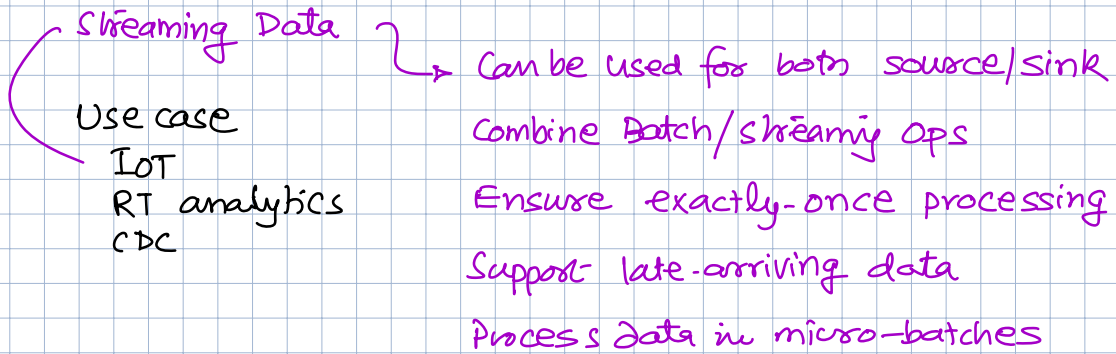


Table Versioning

- Built-in versioning capabilities
- Versioning is stored in `_delta-log` folder using JSON.
- ① Recovery / ② Time Travel ③ Audit



Decision Framework Checklist

Choose Managed Tables If:

- ☒ Data lifecycle fully contained within Fabric
- ☒ Need optimal query performance
- ☒ Want automated maintenance
- ☒ Require strict ACID compliance
- ☒ Don't need external tool access

Choose External Tables If:

- ☒ Need multi-tool access to data
- ☒ Have existing data lake structure
- ☒ Want direct file system control
- ☒ Require custom retention policies
- ☒ Need integration with external processes