



Big Data Stream Processing

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Agenda

Introduction to Streams

- Use cases
- Stream Processing 101

Stream Processing Systems

- Ingredients of a stream processing system
- Some examples
- More details on Storm, Spark, Flink
- Maybe a demo (!)

Stream Processing Optimizations (if we have time)

How to optimize

With slides from Data Artisans, Volker Markl, Asterios Katsifodimos, Jonas Traub

Big Fast Data

- Data is growing and can be evaluated
 - Tweets, social networks (statuses, checkins, shared content), blogs, click streams, various logs, ...
 - Facebook: > 845M active users, > 8B messages/day
 - Twitter: > 140M active users, > 340M tweets/day
- Everyone is interested!

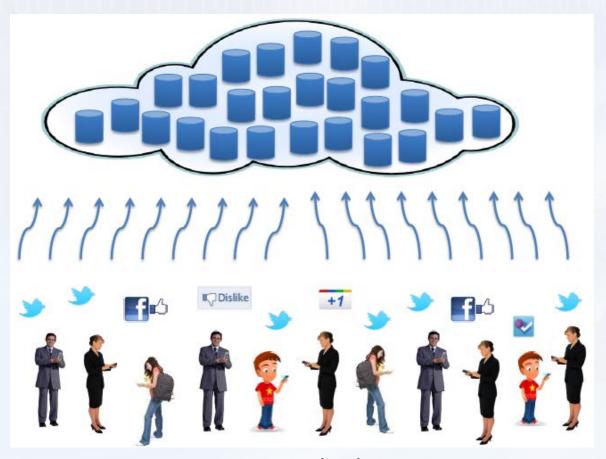


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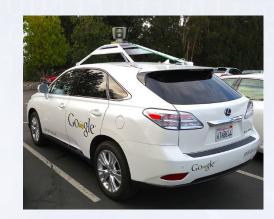
But there is so much more...

Autonomous Driving

- Requires rich navigation info
- Rich data sensor readings
- 1GB data per minute per car (all sensors)¹

Traffic Monitoring

- High event rates: millions events / sec
- High query rates: thousands queries / sec
- Queries: filtering, notifications, analytical





Source: http://theroadtochangeindia.wordpress.com/2011/01/13/better-roads/

Pre-processing of sensor data

- CERN experiments generate ~1PB of measurements per second.
- Unfeasible to store or process directly, fast preprocessing is a must.



¹Cobb: http://www.hybridcars.com/tech-experts-put-the-brakes-on-autonomous-cars/

Why is this hard?

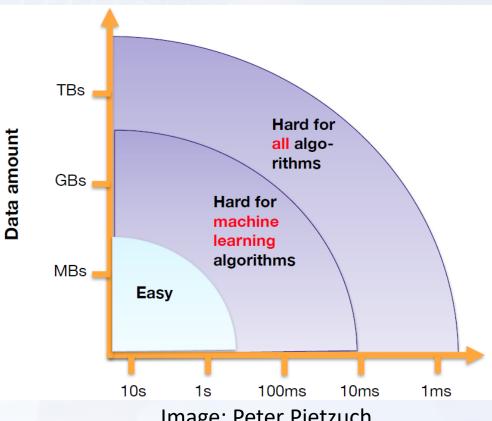


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Tension between performance and algorithmic expressiveness

Stream Processing 101

With some Flink Examples
Based on the Data Flow Model

What is a Stream?

Unbounded data

- Conceptually infinite, ever growing set of data items / events
- Practically continuous stream of data, which needs to be processed / analyzed

Push model

- Data production and procession is controlled by the source
- Publish / subscribe model

Concept of time

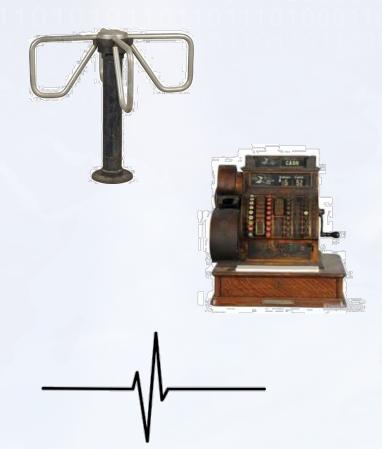
- Often need to reason about when data is produced and when processed data should be output
- Time agnostic, processing time, ingestion time, event time

This part is largely based on Tyler Akidau's great blog on streaming - https://www.oreilly.com/ideas/the-world-beyond-batch-streaming-101

Stream Models

$$S = s_i, s_{i+1}, ...$$
 $s_i = \langle data item, timestamp \rangle$

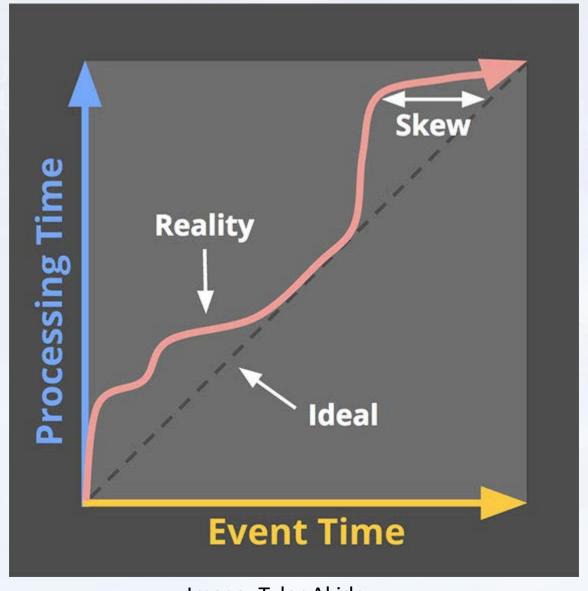
- Turnstile
 - Elements can come and go
 - Underlying model is a vector of elements (domain)
 - s_i is an update (increment or decrement) to a vector element
 - Traditional database model
 - Flexible model for algorithms
- Cash register
 - Similar to turnstile, but elements cannot leave
- Time series
 - s_i is is a new vector entry
 - Vector is increasing
 - This is what all big stream processing engines use



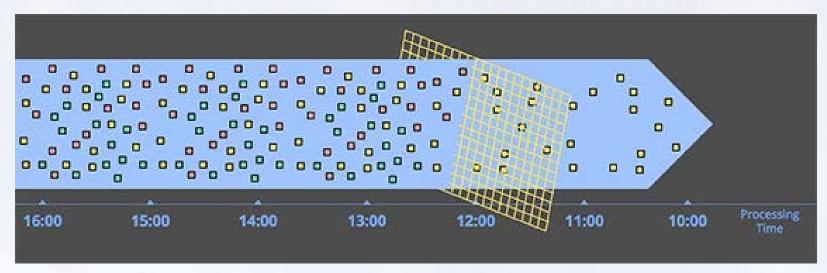
Event Time



- Event time
 - Data item production time
- Ingestion time
 - System time when data item is received
- Processing time
 - System time when data item is processed
- Typically, these do not match!
- In practice, streams are unordered!

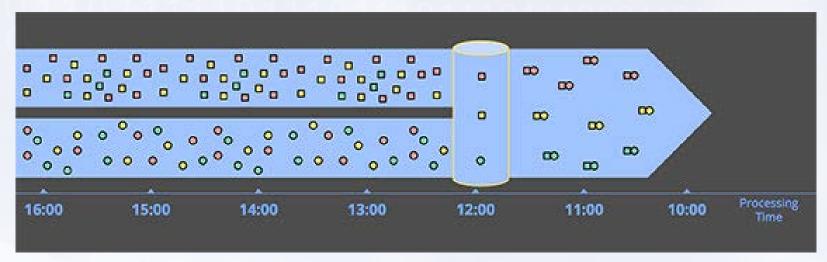


Time Agnostic Processing



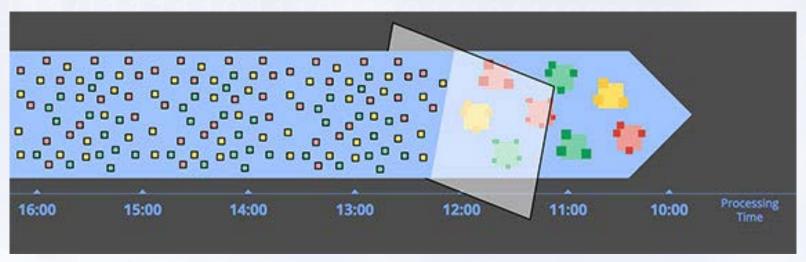
- Filtering
 - Stateless
 - Can be done per data item
 - Implementations: hash table or bloom filter

Time Agnostic Processing II



- Inner join
 - Only current elements
 - Stateful
 - E.g., hash join
- What about other joins (e.g., outer join)?

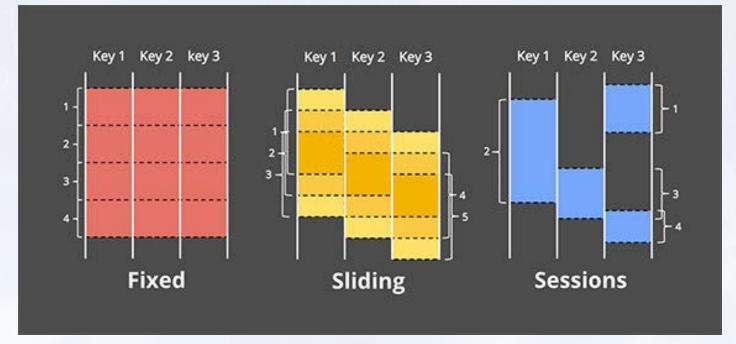
Approximate Processing



- Streaming k-means, sketches
 - Low overhead
 - Notion of time
- Not covered in this talk

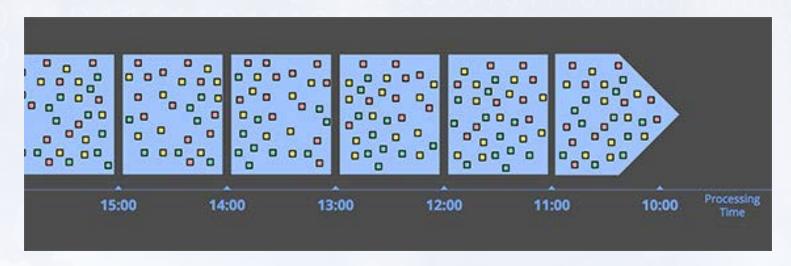
Windows

- Fixed
 - Also tumbling
- Sliding
 - Also hopping
- Session
 - Based on activity



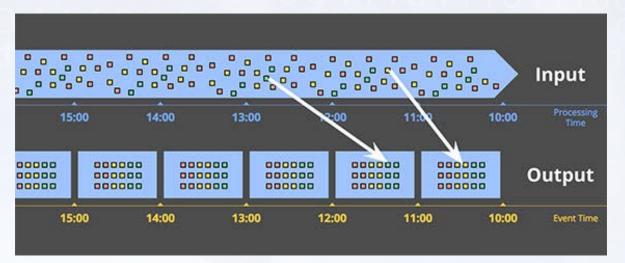
- Triggered by
 - Event time, processing time, count, watermark
- Eviction policy
 - Window width / size

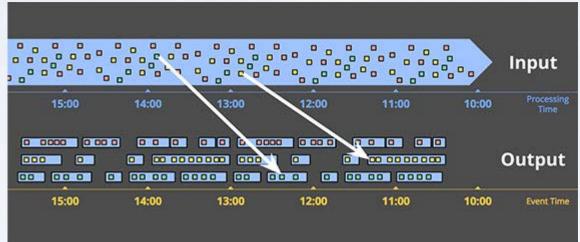
Processing Time Windows



- System waits for x time units
 - System decides on stream partitioning
 - Simple, easy to implement
 - Ignores any time information in the stream -> any aggregation can be arbitrary
- Similar: Counting Windows

Event Time Windows

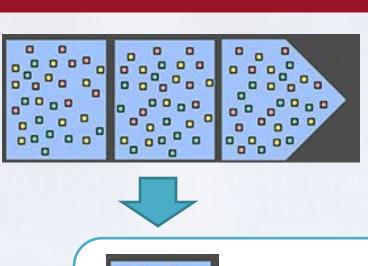


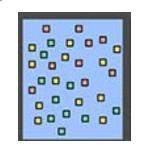


- Windows based on the time information in stream
 - Adheres to stream semantic
 - Correct calculations
 - Buffering required, potentially unordered (more on this later)

Basic Stream Operators

- Windowed Aggregation
 - E.g., average speed
 - Sum of URL accesses
 - Daily highscore
- Windowed Join
 - Correlated observations in timeframe
 - E.g., temperature in time





Aggregate



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Flink's Windowing

- Windows can be any combination of (multiple) triggers & evictions
 - Arbitrary tumbling, sliding, session, etc. windows can be constructed.
- Common triggers/evictions part of the API
 - Time (processing vs. event time), Count
- Even more flexibility: define your own UDF trigger/eviction
- Examples:

```
dataStream.windowAll(TumblingEventTimeWindows.of(Time.seconds(5)));
dataStream.keyBy(0).window(TumblingEventTimeWindows.of(Time.seconds(5)));
```

Example Analysis: Windowed Aggregation

```
StockPrice(HDP, 23.8)
                                                                                      (2)
                                                                            MinBy
                                                                             Price
                                                                  global
                                                (1)
   StockPrice(SPX, 2113.9)
                                                       10 sec
   StockPrice(FTSE, 6931.7)
                                                                                            StockPrice(SPX, 2113.9)
                                                                 groupby
                                                                                       (3)
                                 Stock
                                                      window
                                                                            MaxBv
   StockPrice(HDP, 23.8)
                                                                                            StockPrice(FTSE, 6931.7)
                                                                             Price
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   StockPrice(HDP, 26.6)
                                                                                            StockPrice(HDP, 26.6)
                                                                  symbol
                                                       5 secs
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                                                                                      (4)
                                                                             Mean
                                                                                            StockPrice(FTSE, 6931.7)
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                                                                                            StockPrice(HDP, 25.2)
(1)_{val} windowedStream = stockStream.window(Time.of(10, SECONDS)).every(Time.of(5, SECONDS))
  val lowest = windowedStream.minBy("price")
   val maxByStock = windowedStream.groupBy("symbol").maxBy("price")
       rollingMean = windowedStream.groupBy("symbol").mapWindow(mean _)
```

Complex Event Processing

- Detecting patterns in a stream
- Complex event = sequence of events
- Defined using logical and temporal conditions
 - Logical: data values and combinations
 - Temporal: within a given period of time

```
5 min 24°C, Station#1, 13:00
23°C, Station#2, 13:00
21°C, Station#1, 13:02
20°C, Station#1, 13:05
```

```
SEQ(A, B, C) WITH

A.Temp > 23°C &&

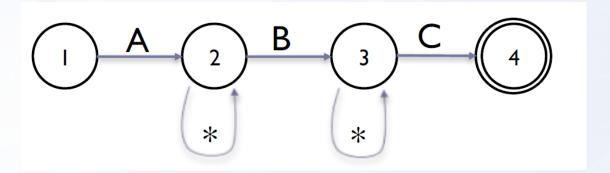
B.Station = A.Station && B.Temp < A.Temp &&

C.Station = A.Station && A.Temp-C.Temp > 3
```

Slide by Kai-Uwe Sattler

Complex Event Processing Contd.

- Composite events constructed e.g. by
 - SEQ, AND, OR, NEG, ...
 - SEQ(e1, e2) → (e1, t1) \land (e2, t2) \land t1 ≤ t2 \land e1,e2 ϵ W
- Implemented by constructing a NFA
 - Example: SEQ(A, B, C)



Stream Processing Systems

What makes a system a stream processing system?

8 Requirements of Big Streaming

- Keep the data moving
 - Streaming architecture
- Declarative access
 - E.g. StreamSQL, CQL
- Handle imperfections
 - Late, missing, unordered items
- Predictable outcomes

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Consistency, event time

- Integrate stored and streaming data
 - Hybrid stream and batch
- Data safety and availability
 - Fault tolerance, durable state
- Automatic partitioning and scaling
 - Distributed processing
- Instantaneous processing and response

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Big Data Processing

- Databases can process very large data since forever (see VLDB)
 - Why not use those?
- Big data is not (fully) structured
 - No good for database ☺
- We want to learn more from data than just
 - Select, project, join
- First solution: MapReduce

Map Reduce

- Framework / programming model by Google
 - Presented 2004 at OSDI'04
- Inspired by map and reduce functions in functional languages / MPI
 - Second order functions
- Simple parallelization model for shared nothing architectures ("commodity hardware")
- Apache Hadoop
 - Open-source implementation
 - Initiated at Yahoo

```
Map: Computation
   For each input create list of output values
   Example:
        For each word in a sentence emit a k/v pair
        indicating one occurrence of the word
        (key, "hello world") -> ("hello","1"), ("world","1")
   Signature
   map (key, value) -> list(key', value')
```

```
Reduce: Aggregation

Combine all intermediate values for one key

Example:

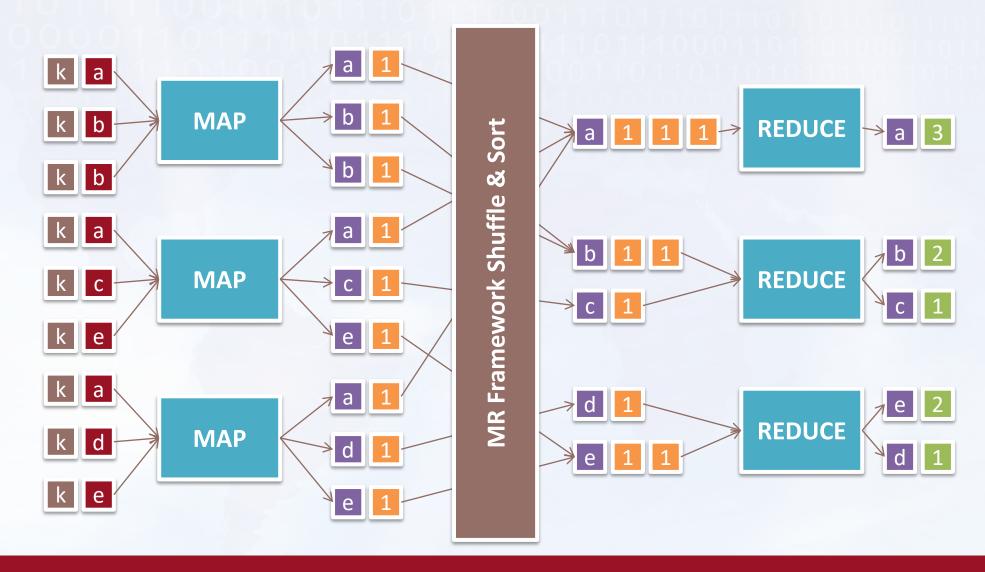
Sum up all values for the same key

("Hello",("1", "1", "1", "1")) -> ("Hello",("4"))

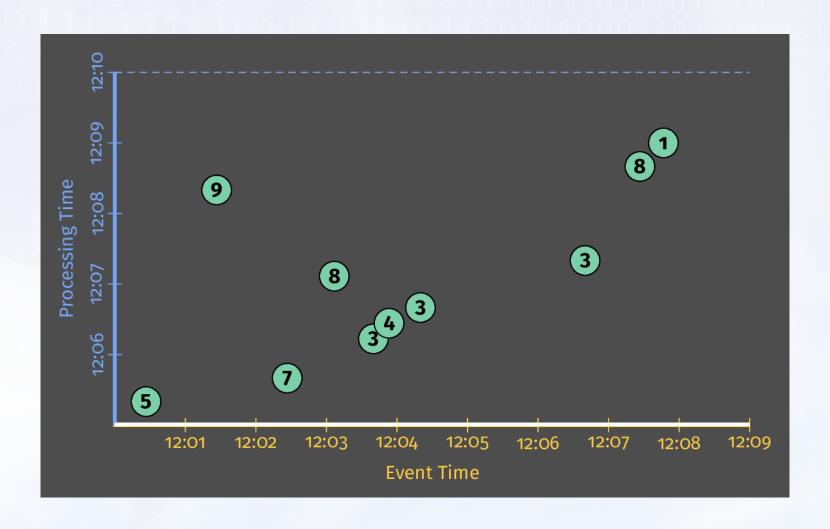
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reduce (key, list(value)) -> list(value')
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MR Data Flow

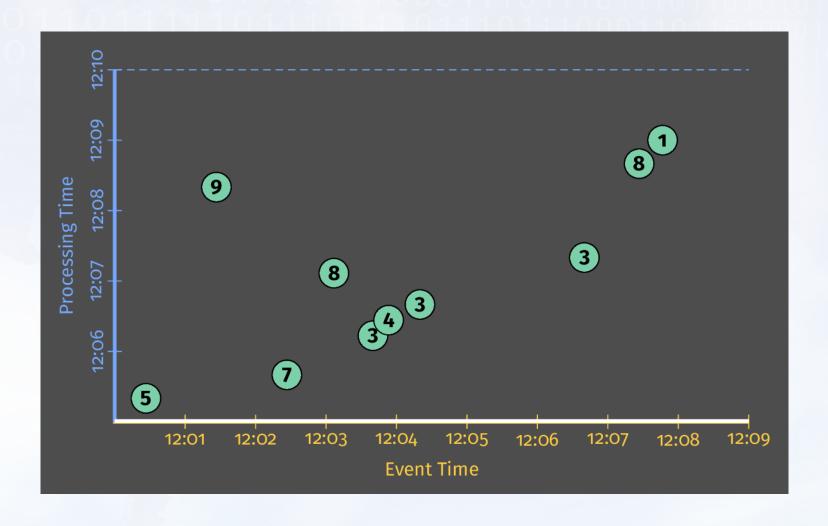


MR / Batch Processing



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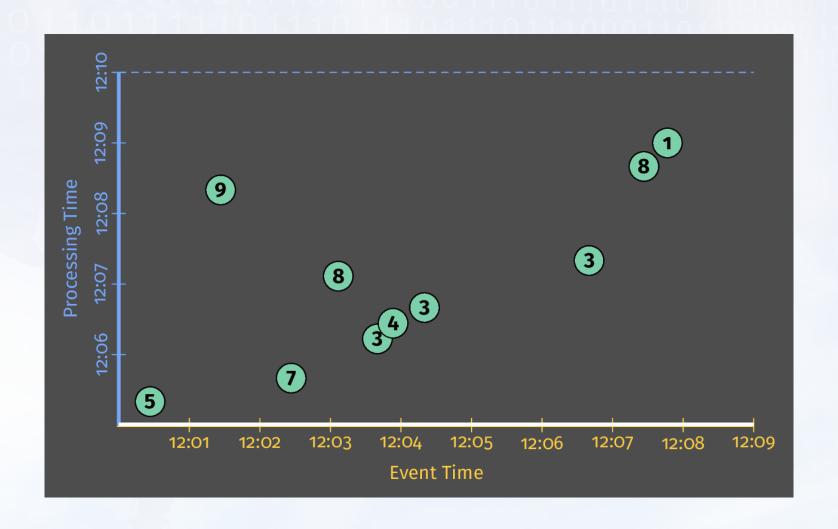
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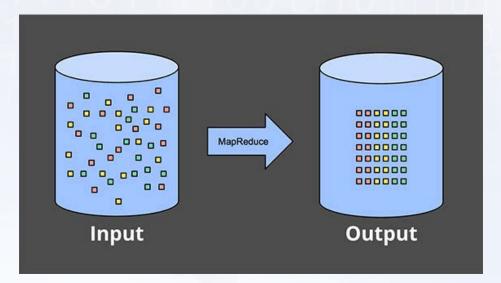
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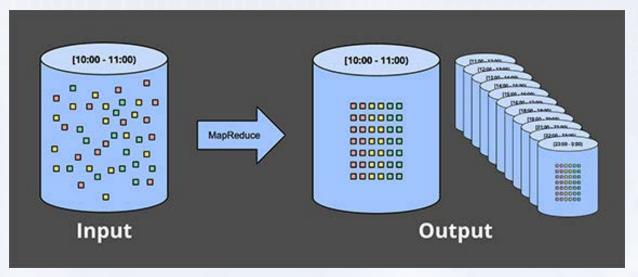
MR / Batch Window Processing

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MR Discussion





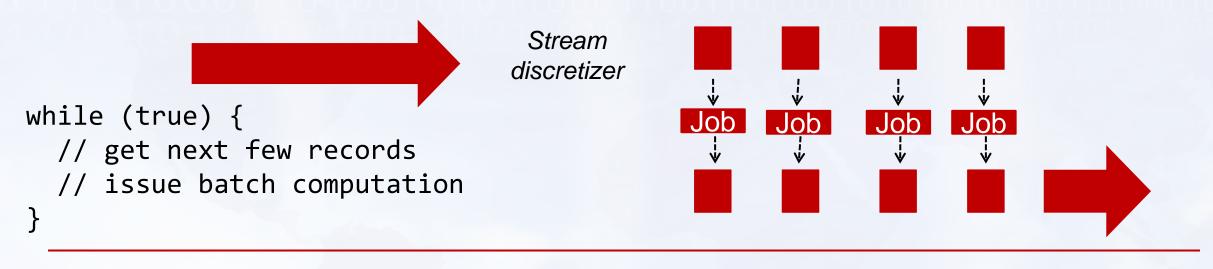
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Great for large amounts of static data

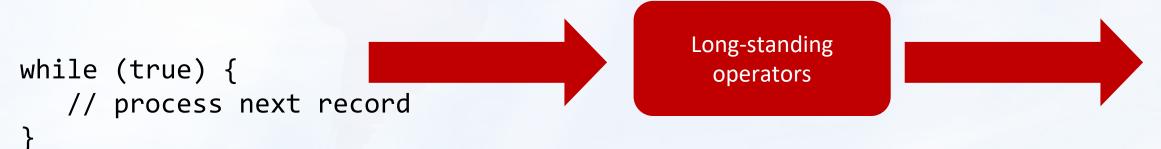
- For streams: only for large windows
- Data is not moving!
- High latency, low efficiency

How to keep data moving?

Discretized Streams (mini-batch)



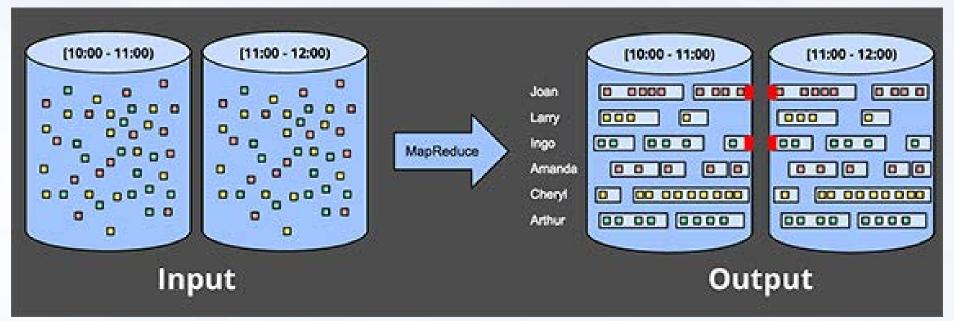
Native streaming



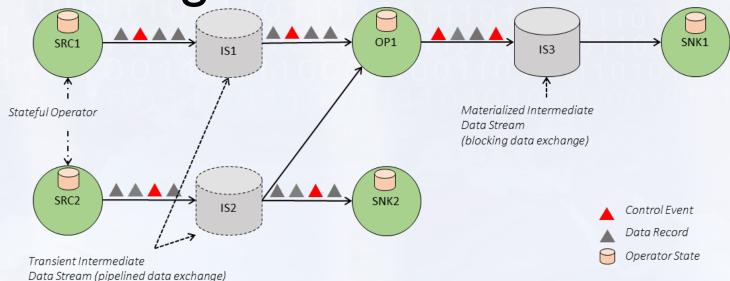
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Discussion of Mini-Batch

- Easy to implement
- Easy consistency and fault-tolerance
- Hard to do event time and sessions



True Streaming Architecture



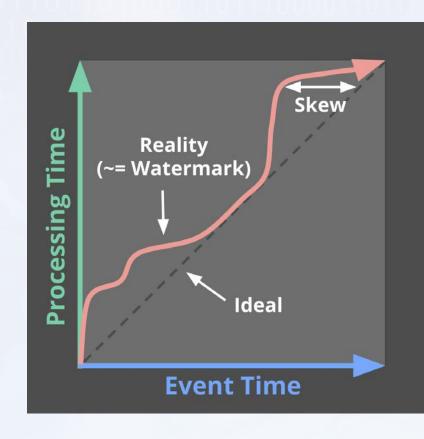
- Program = DAG* of operators and intermediate streams
- Operator = computation + state
- Intermediate streams = logical stream of records

Stream transformations

- Basic transformations: *Map, Reduce, Filter, Aggregations...*
- Binary stream transformations: CoMap, CoReduce...
- Windowing semantics: Policy based flexible windowing (Time, Count, Delta...)
- Temporal binary stream operators: Joins, Crosses...
- Native support for iterations

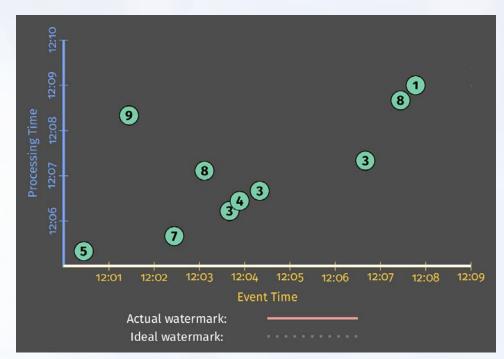
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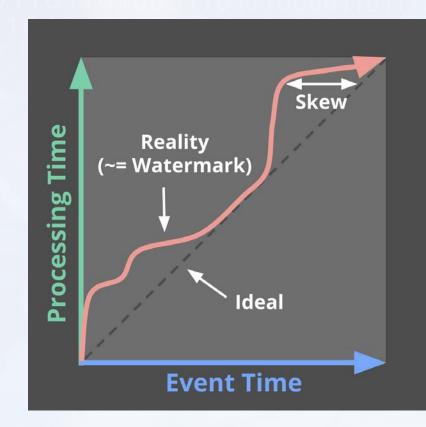
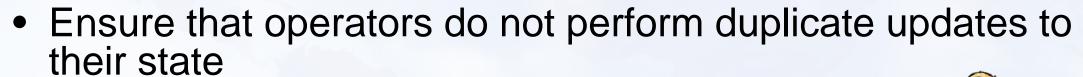


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Data Safety and Availability

- Ensure that operators see all events
 - "At least once"
 - Solved by replaying a stream from a checkpoint
 - No good for correct results



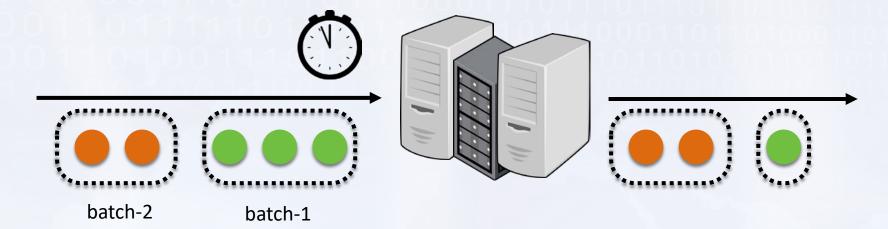
- "Exactly once"
- Several solutions
- Ensure the job can survive failure





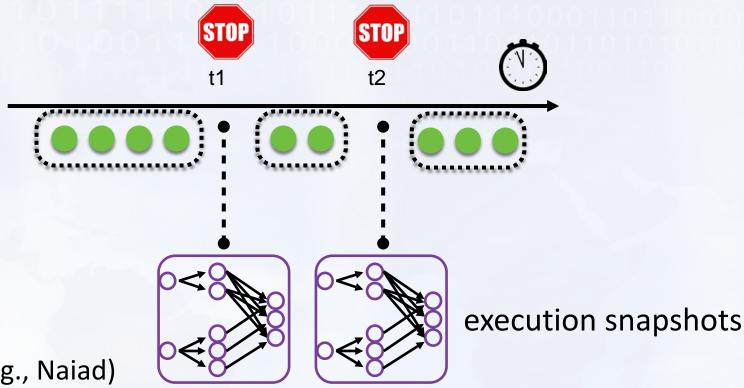


Lessons Learned from Batch



- If a batch computation fails, simply repeat computation as a transaction
- Transaction rate is constant
- Can we apply these principles to a true streaming execution?

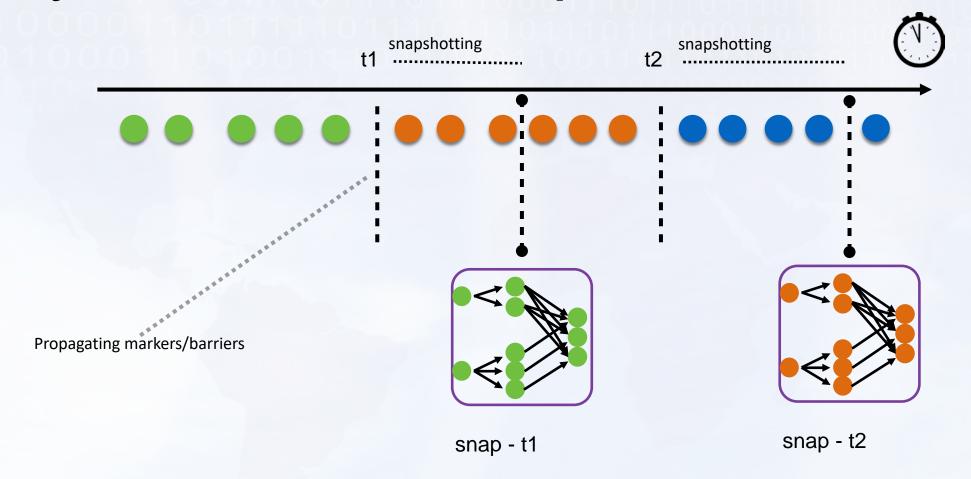
Taking Snapshots – the naïve way



Initial approach (e.g., Naiad)

- Pause execution on t1,t2,...
- Collect state
- Restore execution

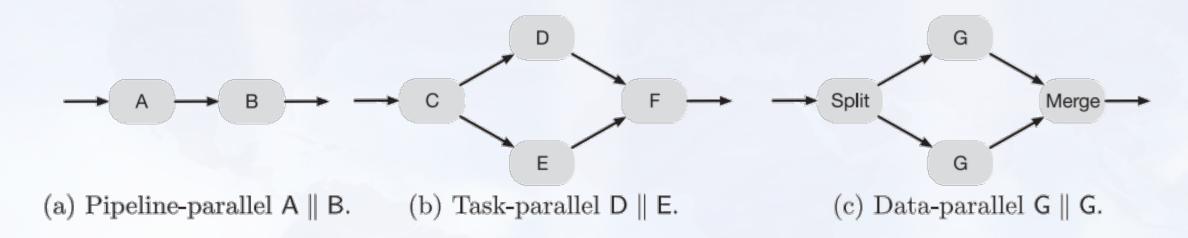
Asynchronous Snapshots in Flink



[Carbone et. al. 2015] "Lightweight Asynchronous Snapshots for Distributed Dataflows", Tech. Report. http://arxiv.org/abs/1506.08603

Automatic partitioning and scaling

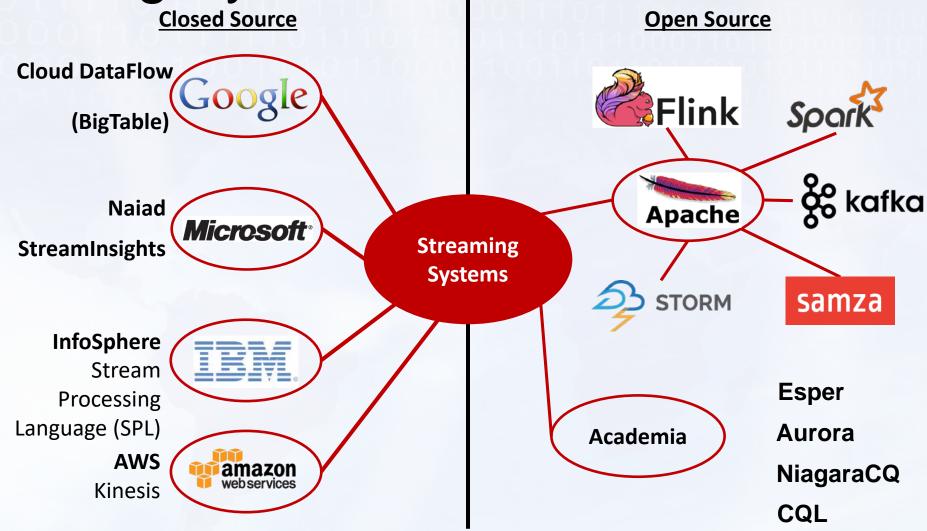
3 Types of Parallelization



Big streaming systems should support all three

Big Data Streaming Systems

Streaming Systems Overview



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Closed Source/Commercial Systems

Google

Unified primitives for batch and stream processing Cloud DataFlow: *

- Runs in Google's cloud only
- Open Source SDK (programs can run on other systems)
- Check out the Apache Beam Project! (http://beam.apache.org/)

BigTable: •

- Not a real streaming solution
- Allows to feed streams as source into a google DB
- Data can be immediately queried

Naiad: •

- Goals of Naiad:
 - High throughput (typical for batch processors)
 - Low latency (known from single system stream processors)
- Is able to process iterative data flows
- Can discretize windows only based on time

Microsoft[®]

- Available through Microsoft's cloud StreamInsights: •
 - Windows based on count-, time- and punctuation/snapshot
 - Optimized for .NET framework applications

InfoSphere:

Language (SPL)

Stream

- Well specified in several publications
- Can be deployed in customer clusters Processing
 - Own SQL-like query language enables many optimization means
 - window discretization based on trigger- and eviction policies

Open Source Systems by Apache (1/2)

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- Reliable handling of huge numbers of concurrent reads and writes
- Can be used as data-source / data-sink for Storm, Samza, Flink, Spark and many more systems
- Fault tolerant: Messages are persisted on disk and replicated within the cluster. Messages (reads and writes) can be repeated



- True streaming over distributed dataflow
- Low level API: Programmers have to specify the logic of each vertex in the flow graph
- Full understanding and hard coding of all used operators is required
- Enables very high throughput (single purpose programs with small overhead)



- True streaming built on top of Apache Kafka and Hadoop YARN
- State is first class citizen
- Low level API

Open Source Systems by Apache (2/2)



Spark implements a batch execution engine

- The execution of a job graph is done in stages
- Operator outputs are materialized in memory (or disk) until the consuming operator is ready to consume the materialized data

Spark uses Discretized Streams (D-Streams)

- Streams are interpreted as a series of deterministic batch-processing jobs
- Micro batches have a fixed granularity
- All windows defined in queries must be multiples of this granularity



Flinks runtime is a native streaming engine

- Based on Nephele/PACTs
- Queries are compiled to a program in the form of an operator DAG
- Operator DAGs are compiled to job graphs
- Job graphs are generic streaming programs

Flink implements "true streaming"

- The whole job graph is deployed concurrently in the cluster
- Operators are long-running: Continuously consume input and produce output
- Output tuples are immediately forwarded to succeeding operators and are available for further processing (enables pipeline parallelism)

Further open source systems

Esper

- Open source Complex Event Processing (CEP) engine
- Tightly coupled to Java: Executable on J2EE application servers
- Describing events in Plain Old Java Objects (POJOs)
- Time-based or count-based windows

Aurora

- First design and implementation that parallelizes stream computation including rich operation and windowing semantics
- Windows are always specified as ranges on some measure
- Was continued in Borealis Project

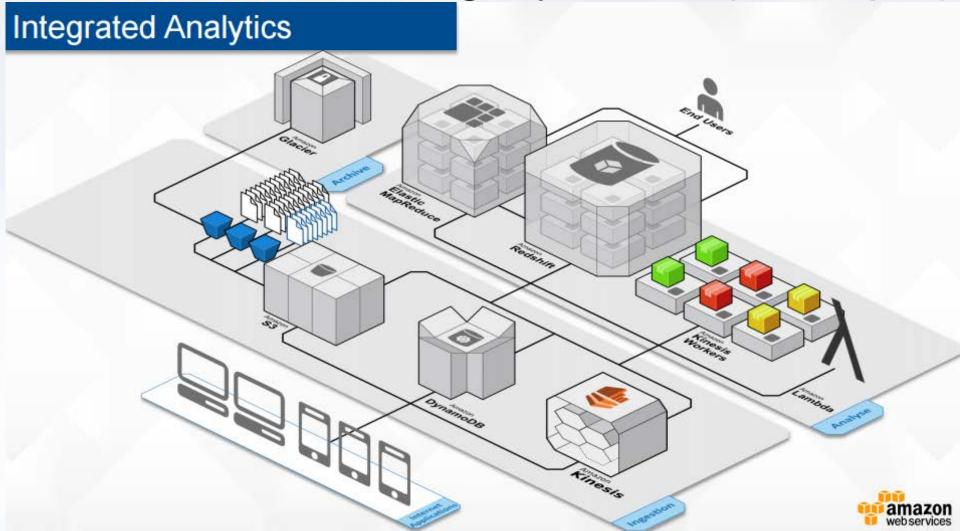
NiagaraCQ

- Focuses more on scalability than on the flexibility
- Provides various optimizations techniques to share common computation within and across queries
- Only time-based windows are possible

CQL

- Continuous query language
- Implemented by the STREAM DSMS at Stanford
- Captures a wide range of streaming application in an SQL-like query language

Cloud-Based Streaming Systems (example)



Storm, Spark Streaming, and Flink

Big Data Analytics Ecosystem

Applications & Languages

Hive Cascading Giraph

Mahout Pig Crunch

Data processing engines



App and resource management

Yarn

Mesos

Storage, streams

HDFS

HBase

Kafka

...

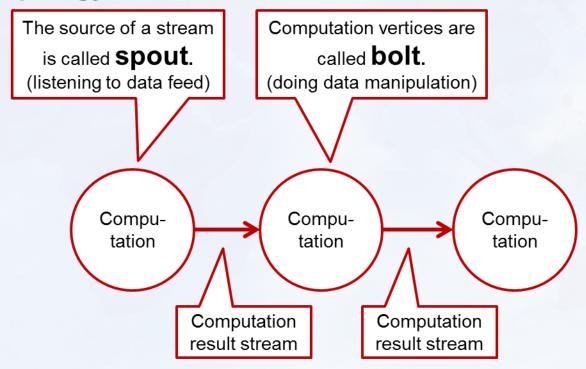
Apache Storm

Scalable Stream Processing Platform by Twitter

- Tuple wise computation
- Programs are represented in a topology graph
 - vertices are computations / data transformations
 - edges represent data streams between the computation nodes
 - streams consist of an unbounded sequence of data-items/tuples
- Low-level stream processing engine

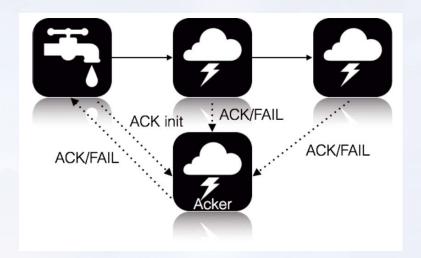


Topology:



Storm's Fault Tolerance

At least once guarantee via acknowledgments



Acker logs progress of each tuple emitted by a spout

Storm Bolt Example

```
public class DoubleAndTripleBolt extends BaseRichBolt {
    private OutputCollectorBase collector;
   @Override
   public void prepare(Map conf, TopologyContext context, OutputCollectorBase collector) {
       _collector = collector;
   @Override
    public void execute(Tuple input) {
        int val = input.getInteger(0);
       _collector.emit(input, new Values(val*2, val*3));
       collector.ack(input);
   @Override
   public void declareOutputFields(OutputFieldsDeclarer declarer) {
        declarer.declare(new Fields("double", "triple"));
```

Building a Storm Topology

1) Use the TopologyBuilder class to connect spouts and bolts:

```
builder.setSpout("name",new MySpout());
builder.setBolt("name",new MyBolt());
```

2) Additionally, specify groupings to allow parallelization (shuffle, all, global, field)

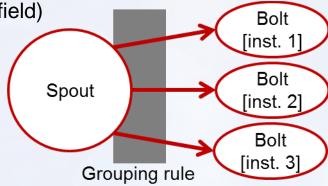
builder.shuffleGrouping("BoltName");

3) Create topology using the factory method

StormTopology st=builder.createTopology();

4) Use LocalCluster class to test the topology

```
LocalCluster cluster=new LocalCluster();
cluster.submitTopology("name",new Config(),st);
```



Storm – Trident

- High-level abstraction built on top of Storm core:
 - operators like filter, join, groupBy, ...
- Stream-oriented API + UDFs
- Stateful, incremental processing
- Micro-Batch oriented (ordered & partitionable)
- Exactly-once semantics
- Trident topology compiled into spouts and bolt

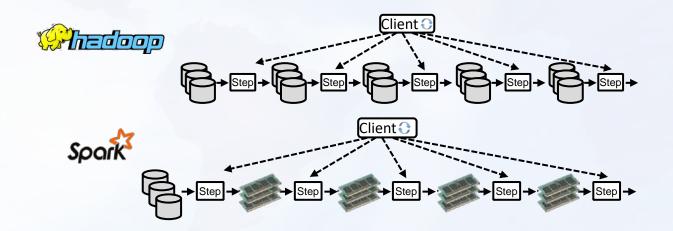
Storm – Heron

- New real-time streaming system based on Storm
- Introduced June 2015 by Twitter (SIGMOD)
- Fully compatible with Storm API
- Container-based implementation
- Back pressure mechanism
- Easy debugging of heron topologies through UI
- better performance than Storm (latency + throughput)
- No exactly once guarantee

Apache Spark

- In memory abstraction for big data processing
 - Resilient Distributed Data Sets
 - Fault-tolerance through lineage
 - Richt APIs for all kind of processing





Loop outside the system, in driver program

Iterative program looks like many independent jobs

Spark Job

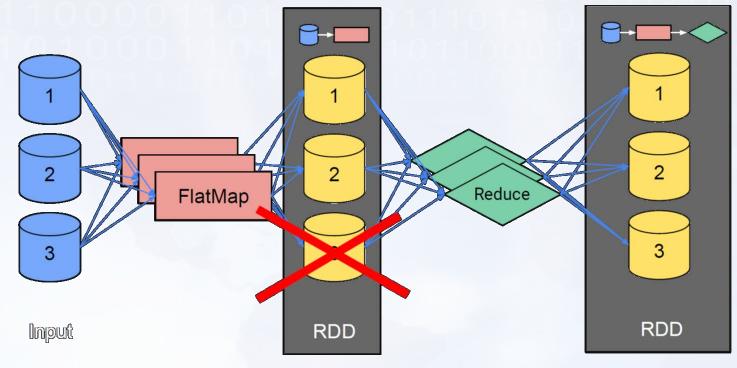
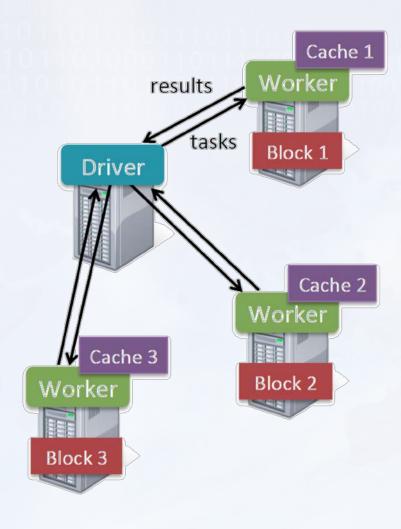


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Similar to MR, but much faster



Spark Streaming

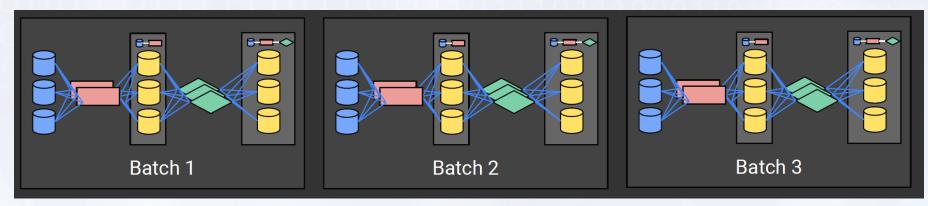


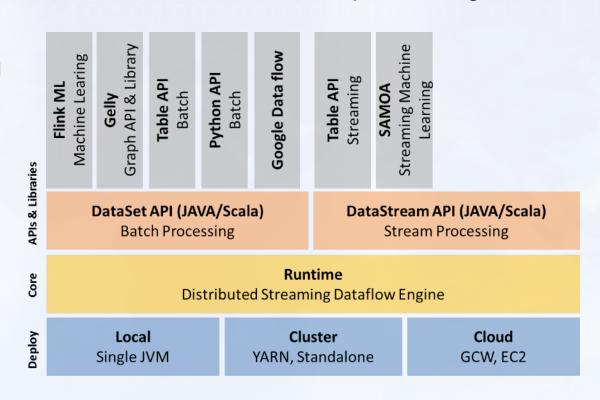
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- Key abstraction: discretized streams (DStream)
 - micro-batch = series of RDDs
 - Stream computation = series of deterministic batch computation at a given time interval
- API very similar to Spark core (Java, Scala, Python)
 - (stateless) transformations on DStreams: map, filter, reduce, repartition, cogrop, ...
 - Stateful operators: time-based window operations, incremental aggregation, time-skewed joins
- Exactly-once semantics using checkpoints (asynchronous replication of state RDDs)
- No event time windows

Apache Flink

Apache Flink is an open source platform for scalable batch and stream data processing.

- The core of Flink is a distributed streaming dataflow engine.
 - Executing dataflows in parallel on clusters
 - Providing a reliable foundation for various workloads
- DataSet and DataStream programming abstractions are the foundation for user programs and higher layers

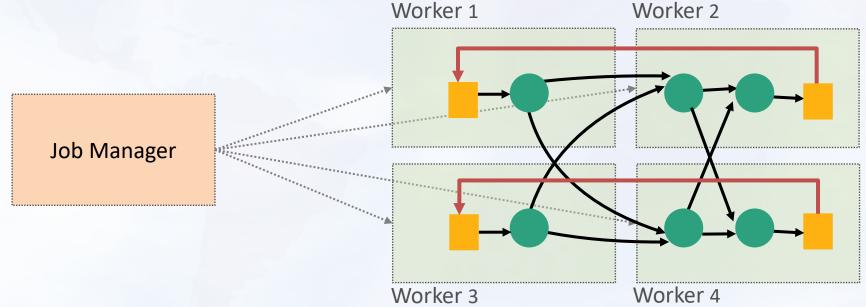


http://flink.apache.org

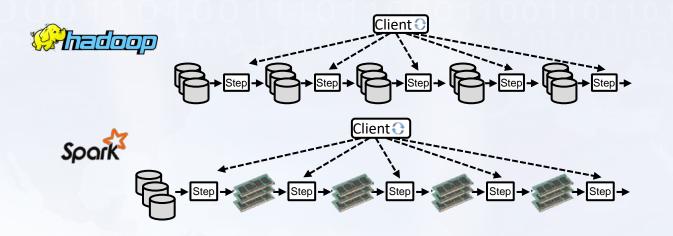
Architecture

- Hybrid MapReduce and MPP database runtime
- Pipelined/Streaming engine

Complete DAG deployed

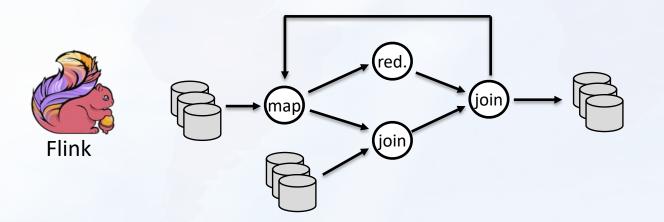


Built-in vs. driver-based looping



Loop outside the system, in driver program

Iterative program looks like many independent jobs



Dataflows with feedback edges

System is iterationaware, can optimize the job

Sneak peak: Two of Flink's APIs

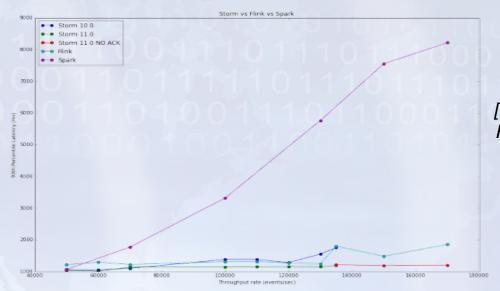
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case class Word (word: String, frequency: Int)
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DataSet API (batch):

DataStream API (streaming):

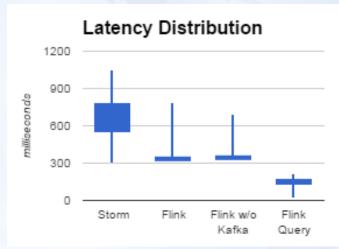
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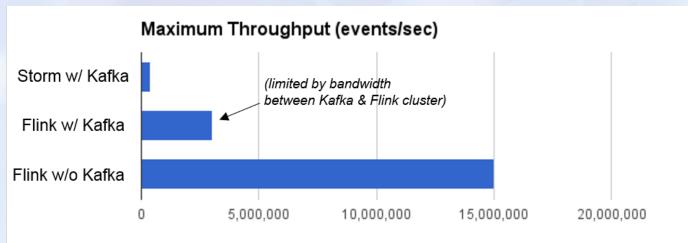
Some Benchmark Results



Initially performed by Yahoo! Engineering, Dec 16, 2015,

[..]Storm 0.10.0, 0.11.0-SNAPSHOT and Flink 0.10.1 show sub- second latencies at relatively high throughputs[..]. Spark streaming 1.5.1 supports high throughputs, but at a relatively higher latency.





http://yahooeng.tumblr.com/post/135321837876/benchmarking-streaming-computation-engines-at https://data-artisans.com/extending-the-yahoo-streaming-benchmark/

Processing Time vs Event Time

DEMO - STREAMING

"Inspired" by https://github.com/dataArtisans/oscon

Stream Optimizations

Based on Hirzel et. al: A Catalog of Stream Processing Optimizations, ACM Comp. Surveys. 46(4), 2014.

Overview

• 11 Optimizations (numbered from 2 to 12 ©)

Section	Optimization	Graph	Semantics	Dynamic
2.	Operator reordering	changed	unchanged	(depends)
3.	Redundancy elimination	changed	unchanged	(depends)
4.	Operator separation	changed	unchanged	static
5.	Fusion	changed	unchanged	(depends)
6.	Fission	changed	(depends)	(depends)
7.	Placement	unchanged	unchanged	(depends)
8.	Load balancing	unchanged	unchanged	(depends)
9.	State sharing	unchanged	unchanged	static
10.	Batching	unchanged	unchanged	(depends)
11.	Algorithm selection	unchanged	(depends)	(depends)
12.	Load shedding	unchanged	changed	dynamic

Reordering and Elimination

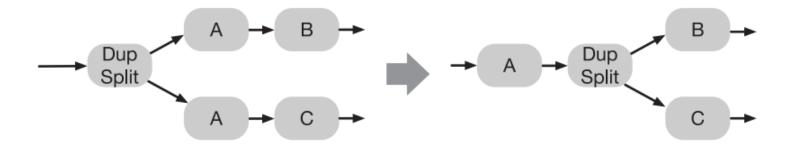
2. OPERATOR REORDERING (A.K.A. HOISTING, SINKING, ROTATION, PUSH-DOWN)

Move more selective operators upstream to filter data early.



3. REDUNDANCY ELIMINATION (A.K.A. SUBGRAPH SHARING, MULTIQUERY OPTIMIZATION)

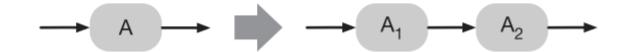
Eliminate redundant computations.



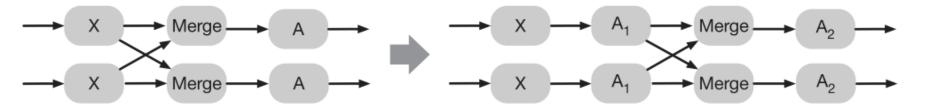
Operator Separation

4. OPERATOR SEPARATION (A.K.A. DECOUPLED SOFTWARE PIPELINING)

Separate operators into smaller computational steps.



Operator separation is profitable if it enables other optimizations such as operator reordering or fission, or if the resulting pipeline parallelism pays off when running on multiple cores.



Fusion

5. FUSION (A.K.A. SUPERBOX SCHEDULING)

Avoid the overhead of data serialization and transport.





In Apache Flink (and many other applications) we call this **chaining**

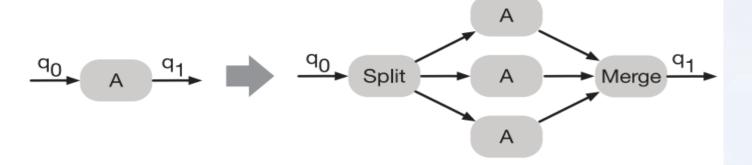
Goal: Reduce communication costs

Method: Shared memory among operators instead of network communication

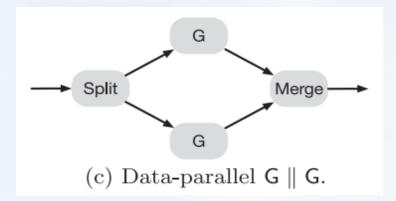
Fission

6. FISSION (A.K.A. PARTITIONING, DATA PARALLELISM, REPLICATION)

 $Parallelize\ computations.$



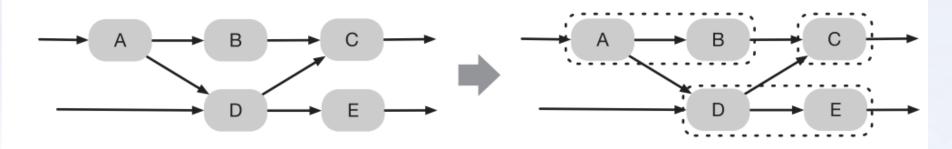
Directly maps to data parallelism:



Placement

7. PLACEMENT (A.K.A. LAYOUT)

Assign operators to hosts and cores.





Assigning Operators to slots



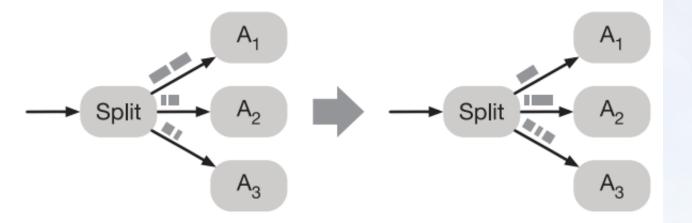
Co-locating Data and Computations

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Load Balancing

8. LOAD BALANCING

Distribute workload evenly across resources.



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State Sharing

9. STATE SHARING (A.K.A. SYNOPSIS SHARING, DOUBLE-BUFFERING)

Optimize for space by avoiding unnecessary copies of data.





Distributed File Systems

A single storage layer for the whole cluster



Chaining again...

Share memory among several operators instead of copying the data

Batching

10. BATCHING (A.K.A. TRAIN SCHEDULING, EXECUTION SCALING)

Process multiple data items in a single batch.





"Under the hood" batch wise network traffic (buffering)



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D-Streams*: All the stream processing is done in micro-batches

^{*} Zaharia, Matei, et al. Discretized streams: an efficient and fault-tolerant model for stream processing on large clusters. In: *Proceedings of the 4th USENIX conference on Hot Topics in Cloud Ccomputing*. USENIX Association, 2012. S. 10-10.

Algorithm Selection & Load Shedding

11. ALGORITHM SELECTION (A.K.A. TRANSLATION TO PHYSICAL QUERY PLAN)

Use a faster algorithm for implementing an operator.

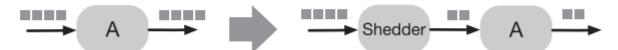




The optimizer selects the (hopefully) optimal join implementation

12. LOAD SHEDDING (A.K.A. ADMISSION CONTROL, GRACEFUL DEGRADATION)

Degrade gracefully when overloaded.

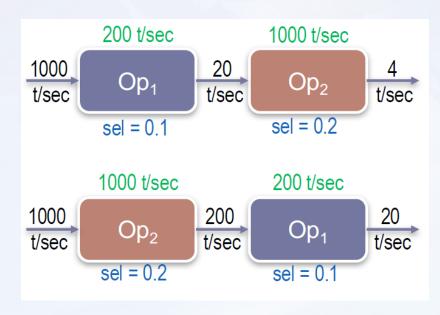


Cost Model

- Traditional cost-based query optimization is based on cardinality estimation
 inadequate for unbounded streams
- Possible solution: rate-based cost estimation
 - (Viglas et al.: Rate-based query optimization for streaming information sources, SIGMOD 2002)

$$output \ rate = \frac{\#outputs \ transmitted}{time \ for \ transmission}$$

- Challenges:
 - Fluctuating streams
 - Data-parallel processing



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Conclusion

Introduction to Streams

- Stream Processing 101
- How to do real streaming

Stream Processing Systems

- Ingredients of a stream processing system
- Storm, Spark, Flink
- Continuously evolving

Stream Processing Optimizations

How to optimize



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Further Reading

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