Optimizing Space Amplification in RocksDB

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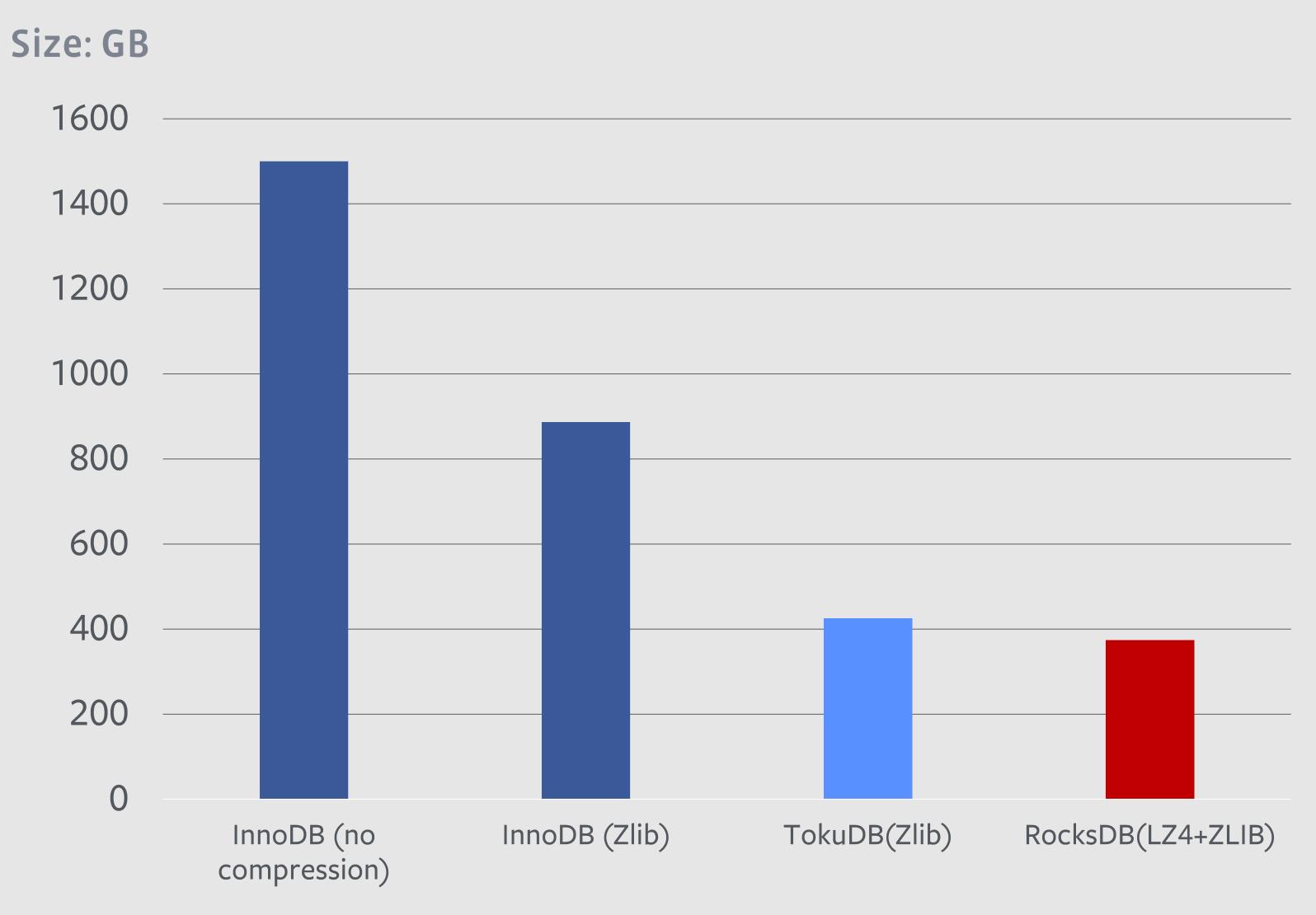
Database Storage engine supports point / range lookup

Usage of RocksDB

- MyRocks = MySQL + RocksDB
- MongoRocks = MongoDB + RocksDB
- Used in many other Facebook services
- Used in Yahoo, LinkedIn, Netflix, etc

How much can we improve databases' space efficiency?

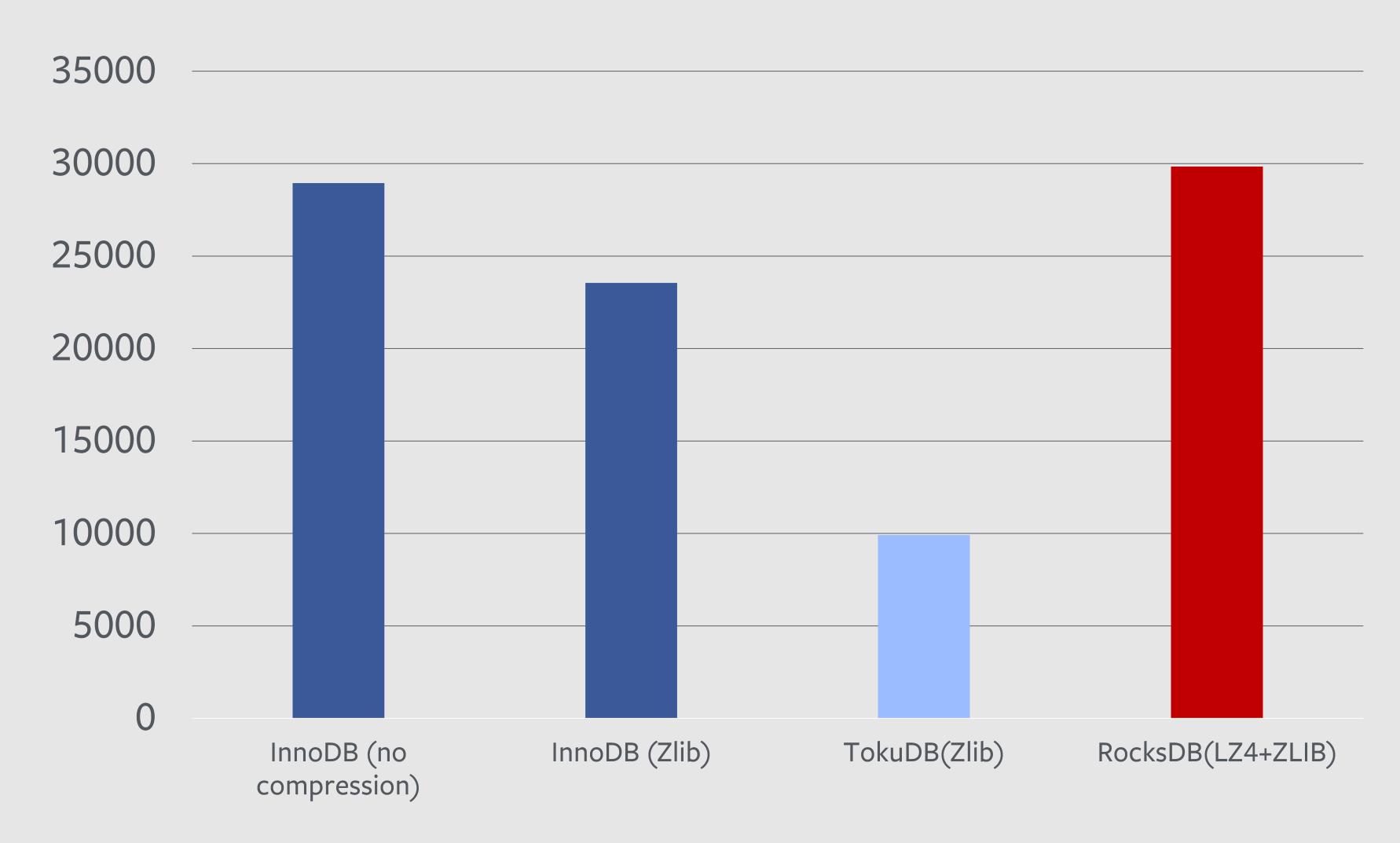
LinkBench DB Size Using MySQL



While preserving performance?

LinkBench Transaction/s

Transaction/s



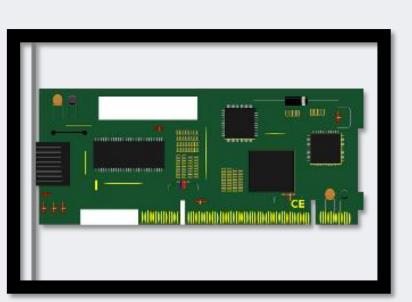
Why space efficiency?

Space Efficiency Is Important

HDD



SSD



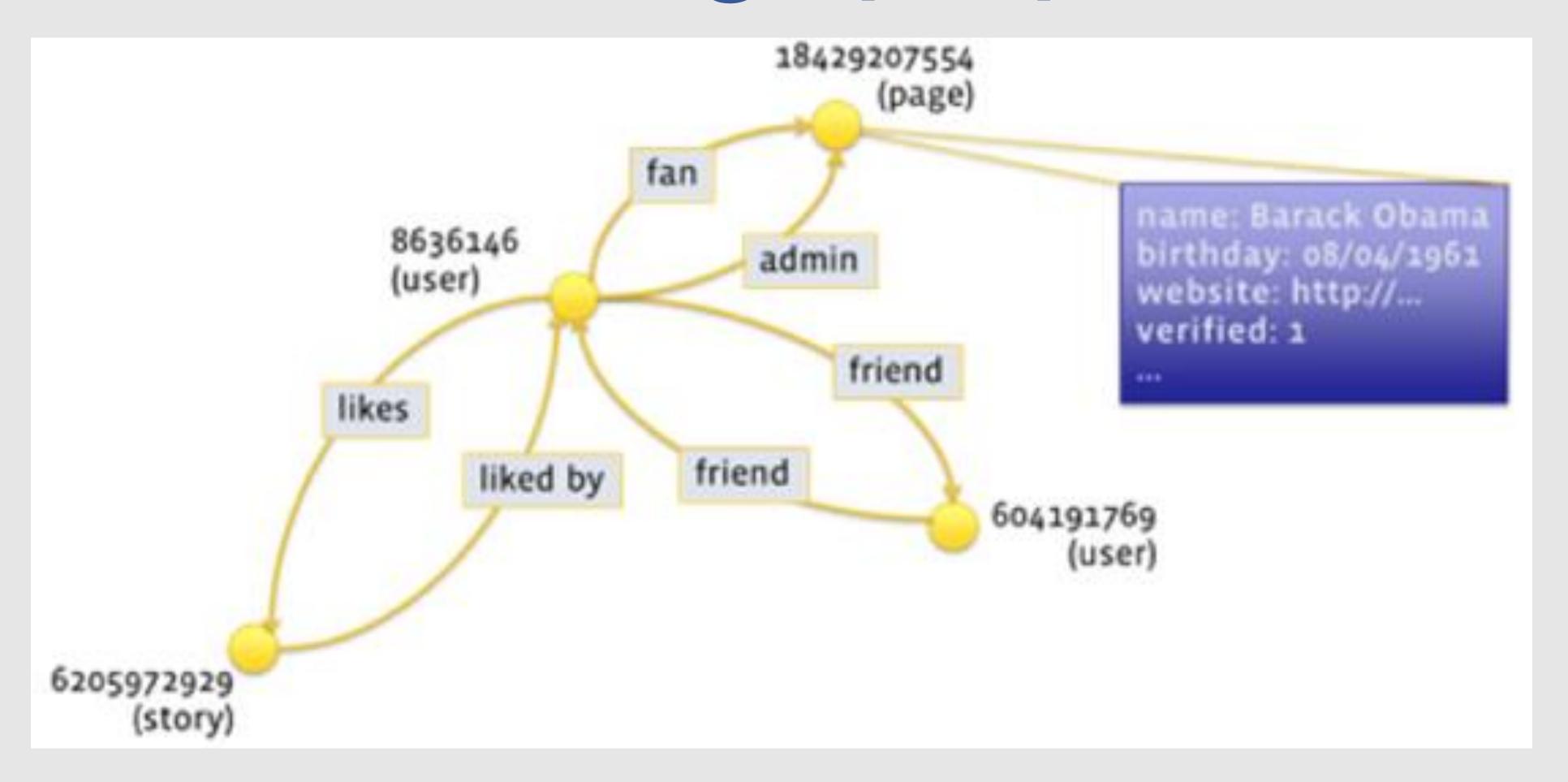
Random IOPS

Space Efficiency Is Important



Our Workload

LinkBench: benchmark that emulates Facebook social graph queries



Our Workloads for the Social Graph

- Data rows are in the order of magnitude of bytes
- Writes are random
- Reads are random
 - Half are point lookups
 - Half are range-queries
- Read/write ratio 2:1

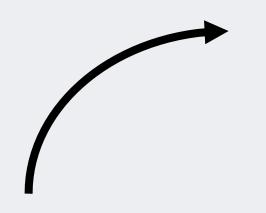
Opportunities to Improve Space Efficiency

Space inefficiency of the B-Tree

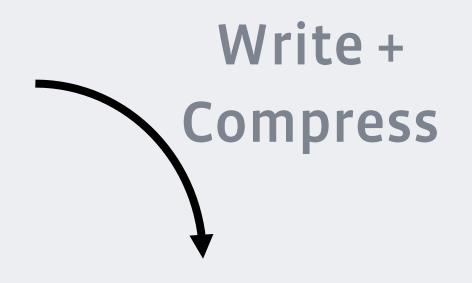
- Page fragmentation
- Burn SSD erase cycles fast
- CPU heavy to apply heavyweight compression

Random Updates Using B-tree

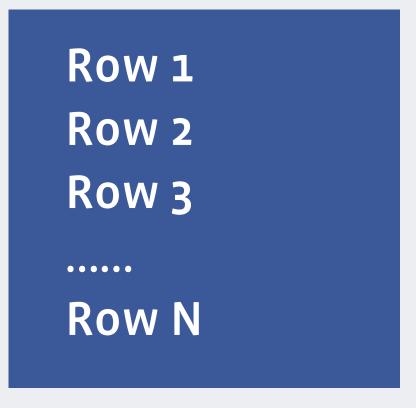
Page Buffer



Row 2'
Row 3
.....
Row N



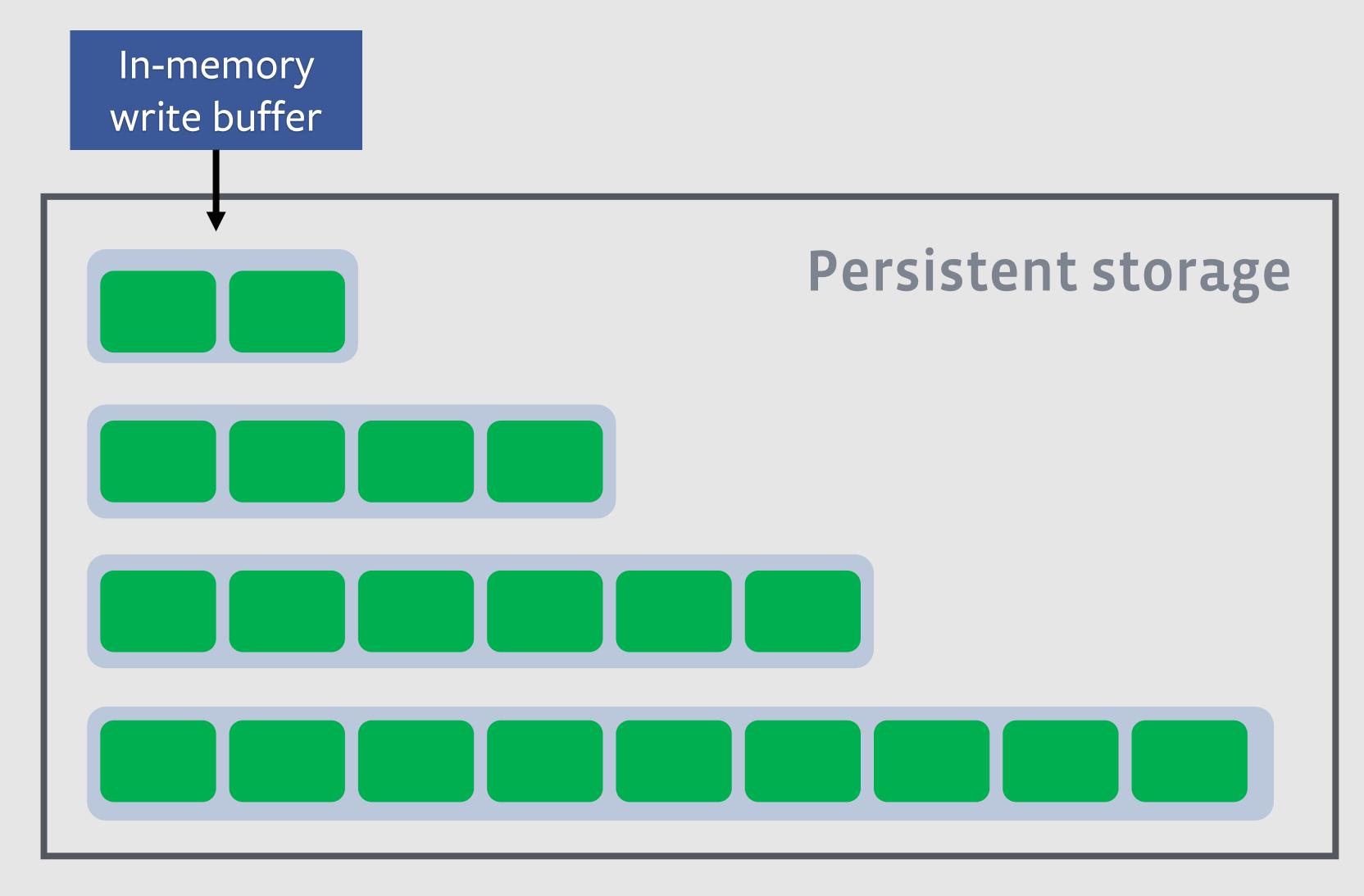
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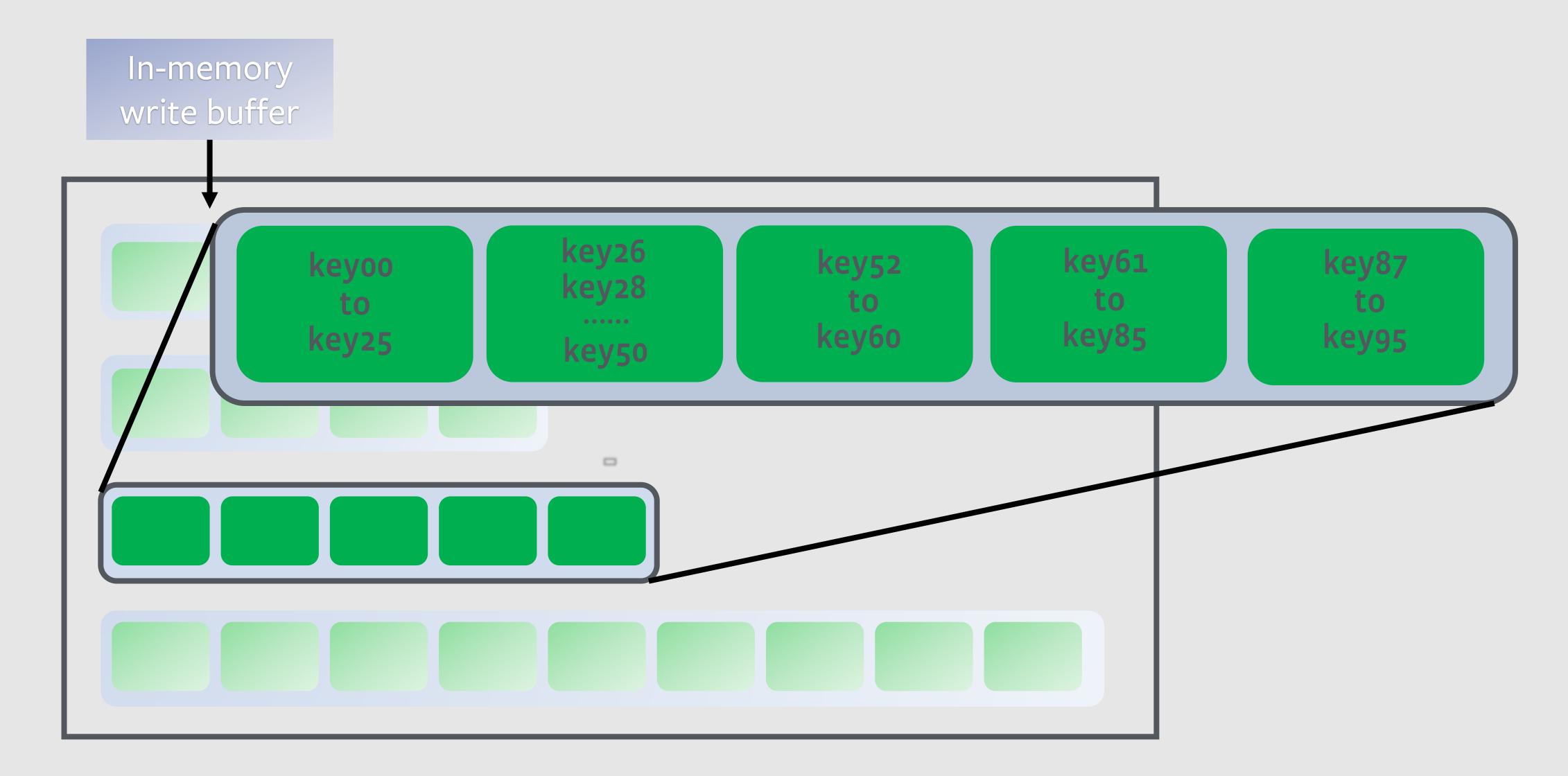
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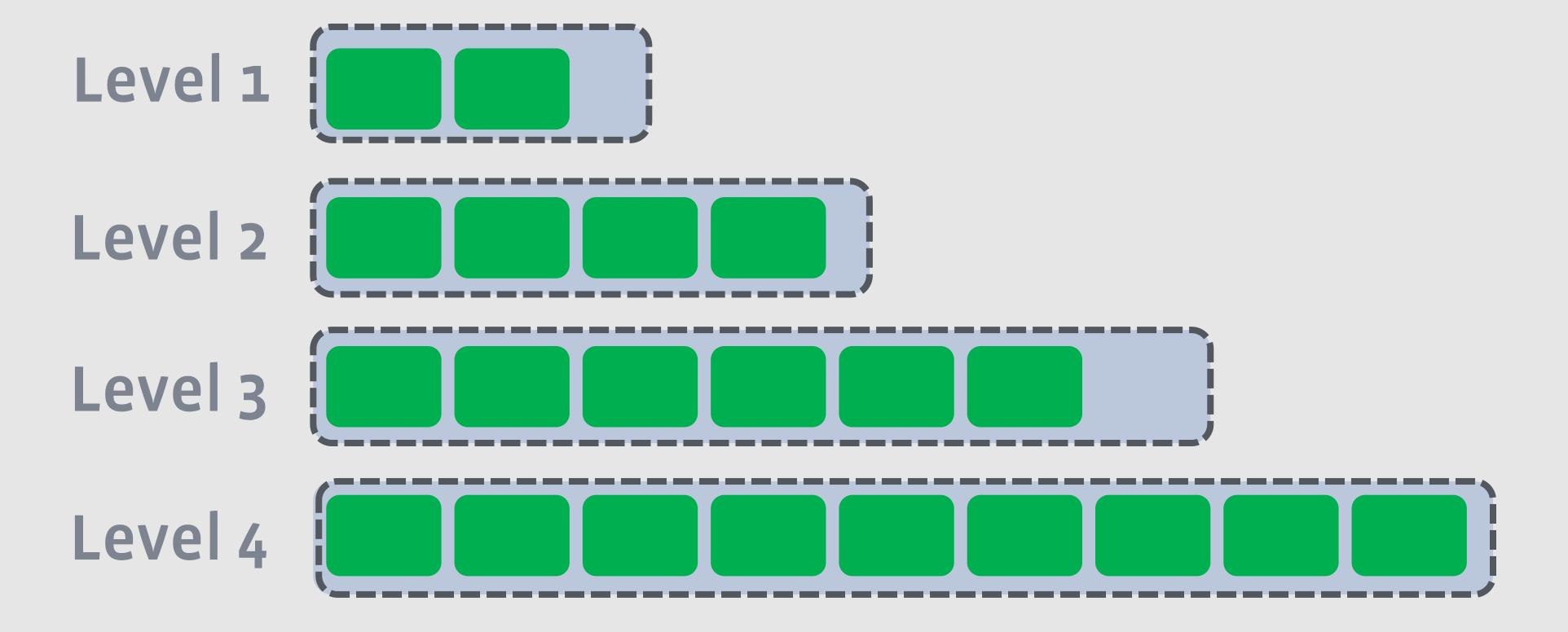
Optimizing Space Efficiency in RocksDB

Log Structured Merge Tree

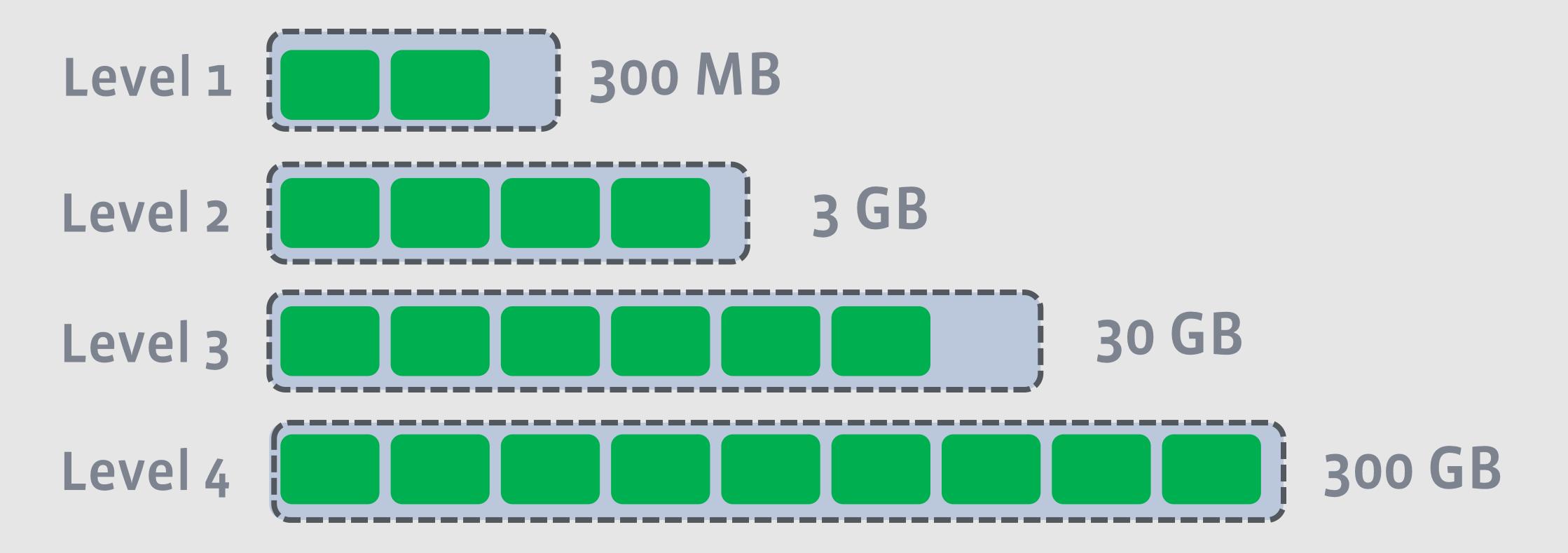


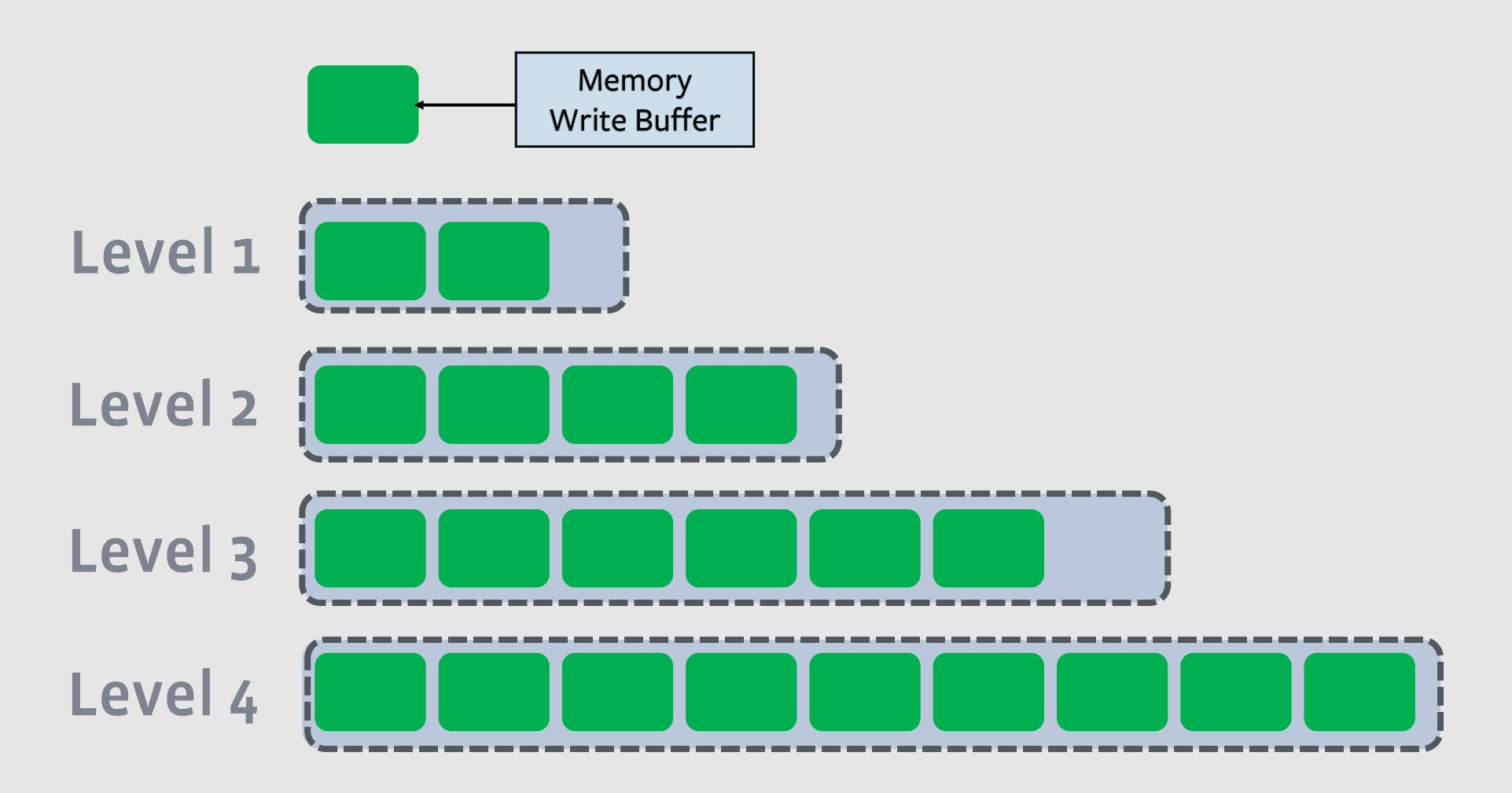
One level in the LSM-tree

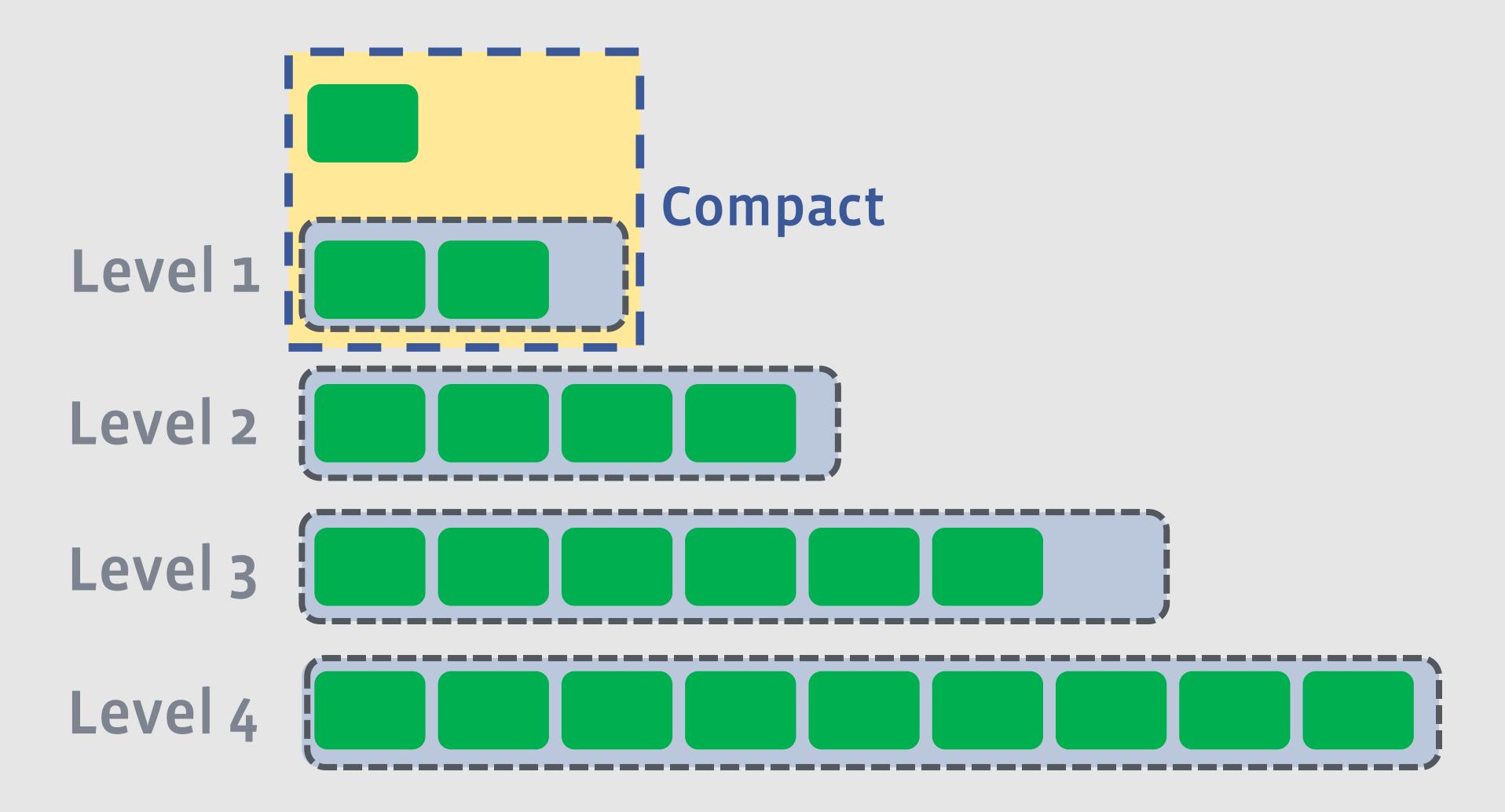


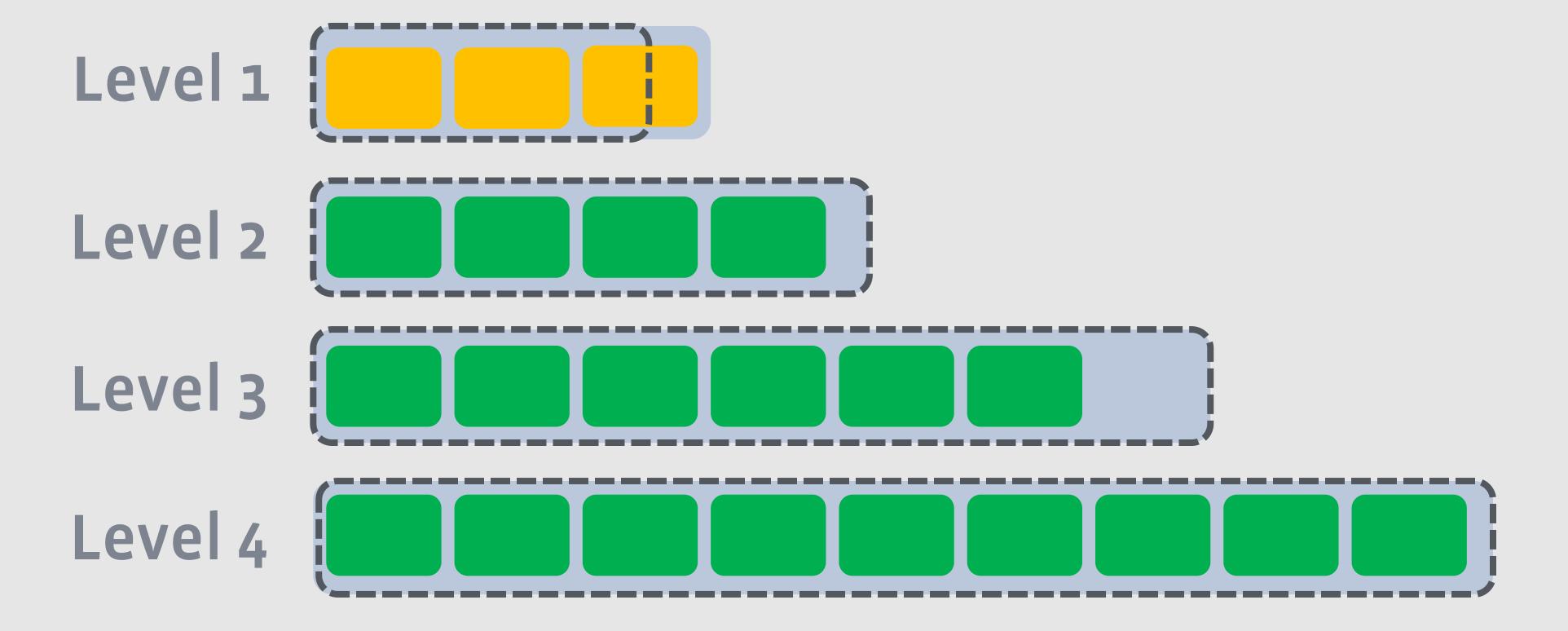


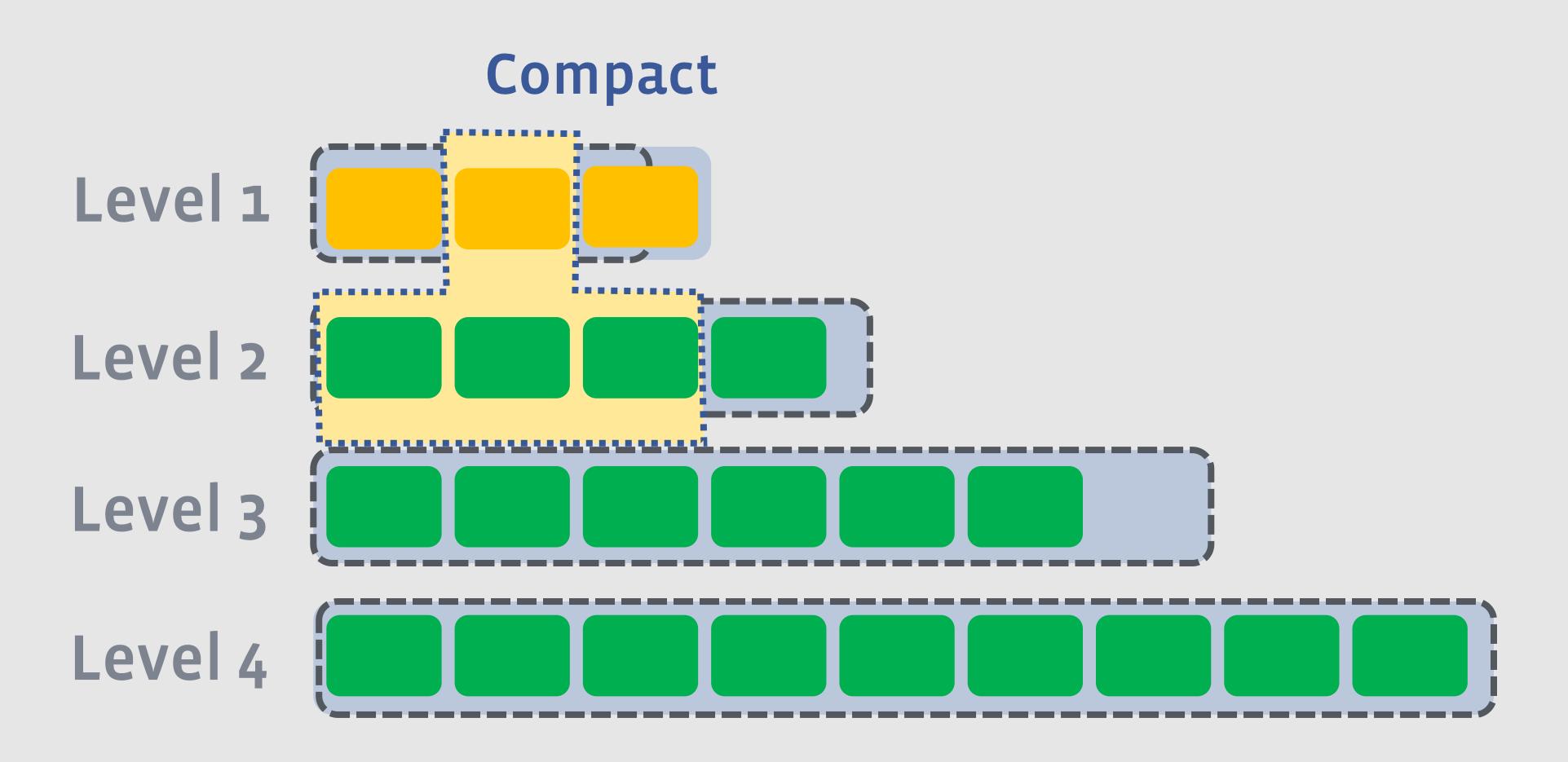
Leveled compaction targets

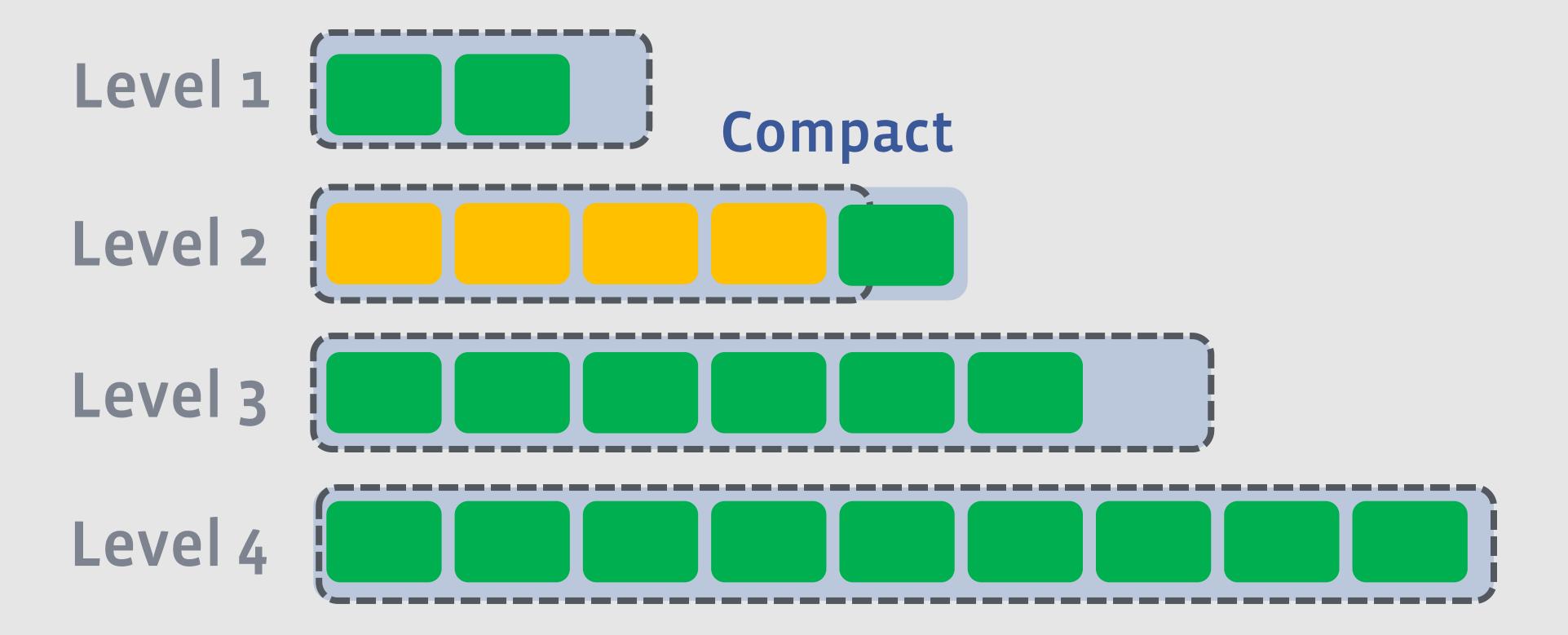


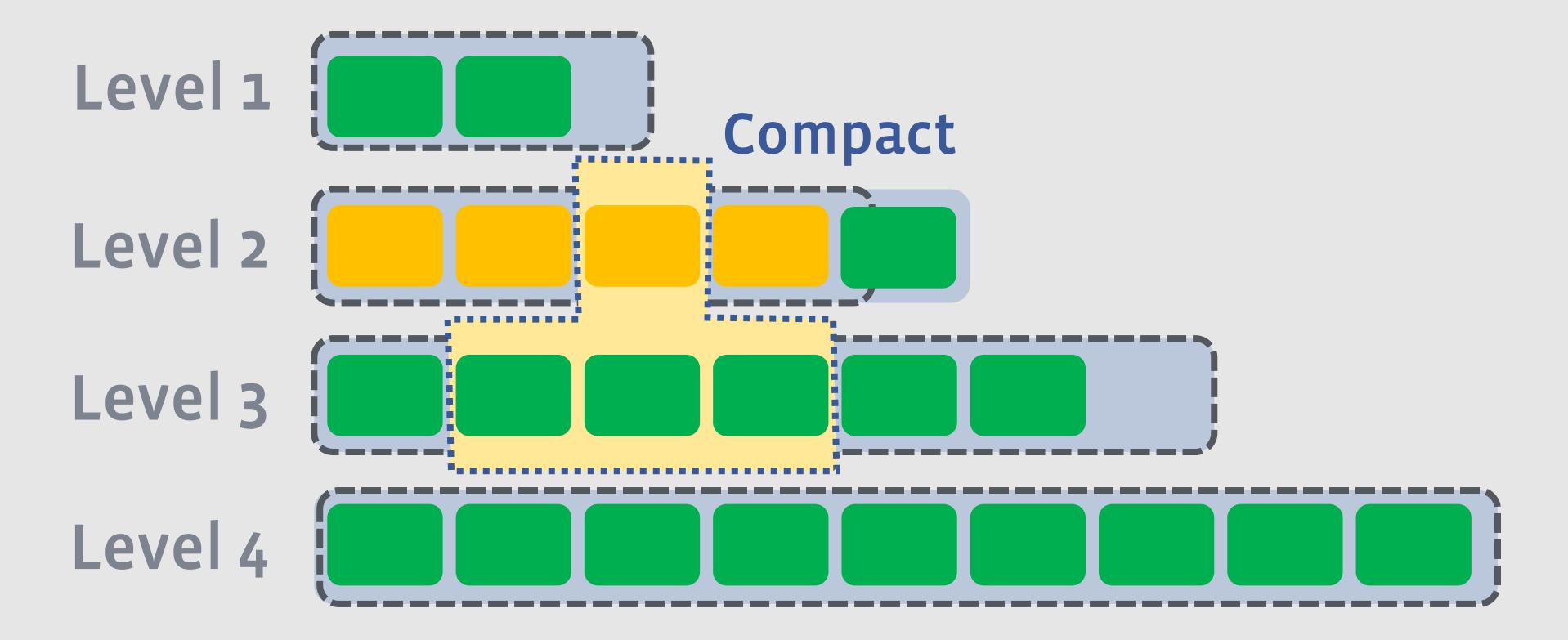


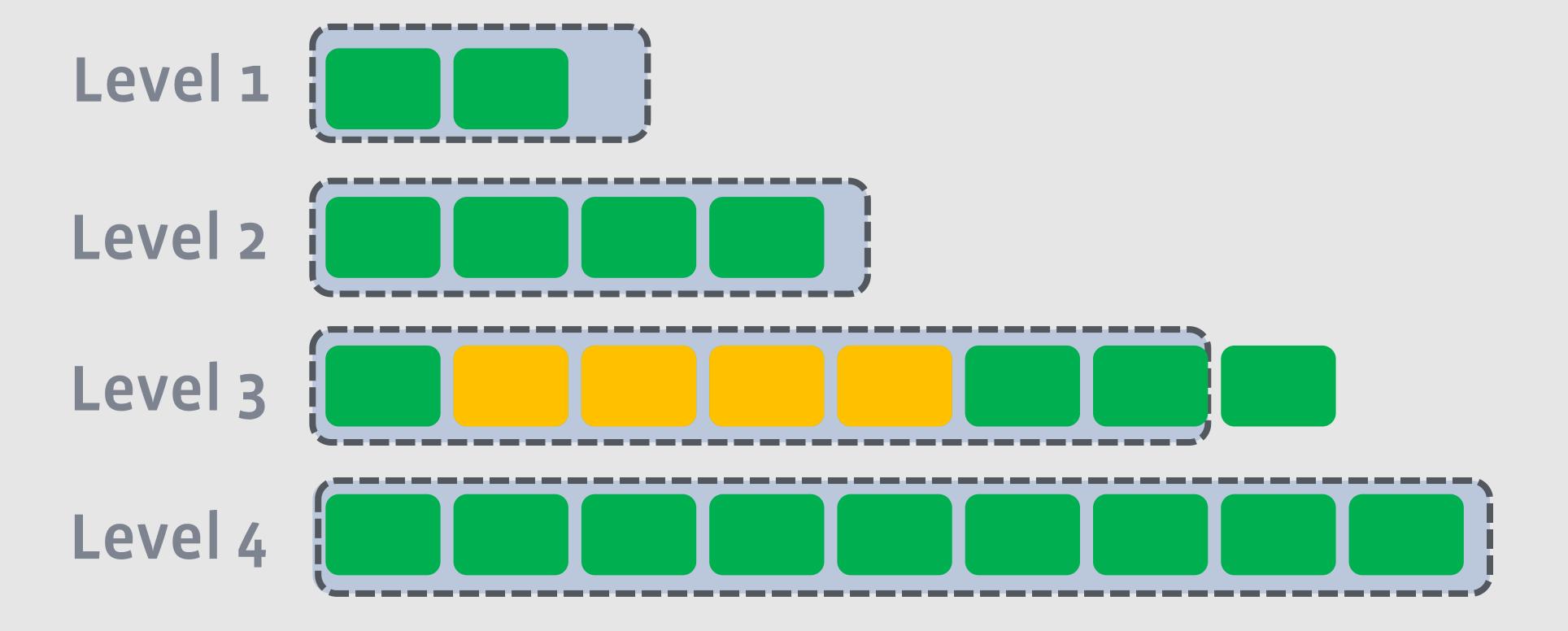


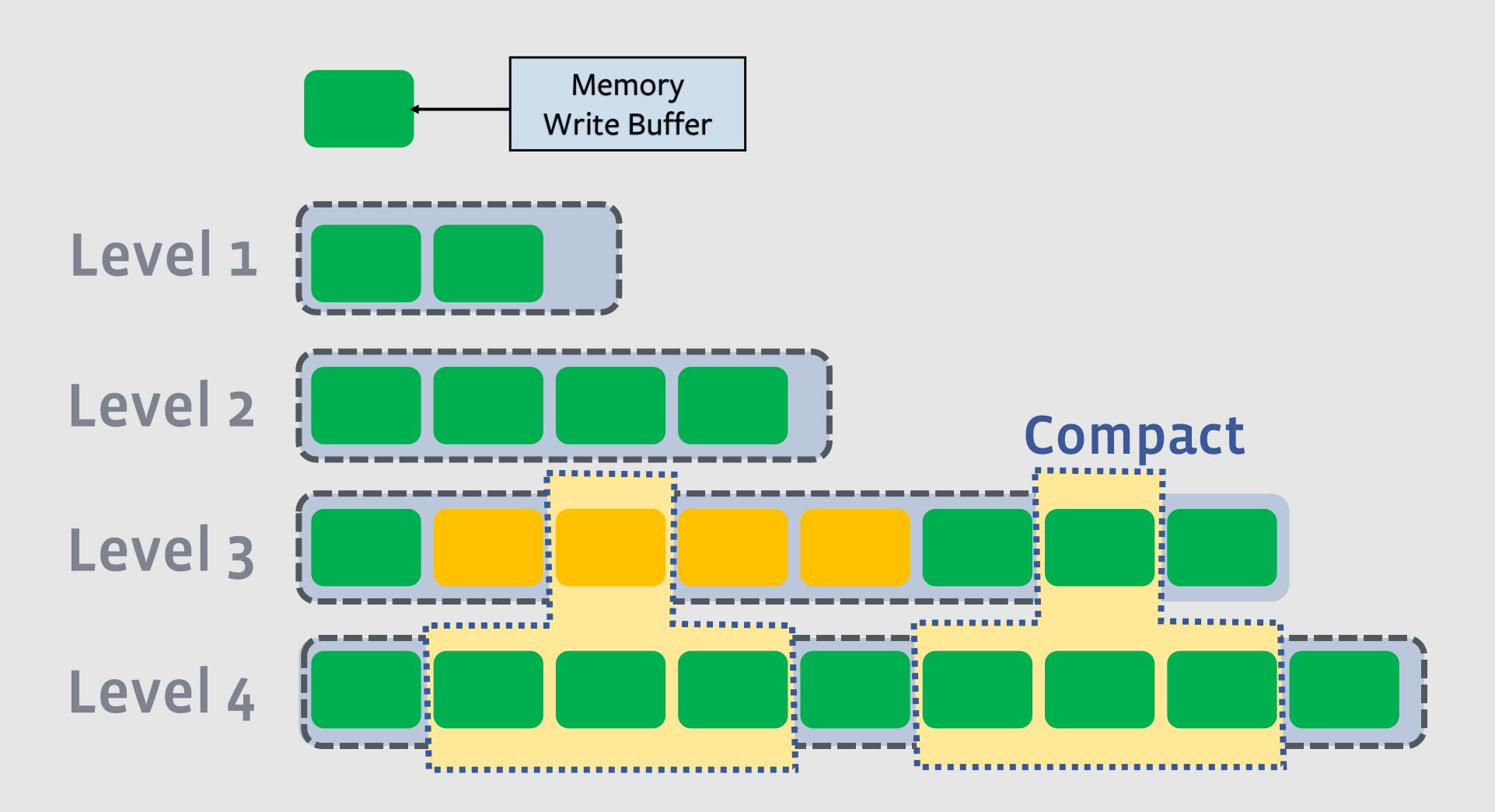


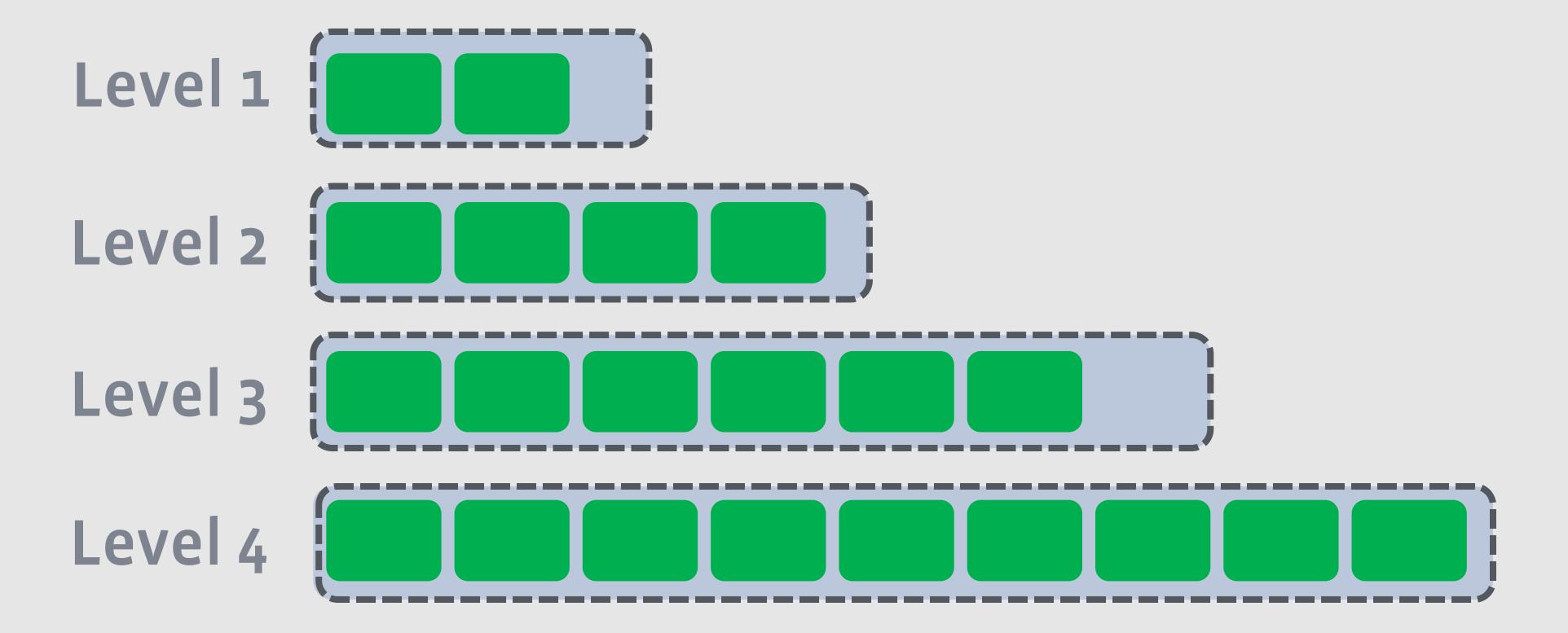






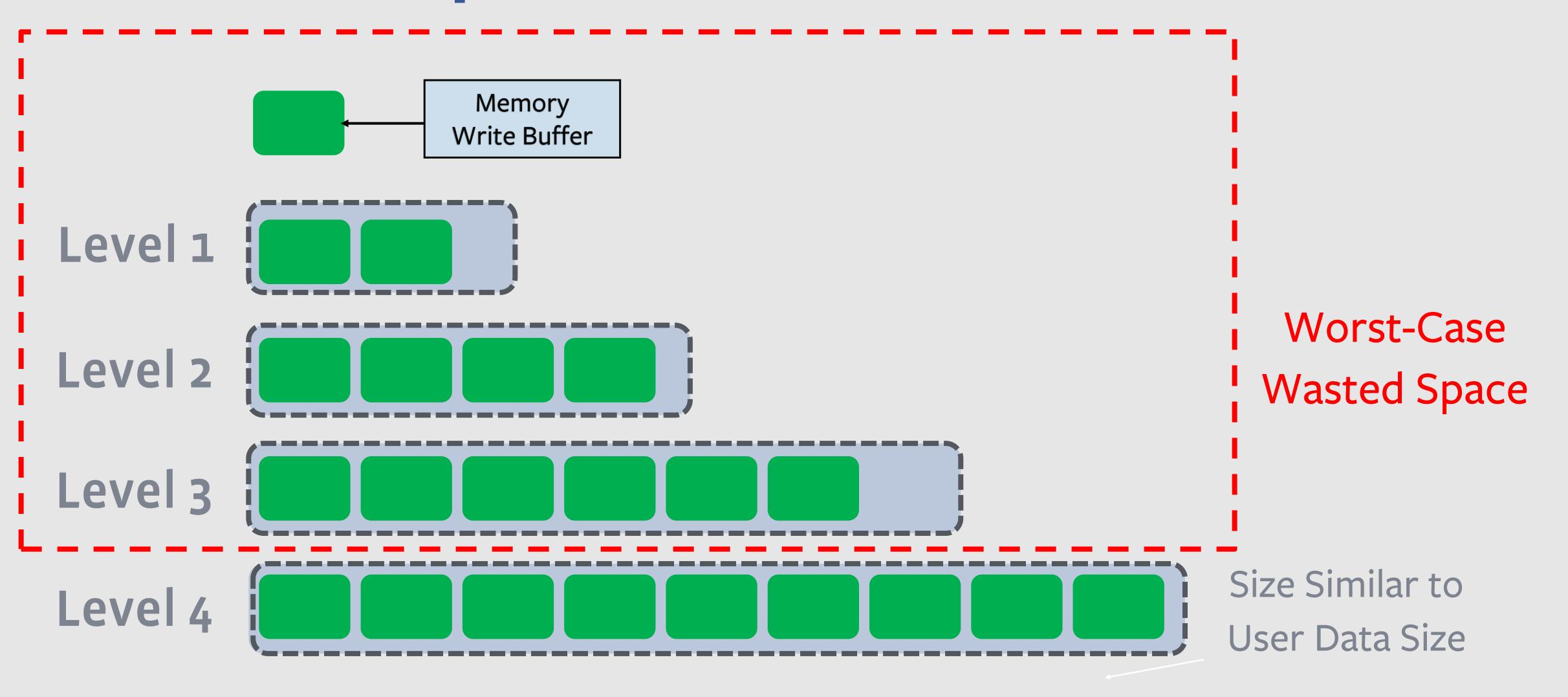




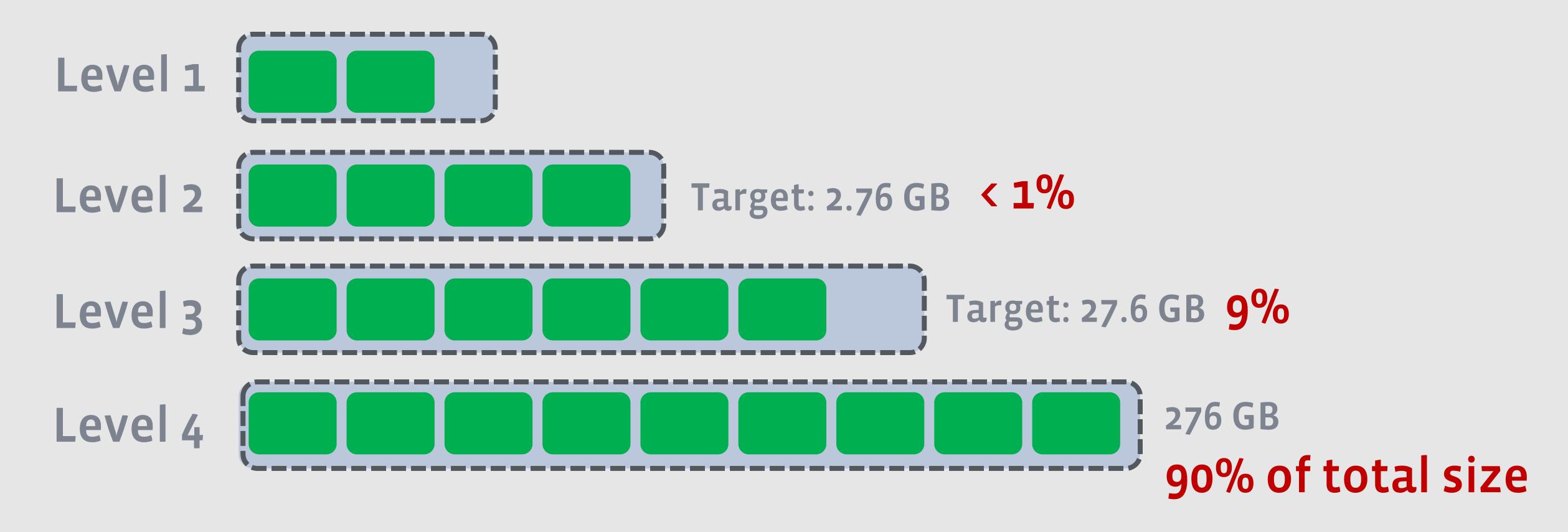


Space Efficiency Techniques

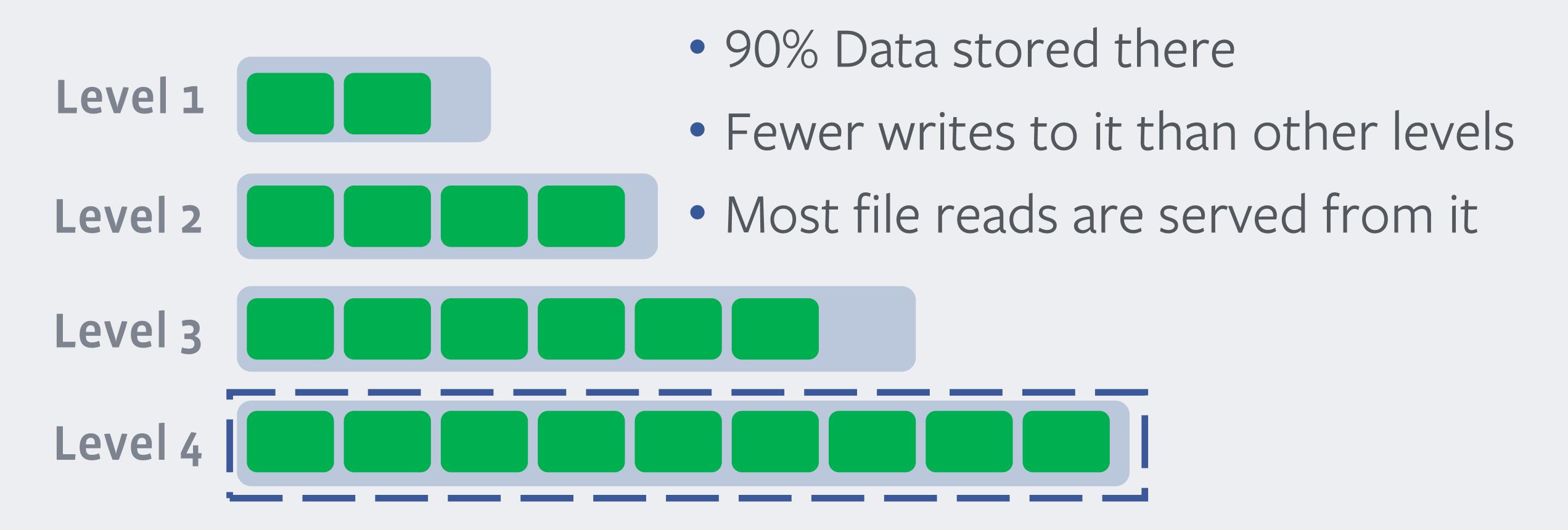
Wasted Space in LSM-tree



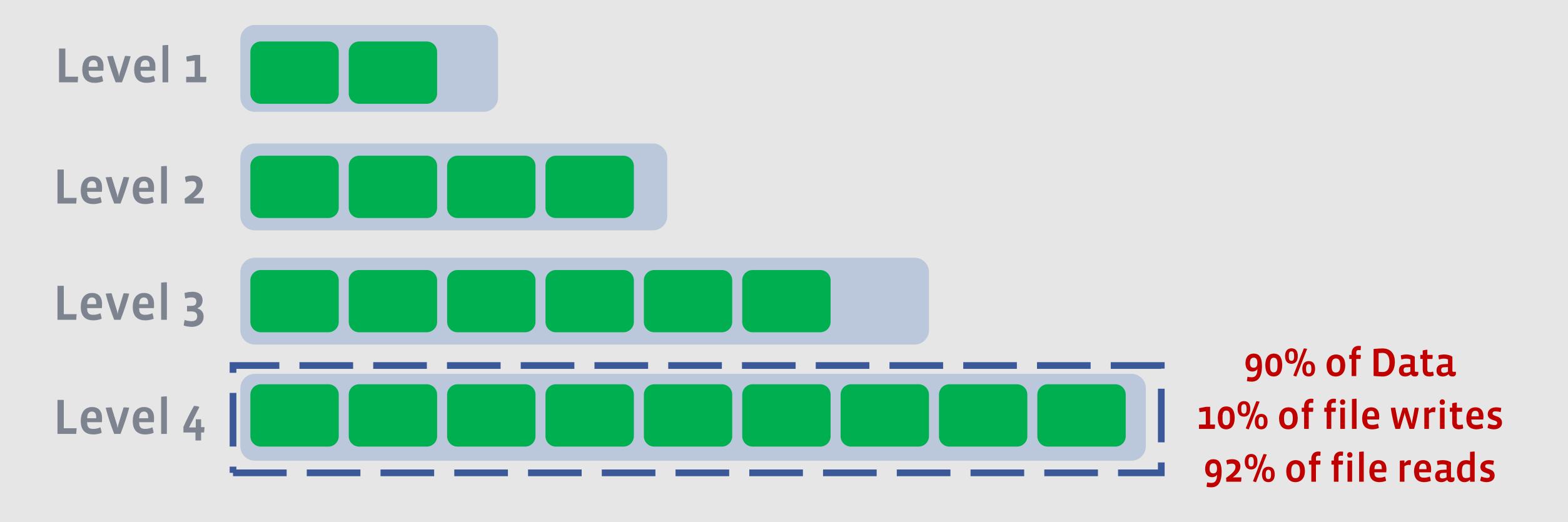
Wasted Space No More Than 10%



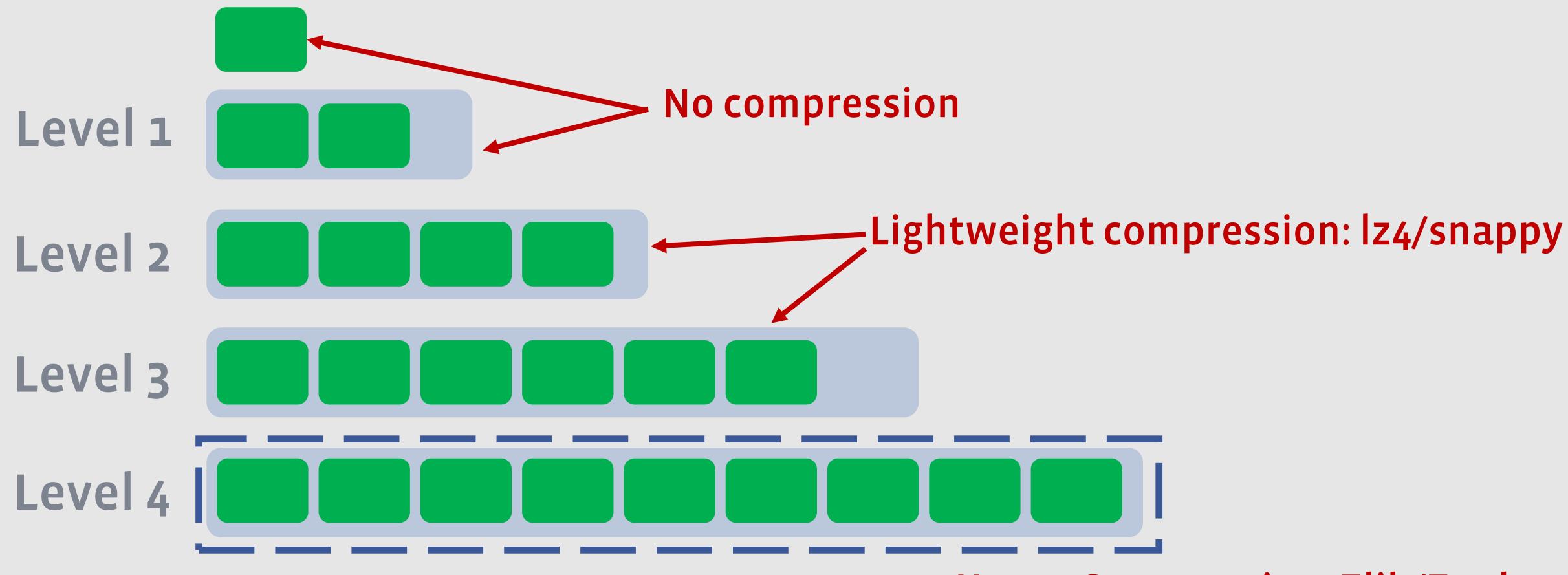
Data In The Last Level



Typical Access Stats for the Last Level



Tiered Compression



Heavy Compression: Zlib/Zstd

Space Efficiency Techniques

- Control wasted space
- Data compression
 - Tiered compression
 - Dictionary compression
- Other Techniques: in the paper
- How to balance CPU and Memory: in the paper

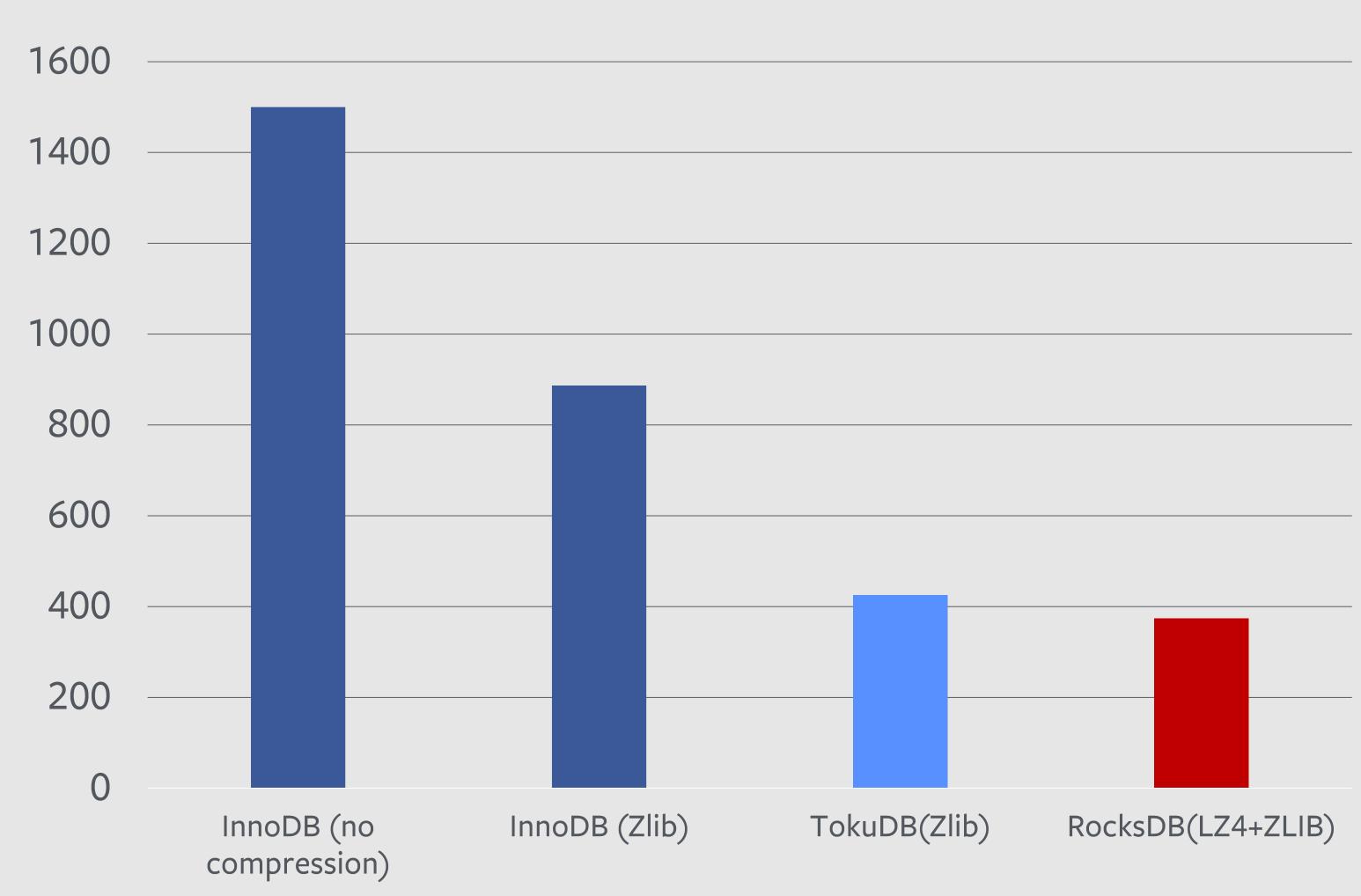
Evaluation

MyRocks = MySQL + RocksDB Engine

OLTP SQL DBMS Using LSM-tree at a very large scale

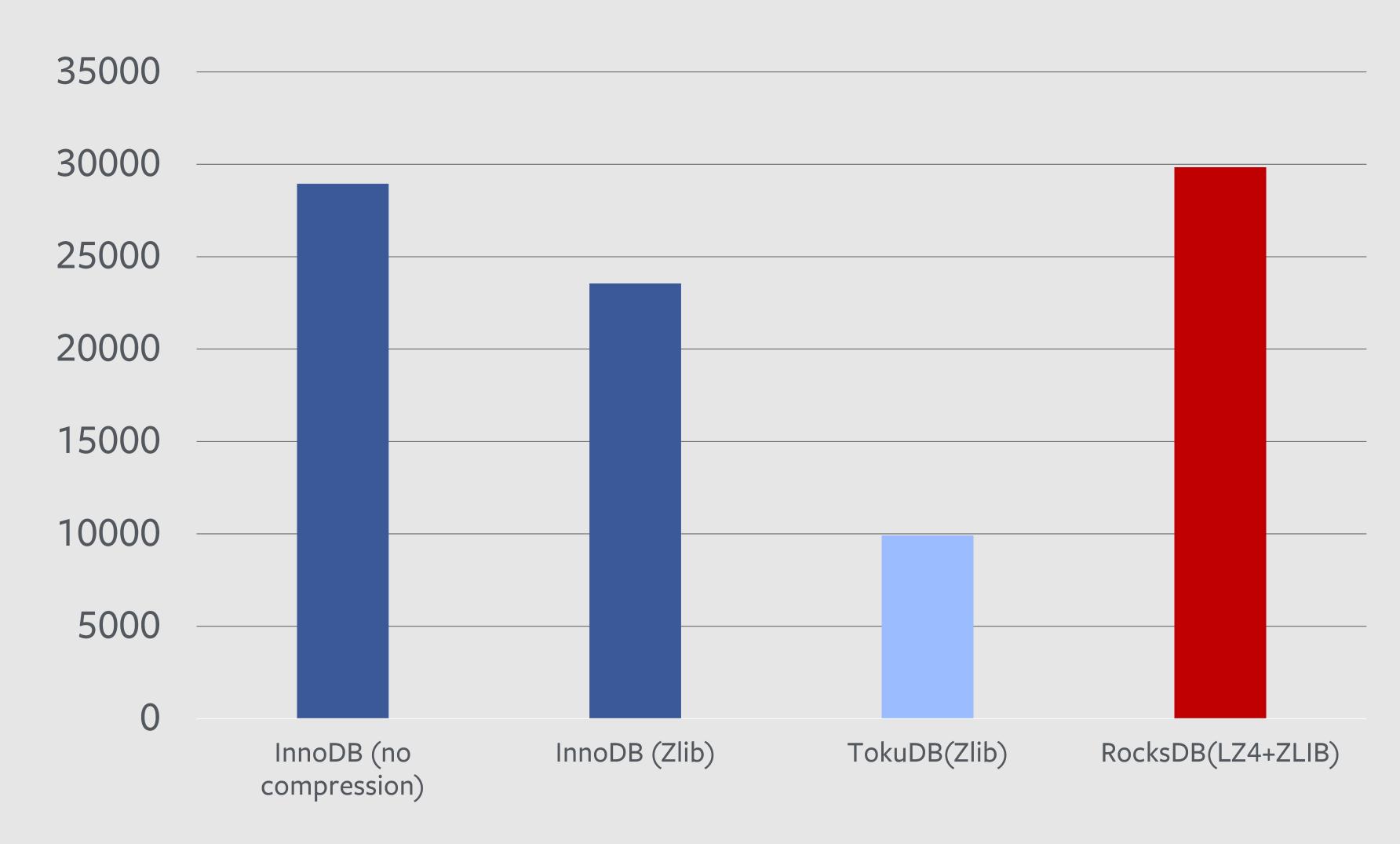
Big Space Saving





Without Sacrificing Performance

Transaction/s



Performance vs. Efficiency

Why efficiency?



Why efficiency?



Resource Efficiency as good as possible

Take-away

- We are willing to trade performance for efficiency as long as required service levels are met
- Space efficiency is the main bottleneck for SSD
- RocksDB is a widely used storage engine that can improve space efficiency
- RocksDB uses LSM-tree and applies several techniques to improve space amplification

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