Stream All the Things!

Architectures for Data that Never Ends

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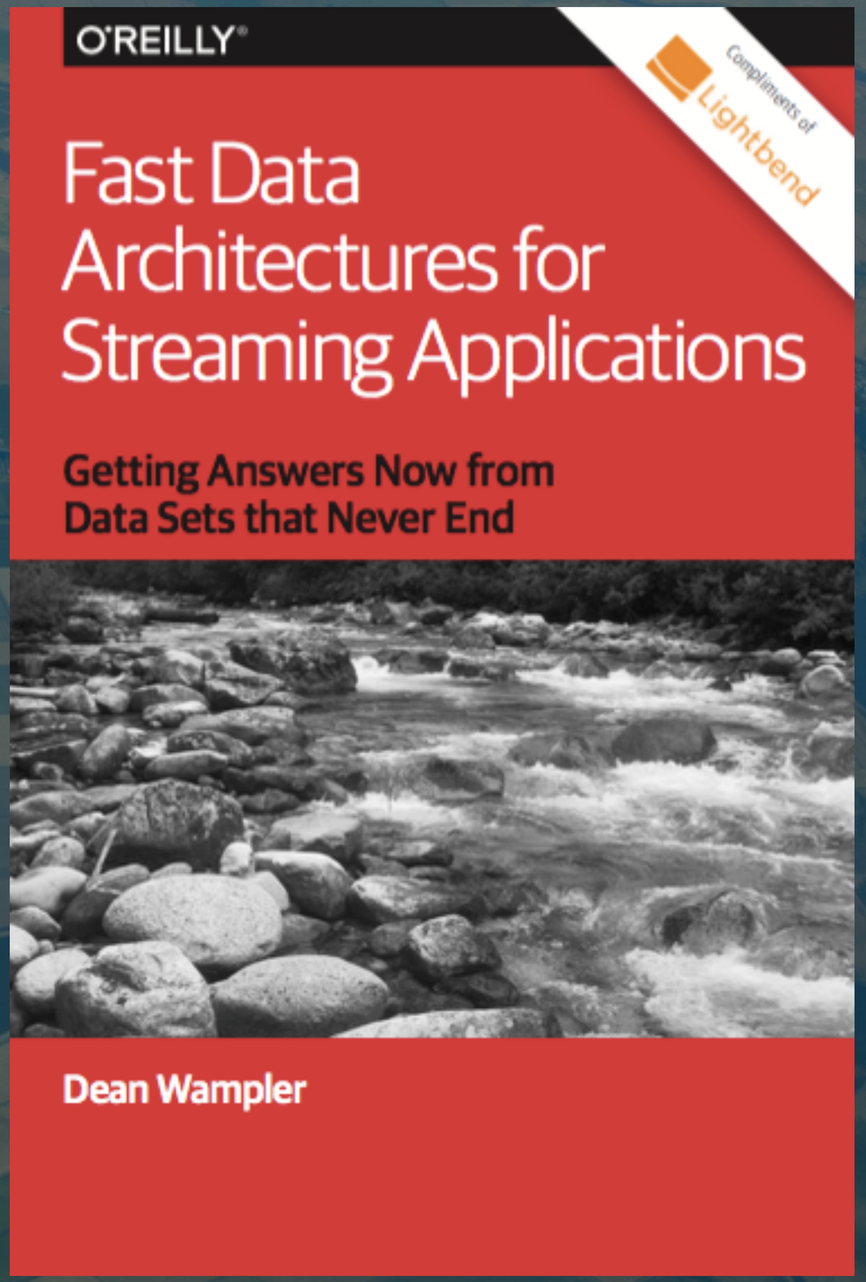
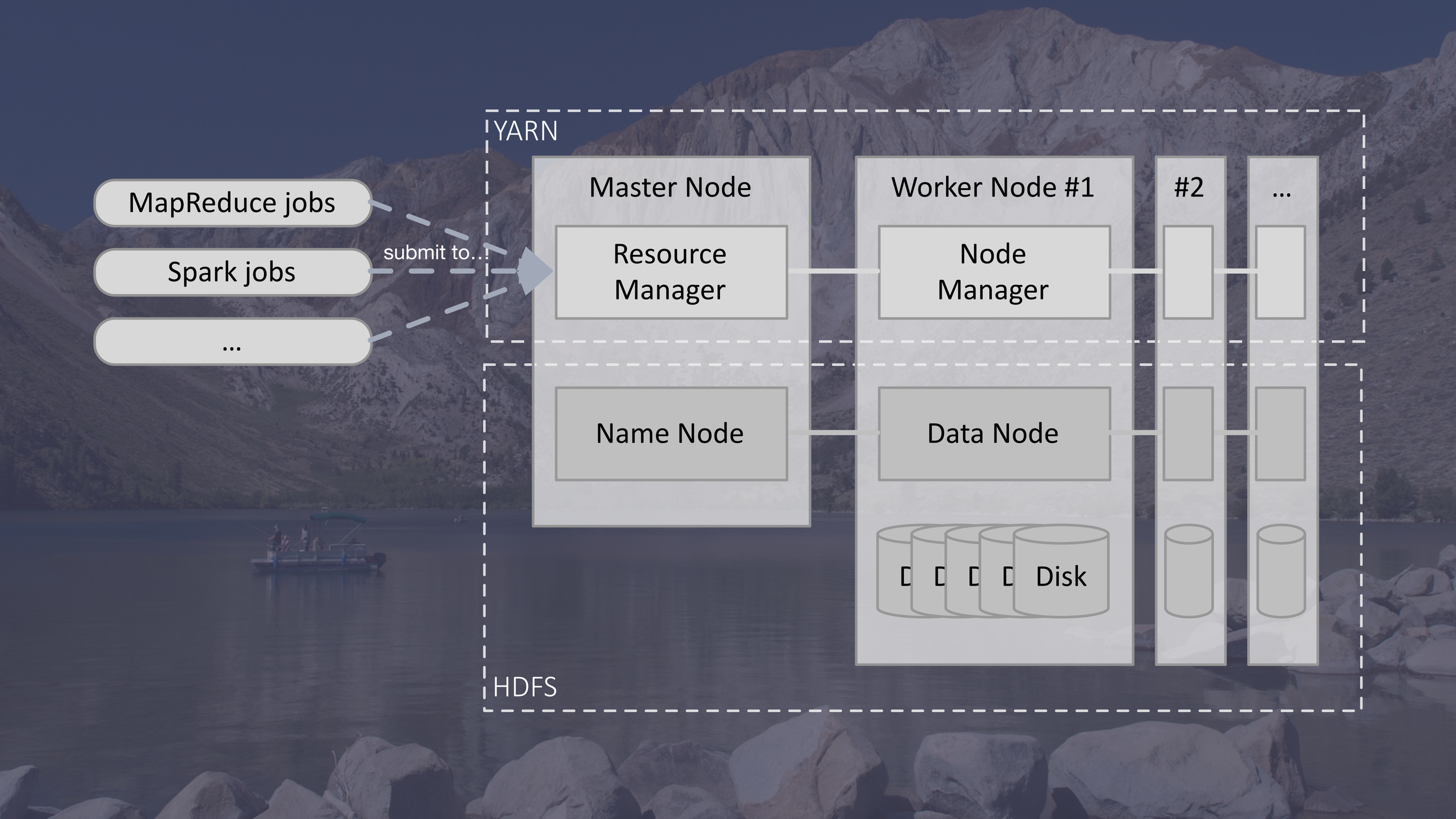


Streaming in Context…

Hadoop: Classic Batch Architecture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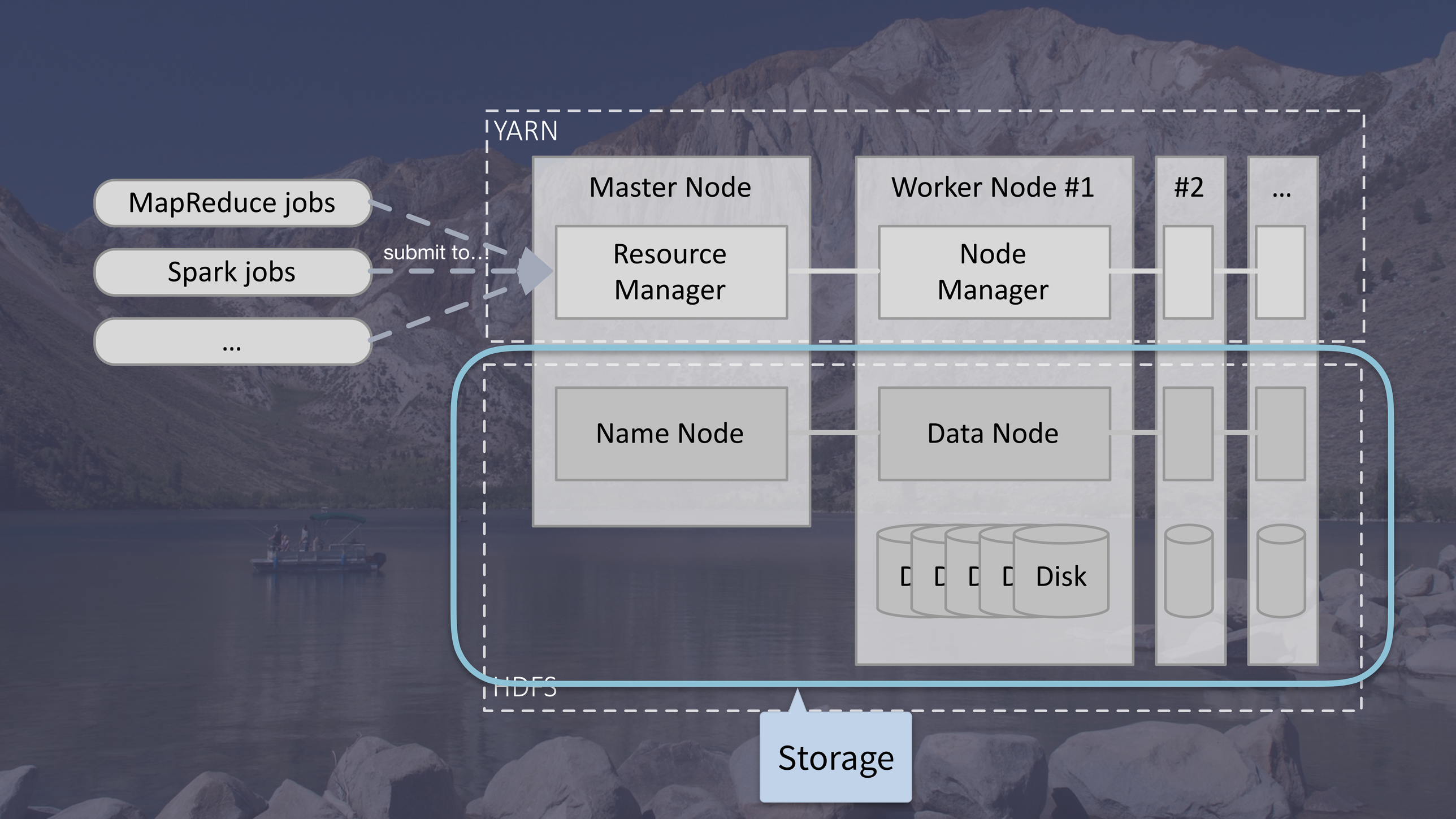
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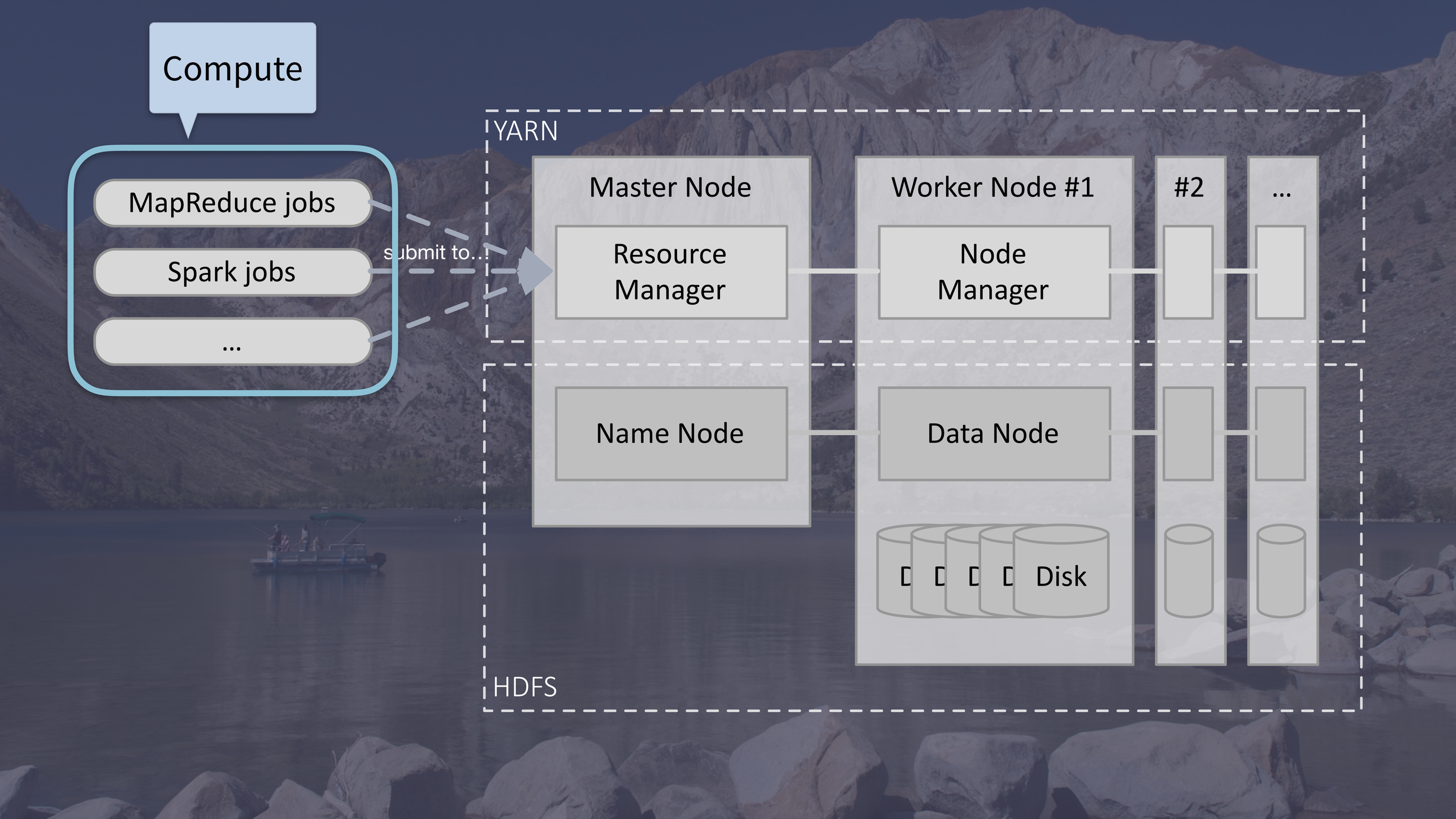
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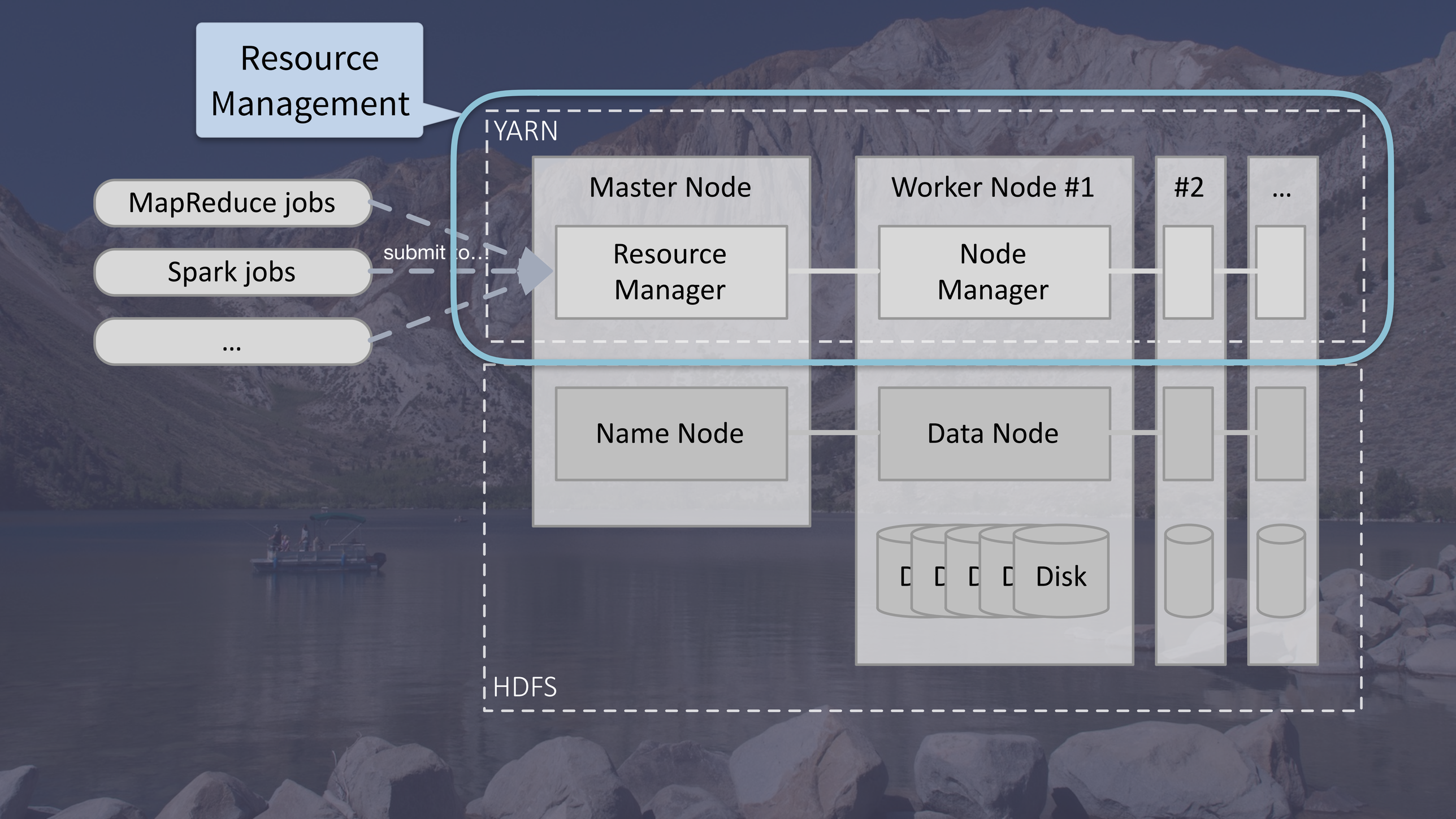
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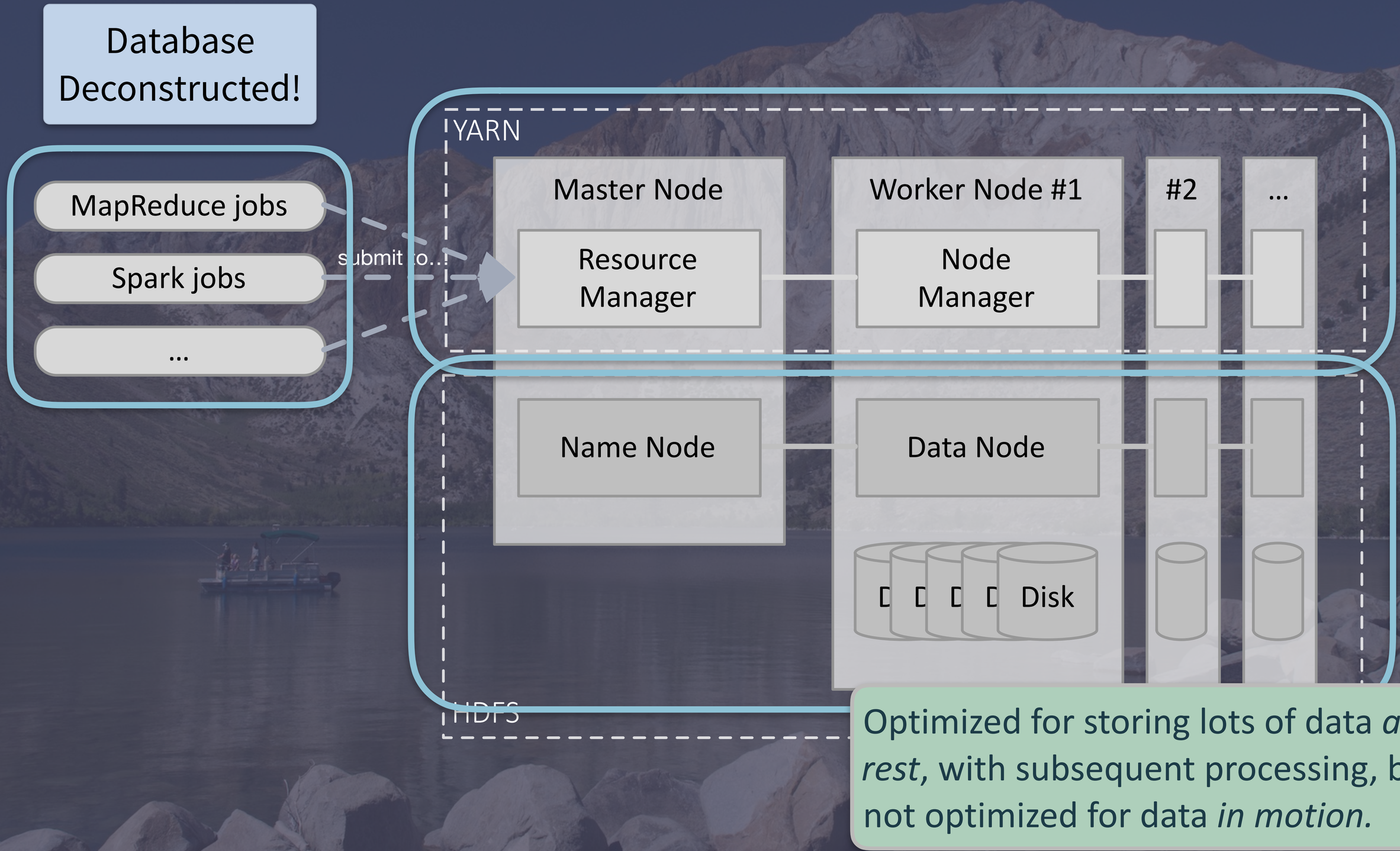
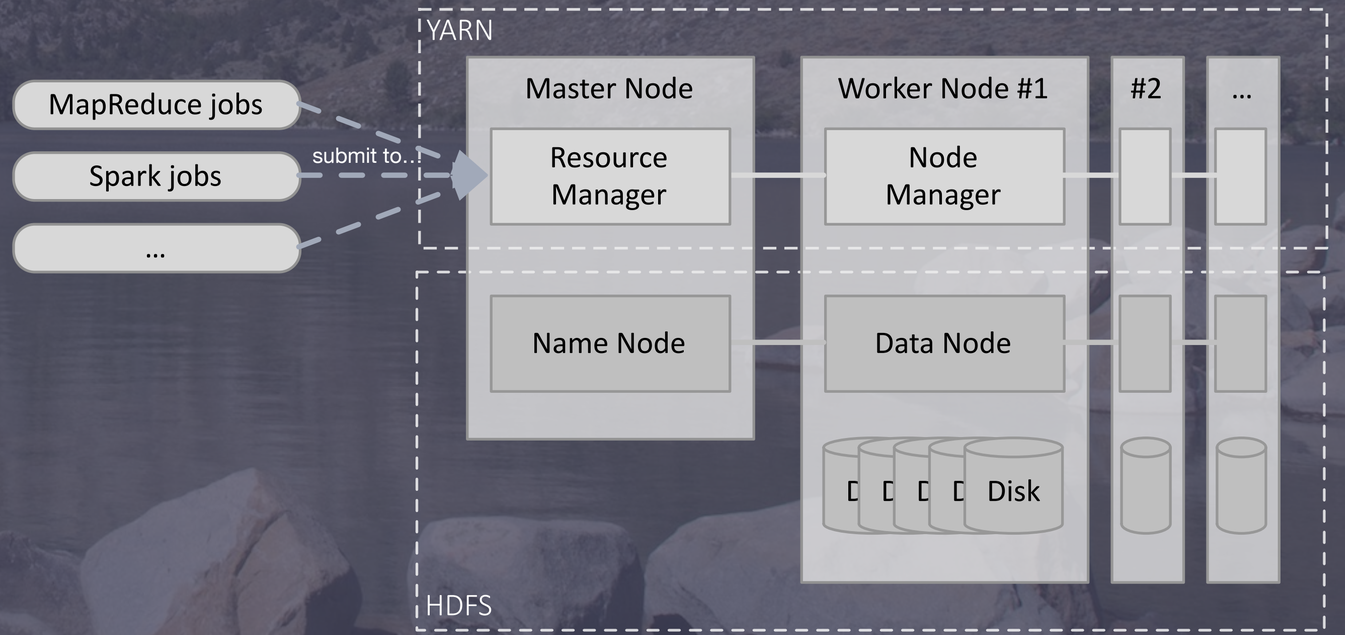
Database Deconstructed!

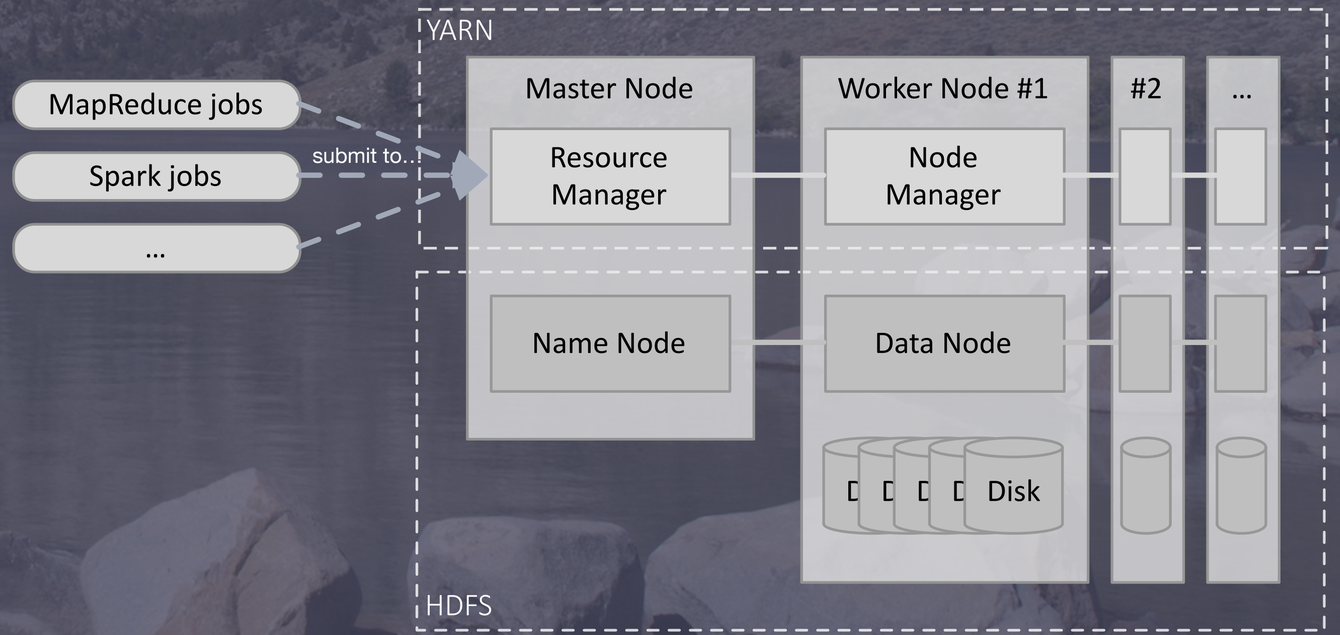


Optimized for storing lots of data *at rest*, with subsequent processing, but not optimized for data *in motion.*

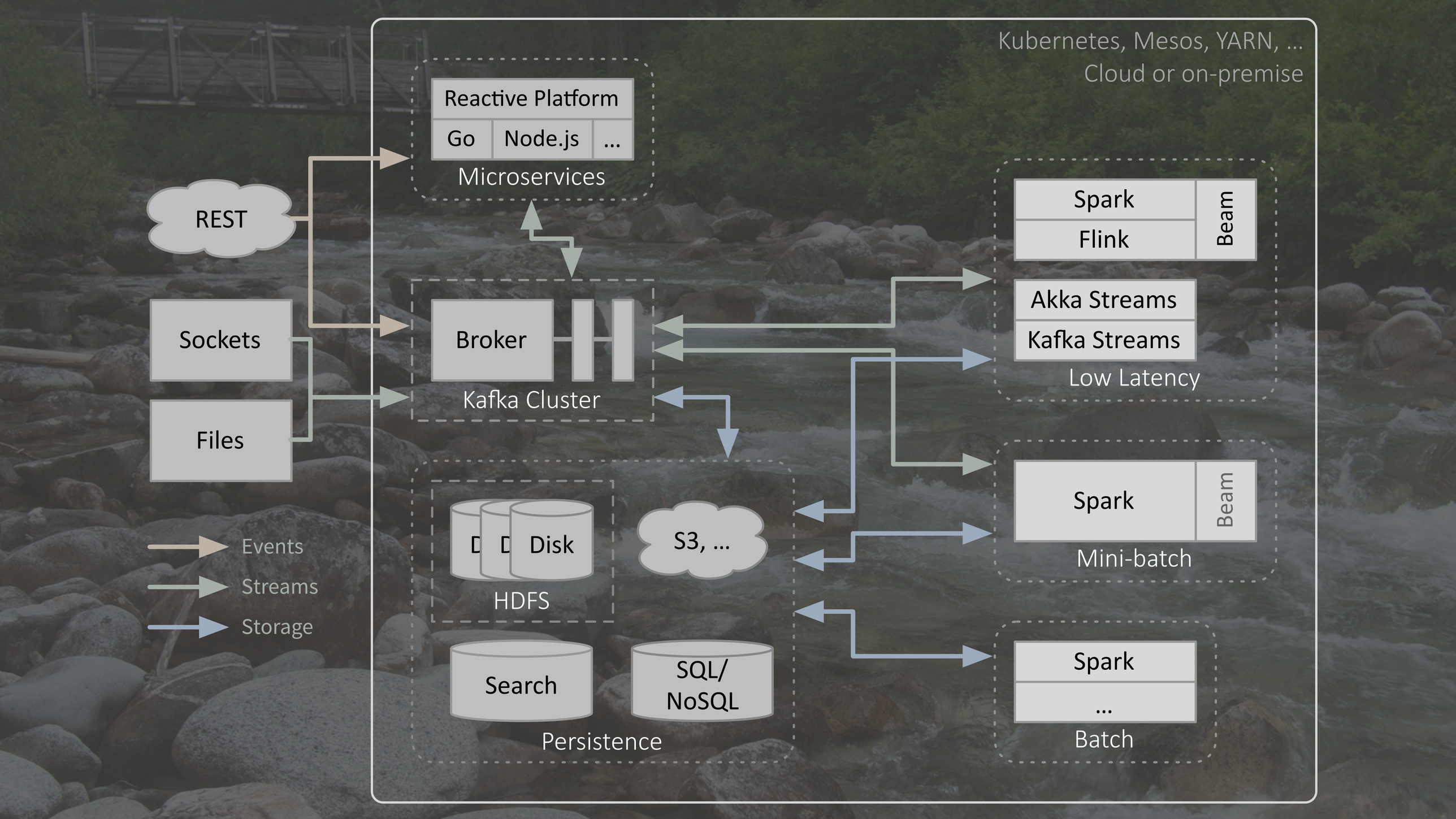
- Characteristics
  - Batch and interactive
  - Massive storage - HDFS is the data "backplane"
  - Multiuser jobs



- Use Cases
  - Data warehouse replacement
  - Interactive exploration
  - Offline ML model training
  - …



New Streaming, “Fast Data” Architecture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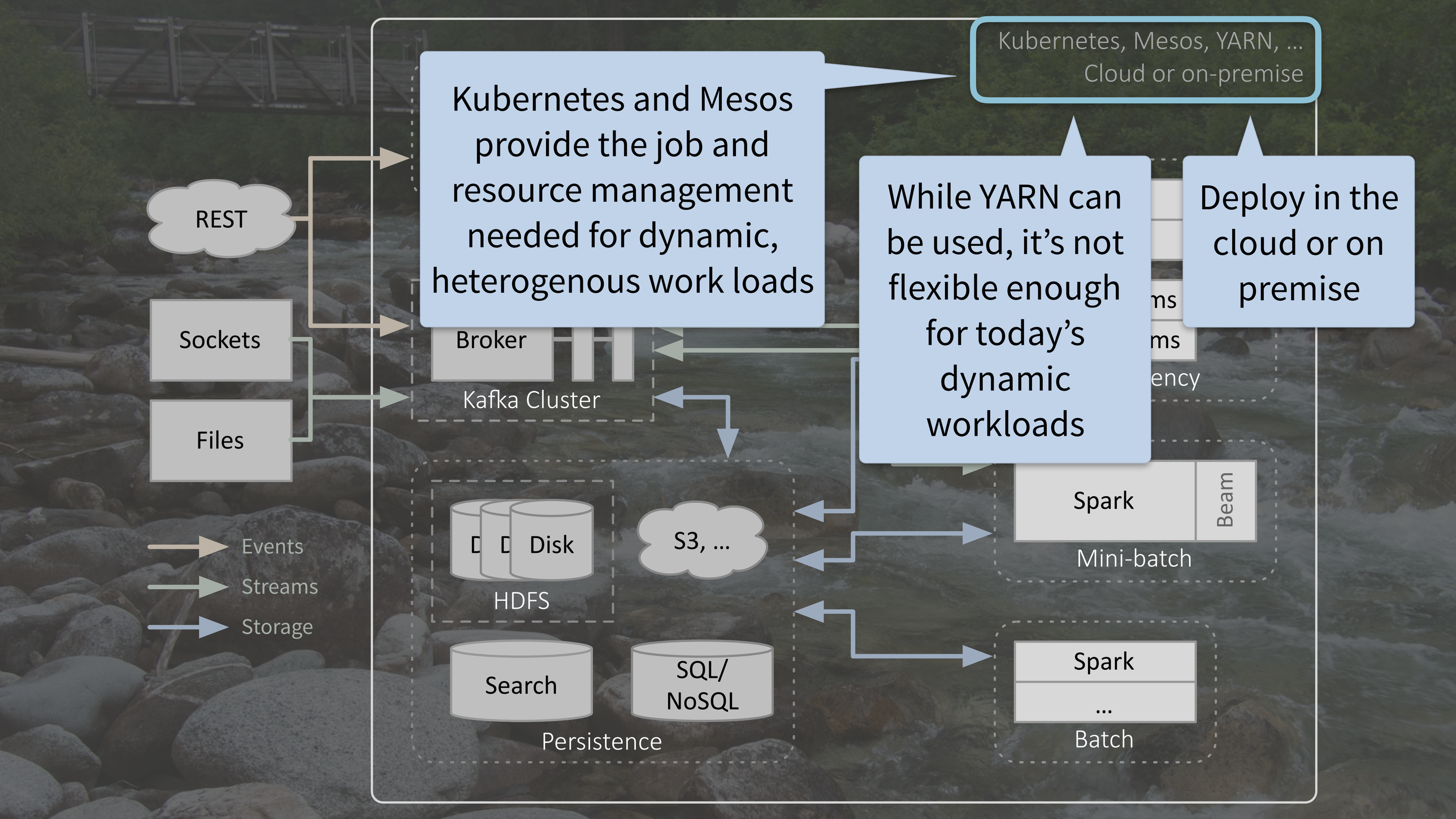
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While YARN can be used, it's not flexible enough for today's dynamic workloads
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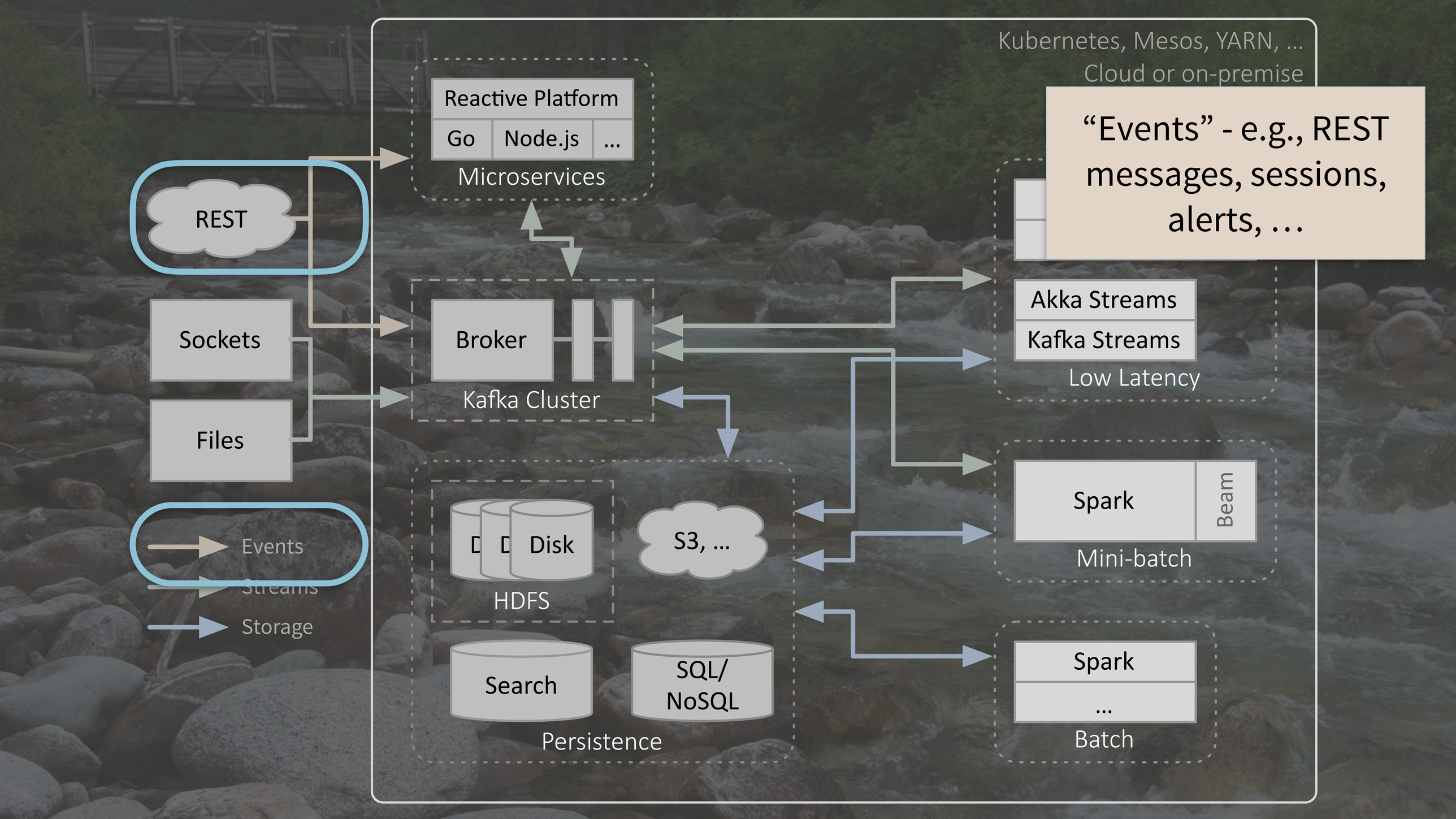
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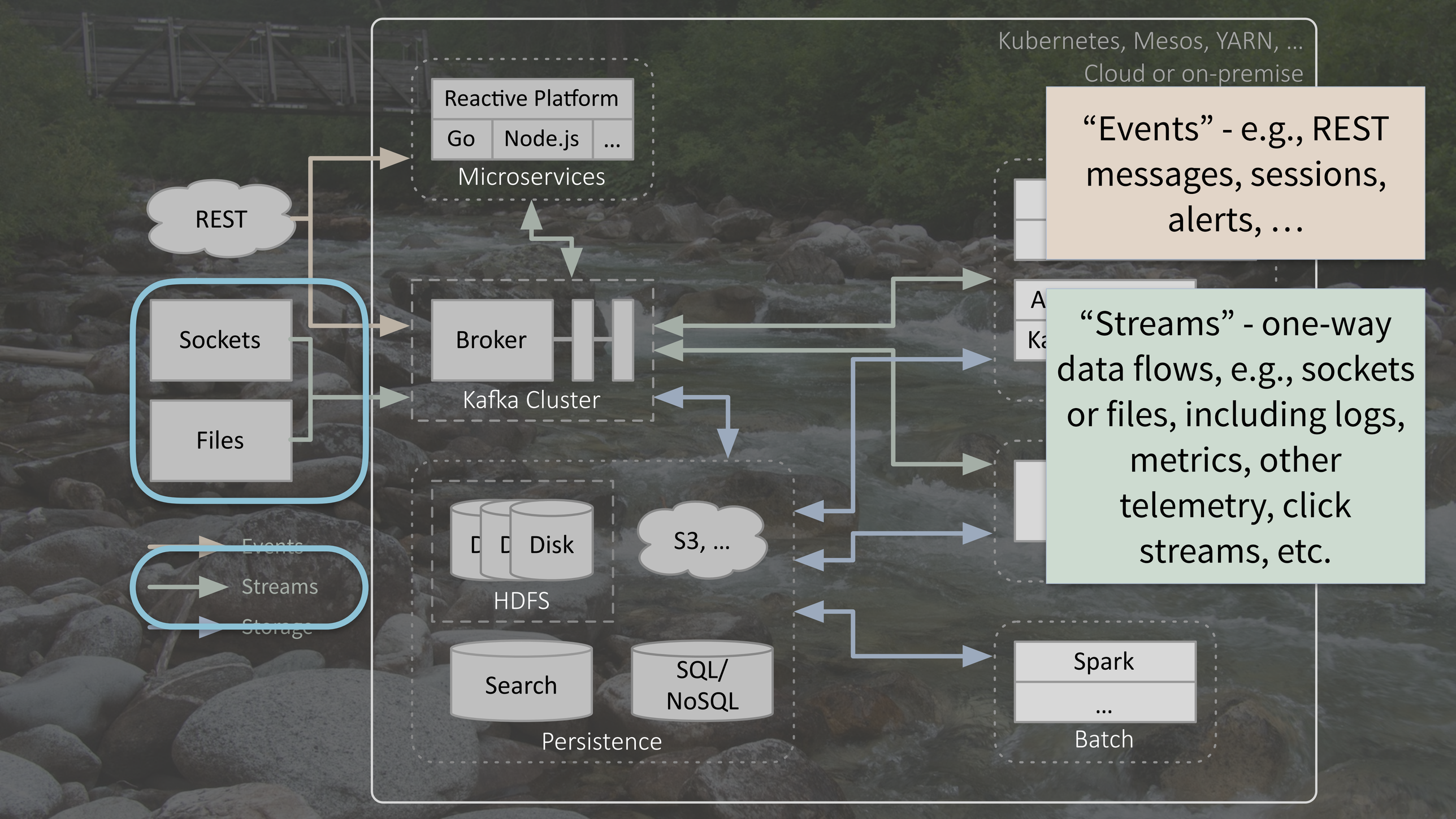
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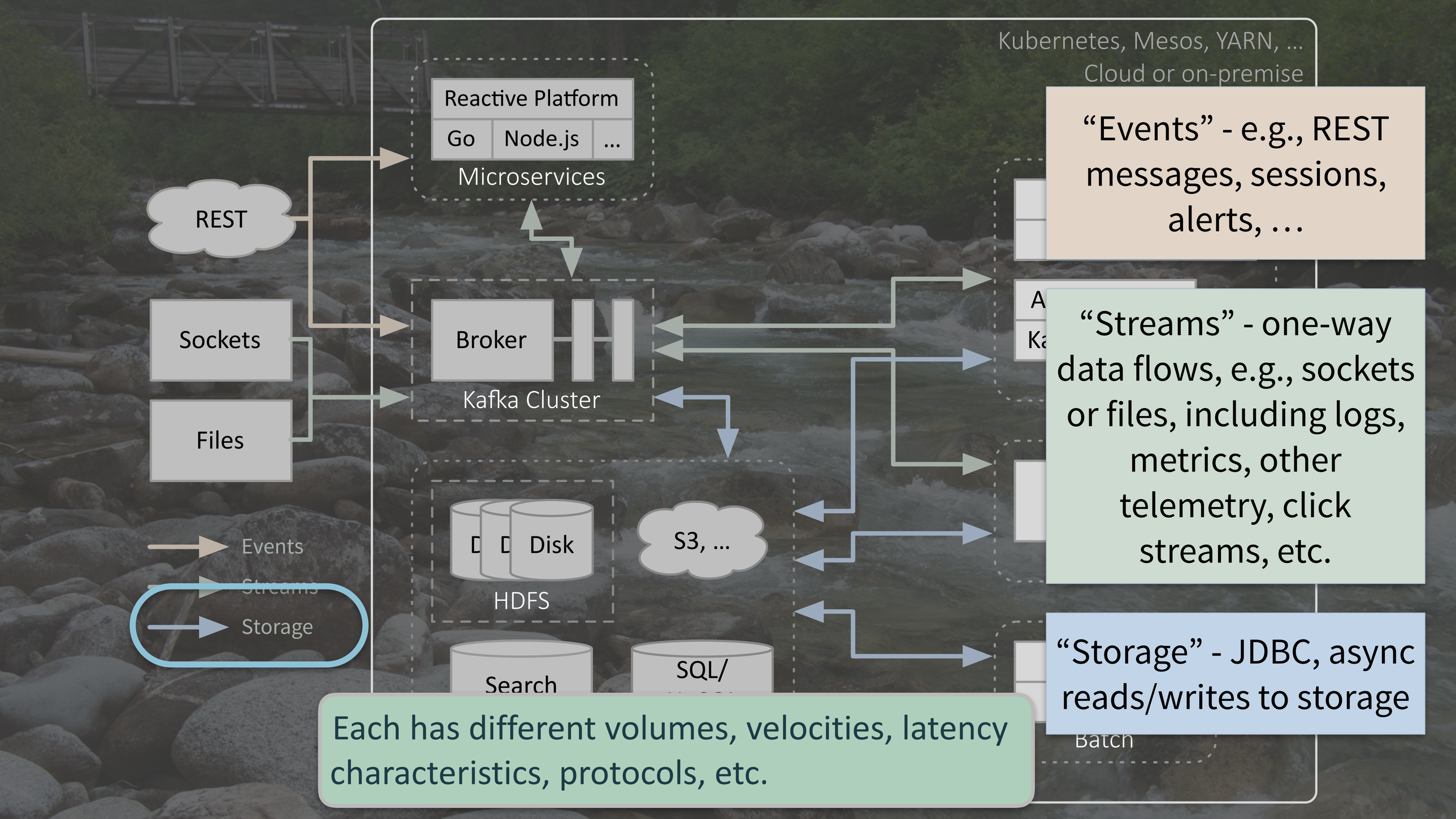
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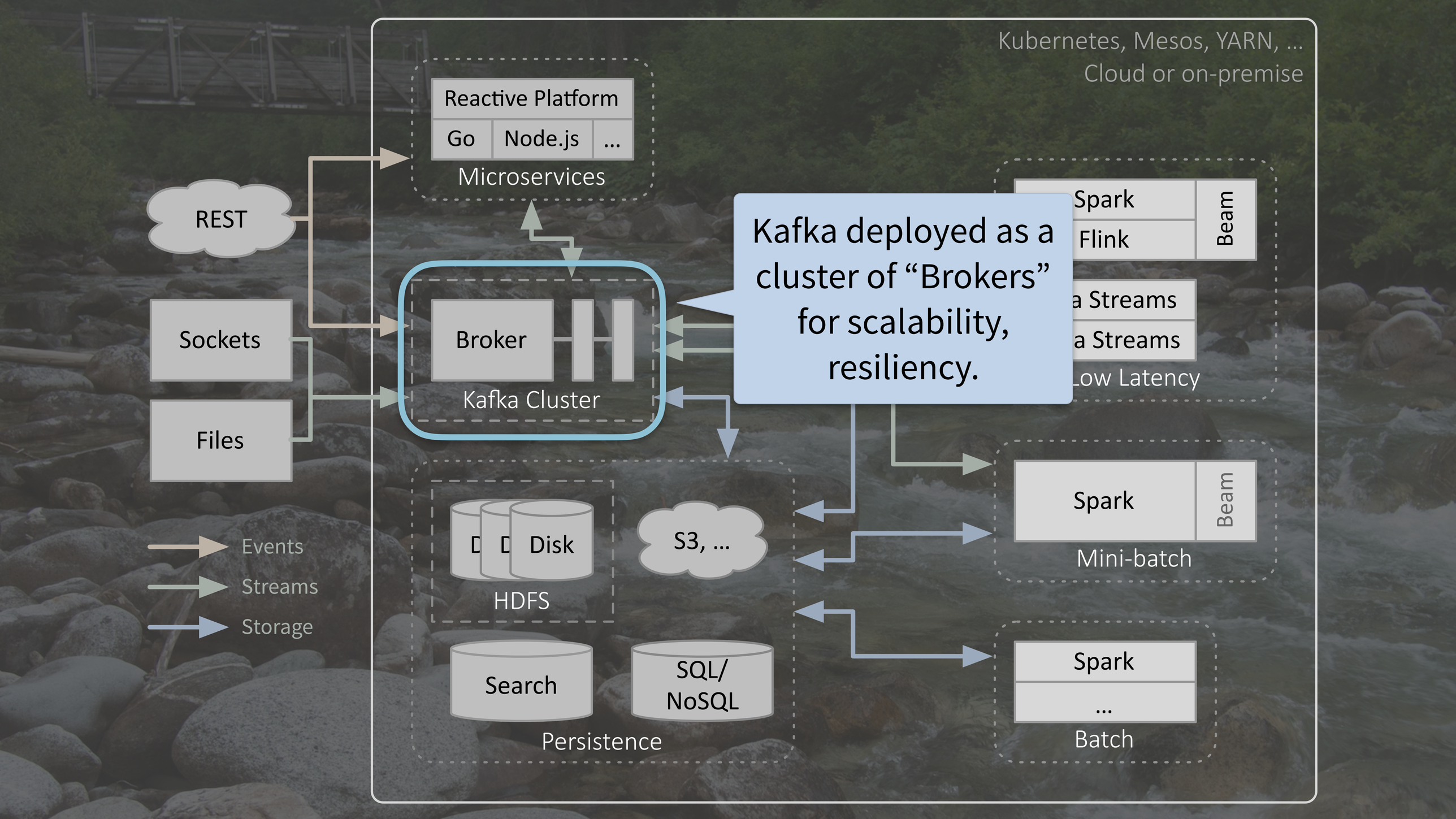
“Storage” - JDBC, async reads/writes to storage
Each has different volumes, velocities, latency characteristics, protocols, etc.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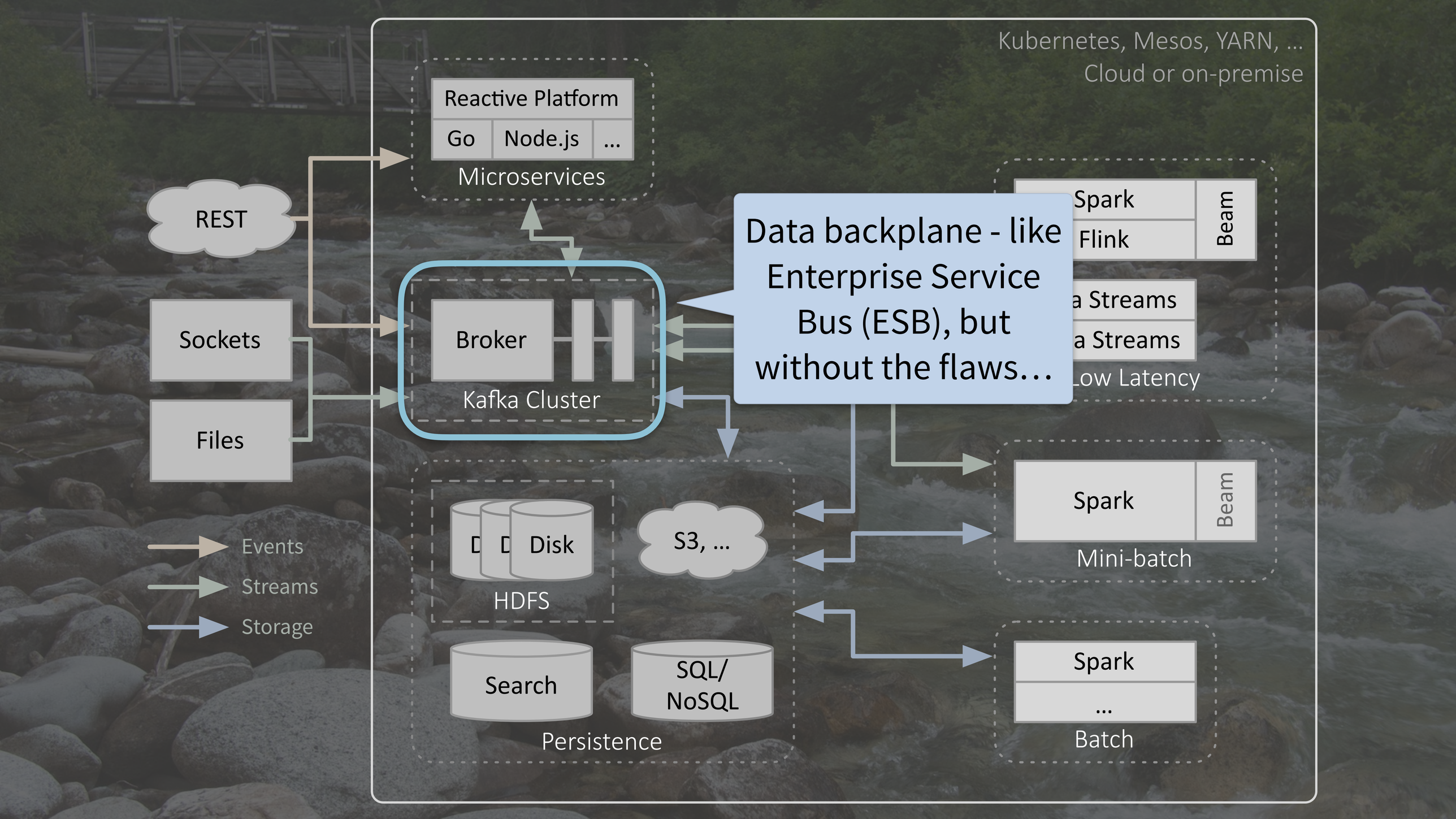
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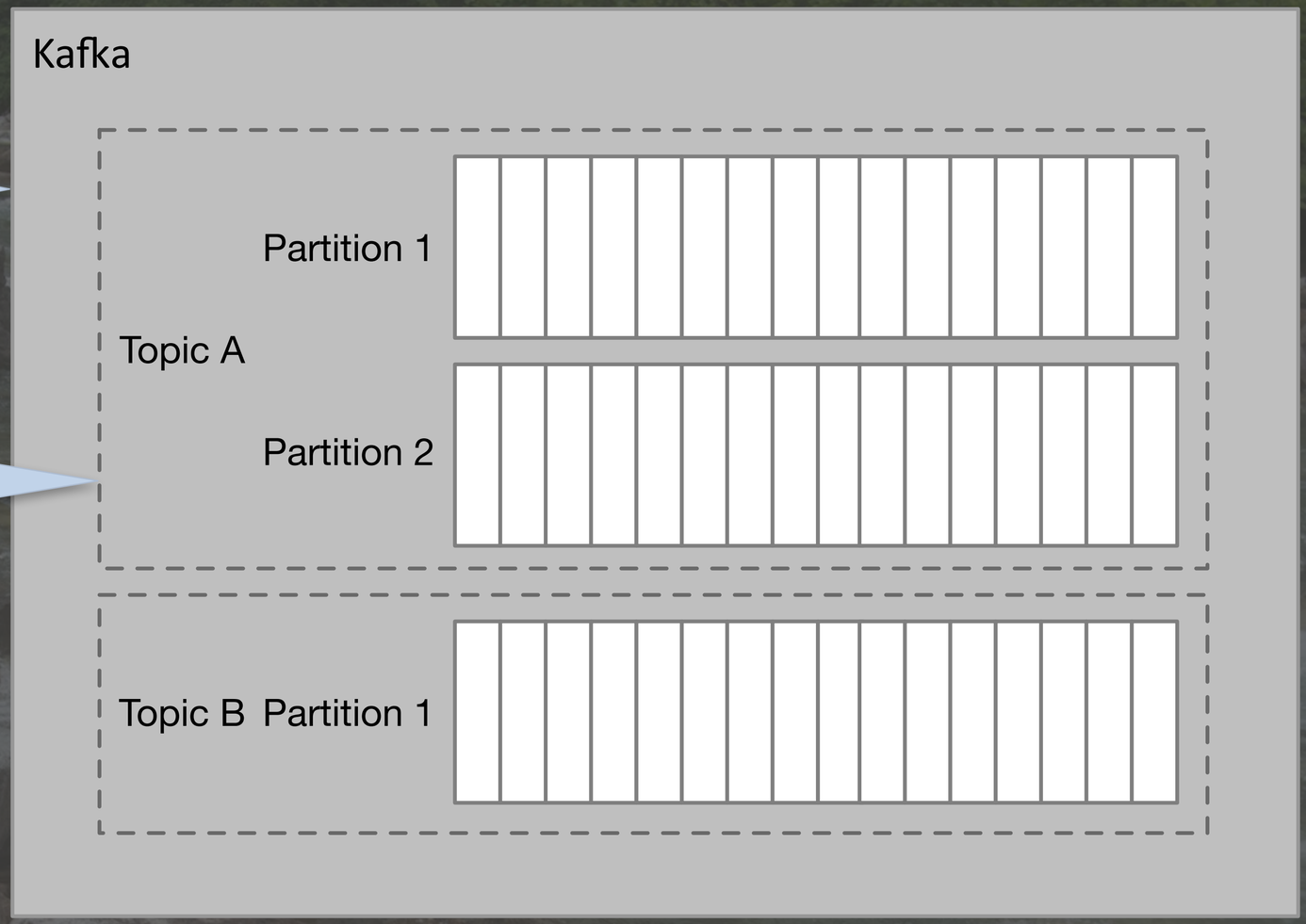
Organized into topics

Topics are partitioned, replicated, and distributed



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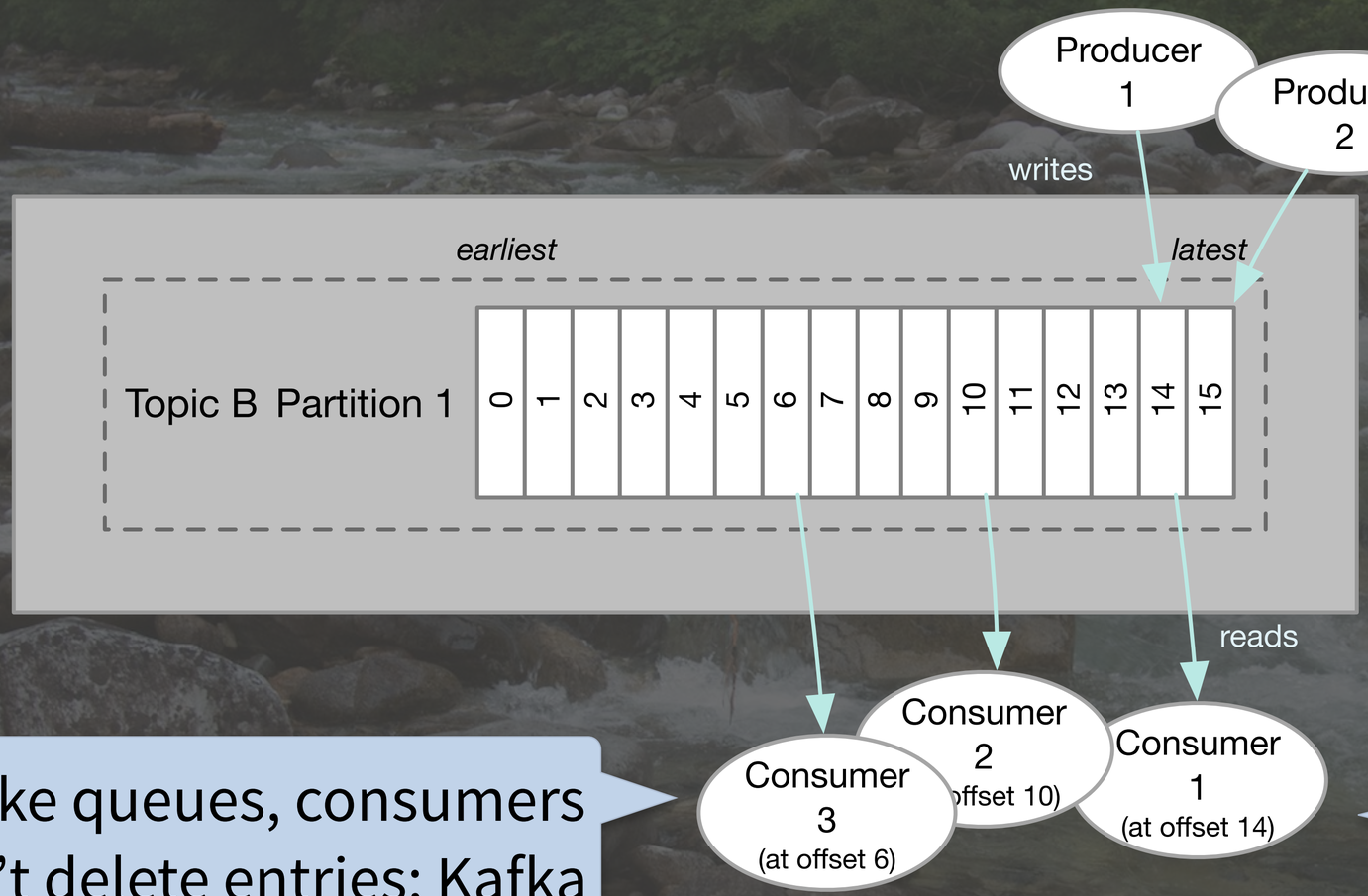
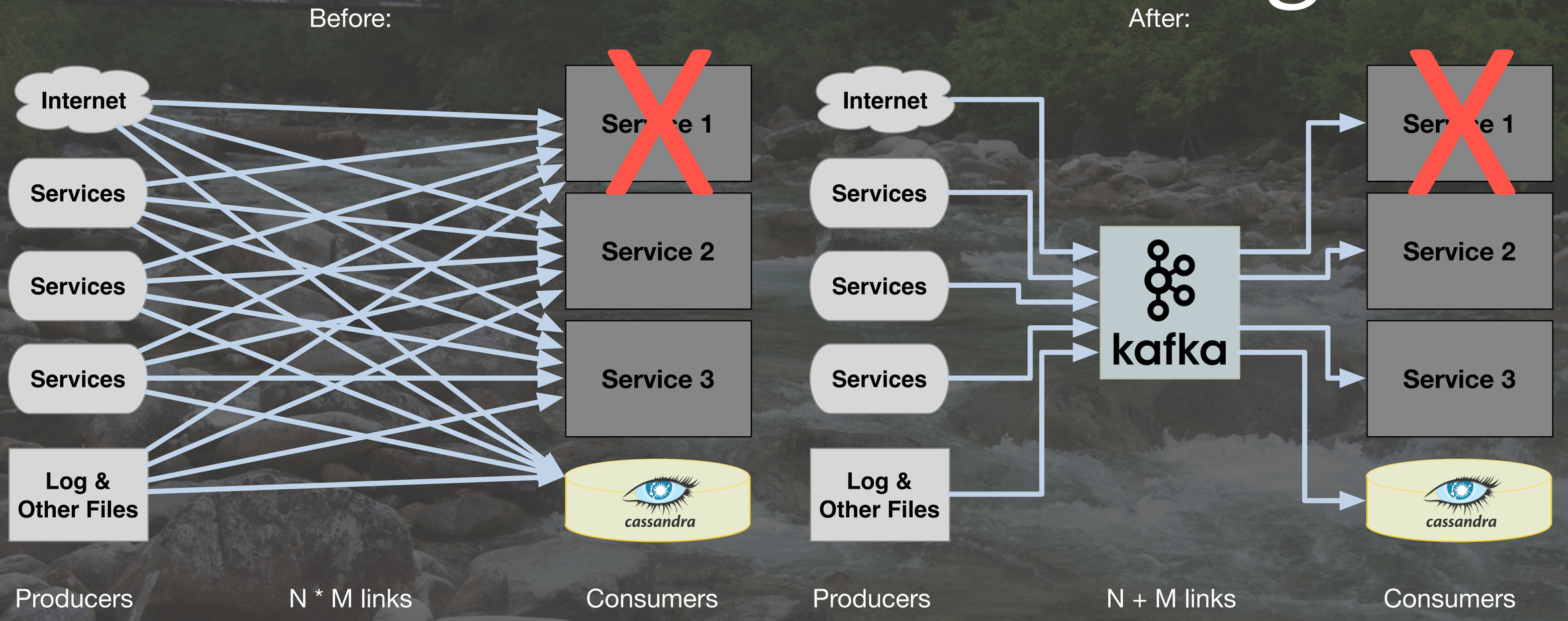


M Producers

N Consumers, who start reading where they want

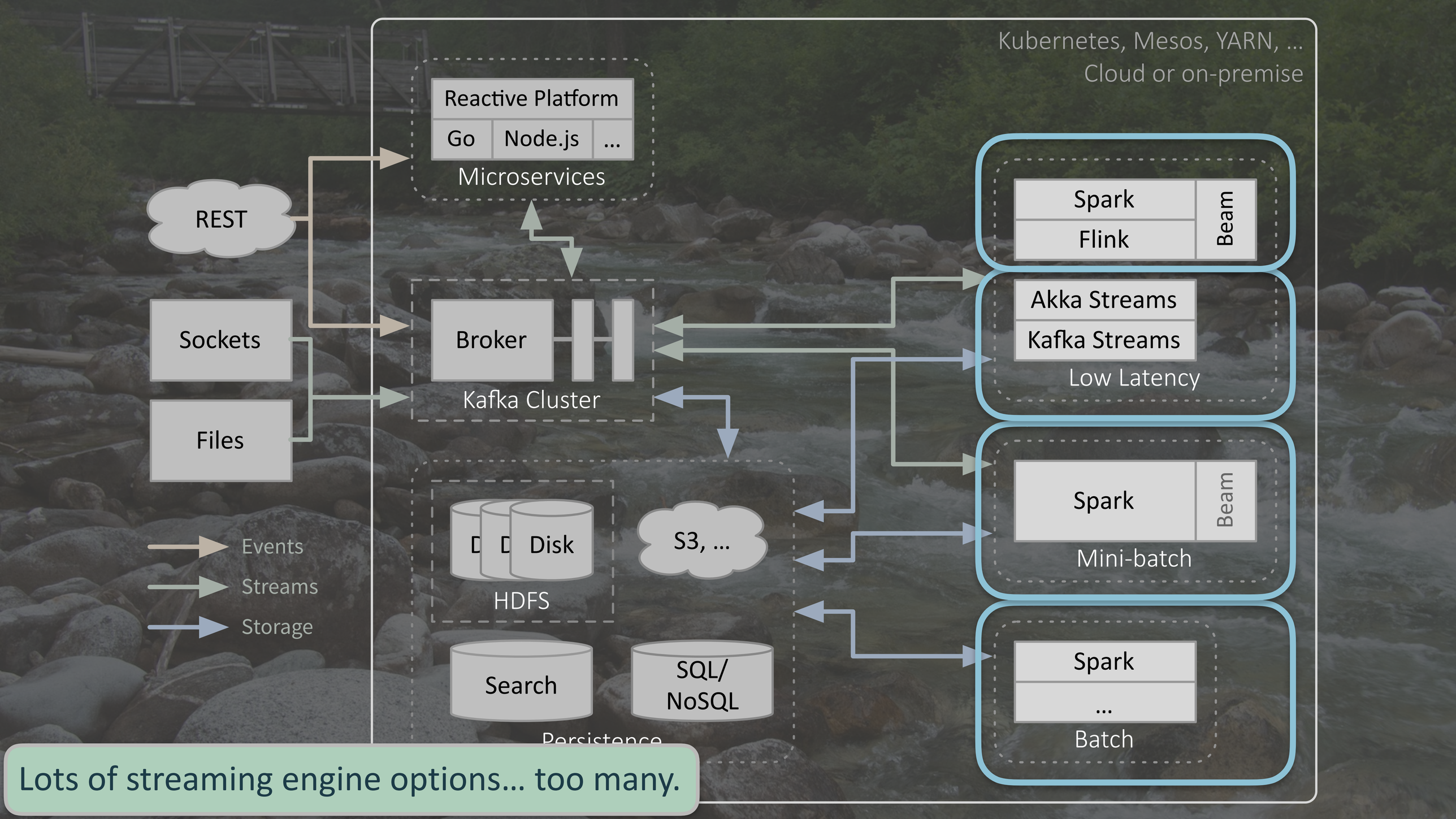
Unlike queues, consumers don't delete entries; Kafka manages their lifecycles

Using Kafka



Messy and fragile; what if “Service 1” goes down?

Simpler and more robust! Loss of Service 1 means no data loss.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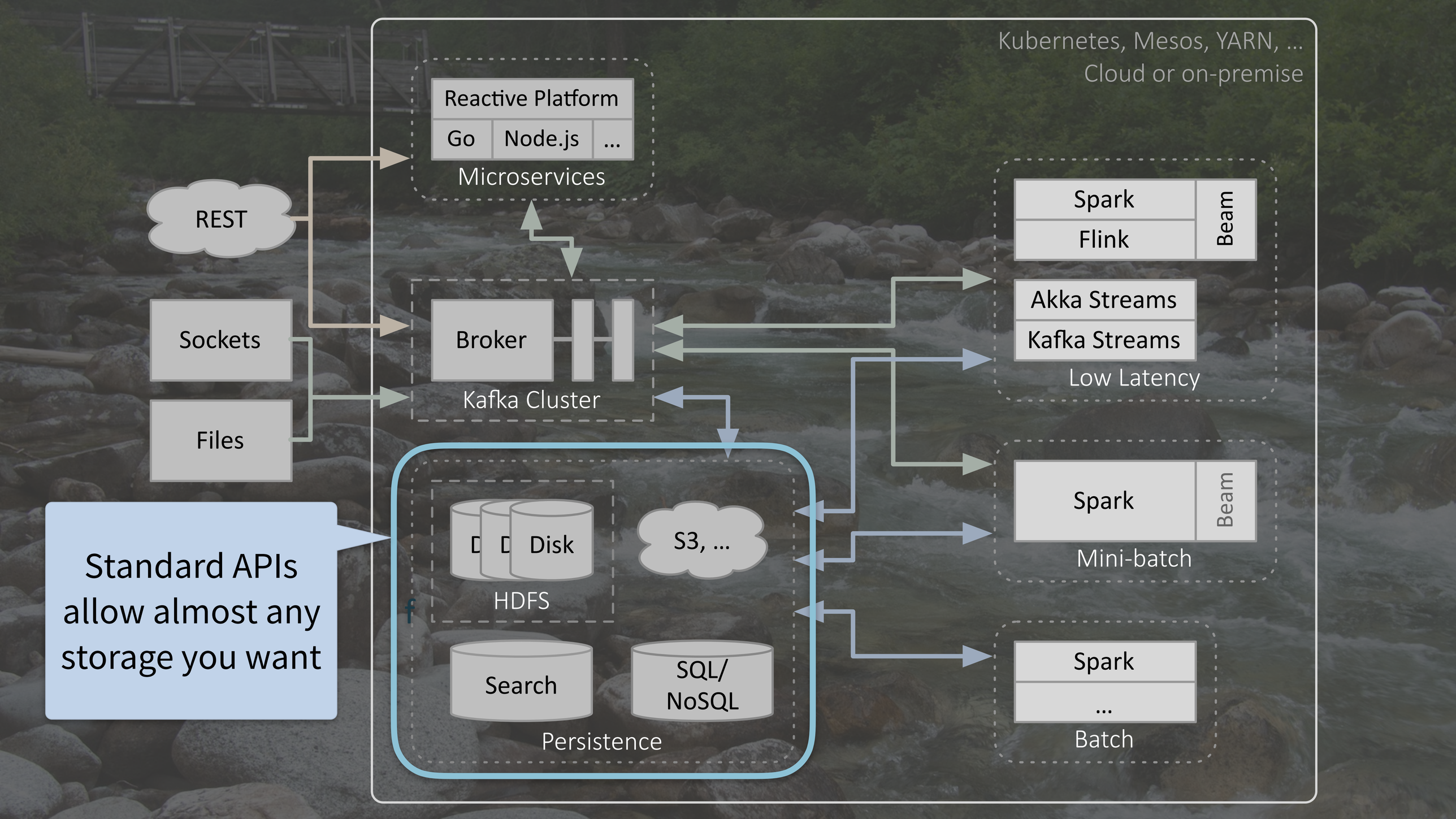
Lots of streaming engine options… too many.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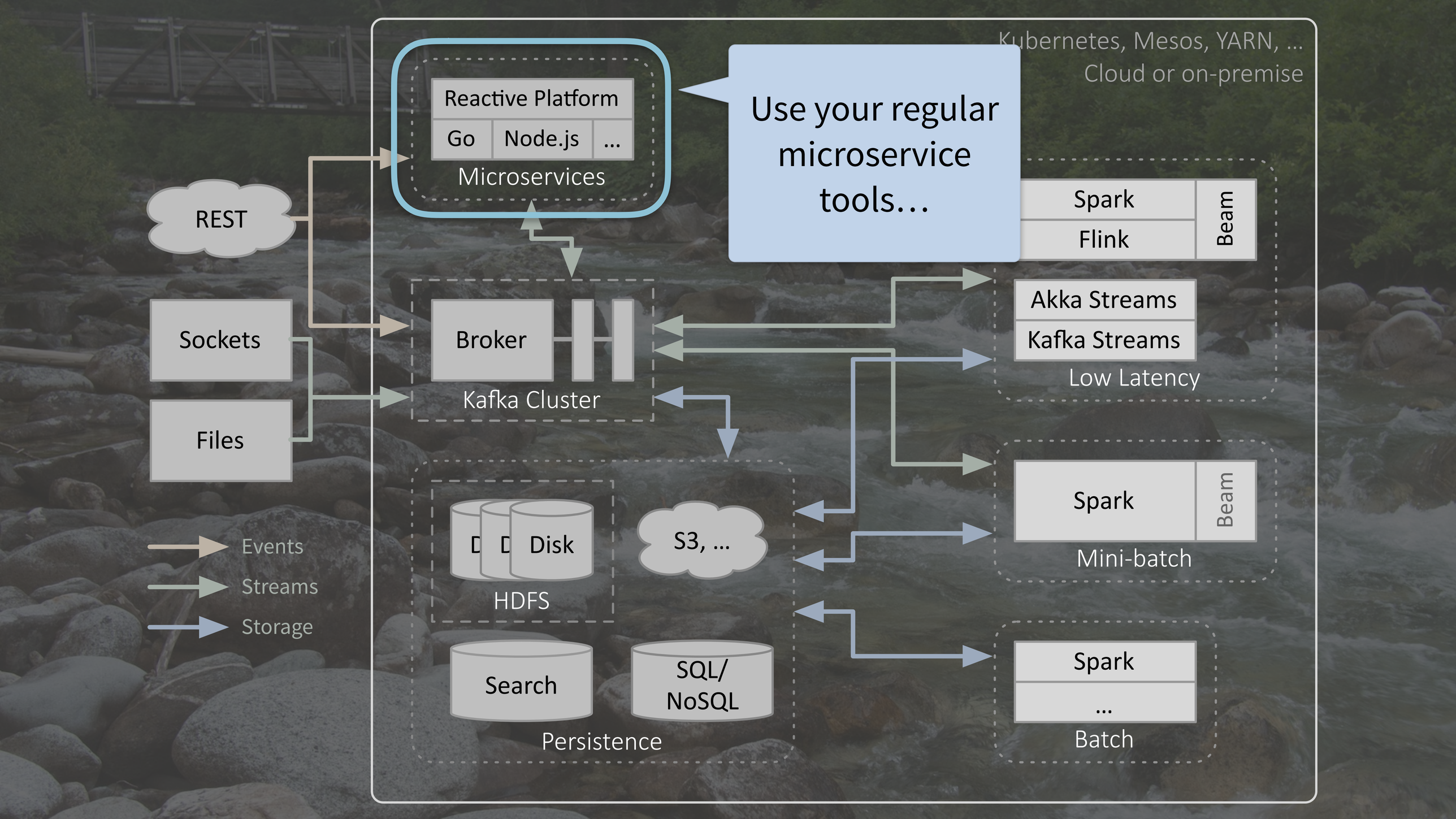
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Streaming Engines

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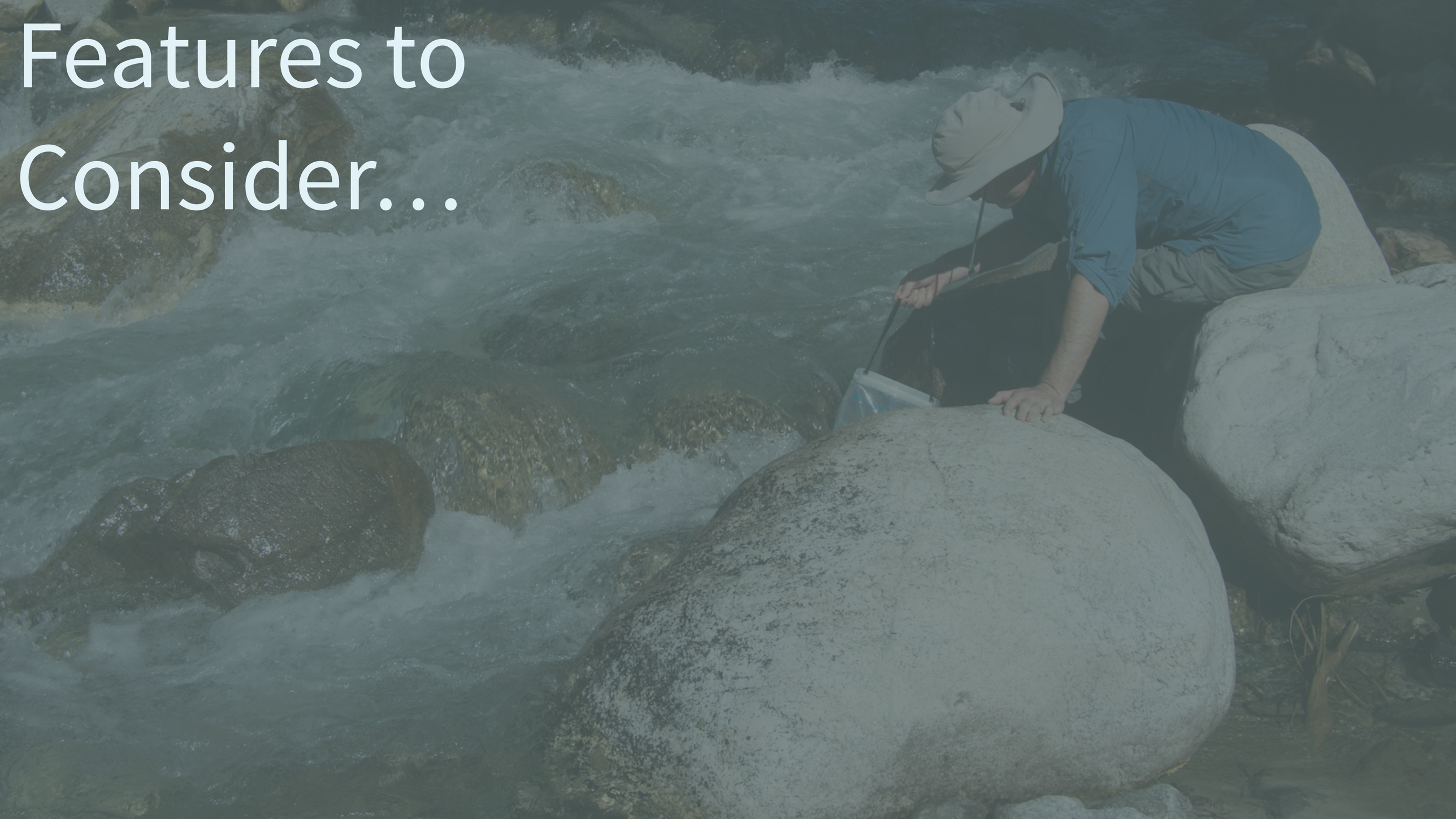

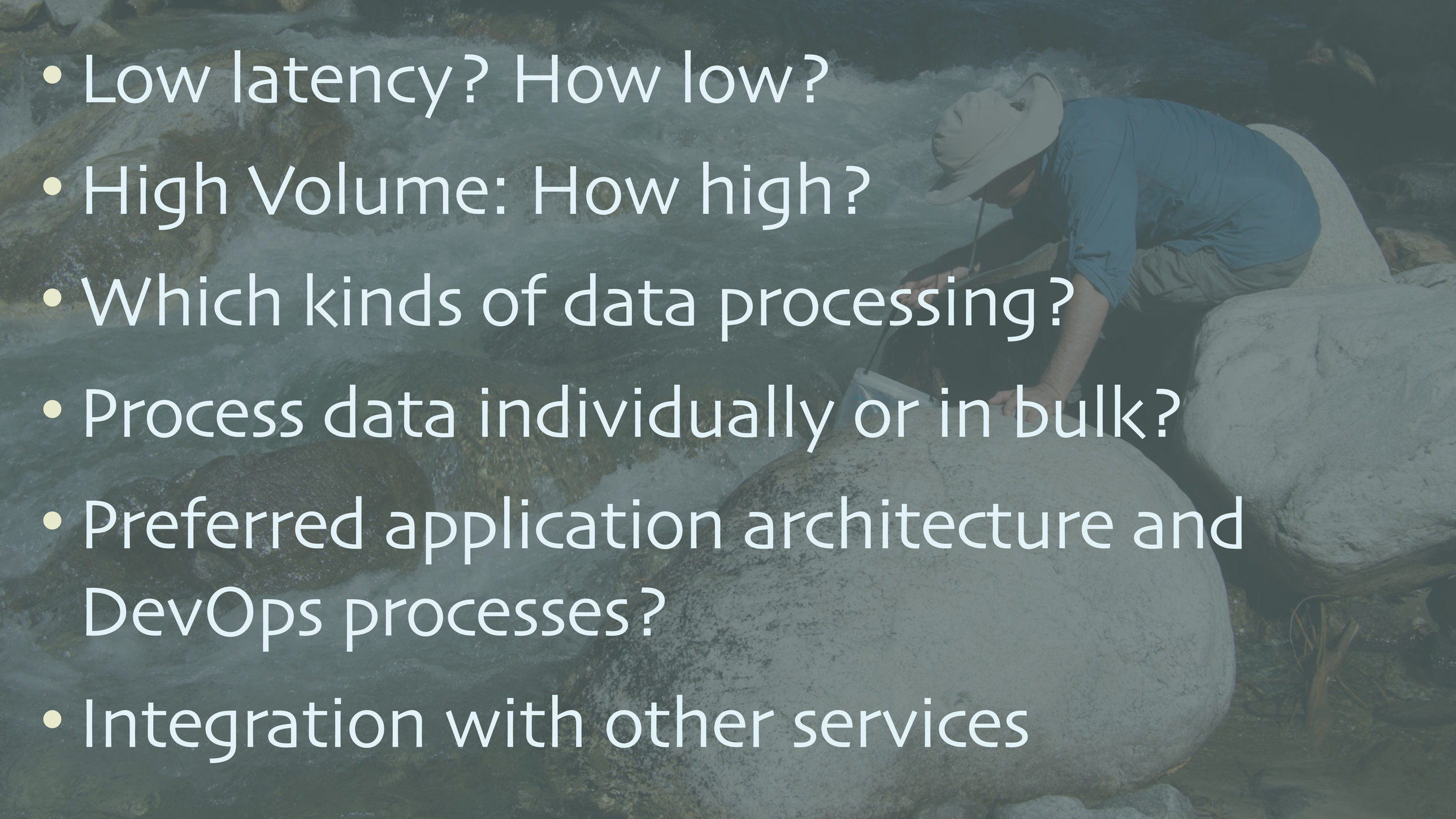

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- High Volume: How high?
- Which kinds of data processing?
- Process data individually or in bulk?
- Preferred application architecture and DevOps processes?
- Integration with other services

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True “Real Time”

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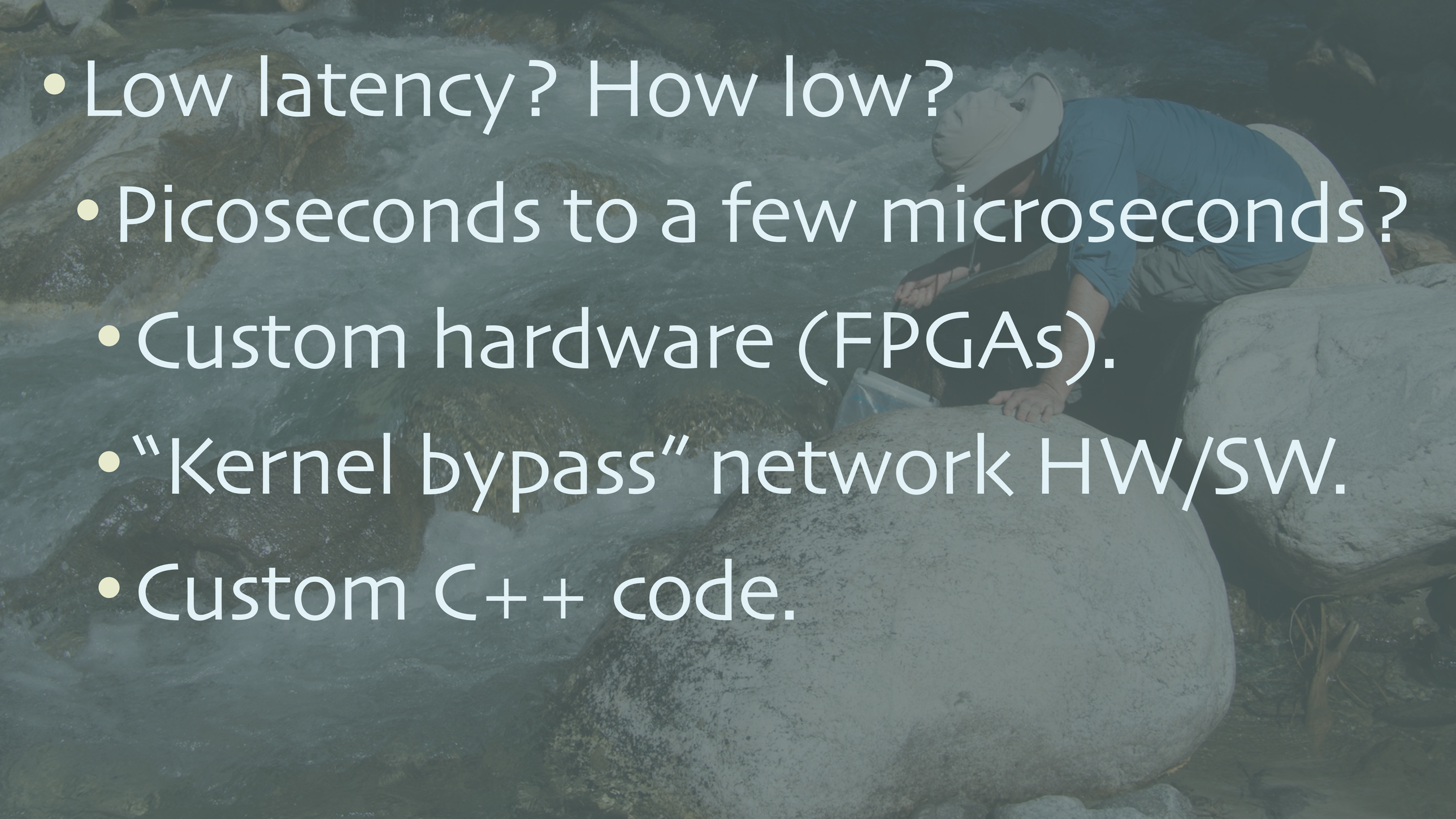

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    - Custom hardware (FPGAs).
    - “Kernel bypass” network HW/SW.
    - Custom C++ code.

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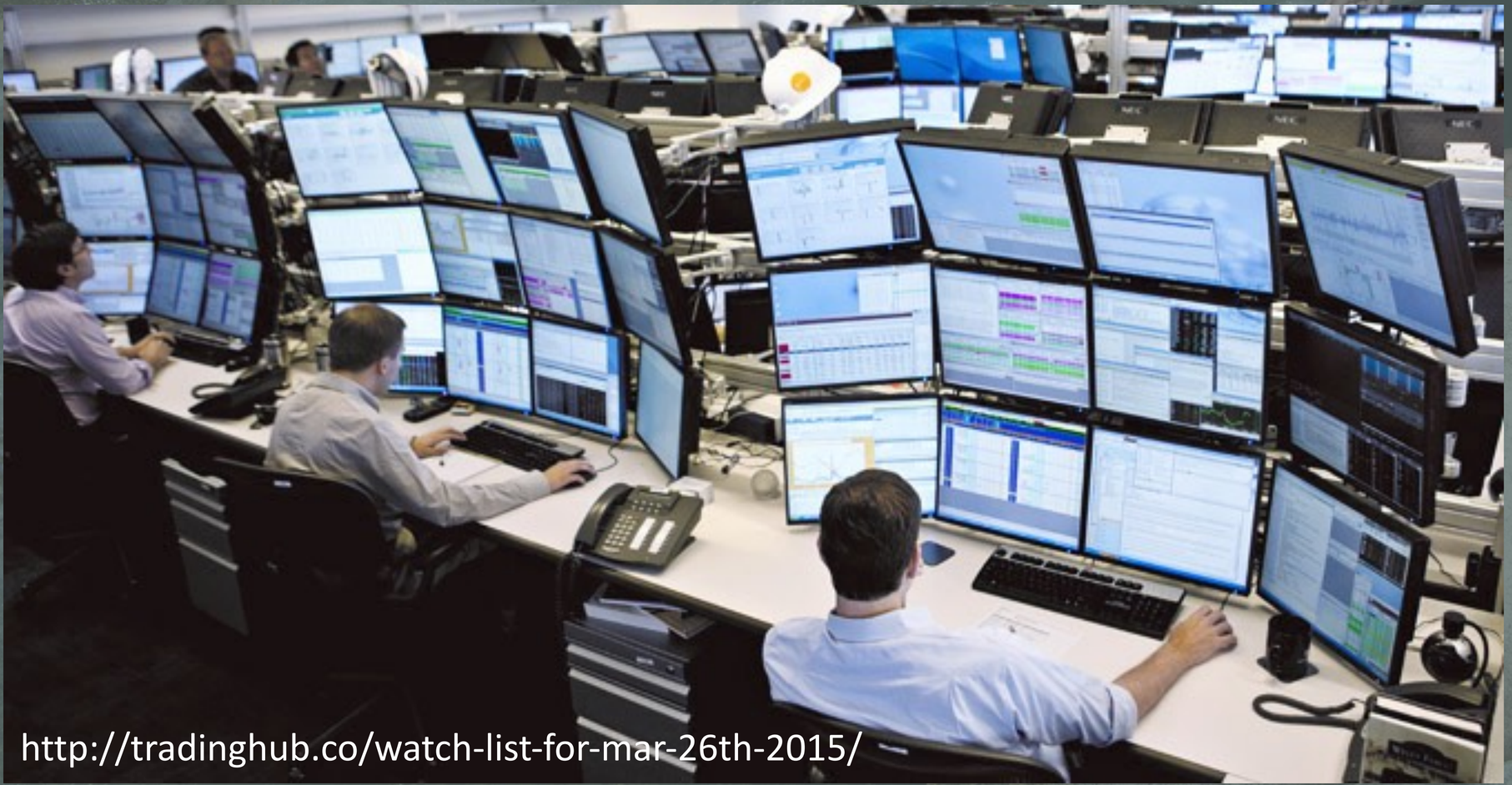

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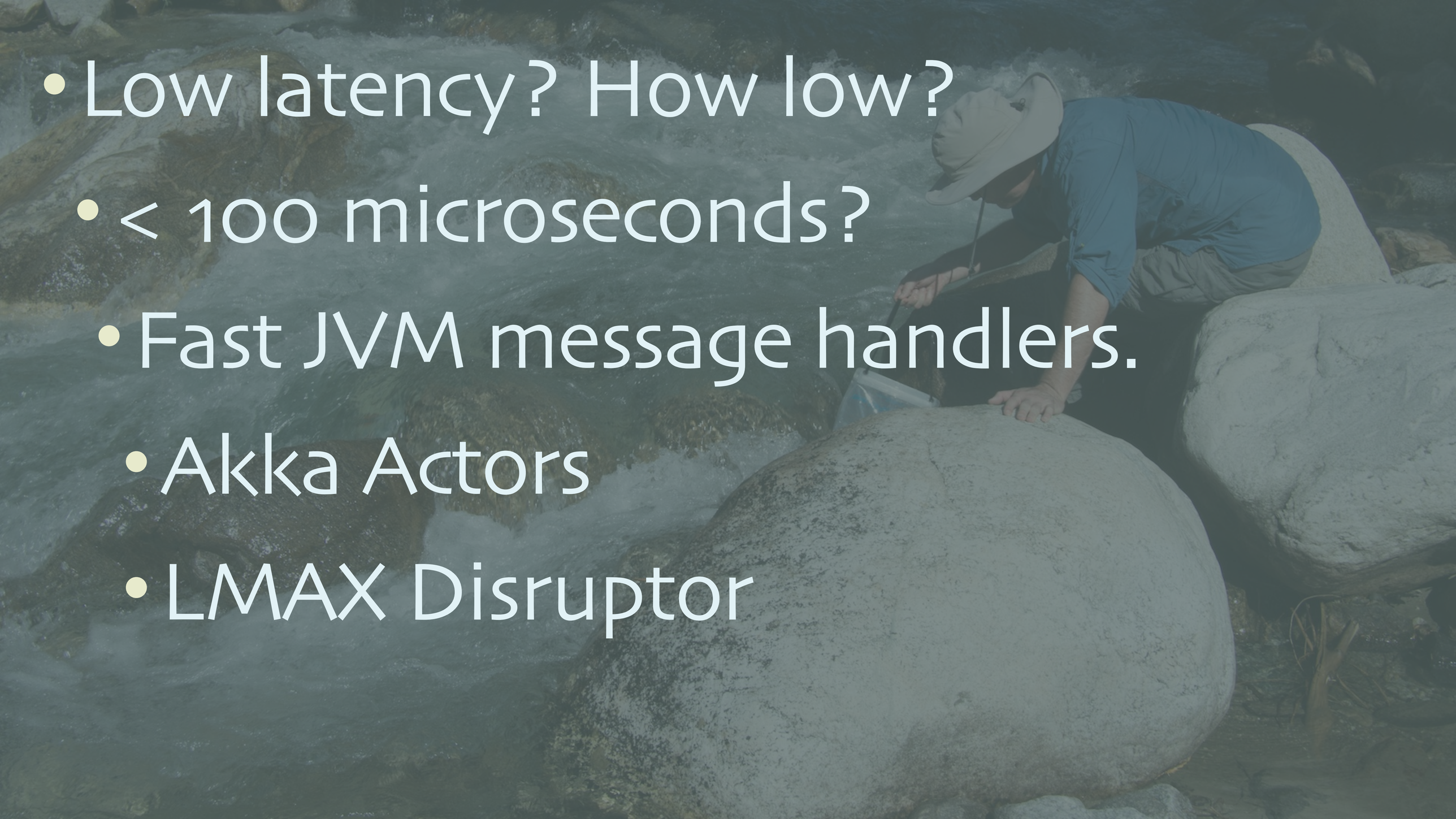

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    - Fast JVM message handlers.
      - Akka Actors
      - LMAX Disruptor

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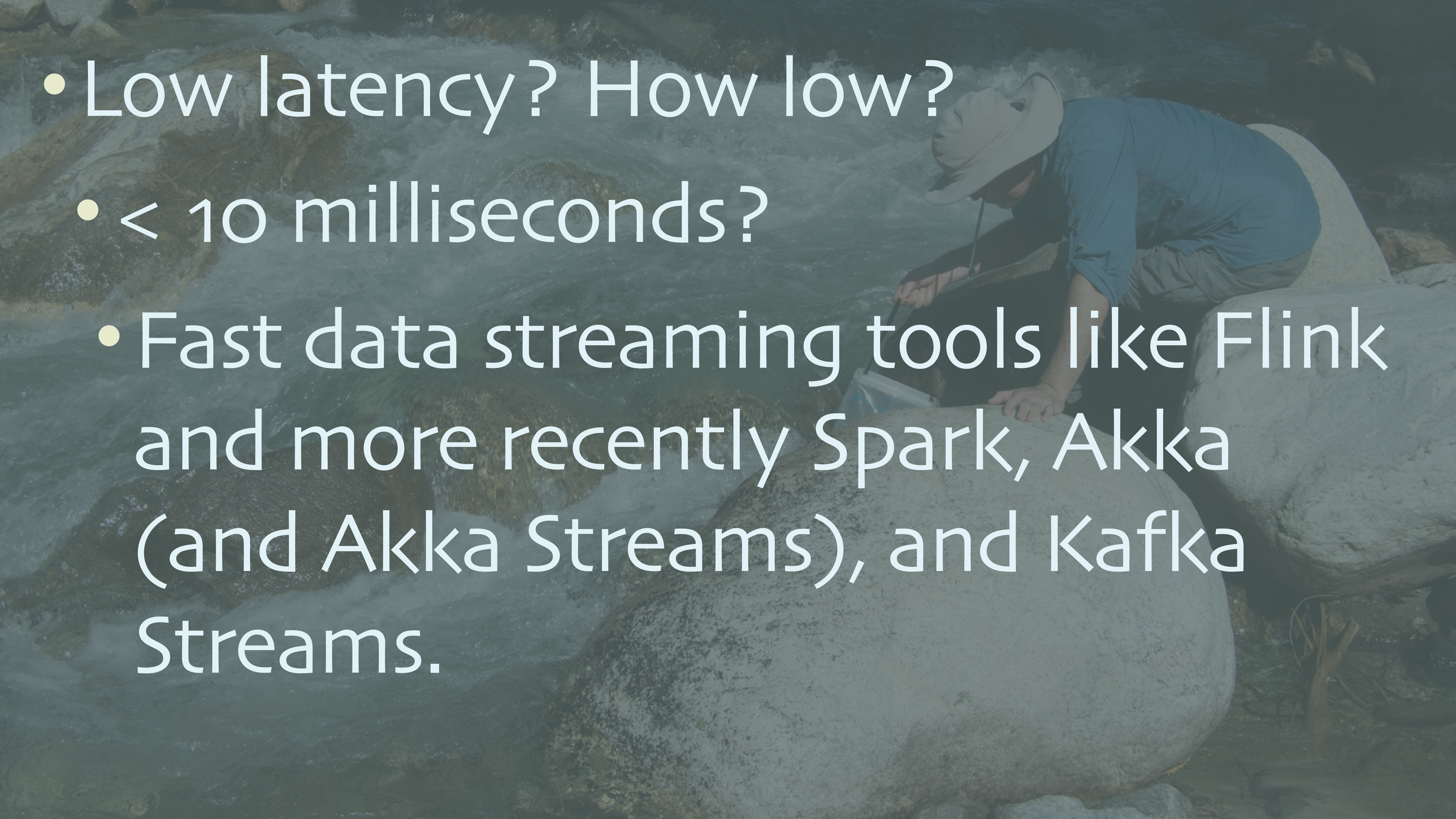

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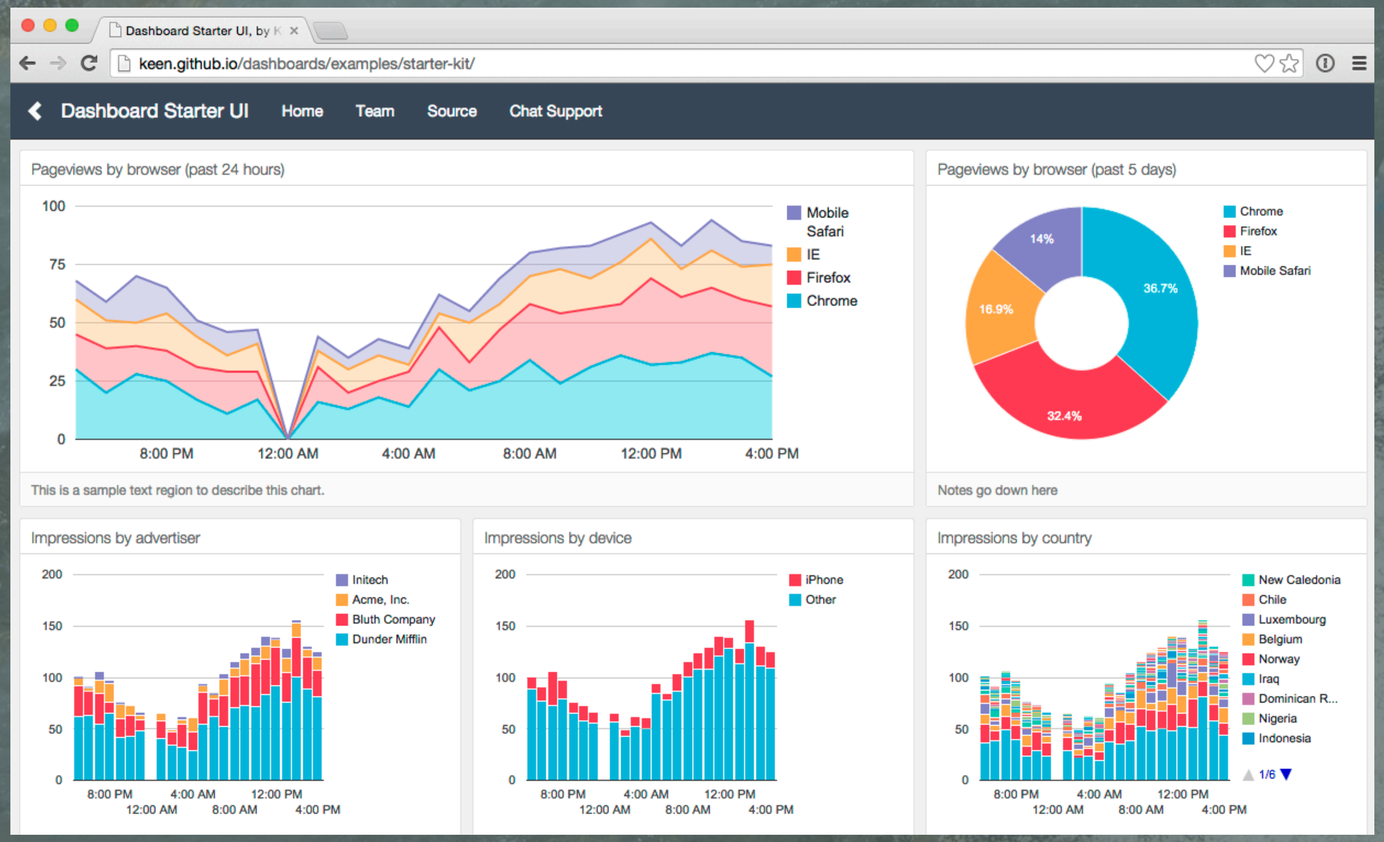
  - < 10 milliseconds?
    - Fast data streaming tools like Flink and more recently Spark, Akka (and Akka Streams), and Kafka Streams.

- Low latency? How low?
- < hundreds of milliseconds?



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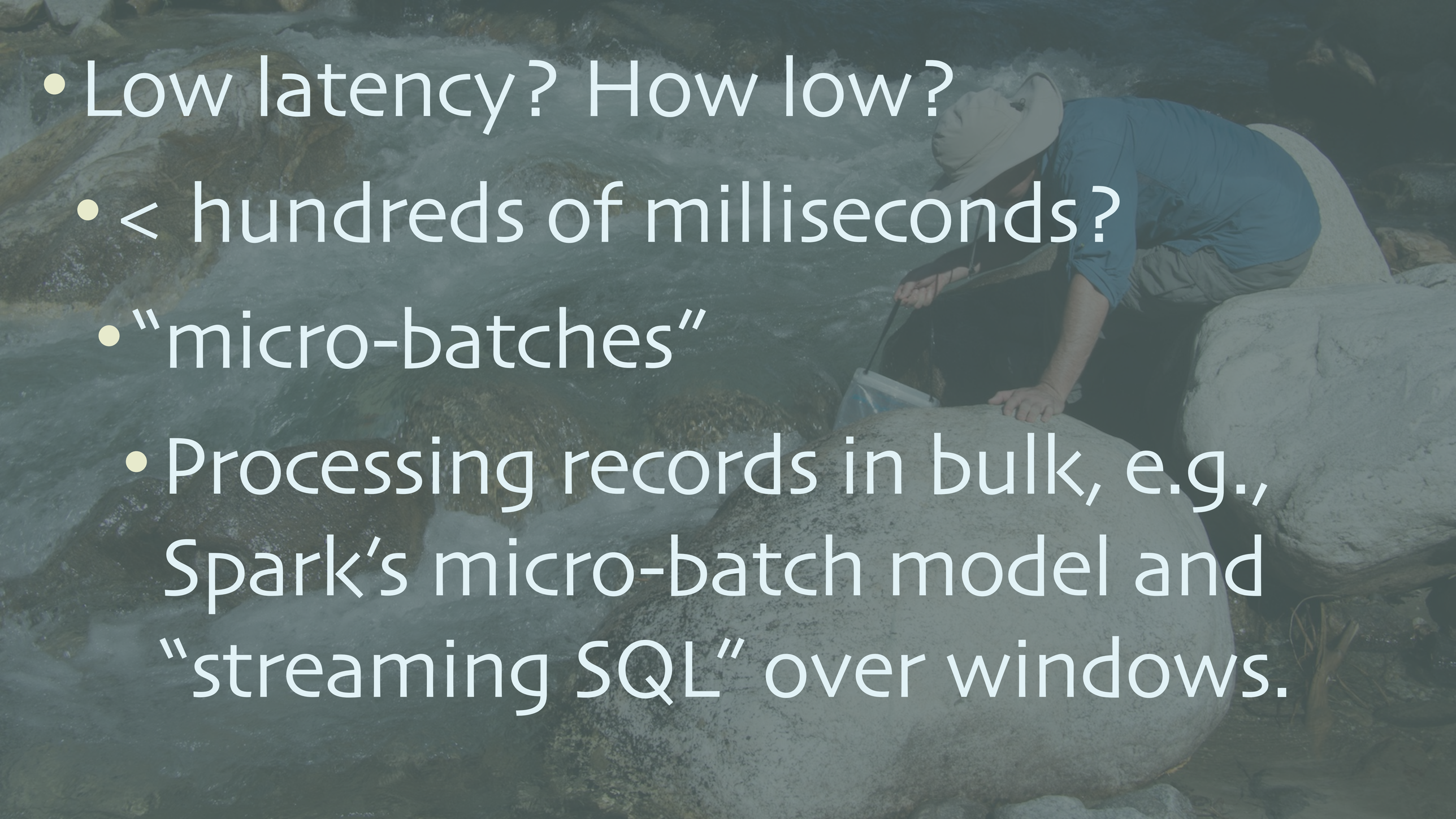

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  - < hundreds of milliseconds?
    - "micro-batches"
      - Processing records in bulk, e.g., Spark's micro-batch model and "streaming SQL" over windows.

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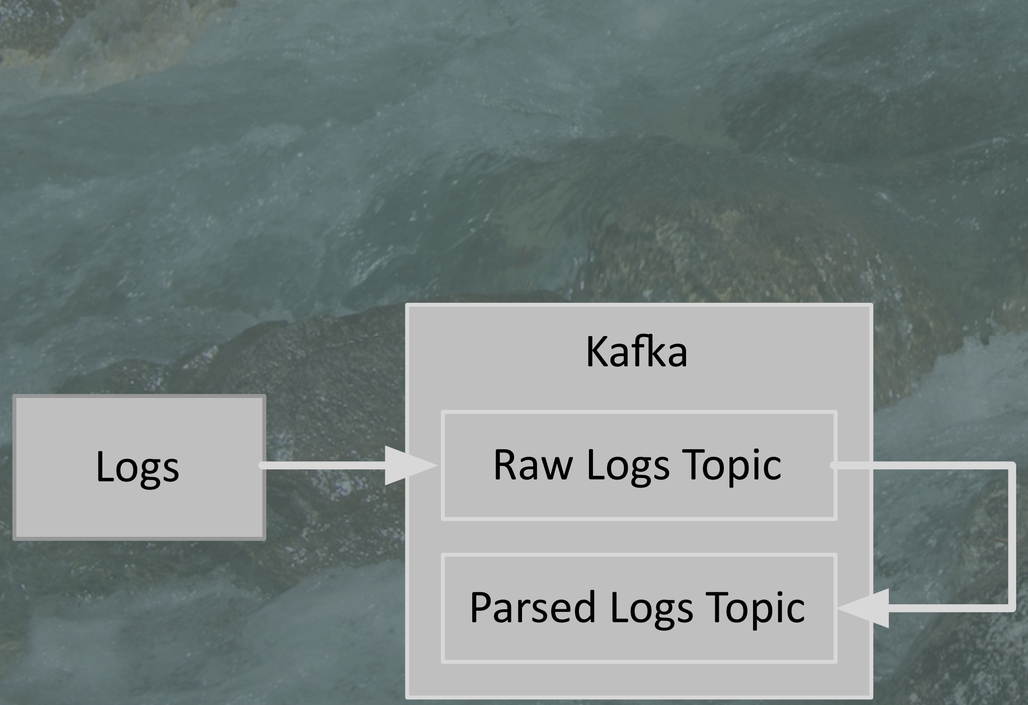
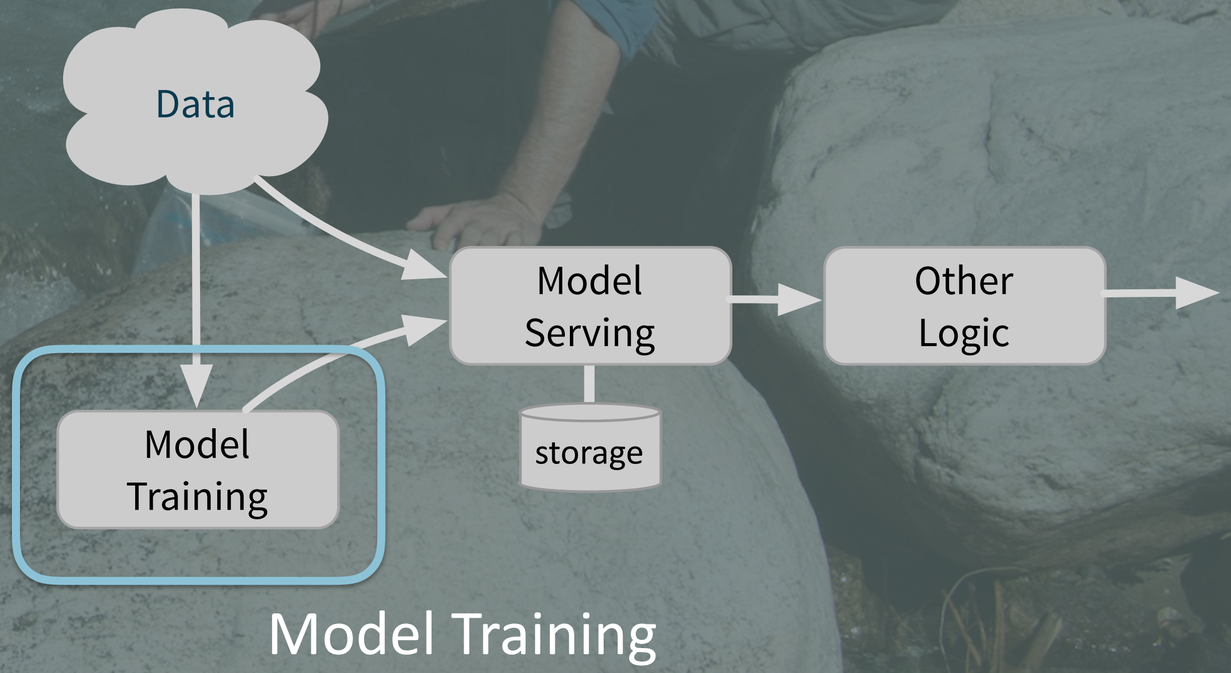
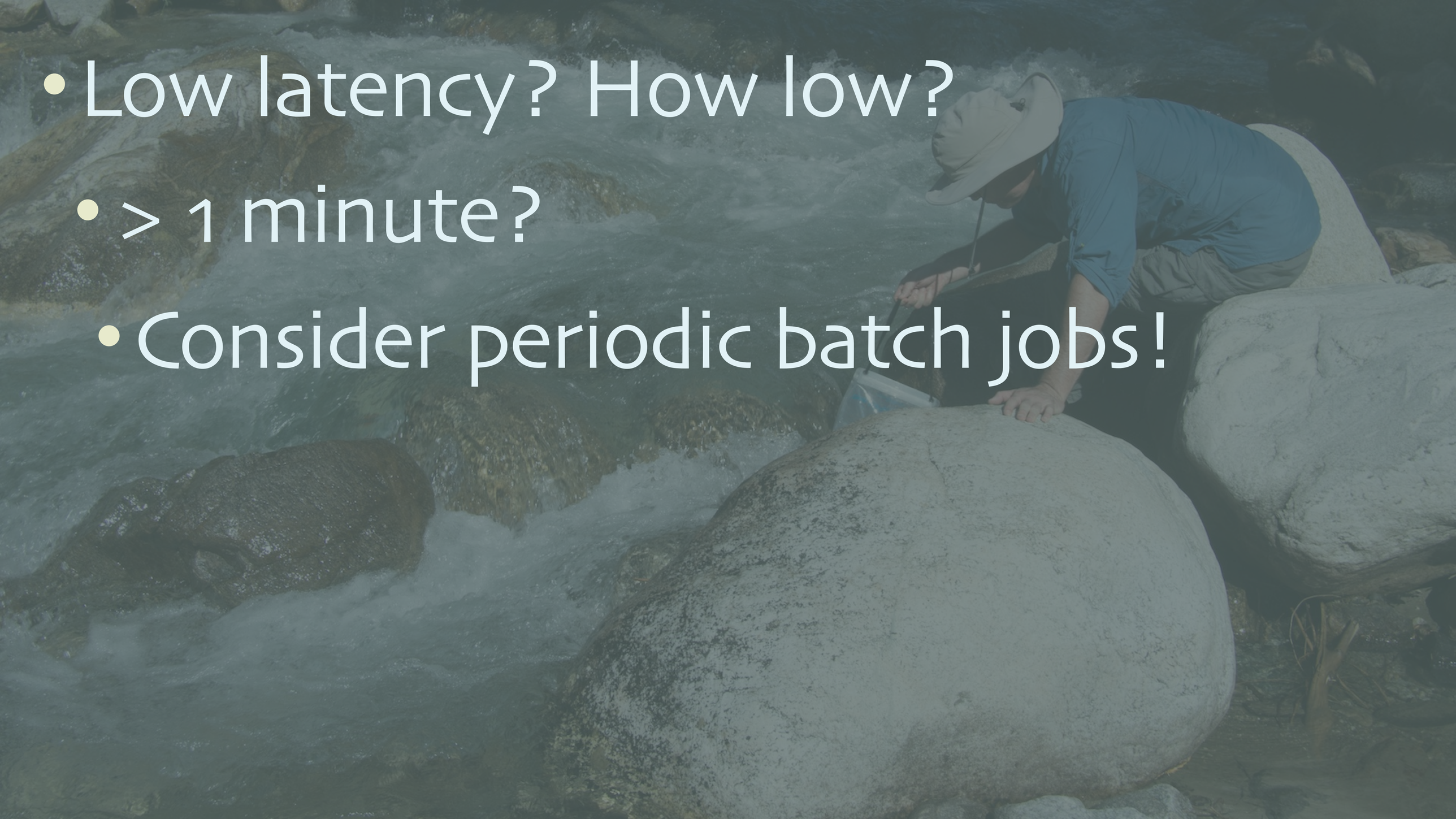
  - < 1 second to minutes?







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    - Consider periodic batch jobs!

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    - REST
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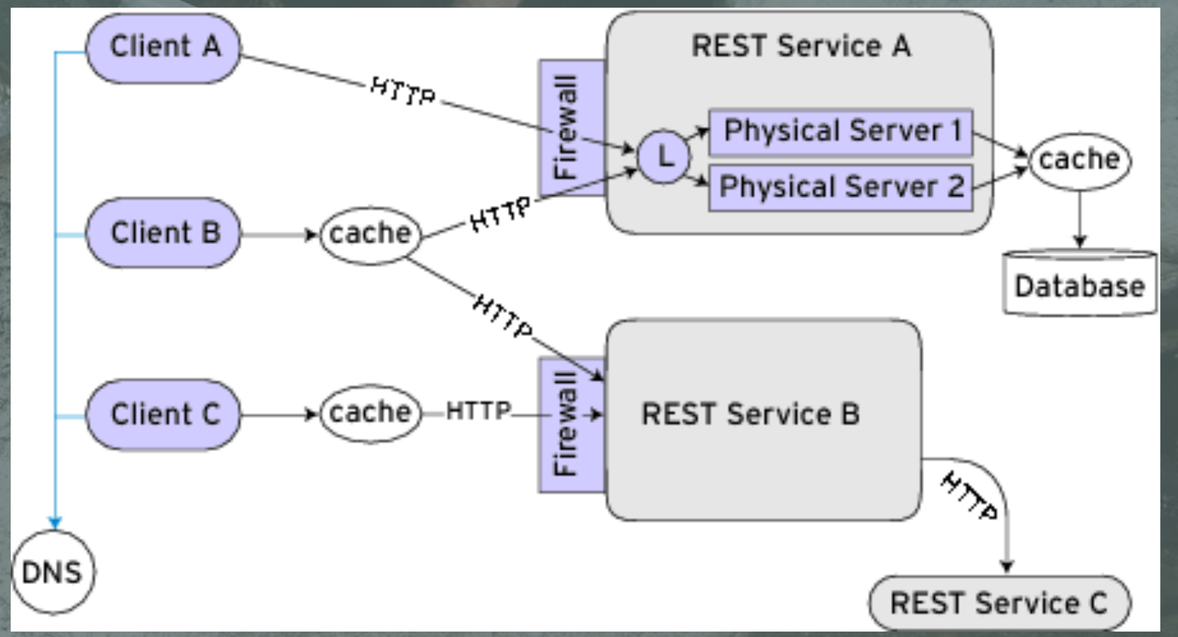

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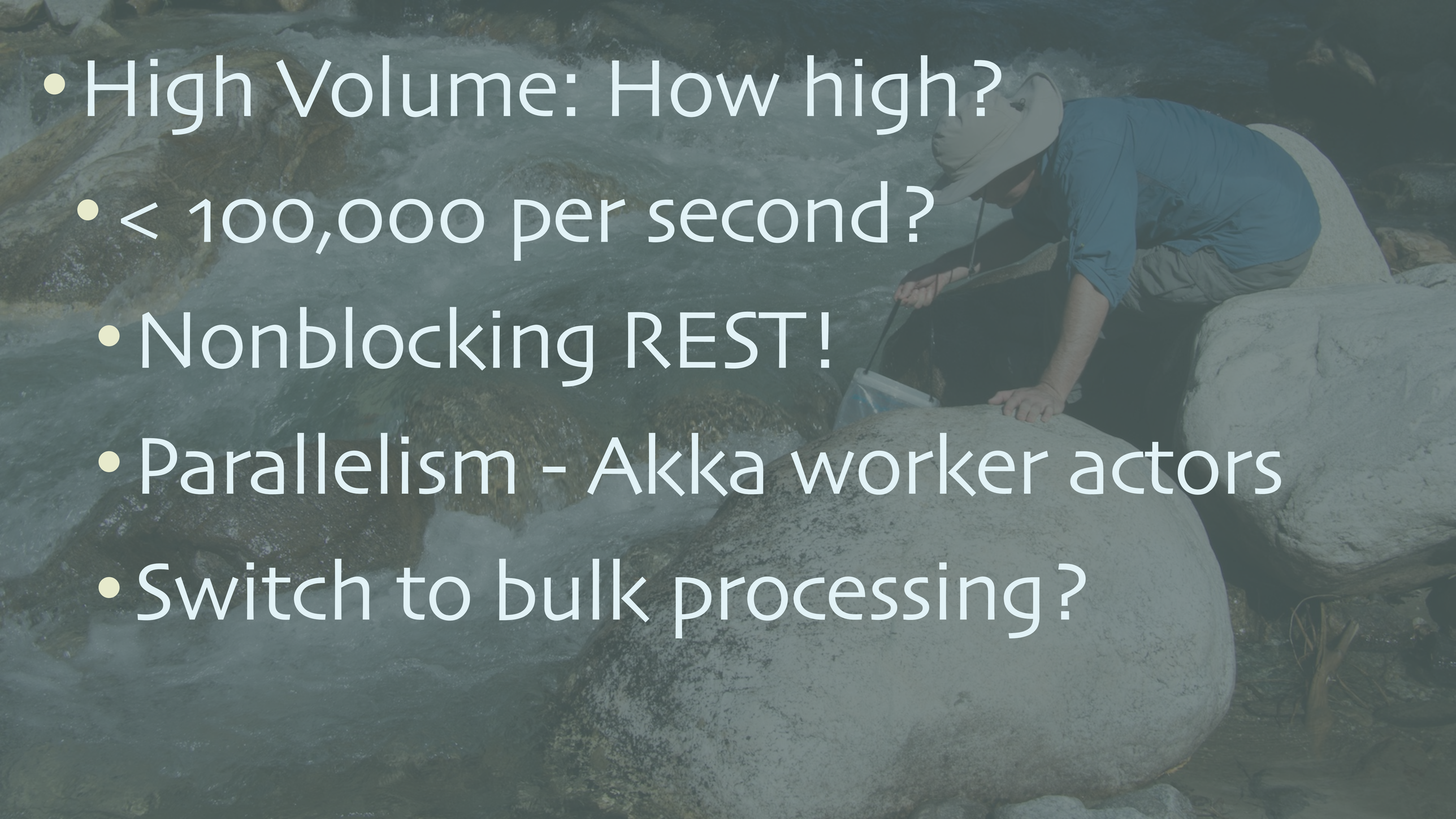

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  - < 100,000 per second?
    - Nonblocking REST!
    - Parallelism - Akka worker actors
    - Switch to bulk processing?

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  - 1,000,000s per second?
    - Flink or Spark Streaming
    - Process in bulk

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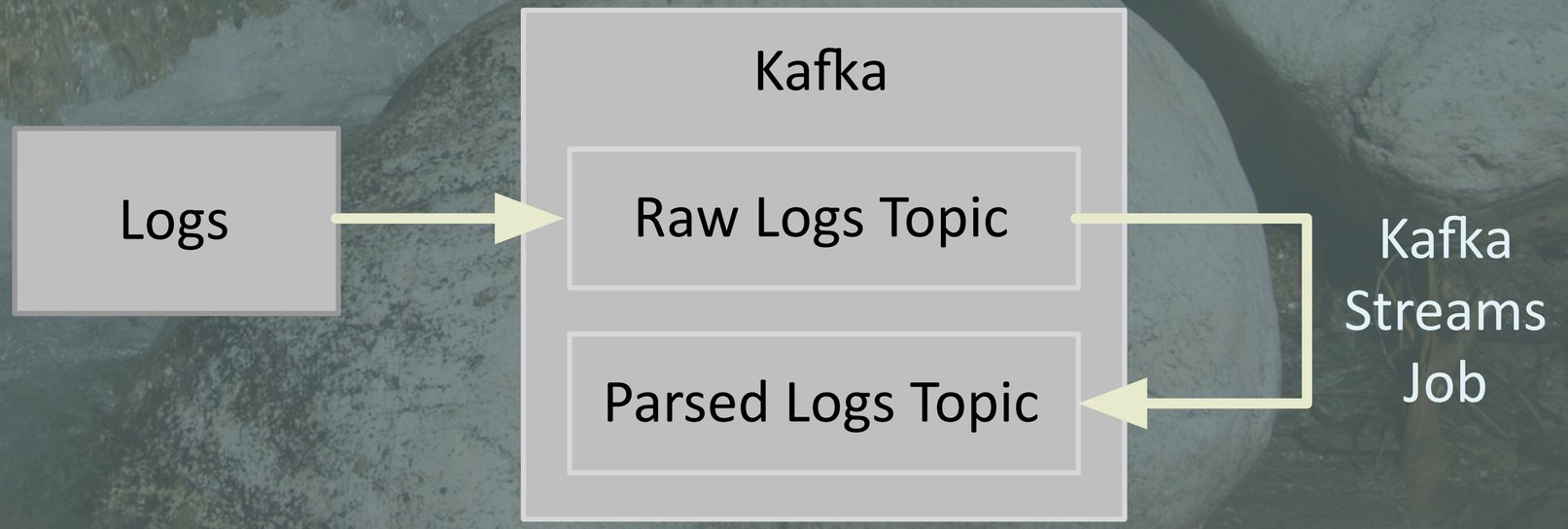
  - Extract, transform, and load (ETL)?



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- "Dataflow" pipelines

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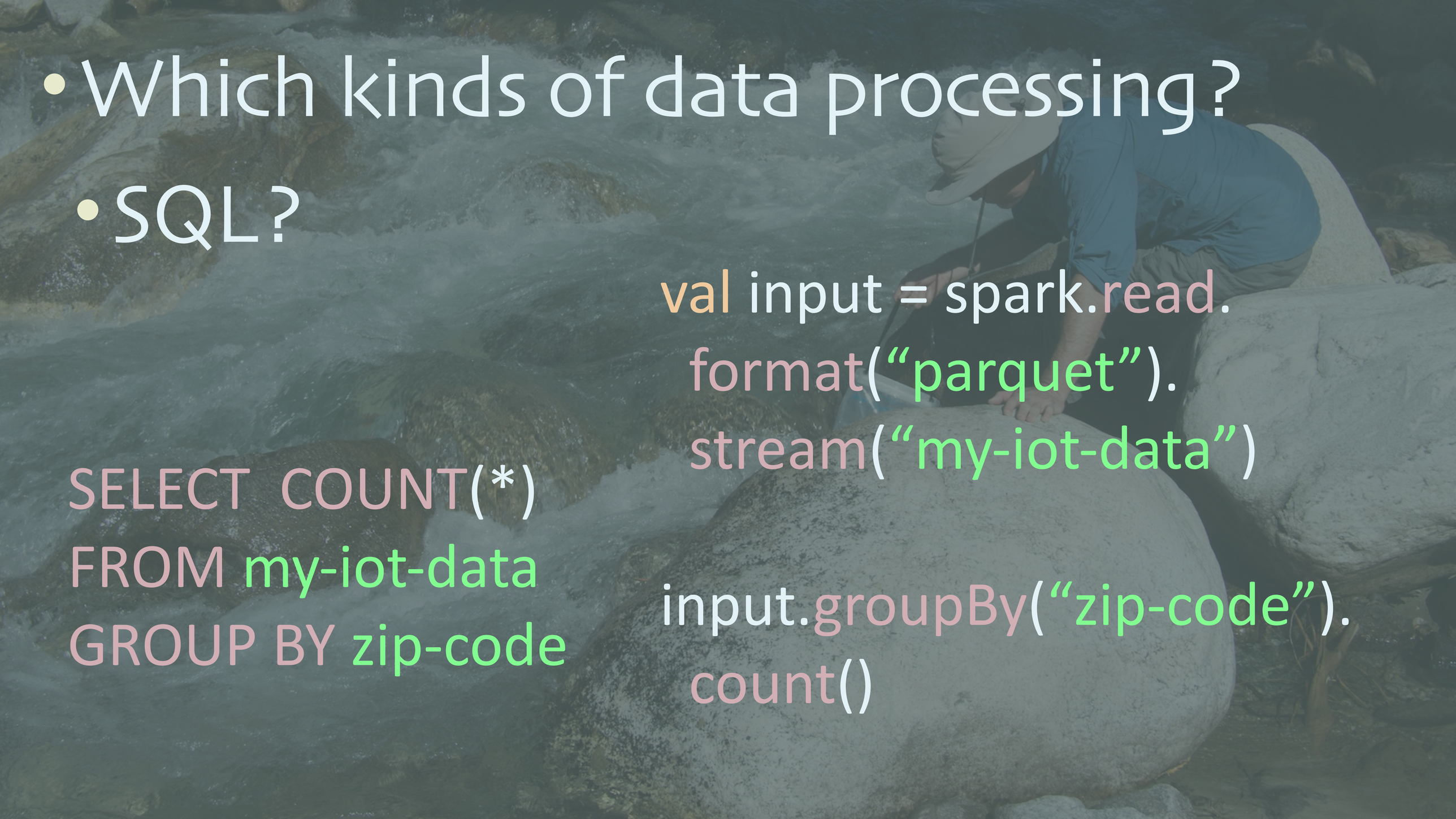
val sc = new SparkContext("local[*]", "Inverted Idx")
sc.textFile("data/crawl")
  .map { line => val Array(path, text) = line.split("\t",2);
(path, text)
  } flatMap {
   case (path, text) => text.split("""\W+""").map((_, path))
  } map {
   case (w, p) => ((w, p), 1)
  } reduceByKey {
   case (n1, n2) => n1 + n2
```



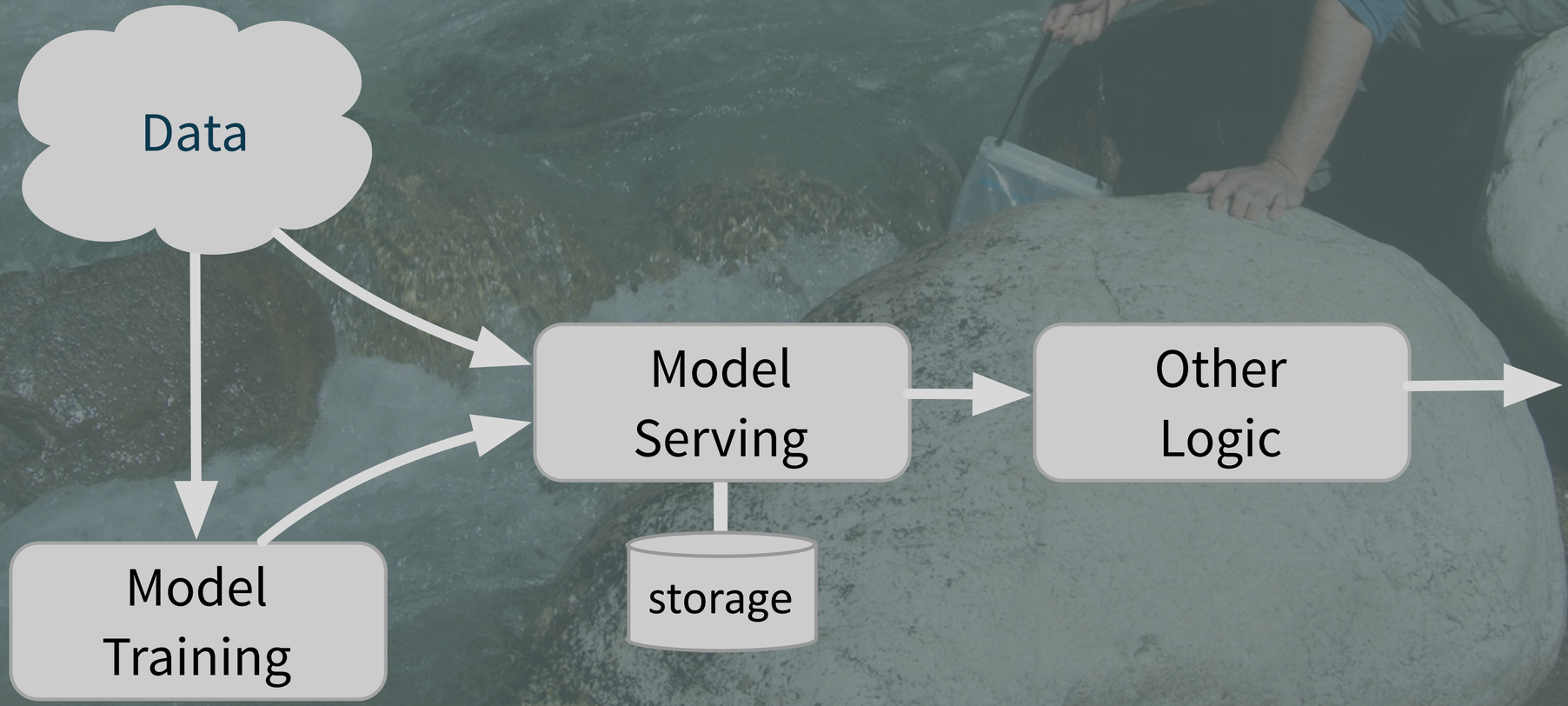
- Which kinds of data processing?
  - SQL?

```
SELECT  COUNT(*)
FROM my-iot-data
GROUP BY zip-code
```

```
val input = spark.read.
  format(“parquet”).
  stream(“my-iot-data”)

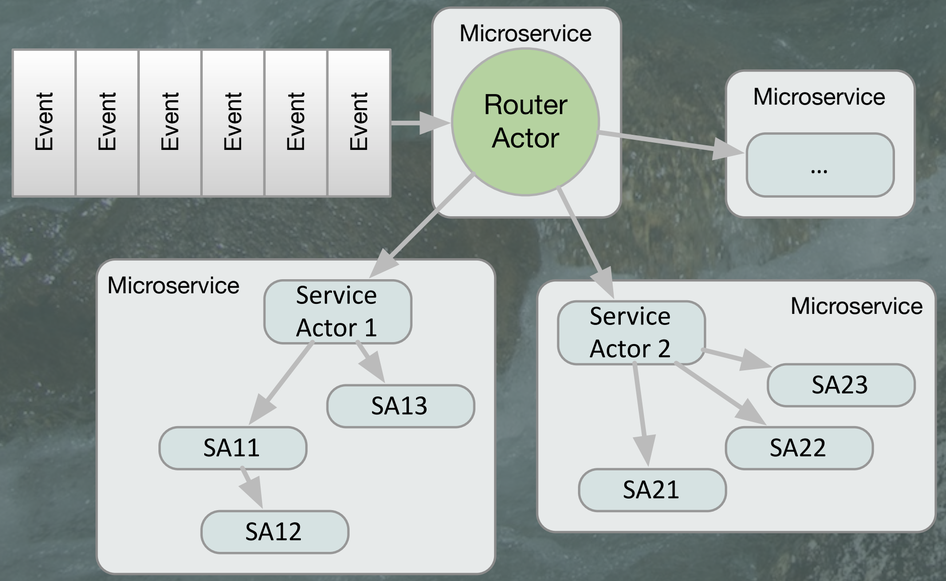
input.groupBy(“zip-code”).
  count()
```

- Which kinds of data processing?
- Train and serve ML models?



• Process data individually or in bulk?

Event-driven µ-services



"Record-centric" µ-services

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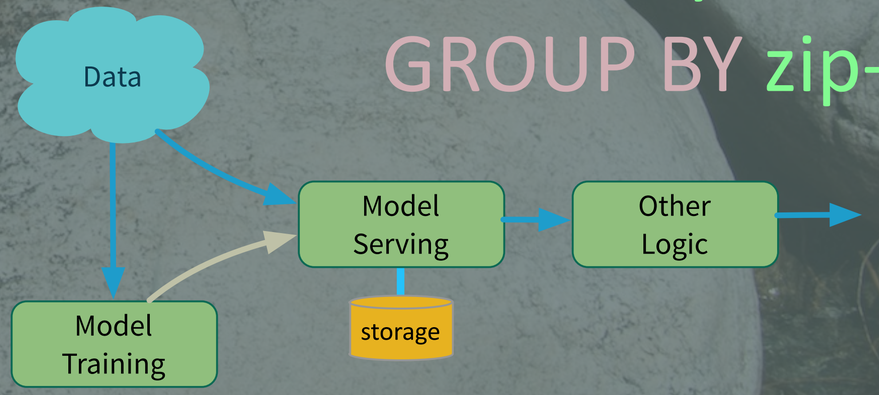
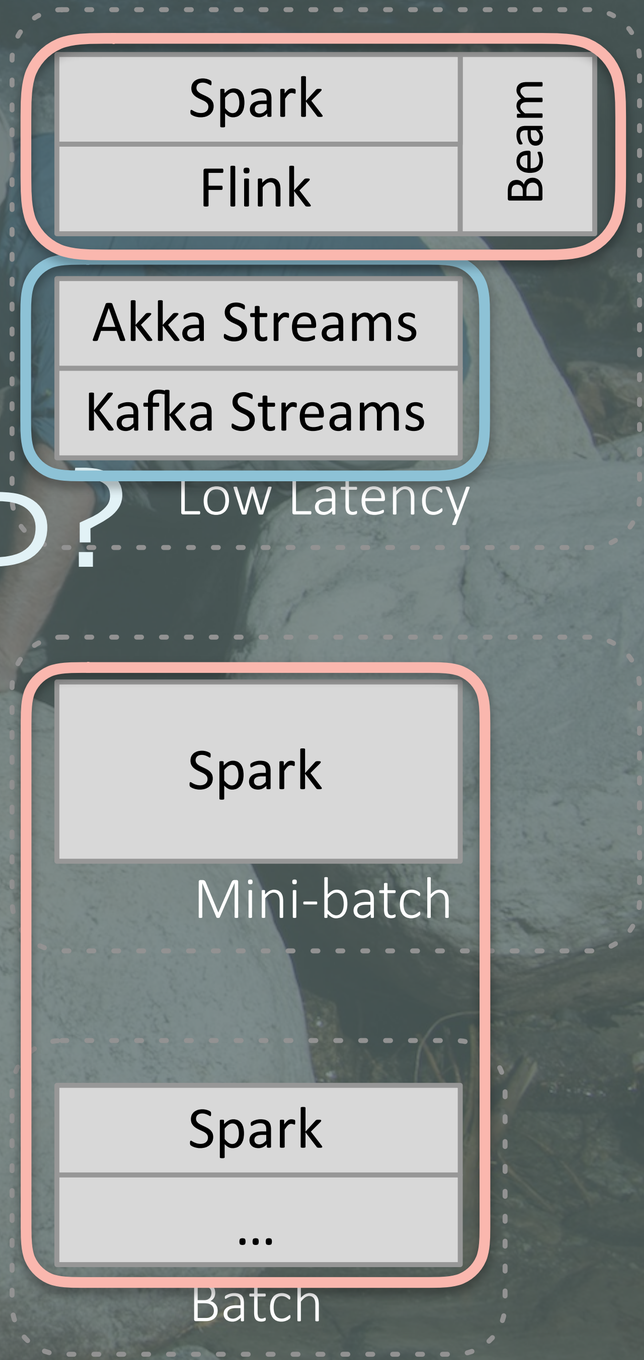


Events

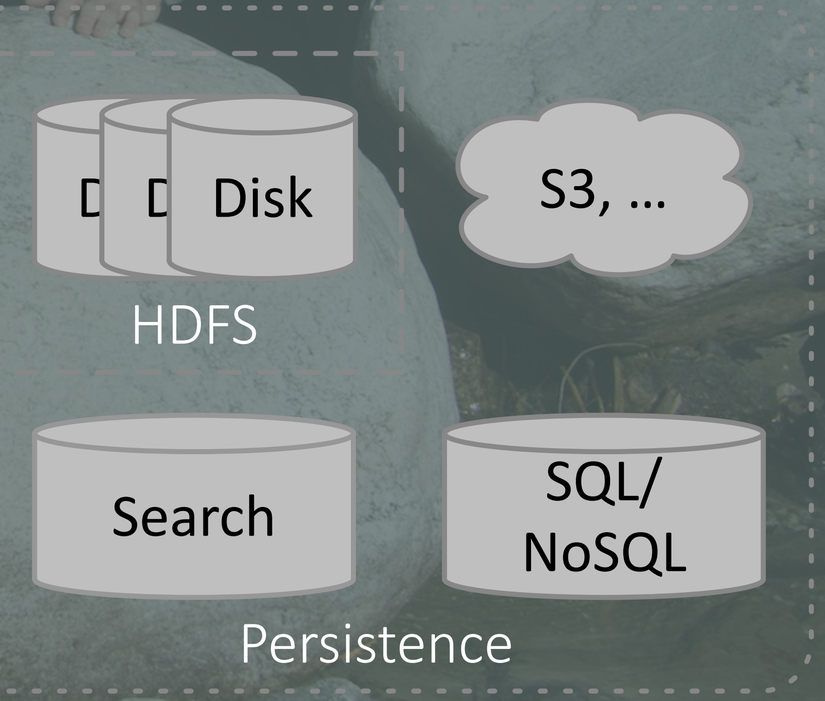
Records

- Preferred application architecture?
- Streaming library in an app?
- or, distributed services running your job?

Already have a microservices-based, DevOps CI/CD workflow? Stream processing with microservices may fit better into your environment!



- Integration with other tools.
  - Akka, Flink, & Spark integrate with Databases, Kafka, file systems, REST, …
  - Kafka Streams only read & write Kafka topics.




Best of Breed
Streaming
Engines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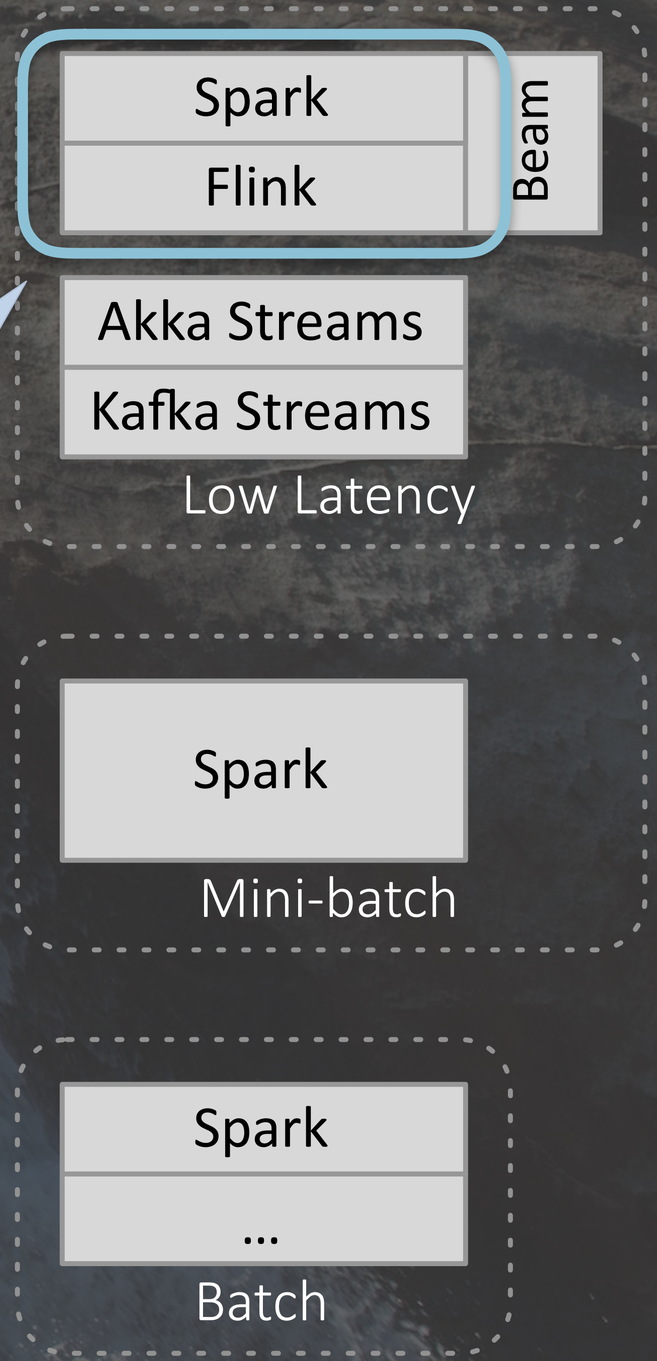
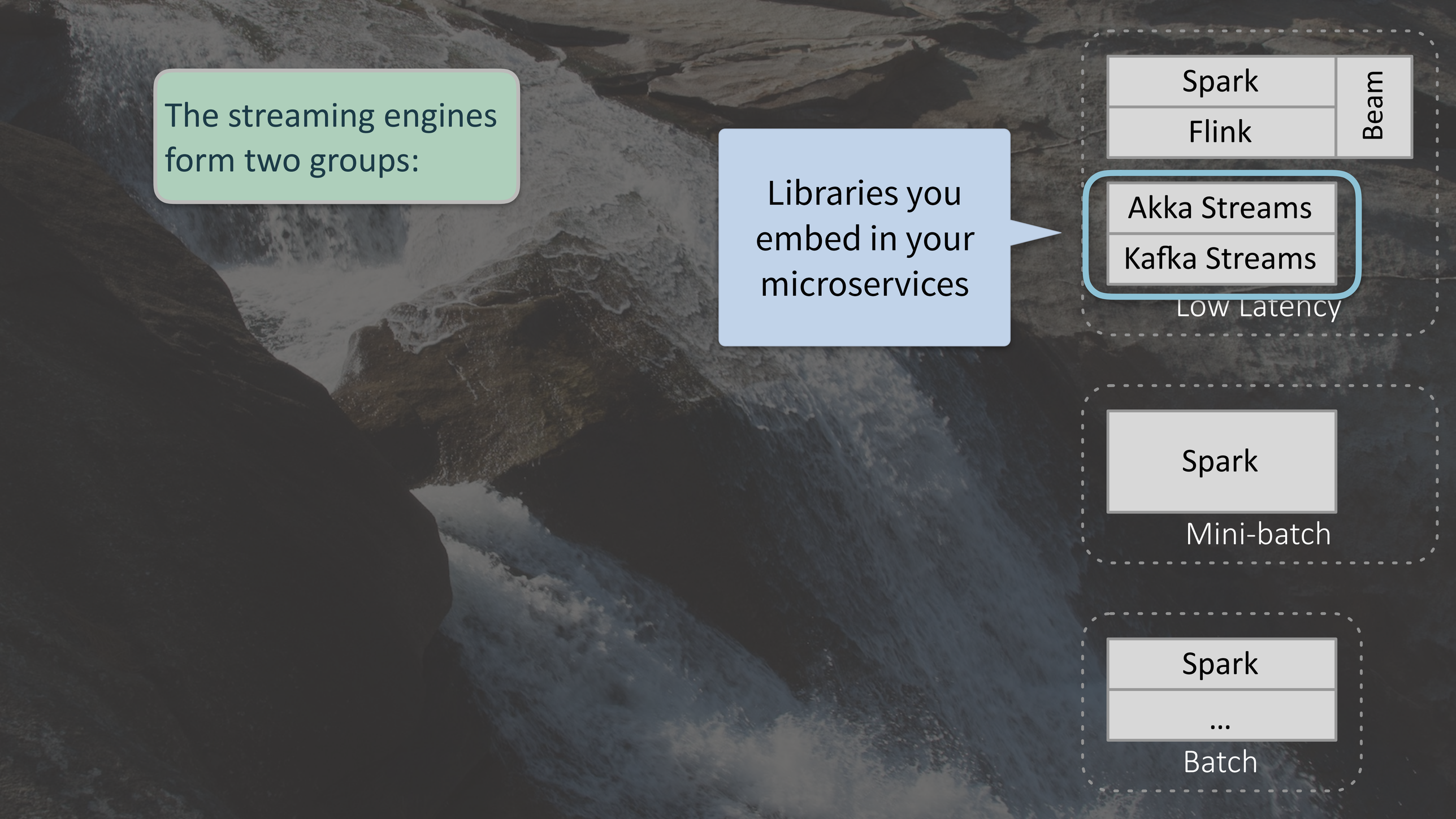
Batch

The streaming engines form two groups:

Run as distributed services

You submit jobs, they are partitioned into tasks

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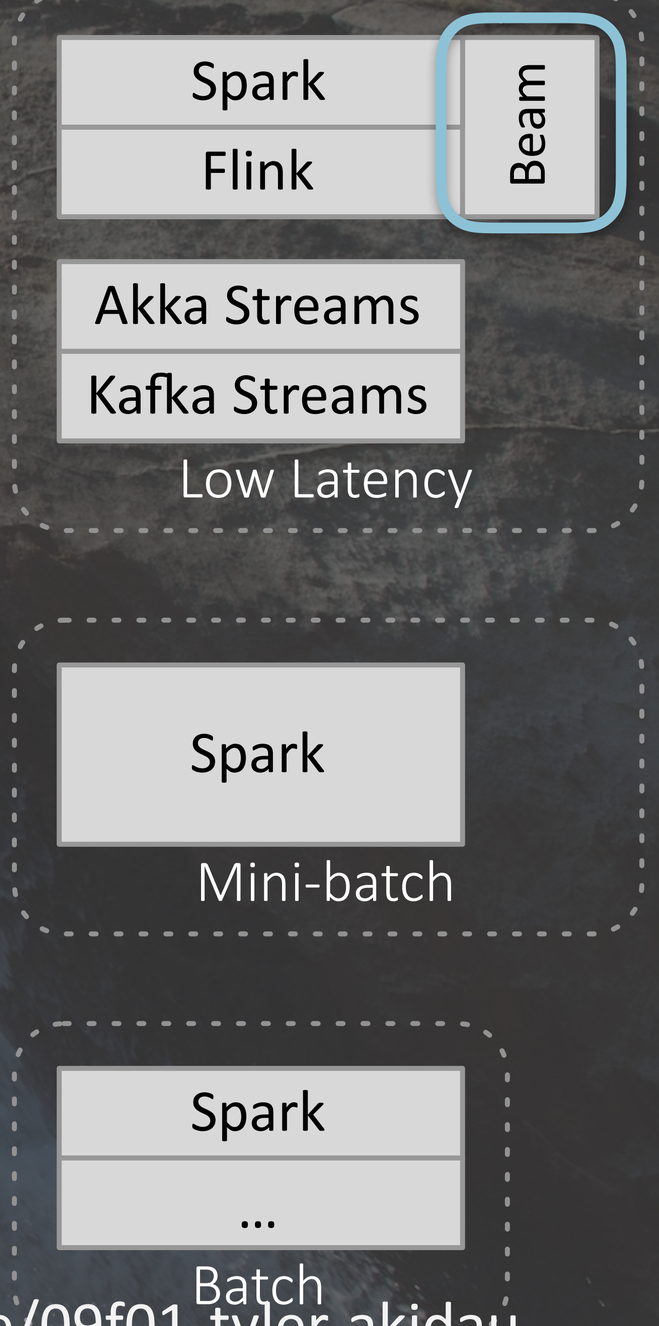
- Apache Beam
  - (Google Dataflow)
  - Requires a "runner"
  - Most sophisticated streaming semantics



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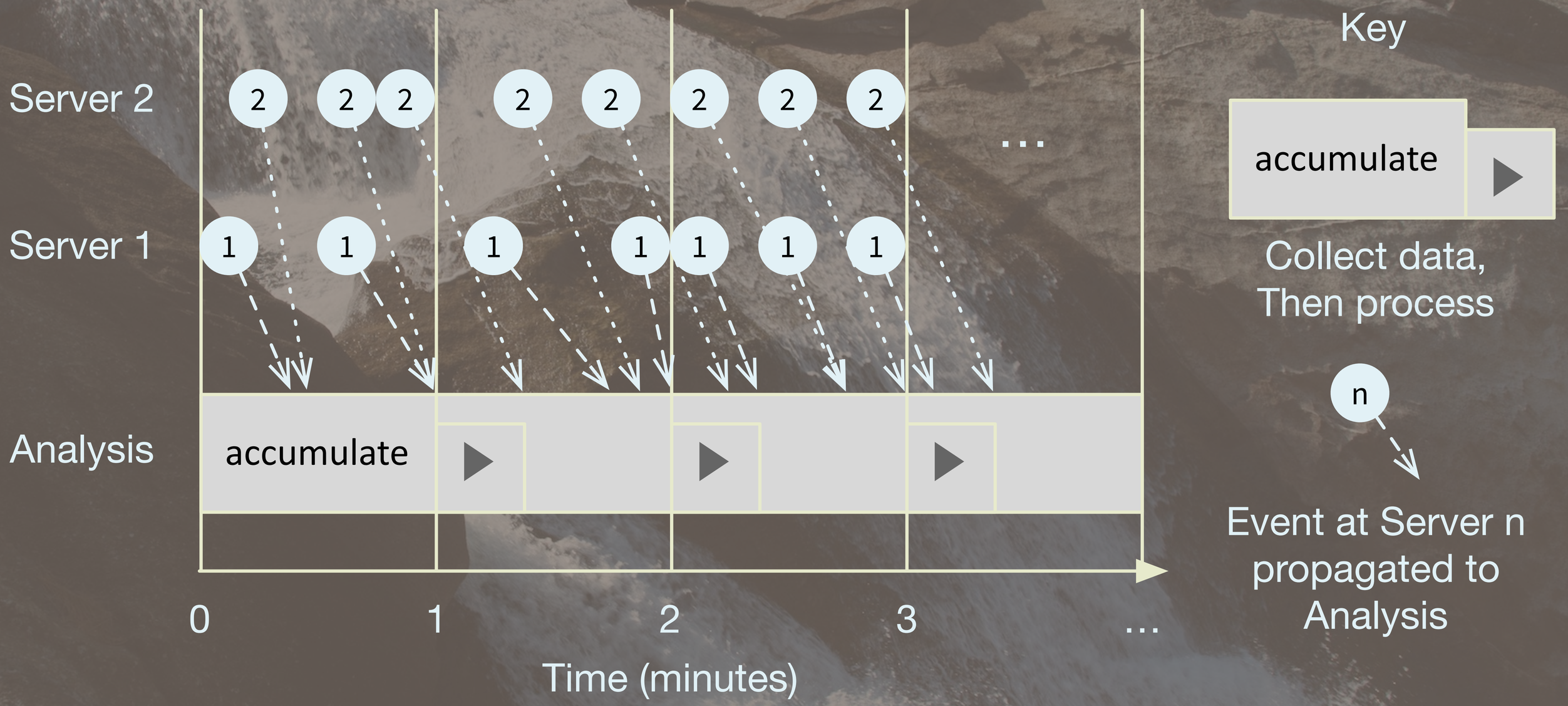
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Key
accumulate
Collect data,
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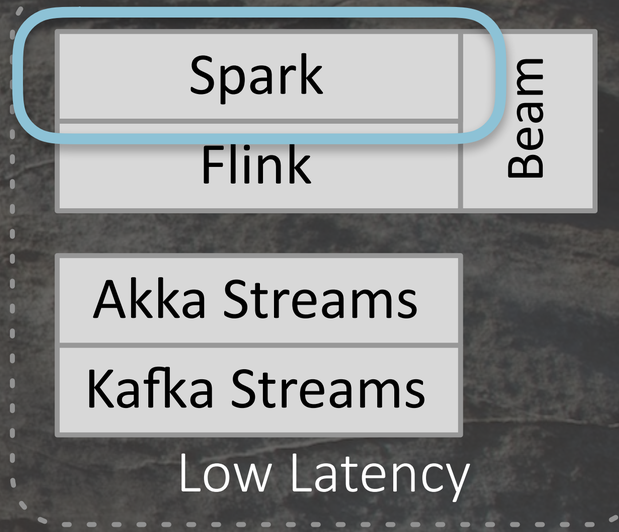
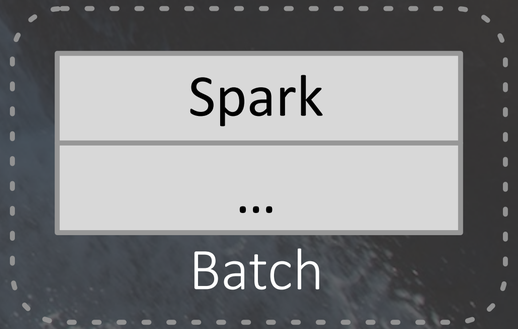
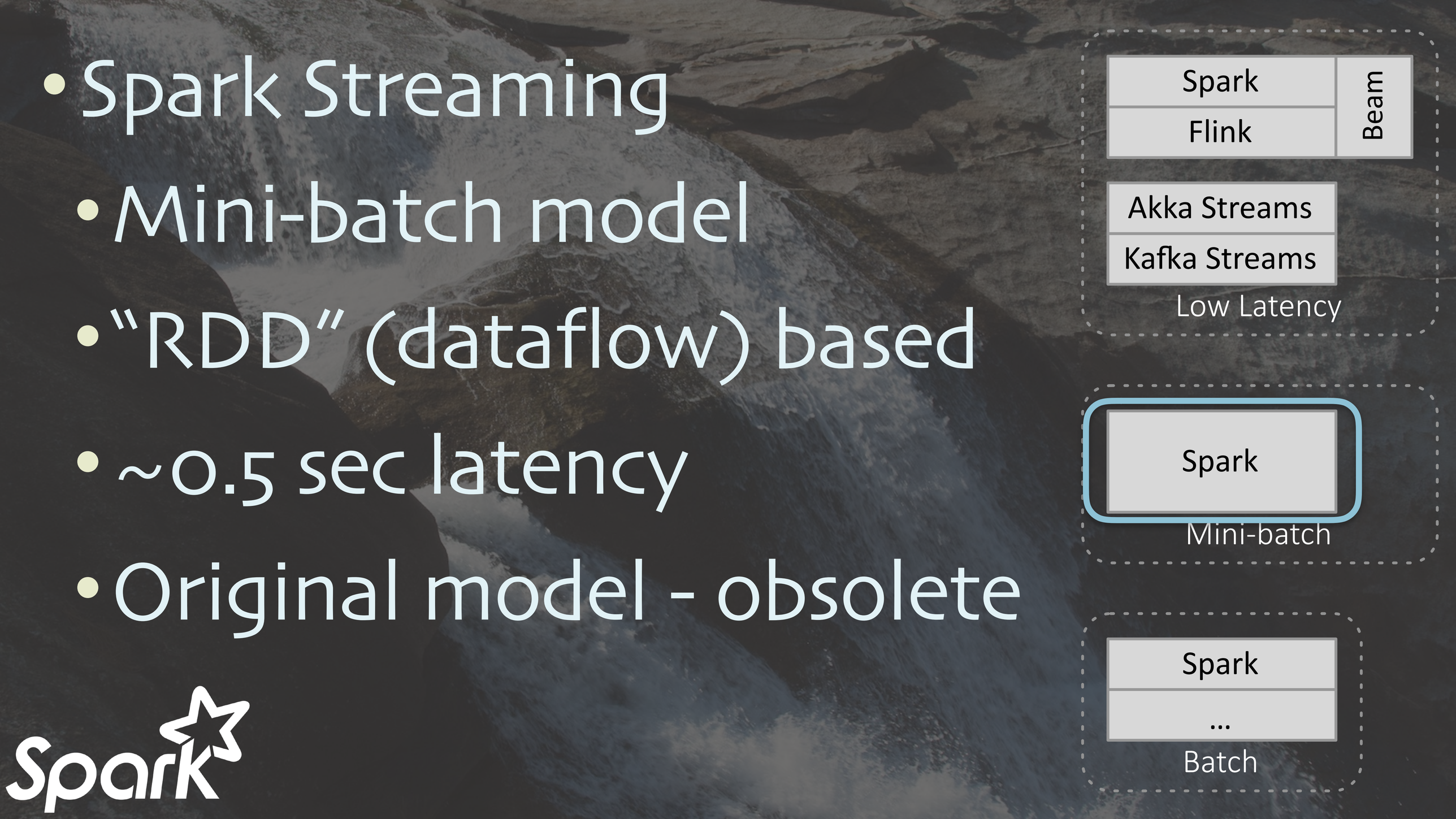
Analysis

- Spark Structured Streaming
  - "Dataset" - SQL
  - Millisecond latency
  - Ideal for Rich SQL, ML.

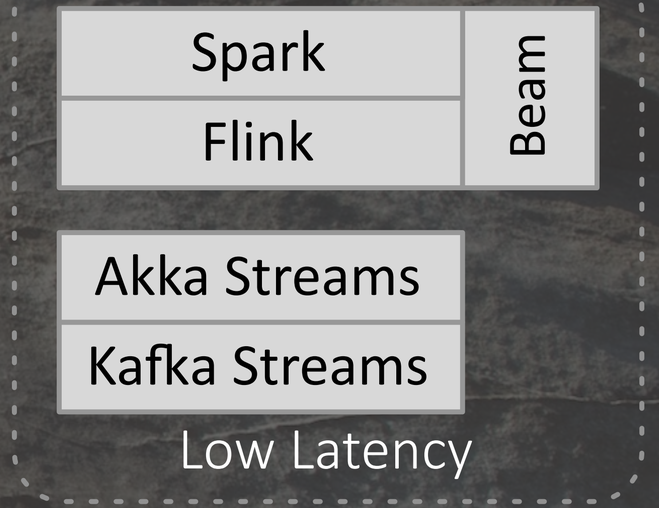


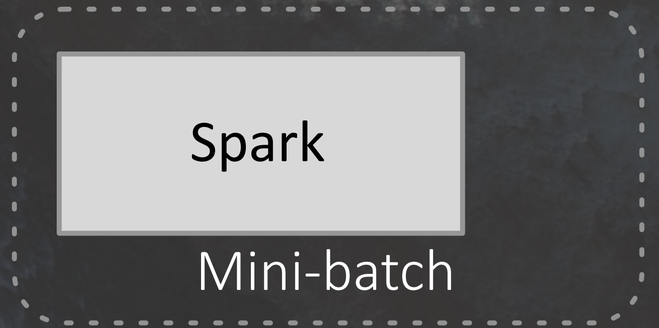


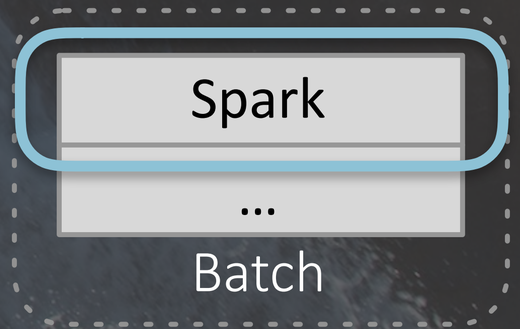
- Spark Streaming
  - Mini-batch model
  - "RDD" (dataflow) based
  - ~0.5 sec latency
  - Original model - obsolete



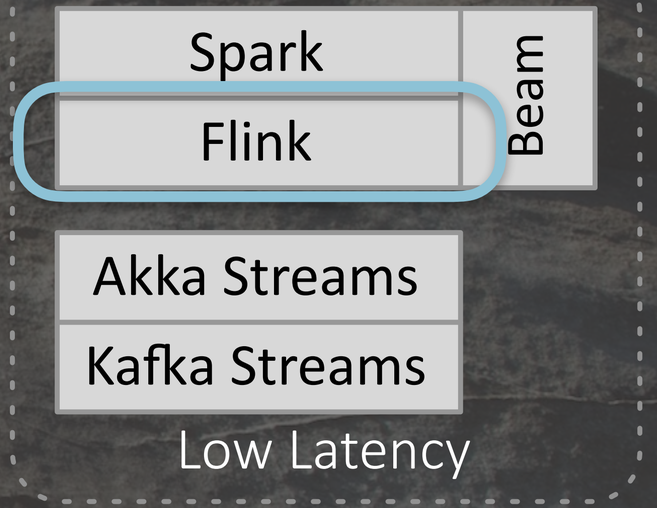
- Spark Batch
  - Same Dataset and RDD features as streaming.
  - Massive scalability
  - Excellent performance

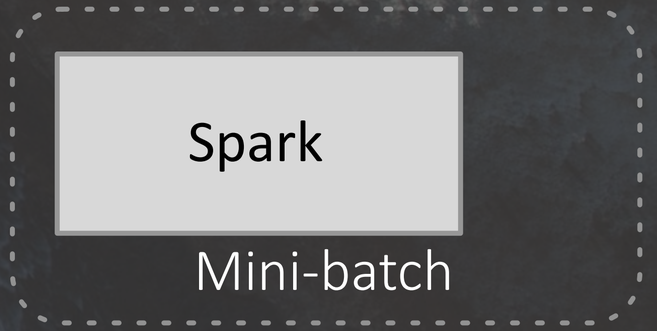


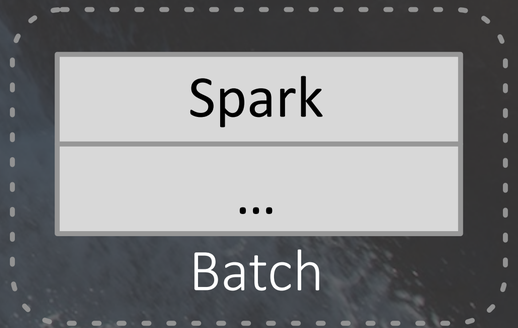




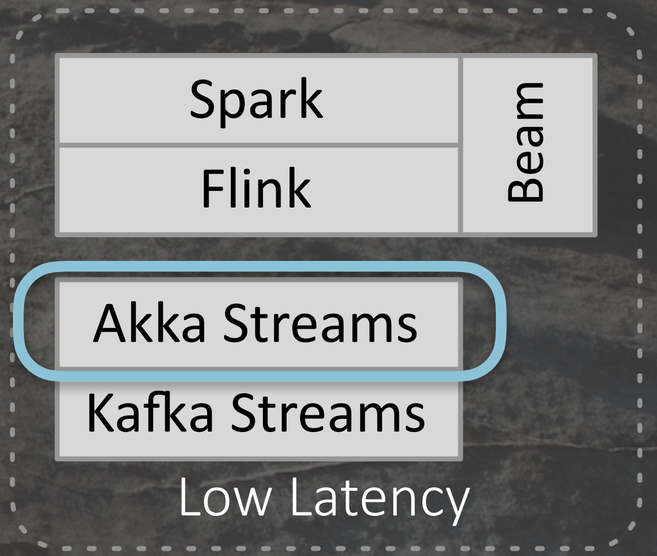
- Apache Flink
  - High volume, low latency
  - Sophisticated streaming (Beam) semantics
  - SQL, evolving ML support

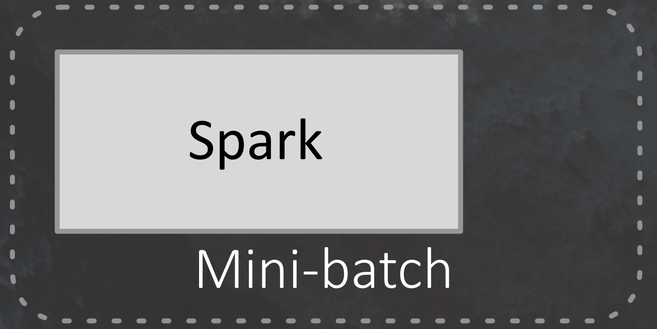


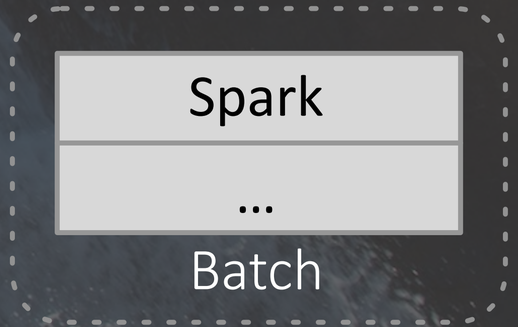




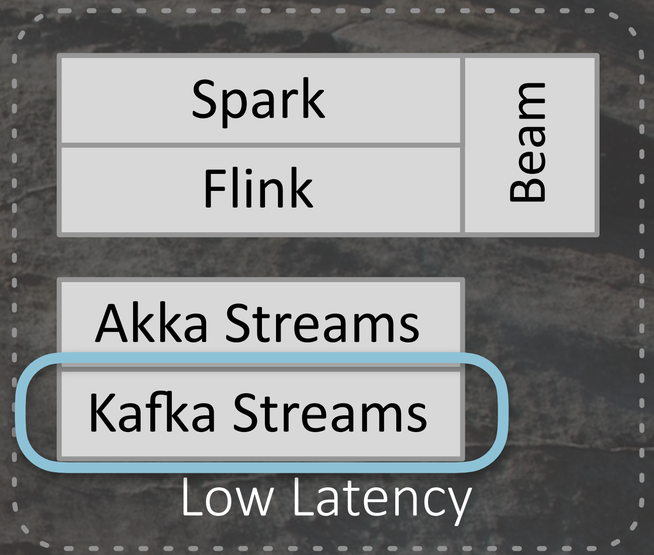
- Akka Streams
  - Low latency
  - Complex Event Processing
    - Efficient, per event
    - Mid-volume pipelines

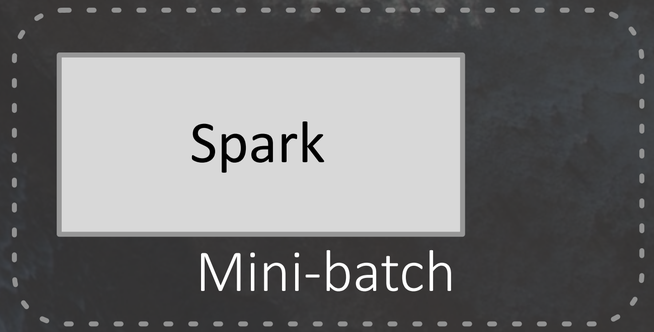


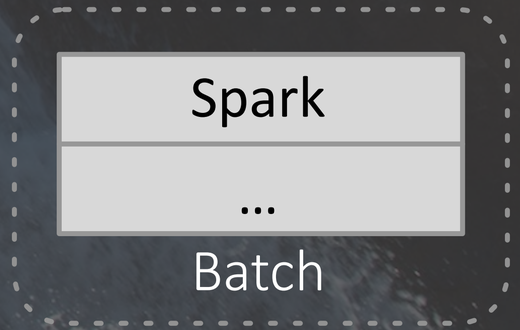




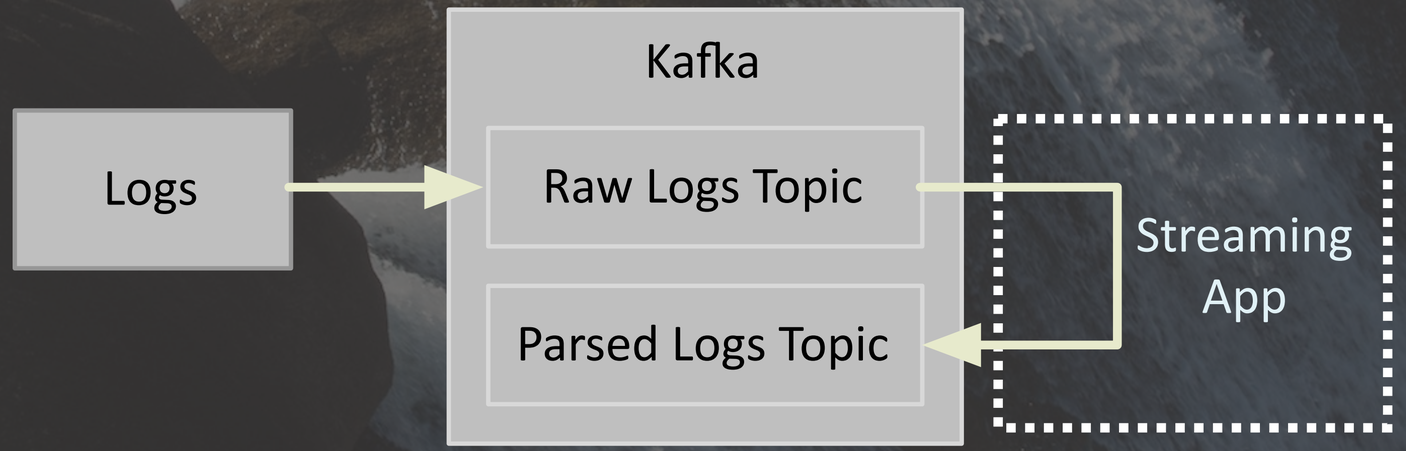
- Kafka Streams
  - Low overhead Kafka topic processing
  - Ideal for ETL and aggregations

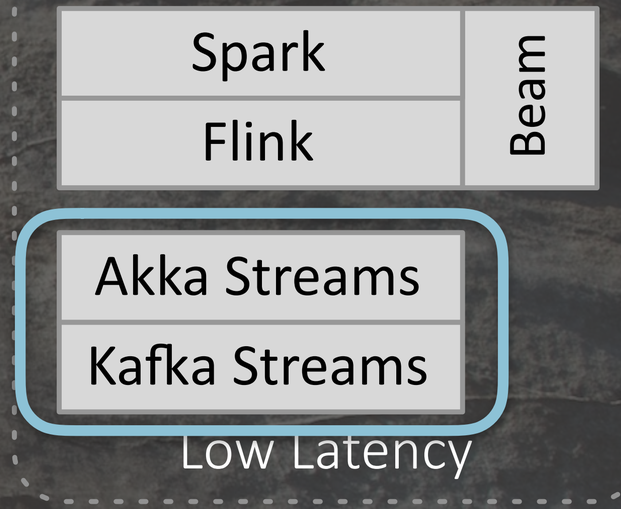


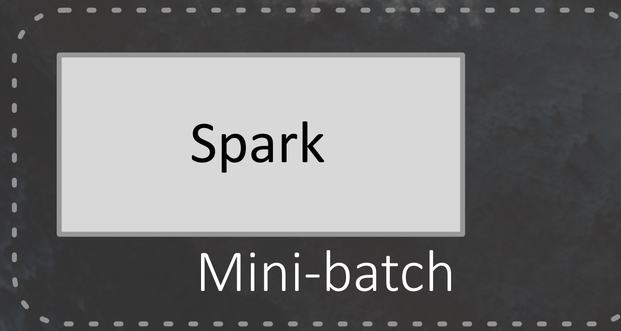


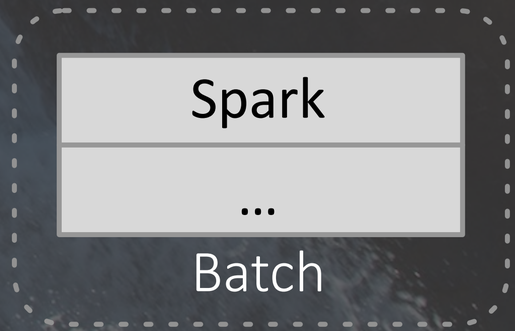


- Akka and Kafka Streams
  - "Exactly once" with transactions





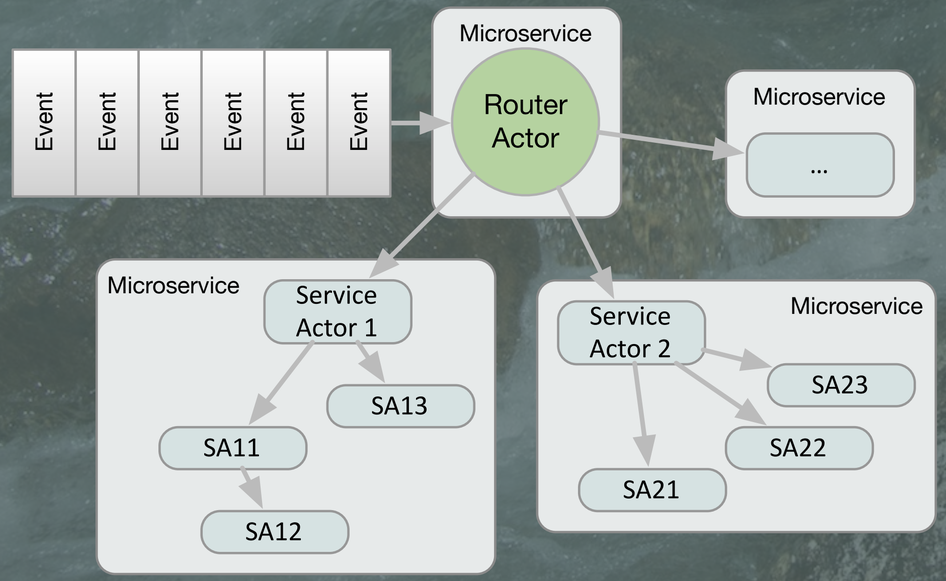




• Process data individually or in bulk?

Each grew out of one end of this spectrum…

Event-driven µ-services



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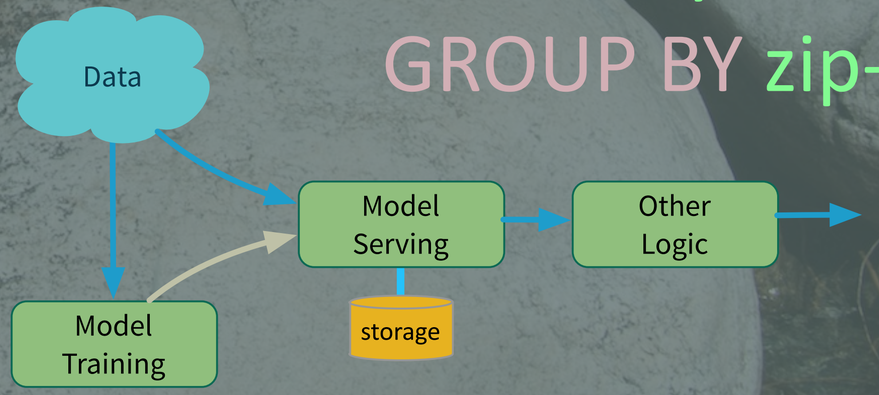

Events

Records

- Akka Streams vs. Kafka Streams talk
  - Also at polyglotprogramming.com/talks/

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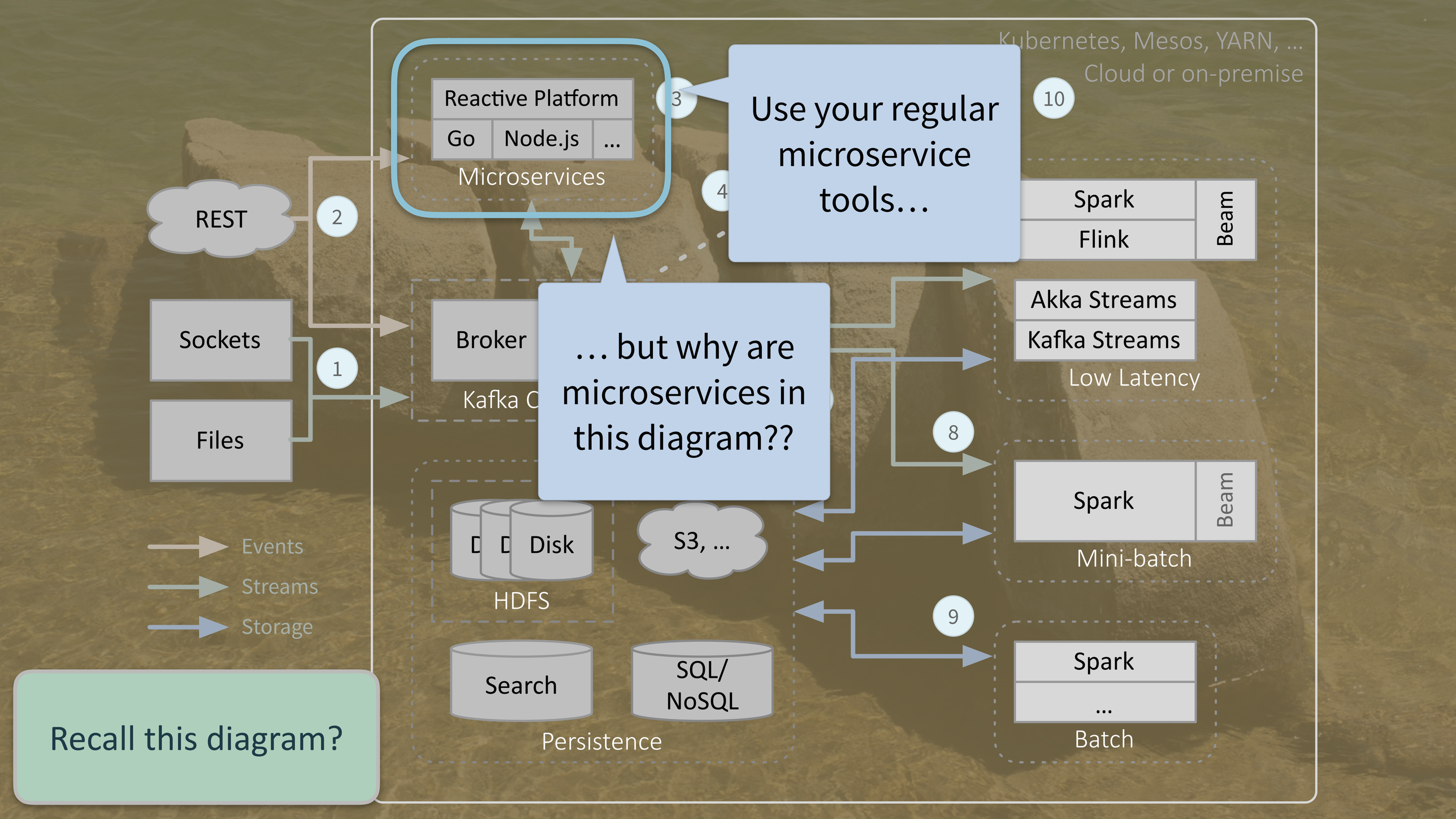
Microservices and Fast Data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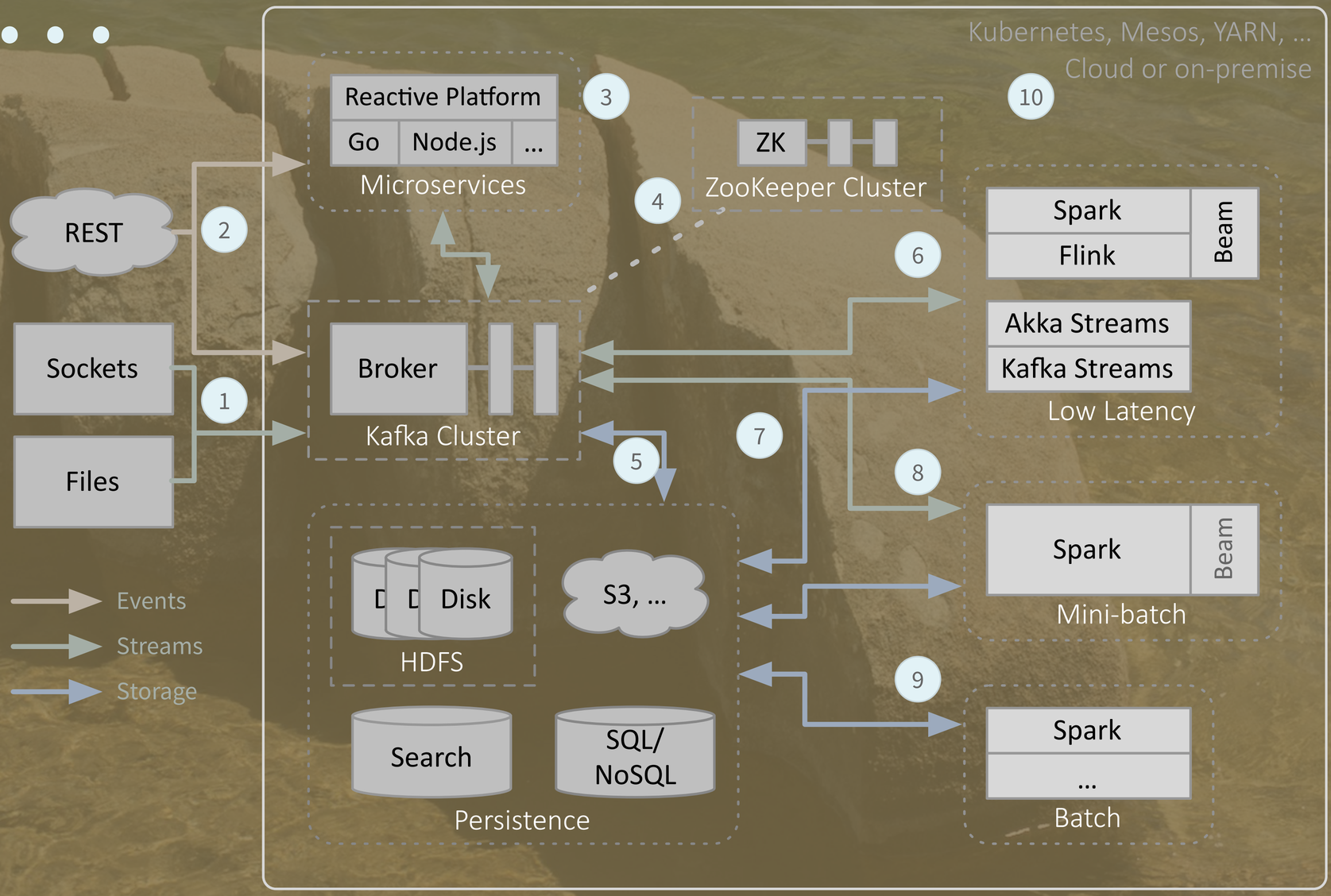
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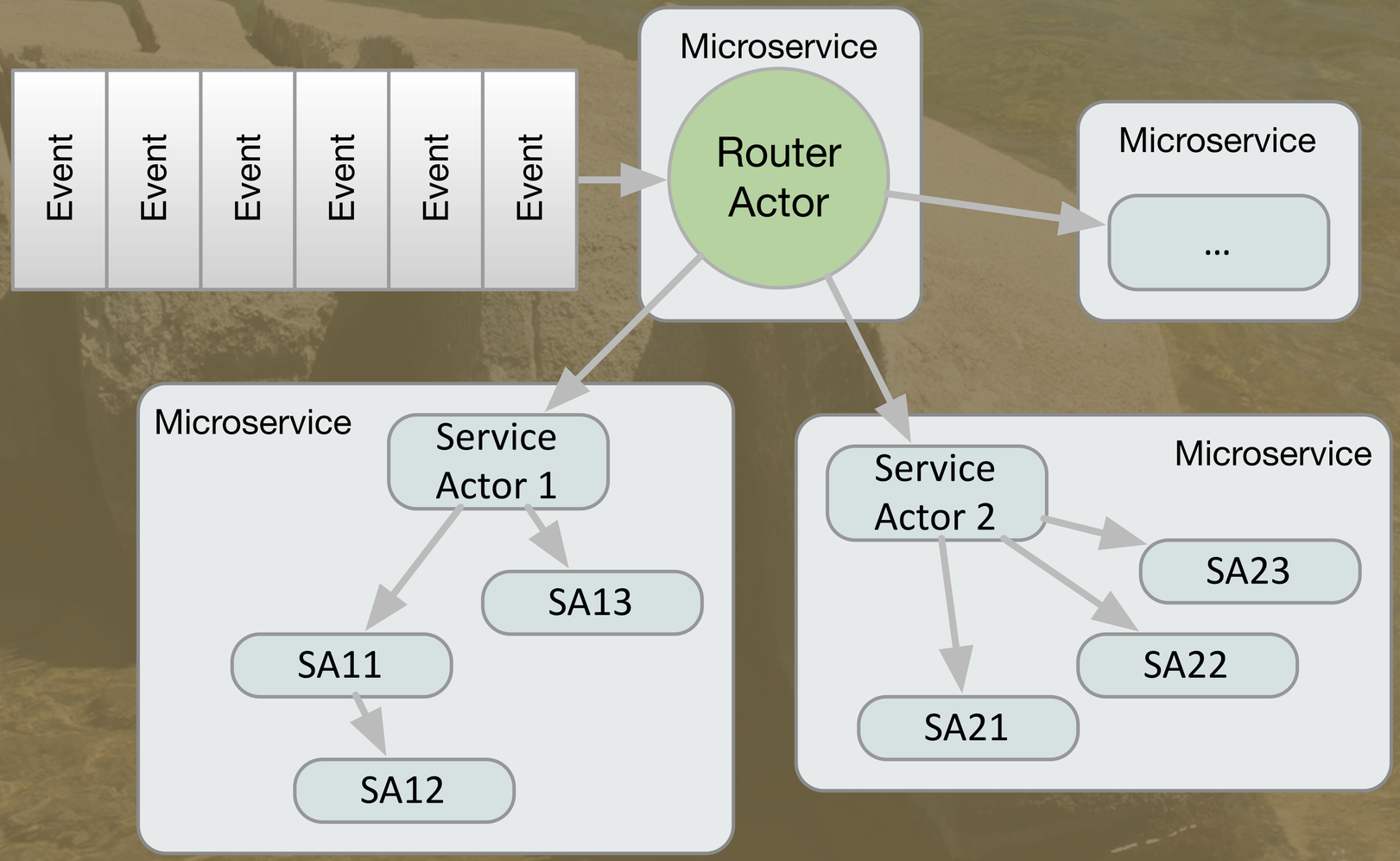
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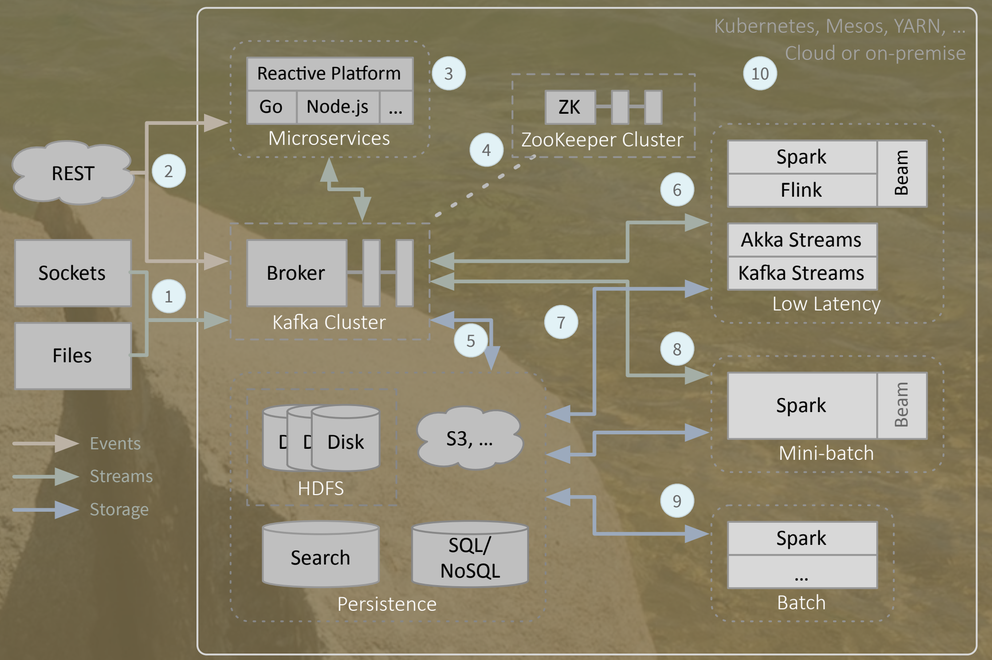
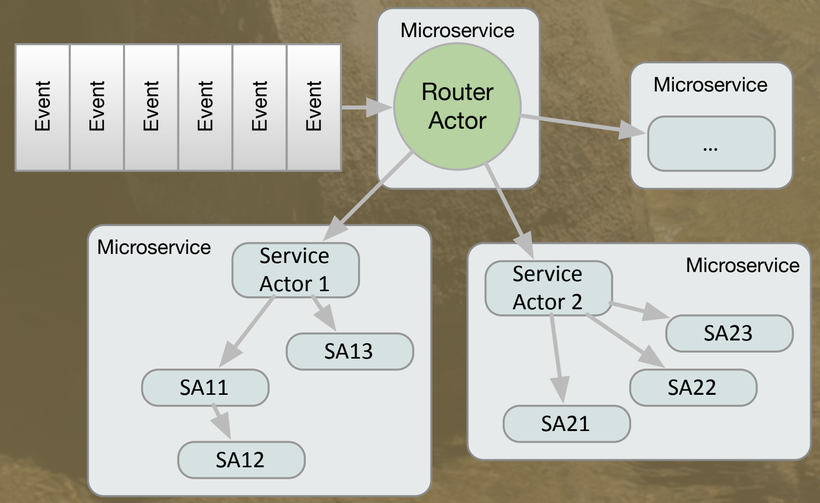
  - …





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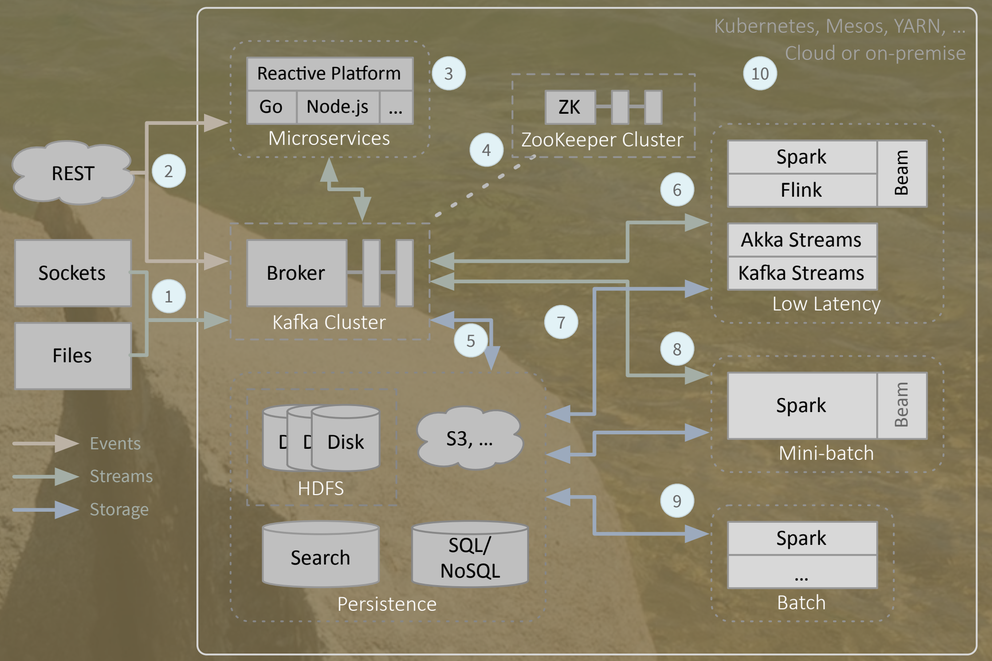

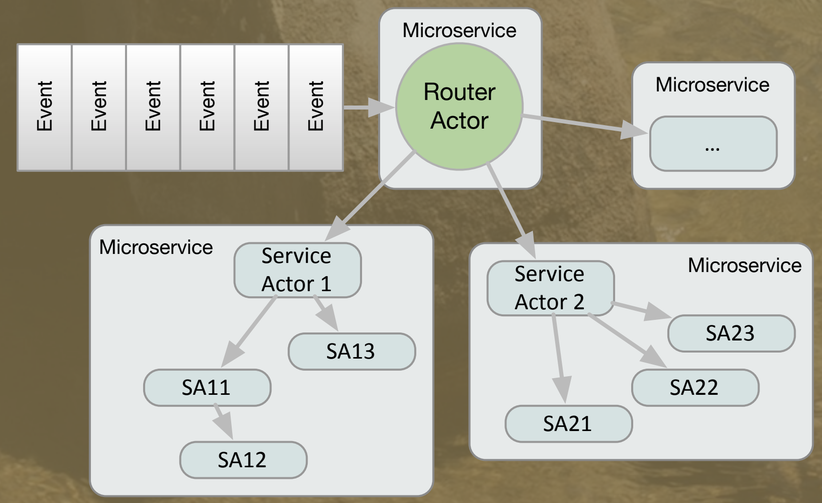

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    - So, both must be available, responsive, resilient, & scalable. I.e., reactive

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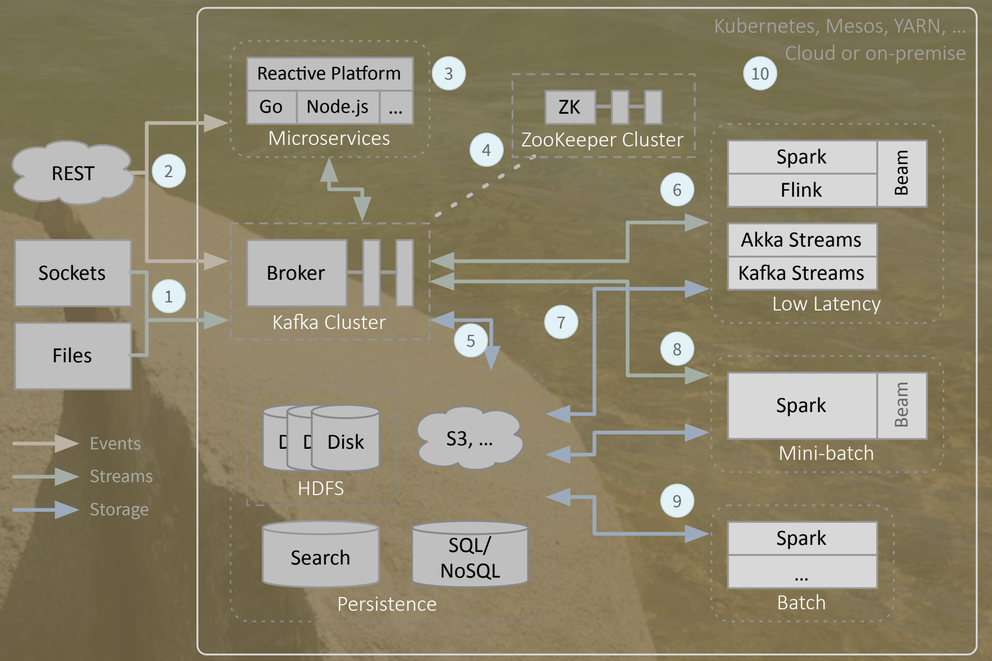
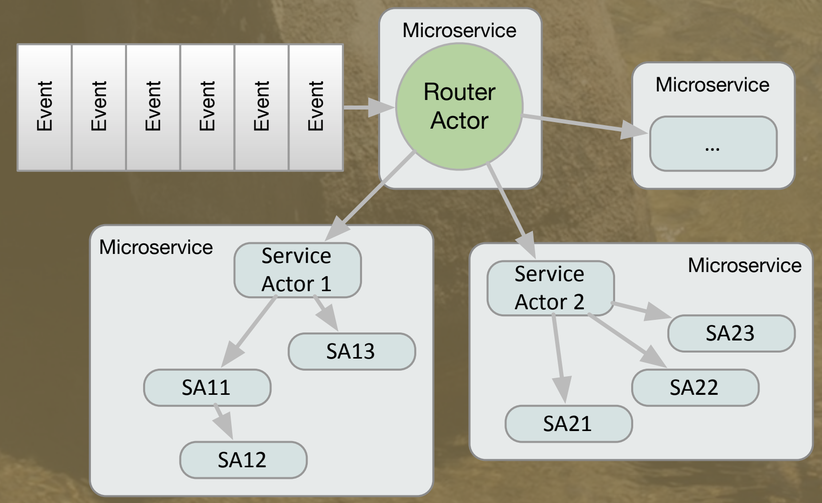
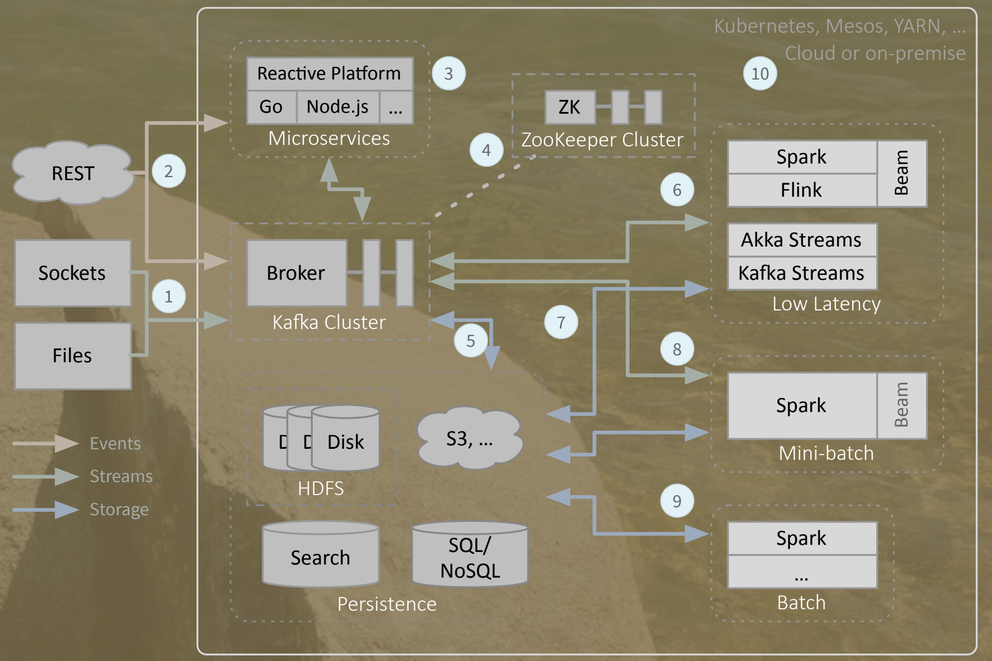
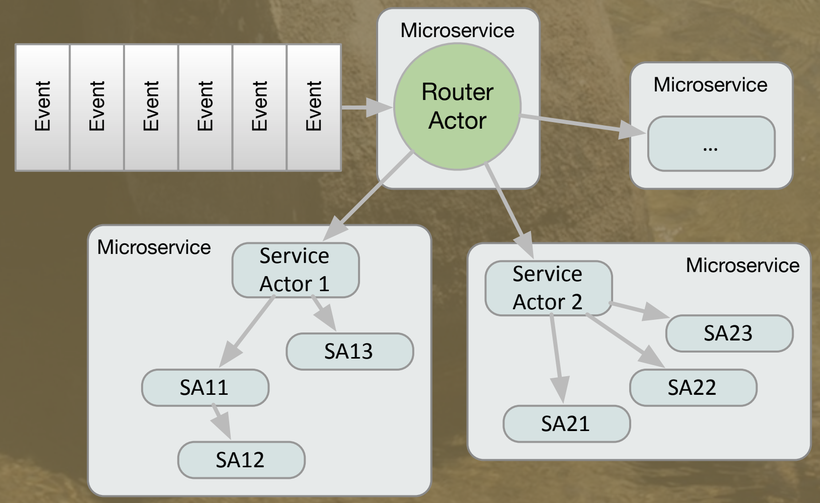




- Going the other way, “small” microservice architectures become data-centric, as the data grows.





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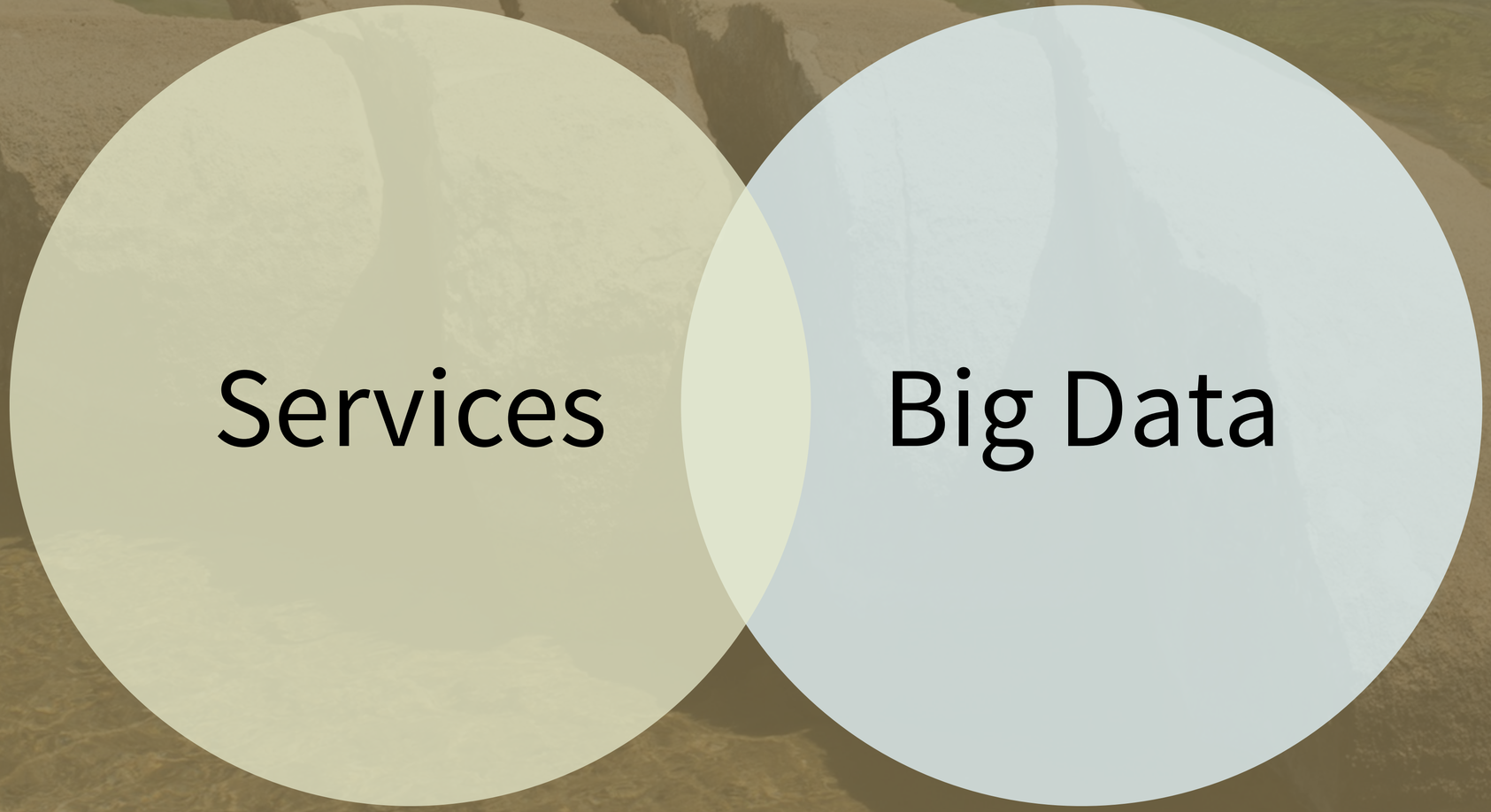


Some Overlap: Concerns, Architecture

The Present

Microservices
& *Fast* Data

Much More Overlap

The Future?

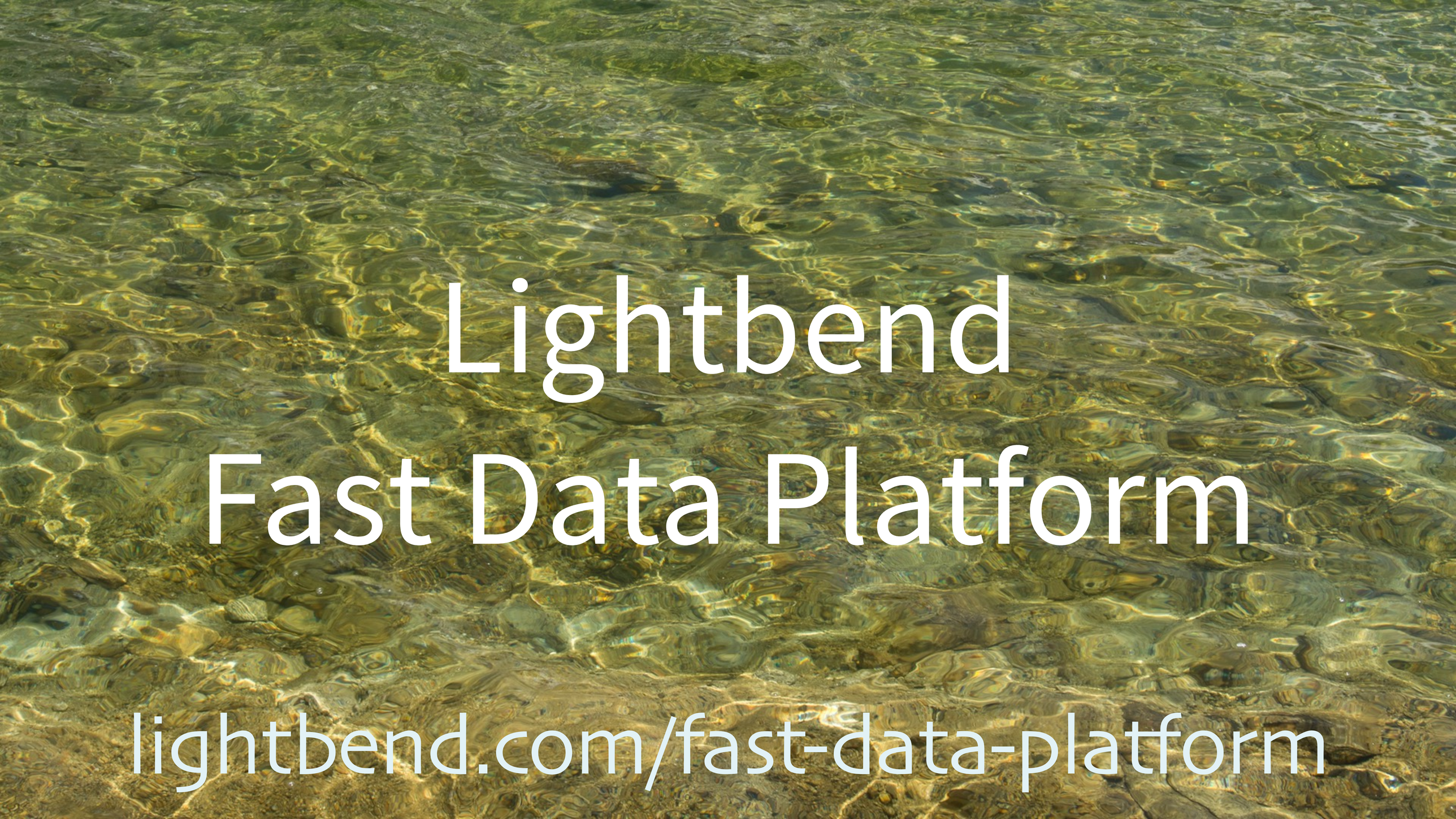
Why? Since streams process data incrementally, there is less need for large-scale tools like Spark, Flink

… and using microservices for everything simplifies development, deployment, and operations

Microservices *for* Fast Data

Unclear if this helps to integrate with the data science workflows we love.

Much more microservice focused?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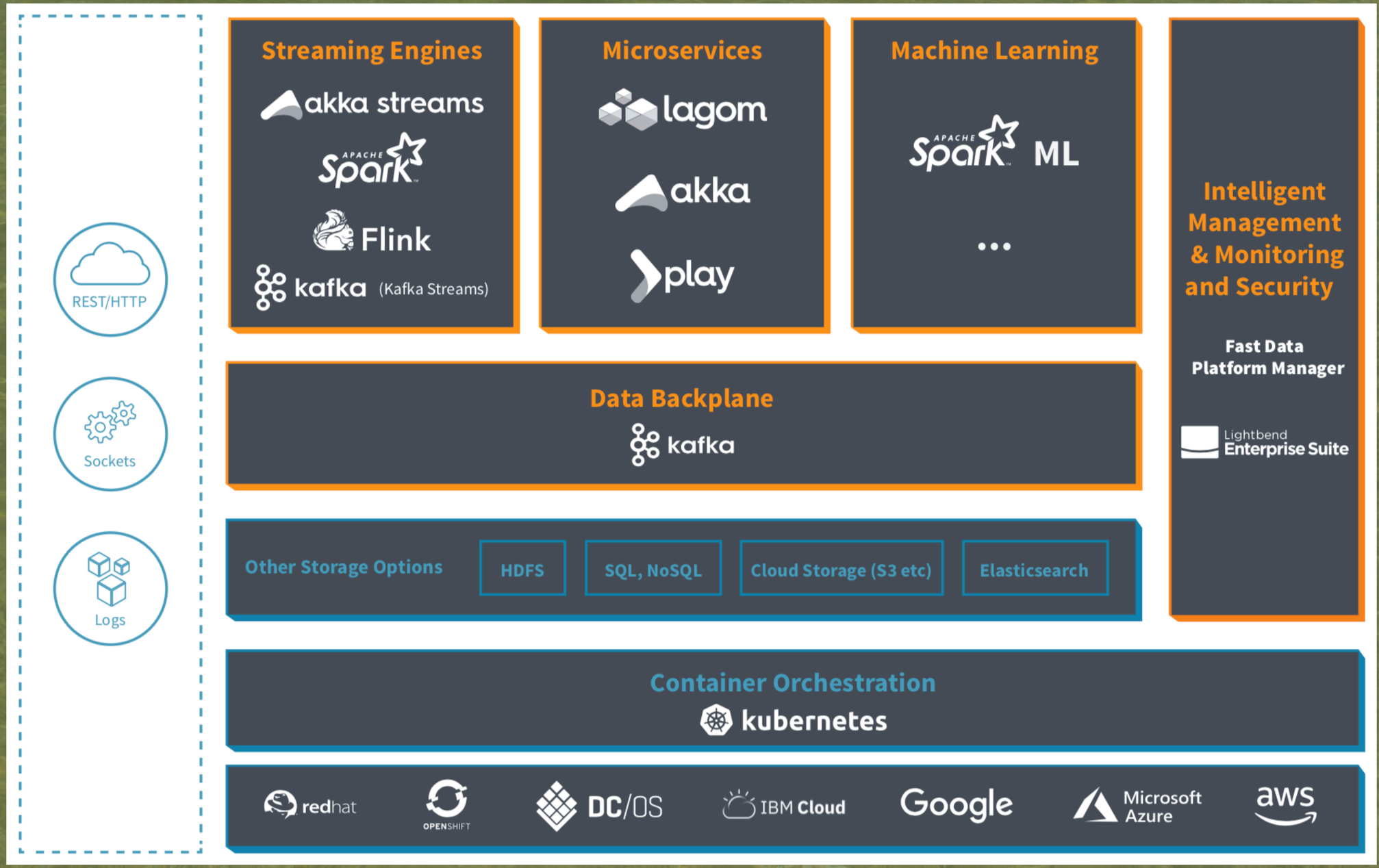

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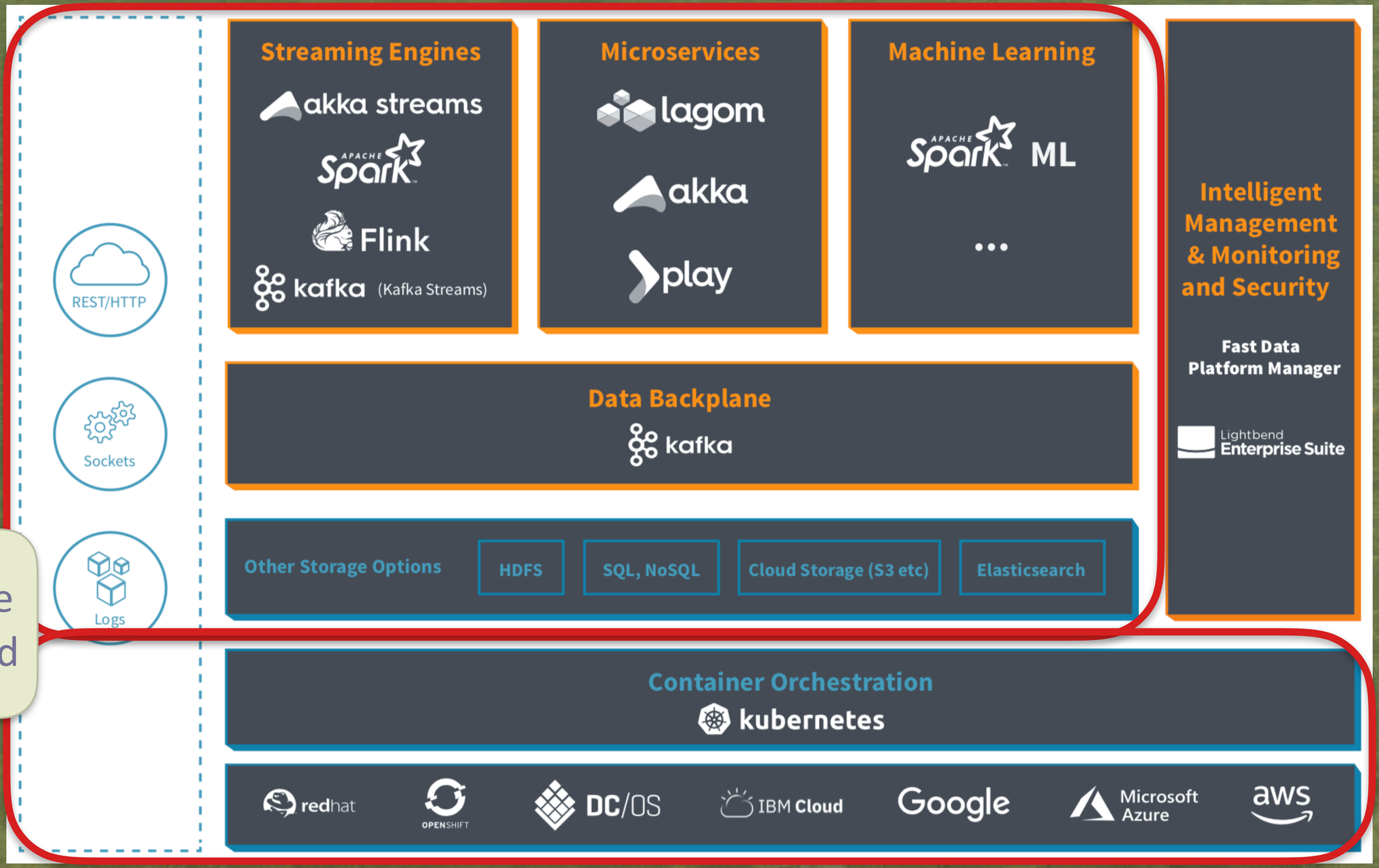

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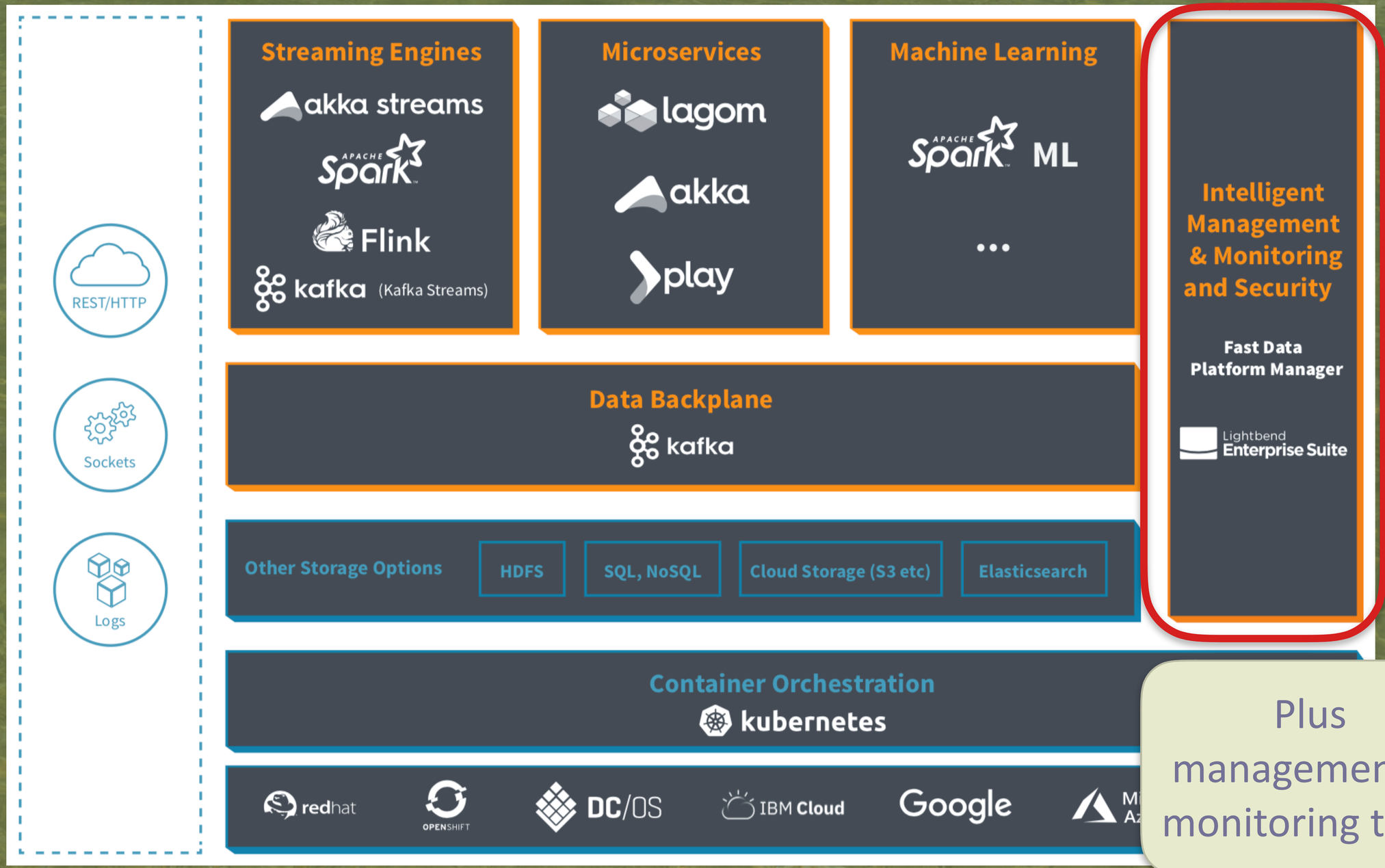

Plus management & monitoring tools

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