Hybrid Solid State Drives for Improved Performance and Enhanced Lifetime

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Introduction

- SSDs are being increasingly deployed
- MLC(2bits) and TLC(3bits) flash chips are considered
 - Pros: cost effectiveness
 - Cons: high write latency, low endurance
- Hybrid Approach is needed (e.g., SLC+MLC SSDs, SLC+TLC SSDs,)



Hybrid SSD Architectures

- Existing works
 - Li-Pin Chang [ASPDAC'08]
 - Sungjin Lee et al. [ATC'09]
 - Soojun Im et al. [SAC'09]
 - Muthukumar Murugan et al. [MASCOTS'12]
- Data distribution as a typical approach
 - Impact on performance and lifetime



Hybrid Solid State Drive

Problem and Motivation

Static Data Distribution

- Distributed based on amount of data
- How to determine optimal amount of hot data?
 - More hot data or less hot data to SLC SSD?



Problem and Motivation

Static Data Distribution

Q: How do we adjust the distribution?
 A: Analytic Model based Dynamic Approach



Analytic Model Based Dynamic Approach

• *Perf* scheme

- Re-distributes hot and cold data for the performance
- Employs analytic model to find the hot and cold data distribution
 - Determines optimal sizes of hot and cold data
- Considers GC cost and workload pattern

Analytical Model: C_{HYSSD}

Read the paper
 for detailed derivations

• Life scheme

- Calibrates performance optimized distribution of Perf scheme
- Uses relative remaining lifetime metric

$$L_{SLC} = \frac{E_{SLC}^{LEFT}}{E_{SLC}^{USED}} \text{ (SLC Lifetime)} \qquad L_{TLC} = \frac{E_{TLC}^{LEFT}}{E_{TLC}^{USED}} \text{ (TLC Lifetime)}$$

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Performance Optimization



Lifetime Optimization

- Maximizing the lifetime of the hybrid SSD
 - Evenly utilize the lifetime of SSDs



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Experimental Setup

- Hybrid SSD Simulator: DiskSim + SSD Extension
- Various schemes
 - **Static**: fixed size of hot and cold data
 - Dynamic: Perf, Life
- Configurations
 - ST-SSD: 2GB SLC + 16GB TLC SSDs
 - MT-SSD: 2GB MLC + 16GB TLC SSDs (in the paper)
- Usable address space: 16GB
 - Hot data size cannot be larger than capacity of SLC SSD
- Realistic workload traces: Exchange and Financial (in the paper)

Evaluation Results



Maximum of SLC Capacity (2GB)

- Static scheme
 - Response times are varied according to hot data size
- Perf scheme achieves the improved performance
- Life scheme enhances the lifetime of a hybrid SSD
 - Lifetime metric: min(L_{SLC}, L_{TLC})
 - Hybrid SSD is alive when two SSDs are working

Analysis of Result



- Static scheme shows varied GC times along with hot data size
- Perf scheme presents reduced GC time
 - GC cost is considered
 - (Life scheme is omitted due to similar trend)

Concluding Remarks

- Dynamic data distribution schemes
 - Analytical model approach
 - Perf scheme optimizes performance
 - Life scheme enhances lifetime
- Future direction
 - Memory efficient hot-cold data classifier
 - Emerging write amplification models

Thank You!

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