J-NVM: Off-Heap Persistent Objects in Java

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Non-volatile main memory

new persistent medium (in-between SSD and DRAM)

Durable

resists reboots, power loss

High-density

smallest DIMM = 128 GB

Byte addressable

persistent memory abstraction

High-performance

low latency (seq. read/write ~ 160/90ns)
high bandwidth (up to 8.10GB/s, *2nd gen*)

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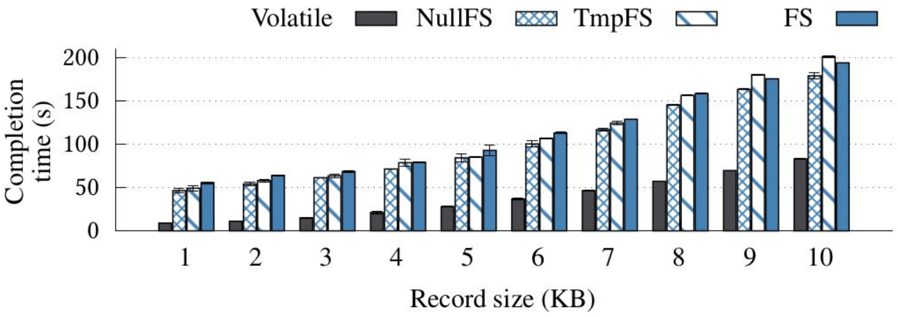
Why Java?

Many data stores & processing frameworks

- Spark, Hadoop, Kafka, Flink, Cassandra, HBase, Elasticsearch, etc.

Lack of *efficient* interfaces

- FS/ext4-dax
  - almost as slow as tmpfs
  - dual representation (consistency)
  - cost of marshalling
- PCJ (JNI+PMDK)
  - slower than FS on YCSB benchmark



Varying record size in YCSB-F.

Problematic: Java-native NVMM interface

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= [Espresso, AutoPersist, go-pmem]

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single data representation		*managed* persistent objects
programming model		orthogonal persistence (`pnew`, `@persistentRoot`)
direct access to NVMM		heavily-modified runtime
durability abstraction		failure-atomic blocks
scalability (large persistent dataset)		?

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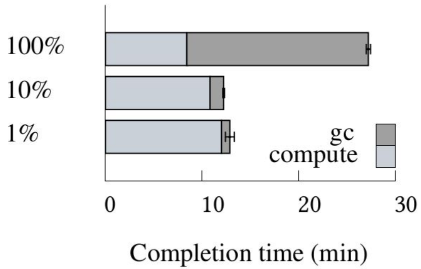

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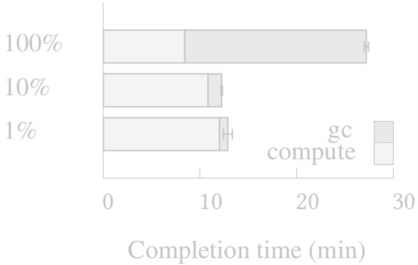

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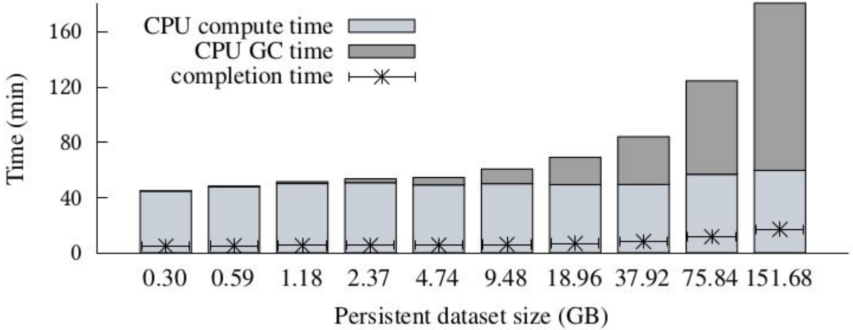

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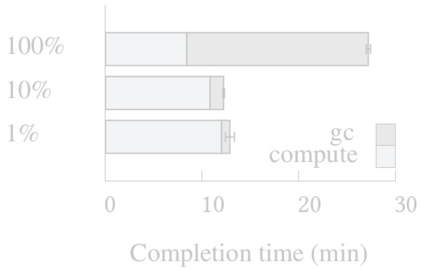

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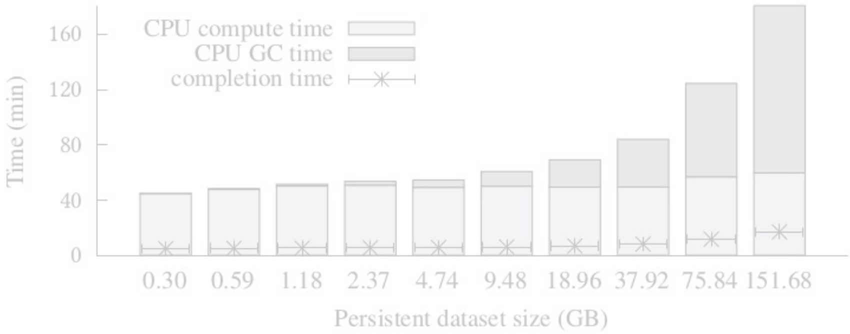

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code instrumentation = 51% slower in [Autopersist]
up to 48% slower in our (non-instrumented) eval.

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- NVMM
- why Java?
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- JPFA
- JPDT

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- YCSB benchmark
- recovery

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direct access to NVMM		sun.misc.Unsafe
durability abstraction		failure-atomic blocks + fine-grained
scalability (large persistent dataset)		see evaluation

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Key idea

each persistent object is decoupled into

- *a persistent data structure*: unmanaged, allocated off-heap (NVMM)
- *a proxy*: managed, allocated on-heap (DRAM)

Tooling

- built-in off-heap memory management for NVMM
- code generator: automatic decoupling for POJOs
- J-PFA: automatic failure-atomic code
- J-PDT: data types + collections for persistent memory
- low-level API (for experts)
- recovery-time GC

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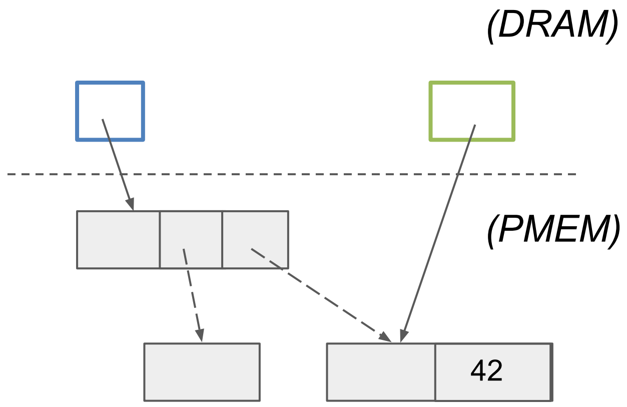
Programming model - *persistent objects*

Persistent object is

- a persistent data structure
  - holds object fields
- a proxy
  - holds object methods
  - implement `PObject` interface
  - intermediate access to pers. data structure
  - instantiated lazily (low GC pressure)



Alive when reachable (from persistent root)

```
Map root = JNVM.root();
Simple s = root.get(“Simple”);
s.setX(42);
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Class-centric model

- safe references thanks to the type system

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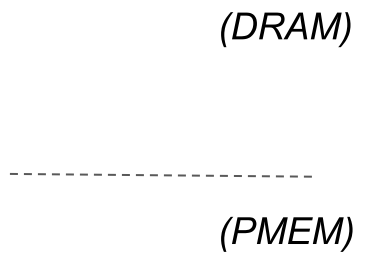

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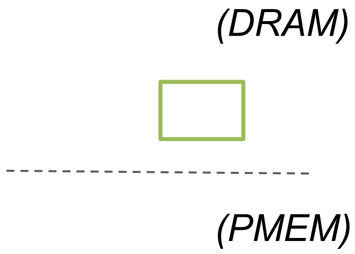

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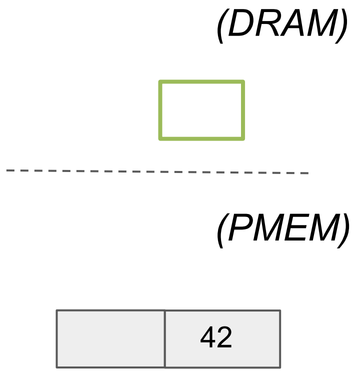

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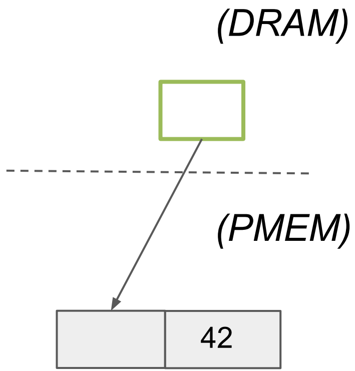

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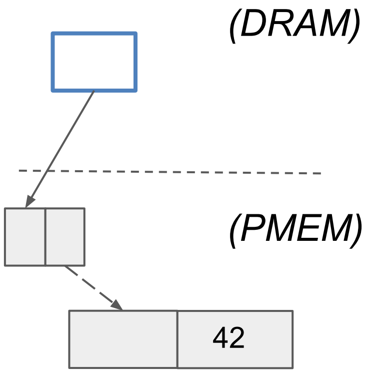

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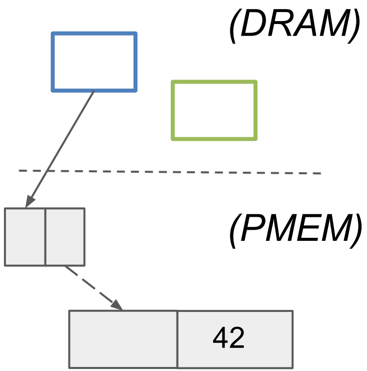

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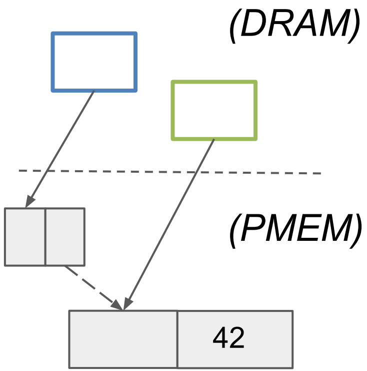

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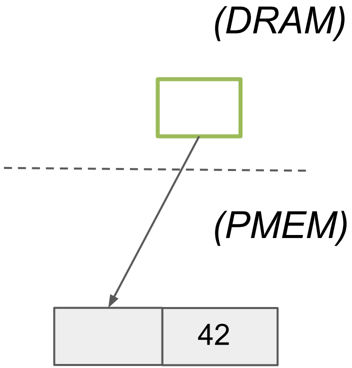

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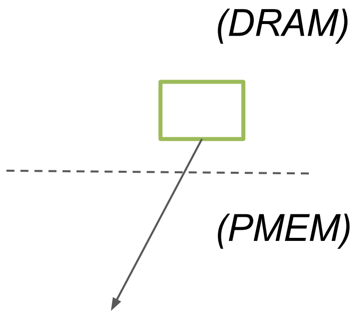

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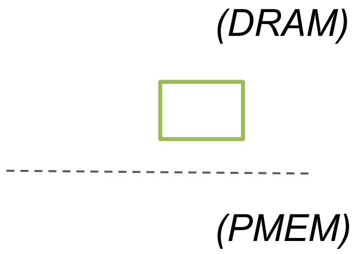

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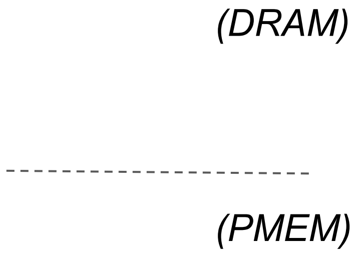

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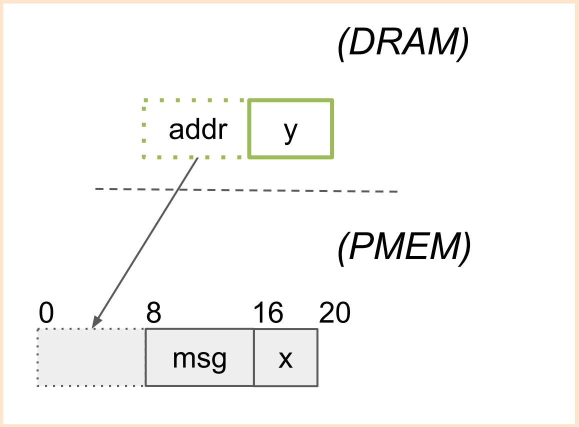

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// transformed code (continued)
  long addr; // the persistent data structure
  long size() { return 12; }

  PString getMsg() { return (PString)
          JNVM.readPObject(addr, 0); }

  void setMsg(PString v) {
          JNVM.writePObject(addr, 0, v); }

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- generate or transform field accessors

J-PFA

Automatic crash-consistent update

usage = **JNVM**.faStart() *some code* **JNVM**.faEnd()

Per-thread persistent redo-log (inspired by Romulus)

Log new, free and updates

granularity = a block of PMEM

Do *not* log updates to “new” persistent objects (e.g. allocated within the FA-block)

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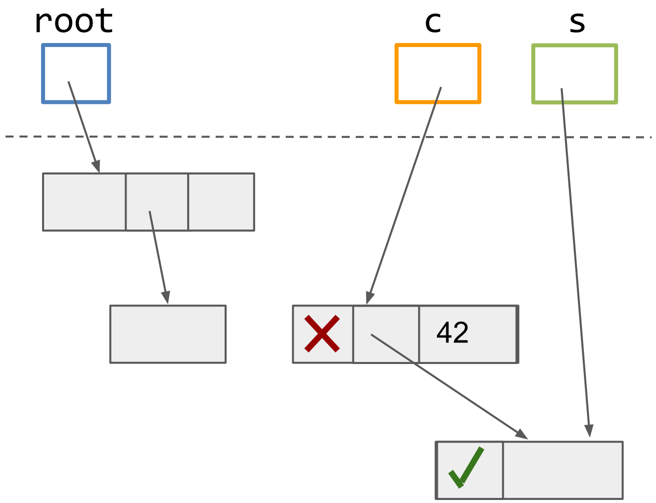

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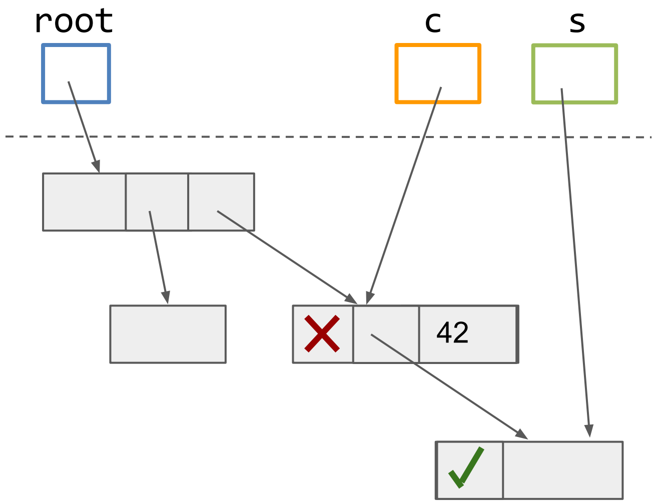

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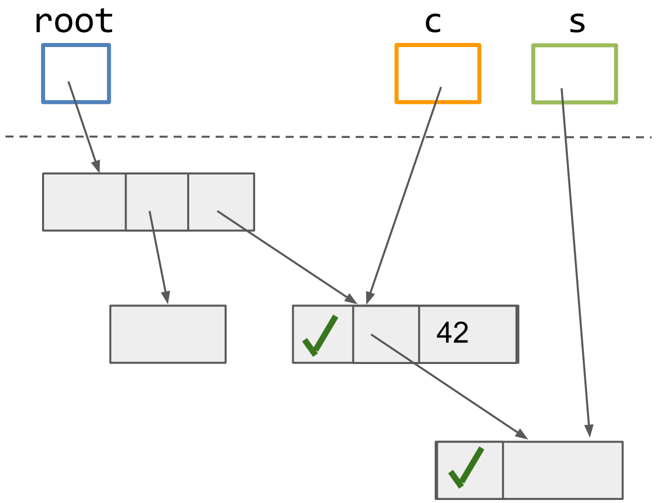

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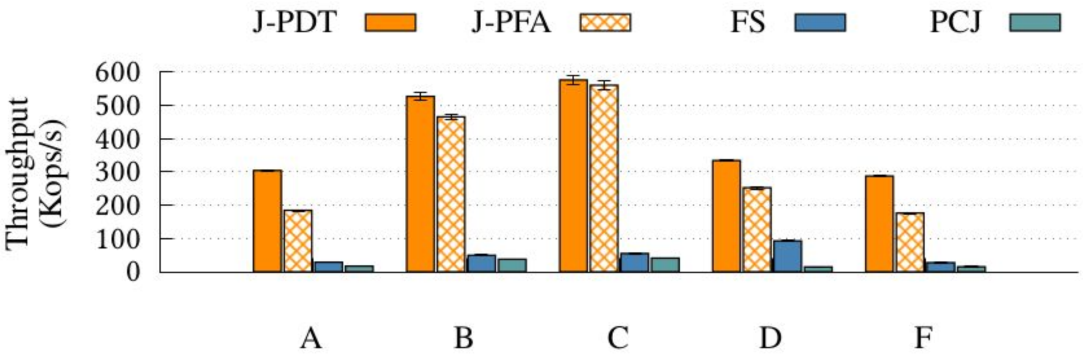

Durable backends for Infinispan:

- PCJ = HashMap from Persistent Collections Java (JNI + PMDK)
- FS: ext4-dax

Hardware used:

4 Intel CLX 6230 HT 80-core
128GB DDR4,
4x128GB Optane (gen1)

Takeaways:

- J-NVM up to *10.5x* (resp. *22.7x)* than FS (resp. PCJ)
- no need for volatile cache

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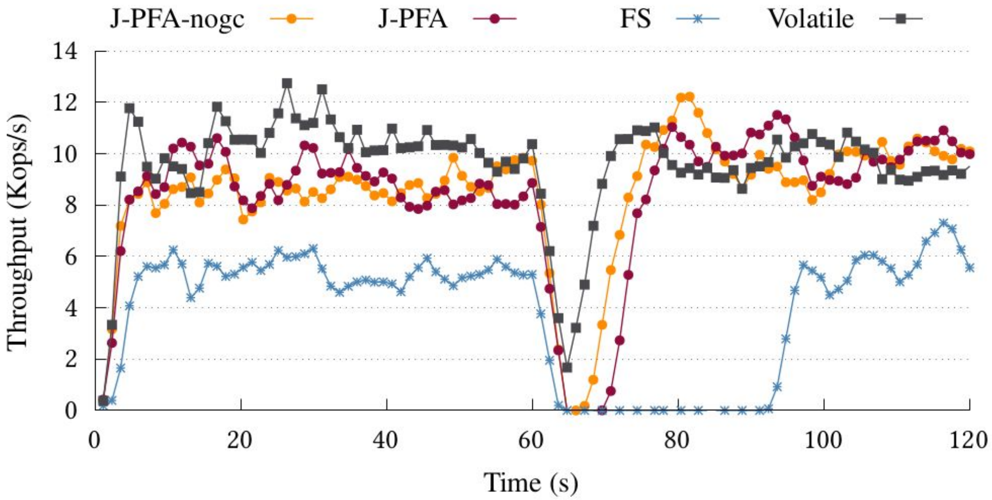
Recovery



TPC-B like benchmark
10M accounts (140 B each)
client-server setting
SIGKILL after 1 min

Takeaways:

- J-NVM is more than *5x* faster to recover than FS
- no-need for graph traversal in some cases (e.g., only FA blocks)

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Conclusion

J-NVM = off-heap persistent objects

Each persistent object is composed of

- *a persistent data structure*: unmanaged, allocated off-heap (NVMM)
- *a proxy*: managed, allocated on-heap (DRAM)

Pros:

- unique data representation (no data marshalling)
- recovery-time GC (not at runtime, does not scale)
- consistently faster than external designs (JNI, FS)

Cons:

- explicit free <u>*but*</u> common for durable data
- limited code re-use <u>*but*</u> safer programming model