

НОВЫЕ ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ FTS в PostgreSQL

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FTS in PostgreSQL

- FTS is a powerful built-in text search engine
- No new features since 2006 !
- Popular complaints:
 - Slow ranking
 - No phrase search
 - No efficient alternate ranking
 - Working with dictionaries is tricky
 - Dictionaries are stored in the backend's memory
 - FTS is flexible, but not enough

What is a Full Text Search ?

- Full text search
 - Find documents, which match a query
 - Sort them in some order (optionally)
- Typical Search
 - Find documents with **all words** from query
 - Return them sorted by relevance

Why FTS in Databases ?

- Feed database content to external search engines
 - They are fast !

BUT

- They can't index all documents - could be totally virtual
- They don't have access to attributes - no complex queries
- They have to be maintained — headache for DBA
- Sometimes they need to be certified
- They don't provide instant search (need time to download new data and reindex)
- They don't provide consistency — search results can be already deleted from database

FTS in Databases

- **FTS requirements**
 - **Full integration with database engine**
 - Transactions
 - Concurrent access
 - Recovery
 - Online index
 - Configurability (parser, dictionary...)
 - Scalability

Traditional text search operators

(TEXT op TEXT, op - ~, ~*, LIKE, ILIKE)

- No linguistic support
 - What is a word ?
 - What to index ?
 - Word «normalization» ?
 - Stop-words (noise-words)
- No ranking - all documents are equally similar to query
- Slow, documents should be seq. scanned
- 9.3+ index support of ~* (pg_trgm)

```
select * from man_lines where man_line ~* '(?:  
(?:p(?:ostgres(?:ql)?|g?sql)|sql)) (?:(?:mak|us)e|do|is));'
```

One of (postgresql,sql,postgres,pgsql,psql) space One of (do,is,use,make)

FTS in PostgreSQL

- OpenFTS — 2000, Pg as a storage
- GiST index — 2000, thanks Rambler
- Tsearch — 2001, contrib:no ranking
- Tsearch2 — 2003, contrib:config
- GIN — 2006, thanks, JFG Networks
- FTS — 2006, in-core, thanks, EnterpriseDB
- FTS(ms) — 2012, some patches committed
- 2016 — Postgres Professional

FTS in PostgreSQL

- **tsvector** – data type for document optimized for search
- **tsquery** – textual data type for rich query language
- **Full text search operator:** tsvector @@ tsquery
- **SQL interface** to FTS objects (CREATE, ALTER)
 - Configuration: {tokens, {dictionaries}}
 - Parser: {tokens}
 - Dictionary: tokens → lexeme{s}
- **Additional functions and operators**
- **Indexes:** GiST, GIN, RUM

```
to_tsvector('english','a fat cat sat on a mat and ate a fat rat')  
      @@  
to_tsquery('english','(cats | rat) & ate & !mice');
```


FTS in PostgreSQL

What is the benefit ?

Document processed only once when inserting into a table, no overhead in search

- Document parsed into tokens using pluggable parser
- Tokens converted to lexems using pluggable dictionaries
- Words positions with labels (importance) are stored and can be used for ranking
- Stop-words ignored

FTS in PostgreSQL

- Query processed at search time
 - Parsed into tokens
 - Tokens converted to lexems using pluggable dictionaries
 - Tokens may have labels (weights)
 - Stop-words removed from query
 - It's possible to restrict search area
'fat:ab & rats & ! (cats | mice)'
 - Prefix search is supported
'fa*:ab & rats & ! (cats | mice)'
 - Query can be rewritten «on-the-go»

FTS summary

- FTS in PostgreSQL is a flexible search engine, but it is more than a complete solution
- It is a «collection of bricks» you can build your search engine with
 - Custom parser
 - Custom dictionaries
 - Use tsvector as a custom storage
 - + All power of SQL (FTS+Spatial+Temporal)
- For example, instead of textual documents consider chemical formulas or genome string

Some FTS problems: #1

156676 Wikipedia articles:

- Search is fast, ranking is slow.

```
SELECT docid, ts_rank(text_vector, to_tsquery('english', 'title')) AS rank
FROM ti2
WHERE text_vector @@ to_tsquery('english', 'title')
ORDER BY rank DESC
LIMIT 3;
```

```
Limit (actual time=476.106..476.107 rows=3 loops=1)
  Buffers: shared hit=149804 read=87416
  -> Sort (actual time=476.104..476.104 rows=3 loops=1)
    Sort Key: (ts_rank(text_vector, ''titl''::tsquery)) DESC
    Sort Method: top-N heapsort Memory: 25kB
    Buffers: shared hit=149804 read=87416
    -> Bitmap Heap Scan on ti2 (actual time=6.894..469.215 rows=47855 loops=1)
      Recheck Cond: (text_vector @@ ''titl''::tsquery)
      Heap Blocks: exact=4913
      Buffers: shared hit=149804 read=87416
      -> Bitmap Index Scan on ti2_index (actual time=6.117..6.117 rows=47855 loops=1)
        Index Cond: (text_vector @@ ''titl''::tsquery)
        Buffers: shared hit=1 read=12
```

```
Planning time: 0.255 ms
Execution time: 476.171 ms
(15 rows)
```

**HEAP IS SLOW
470 ms !**

Some FTS problems: #2

- No phrase search
 - “A & B” is equivalent to “B & A»
There are only 92 posts with person 'Tom Good', but FTS finds 34039 posts
- Combination of FTS + regular expression works, but slow and can be used only for simple queries.

Some FTS problems: #3

- Combine FTS with ordering by timestamp

```
SELECT sent, subject from pglister
WHERE fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom & lane')
ORDER BY abs(sent - '2000-01-01'::timestamp) ASC LIMIT 5;
```

```
Limit (actual time=545.560..545.560 rows=5 loops=1)
-> Sort (actual time=545.559..545.559 rows=5 loops=1)
    Sort Key: (CASE WHEN ((sent - '2000-01-01 00:00:00'::timestamp without time zone) < '00:00:00'::interval) THEN (-
(sent - '2000-01-01 00:00:00'::timestamp without time zone)) ELSE (sent - '2000-01-01 00:00:00'::timestamp without time zone)
END)
    Sort Method: top-N heapsort Memory: 25kB
-> Bitmap Heap Scan on pglister (actual time=87.545..507.897 rows=222813 loops=1)
    Recheck Cond: (fts @@ 'tom' & 'lane'::tsquery)
    Heap Blocks: exact=105992
-> Bitmap Index Scan on pglister_gin_idx (actual time=57.932..57.932 rows=222813 loops=1)
    Index Cond: (fts @@ 'tom' & 'lane'::tsquery)
Planning time: 0.376 ms
Execution time: 545.744 ms
```

sent	subject
1999-12-31 13:52:55	Re: [HACKERS] LIKE fixed(?) for non-ASCII collation orders
2000-01-01 11:33:10	Re: [HACKERS] dubious improvement in new psql
1999-12-31 10:42:53	Re: [HACKERS] LIKE fixed(?) for non-ASCII collation orders
2000-01-01 13:49:11	Re: [HACKERS] dubious improvement in new psql
1999-12-31 09:58:53	Re: [HACKERS] LIKE fixed(?) for non-ASCII collation orders

(5 rows)

Time: 568.357 ms

Inverted Index in PostgreSQL

Report Index

ENTRY TREE

A

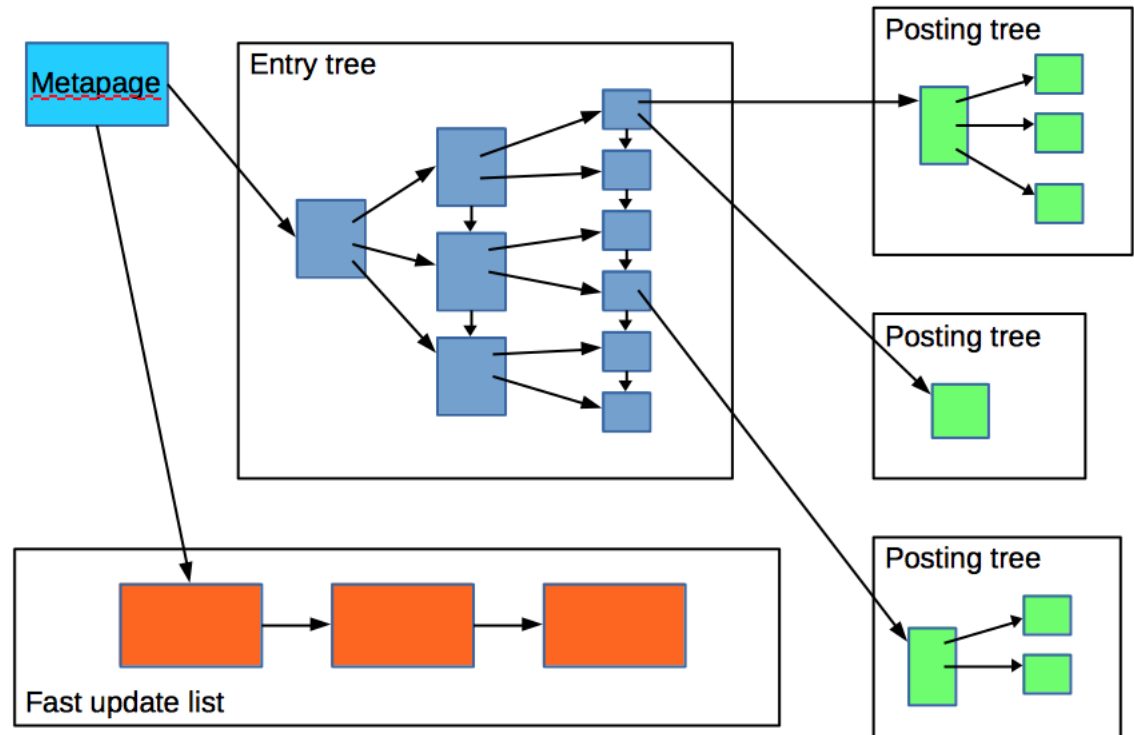
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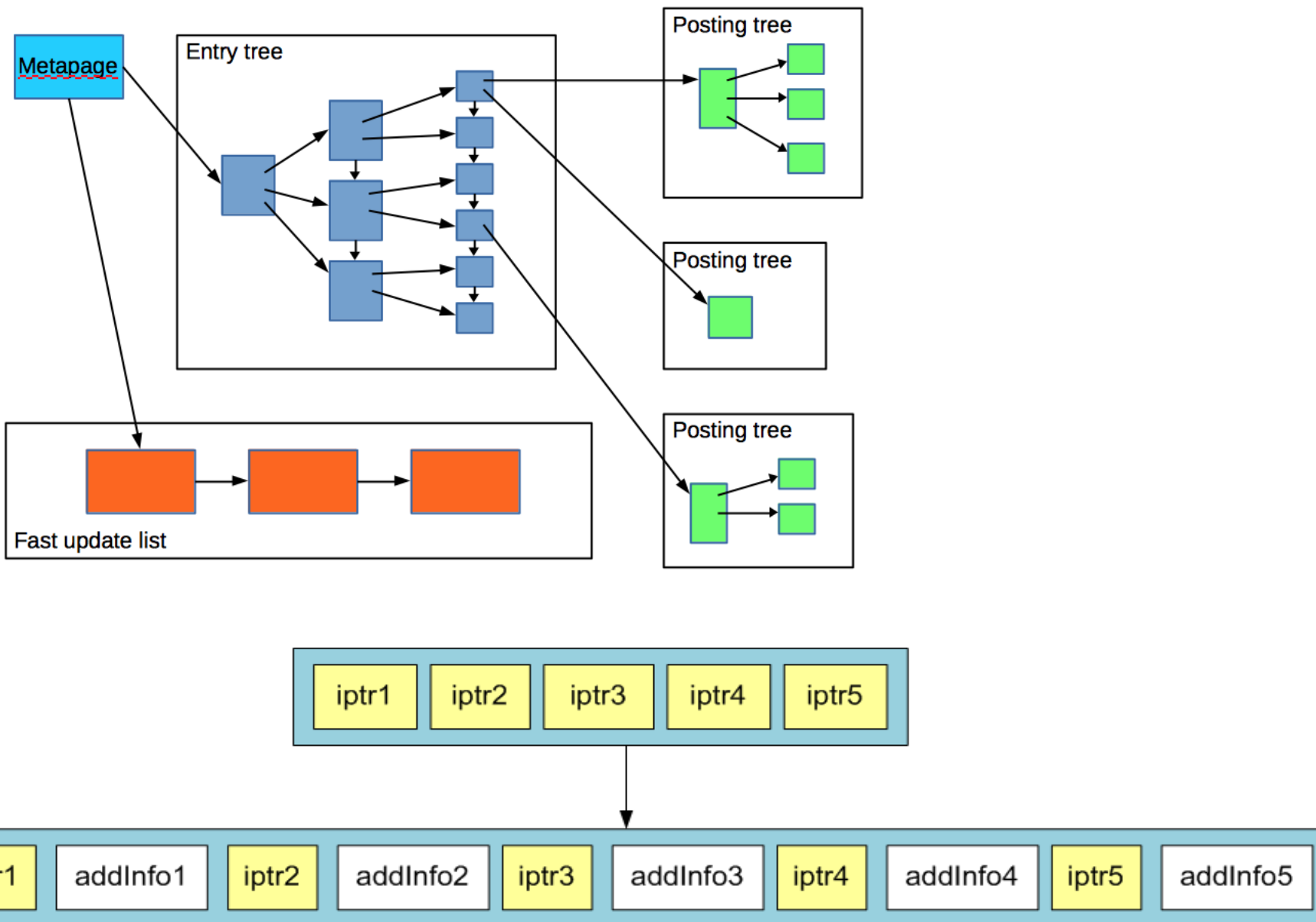
backward wave oscillators, 45



Improving GIN

- Improve GIN index
 - Store additional information in posting tree, for example, lexemes positions or timestamps
 - Use this information to order results

Improving GIN



9.6 opens «Pandora box»

Create access methods as extension ! Let's call it RUM



CREATE INDEX ... USING RUM

- Use positions to calculate rank and order results
- Introduce distance operator `tsvector <=> tsquery`

```
CREATE INDEX ti2_rum_fts_idx ON ti2 USING rum(text_vector rum_tsvector_ops);
```

```
SELECT docid, ts_rank(text_vector, to_tsquery('english', 'title')) AS rank
FROM ti2
WHERE text_vector @@ to_tsquery('english', 'title')
ORDER BY
text_vector <=> plainto_tsquery('english','title') LIMIT 3;
```

QUERY PLAN

```
L Limit (actual time=54.676..54.735 rows=3 loops=1)
```

```
  Buffers: shared hit=355
```

```
   -> Index Scan using ti2_rum_fts_idx on ti2 (actual time=54.675..54.733 rows=3 loops=1)
```

```
     Index Cond: (text_vector @@ '''titl'''::tsquery)
```

```
     Order By: (text_vector <=> '''titl'''::tsquery)
```

```
     Buffers: shared hit=355
```

```
Planning time: 0.225 ms
```

```
Execution time: 54.775 ms vs 476 ms !
```

```
(8 rows)
```

CREATE INDEX ... USING RUM

- Top-10 (out of 222813) postings with «Tom Lane»
 - GIN index — 1374.772 ms

```
SELECT subject, ts_rank(fts,plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane')) AS rank
FROM pglisT WHERE fts @@ plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane')
ORDER BY rank DESC LIMIT 10;
```

QUERY PLAN

```
-----
Limit (actual time=1374.277..1374.278 rows=10 loops=1)
-> Sort (actual time=1374.276..1374.276 rows=10 loops=1)
    Sort Key: (ts_rank(fts, '''tom' & 'lane''::tsquery)) DESC
    Sort Method: top-N heapsort  Memory: 25kB
    -> Bitmap Heap Scan on pglisT (actual time=98.413..1330.994 rows=222813 loops=1)
        Recheck Cond: (fts @@ '''tom' & 'lane''::tsquery)
        Heap Blocks: exact=105992
        -> Bitmap Index Scan on pglisT_gin_idx (actual time=65.712..65.712
rows=222813 loops=1)
            Index Cond: (fts @@ '''tom' & 'lane''::tsquery)
Planning time: 0.287 ms
Execution time: 1374.772 ms
(11 rows)
```

CREATE INDEX ... USING RUM

- Top-10 (out of 222813) postings with «Tom Lane»
 - RUM index — 216 ms vs 1374 ms !!!

```
create index pglisr_rum_fts_idx on pglisr using rum(fts rum_tsvector_ops);
```

```
SELECT subject FROM pglisr WHERE fts @@ plainto_tsquery('tom lane')  
ORDER BY fts <=> plainto_tsquery('tom lane') LIMIT 10;
```

```
QUERY PLAN
```

```
-----  
Limit (actual time=215.115..215.185 rows=10 loops=1)
```

```
-> Index Scan using pglisr_rum_fts_idx on pglisr (actual time=215.113..215.183 rows=10 loops=1)  
    Index Cond: (fts @@ plainto_tsquery('tom lane'::text))
```

```
    Order By: (fts <=> plainto_tsquery('tom lane'::text))
```

```
Planning time: 0.264 ms
```

```
Execution time: 215.833 ms
```

```
(6 rows)
```

CREATE INDEX ... USING RUM

- RUM uses new ranking function (ts_score) — combination of ts_rank and ts_rank_cd
 - ts_rank doesn't supports logical operators
 - ts_rank_cd works poorly with OR queries

```
SELECT ts_rank(fts,plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane')) AS rank,
       ts_rank_cd (fts,plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane')) AS rank_cd ,
       fts <=> plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane') as score, subject
FROM pglist WHERE fts @@ plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane')
ORDER BY fts <=> plainto_tsquery('english', 'tom lane') LIMIT 10;
```

rank	rank_cd	score	subject
0.999637	2.02857	0.487904	Re: ATTN: Tom Lane
0.999224	1.97143	0.492074	Re: Bug #866 related problem (ATTN Tom Lane)
0.99798	1.97143	0.492074	Tom Lane
0.996653	1.57143	0.523388	happy birthday Tom Lane ...
0.999697	2.18825	0.570404	For Tom Lane
0.999638	2.12208	0.571455	Re: Favorite Tom Lane quotes
0.999188	1.68571	0.593533	Re: disallow LOCK on a view - the Tom Lane remix
0.999188	1.68571	0.593533	Re: disallow LOCK on a view - the Tom Lane remix
0.999188	1.68571	0.593533	Re: disallow LOCK on a view - the Tom Lane remix
0.999188	1.68571	0.593533	Re: [HACKERS] disallow LOCK on a view - the Tom Lane remix

(10 rows)

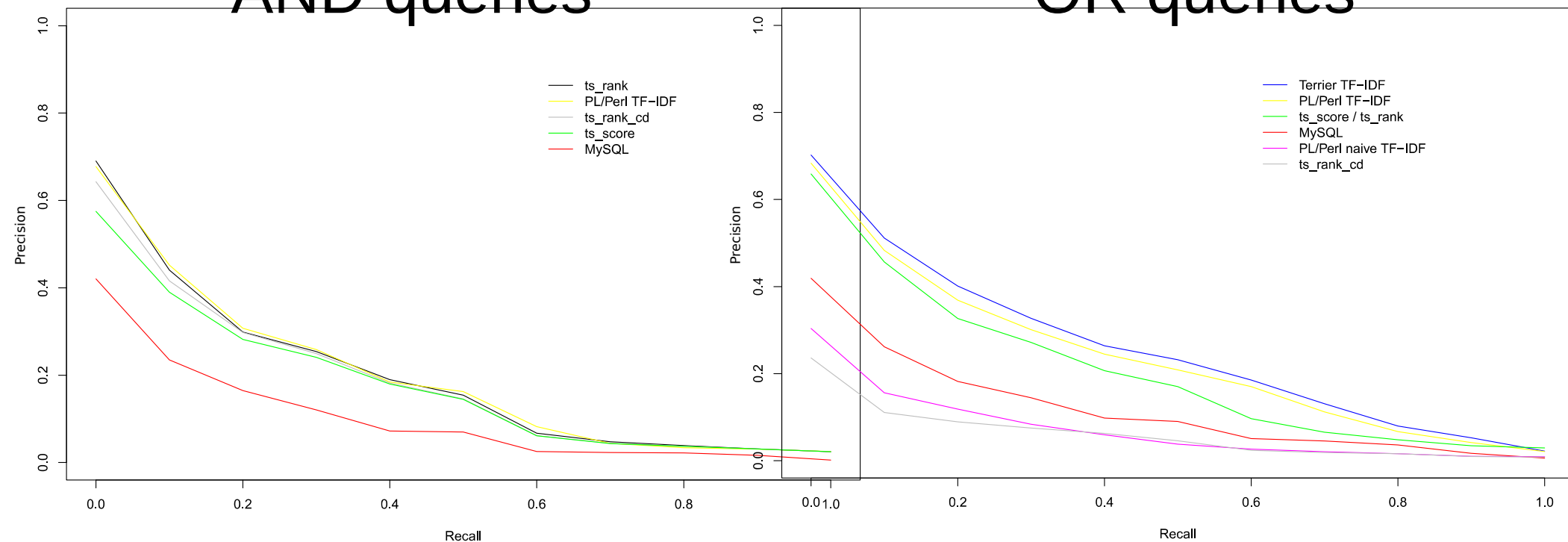
CREATE INDEX ... USING RUM

- RUM uses new ranking function (`ts_score`) — combination of `ts_rank` and `ts_rank_cd`

Precision-Recall (NIST TREC, AD-HOC coll.)

AND queries

OR queries



Phrase Search (8 years old!)

- Queries 'A & B'::tsquery and 'B & A'::tsquery produce the same result
- Phrase search - preserve order of words in a query

Results for queries 'A & B' and 'B & A' should be different !

- Introduce new FOLLOWED BY ($\leftarrow\rightarrow$) operator:
 - Guarantee an order of operands
 - Distance between operands

$$a \langle n \rangle b == a \& b \& (\exists i, j : \text{pos}(b)_i - \text{pos}(a)_j = n)$$

Phrase search - definition

- FOLLOWED BY operator returns:
 - false
 - true and array of positions of the **right** operand, which satisfy distance condition
- FOLLOWED BY operator requires positions

```
select 'a b c'::tsvector @@ 'a <-> b'::tsquery; – false, there no positions
?column?
```

```
-----
```

```
f
(1 row)
```

```
select 'a:1 b:2 c'::tsvector @@ 'a <-> b'::tsquery;
?column?
```

```
-----
```

```
t
(1 row)
```

Phrase search - properties

- 'A <-> B' = 'A<1>B'
- 'A <0> B' matches the word with two different forms (infinitives)

```
=# SELECT ts_lexize('ispell','bookings');
   ts_lexize
-----
 {booking,book}
to_tsvector('bookings') @@ 'booking <0> book'::tsquery
```

Phrase search - properties

- Precedence of tsquery operators - '! <-> & |'
- Use parenthesis to control nesting in tsquery

```
select 'a & b <-> c'::tsquery;
      tsquery
```

```
-----
'a' & 'b' <-> 'c'
```

```
select 'b <-> c & a'::tsquery;
      tsquery
```

```
-----
'b' <-> 'c' & 'a'
```

```
select 'b <-> (c & a)'::tsquery;
      tsquery
```

```
-----
'b' <-> 'c' & 'b' <-> 'a'
```

Phrase search - example

- `TSQUERY phraseto_tsquery([CFG,] TEXT)`
Stop words are taken into account.

```
select phraseto_tsquery('PostgreSQL can be extended by the user in many ways');
        phraseto_tsquery
```

```
-----
'postgresql' <3> 'extend' <3> 'user' <2> 'mani' <-> 'way'
(1 row)
```

- It's possible to combine `tsquery`'s

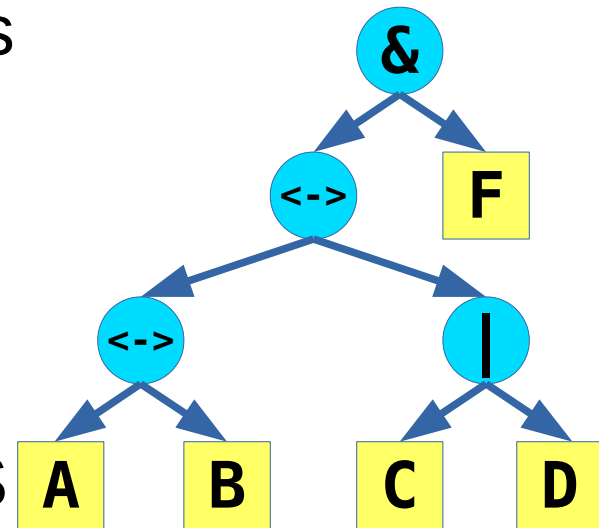
```
select phraseto_tsquery('PostgreSQL can be extended by the user in many ways') ||
        to_tsquery('oho<->ho & ik');
        ?column?
```

```
-----
'postgresql' <3> 'extend' <3> 'user' <2> 'mani' <-> 'way' | 'oho' <-> 'ho' & 'ik'
(1 row)
```

Phrase search - internals

- Phrase search has overhead, since it requires access and operations on posting lists

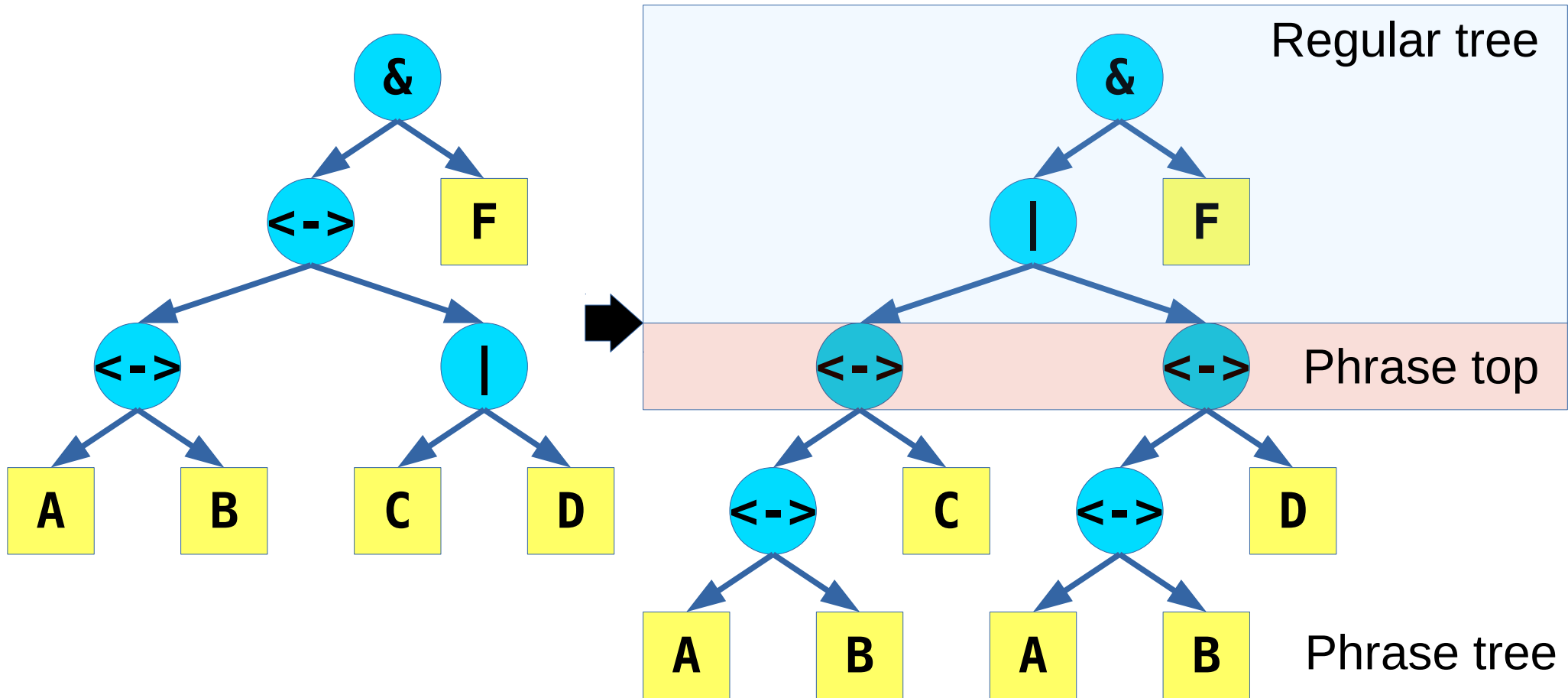
$((A \leftrightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (C \mid D)) \& F$



- We want to avoid slowdown FTS operators (& |), which do not need positions.
- Rewrite query, so any <-> operators pushed down in query tree and call phrase executor for the top <-> operator.

Phrase search - transformation

$((A \leftrightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (C \mid D)) \& F$



$('A' \leftrightarrow 'B' \leftrightarrow 'C' \mid 'A' \leftrightarrow 'B' \leftrightarrow 'D') \& 'F'$

Phrase search - push down

$a \langle - \rangle (b \& c) \Rightarrow a \langle - \rangle b \ \& \ a \langle - \rangle c$

$(a \& b) \langle - \rangle c \Rightarrow a \langle - \rangle c \ \& \ b \langle - \rangle c$

$a \langle - \rangle (b \mid c) \Rightarrow a \langle - \rangle b \ \mid \ a \langle - \rangle c$

$(a \mid b) \langle - \rangle c \Rightarrow a \langle - \rangle c \ \mid \ b \langle - \rangle c$

$a \langle - \rangle !b \Rightarrow a \ \& \ !(a \langle - \rangle b)$

there is no position of A followed by B

$!a \langle - \rangle b \Rightarrow !(a \langle - \rangle b) \ \& \ b$

there is no position of B preceded by A

Phrase search - transformation

```
# select '( A | B ) <-> ( D | C )'::tsquery;  
          tsquery
```

```
'A' <-> 'D' | 'B' <-> 'D' | 'A' <-> 'C' | 'B' <-> 'C'
```

```
# select 'A <-> ( B & ( C | ! D ) )'::tsquery;  
          tsquery
```

```
'A' <-> 'B' & ( 'A' <-> 'C' | 'A' & !( 'A' <-> 'D' ) )
```


Phrase search - Examples

- 1.1 mln postings (postgres mailing lists)

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom <-> lane');
count
```

```
-----
222777
(1 row)
```

Sequential Scan: 2.6 s <-> vs 2.2 s &+regexp

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom <-> lane');
QUERY PLAN
```

```
-----
Aggregate (actual time=2576.989..2576.989 rows=1 loops=1)
  -> Seq Scan on pglis (actual time=0.310..2552.800 rows=222777 loops=1)
       Filter: (fts @@ '''tom''' <-> '''lane''':tsquery)
       Rows Removed by Filter: 790993
Planning time: 0.310 ms
Execution time: 2577.019 ms
(6 rows)
```

Phrase search - Examples

- 1.1 mln postings (postgres mailing lists)

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom <-> lane');
count
```

```
-----
222777
(1 row)
```

GIN index: 1.1 s <-> vs 0.48 s &, considerable overhead

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom <-> lane');
QUERY PLAN
```

```
-----
Aggregate (actual time=1074.983..1074.984 rows=1 loops=1)
-> Bitmap Heap Scan on pglis (actual time=84.424..1055.770 rows=222777 loops=1)
    Recheck Cond: (fts @@ '''tom' <-> 'lane''::tsquery)
    Rows Removed by Index Recheck: 36
    Heap Blocks: exact=105992
-> Bitmap Index Scan on pglis_gin_idx (actual time=53.628..53.628 rows=222813
loops=1)
    Index Cond: (fts @@ '''tom' <-> 'lane''::tsquery)
Planning time: 0.329 ms
Execution time: 1075.157 ms
(9 rows)
```

Phrase search - Examples

- 1.1 mln postings (postgres mailing lists)

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', 'tom <-> lane');
count
```

```
-----
222777
(1 row)
```

RUM index: 0.5 s <-> vs 0.48 s & : Use positions in addinfo, almost no overhead of phrase operator !

```
select count(*) from pglis where fts @@ to_tsquery('english', tom <-> lane');
QUERY PLAN
```

```
-----
Aggregate (actual time=513.517..513.517 rows=1 loops=1)
-> Bitmap Heap Scan on pglis (actual time=134.109..497.814 rows=221919 loops=1)
    Recheck Cond: (fts @@ to_tsquery('tom <-> lane'::text))
    Heap Blocks: exact=105509
-> Bitmap Index Scan on pglis_rum_fts_idx (actual time=98.746..98.746
rows=221919 loops=1)
    Index Cond: (fts @@ to_tsquery('tom <-> lane'::text))
Planning time: 0.223 ms
Execution time: 515.004 ms
(8 rows)
```

Some FTS problems: #3

- Combine FTS with ordering by timestamp[tz]
 - Store timestamps in additional information in timestamp order !

```
create index pglis_fts_ts_order_rum_idx on pglis using rum(fts
rum_tsvector_timestamp_ops, sent) WITH (attach = 'sent', to = 'fts',
order_by_attach = 't');
```

```
select sent, subject from pglis
where fts @@ to_tsquery('tom & lane')
order by sent <=> '2000-01-01'::timestamp limit 5;
```

```
-----
L Limit (actual time=84.866..84.870 rows=5 loops=1)
  -> Index Scan using pglis_fts_ts_order_rum_idx on pglis (actual
time=84.865..84.869 rows=5 loops=1)
    Index Cond: (fts @@ to_tsquery('tom & lane'::text))
    Order By: (sent <=> '2000-01-01 00:00:00'::timestamp without
time zone)
    Planning time: 0.162 ms
    Execution time: 85.602 ms vs 645 ms !
(6 rows)
```

Some FTS problems: #3

- Combine FTS with ordering by timestamp[tz]
 - Store timestamps in additional information in timestamp order !

```
select sent, subject from pglis
where fts @@ to_tsquery('tom & lane') and sent < '2000-01-01'::timestamp order by sent desc
limit 5;
```

```
explain analyze select sent, subject from pglis
where fts @@ to_tsquery('tom & lane') order by sent <=| '2000-01-01'::timestamp limit 5;
```

Speedup ~ 1x, since 'tom lane' is popular → filter

```
-----
select sent, subject from pglis
where fts @@ to_tsquery('server & crashed') and sent < '2000-01-
01'::timestamp order by sent desc limit 5;
```

```
select sent, subject from pglis
where fts @@ to_tsquery('server & crashed') order by sent <=| '2000-
01-01'::timestamp limit 5;
```

Speedup ~ 10x

Inverse FTS (FQS)

- Find queries, which match given document
- Automatic text classification (subscription service)

```
SELECT * FROM queries;
```

q	tag
'supernova' & 'star'	sn
'black'	color
'big' & 'bang' & 'black' & 'hole'	bang
'spiral' & 'galaxi'	shape
'black' & 'hole'	color

(5 rows)

```
SELECT * FROM queries WHERE
```

```
to_tsvector('black holes never exists before we think about them')  
@@ q;
```

q	tag
'black'	color
'black' & 'hole'	color

(2 rows)

Inverse FTS (FQS)

- RUM index supported – store branches of query tree in addinfo

Find queries for the first message in postgres mailing lists

```
\d pg_query
  Table "public.pg_query"
  Column | Type      | Modifiers
  -----+-----+-----
  q      | tsquery   |
  count  | integer   |
Indexes:
    "pg_query_rum_idx" rum (q)          33818 queries

select q from pg_query pgq, pglist where q @@ pglist.fts and pglist.id=1;
      q
-----
'one' & 'one'
'postgresql' & 'freebsd'
(2 rows)
```

Inverse FTS (FQS)

- RUM index supported – store branches of query tree in addinfo

Find queries for the first message in postgres mailing lists

```
create index pg_query_rum_idx on pg_query using rum(q);
select q from pg_query pgq, pglist where q @@ pglist.fts and pglist.id=1;
                                QUERY PLAN
-----
Nested Loop (actual time=0.719..0.721 rows=2 loops=1)
  -> Index Scan using pglist_id_idx on pglist
(actual time=0.013..0.013 rows=1 loops=1)
    Index Cond: (id = 1)
  -> Bitmap Heap Scan on pg_query pgq
(actual time=0.702..0.704 rows=2 loops=1)
    Recheck Cond: (q @@ pglist.fts)
    Heap Blocks: exact=2
      -> Bitmap Index Scan on pg_query_rum_idx
(actual time=0.699..0.699 rows=2 loops=1)
          Index Cond: (q @@ pglist.fts)
Planning time: 0.212 ms
Execution time: 0.759 ms
(10 rows)
```


Inverse FTS (FQS)

- RUM index supported – store branches of query tree in addinfo

Monstrous postings

```
select id, t.subject, count(*) as cnt into pglist_q from pg_query,
(select id, fts, subject from pglist) t where t.fts @@ q
group by id, subject order by cnt desc limit 1000;
```

```
select * from pglist_q order by cnt desc limit 5;
```

id	subject	cnt
248443	Packages patch	4472
282668	Re: release.sgml, minor pg_autovacuum changes	4184
282512	Re: release.sgml, minor pg_autovacuum changes	4151
282481	release.sgml, minor pg_autovacuum changes	4104
243465	Re: [HACKERS] Re: Release notes	3989

(5 rows)

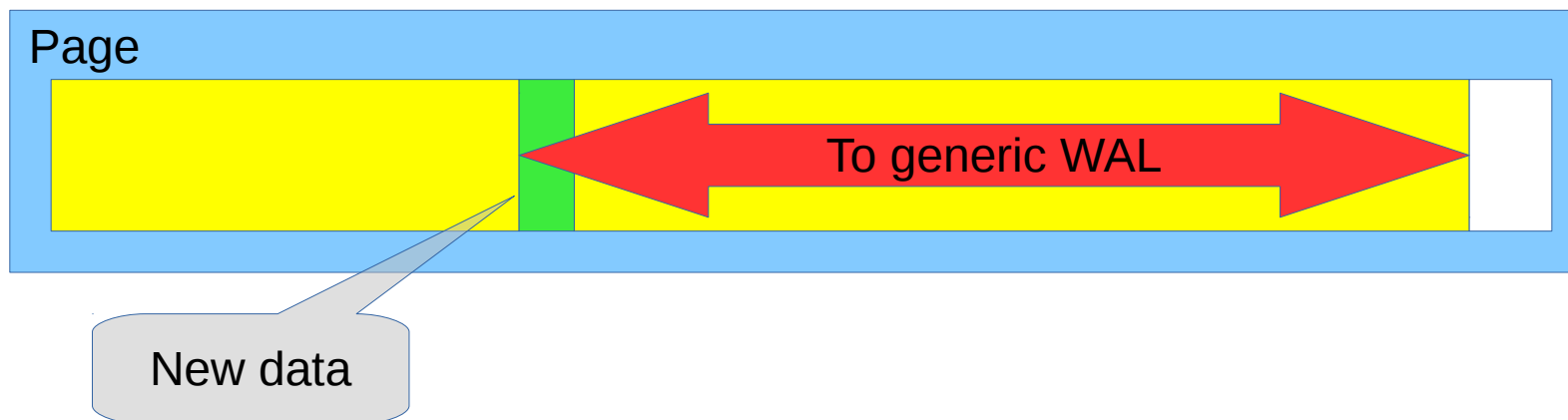
RUM vs GIN

- 6 mln classifies, real fts queries, concurrency 24, duration 1 hour
 - GIN — 258087
 - RUM — 1885698 (7x speedup)
- RUM has no pending list (not implemented) and stores more data.

Insert 1 mln messages:

	table	gin/opt	gin(no fast)	rum/opt	rum_nologged	gist
insert(min)	10	12/10	21	41/34	34	10.5
WAL size		9.5Gb/7.5	24Gb	37/29GB	41MB	3.5GB

- CREATE INDEX
 - GENERIC WAL (9.6) generates too big WAL traffic



RUM vs GIN

- CREATE INDEX

- GENERIC WAL(9.6) generates too big WAL traffic.

It currently doesn't supports shift.

rum(fts, ts+order) generates 186 Gb of WAL !

- RUM writes WAL AFTER creating index

	table	gin	rum (fts	rum(fts,ts)	rum(fts,ts+order)
Create time		147 s	201	209	215
Size(mb)	2167/1302	534	980	1531	1921
WAL (Gb)		0.9	0.68	1.1	1.5

- Allow multiple additional info (lexemes positions + timestamp)
- add opclasses for array (similarity and as additional info) and int/float
- improve ranking function to support TF/IDF
- Improve insert time (pending list ?)
- Improve GENERIC WAL to support shift

Availability:

- 9.6+ only: <https://github.com/postgrespro/rum>



Thanks !

Some FTS problems #4

- Working with dictionaries can be difficult and slow
 - Installing dictionaries can be complicated
 - Dictionaries are loaded into memory for every session (slow first query symptom) and eat memory.

```
time for i in {1..10}; do echo $i; psql postgres -c "select  
ts_lexize('english_hunspell', 'evening')" > /dev/null; done
```

```
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10
```

```
real    0m0.656s  
user    0m0.015s  
sys 0m0.031s
```

For russian hunspell dictionary:

```
real 0m3.809s  
user0m0.015s  
sys 0m0.029s
```

Each session «eats» 20MB !

Dictionaries in shared memory

- Now it's easy (Artur Zakirov, Postgres Professional + Thomas Vondra)

https://github.com/postgrespro/shared_ispell

```
CREATE EXTENSION shared_ispell;
CREATE TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY english_shared (
  TEMPLATE = shared_ispell,
  DictFile = en_us,
  AffFile = en_us,
  StopWords = english
);
CREATE TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY russian_shared (
  TEMPLATE = shared_ispell,
  DictFile = ru_ru,
  AffFile = ru_ru,
  StopWords = russian
);
time for i in {1..10}; do echo $i; psql postgres -c "select ts_lexize('russian_shared', 'туши')" > /dev/null; done
1
2
.....
10

real 0m0.170s      VS      real 0m3.809s
user 0m0.015s      user 0m0.015s
sys  0m0.027s      sys  0m0.029s
```


Dictionaries as extensions

- Now it's easy (Artur Zakirov, Postgres Professional)

https://github.com/postgrespro/hunspell_dicts

```
CREATE EXTENSION hunspell_ru_ru; -- creates russian_hunspell dictionary
CREATE EXTENSION hunspell_en_us; -- creates english_hunspell dictionary
CREATE EXTENSION hunspell_nn_no; -- creates norwegian_hunspell dictionary
SELECT ts_lexize('english_hunspell', 'evening');
   ts_lexize
```

```
-----
{evening,even}
(1 row)
```

```
Time: 57.612 ms
SELECT ts_lexize('russian_hunspell', 'туши');
   ts_lexize
```

```
-----
{туша,тушь,тушить,туш}
(1 row)
```

```
Time: 382.221 ms
SELECT ts_lexize('norwegian_hunspell','fotballklubber');
   ts_lexize
```

```
-----
{fotball,klubb,fot,ball,klubb}
(1 row)
```

```
Time: 323.046 ms
```

Slow first query syndrom

Tsvector editing functions

- Stas Kelvich (Postgres Professional)
- `setweight(tsvector, 'char', text[])` - add label to lexemes from text[] array

```
select setweight( to_tsvector('english', '20-th anniversary of PostgreSQL'),
'A',   '{postgresql,20}');
           setweight
-----
'20':1A 'anniversari':3 'postgresql':5A 'th':2
(1 row)
```

- `ts_delete(tsvector, text[])` - delete lexemes from tsvector

```
select ts_delete( to_tsvector('english', '20-th anniversary of PostgreSQL'),
'{20,postgresql}'::text[]);
           ts_delete
-----
'anniversari':3 'th':2
(1 row)
```

Tsvector editing functions

- `unnest(tsvector)`

```
select * from unnest( setweight( to_tsvector('english',
'20-th anniversary of PostgreSQL'), 'A',  '{postgresql,20}'));
lexeme      | positions | weights
-----+-----+-----
20           | {1}       | {A}
anniversari | {3}       | {D}
postgresql  | {5}       | {A}
th          | {2}       | {D}
(4 rows)
```

- `tsvector_to_array(tsvector)` — tsvector to text[] array
`array_to_tsvector(text[])`

```
select tsvector_to_array( to_tsvector('english',
'20-th anniversary of PostgreSQL'));
tsvector_to_array
-----
{20,anniversari,postgresql,th}
(1 row)
```

Tsvector editing functions

- `ts_filter(tsvector,text[])` - fetch lexemes with specific label{s}

```
select ts_filter($$'20':2A 'anniversari':4C 'postgresql':1A,6A 'th':3$$::tsvector,  
'{C}');
```

```
      ts_filter
```

```
-----  
'anniversari':4C  
(1 row)
```

```
select ts_filter($$'20':2A 'anniversari':4C 'postgresql':1A,6A 'th':3$$::tsvector,  
'{C,A}');
```

```
      ts_filter
```

```
-----  
'20':2A 'anniversari':4C 'postgresql':1A,6A  
(1 row)
```

Better FTS configurability

- The problem

- Search multilingual collection requires processing by several language-specific dictionaries. Currently, logic of processing is hidden from user and example would“nt works.

```
ALTER TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION multi_conf
ALTER MAPPING FOR asciiword, asciihword, hword_asciipart,
word, hword, hword_part
WITH unaccent, german_ispell, english_ispell, simple;
```

- Logic of tokens processing in FTS configuration

- Example: German-English collection

```
ALTER TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION multi_conf
ALTER MAPPING FOR asciiword, asciihword, hword_asciipart,
word, hword, hword_part
WITH unaccent THEN (german_ispell AND english_ispell) OR simple;
```