Dynamic Speculative Optimizations for SQL Compilation in Apache Spark

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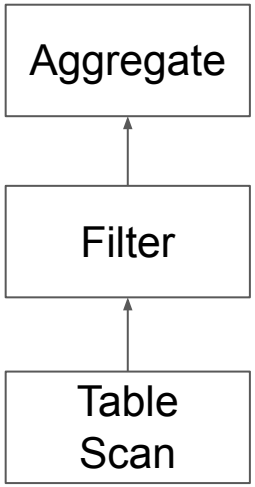
Apache Spark SQL

Apache Spark: de-facto standard for distributed data processing

- Spark-SQL: Spark API for processing structured data
- Can process data stored in multiple formats (e.g. JSON, CSV, …)
- Leverages code-generation to optimize query execution

Code Generation in Spark SQL


```
SELECT SUM(price)
FROM orders
WHERE shipdate BETWEEN
date '1994-01-01'
AND date '1994-12-31'
```




```
public void compute(Data input) {
  while (input.hasNext()) {
    Row row = input.parseNext();
    Date date = row.getDate("shipdate");
    if (date.compareTo('1994-01-01') < 0)
      continue;
    if (date.compareTo('1994-12-31') > 0)
      continue;
    accumulate(row.getDouble("price"));
  }
}
```

Code Generation in Spark SQL

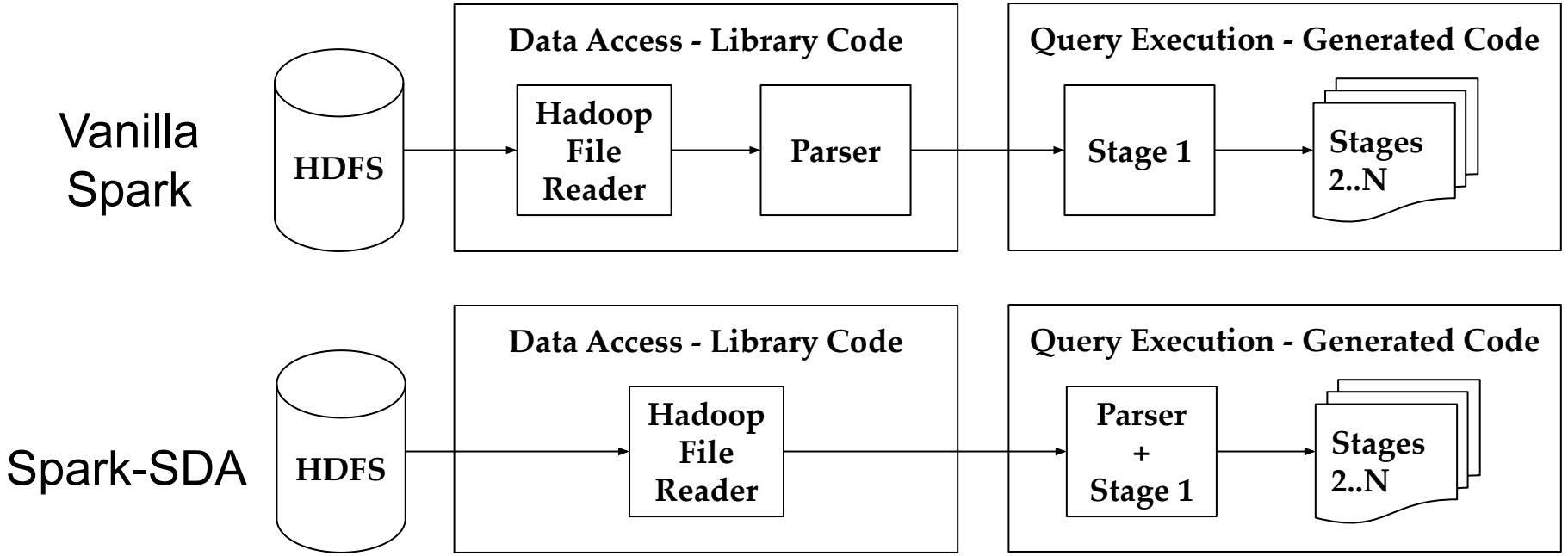
Missing optimization opportunities: multiple data formats and modular design

- Spark generates generic, data-format independent code
- Generality in code-generation impairs performance
  - Parsing could be part of query execution
  - Predicates could be evaluated without allocating Java objects

Dynamic Speculative Optimizations

- Generating code that can re-optimize itself depending on runtime conditions
- Two main optimizations:
  - Speculative specializations for data access (Spark-SDA)
  - Speculative specializations for predicate evaluation (Spark-SP)
- TPC-H speedups (up to):
  - Local mode: 8.45x (CSV) - 4.9x (JSON)
  - Distributed mode: 4.4x (CSV) - 2.6x (JSON)

Opt 1: Specialized Data Access (Spark-SDA)

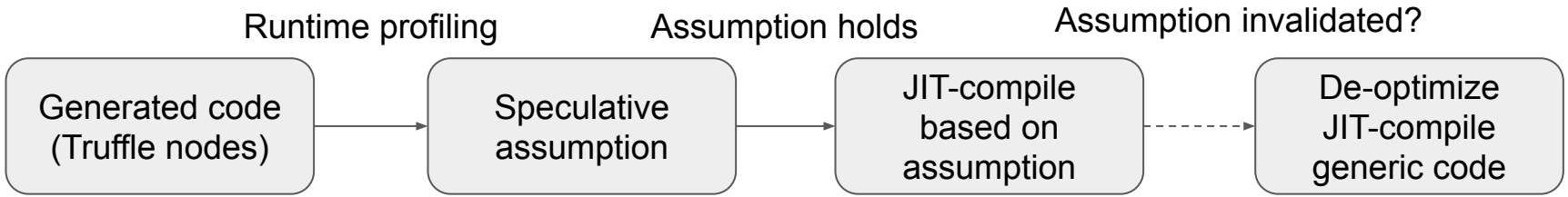


Spark-SDA (Specialized Data Access)

- Integrates a specialized parser for textual data formats: CSV and JSON
- CSV: Incremental parsing (combine parsing and query execution)
  - Skip unused fields
  - Reorder predicate evaluation according to fields' order
- JSON: Speculative incremental parsing
  - JSON values may not be declared in a specified order
  - Practically, in most of the cases they are actually ordered
  - Generated code can assume a stable order (otherwise, fallback to a generic parser)

Generating Efficient Speculative Code

- Naive approach for generating speculative code
  - Add a condition that checks the speculative assumption (e.g., JSON fields are ordered)
  - May introduce very high overhead if many rows do not meet the assumption
- Our approach: generating Truffle [1] nodes instead of plain Java code



[1] Practical partial evaluation for high-performance dynamic language runtimes. T. Würthinger et al. PLDI '17

Example of Generated Code (Spark-SDA)

SELECT SUM(price) FROM orders WHERE shipdate BETWEEN date '1994-01-01' AND date '1994-12-31'

CSV Schema: | id:num | price:decimal | shipdate:date | ... other fields … |

Eager Parsing

Generated by Spark

```
while (input.hasNext()) {
  Row row = input.parseNext();
  Date date = row.getDate("shipdate");
  if (date.compareTo('1994-01-01') < 0)
    continue;
  if (date.compareTo('1994-12-31') > 0)
    continue;
  accumulate(row.getDouble("price"));
}
```

Generated by Spark-SDA

```
while (input.hasNext()) {
  skip();
  int pos_price = lazyAccess();
  Date date = materialize(lazyAccess());
  if (date.compareTo('1994-01-01') < 0)
    continue;
  if (date.compareTo('1994-12-31') > 0)
    continue;
  accumulate(materialize(pos_price));
}
```

Opt 2: Specialized Predicates (Spark-SP)

- Incremental and speculative parsing in generated code allows executing predicates on raw data (e.g., directly on byte arrays)
- Predicate evaluation on raw data can leverage a speculative approach
- E.g., predicates on date fields may speculate on the expected date format

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SELECT SUM(price) FROM orders WHERE shipdate BETWEEN date '1994-01-01' AND date '1994-12-31'

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    continue;
  accumulate(materialize(pos_price));
}
```

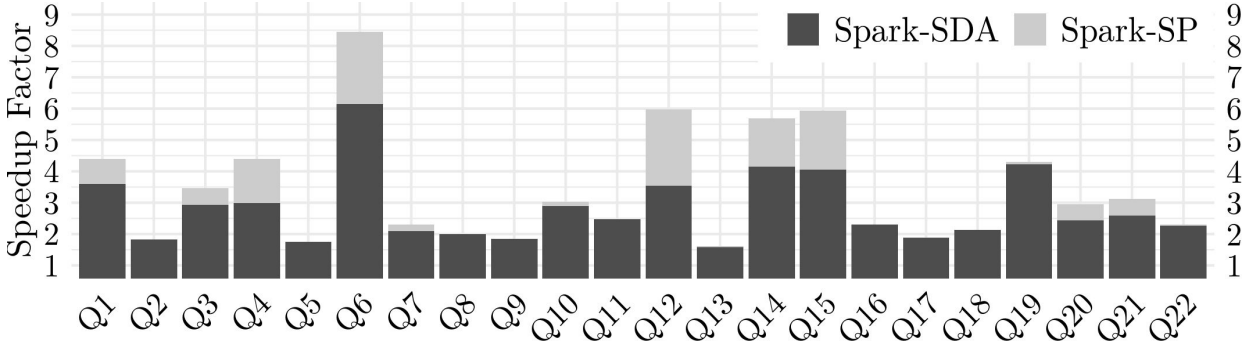
Avoidable Allocation

Generated by Spark-SP

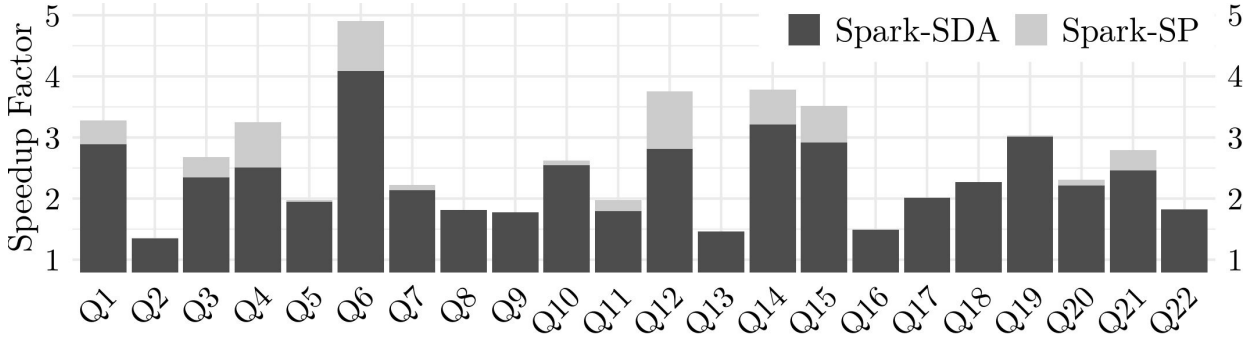
```
while (input.hasNext()) {
  skip();
  int pos_price = lazyAccess();
  int pos_date = lazyAccess();
  cursor = datePredicate(pos_date);
  if(cursor == -1)
    continue;
  accumulate(materialize(pos_price));
}
```

Performance Evaluation (TPC-H)

CSV Dataset
(Scale Factor 30)



JSON Dataset
(Scale Factor 10)



Setup:

- Spark 2.4 (local mode)
- Machine:
  - 8 cores, 2.7GHz
  - 128GB RAM

Limitations and Future Work

- Predicate evaluation order depends on fields declaration order
  - Intuition: parsing is an expensive operation, evaluating predicates ASAP may reduce such cost
  - Depending on predicates evaluation cost, selectivities, and the cost of parsing other fields, postponing a predicate may be more efficient
- Future work
  - Runtime predicate reordering through profiling and re-compilation

Thanks!

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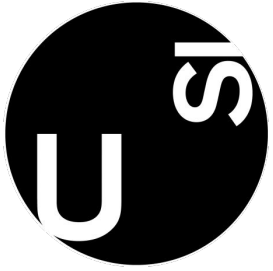

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