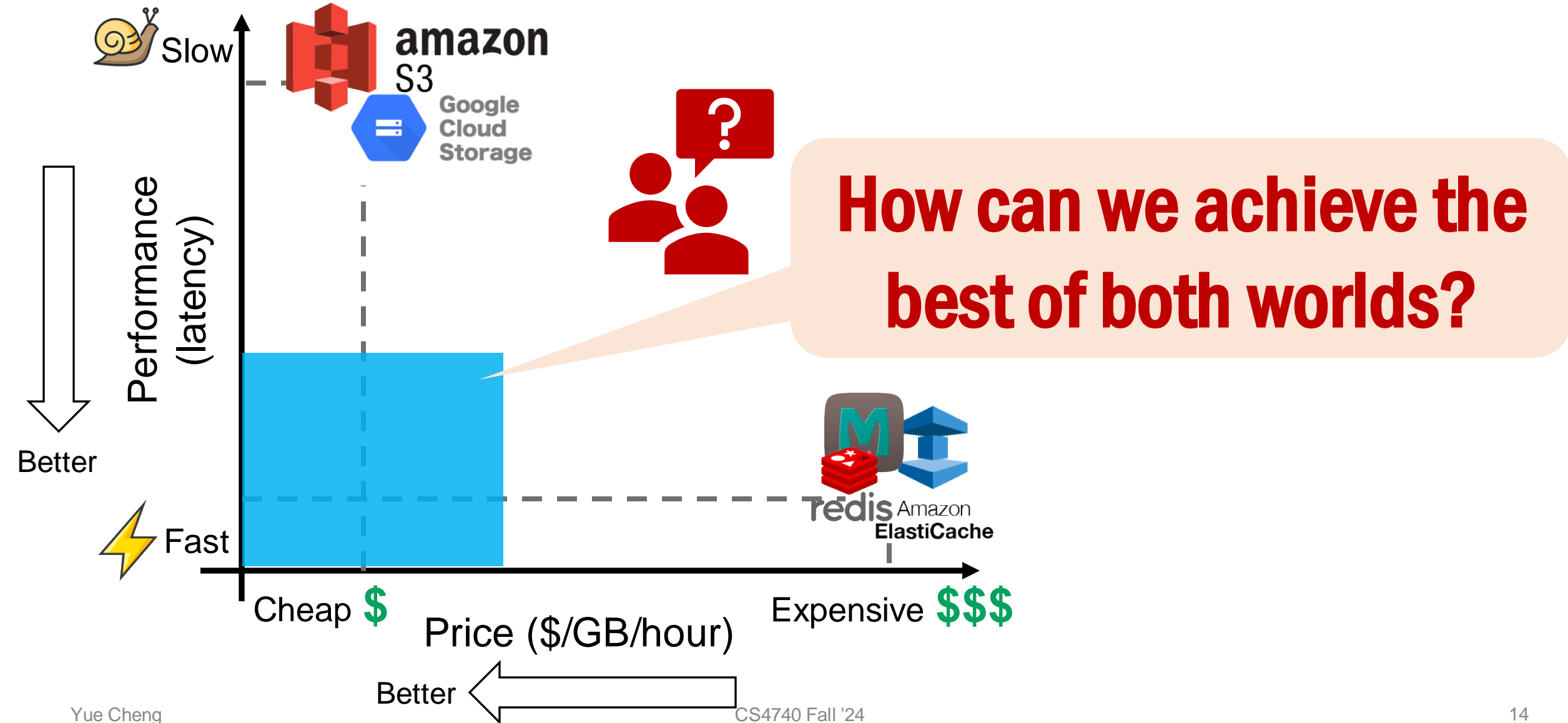
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- ⚠ Serverless functions could be reclaimed any time
- ⚠ In-memory state is lost



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⚠ Serverless functions cannot run as a server

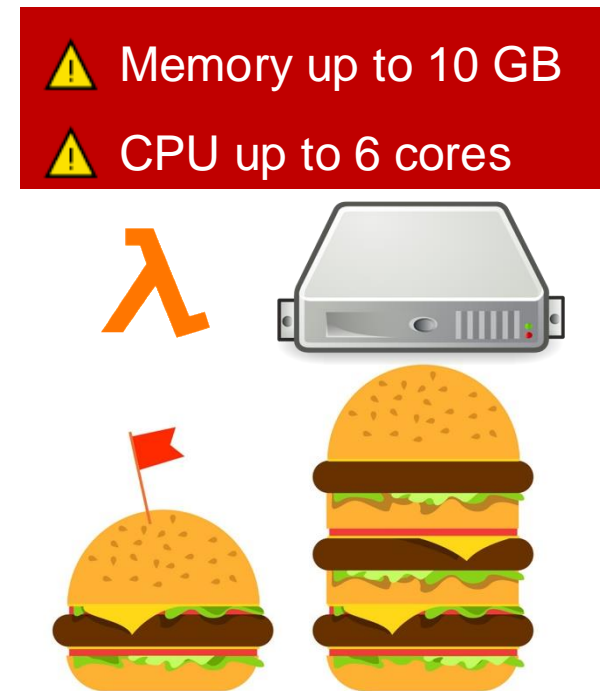


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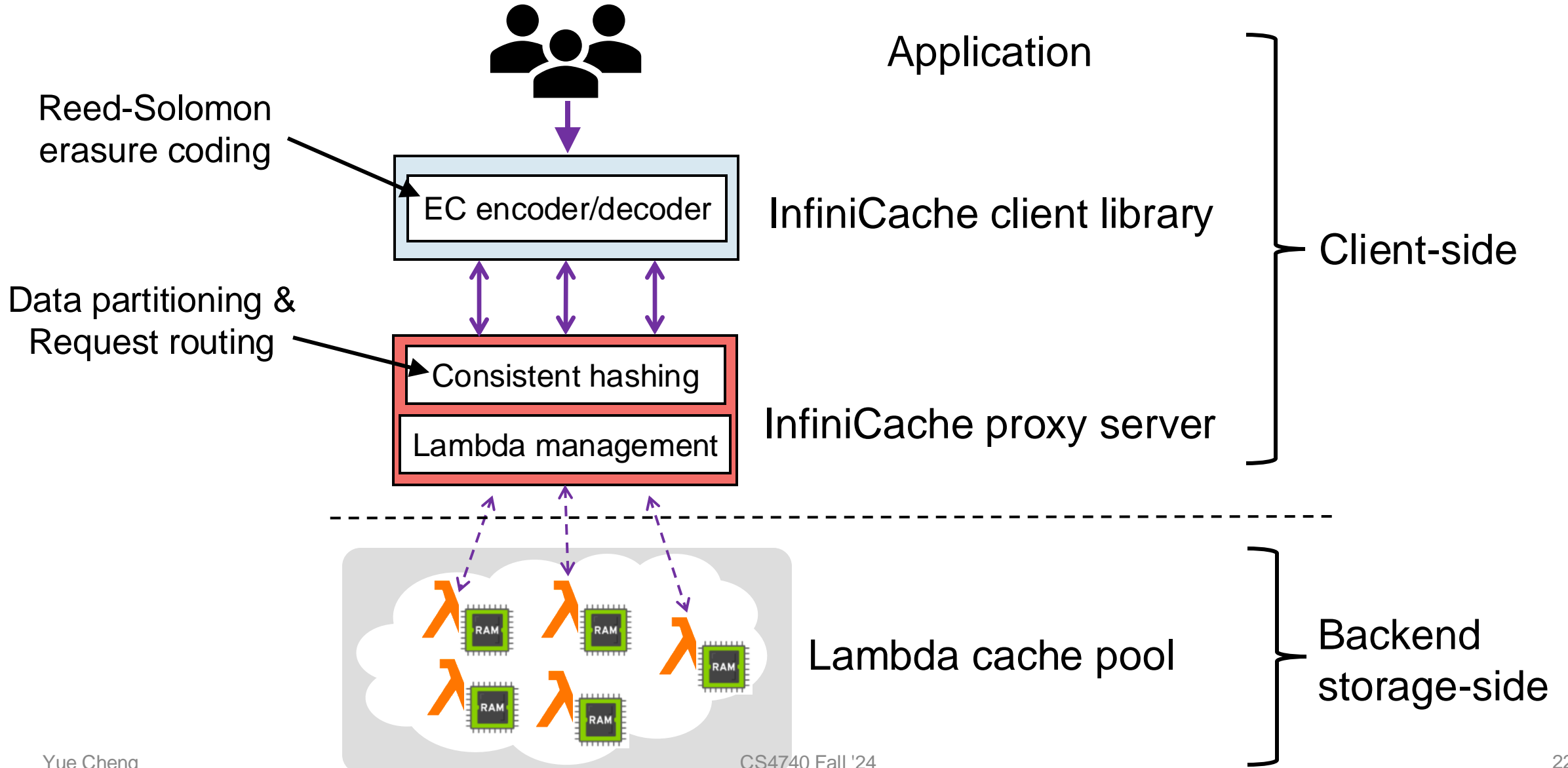
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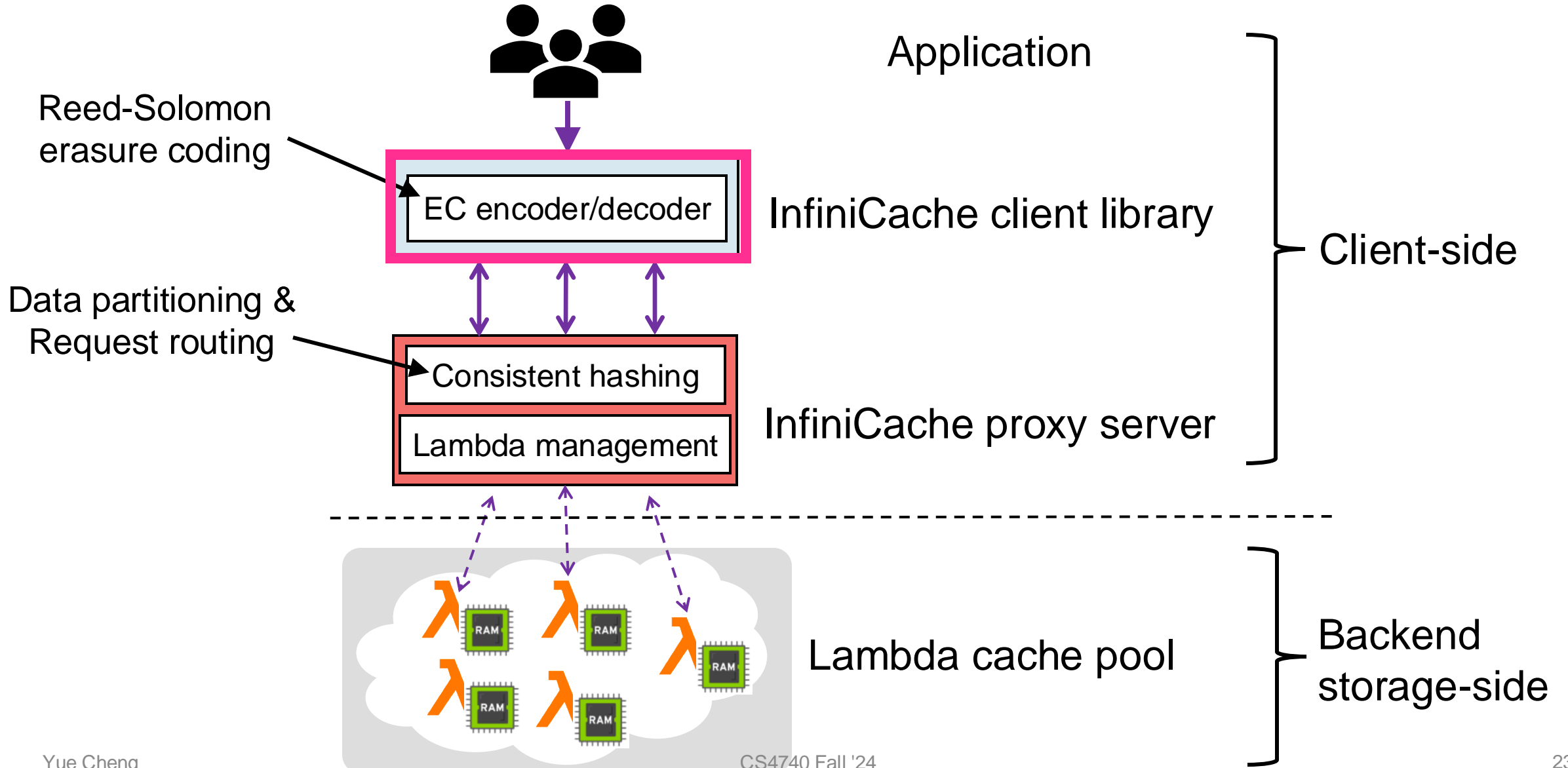
InfiniCache: The first memory cache built atop FaaS

- InfiniCache achieves **high data availability** by using erasure coding and delta-sync periodic data backup across functions
- InfiniCache achieves **high performance** by utilizing the aggregated, parallel network bandwidth of multiple functions
- InfiniCache achieves similar performance to AWS ElastiCache while reducing the \$\$ cost by **31-96X**

InfiniCache bird's eye view



Let's look at RAID and Reed-Solomon EC first



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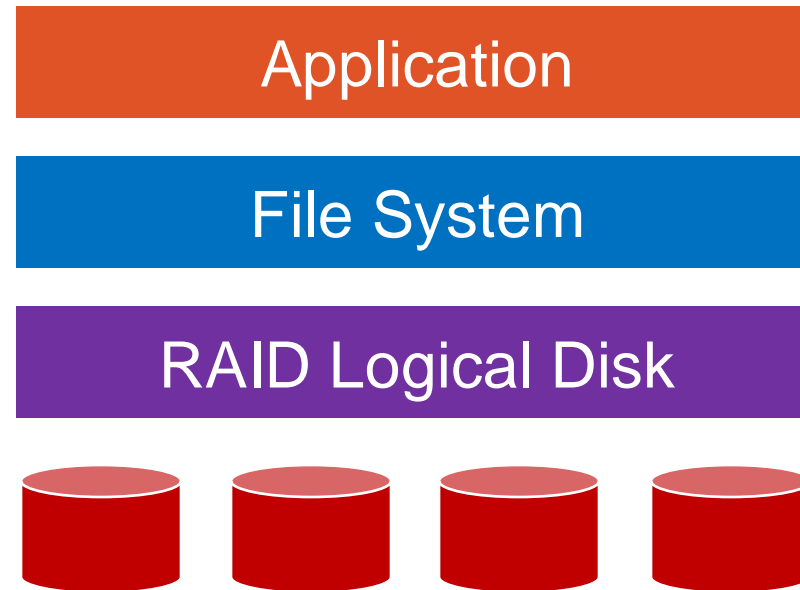
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- Wish it to be **more reliable**
 - We don't want our valuable data to be gone

Only One Disk?

- Sometimes we want many disks
 - For higher performance
 - For larger capacity
 - For better reliability
- **Challenge:** Most file systems work on only one disk

Solution: RAID

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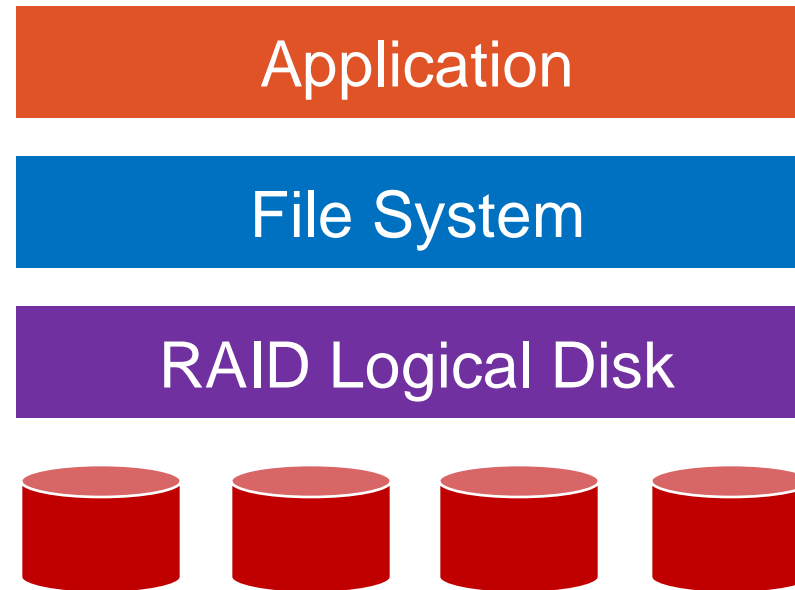
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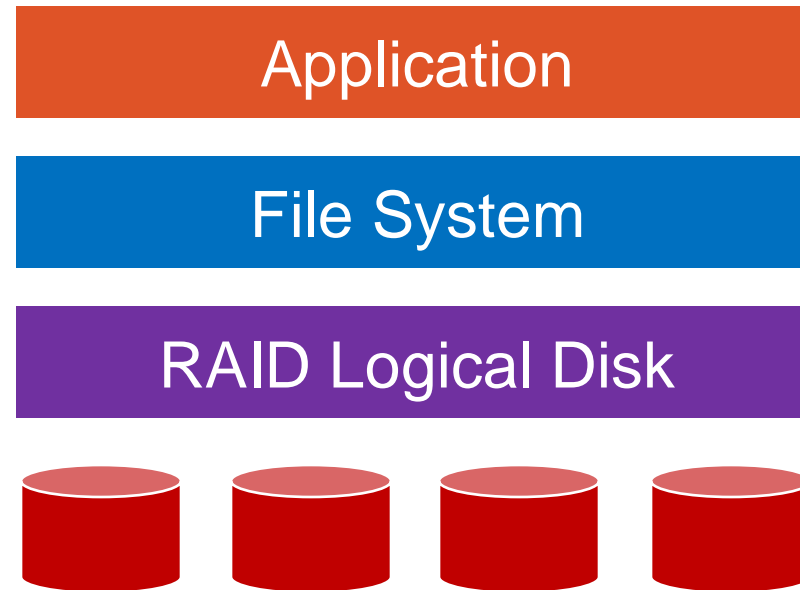
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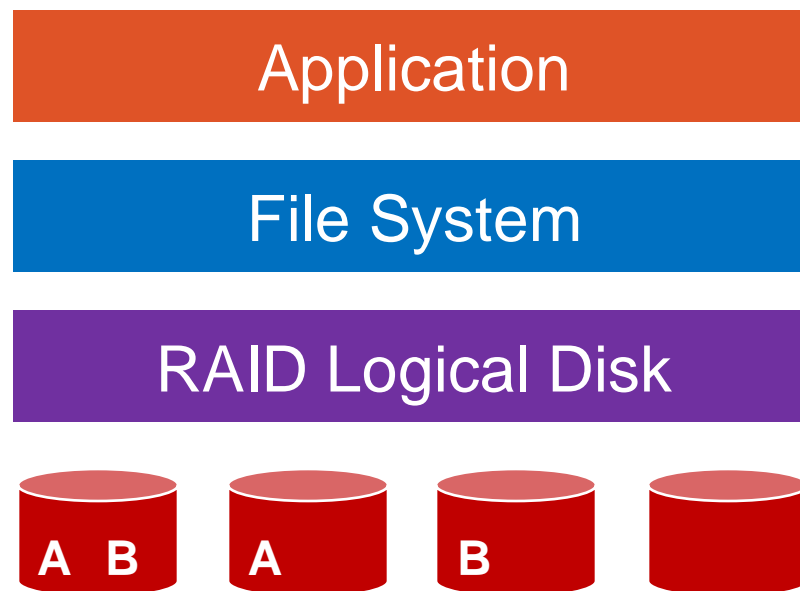
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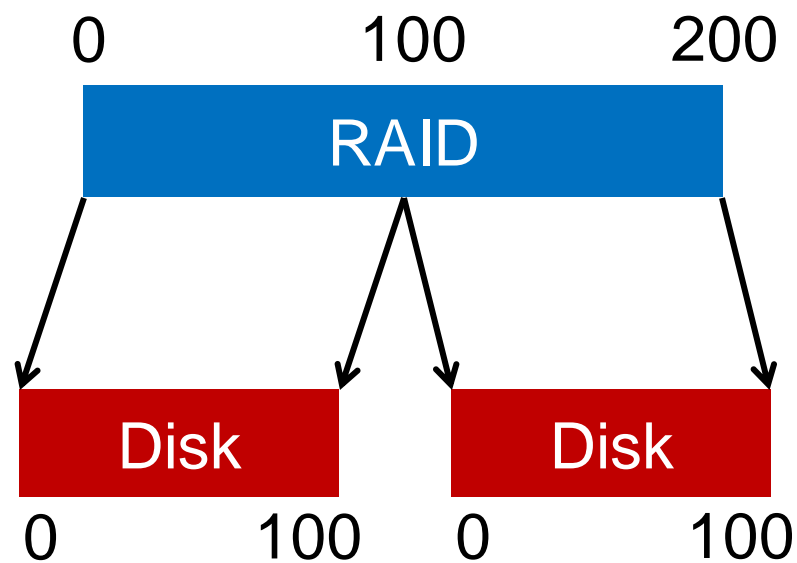
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- Strategy: Write software to **build high-quality logical devices from many cheap devices**
 - Tradeoff: To compensate poor properties of cheap devices

General Strategy

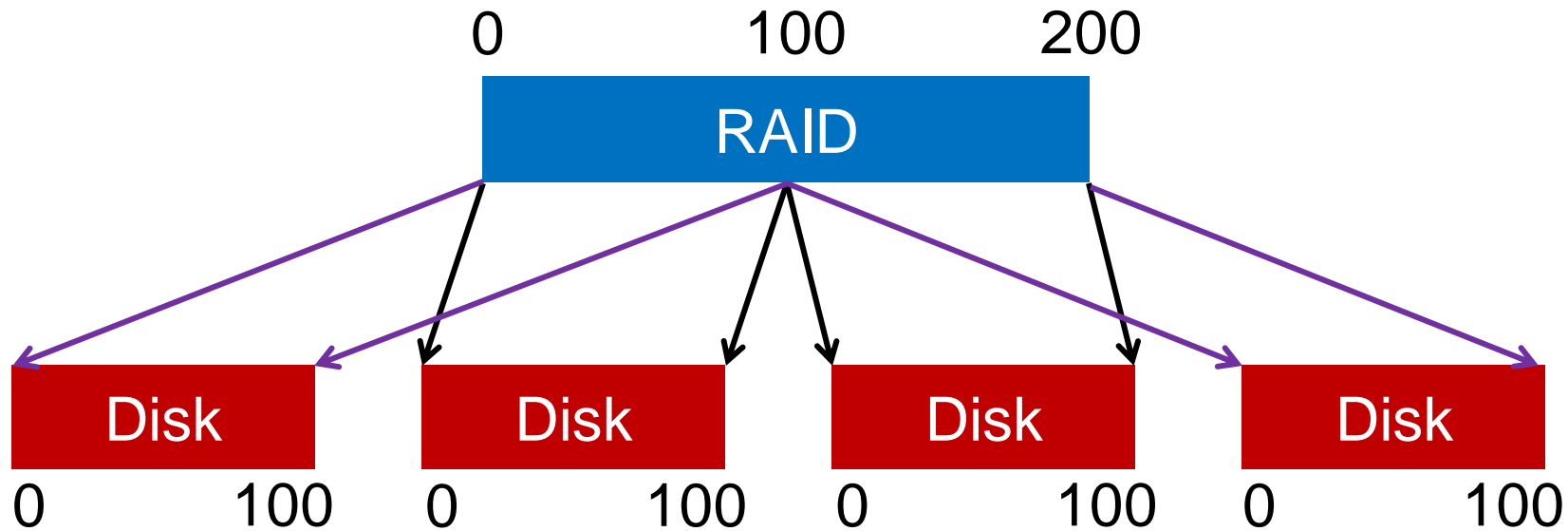
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Add more disks for **reliability++**!



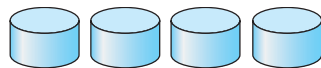
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- Capacity
 - How much space can apps use?
- Reliability
 - How many disks can we safely lose?
 - Assume **fail-stop** model!

RAID Levels



(a) RAID 0: non-redundant striping.



(b) RAID 1: mirrored disks.



(c) RAID 2: memory-style error-correcting codes.



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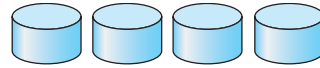


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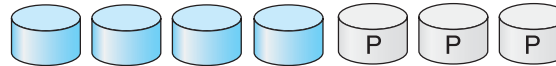
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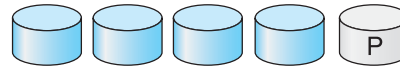
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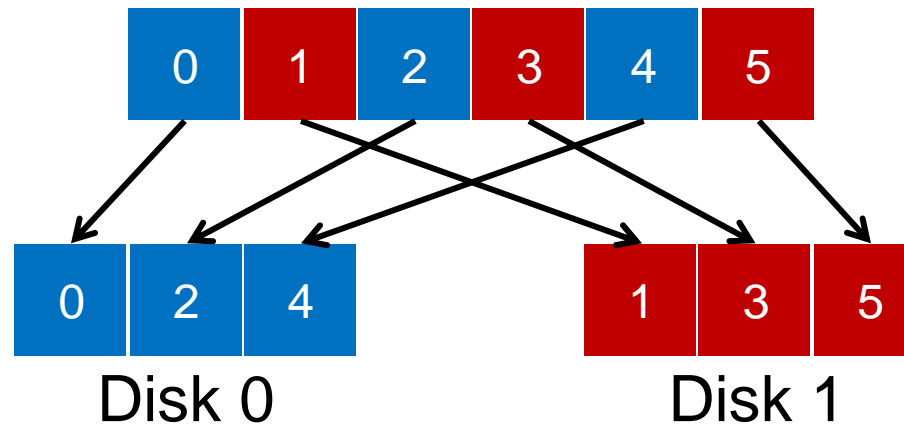


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RAID-0: Striping

- No redundancy
- Serves as **upper bound** for
 - Performance
 - Capacity

Logical blocks



4 Disks

| Disk 0 | Disk 1 | Disk 2 | Disk 3 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

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 - Disk = ...
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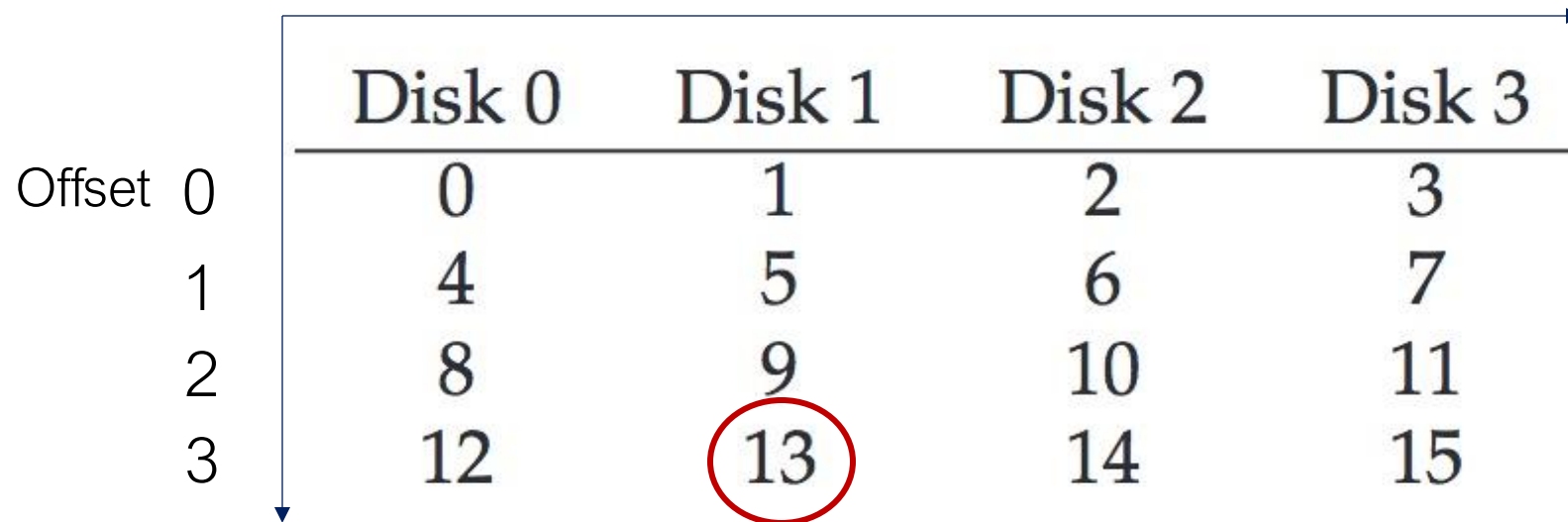
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Mapping Example: Find Block 13

- Given logical address 13:
 - Disk** = $13 \% 4 = 1$
 - Offset** = $13 / 4 = 3$



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|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Offset 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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Chunk Size = 2

| Disk 0 | Disk 1 | Disk 2 | Disk 3 | |
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| 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | chunk size: 2 blocks |
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In all following examples, we assume chunk size of 1

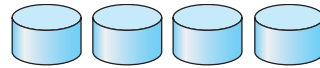
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2. How many disks can fail? 0

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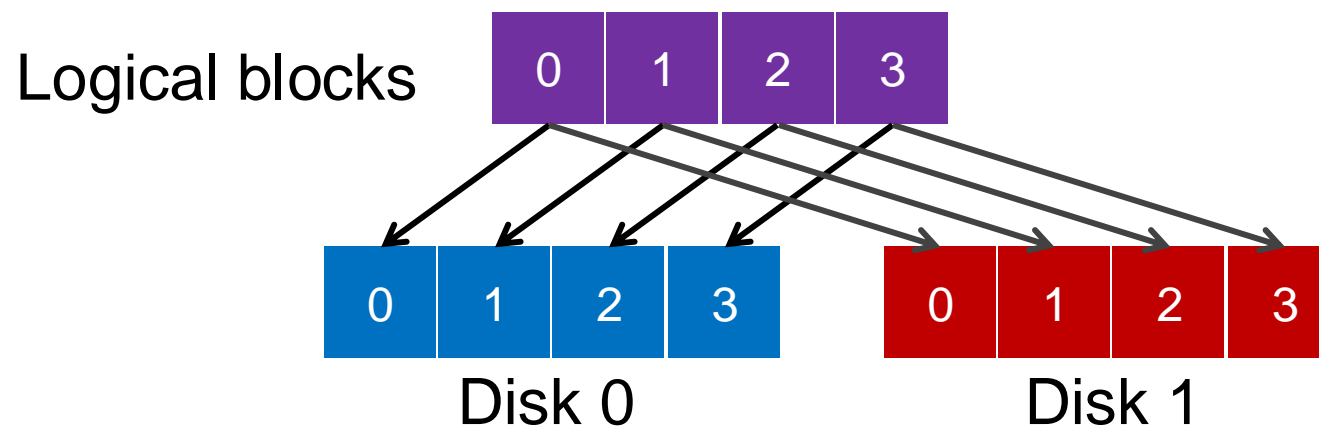
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RAID-1: Mirroring

- RAID-1 keeps two copies of each block



Assumption

- Assume disks are **fail-stop**
 - Two states
 - They work or they don't
 - We know when they don't work

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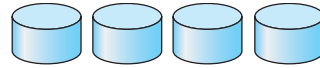
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How many disks can fail?

RAID-1 Analysis

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2. How many disks can fail? 1 or maybe $N / 2$

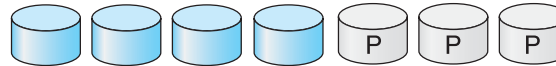
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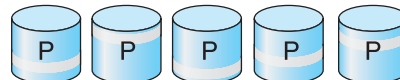
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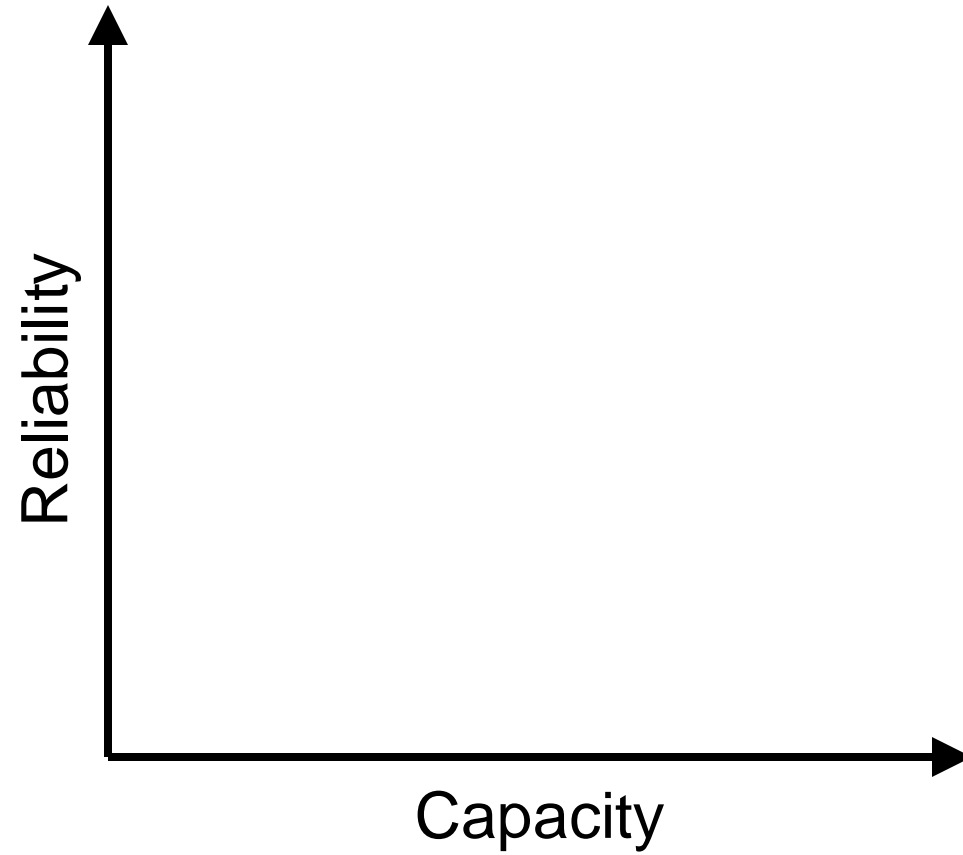


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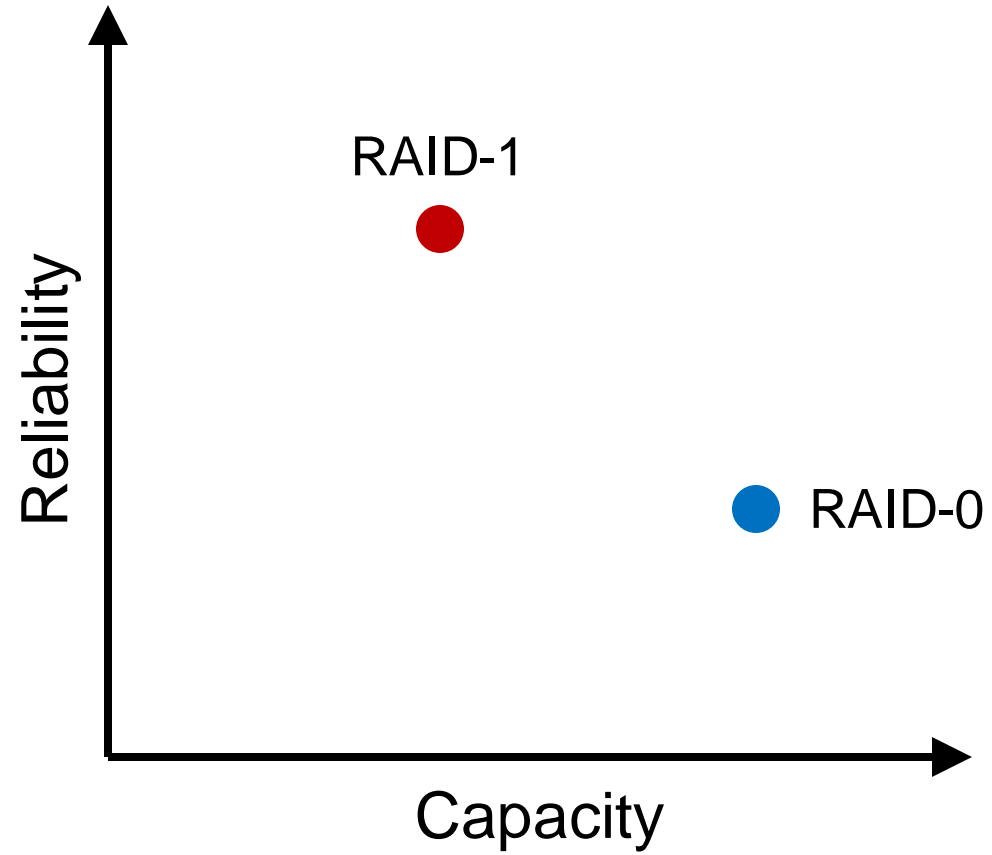


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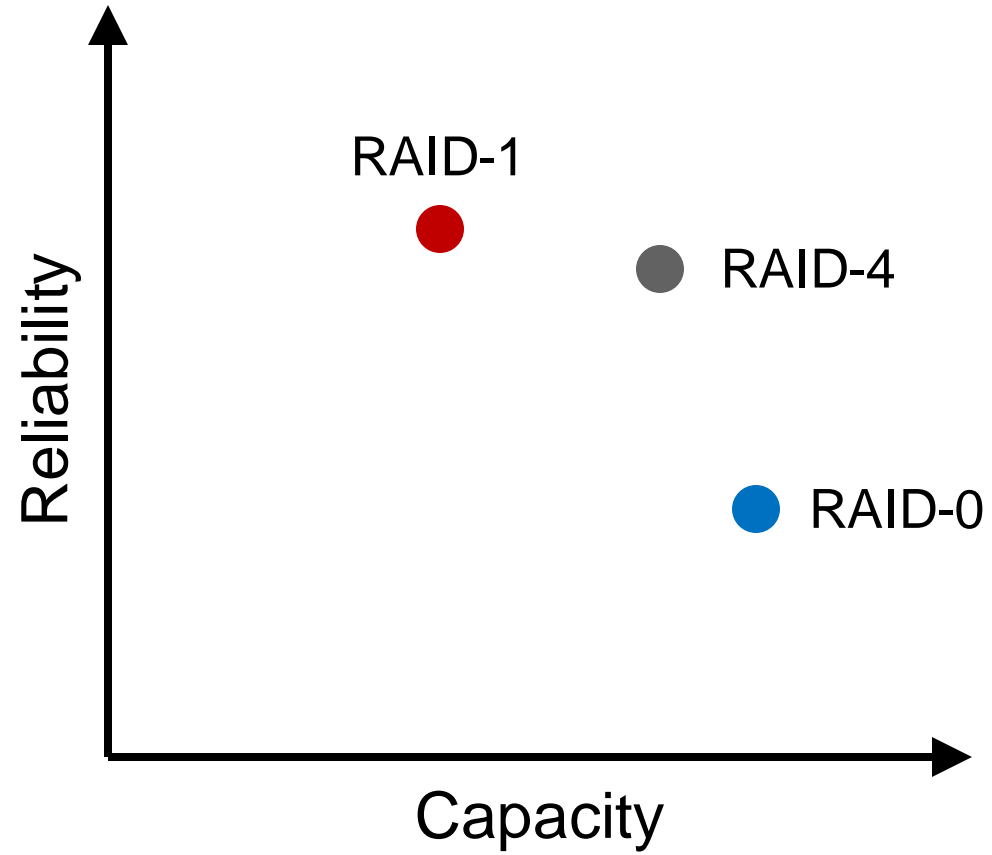
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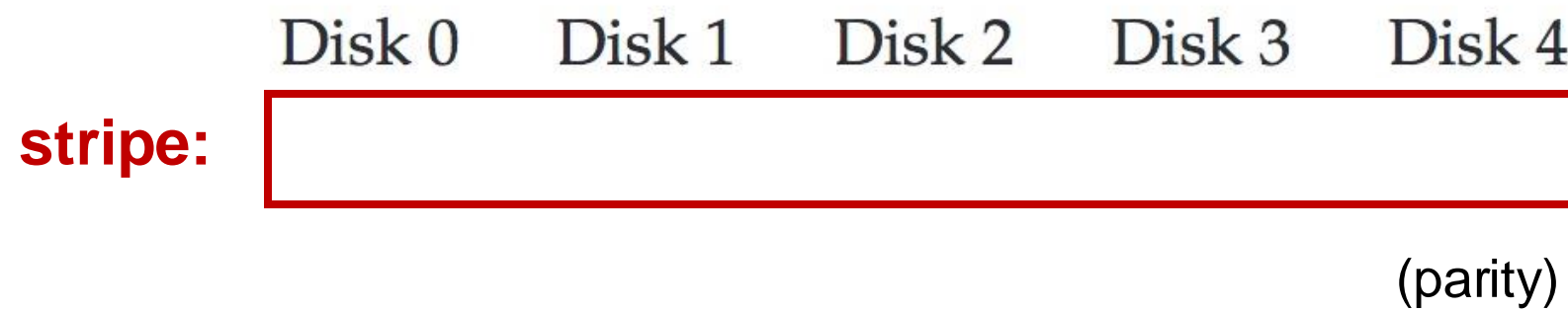
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- A **failed disk** is like an unknown **in that equation**

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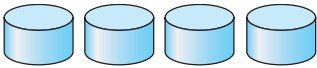
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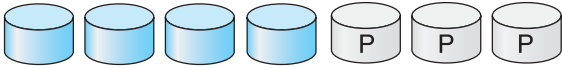
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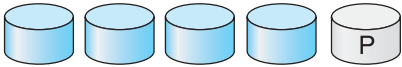
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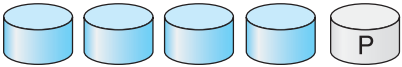
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(f) RAID 5: block-interleaved distributed parity.



(g) RAID 6: P + Q redundancy.

RAID-5: Rotating Parity

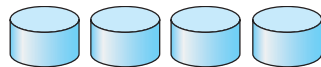
| Disk 0 | Disk 1 | Disk 2 | Disk 3 | Disk 4 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | P0 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | P1 | 4 |
| 10 | 11 | P2 | 8 | 9 |
| 15 | P3 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| P4 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |

RAID-5 works almost identically to RAID-4, except that it rotates the parity block across drives

RAID-5 Analysis

1. What is capacity? $(N-1) * C$
2. How many disks can fail? 1

RAID Level 6



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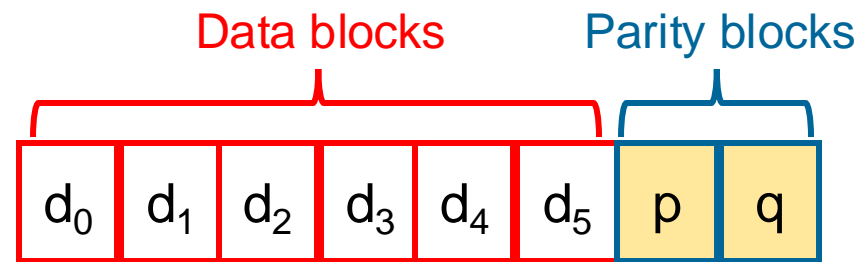


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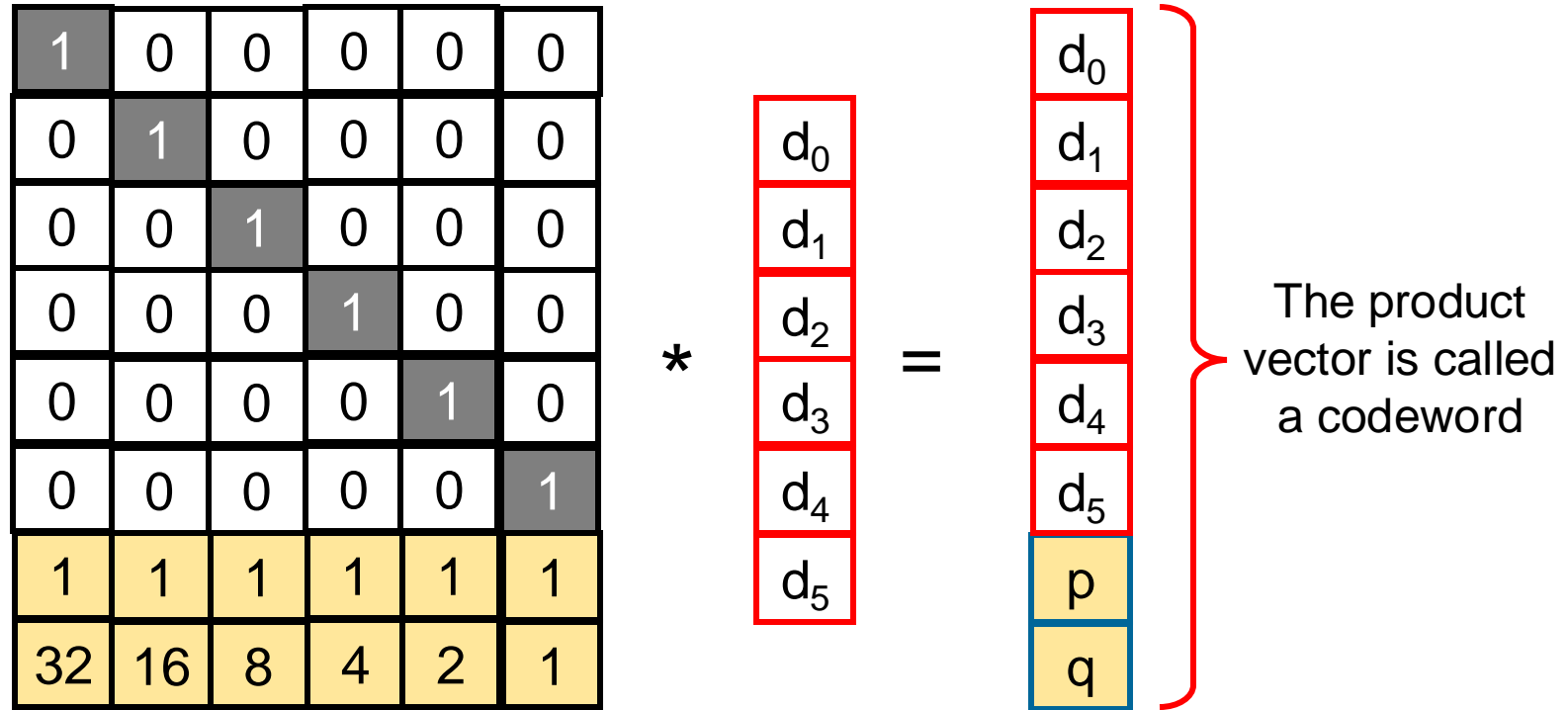
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RAID-6



RAID-6 can fail at most 2 disks at a time.

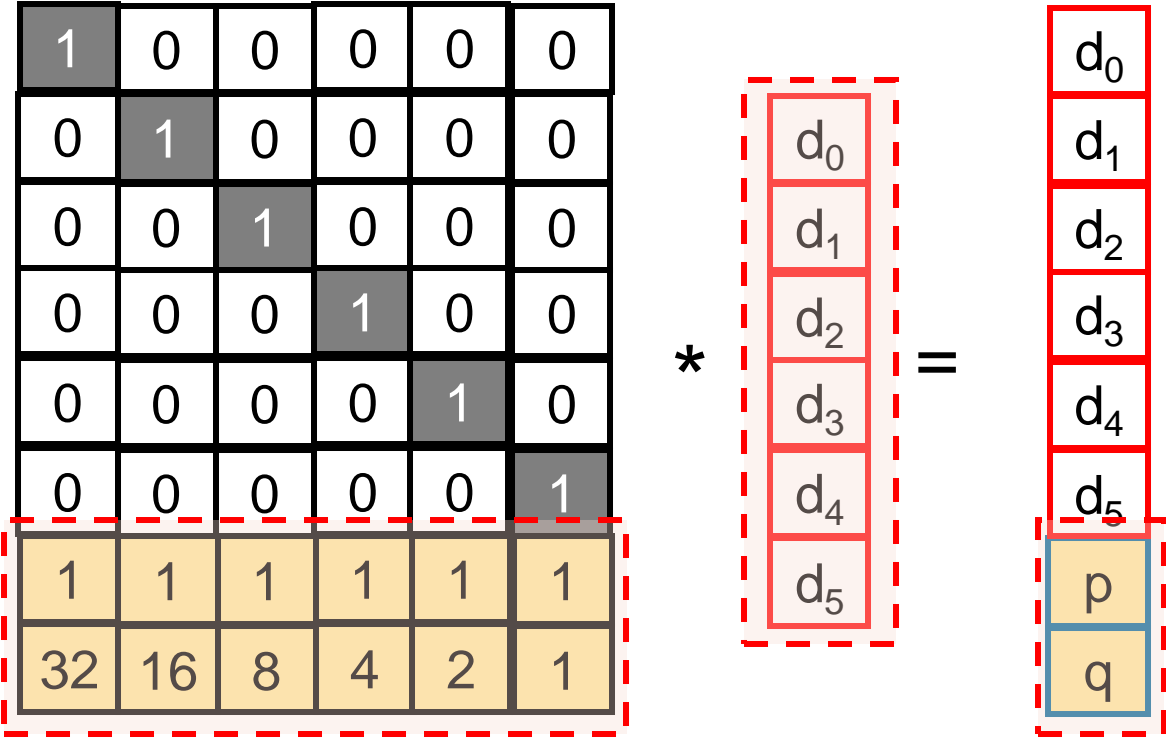
Encoding



Generator matrix

$$[8 \times 6] * [6 \times 1] = [8 \times 1]$$

Encoding



$$d_0 \oplus d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5 \longrightarrow p$$

$$32d_0 \oplus 16d_1 \oplus 8d_2 \oplus 4d_3 \oplus 2d_4 \oplus d_5 \longrightarrow q$$

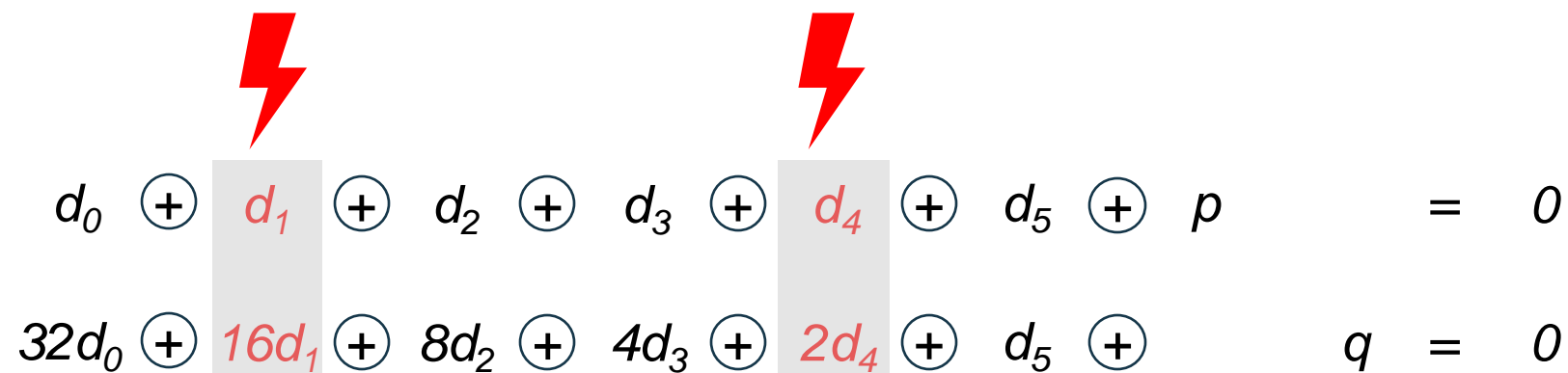
Decoding with a parity check matrix

Parity check matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 32 & 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} d_0 \\ d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \\ d_4 \\ d_5 \\ p \\ q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

Handling failures with decoding


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Suppose disk1 (d_1) and disk4 (d_4) fail

Handling failures with decoding

Diagram illustrating the reduction of a polynomial equation. The top row shows the original equation: $d_0 + d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 + d_5 + p = 0$. The bottom row shows the reduced equation: $32d_0 + 16d_1 + 8d_2 + 4d_3 + 2d_4 + d_5 + q = 0$. Red lightning bolts indicate the reduction step from the top row to the bottom row. The terms d_1 and d_4 in both rows are highlighted with red lightning bolts.

Suppose disk1 (d_1) and disk4 (d_4) fail

Step 1: Put the failed data on the right of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} d_0 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_5 \oplus p & = & d_1 \oplus d_4 \\ 32d_0 \oplus 8d_2 \oplus 4d_3 \oplus d_5 \oplus q & = & 16d_1 \oplus 2d_4 \end{array}$$

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Suppose disk1 (d_1) and disk4 (d_4) fail

Step 2: Calculate the left sides, since those all exist.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} d_0 & \oplus & d_2 & \oplus & d_3 & \oplus & d_5 & \oplus & p & = & S_0 & = & d_1 & \oplus & d_4 \\ 32d_0 & \oplus & 8d_2 & \oplus & 4d_3 & \oplus & d_5 & \oplus & q & = & S_1 & = & 16d_1 & \oplus & 2d_4 \end{array}$$

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Suppose disk1 (d_1) and disk4 (d_4) fail

Step 3: Solve using Gaussian Elimination or Matrix Inversion.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} S_0 & = & d_1 \oplus d_4 \\ S_1 & = & 16d_1 \oplus 2d_4 \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{lcl} d_1 & = & \frac{(2S_0 \oplus S_1)}{(16 \oplus 2)} \\ d_4 & = & S_0 \oplus d_1 \end{array}$$

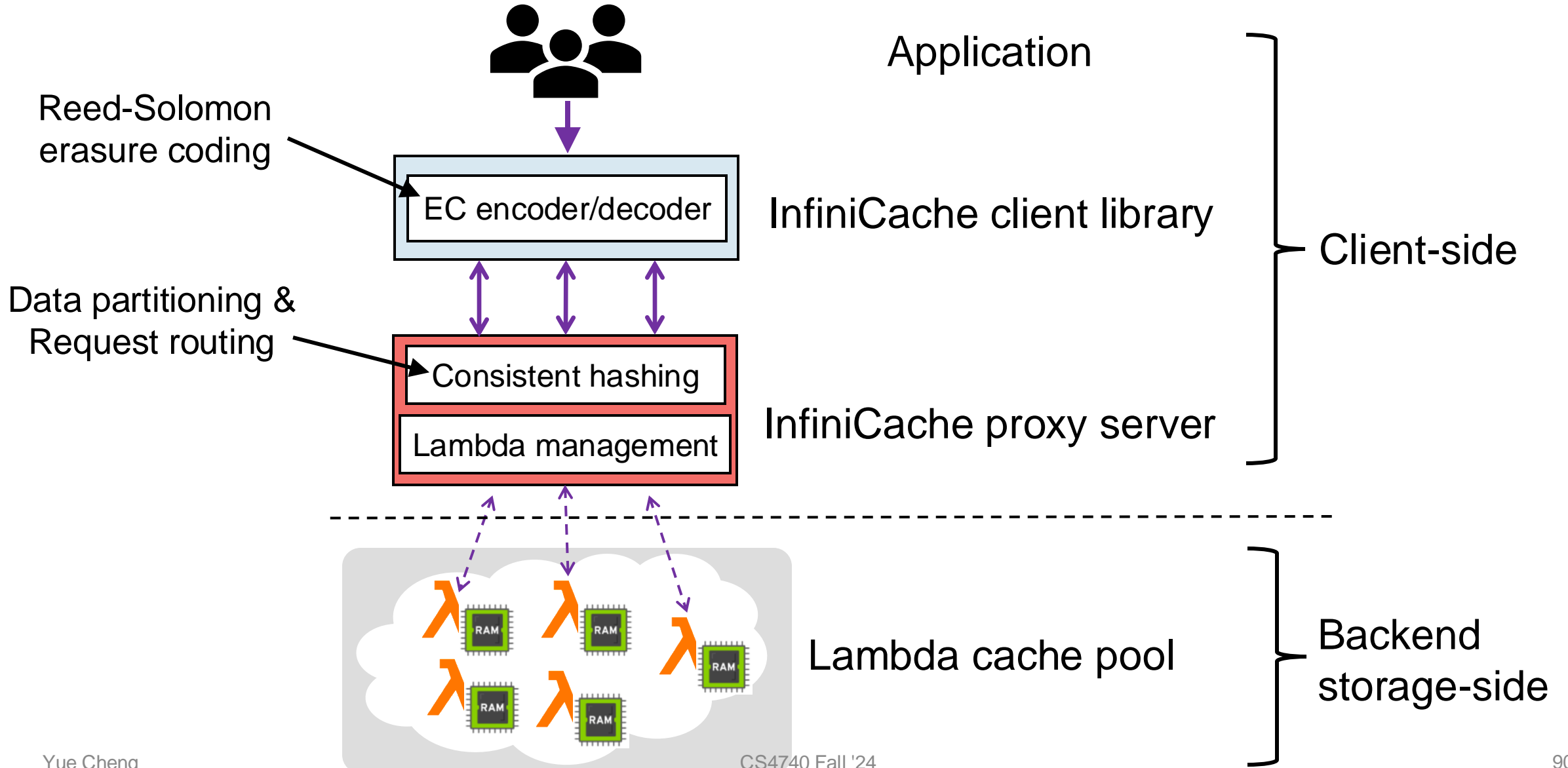
RAID-6 Analysis

Assuming a RS configuration of 6+2

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Switching back to InfiniCache

InfiniCache bird's eye view



InfiniCache: PUT path



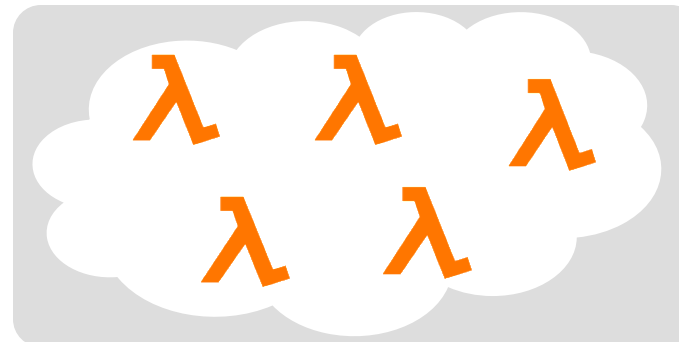
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EC encoder

InfiniCache client library

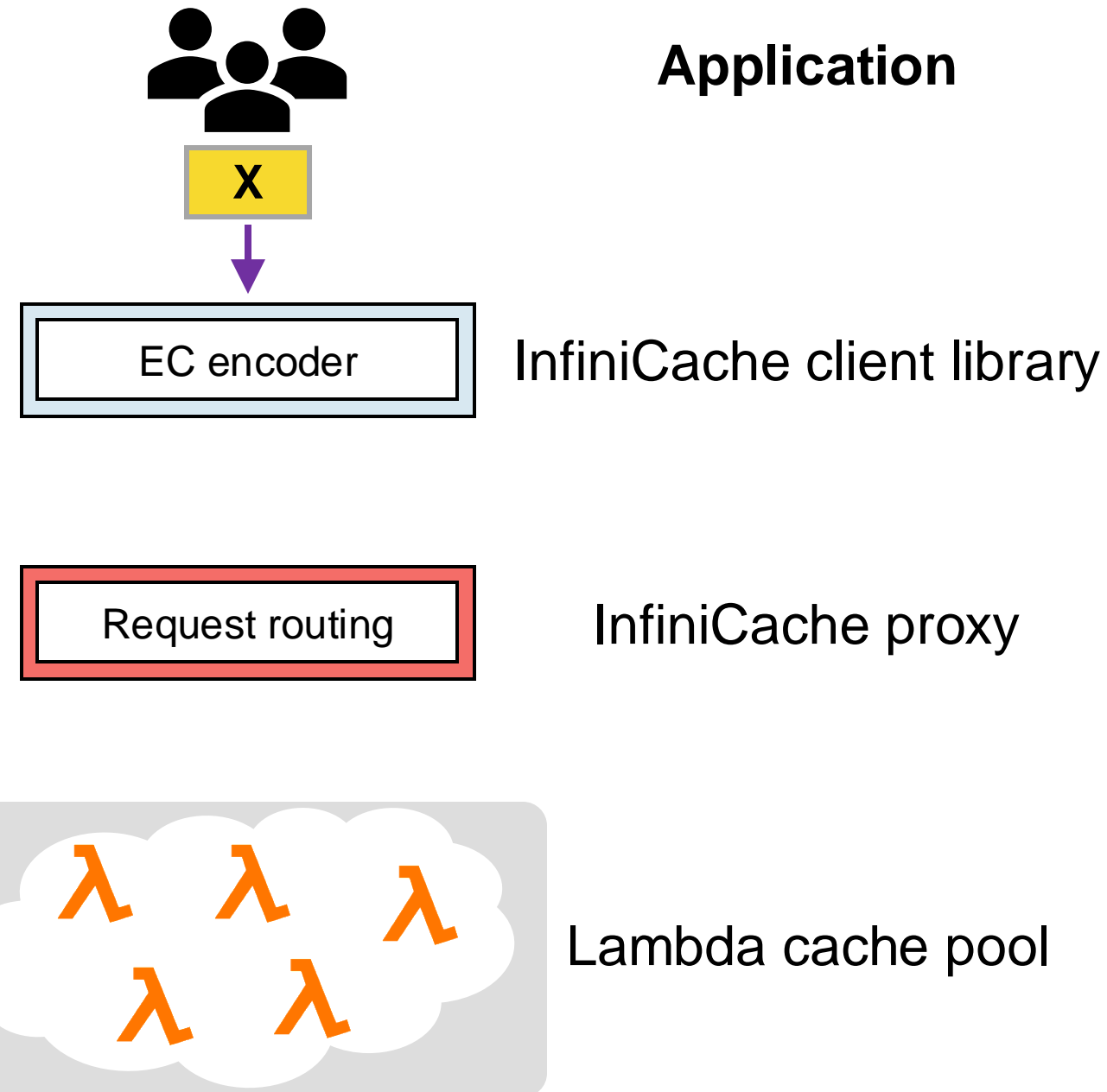
Request routing

InfiniCache proxy



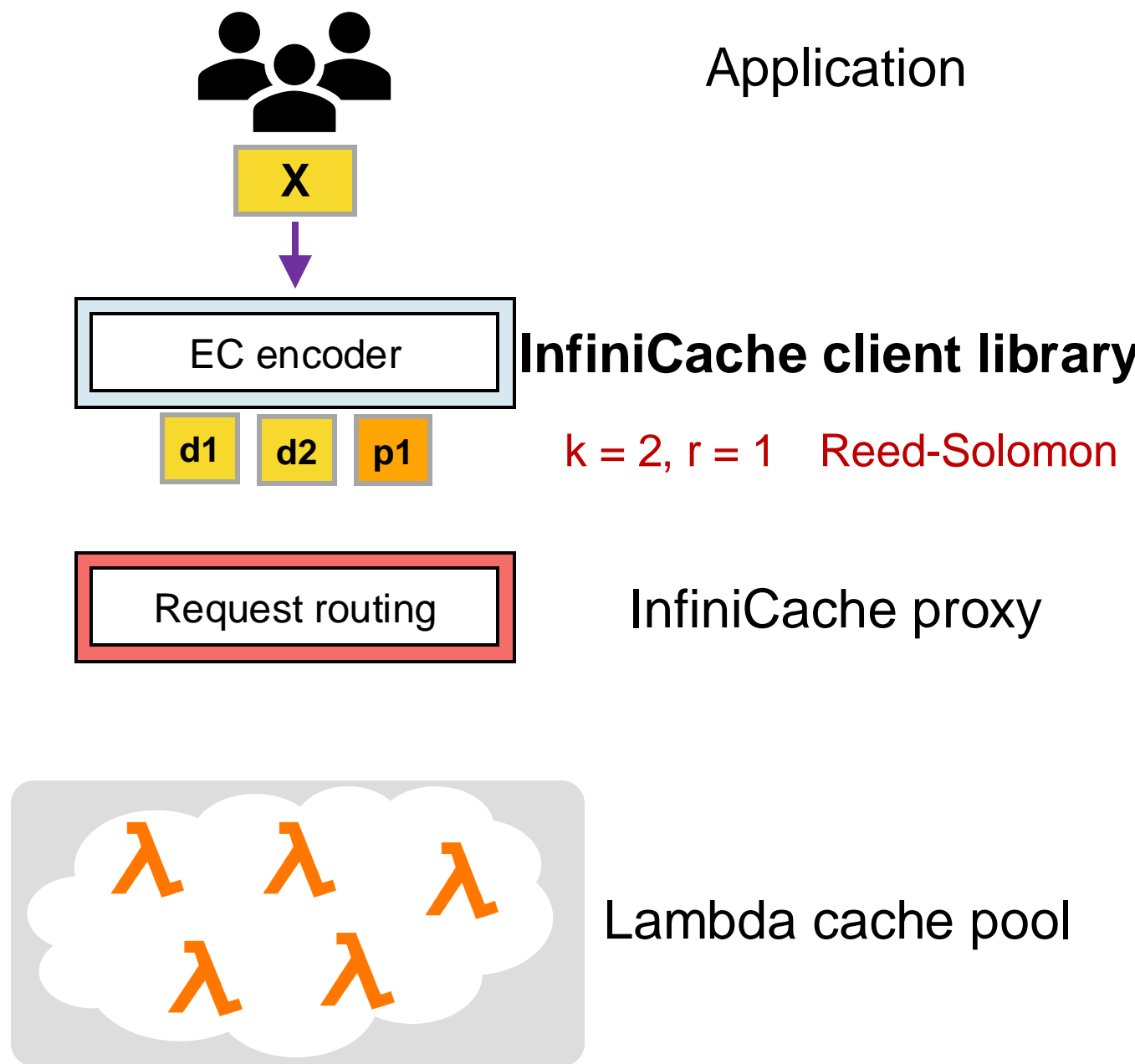
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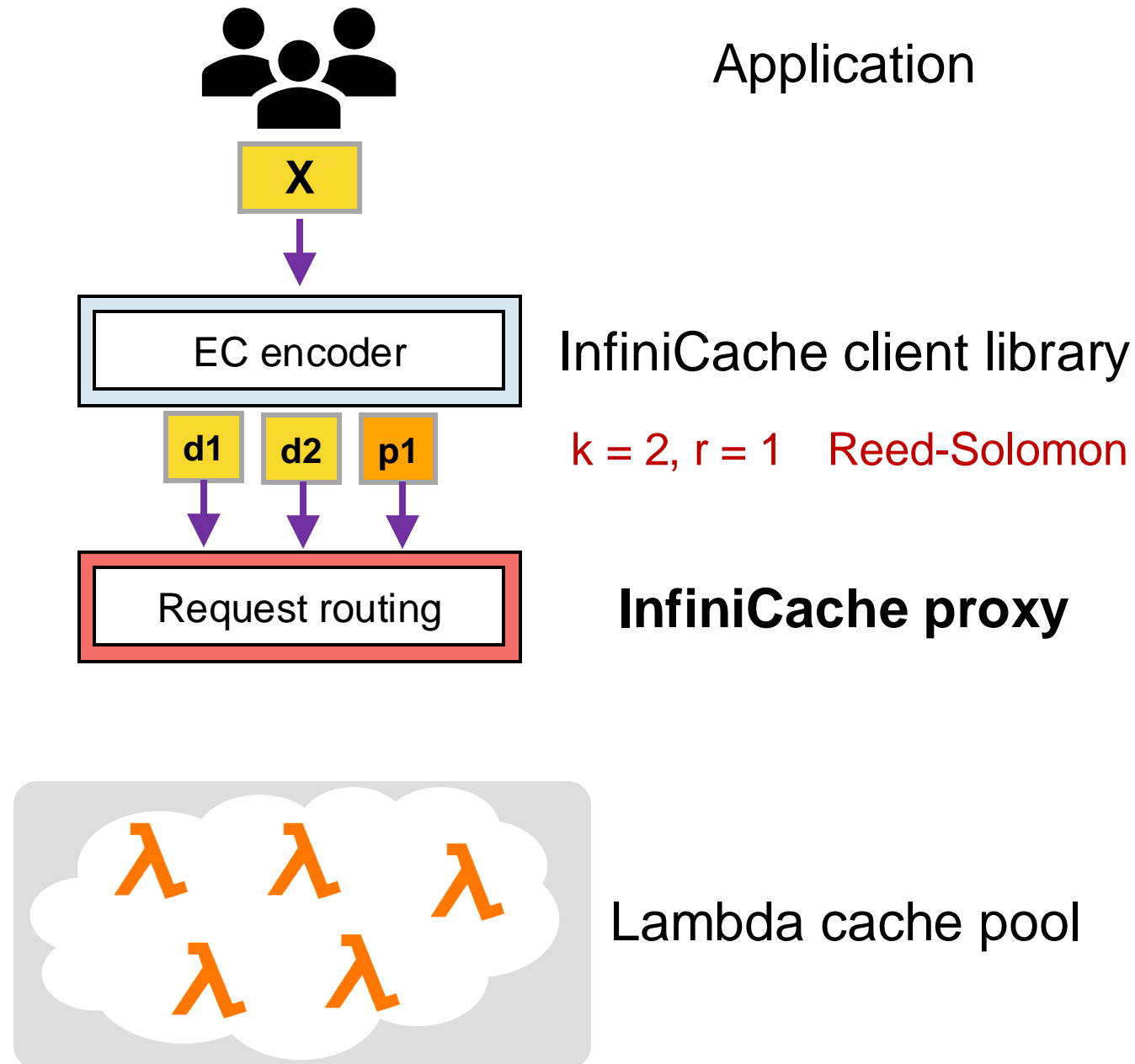
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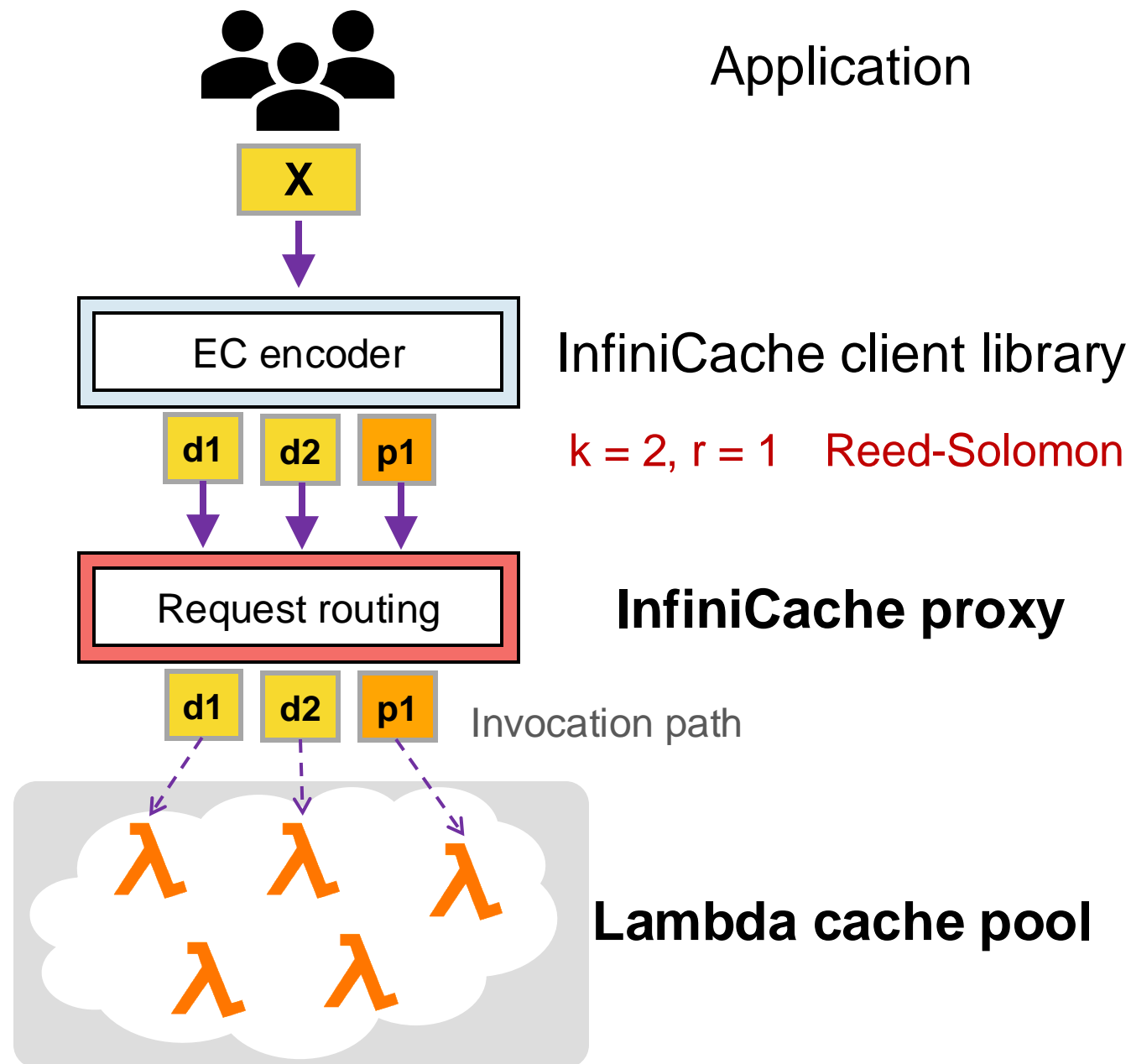
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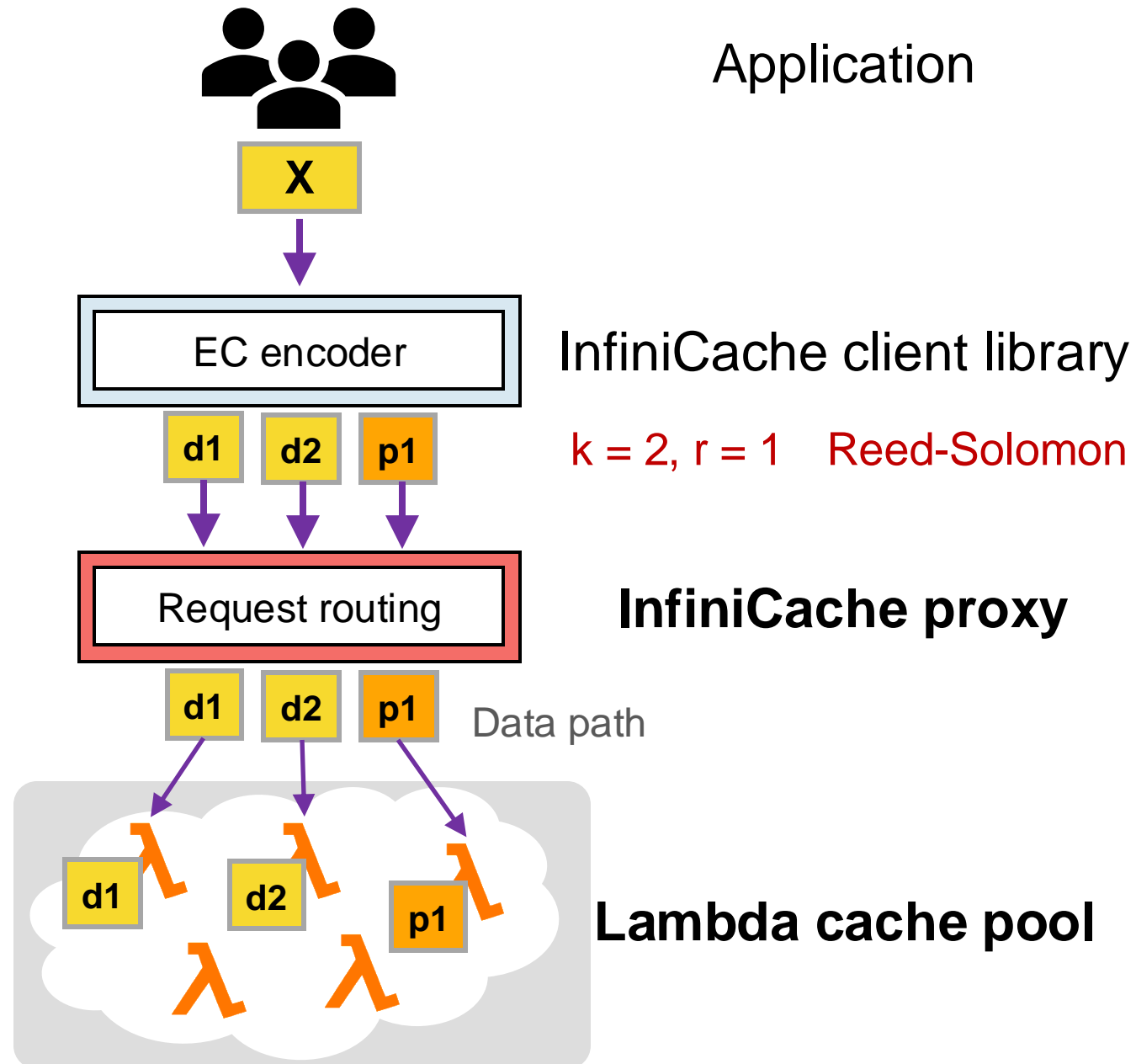
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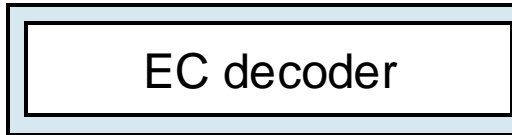
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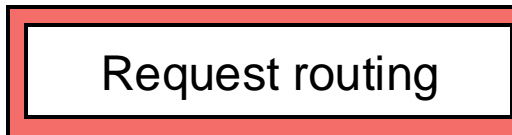
InfiniCache: GET path



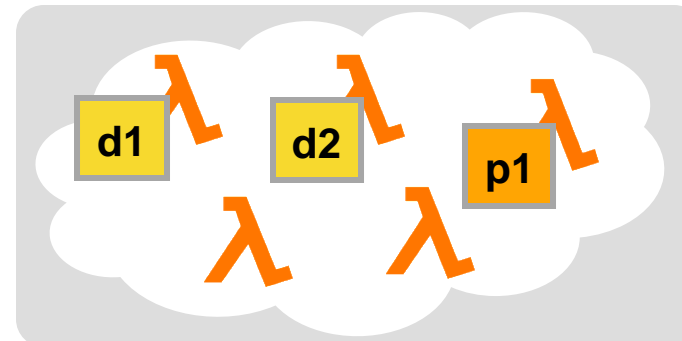
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InfiniCache client library



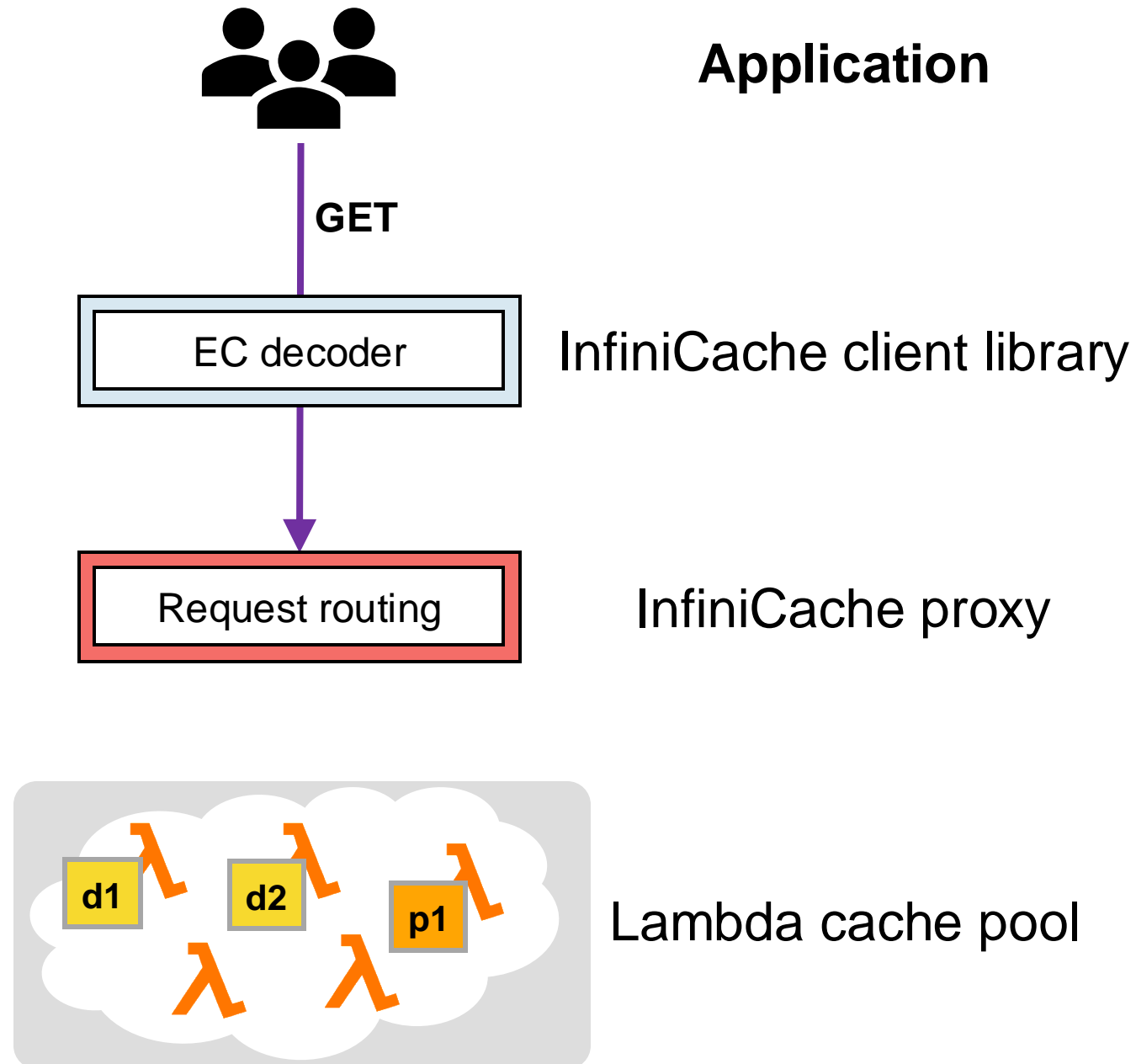
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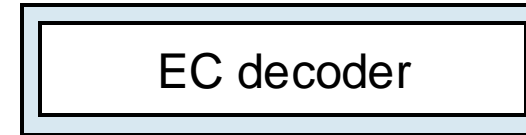


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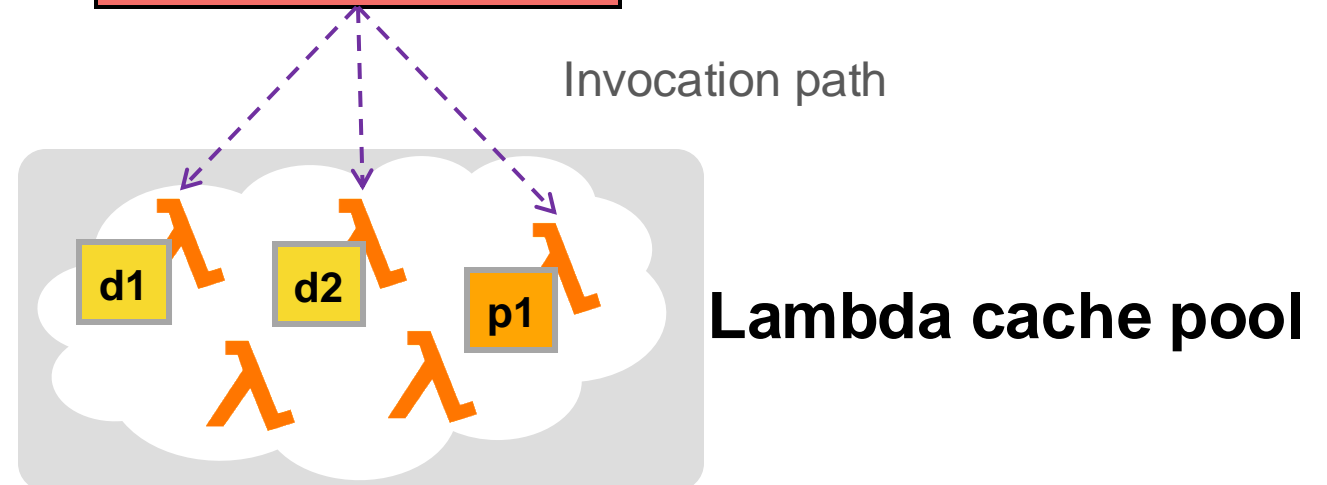
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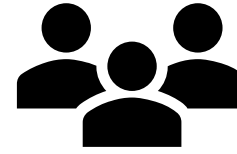
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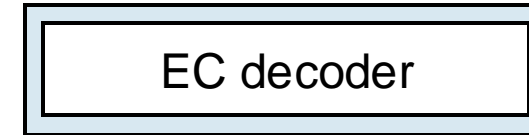


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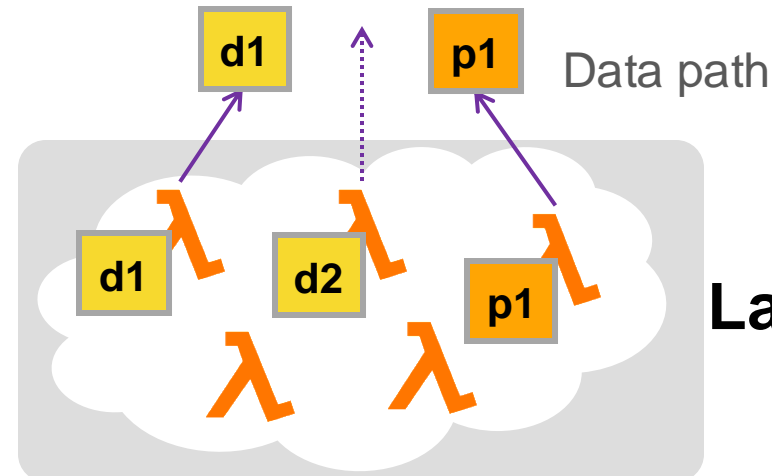
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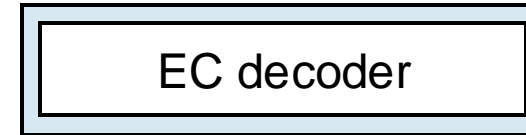
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InfiniCache: GET path



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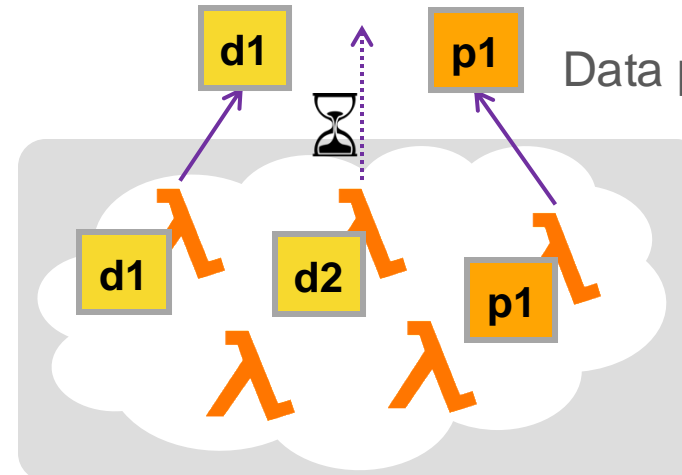
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InfiniCache proxy



$k = 2, r = 1$
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Lambda cache pool

InfiniCache: GET path



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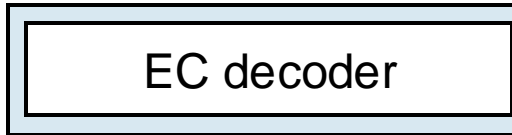
Recall MapReduce uses replication to tackle **stragglers**; turns out storage-efficient redundancy technique **erasure coding** can achieve the same goal.

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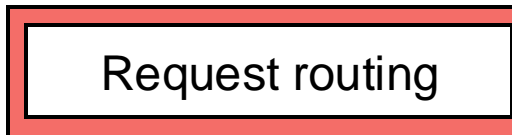
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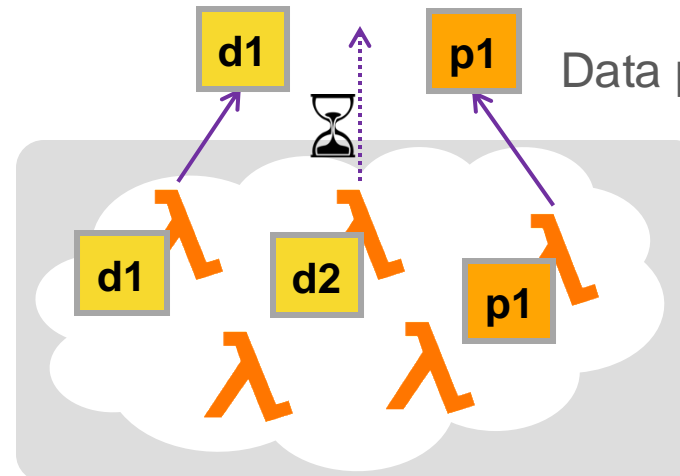
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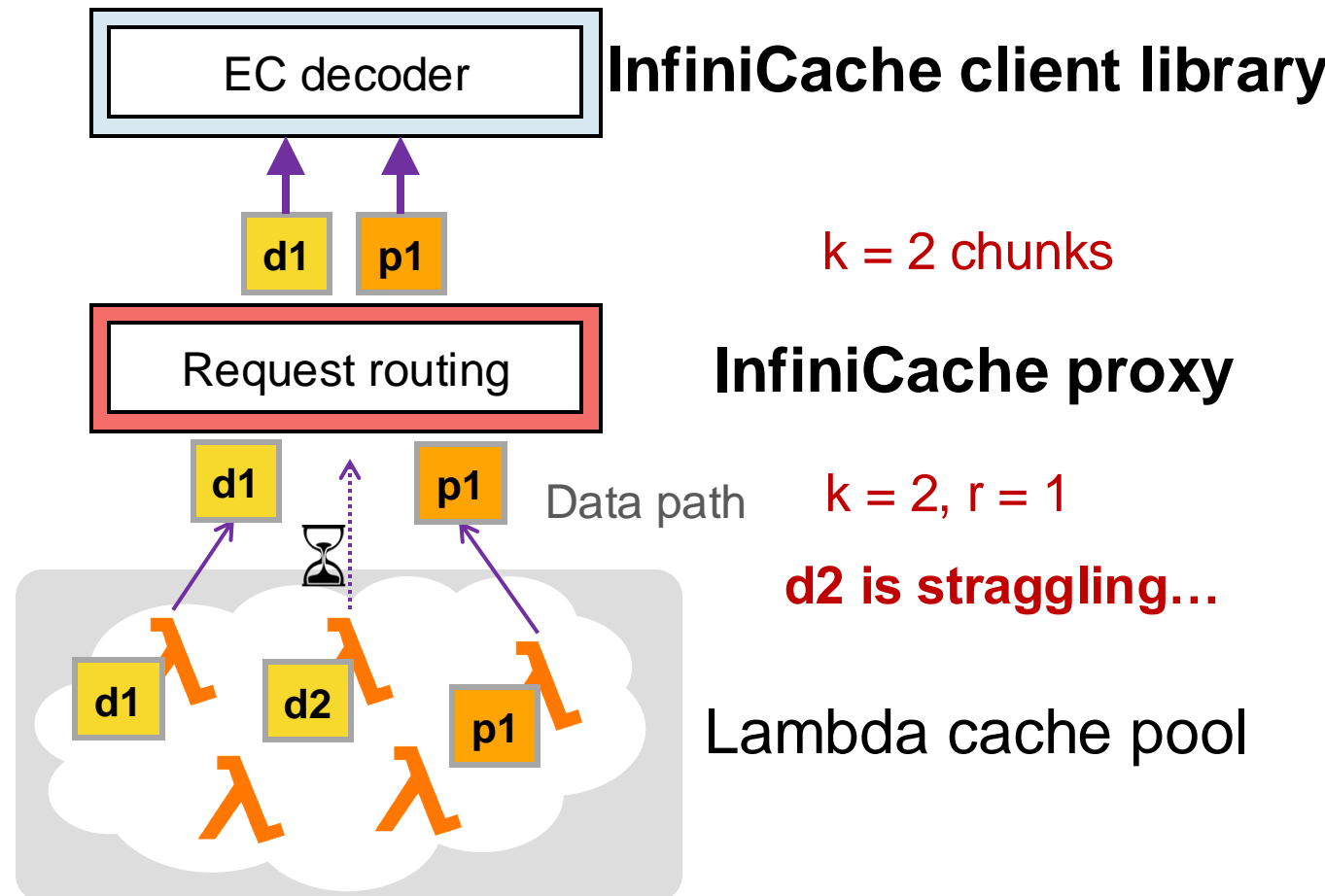
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InfiniCache: GET path



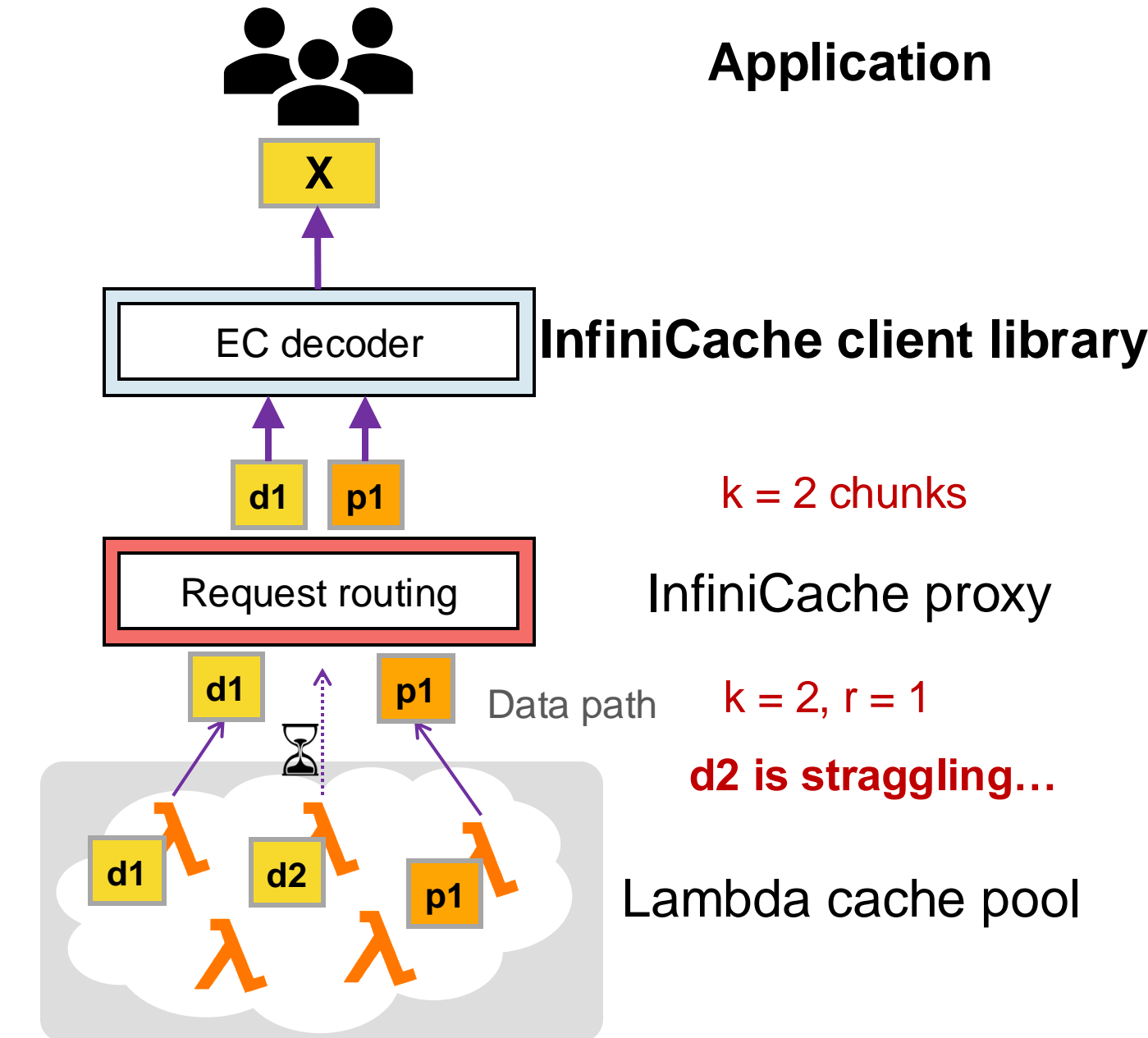
Application

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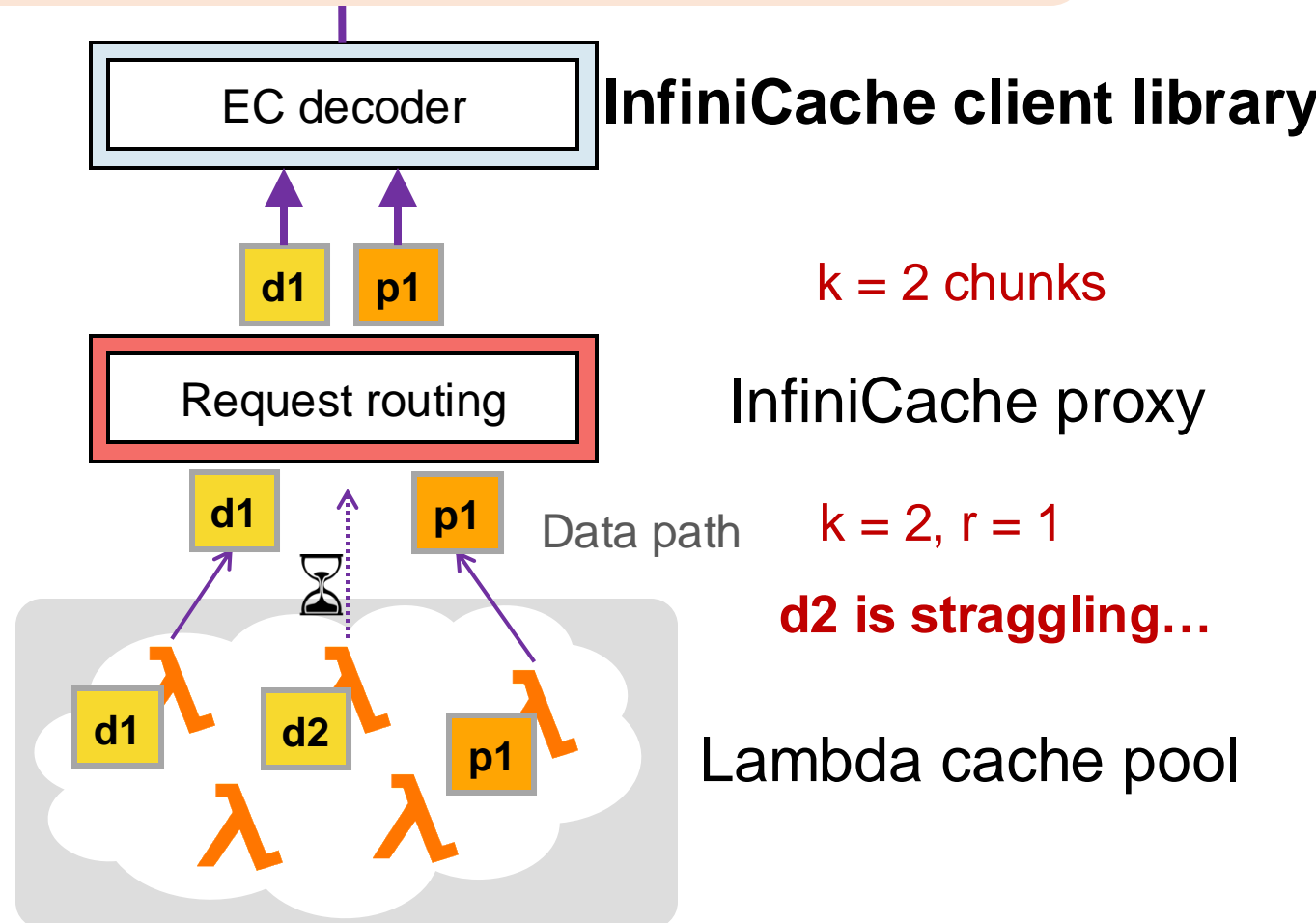
InfiniCache: GET path



Application

Tradeoff: Computational cost of EC decoding **vs.** delay waiting for the straggler
(typically, **computational cost** < **straggler delay**, thanks to the efficient implementation of modern EC libraries)

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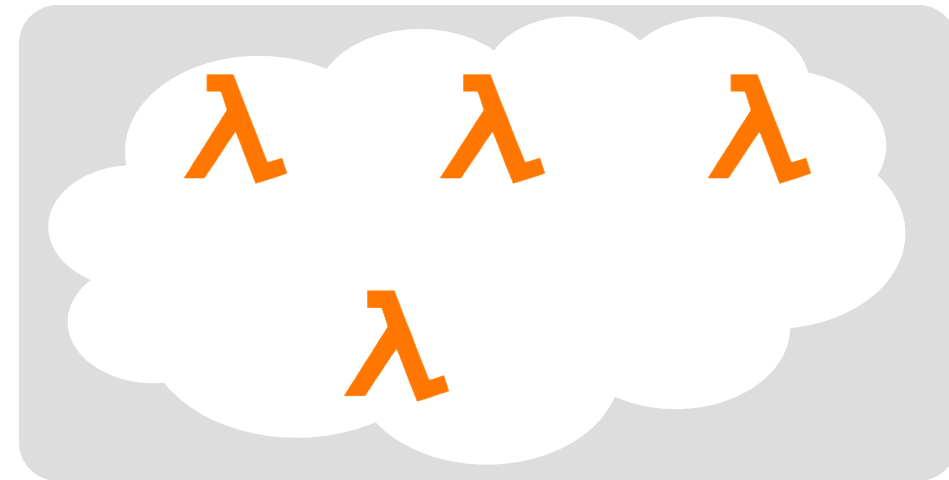
Maximizing data availability

- Erasure-coding
- Periodic warm-up
- Smart delta-sync backup

Maximizing data availability: Periodic warm-up

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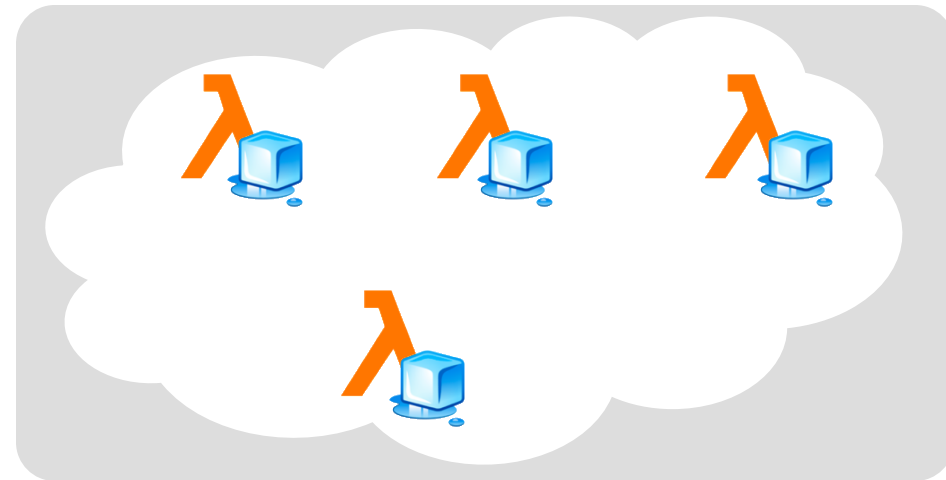
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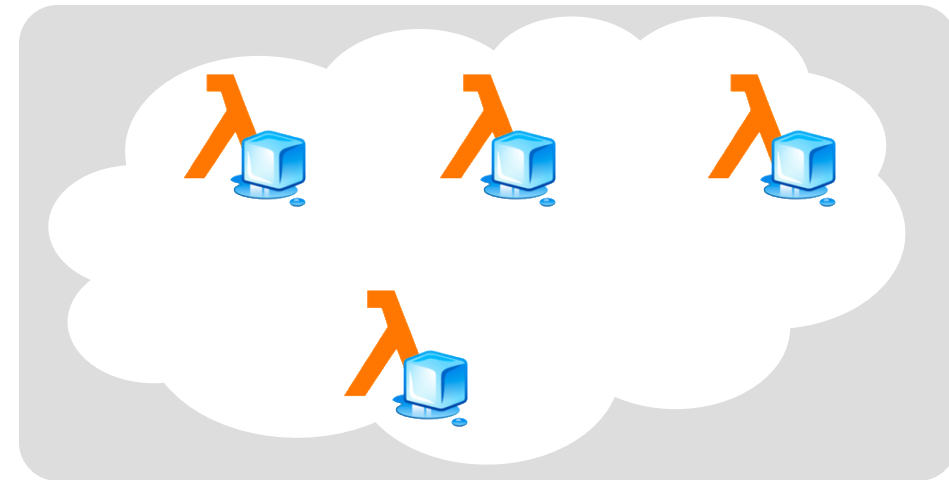
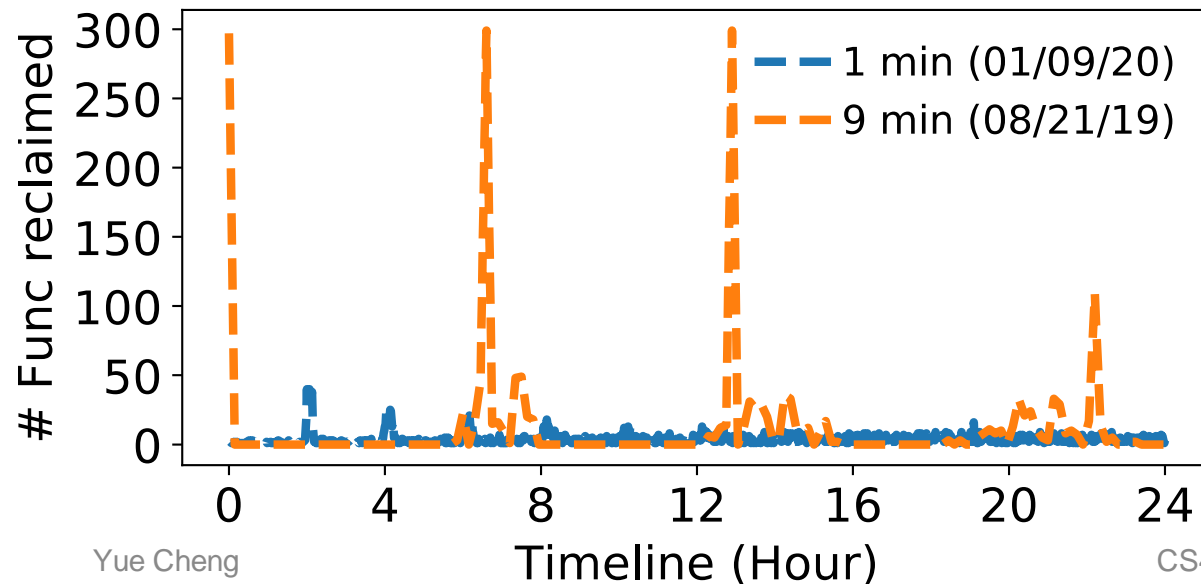
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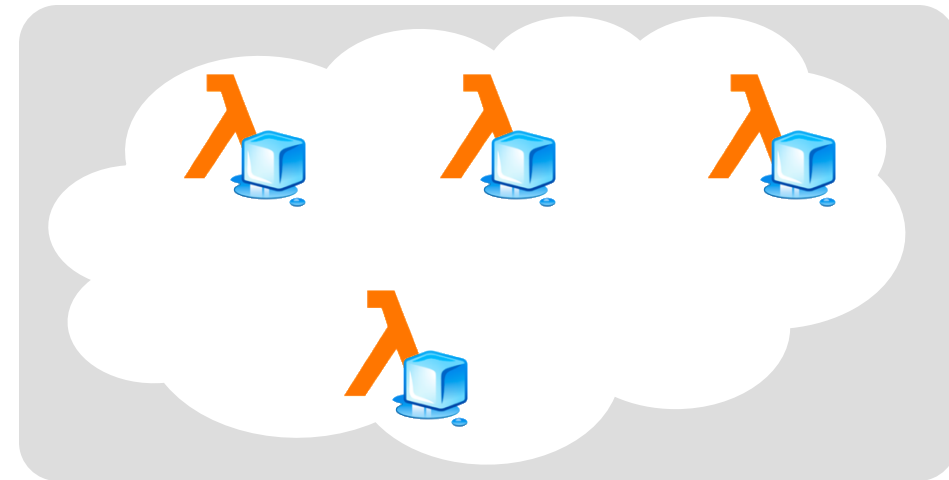
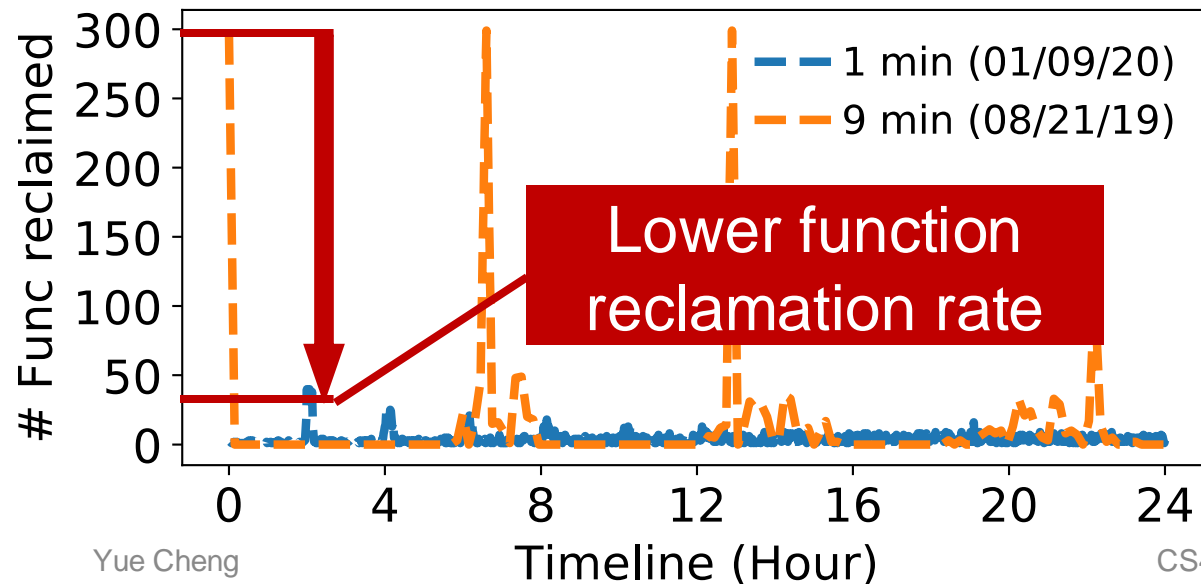
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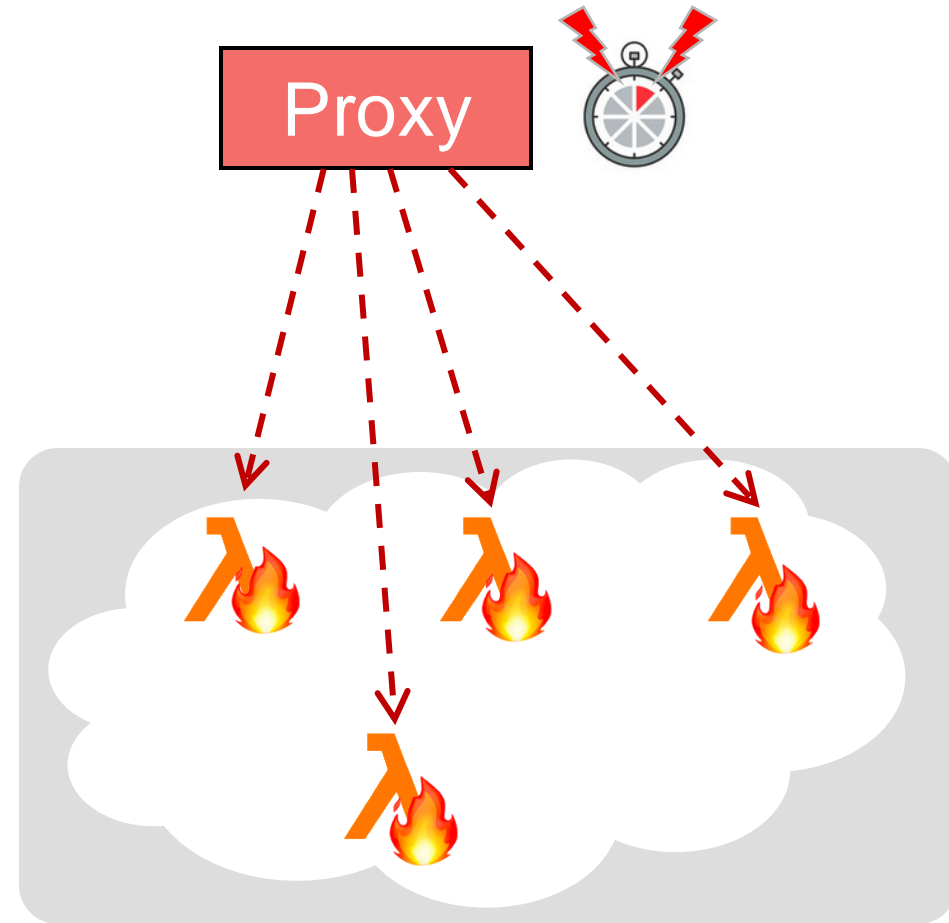
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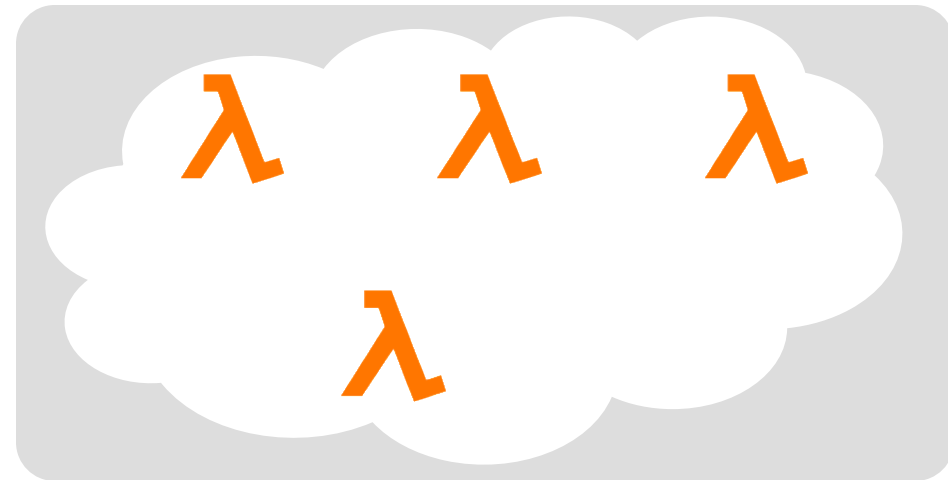


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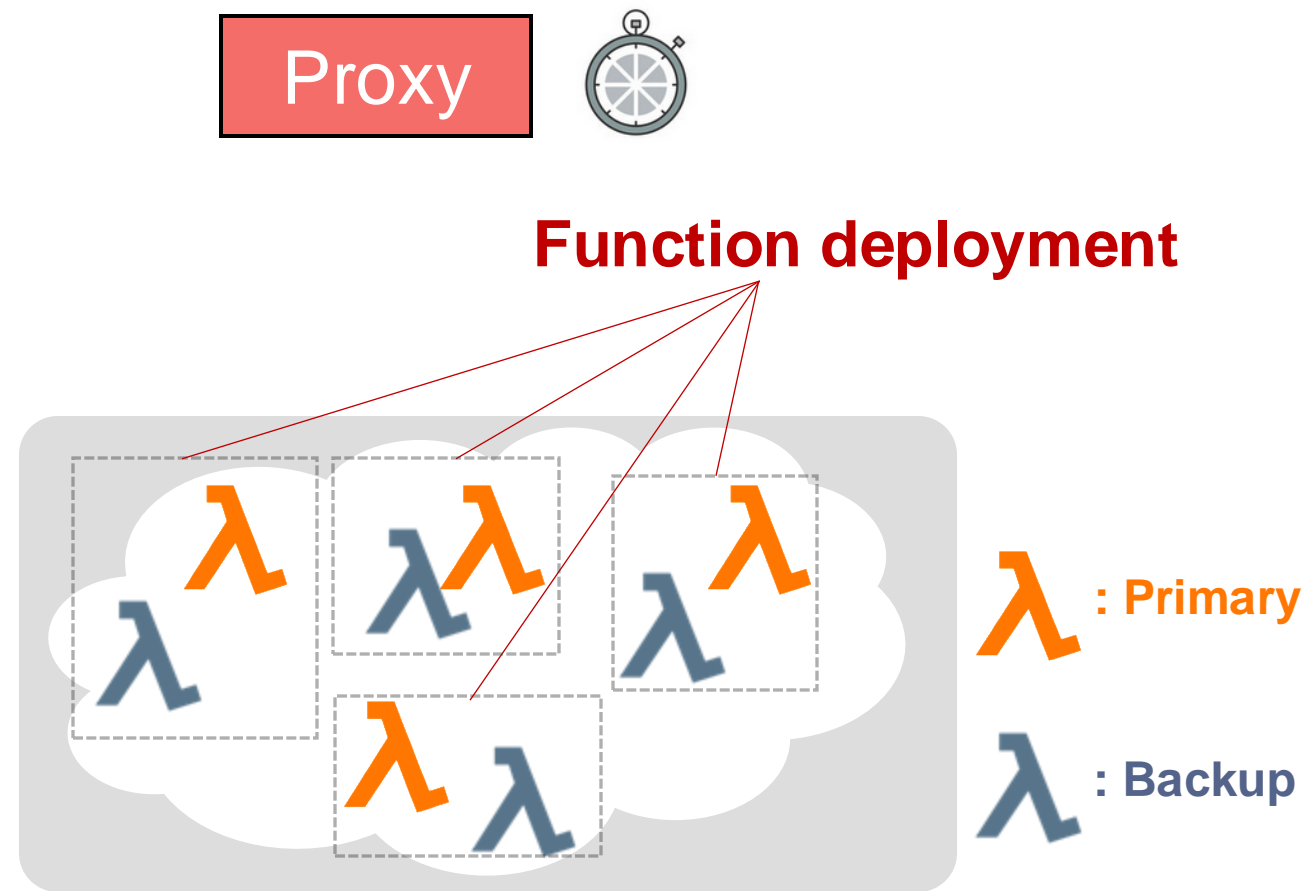
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2. Proxy periodically invokes sleeping Lambda cache nodes to extend their lifespan



Maximizing data availability: Periodic backup

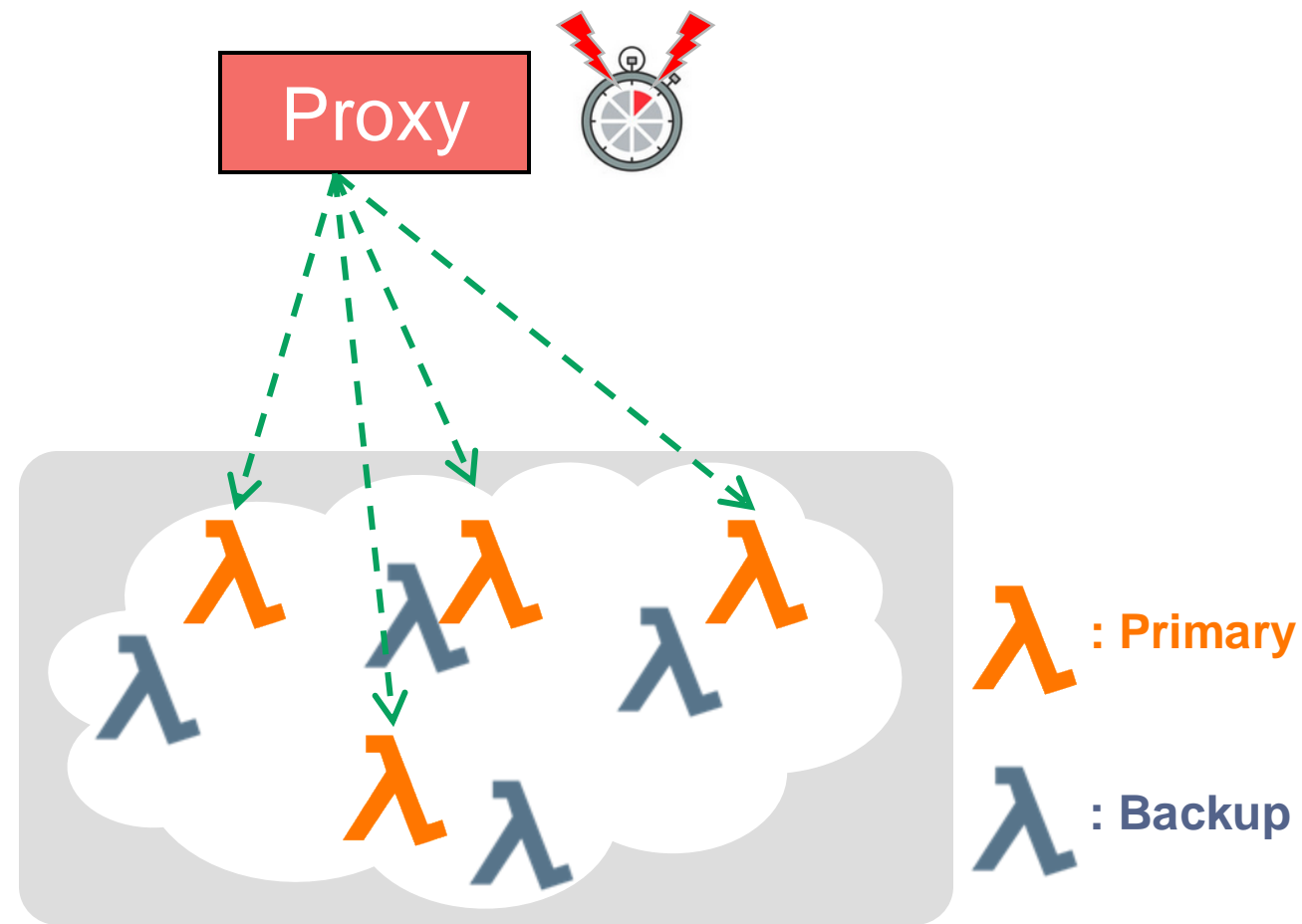


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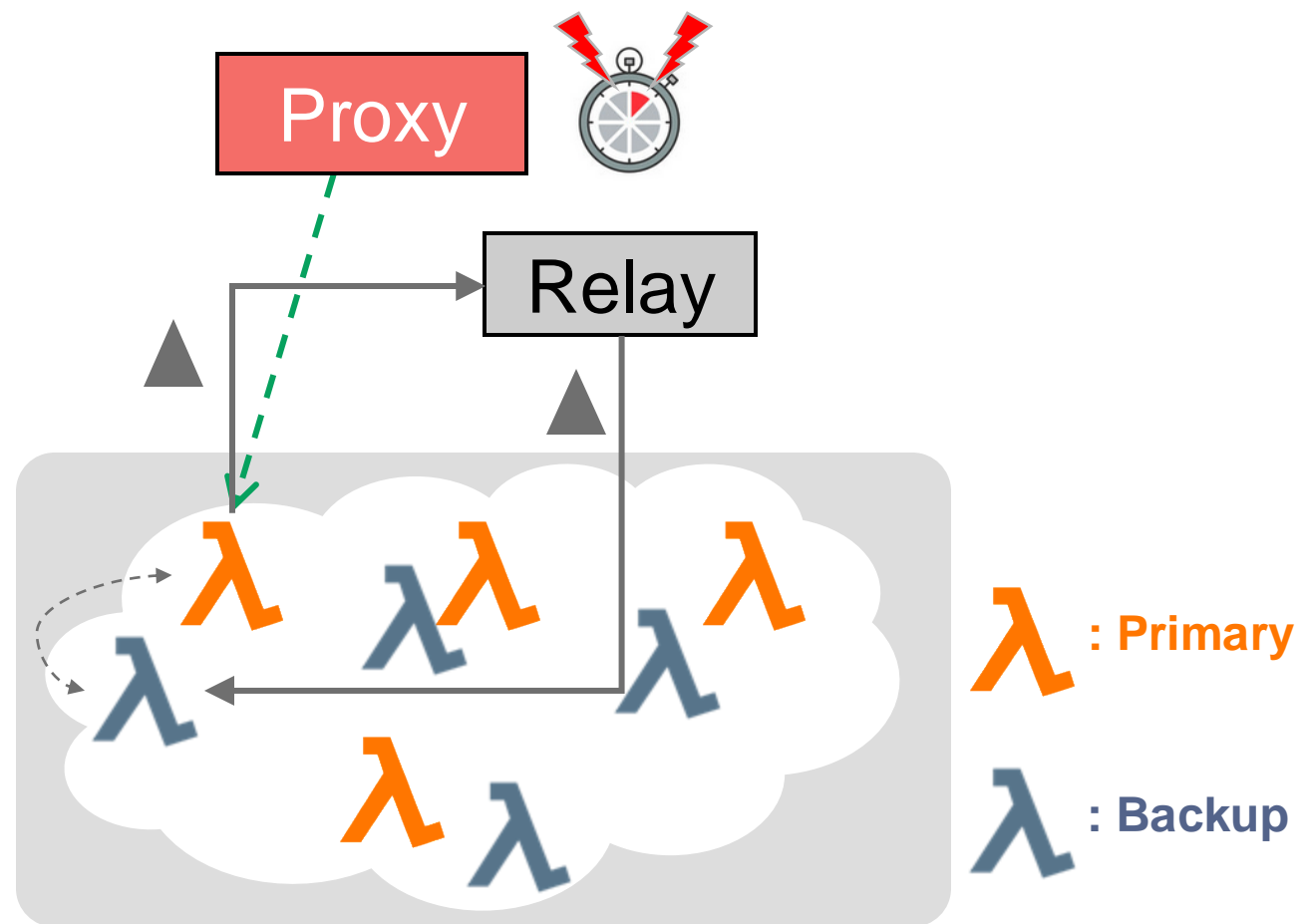
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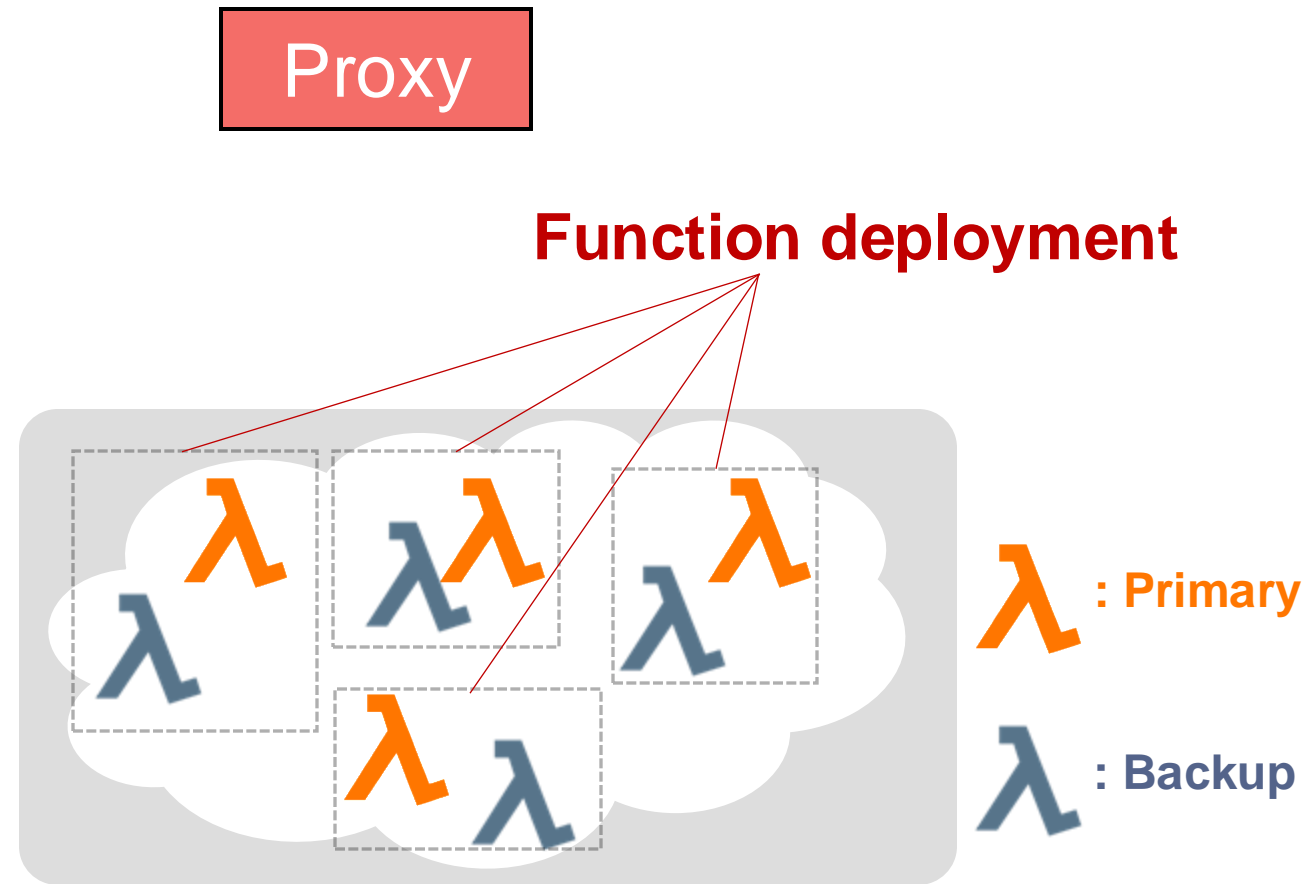


Maximizing data availability: Periodic backup

1. Proxy periodically sends out backup commands to Lambda cache nodes
2. Lambda node performs delta-sync with its peer replica
 - Source Lambda propagates delta-update▲ to destination Lambda

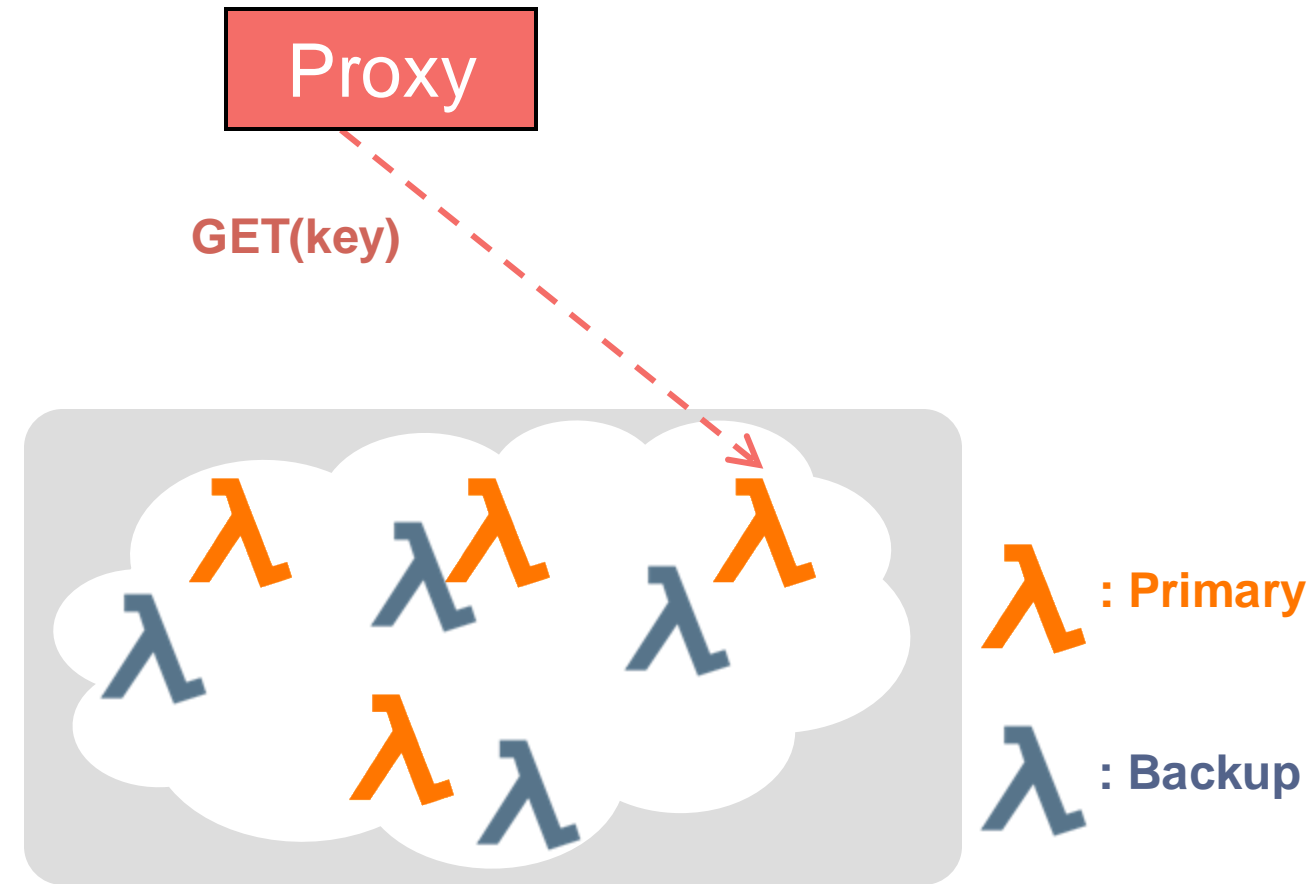


Seamless failover



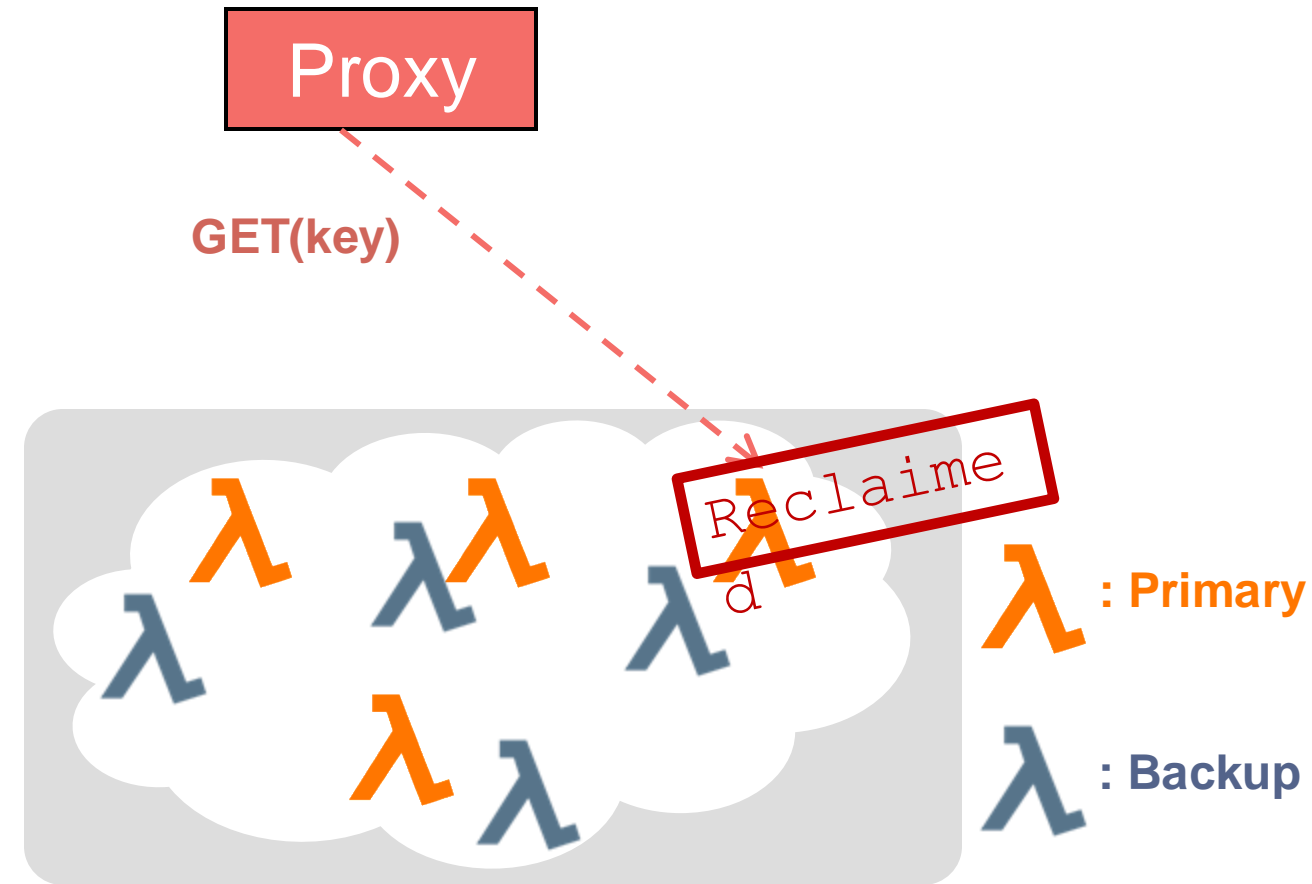
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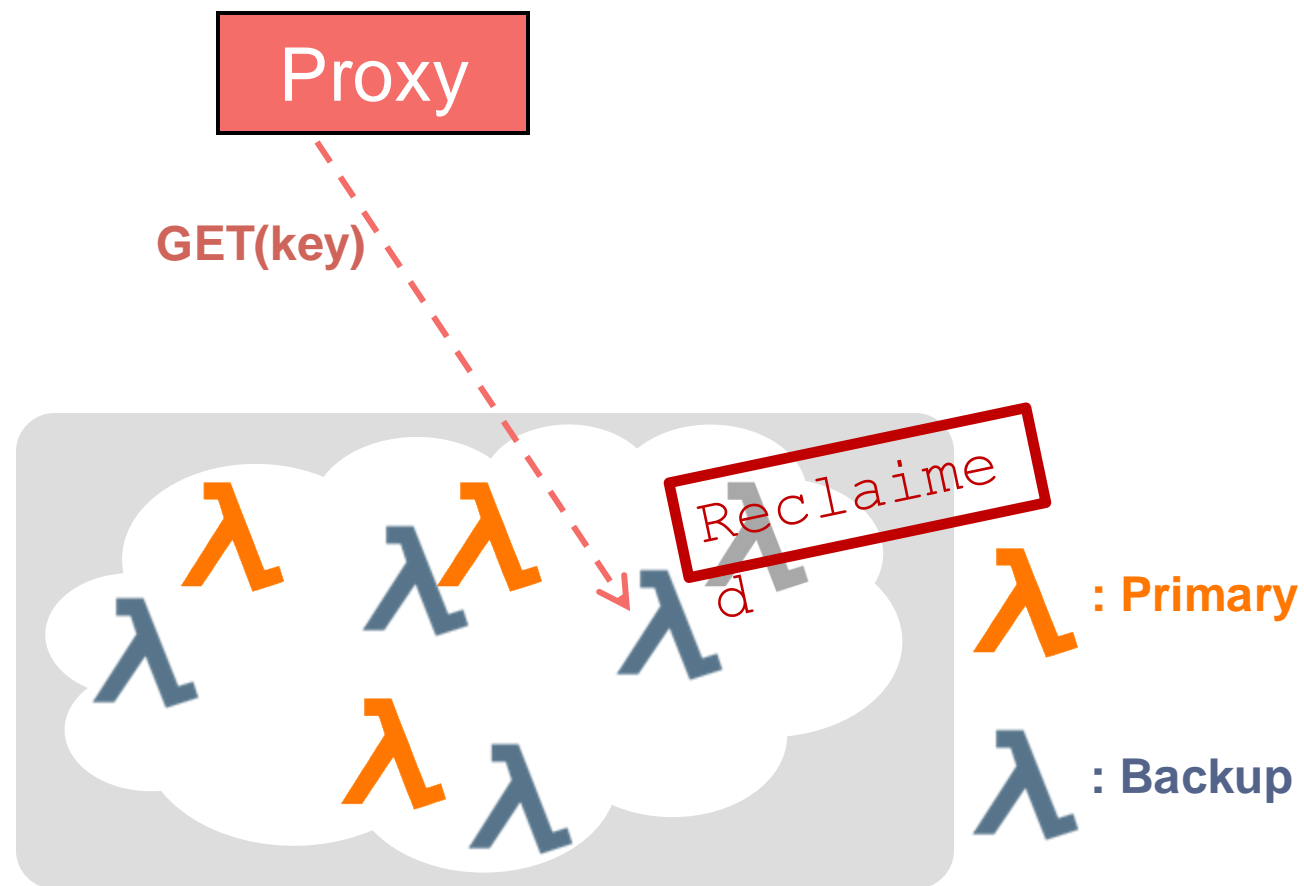
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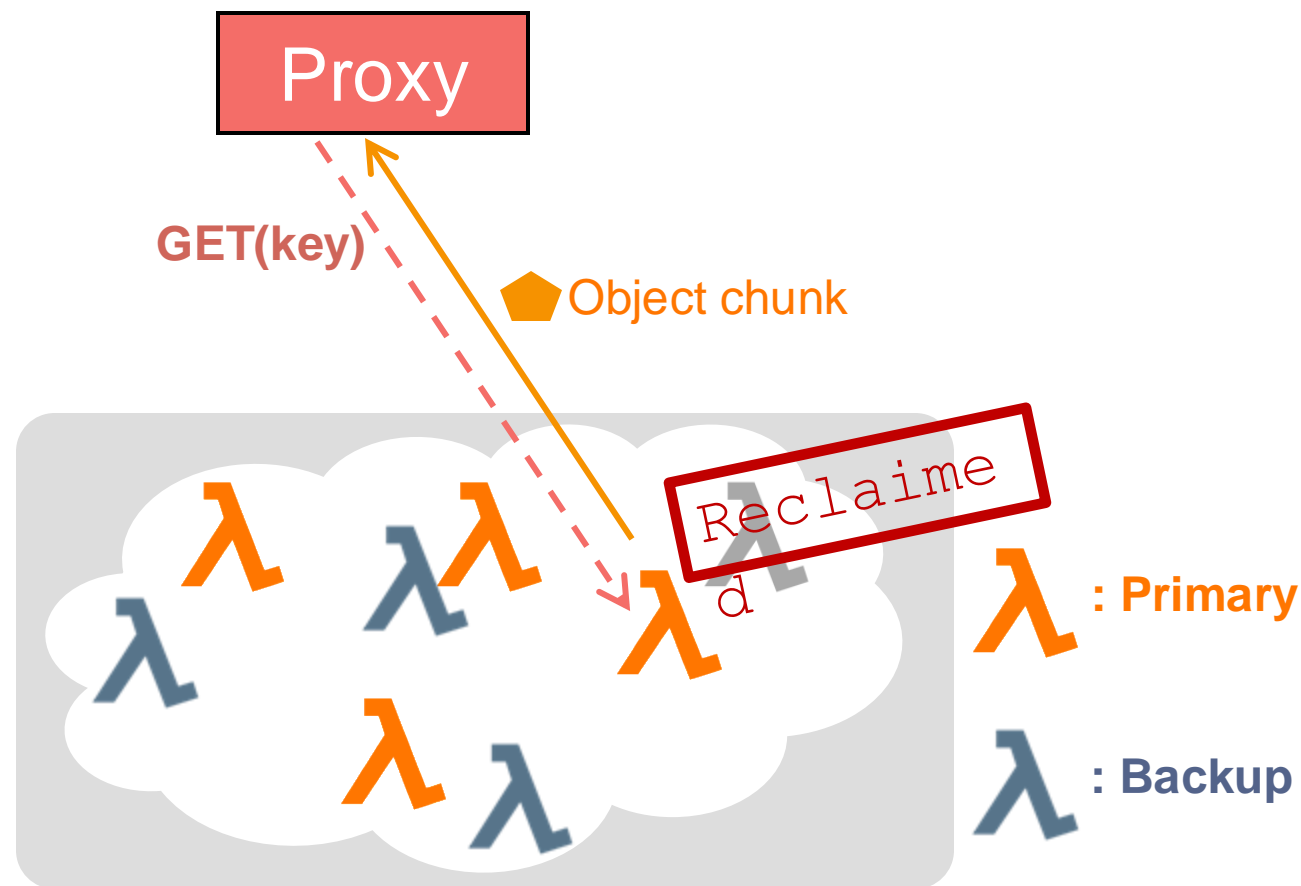
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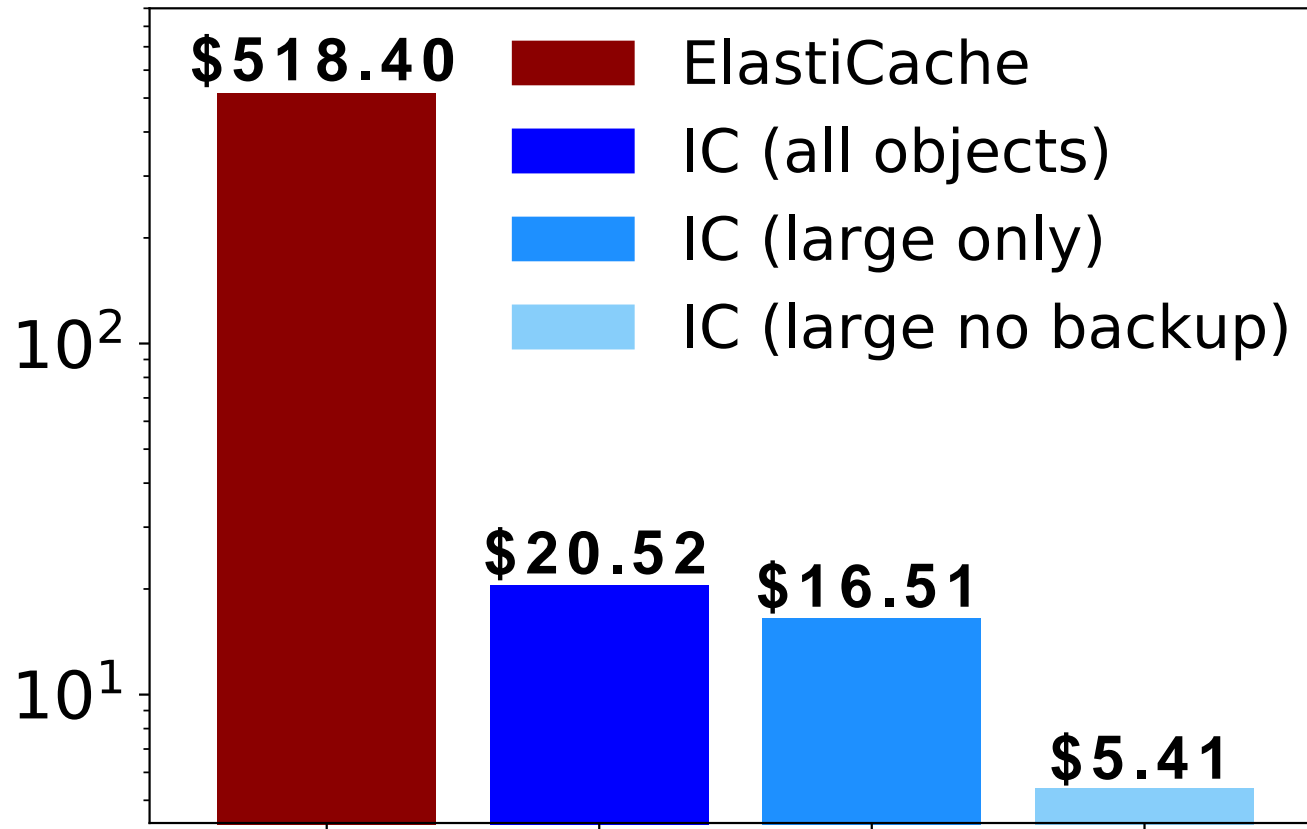


Maximizing data availability: Seamless failover

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 - Failover gets **automatically** done and the backup becomes the primary
 - By exploiting the **auto-scaling** feature of AWS Lambda



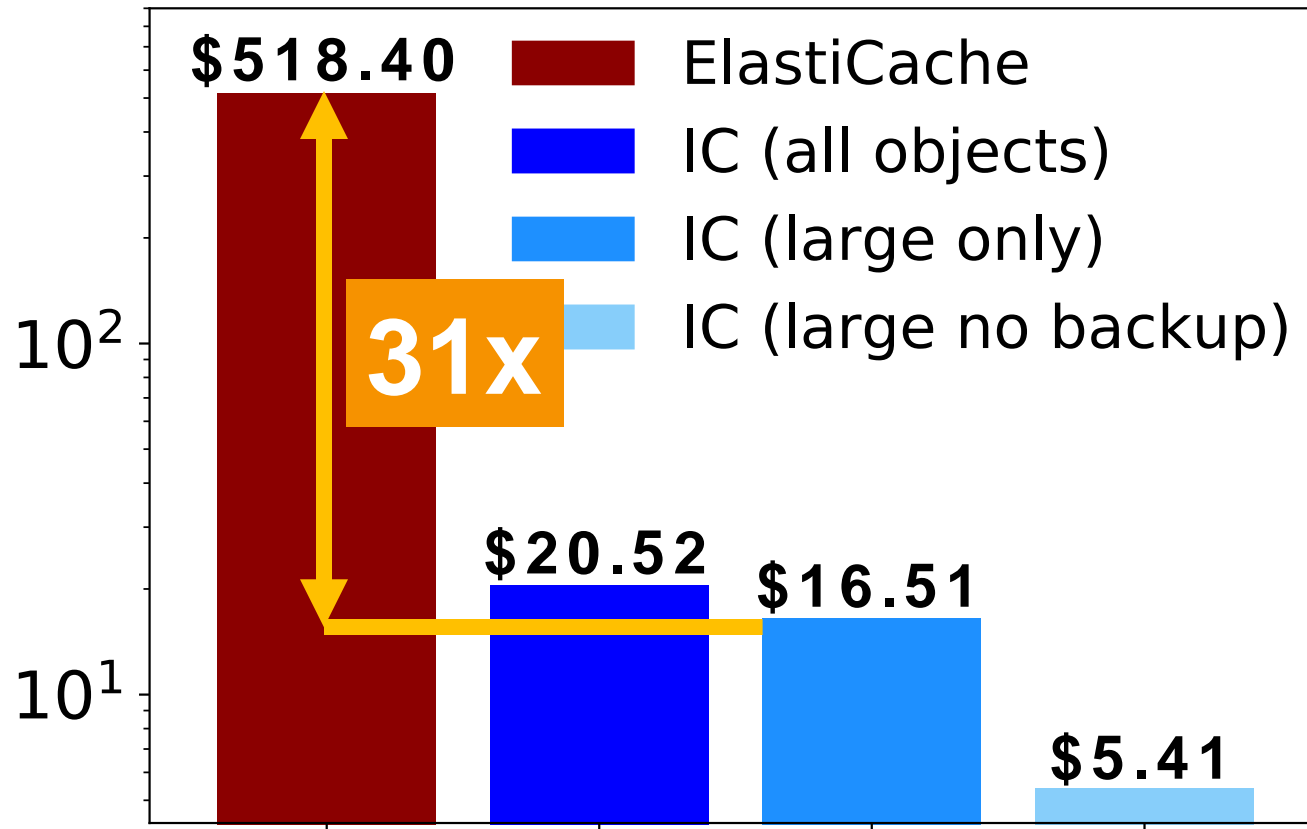
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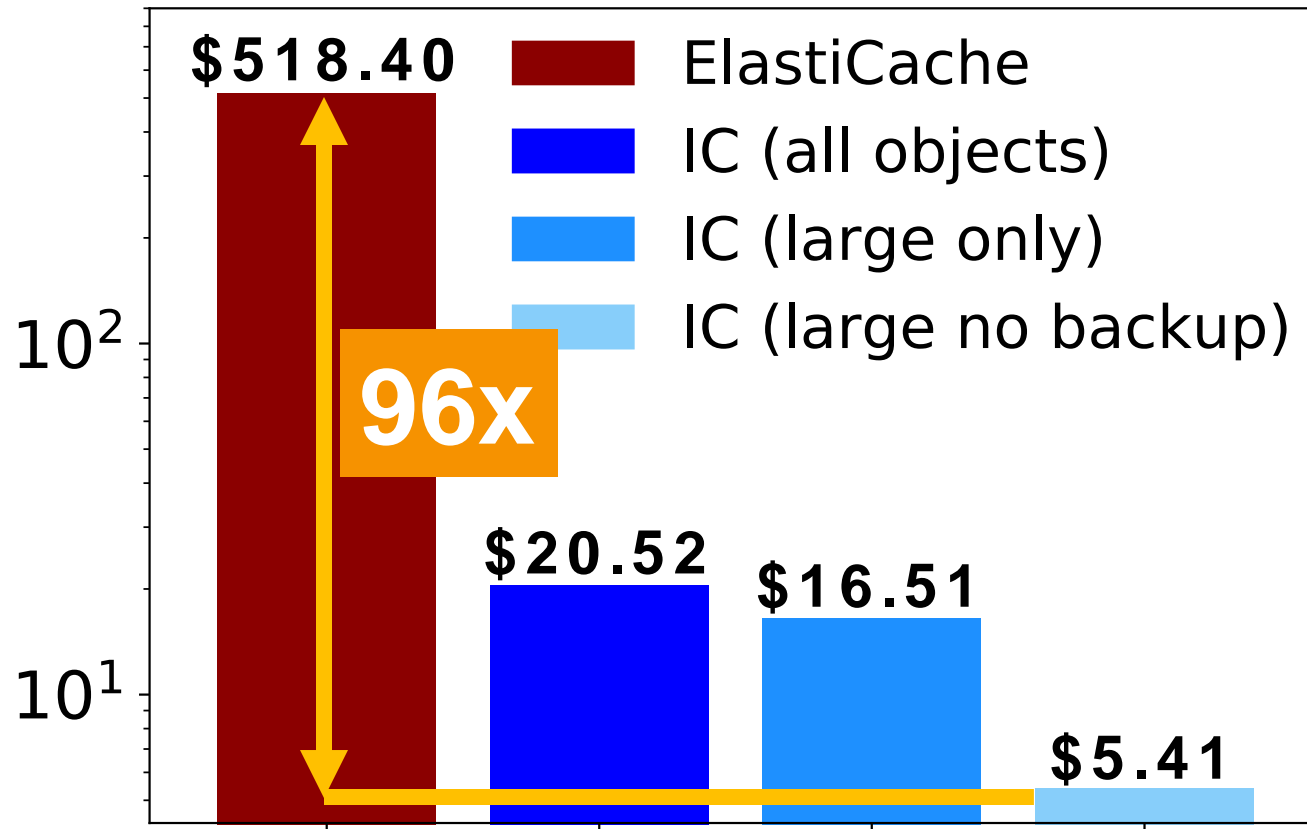
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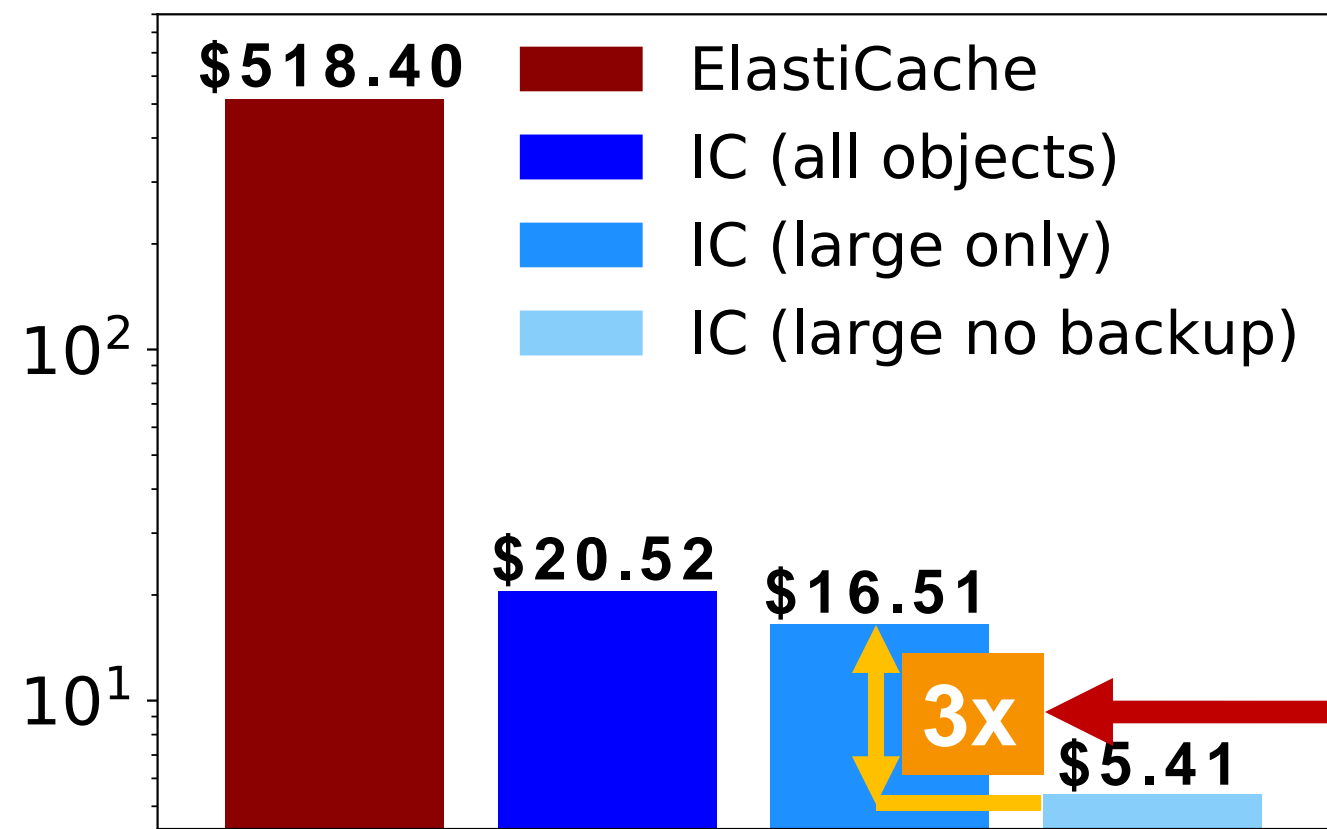
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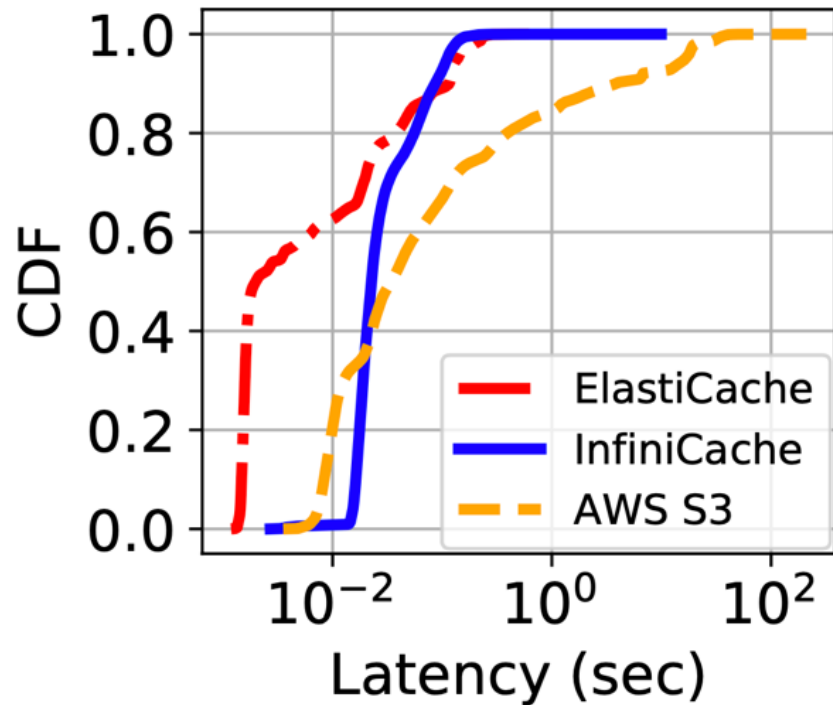
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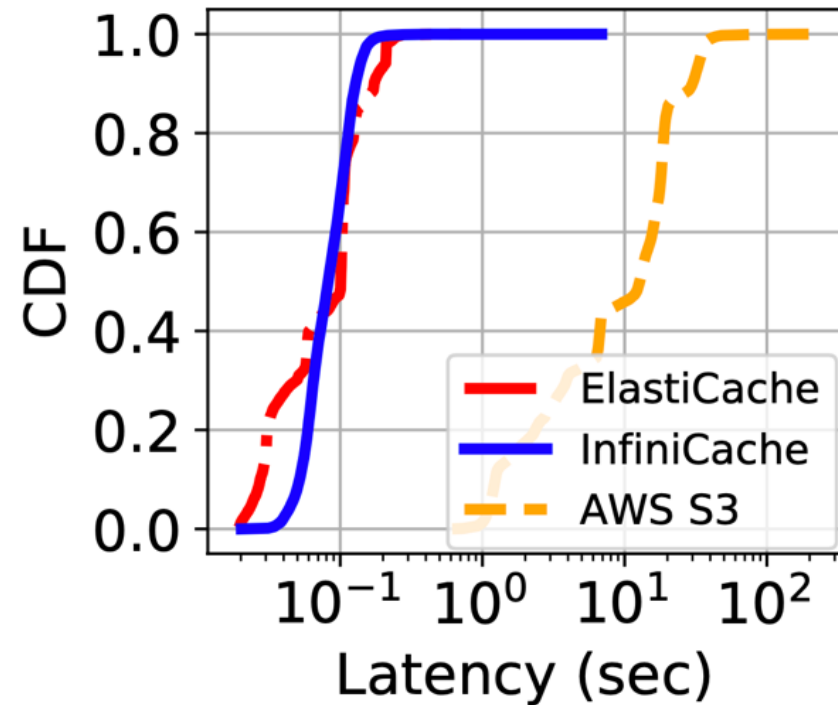
Hit ratio and \$\$ cost tradeoff

| Workload | ElastiCache | InfiniCache | InfiniCache w/o backup |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| All objects | 67.9% | 64.7% | --- |
| Large object only | 65.9% | 63.6% | 56.1% |

Performance of InfiniCache

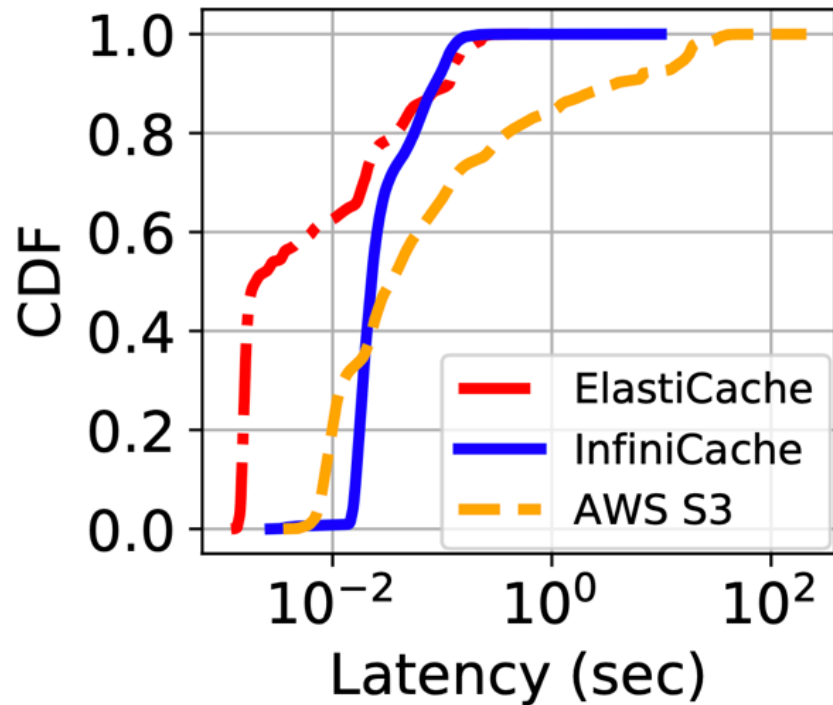


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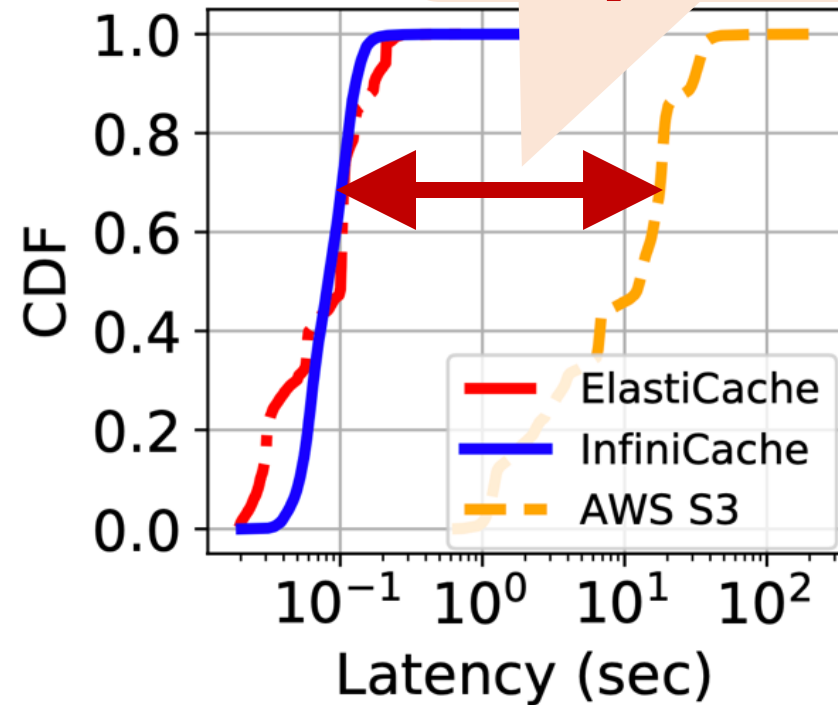


Large objects only

Performance of InfiniCache



All objects



Large objects only

> 100 times improvement

Discussion

- InfiniCache's cost saving benefits have conditions
 - The same condition holds for many different types of serverless/FaaS apps
- Unit time \$ cost increases with the access rate

