

H-Store:

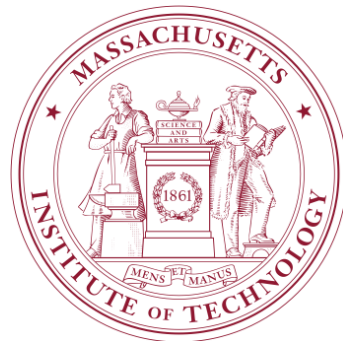
A Specialized Architecture for High-throughput OLTP Applications

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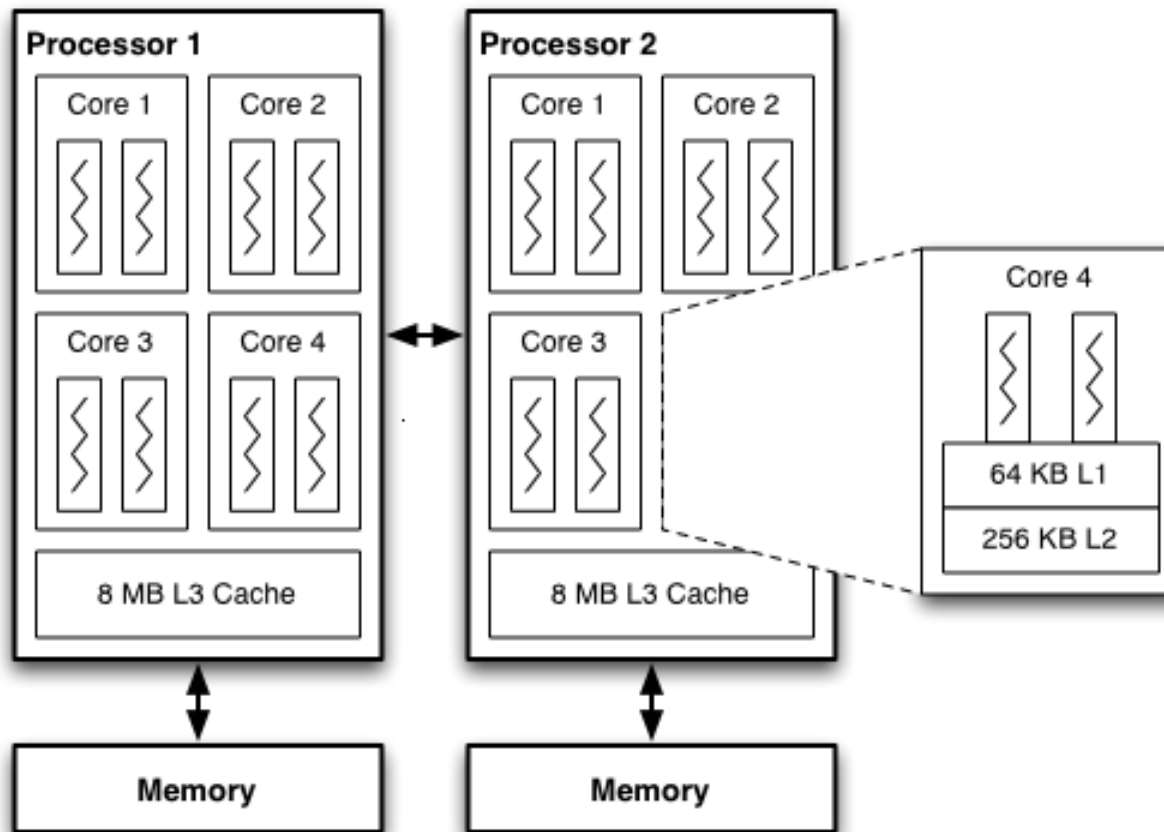
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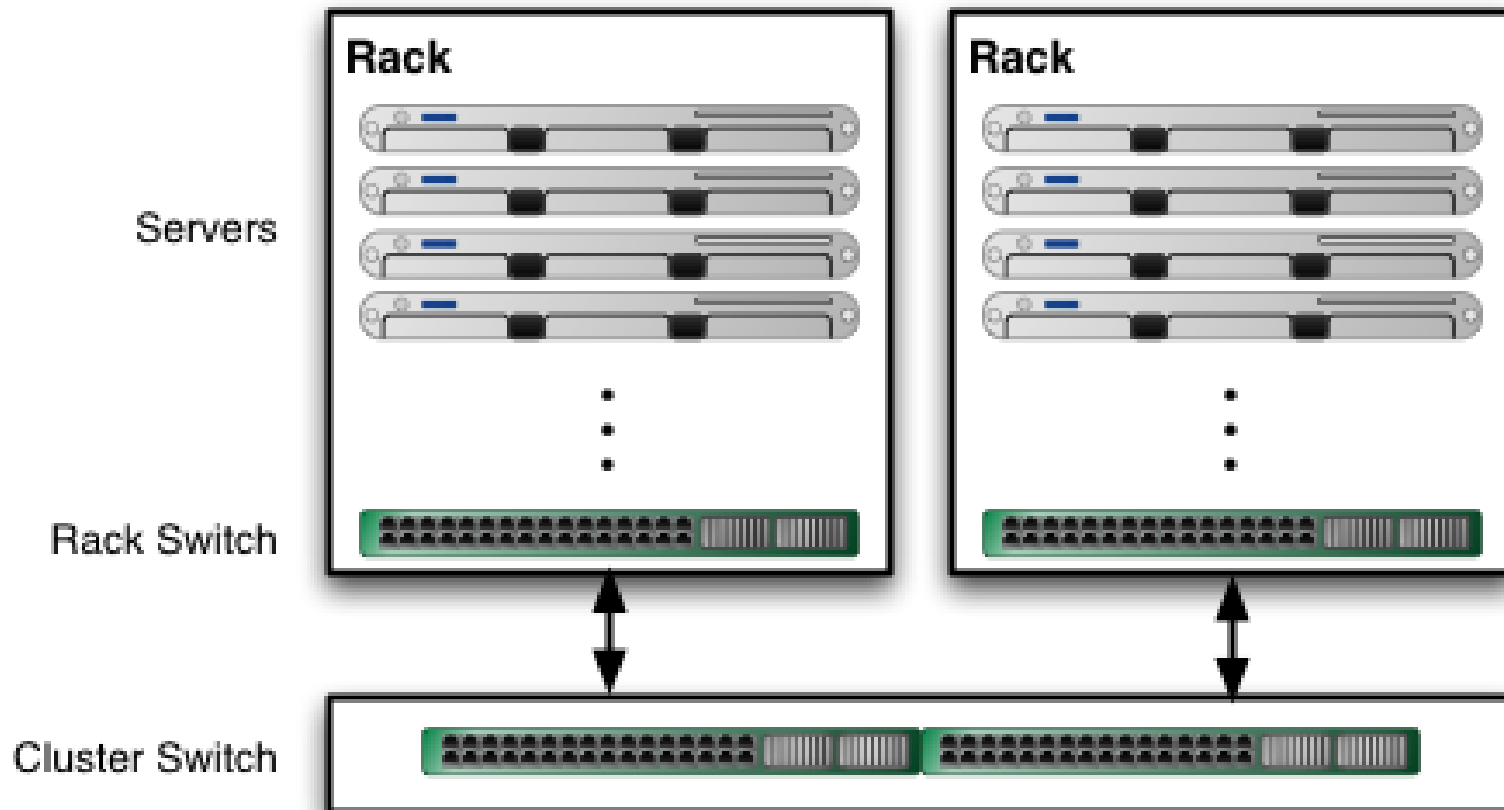
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Intel Xeon E5540 (Nehalem/Core i7)



Source: Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Optimization Reference Manual

Distributed Clusters



Scaling OLTP on Multi-Core?

Use a distributed shared-nothing design

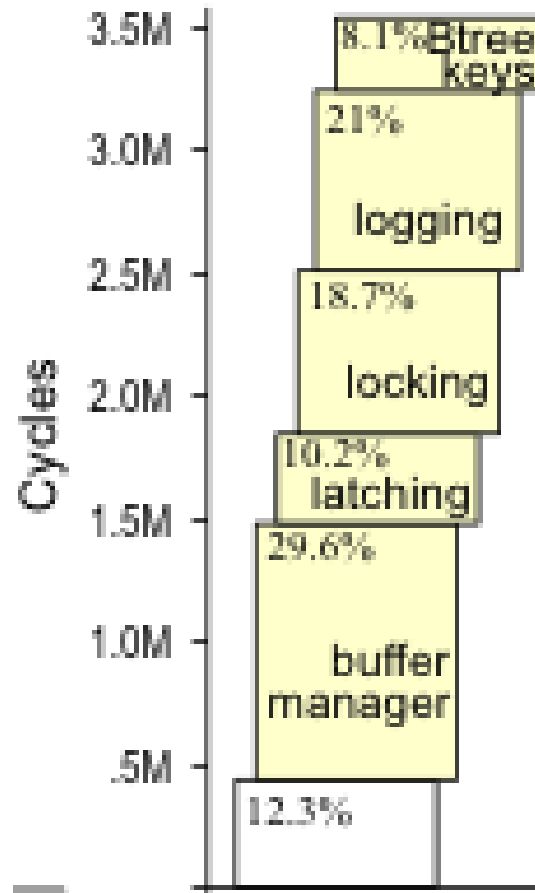


How to Make a Faster OLTP DBMS

- Main memory storage
 - *Replication for durability*
- Explicitly partition the data
- Specialized concurrency control
 - *Stored procedures only*
 - *Single partition: execute one transaction at time*
 - *Multiple partitions: supported but slow*



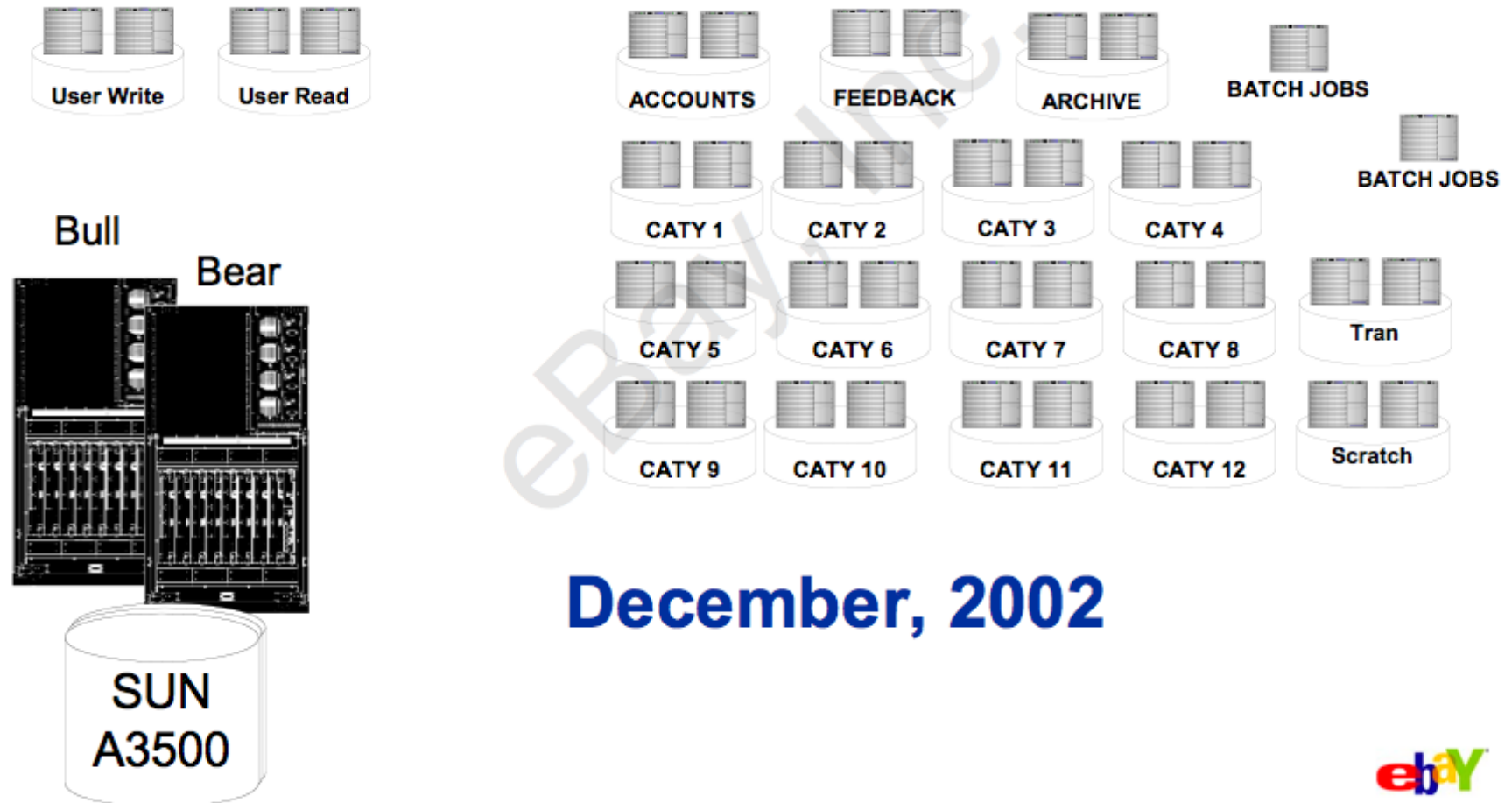
OLTP: Where does the time go?



Source: S. Harizopoulos, D. J. Abadi, S. Madden, M. Stonebraker, "OLTP Under the Looking Glass", SIGMOD 2008.



Users Rely on Partitioning



December, 2002

Source: R. Shoup, D. Pritchett, "The eBay Architecture," SD Forum, Nov. 2006.

What about multi-core?

- **Traditional approach:**
 - *One database process*
 - *Thread per connection*
 - *Shared-memory, locks and latches*
- **H-Store approach:**
 - *Thread per partition*
 - *Distributed transactions*



Example Microbenchmark

- One table per client

```
Table(id INTEGER, counter INTEGER)
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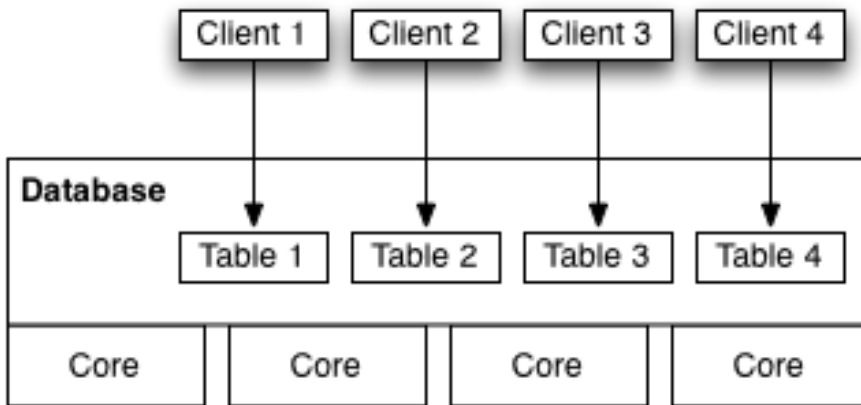
- Each client executes the following query:

```
UPDATE Table  
  SET counter = counter + 1  
  WHERE id = 0;
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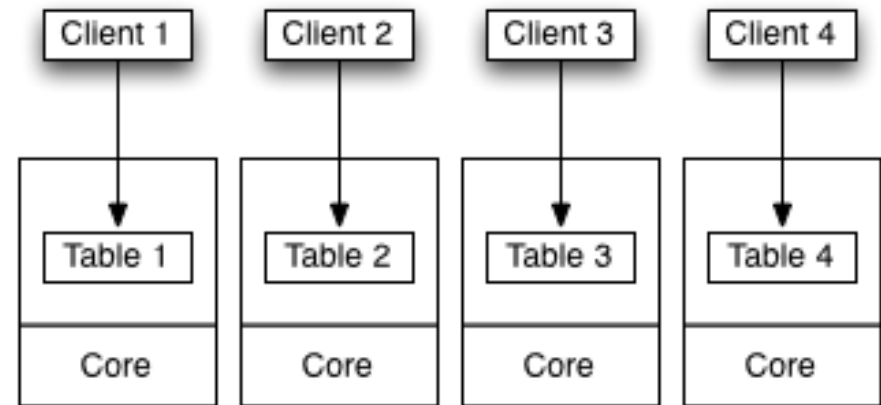
- Add clients to find maximum throughput
- Data on RAM disk



Experimental Configuration



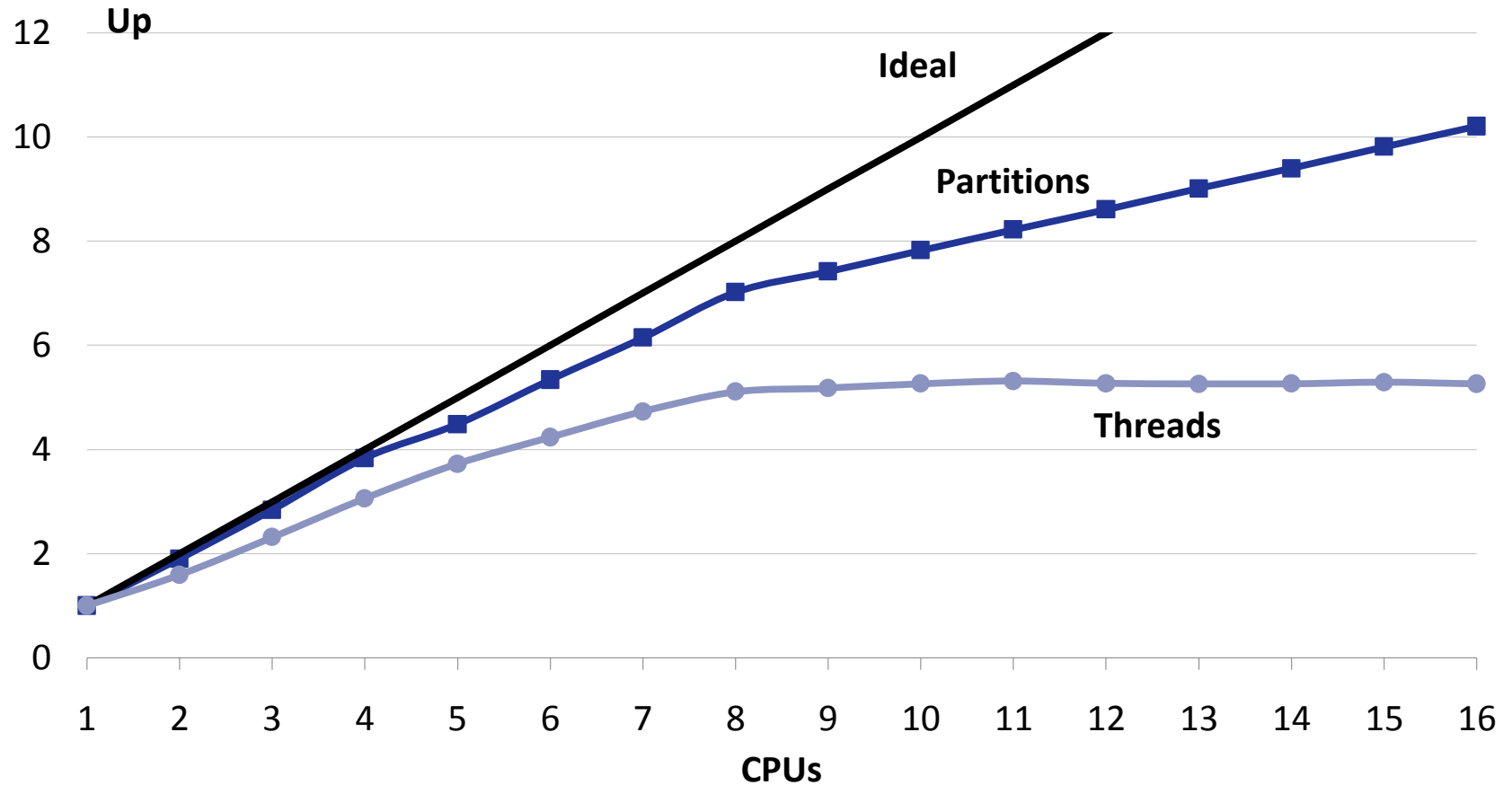
Threads



Partitions

Partitions versus Threads

Relative Speed



Scalability Analysis

Partitions scale better than threads.

- **Threads: contention for shared resources [1]**
- **Partitions: memory bottleneck causes sublinear scaling**

H-Store: Not just for distributed shared-nothing clusters

[1] R. Johnson et al., "Shore-MT: A Scalable Storage Manager for the Multicore Era," EDBT 2009.



Multi-core Design Problem

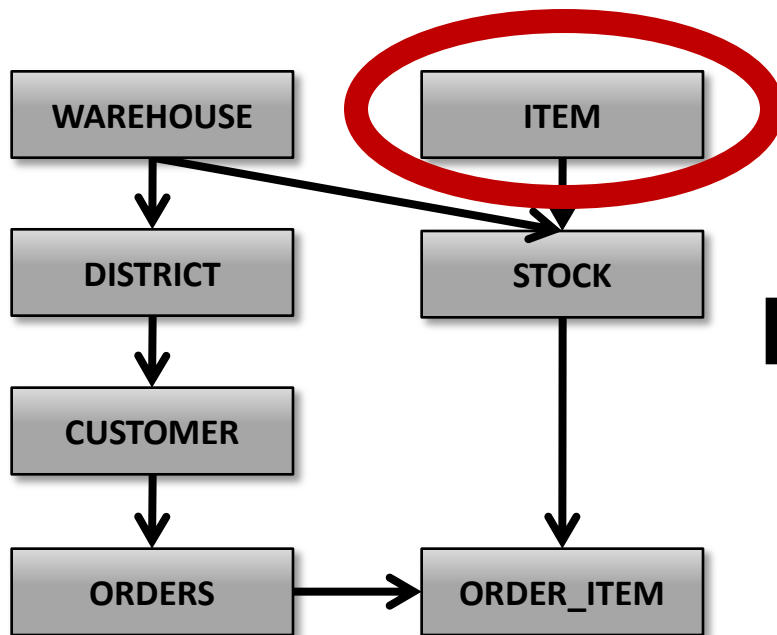
- How to automatically create a data placement scheme to improve multi-core throughput?
- Data Partitioning:
 - *Maximize the number of single-partition transactions.*
- Data Placement:
 - *Maximize the number of single-node transactions.*



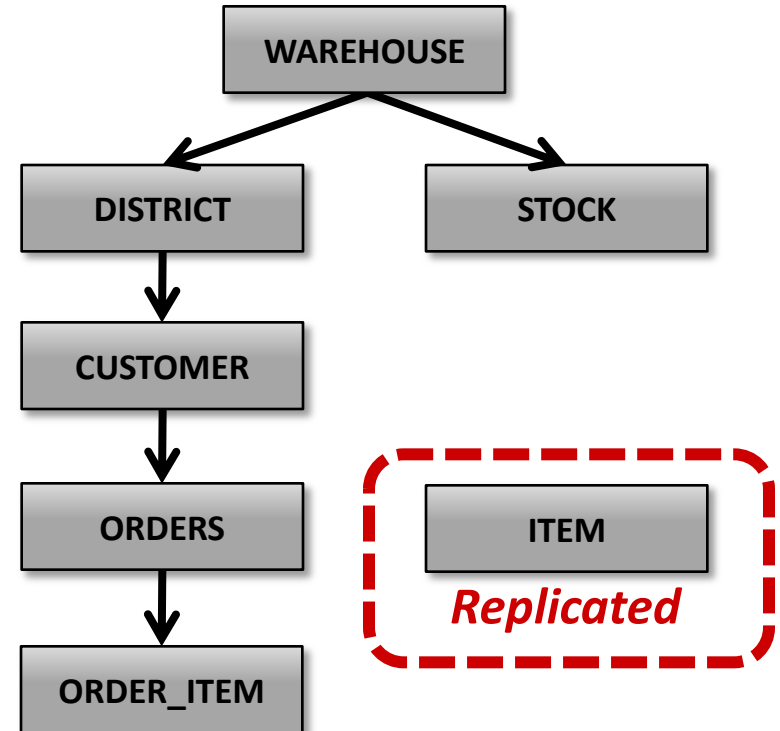
Database Partitioning

- Select partitioning keys and construct schema tree.

TPC-C Schema

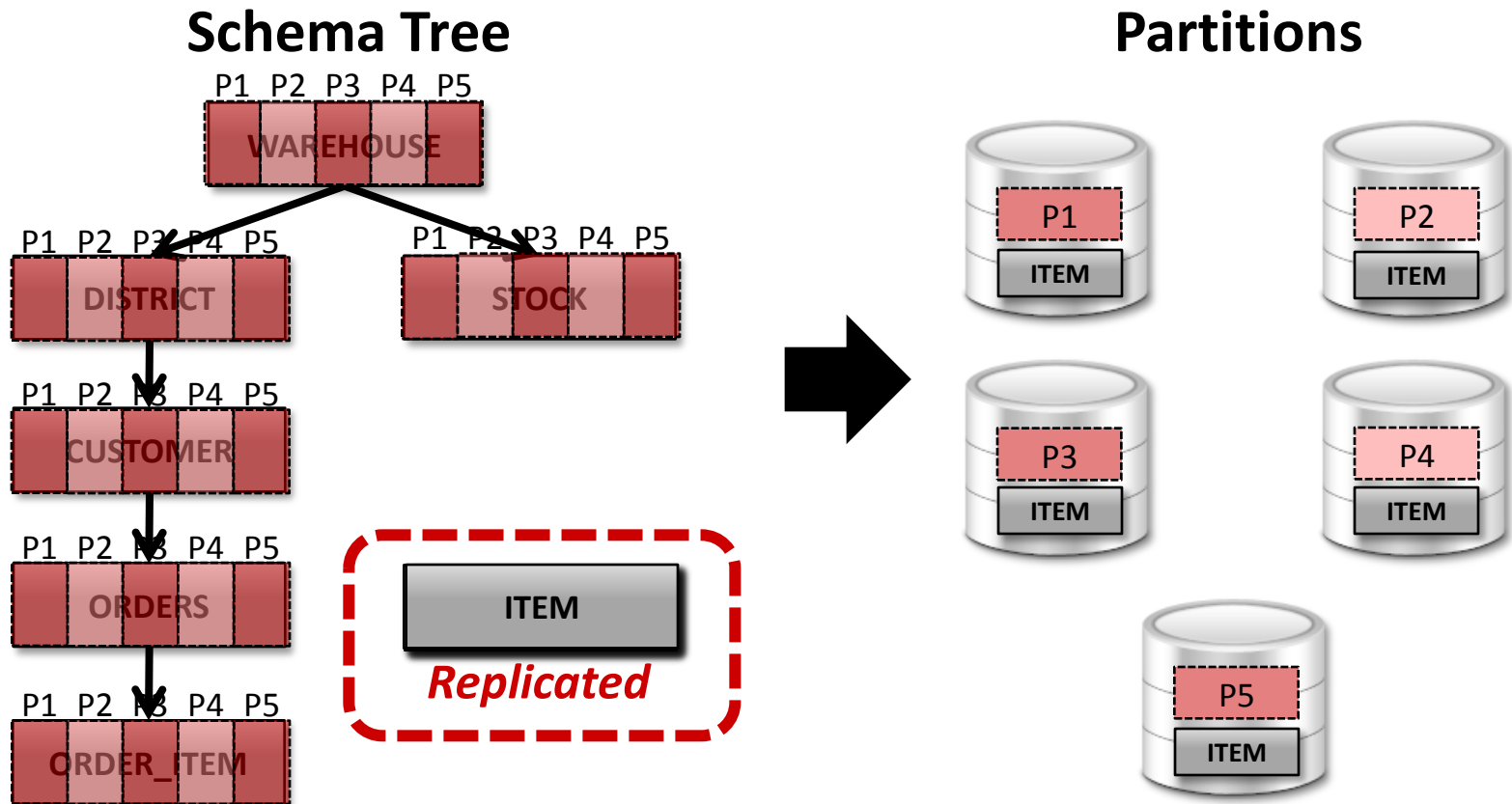


Schema Tree



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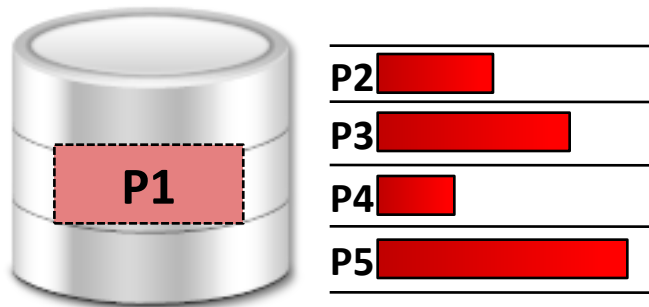
- Combine table fragments into partitions.



Data Placement

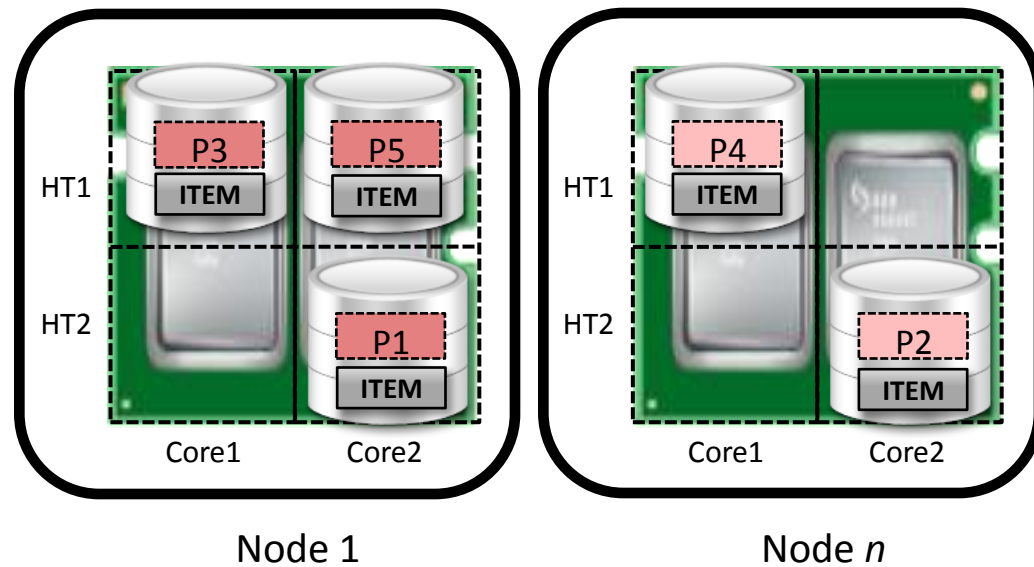
- Assign partitions to cores on each node.

Partitions



Partition Affinity

Cluster Node



Node 1

Node n

H-Store's Future



- New Name. New Company.
- Six full-time developers.
- Open-source project (GPL)
- Beta by end of 2009
 - *Multiple deployments in financial service areas.*



More Information

- H-Store Info + Papers:
 - <http://db.cs.yale.edu/hstore/>
- VoltDB Project Information:
 - <http://www.voltdb.org/>

