DISKREDUCE: RAIDING THE CLOUD - GROUPING CHOICES

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OVERVIEW

Google FS/ HDFS on Data Intensive Scalable Computers

- Triplication can recover from 2 failures but it trades 200% extra storage for this redundancy
- Parity saves storage and tolerates the loss of any two nodes

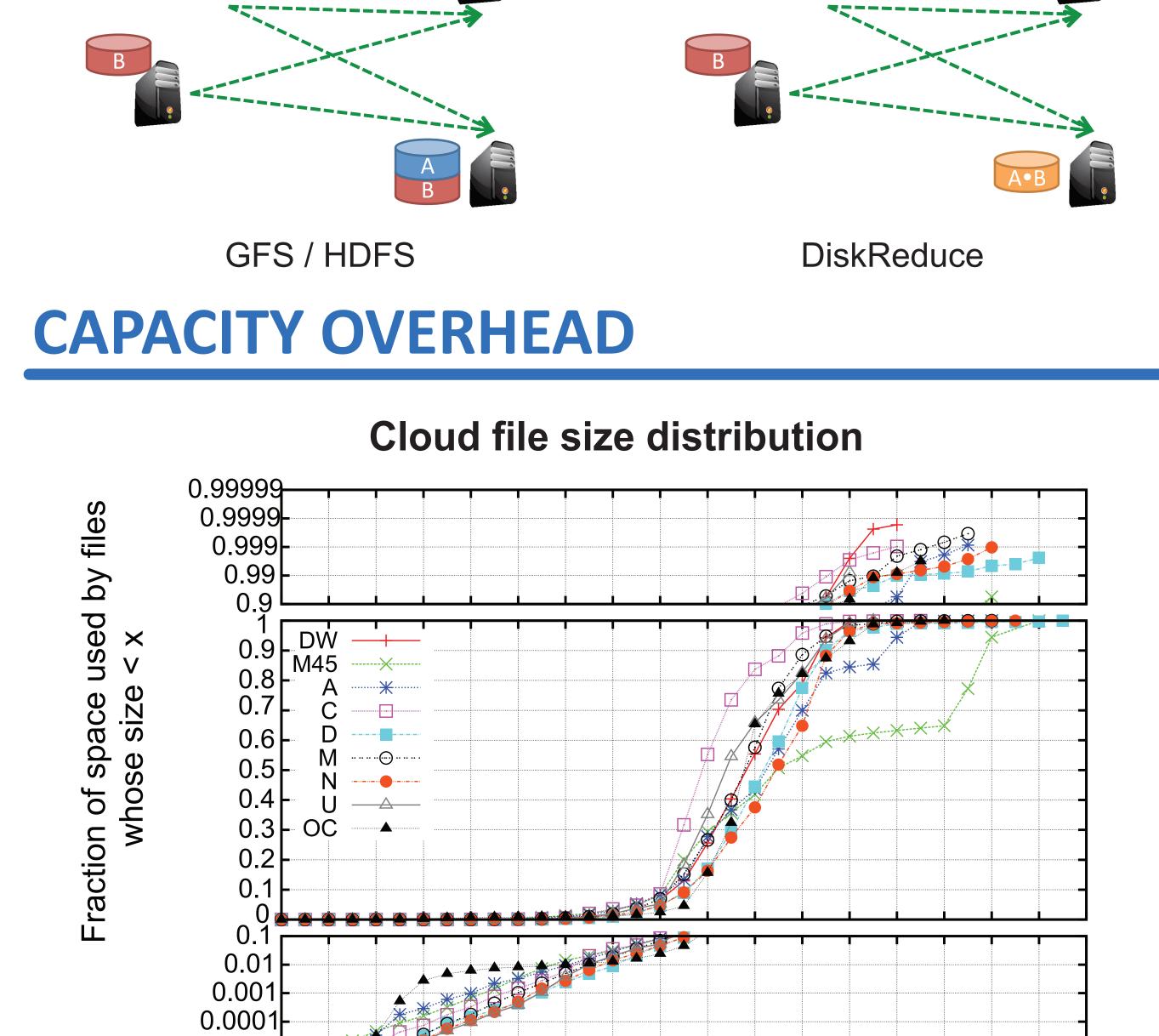
RAID SET DEFINITIONS

RAID Per-file: blocks in a RAID set are from the same file

- + Simple
- Too much overhead

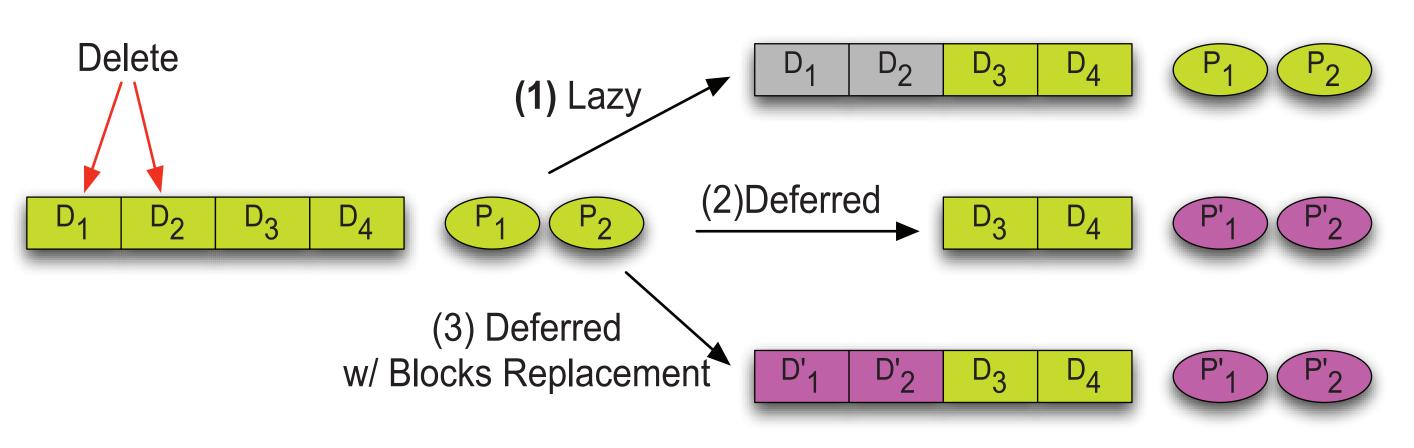
RAID Across-files: blocks in a RAID set can be from different files

+ Per-directory RAID 6 can achieve lower overhead



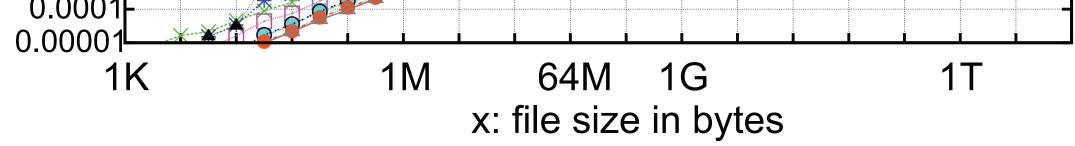
- Small write problem - potential read-modify-write to update parity blocks on file deletion

HANDLING DELETED BLOCKS

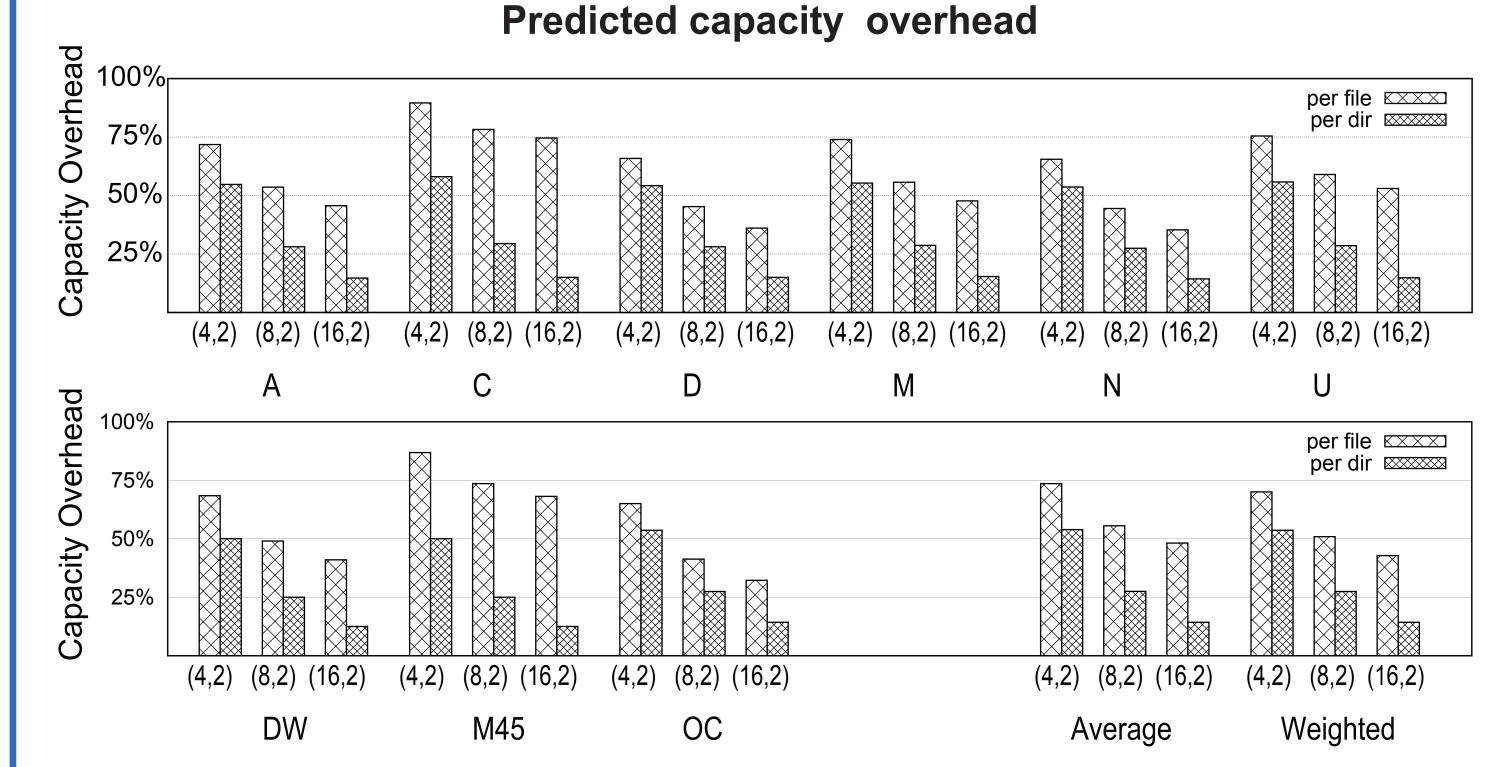


3 ways to handle deletion:

- **1. Lazy Deletion**
 - Never recalculate RAID equation so only recover space when all blocks in a RAID set are deleted
- **2. Deferred Deletion**
 - After a timeout to allow all blocks to be deleted naturally, recalculate RAID over smaller data set
- **3. Deferred Deletion with Block Replacement**



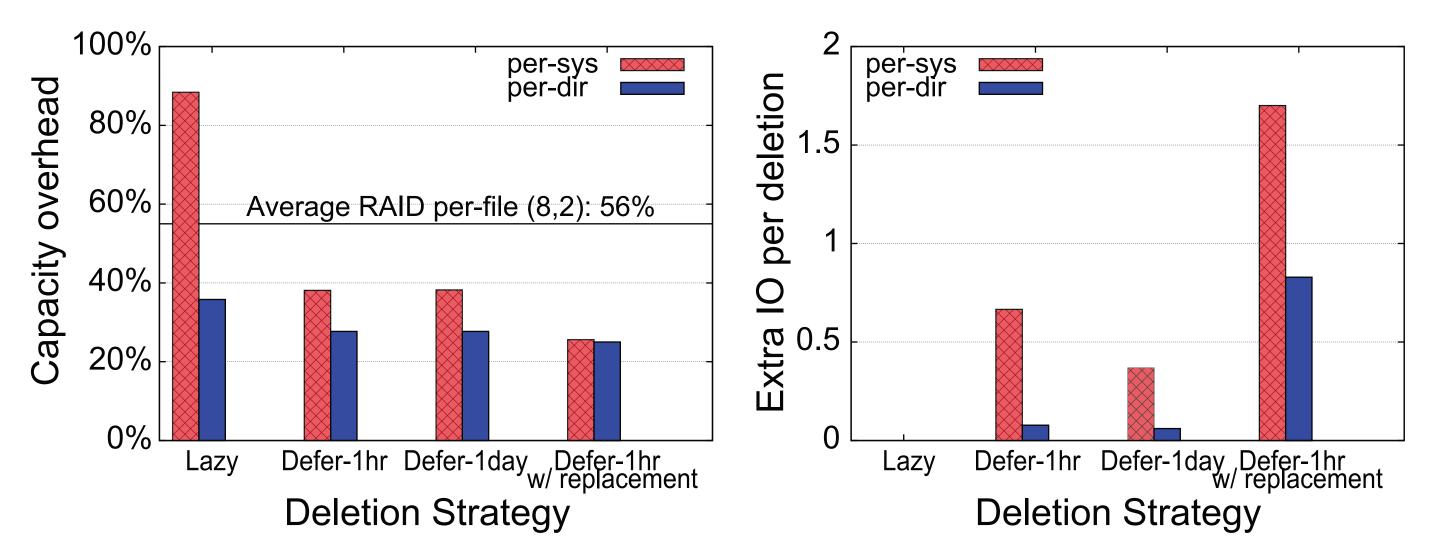
- Across 9 file systems (1.5 21 PB), 30 80% of the storage used by files smaller than 1 GB (size of 16 blocks, 64 MB each)
- Since each block is large (64 MB by default), there will be few blocks in per-file RAID sets



 When recalculating check blocks, add new data blocks into existing RAID set to prevent RAID sets from becoming shorter

TRACE ANALYSIS

Yahoo! M45 trace over 2000 hours (80 days)



- Per-system is not recommended, either high capacity overhead or high I/O cost
- Lazy per-dir needs no extra I/O, but its capacity overhead (36%) is significantly larger than minimal (25%)

RAID set (N,M): N data blocks+ M check blocks Weighted scales average by size of cluster

- With 8 data blocks in a RAID set, per-file RAID 6 requires about 56% capacity overhead while per-dir RAID 6 requires only 28% overhead (25% is minimal)
- Defer 1 day per-dir reduces capacity overhead to near minimal (28%), paying only 0.06 (64MB) I/O per block created and deleted (which at least 3 I/Os)

