

# Ziggurat: A Tiered File System for Non-Volatile Main Memories and Disks

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# Background

- Non-volatile main memory (NVMM)
  - Byte-addressability
  - Persistence
  - Direct access (DAX)
- NVMM file systems
  - PMFS, SCMFS, NOVA
  - EXT4-DAX, XFS-DAX
  - Capacity?

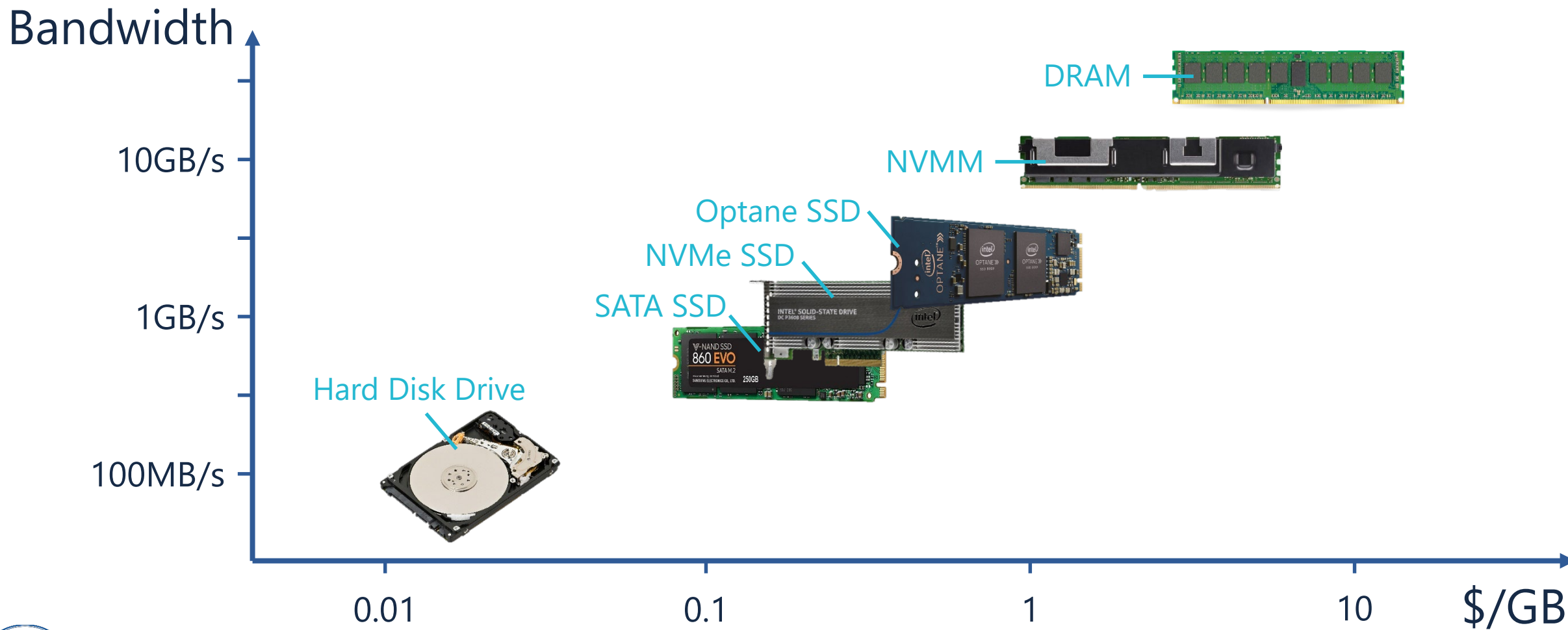


3D-XPoint NVDIMM

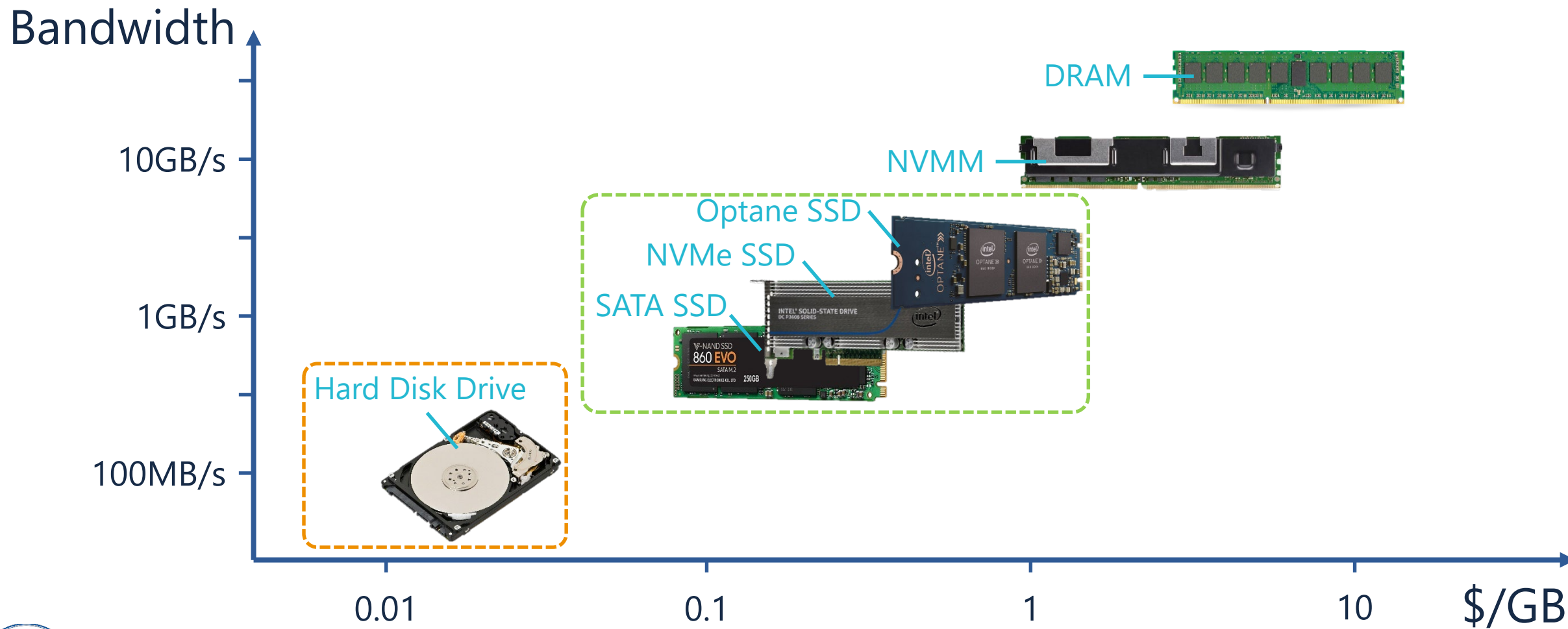


DRAM + Flash NVDIMM

# Motivation



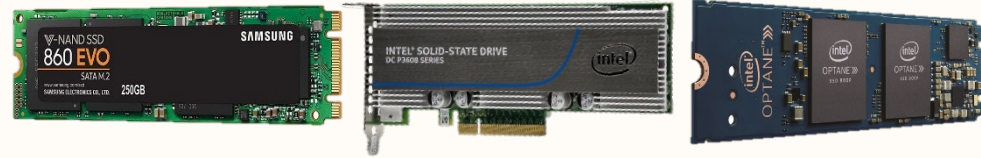
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- SSD for speed
- HDD for capacity

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HDD



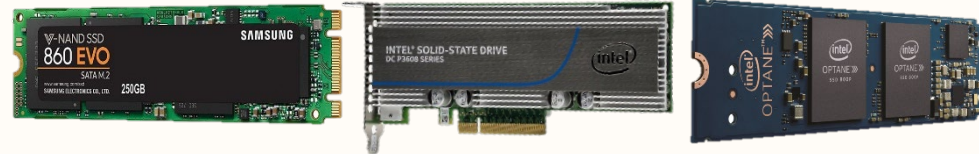
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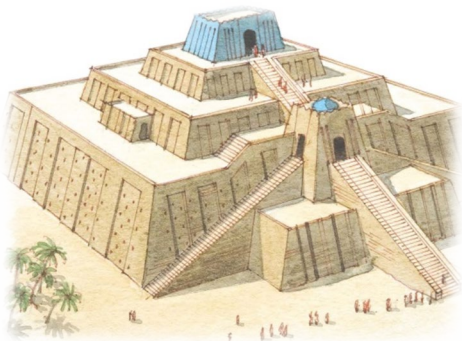
NVMM



SSD



HDD



# Ziggurat Overview

- Intelligent data placement policy
  - Send writes to the most suitable tier
  - High NVMM space utilization
- Accurate predictors
  - Predict the synchronicity of each file (synchronicity predictor)
  - Predict the size of future writes to each file (write size predictor)
- Efficient migration mechanism
  - Only migrate cold data in cold files
  - Migrate file data in groups

# Outline

- Motivation
- Data placement policy
- Migration mechanism
- Evaluation
- Conclusion

# Data Placement Policy

- Although NVMM is the fastest tier in Ziggurat, file writes should not always go to NVMM.*

| Data Placement       |              | Synchronicity predictor                                                                    |                                                                                            |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      |              | Synchronously-updated                                                                      | Asynchronously-updated                                                                     |
| Write size predictor | Large writes | NVMM   | Disk   |
|                      | Small writes | NVMM  | NVMM  |

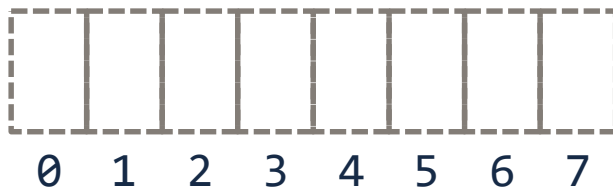
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File log

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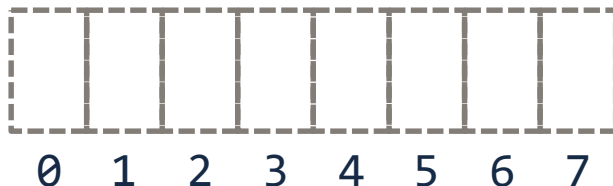
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Write entry

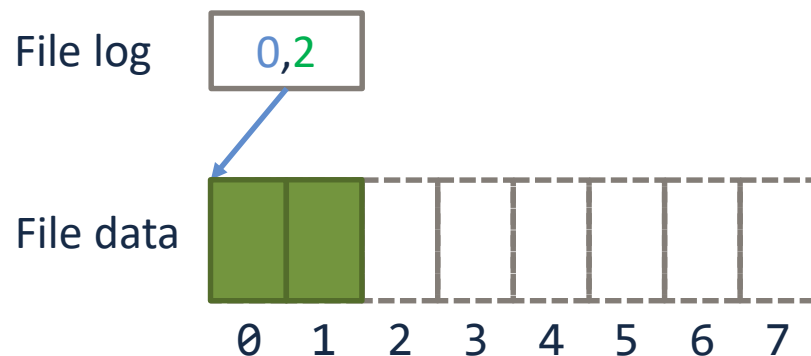
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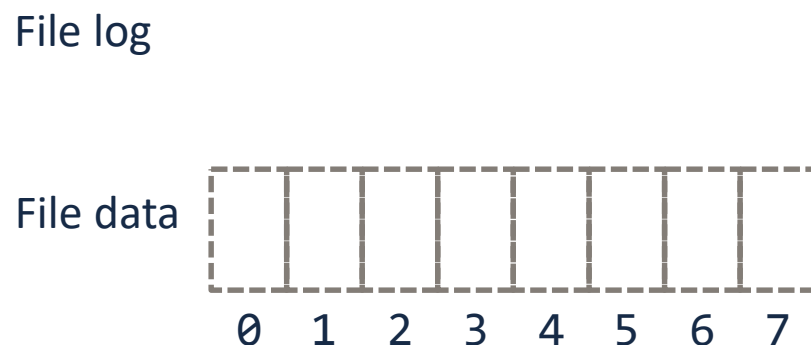
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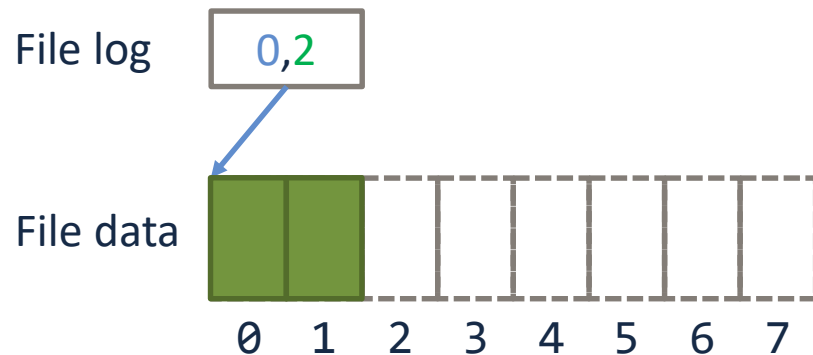
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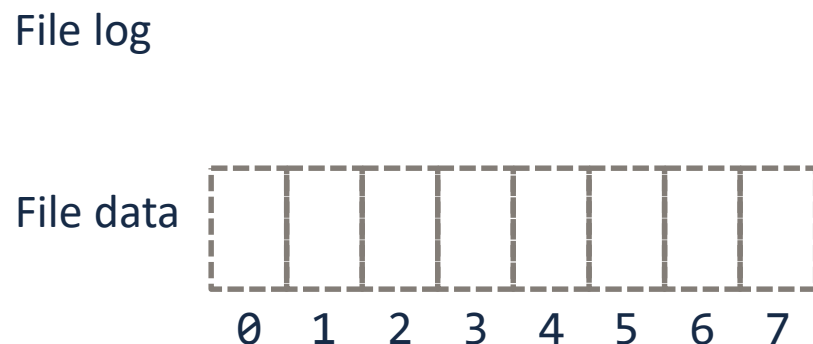
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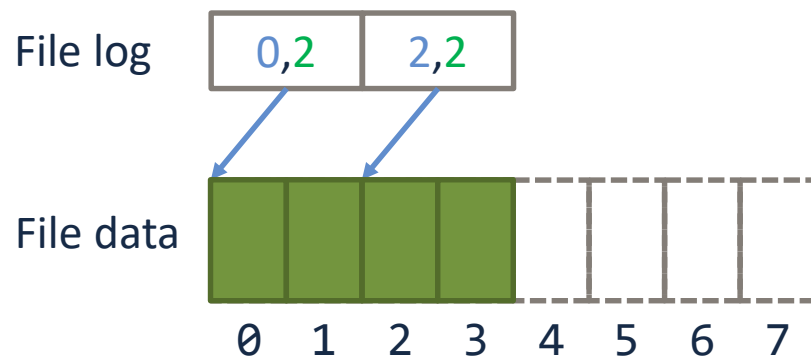
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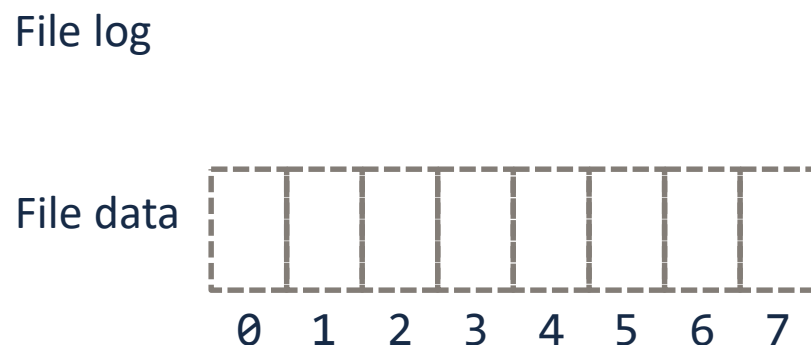
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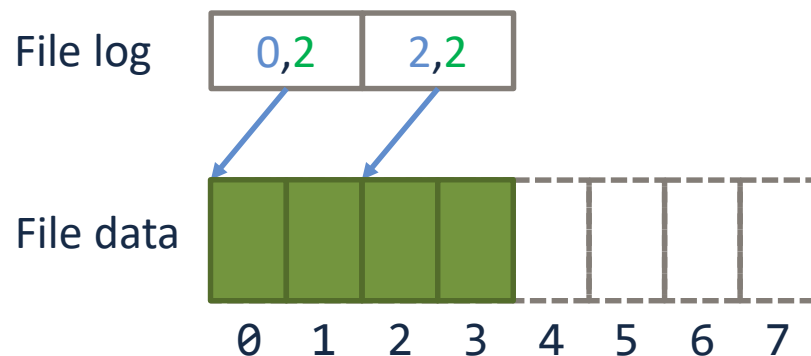
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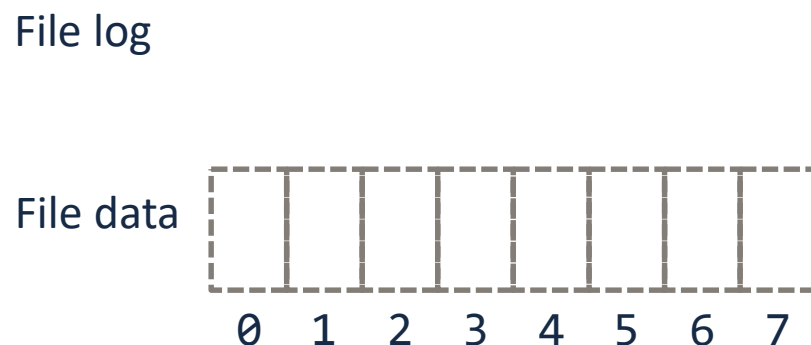
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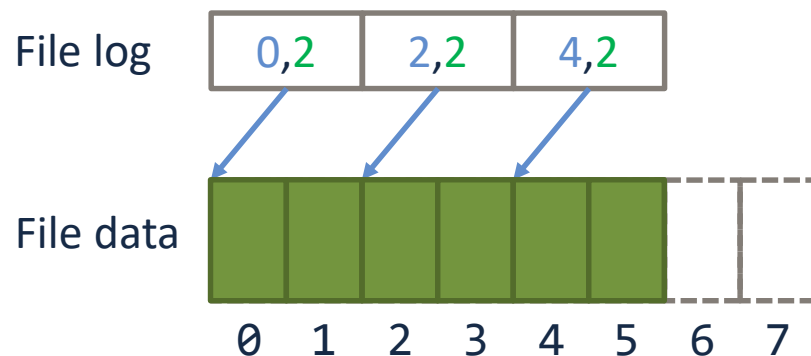
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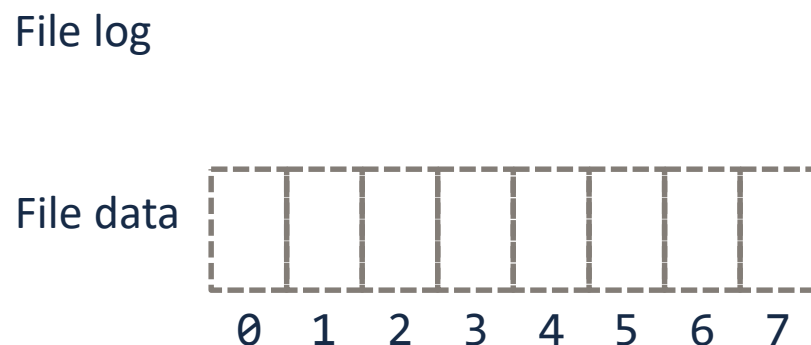
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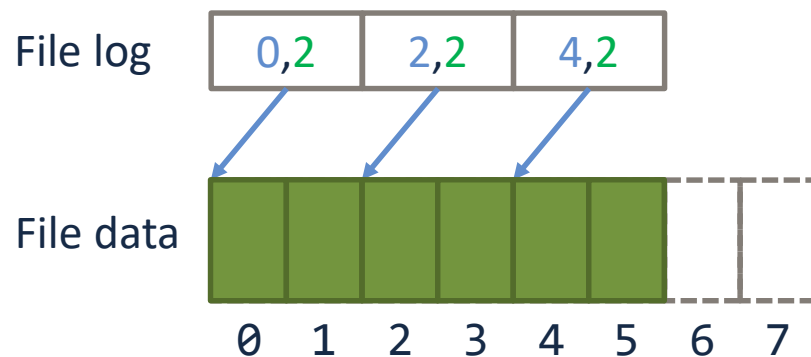
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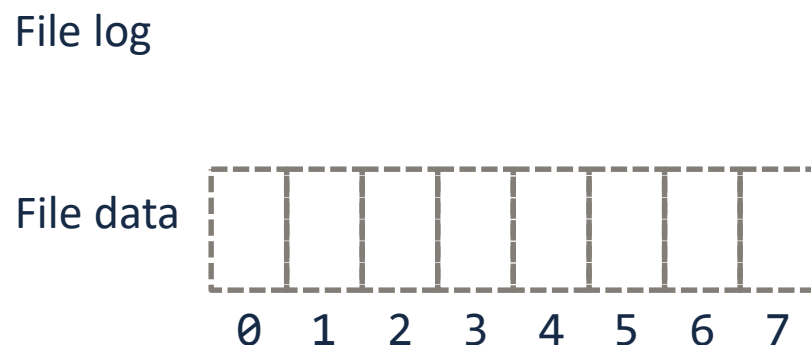
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Write entry

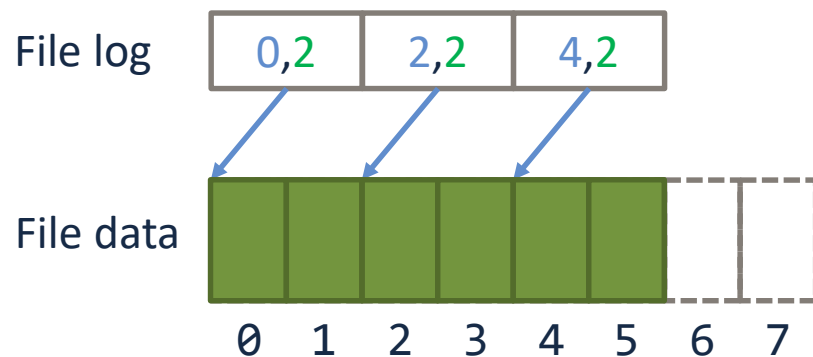
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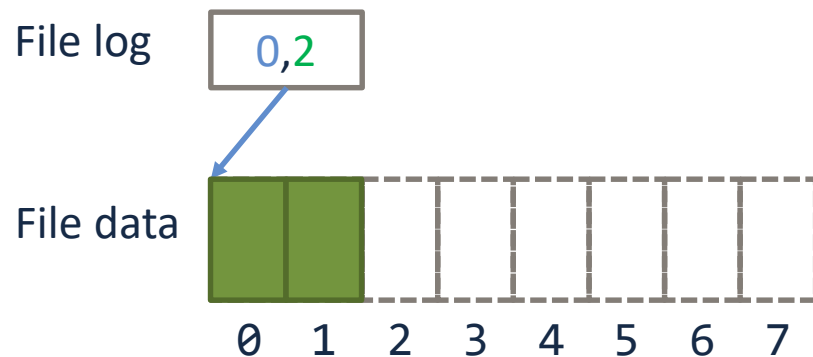
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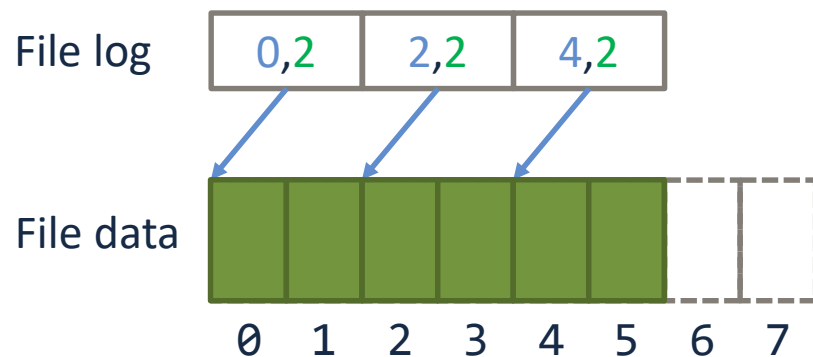
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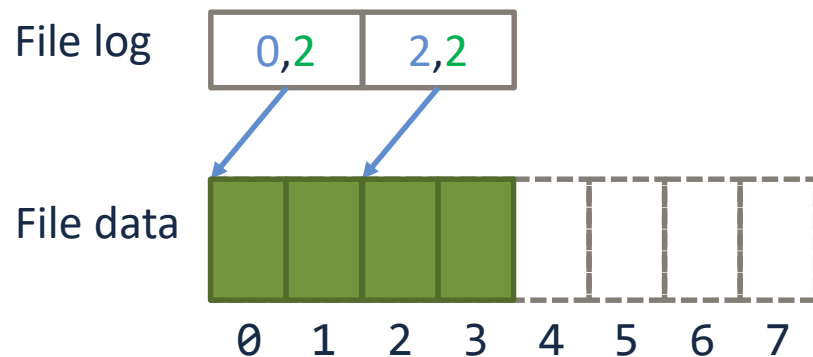
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Data blocks written: 4 / 4

Synchronous

Write entry

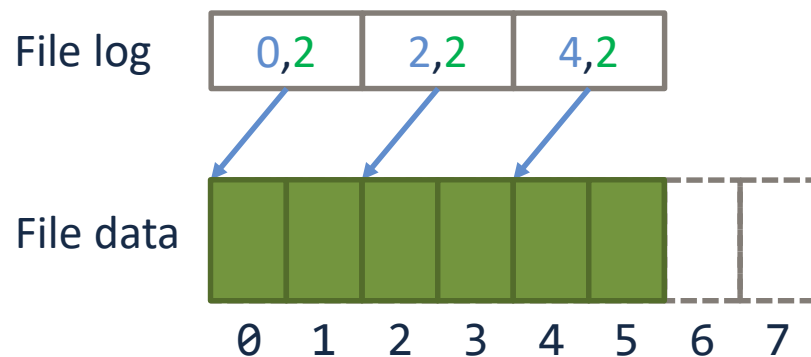
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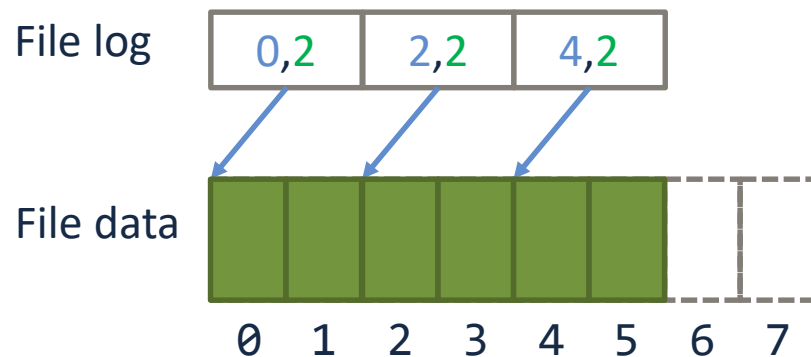
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Synchronous

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Data blocks written: 6 / 4

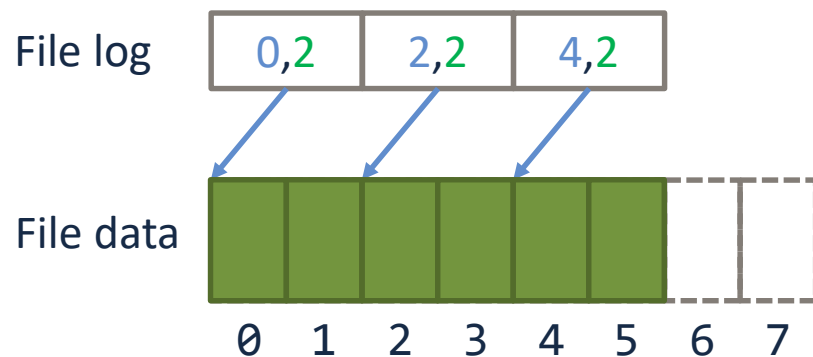
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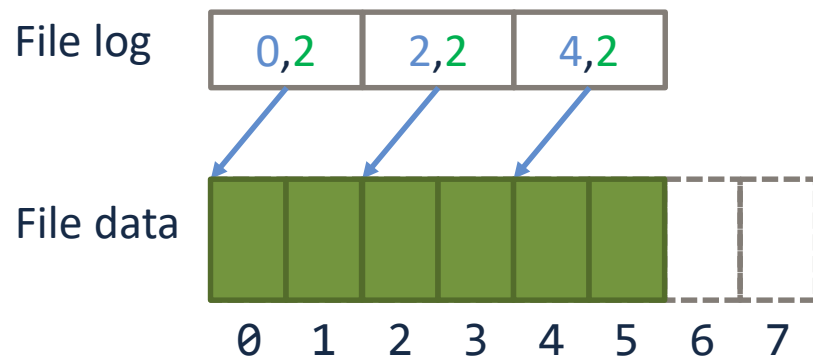
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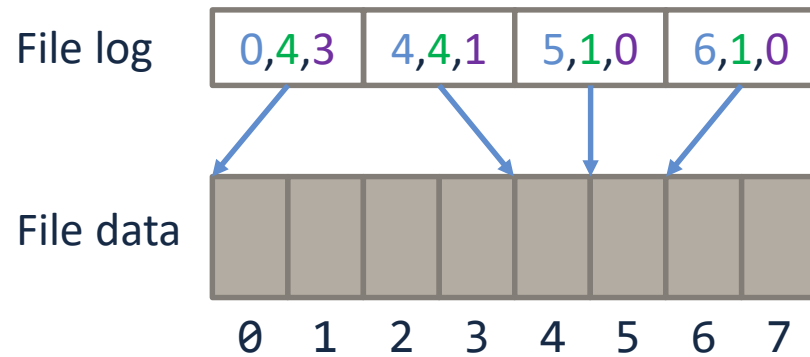
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Asynchronous



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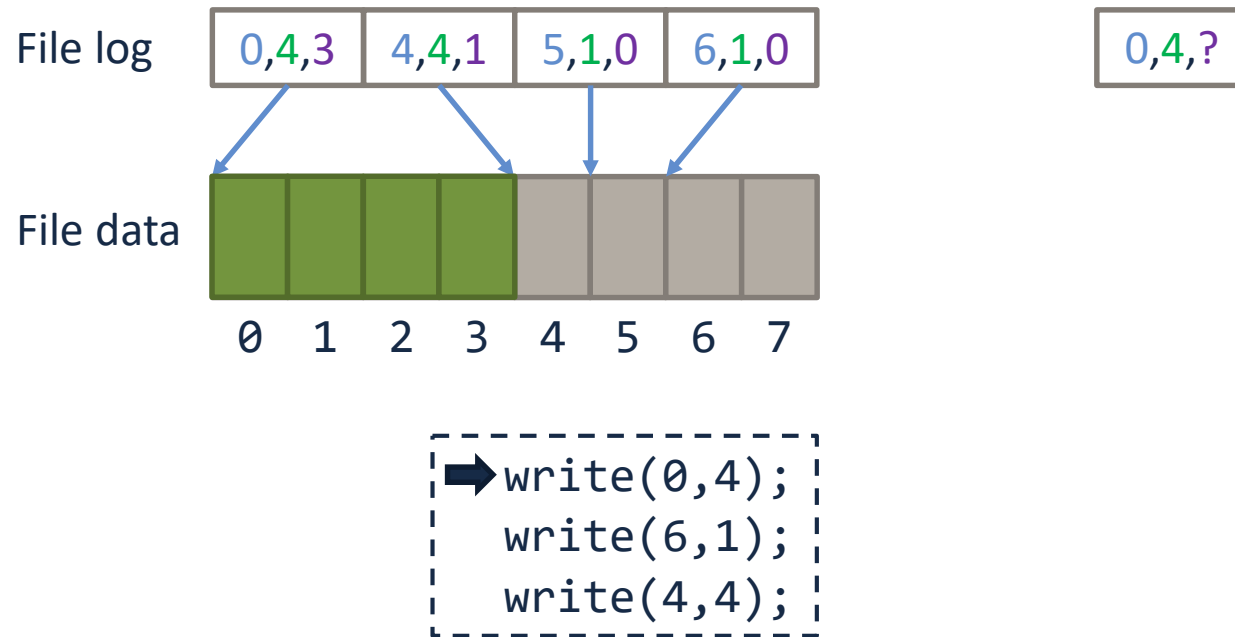
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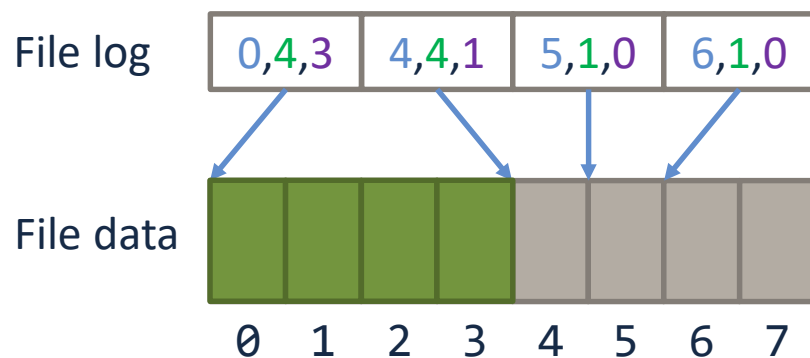
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0,4,?

Length  $\geq 4$

Predecessor found

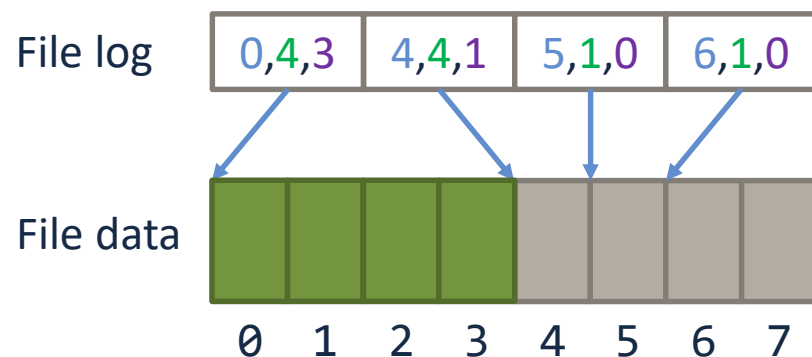
Large

Stable

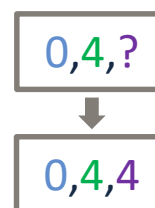
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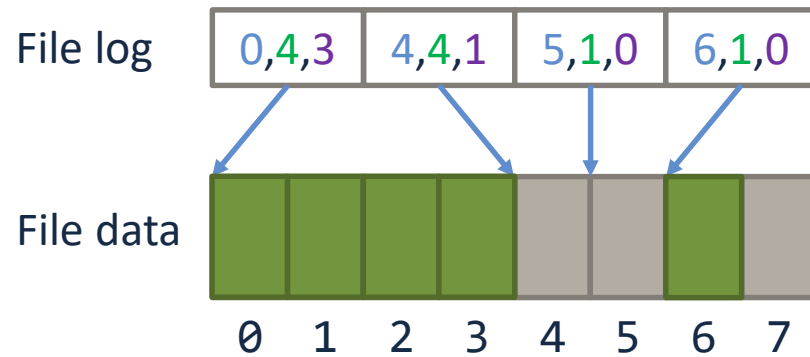
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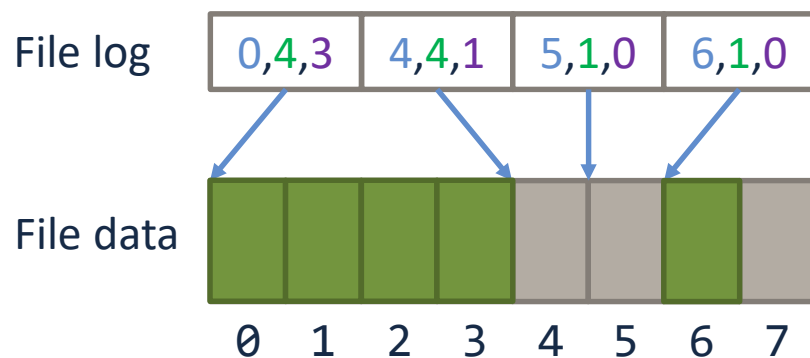
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Length  $< 4$

Small

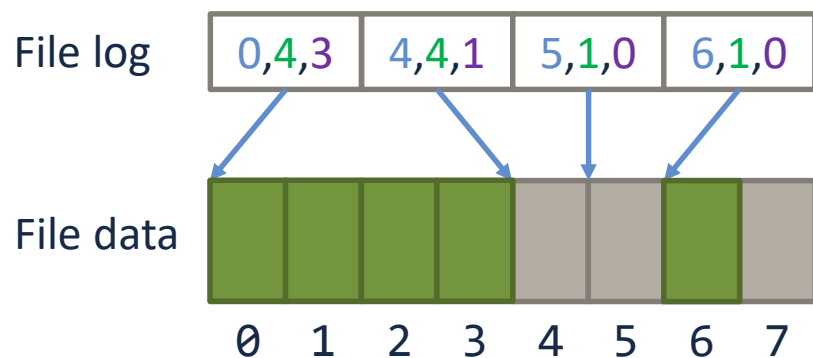
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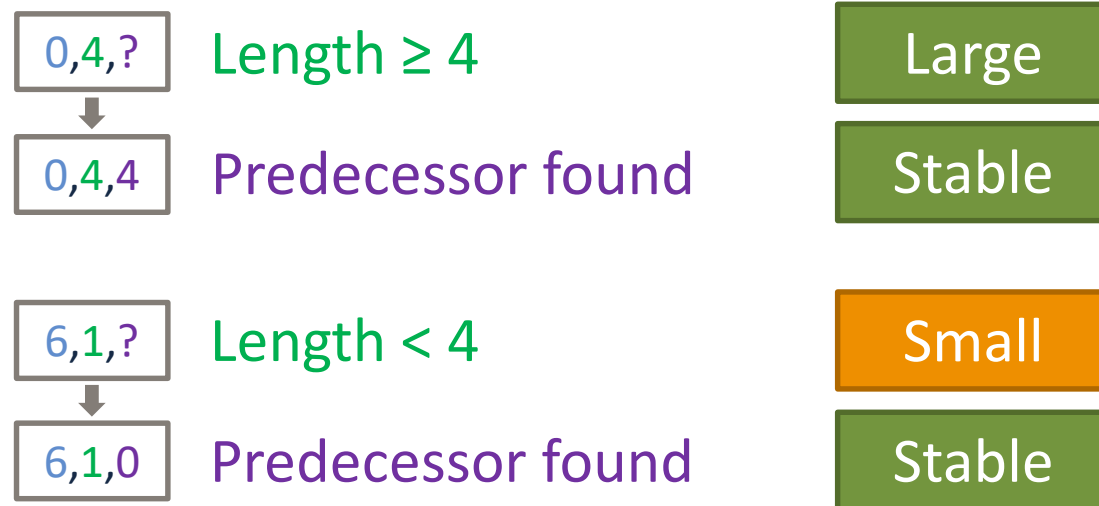


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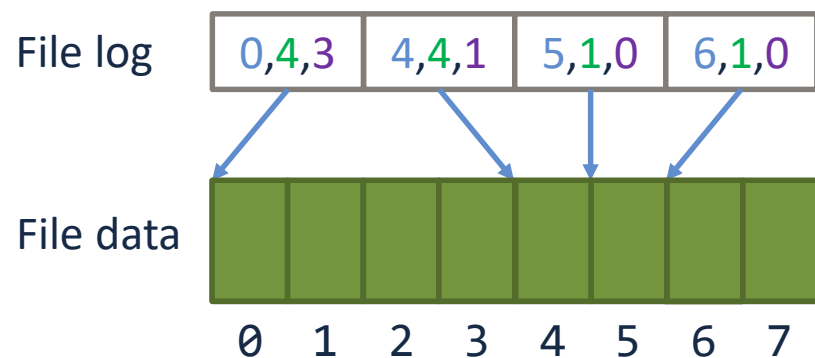


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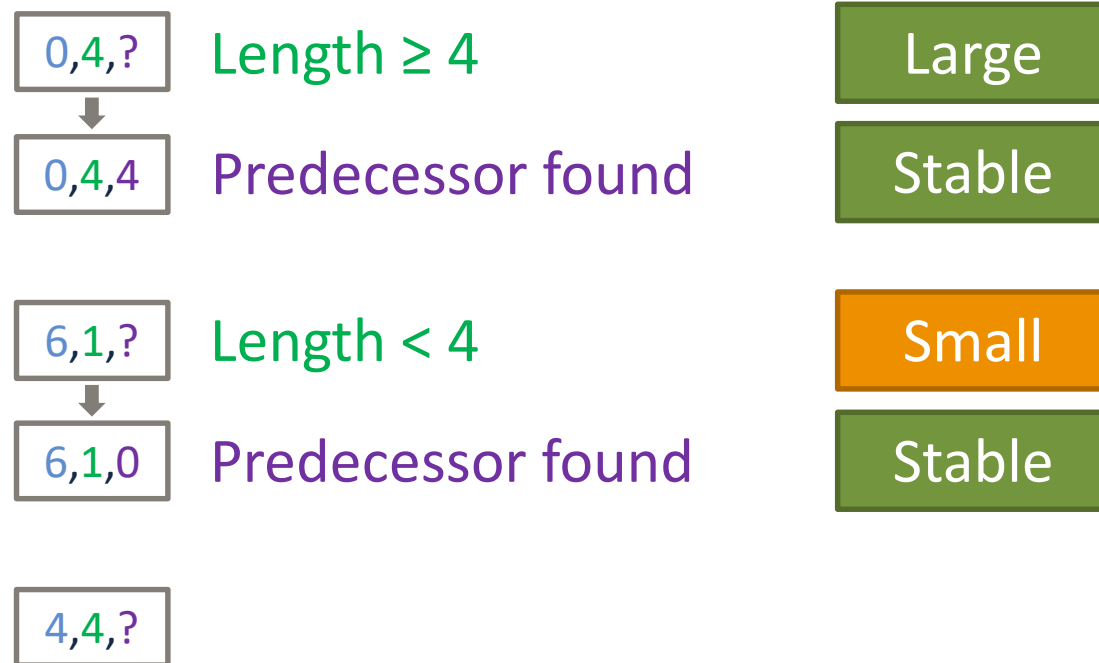


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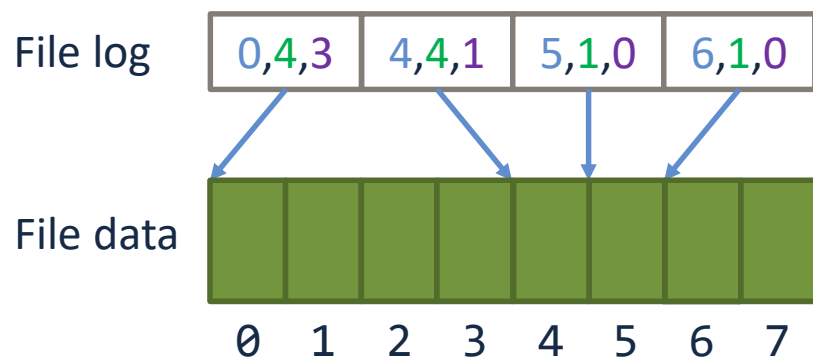


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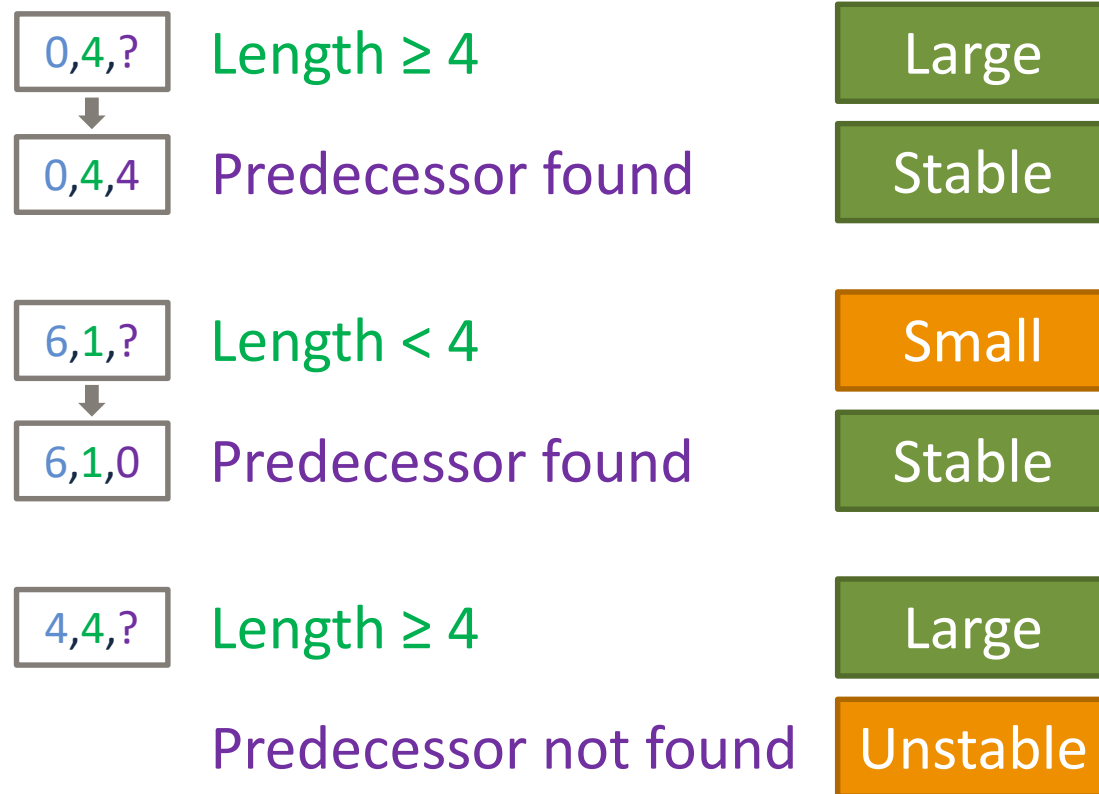


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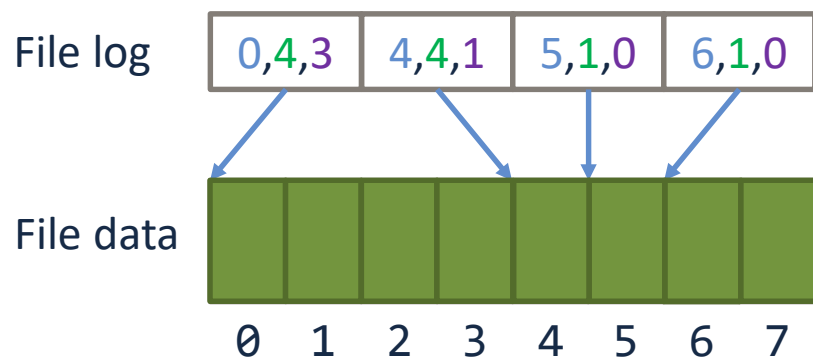


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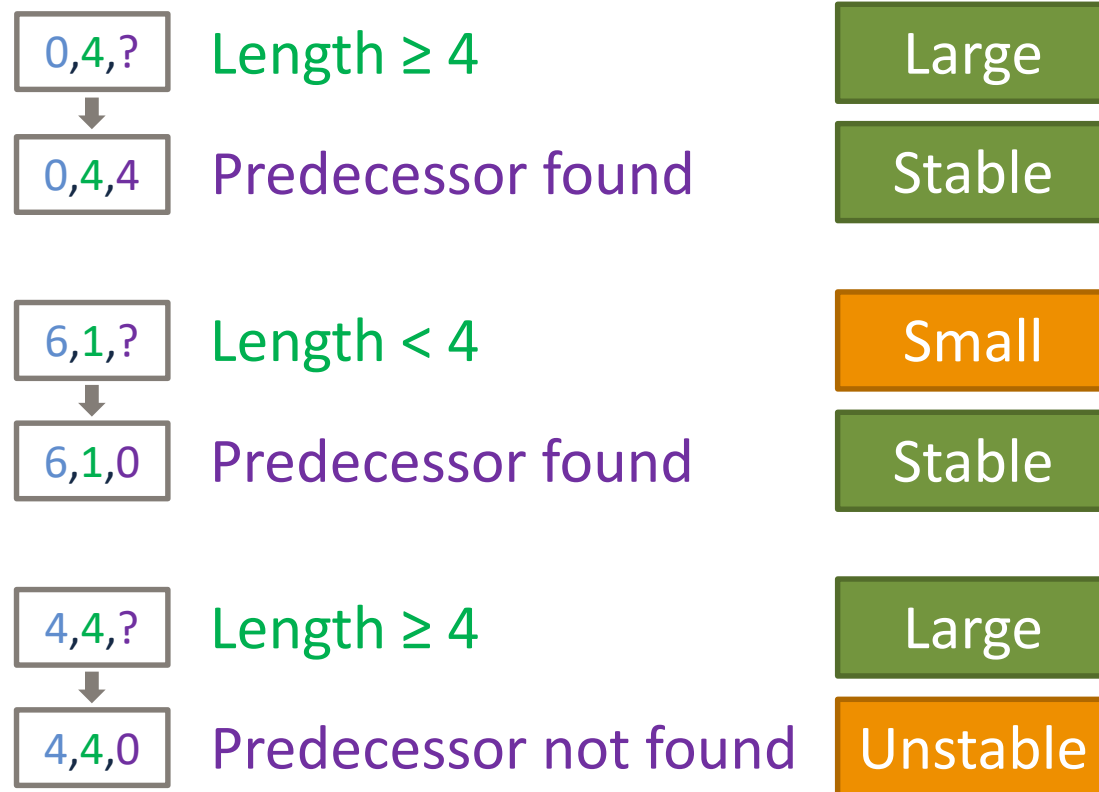


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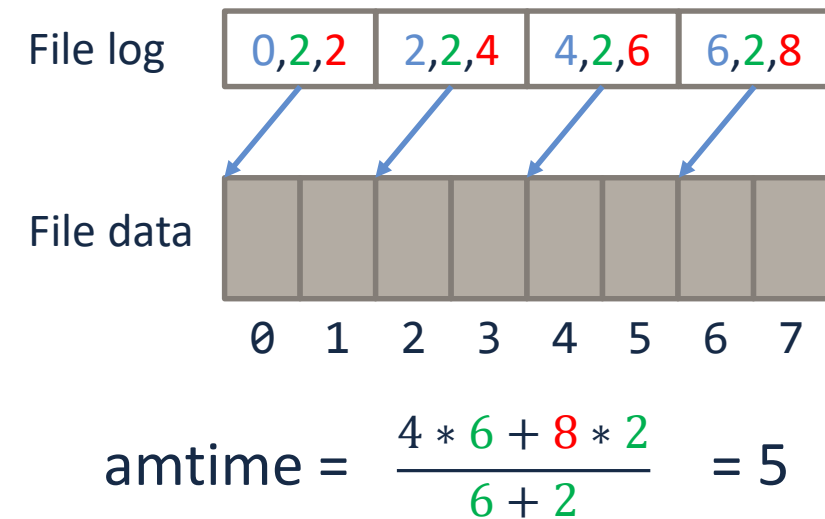
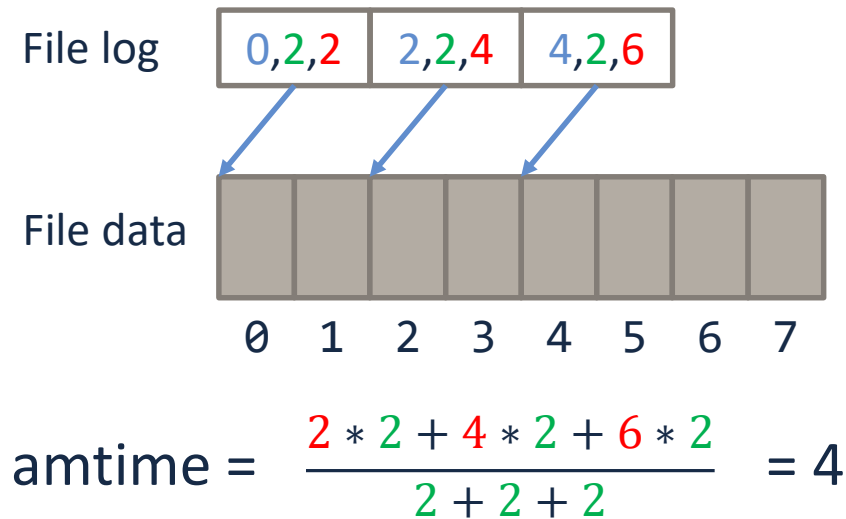


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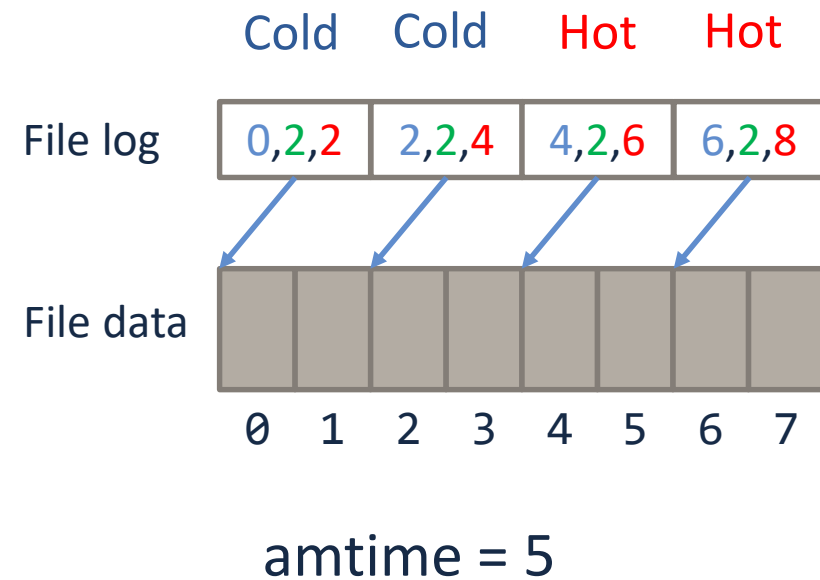
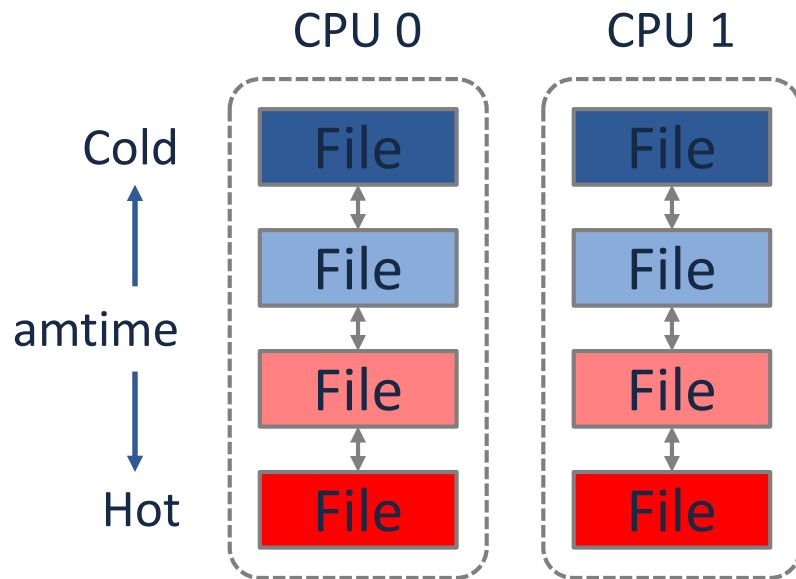
# Cold Data Identification

- Average modification time (amtime)
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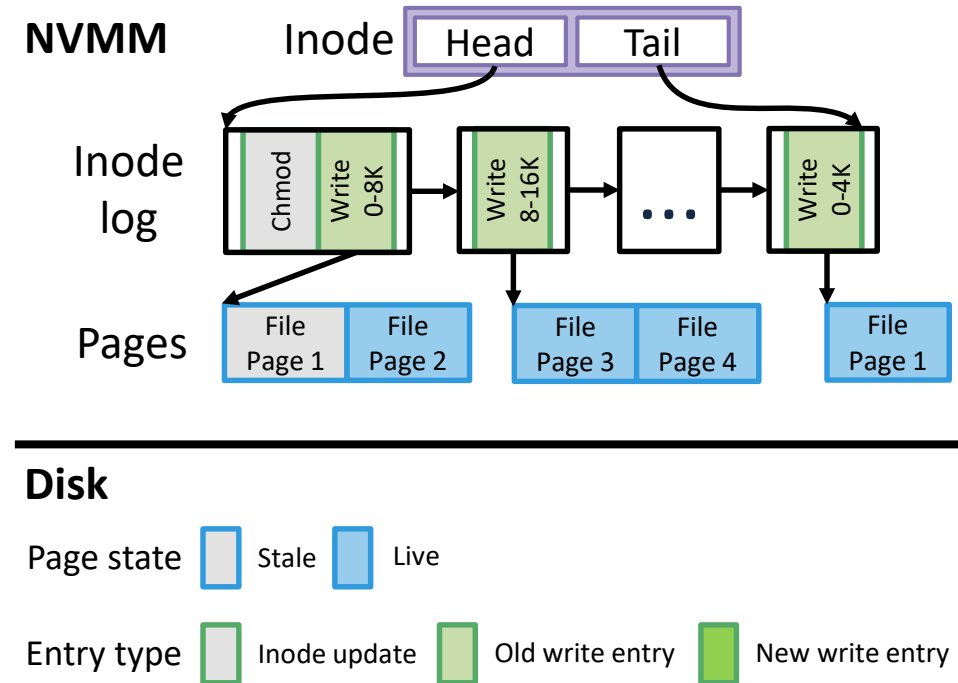
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- Among files
  - Cold lists sorted by amtime
- Within each file
  - Cold data blocks relative to amtime



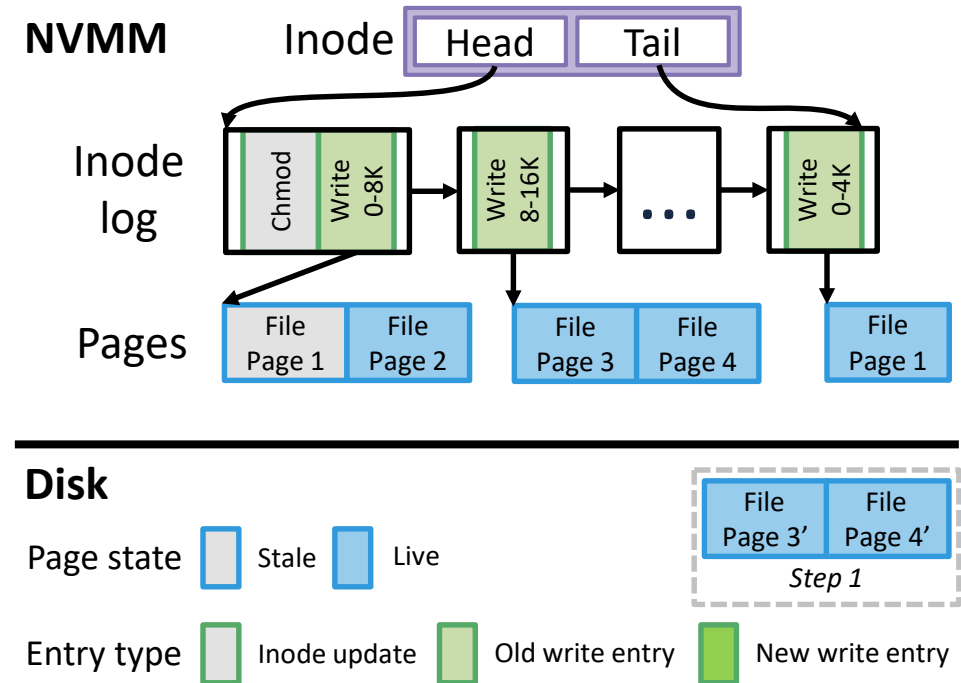
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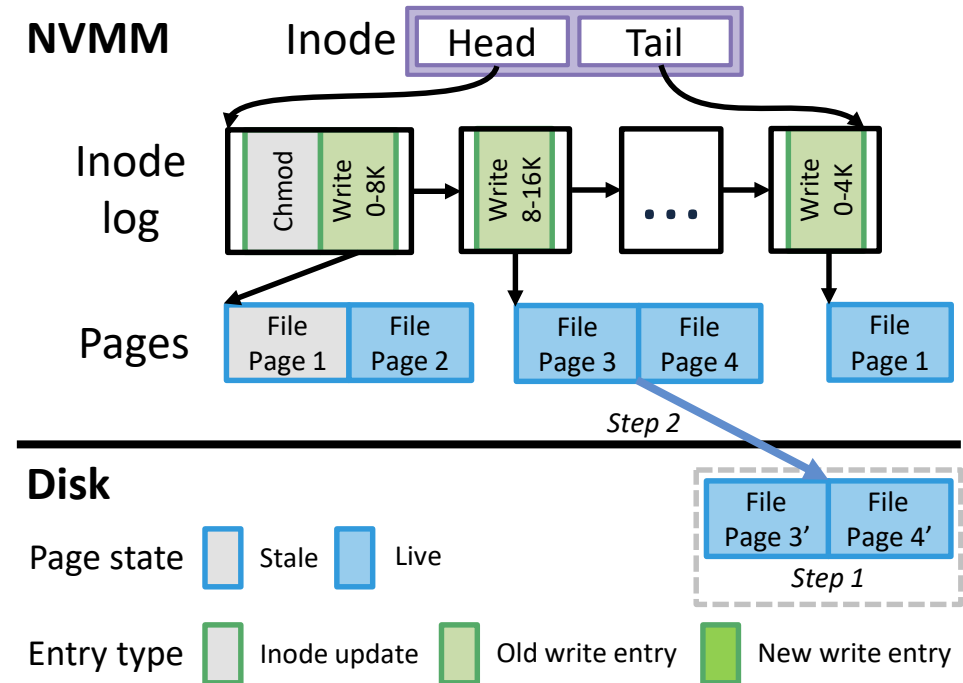
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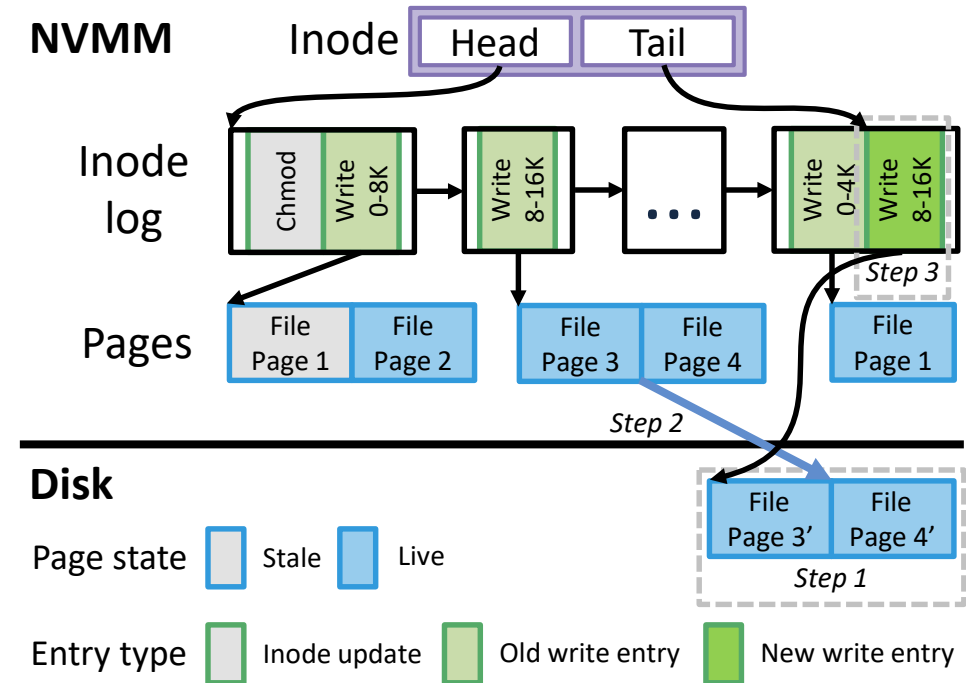
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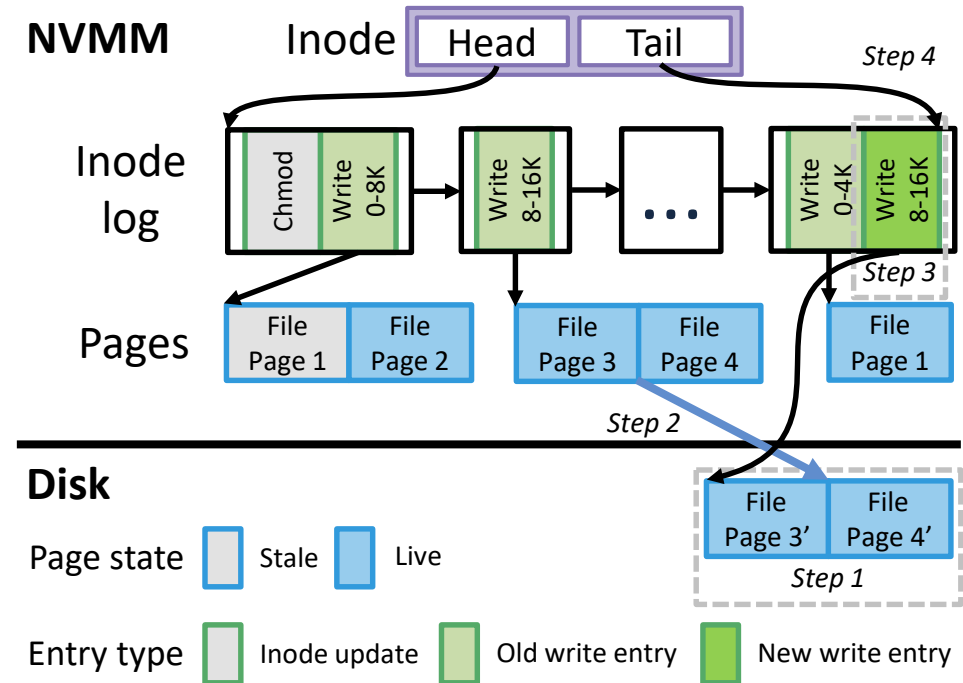
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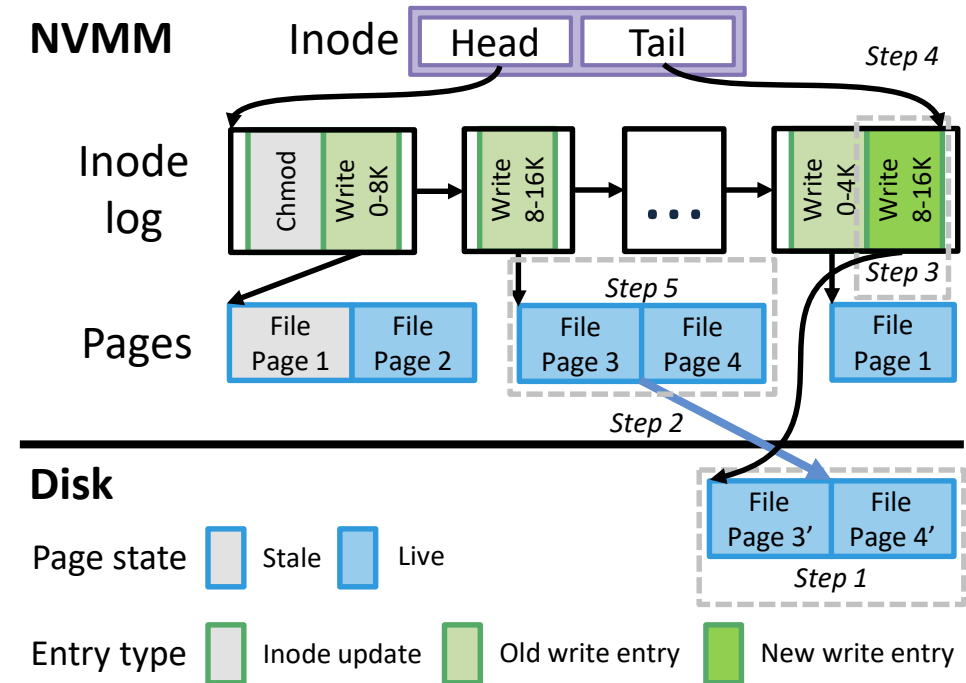
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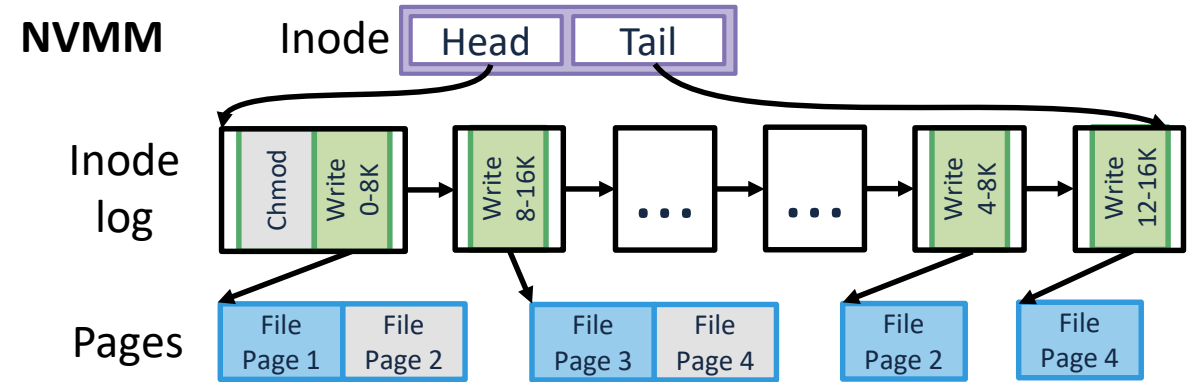
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# Migration Mechanism

- Group migration
  - Coalesce adjacent write entries
  - Utilize the high sequential bandwidth of disks
- Benefits
  - Improve migration efficiency
  - Accelerate future reads
  - Reduce log size
  - Moderate disk fragmentation



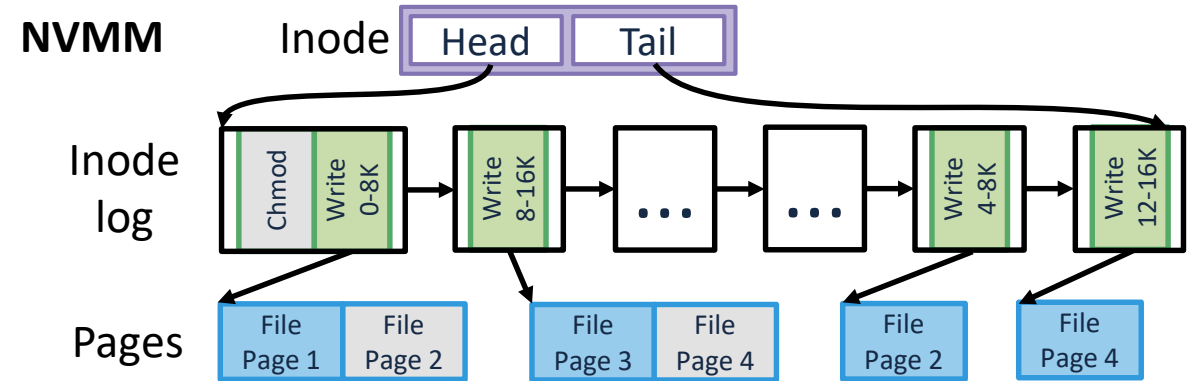
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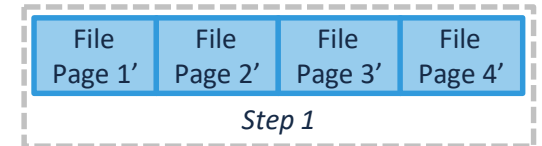
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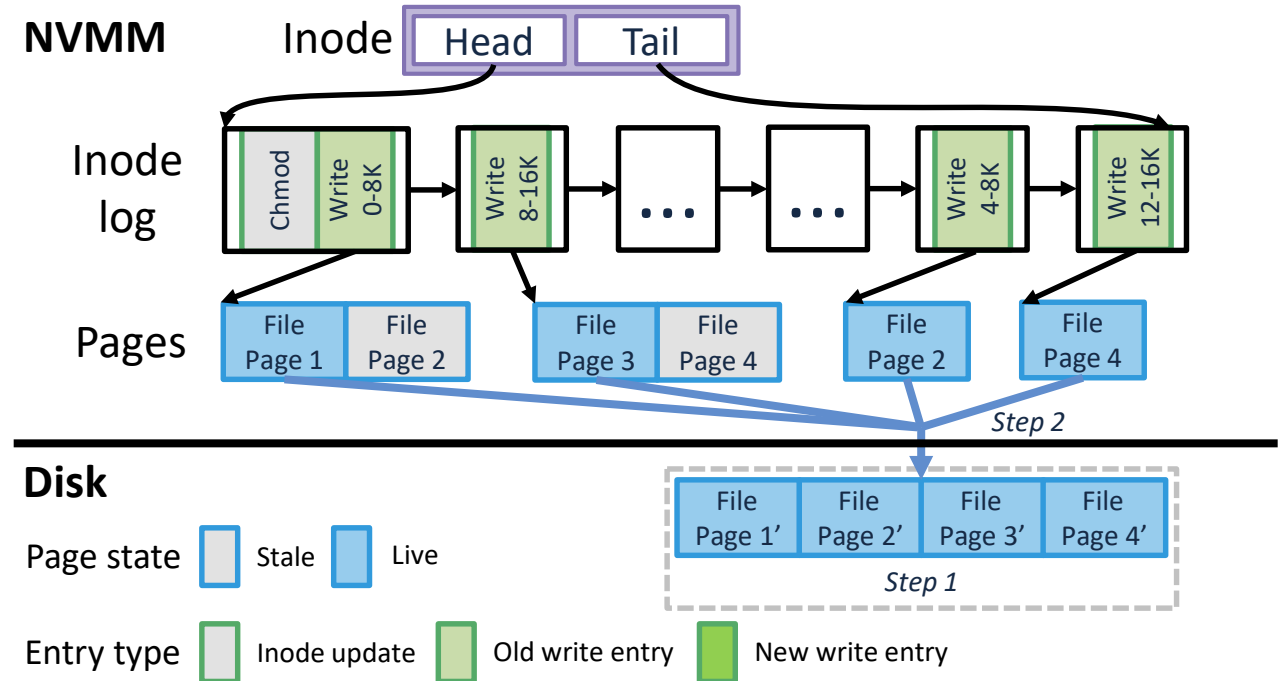
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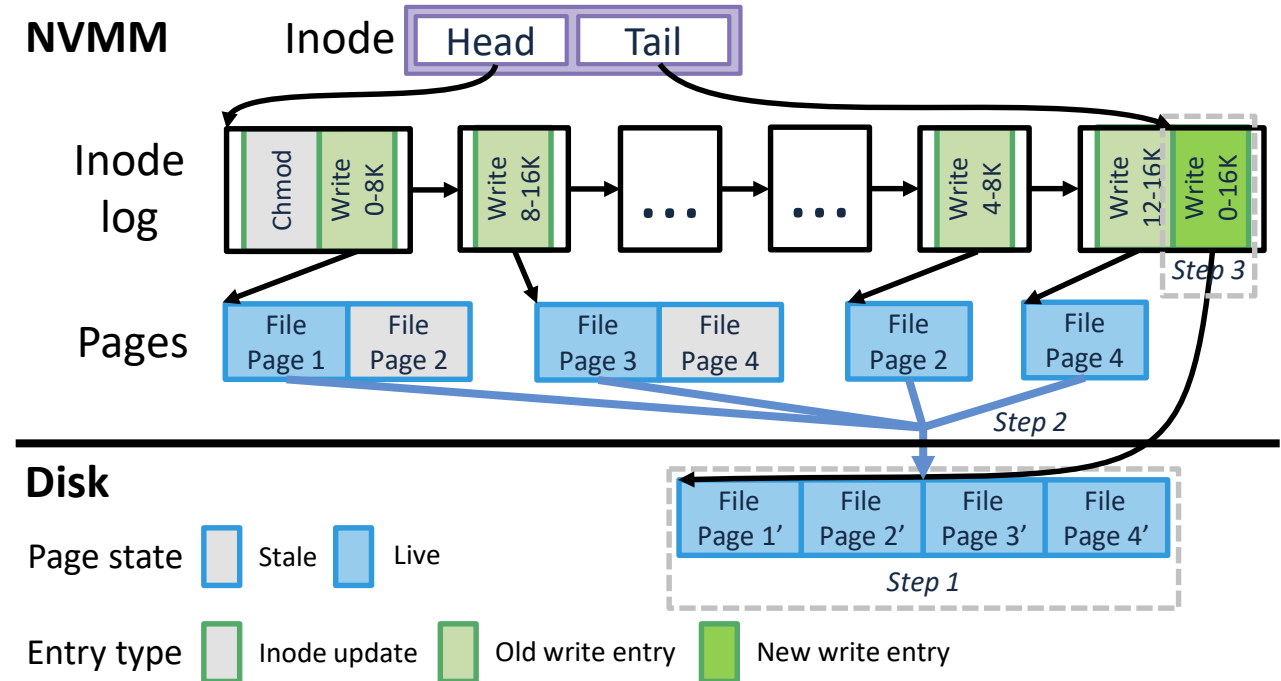
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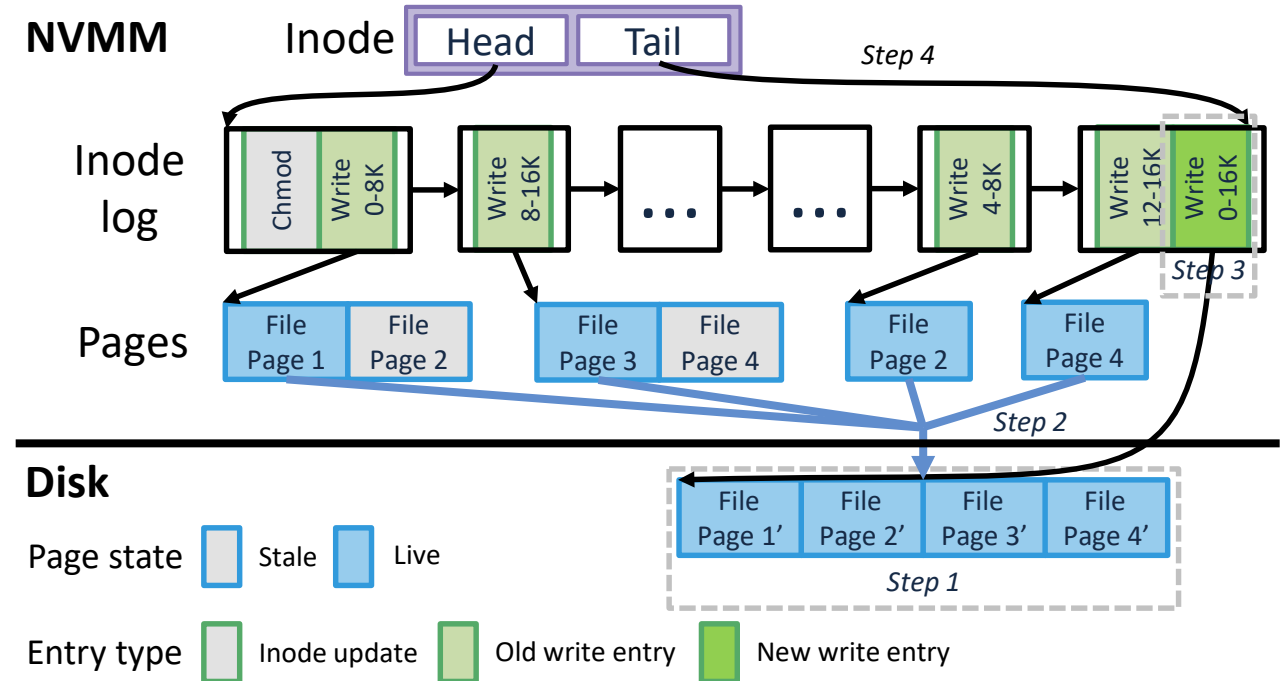
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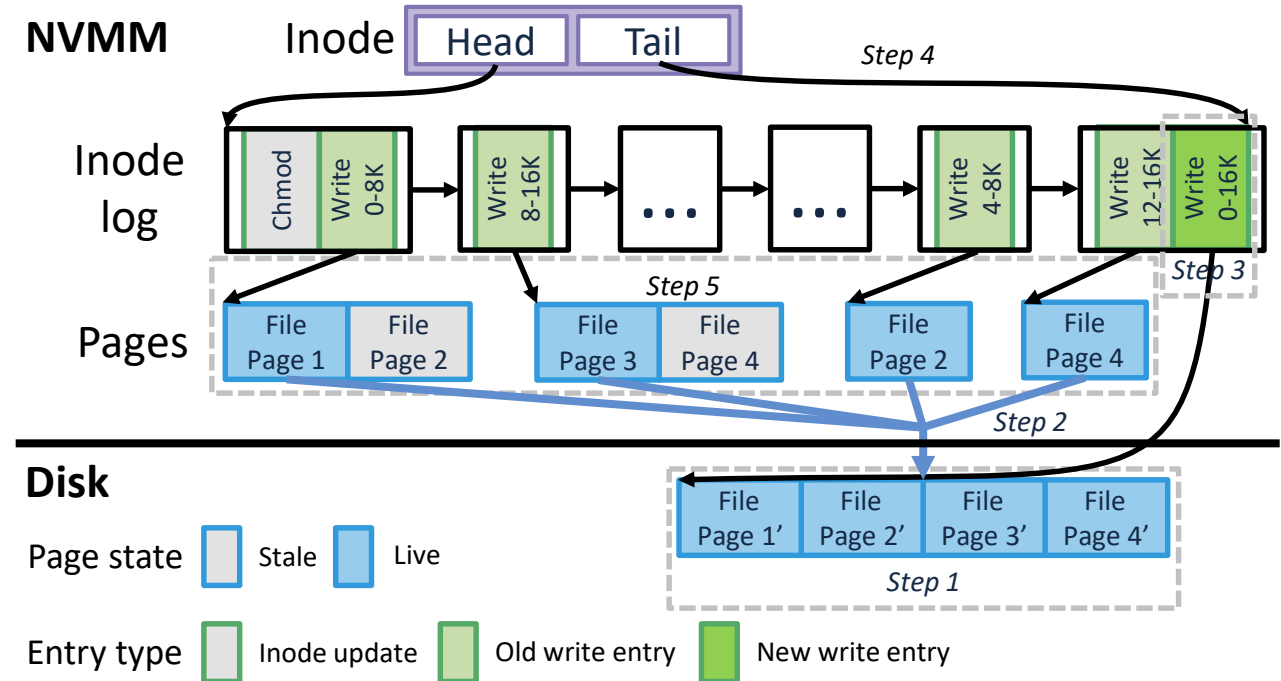
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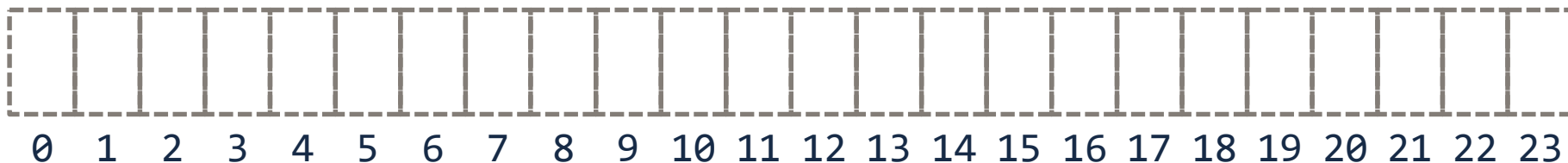
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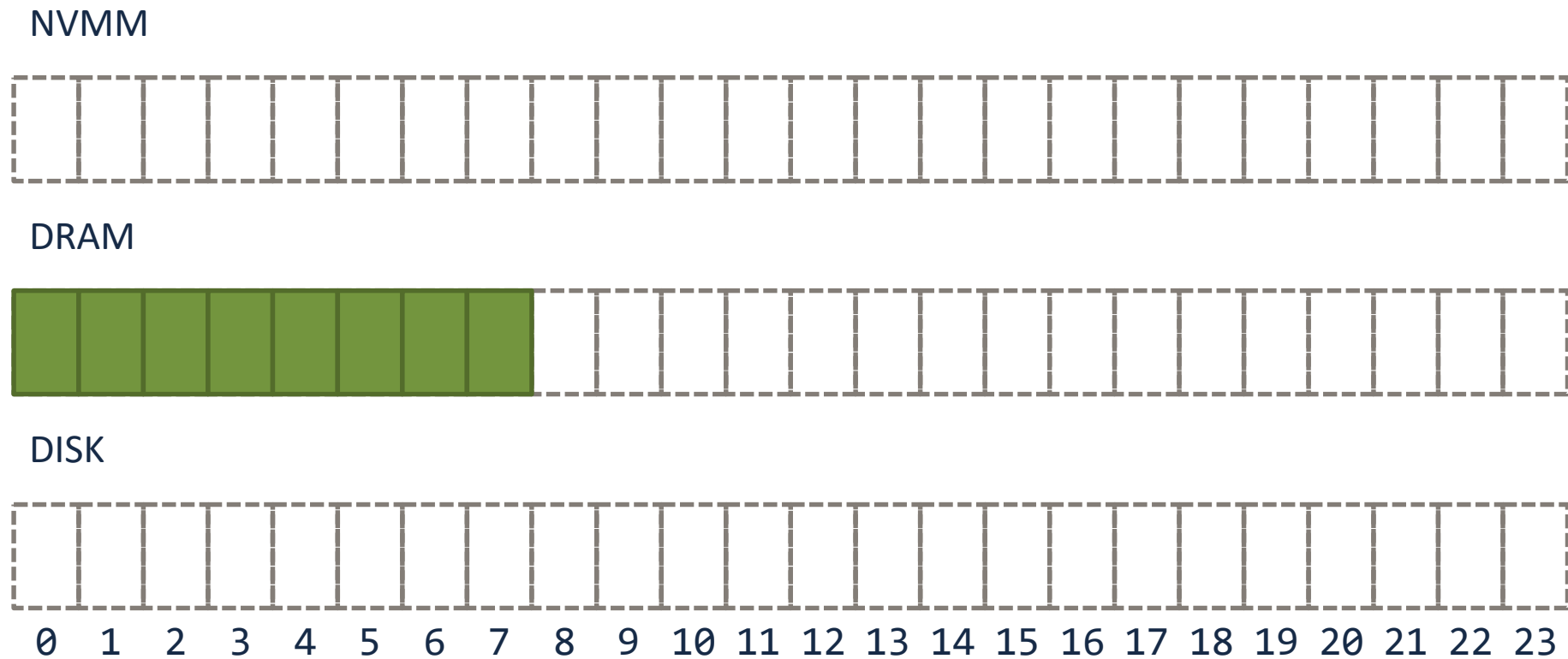
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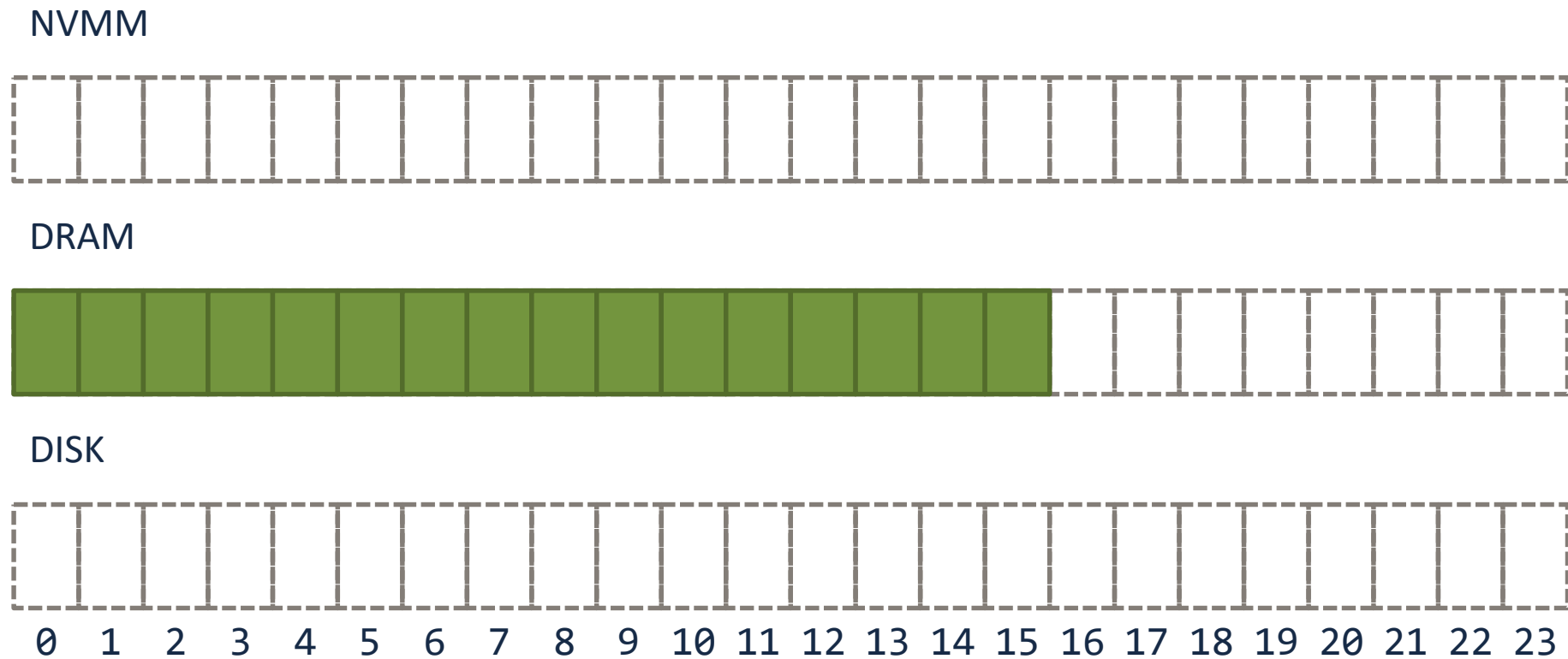
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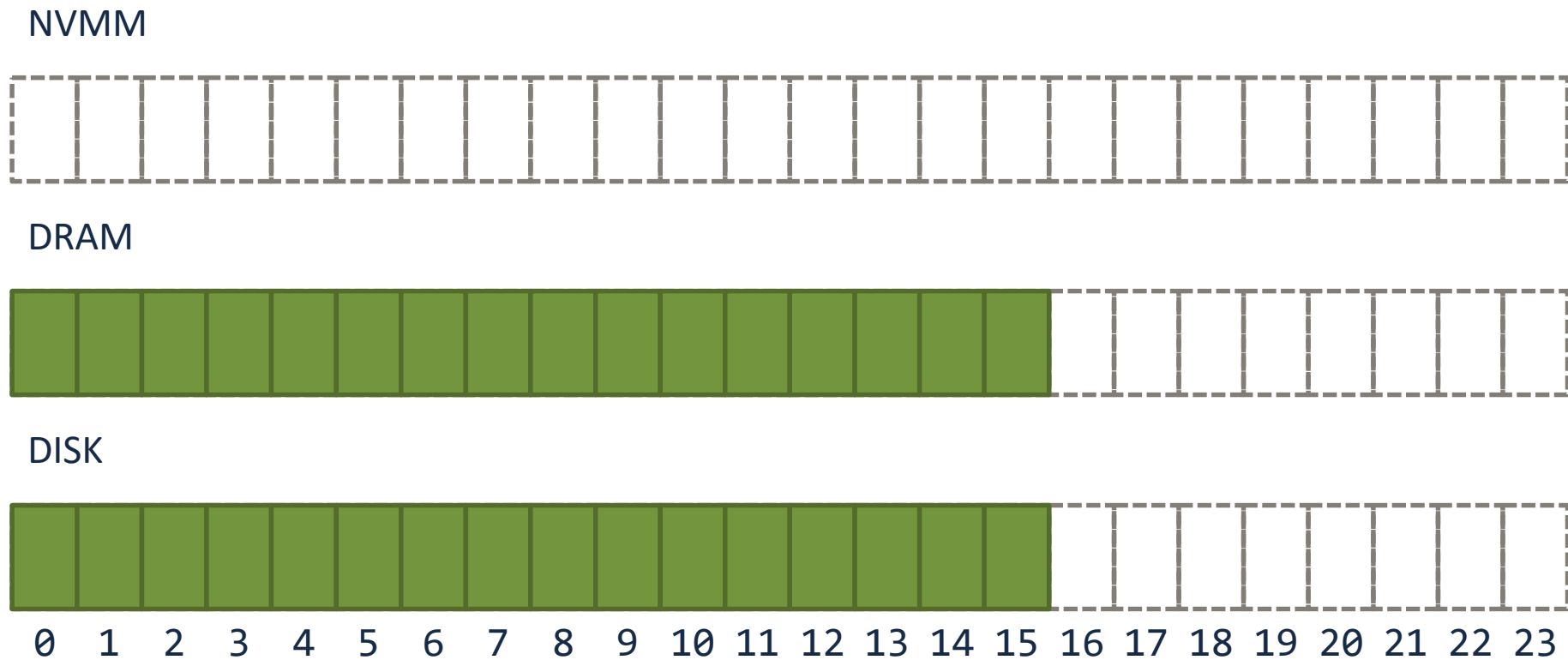
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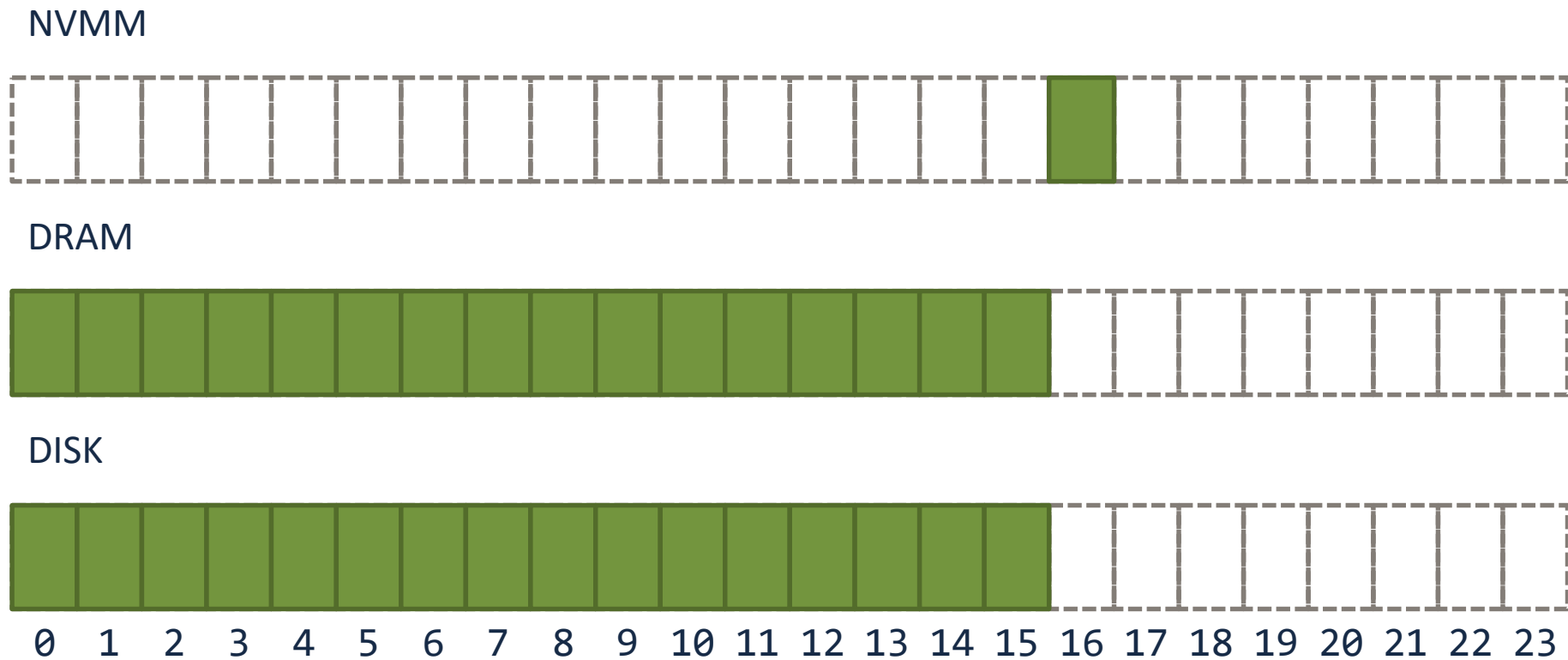
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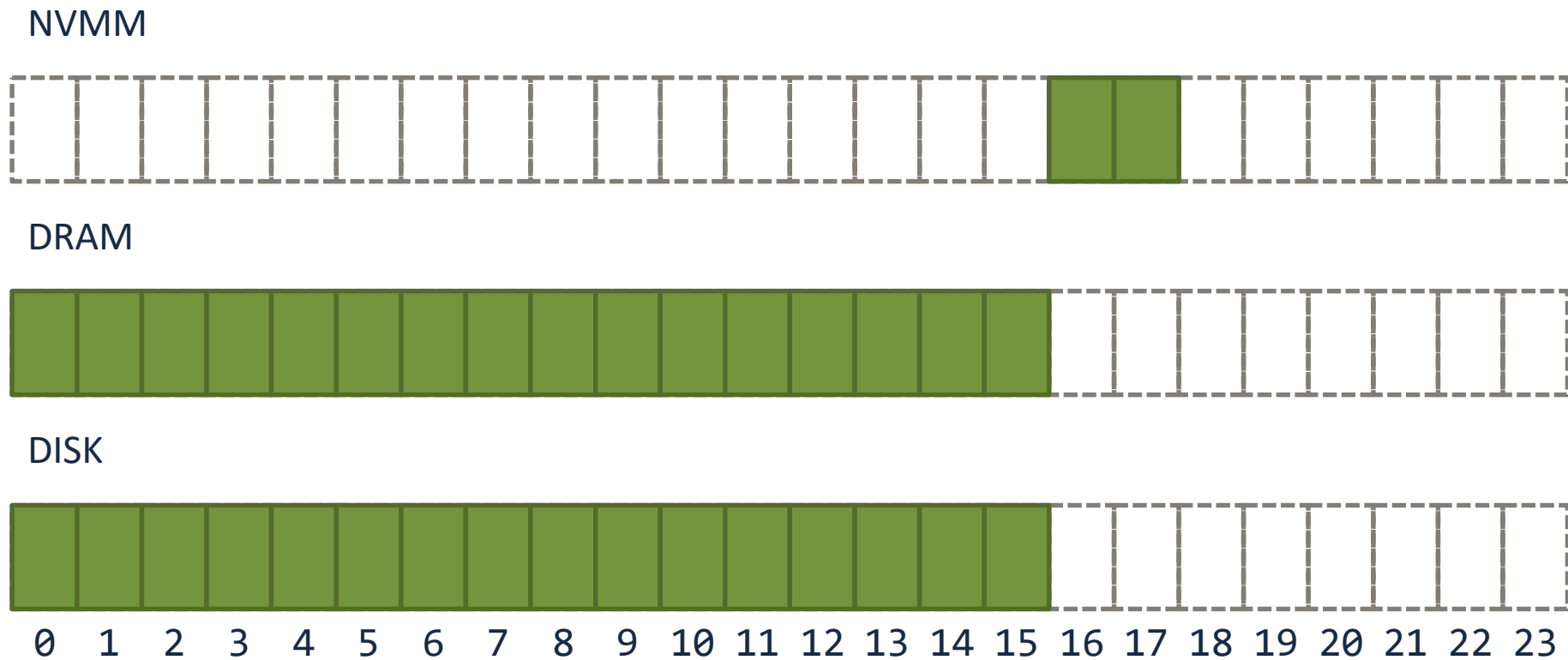
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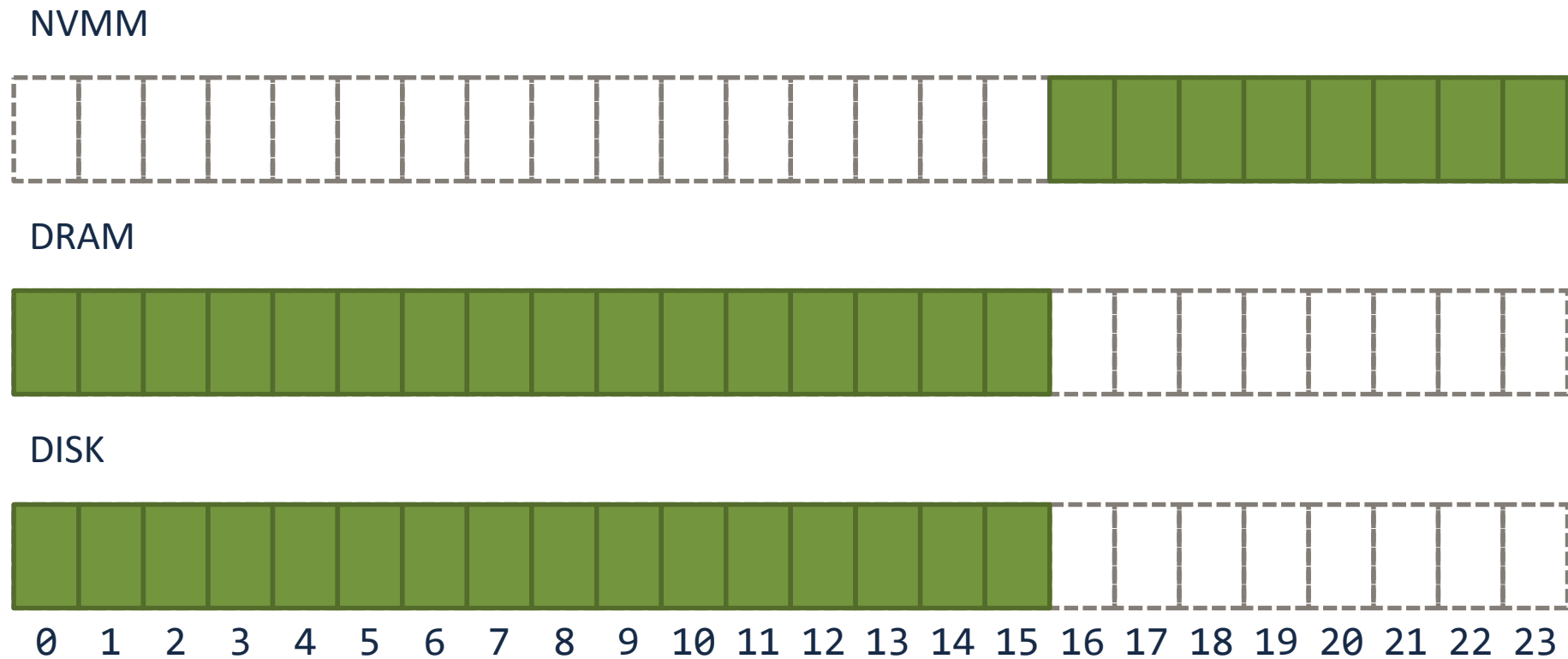
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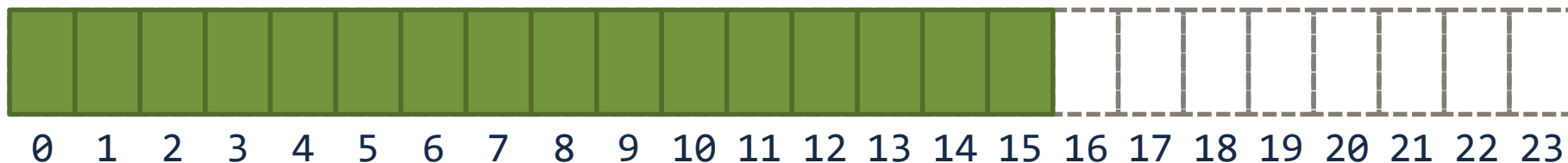
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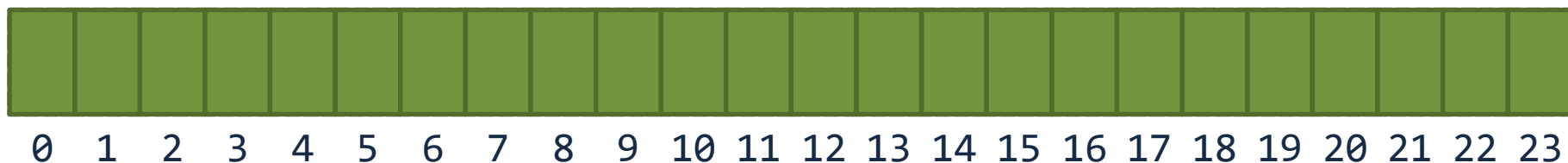
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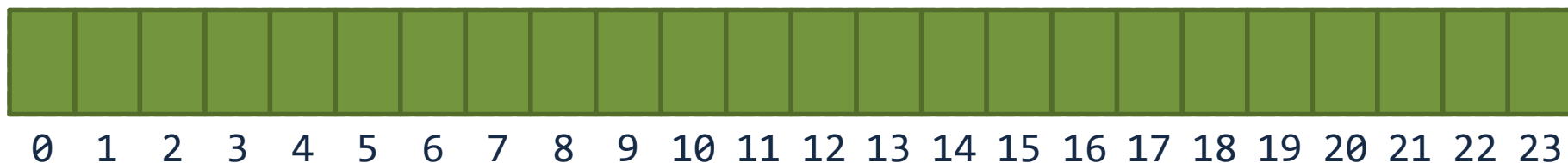
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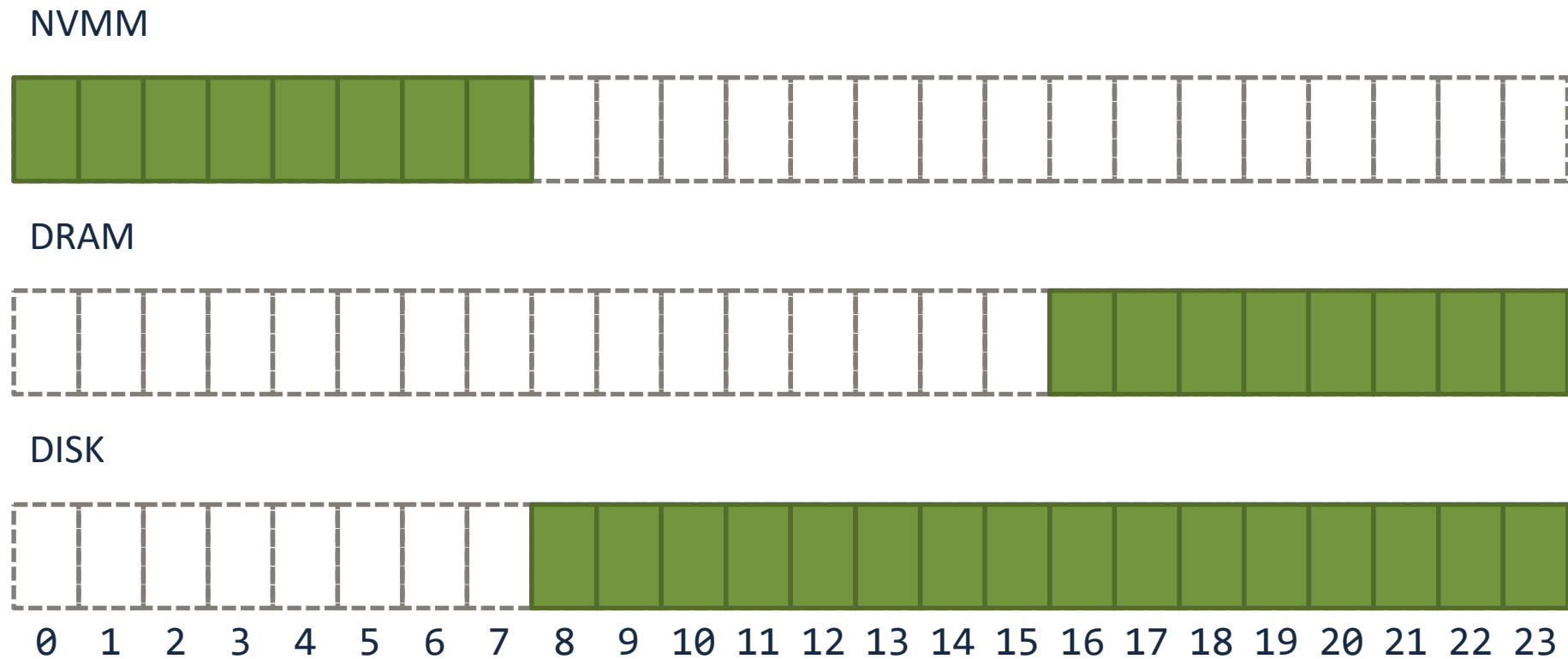
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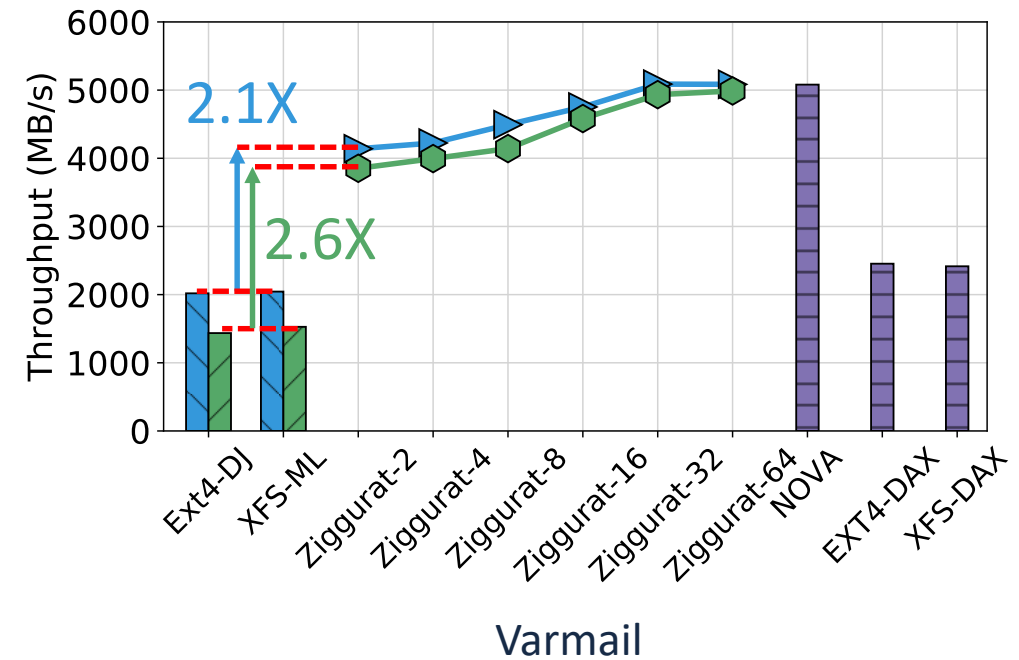
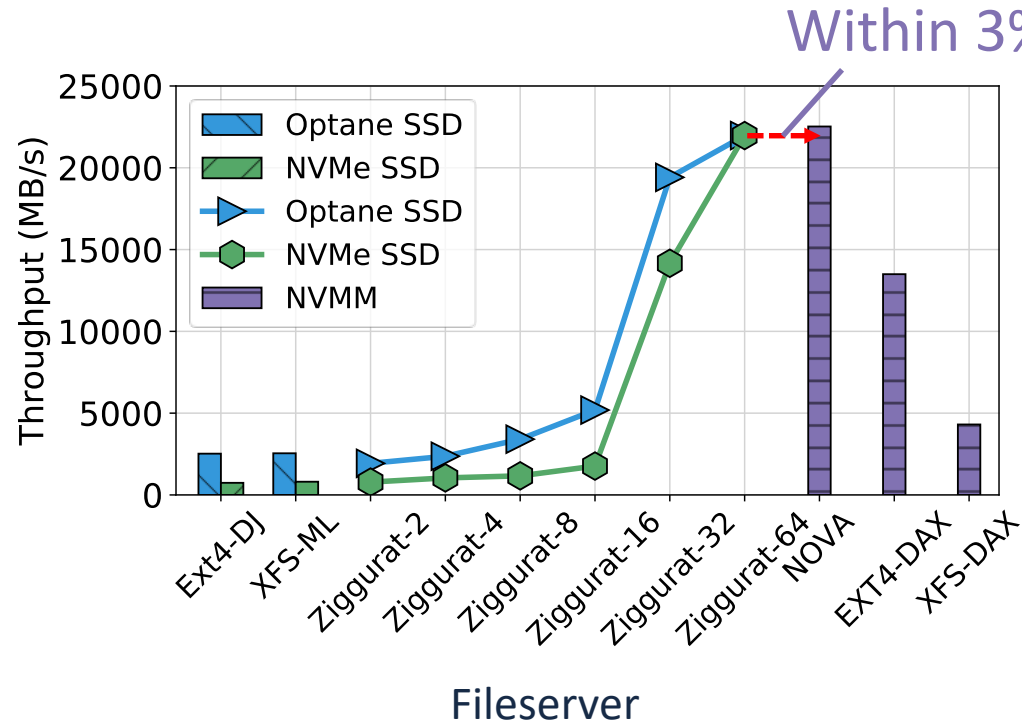


# Evaluation

- Experimental setup
  - Dual-socket Intel Xeon E5 server
  - 256 GB DRAM
  - 187 GB Intel DC P4800X Optane SSD
  - 400 GB Intel DC P3600 NVMe SSD
  - Ubuntu 16.04 LTS, Linux kernel 4.13.0
- Emulated NVMM
  - NUMA effect on DRAM
  - NUMA node 1: NVMM emulation
  - NUMA node 0: Processors and memory for applications
- Disk-based file systems
  - EXT4-DJ (data journaling)
  - XFS-ML (metadata logging)
- Ziggurat
  - Ziggurat-X (Optane/NVMe SSD + X GB of NVMM)
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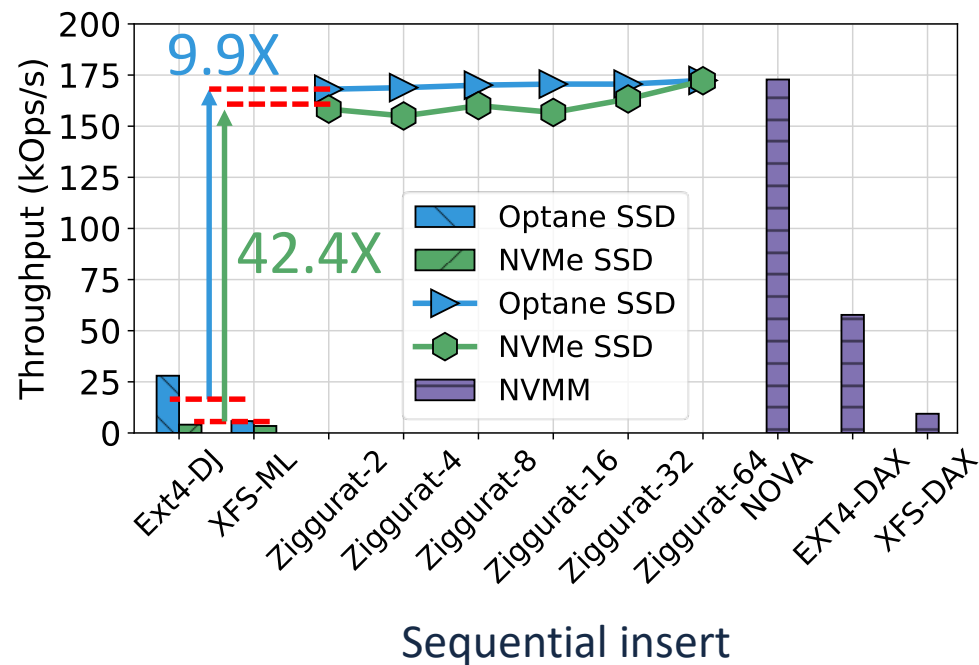
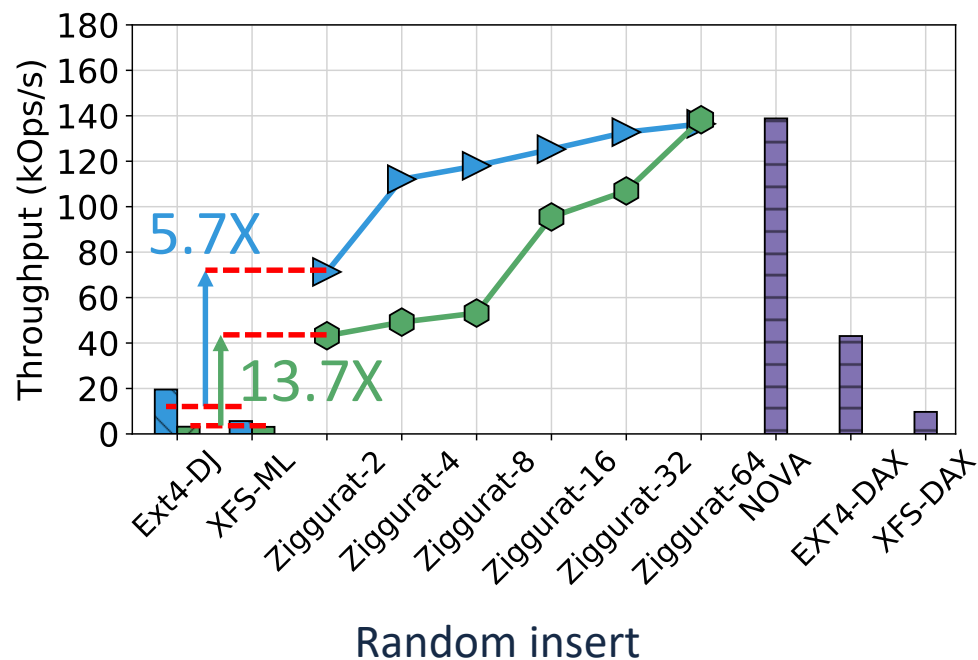
# Filebench

- With large amount of NVMM, Ziggurat's performance nearly matches that of NVMM-only file systems.



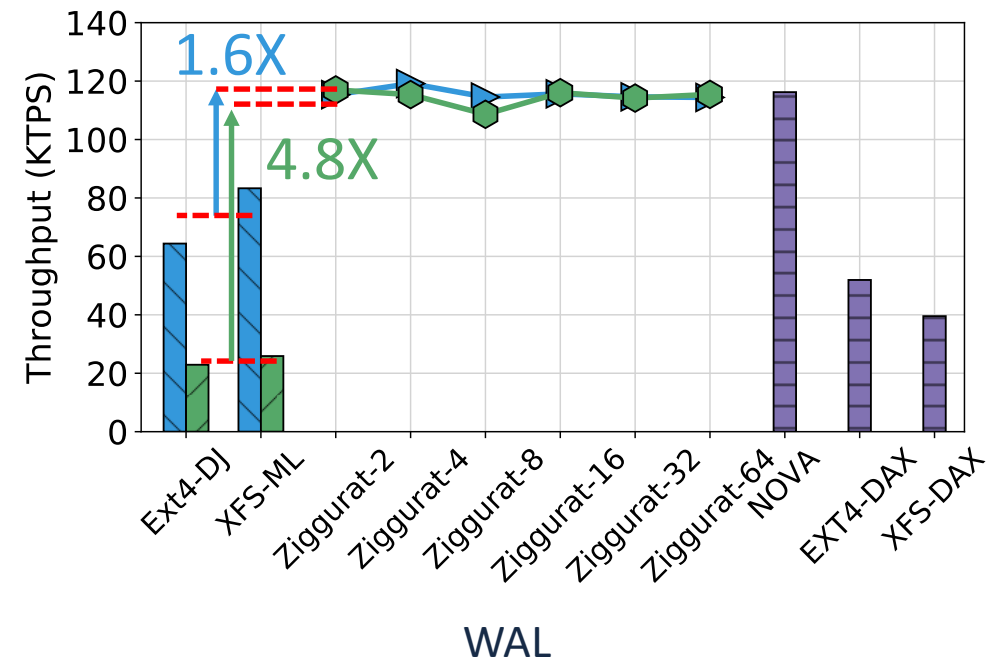
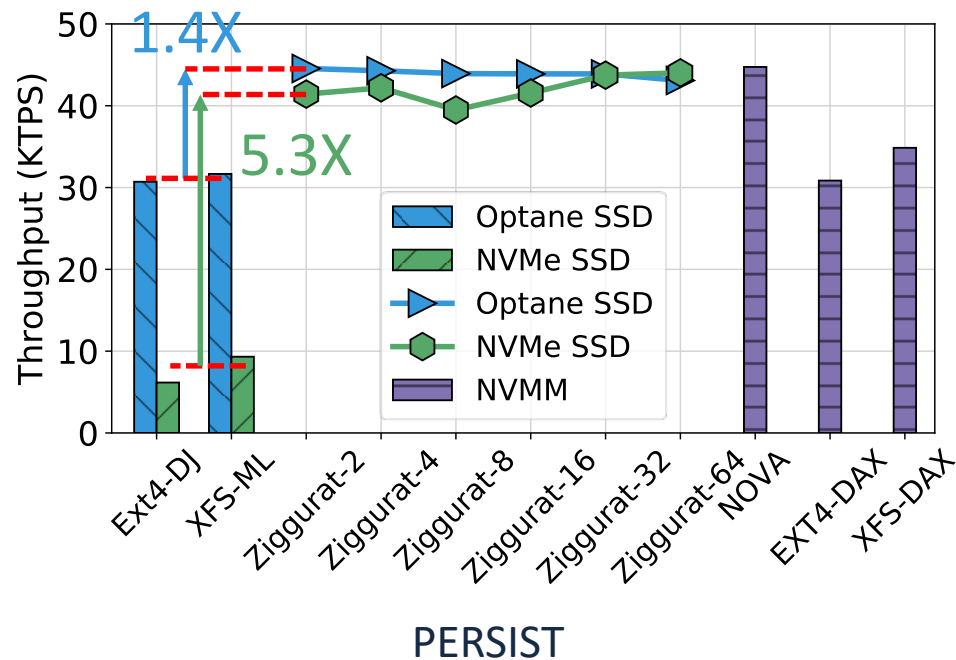
# Rocksdb

- Ziggurat shows good performance for inserting file data with write-ahead logging (WAL).



# SQLite

- Ziggurat maintains near-NVMM performance because the hot journal files are frequently updated in NVMM.



# Conclusion

- Ziggurat fully utilizes the strengths of NVMM and disks to offer high file performance for a wide range of access patterns.
- **[Prediction]** Ziggurat steers the incoming writes to the most suitable tier based on the prediction results.
- **[Migration]** Ziggurat coalesces adjacent data blocks and migrates them in large chunks to disks.
- **[Evaluation]** Ziggurat achieves up to 38.9X and 46.5X throughput improvement compared with EXT4 and XFS running on an SSD alone, respectively.

# Thank you

