



Continuous Intelligence

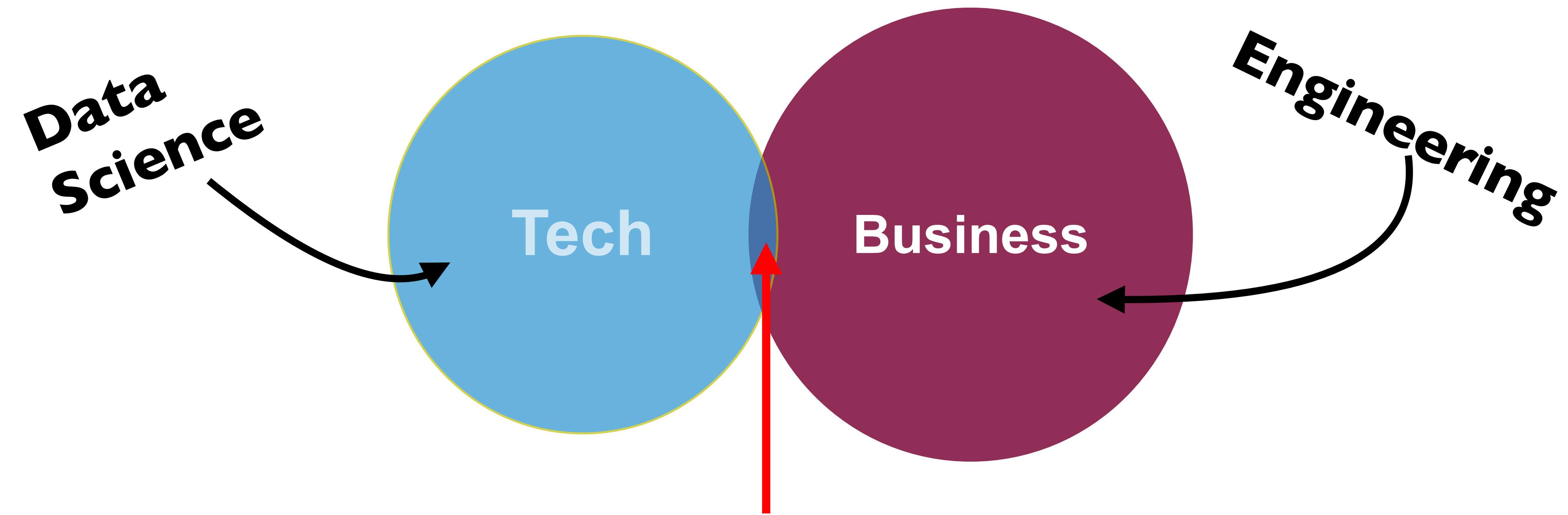
Through Computation Sharing With Arcon

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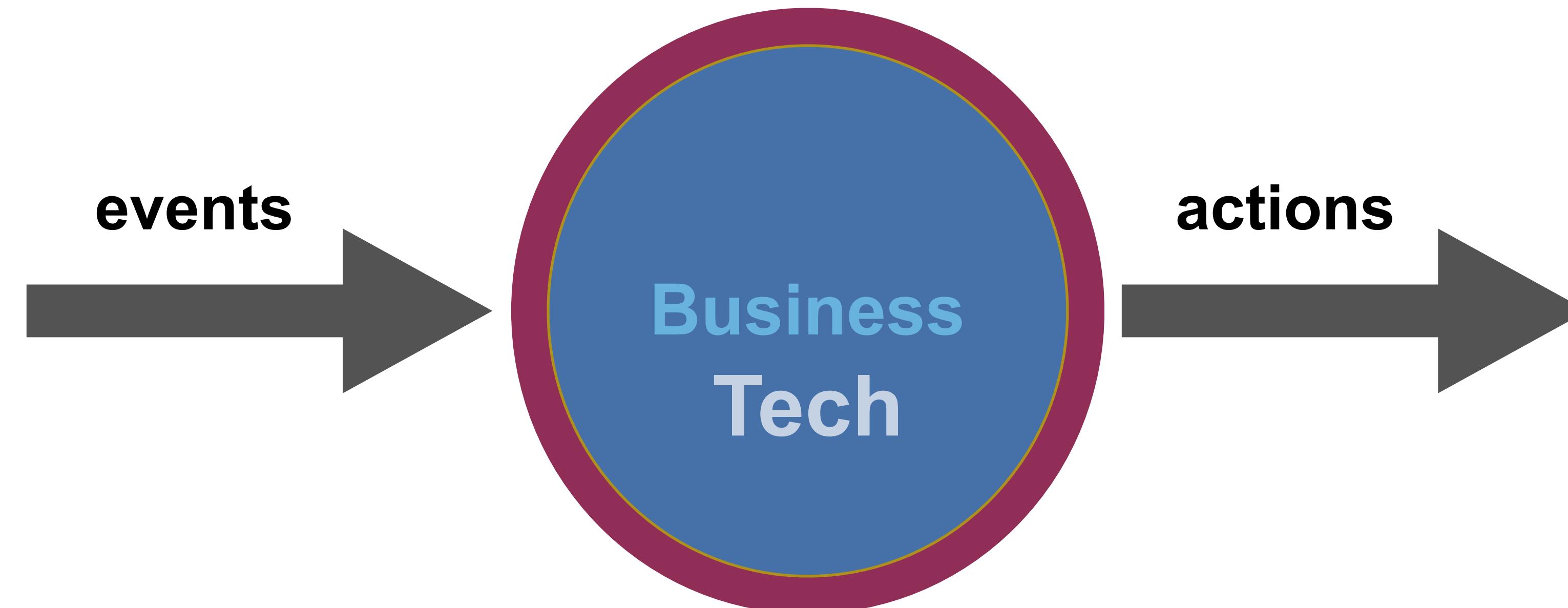
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A **Lot** is going on in Tech (Deep Learning, Scalable Processing etc.)
Little contribution to critical real-time decision making

Continuous Intelligence

*A design pattern in which **real-time analytics** are integrated within a business operation, processing **current and historical data** to prescribe **actions** in response to events.*



What we think of data

Dictionary 

data 

data
/'deɪtə/ 

noun

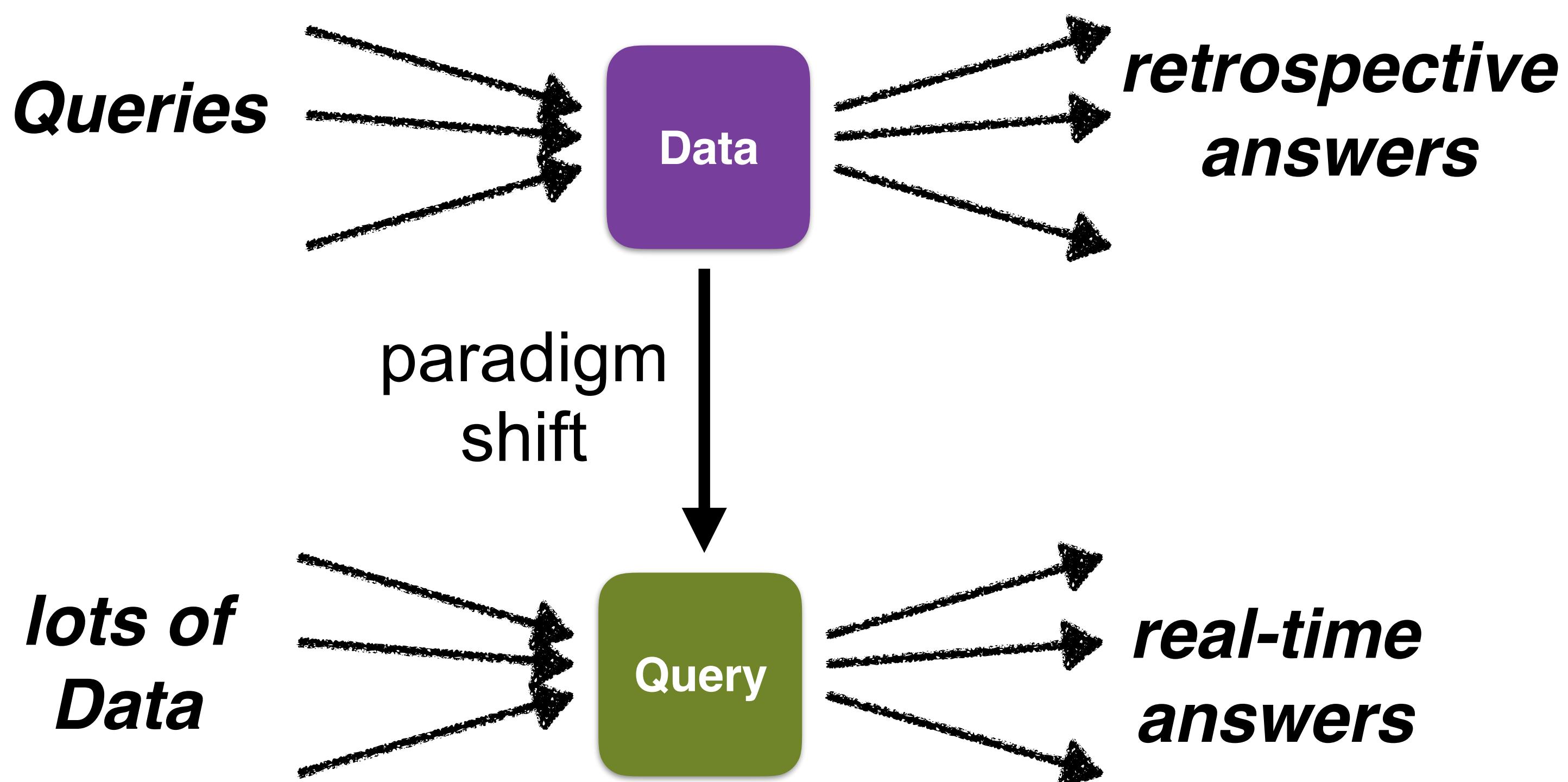
facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis.
"there is very little data available"

synonyms: facts, figures, **statistics**, details, particulars, specifics, features; [More](#)



VS actual data....

The Paradigm Shift Some Missed



The Stream Analytics Stack

High Level Models

Stream SQL, CEP...

Compute

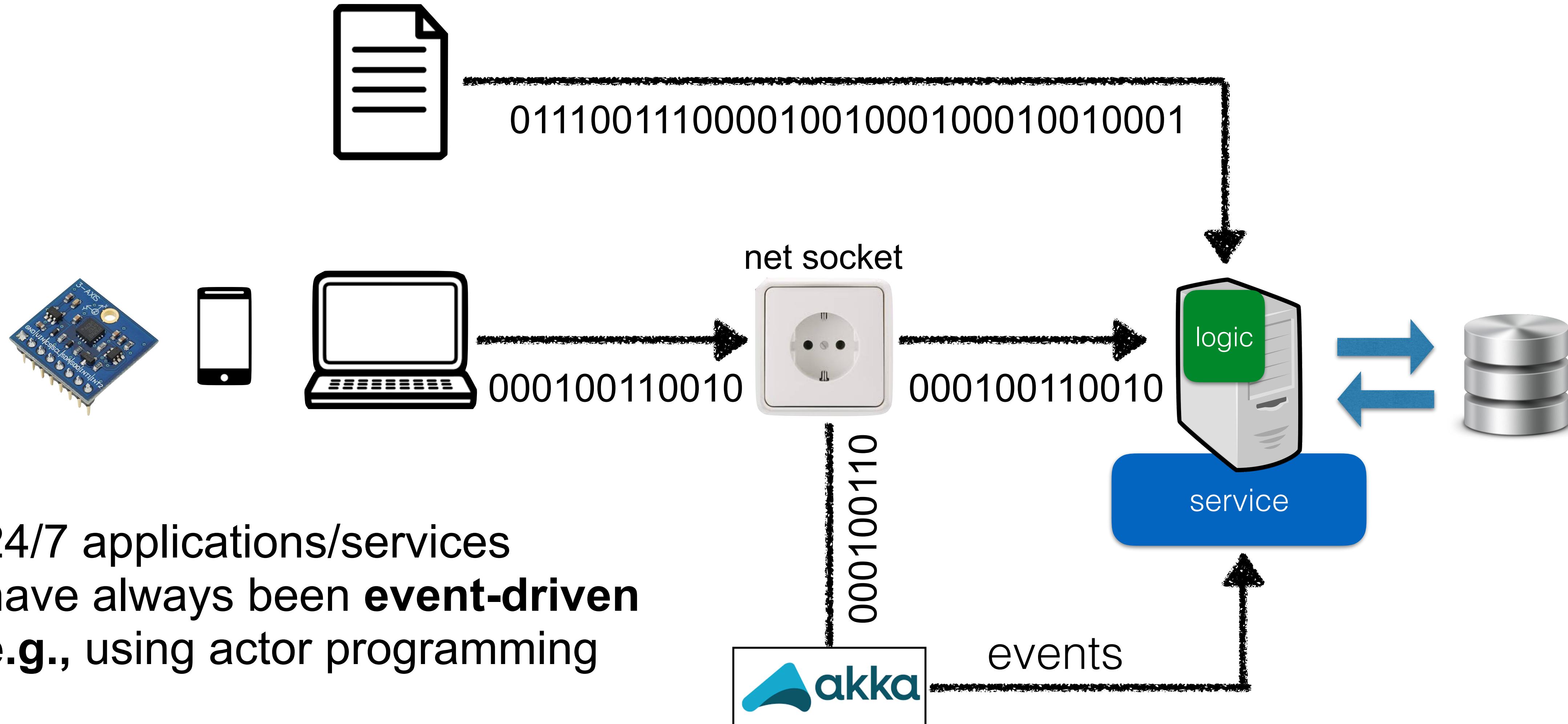
Flink, Beam, Kafka-Streams, Apex, Storm

Storage

Kafka, Pub/Sub, Kinesis, Pravega...

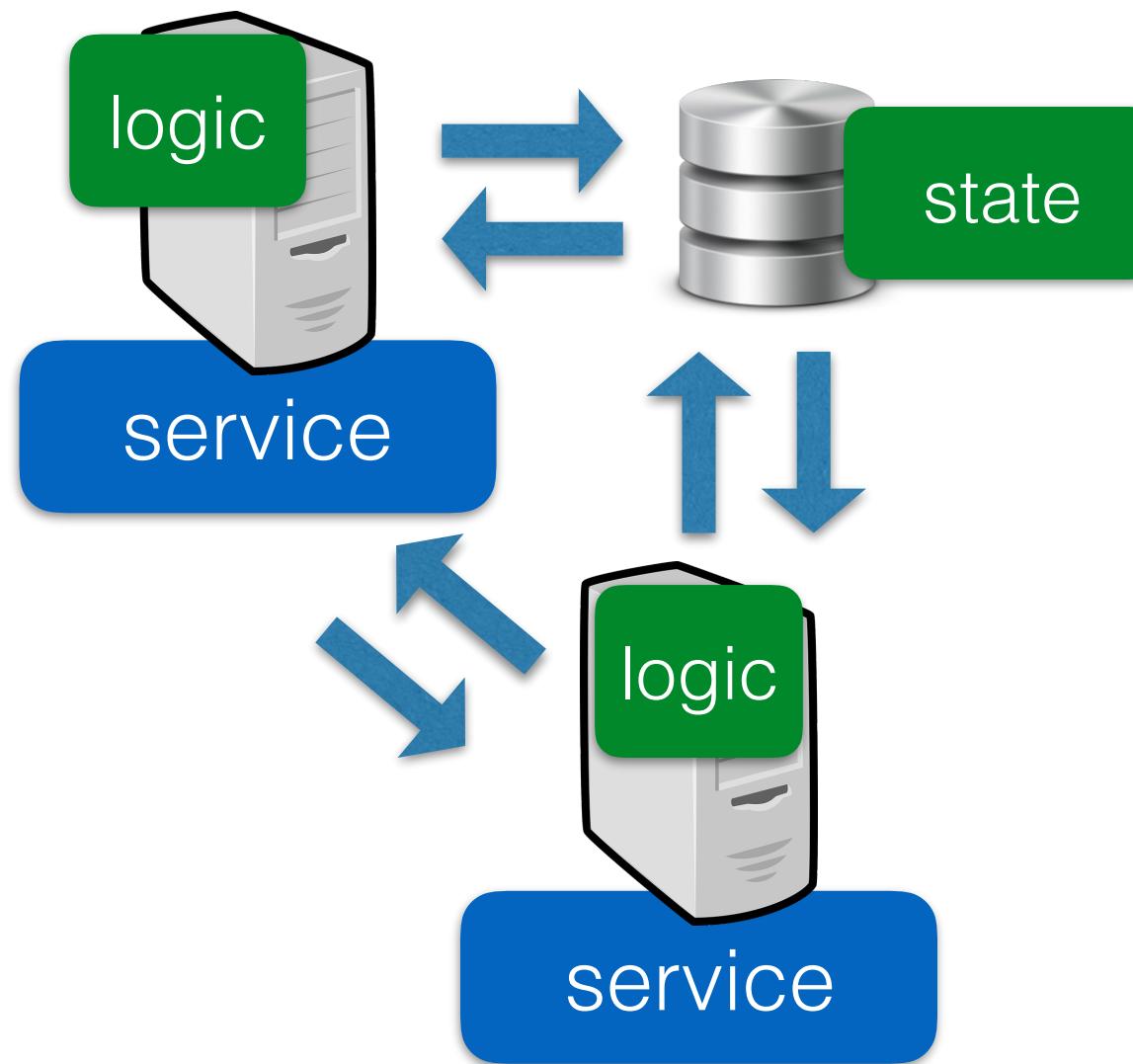
- Data Stream Processing as a 24/7 execution paradigm

Similar Technologies



Actors vs Streams

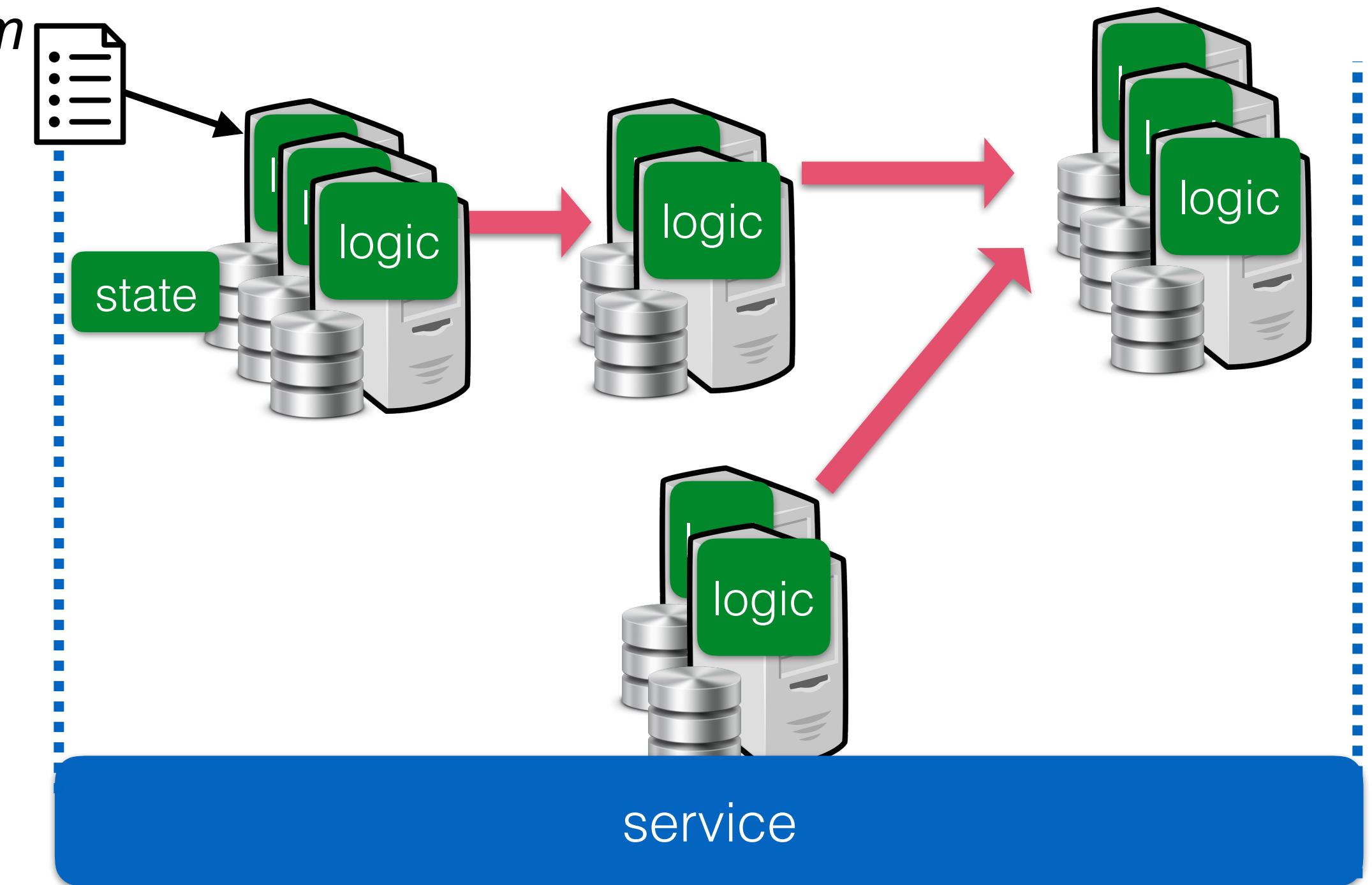
Actor Programming



vs

Declarative Program

Data Stream Computing



- Low-Level Event-Based Programming
- Manual/External State
- Not Robust: Manual Fault Tolerance
- Not flexible scaling

- Declarative Programming
- State Managed by the system
- Robust: Built-in Fault Tolerance
- Scalable Deployments

The Real-Time Analytics Stack

High Level Models

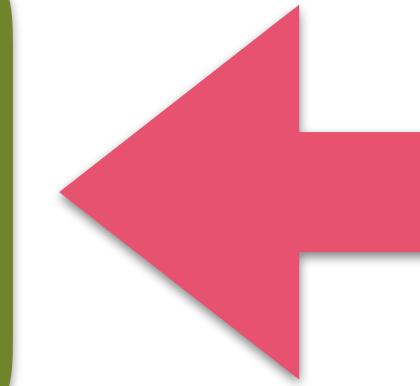
Stream SQL, CEP...

Compute

Flink, Beam, Kafka-Streams,
Apex, Storm, Spark Streaming...

Storage

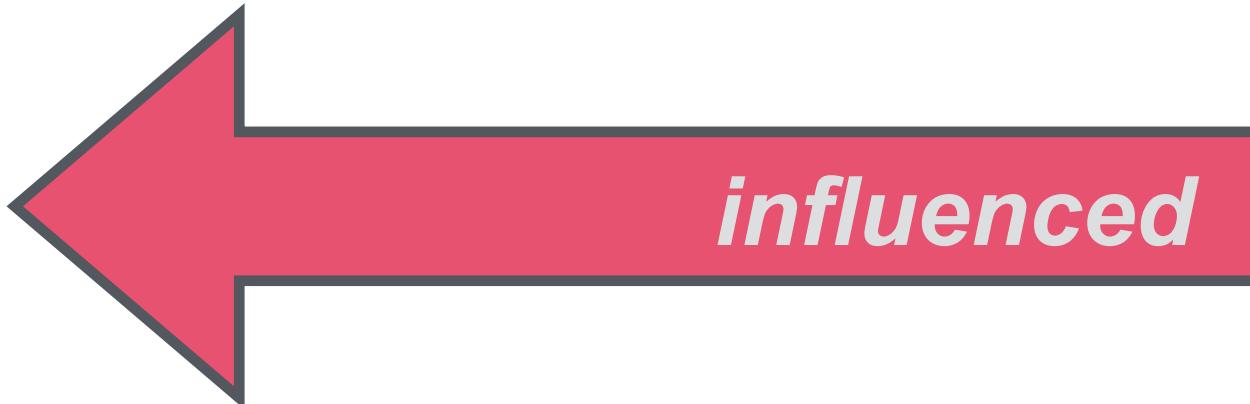
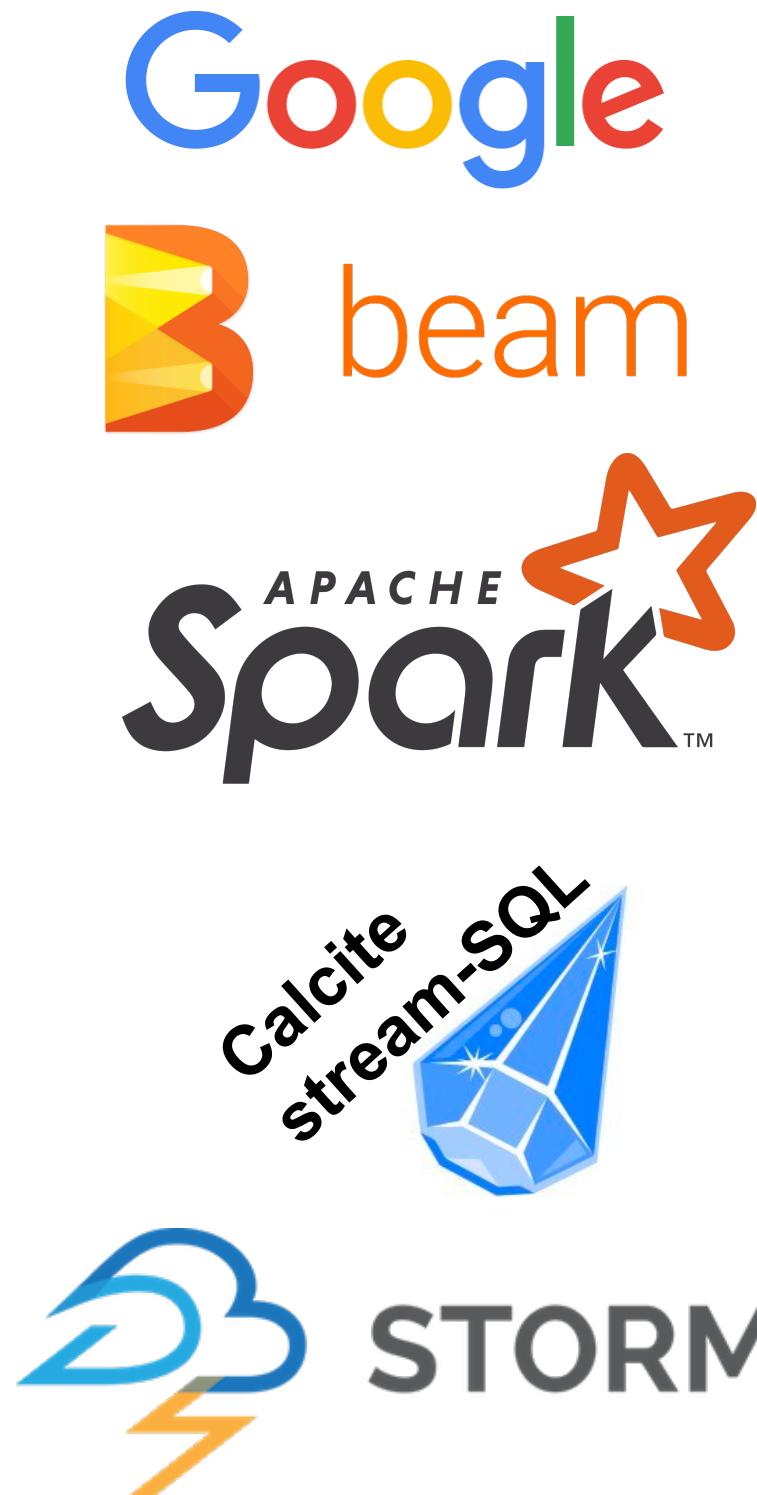
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Apache Flink Foundations



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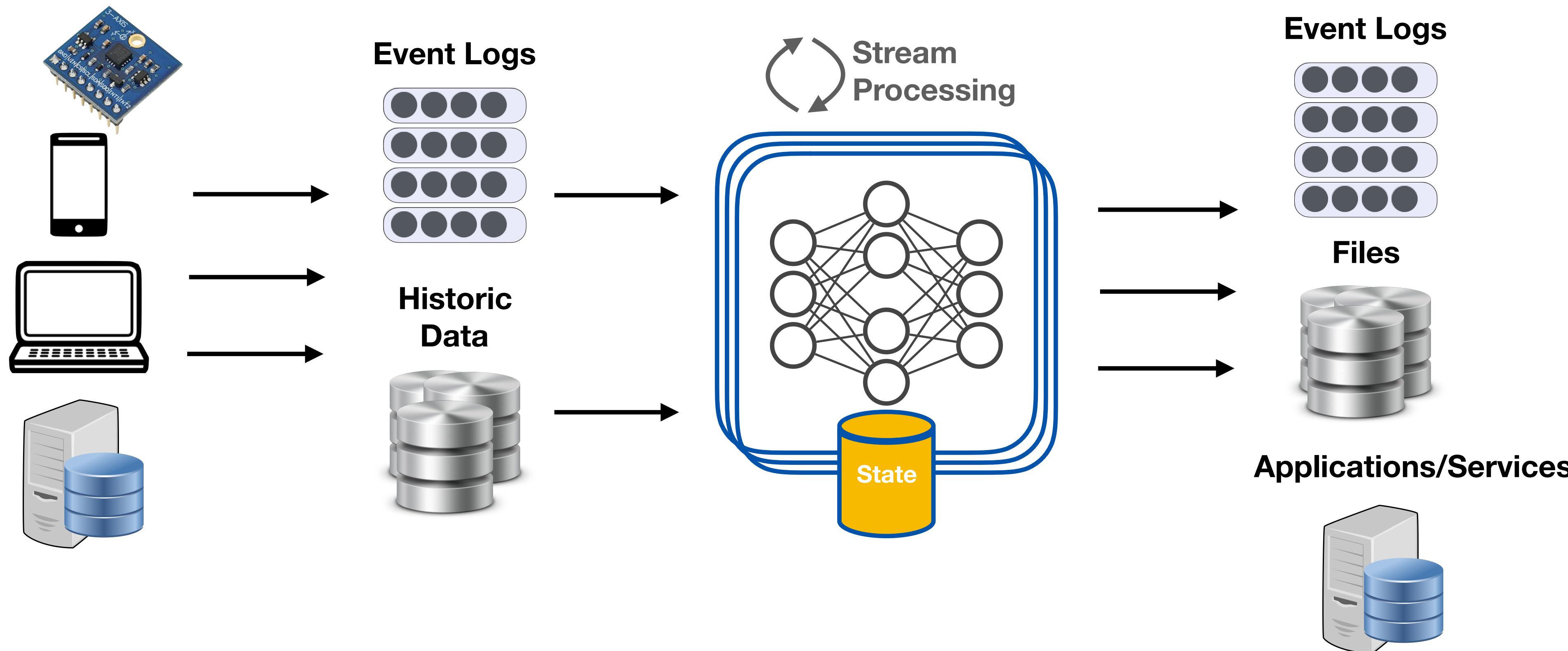
*Data Streams, Fault Tolerance,
Window Aggregation*

- Top-level Apache Project
- #1 stream processor (2019)
- Production-Proof
- > 400 contributors
- 100s of deployments

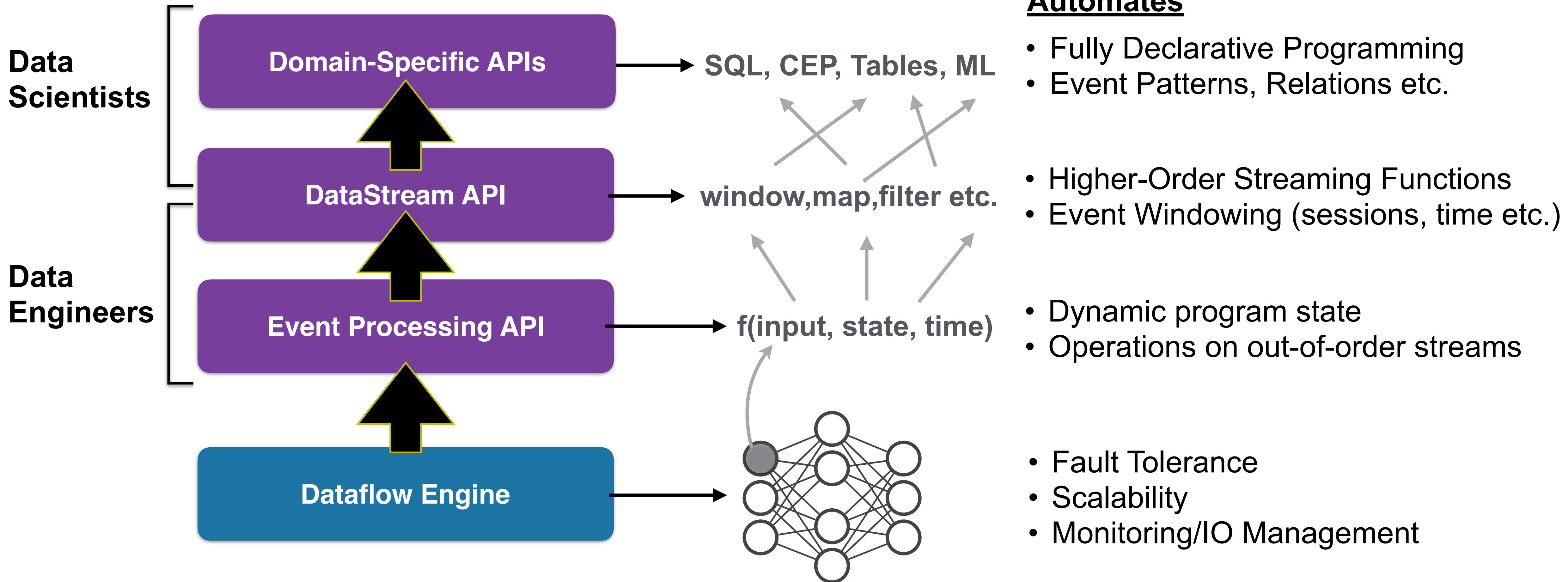
commercial
deployments



Structure of a 24/7 Stream Application



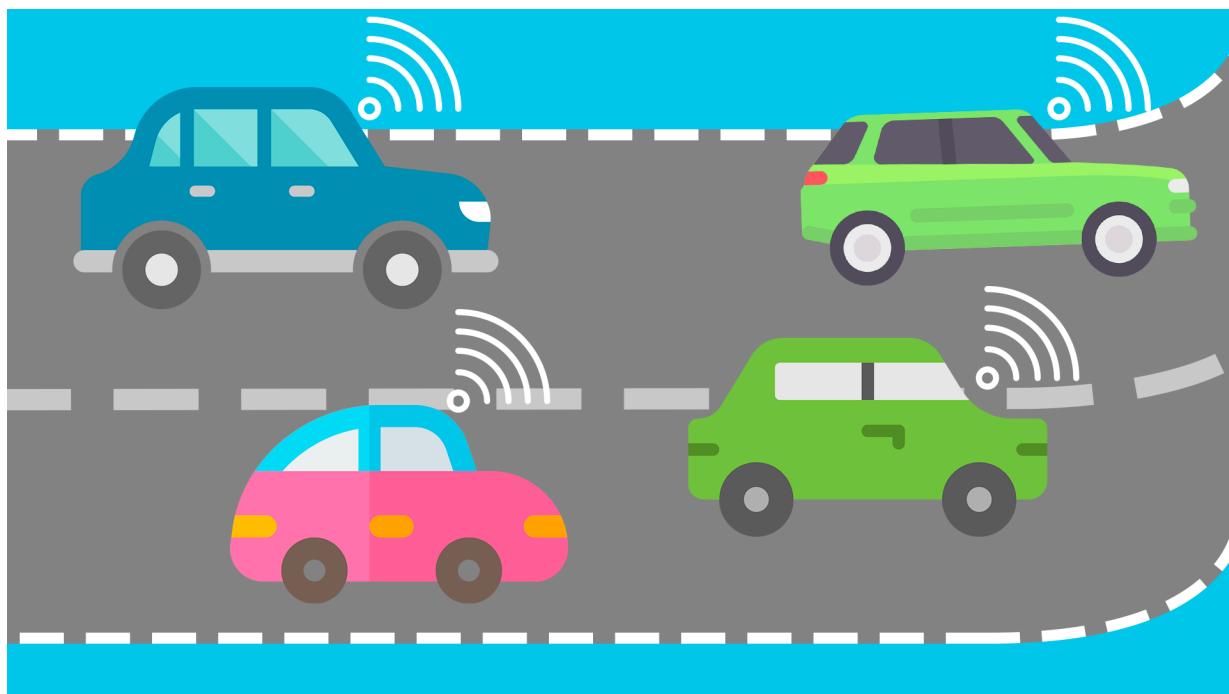
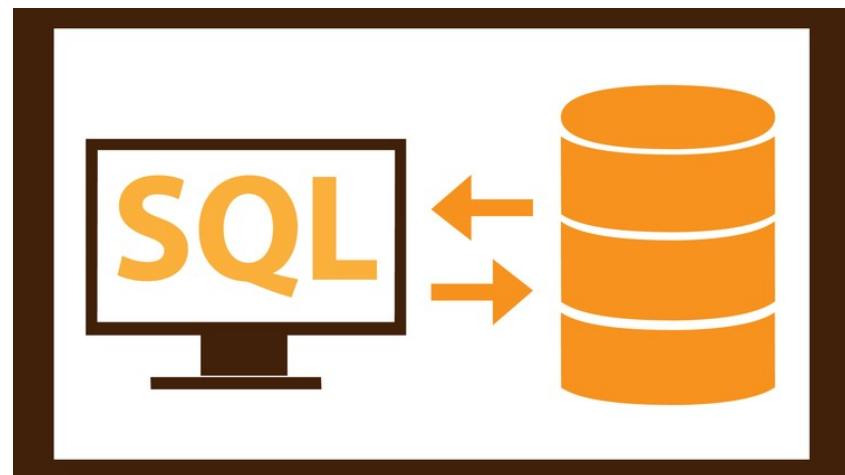
Programming Abstractions in Flink



Automates

- Fully Declarative Programming
- Event Patterns, Relations etc.
- Higher-Order Streaming Functions
- Event Windowing (sessions, time etc.)
- Dynamic program state
- Operations on out-of-order streams
- Fault Tolerance
- Scalability
- Monitoring/IO Management

Declarative Streaming Examples



SELECT

```
HOUR(r.rideTime) AS hourOfDay,  
AVG(f.tip) AS avgTip
```

FROM

```
Rides r,  
Fares f
```

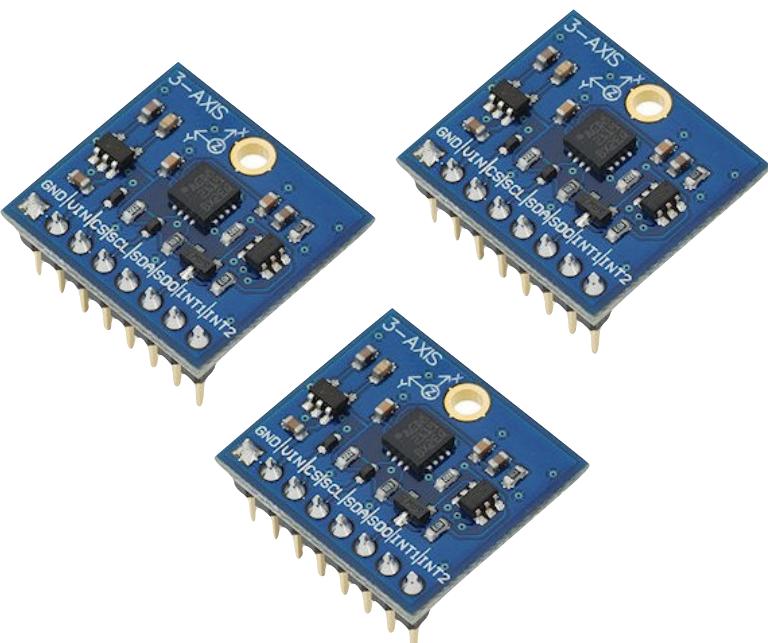
WHERE

```
r.rideId = f.rideId AND  
NOT r.isStart AND  
f.payTime BETWEEN r.rideTime - INTERVAL '5' MINUTE AND r.rideTime
```

GROUP BY

```
HOUR(r.rideTime);
```

Average Tip per Hour
with Stream SQL



```
val completedRides = Pattern  
.begin[TaxiRide]("start").where(_.isStart)  
.next("end").where(!_.isStart)  
  
CEP.pattern[TaxiRide](allRides,  
completedRides.within(Time.minutes(120)))
```

Completed Taxi Rides within 120min
with Complex Event Processing

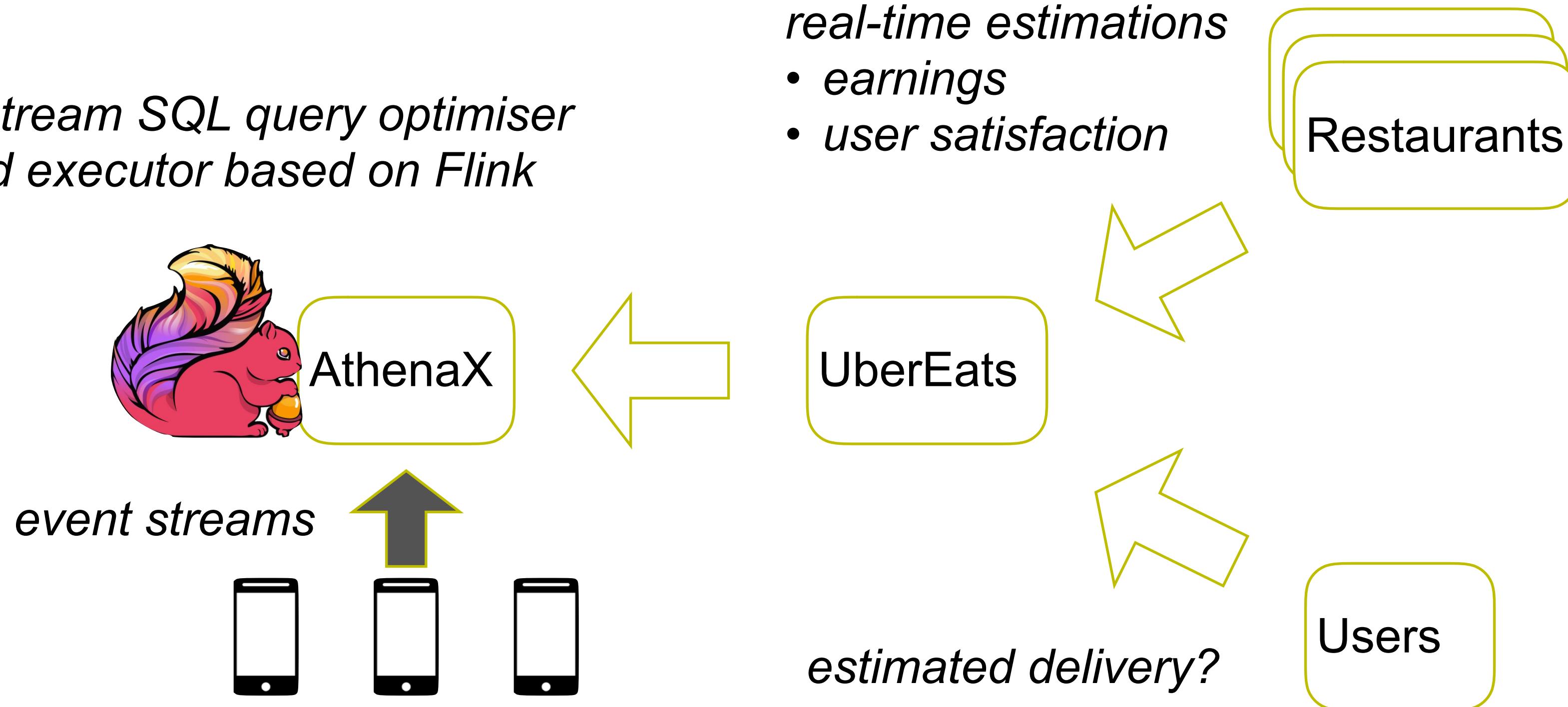


Case Study

Car Sharing

AthenaX - An Online Warehousing Platform (2017)

*A stream SQL query optimiser
and executor based on Flink*



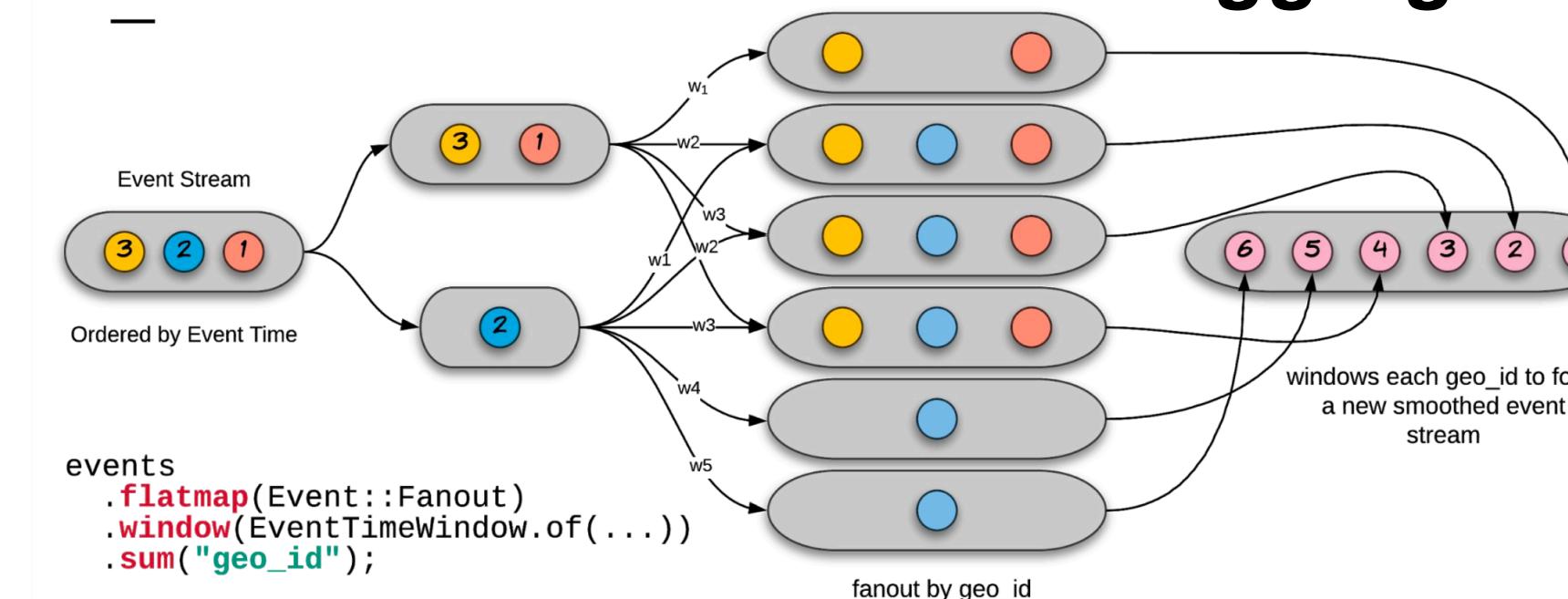
AthenaX was released and open sourced by [Uber Technologies](#). It is capable of scaling across hundreds of machines and processing hundreds of billions of real-time events daily.

Marketplace - Dynamic Ride Pricing with Apache Flink (2018)

Input Streams

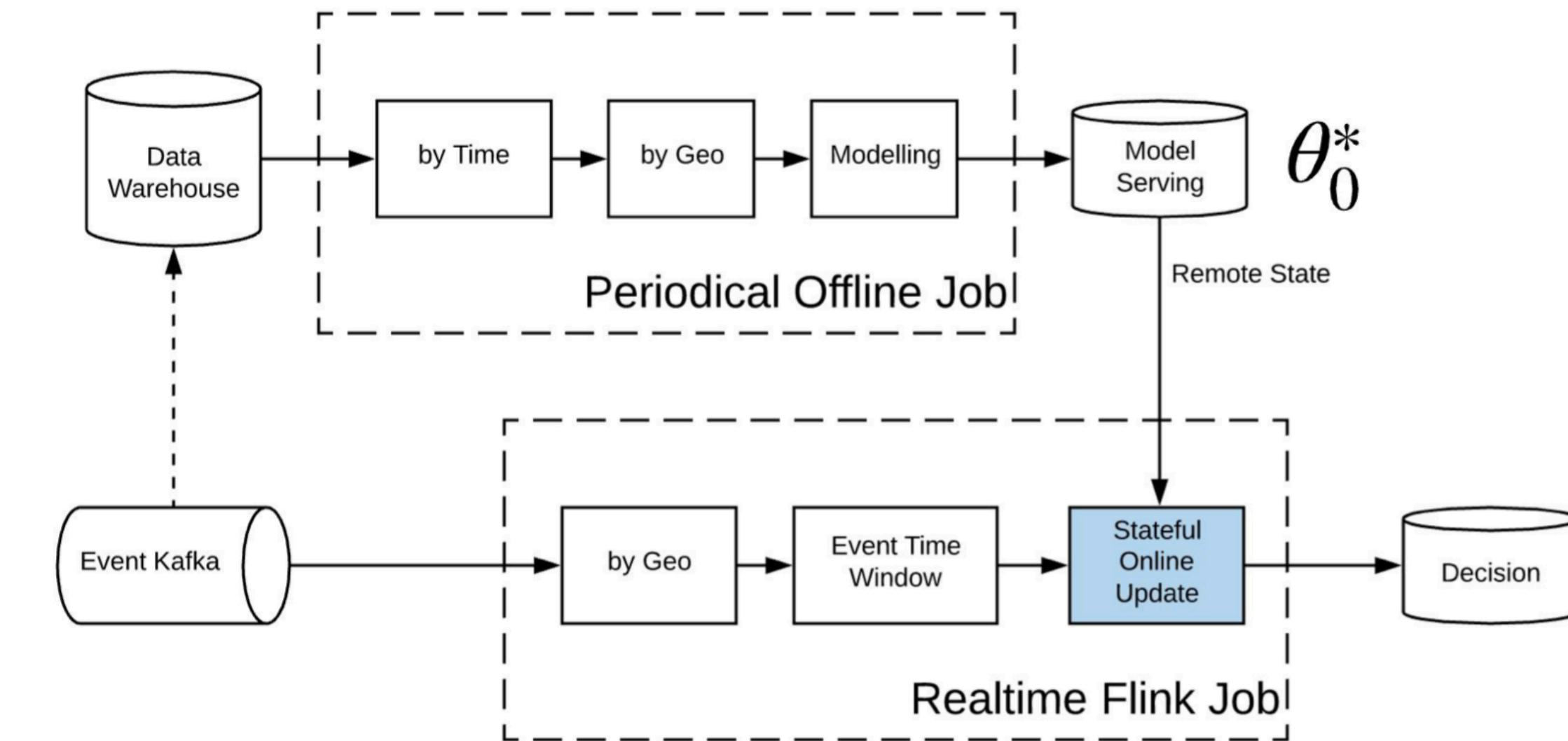
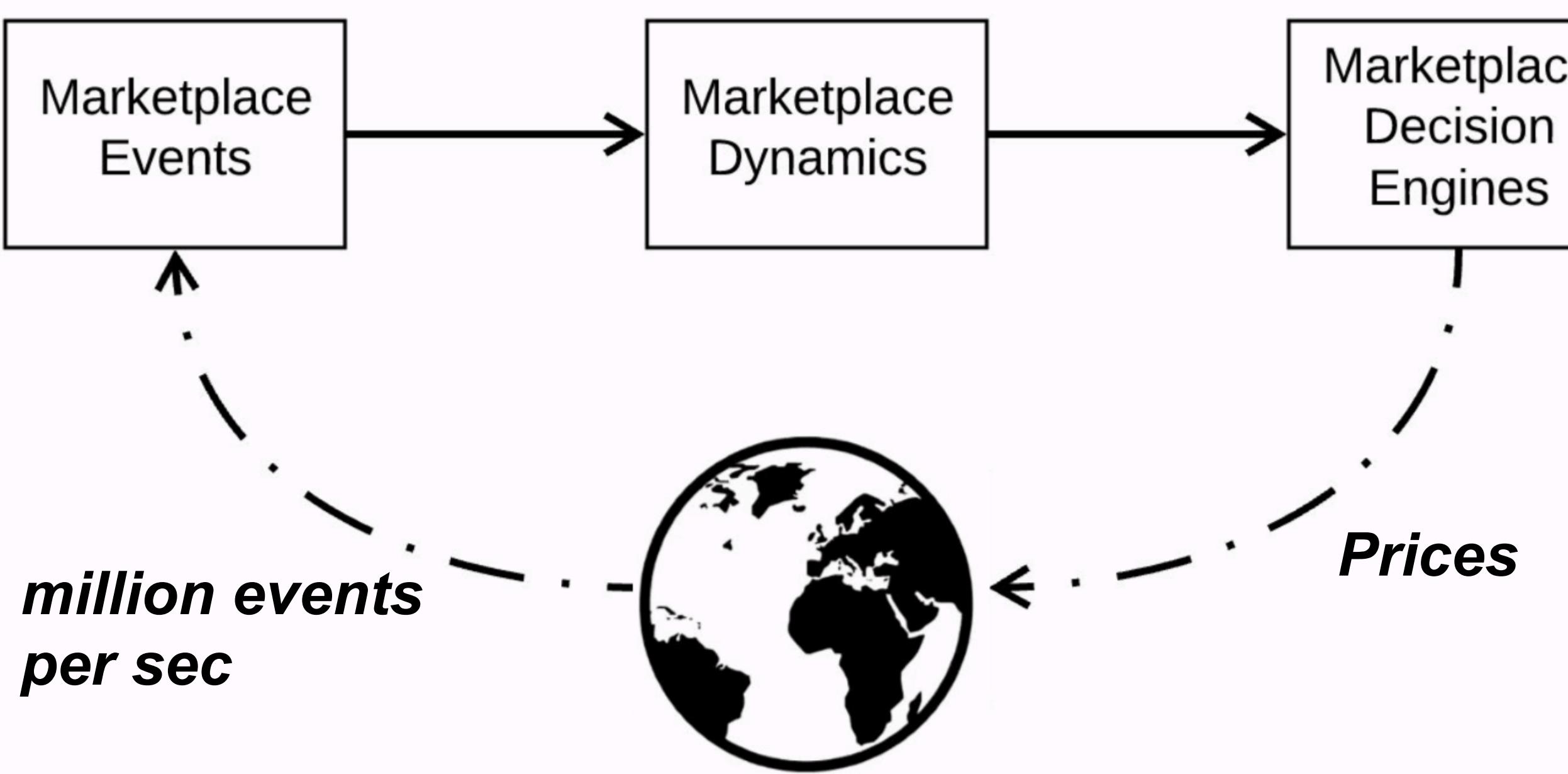
- supply
- demand (*taxis orders*)
- Trips
- Traffic

Geo-Sensitive Time-based Aggregations



Output Decisions

- *Pricing*
- *Dispatch*
- *Promotions*
- *Driver Positioning*



Compute Location-Sensitive Trends in Rider Demand and Driver Availability

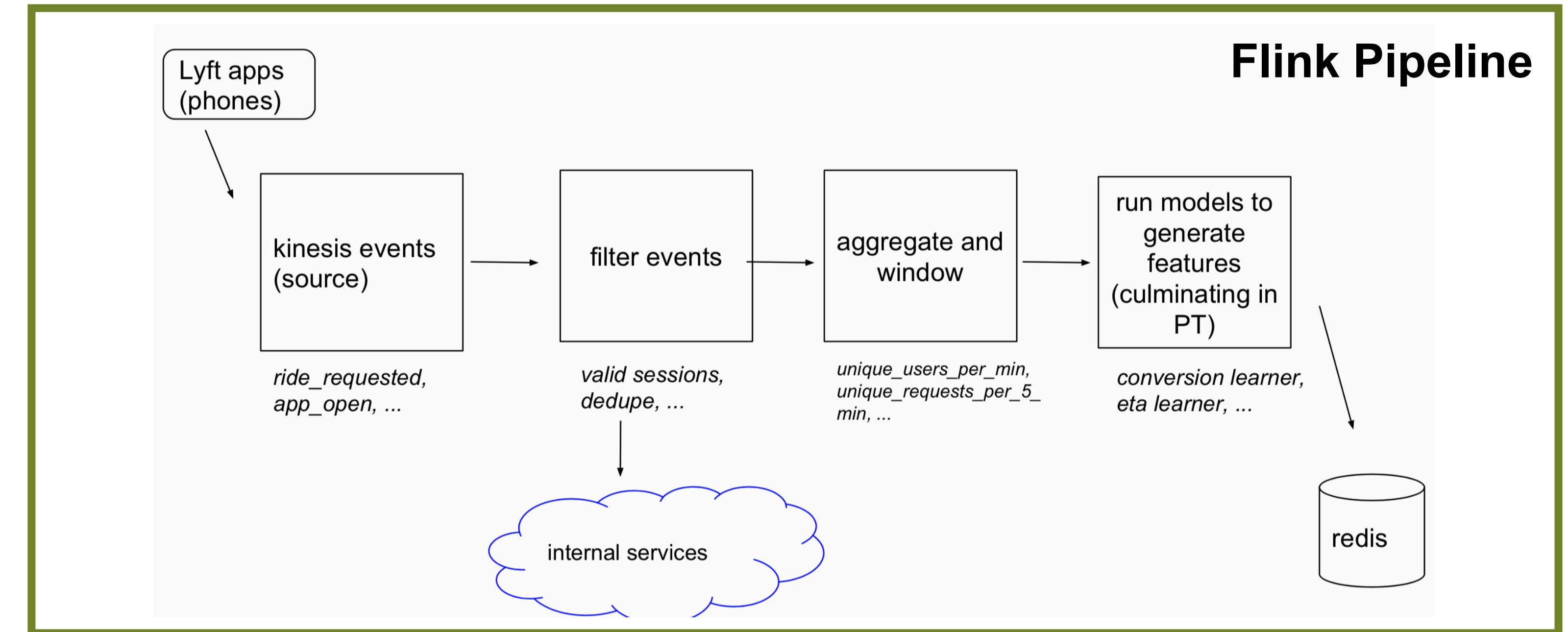
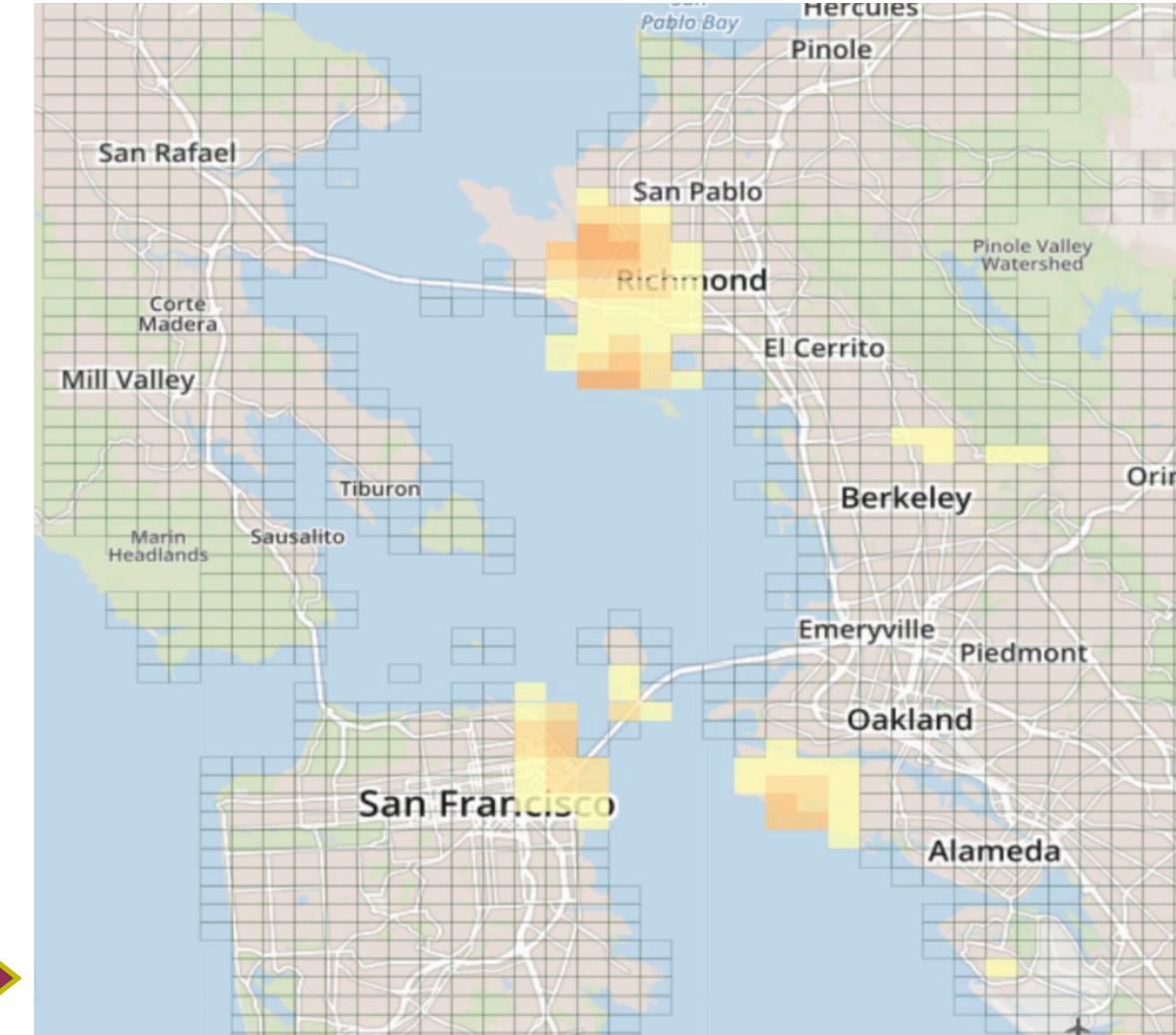
Dynamic Pricing - A Data Stream-Powered Standard

- *Dynamic Pricing*
 - *more profitable*
 - *best deals for users*
- *competition had to adapt*



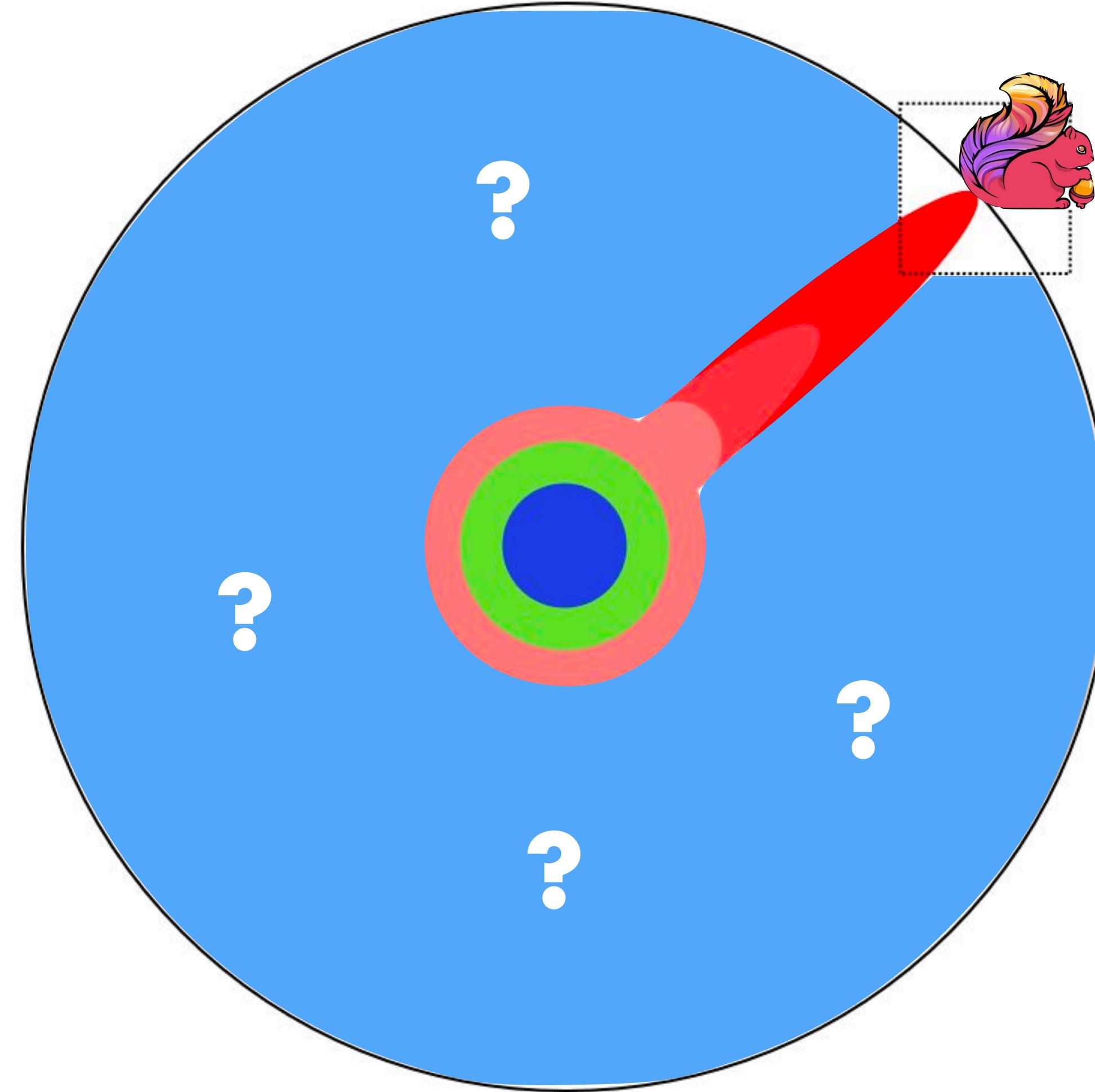


Dynamic Pricing (2019)



The Bigger Picture

Data Processing



Data Streams

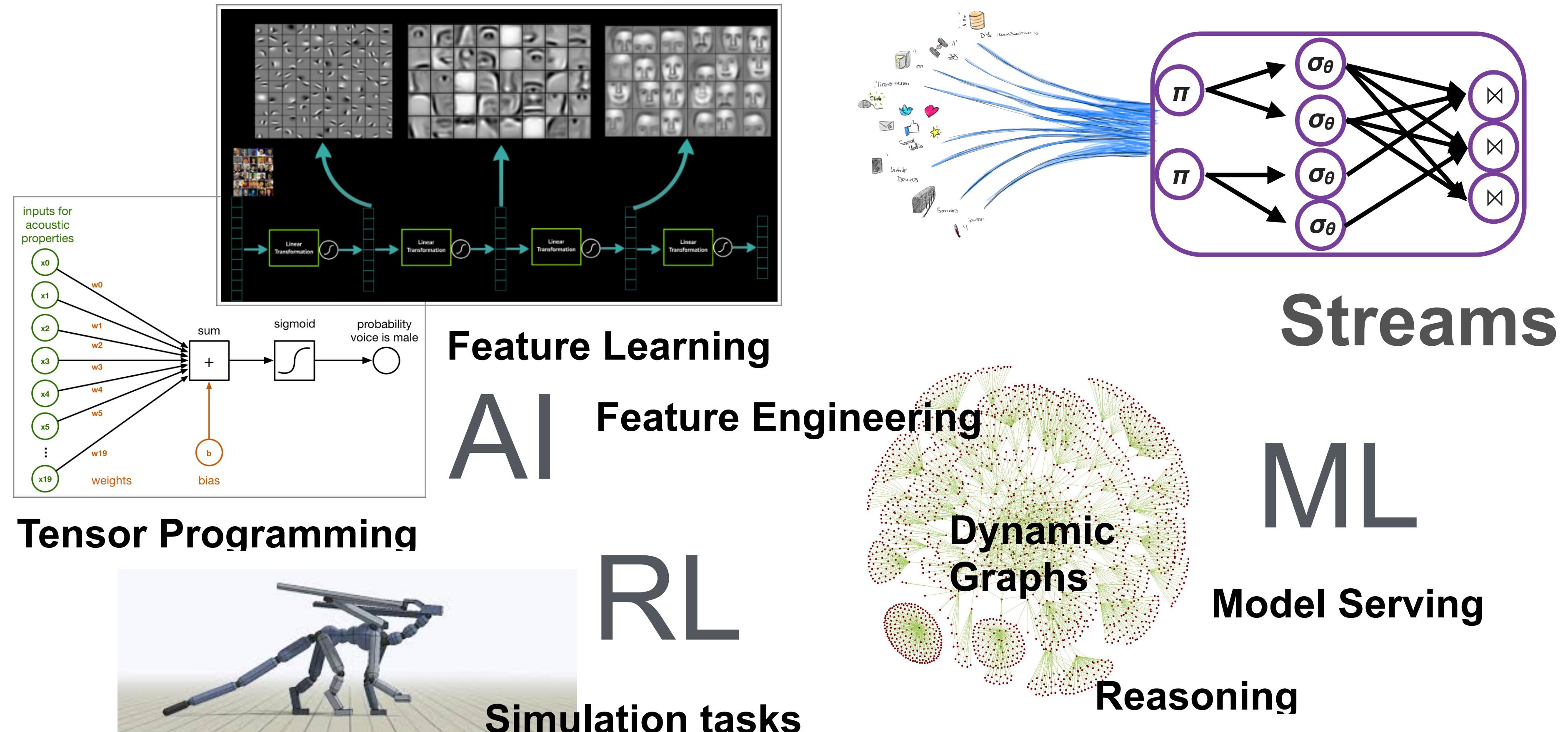
- scalable, fault tolerant analytics
- event-based business logic
- out-of-order computation
- dynamic relational tables (SQL)
- event pattern-matching (CEP)

but what about deeper analytics...

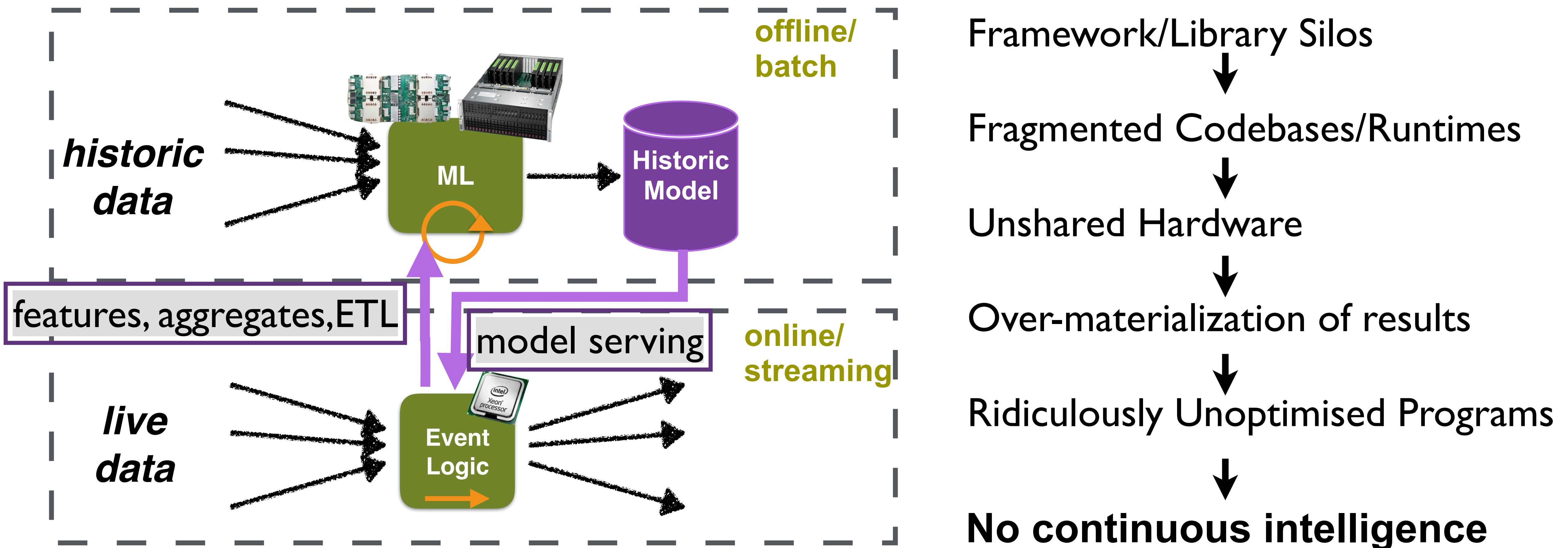
- tensors
- graph algorithms
- deep learning
- feature learning
- reinforcement learning
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Data Pipelines Today

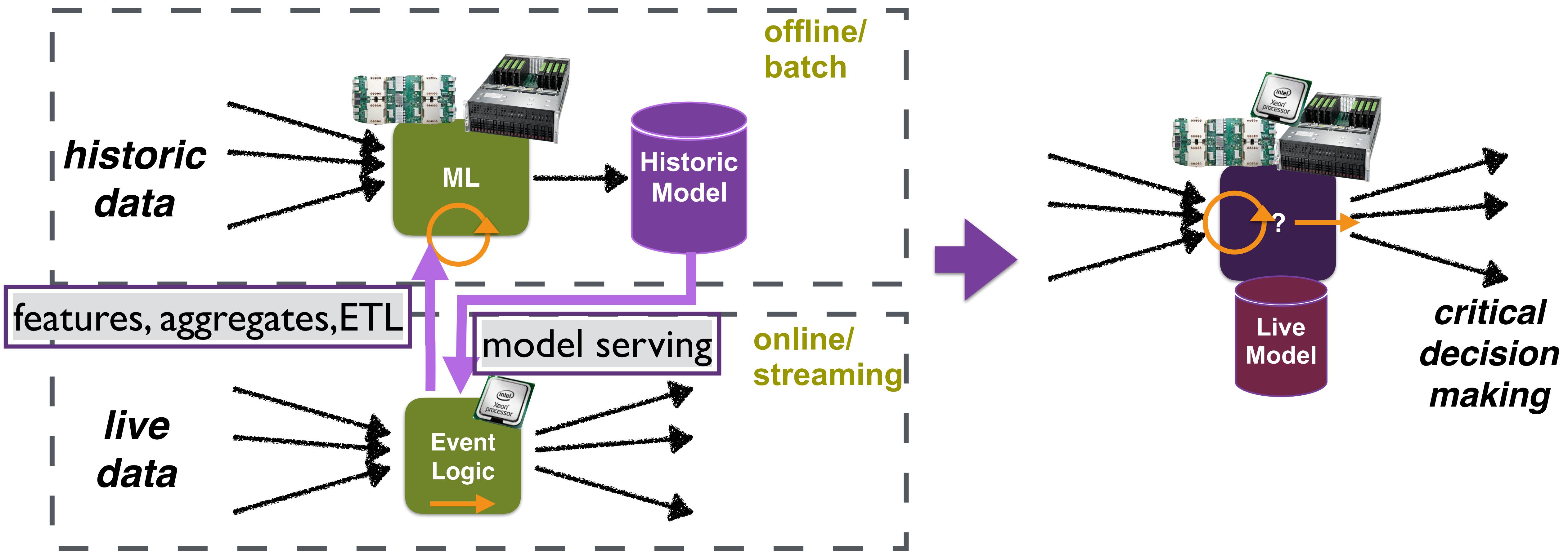
- Many Frameworks/Frontends for different needs
- (ML Training & Serving, SQL, Streams, Tensors, Graphs)



Fundamental Problems



Next paradigm shift?



Secret Sauce?

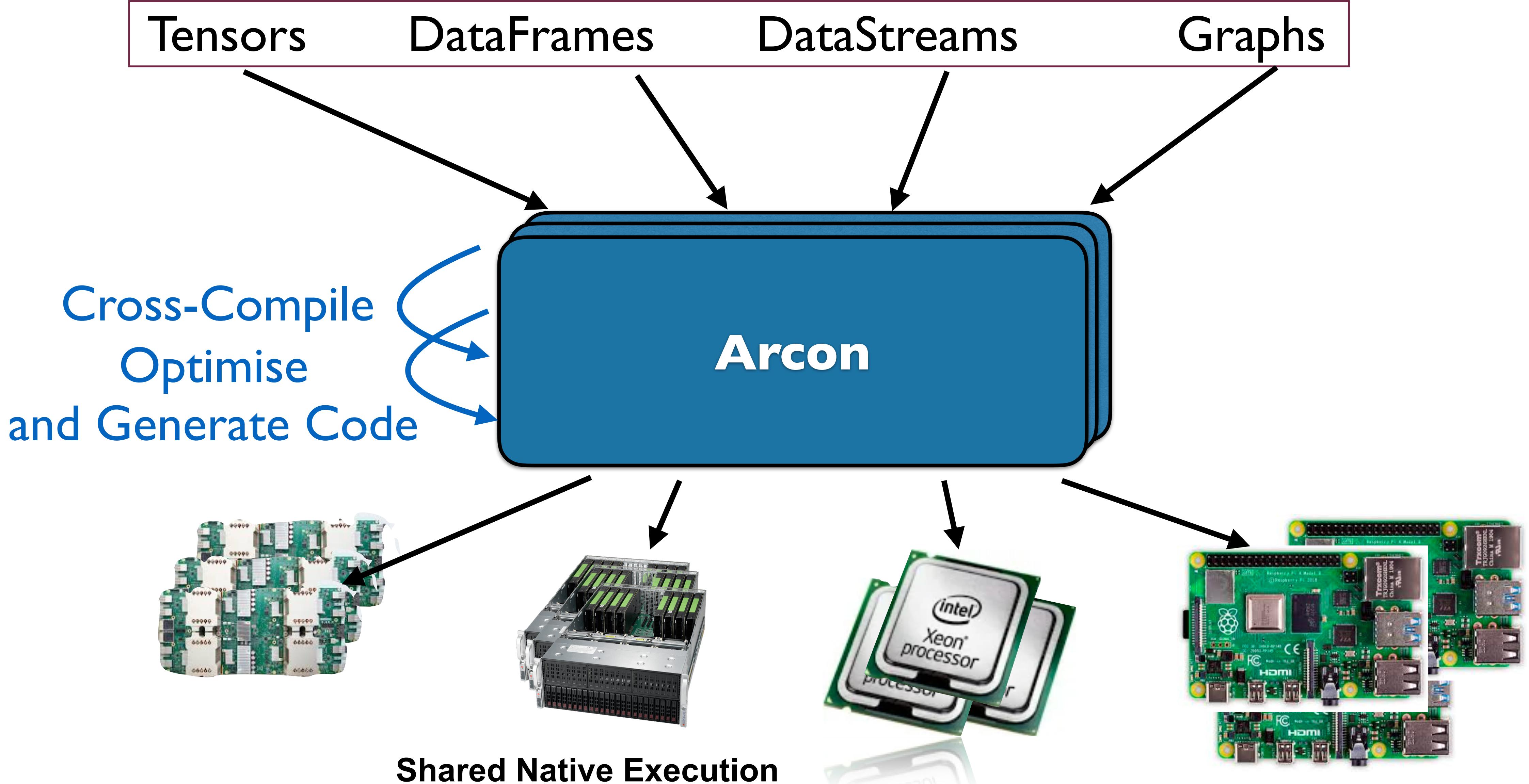
*“A revolutionary technology
that does **NOT** require you to throw **tons** of data
to your problem to be able to solve it”*

The Compiler

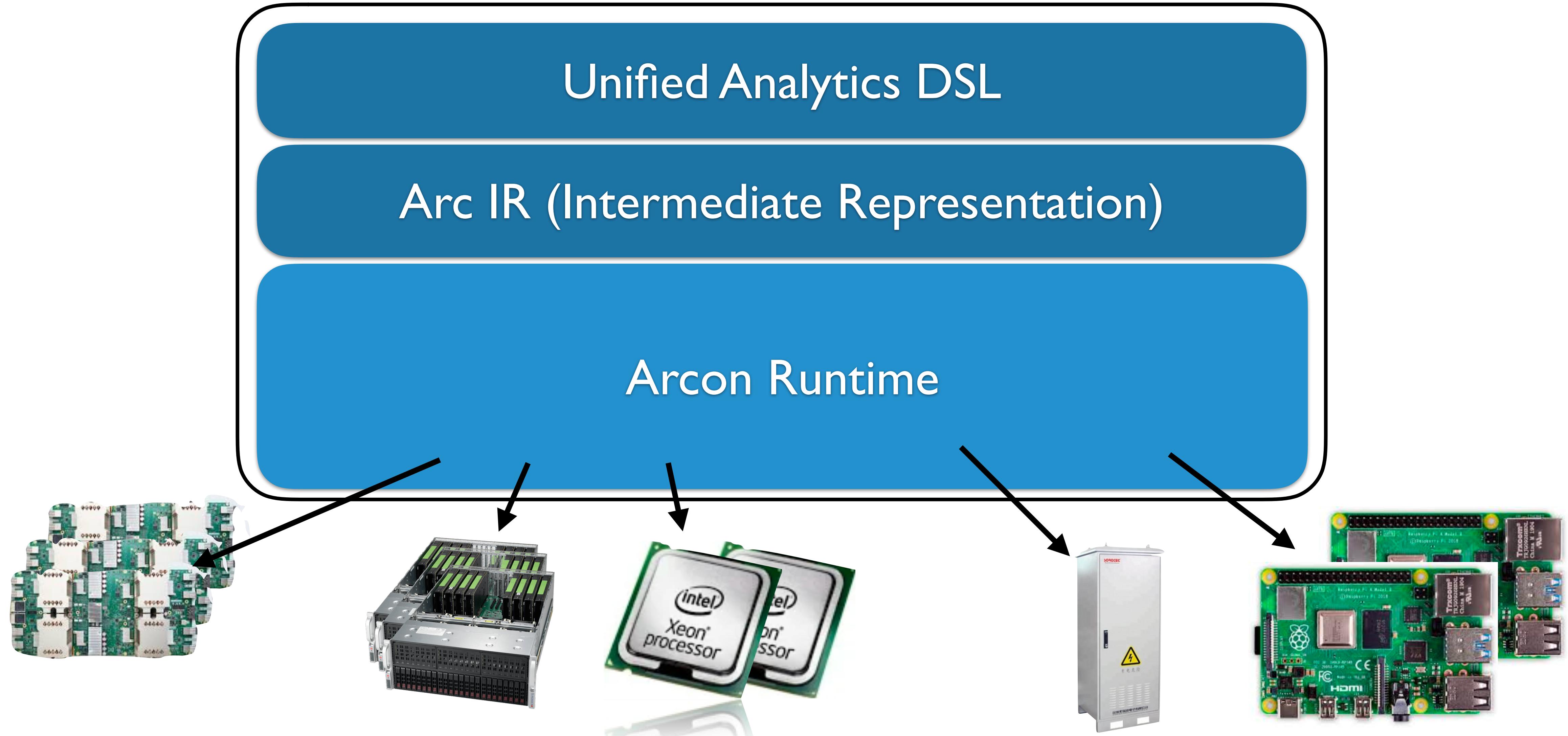
- Instead, compilers can understand **instructions...**
- **explained by humans** in a **high-level declarative language**
- and then **optimise** them
- and translate to primitive machines to **execute** them **reliably**

The Arcon Vision

Unified Declarative Programming

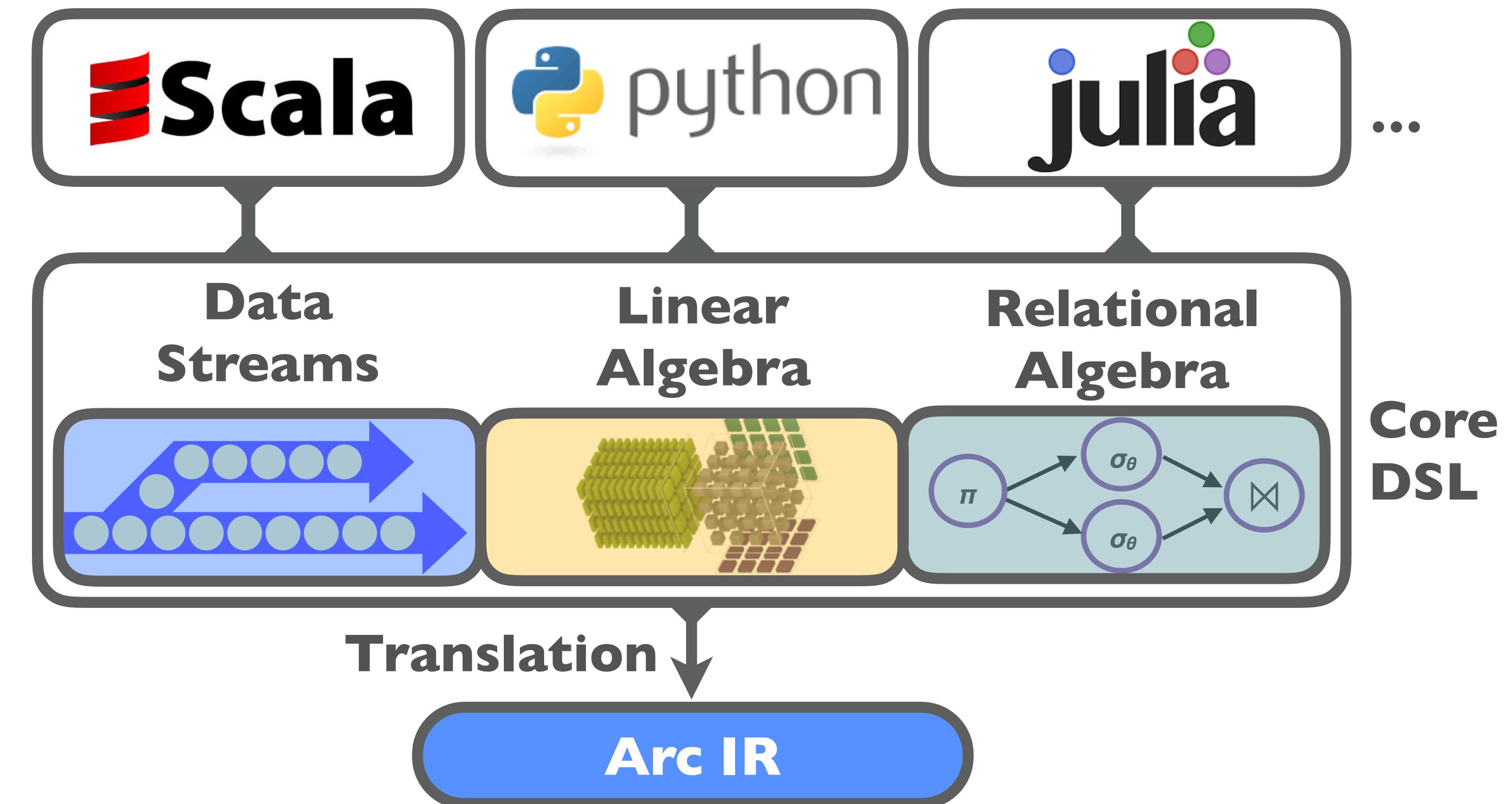


The Arcon Architecture

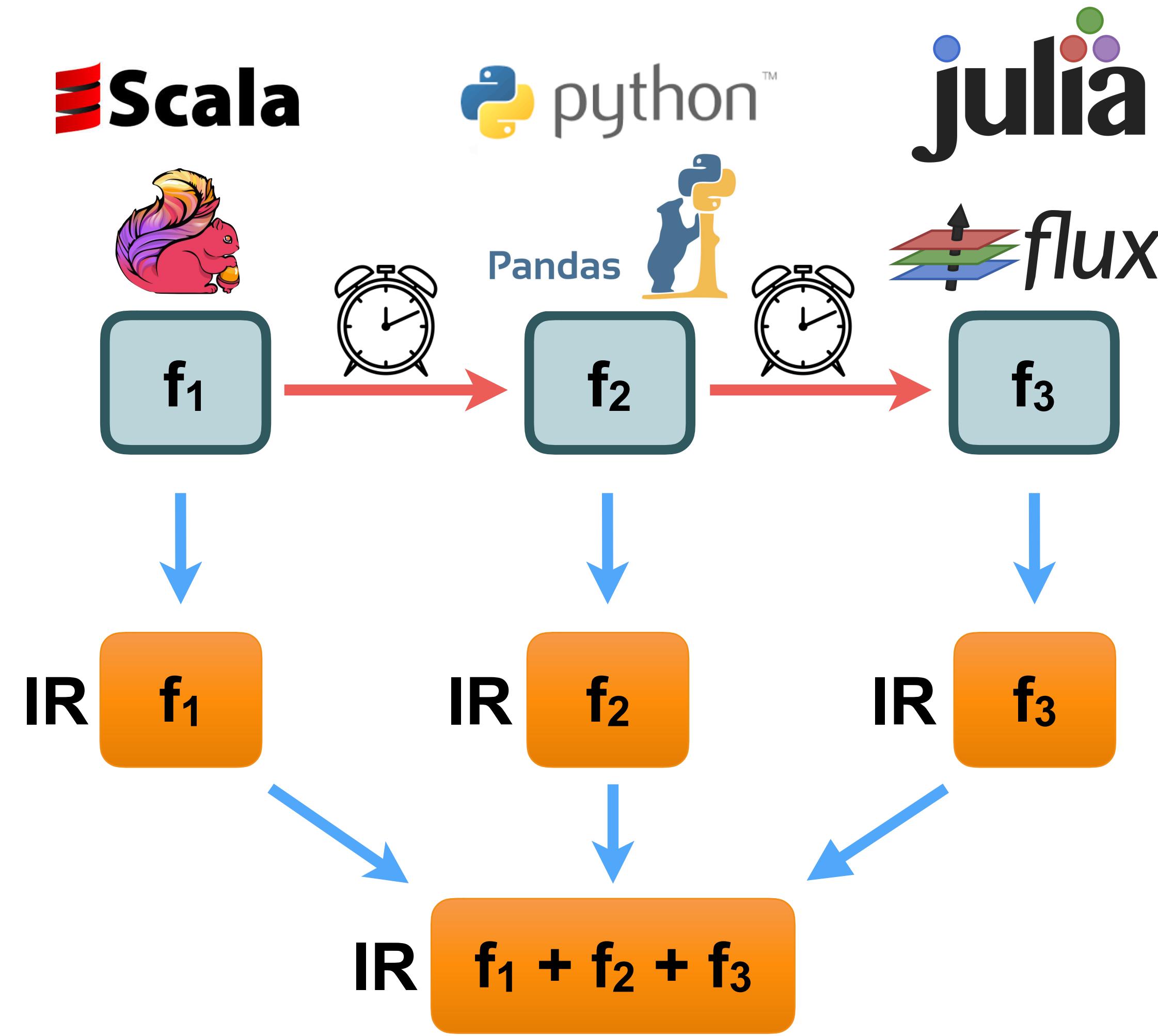


Unified Analytics DSL

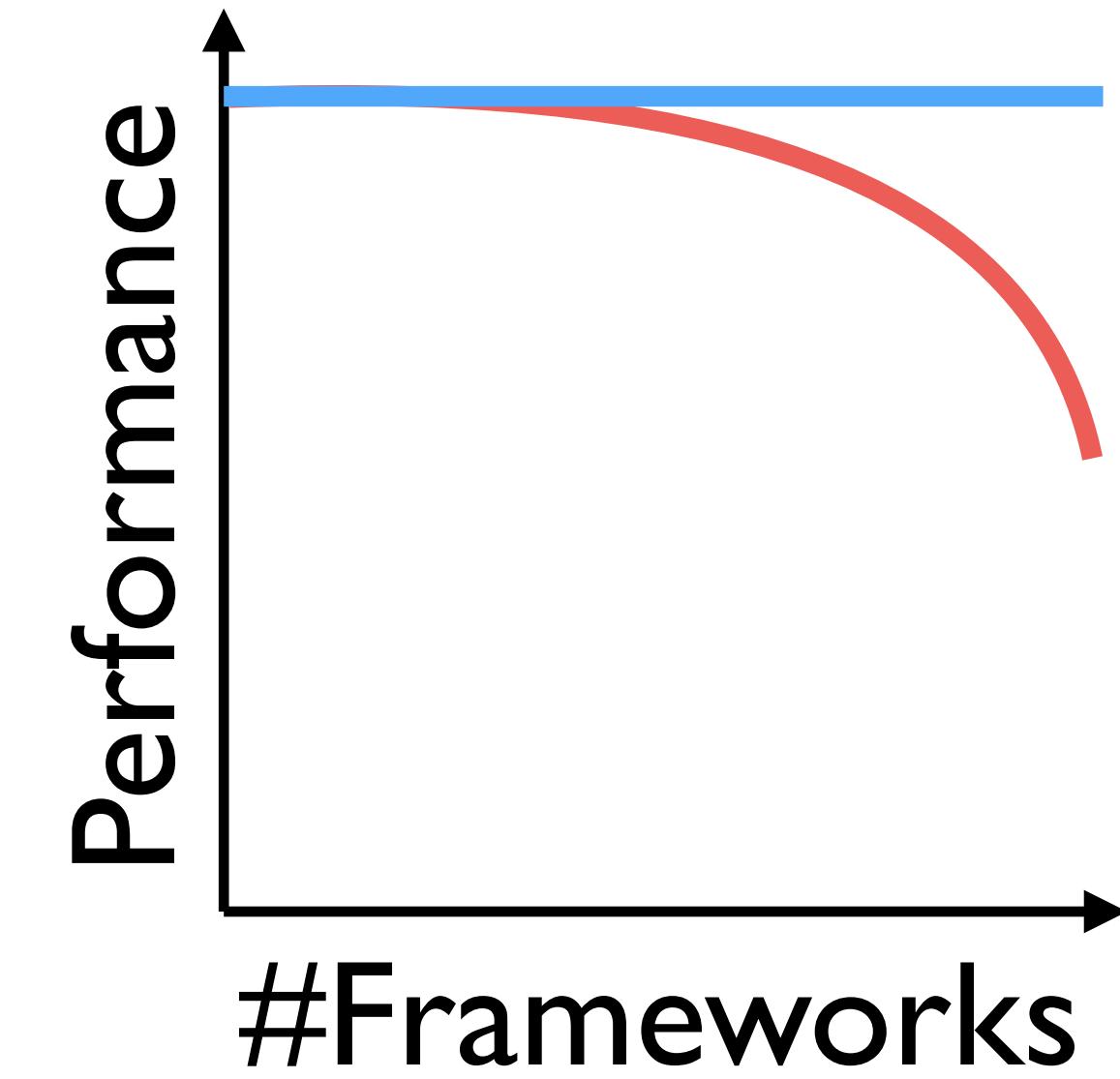
- Host language-agnostic core
- Compositional
- First-class citizen support for:
 - *streams, tensors, relations*



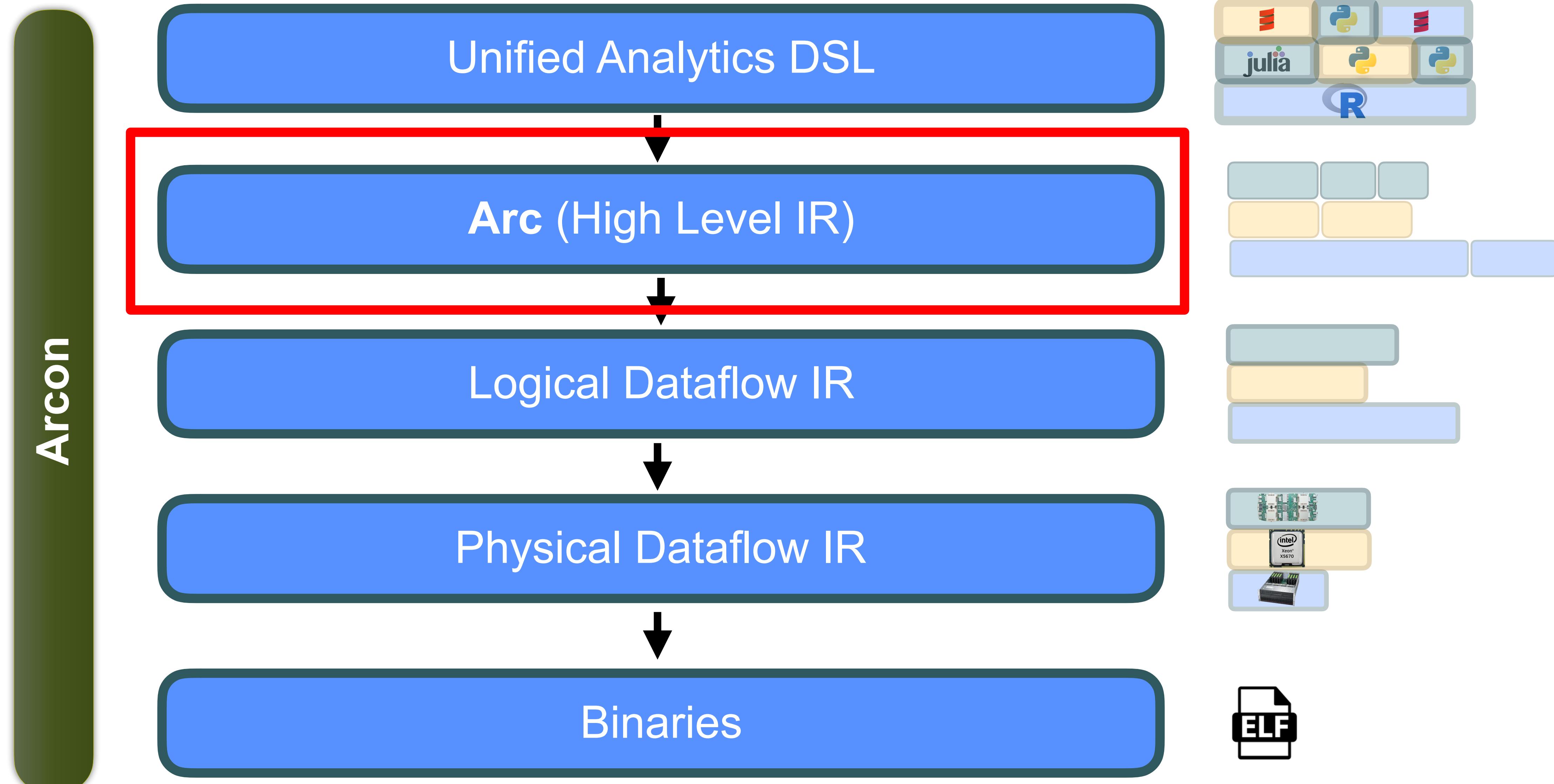
IR Intuition



- No cross-optimisation is possible, e.g. resource sharing
- Data movement costs (\longrightarrow)



Arcon Compiler Pipeline



Arc IR

- A minimal yet feature-complete set of read/write-only types and expressions

<pre> program ::= { declaration } lambda declaration ::= macro id ({ id , }) = expr ; type id = type ; // Type alias fn id { type , } (type) = lambda ; lambda ::= { id : type , } expr type ::= id valueType builderType struct type valueType ::= Unit bool i8 i16 ... Simd [type] Vec [type] Dict [type , type] Stream [type] builderType ::= Appender [type] Merger [type , binop] StreamAppender [type] Windower [type , type] ... struct type ::= { { type , } } expr ::= opExpr letExpr opExpr ::= (expr) id literal type (expr) // Type cast for (iterator , expr , lambda) merge (expr , expr) result (expr) if (expr , expr , expr) cudf [id , type] ({ expr , }) drain (expr , expr) builderConstr opExpr binop opExpr ... </pre>	<pre> letExpr ::= let id : type = opExpr ; expr binop ::= + - * / ... id literal ::= scalarLiteral [{ expr , }] // Vec literal { { expr , } } // Struct literal () // Unit literal iterator ::= expr iter (expr , expr , expr) next (expr) keyby (expr , lambda) ... builderConstr ::= Appender [type] Merger [type , binop] StreamAppender [type] Windower [type , type] (lambda , lambda , lambda) ... </pre>
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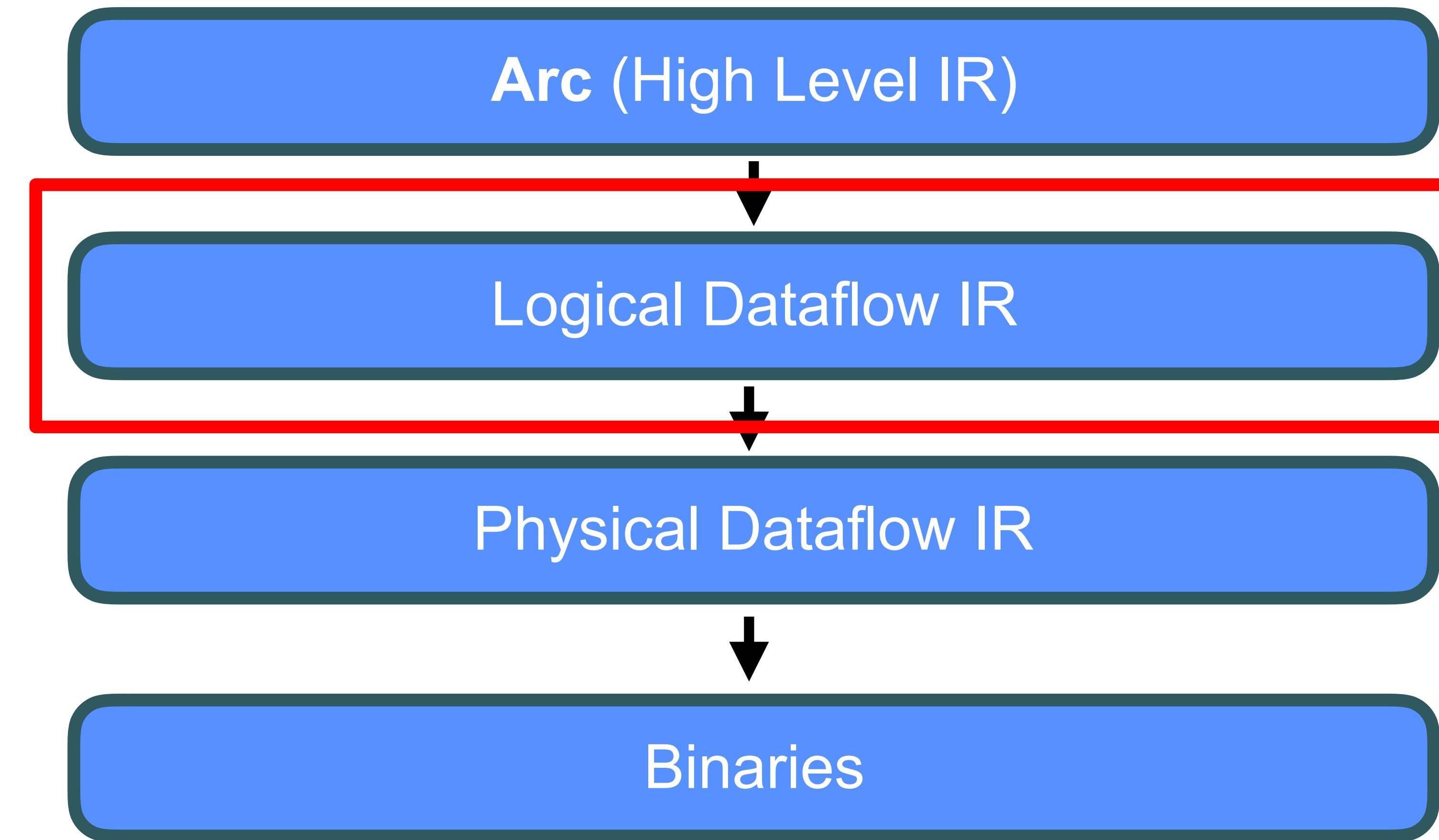
[Paper] Arc: An IR for Batch and Stream Programming @ DBPL19
[Code] <https://github.com/cda-group/arc>

Arc Optimisations

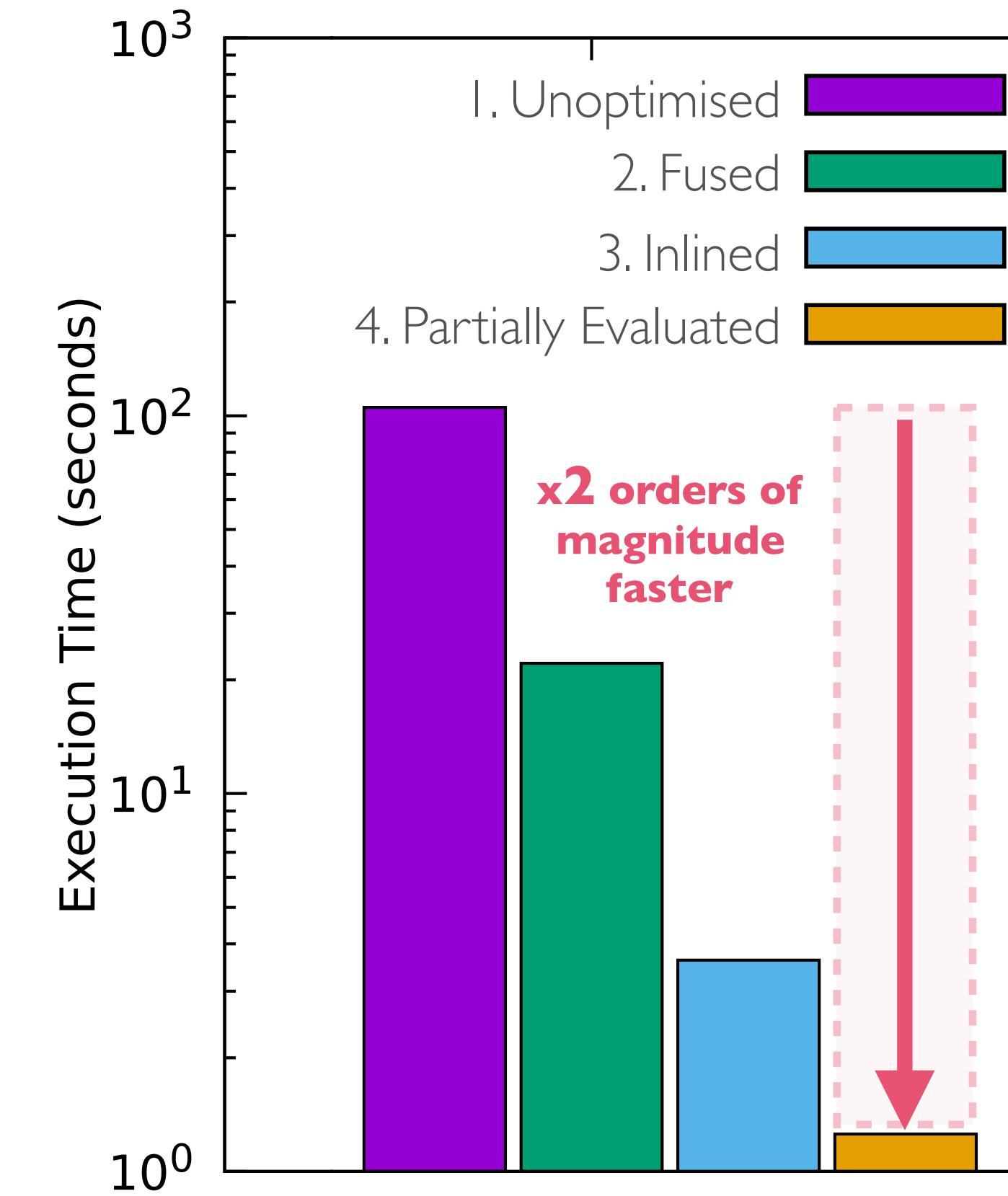
- Arc supports **both** compiler and dataflow optimisations
 - **Compiler:** Loop unrolling, partial evaluation,
 - **Dataflow:** Operator fusion, fission, reordering, predicate pushdown, specialisation, ...

Unlocking Speed

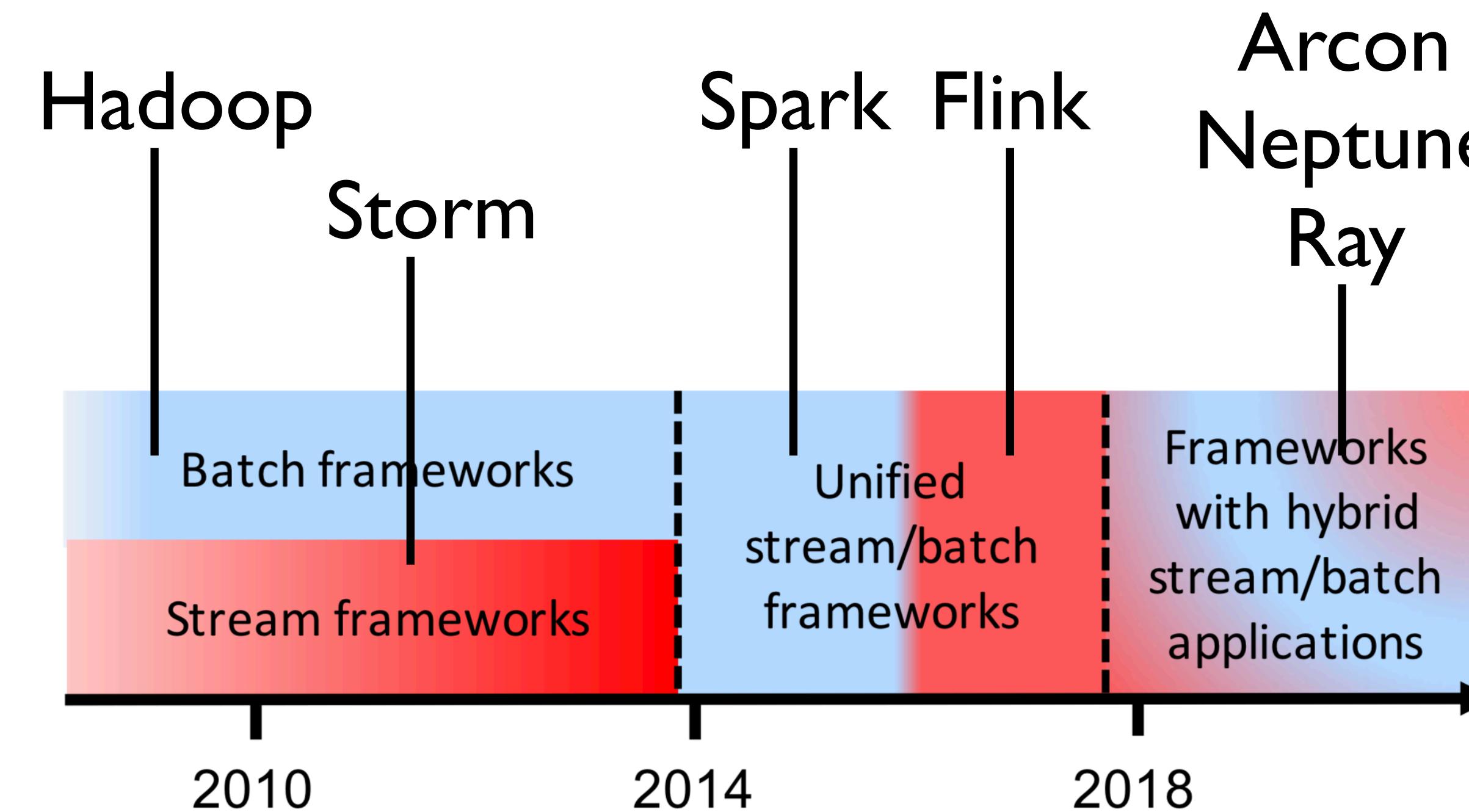
Arc can boost even existing frameworks



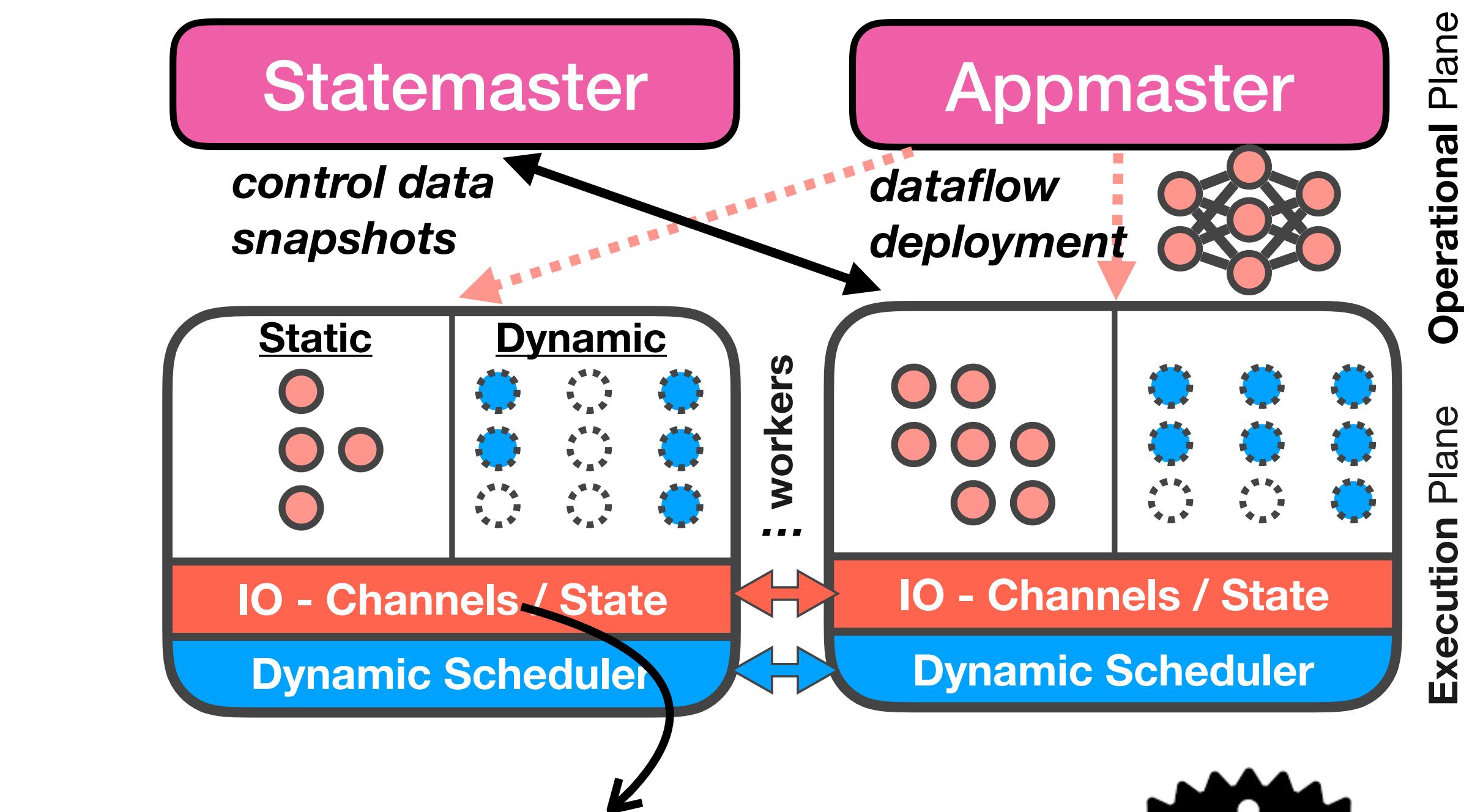
10M elements
50 map operations
on Apache Flink



A Runtime Capable for Unified Analytics



Neptune: Scheduling Suspendable Tasks for Unified Stream/Batch Applications SOCC 2019
Garefalakis, Karanasos, Pietzuch



Flexible State Backends
(external/shared, embedded)



Performance Matters

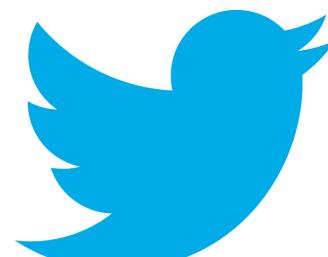
- Arc Optimiser : **$\sim 10x$ Speedup**
- Shared Hardware Acceleration : **$\sim 10^2x$ Speedup**
- Data Parallel Execution : **$\sim 10^3x$ Speedup**

Learn More

Code: <https://github.com/cda-group/arc>

<https://github.com/cda-group/arcon>

Project: <https://cda-group.github.io>



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