

# Stanford CS347 Guest Lecture

# Spark

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# Who am I?

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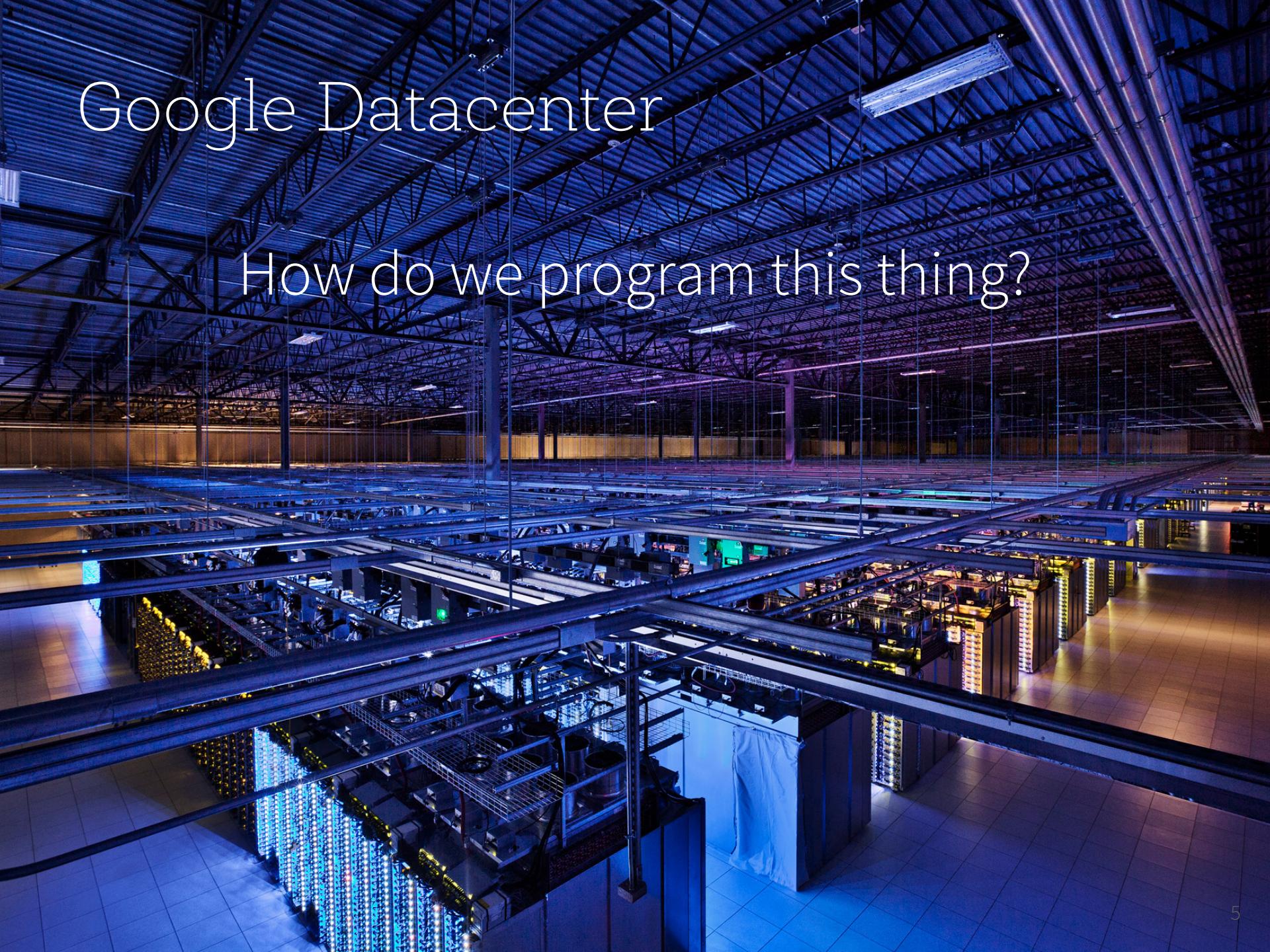
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# Google Datacenter

How do we program this thing?



# Traditional Network Programming

Message-passing between nodes (MPI, RPC, etc)

**Really hard** to do at scale:

- How to split problem across nodes?
  - Important to consider network and data locality
- How to deal with failures?
  - If a typical server fails every 3 years, a 10,000-node cluster sees 10 faults/day!
- Even without failures: stragglers (a node is slow)

Almost nobody does this!

# Data-Parallel Models

Restrict the programming interface so that the system can do more automatically

“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

# MapReduce Programming Model

Data type: key-value *records*

Map function:

$$(K_{\text{in}}, V_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \text{list}(K_{\text{inter}}, V_{\text{inter}})$$

Reduce function:

$$(K_{\text{inter}}, \text{list}(V_{\text{inter}})) \rightarrow \text{list}(K_{\text{out}}, V_{\text{out}})$$

# MapReduce Programmability

Most real applications require multiple MR steps

- Google indexing pipeline: 21 steps
- Analytics queries (e.g. count clicks & top K): 2 – 5 steps
- Iterative algorithms (e.g. PageRank): 10's of steps

Multi-step jobs create spaghetti code

- 21 MR steps -> 21 mapper and reducer classes
- Lots of boilerplate code per step

# MapReduce: A major step backwards

By David DeWitt on January 17, 2008 4:20 PM | [Permalink](#) | [Comments \(44\)](#) | [TrackBacks \(1\)](#)

*[Note: Although the system attributes this post to a single author, it was written by David J. DeWitt and Michael Stonebraker]*

On January 8, a Database Column reader asked for our views on new distributed database research efforts, and we'll begin here with one. We will discuss it, since the recent trade press has been filled with news of the revolution of so-called "cloud computing." This paradigm suggests that instead of having many small servers, it would be better to have a much smaller number of high-end servers.

For example, IBM and Google have announced plans to make a 1,000 processor cluster available to a few select universities to teach their students how to program using the MapReduce software tool called MapReduce [1]. Berkeley has gone so far as to plan on teaching their freshman how to program using the MapReduce paradigm.

As both educators and researchers, we are amazed at the hype that the MapReduce proponents have spread about how it represents a paradigm shift for large-scale data intensive applications. MapReduce may be a good idea for writing certain types of general-purpose computations, but to the

1. A giant step backward in the programming paradigm for large-scale data intensive applications
2. A sub-optimal implementation, in that it uses brute force instead of indexing
3. Not novel at all -- it represents a specific implementation of well known techniques developed nearly 25 years ago
4. Missing most of the features that are routinely included in current DBMS

# Problems with MapReduce

MapReduce use cases showed two major limitations:

1. difficulty of programming directly in MR.
2. Performance bottlenecks

In short, MR doesn't compose well for large applications

Therefore, people built high level frameworks and specialized systems.

# Higher Level Frameworks

facebook



SELECT count(\*) FROM users

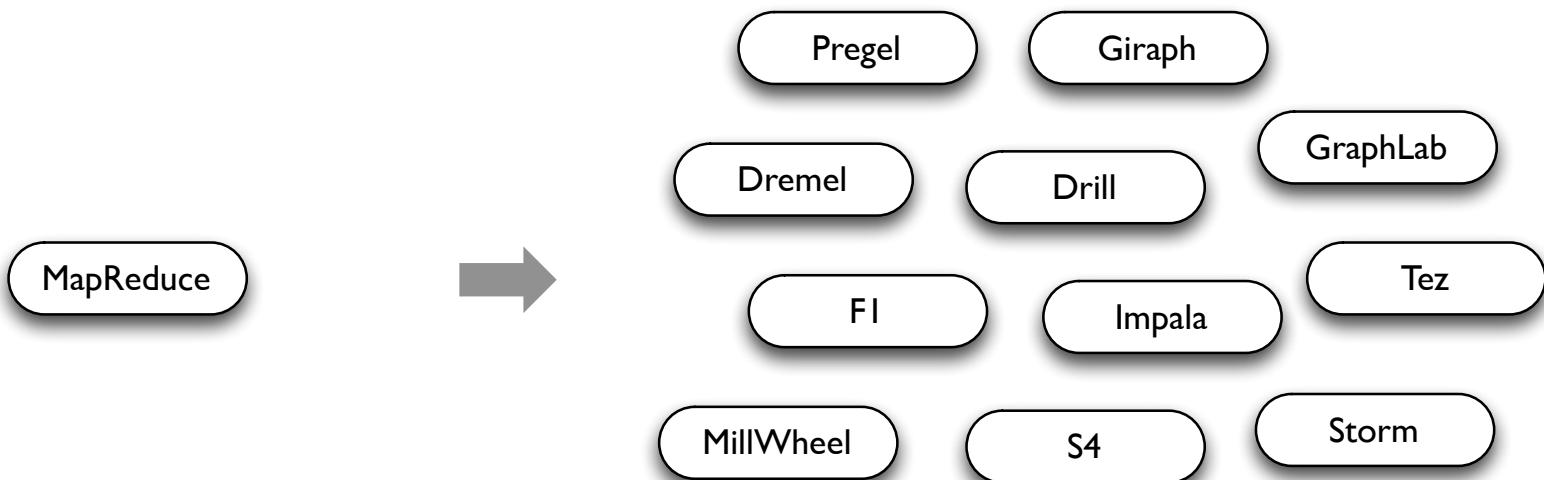
In reality, 90+% of MR jobs are generated by Hive SQL

YAHOO!



```
A = load 'foo';
B = group A all;
C = foreach B generate COUNT(A);
```

# Specialized Systems



**General Batch Processing**

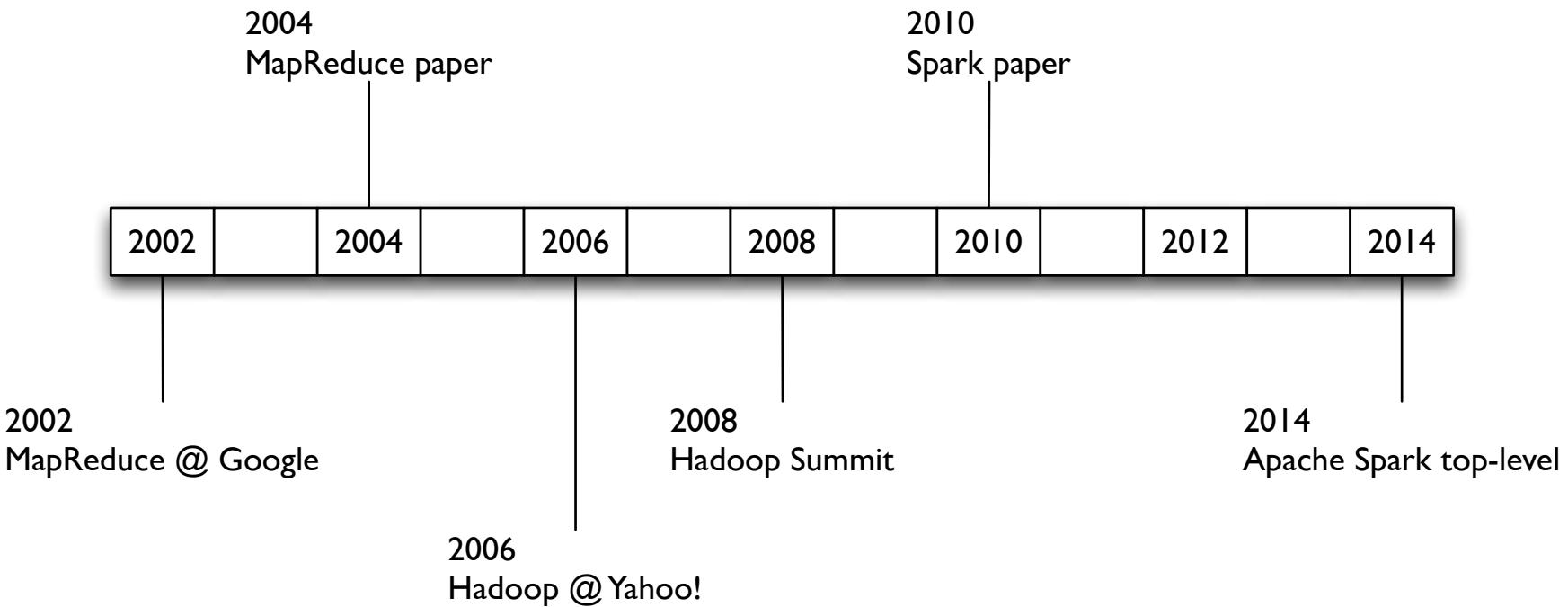
**Specialized Systems:**

iterative, interactive, streaming, graph, etc.

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# Spark: A Brief History



# Spark Summary

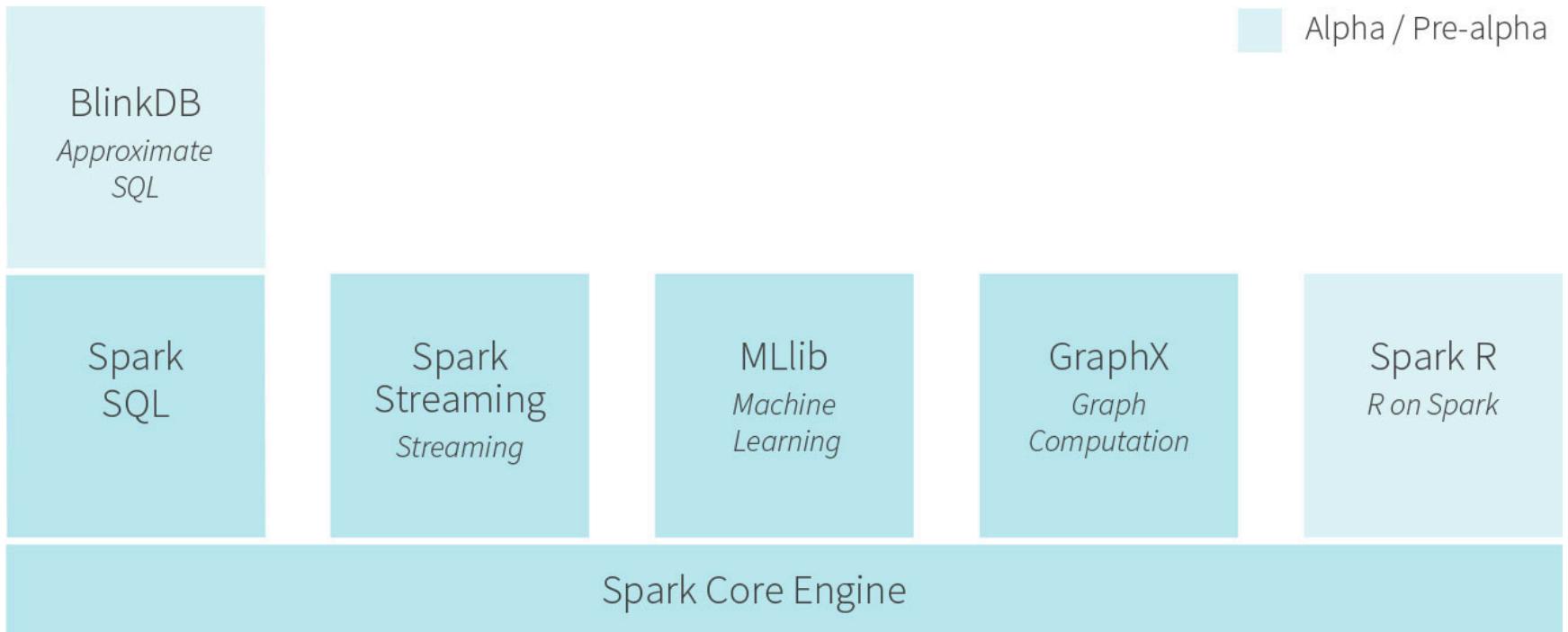
Unlike the various specialized systems, Spark's goal was to generalize MapReduce to support new apps

Two small additions are enough:

- fast data sharing
- general DAGs

More efficient engine, and simpler for the end users.

# Spark Ecosystem



## Compare Search terms ▾

Apache Hadoop

Search term

Apache Spark

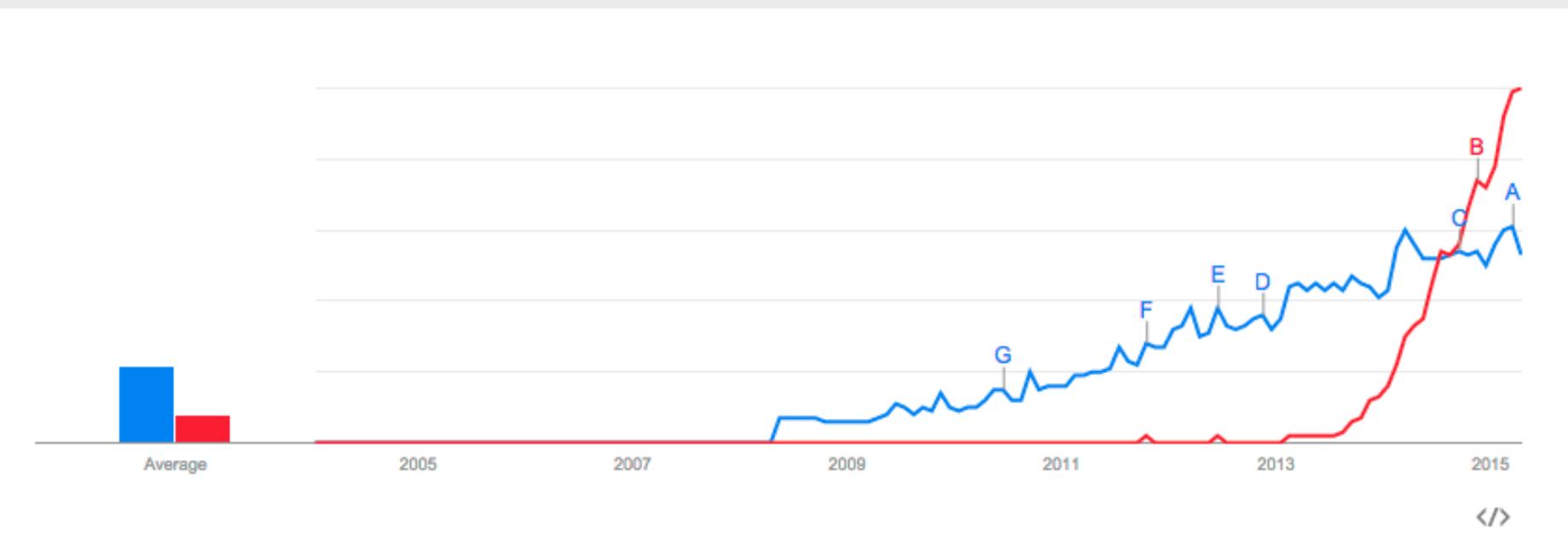
Search term

+ Add term

### Interest over time ?

News headlines

Forecast ?



Note: not a scientific comparison.

# Programmability

```
1 public class WordCount {
2     public static class TokenizerMapper
3         extends Mapper<Object, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
4
5     private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
6     private Text word = new Text();
7
8     public void map(Object key, Text value, Context context
9                      throws IOException, InterruptedException {
10        StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(value.toString());
11        while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
12            word.set(itr.nextToken());
13            context.write(word, one);
14        }
15    }
16}
17
18 public static class IntSumReducer
19     extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
20     private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();
21
22     public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values,
23                        Context context
24                        throws IOException, InterruptedException {
25        int sum = 0;
26        for (IntWritable val : values) {
27            sum += val.get();
28        }
29        result.set(sum);
30        context.write(key, result);
31    }
32}
33
34 public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
35     Configuration conf = new Configuration();
36     String[] otherArgs = new GenericOptionsParser(conf, args).getRemainingArgs();
37     if (otherArgs.length < 2) {
38         System.err.println("Usage: wordcount <in> [<in>... <out>]");
39         System.exit(2);
40     }
41     Job job = new Job(conf, "word count");
42     job.setJarByClass(WordCount.class);
43     job.setMapperClass(TokenizerMapper.class);
44     job.setCombinerClass(IntSumReducer.class);
45     job.setReducerClass(IntSumReducer.class);
46     job.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
47     job.setOutputValueClass(IntWritable.class);
48     for (int i = 0; i < otherArgs.length - 1; ++i) {
49         FileInputFormat.addInputPath(job, new Path(otherArgs[i]));
50     }
51     FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(job,
52                                   new Path(otherArgs[otherArgs.length - 1]));
53     System.exit(job.waitForCompletion(true) ? 0 : 1);
54 }
55 }
```

```
1 val f = sc.textFile(inputPath)
2 val w = f.flatMap(l => l.split(" ")).map(word => (word, 1)).cache()
3 w.reduceByKey(_ + _).saveAsText(outputPath)
```

WordCount in 3 lines of Spark

WordCount in 50+ lines of Java MR

# Performance

Time to sort 100TB

2013 Record:  
Hadoop

2100 machines



72 minutes



2014 Record:  
Spark

207 machines



23 minutes



Also sorted 1PB in 4 hours

# RDD: Core Abstraction

Write programs in terms of **distributed datasets**  
and **operations** on them

## Resilient Distributed Datasets

- Collections of objects spread across a cluster, stored in RAM or on Disk
- Built through parallel transformations
- Automatically rebuilt on failure

## Operations

- Transformations (e.g. map, filter, groupBy)
- Actions (e.g. count, collect, save)

# RDD

Resilient Distributed Datasets are the primary abstraction in Spark – a fault-tolerant collection of elements that can be operated on in parallel

Two types:

- *parallelized collections* – take an existing single-node collection and parallel it
- *Hadoop datasets: files on HDFS or other compatible storage*

# Operations on RDDs

Transformations  $f(\text{RDD}) \Rightarrow \text{RDD}$

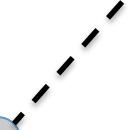
- Lazy (not computed immediately)
- E.g. “map”

Actions:

- Triggers computation
- E.g. “count”, “saveAsTextFile”

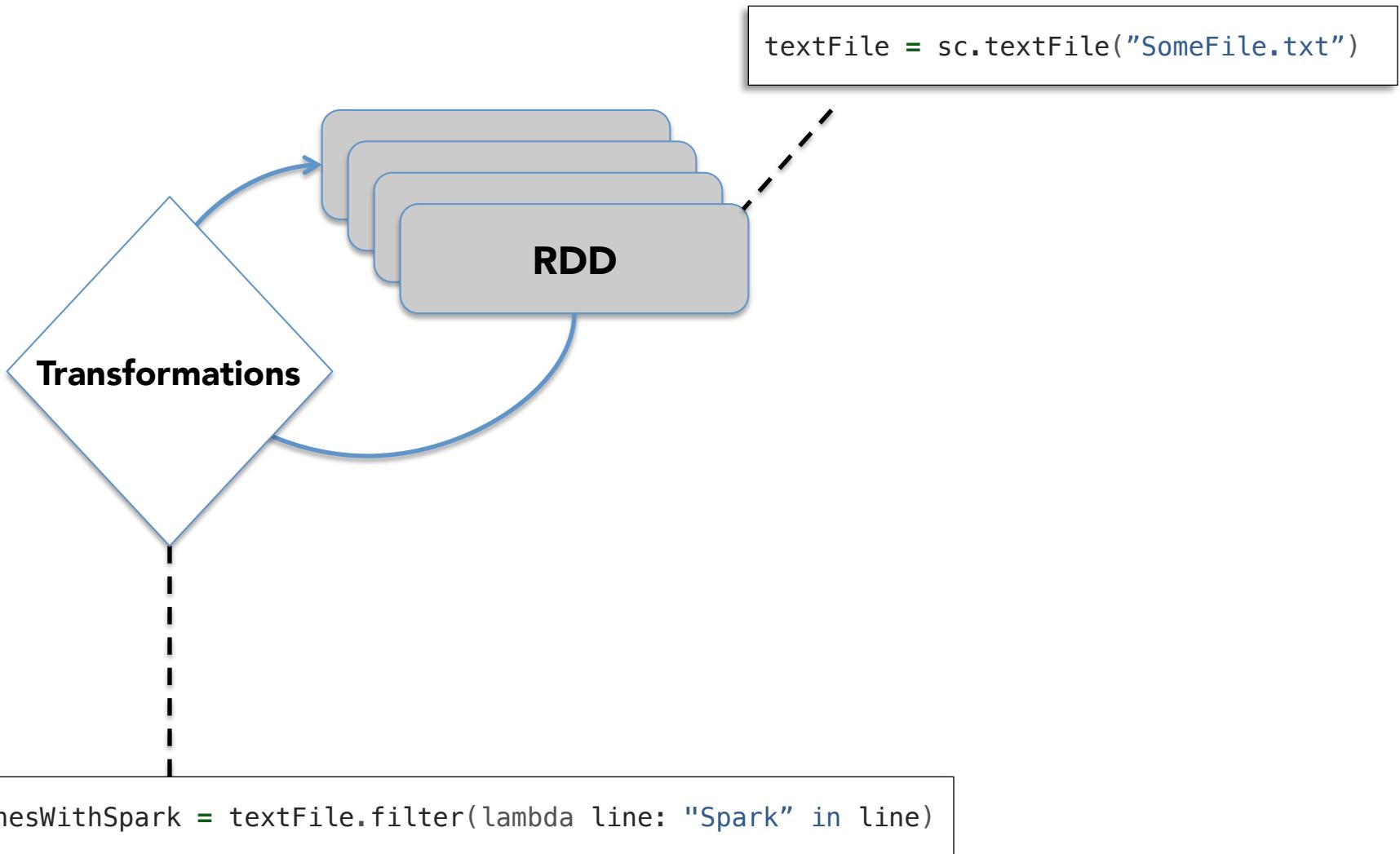
# Working With RDDs

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textFile = sc.textFile("SomeFile.txt")
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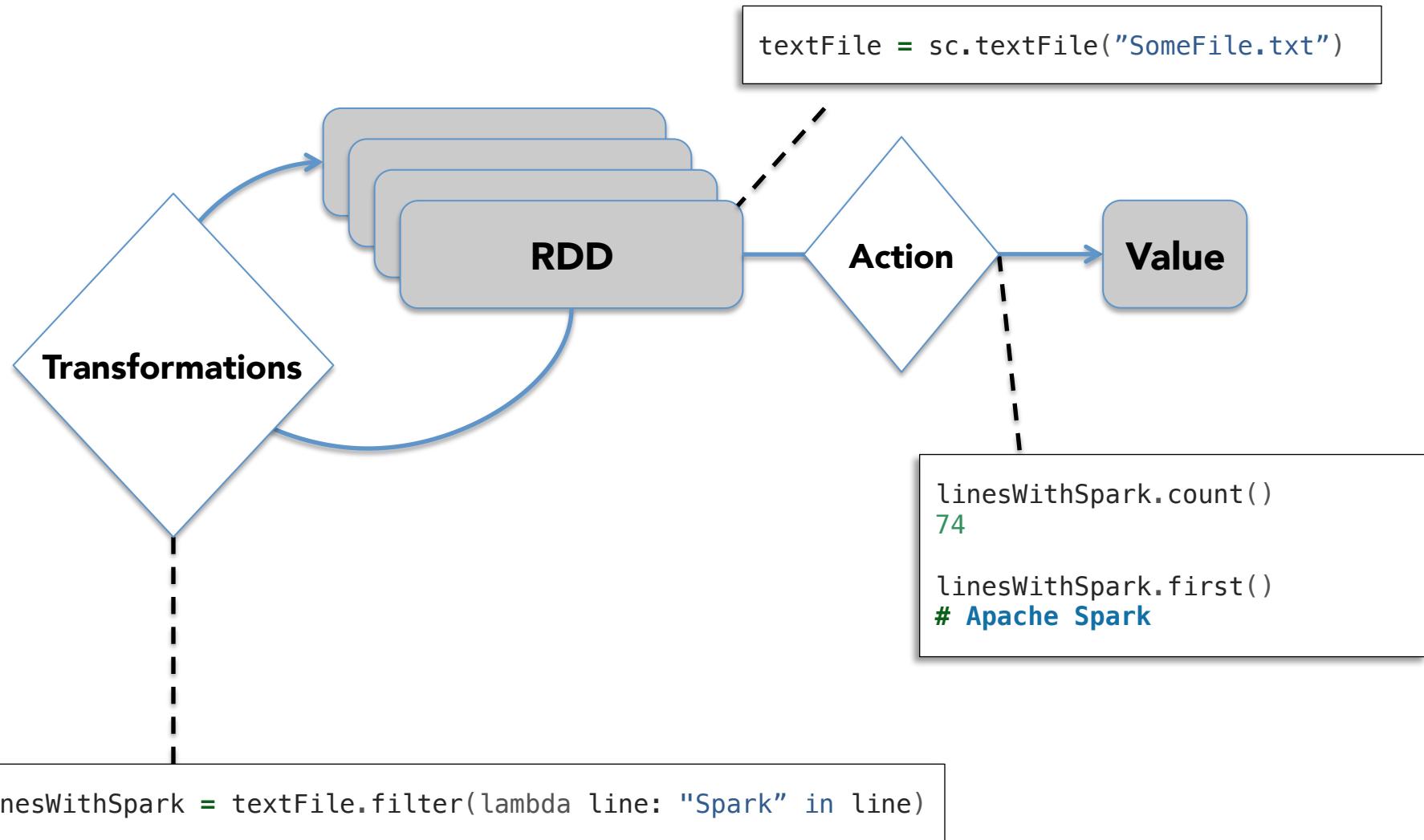


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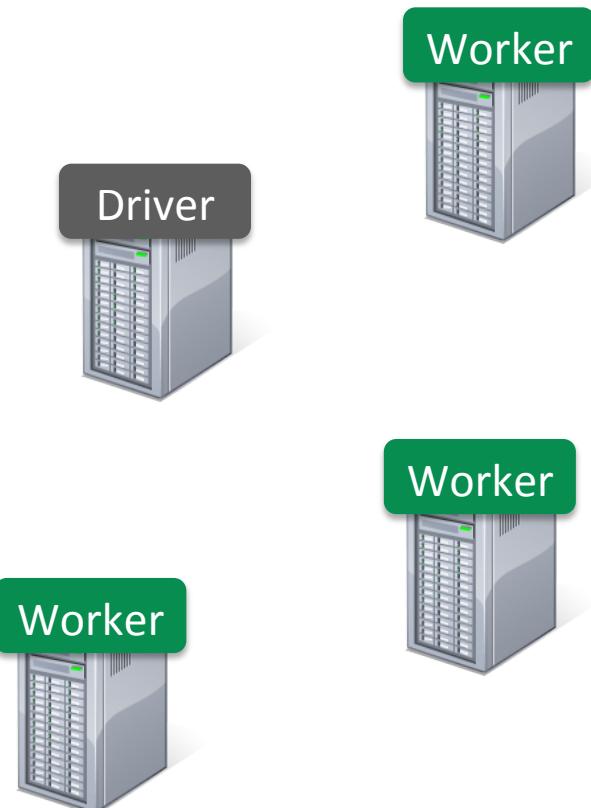


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Base RDD

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lines = spark.textFile("hdfs://...")
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Worker

Driver

Worker

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Transformed RDD

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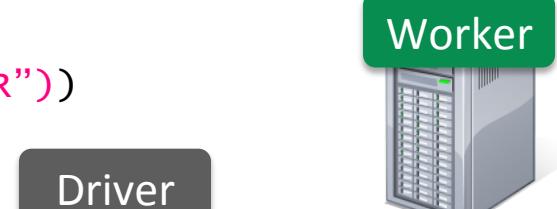


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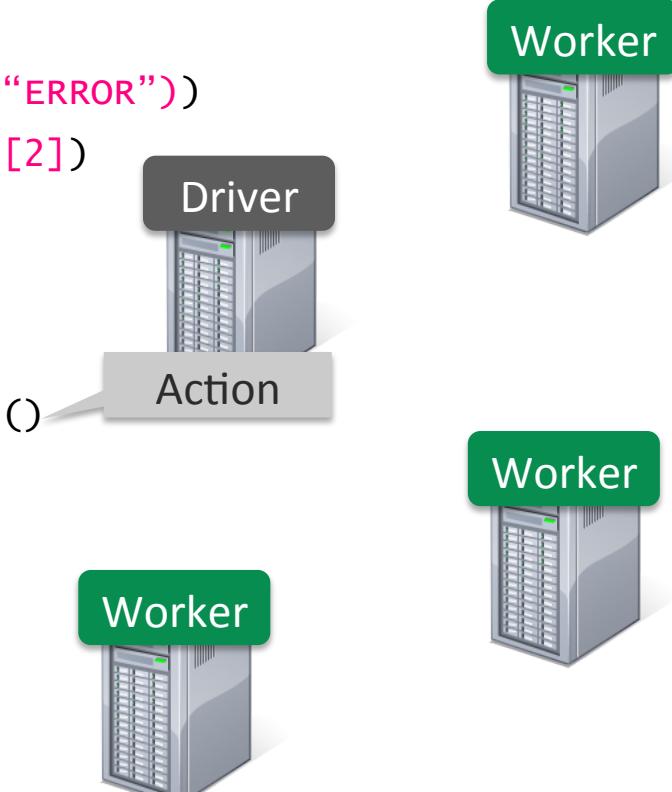


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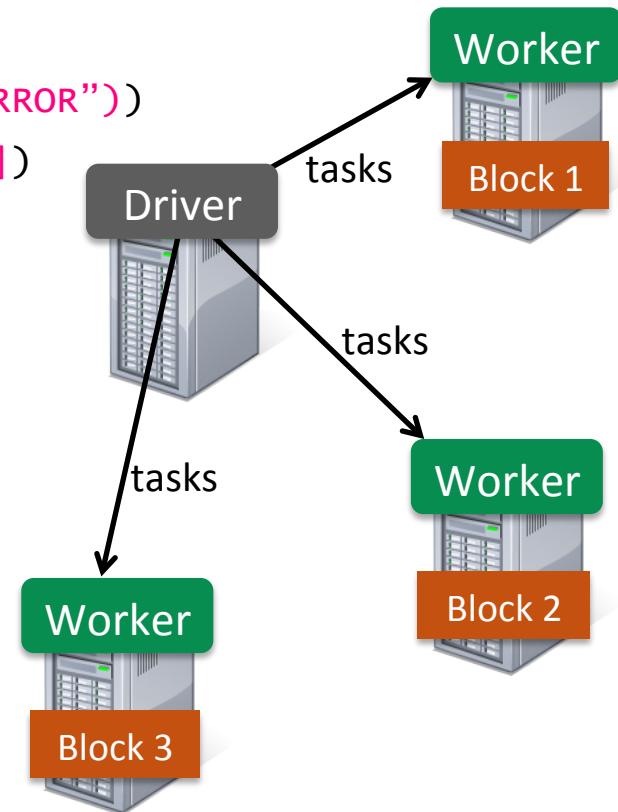


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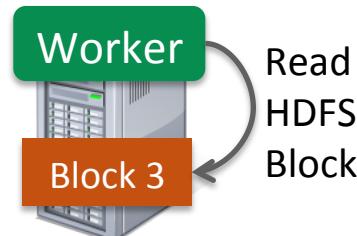
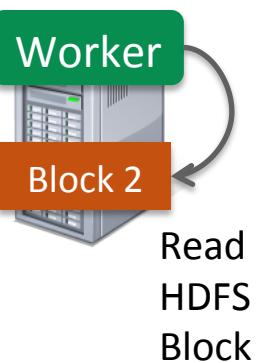
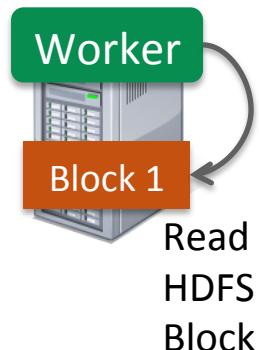
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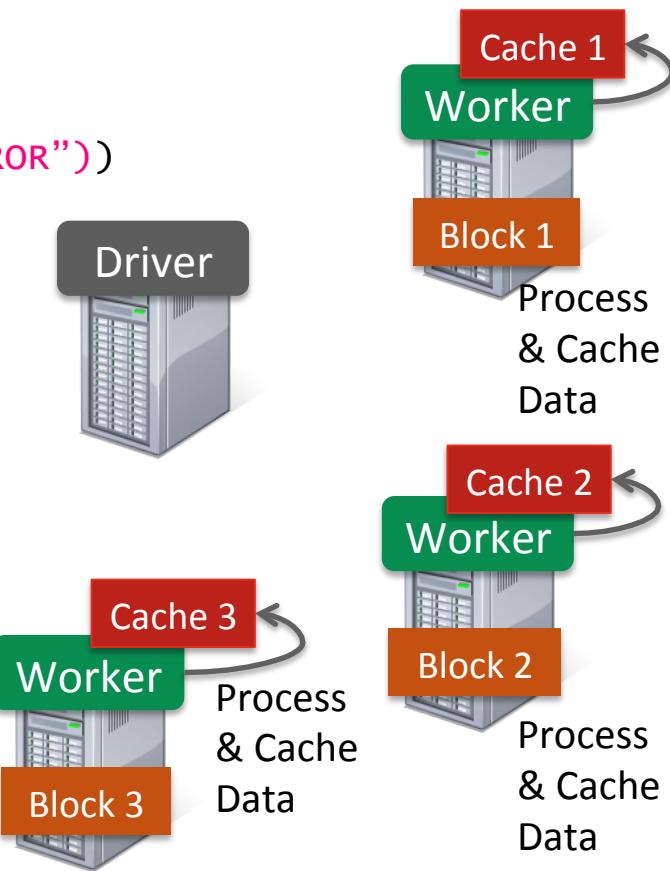
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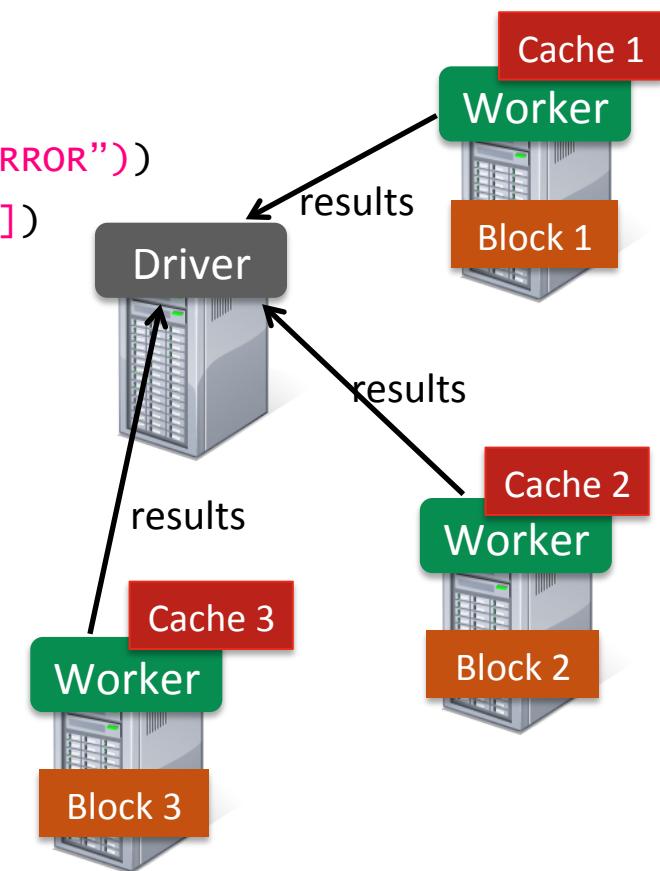


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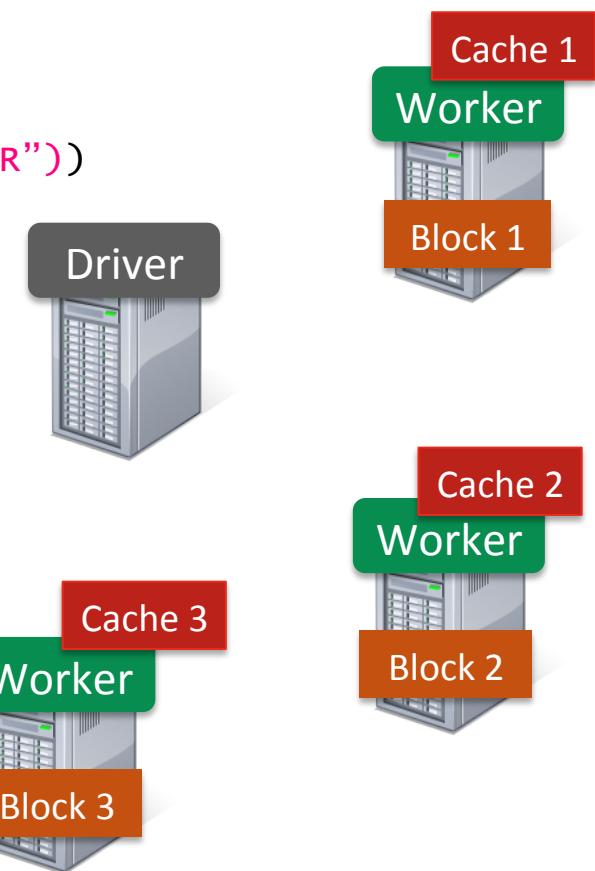


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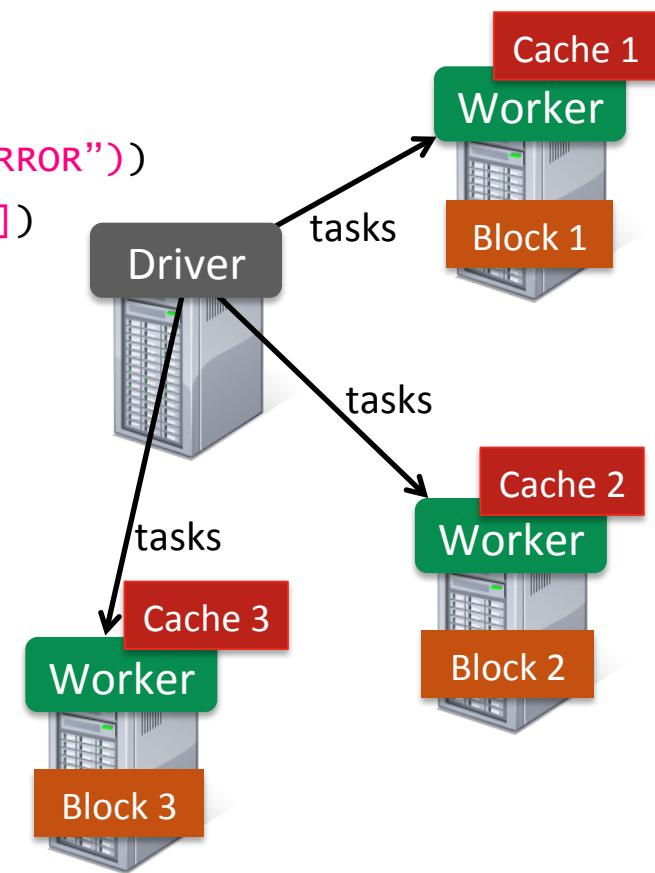


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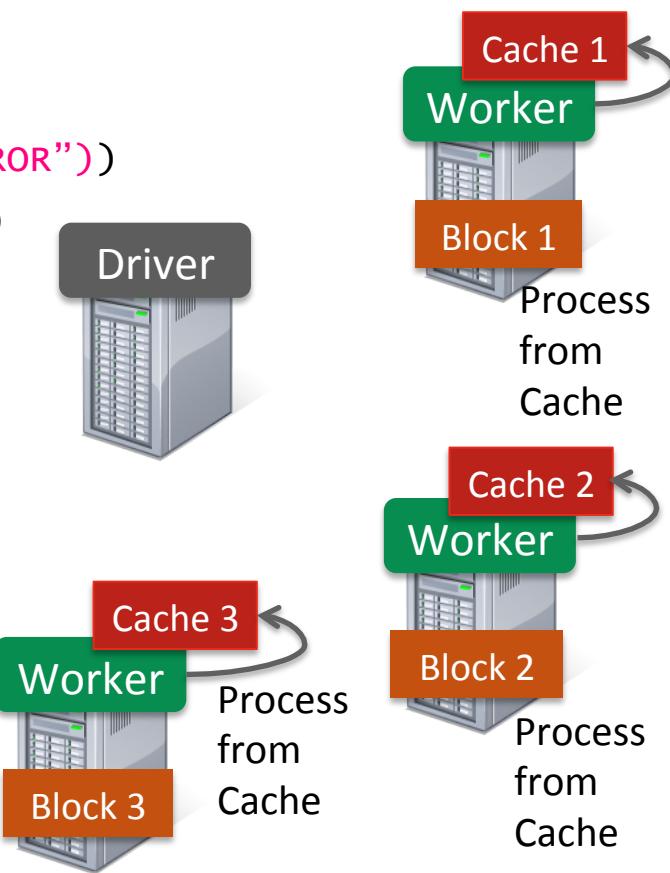
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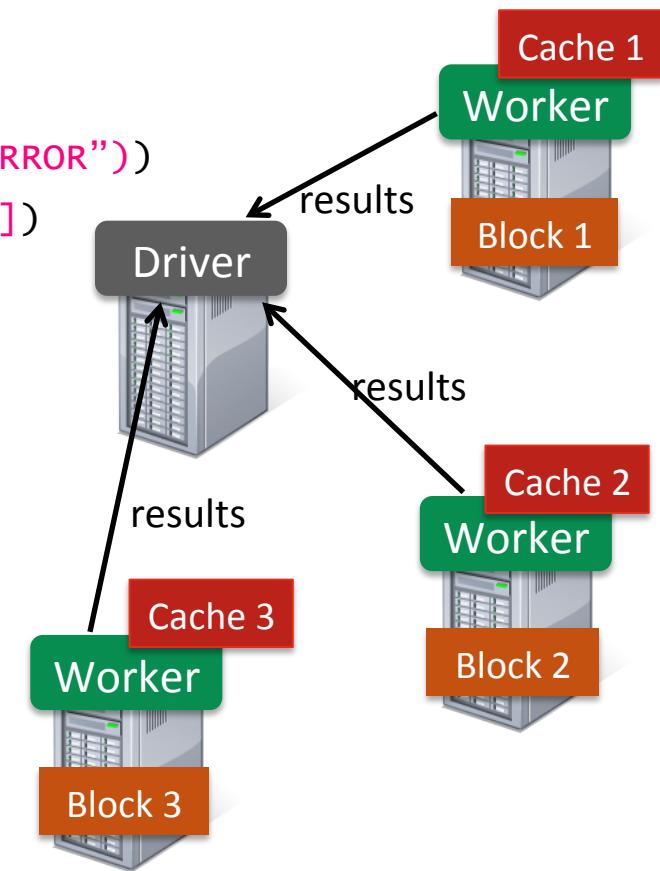
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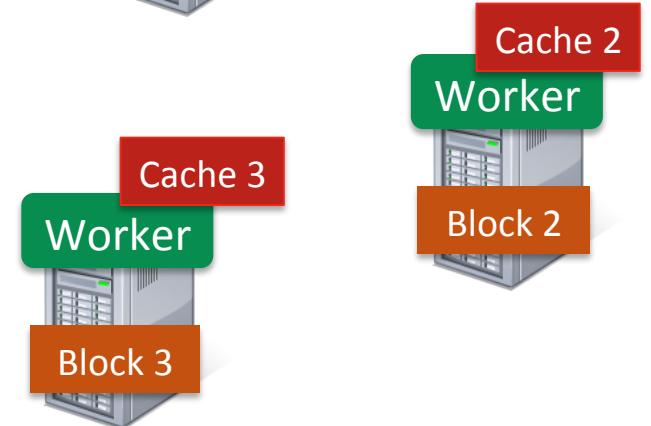
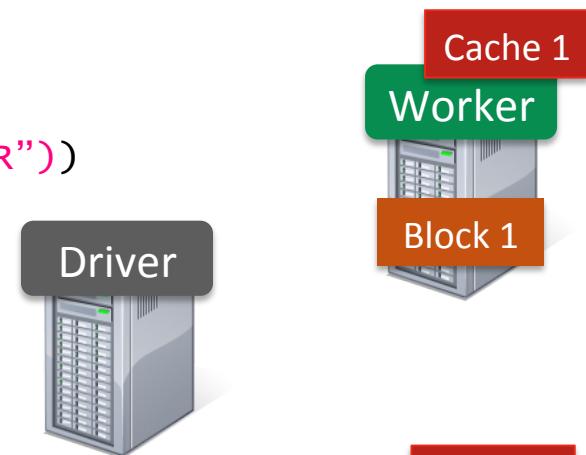
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Cache your data → Faster Results

*Full-text search of Wikipedia*

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



# Language Support

## Python

```
lines = sc.textFile(...)  
lines.filter(lambda s: "ERROR" in s).count()
```

## Scala

```
val lines = sc.textFile(...)  
lines.filter(x => x.contains("ERROR")).count()
```

## Java

```
JavaRDD<String> lines = sc.textFile(...);  
lines.filter(new Function<String, Boolean>() {  
    Boolean call(String s) {  
        return s.contains("error");  
    }  
}).count();
```

## Standalone Programs

Python, Scala, & Java

## Interactive Shells

Python & Scala

## Performance

Java & Scala are faster due to static typing

...but Python is often fine

# Expressive API

map

reduce

# Expressive API

map

filter

groupBy

sort

union

join

leftOuterJoin

rightOuterJoin

reduce

count

fold

reduceByKey

groupByKey

cogroup

cross

zip

sample

take

first

partitionBy

mapWith

pipe

save

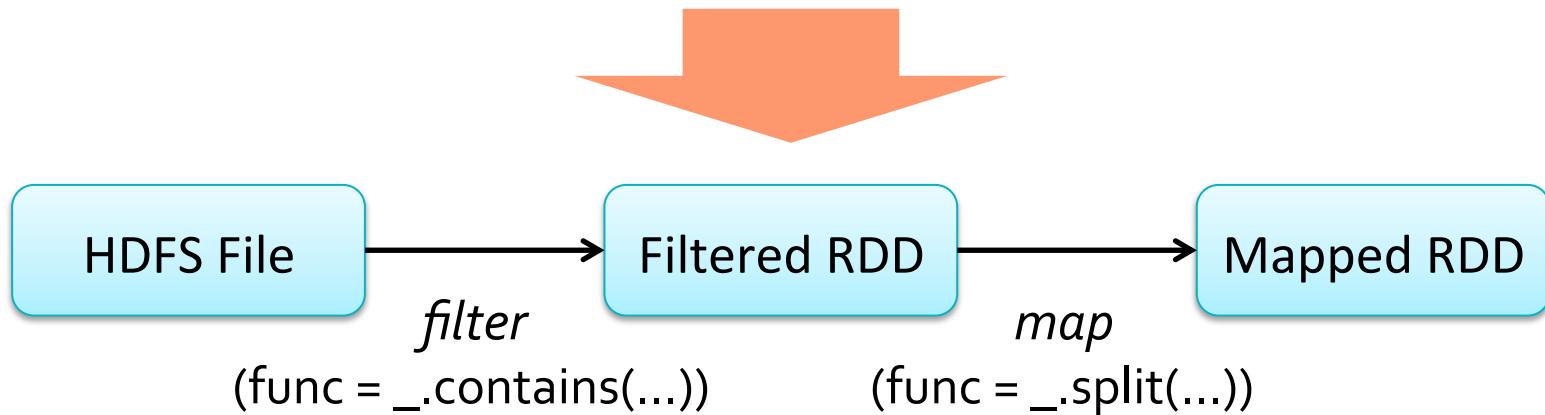
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# Fault Recovery

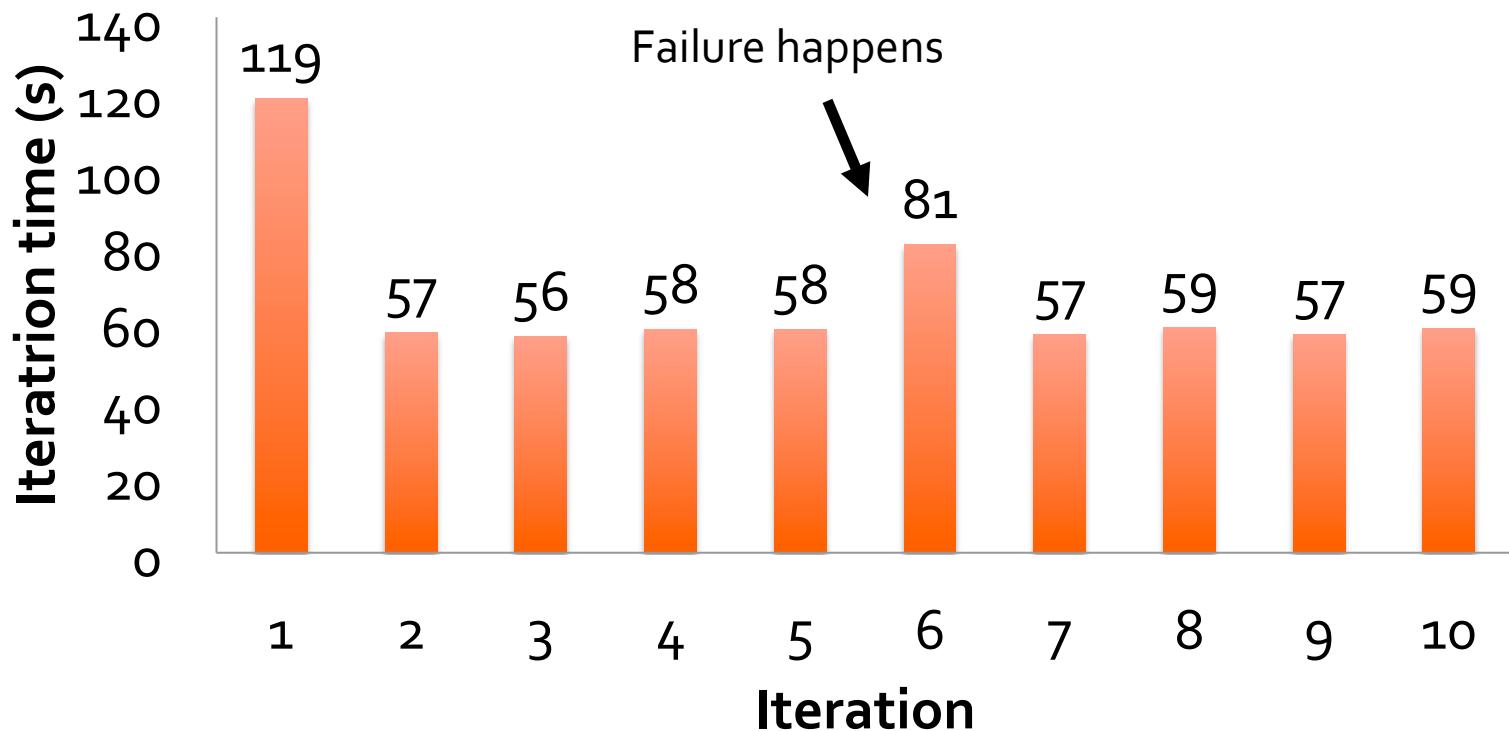
RDDs track *lineage* information that can be used to efficiently reconstruct lost partitions

Ex:

```
messages = textFile(...).filter(_.startsWith("ERROR"))
           .map(_.split('\t')(2))
```

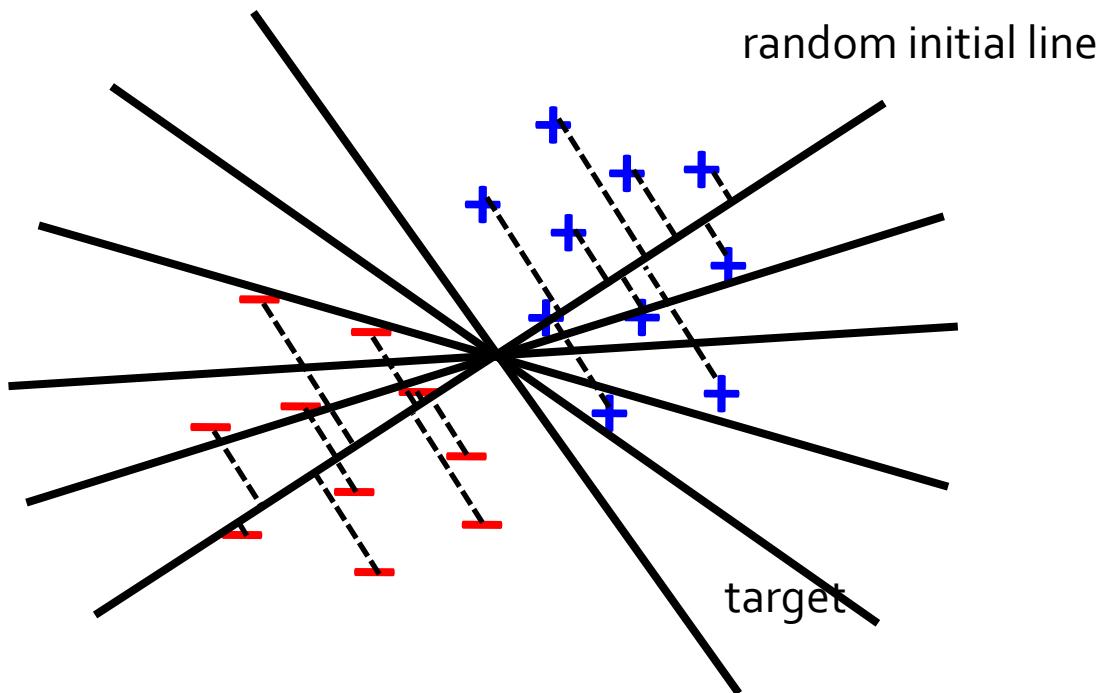


# Fault Recovery Results



# Example: Logistic Regression

Goal: find best line separating two sets of points

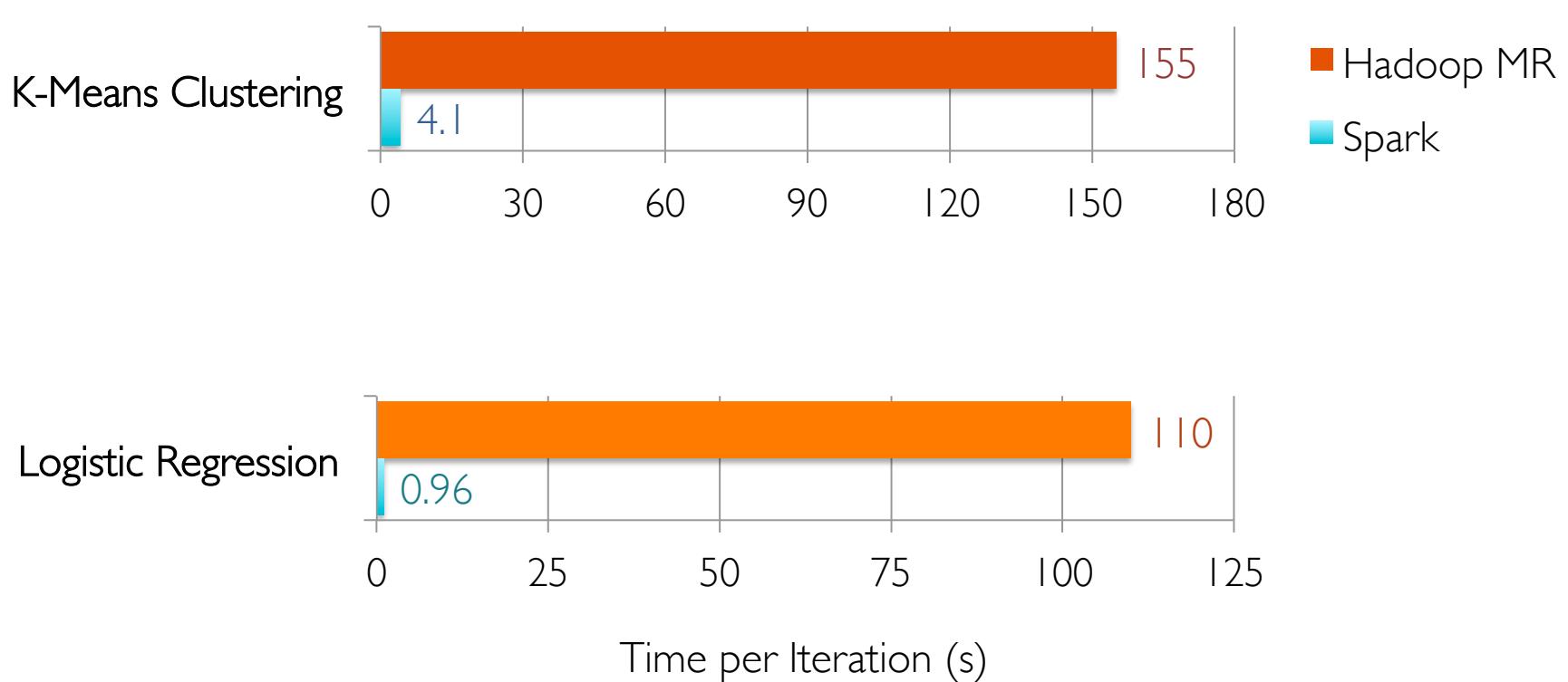


# Example: Logistic Regression

```
val data = spark.textFile(...).map(readPoint).cache()  
  
var w = vector.random(D)  
  
for (i <- 1 to ITERATIONS) {  
    val gradient = data.map(p =>  
        (1 / (1 + exp(-p.y*(w dot p.x))) - 1) * p.y * p.x  
    ).reduce(_ + _)  
    w -= gradient  
}  
  
println("Final w: " + w)
```

w automatically  
shipped to cluster

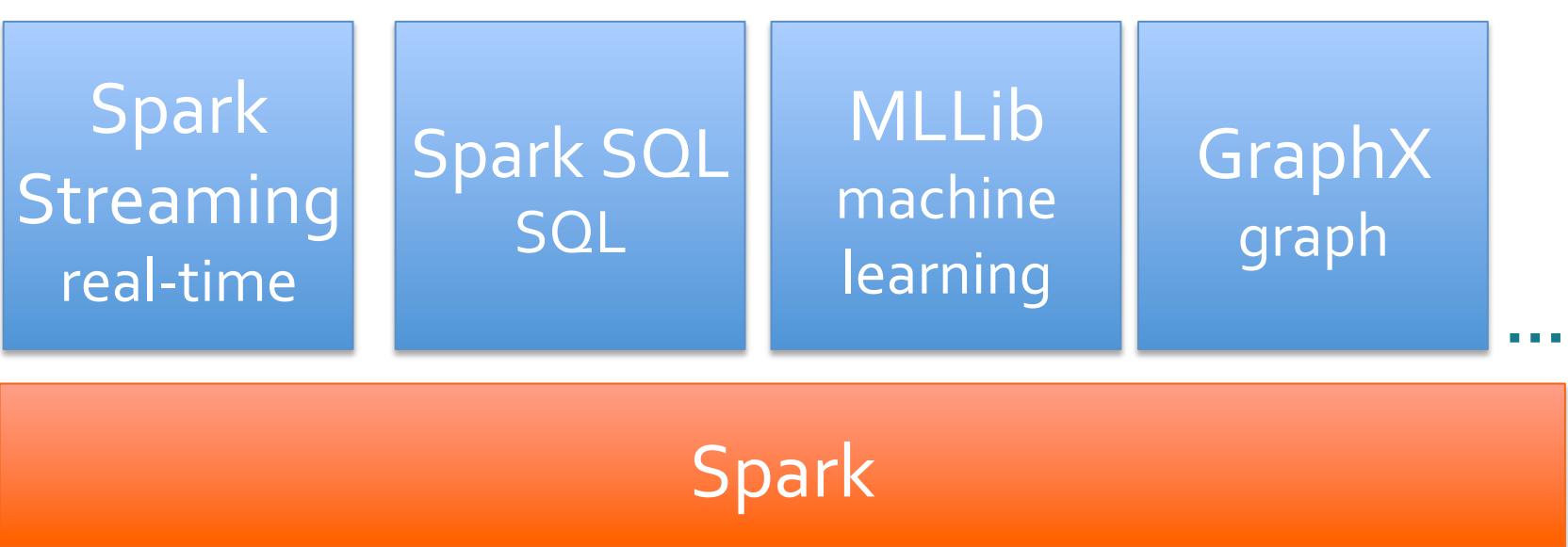
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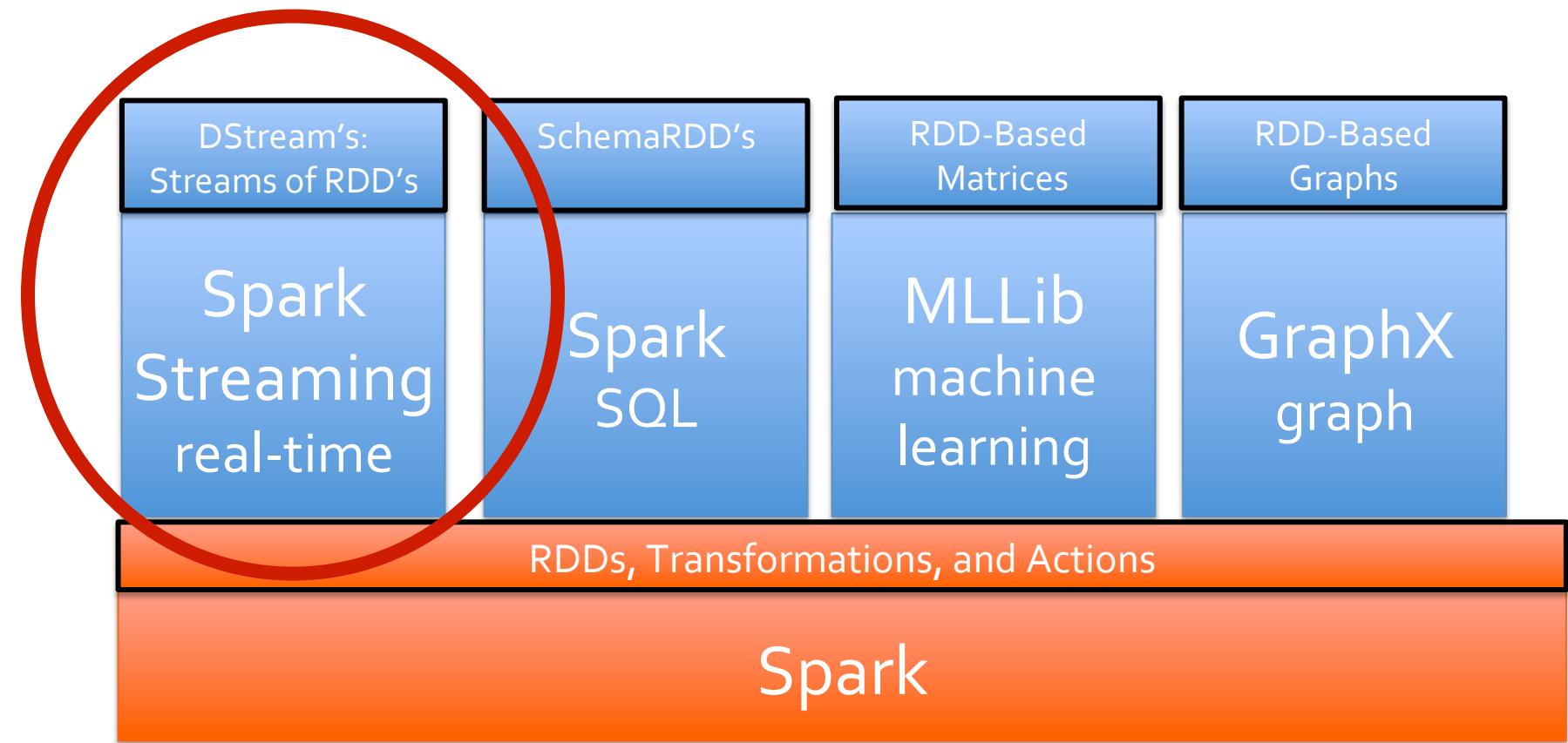
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# Spark Streaming: Motivation

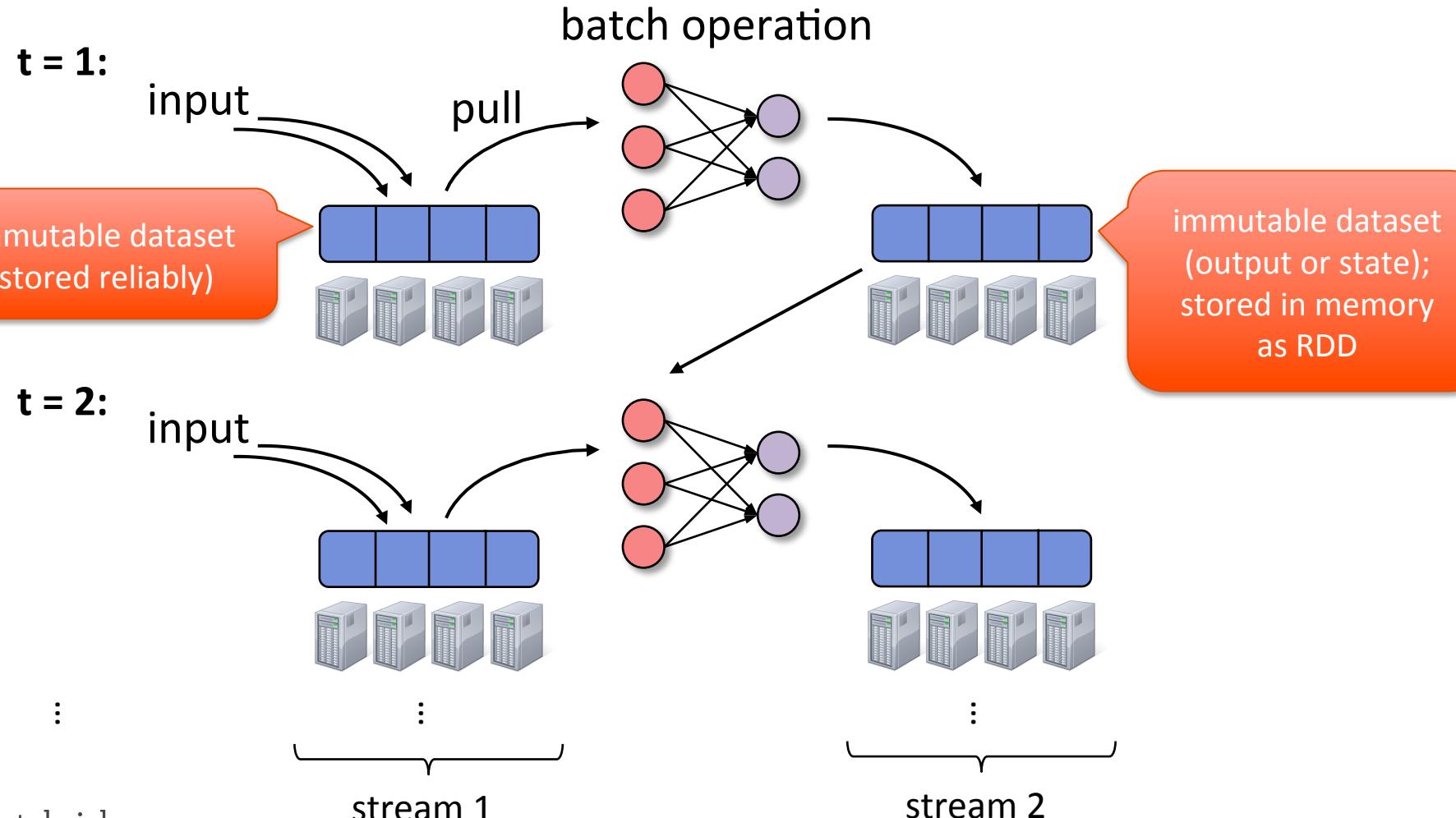
Many important apps must process large data streams at second-scale latencies

- Site statistics, intrusion detection, online ML

To build and scale these apps users want:

- **Integration:** with offline analytical stack
- **Fault-tolerance:** both for crashes and stragglers
- **Efficiency:** low cost beyond base processing

# Discretized Stream Processing



# Programming Interface

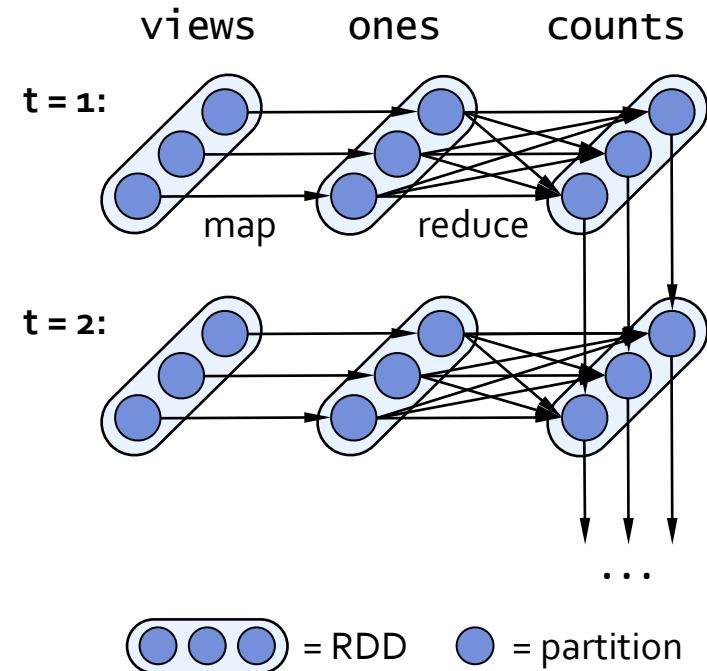
## Simple functional API

```
views = readStream("http://...", "1s")
ones = views.map(ev => (ev.url, 1))
counts = ones.runningReduce(_ + _)
```

## Interoperates with RDDs

```
// Join stream with static RDD
counts.join(historicCounts).map(...)

// Ad-hoc queries on stream state
counts.slice("21:00", "21:05").topK(10)
```



# Inherited “for free” from Spark

RDD data model and API

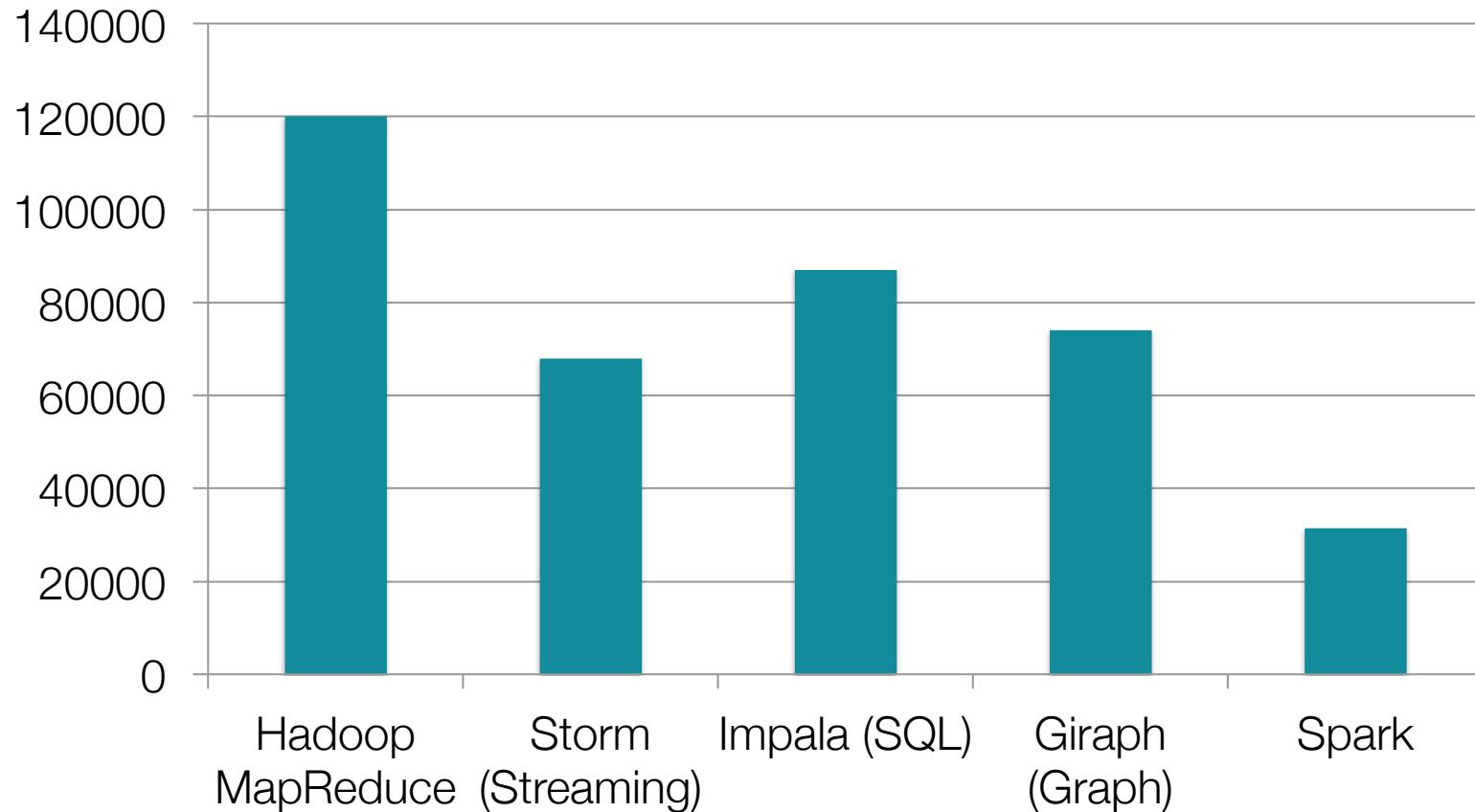
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Task scheduling

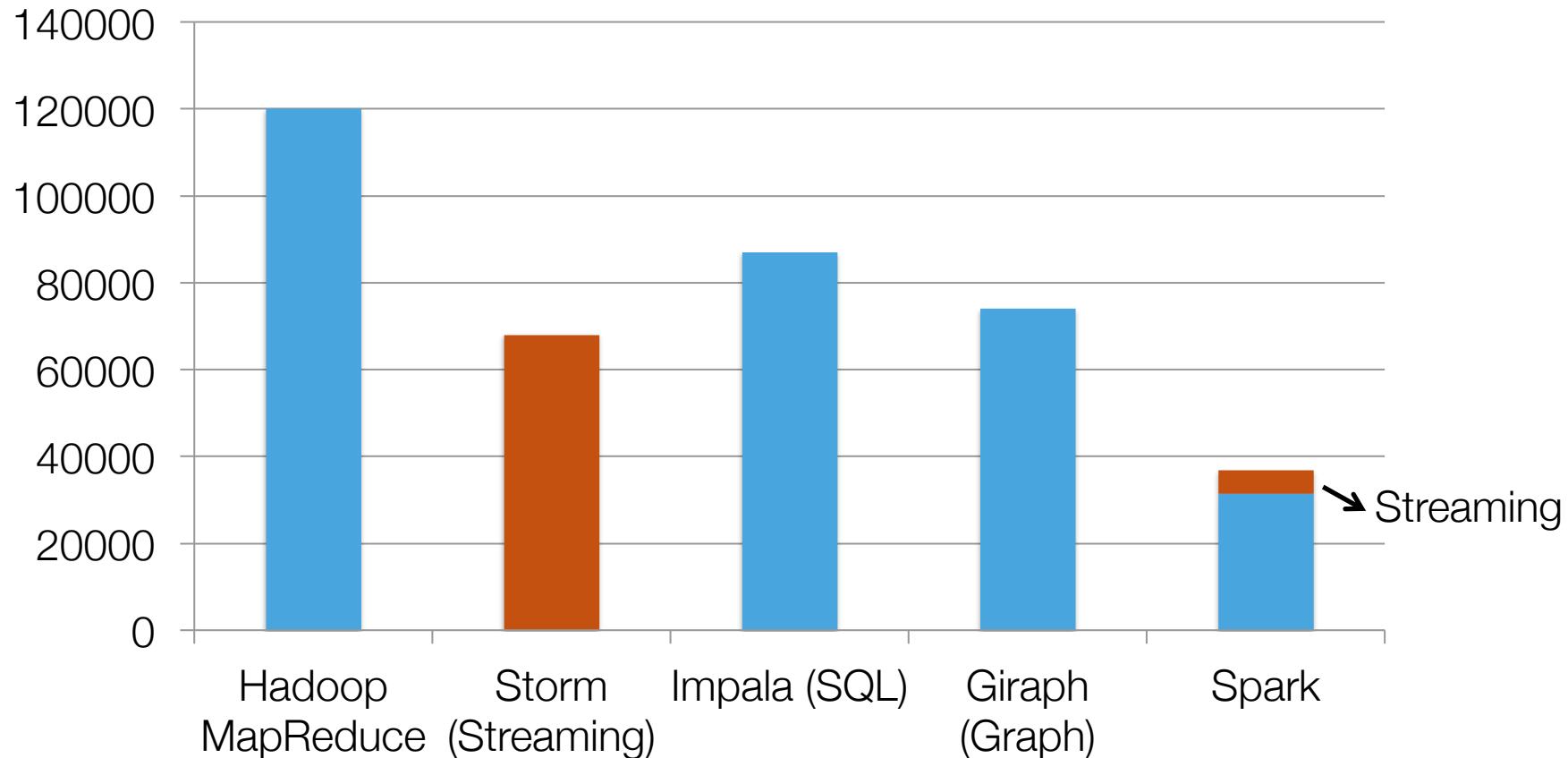
Monitoring/instrumentation

Scheduling and resource allocation

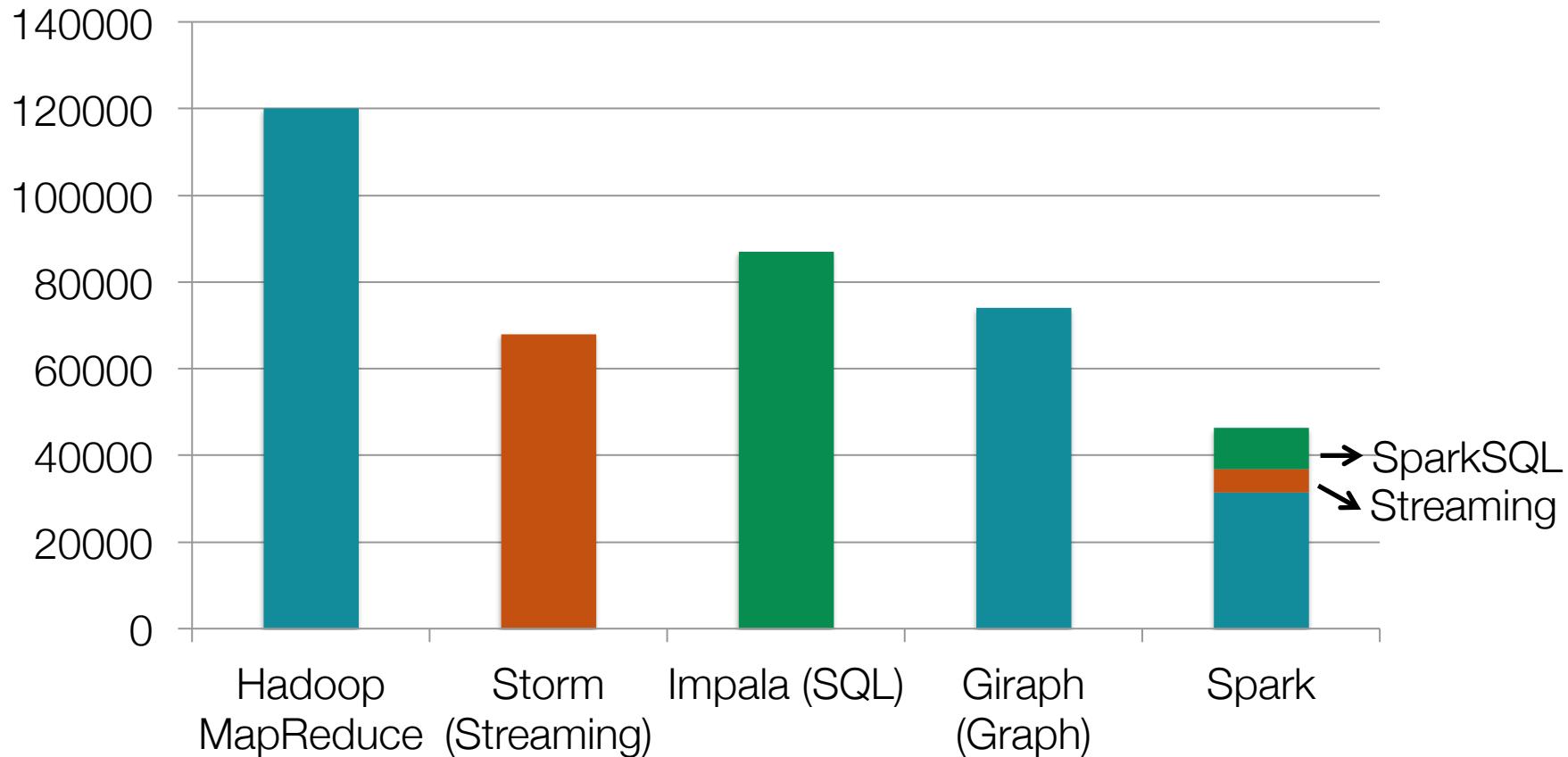
# Powerful Stack – Agile Development



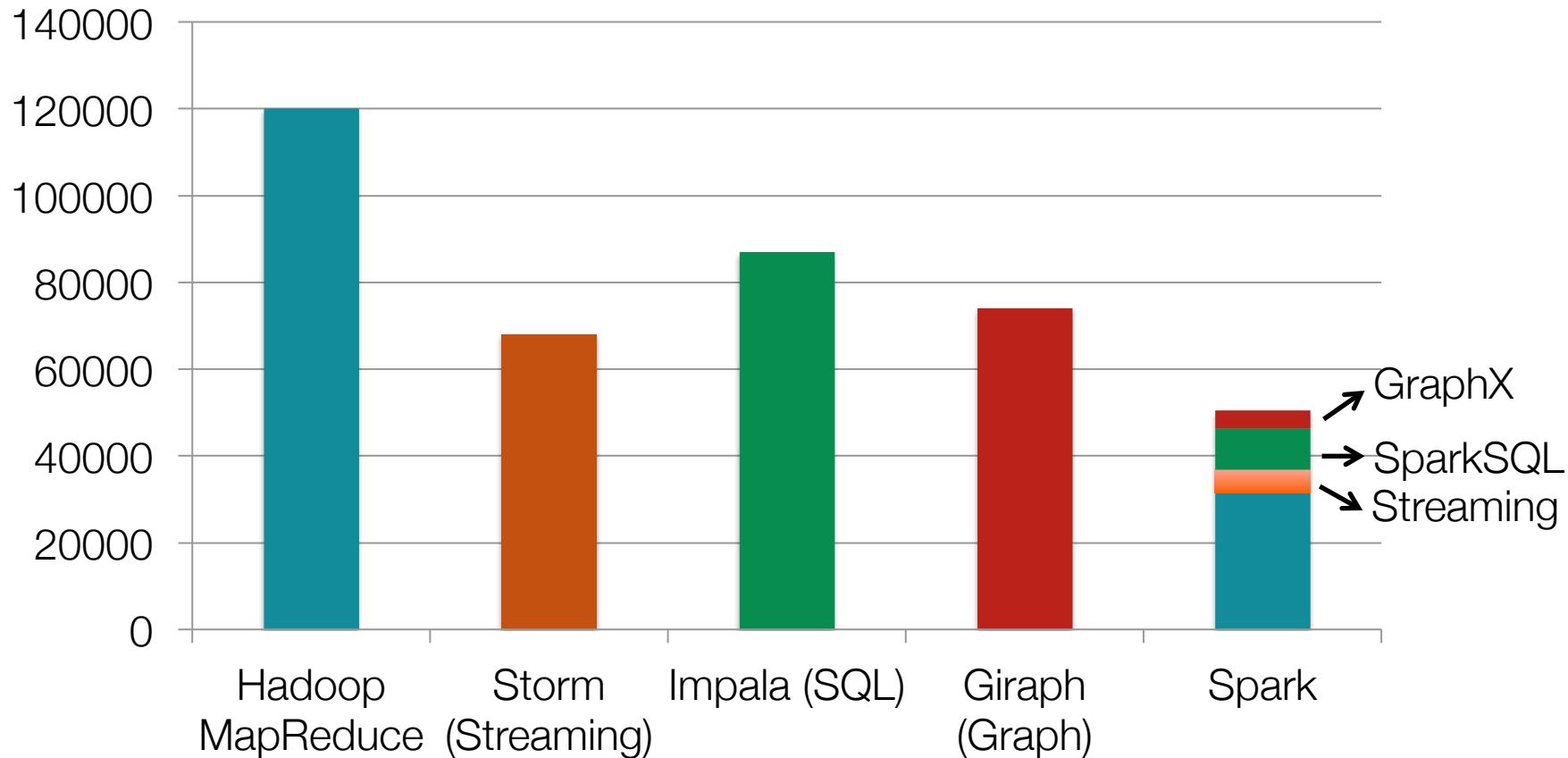
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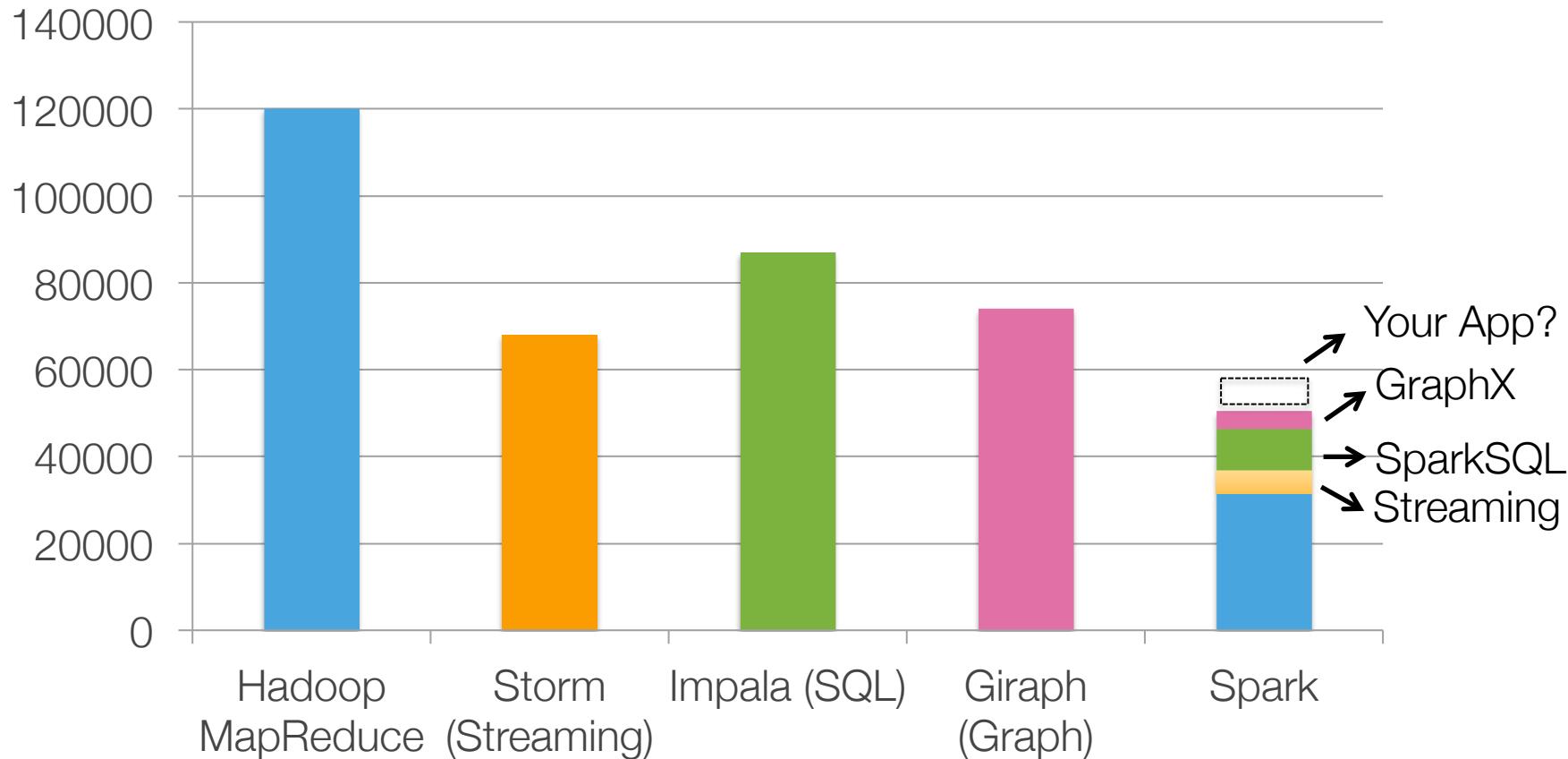
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# Benefits for Users

## High performance data sharing

- Data sharing is the bottleneck in many environments
- RDD's provide in-place sharing through memory

## Applications can compose models

- Run a SQL query and then PageRank the results
- ETL your data and then run graph/ML on it

## Benefit from investment in shared functionality

- E.g. re-usable components (shell) and performance optimizations

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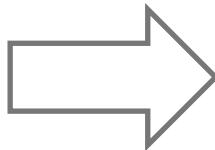
# From MapReduce to Spark

```
1 public class WordCount {
2     public static class TokenizerMapper
3         extends Mapper<Object, Text, Text, IntWritable>
4     {
5         private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
6         private Text word = new Text();
7
8         public void map(Object key, Text value, Context context
9                         throws IOException, InterruptedException {
10             StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(value.toString());
11             while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
12                 word.set(itr.nextToken());
13                 context.write(word, one);
14             }
15         }
16     }
17
18     public static class IntSumReducer
19         extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable>
20     {
21         private IntWritable result = new IntWritable();
22
23         public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values,
24                            Context context
25                            throws IOException, InterruptedException {
26             int sum = 0;
27             for (IntWritable val : values) {
28                 sum += val.get();
29             }
30             result.set(sum);
31             context.write(key, result);
32         }
33     }
34
35     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
36         Configuration conf = new Configuration();
37         String[] otherArgs = new GenericOptionsParser(conf, args).getRemainingArgs();
38         if (otherArgs.length < 2) {
39             System.err.println("Usage: wordcount <in> [<in>... <out>]");
40             System.exit(2);
41         }
42         Job job = new Job(conf, "word count");
43         job.setJarByClass(WordCount.class);
44         job.setMapperClass(TokenizerMapper.class);
45         job.setCombinerClass(IntSumReducer.class);
46         job.setReducerClass(IntSumReducer.class);
47         job.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
48         job.setOutputValueClass(IntWritable.class);
49         for (int i = 0; i < otherArgs.length - 1; ++i) {
50             FileInputFormat.addInputPath(job, new Path(otherArgs[i]));
51         }
52         FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(job,
53             new Path(otherArgs[otherArgs.length - 1]));
54         System.exit(job.waitForCompletion(true) ? 0 : 1);
55     }
56 }
```

```
1 val f = sc.textFile(inputPath)
2 val w = f.flatMap(l => l.split(" ")).map(word => (word, 1)).cache()
3 w.reduceByKey(_ + _).saveAsText(outputPath)
```

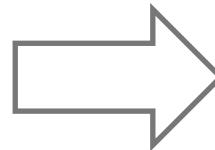
# Beyond Hadoop Users

Spark early adopters



Users

Understands  
MapReduce  
& functional APIs



Data Engineers  
Data Scientists  
Statisticians  
R users  
PyData ...

```
pdata.map(lambda x: (x.dept, [x.age, 1])) \
    .reduceByKey(lambda x, y: [x[0] + y[0], x[1] + y[1]]) \
    .map(lambda x: [x[0], x[1][0] / x[1][1]]) \
    .collect()
```

```
data.groupBy("dept").avg("age")
```

# DataFrames in Spark

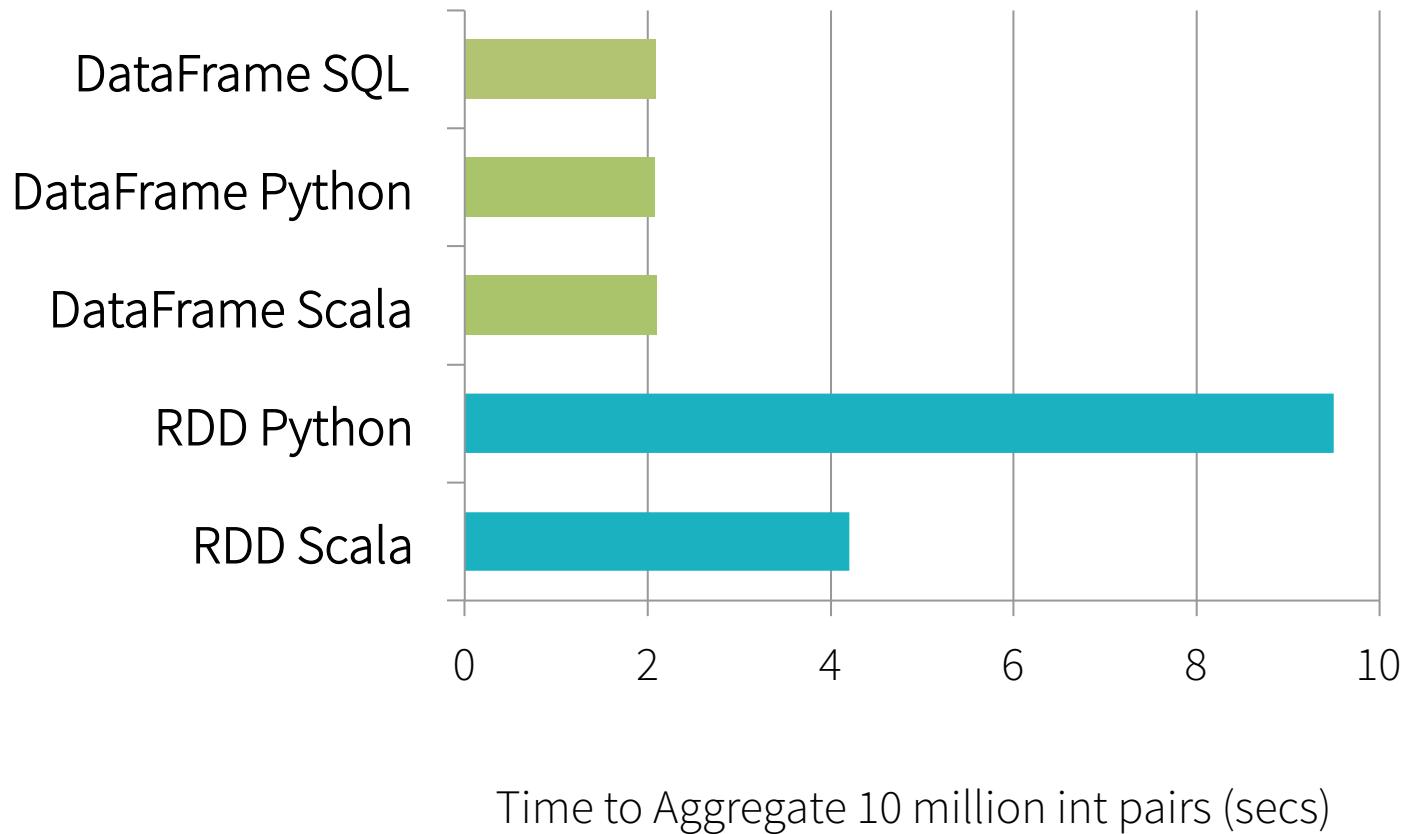
Distributed collection of data grouped into named columns (i.e. RDD with schema)

DSL designed for common tasks

- Metadata
- Sampling
- Project, filter, aggregation, join, ...
- UDFs

Available in Python, Scala, Java, and R (via SparkR)

# Not Just Less Code: Faster Implementations

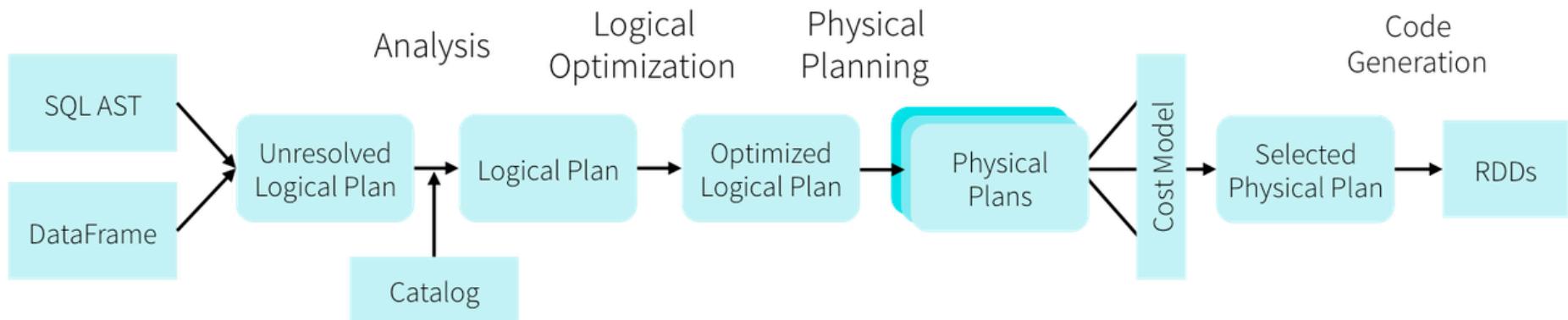


# DataFrame Internals

Represented internally as a “logical plan”

Execution is lazy, allowing it to be optimized by a query optimizer

# Plan Optimization & Execution

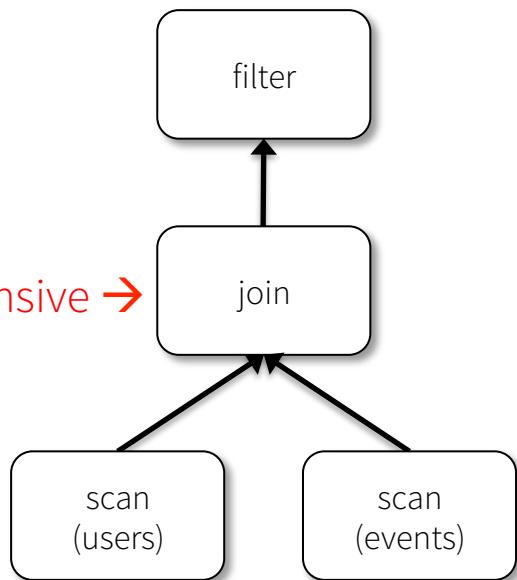


DataFrames and SQL share the same optimization/execution pipeline

Maximize code reuse & share optimization efforts

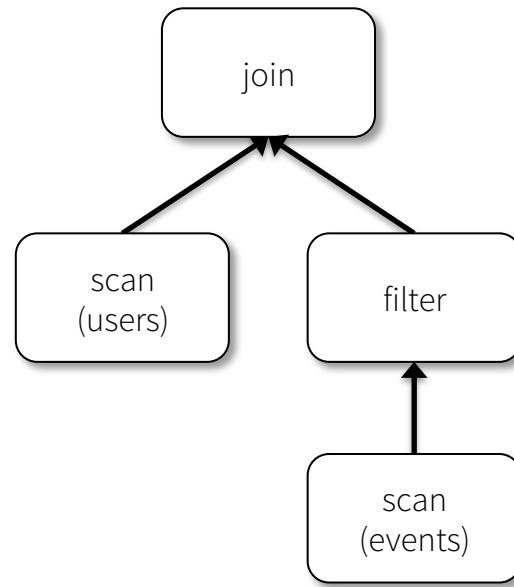
```
joined = users.join(events, users.id == events.uid)  
filtered = joined.filter(events.date >= "2015-01-01")
```

logical plan



this join is expensive →

physical plan



# Data Sources supported by DataFrames

built-in



{ JSON }



JDBC



PostgreSQL



external



elasticsearch.



and more ...

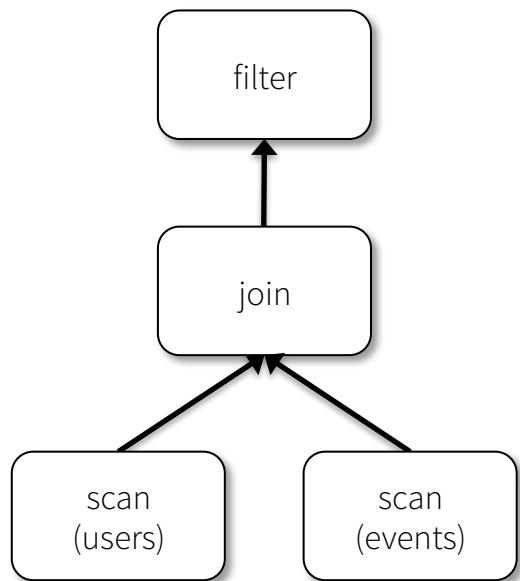
# More Than Naïve Scans

Data Sources API can automatically prune columns and push filters to the source

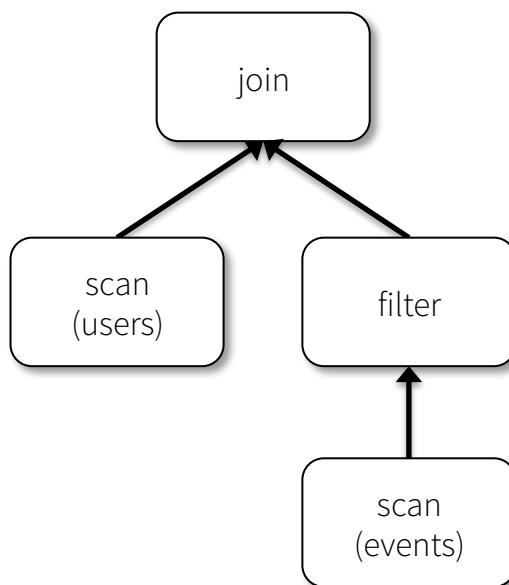
- Parquet: skip irrelevant columns and blocks of data; turn string comparison into integer comparisons for dictionary encoded data
- JDBC: Rewrite queries to push predicates down

```
joined = users.join(events, users.id == events.uid)  
filtered = joined.filter(events.date > "2015-01-01")
```

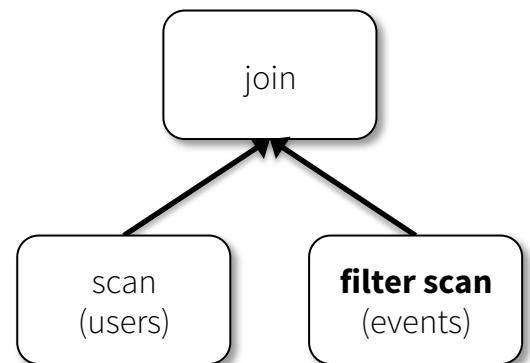
logical plan



optimized plan



optimized plan  
with intelligent data sources



# Our Experience So Far

SQL is wildly popular and important

- 100% of Databricks customers use some SQL

Schema is very useful

- Most data pipelines, even the ones that start with unstructured data, end up having some implicit structure
- Key-value too limited
- That said, semi-/un-structured support is paramount

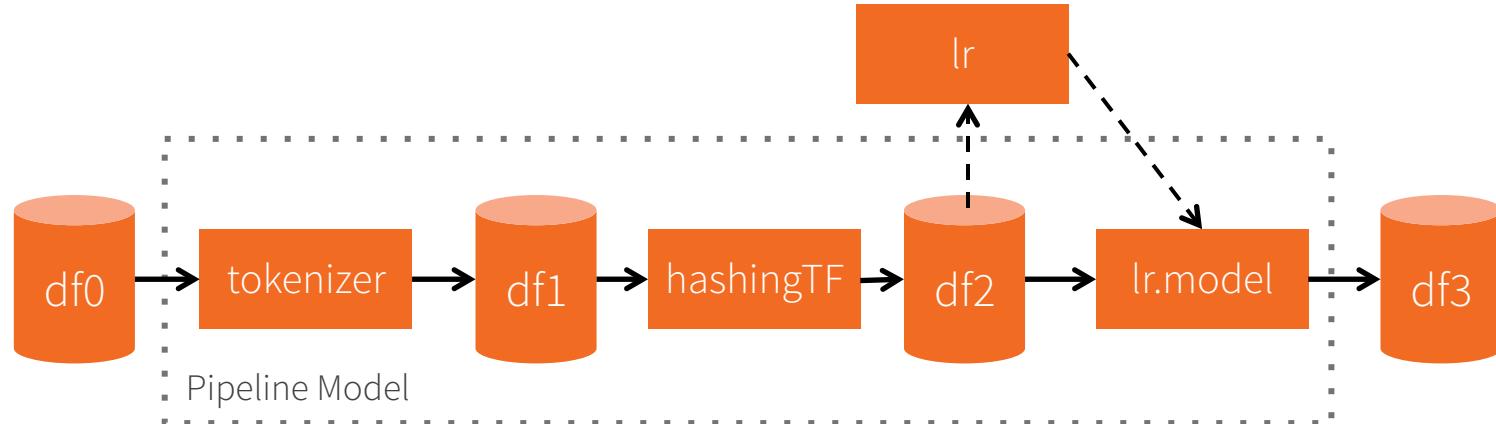
Separation of logical vs physical plan

- Important for performance optimizations (e.g. join selection)

# Machine Learning Pipelines

```
tokenizer = Tokenizer(inputCol="text", outputCol="words")
hashingTF = HashingTF(inputCol="words", outputCol="features")
lr = LogisticRegression(maxIter=10, regParam=0.01)
pipeline = Pipeline(stages=[tokenizer, hashingTF, lr])

df = sqlCtx.load("/path/to/data")
model = pipeline.fit(df)
```

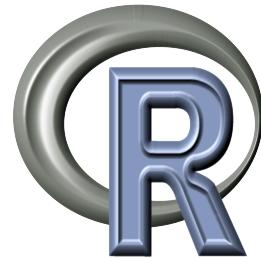


# R Interface (SparkR)

Spark 1.4 (June)

Exposes DataFrames,  
and ML library in R

```
df = jsonFile("tweets.json")  
  
summarize(  
  group_by(  
    df[df$user == "matei",],  
    "date"),  
  sum("retweets"))
```

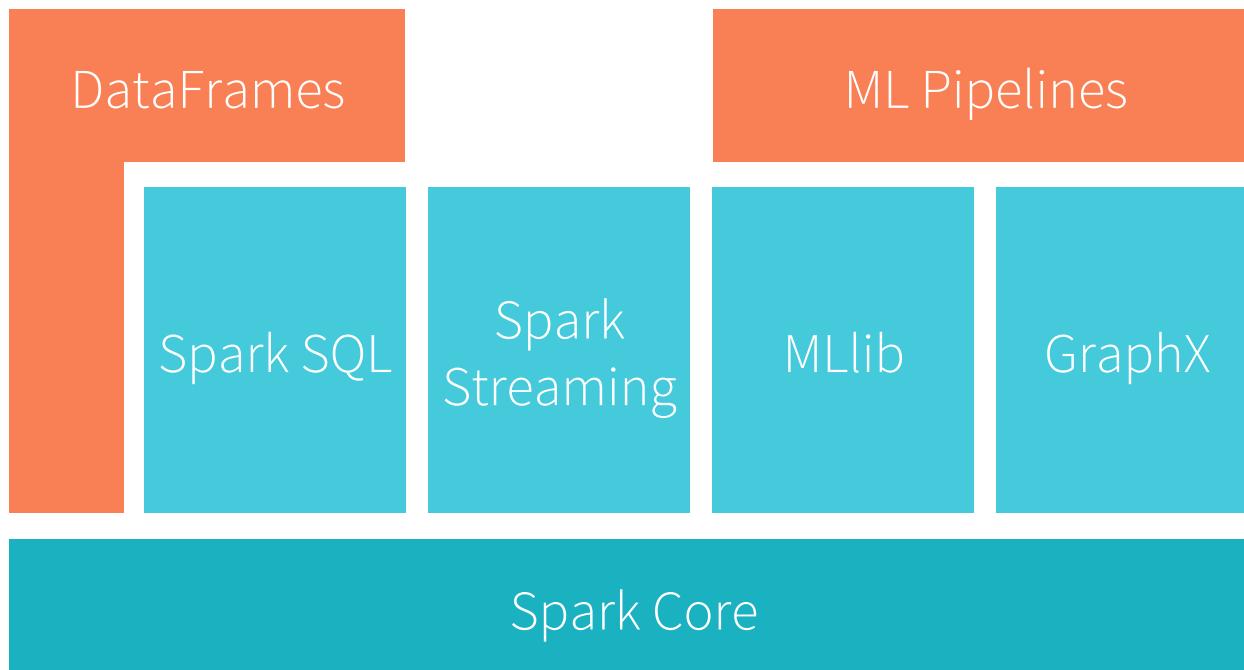


# Data Science at Scale

Higher level interfaces in Scala, Java, Python, R

Drastically easier to program Big Data

- With APIs similar to single-node tools



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HBASE



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elasticsearch.

Goal: unified engine across data **sources**,  
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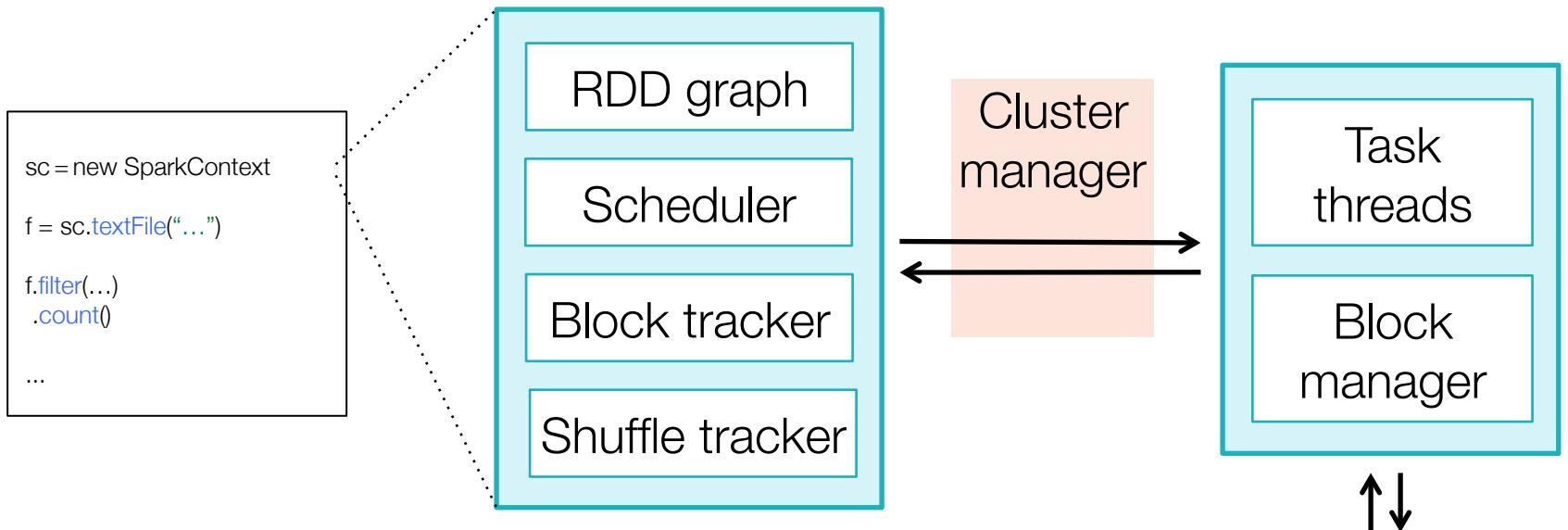
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# Spark Application

Your program  
(JVM / Python)

Spark driver  
(app master)

Spark executor  
(multiple of them)



A single application often contains multiple actions

HDFS, HBase, ...

# RDD is an interface

1. Set of *partitions* (“splits” in Hadoop)
2. List of *dependencies* on parent RDDs
3. Function to *compute* a partition  
(as an Iterator) given its parent(s)
4. (Optional) *partitioner* (hash, range)
5. (Optional) *preferred location(s)*  
for each partition



“lineage”



optimized  
execution

# Example: HadoopRDD

`partitions` = one per HDFS block

`dependencies` = none

`compute(part)` = read corresponding block

`preferredLocations(part)` = HDFS block location

`partitioner` = none

# Example: Filtered RDD

`partitions` = same as parent RDD

`dependencies` = “one-to-one” on parent

`compute(part)` = compute parent and filter it

`preferredLocations(part)` = none (ask parent)

`partitioner` = none

# RDD Graph (DAG of tasks)

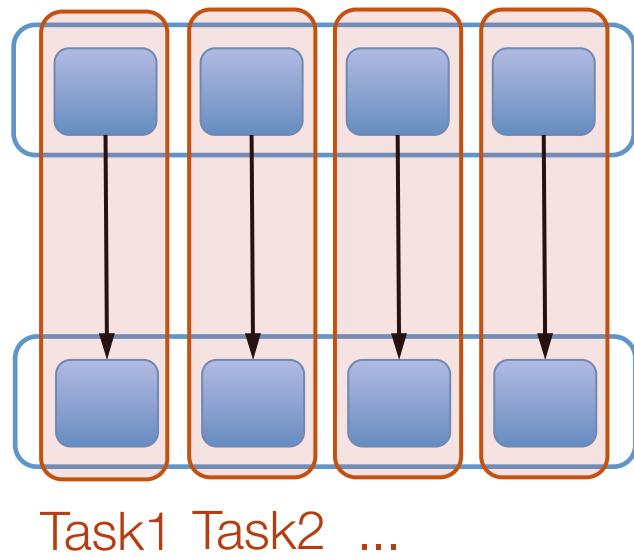
Dataset-level view:

file:  
**HadoopRDD**  
path = hdfs://...

errors:

**FilteredRDD**  
func = \_.contains(...)  
shouldCache = true

Partition-level view:



# Example: JoinedRDD

`partitions` = one per reduce task

`dependencies` = “shuffle” on each parent

`compute(partition)` = read and join shuffled data

`preferredLocations(part)` = none

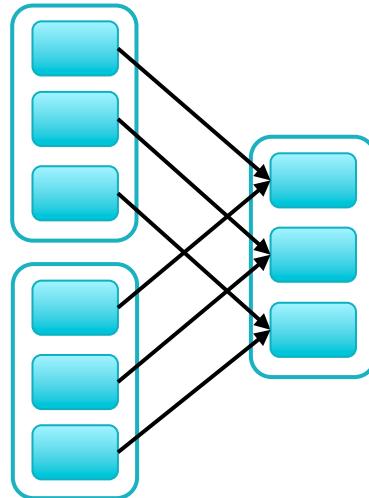
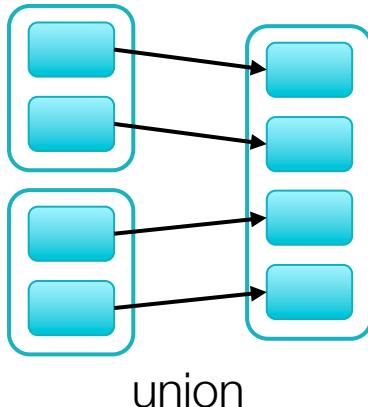
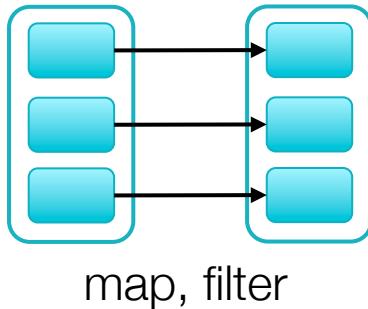
`partitioner` = `HashPartitioner(numTasks)`



Spark will now know  
this data is hashed!

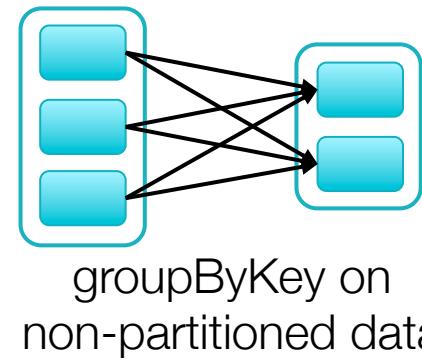
# Dependency Types

## “Narrow” (pipeline-able)

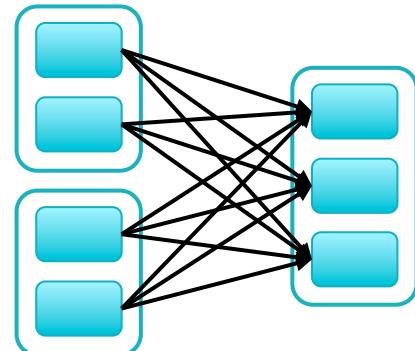


join with inputs  
co-partitioned

## “Wide” (shuffle)

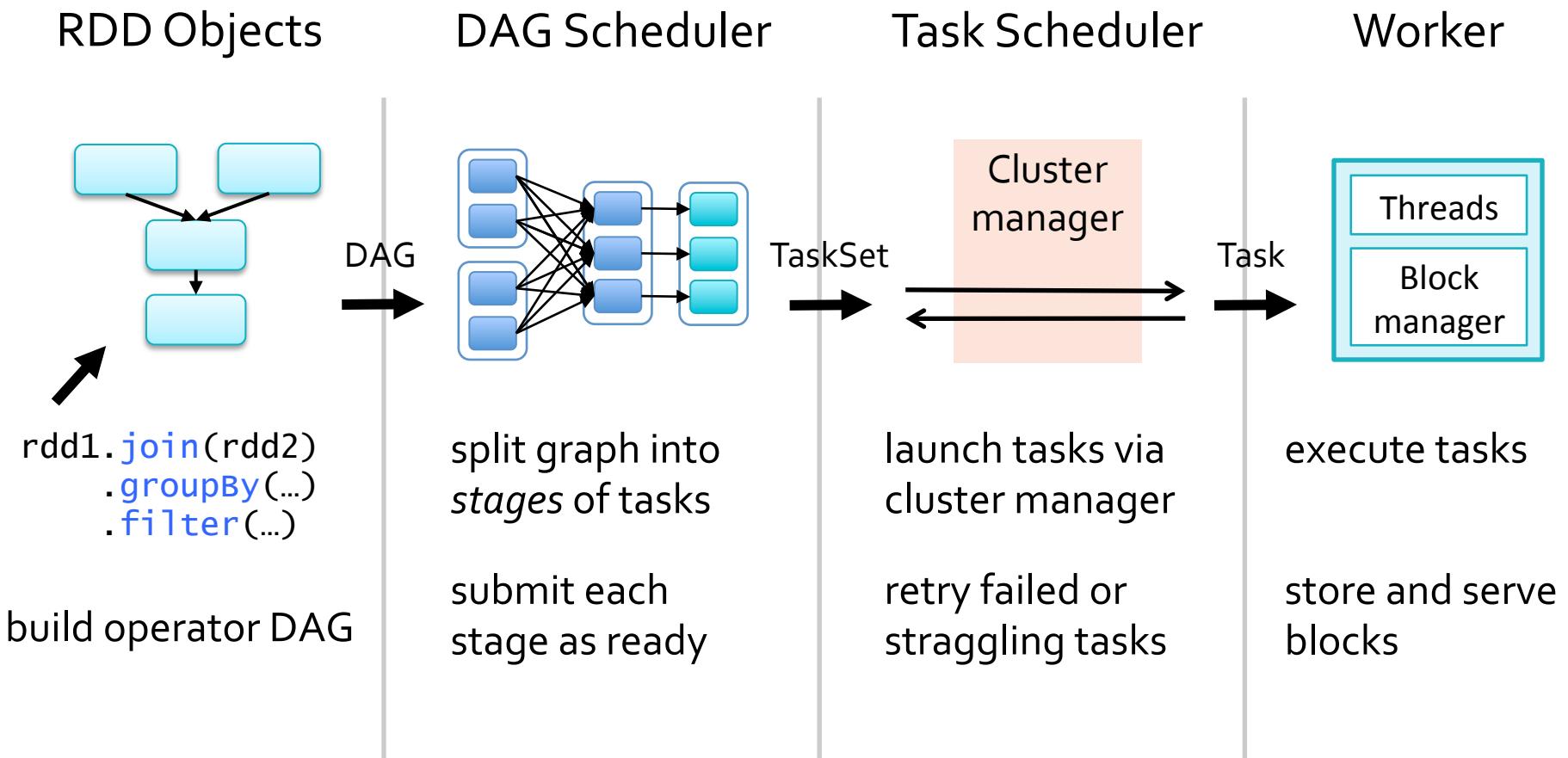


groupByKey on  
non-partitioned data



join with inputs not  
co-partitioned

# Execution Process



# DAG Scheduler

Input: RDD and partitions to compute

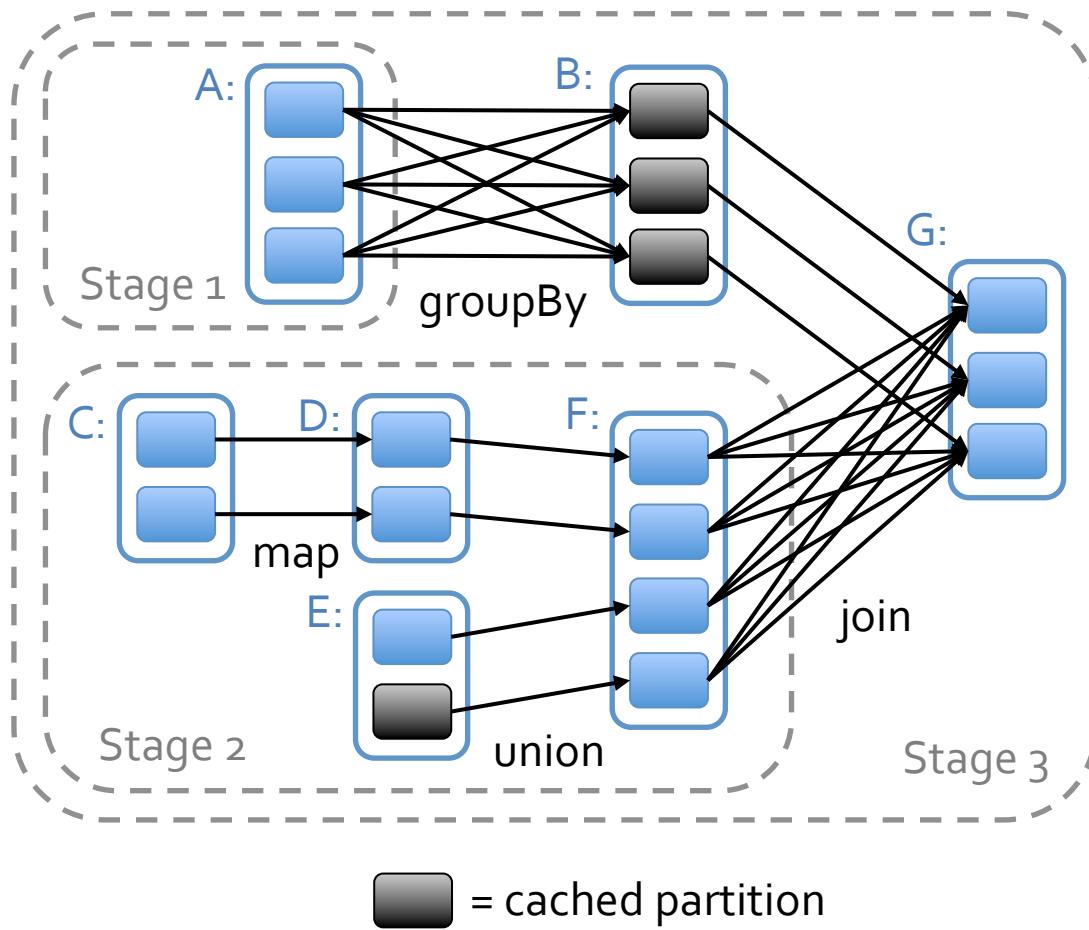
Output: output from actions on those partitions

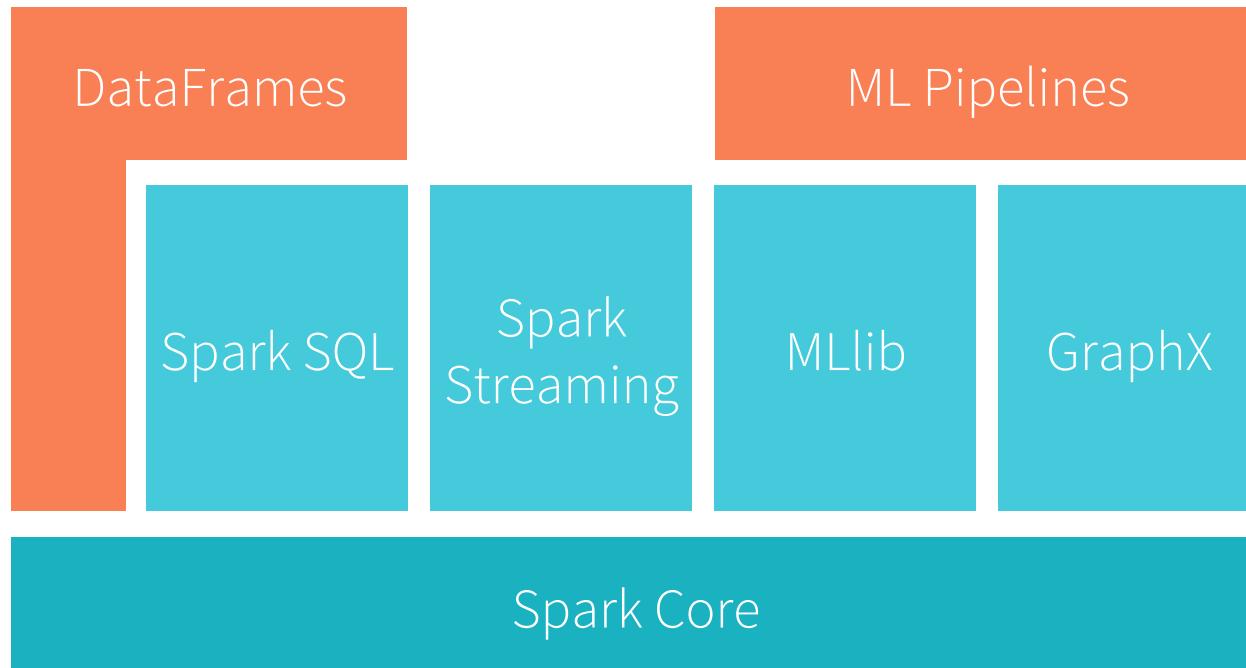
Roles:

- Build stages of tasks
- Submit them to lower level scheduler (e.g. YARN, Mesos, Standalone) as ready
- Lower level scheduler will schedule data based on locality
- Resubmit failed stages if outputs are lost

# Job Scheduler

Captures RDD dependency graph  
Pipelines functions into “stages”  
Cache-aware for data reuse & locality  
Partitioning-aware to avoid shuffles





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# Thank you. Questions?

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