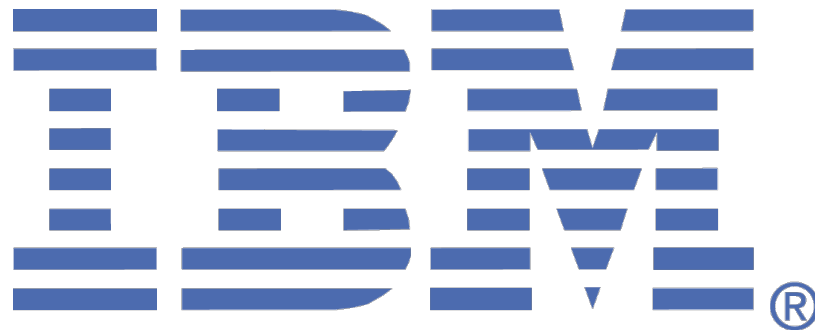


# CAST: Tiering Storage for Data Analytics in the Cloud

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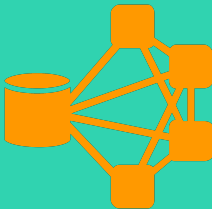
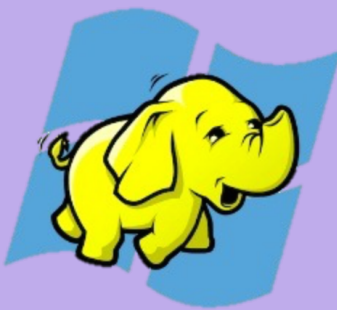



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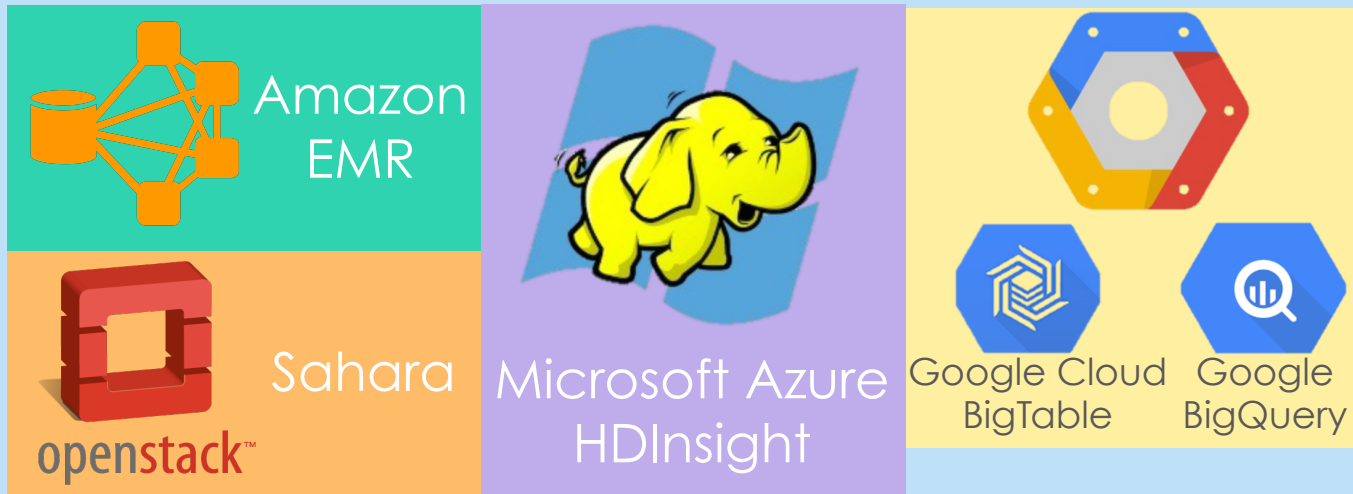
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The diagram illustrates cloud infrastructure for data analytics, organized into three columns within a light blue cloud shape. The first column (green and orange) features Amazon EMR (top) and Sahara (bottom). The second column (purple) features Microsoft Azure HDInsight. The third column (yellow) features Google Cloud BigTable and Google BigQuery. The OpenStack logo is also present in the bottom left of the first column.

 Amazon EMR	 Microsoft Azure HDInsight	 Google Cloud BigTable
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# Cloud storage enables data analytics in the cloud

## Cloud infrastructure



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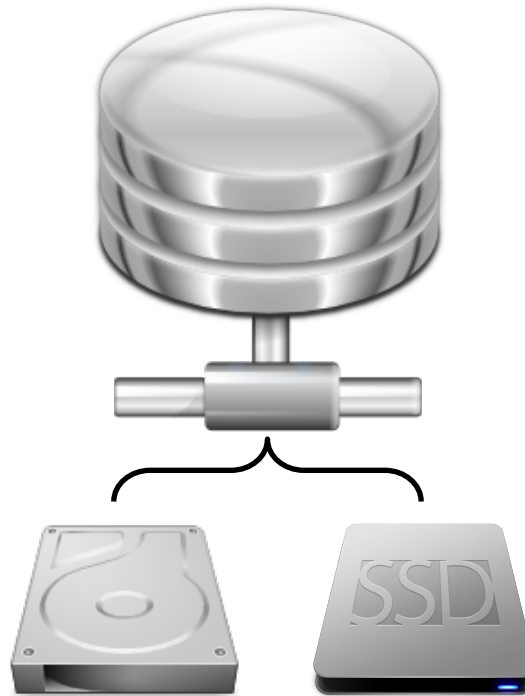


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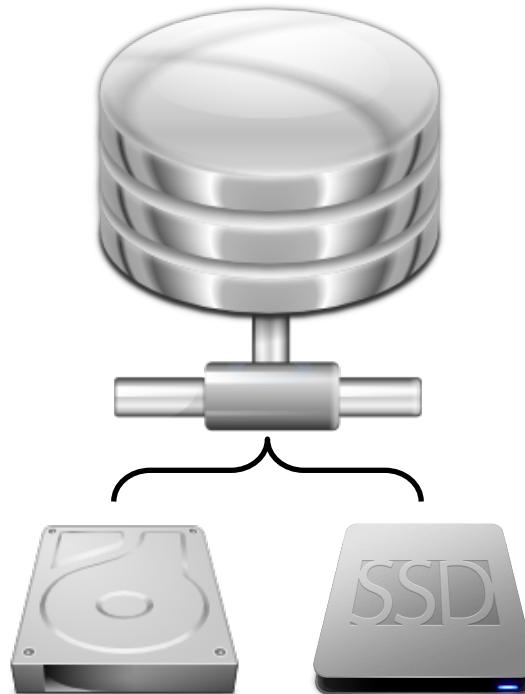


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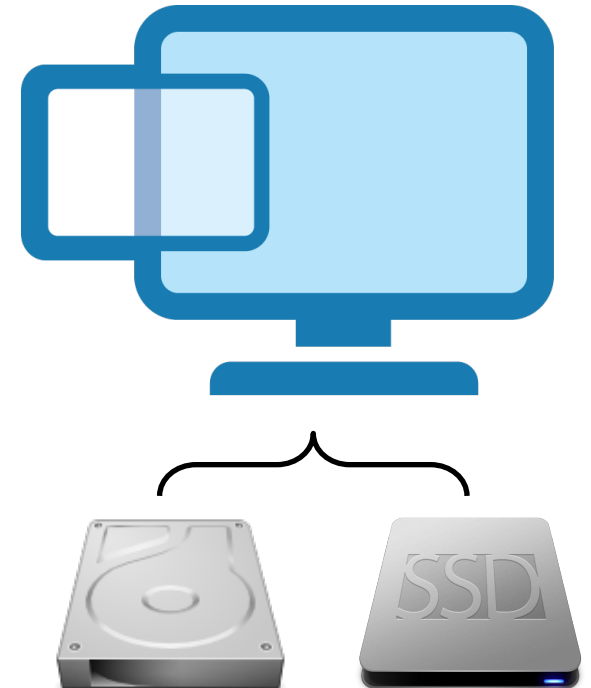
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**ephSSD:** VM-local ephemeral SSD,

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ephSSD offers best performance w/o data persistence.

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Performance of the network-attached block storage depends on the size of the volume.

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objStore provides the cheapest service and offers comparable sequential throughput compared to that of a 500GB persSSD.

# Heterogeneity in data analytics jobs

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Sort	X	✓	X	X
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Grep	✓	X	X	X
KMeans	X	X	X	✓

# Decision paralysis

Highly heterogeneous cloud storage services

Highly heterogeneous analytics workloads



Cloud tenant

How do I get the  
**MOST BANG-for-the-**  
**buck? \$\$**

# Motivation

- A need for a comprehensive experimental analysis
  - To study the analytics-job to cloud-storage relationships
  
- How to exploit heterogeneity in cloud storage and analytics workloads
  - To reduce \$ cost
  - To improve performance
  - To meet the deadline

# Outline

~~Motivation~~

Quantitative analysis

CAST design

Evaluation

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# Experimental study methodology

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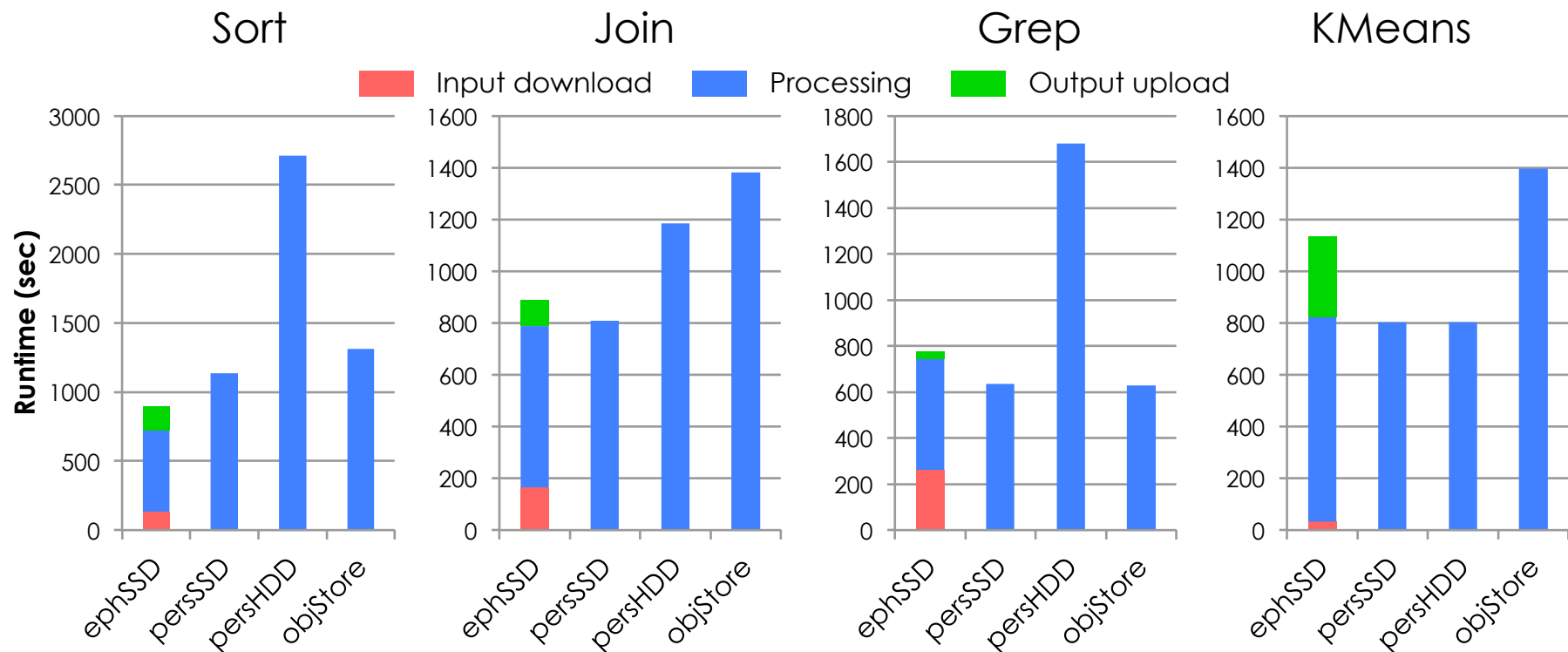
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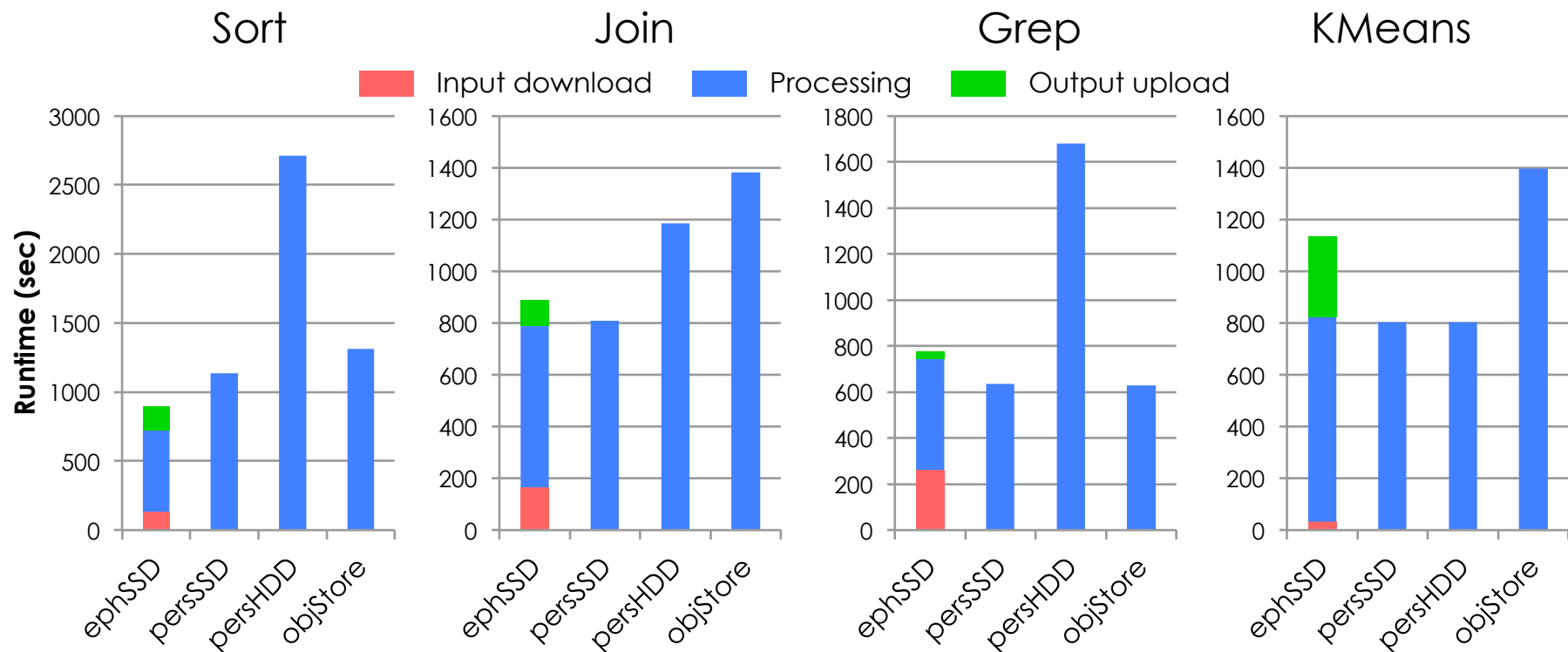
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- Workload granularity

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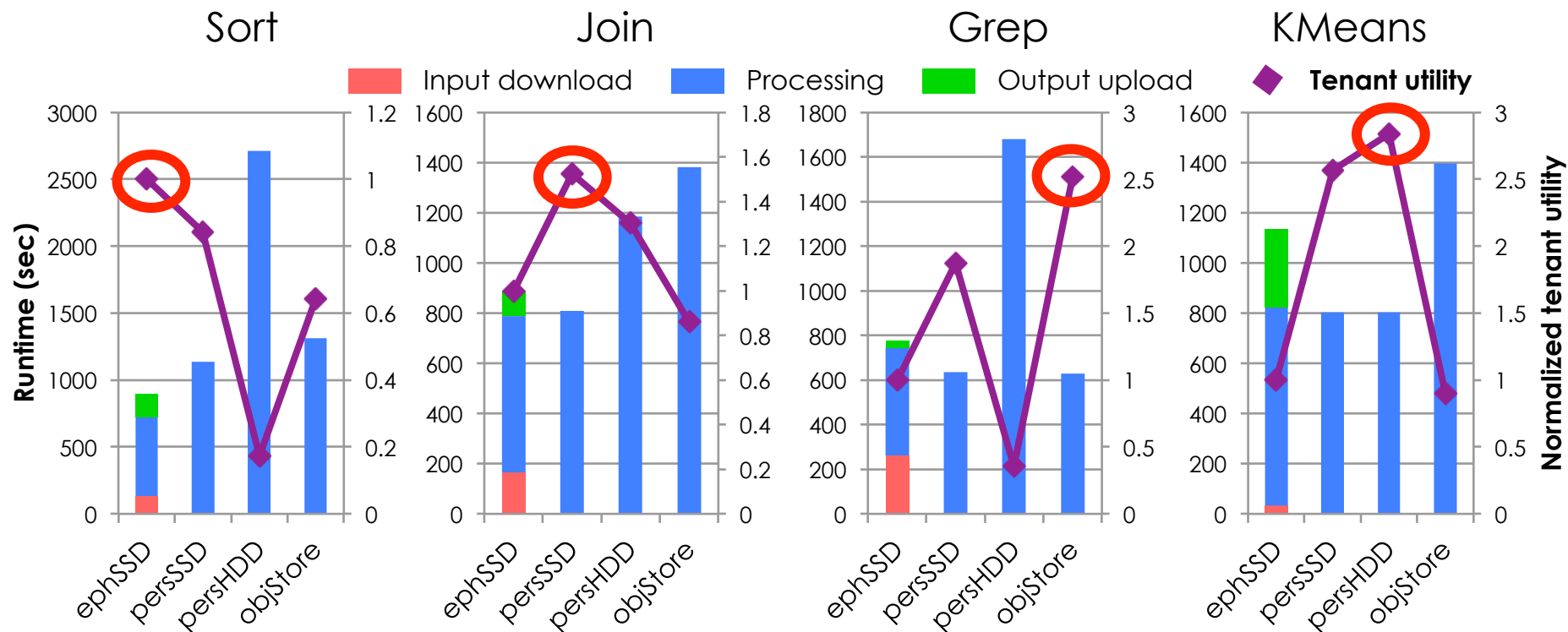


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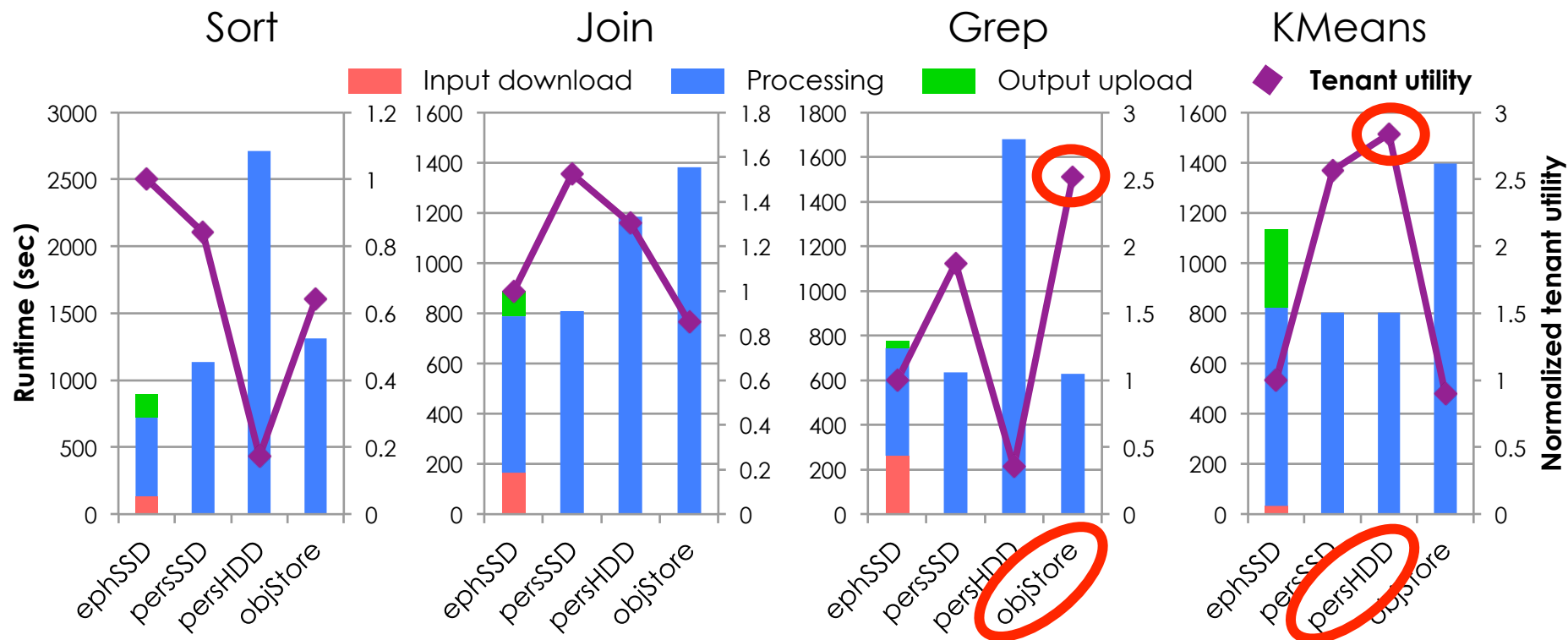
No storage service provides the best raw performance

# Application granularity: Tenant utility



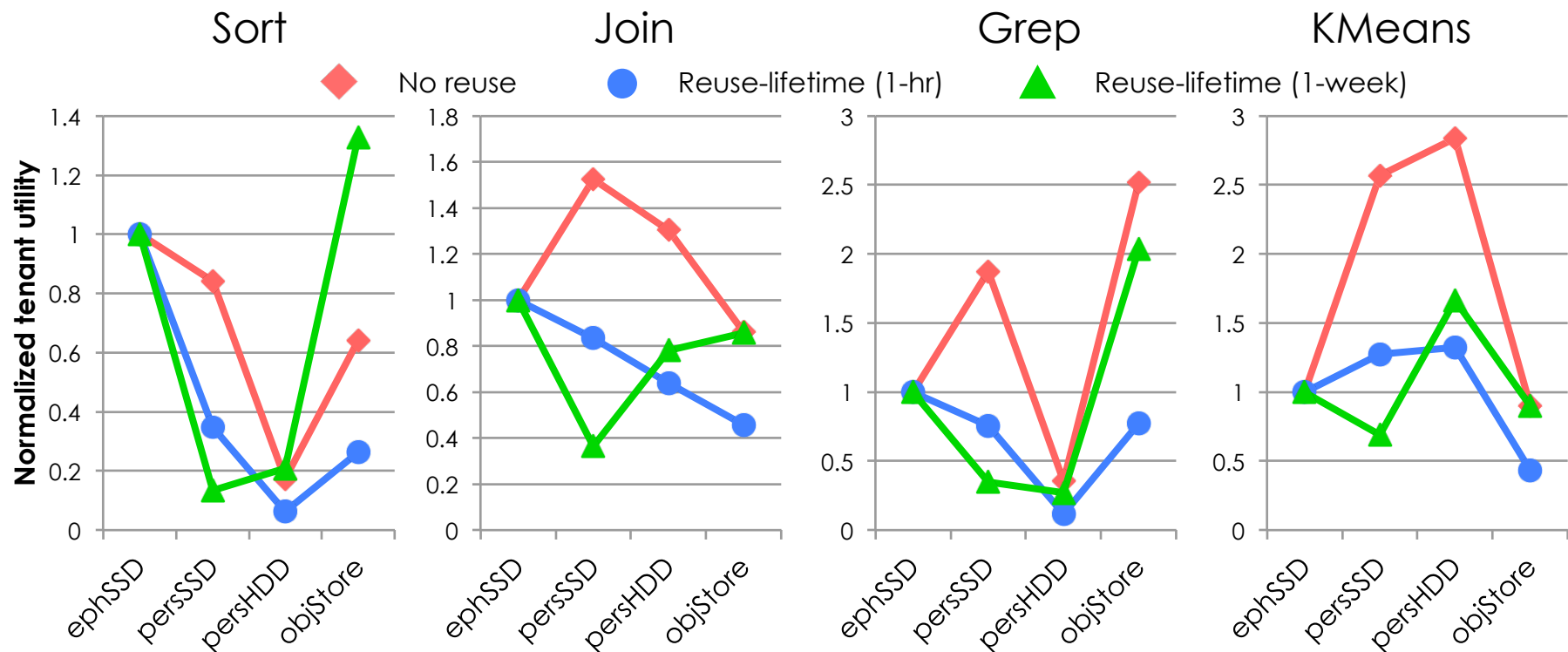
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# Application granularity: Tenant utility



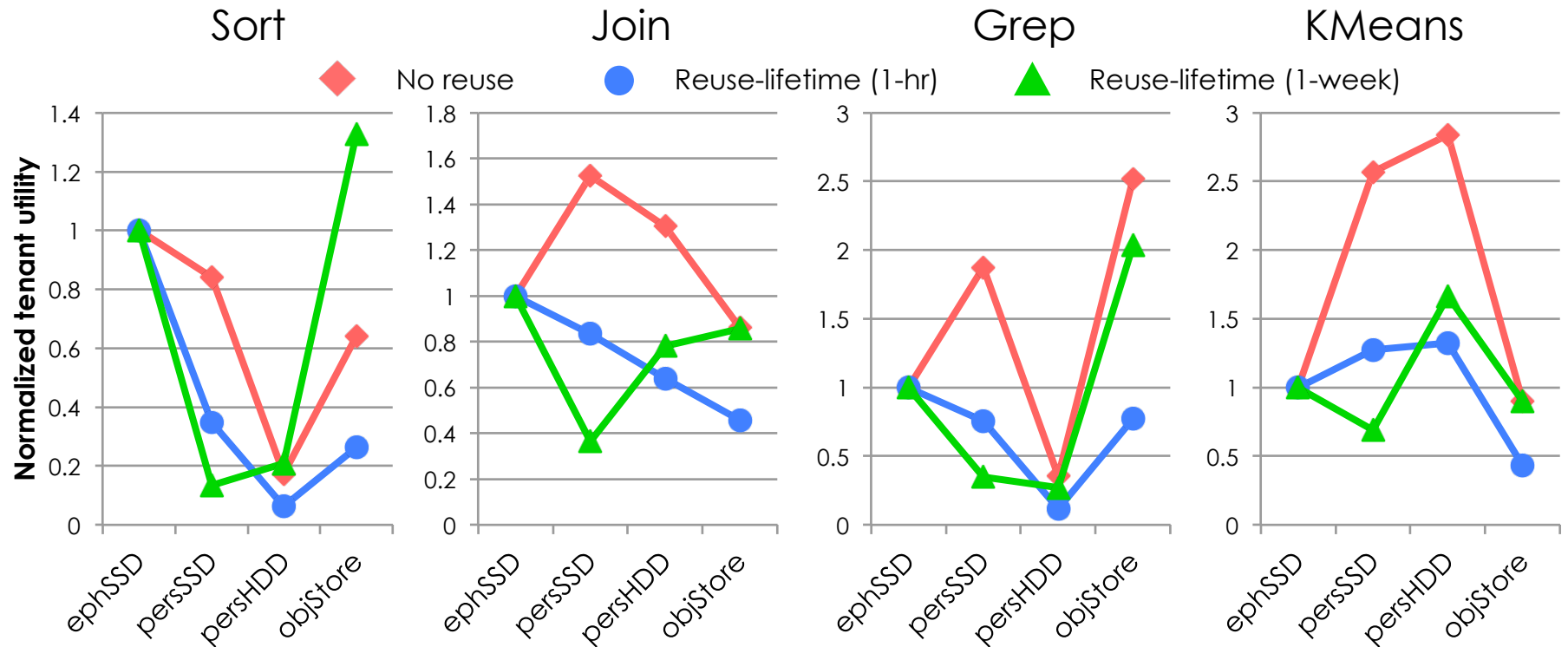
Slower storage, in some case, may provide higher utility & comparable performance

# Workload granularity: Data reuse



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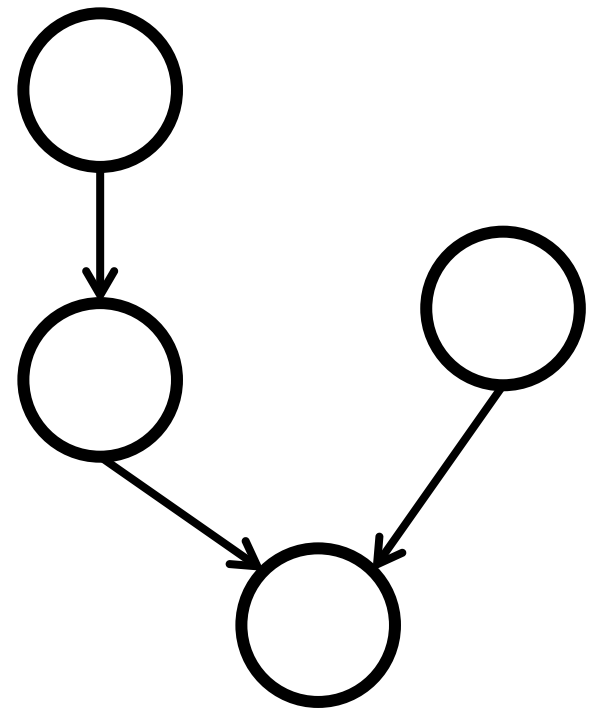
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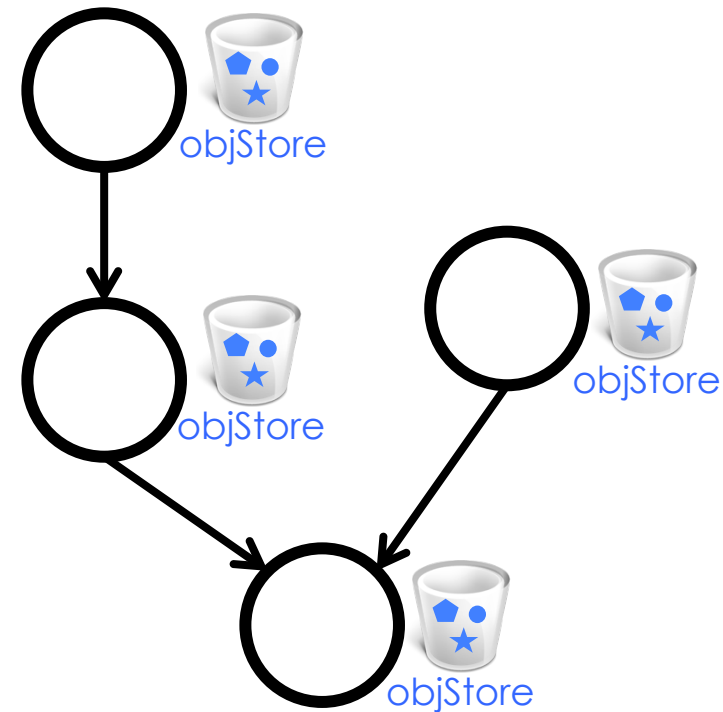
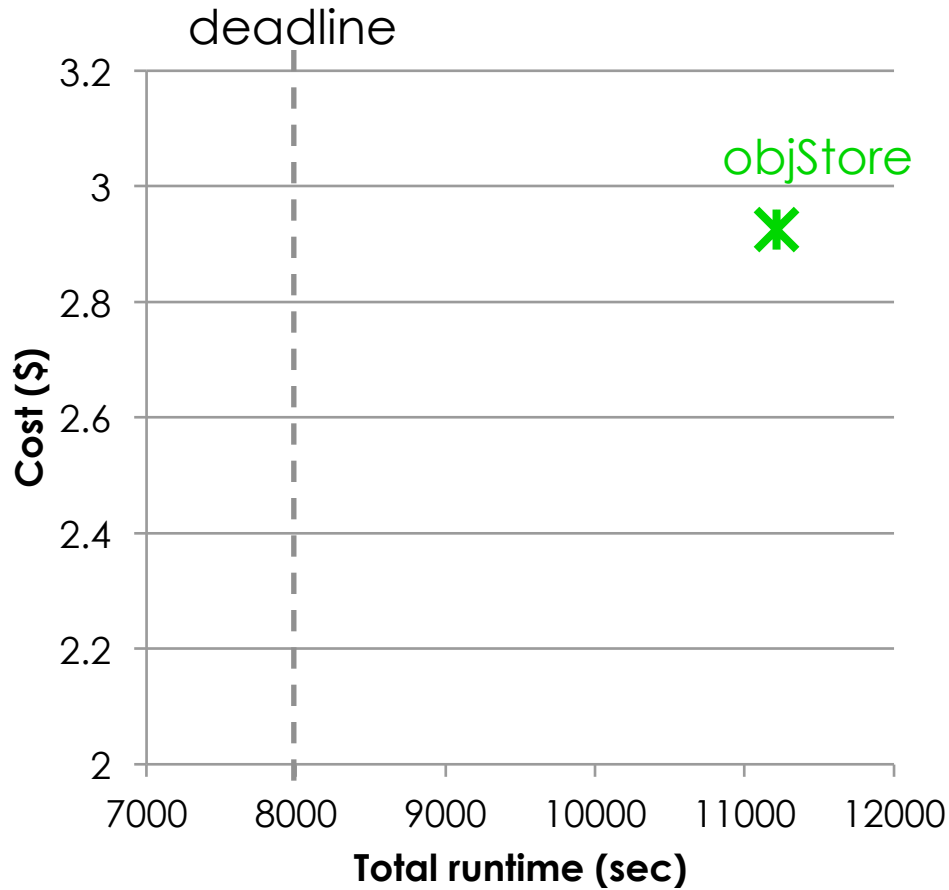
Data reuse patterns affect data placement choices



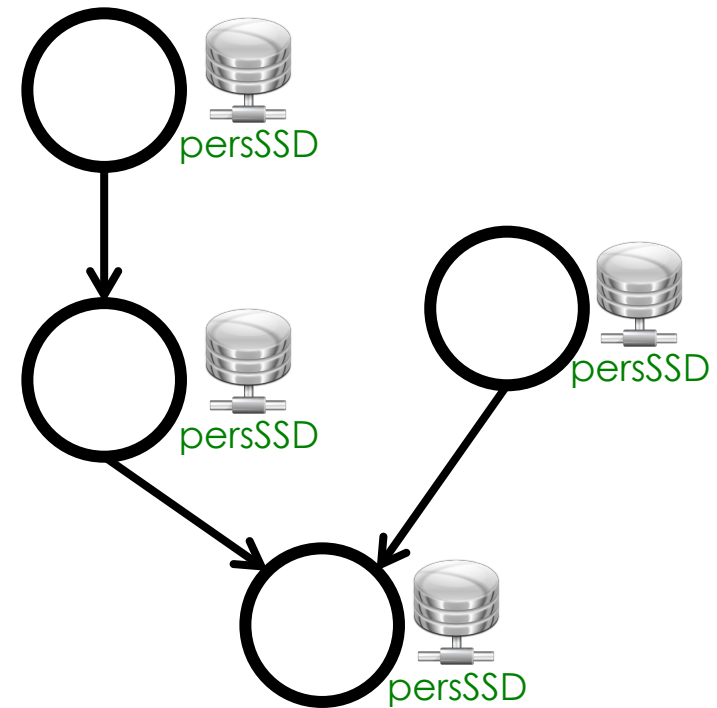
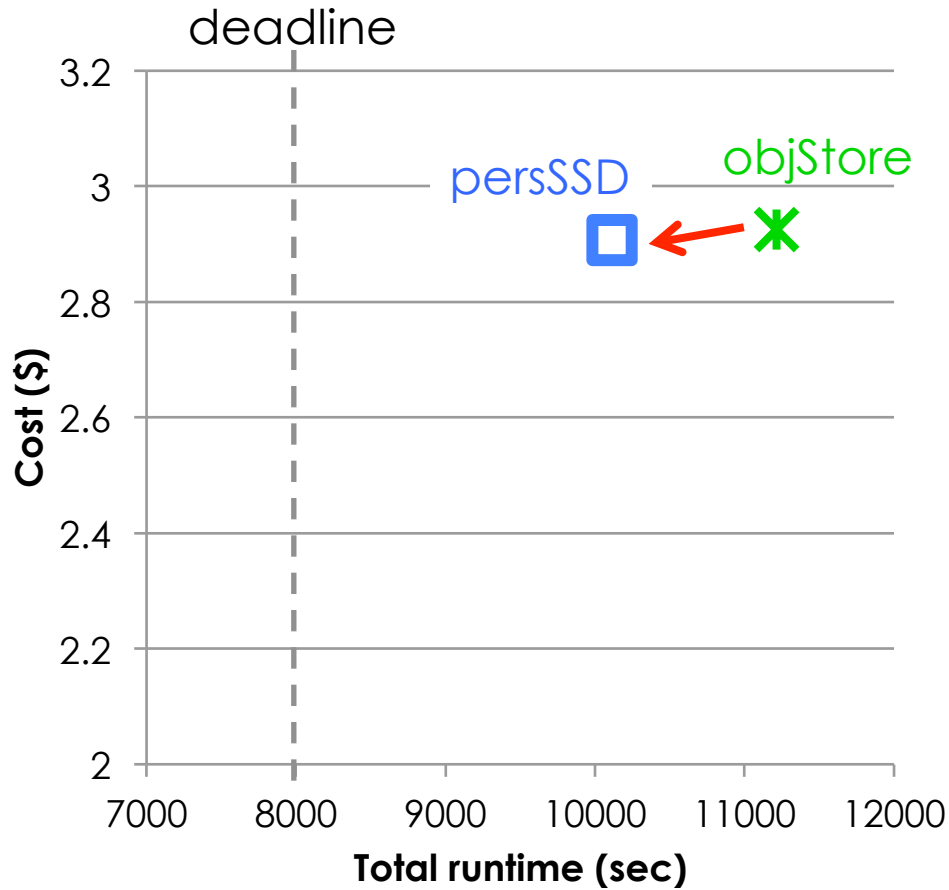
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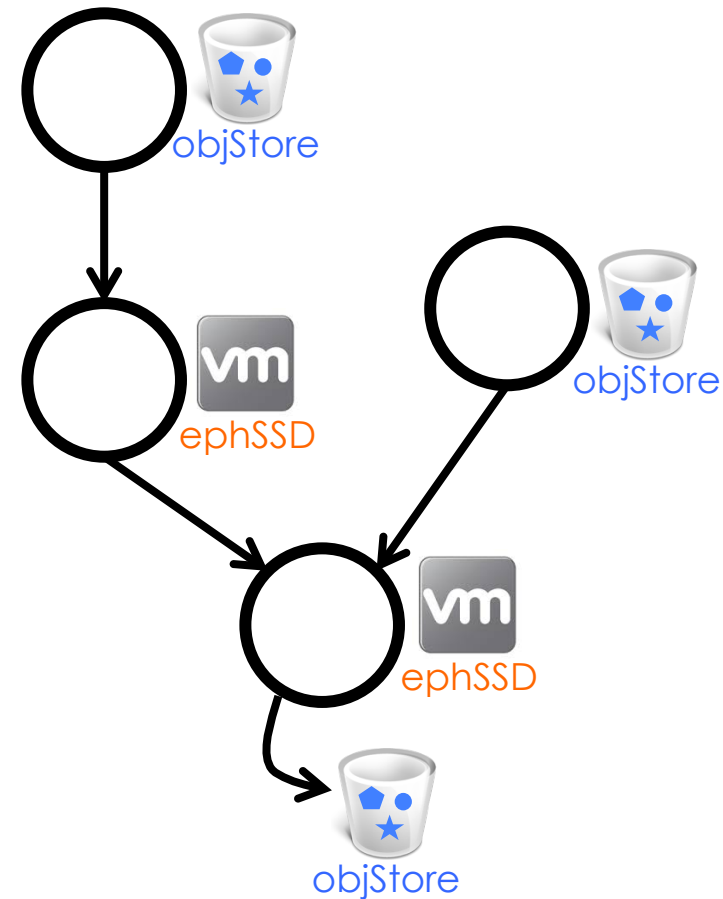
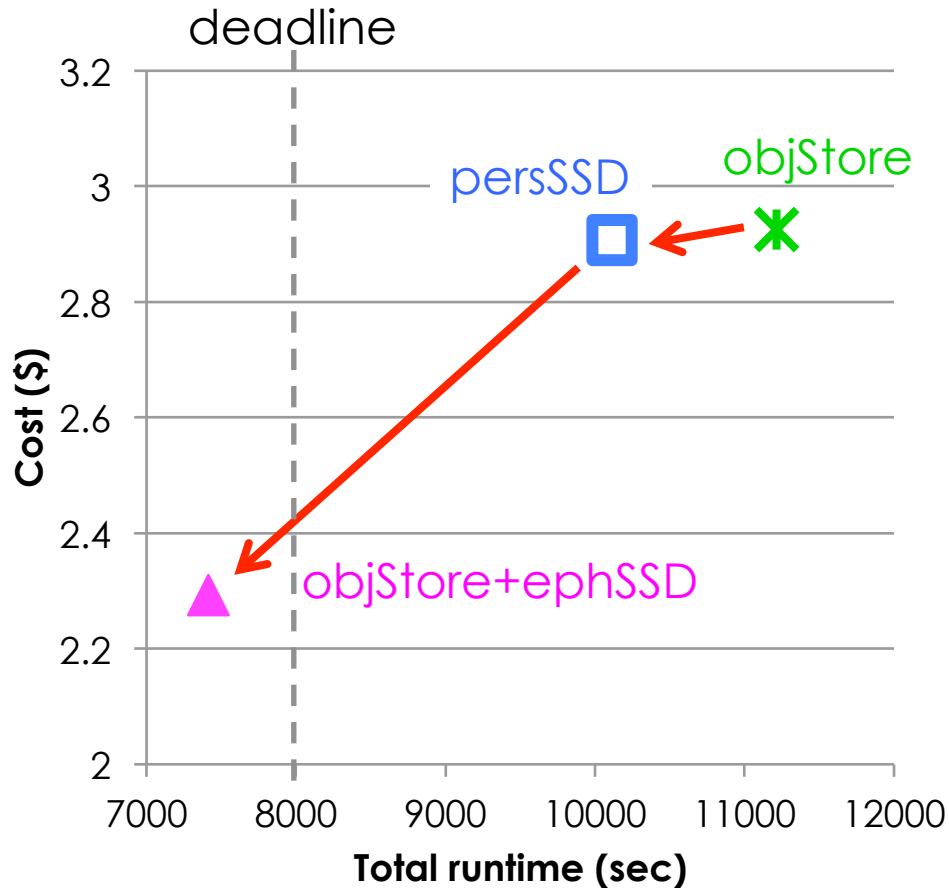
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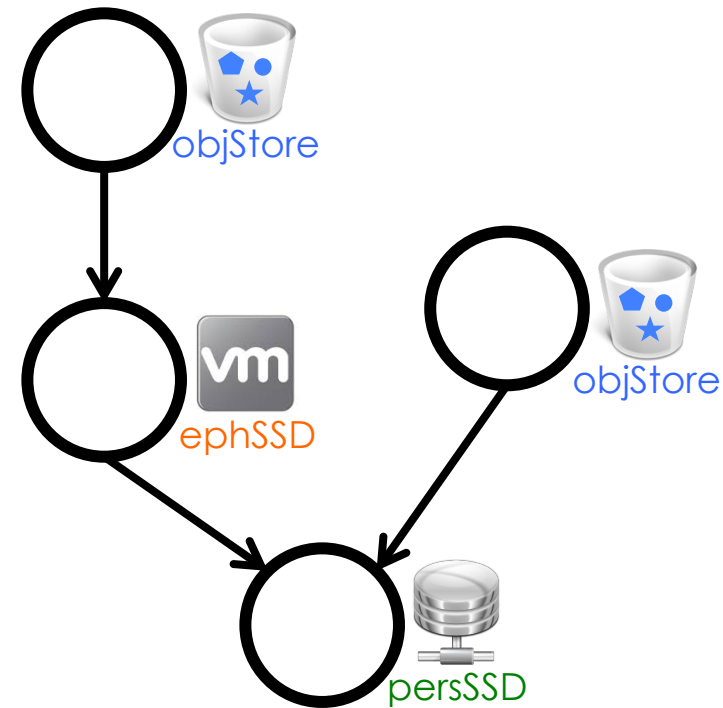
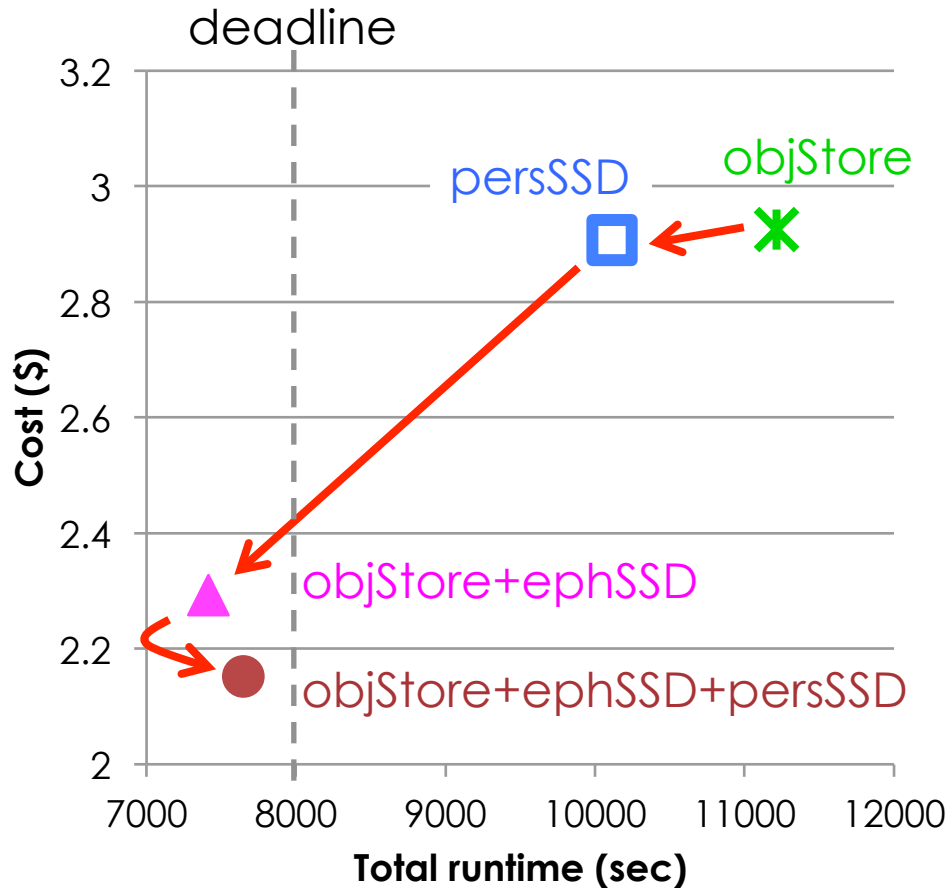
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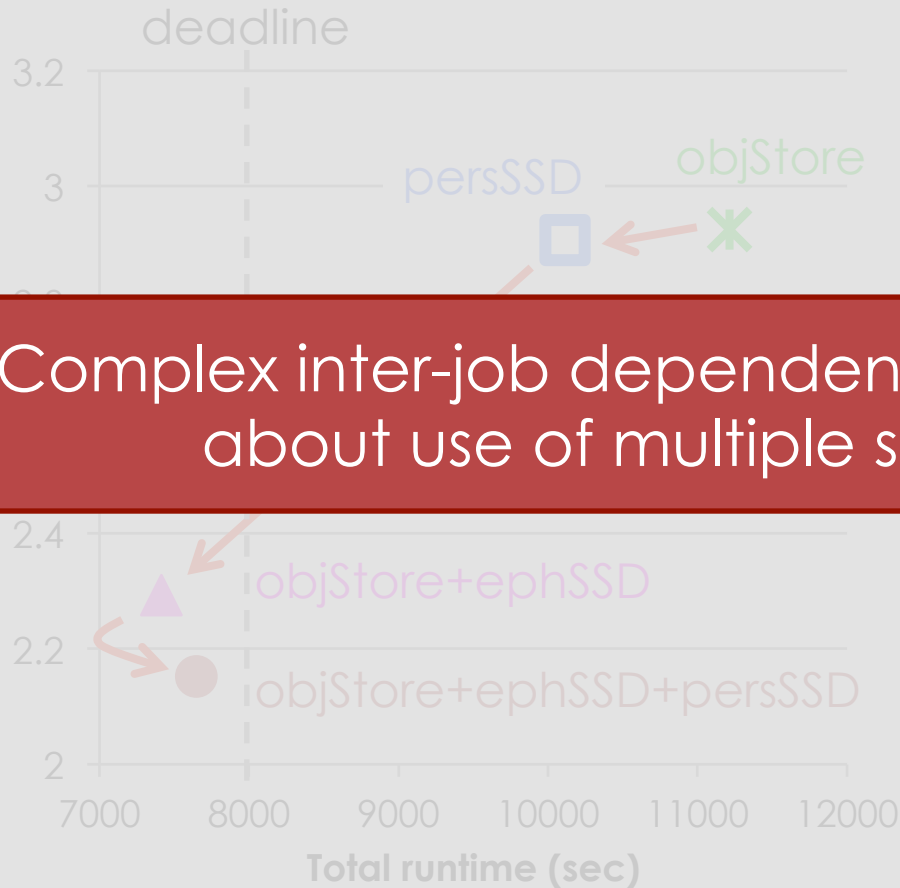
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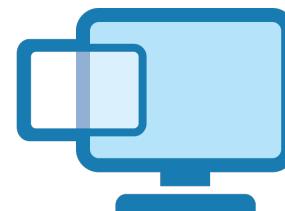
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Complex inter-job dependencies require rethinking about use of multiple storage services



# CAST: Cloud Analytics Storage Tiering



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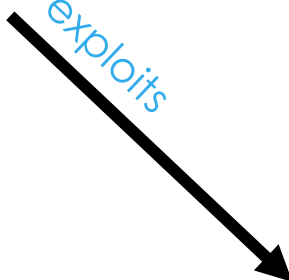
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Different cloud storage services

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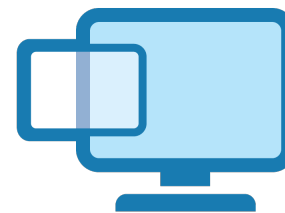
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Data reuse across jobs

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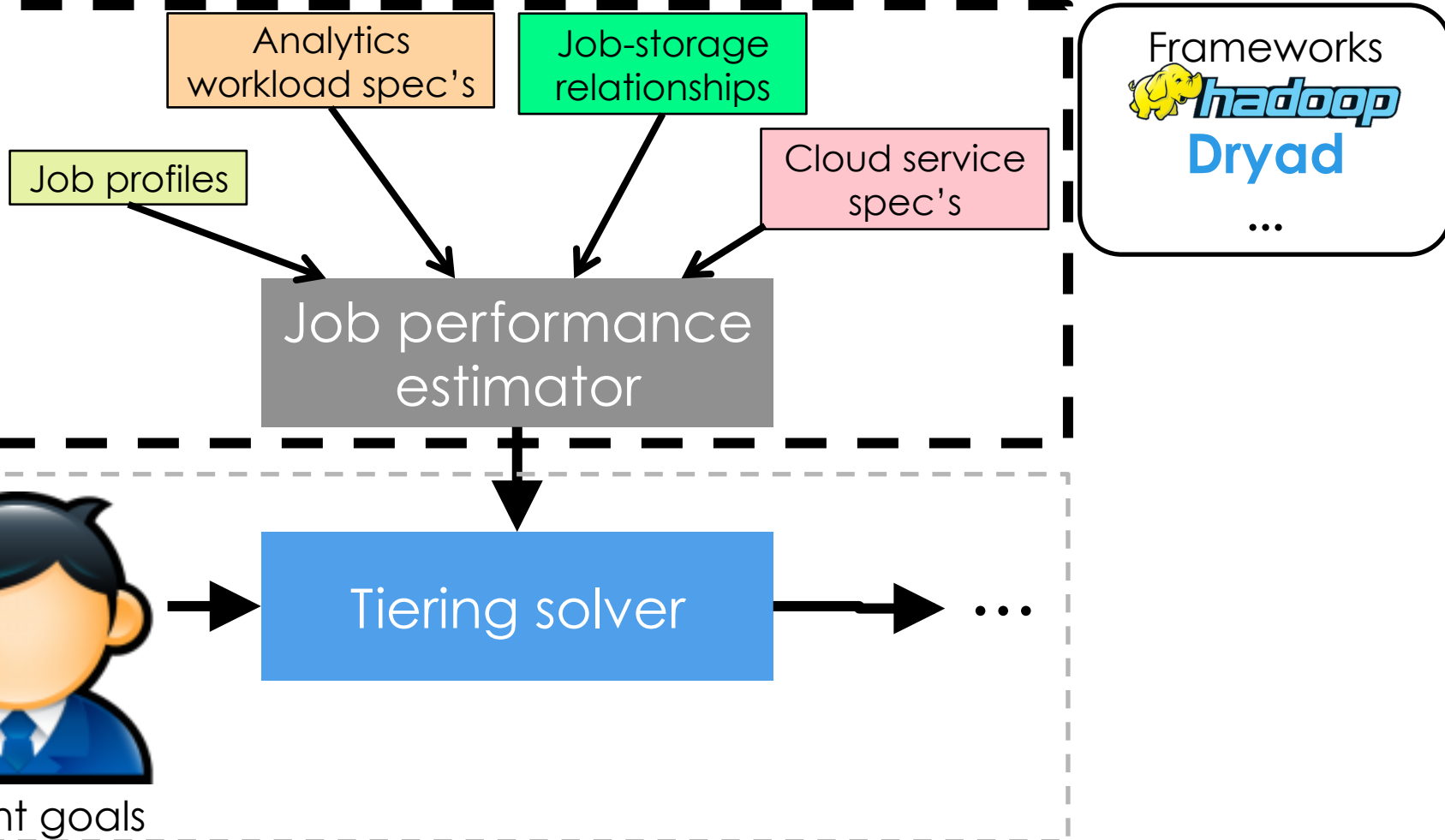
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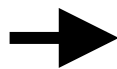
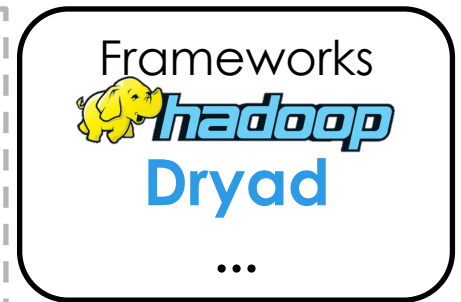
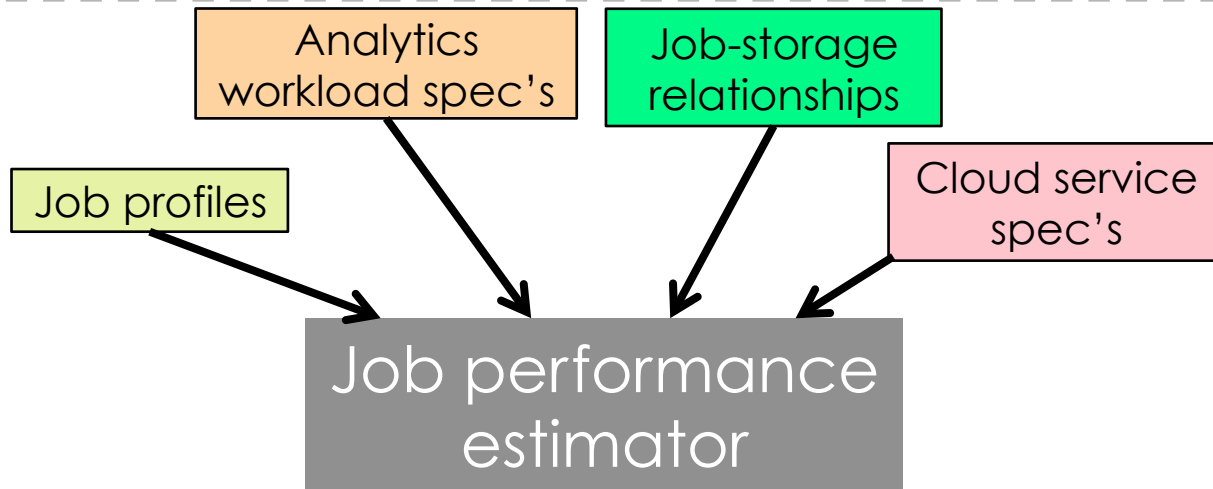
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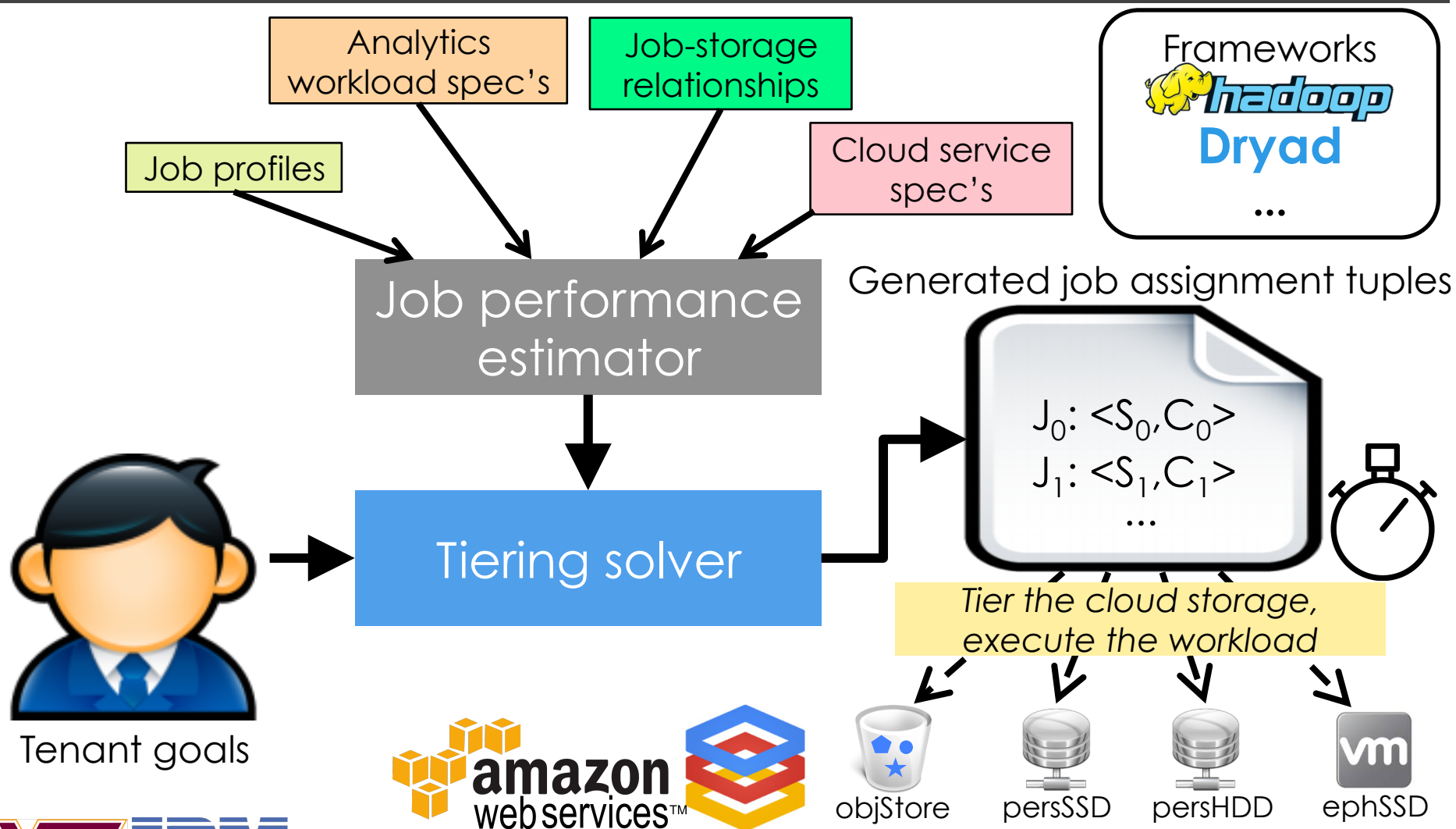
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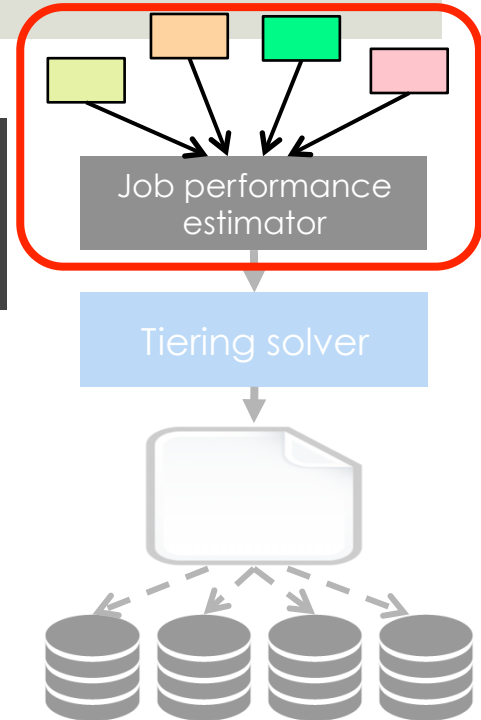
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Tenant goals

# CAST framework



# Job performance estimator



$$\begin{aligned}
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Map phase                      Shuffle phase

Reduce phase

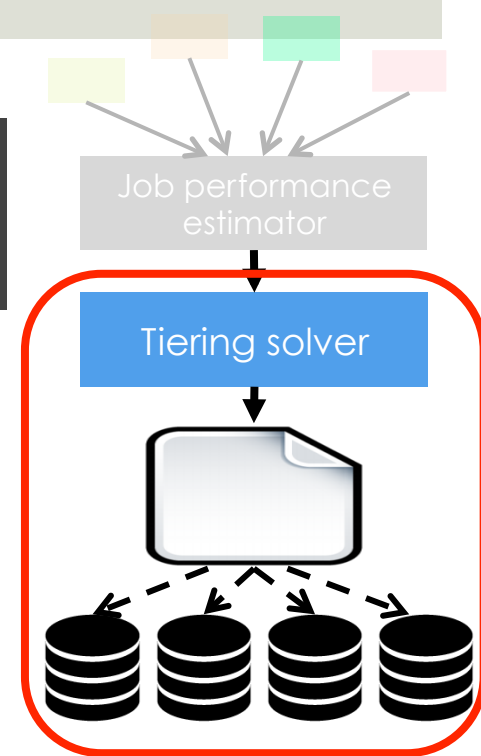
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# Tiering solver

- Optimization

- Objective function

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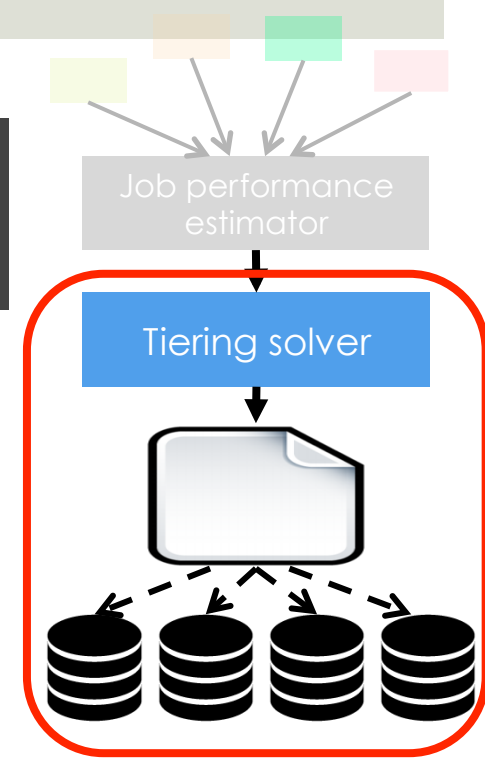
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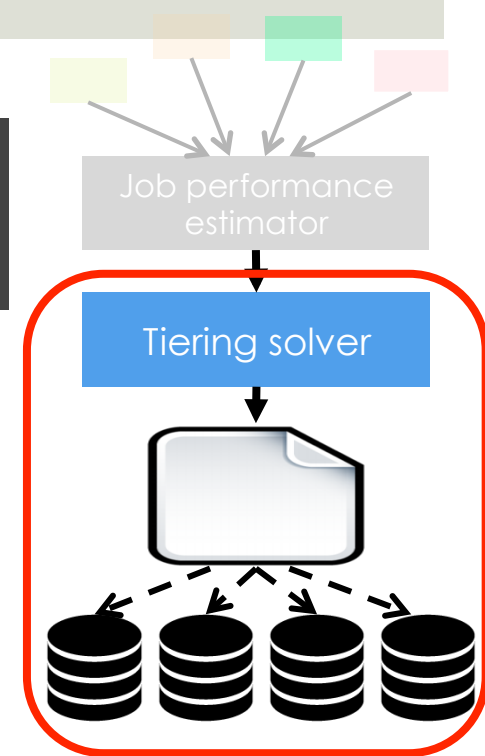
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Space capacity constraint



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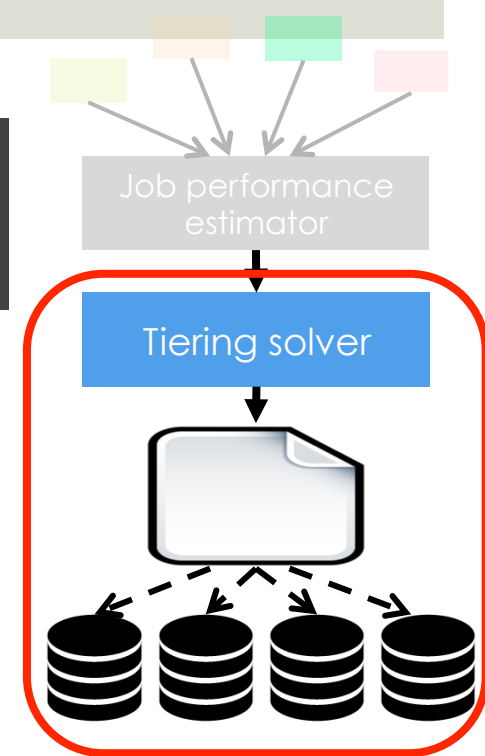
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Total workload runtime

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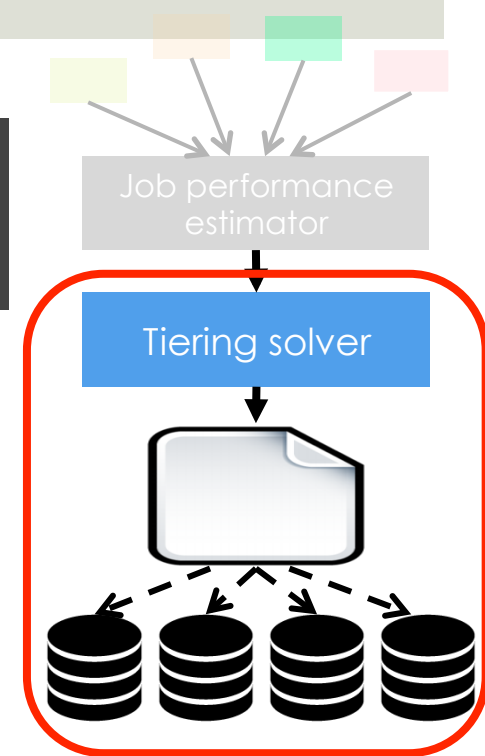
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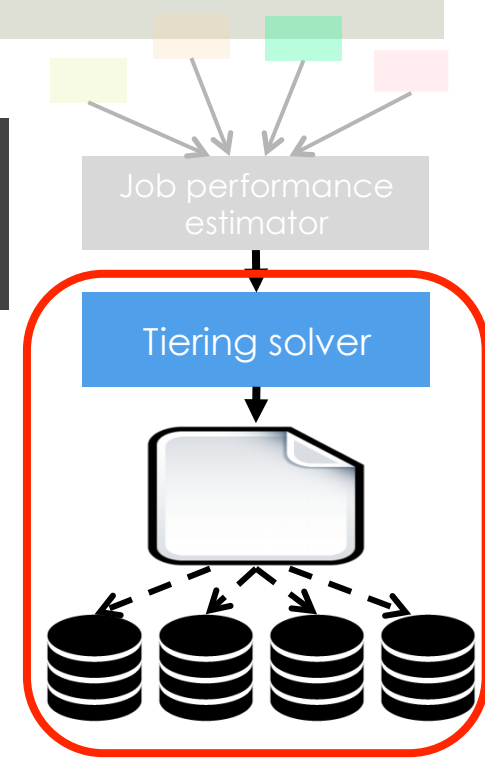
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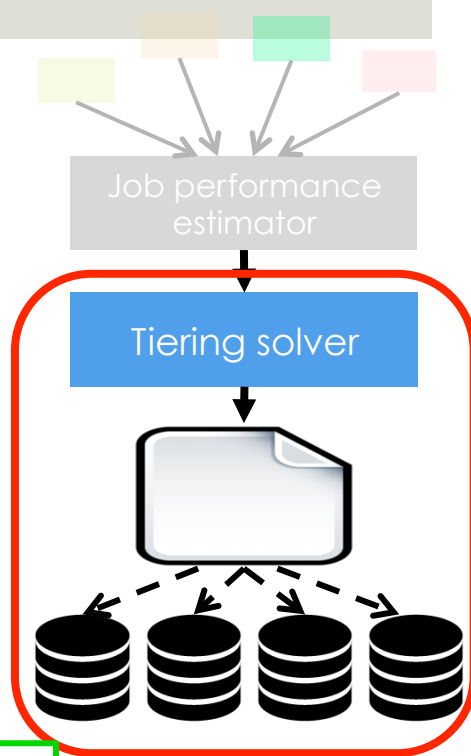
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**Tuning knob:**  
Storage service of  $J_i$

**Simulated annealing**

$J_0: \langle s_0, c_0 \rangle$   
 $J_1: \langle s_1, c_1 \rangle$   
 $J_2: \langle s_2, c_2 \rangle$

Assigned job storage,  
adjusted storage capacity



# Enhancements: CAST++

## □ Enhancement 1: Data reuse awareness

- All jobs sharing the same dataset have the same storage service assigned to them

## □ Enhancement 2: Workflow awareness

### □ Objective

$$\min \ \$_{total} = \$_{vm} + \$_{store}$$

### □ Constraints

$$T \leq \textit{deadline}$$

Depth-first traversal in workflow DAG for allocating storage capacities

# Outline

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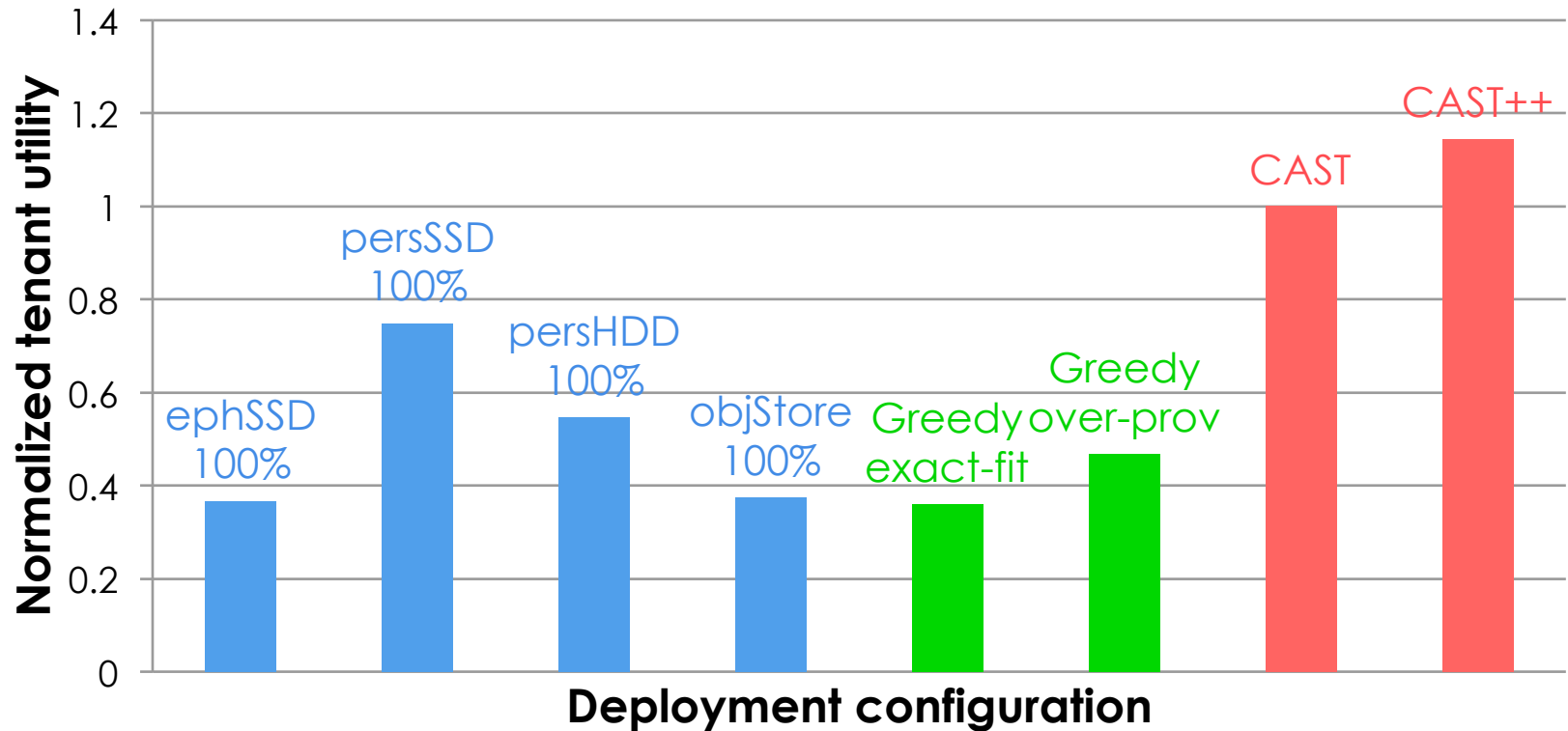
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**Evaluation**

# Methodology

- **400-core** Hadoop cluster in **Google Cloud**
  - 25 **n1-standard-16 VM** (16 vCPUs, 60GB RAM)
- Tenant utility measurement
  - CAST: Effectiveness for general workloads
  - CAST++: Effectiveness for data reuse
- Meeting workflow deadlines with CAST++

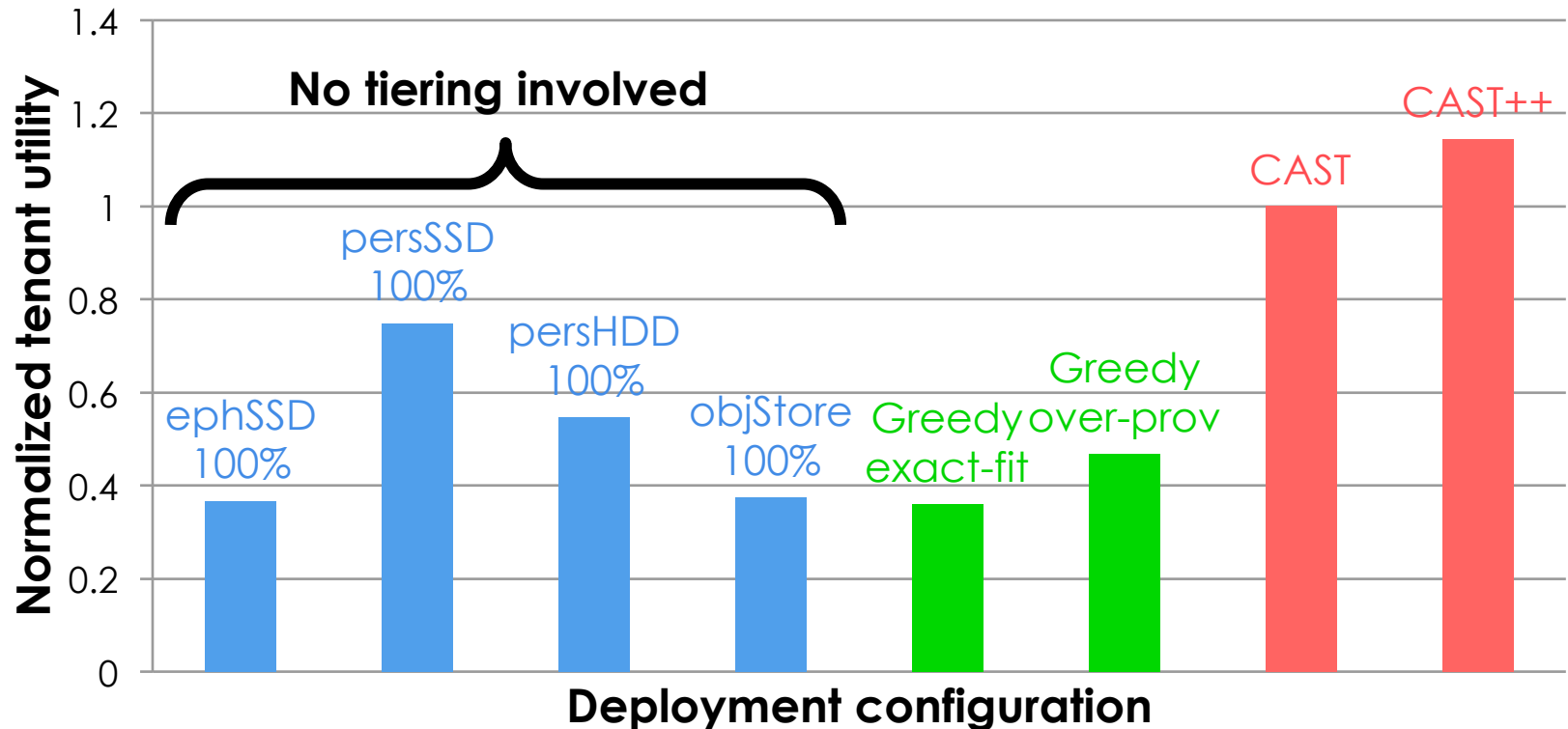
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100-job Hadoop workload, simulating behaviors of Facebook's 3000-machine Hadoop cluster

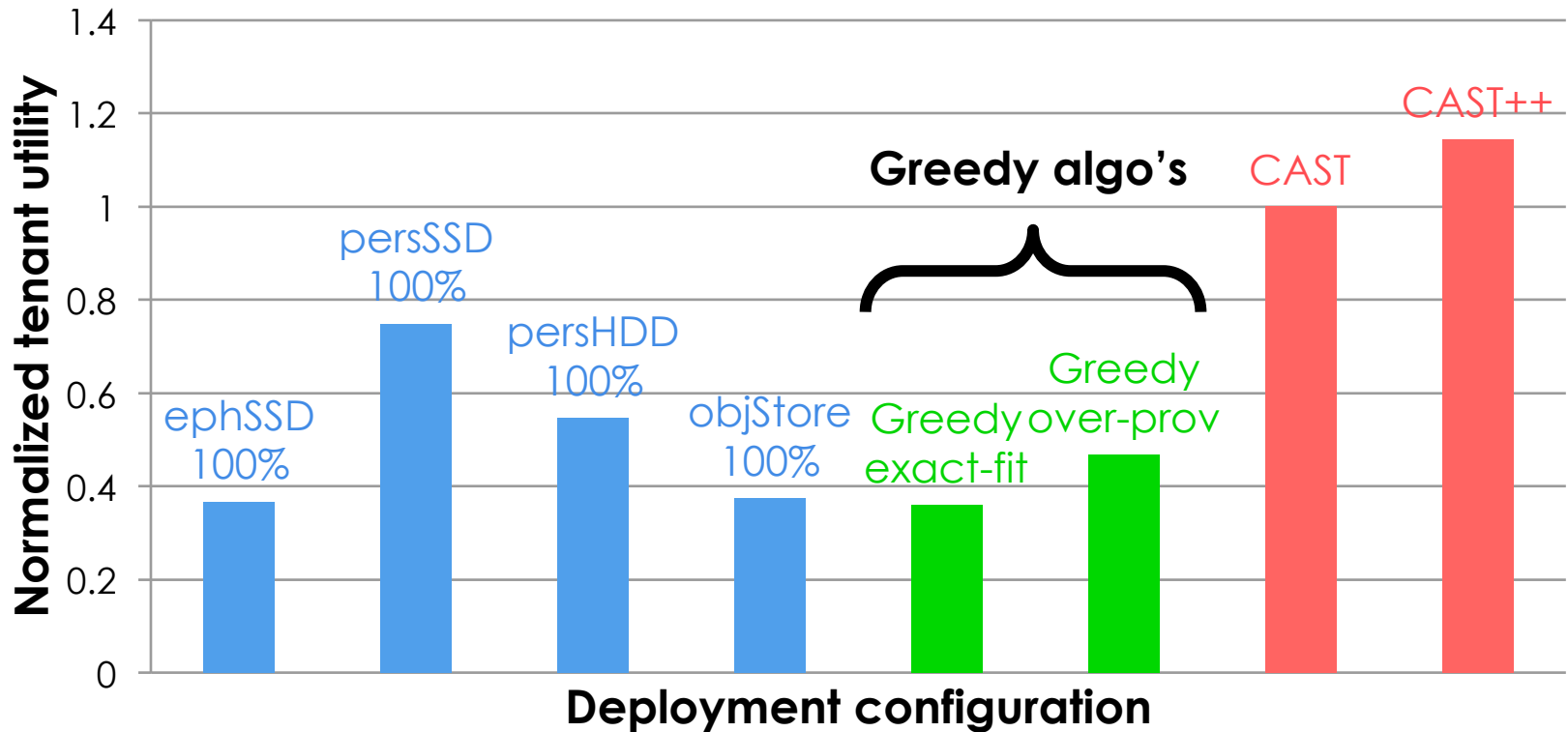


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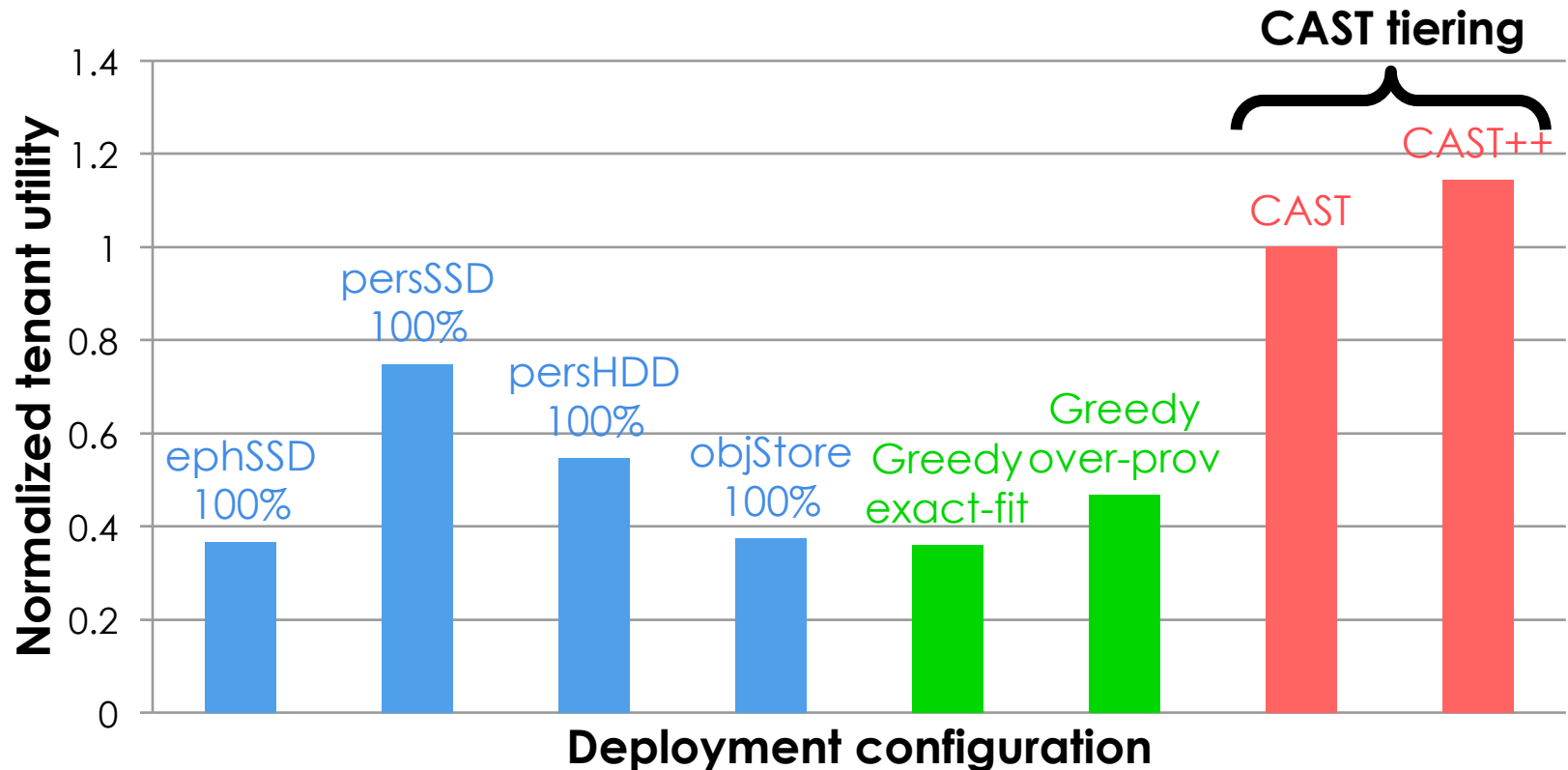
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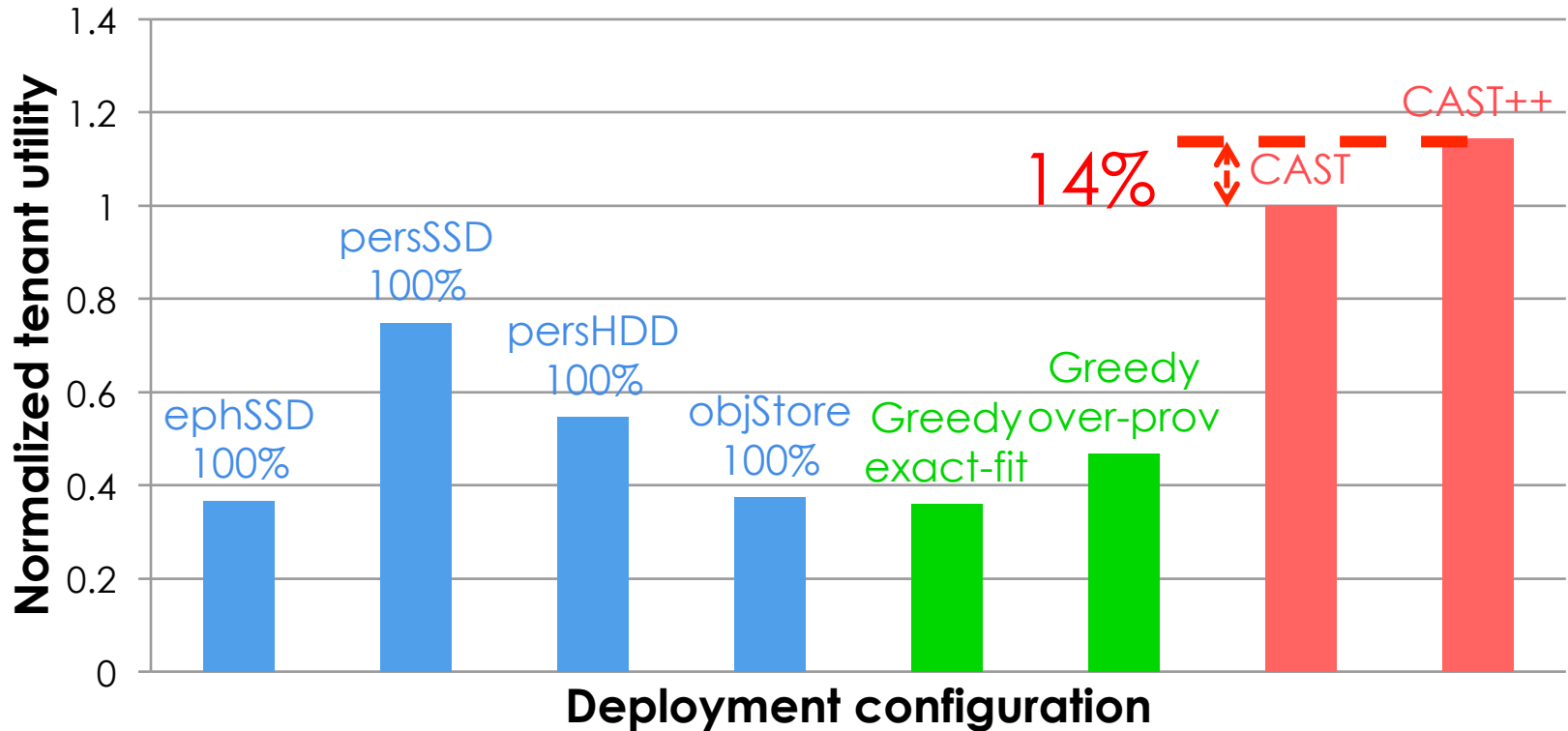
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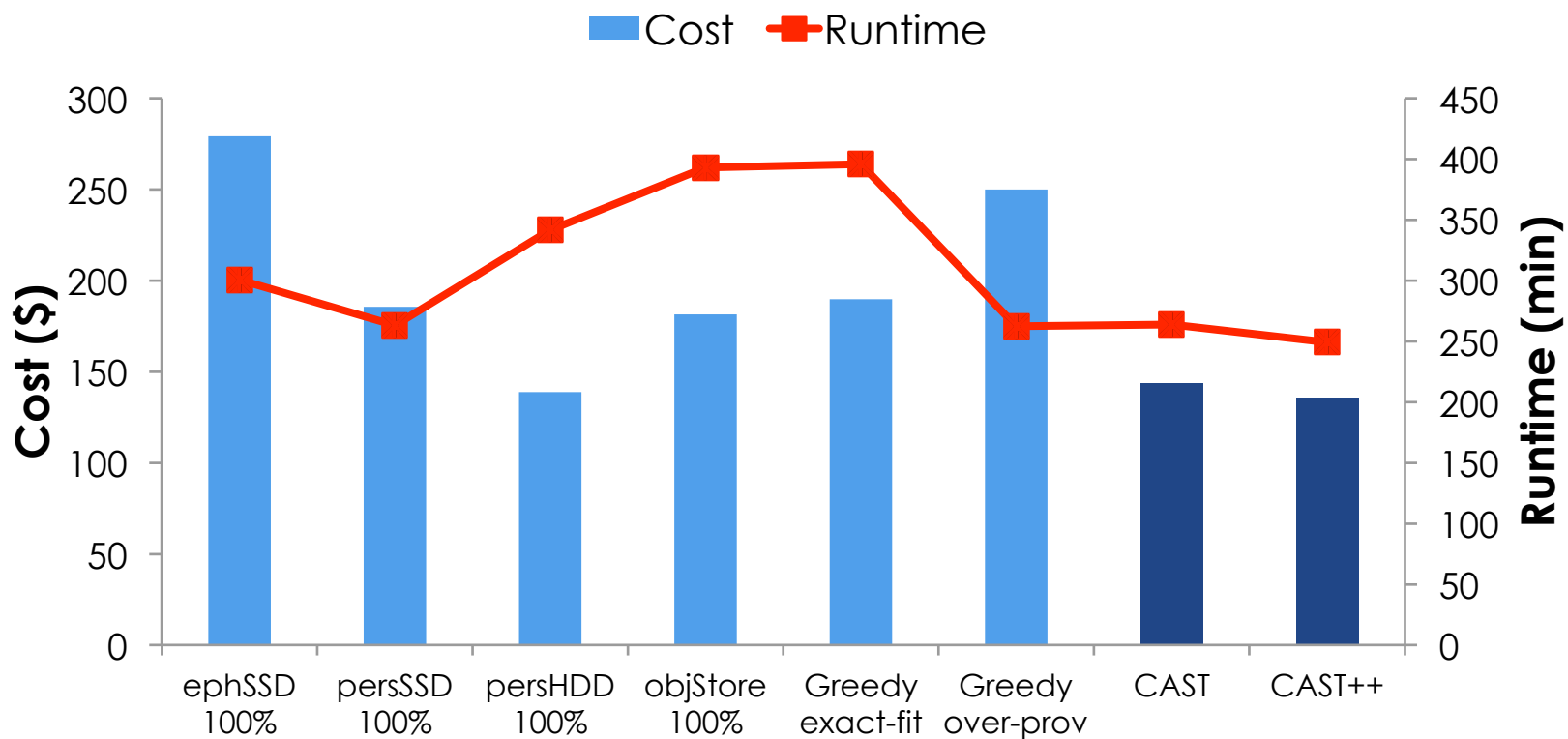
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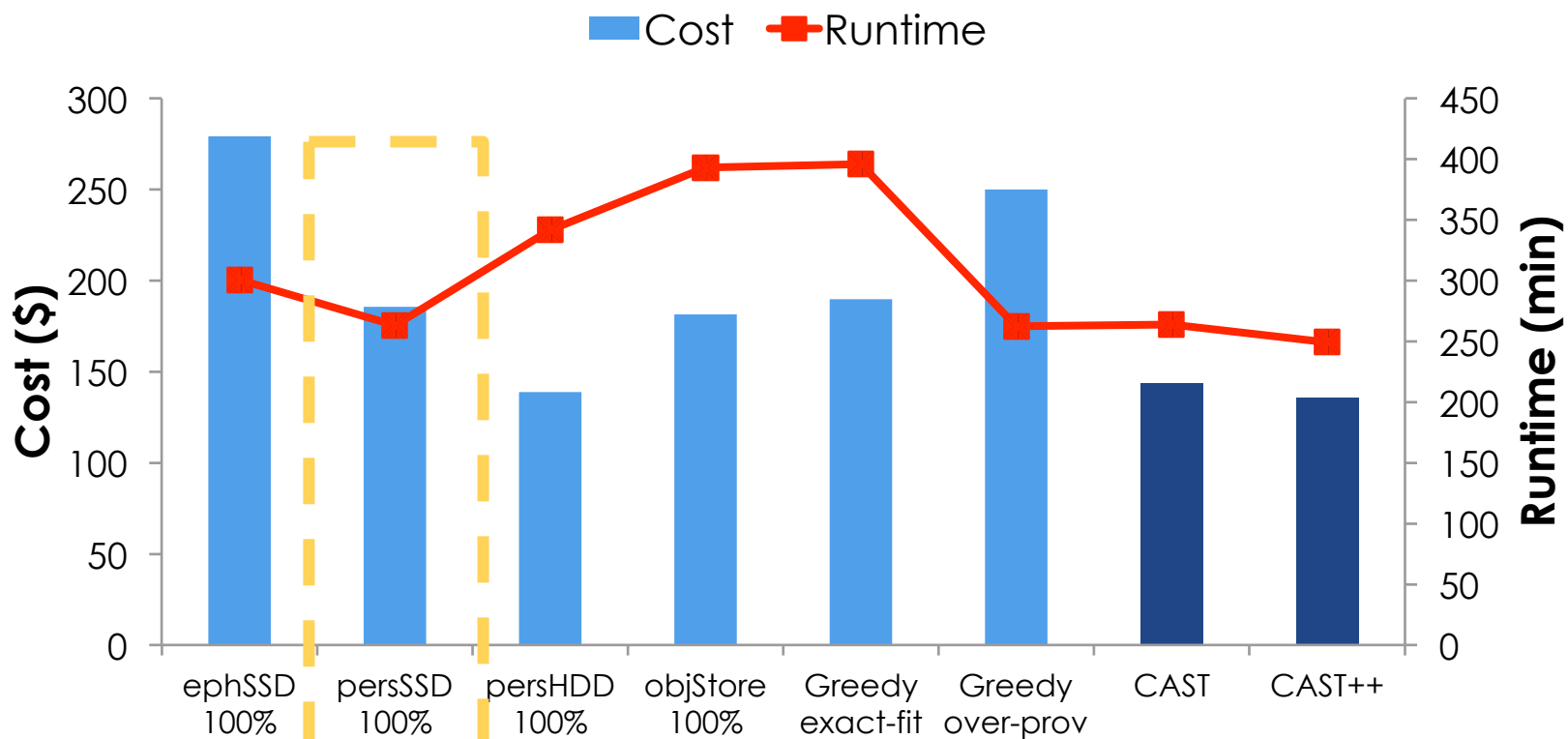
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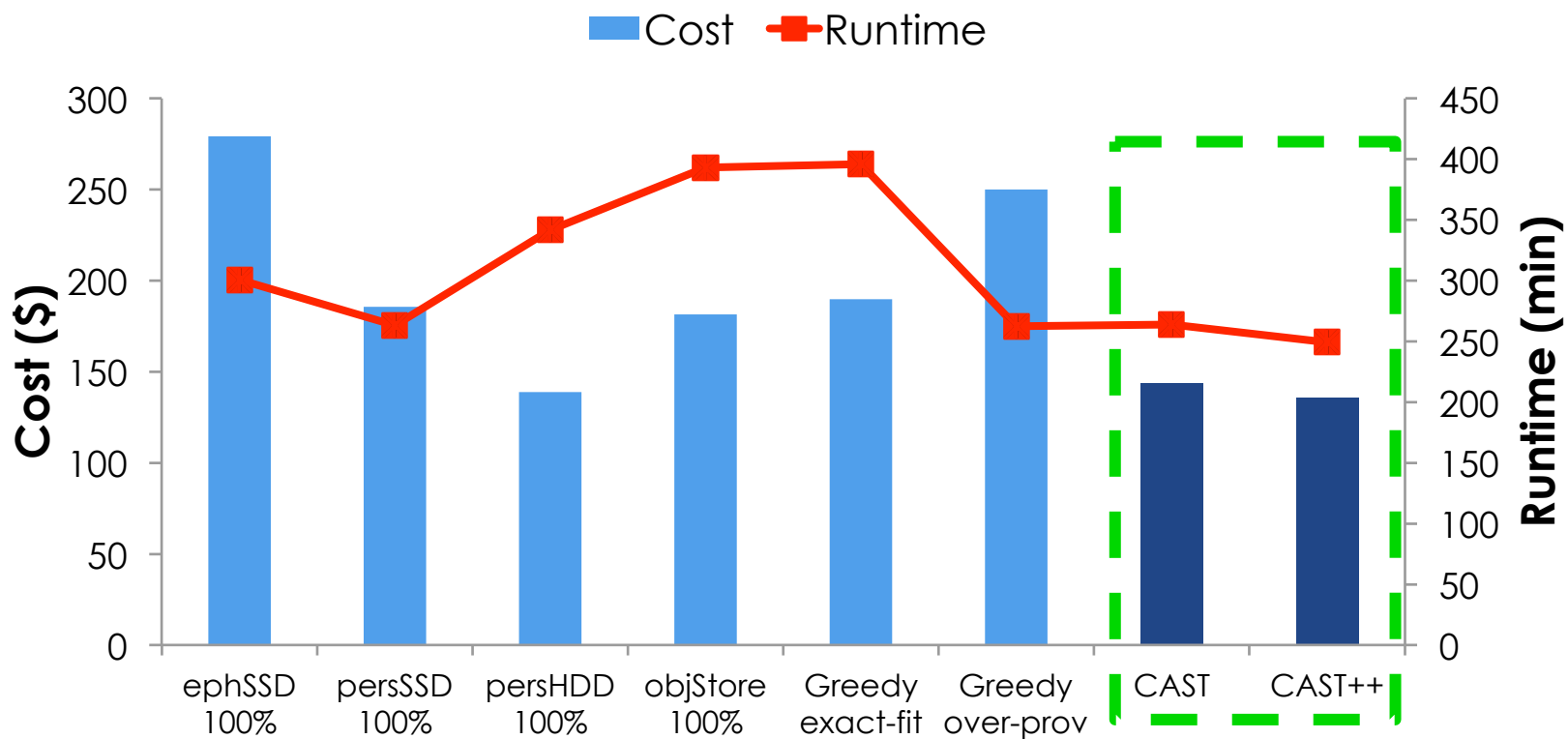
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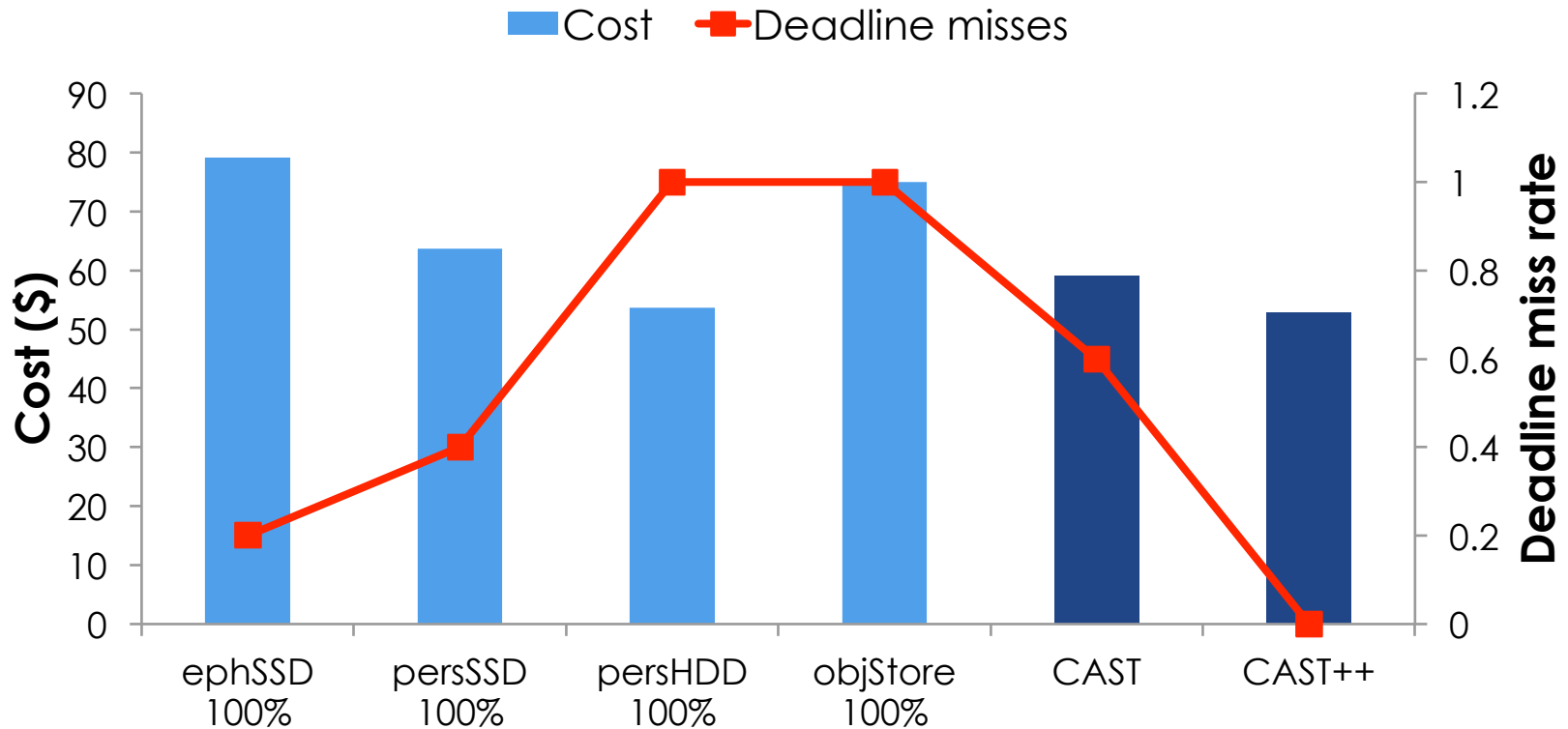
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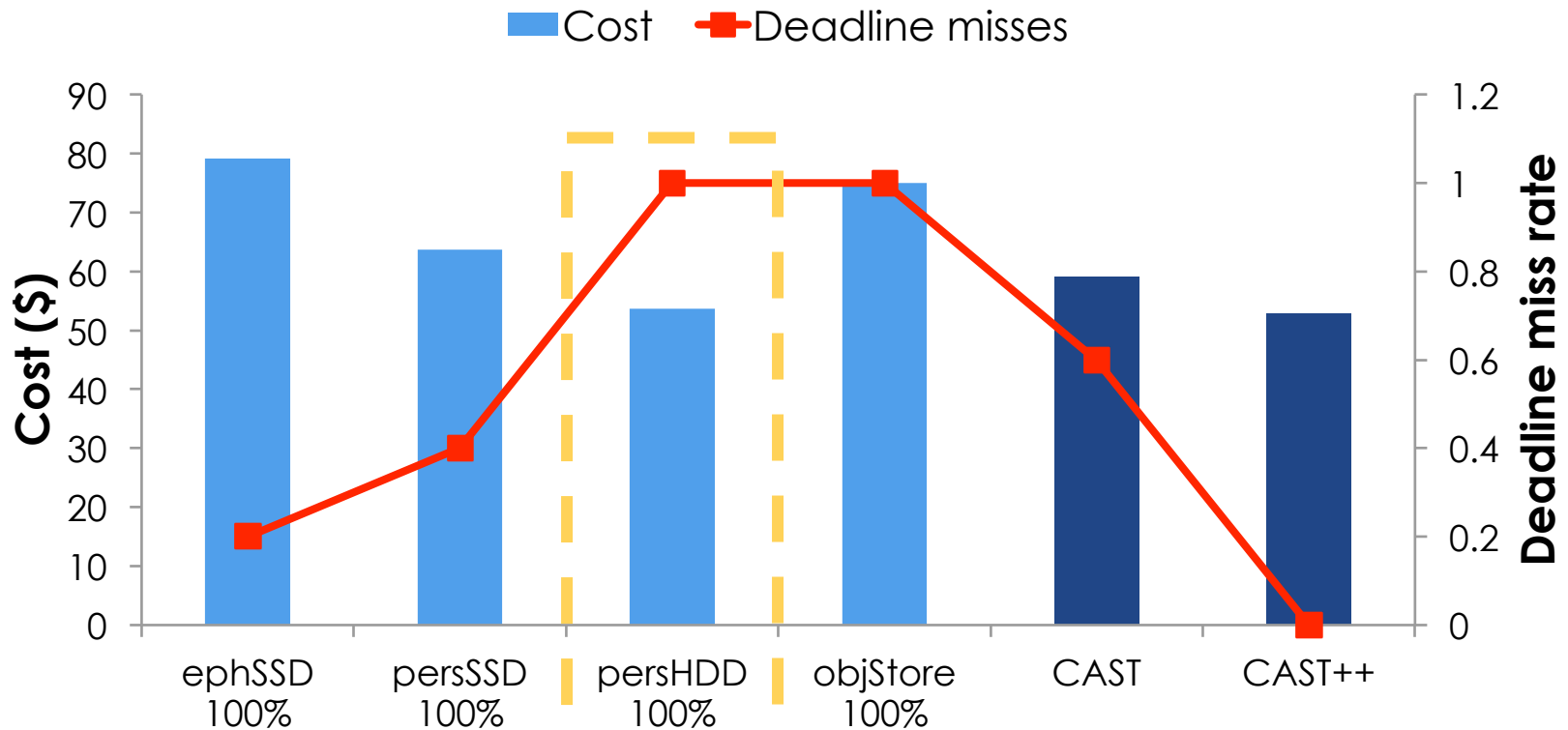
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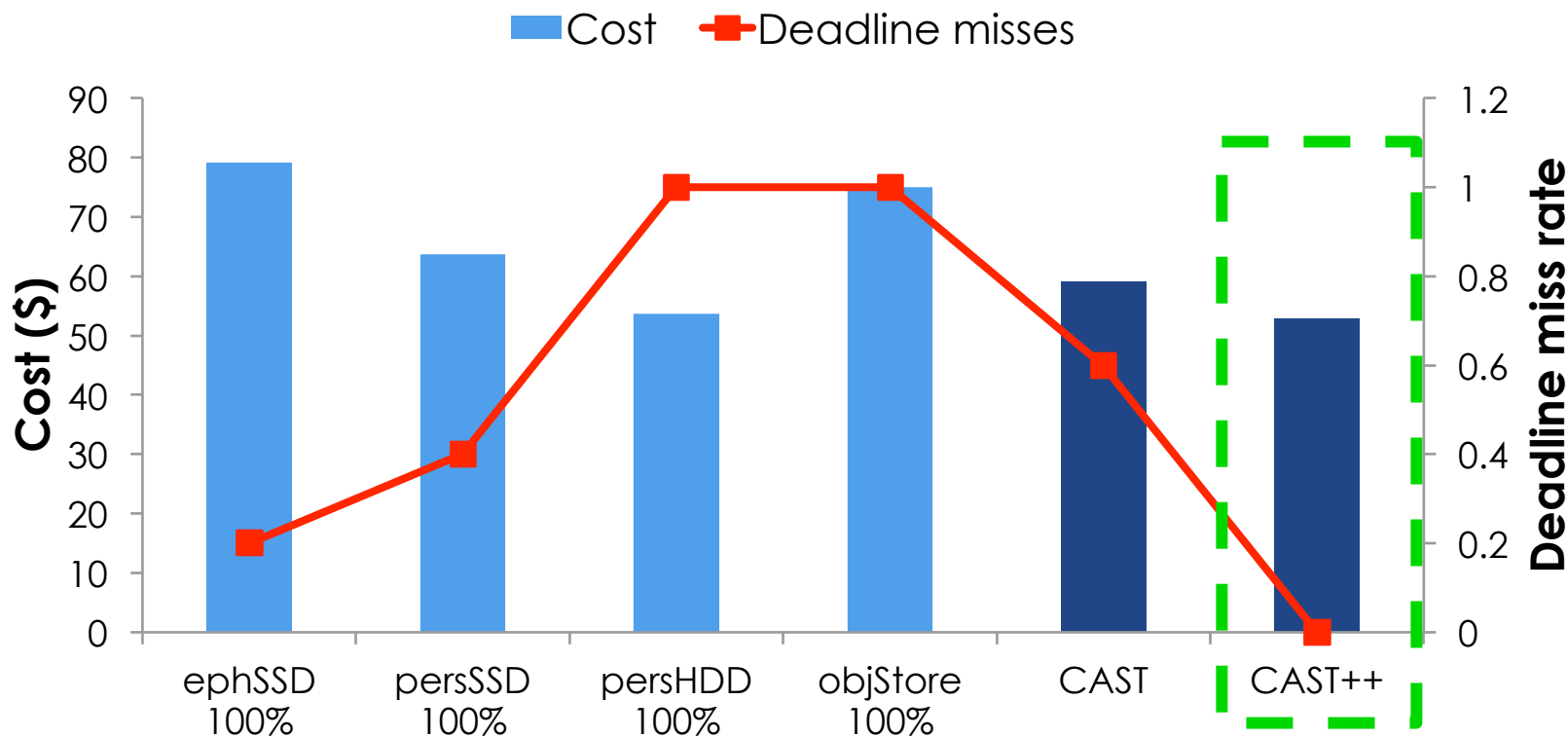


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# Conclusion

- **CAST** performs storage allocation and data placement for cloud analytics workloads
  - Leverages performance and pricing models of cloud storage services
  - Leverages analytics workload heterogeneity
- **CAST++** enhancements detect data reuse and inter-job dependencies
  - To further improve tenant utility
  - To effectively meet deadlines while minimizing \$ cost



**Thank you!**

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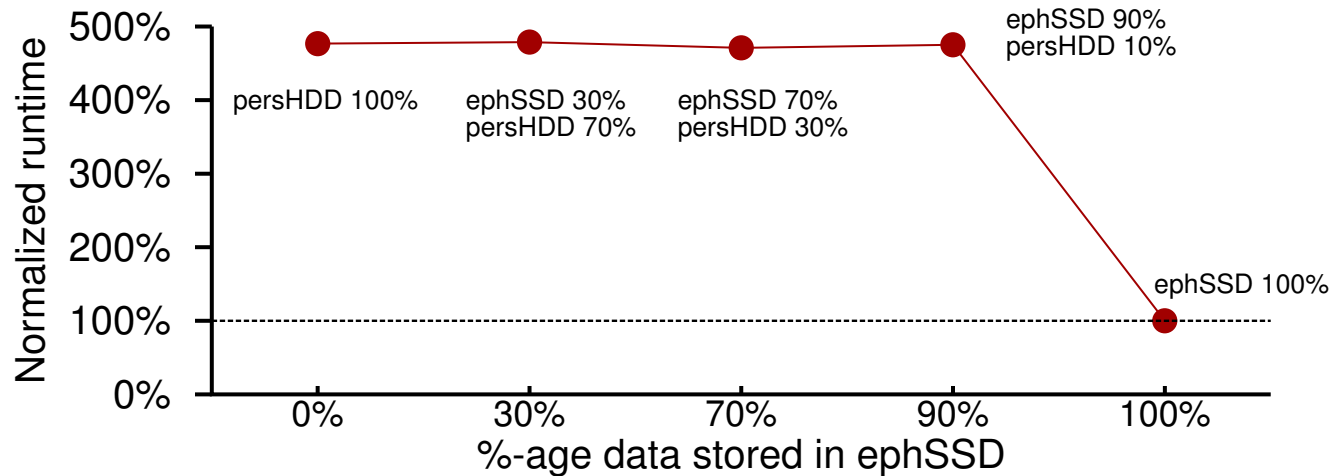
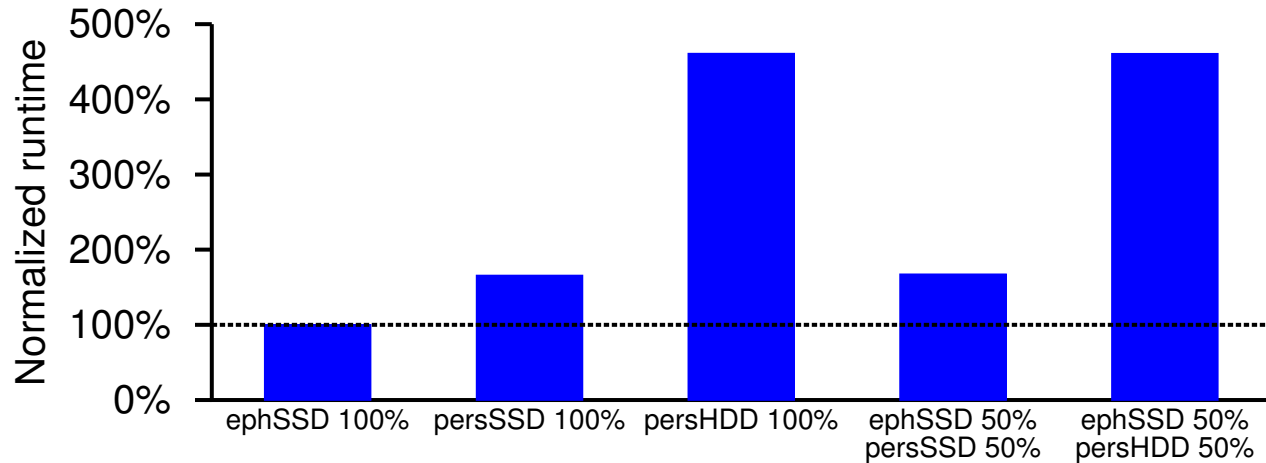
# Backup Slides

# Heterogeneity in cloud storage services

Storage type	Capacity (GB/volume)	Throughput (MB/sec)	IOPS (4KB)	Cost (\$/month)
ephSSD	375	733	100000	0.218×375
persSSD	100	48	3000	0.17×100
	250	118	7500	0.17×250
	<b>500</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>15000</b>	0.17×500
persHDD	100	20	150	0.04×100
	250	45	375	0.04×250
	<b>500</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>750</b>	0.04×500
objStore	N/A	265	550	0.026/GB

A 500GB persSSD provides 1.4X higher throughput & 19X higher IOPS than a 500GB persHDD.

# Straggler issue in fine-grained tiering





# Tiering solver

## Optimization

### Objective function

$$\max \text{ Tenant utility} = \frac{1/T}{(\$_{vm} + \$_{store})}$$

### Constraints

**Tuning knob:**  
capacity of  $J_i$

Input size of  $J_i$

Output size of  $J_i$

$$c_i \geq (I_i + M_i + O_i) \quad (\forall i \in J)$$

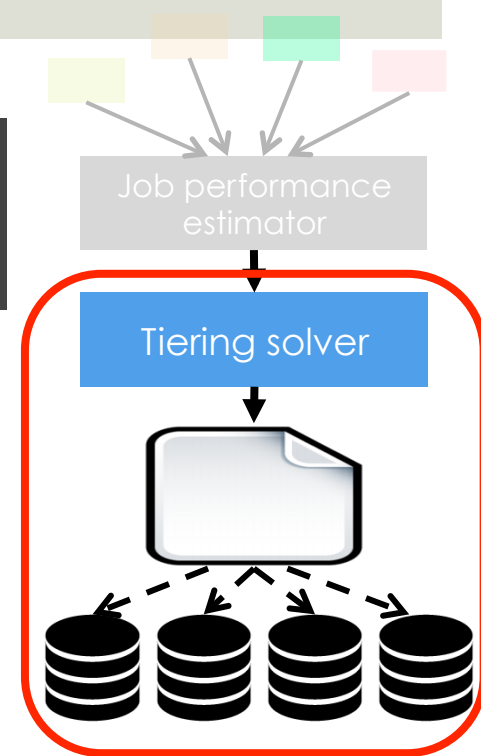
Intermediate data size of  $J_i$

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^J REG(s_i, C[s_i], \hat{R}, \hat{L}_i), \text{ where } s_i \in F$$

$$\$_{vm} = n_{vm_F} \cdot (P_{vm} \cdot T)$$

$$\$_{store} = \sum_f (C[f] \cdot (P_{store}[f] \cdot \lceil T/60 \rceil))$$

**Tuning knob:**  
Storage service of  $J_i$



# Hadoop traces from Facebook

- More than **99%** of data touched by large jobs that incur most of the storage cost
- The aggregated data size for small jobs is only **0.1%** of the total dataset size
- We focus on large jobs that have enough # mappers & reducers to fully utilize the cluster computing capacity

# Storage capacity/service breakdown

