
IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer



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IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer

Capitalizing on the best of relational and the best of columnar databases

What is it?

The IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer is a workload optimized, appliance-like, add-on, that enables the integration of business insights into operational processes to drive winning strategies. It accelerates select queries, with unprecedented response times.



How is it different

- **Performance:** Unprecedented response times to enable 'train of thought' analyses frequently blocked by poor query performance.
- **Integration:** Connects to DB2 through deep integration providing transparency to all applications.
- **Self-managed workloads:** queries are executed in the most efficient way
- **Transparency:** applications connected to DB2, are entirely unaware of ISAO
- **Simplified administration:** appliance-like hands-free operations, eliminating many database tuning tasks

Breakthrough Technology Enabling New Opportunities

Extreme performance for complex queries

Game Changing Performance

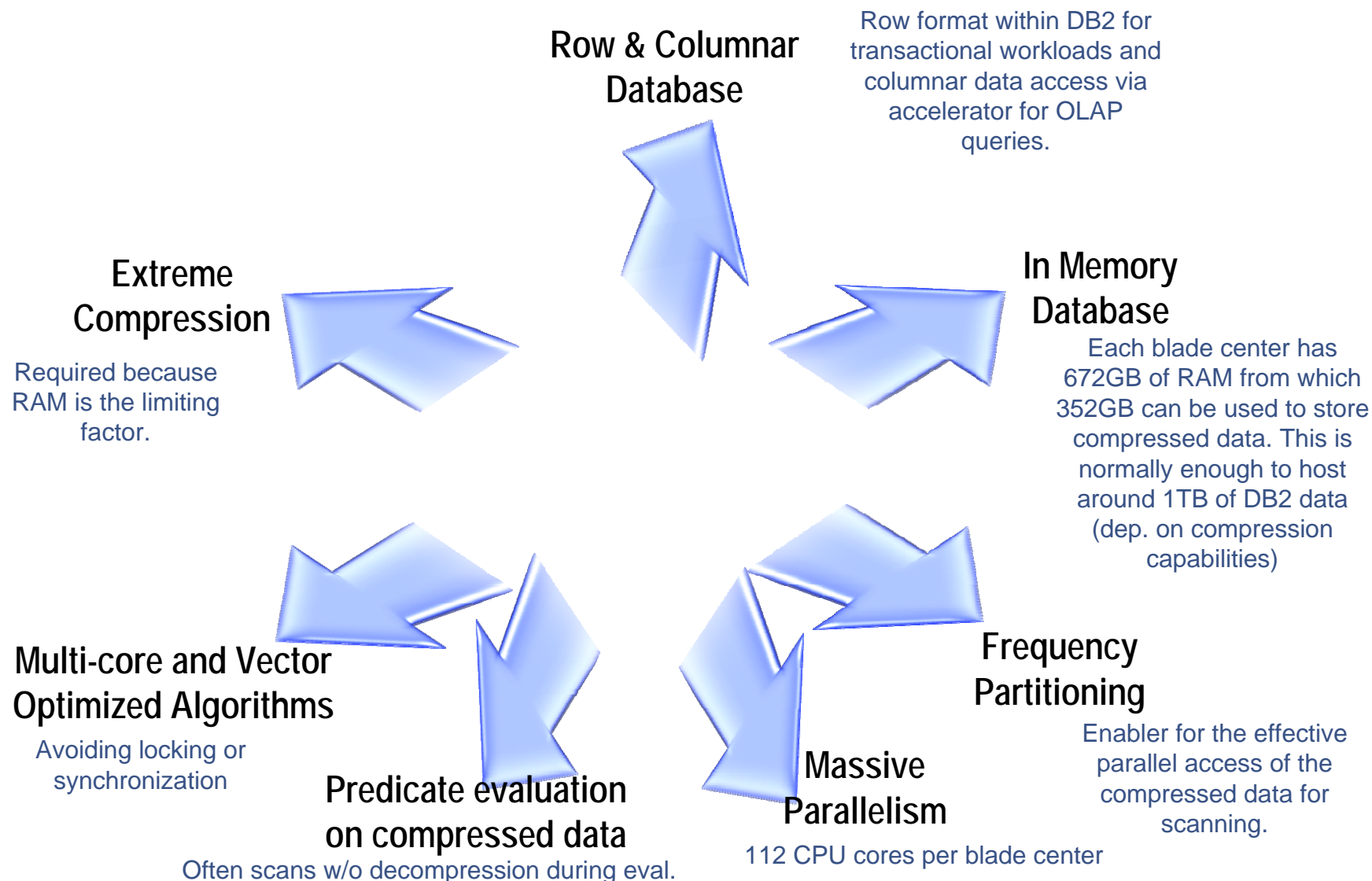
- ✓ **Rapidly delivers information to decision makers through breakthrough technologies providing dramatic performance improvement.**
 - ✓ **The best of row and columnar store technologies**
 - ✓ **Highly compressed data**
 - ✓ **Compressed data operations**
 - ✓ **In-memory processing**
 - ✓ **Massively parallel architecture**

- ✓ **Enables decision makers to submit queries they never dared in the past, that analyze trends, predict outcomes, and produce better business results.**

One Beta customer asked us to repeat a query under lab conditions because he couldn't believe the acceleration. A query execution time was reduced from 13 minutes, 42 seconds to just one second (end to end)!



Breakthrough technologies for performance



IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer – Beta Customer

Orders of magnitude faster for queries within Sweetspot

The ISAO Sweetspot:

- Complex OLAP-style queries
- Scan large subset of data
- Look for trends – period on period analysis
- Assist in making actionable business decisions



... and its acceleration factor ::

Runtime of queries w/o ISAO

163 s

2311 s

25 s

1593 s

35 s

5435 s

Factor

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with ISAO

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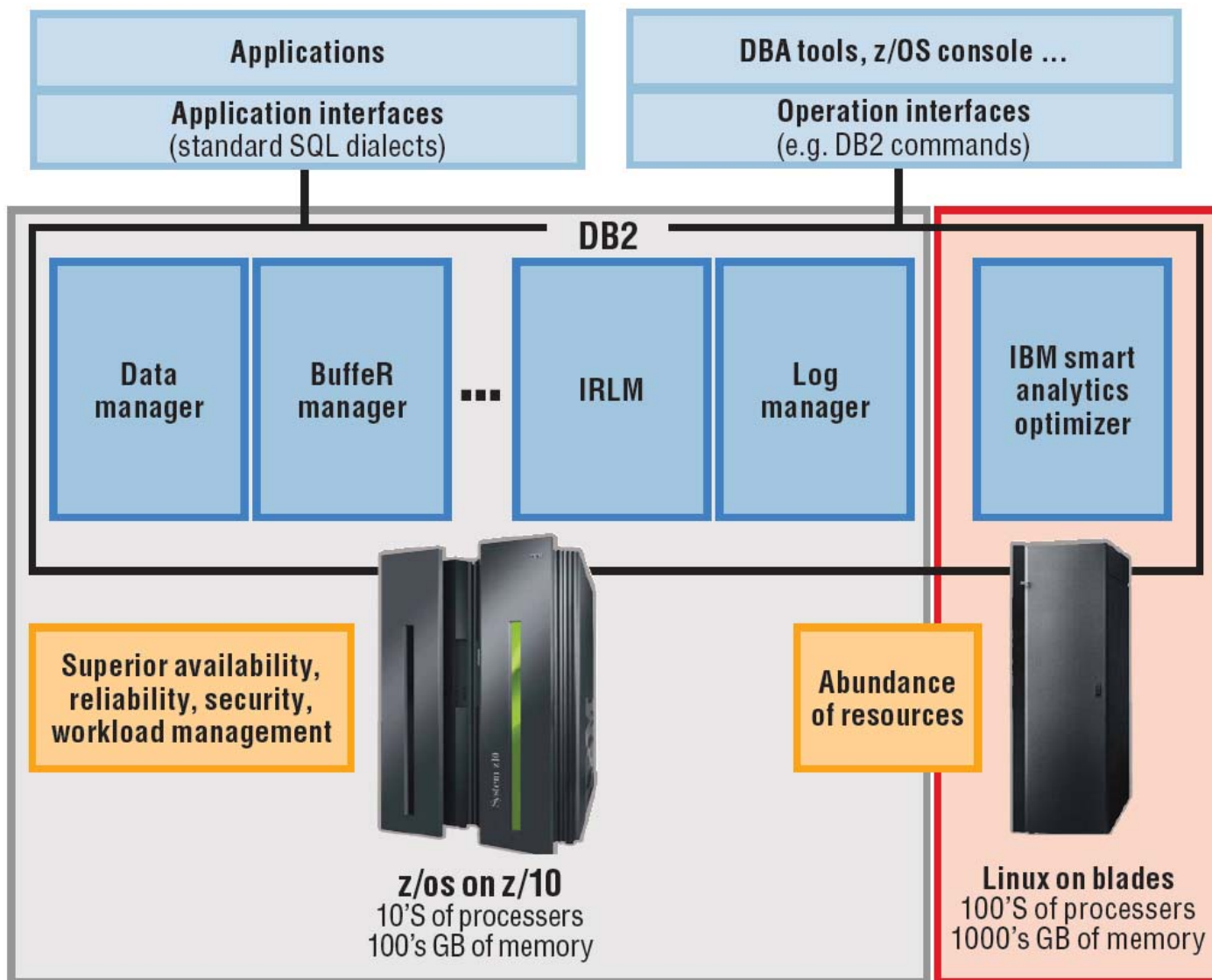
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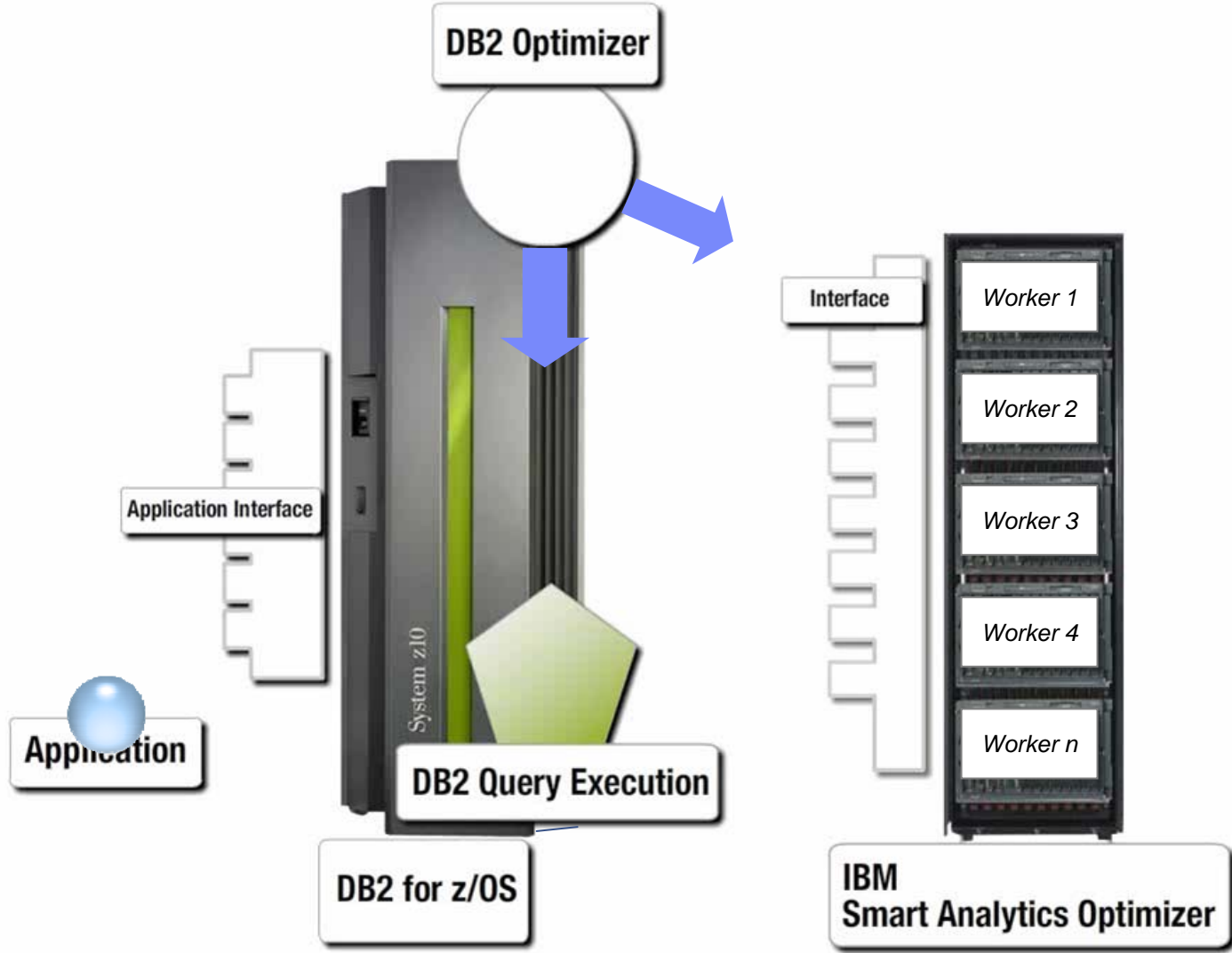
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IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer - a Virtual DB2 Component



Query Execution Flow



IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer - Characteristics

- A special purpose, network attached blades system
- No changes to the applications
 - Applications continue to attach to DB2.
 - When applicable query needs to be executed DB2 exploits the accelerator transparently to the applications
 - Fencing and protection of DB2 against possible accelerator failures
- Order of magnitude performance improvement
- Reducing need for tedious tuning of DB2 (MQTs, indexes, etc.)
- Appliance-like form-factor
 - Hands free operations
- Significantly improved price/performance and TCO as a combined effect of:
 - Offloading very CPU intensive operations
 - Orders of magnitude performance improvement for offloaded queries
 - Reduced DBA effort for tuning offloaded queries
- Hybrid technology
 - Enabling Dynamic DW and Operational BI
 - Preserving traditional DB2 quality of service
 - Having transactional and analytical workload being handled by DB2

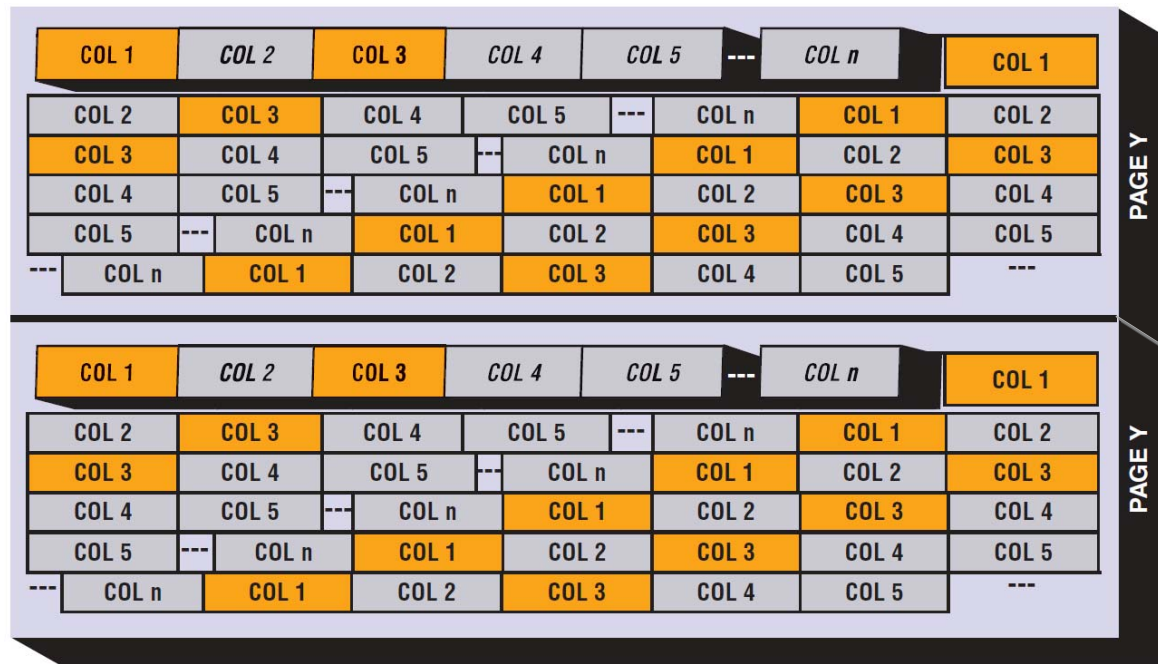
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Row oriented data store

Each row stored sequentially

- Optimized for record I/O
- Fetch and decompress entire row, every time
- Result –
 - Very efficient for transactional workloads
 - Not always efficient for analytical workloads



If only few columns are required the complete row is still fetched and uncompressed

Columnar data store

Data is stored sequentially by column

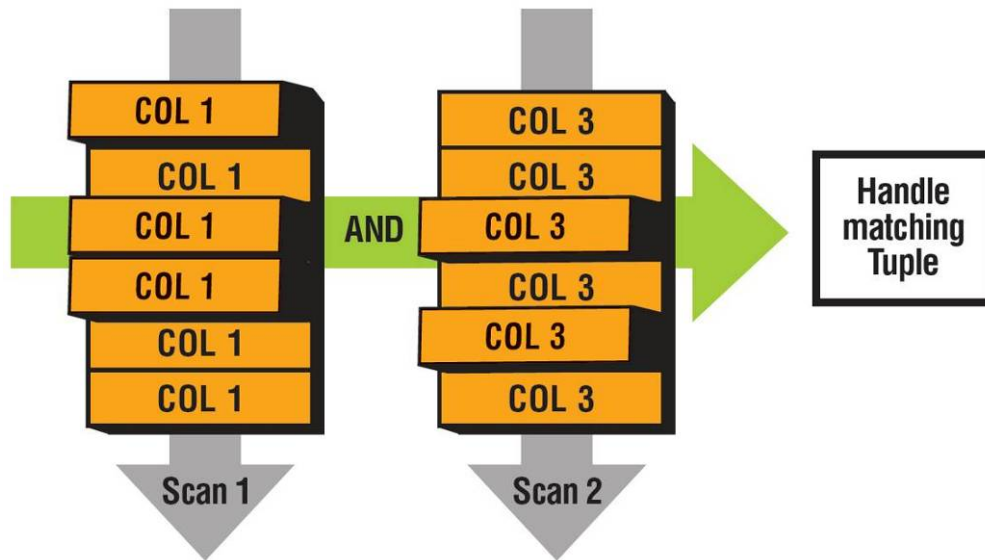
- Data is compressed sequentially for column:
 - Aids sequential scan
 - Slows random access

COL 1	COL 1	COL 1	COL 1	COL 1	COL 1
COL 1	COL 1	COL 1	COL 1	COL 2	COL 2
COL 2	COL 2	COL 2	COL 2	COL 2	COL 2
COL 2	COL 2	COL 3	COL 3	COL 3	COL 3
COL 3	COL 3	COL 3	COL 3	COL 3	COL 3
COL 4	COL 4	COL 4	COL 4	COL 4	COL 4
COL 4	COL 4	COL 4	COL 5	COL 5	COL 5
COL 5	COL 5	COL 5	COL 5	COL 5	COL 5
COL 5	COL 5	---	COL n	COL n	COL n
COL n	COL n	COL n	COL n	COL n	COL n
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If attributes are not required for a specific query execution, they are skipped completely.

Columnar data store not optimal for all queries

Individual record joins require many extra steps



Multi-record joins difficult –

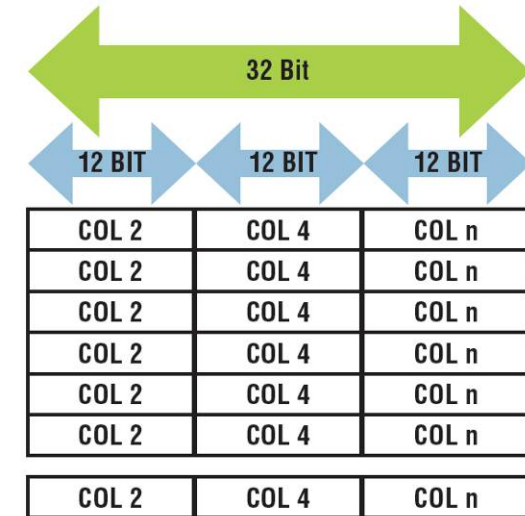
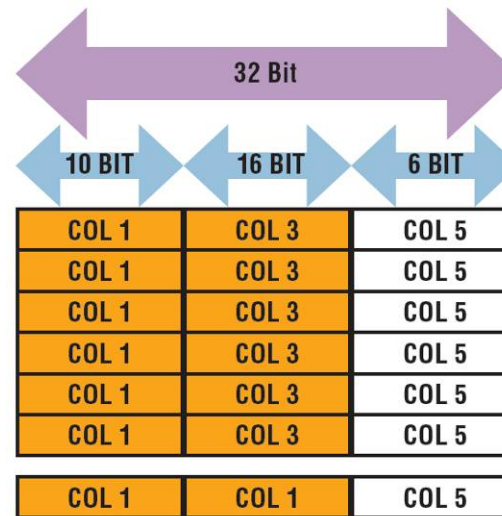
- Predicates processed separately
- Results from each column needs to be ANDed to determine a match
 - Significant additional processing

Random Record Fetch

Random record access is not performed well on pure columns stores.

Data is processed in compressed format

- Within a **Register – Store**, several columns are grouped together.
- The sum of the width of the compressed columns doesn't exceed a register compatible width. This utilizes the full capabilities of a 64 bit system. It doesn't matter how many columns are placed within the register – wide data element.
- It is beneficial to place commonly used columns within the same register – wide data element. But this requires dynamic knowledge about the executed workload (runtime statistics).
- Having multiple columns within the same register – wide data element prevents ANDing of different results.



Predicate evaluation is done against compressed data!

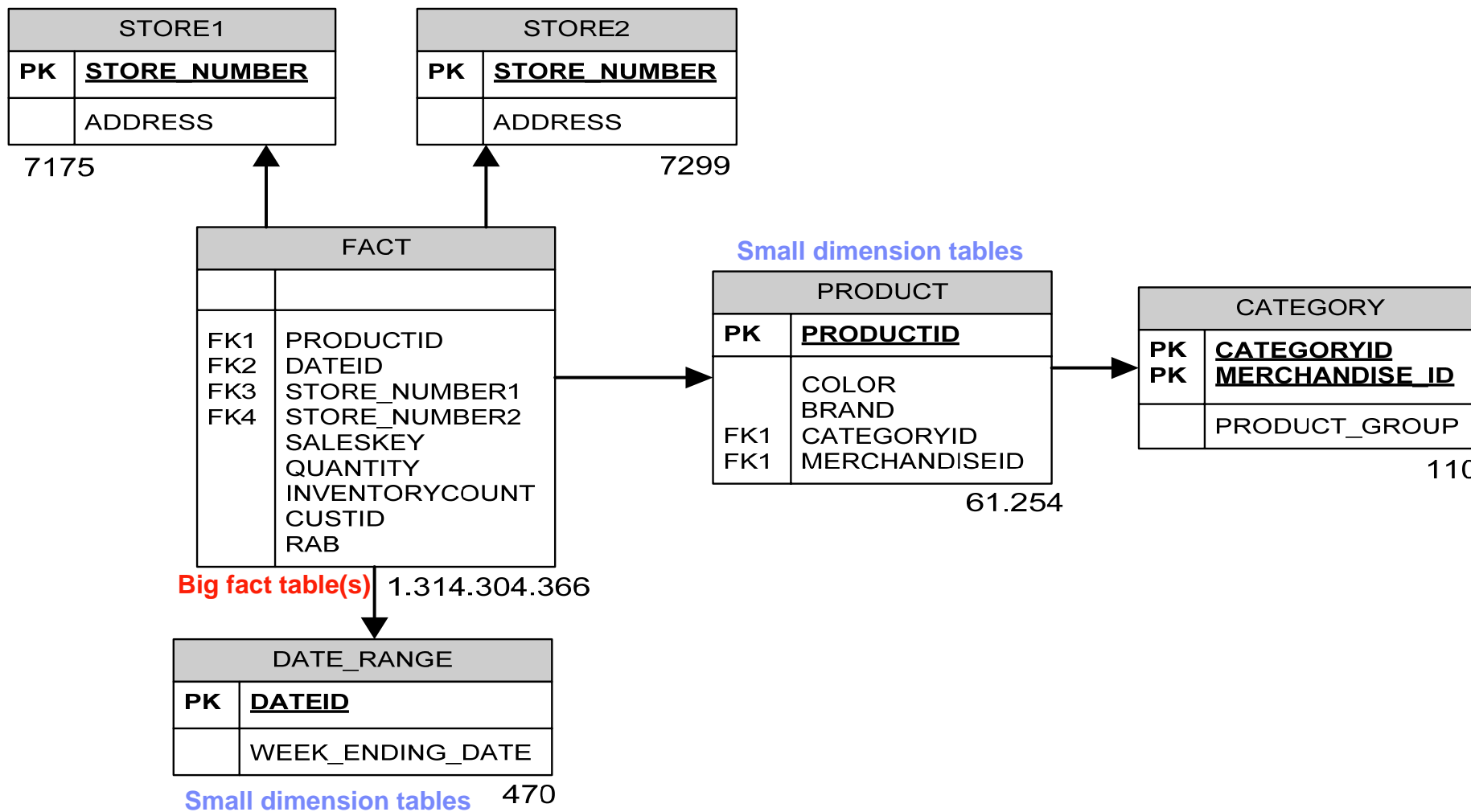
The **Register – Store** is an optimization of the Column – Store approach where we try to make the best use of existing hardware. Reshuffling small data elements at runtime into a register is time consuming and can be avoided. The **Register – Store** also delivers good vectorization capabilities.

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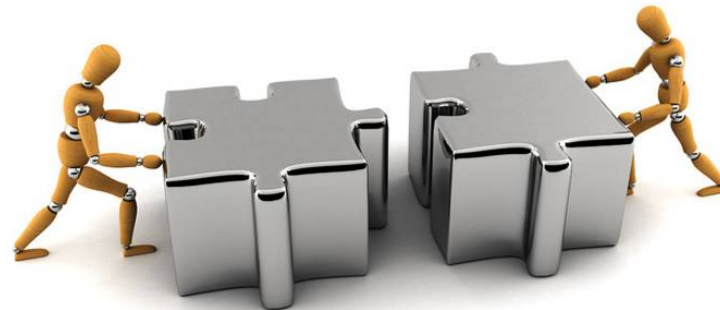
The "Sweet – Spot" Schema

Small dimension tables



Join Strategy

- The Fact table is split into multiple parts and distributed evenly across the Worker nodes within the cluster.
 - Bigger Fact tables “just” require enough Worker nodes to contain the compressed data in memory.
- The Join Strategy between Dimension Tables and the Fact table data is always a collocated join.
 - This means that all dimension tables are fully replicated to each of the worker nodes.
 - Space requirements for dimension tables therefore needs to be multiplied with cluster size (amount of Worker Nodes)



Defining which data to accelerate

- A MART is a logical collection of tables which are related to each other. For example all tables of a single star schema would belong to the same MART.
- The administrator uses a rich client interface to define the tables which belong to a MART together with the information about their relationships.
- DB2 for z/OS creates definitions for these MARTs in the own catalog. The related data is read from the DB2 tables and transferred to the Smart Analytics Optimizer.
- The Optimizer transforms the data into a compressed, scan optimized format which is kept locally in memory.



What the Smart IBM Analytics Optimizer is designed for

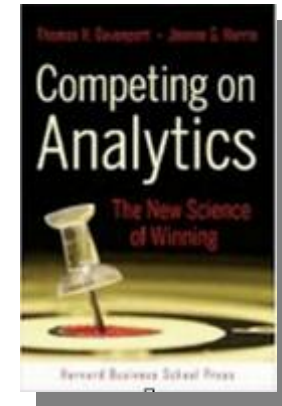
- Fast scans over large (fact) tables
- OLAP-style queries over large fact tables in relational star schema with grouping and aggregations

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SELECT PRODUCT_DEPARTMENT, REGION, SUM(REVENUE)
FROM FACT_SALES F
      INNER JOIN DIM_PRODUCT P ON F.FKP = P.PK
      INNER JOIN DIM_REGION R ON F.FKR = R.PK
      LEFT OUTER JOIN DIM_TIME T ON F.FKT = T.PK
WHERE T.YEAR = 2007
      AND P.TYPE = 'CAPIT207'
GROUP BY PRODUCT_DEPARTMENT, REGION
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Analytics Critical for Driving Competitive Advantage

“At a time when companies in many industries offer similar products and use comparable technology, high-performance business processes are among the last remaining points of differentiation.”

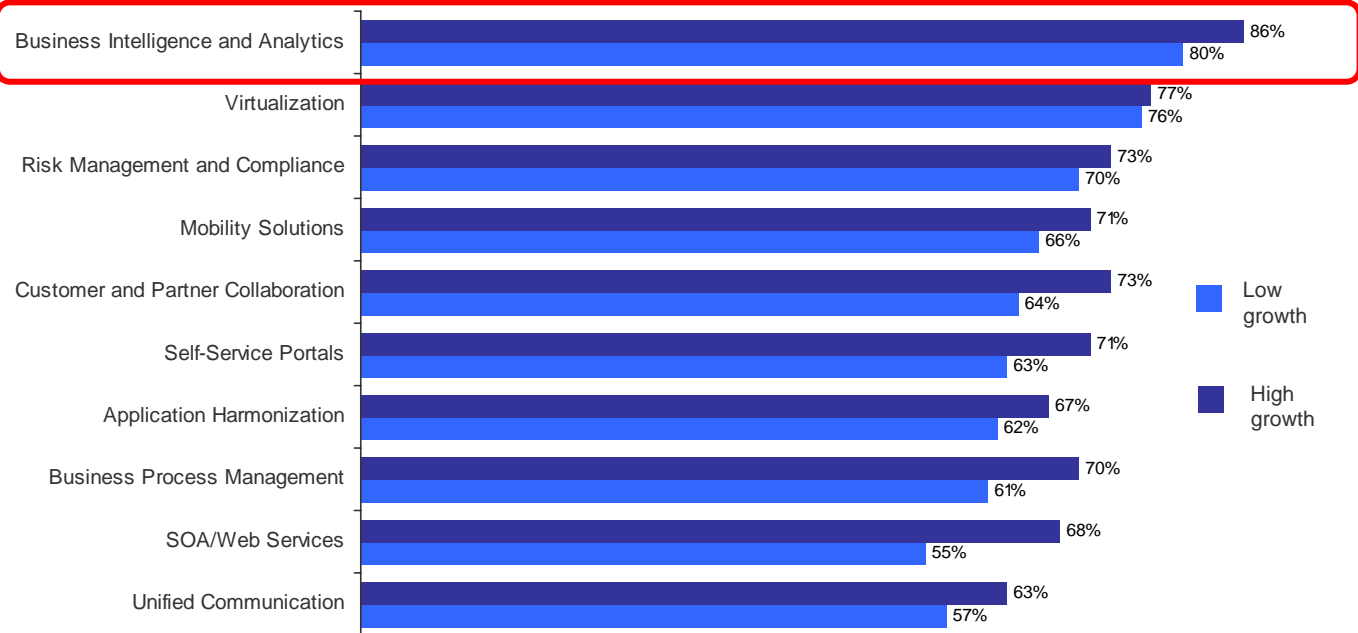
Tom Davenport, “Competing on Analytics”



BI/Analytics #1 investment to improve competitiveness

IBM Global CIO Study 2009

Ten Most Important Visionary Plan Elements
Interviewed CIOs could select as many as they wanted



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Thank you

