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Maximizing Performance/cost of SSD Composed of Memory-type and Storage-type SCMs

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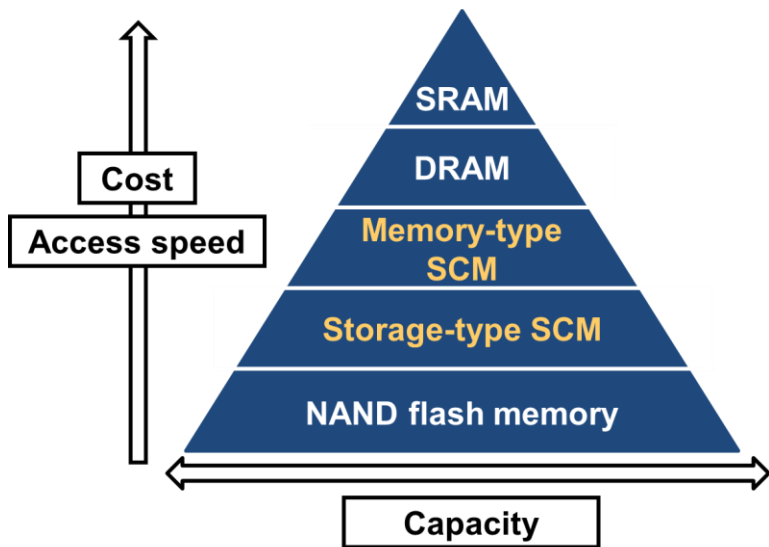
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Storage Class Memories (SCMs)

- SCMs can be categorized into 2 types;
 - Memory-type SCM (M-SCM) [1] and Storage-type SCM (S-SCM) [2]



	M-SCM	S-SCM
Access unit	Sector (512 Bytes)	
Write/Read latency	100 ns / 100 ns	1 us / 1 us
Bit cost (TLC NAND flash = 1)	20	6
Endurance	10 ⁹	10 ⁵
Candidates	MRAM	ReRAM PRAM 3D XPoint

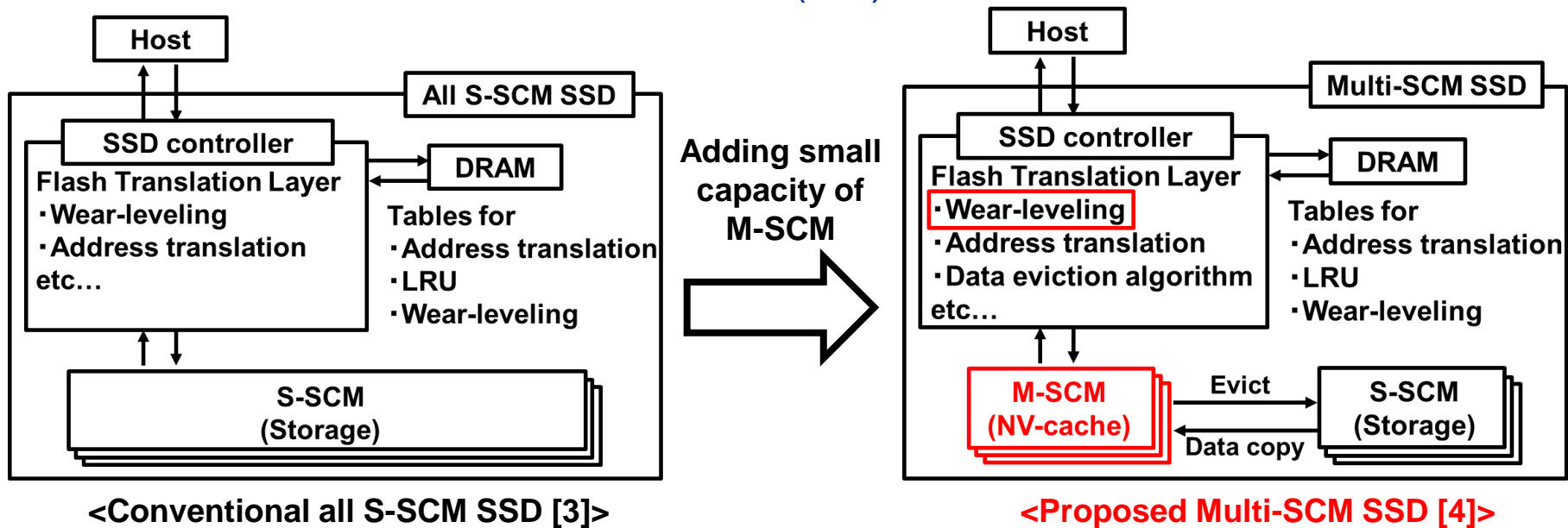
[1] J. J. Kan et al., TED, vol. 64, no. 9, pp. 3639-3646, Sep. 2017.

[2] Intel Optane Technology, <https://ark.intel.com/content/www/us/en/ark/products/97159/intel-optane-ssd-dc-p4800x-series-1-5tb-1-2-height-pcie-x4-3d-xpoint.html>



Proposed Multi-SCM SSD [4]

- M-SCM is used as non-volatile (NV) cache of S-SCM





Purpose of This Work

- ✓ **Optimal M-SCM capacity** is determined by total SSD cost and SSD performance
 - Maximize performance/cost of Multi-SCM SSD
- ✓ **Optimal wear-leveling** is investigated to boost SSD performance
 - Boost SSD performance without reducing endurance lifetime of Multi-SCM SSD



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Data Management Algorithm

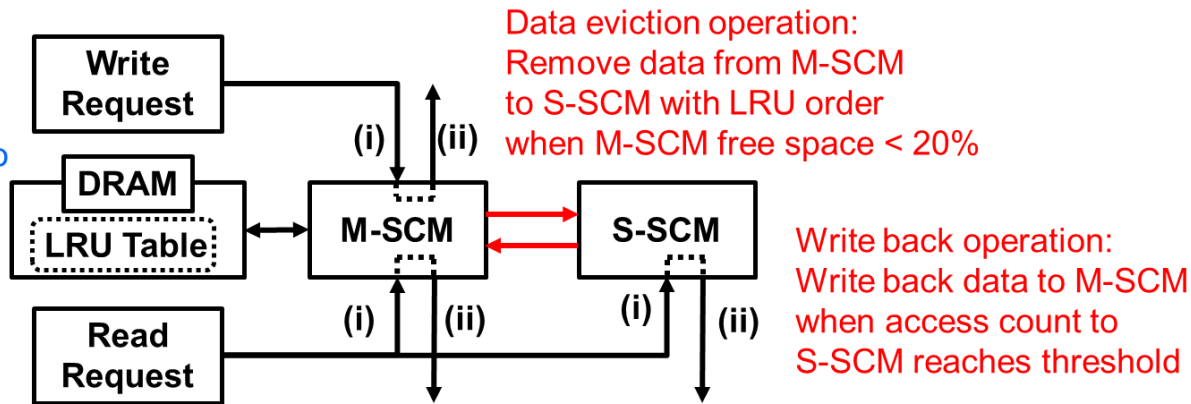
- Non-volatile Write-back (NV-WB) algorithm stores frequently accessed data in M-SCM [5]

Write operation:

- (i) Write request and update least recently used (LRU) table
- (ii) Write completed message to host

Read operation:

- (i) Read request and update LRU table
- (ii) Read completed message to host

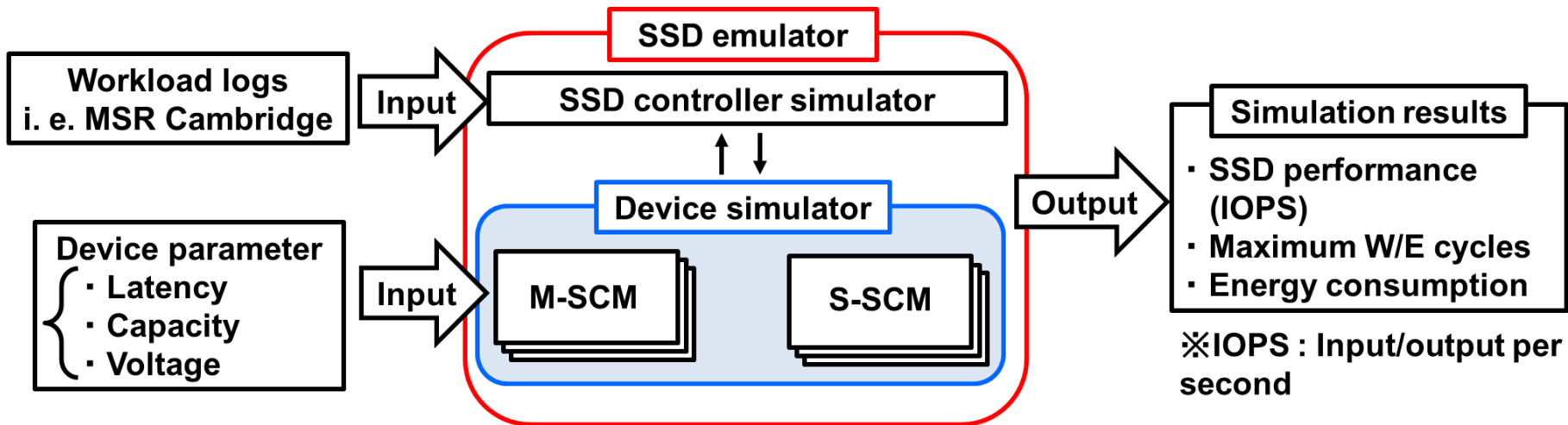


Write and read operation : Sector unit (512 Bytes)
Data movement : Page unit (16 KBytes)



SSD Emulator [6]

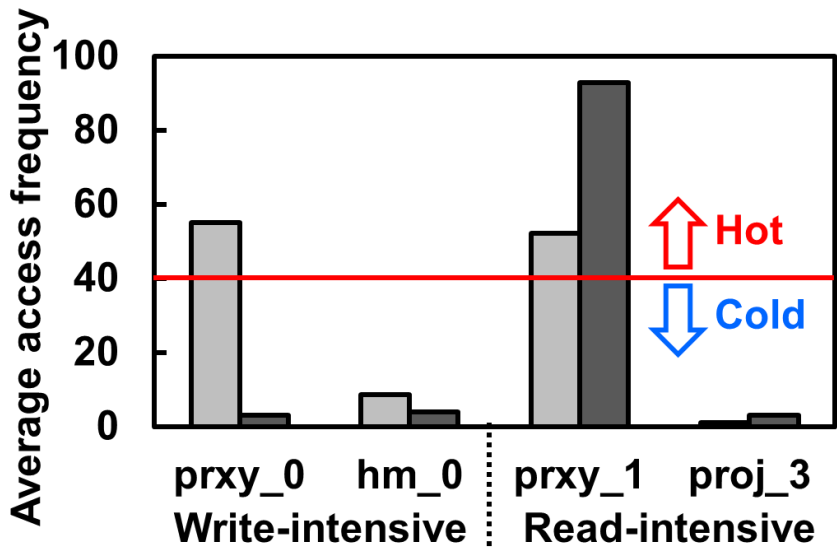
- Transaction Level Modeling emulator is used to evaluate SSD performance and endurance





Workloads [5, 7]

- For performance evaluation, 4 workloads are used



Workload	Userdata size (GB)	Category
prxy_0	0.98	Write-hot
hm_0	21.67	Write-cold
prxy_1	4.51	Read-hot
proj_3	5.90	Read-cold

- Average access frequency :
 - Average overwrite
= Total write data size / User data size
 - Average read frequency
= Total read data size / User data size
- Hot/Cold : Large/Small number of overwrite or re-read requests

□ Average overwrite ■ Average read frequency



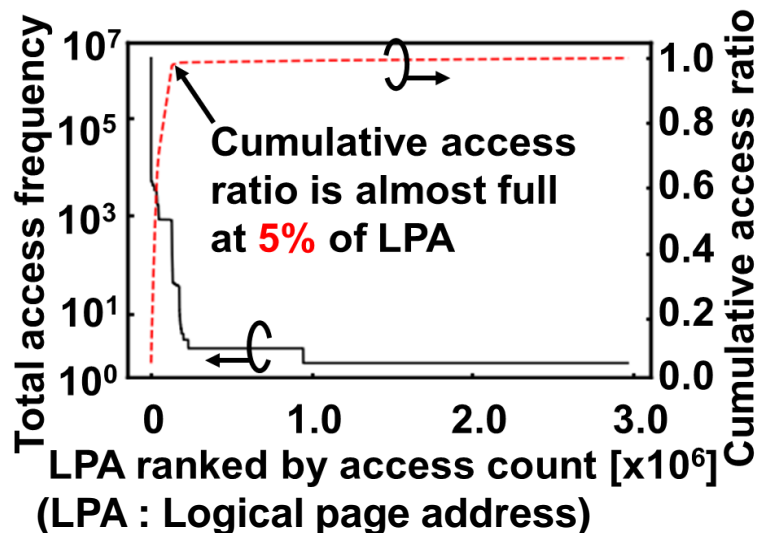
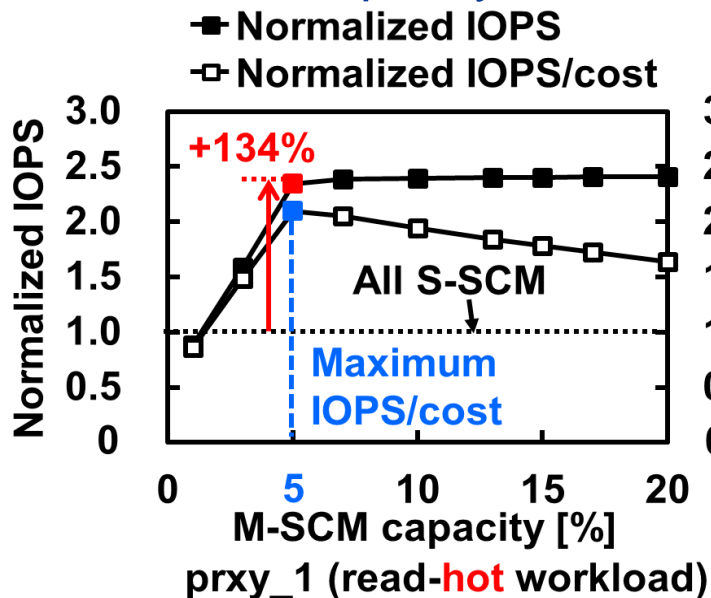
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Performance and Cost Results for Hot Workload (prxy_1)

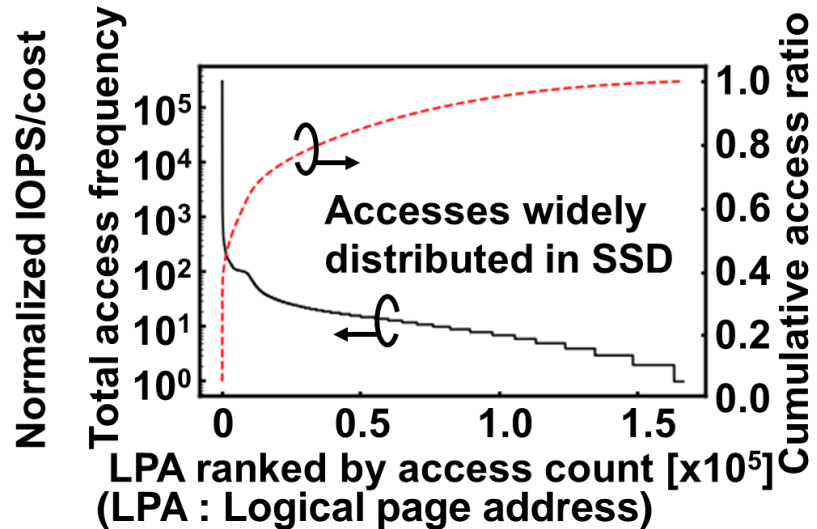
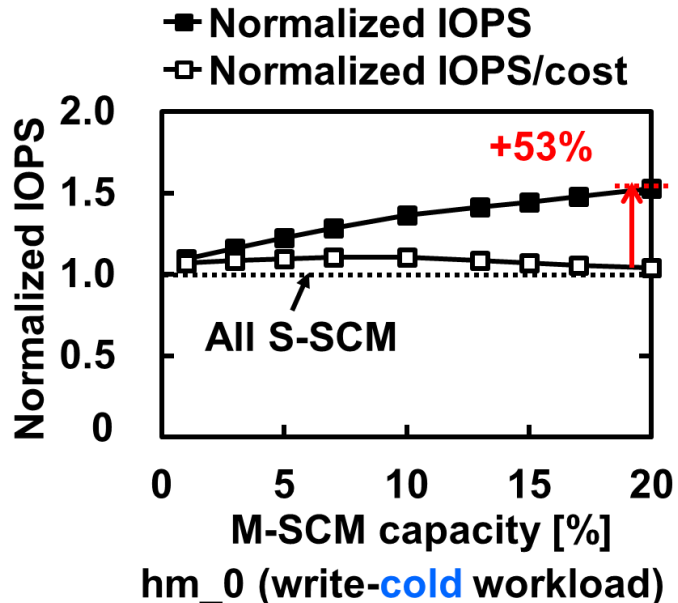
- Accesses from host concentrate on small part of all LPA
→ Small capacity of M-SCM improves SSD performance





Performance and Cost Results for Cold Workload (hm_0)

- All S-SCM SSD is suitable because access does not center on particular addresses for cold workloads





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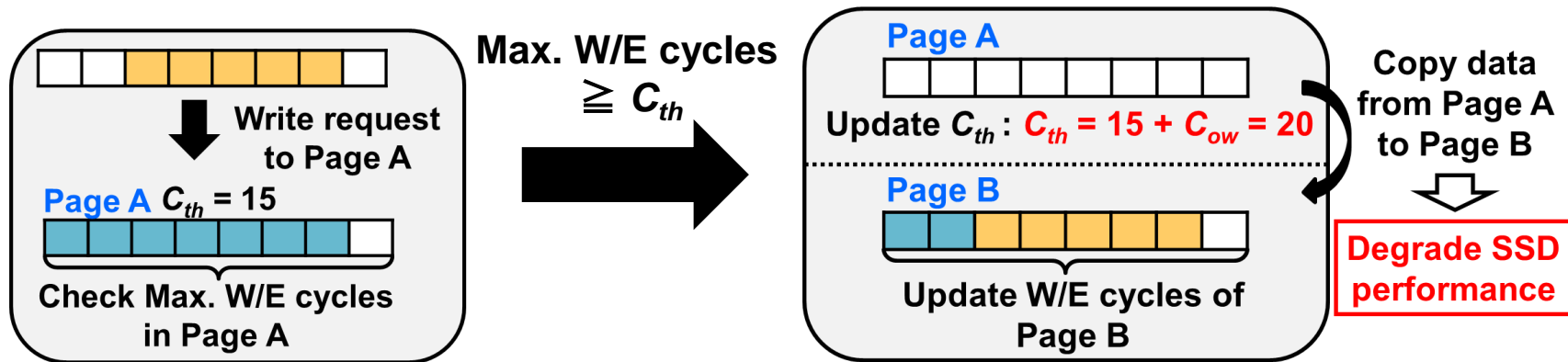
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Problem of Wear-leveling

- Data copy by wear-leveling decreases SSD performance

- Invalid sector W/E cycle : overwrite count
- Valid sector C_{th} : Threshold for wear-leveling
- New data C_{ow} (= 5) : Wear-leveling interval





Wear-leveling Cases

- Wear-leveling is omitted from M-SCM or S-SCM

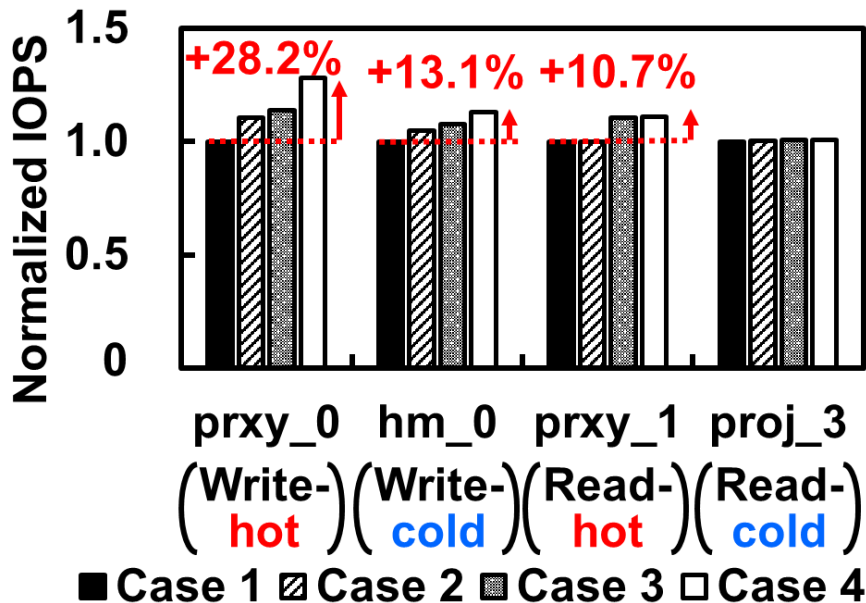
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3	w/o wear-leveling	w/ wear-leveling
4	w/o wear-leveling	w/o wear-leveling

	M-SCM	S-SCM
Write/Read latency	100 ns / 100 ns	1 us / 1 us
Capacity	5% of SSD capacity	SSD capacity – M-SCM capacity
Endurance	10^9	10^5
Default C_{ow}	5	



Performance Results

- Case 4 achieves best SSD performance
- However, Case 4 is not realistic for SSD endurance lifetime



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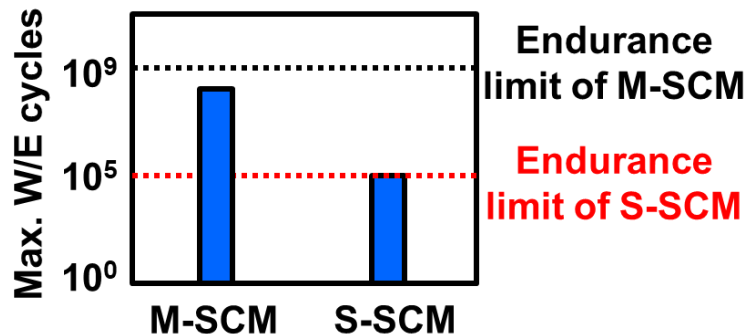
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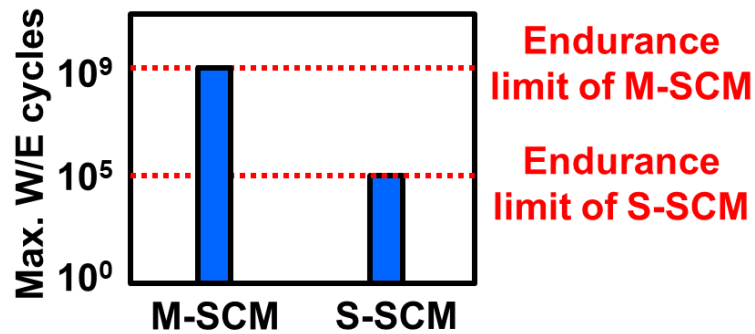
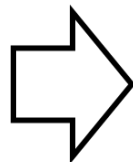


Difference of Endurance Limits between M-SCM and S-SCM

- When Max. write/erase cycles of M-SCM or S-SCM reach endurance limit, SSD cannot be used
 - M-SCM endurance limit : 10^9 cycles
 - S-SCM endurance limit : 10^5 cycles



Still usable for M-SCM
but not for Multi-SCM SSD

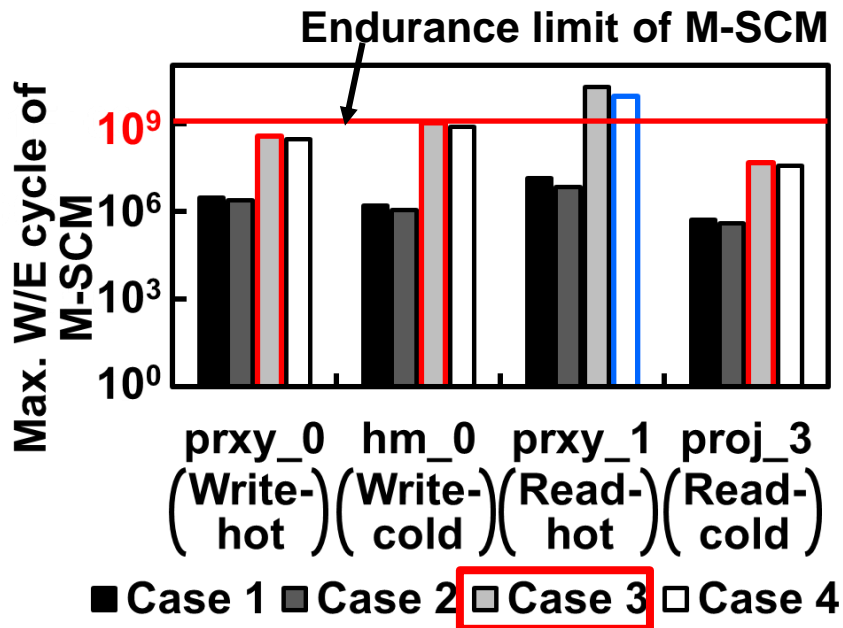


Ideal condition: Both SCMs reach their limits simultaneously



Endurance Limits for M-SCM

- Maximum W/E cycles of M-SCM when Max. W/E cycles of S-SCM exceed endurance limit and **S-SCM no longer works**



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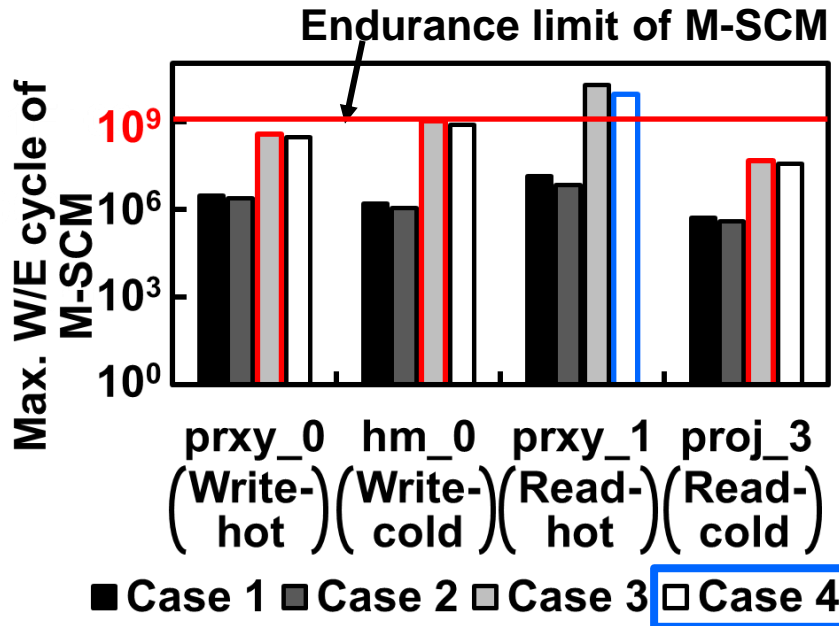
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Case of closest to M-SCM limit and best for most workloads



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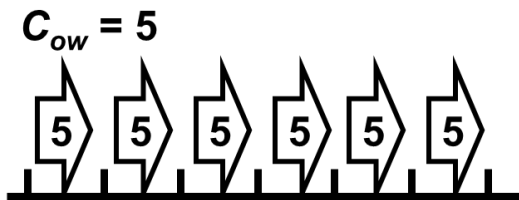
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Best Case for prxy_1
but over M-SCM endurance limit
➔ **Weak wear-leveling**



Weak Wear-leveling

- To enhance system performance, wear-leveling frequency is decreased (Default C_{ow} is set to 5)

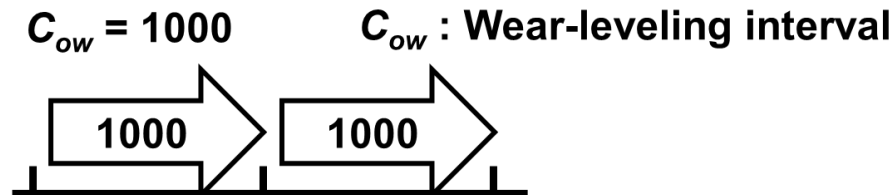


W/E cycles of cells

With **small** C_{ow}

Frequently wear-leveling
= Strong wear-leveling

- Higher endurance reliability
- Lower performance



W/E cycles of cells

With **large** C_{ow}

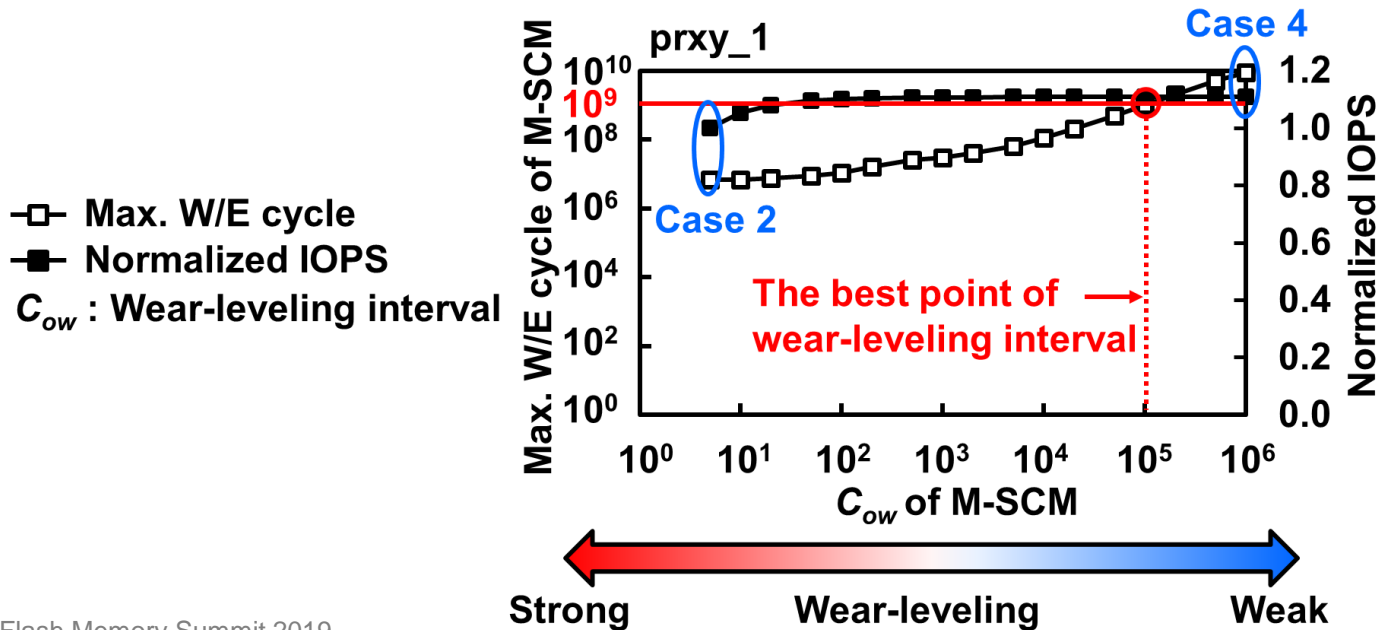
Infrequently wear-leveling
= Weak wear-leveling

- Lower endurance reliability
- Higher performance



Weak Wear-leveling for prxy_1

- Infrequently wear-leveling with large interval is applied for M-SCM





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Conclusion

- Small capacity of M-SCM enhances SSD performance efficiently for hot workloads
- Wear-leveling is not needed to high endurance M-SCM for most workloads

	prxy_0 (Write-hot)	hm_0 (Write-cold)	prxy_1 (Read-hot)	proj_3 (Read-cold)
Optimal M-SCM capacity (IOPS improvement from all S-SCM SSD)	8% (+104%)	10% (+36%)	5% (+134%)	M-SCM is not needed
Optimal wear-leveling (IOPS improvement)	Only S-SCM (+14%)	Only S-SCM (+7.6%)	Only M-SCM with weak wear-leveling (+10.7%)	Only S-SCM (+0.6%)



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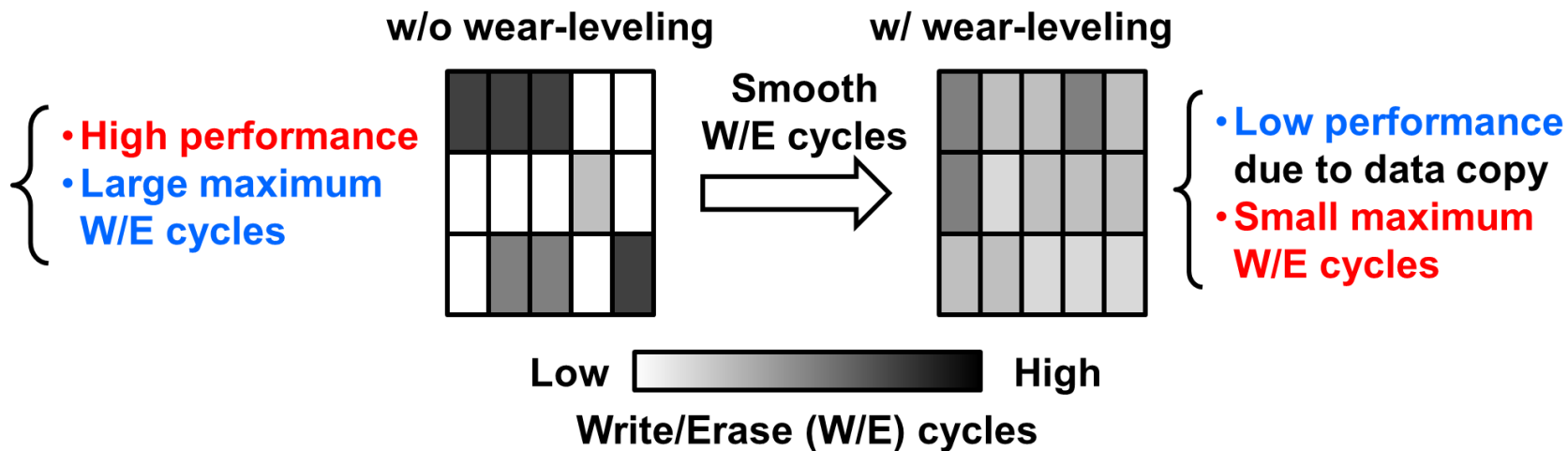


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Wear-leveling

- To extend endurance lifetime of SSD, wear-leveling technique is applied to SCMs
- Data copy by wear-leveling decreases SSD performance





Problem of Wear-leveling

- Data movement by wear-leveling decreases SSD performance

- Invalid sector
- Valid sector
- New data
- W/E cycle : overwrite count
- C_{th} : Threshold for wear-leveling
- $C_{ow} (= 5)$: Wear-leveling interval

