

10 Million Smart Meter Data with Apache HBase

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1. Motivation

- The internet of things (IoT) and NoSQL
 - Various sensor devices generate large amounts of data.
 - NoSQL has higher performance and scalability than RDB.
 - HBase is one of NoSQL.
- Is HBase suitable for sensor data management?
 - HBase seems to be suitable for managing time series data such as sensor data.
 - I will introduce the result of performance evaluation of HBase with 10 million smart meter data.



2. What is NoSQL?

- NoSQL refers to databases other than RDB (Relational DataBase).
- Motivations of NoSQL include:
 - More flexible data model (not tabular relations).
 - High performance and large disk capacity.
 - With simpler "horizontal" scaling to clusters of machines.
 - etc.
- NoSQL databases are increasingly used in big data and real-time web applications.

Relational model

The diagram illustrates the Relational model with three tables:

- Date**: Contains columns Date, Product, and User ID.
- Product**: Contains columns Date, Product, and User Name.
- User ID** and **User Name**: Contains columns User ID and User Name.

Relationships are indicated by arrows:

- An arrow points from the **User ID** table to the **Date** table.
- An arrow points from the **User Name** table to the **Product** table.

| Date | Product | User ID |
|------|---------|---------|
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| Date | Product | User Name |
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| User ID | User Name |
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ACID Transaction

The diagram illustrates an ACID Transaction with three tables:

- Table 1**: Contains columns Date, Product, and User Name. The third row is highlighted in red and labeled **Update**.
- Table 2**: Contains columns Date, Product, and User Name. The third row is highlighted in red and labeled **Update**.
- Table 3**: Contains columns Date, Product, and User Name. The third row is highlighted in red and labeled **Update**.

Relationships are indicated by arrows:

- An arrow points from Table 1 to Table 2.
- An arrow points from Table 2 to Table 3.

| | | |
|------|---------|-----------|
| Date | Product | User Name |
| | | |
| | | Update |
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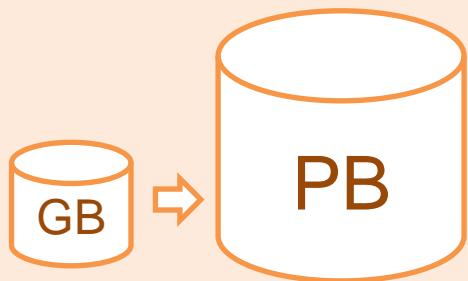
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| Date | Product | User Name |
| | | |
| | | Update |
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- Table format (tabular relations)
- SQL interface
 - Supports complex queries

- Atomicity
- Consistency
- Isolation
- Durability

Volume

Need to manage large amount of distributed data.



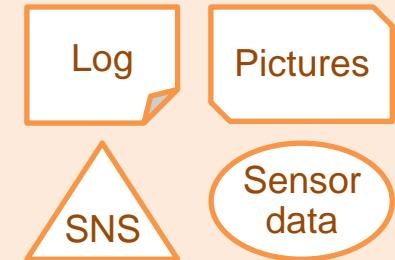
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Need to manage data of various structures.



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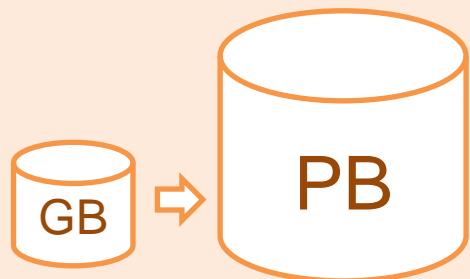
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RDB

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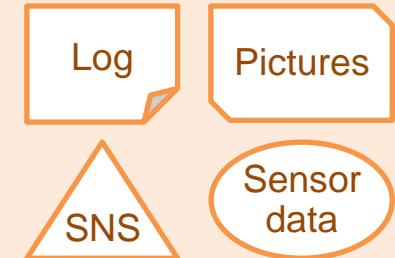
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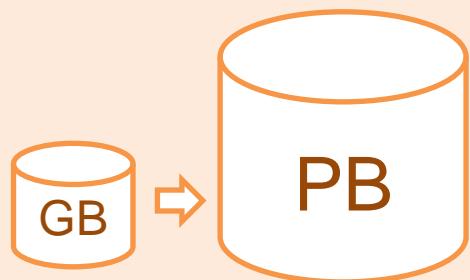
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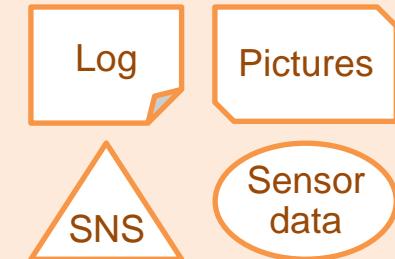
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NoSQL
Limiting the scope of transaction control makes it possible to improve performance and disk capacity with scale out.

Adopted flexible data structure other than table.

There are lots of NoSQL in the world (many others)



Redis

Cassandra

HBase

MongoDB

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Couchbase

NoSQL is generally classified by data model

Key value store



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Redis

Wide column store



Cassandra



HBase



MongoDB



Couchbase

Document store



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Graph database

NoSQL is generally classified by data model

Key value store

Low latency access with simple data structure.

| Key | Value |
|-----|-------|
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Wide column store

Each row has different number of columns.

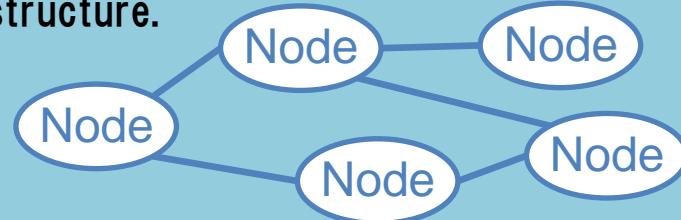
| Key | Value | Value | Value |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|
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Store structure data such as JSON.

| Key | Document |
|-----|---|
| 001 | { ID: 001 User: { Name: "Engineer" } } |

Document store

Represent relationship between data as graph structure.



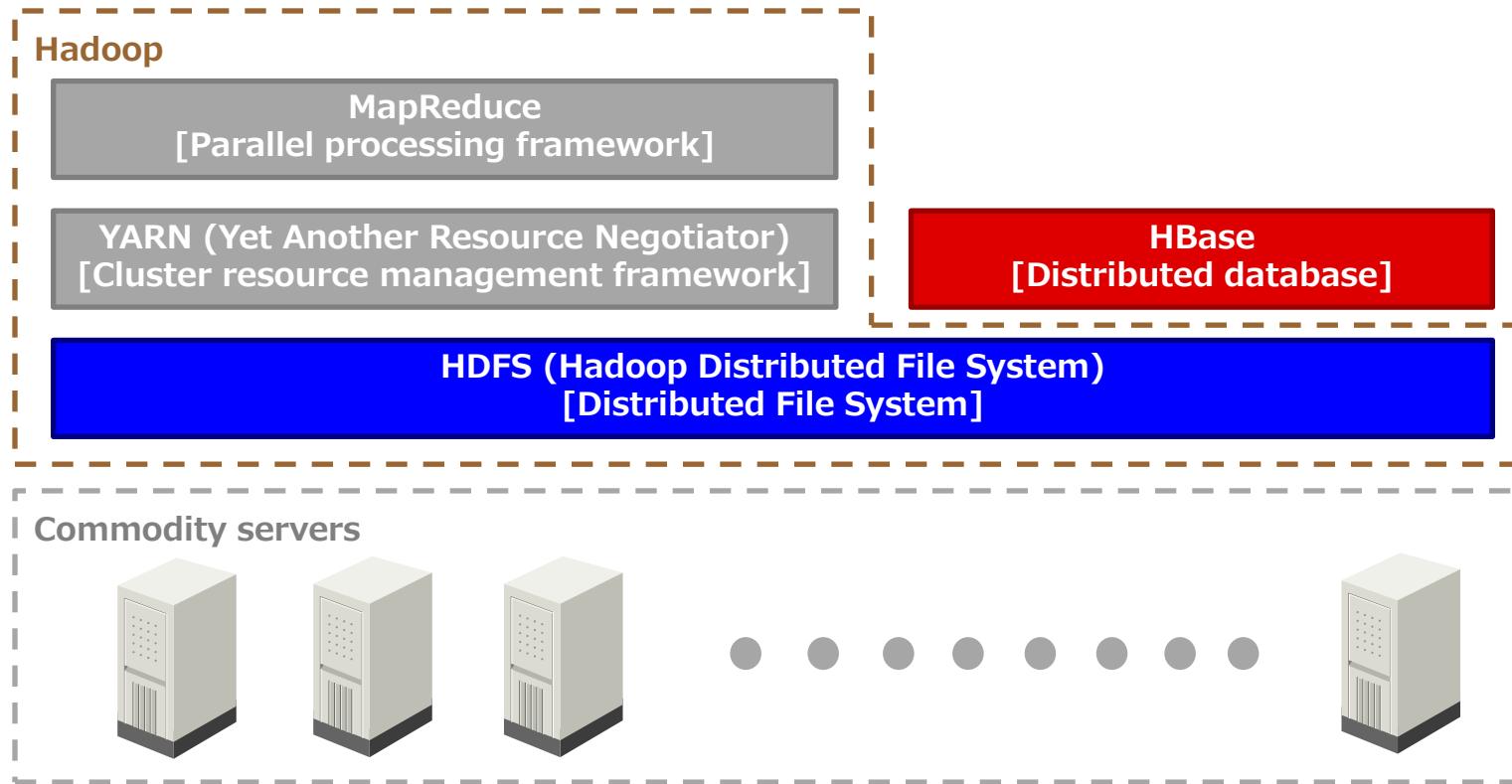
Graph database

3. Overview of HBase architecture

- HBase is distributed, scalable, versioned, and non-relational (wide column type) big data store.
- A Google Bigtable clone.
 - Implemented in Java based on the paper of Bigtable.
- One of the OSS in Apache Hadoop eco-system.

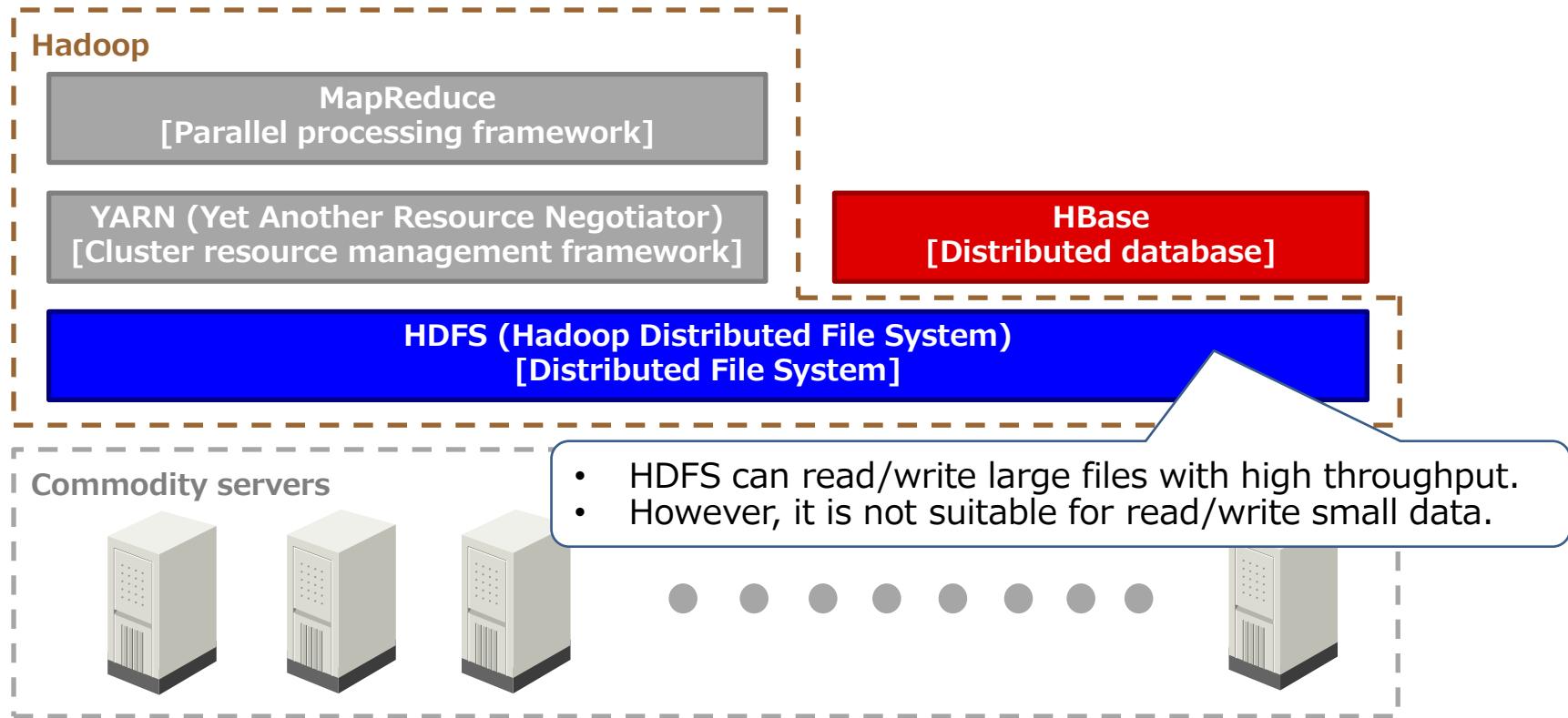
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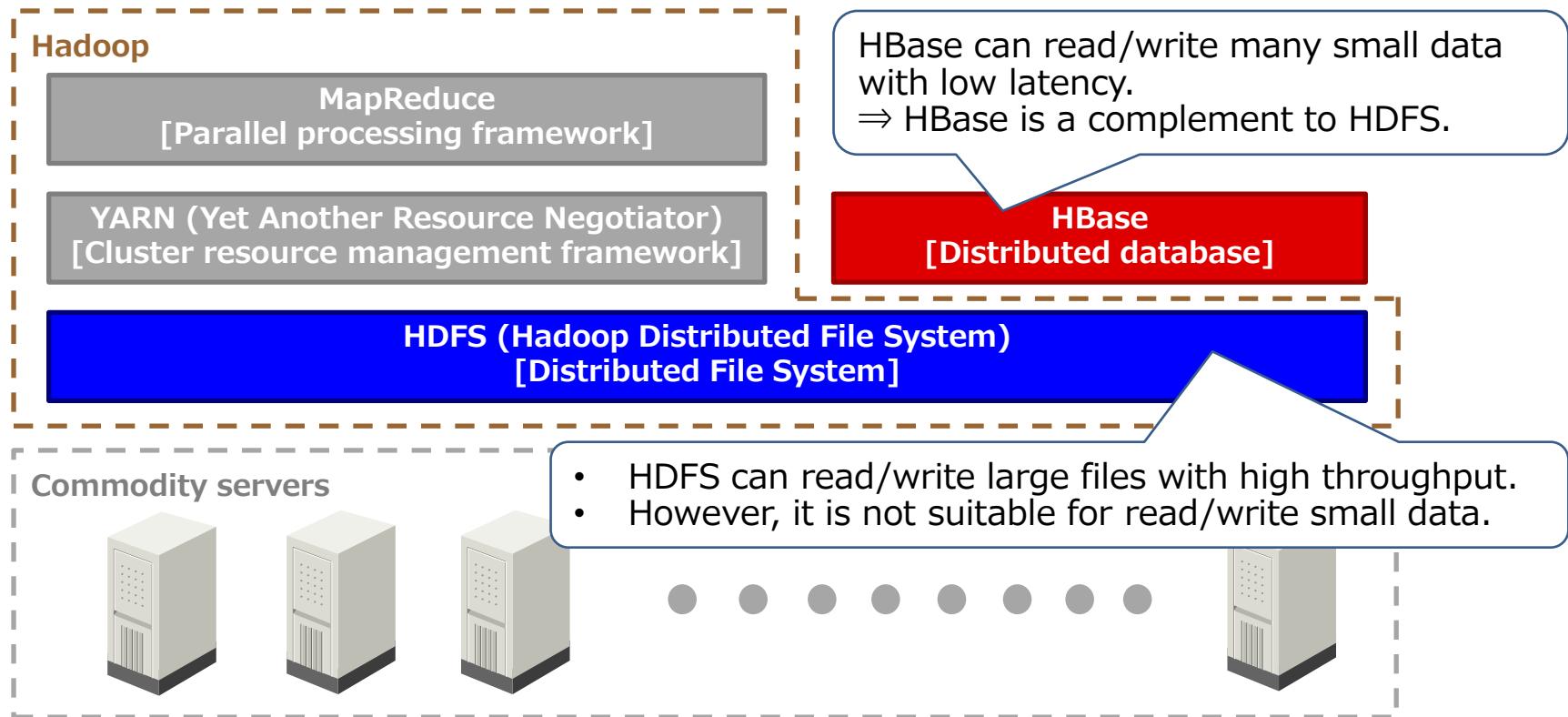
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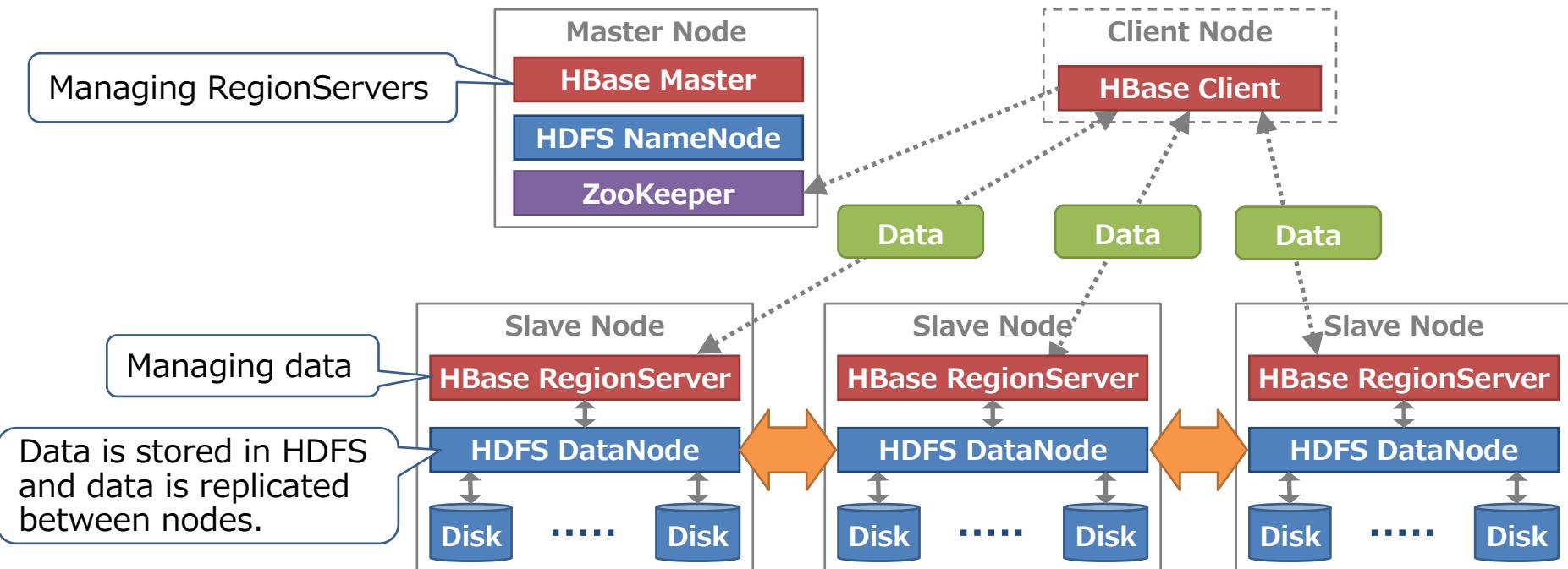
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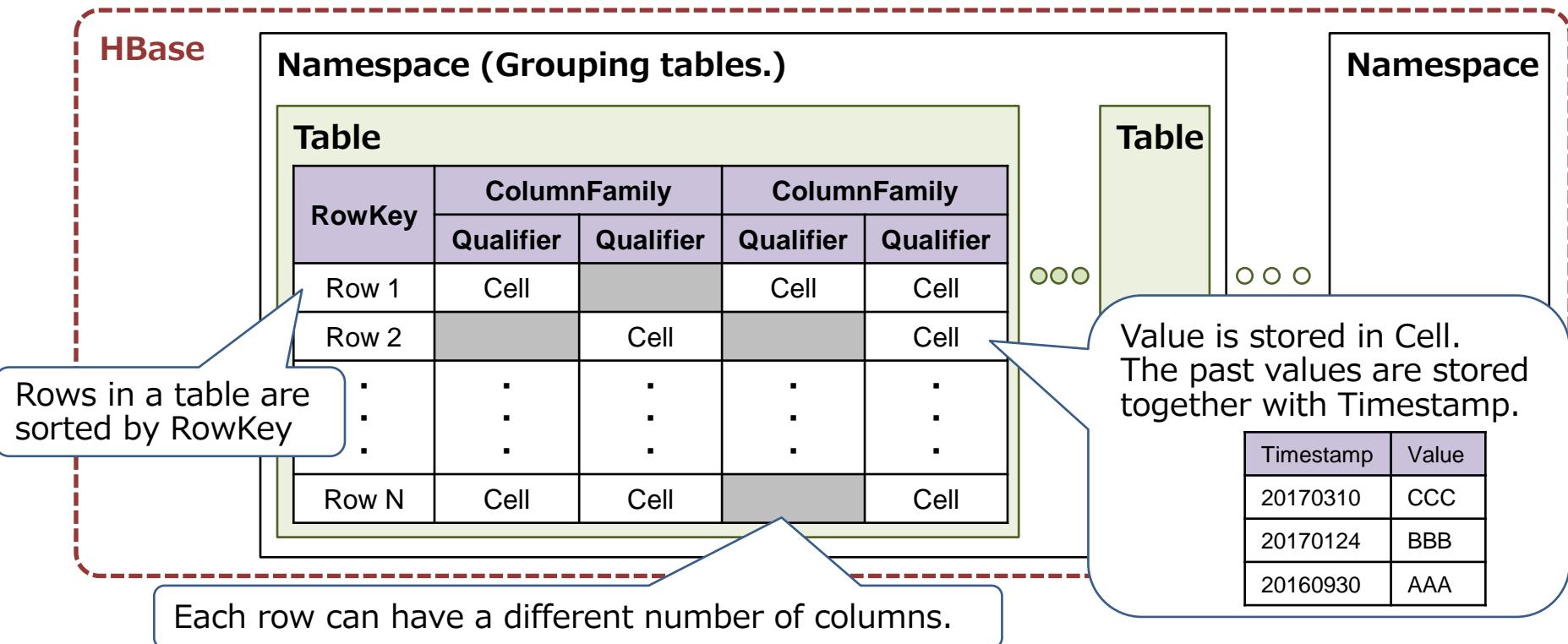
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HBase architecture: Master/Slave model

- HBase processes the request and HDFS saves the data.





- This table looks like a RDB's table.

- Data is stored as key value.
 - The keys are sorted in the order of **RowKey**, **Column** (ColumnFamily:qualifier), **Timestamp**.
 - It is a “multi-dimensional sorted map”.
 - `SortedMap<RowKey, SortedMap<Column, SortedMap<Timestamp, Value>>>`

Conceptual view of Table

| RowKey | fam1 | | fam2 | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Col1 | Col2 | Col3 | Col4 |
| Row 1 | - | | Val_03 | Val_04 |
| Row 2 | Val_05 | Val_06 | - | |



Physical view of Table

| RowKey | Column (ColumnFamily:qualifier) | Timestamp | Type | Value |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | | | | |
| Row 1 | fam1:Col1 | 20170310 | Delete | - |
| Row 1 | fam1:Col1 | 20170310 | Put | Val_01 |
| Row 1 | fam2:Col3 | 20170215 | Put | Val_03 |
| Row 1 | fam2:Col4 | 20170309 | Put | Val_04 |
| Row 2 | fam1:Col1 | 20170310 | Put | Val_05 |
| Row 2 | fam1:Col2 | 20160104 | Put | Val_06 |
| Row 2 | fam2:Col3 | 20170221 | Delete | - |
| Row 2 | fam2:Col3 | 20170204 | Put | Val_07 |

- **Operations**

- Put, Get, Scan, Delete, etc.

Put a row

Get a row with
random access

Scan multiple rows
with sequential access

- **Functions**

➤ Index

- Only be set to RowKey and Column.

➤ Transaction

- Only within one Row.

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| Row 2 | fam2:Col3 | 20170215 | Put | Val_03 |
| Row 2 | fam2:Col4 | 20170309 | Put | Val_04 |
| Row 3 | fam1:Col1 | 20170310 | Put | Val_05 |
| Row 3 | fam1:Col2 | 20160104 | Put | Val_06 |
| Row 4 | fam2:Col3 | 20170221 | Delete | - |
| Row 4 | fam2:Col3 | 20170204 | Put | Val_07 |

Delete a value by
adding tombstones

- How is a table physically divided?

Table

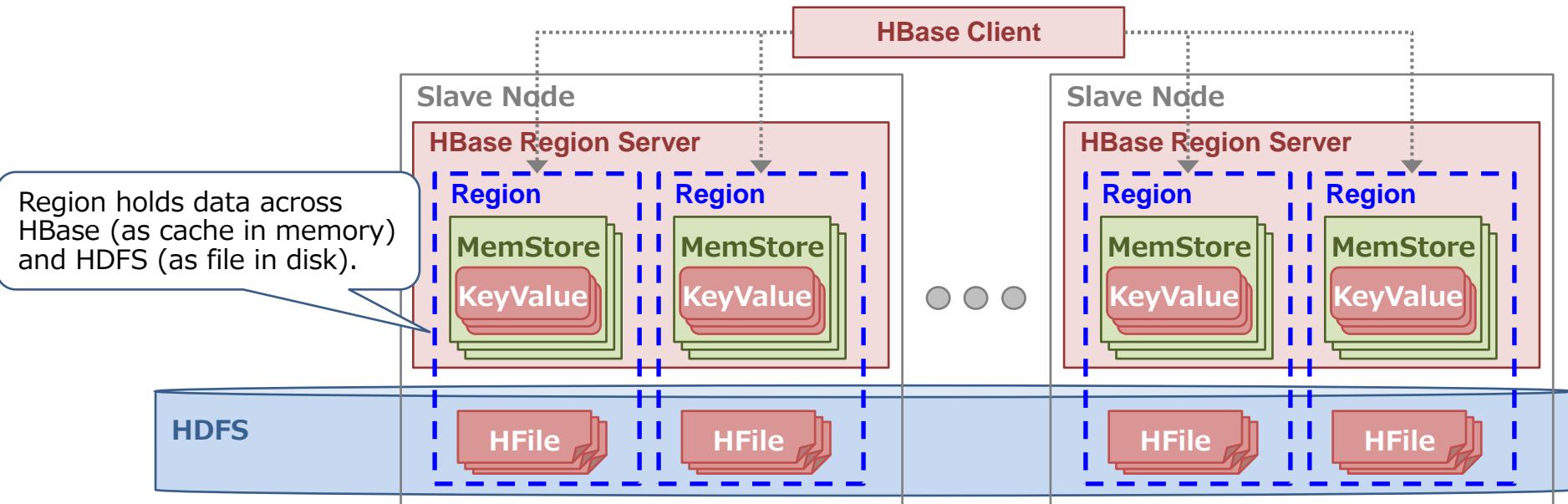
| RowKey | Column | ... | Value |
|--------|-----------|-----|--------|
| Row 1 | fam1:Col1 | ... | Val_01 |
| Row 1 | fam1:Col2 | ... | Val_02 |
| | fam1:Col3 | ... | Val_03 |
| | fam2:Col1 | ... | Val_04 |
| Row 2 | fam1:Col1 | ... | Val_05 |
| Row 2 | fam2:Col2 | ... | Val_06 |
| | fam2:Col3 | ... | Val_07 |
| Row 3 | fam1:Col1 | ... | Val_08 |
| Row 3 | fam2:Col1 | ... | Val_09 |
| | fam1:Col2 | ... | Val_10 |
| Row 4 | fam1:Col4 | ... | Val_11 |
| | fam2:Col3 | ... | Val_12 |
| | fam2:Col5 | ... | Val_13 |

Table is divided into Region with the range of RowKey

| Table | Region (Row1-2) | RowKey | Column | ... | Value |
|-------|--------------------|--------|-----------|-----|--------|
| Row 1 | Row 1 | Row 1 | fam1:Col1 | ... | Val_01 |
| | | Row 1 | fam1:Col2 | ... | Val_02 |
| | | Row 1 | fam1:Col3 | ... | Val_03 |
| Row 2 | Row 2 | Row 1 | fam2:Col1 | ... | Val_04 |
| | | Row 2 | fam1:Col1 | ... | Val_05 |
| | | Row 2 | fam2:Col2 | ... | Val_06 |
| Row 3 | Row 3-4 | Row 2 | fam2:Col3 | ... | Val_07 |
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| | | Row 4 | fam1:Col2 | ... | Val_10 |
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| | | Row 4 | fam2:Col3 | ... | Val_12 |
| Row 4 | | Row 4 | fam2:Col5 | ... | Val_13 |

Data is distributed on the cluster via Regions

- Automatic sharding
 - Regions are automatically split and re-distributed as data grows.
- Simple horizontal scaling
 - Adding slave nodes improves performance and expands disk capacity.



- Simple horizontal scaling
 - Adding slave nodes improves performance and expands disk capacity
- Data is stored as sorted key value
 - Like multi-dimensional sorted map.
 - By designing RowKey carefully, data that are accessed together are physically co-located.
- Limited the index and transaction
 - Index : Only be set to RowKey and Column.
 - Transaction: Only within one Row.

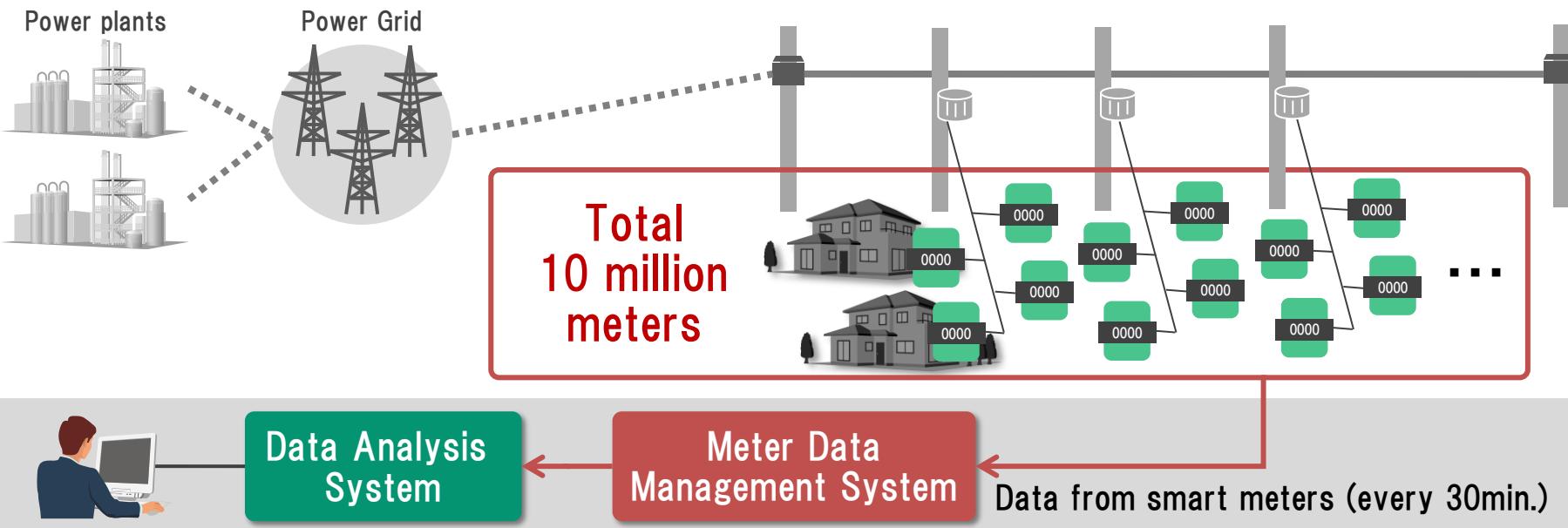


4. Performance evaluation with 10 million smart meter data

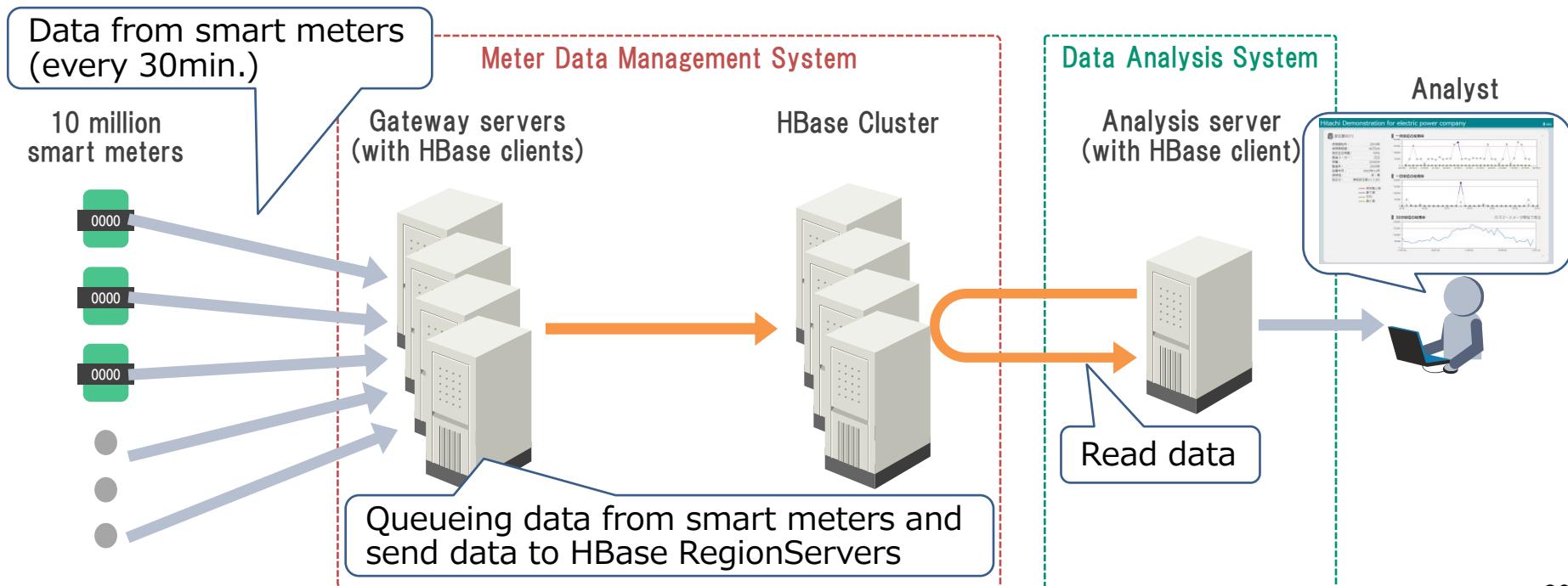


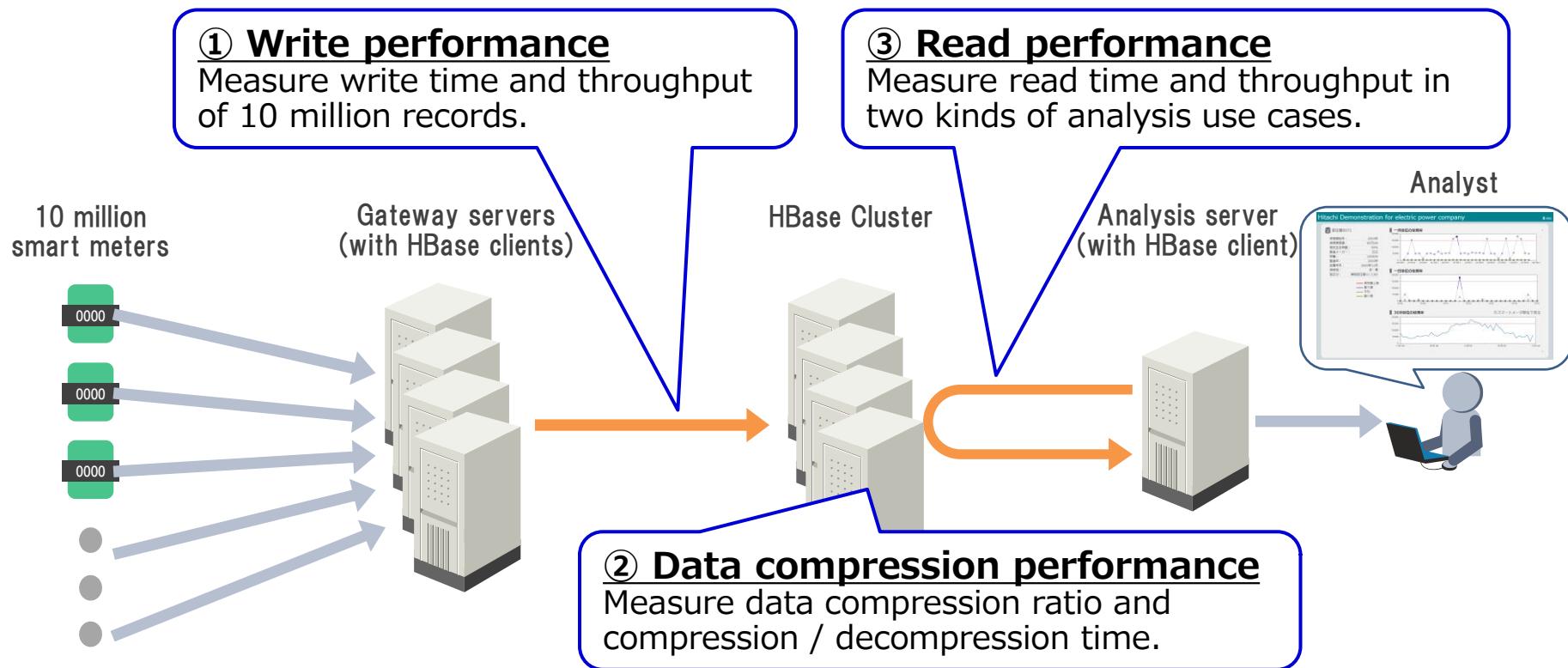
i. Evaluation scenario

- We assumed the Meter Data Management System for 10 million smart meters.
 - Smart meters collect consumption of electric energy from customers.
 - Send the collected data to the Meter Data Management System every 30 minutes.
 - The collected data is used for power charge calculation and demand forecast analysis, etc.



- Write 10 million records every 30 minutes in HBase.
- Read to analyze records stored in HBase.

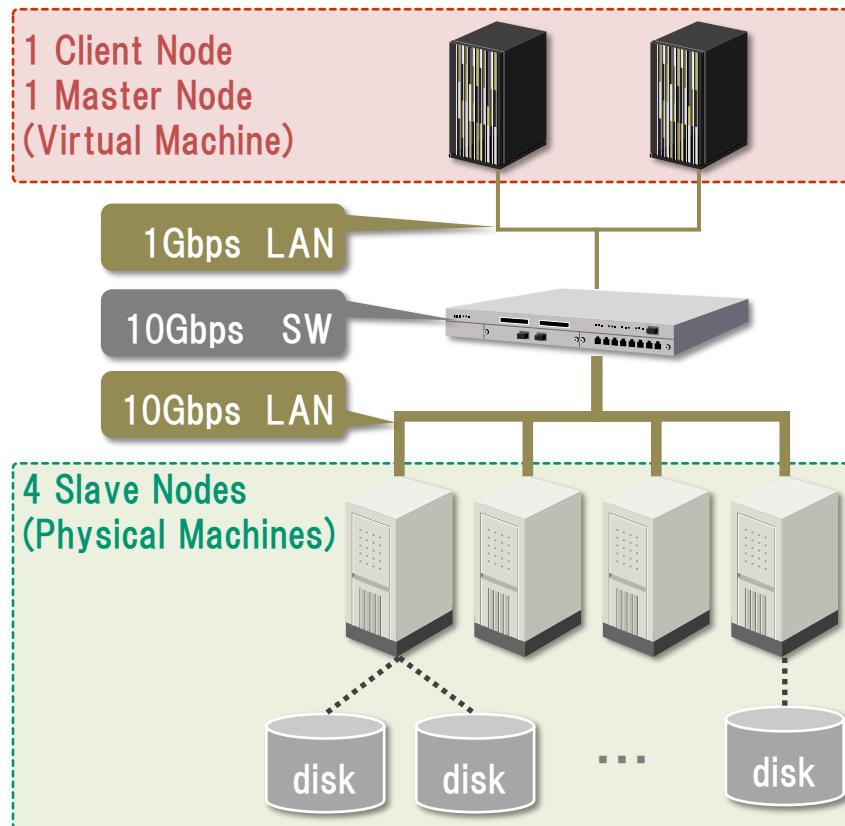




Evaluation environment

Software version

CDH5.9 (HBase1.2.0 + Hadoop2.6.0)



| | Client Node | Master Node |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| CPU Core | 16 | 2 |
| Memory | 12 GB | 16 GB |
| # of disk | 1 | 1 |
| Capacity of disk | 80 GB | 160 GB |

| | Per slave node | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| CPU Core | 32 | 128 |
| Memory | 128 GB | 512 GB |
| # of disk | 6 | 24 |
| Capacity of disk | 900 GB | - |
| Total capacity of disks | 5.4 TB (5,400 GB) | 21.6 TB (21,600 GB) |

- Divided the table into 400 Regions in advance.
 - 100 Regions per RegionServer
 - Region split key: 0001, 0002, ..., 0399



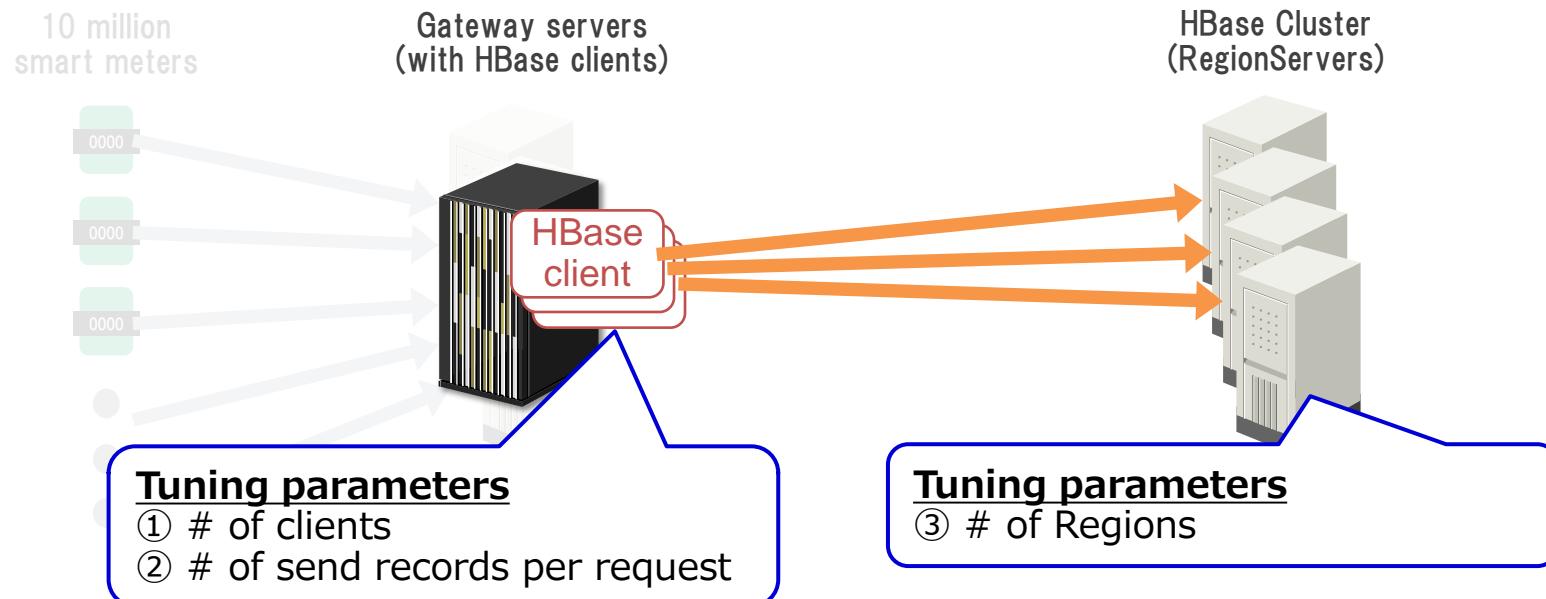
To distribute data among Regions, add 0000 to 0399 (meter ID modulo 400) to the head of RowKey. This technique is called “Salt”.

| RowKey (<Salt>-<Meter ID>-<Date>-<Time>) | Column (ColumnFamily:qualifier) | Timestamp | Type | Value |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|------|-------|
| 0000-0000000001-20170310-1100 | CF: | | Put | 3.241 |
| 0000-0000000001-20170310-1030 | CF: | | Put | 0.863 |
| ... | ... | | Put | 0.430 |
| 0000-0000000001-20160910-1100 | CF: | | Put | 0.044 |
| 0001-0000000002-20170310-1100 | CF: | | Put | 2.390 |
| ... | ... | | Put | 1.432 |

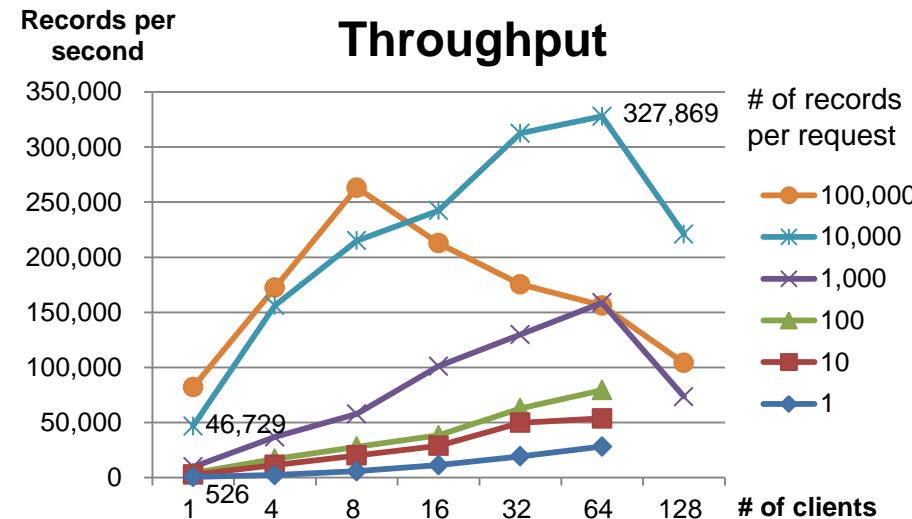
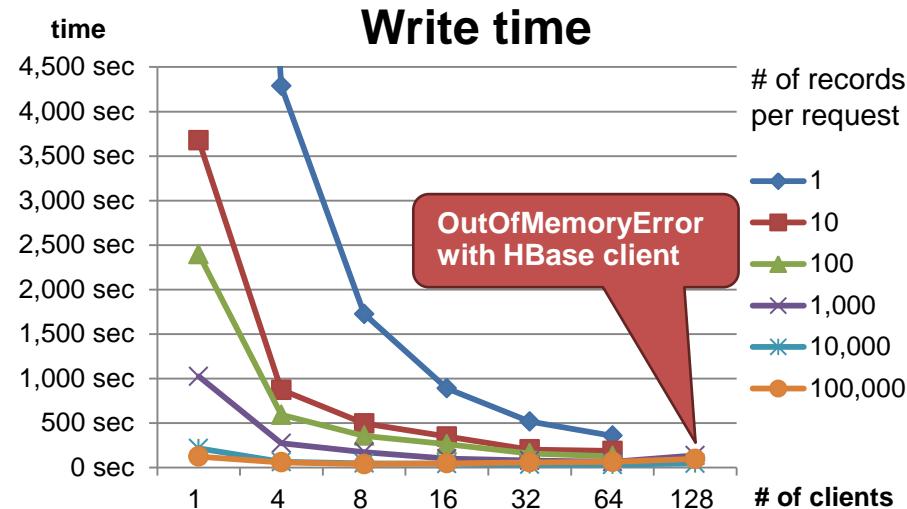


ii. Evaluation of write performance

- Generate 10 million records with HBase clients.
- Send put request using multi clients.
- Measured the write time and throughput of 10 million records.



- Write time and throughput of 10 million records.



- Stored multiple records by one request:
 - Records per request: 1 to 10,000 \Rightarrow Throughput: 526 to 46,729 records/sec (89x)
- Increased the number of clients:
 - # of Clients: 1 to 64 \Rightarrow Throughput: 46,729 to 327,869 records/sec (7x)

iii. Evaluation of Compression performance

- HBase tends to increase data size for the following reasons.
 - The number of records increases because data is stored in key value format.
 - Each record length is long because a key is composed of many fields.
- Compress data with a combination of compressor and data block encoding.

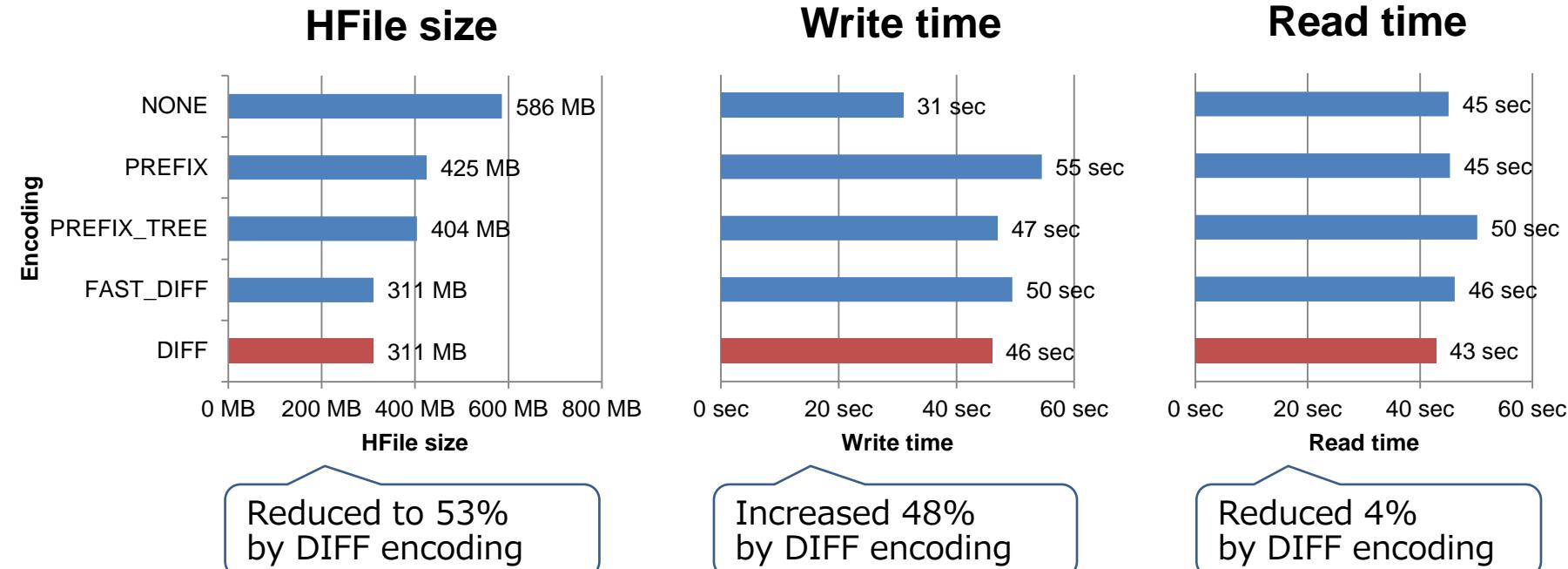


- Measured the file size, write time, and read time of 10 million records.

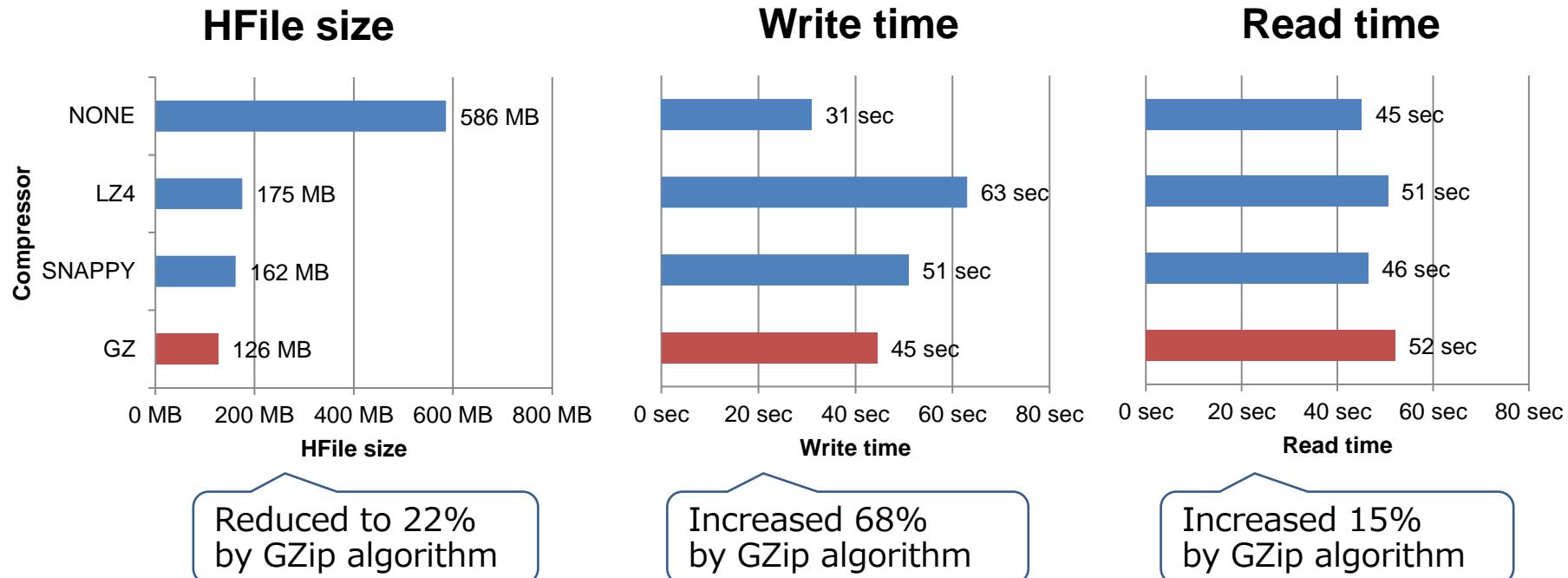
Data block encoding performance with 10 million records

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Encoding



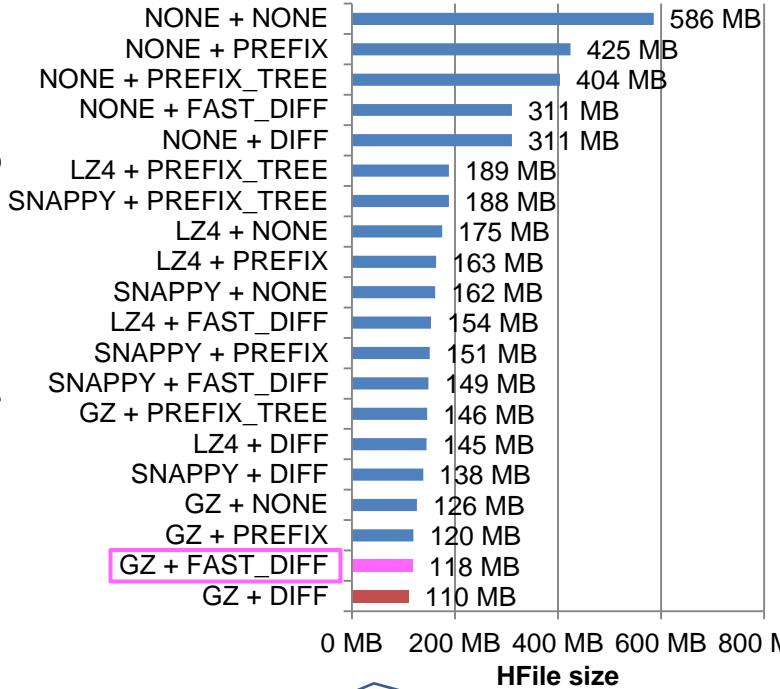
Compressor performance with 10 million records



Compressor and data block encoding performance with 10 million records

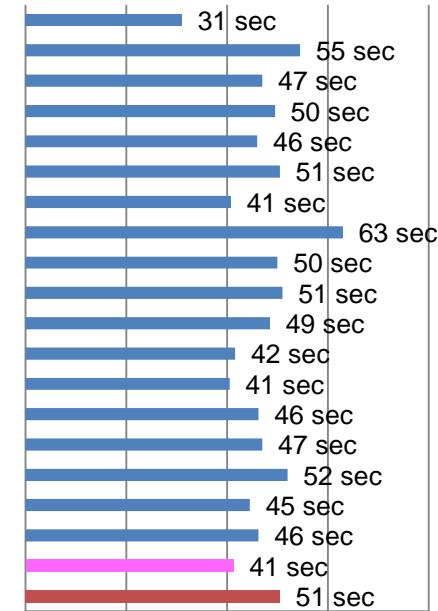
Compressor + Encoding

HFile size



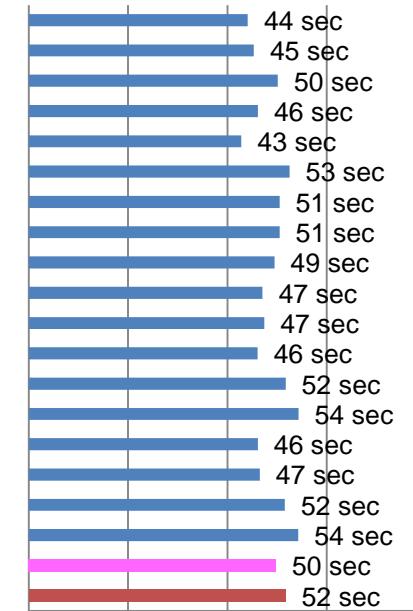
Reduced to 19%
by GZip + FAST_DIFF

Write time



Increased 33%
by GZip + FAST_DIFF

Read time

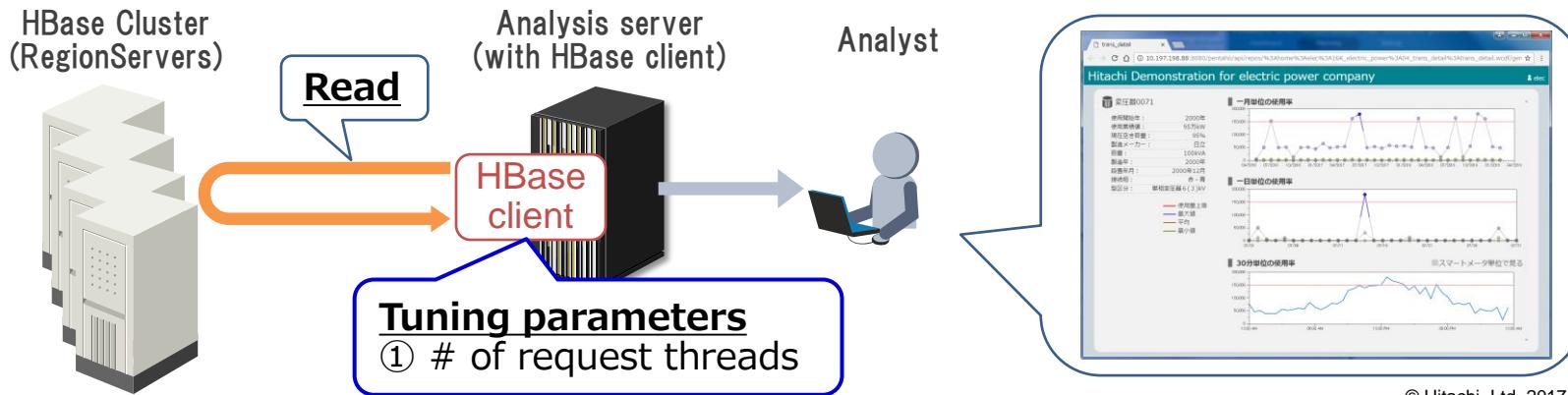


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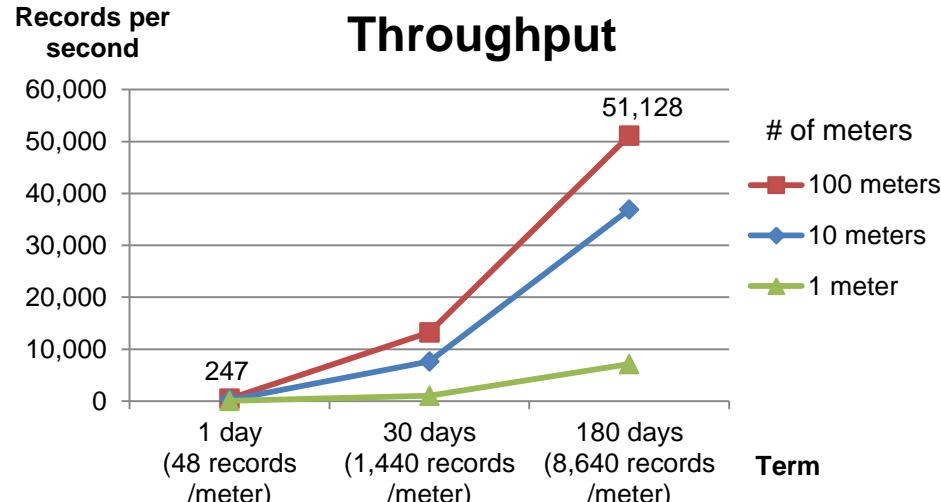
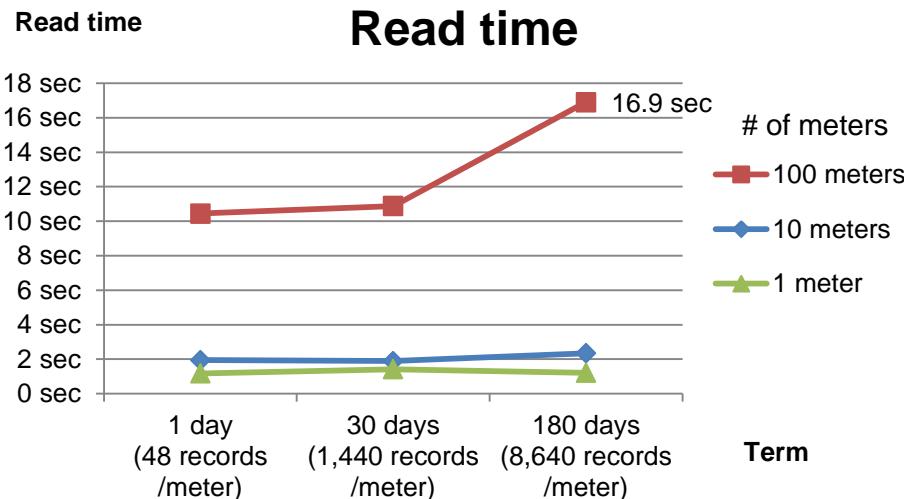
iv. Evaluation of read performance

- Measure the read time and throughput in two kinds of analysis use cases.
 - **Use case A:** Scan time series data of a few meters.
 - To display the transition of power consumption per meter in the line chart.
 - **Use case B:** Get the latest data of many meters.
 - To calculate the average and total value of the latest power consumption.
 - Evaluation settings
 - Dataset: 10 million meter * 180 days records (Compressed by FAST_DIFF + GZ)
 - Disabled caches and make sure to read data from disk.



Use case A: Scan time series data of a few meters

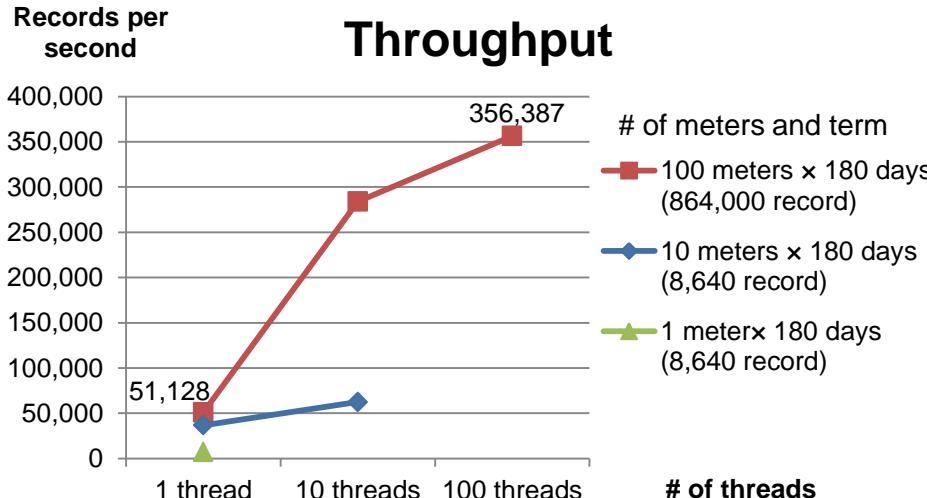
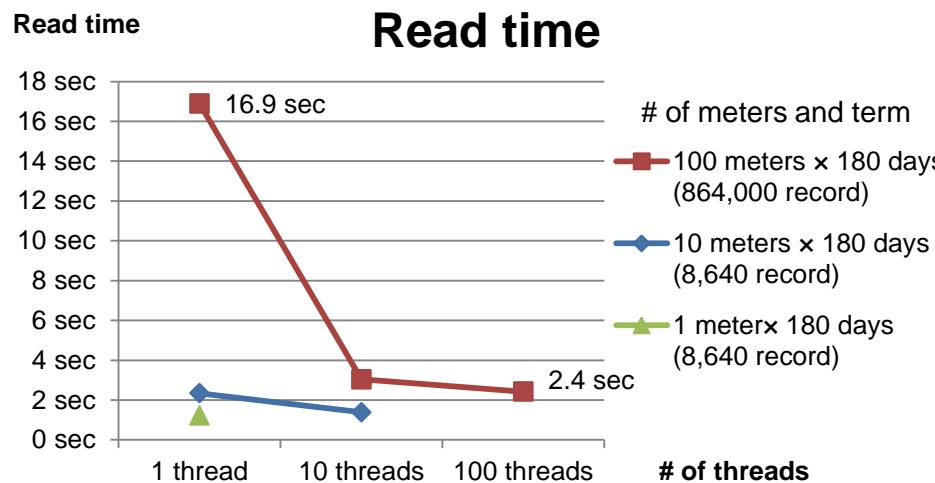
- Scan meter data for 1-180 days of 1-100 meters.
 - Scan time series data of one meter by one scan.



Since read multiple data with one Scan, the throughput improves as the term was longer.
➤ Term: 1 to 180 days ⇒ Throughput: 247 to 51,128 records/sec (207x)

Use case A: Scan time series data of a few meters (with multi thread)

- Scan meter data for 180 days of 1-100 meters.
 - Scan request was executed in multi thread. (Maximum 1 Scan 1 thread)

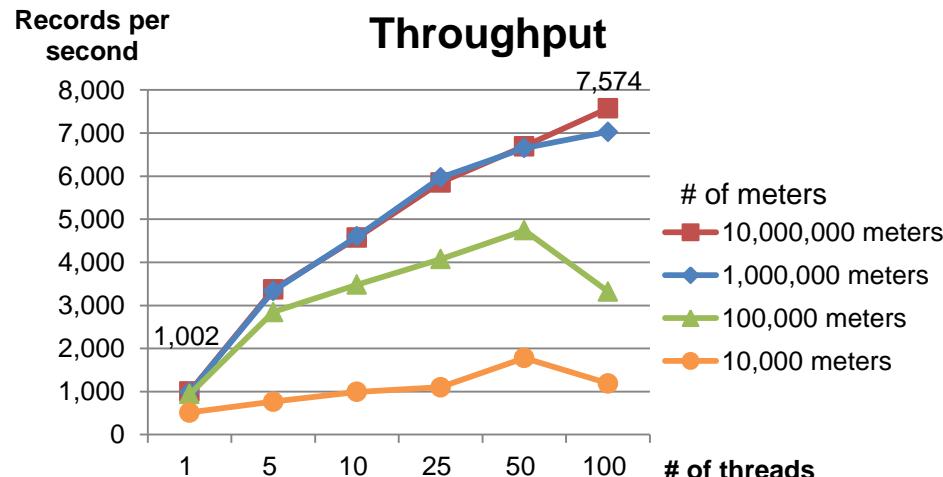
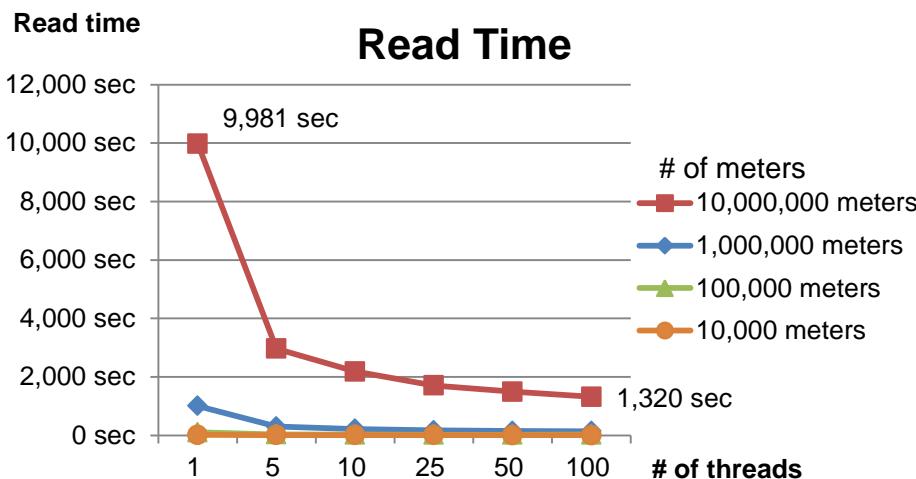


Throughput was improved by running Scan requests in parallel.

➤ # of threads: 1 to 100 ⇒ Throughput: 51,128 to 356,387 records/sec (7x)

Use case B: Get the latest data of many meters (with multi thread)

- Get the latest time (30 minutes) data of 10,000 to 10 million meters.
 - Scan request can not be applied to these data.
 - Requests are executed in multi thread.
 - Batch execution of multiple “Get” request by one “batch” request.



Throughput was improved by running Get requests in parallel.

- # of threads: 1 to 100 \Rightarrow Throughput: 1,002 to 7,574 records/sec (7.5x)

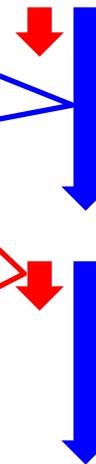
Comparison of Scan request with Get request

Use case A:

Scan 180 days time series data of 100 meters with 100 thread.
= **Throughput 356,387 records/second**

Use case B:

Get the latest 30 min. data of 10,000,000 meters with 100 thread.
= **Throughput 7,574 records/second**



| RowKey (<Salt>-<Meter ID>-<Date>-<Time>) | ... | Value |
|---|-----|--------|
| 0000-0000000001-20170310-1100 | | 3.241 |
| 0000-0000000001-20170310-1030 | | 0.863 |
| ... | | ... |
| 0000-0000000001-20160910-1100 | | 0.044 |
| ... | | ... |
| 0200-0000000201-20170310-1100 | | 10.390 |
| 0200-0000000201-20170310-1030 | | 14.325 |
| ... | | ... |
| 0200-0000000201-20160910-1100 | | 9.32 |
| ... | | ... |

- Scan request's throughput was about 47x higher than the Get request.
- Careful RowKey design is important.
 - Place the data that are accessed together physically co-located.



5. Summary

- HBase is suitable for storing time series data generated by sensor devices.
- Lessons from performance evaluation:
 - Careful RowKey design to be able to scan data is important.
 - Scan request's throughput was more than 47x that of Get request.
 - HBase has high multi-client / multi-thread concurrency.
 - Throughput of the Put / Scan / Get request with multi-client / multi-thread is 7x faster than single-client / single-thread.
 - Choosing the appropriate compression setting.
 - The storage size of time series data could be reduced to 19%.

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