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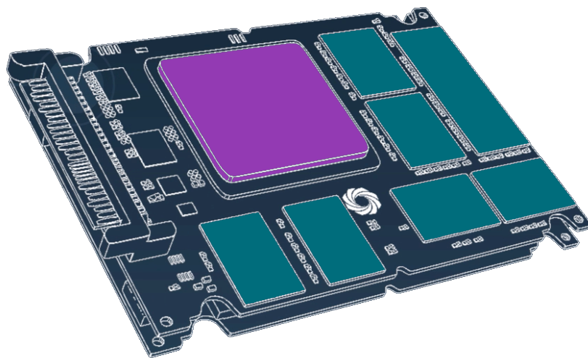
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Accelerating Data Analytics with Computational Storage Drives

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What is a computational storage drive?



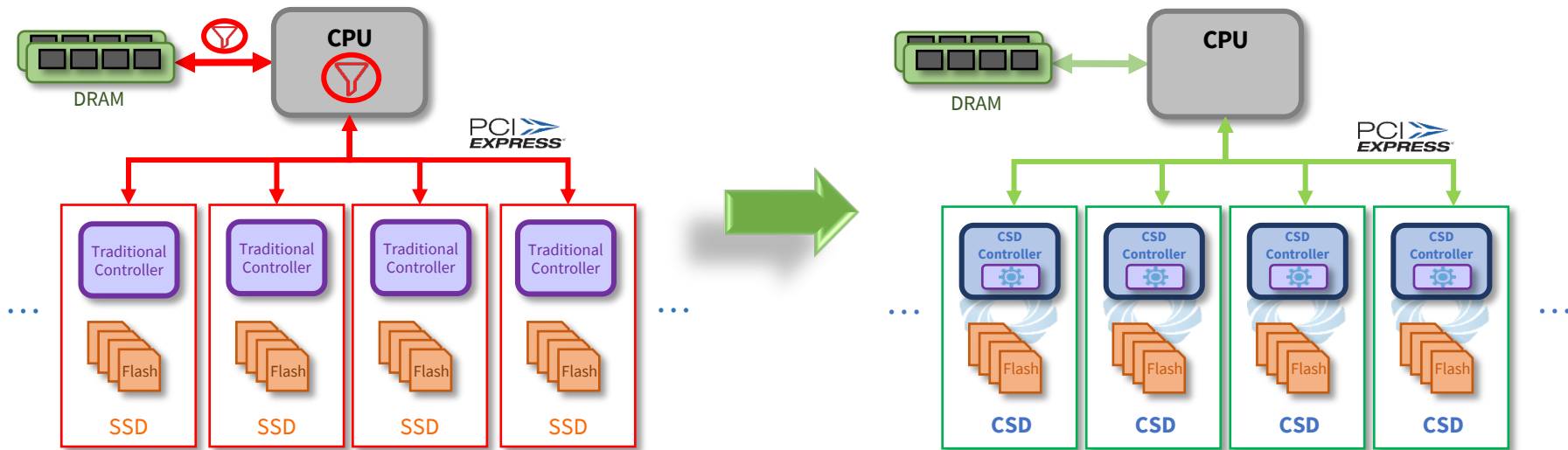
Enterprise
PCIe SSD

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Compute Offload
Engines

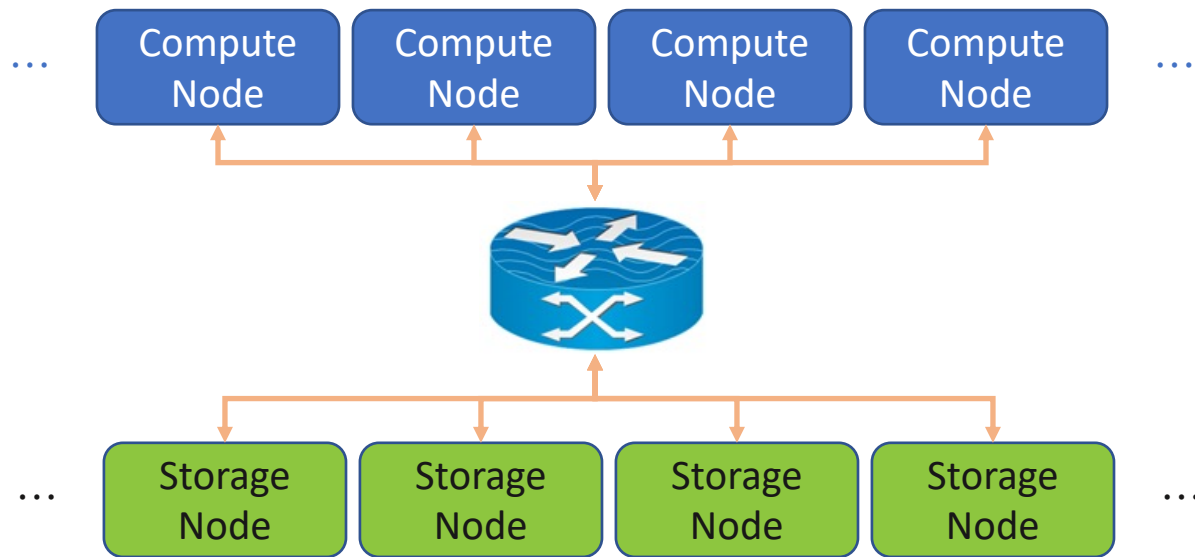
Computational Storage Drive or “CSD”

Why use CSDs?



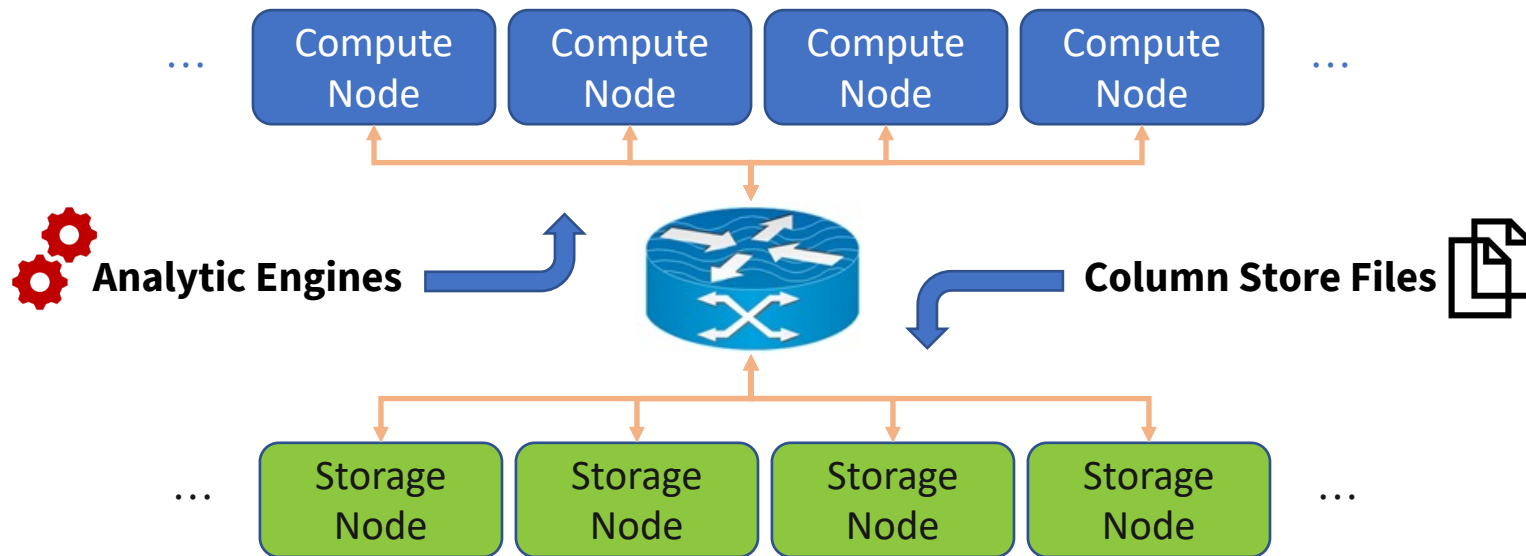
CPU Driven Architecture → Data Driven Architecture

Why use CSDs (Part II)?

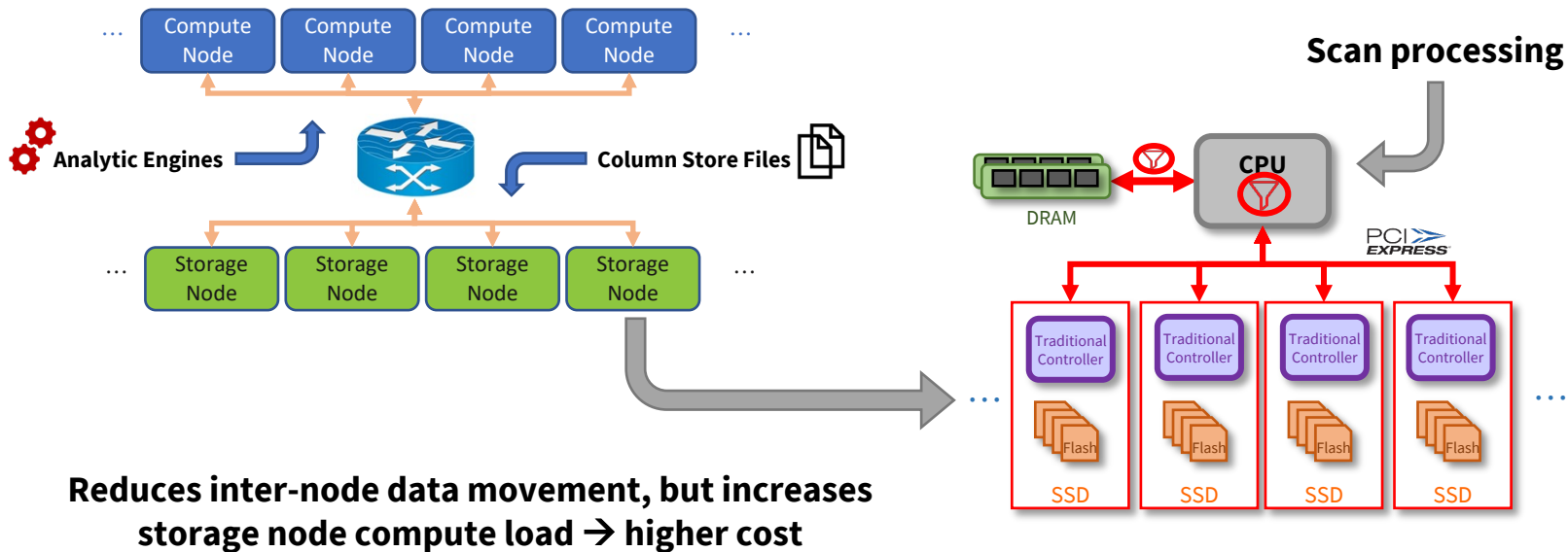


Compute-Storage Disaggregation → Data Movement Challenges

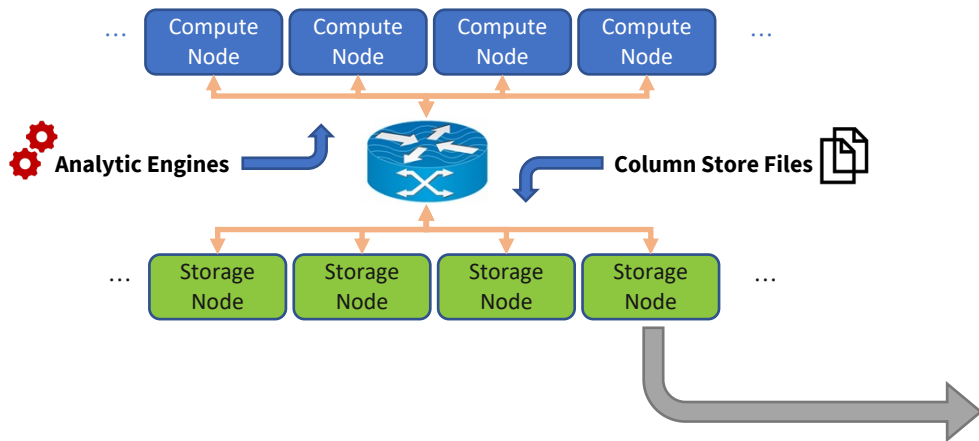
CSDs + Data Analytics



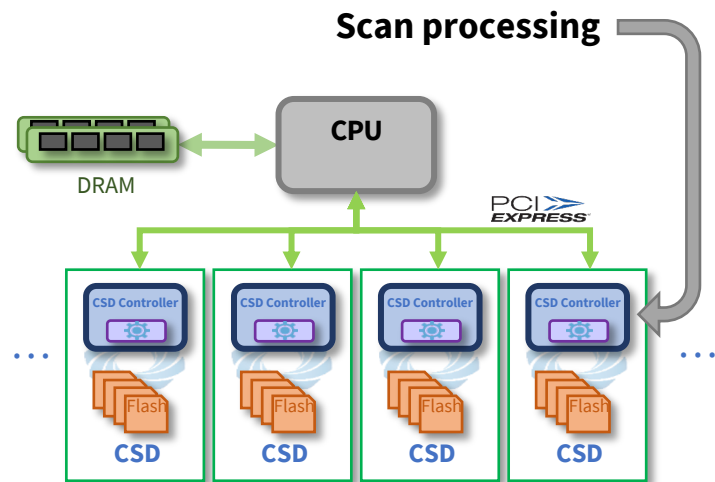
What about scan pushdown?



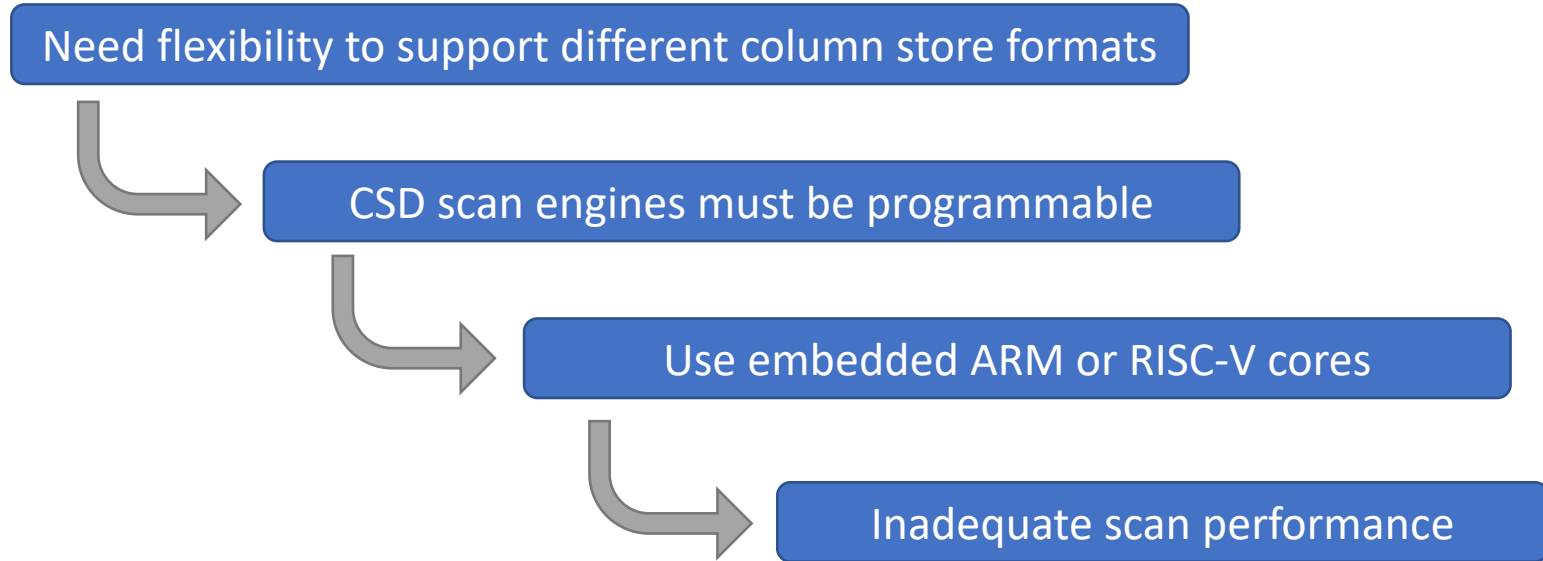
What about scan pushdown with CSDs?



Reduces inter-node data movement without adding additional compute cost to storage nodes



But there is a challenge...



... and a solution

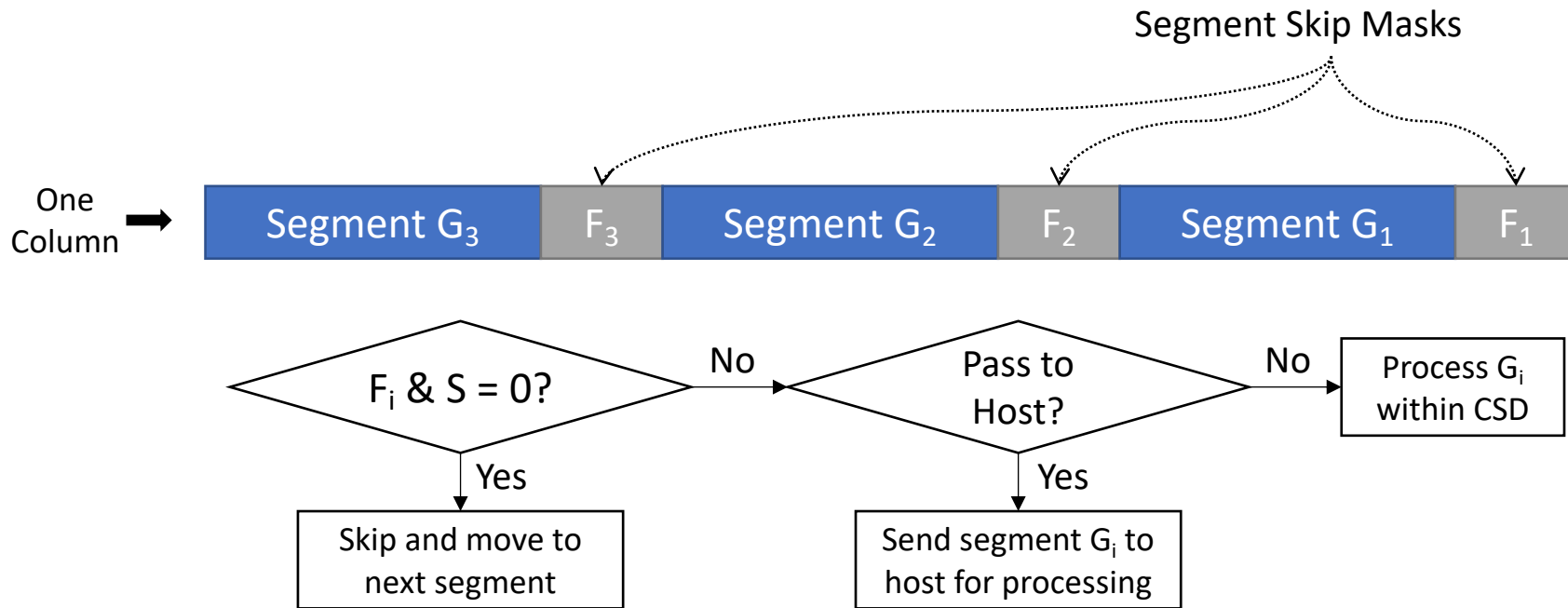
Need prevent embedded cores from becoming a bottleneck

Only Option: Alleviate embedded cores from touching every single data item during scan

Enhance the column-store file format to enable data skipping during scan

Embed fine-grain metadata into column-store file to facilitate data skipping

Data skipping with fine-grain metadata

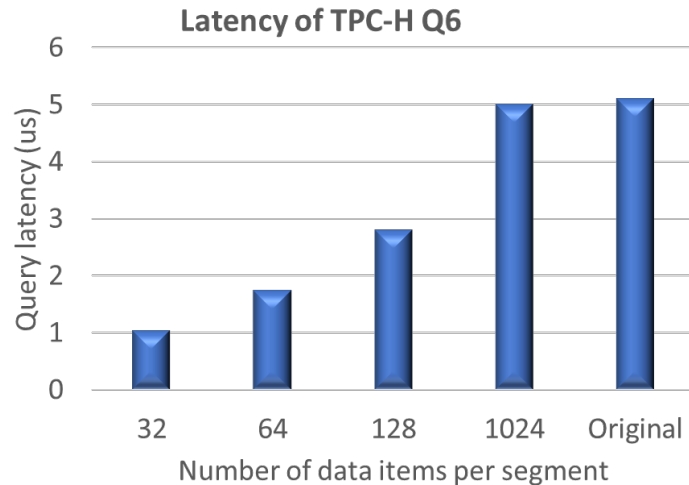


Test Results

- 8x ARM Cortex A53 @ 1.4GHz
- Dataset: TPC-H lineitem Table
- Analytics Engine: ClickHouse
- Assumptions:
 - Pipelined data fetching, decompression, and scan inside CSD.
 - Pipelined intra-CSD processing and host processing.

Summary:

- CSD off-load with added metadata reduced query latency 5x compared to host processing alone
- Achieved scan throughput >1GB/s per ARM core
- Granularity of metadata is a key performance tuning factor





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