

# Structuring Apache Spark

## SQL, DataFrames, Datasets, and Streaming

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# Struc·ture

['strʌk(t)SHʌr]

*verb*

1. construct or arrange according to a plan; give a pattern or organization to.



# Why structure?

- By definition, structure will *limit* what can be expressed.
- In practice, we can accommodate the vast majority of computations.

**Limiting the space of what can be expressed enables optimizations.**

# Structured APIs In Spark



SQL

DataFrames

Datasets

Syntax  
Errors

Runtime

Compile  
Time

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Analysis  
Errors

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**Analysis errors reported before a distributed job starts**

# Datasets API

**Type-safe:** operate  
on domain objects  
with compiled  
lambda functions

```
val df = spark.read.json("people.json")

// Convert data to domain objects.
case class Person(name: String, age: Int)
val ds: Dataset[Person] = df.as[Person]
ds.filter(_.age > 30)

// Compute histogram of age by name.
val hist = ds.groupBy(_.name).mapGroups {
  case (name, people: Iter[Person]) =>
    val buckets = new Array[Int](10)
    people.map(_.age).foreach { a =>
      buckets(a / 10) += 1
    }
    (name, buckets)
}
```



# DataFrame = Dataset[Row]




- Spark 2.0 unifies these APIs
- Stringly-typed methods will downcast to generic **Row** objects
- Ask Spark SQL to enforce types on generic rows using **df.as[MyClass]**

# What about python?

Some of the goals of the Dataset API have always been available!


 **Scala**

```
df.map(x => x(0).asInstanceOf[String])
```

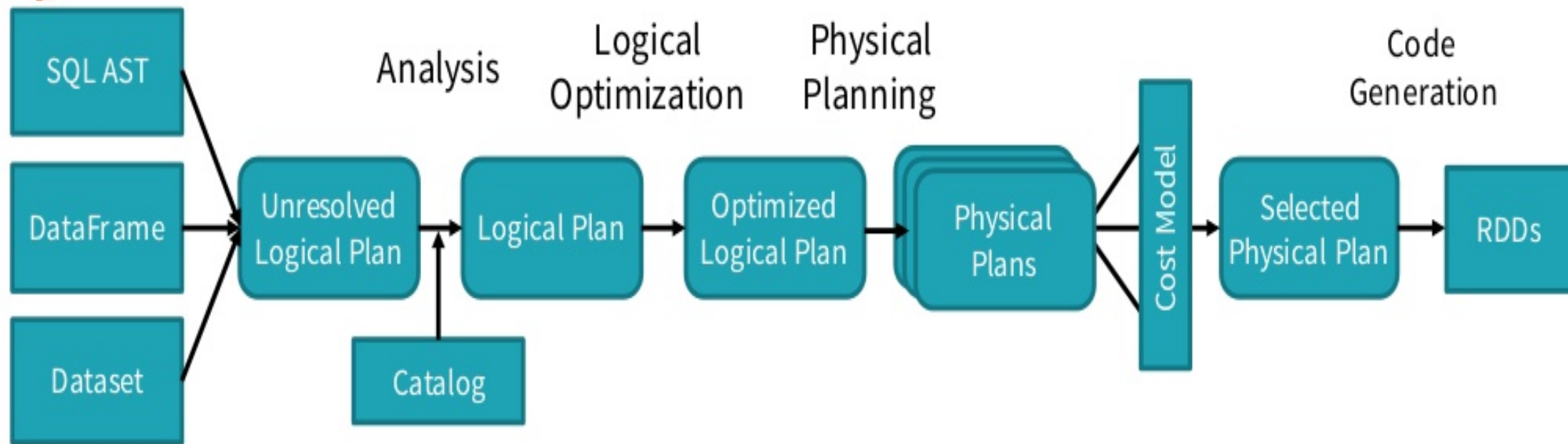


 python

```
df.map(lambda x: x.name)
```



# Shared Optimization & Execution



DataFrames, Datasets and SQL  
share the same optimization/execution pipeline

# Structuring Computation

```
WITH customer_total_return AS (SELECT
sr_customer_sk AS ctr_customer_sk,
sr_store_sk AS ctr_store_sk,
sum(sr_return_amt) AS ctr_total_return
FROM store_returns, date_dim WHERE
sr_returned_date_sk = d_date_sk AND d_year
= 2000 GROUP BY sr_customer_sk,
sr_store_sk) SELECT c_customer_id FROM
customer_t
```

# Columns

New value, computed based on input values.

```
col("x") === 1
```

DSL

```
df("x") === 1
```

```
expr("x = 1")
```

SQL Parser

```
sql("SELECT ... WHERE x = 1")
```



# Complex Columns With Functions

- 100+ native functions with optimized codegen implementations
  - String manipulation – `concat`, `format_string`, `lower`, `lpad`
  - Data/Time – `current_timestamp`, `date_format`, `date_add`, ...
  - Math – `sqrt`, `randn`, ...
  - Other – `monotonicallyIncreasingId`, `sparkPartitionId`, ...



```
from pyspark.sql.functions import *  
yesterday = date_sub(current_date(), 1)  
df2 = df.filter(df.created_at > yesterday)
```



```
import org.apache.spark.sql.functions._  
val yesterday = date_sub(current_date(), 1)  
val df2 = df.filter(df("created_at") > yesterday)
```

# Functions

# Columns

You Type

```
(x: Int) => x == 1
```

```
col("x") === 1
```

Spark Sees

```
class $anonfun$1{  
  def apply(Int): Boolean  
}
```

```
EqualTo(x, Lit(1))
```

# Columns: Predicate pushdown

You Write

```
spark.read  
  .format("jdbc")  
  .option("url", "jdbc:postgresql:dbserver")  
  .option("dbtable", "people")  
  .load()  
  .where($"name" === "michael")
```

Spark Translates  
For Postgres

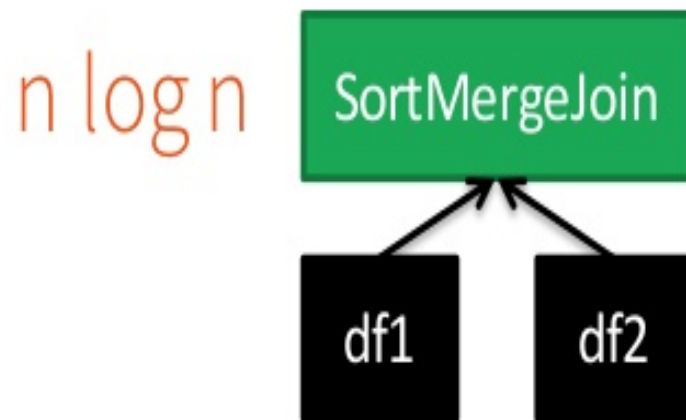
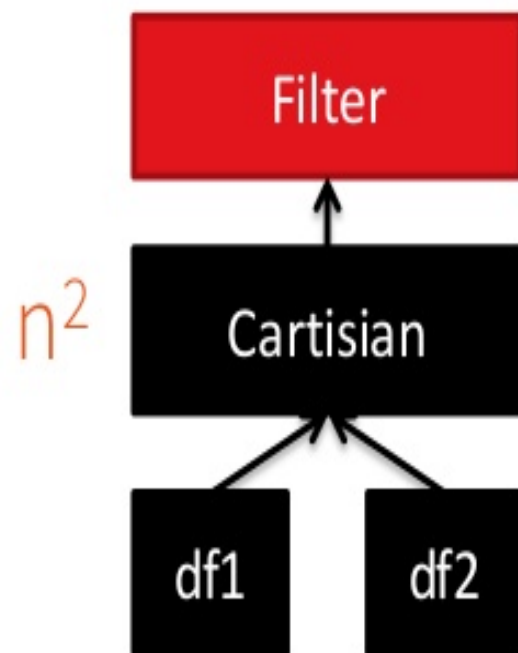
```
SELECT * FROM people WHERE name = 'michael'
```

# Columns: Efficient Joins

```
myUDF = udf(lambda x, y: x == y)
df1.join(df2, myUDF(col("x"), col("y")))
```

Equal values sort to  
the same place

```
df1.join(df2, col("x") == col("y"))
```



# Structuring Data

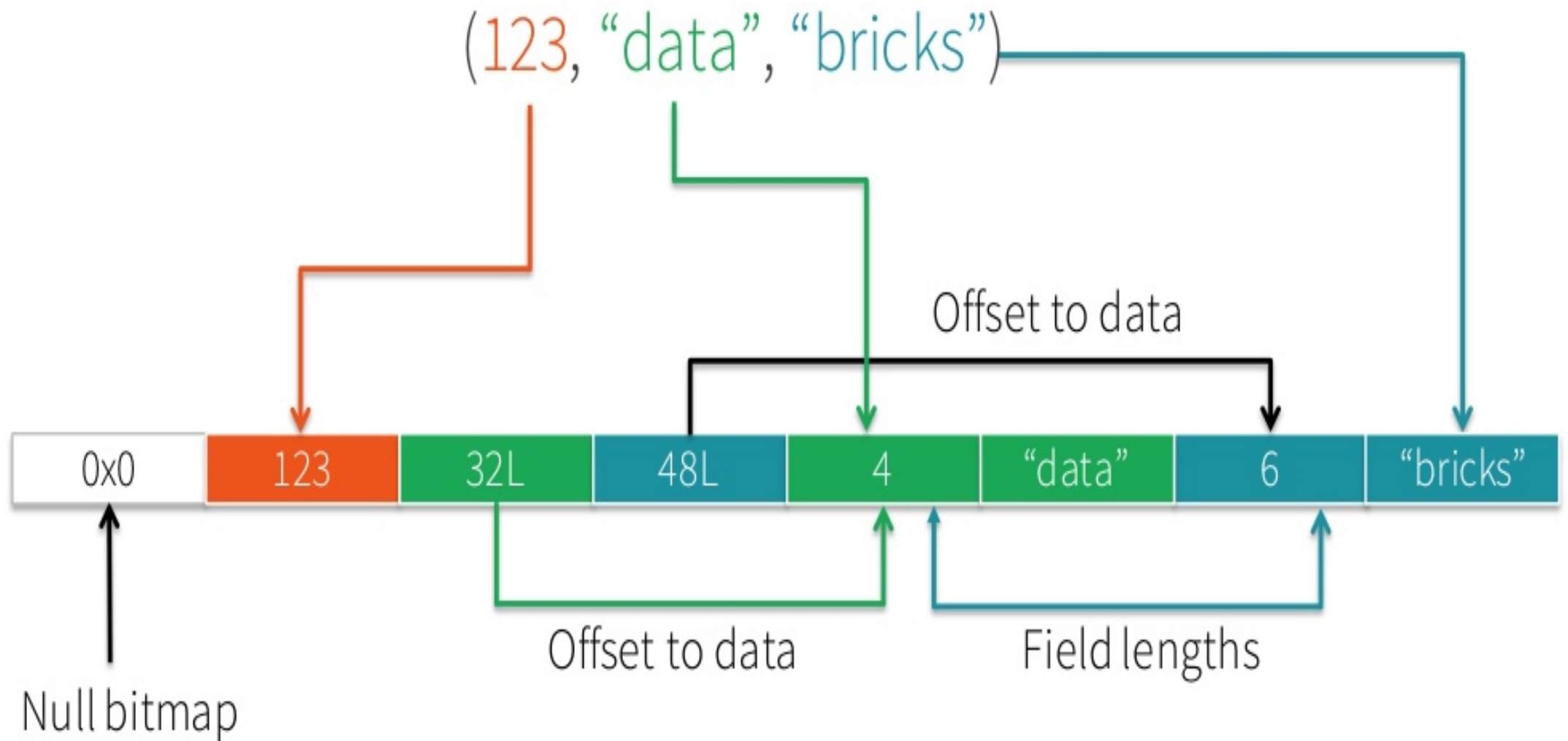
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# Spark's Structured Data Model

- **Primitives:** Byte, Short, Integer, Long, Float, Double, Decimal, String, Binary, Boolean, Timestamp, Date
- **Array[Type]:** variable length collection
- **Struct:** fixed # of nested columns with fixed types
- **Map[Type, Type]:** variable length association

# Tungsten's Compact Encoding



# Encoders

Encoders translate between domain objects and Spark's internal format

JVM Object

`MyClass(123, "data", "bricks")`



Internal Representation



0x0	123	32L	48L	4	"data"	6	"bricks"
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# Bridge Objects with Data Sources

Encoders map columns  
to fields by name

{ **JSON** }  **JDBC**  **Parquet**



elasticsearch.

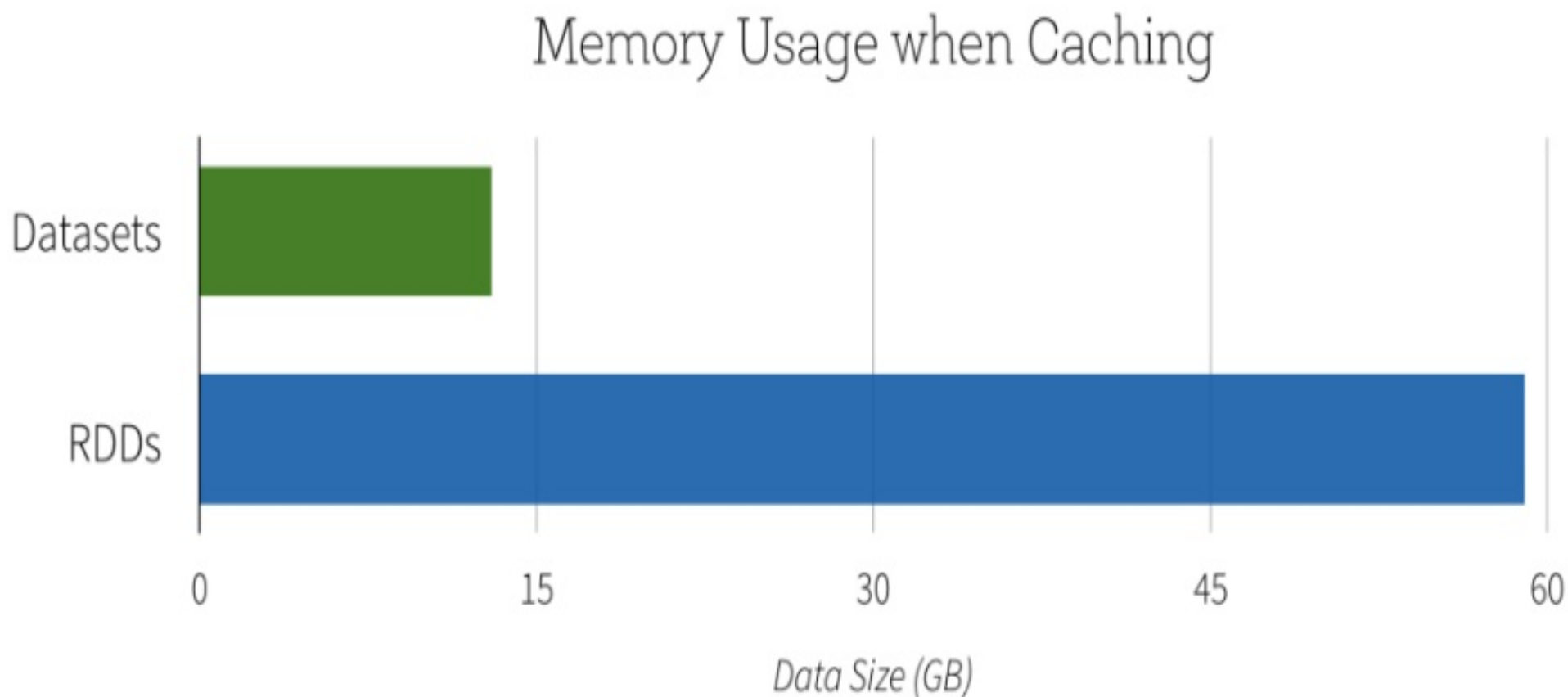


```
{  
  "name": "Michael",  
  "zip": "94709"  
  "languages": ["scala"]  
}
```



```
case class Person(  
  name: String,  
  languages: Seq[String],  
  zip: Int)
```

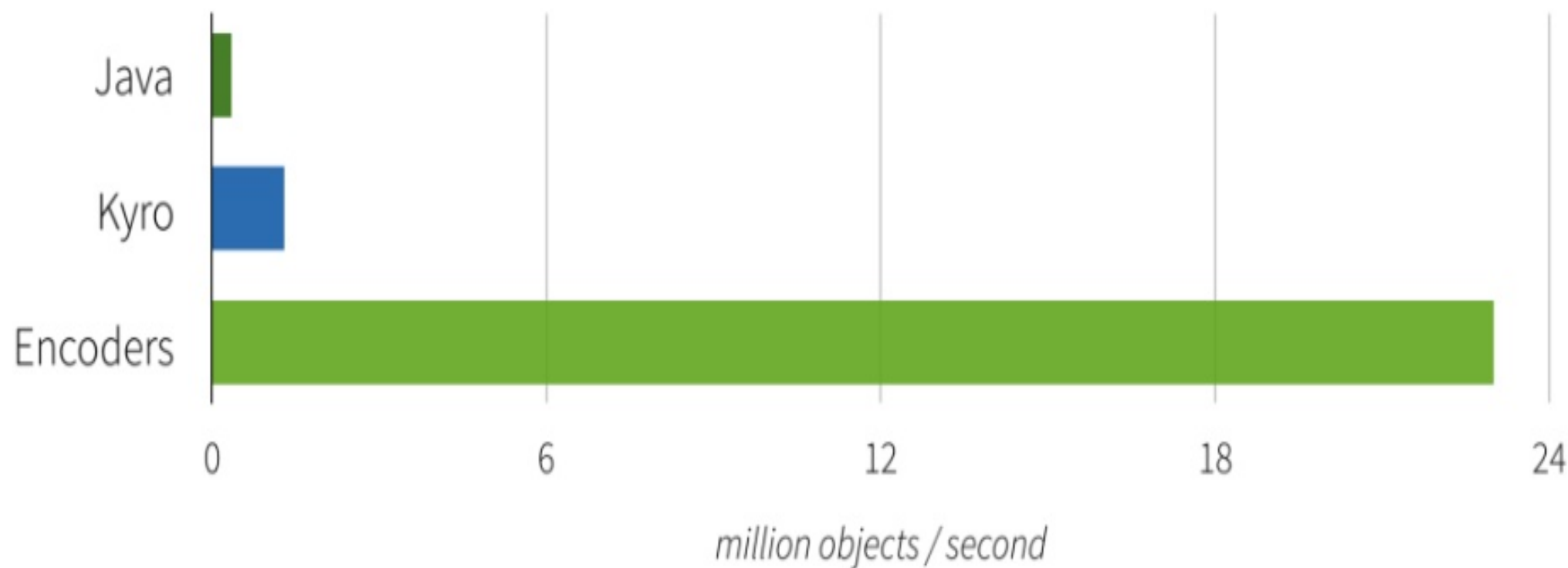
# Space Efficiency





# Serialization performance

Serialization / Deserialization Performance



# Operate Directly On Serialized Data

DataFrame Code / SQL

```
df.where(df("year") > 2015)
```

Catalyst Expressions

```
GreaterThan(year#234, Literal(2015))
```

Low-level bytecode

```
bool filter(Object baseObject) {  
    int offset = baseOffset + bitSetWidthInBytes + 3*8L;  
    int value = Platform.getInt(baseObject, offset);  
    return value34 > 2015;  
}
```

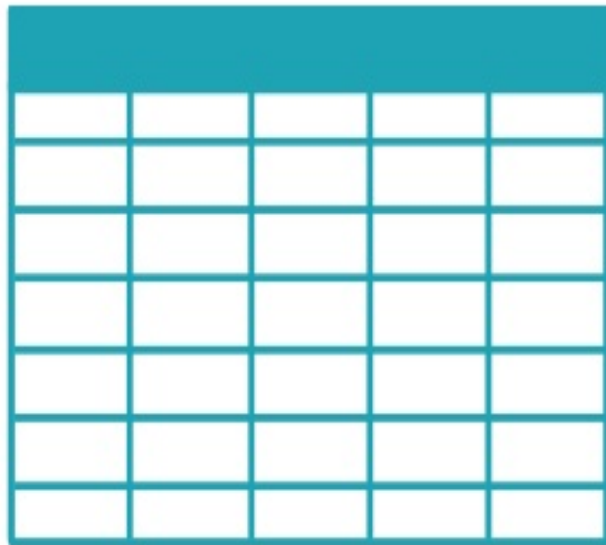
JVM **intrinsic** JIT-ed to  
pointer arithmetic

# Structured Streaming



The simplest way to perform streaming analytics is not having to **reason** about streaming.

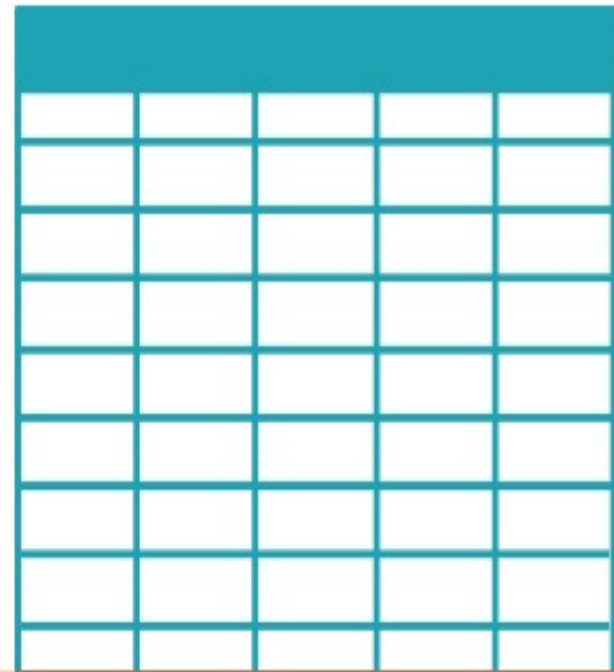
Apache Spark 1.3  
Static DataFrames







Apache Spark 2.0  
Continuous DataFrames







Single API !



# Structured Streaming

- **High-level streaming API built on Apache Spark SQL engine**
  - Runs the same queries on DataFrames
  - Event time, windowing, sessions, sources & sinks
- **Unifies streaming, interactive and batch queries**
  - Aggregate data in a stream, then serve using JDBC
  - Change queries at runtime
  - Build and apply ML models

# Example: Batch Aggregation

```
logs = spark.read.format("json").open("s3://logs")
```

```
logs.groupBy(logs.user_id).agg(sum(logs.time))
```

```
.write.format("jdbc")
```

```
.save("jdbc:mysql://...")
```

# Example: Continuous Aggregation

```
logs = spark.read.format("json").stream("s3://logs")
```

```
logs.groupBy(logs.user_id).agg(sum(logs.time))  
  .write.format("jdbc")  
  .stream("jdbc:mysql//...")
```

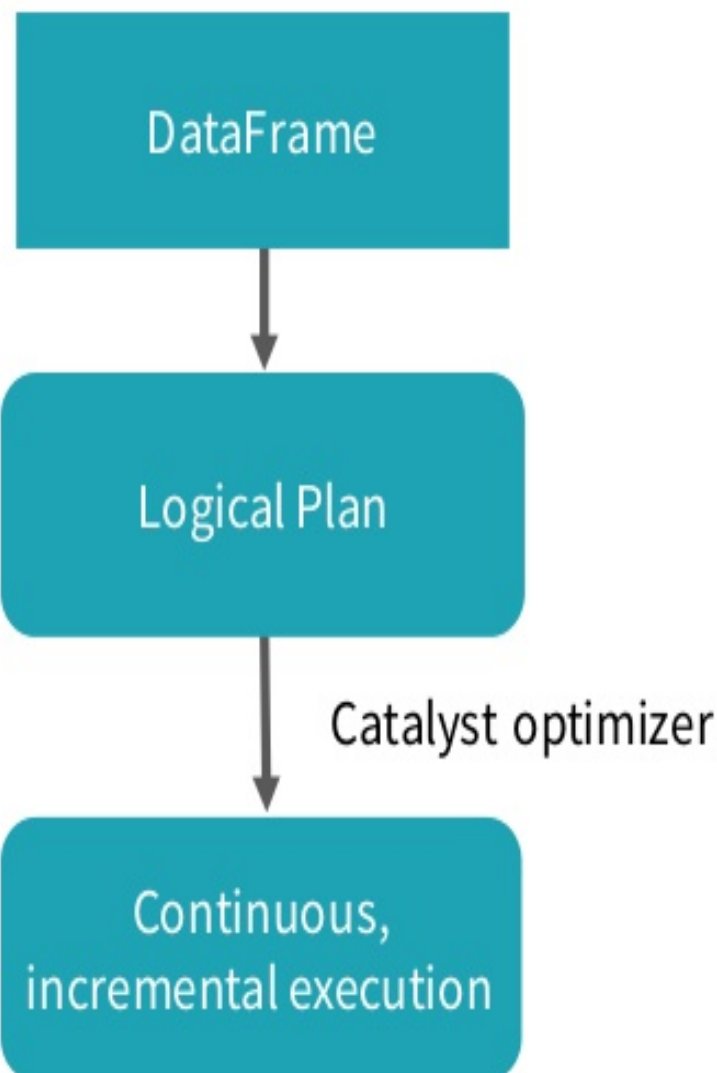
# Execution

## **Logically:**

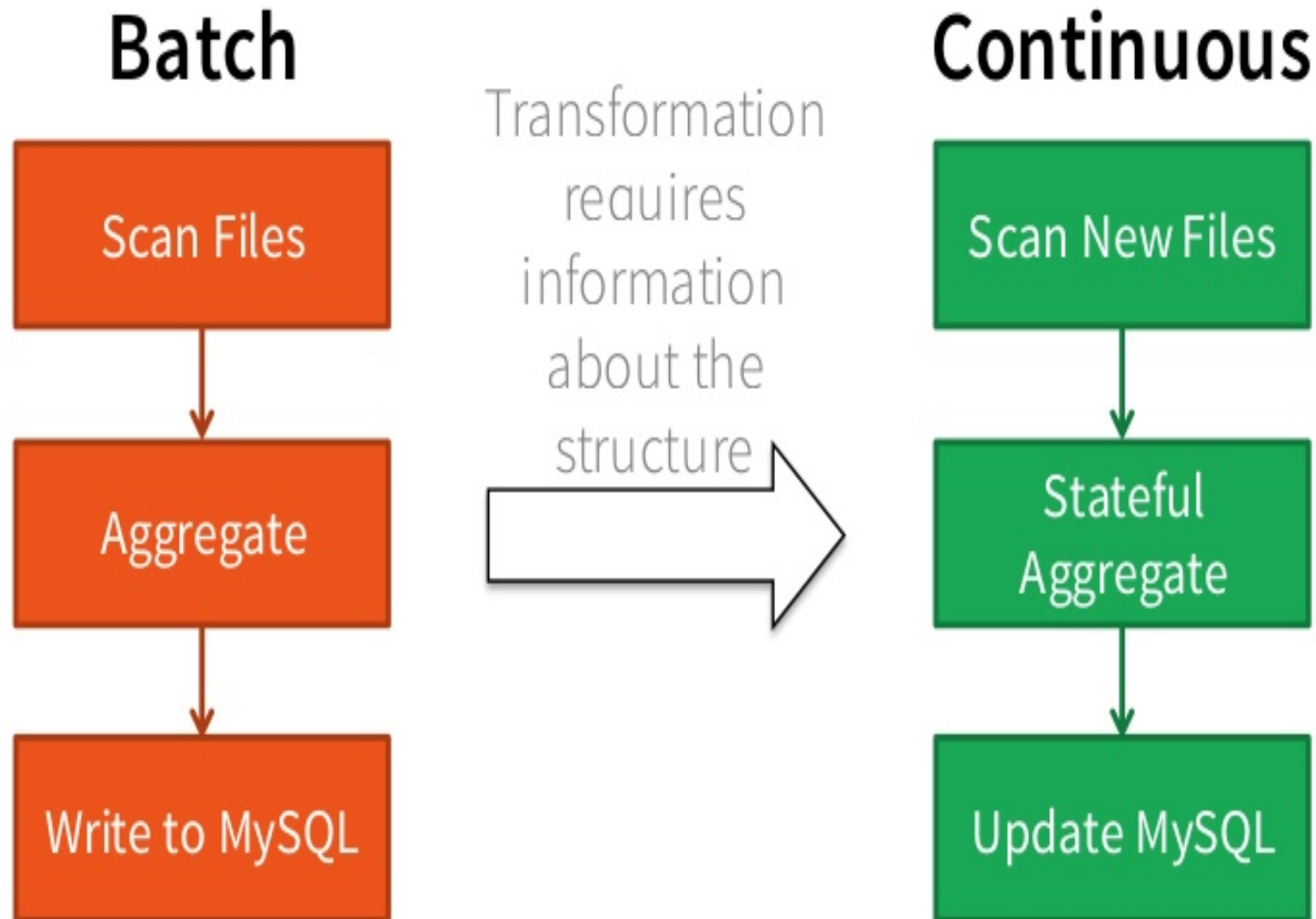
DataFrame operations on static data  
(i.e. as easy to understand as batch)

## **Physically:**

Spark automatically runs the query in  
streaming fashion  
(i.e. incrementally and continuously)



# Incrementalized By Spark



# What's Coming?

- Apache Spark 2.0
  - Unification of the DataFrame/Dataset & \*Context APIs
  - Basic streaming API
  - Event-time aggregations
- Apache Spark 2.1+
  - Other streaming sources / sinks
  - Machine learning
  - Watermarks
- Structure in other libraries: MLlib, GraphFrames



# Questions?

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