

# Towards hardware-software co-design for data analytics

*The Wisconsin Quickstep Project*

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# In a vicious cycle

## Design and Evaluation of Main Memory Hash Join Algorithms for Multi-core CPUs

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Go back to the design from 1980s (at least for Hash Joins)

2011

Processor Caches+TLB +Main Memory +Multicore

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Designing efficient hash join algorithms for multi-core processors in main memory is a challenging task. This paper considers different phases of the design process, implementing these main memory hash join algorithms on different modern multi-core processors to examine the factors that affect performance.

Our results show that the proposed algorithm is very competitive to the other hash join algorithms. The proposed algorithm builds a join algorithm that considers the input relations, and it quickly starts to improve performance as the number of processors increases. Furthermore, the proposed algorithm improves performance dramatically as the number of processors increases, and it quickly starts to improve performance as the number of processors increases.

Based on our results, we consider adding this algorithm to the repertoire of main memory hash join algorithms, especially when joining in main memory.

#### Contributors

Systems—Query processing

Large scale multi-core processors are imminent. Modern processors today already have four or more cores, and for the past few years Intel has been introducing two more cores per processor roughly every 15 months. At this rate, it is not hard to imagine running database management systems (DBMSs) on processors with hundreds of cores in the near future. In addition, memory prices are continuing to drop. Today 1TB of memory costs as little as \$25,000. Consequently, many databases now either fit entirely in main memory, or their working set is main memory resident. As a result, many DBMSs are becoming CPU bound.

In this evolving architectural landscape, DBMSs have the unique opportunity to leverage the inherent parallelism that is provided by the relational data model. Data is exposed by declarative query languages to user applications and the DBMS is free to choose its execution strategy. Coupled with the trend towards impending very large multi-cores, this implies that DBMSs must carefully rethink how they can exploit the parallelism that is provided by the modern multi-core processors, or DBMS performance will stall.

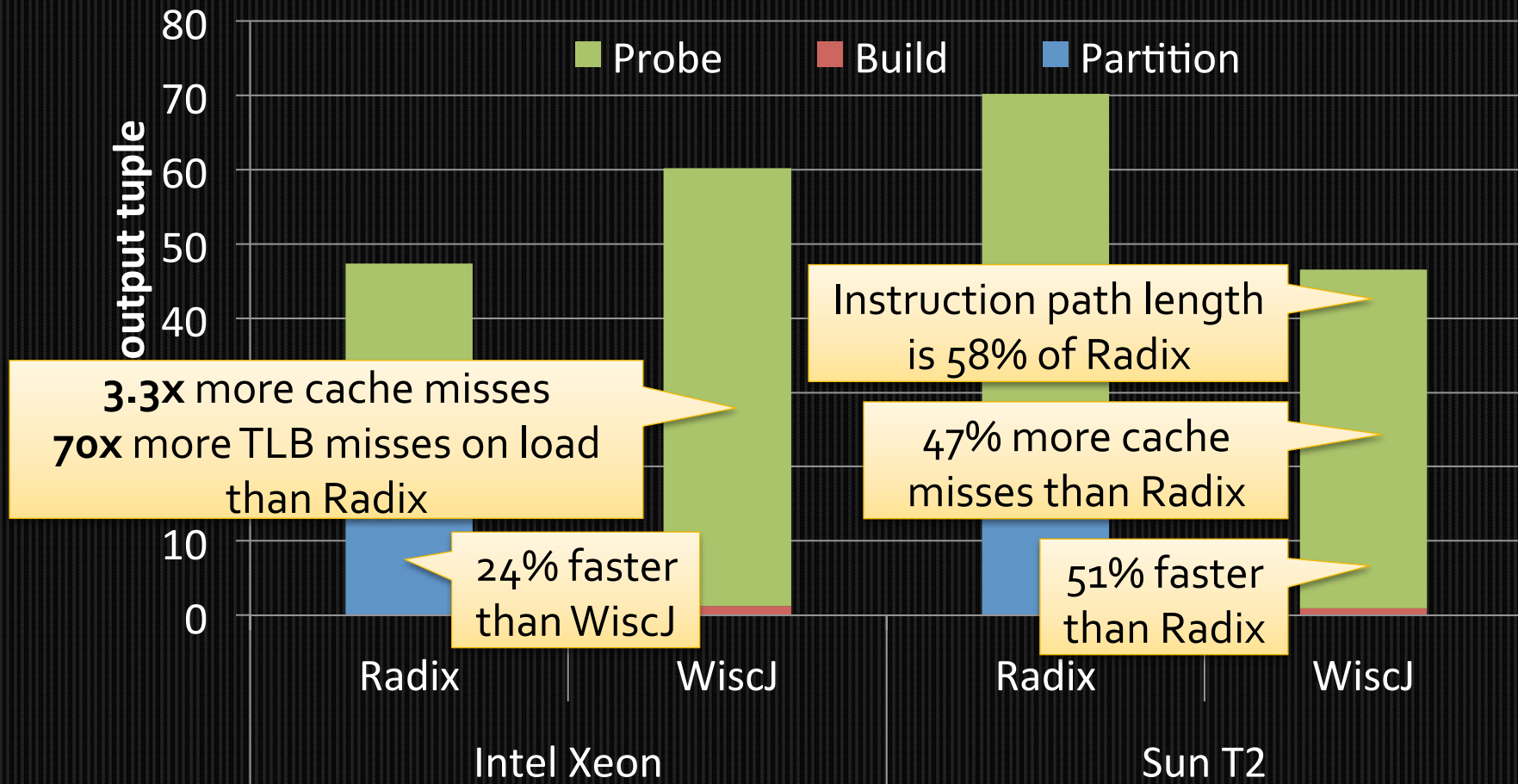
A natural question to ask then is whether there is anything new here. Beginning about three decades ago, at the inception of the field of parallel DBMSs, the database community thoroughly examined how a DBMS can use various forms of parallelism. These forms of parallelism include pure shared-nothing, shared-memory, and shared disk architectures [17]. If the modern multi-core architectures resemble any of these architectural templates, then we can simply adopt the methods that have already been designed.

In fact, to a large extent this is the approach that DBMSs have taken towards dealing with multi-core machines. Many commercial DBMSs simply treat a multi-core processor as a symmetric multi-processor (SMP) machine, leveraging previous work that was done by the DBMS vendors in reaction to the increasing popularity of SMP machines decades ago. These methods break up the task of a single operation, such as an equijoin, into disjoint parts and allow each processor (in an SMP box) to work on each part independently. At a high-level, these methods resemble variations of query processing techniques that were developed for parallel shared-nothing architectures [6], but adapted for SMP machines. In most commercial DBMSs, this approach is reflected across the entire design process, ranging from system internals (join processing, for example) to their pricing model, which is frequently done by scaling the SMP pricing model. On the other hand, open-source DBMSs have

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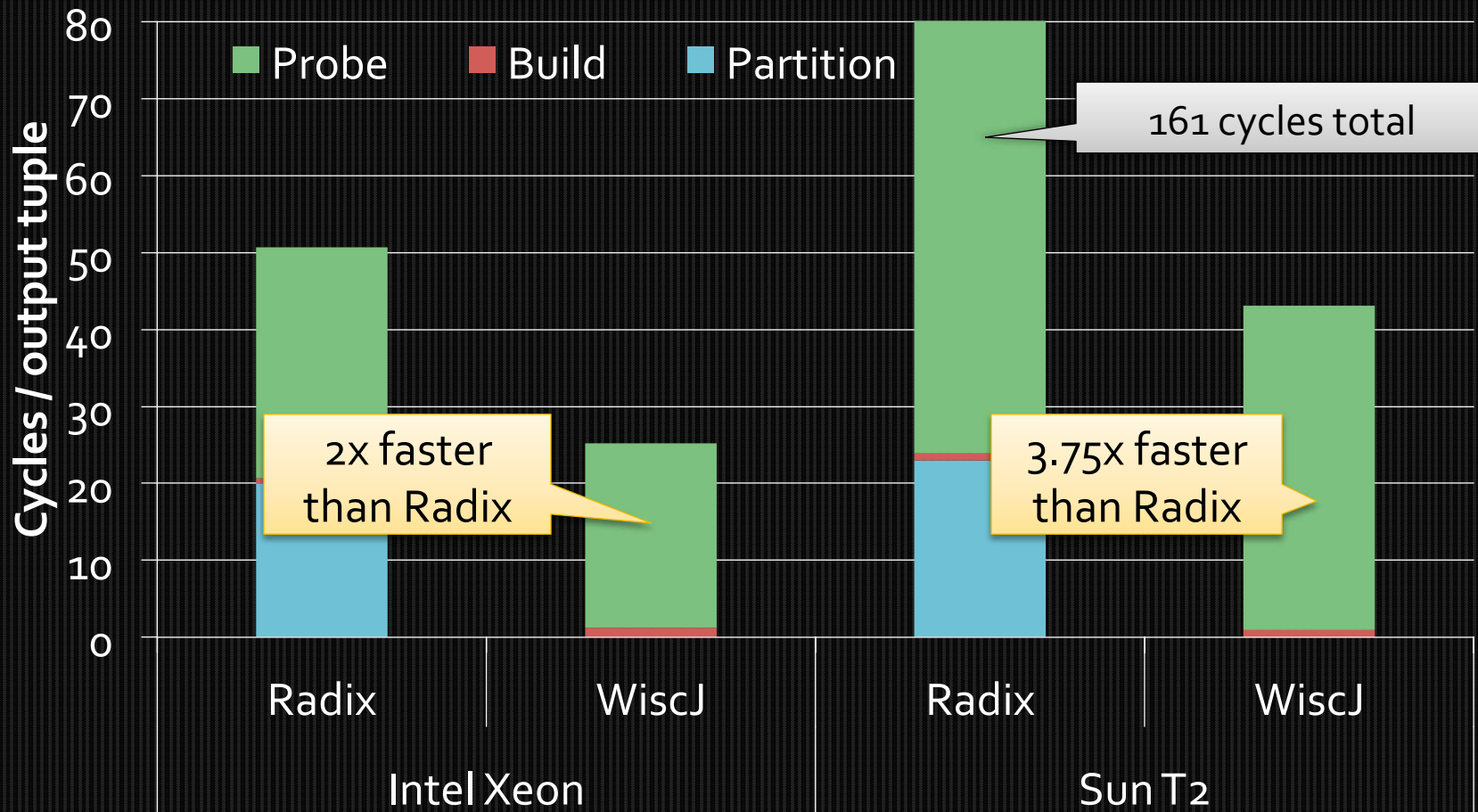
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# Results – uniform dataset



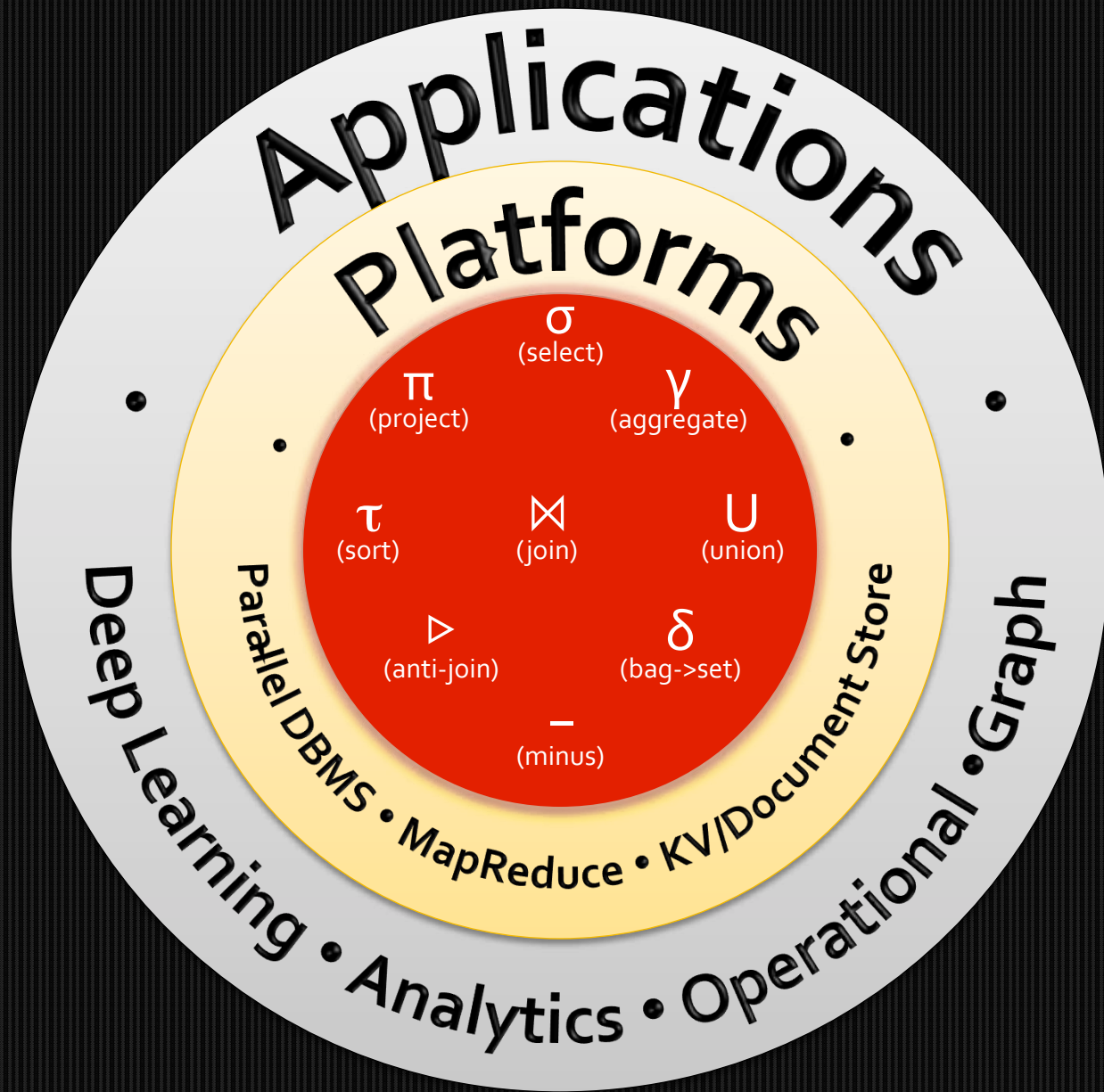
Skew in partitioning-based hash join algorithms causes partition size skew  
→ work imbalance

Non-partitioned (Wisconsin) hash join improves with higher skew!



# Hash Joins (2011): Summary

- Hash join algorithm started simple, and with each architectural turn, it adapted.
- We have come full circle: The simple hash join is now very competitive. And, in many cases more efficient than the more complex methods!



# Disruptive hardware trends

Want

Constraint

High Performance

Low Cost

Power

# Quickstep

## Goal

- Run data analytics @ hardware speeds

## Short-term

- Run @ the speed of hardware today

## Long-term

- Hardware-software co-design for data kernels



# Scan: A Key Data Processing Kernel

## What?

- Scan a column of a table applying some predicate

## Why?

- A key primitive in database
- “The” critical kernel in main memory analytic systems

## How?

- Conserve memory bandwidth: **BitWeaving** the data
- Use every bit of data that is brought to the processor efficiently using **intra-cycle parallelism**

# Focus on Column Scan (can be generalized)

## Traditional Row Store

shipdate	...	discount	quantity
Mar-12-2013		5%	5
Jan-08-2013		2%	4
Apr-29-2013		10%	3
May-14-2013		0%	6
...	...	...	...
Feb-28-2013		5%	0

One big file

## Column Store

shipdate	...	discount	quantity	16 bits
Mar-12-2013		5%	5	
Jan-08-2013		2%	4	
Apr-29-2013	...	10%	3	
May-14-2013		0%	6	
...		...	...	
Feb-28-2013		5%	0	

File: 1      File: n-1      File: n

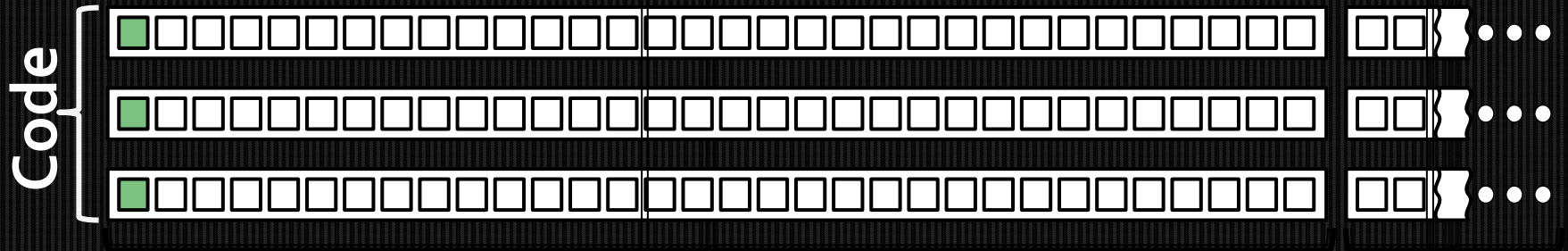
Order-preserving compression

Column Codes: 

5	4	3	6	2	7	1	0
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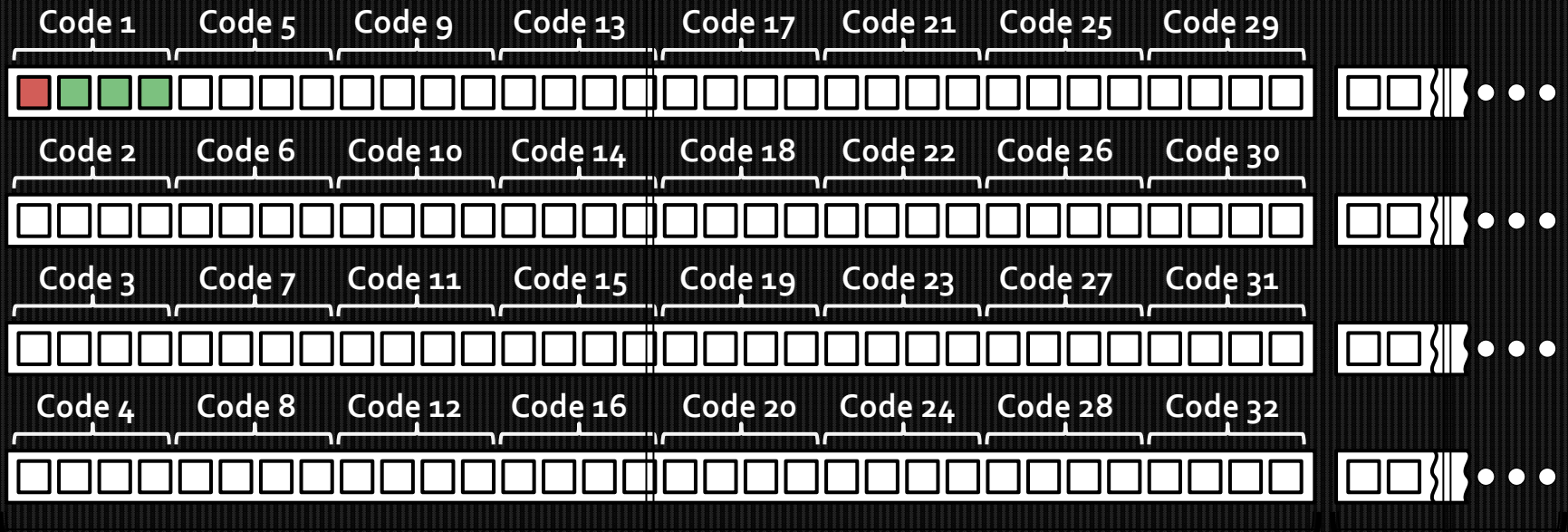
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3 bits



**First batch of Processor Words**  
*(batch size = code size in bits)*

Next batch of processor words

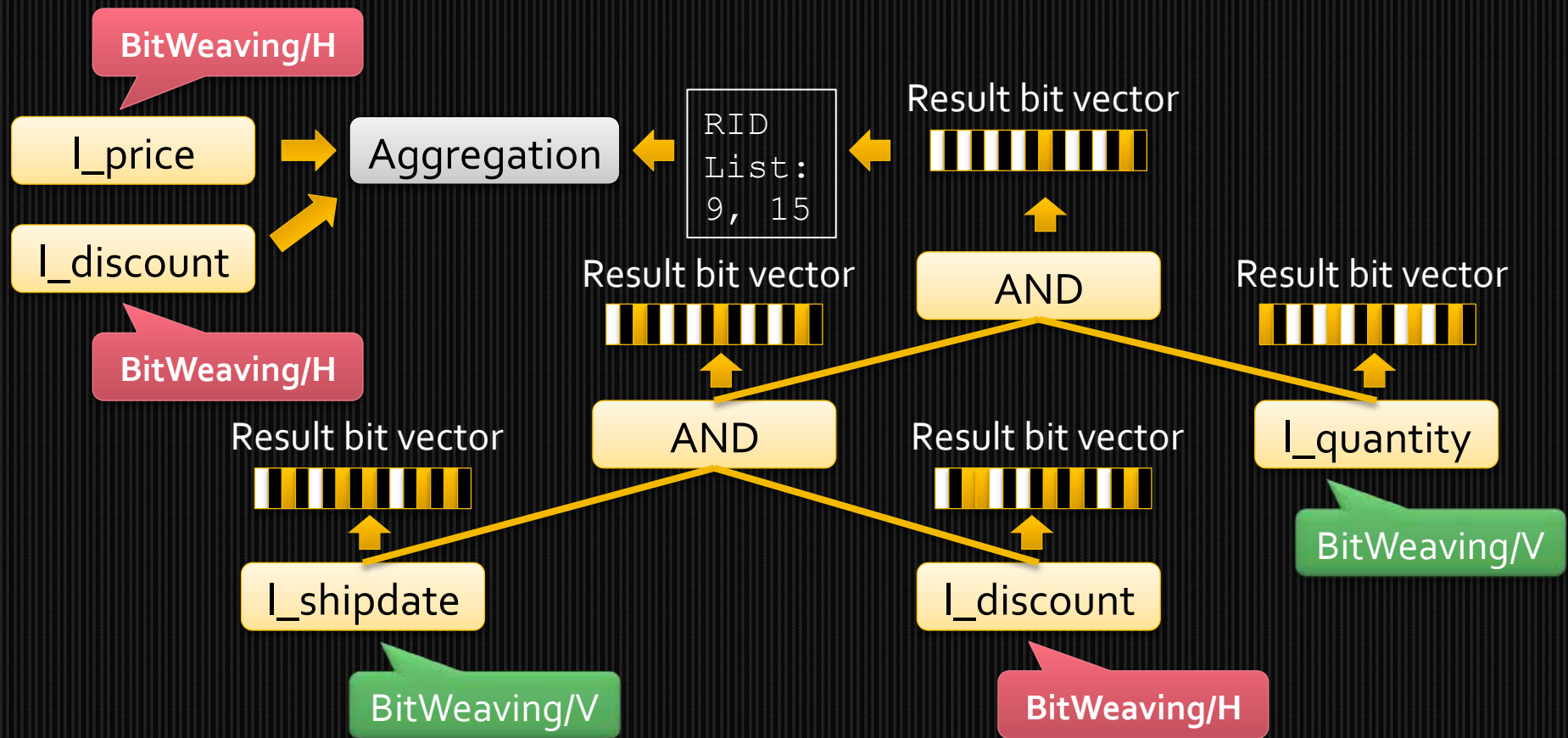


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# Framework – Example

```
SELECT SUM(l_discount * l_price) FROM lineitem
WHERE l_shipdate BETWEEN Date AND Date + 1 year
      AND l_discount BETWEEN Discount - 0.01 AND Discount + 0.01
      AND l_quantity < Quantity
```



# BitWeaving/V

Column Codes:

	10	12	3	6	9	7	1	0
Word 1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Word 2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Word 3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Word 4	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0

The first (most significant) bits of 8 consecutive codes

The second bits of 8 consecutive codes

The third bits of 8 consecutive codes

The last (least significant) bits of 8 consecutive codes

# BitWeaving/V - early pruning

Column Codes:

10	12	3	6	9	7	1	0
----	----	---	---	---	---	---	---

1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0

Constant

5
---

0
1
0
1

Predicate

$a < 5$
---------

×	×	?	?	×	?	?	?
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

×	×	✓	?	×	?	✓	✓
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Result Bit Vector							
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

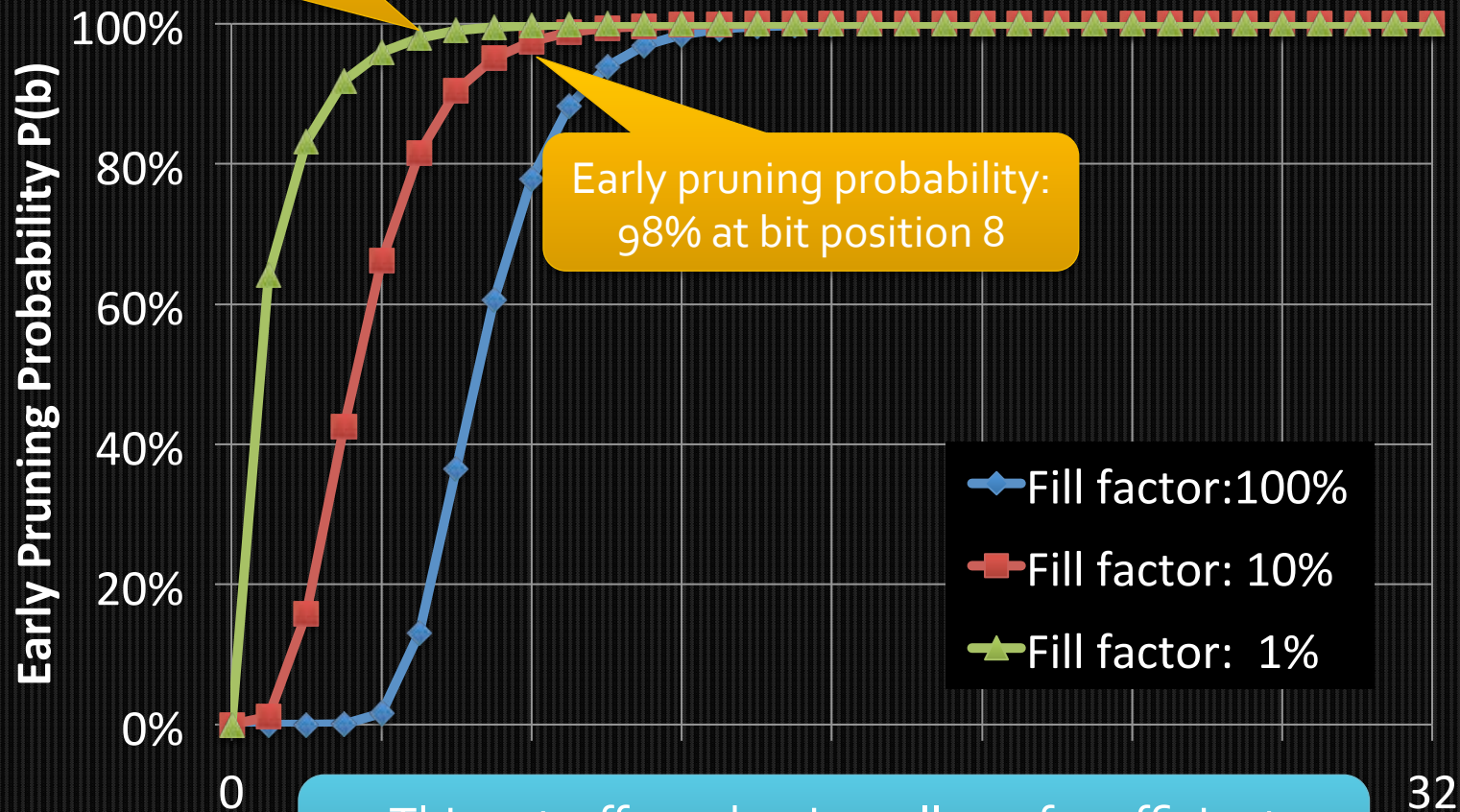
×	×	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓
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Early Pruning: terminate the predicate evaluation on a segment, when all results have been determined.

# BitWeaving/V - Early Pruning Model

Early pruning probability:  
96% at bit position 4

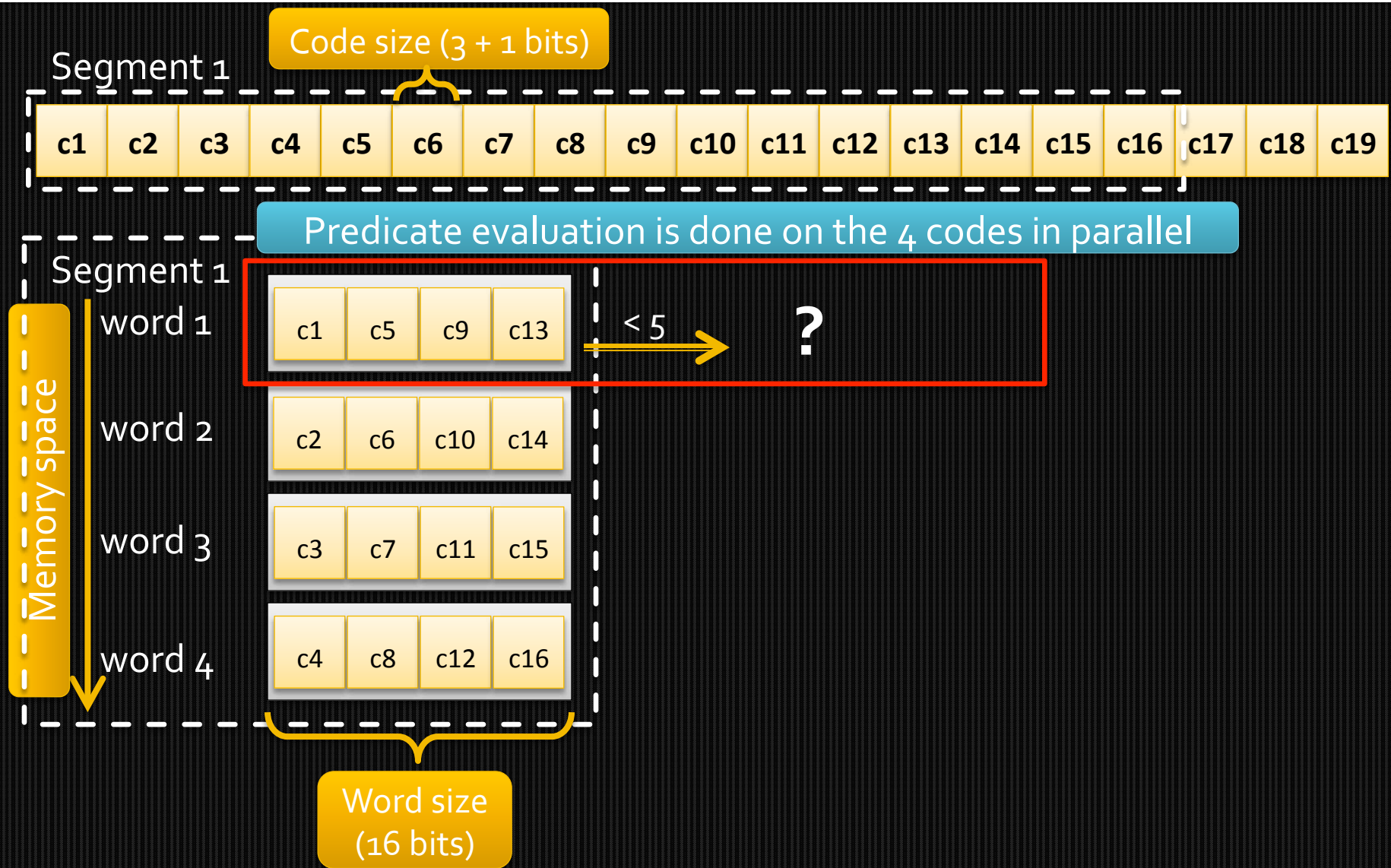
Bit size: 64 codes, code size: 32 bits



Early pruning probability:  
98% at bit position 8

This cut-off mechanism allows for efficient evaluation of conjunction/disjunction predicates

# BitWeaving/H - Example





# BitWeaving/H: Less Than Predicate

Uses only 3 instructions! Without the delimiter, we would need ~12 instructions...

$$X = (c_1 c_5 c_9 c_{13})$$

$$Y = (5555)$$

$$(Y + (X \oplus M1)) \wedge M2$$

$$M1 = 0111\ 0111\ 0111\ 0111$$

$$M2 = 1000\ 1000\ 1000\ 1000$$

$c_5=7$

$c_9=6$

$c_{13}=2$

0001

0111

0110

0010

0101

0101

0101

0101

1000

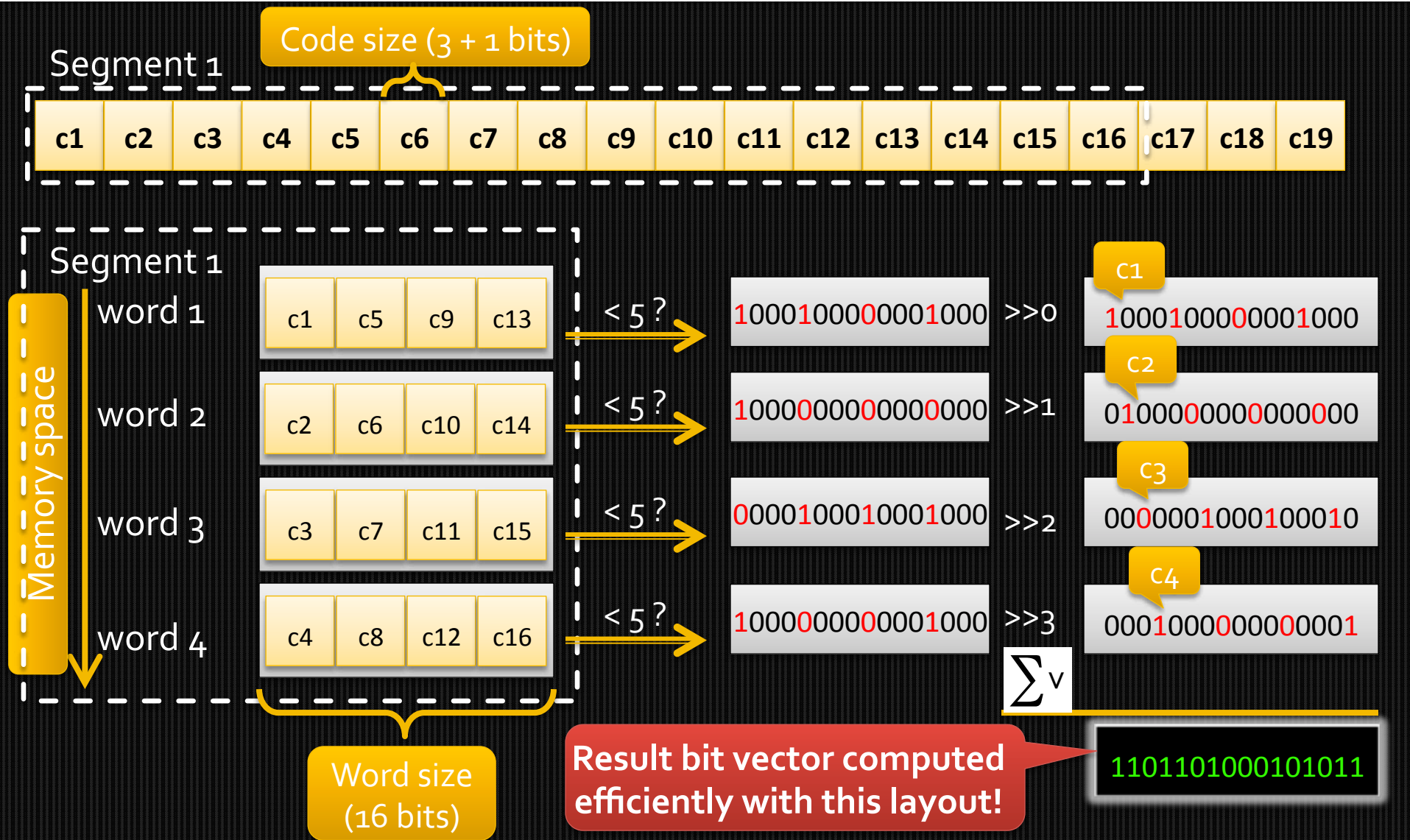
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1000

Works for arbitrary code sizes & word sizes!

# BitWeaving/H - Example



# Evaluation

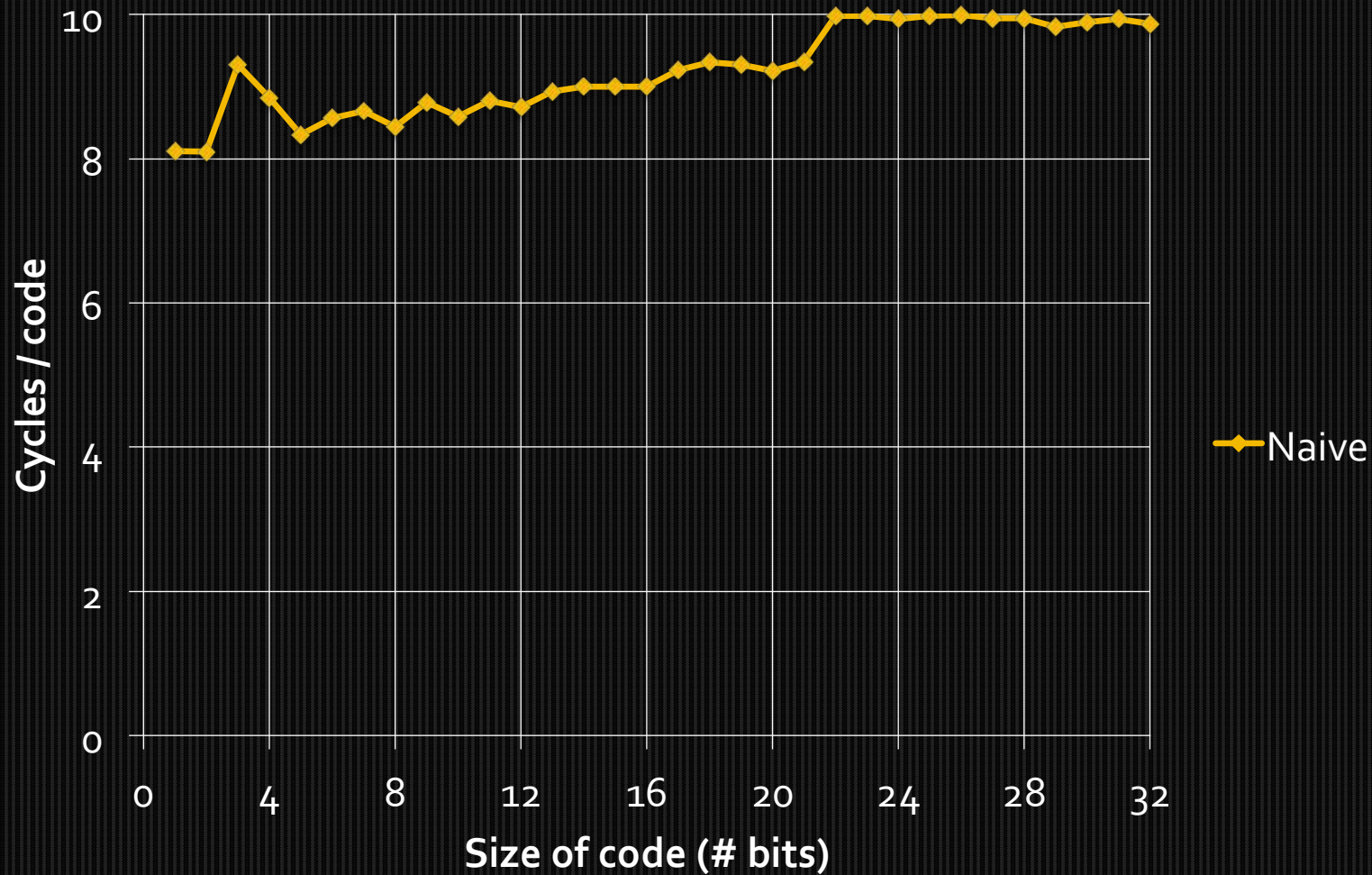
## SYSTEM

- Intel Xeon X5650
  - 64 bits ALU
  - 128 bits SIMD
  - 12MB L3 Cache
- 24GB memory
- Single threaded execution

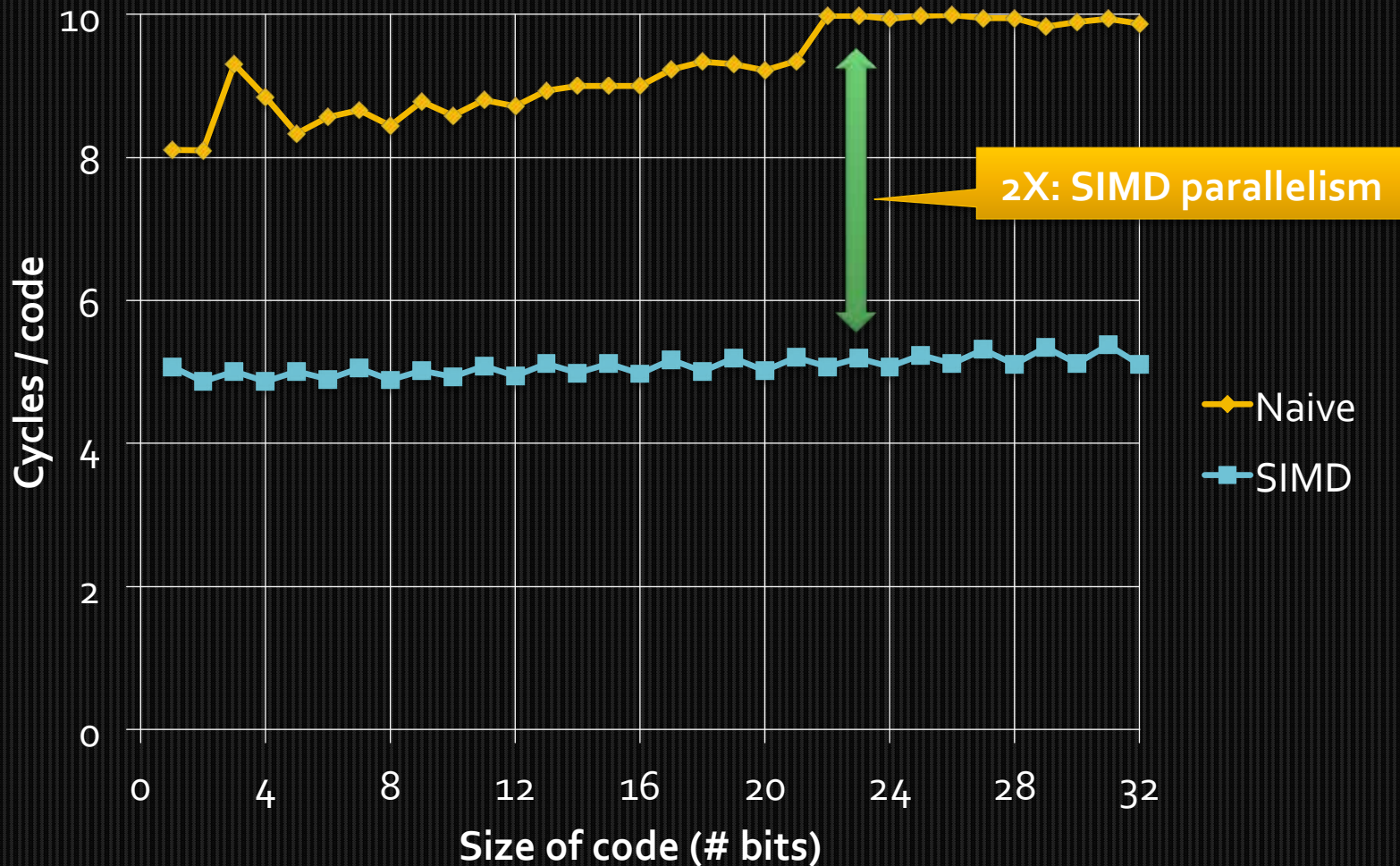
## WORKLOAD

1. Synthetic
  - `SELECT COUNT (*)  
FROM R  
WHERE R.a < C`
  - 1 billion tuples
  - Uniform distribution
  - Selectivity: 10%
2. TPC-H @ SF=10
  - scan only with materialized join results

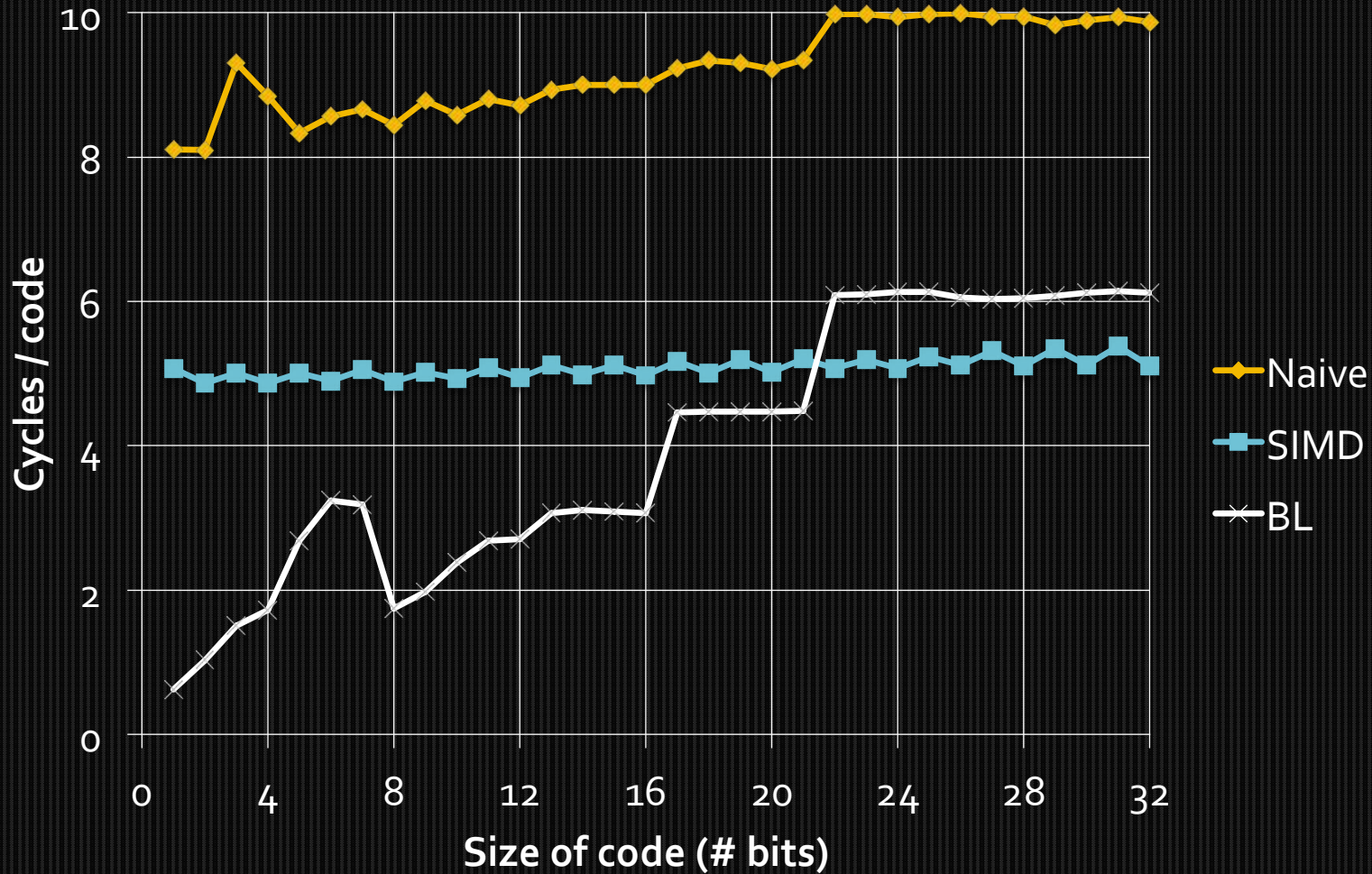
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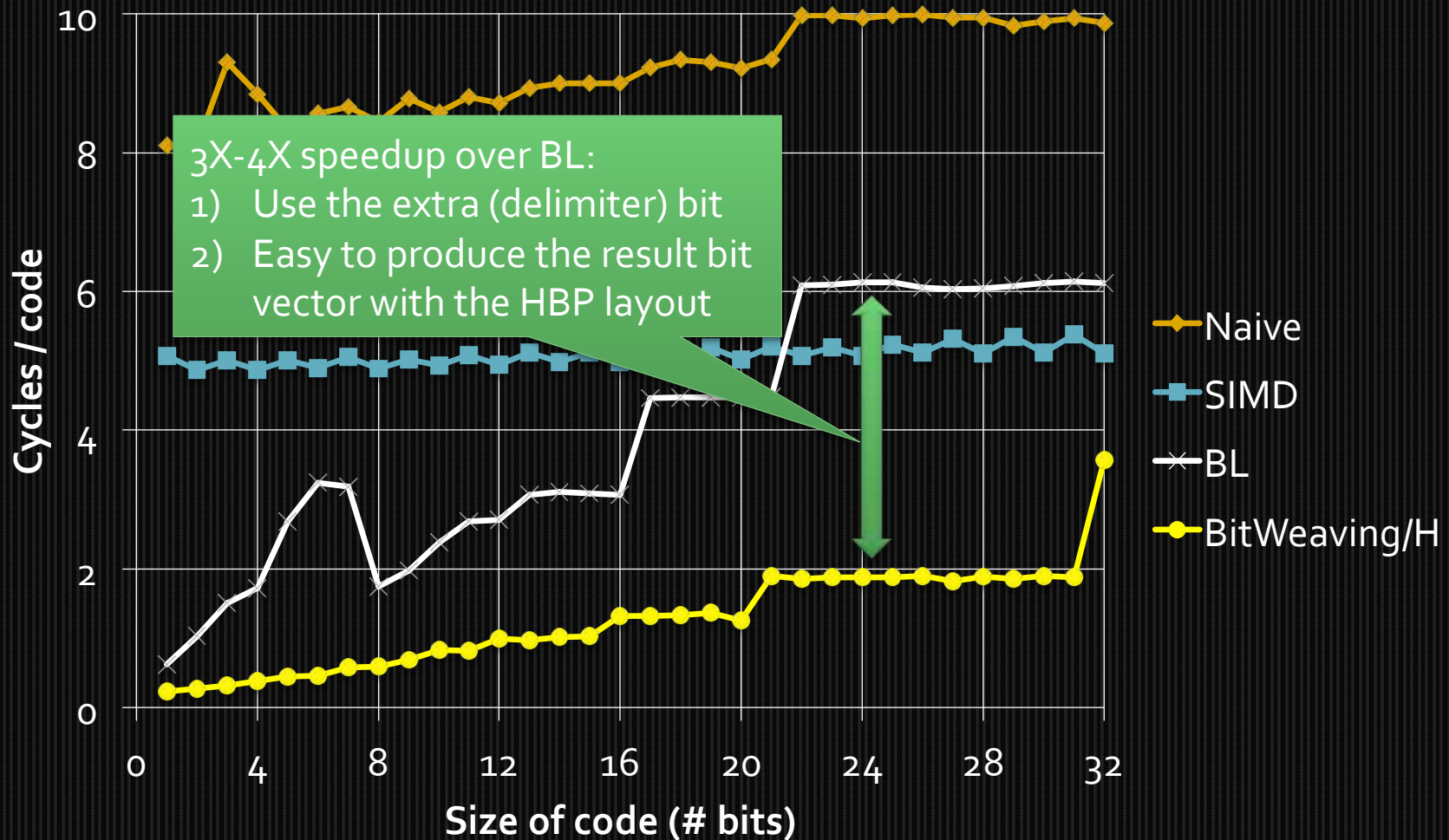
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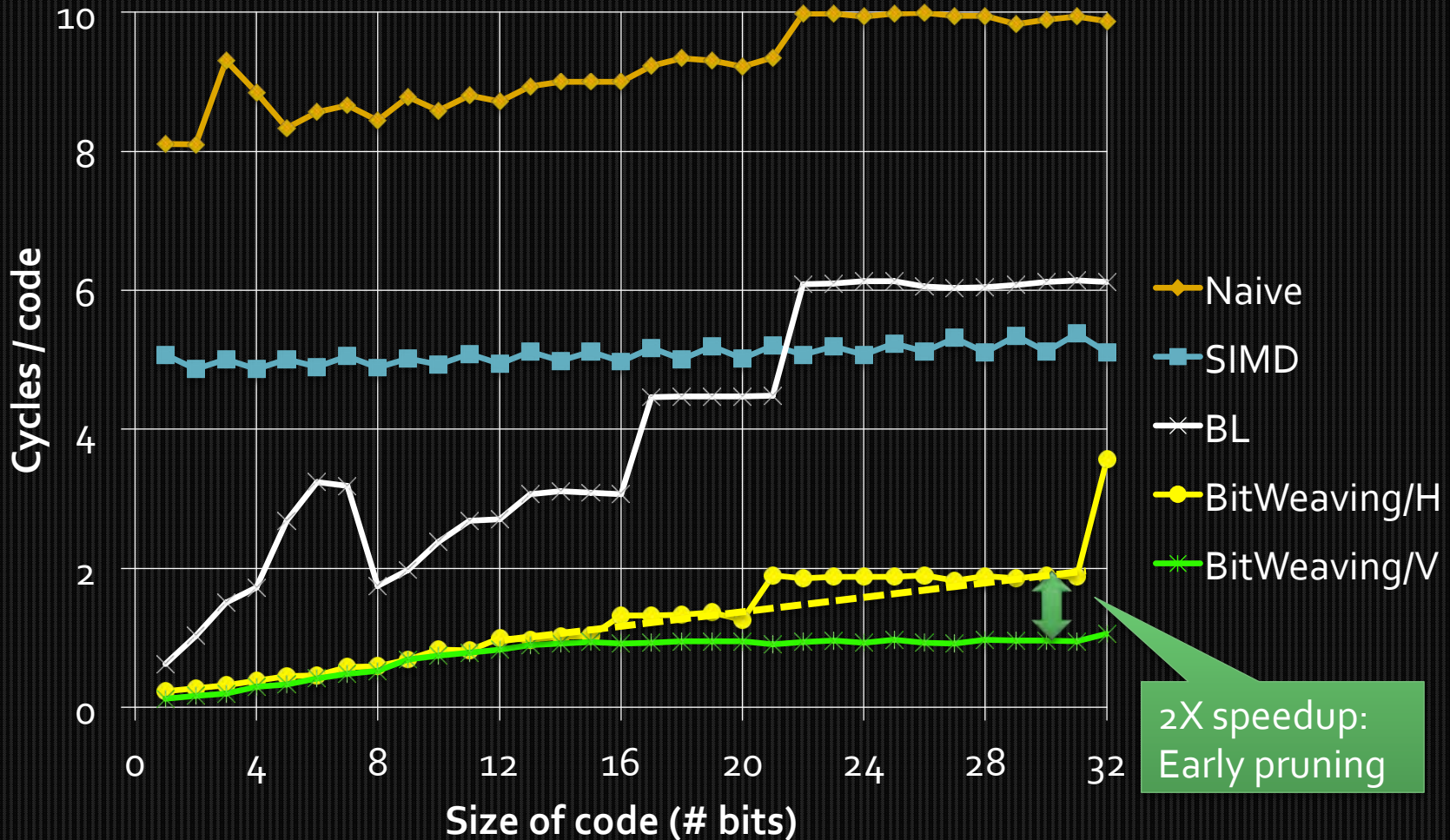
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Many more experiments in the paper



# WideTable

Customer

cid	cname	gender	address
1	Andy	M	100 Main st.
2	Kate	F	20 10 <sup>th</sup> blvd.
3	Bob	M	300 5 <sup>th</sup> ave.

Product

pid	pname
1	Milk
2	Coffee
3	Tea

Buy

cid	pid	status
1	2	S
2	2	F
3	3	S
1	2	S



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3	Bob	M	300 5 <sup>th</sup> ave.	3	Tea	S
1	Andy	M	100 Main st.	2	Coffee	S
NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	1	Milk	NULL

WideTable

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WideTable

Denormalization

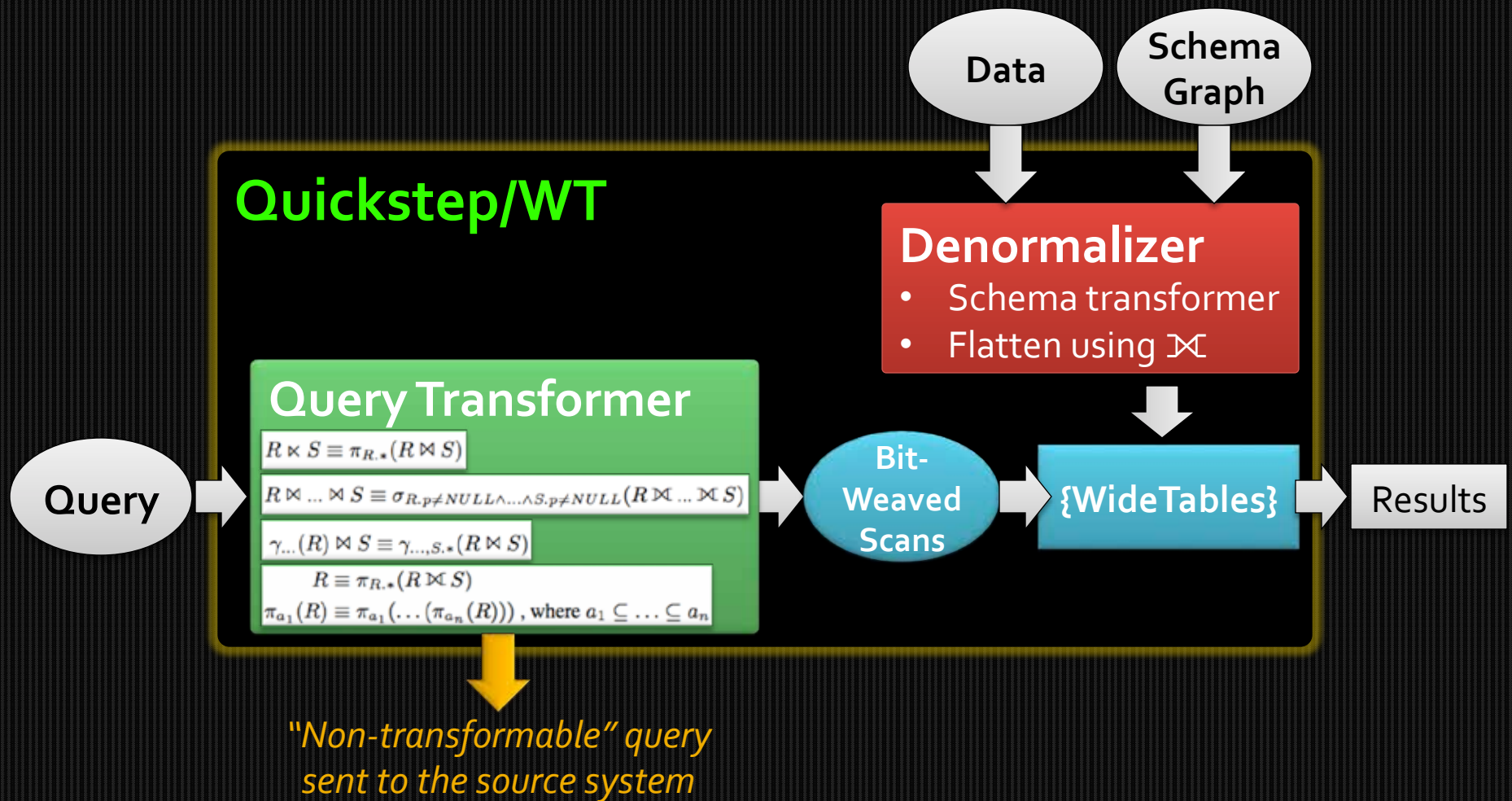
Column-store

Packed Scan

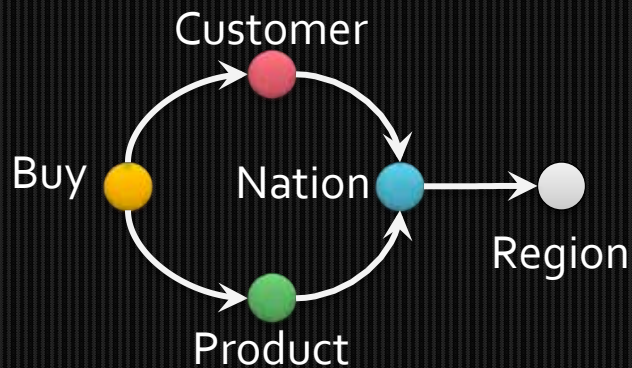
Dictionary  
encoding

Now we can run analytical workloads (e.g. TPC-H) using simple BitWeaved scans

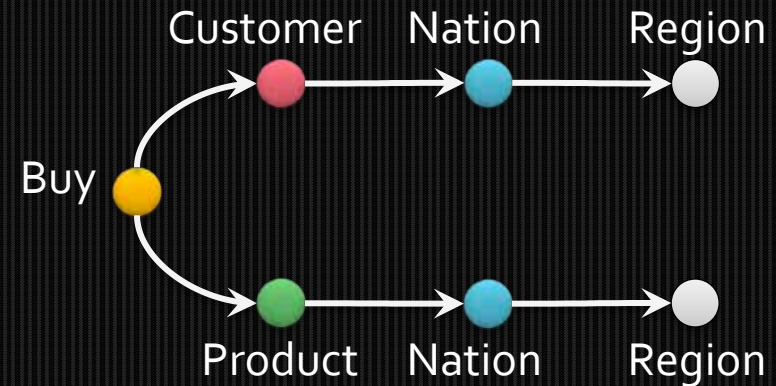
# WideTable Techniques



# Schema Graph



Schema Graph



Schema Tree

WideTable = (Region  $\bowtie$  Nation  $\bowtie$  Customer)  $\bowtie$  (Region  $\bowtie$  Nation  $\bowtie$  Product  $\bowtie$  Buy)

SMW = {WideTables}

e.g. for TPC-H, SMW={lineitemWT, ordersWT, partsuppWT, customerWT}

# TPC-H Queries

TPC-H Queries	Joins	Nested Queries	Non-FK joins	WideTable
Q1, Q6				LineitemWT
Q3, Q5, Q7-Q10, Q12, Q14, Q19	×			LineitemWT
Q4, Q15, Q17, Q18, Q20	×	×		LineitemWT
Q21	×	×	×	---
Q2, Q11, Q16	×	×		PartsuppWT
Q13	×			OrdersWT
Q22	×	×		OrdersWT

# Evaluation

## SYSTEM

- Intel Xeon E5-2620  
× 2
- 2.0 GHz
- 12 cores / 24 threads
- 15MB L3 Cache
- 32G, 1600MHz DDR3

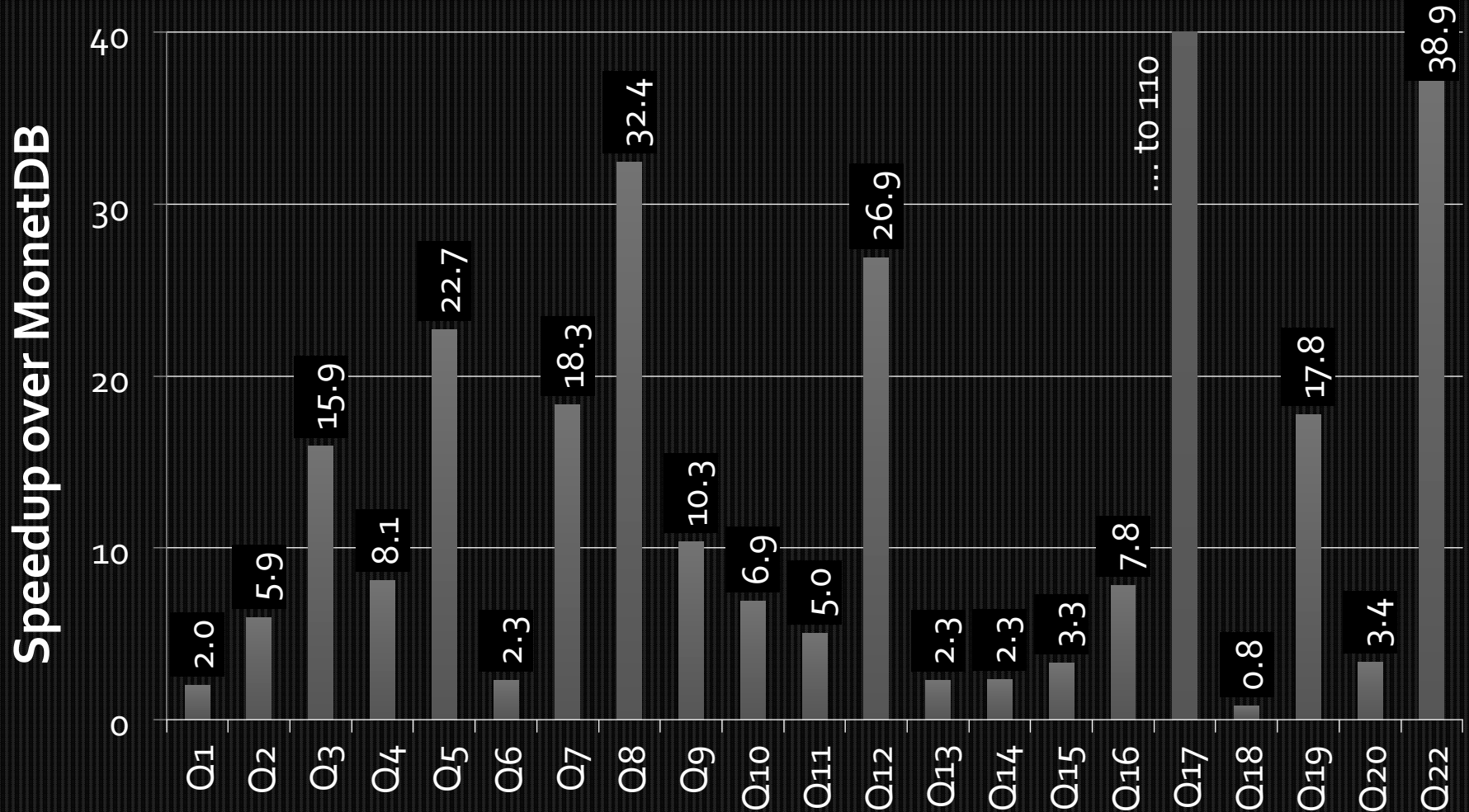
## BENCHMARK

- SF: 10 (~10GB)
- SMW =

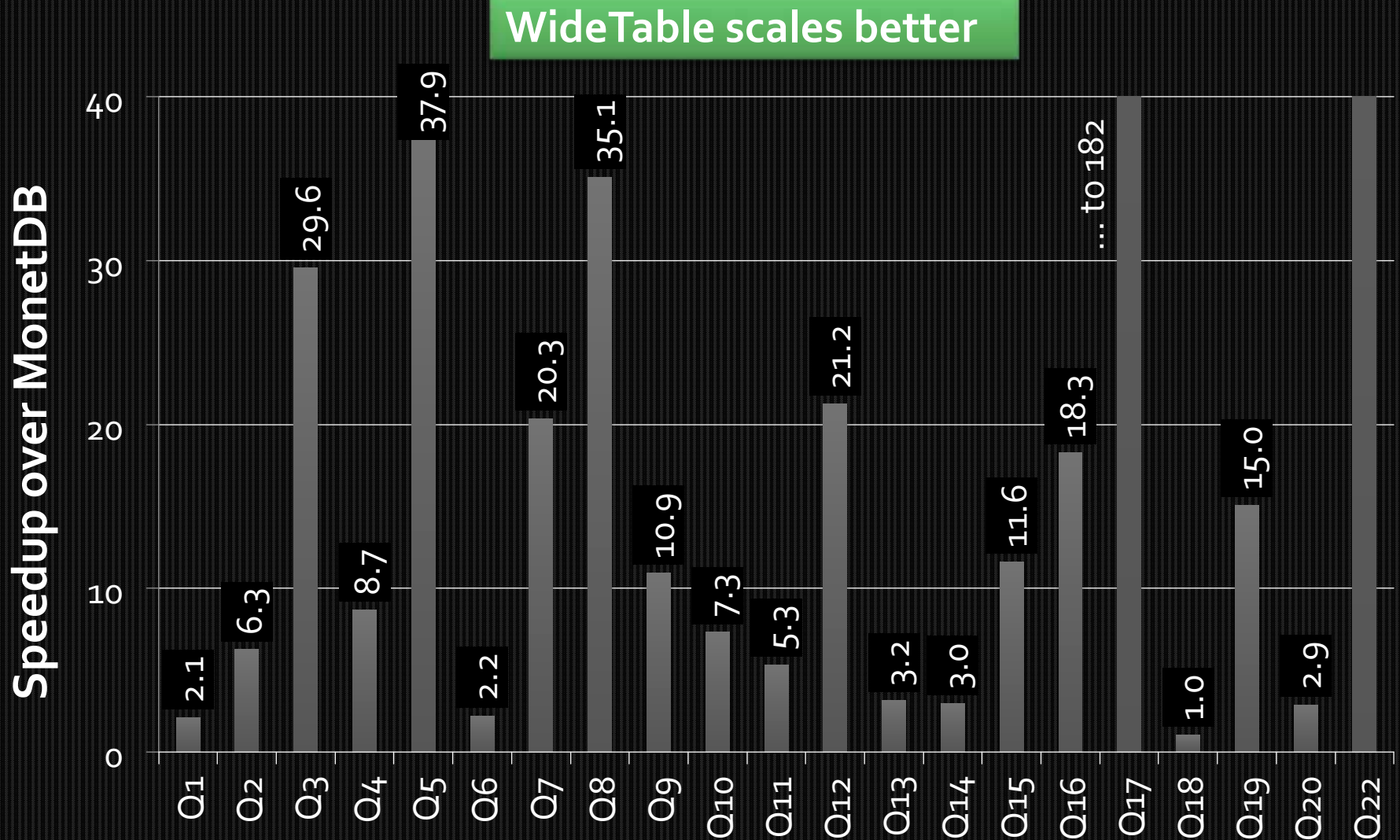
lineltemWT	5.4 GB
ordersWT	0.7 GB
partsuppWT	0.2 GB
customerWT	0.05 GB
dictionaries	0.8 GB
filter columns	1.3 GB
TOTAL	8.5GB

# Speedup over MonetDB: Single Thread

WideTable over 10X faster than MonetDB for about half of the 21 queries

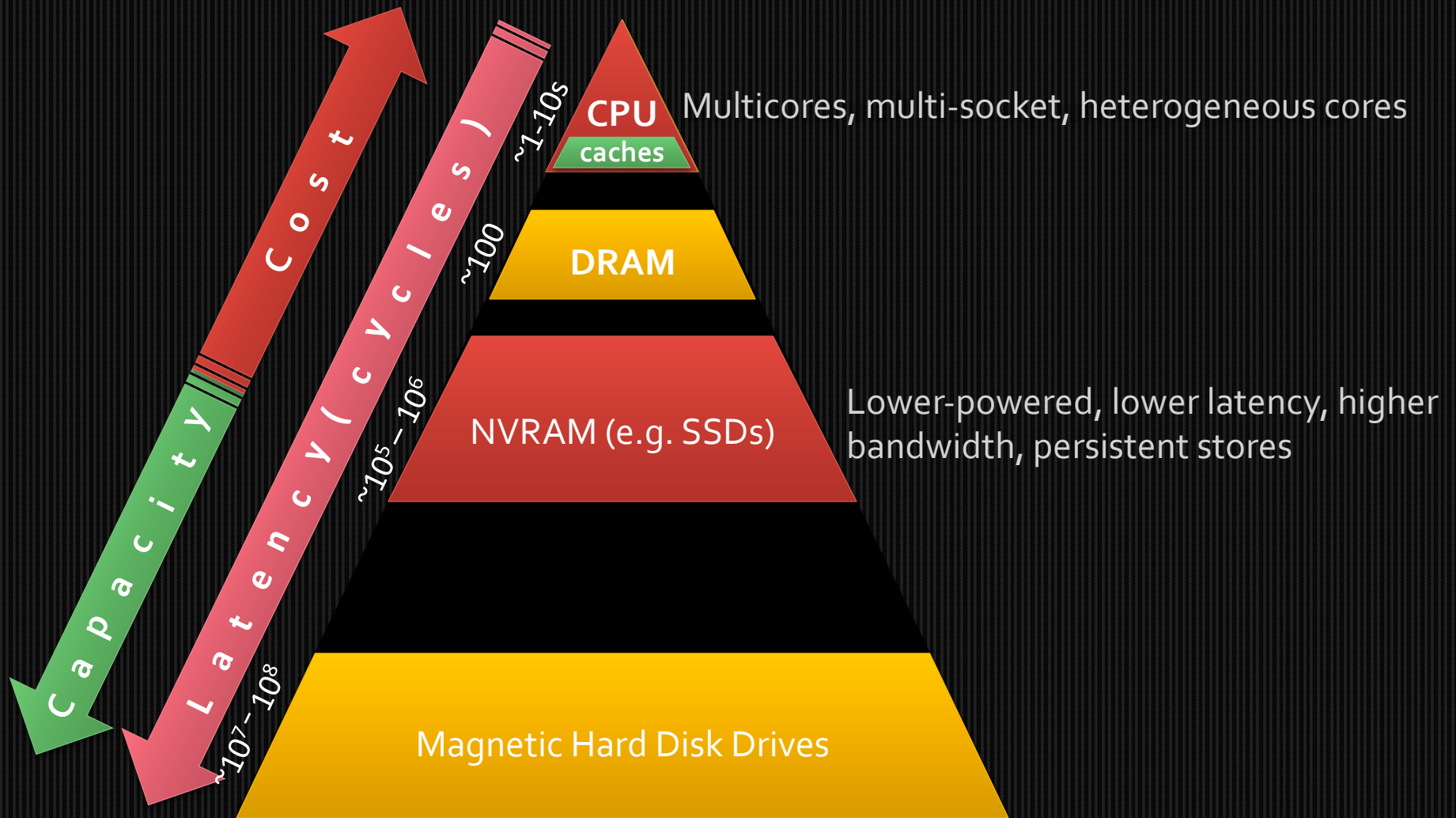


# Speedup over MonetDB: 12 Threads

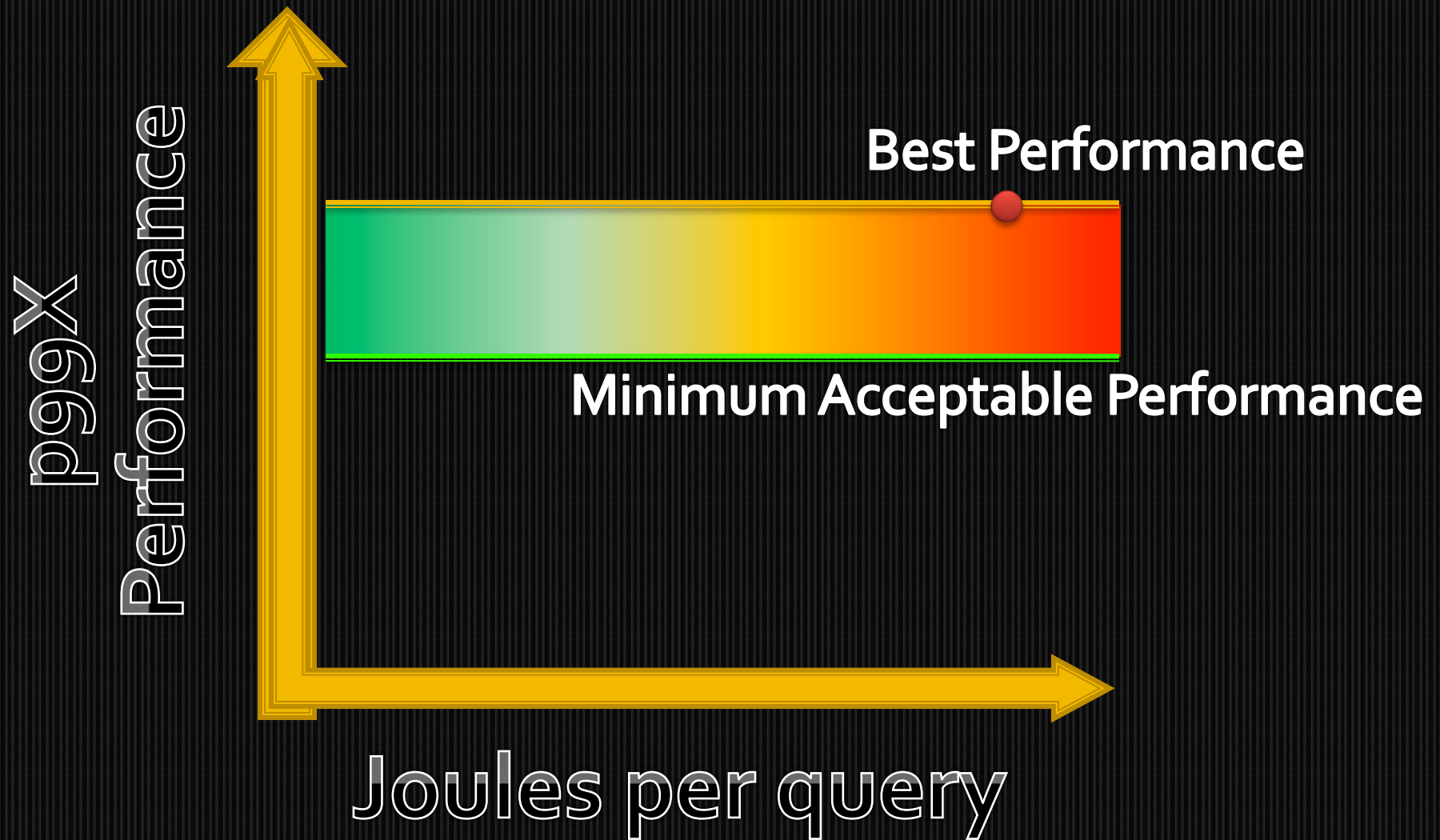




# Disruptive hardware trends



# Rethinking Performance Goals

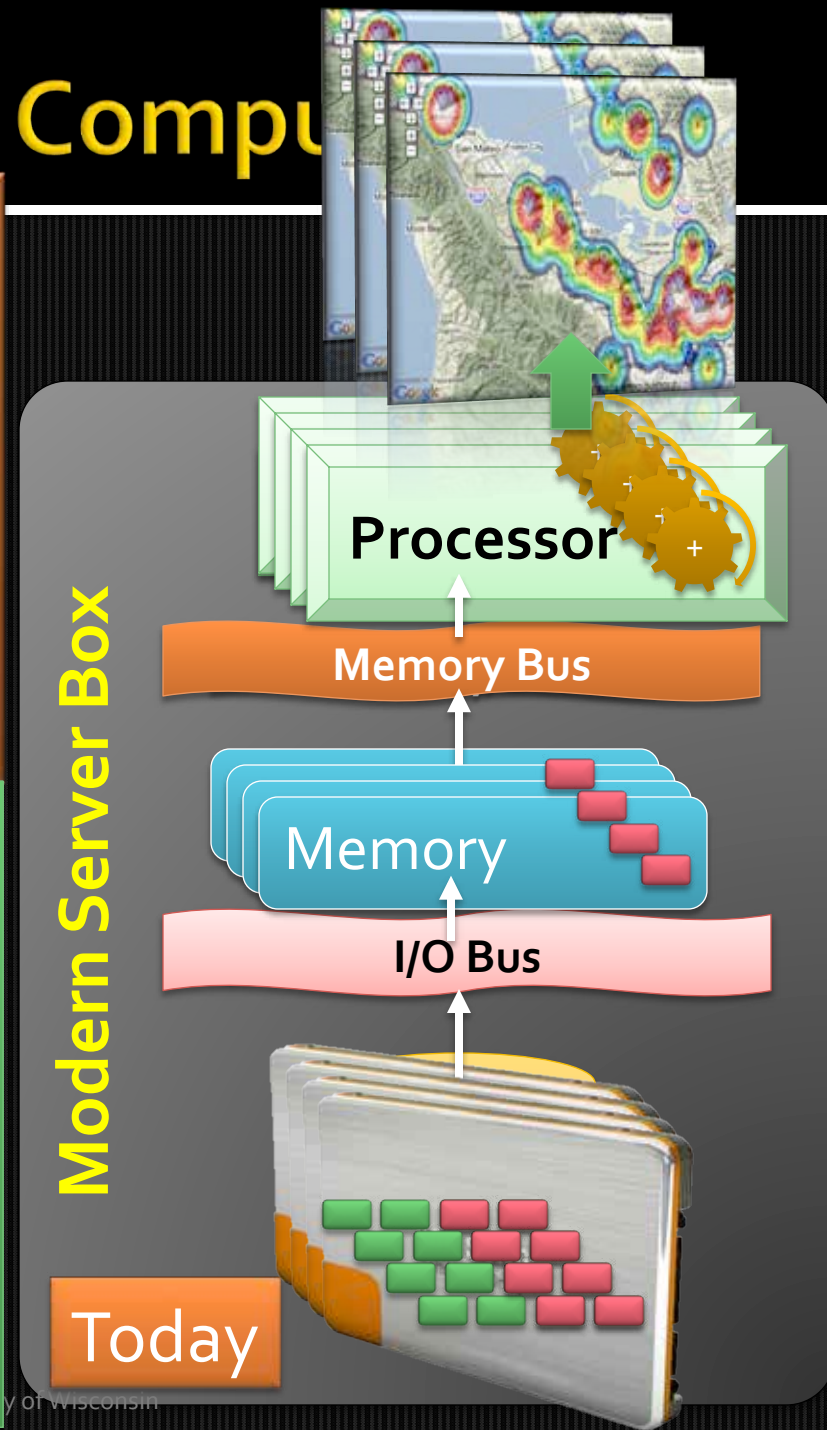


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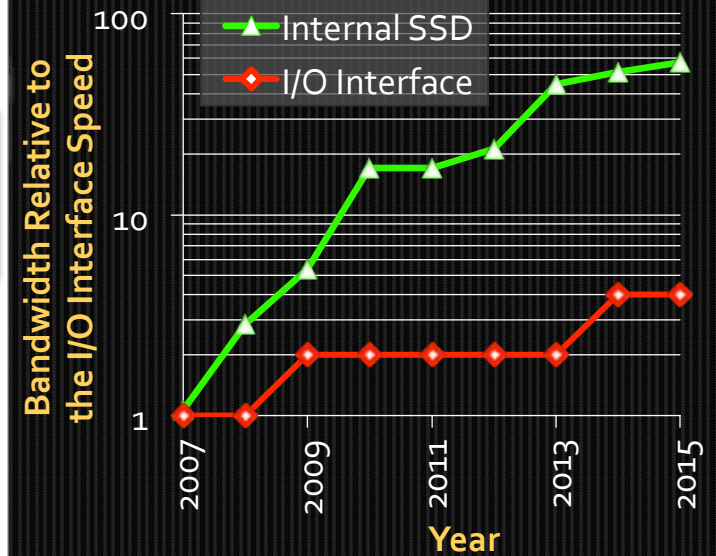
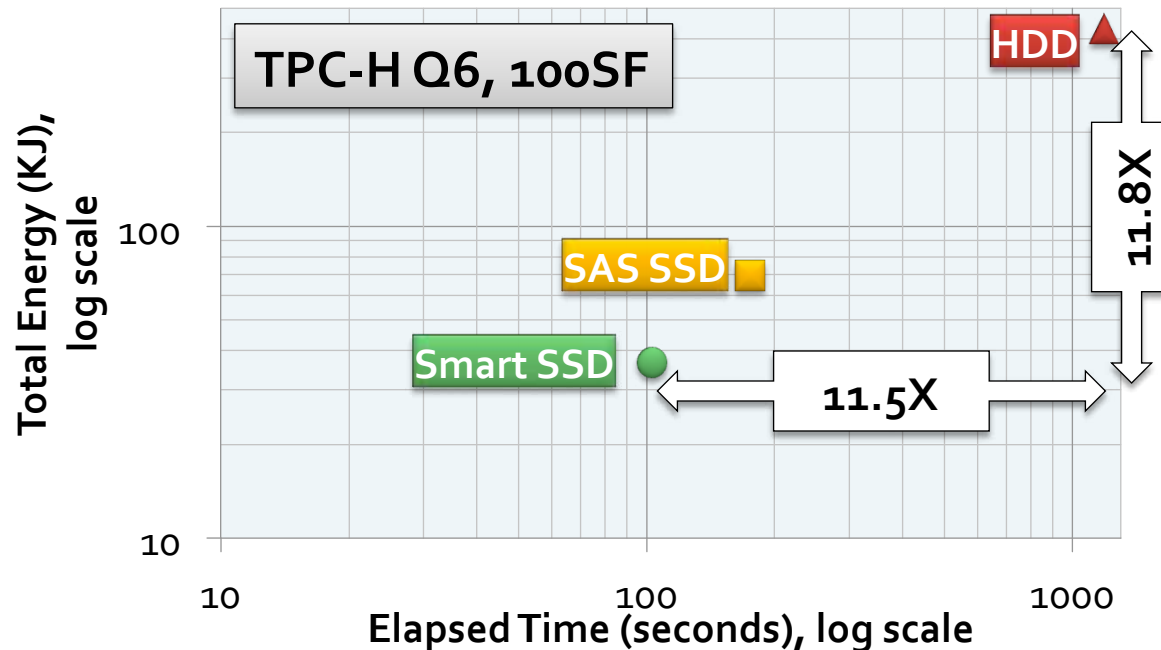
## Long Term:

Raw computing and storage costs tends to zero!

The cost is in moving data and powering the circuits/devices



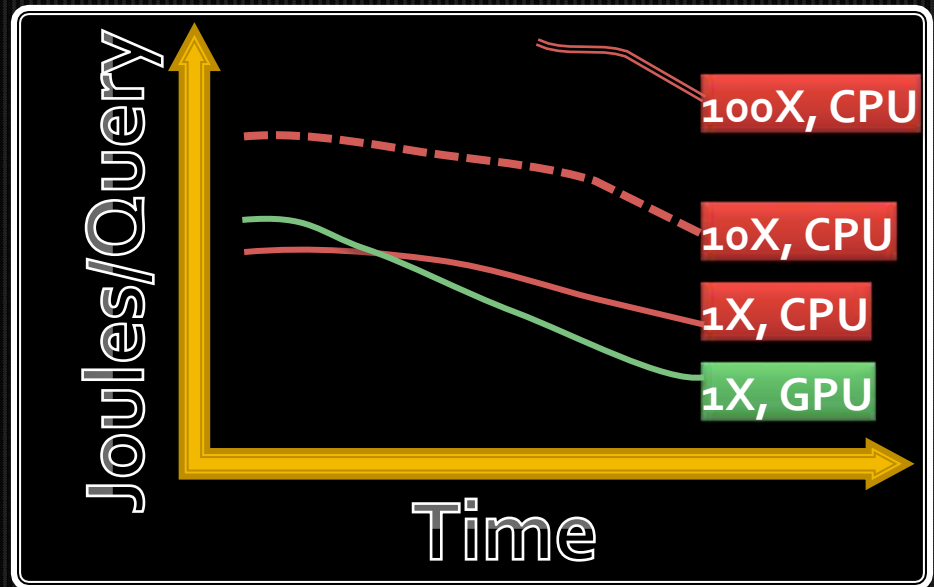
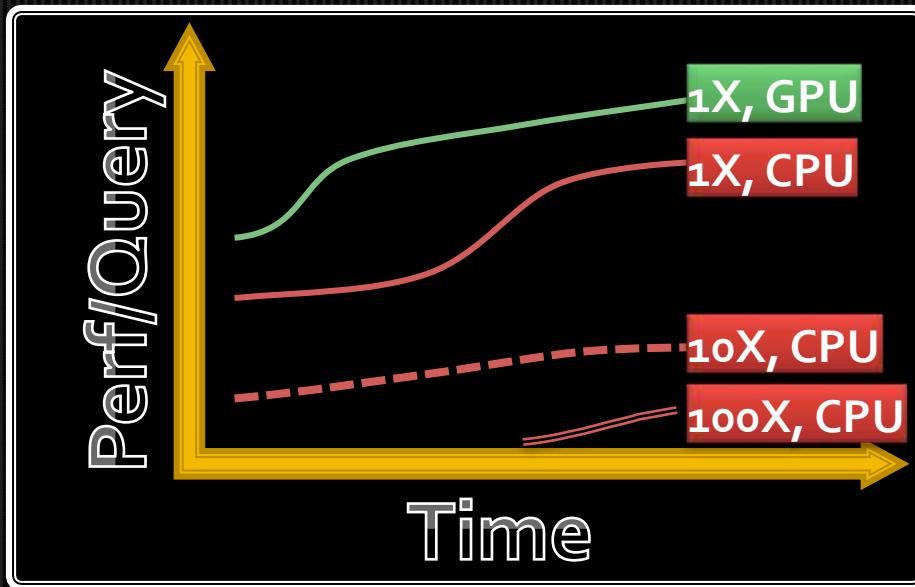
# Example: Flash SSD Architecture



There are similar ways of using hardware creatively, e.g. IDISKS, ASICs, CGRA, FPGAs, or GPUs.

**Basically, need hardware and software synergy!**

# Hardware Software Co-design: A Good Starting Point



Starting point:  
Two queries

Scan

- Sequential read kernel

Scattered  
Read/Write

- Index access kernel

# Conclusions and Future Work

**Transformative architectural changes at all levels (CPU, memory subsystem, I/O subsystem) is underway**

**Need to rethink data processing kernels**

- Run @ current bare metal speed

**Need to think of hardware software co-design**

