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# Workload-Adaptive Filtering in Storage Engines

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## The Problem: LSM-tree based storage engines suffer with empty queries and skew workloads

LSM-tree based storage engines are everywhere

LSM-tree performance relies on filters to prevent unnecessary disk I/Os

Common queries incur many unnecessary I/Os

Repeated queries are an issue for current storage engines and call for adaptivity

## Our Contribution: Cache-Backed Bloom Filters (CBBFs)

Main idea: remember bloom filter's false positives in a fixed-size cache (hashtable)

(1) Construct bloom filter with positive set  
(2) When a false positive occurs for the first time  
(3) When a false positive is queried again

Existing false positives are evicted randomly on hash collision

Least recently used (LRU) eviction policy to retain frequently queried false positives in the cache with high probability

Tuning CBBFs: How to allocate memory between bloom filter and cache?

## End-to-End Storage Engine Throughput Improvement

Experimental Setup

CBBFs perform better than standard bloom filters when queries repeat

Near identical performance to bloom filters in worst case