

# ZUFS

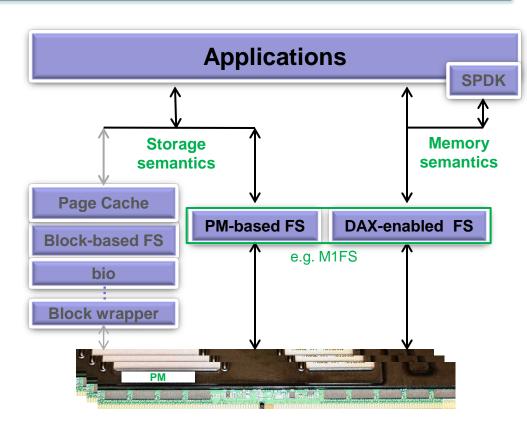
Simplifying the Development of PM-based File Systems

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## Background



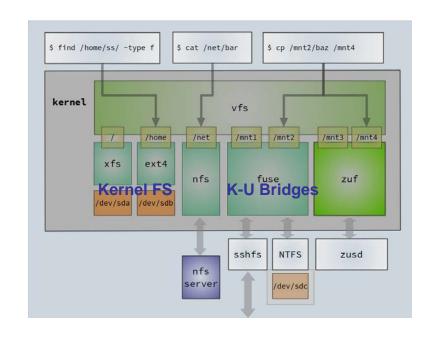
- Plexistor (acquired by NetApp)
  - PM-based FS pioneer since 2013
  - Contributing some of our IP
- Our PM-based FS approach:
  - Support legacy applications
     & Enable NPM (e.g. SPDK)
  - Feature rich
  - Integrate with NetApp product portfolio



## Kernel Vs. User Space FS Implementation



Kernel	User space
Fast (shortest path)	Portable
	Resilient (contained)
	Simpler to add functionality & Debug
	Fewer licensing restrictions



The desired missing link:

Near-memory speed Kernel-to-User bridge

## Why not extend FUSE to PM?



FUSE architecture is great for HDDs and ok(ish) for SSDs, but not suitable for PM

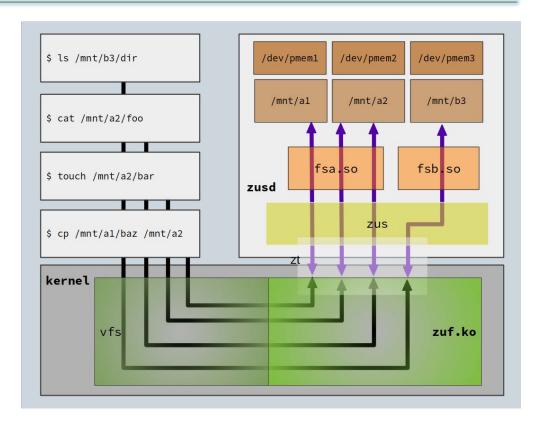
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Ψ	TCP		RDMA
	FUSE		
		FUSE	ZUFS
<b>Design Assumptions</b>	Typical medias	Built for HDDs & extended to Flash	Built for PM/NVDIMMs and DRAM
	SW Perf. goals	<ul><li>Secondary (High latency media)</li><li>Async I/O Throughput</li></ul>	<ul><li>SW is the bottleneck</li><li>Latency is everything</li></ul>
	SW caching	Slow media -> Rely on OS Page Cache	Near-memory speed media -> Bypass OS Page Cache
	Access method	I/O only	I/O and mmap (DAX)
	Cost of redundant copy / context switch	Negligible	The bottleneck -> Avoid copies, queues & remain on core
	Latency penalty under load	100s of μs	3-4 μs



### **ZUFS Features & Architecture**



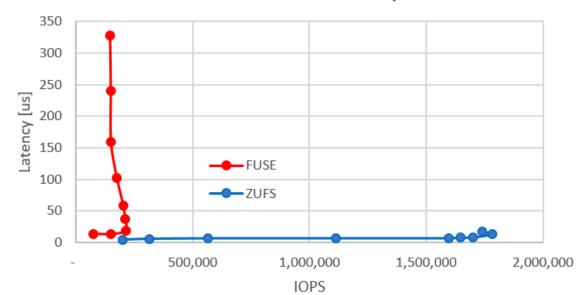
- ♦ Low latency & Efficient
  - Core & L1 cache affinity
  - Zero data copy
- Manages devices
  - Optimal pmem access
  - NUMA aware
  - Data mover to lower tier devices
- Page table mapping supports I/O & DAX semantics
- Misc
  - Async hook available
  - System service



## Preliminary Results (for PM)



#### FUSE Vs ZUFS Penalty (PM, DirectIO)



- Measured on
  - Dual socket, XEON 2650v4 (48HT)
  - DRAM-backed PMEM type
- Random 4KB DirectIO write access

## Summary



- ZUFS is a Kernel-to-User bridge designed for PM
  - Enables NetApp solutions
- Being contributed upstream
  - Hope to accelerate PM adoption and innovation
  - Link to Github (TBD)
- You're welcome to use, review and contribute code
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## Thank you