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Wide Partitions Data Modeling

Hello!

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I know something about NoSQL

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About ScyllaDB

- + The Real-Time Big Data Database
- + Drop-in replacement for Apache Cassandra and Amazon DynamoDB
- + 10X the performance & low tail latency
- + Open Source, Enterprise and Cloud options
- + Founded by the creators of KVM hypervisor
- + HQs: Palo Alto, CA, USA; Herzelia, Israel; Warsaw, Poland



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Agenda

NoSQL Intro

Wide Partition Data Modeling

- Choosing the right Partition Key

- Choosing the right Clustering Key

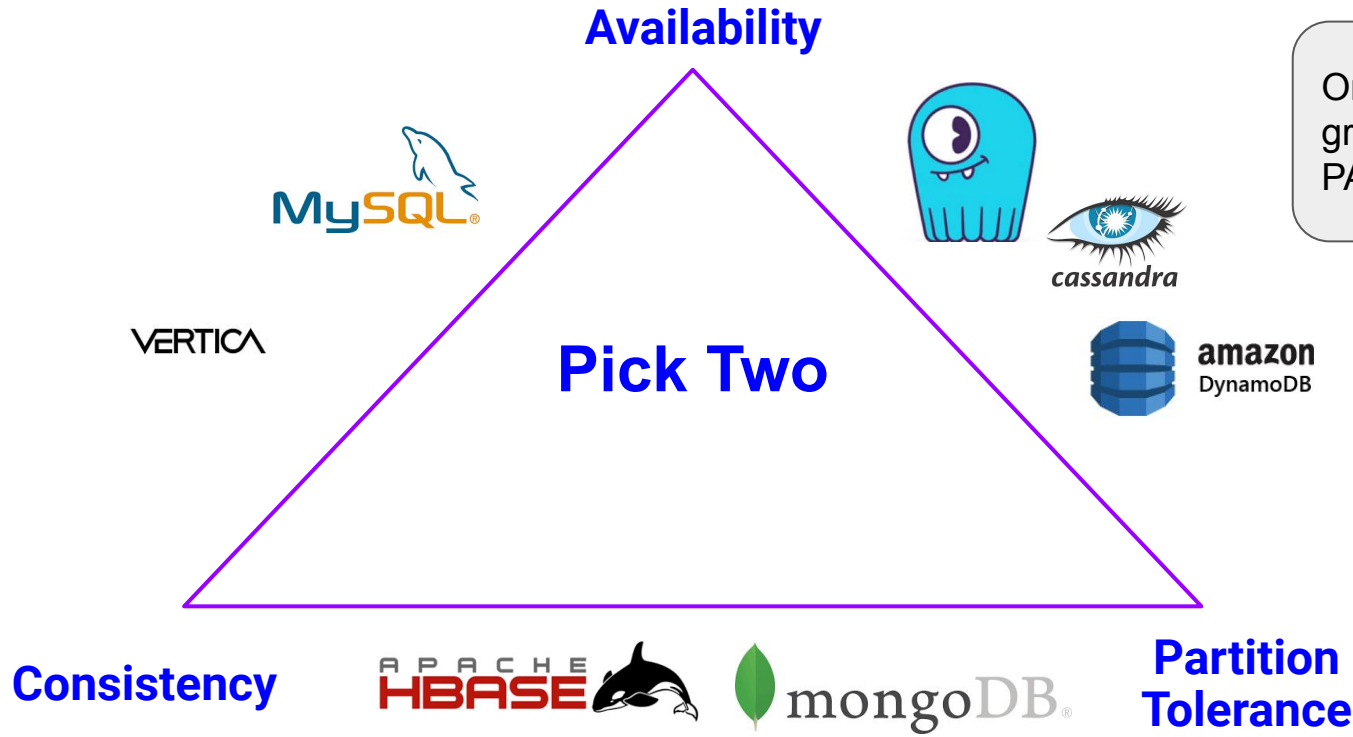
- Using Materialized Views / Secondary Index

Summary

1.

NoSQL in 5 mins

NoSQL - By Availability vs Consistency

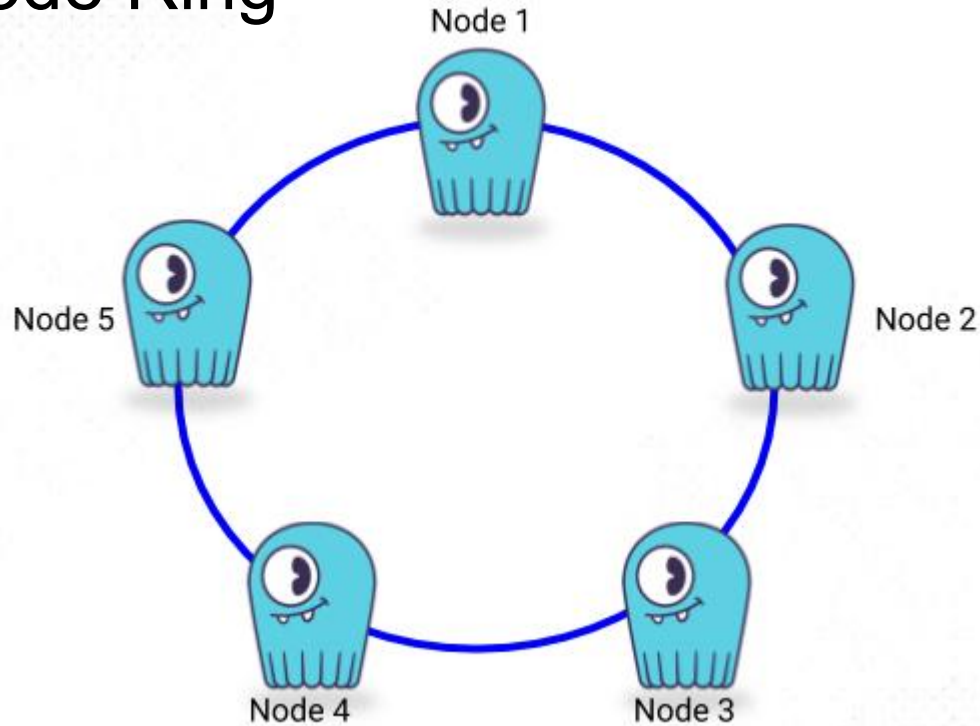


Or use a more granular model, like PACELC

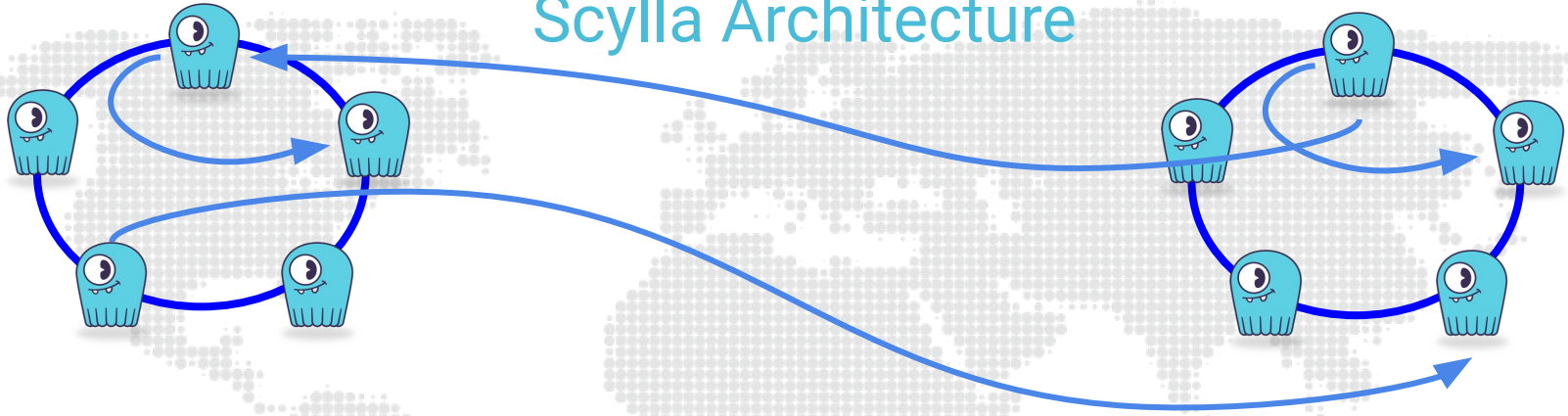
NoSQL - By Data Model

Complexity ↓	Key / Value	 RocksDB	 Aerospike	 redis
	Document store	 mongoDB	 Couchbase	
	Wide column store	 cassandra	 amazon DynamoDB	 APACHE HBASE
	Graph	 JanusGraph	 neo4j	

Cluster - Node Ring



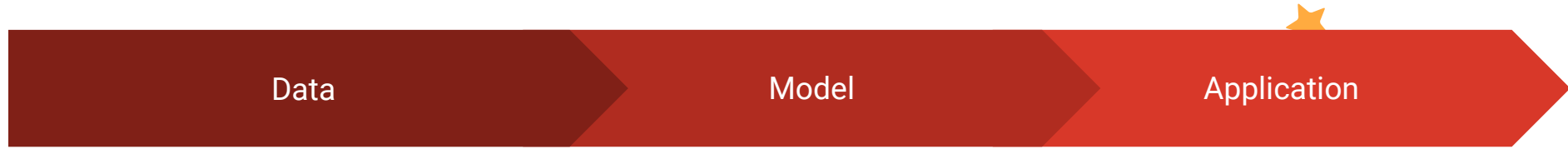
Scylla Architecture



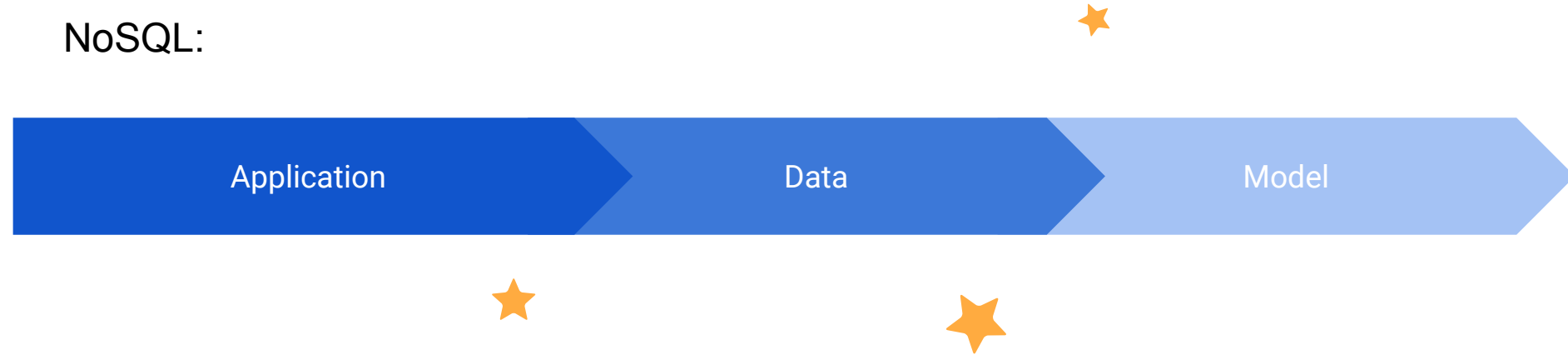
Active/active, replicated, auto-sharded

2. Data Modeling

Relational:



NoSQL:



Circle of (NoSQL) Life

Update

Update schema / application

Application

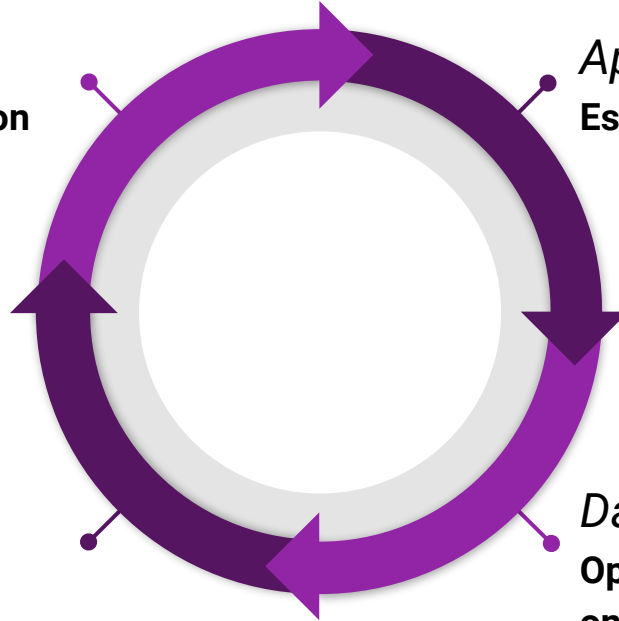
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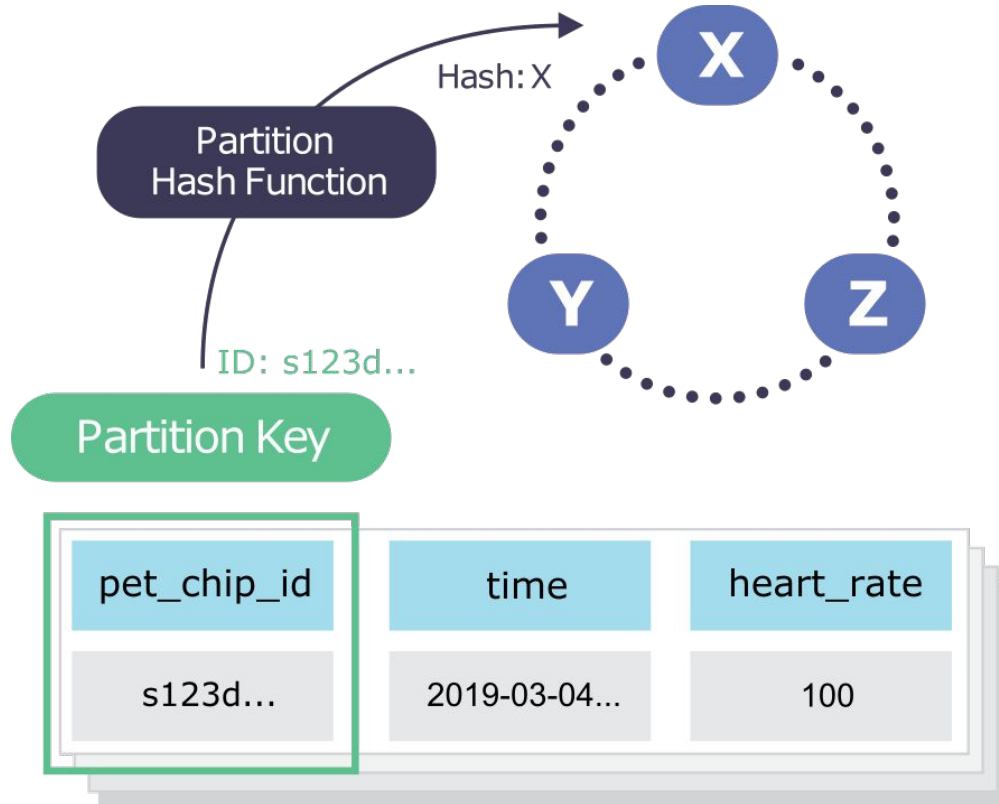
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Data Model

**Optimize the model base
on Apps SLA**

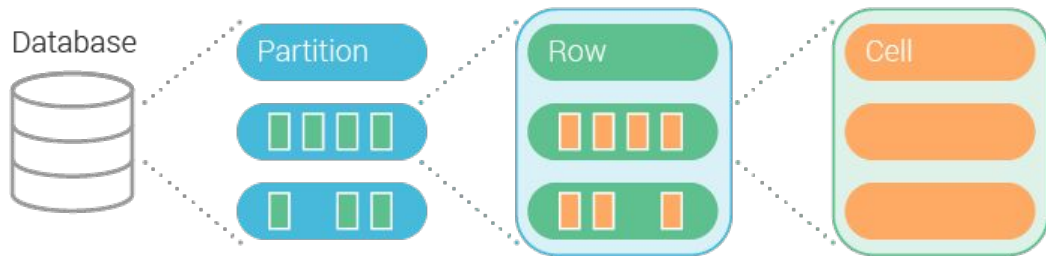


Partition Key



Structure of data in Scylla

- Data is stored in MemTables and SSTables
- The highest level are **partitions**, identified by a partition key
- Partitions contain **rows**, identified by a clustering key
- Data is sorted in the partition by the clustering key, helping the storage engine to store data efficiently for querying



Key / Value Example

```
CREATE TABLE pet_owner (  
  pet_chip_id uuid,  
  owner uuid,  
  pet_name text,  
  PRIMARY KEY (pet_chip_id)  
);
```

Partition Key



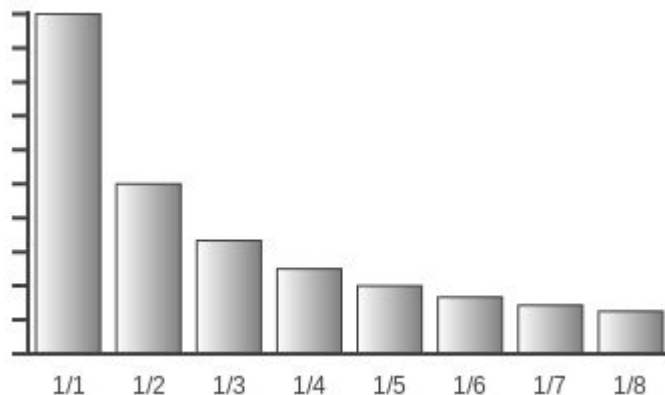
pet_chip_id	owner	pet_name
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	642adfee-6ad9-...	Buddy
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	642adfee-6ad9-...	Rocky
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	642adfee-6ad9-...	Cat
...	...	...

Choosing a Partition Key

- High Cardinality
- Even Distribution

Avoid

- Low Cardinality
- Hot Partition
- Large Partition



Key / Value Example

```
CREATE TABLE pet_owner (  
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Partition Key



pet_chip_id	owner	pet_name
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	642adfee-6ad9-...	Buddy
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Choosing a Partition Key

- User Name
- User ID
- User ID + Time
- Sensor ID
- Sensor ID + Time
- Customer

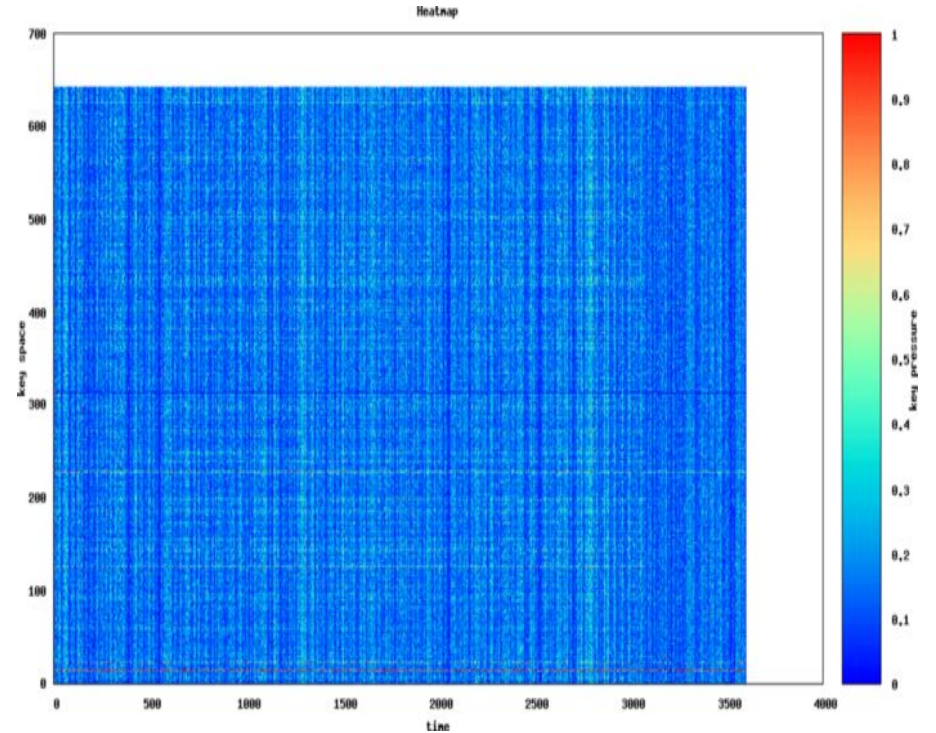


- State
- Age
- Favorite NBA Team
- Team Angel or Team Spike



Hot (top) Partition

[Nodetool top partitions](#)



Why Amazon DynamoDB isn't for everyone, Forrest Brazeal

<https://acloudguru.com/blog/engineering/why-amazon-dynamodb-isnt-for-everyone-and-how-to-decide-when-it-s-for-you>

Wide Partition Example

Query:

```
SELECT * from heartrate_v10 WHERE  
pet_chip_id = 80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003 LIMIT 1;
```

```
SELECT * from heartrate_v10 WHERE  
pet_chip_id = 80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003 AND  
time >= '2021-05-01 01:00+0000' AND  
time < '2021-05-01 01:03+0000';
```



Wide Partition Example

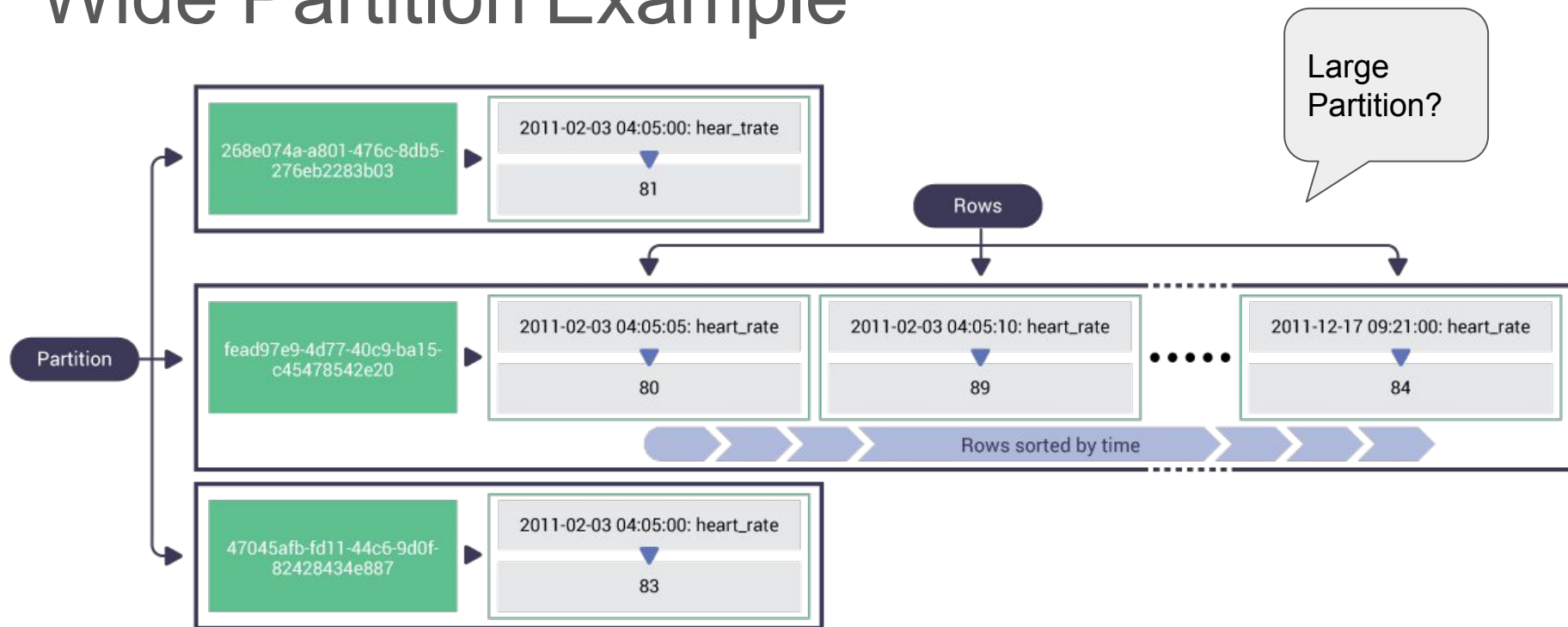
```
CREATE TABLE heartrate_v10 (  
  pet_chip_id uuid,  
  owner uuid,  
  time timestamp,  
  heart_rate int,  
  PRIMARY KEY (pet_chip_id, time)  
);
```

Partition Key

Clustering Key

pet_chip_id	time	heart_rate
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	2021-05-01 01:00:00.000000+0000	120
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	2021-05-01 01:01:00.000000+0000	121
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	2021-05-01 01:02:00.000000+0000	120

Wide Partition Example



Choosing a Clustering Key

- Allow useful range queries
- Allow useful LIMIT



```
SELECT * from heartrate_v10 WHERE  
pet_chip_id = 80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003 LIMIT 1;
```

```
CREATE TABLE heartrate_v5 (  
    pet_chip_id uuid,  
    time timestamp,  
    heart_rate int,  
    PRIMARY KEY (pet_chip_id, time)  
    ) WITH CLUSTERING ORDER BY (time DESC);
```

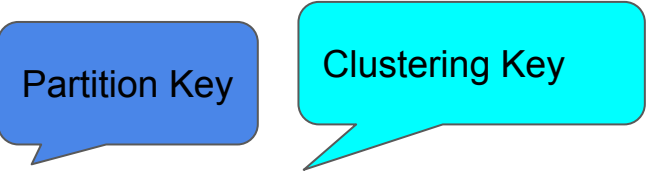


Diagram illustrating the keys defined in the table structure:

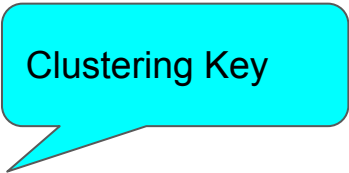
- Partition Key:** pet_chip_id
- Clustering Key:** time

Too Wide Partition ?

```
CREATE TABLE heartrate_v6 (  
    pet_chip_id uuid,  
    date text,  
    time timestamp,  
    heart_rate int,  
    PRIMARY KEY ((pet_chip_id, date), time));
```



Partition Key



Clustering Key

3.

Materialized Views and Secondary Index

Example

```
CREATE TABLE heartrate_v10 (  
  pet_chip_id uuid,  
  owner uuid,  
  time timestamp,  
  heart_rate int,  
  PRIMARY KEY (pet_chip_id, time)  
);
```

Partition Key

Clustering Key



Example

```
SELECT * FROM heartrate_v10 WHERE pet_chip_id =  
a2a60505-3e17-4ad4-8e1a-f11139ca1cc;
```

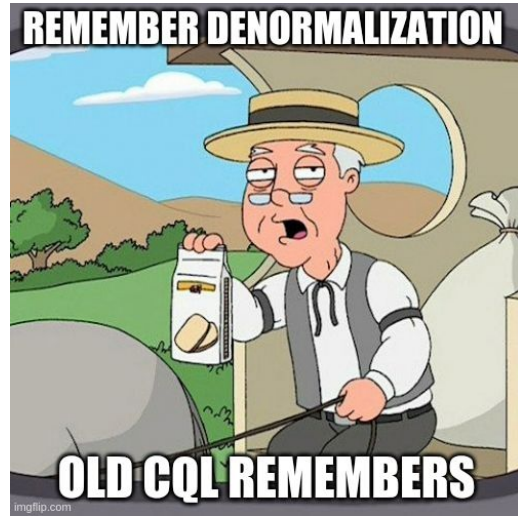
```
SELECT * FROM heartrate_v10 WHERE owner =  
642adfee-6ad9-4ca5-aa32-a72e506b8ad8;
```

```
SELECT * FROM heartrate_v10 WHERE owner =  
642adfee-6ad9-4ca5-aa32-a72e506b8ad8 ALLOW FILTERING;
```

CQL syntax

```
CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW heartrate_by_owner AS  
  SELECT * FROM heartrate_v10  
  WHERE owner IS NOT NULL AND pet_chip_id IS NOT NULL AND time IS NOT NULL  
  PRIMARY KEY(owner, pet_chip_id, time);
```

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SELECT * FROM heartrate_by_owner WHERE owner =  
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Example

Base Table

pet_chip_id	time	owner	heart_rate
80d39c78-9dc0-11eb-a8b3-0242ac130003	2021-05-01 01:00:00.000000+0000	642adfee-6ad9-4ca5-aa32-a72e506b8ad8	120
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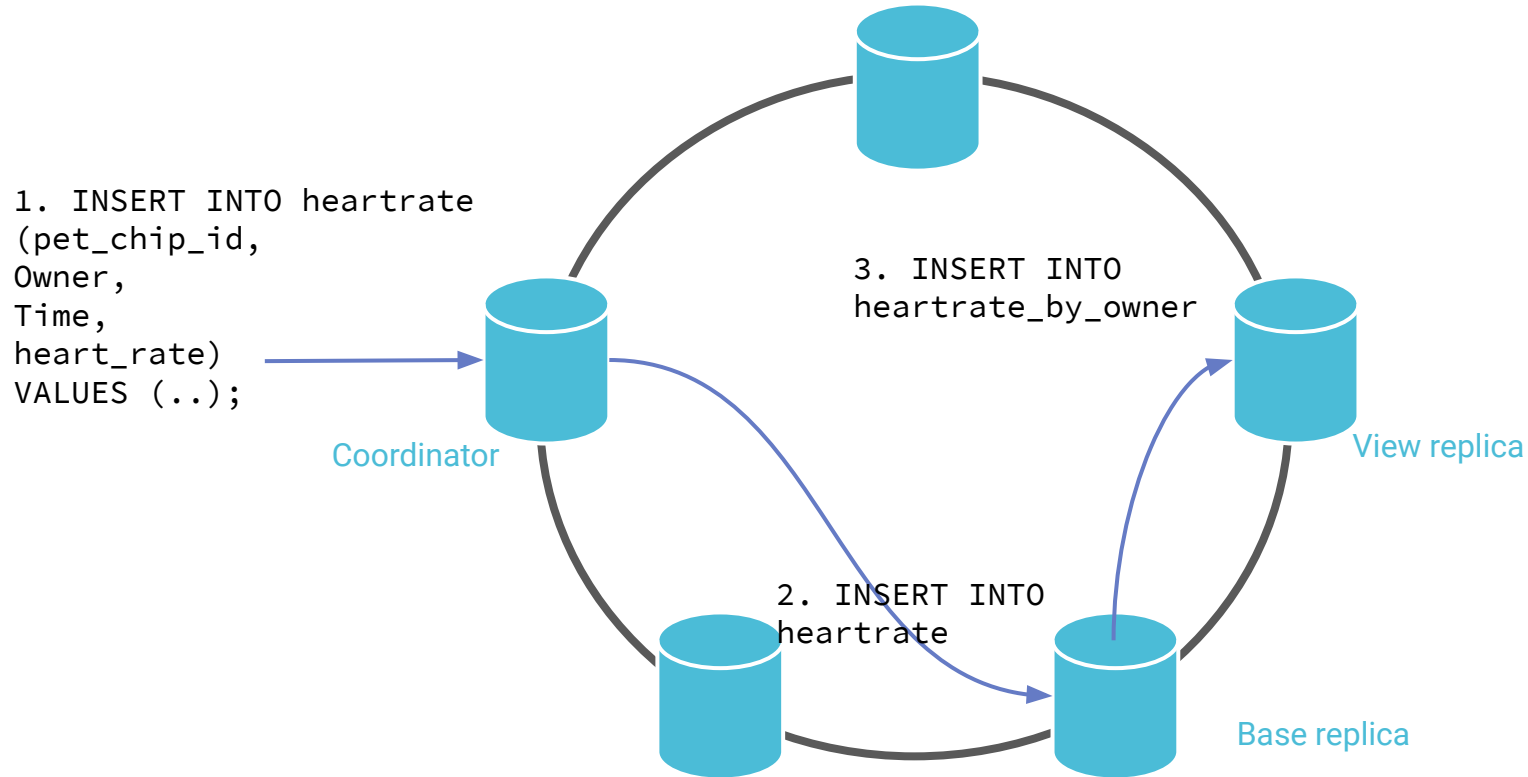
CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW



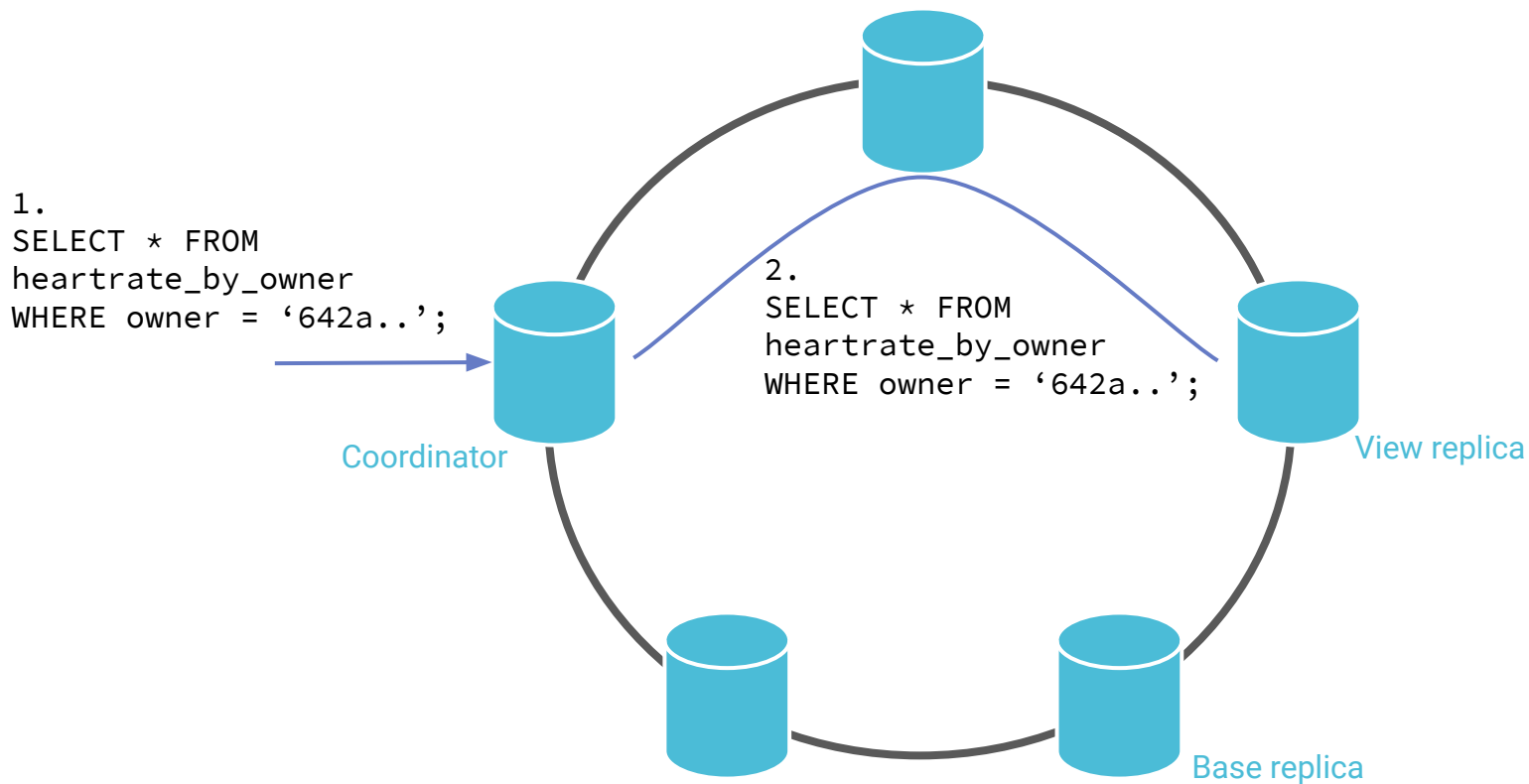
View

owner	pet_chip_id	time	heart_rate
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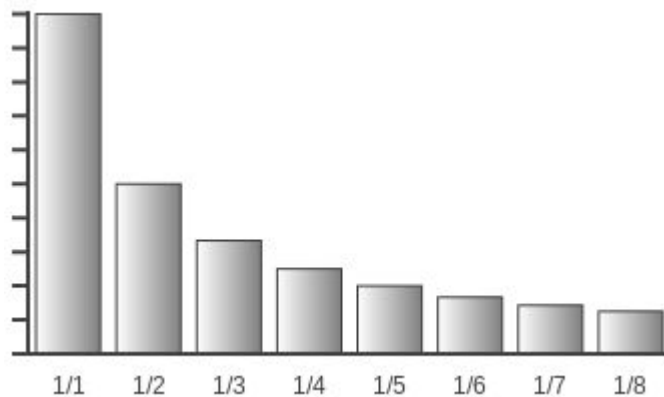


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Wait, what about JOINS?

- Try to avoid them using denormalization
- For ad-hoc operations - use external engine: Spark, Presto



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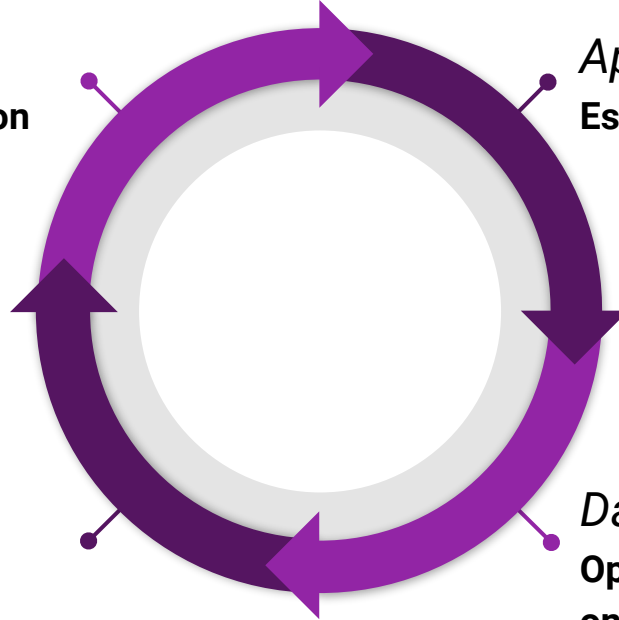
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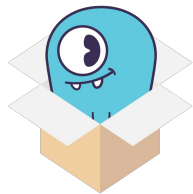
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