Lecture 1: Introduction to Spark and ShARC

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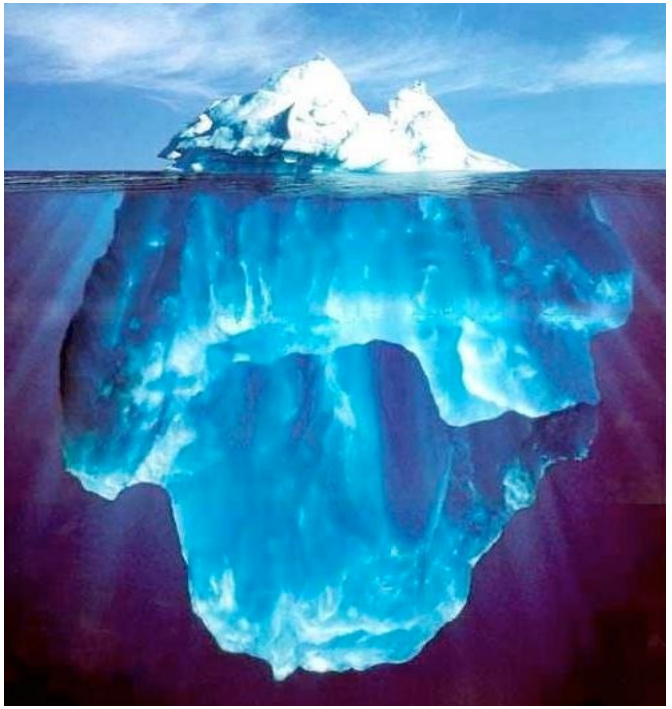
Where Does Big Data Come From?

- It's all happening online – could record every:
  - Click
  - Ad impression
  - Billing event
  - Fast Forward, pause,…
  - Server request
  - Transaction
  - Network message
  - Fault
  - …

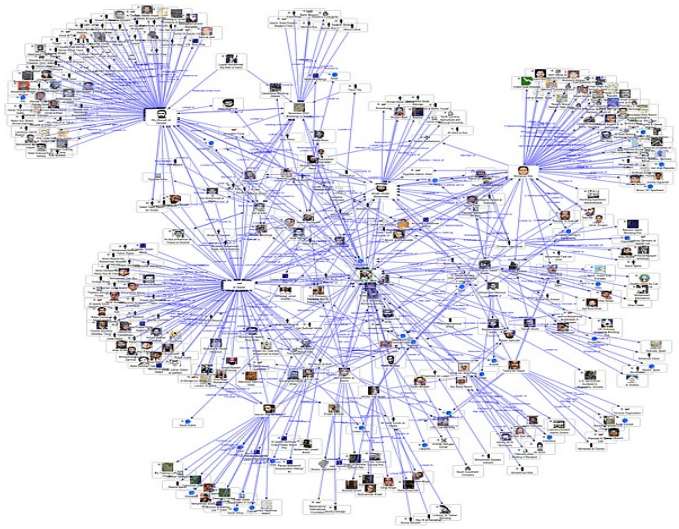


Where Does Big Data Come From?

- User Generated Content (Web & Mobile)
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Yelp
  - TripAdvisor
  - Twitter
  - YouTube
  - …

Graph Data

- Lots of interesting data has a graph structure:
  - Social networks
  - Telecommunication Networks
  - Computer Networks
  - Road networks
  - Collaborations/Relationships
  - …



Imaging how big is the Facebook user graph

Key Data Management Concepts

- A **data model** is a collection of concepts for describing data

- A **schema** is a description of a particular collection of data, using a given data model

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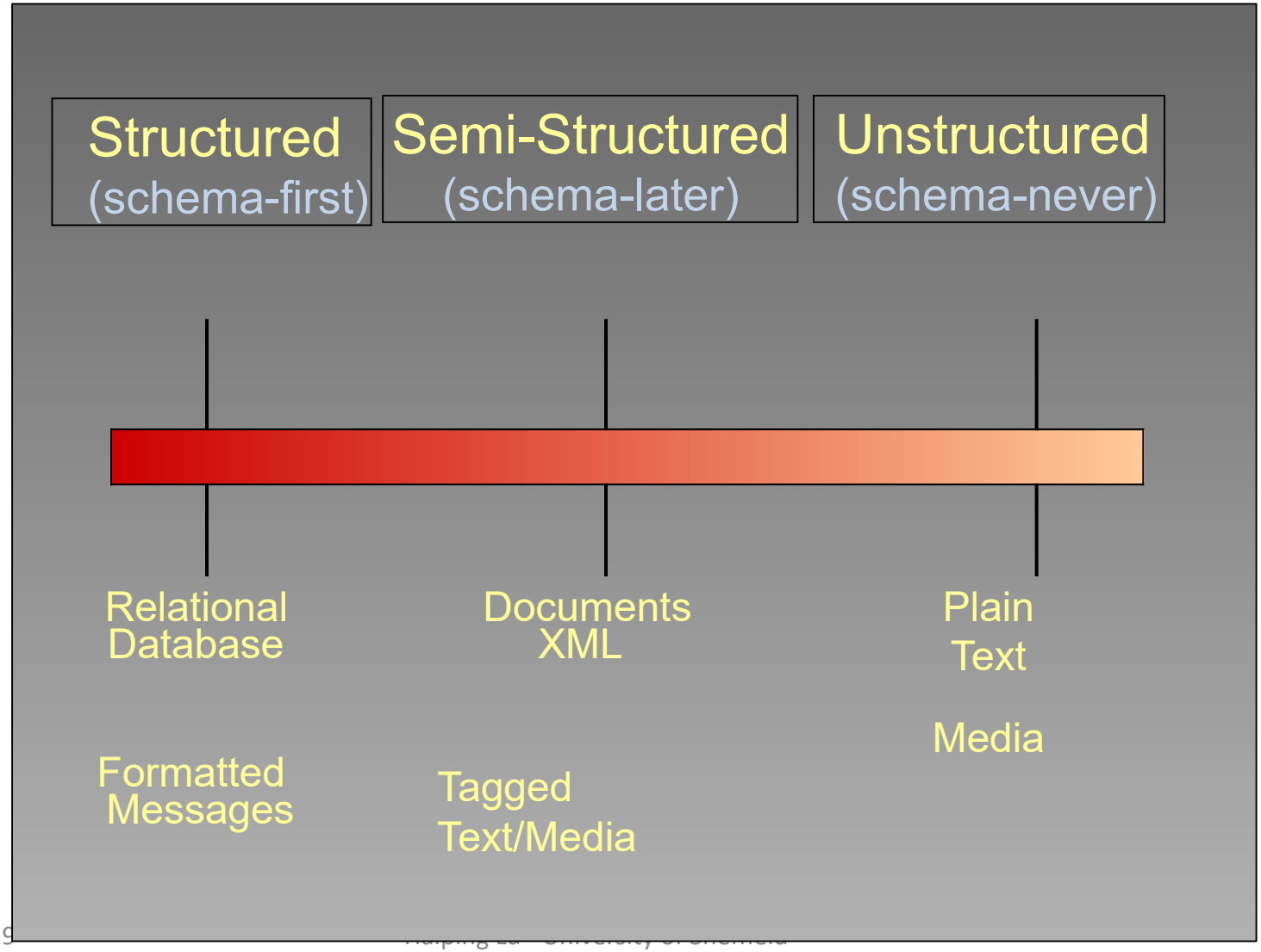

Structured Data (Database)

- **Database: relational data model** describing how a database is structured and used (frim Wiki)
- **Schema:** the organization of data as a blueprint of how the database is constructed (from Wiki)
- The programmer **must statically specify** the schema
- Decreasing ← consumer/media app, enterprise search
- See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_model
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Relational_model
- SQL: Structured Query Language

Semi-Structured Data

- **Self-describing** structures rather than formal structures, tags/markers to separate semantic elements (from wiki)
- The column types → the **schema** for the data
  - Spark dynamically infers the schema while reading each row
  - Programmer statically specifies the schema
- Increasingly occurring, XML, JSON

Unstructured Data

- Only one column with string or binary type
  Examples:
  - Facebook post
  - Instagram image
  - Vine video
  - Blog post
  - News article
  - User Generated Content
- More than 70%–80% of all data in organizations (Shilakes 1998)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unstructured_data

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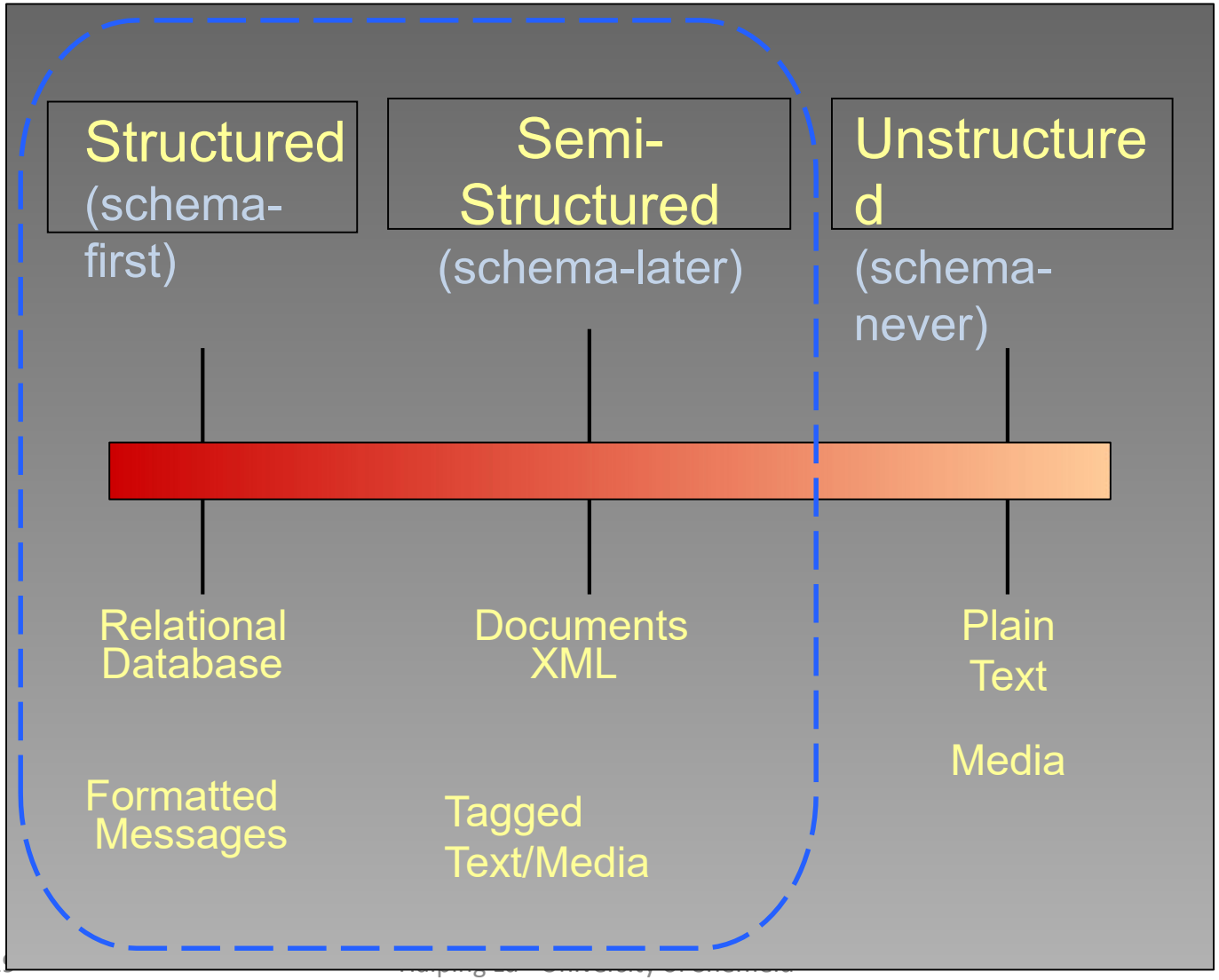

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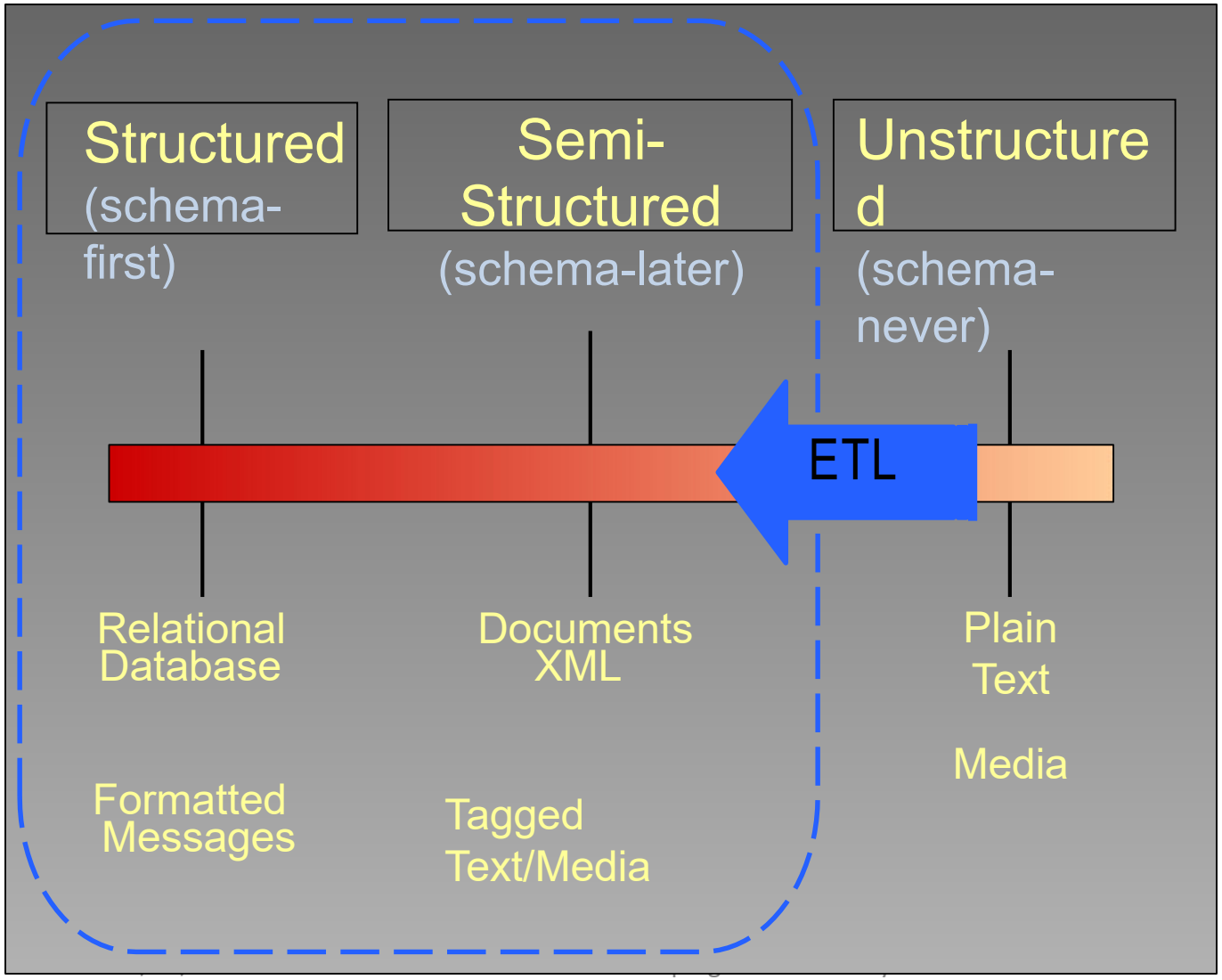


Extract-Transform-Load ➔

- **Impose structure on unstructured data**

Some Traditional Analysis Tools

- Unix shell commands (grep, awk, sed), pandas, R

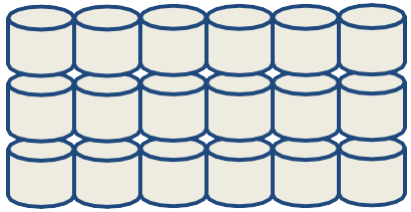
All run on a single machine!

The Big Data Problem

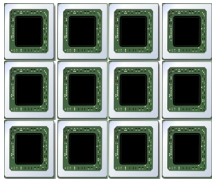
- Data growing faster than computation speeds
- Growing data sources
  - Web, mobile, scientific, …
- Storage getting cheaper
  - Size doubling every 18 months
- But, stalling CPU speeds and storage bottlenecks

The Big Data Problem

- **One machine** can not process or even store all the data!
- Solution is to **distribute** data over cluster of machines



Lots of hard drives



… and CPUs

… and memory!

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Apache Spark

- Fast and general cluster computing system, interoperable with Hadoop

- Improves efficiency through:
  - In-memory computing primitives
  - General computation graphs
- Improves usability through:
  - Rich APIs in Scala, Java, **Python**
  - Interactive shell

→ Up to 100× faster (2-10× on disk)

→ 2-5× less code

Spark Model

- *Write programs in terms of transformations on distributed datasets*

- Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs)
  - Collections of objects that can be stored in memory or disk across a cluster
  - Parallel functional transformations (map, filter, …)
  - Automatically rebuilt on **failure**

Spark for Data Science

- DataFrames
  - Structured data
  - Familiar API based on R & Python Pandas
  - Distributed, optimized implementation

- Machine Learning Pipelines
  - Simple construction and tuning of ML workflows

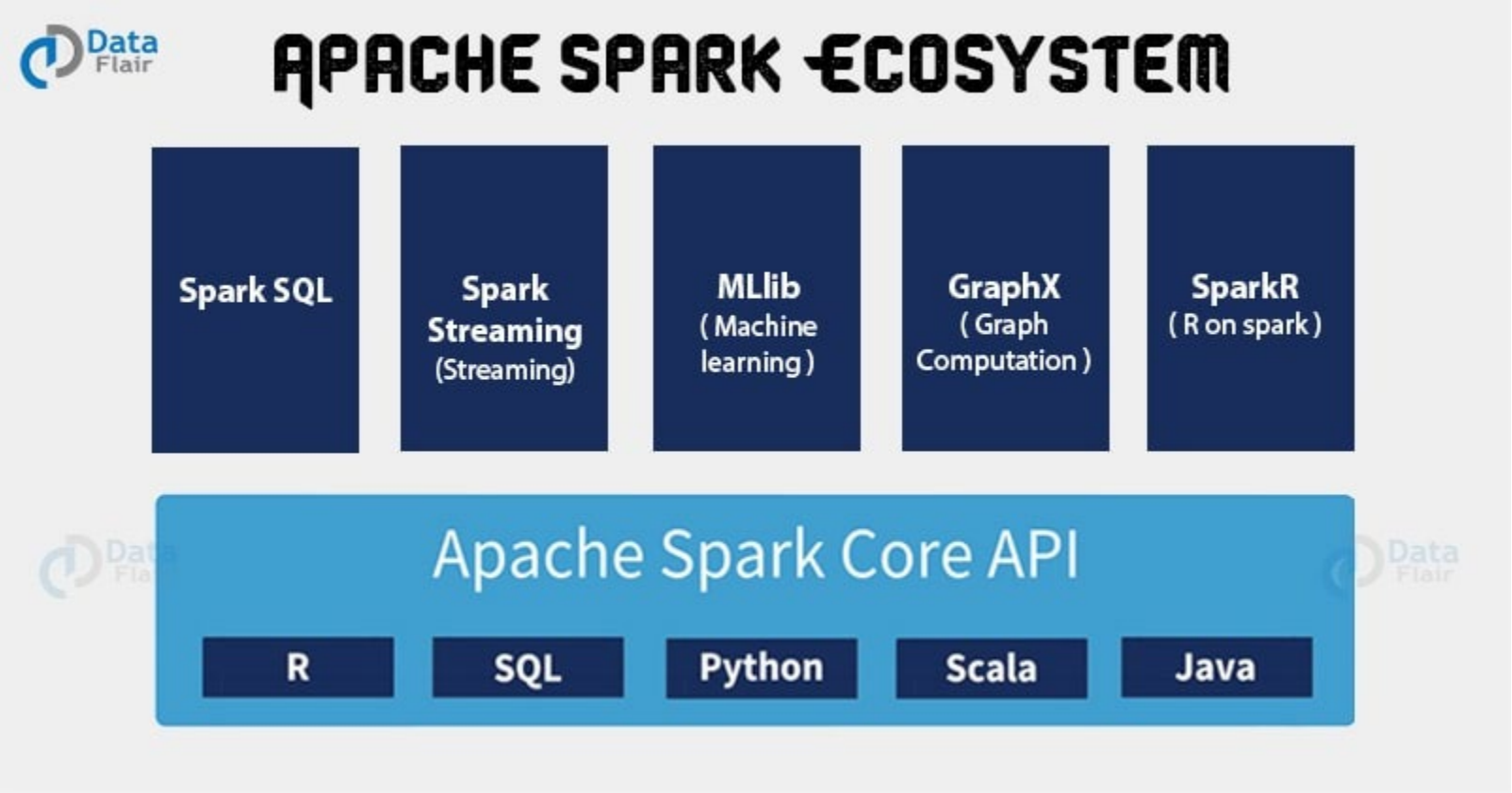
The Spark Computing Framework

- Provides programming abstraction and parallel runtime to hide complexities of fault-tolerance and slow machines

"Here's an operation, run it on all of the data"

- I don't care where it runs (you schedule that)
- In fact, feel free to run it twice on different nodes (e.g., when it fails)

Apache Spark Ecosystem



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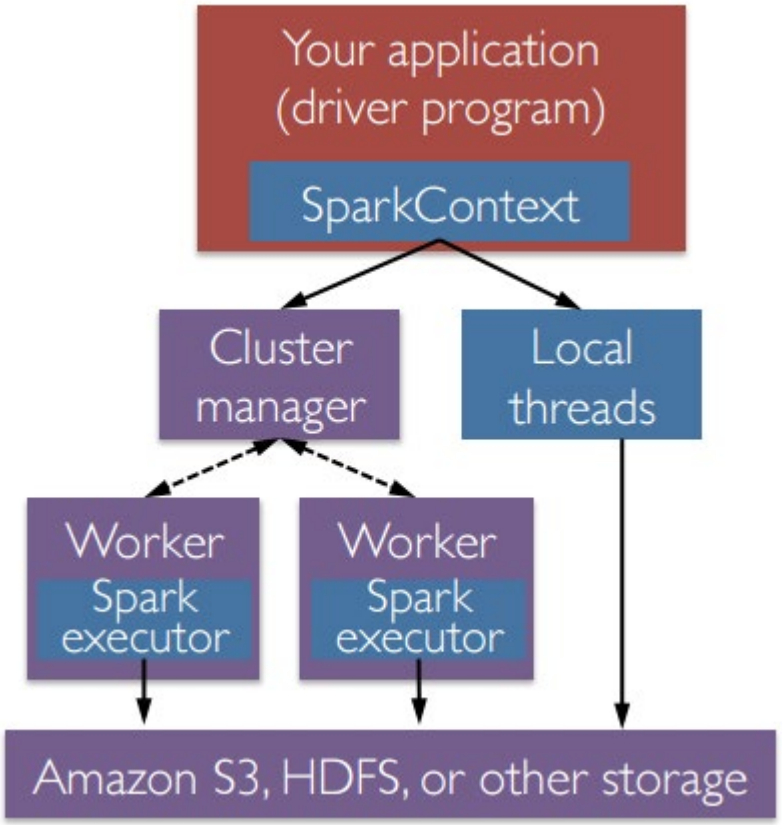
Spark Components



- A Spark program first creates a **SparkContext / SparkSession** object (driver)
  - Tells Spark how and where to access a cluster
  - Connect to several types of cluster managers (e.g., YARN or its own manager)
- Cluster manager:
  - Allocate resources across applications
- Spark executor (worker):
  - Run computations
  - Access data storage

Spark and SQL Contexts

- A Spark program is two programs:
  - A driver program and a workers program
  - Worker programs run on cluster nodes or in local threads
- A Spark program first creates a **SparkContext** object
  - tells Spark how and where to access a cluster
  - pySpark shell automatically create **SparkContext**
  - iPython (jupyter notebook) and programs must create a new **SparkContext**
  - 2.0.0+: **SparkSession** as the entry point (RDD→DataFrame)
- The program next creates a sqlContext object
- Use sqlContext to create **DataFrames**

Spark Essentials: Master

- The master parameter for a SparkContext/SparkSesion determines which type and size of cluster to use

Master Parameter	Description
`local`	run Spark locally with one worker thread (no parallelism)
`local[K]`	run Spark locally with K worker threads (ideally set to number of cores)
`spark://HOST:PORT`	connect to a Spark standalone cluster; PORT depends on config (7077 by default)
`mesos://HOST:PORT`	connect to a Mesos cluster; PORT depends on config (5050 by default)

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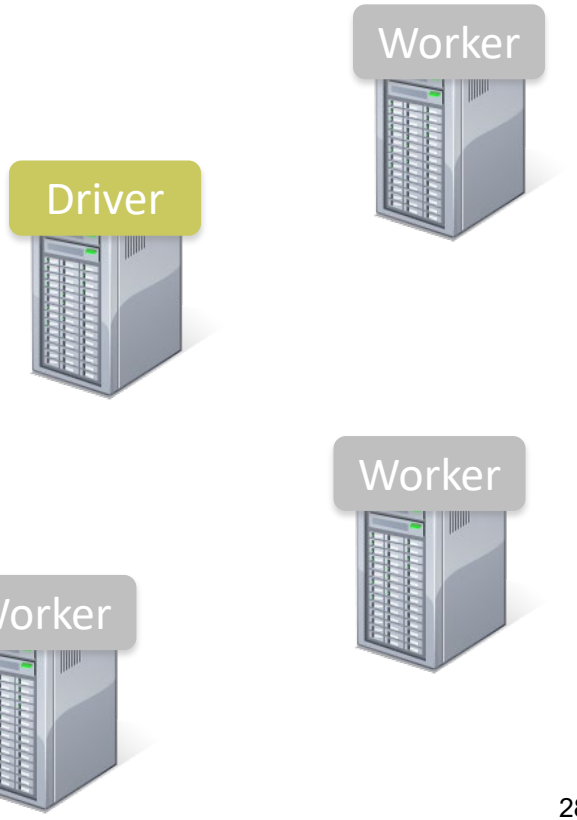

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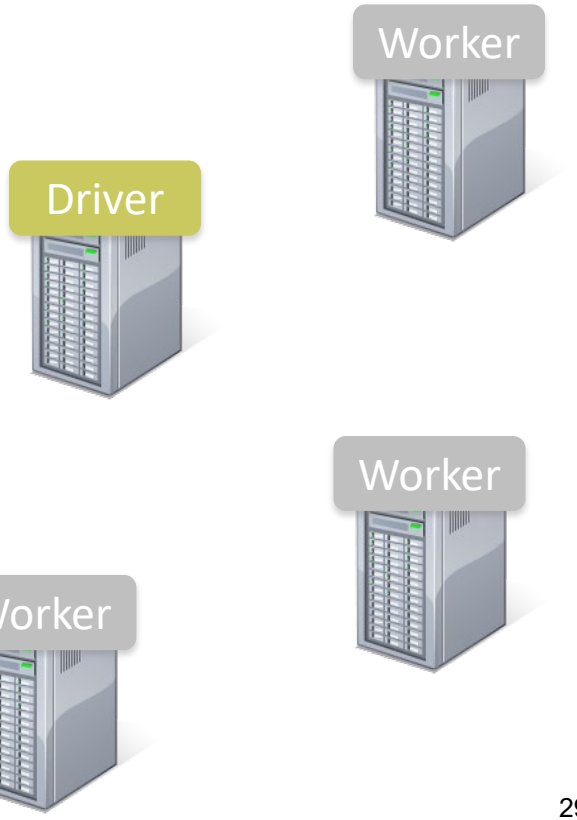

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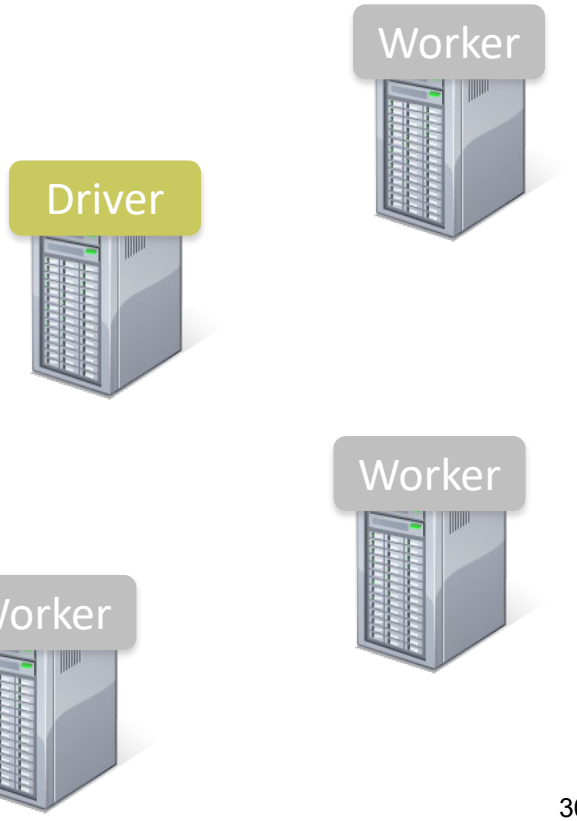

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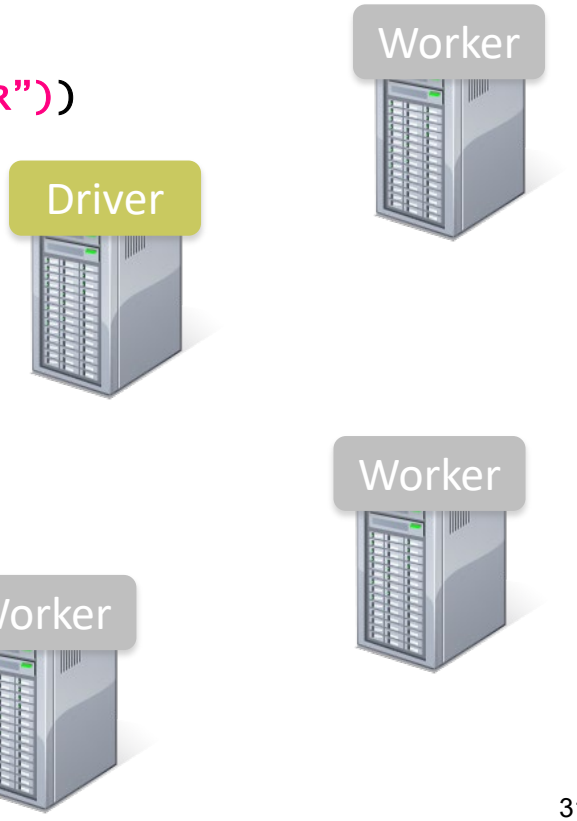

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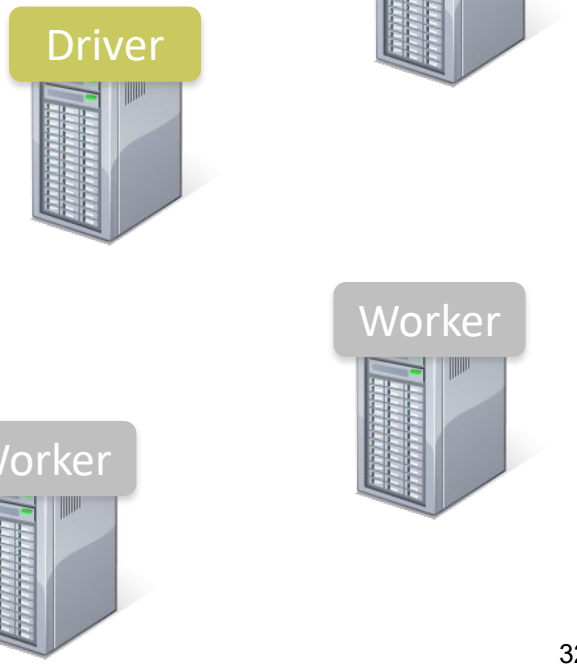

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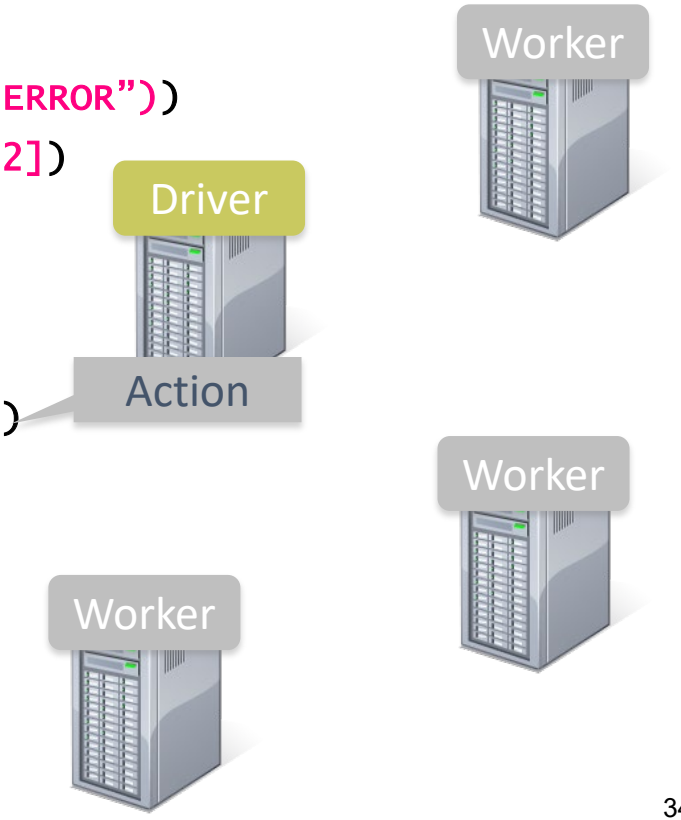

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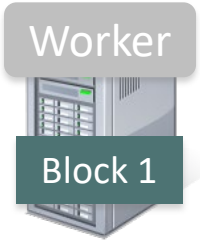

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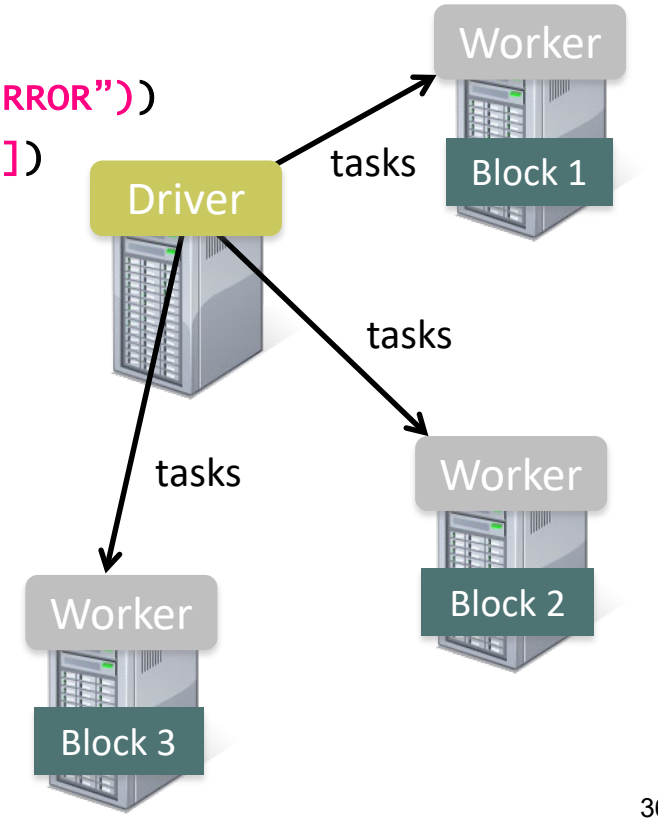

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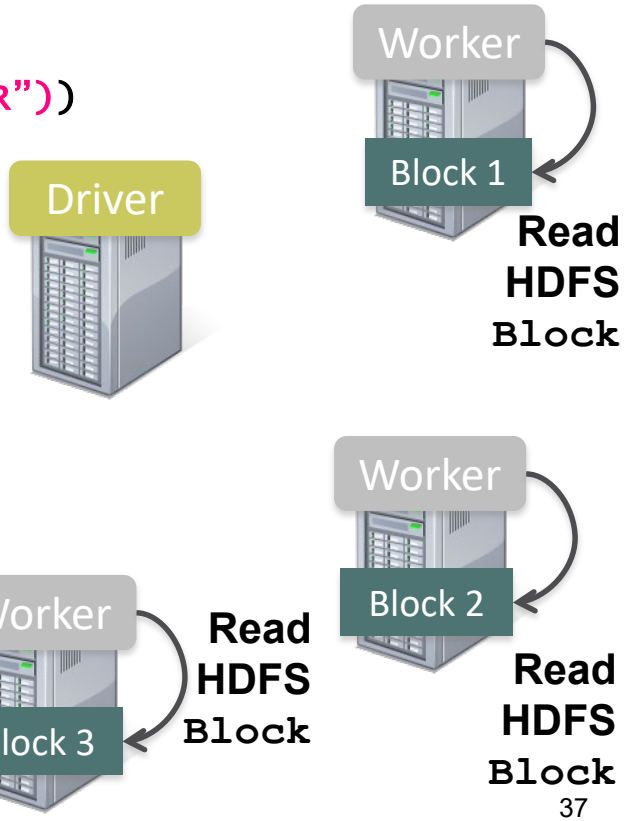

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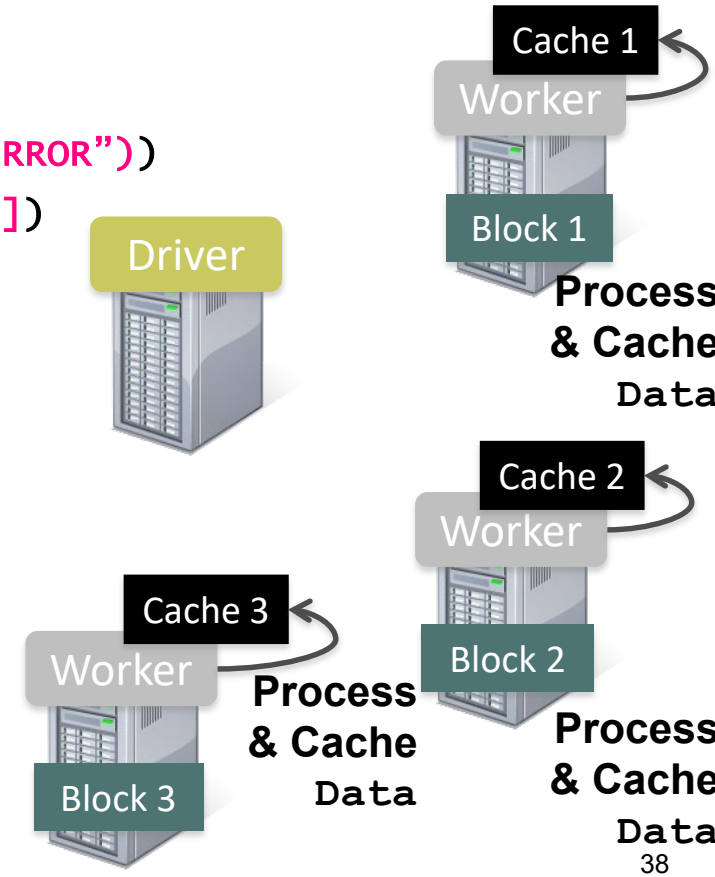

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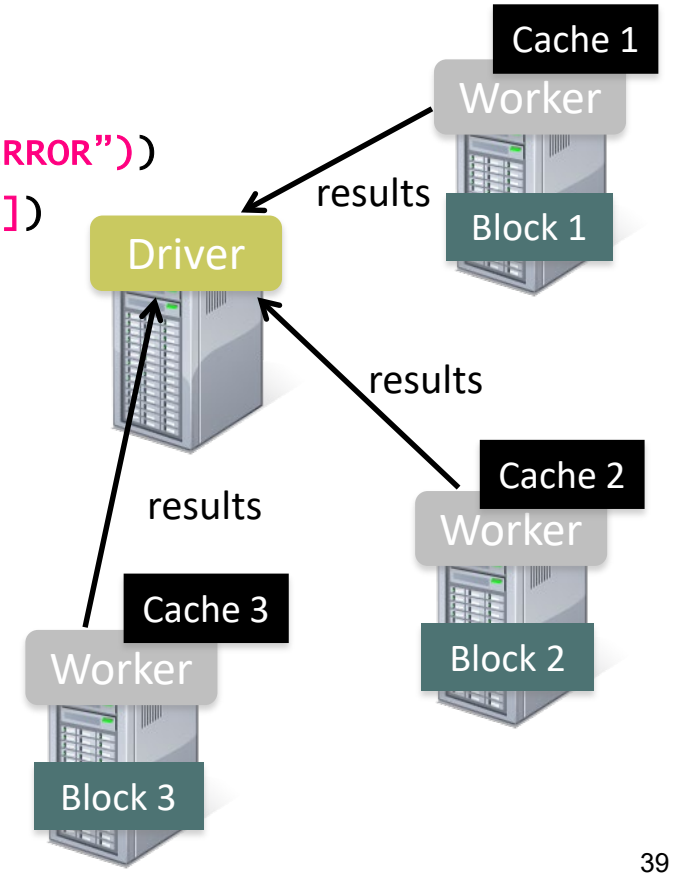

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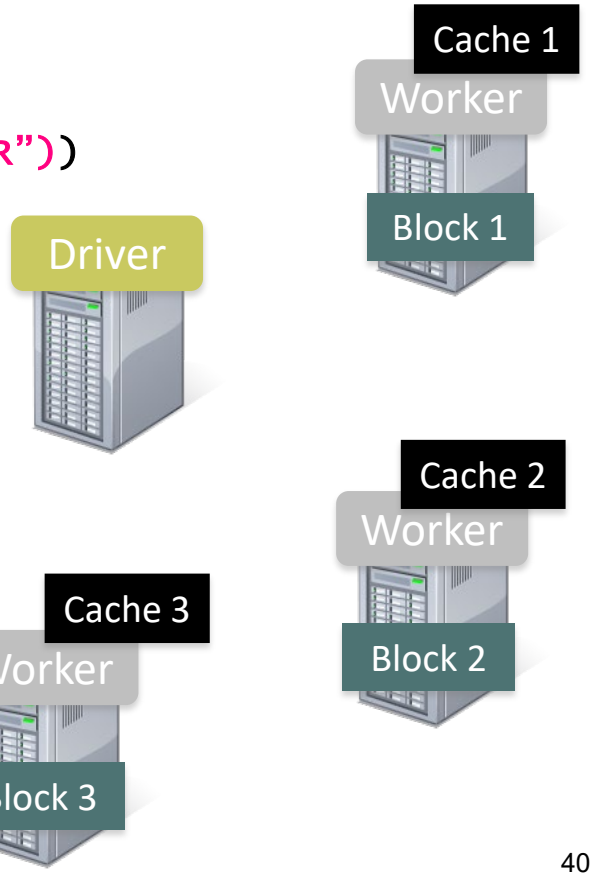

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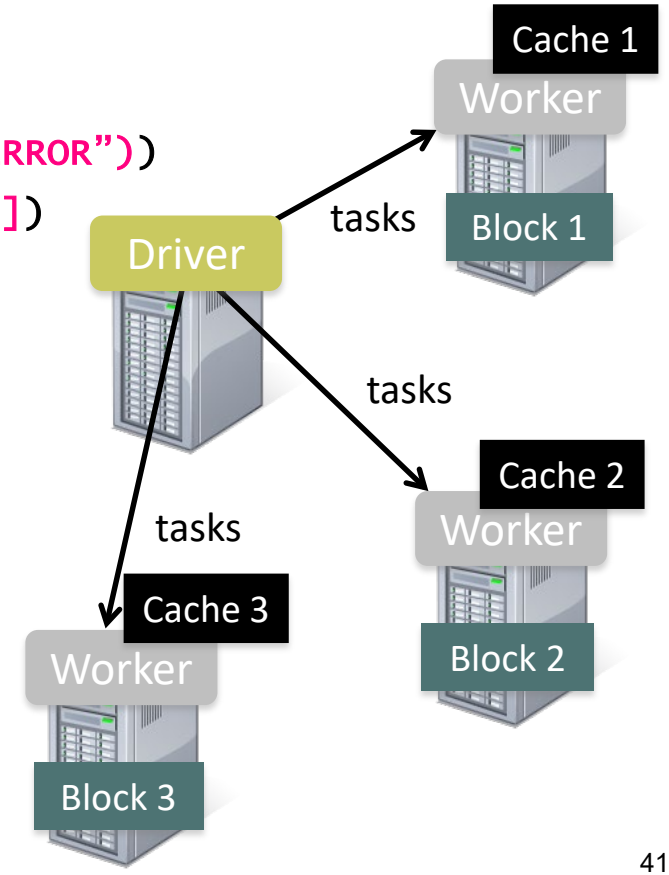

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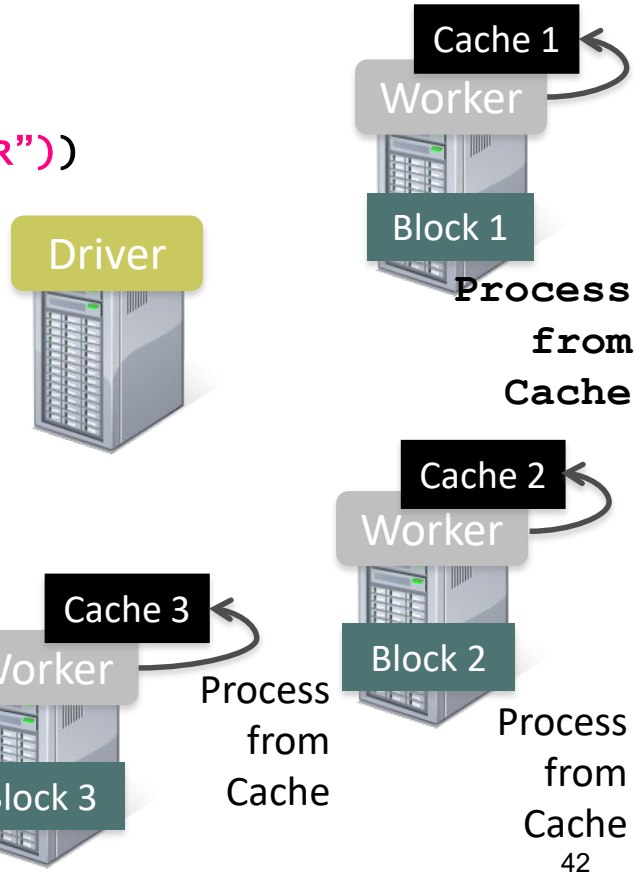

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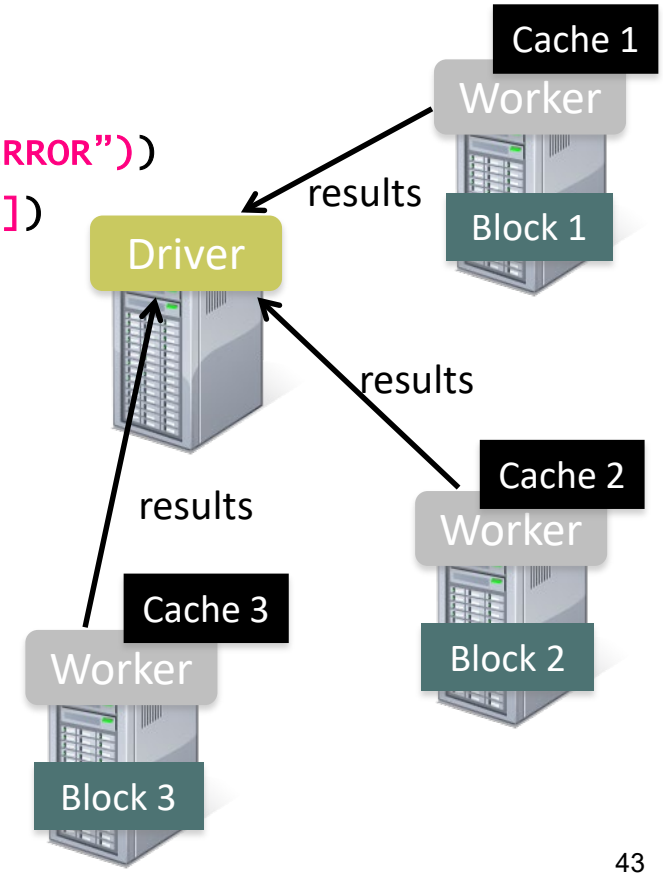

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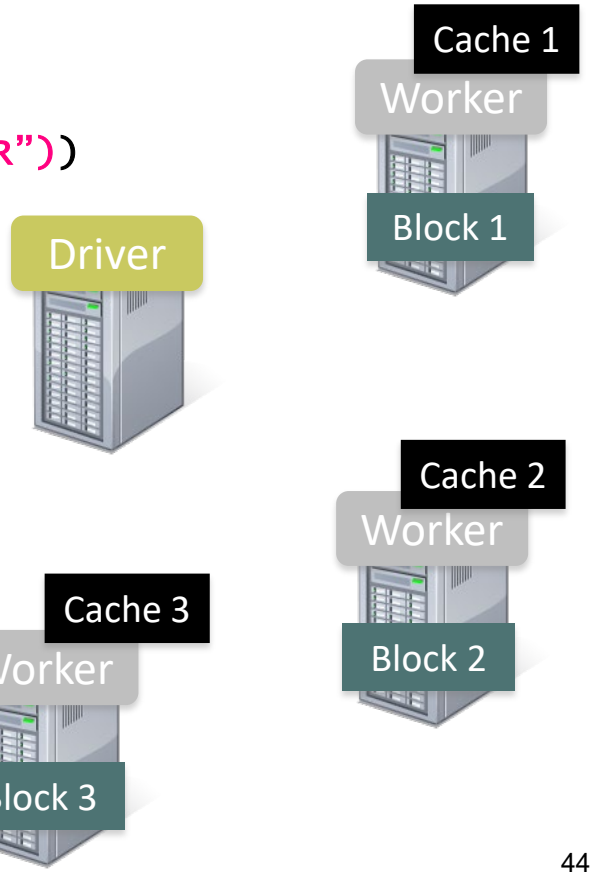

Cache your data ➔ Faster Results

Full-text search of Wikipedia

- 60GB on 20 EC2 machines
- 0.5 sec from mem vs. 20s for on-disk

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Spark Program Lifecycle

- Create DataFrames from external data or **createDataFrame** from a collection in driver program
- Lazily **transform** them into new DataFrames
- **cache()** some DataFrames for reuse
- Perform **actions** to execute parallel computation and produce results

Use Spark Transformations and Actions wherever possible: Search DataFrame reference API

PySpark

- See lab notebook
- Need: Java; Python (conda)

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- Install on Windows: http://deelesh.github.io/pyspark-windows.html
  - Install Java JRE, Python
  - Install PySpark: pip install pyspark=2.3.2
  - Jupyter: https://changhsinlee.com/install-pyspark-windows-jupyter/
- Install on Linux/Mac
  - See tutorial PDF

HPC@Sheffield (**Click** pls)

- ShARC: **Sh**effield **A**dvanced **R**esearch **C**omputer
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Spark Resources

- **Apache Spark Documentation**

  https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.3.2/ (we'll use **2.3.2**)
- **PySpark tutorial** (keep updating) https://runawayhorse001.github.io/LearningApacheSpark/pyspark.pdf
- Watch: https://www.youtube.com/user/TheApacheSpark/
- Code: https://github.com/apache/spark/
- Book: Karau et al., "Learning Spark: Lightning-Fast Big Data Analysis", O'Reilly Media, **2015 (old)**
- Google: emerging sources (please let me know if you find better ones)

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