Himalayan Peaks

of Testing Data Pipelines

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Who we are

What is Big Data

Who are DEs?

What is a pipeline?

Who needs pipelines

QA of pipeline

QA ?= QC

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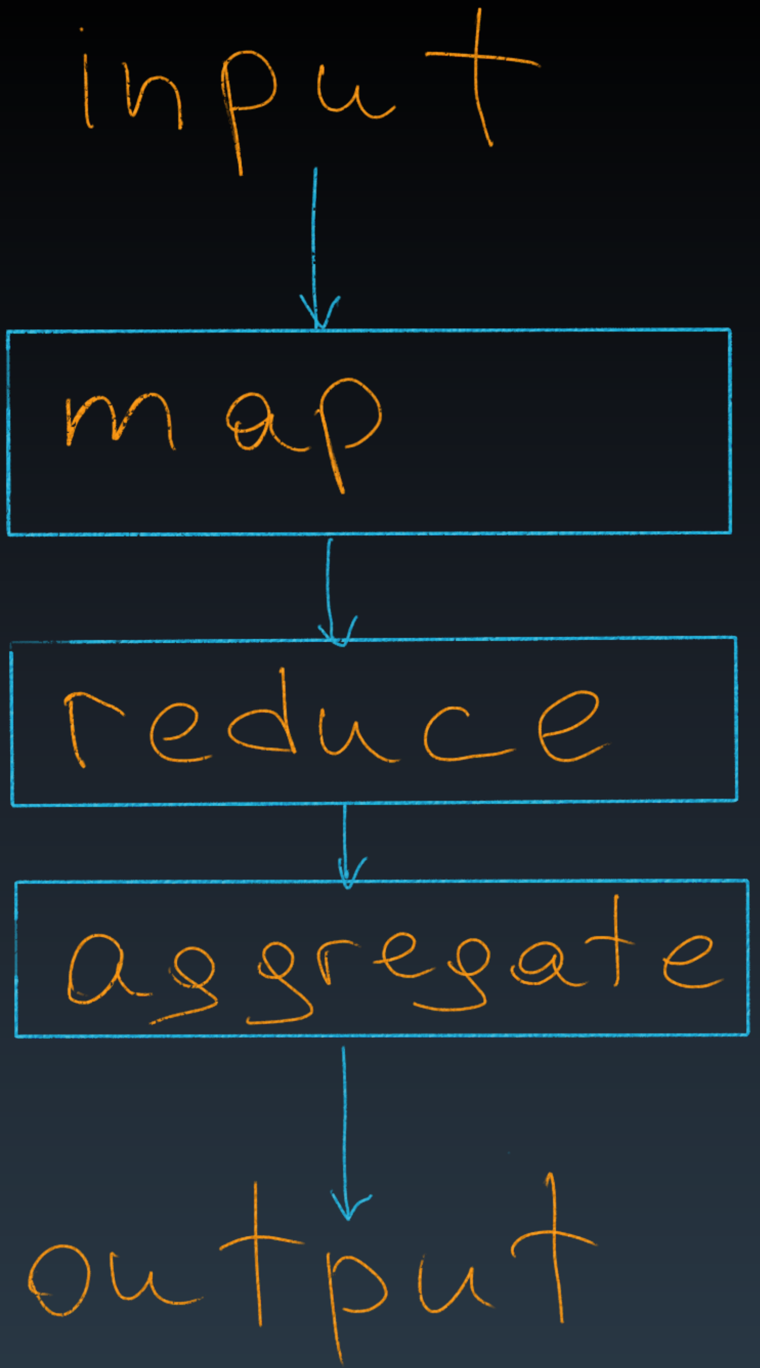
QA ≠ QC

QA is about processes and not only about software quality.

Pyramid of testing. Unit

Typical pipeline



Typical pipeline

Unit testing of pipeline

What may we test here?

A pipeline should transform data correctly!

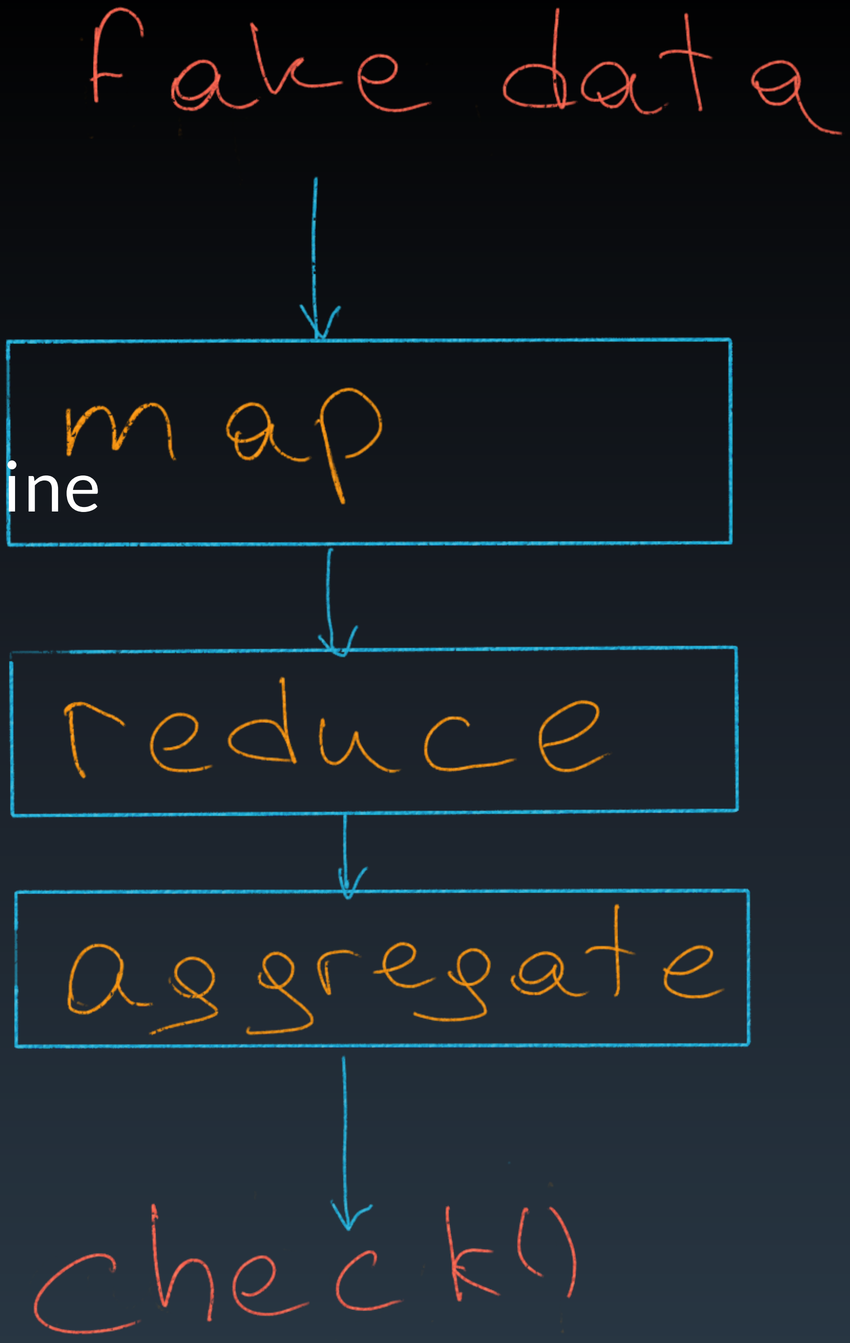
Correctness is a business term

Let's paste fakes!

Fake/mock input data

Reference data at the end of the pipeline

Separate function



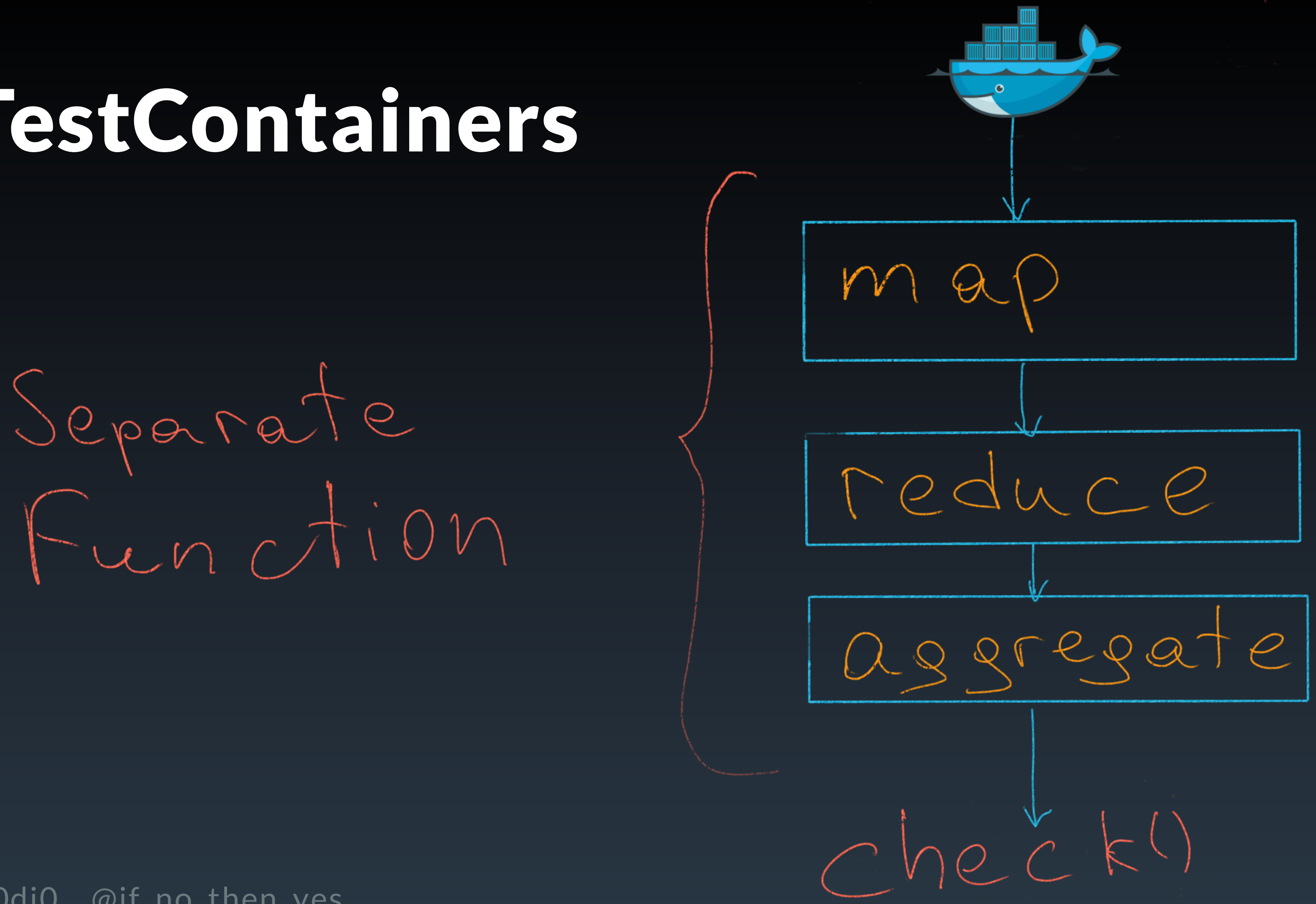
Tools

holdenk/spark-testing-base ← Tools to run tests
MrPowers/spark-daria ← tools to easily create test data

Component testing

TESTCONTAINERS

TestContainers



TestContainers

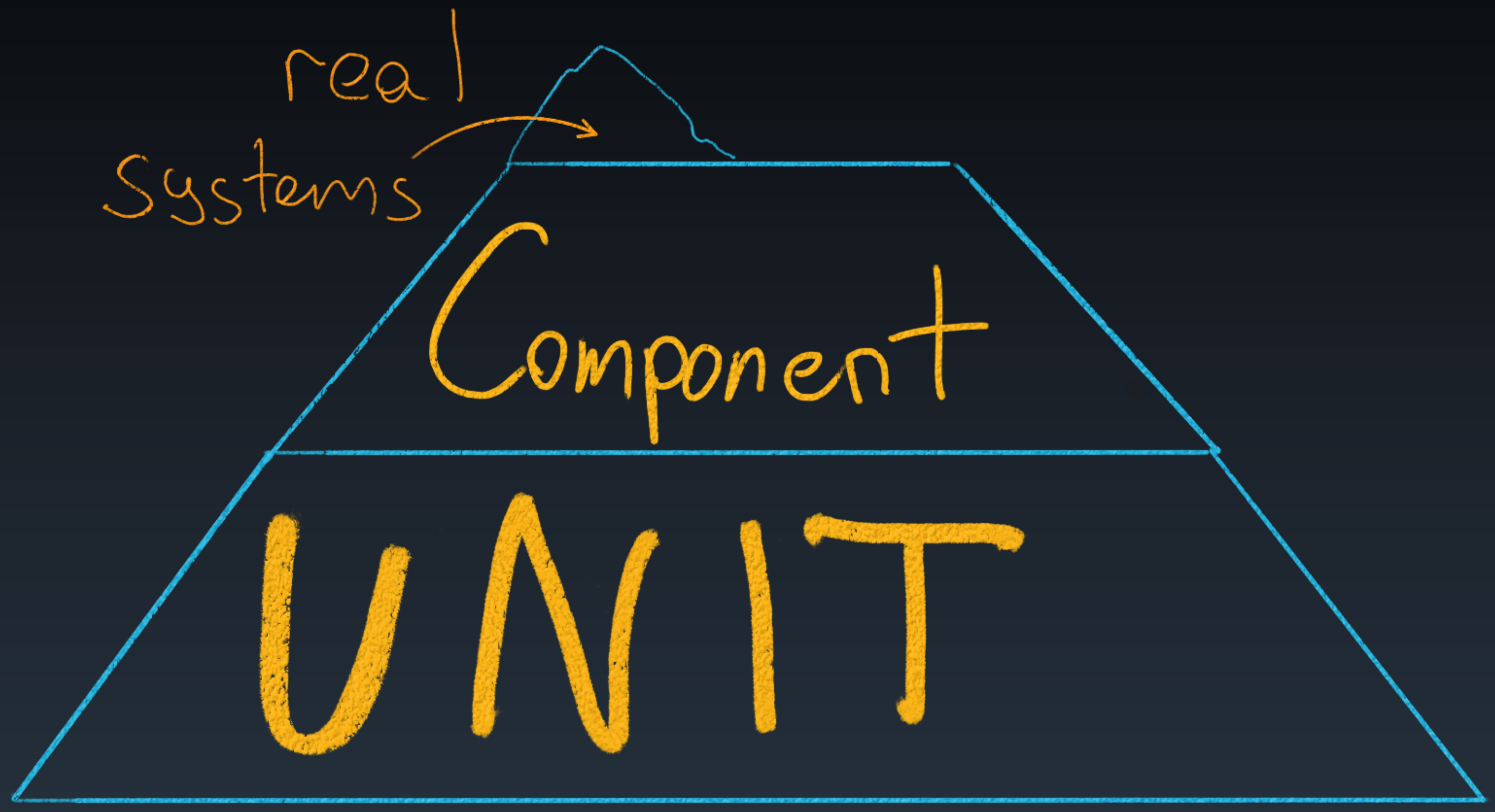
Supported languages:

- Java (and compatibles: Scala, Kotlin, etc.)
- Python
- Go
- Node.js
- Rust
- .NET

Test Containers

```python
import sqlalchemy
from testcontainers.mysql import MySqlContainer

with MySqlContainer('mysql:5.7.17') as mysql:
    engine = sqlalchemy.create_engine(mysql.get_connection_url())
    version, = engine.execute("select version()").fetchone()
    print(version)  # 5.7.17
```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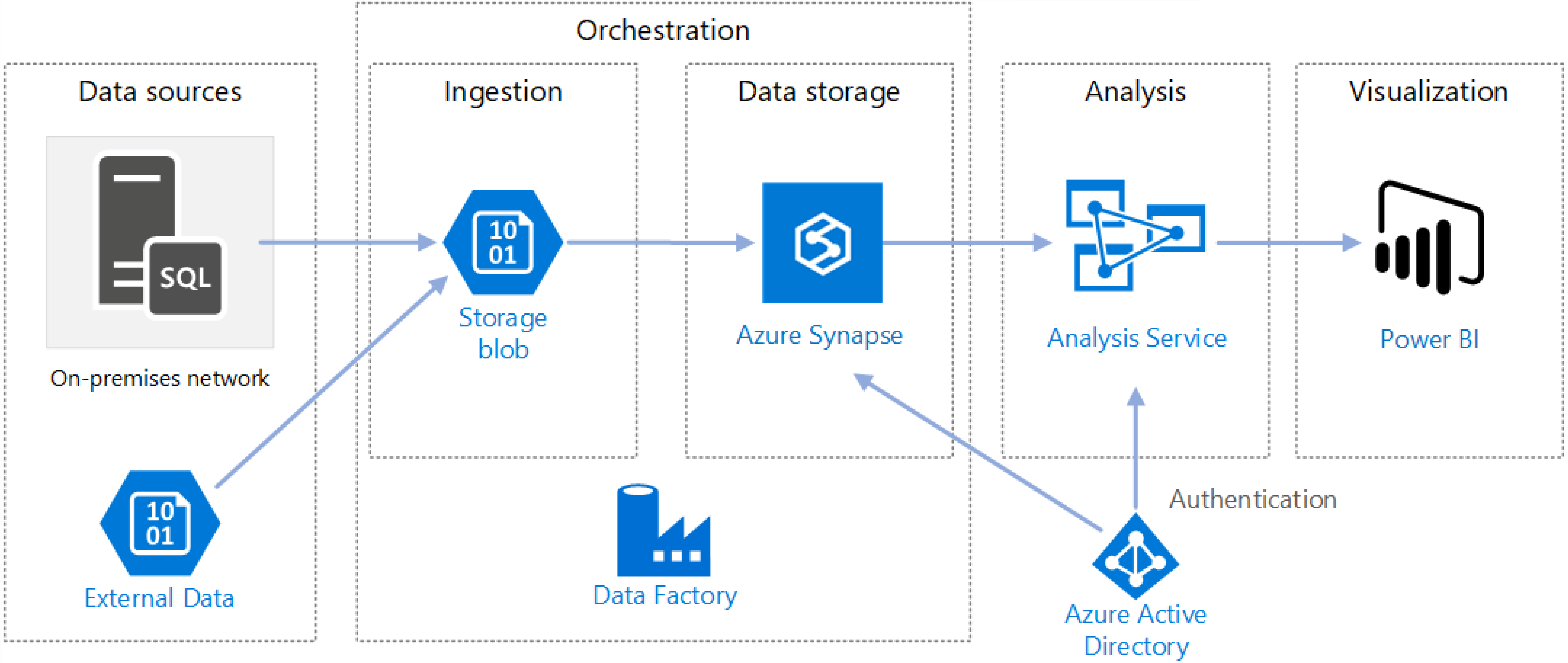

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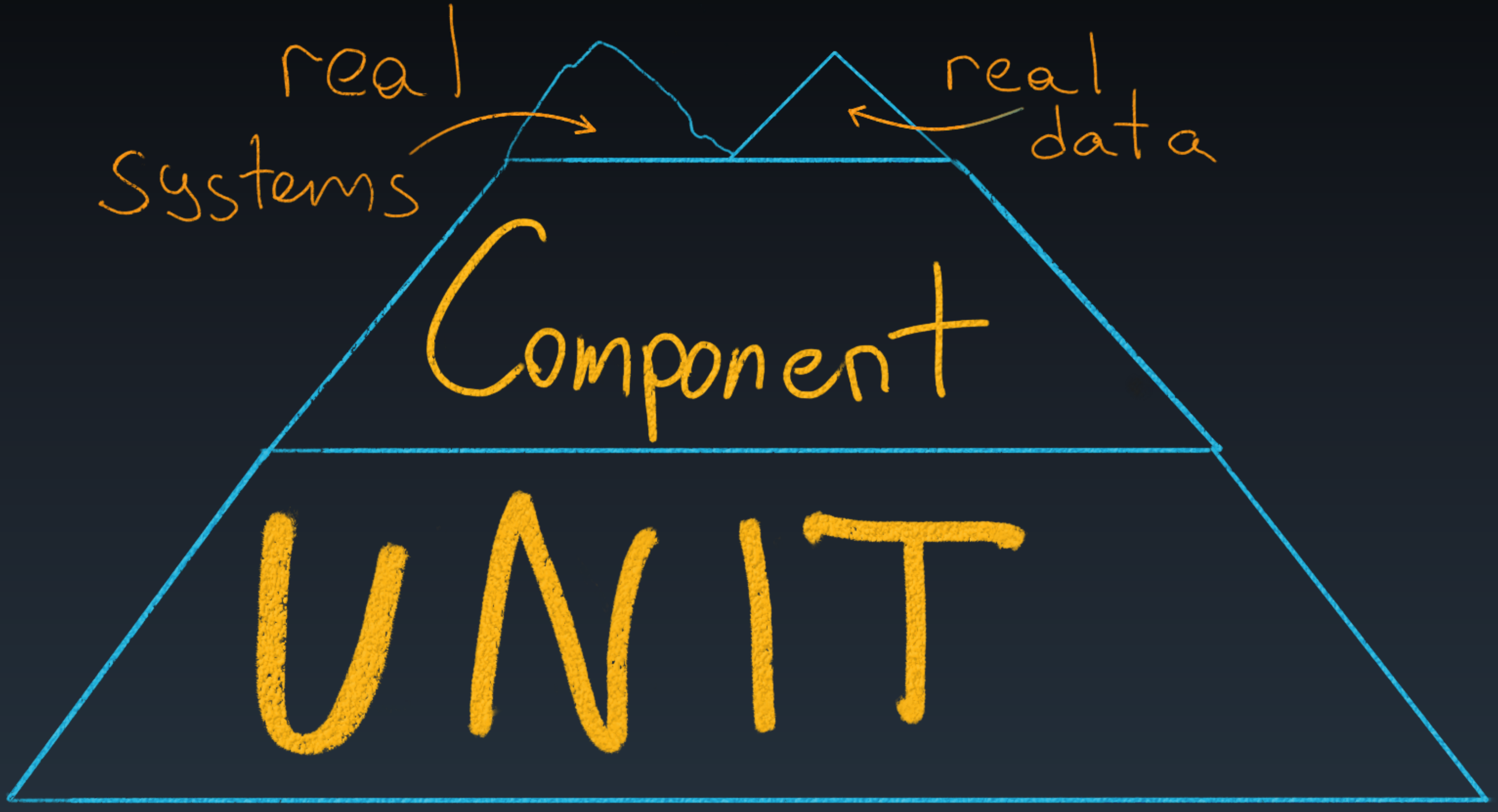
Real systems

Why are component tests not enough?

- vendor lock tools (DB, processing, etc.)
- external error handling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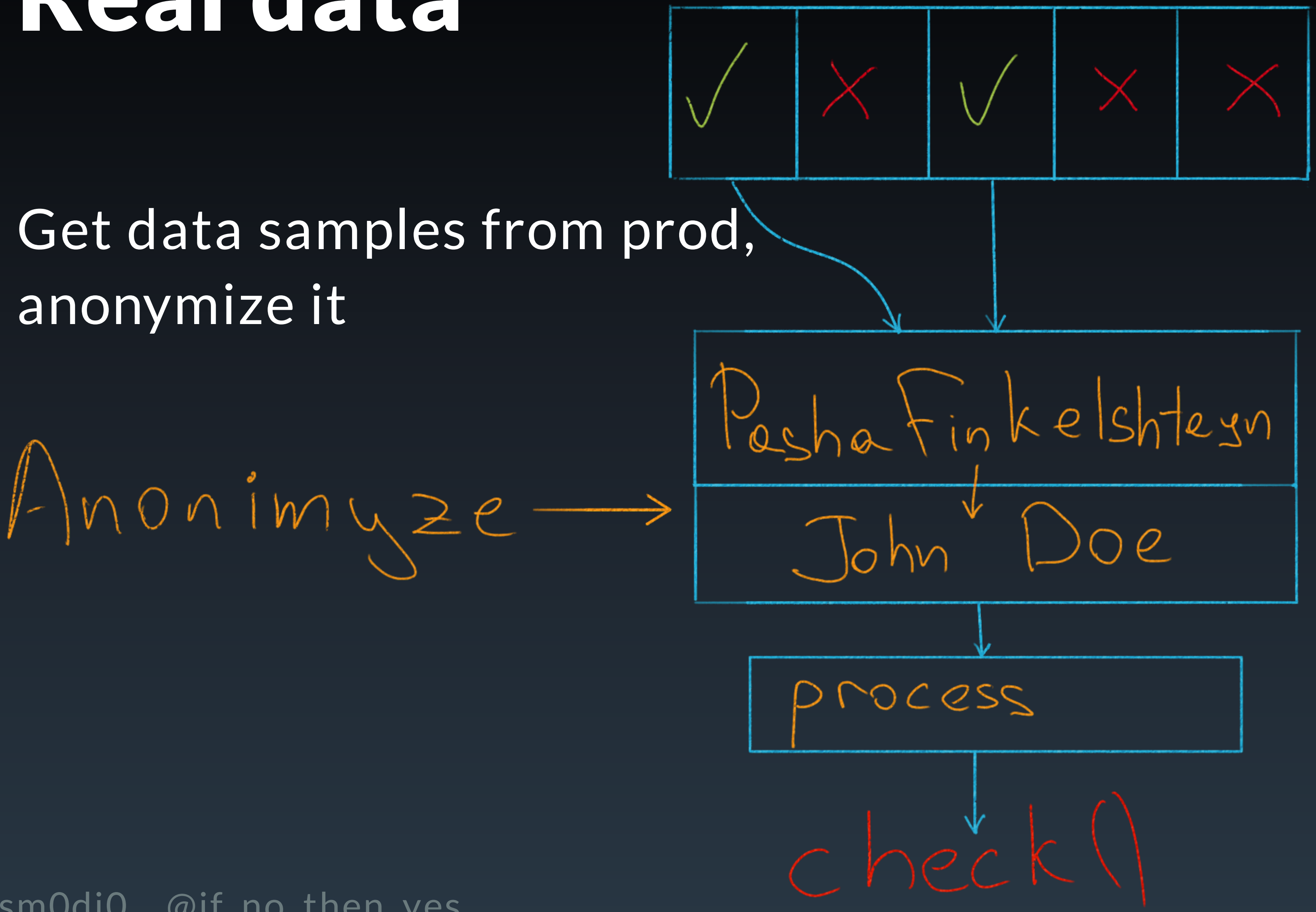
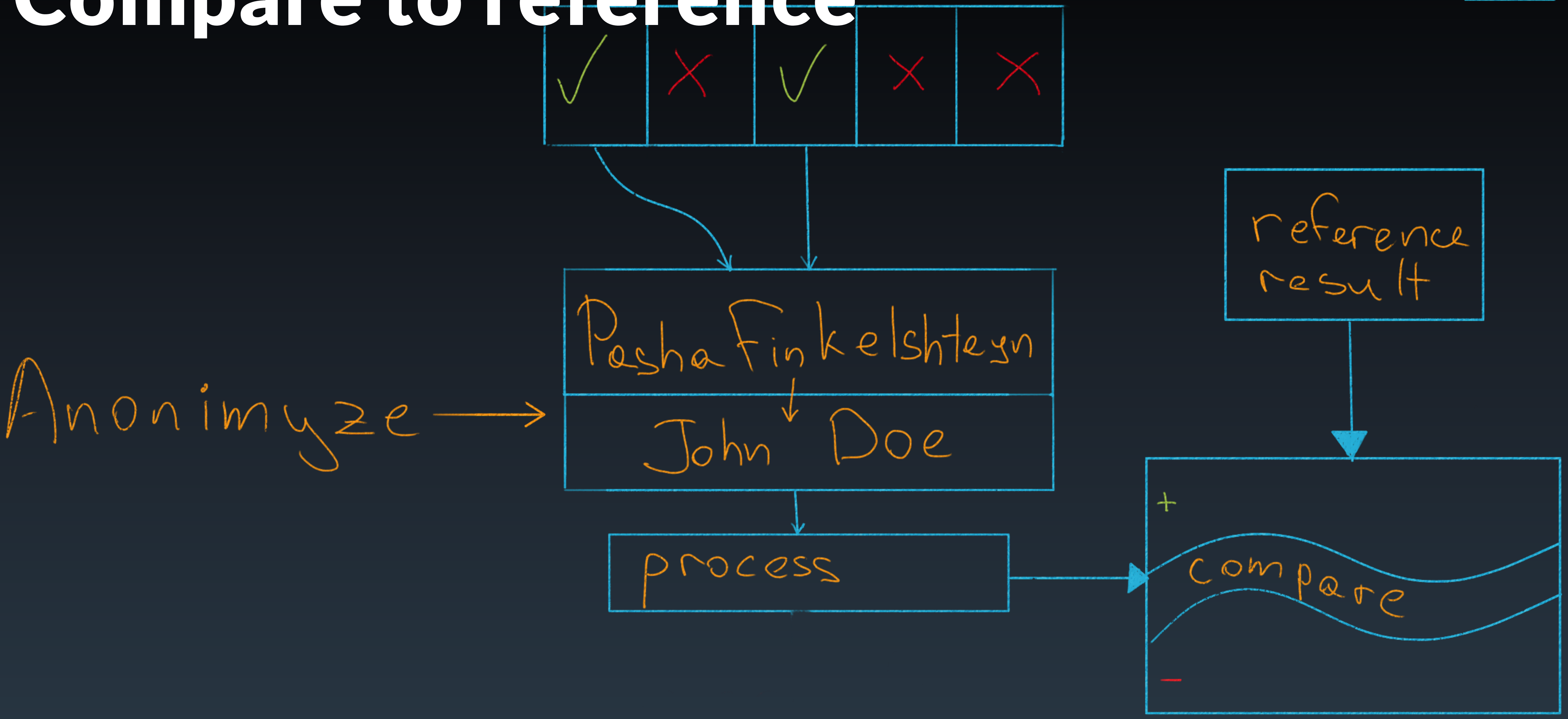
Real data

Get data samples from prod, anonymize it



Compare to reference



Real data

Deploy full data backup on stage env, anonymize it 🤑

In usual testing you won't trust your code

In pipeline testing you won't trust

both your code and your data

Real data expectations

Test:

✅ no data
✅ valid data
❓ invalid data
❓ illegal data format

Real data expectations. Tools:

- great expectations,
- Deequ

Automated Testing For Protecting Data Pipelines from Undocumented Assumptions

```python
from pyspark.sql.types import Row, StructType
from datetime import datetime

schema = {
  "type": "struct",
  "fields": [
    {"name": "Id", "type": "long", "nullable": False, "metadata": {}},
    {"name": "SaleDate", "type": "timestamp", "nullable": False, "metadata": {}},
    {"name": "Country", "type": "string", "nullable": False, "metadata": {}},
  ]
}

table_rows = [
        Row(1, datetime(2021, 1, 1, 10, 0, 0), "RU" ),
        Row(2, datetime(1000, 1, 1, 10, 0, 0), "KZ"),
        Row(2, datetime(2018, 1, 1, 10, 0, 0), "AU"),
        Row(2, datetime(2019, 1, 1, 10, 0, 0), ""),
    ]

sample_df = spark.createDataFrame(table_rows, StructType.fromJson(schema))
```

Great expectations

```
from great_expectations.dataset.sparkdf_dataset import SparkDFDataset

ge_sample_df = SparkDFDataset(sample_df)
ge_sample_df.expect_column_values_to_be_in_set("Country", ["RU", "KZ"])
```

Great expectations

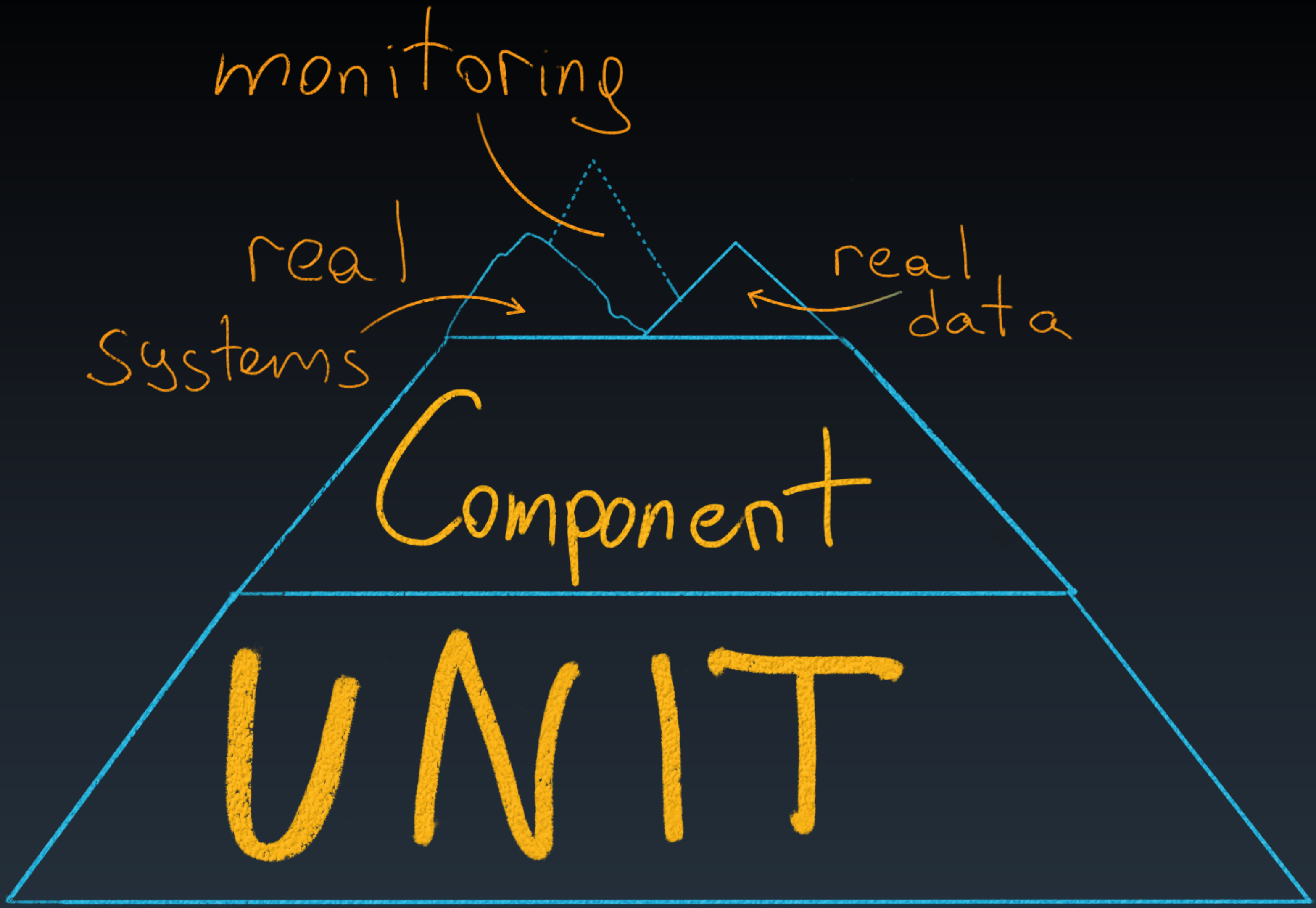

```
"result": {
  "element_count": 4,
  "unexpected_count": 2,
  "unexpected_percent": 50.0,
  "partial_unexpected_list": ["AU",""]
},
"success": false,
"expectation_config": {
  "kwargs": {
    "column": "Country",
    "value_set": ["RU", "KZ"]
  }
}
```

Python Deequ

```
# No Spark 3.0 support yet
from pydeequ.checks import *
from pydeequ.verification import *

check = Check(spark, CheckLevel.Warning, "Country Check")
checkResult =(
  VerificationSuite(spark)
    .onData(sample_df)
    .addCheck(
        check.isContainedIn("Counrty", ["RU","KZ"]))
   .run()
)
checkResult_df = VerificationResult.checkResultsAsDataFrame(spark, checkResult)
checkResult_df.show()
```

[Testing data quality at scale with PyDeequ]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Monitoring

Why?

- The only REAL testing is production
- Data tends to change over time

Monitoring

What?

- data volumes
- counters
- time
- dead letter queue monitoring
- service health
- business metrics

Monitoring

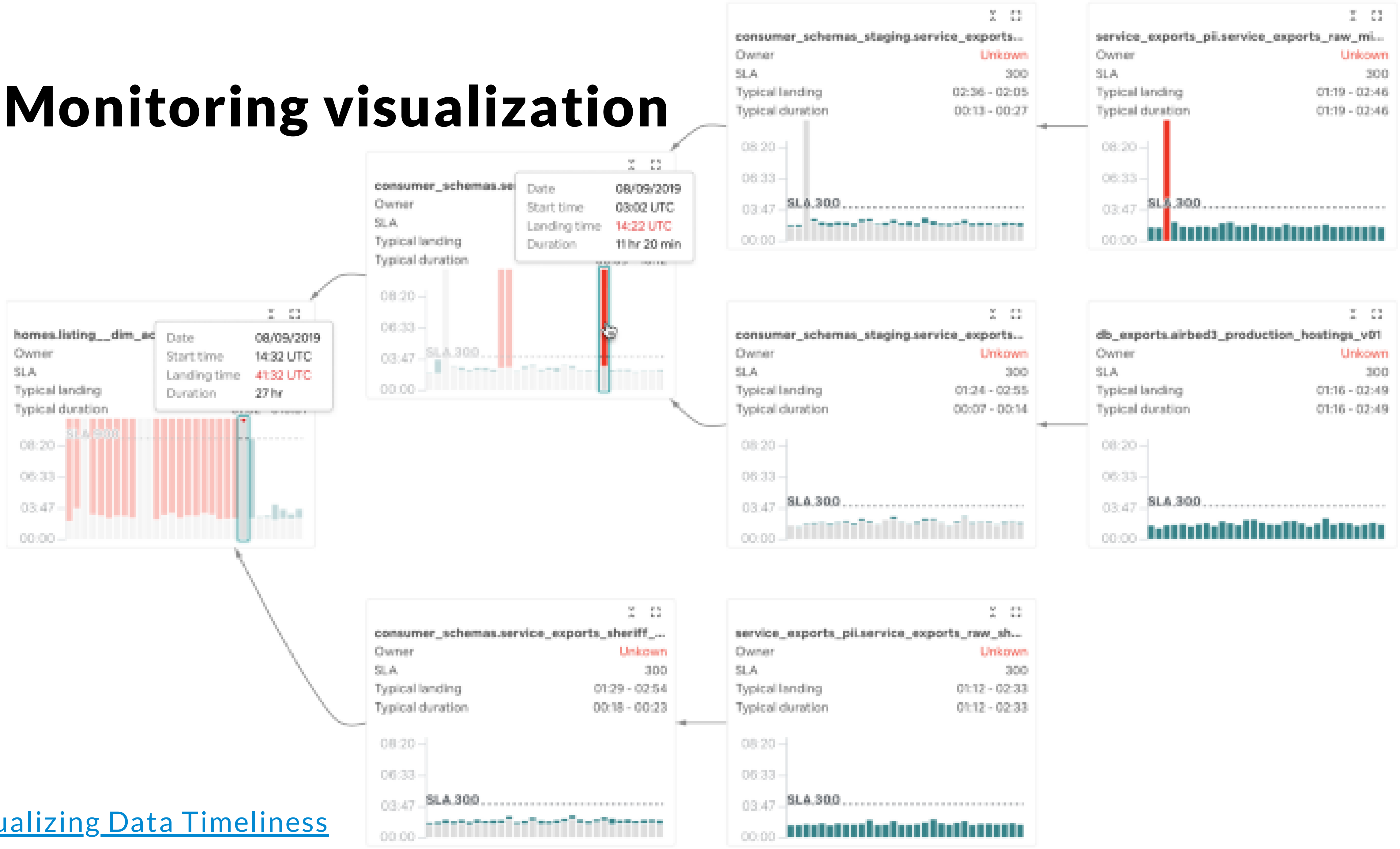
How?

- use Listeners
- use data aggregations

Data pipelines is always DAG

Monitoring should visualize it

Monitoring visualization



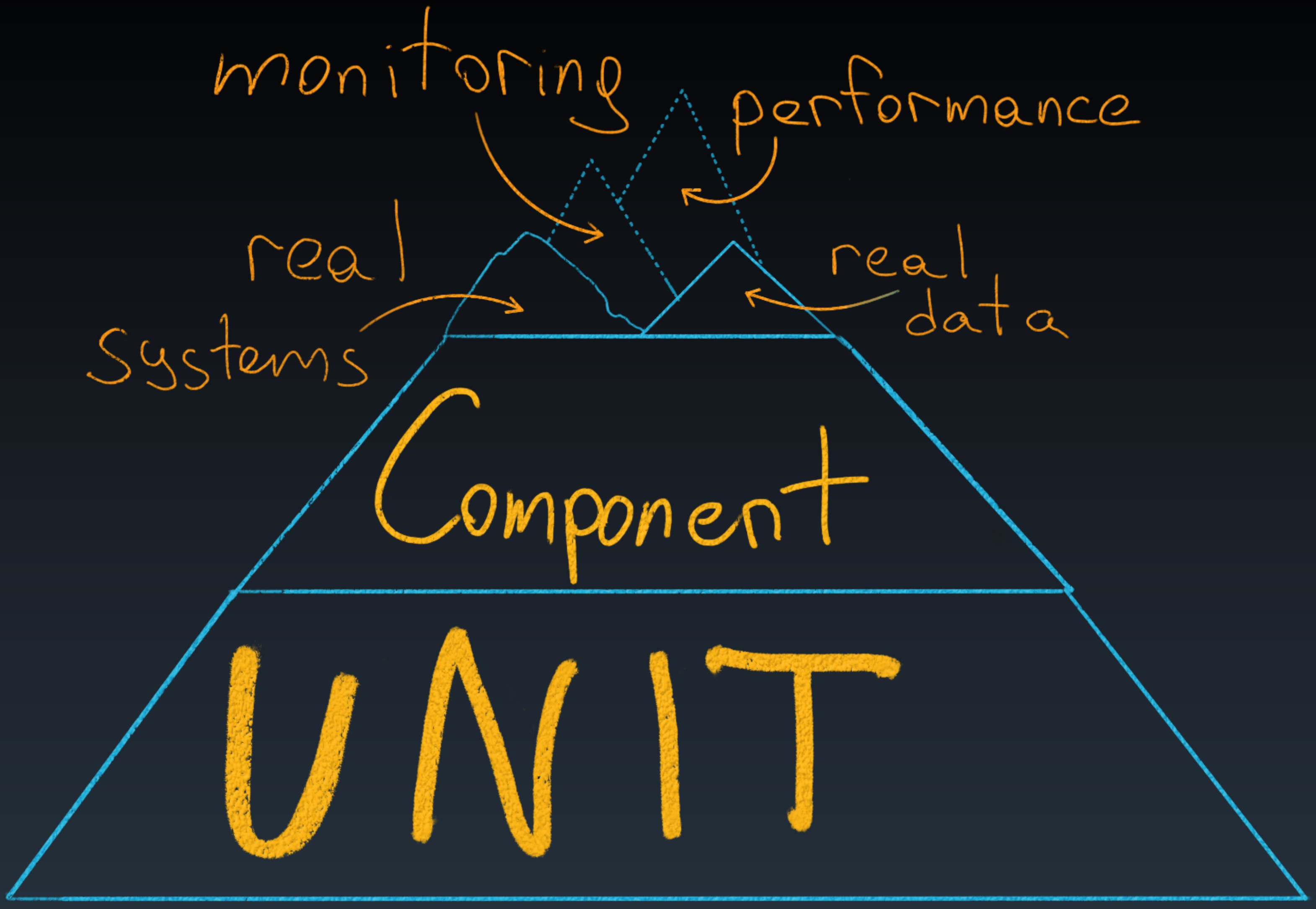
[Visualizing Data Timeliness]

End-to-End tests

Compare with reports, old DWH

Multiple dimensions:

- data
- data latency
- performance, scalability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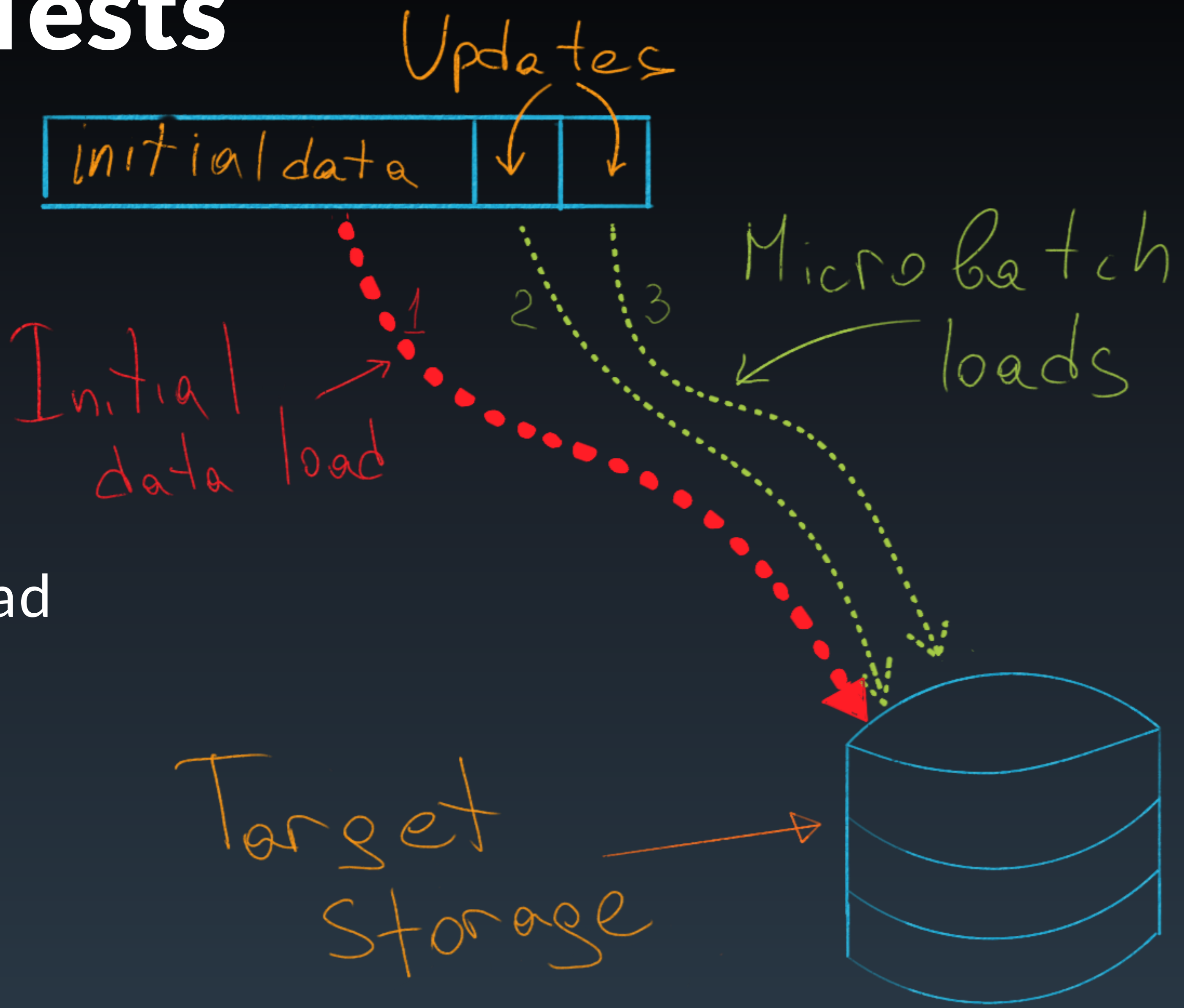
Performance Tests



- start with SLA
- test your initial data load

Real prod

Run a parallel job with a different sink