



Data Analytics Platforms in the Cloud

Large Scale Data Platforms in the Cloud

Two marketing customers



60TB

Raw data on linear
blob storage

55B

Number of rows in
MPP Database

300

Number of nodes
in transparent
elastic scaling

800

Websites with
simultaneous click
stream collection

Real-time
processing of click
stream data

Automated
Machine Learning
Lifecycle

Collaboration with
Google



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Why data analytics platforms?

Drivers for Data Analytics Platforms



Business Use Cases

Personalized
Content

Website
Optimization

Churn
Prediction

Targeted
Marketing

Automated
Lead Scoring

Capabilities / Enablers

Operationalized
Machine Learning

A/B/n Testing

Data Exploration

Scalability

Workload

Data Platform / 360° View

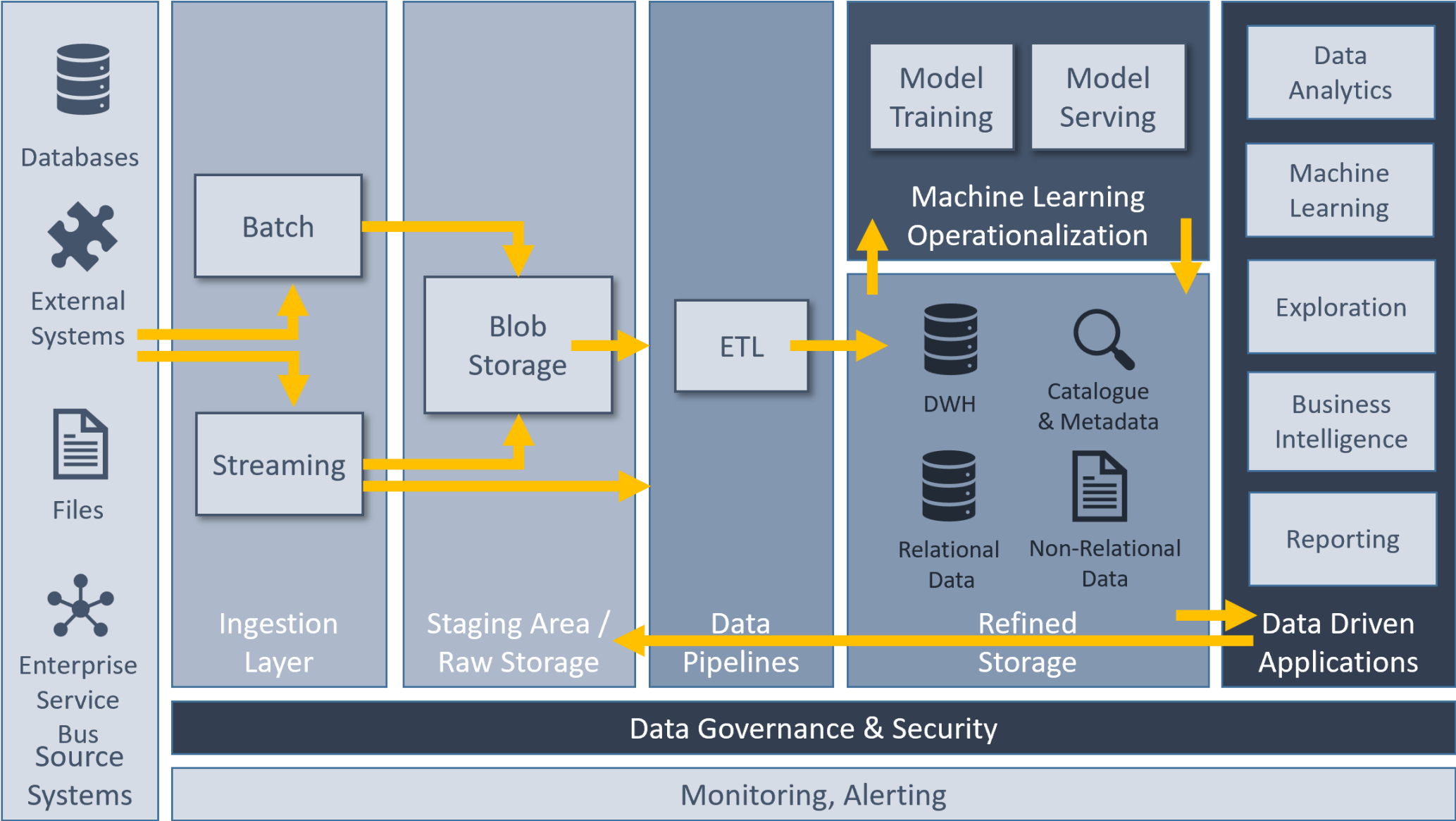
Volume

Costs



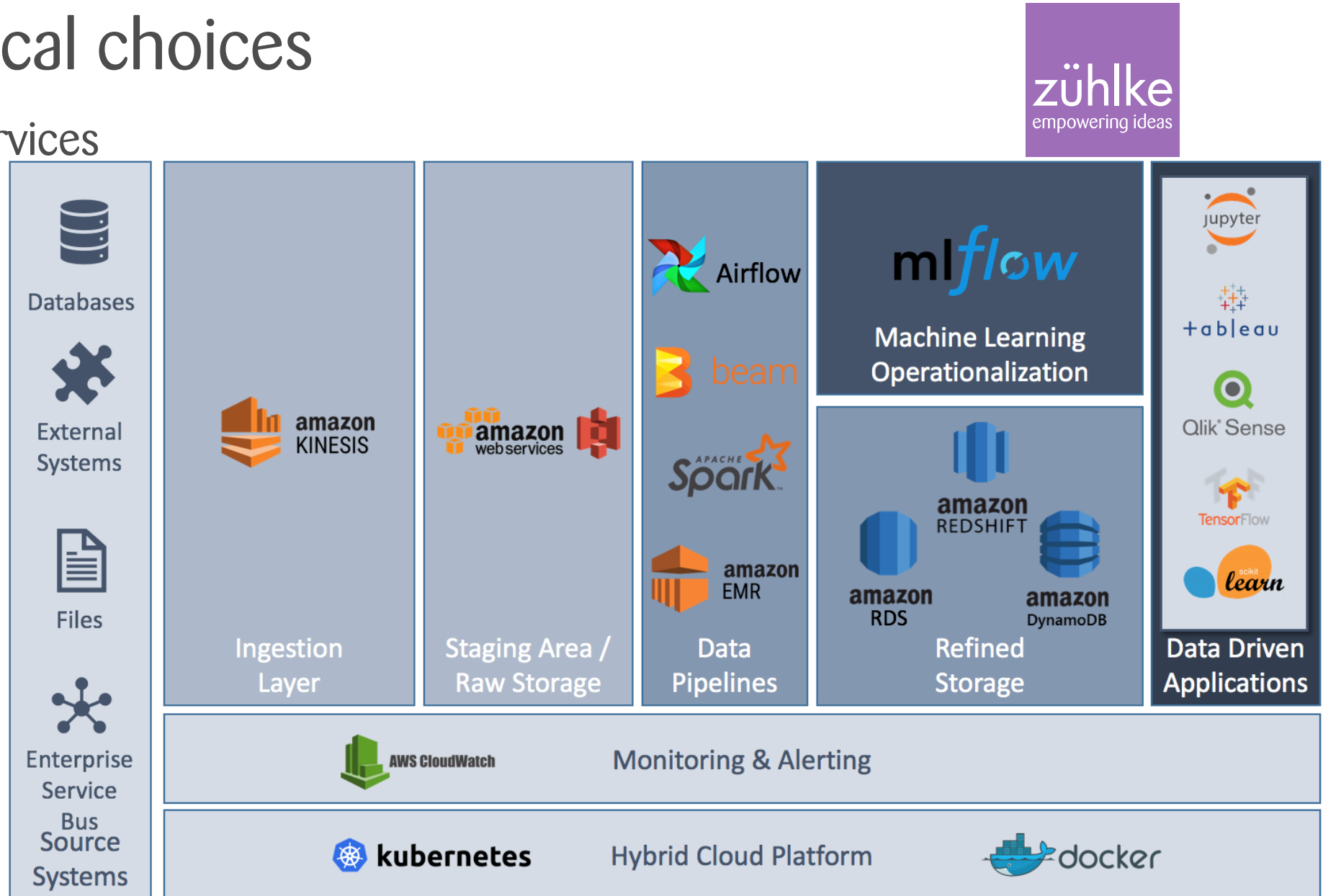
Data platform architecture

Platform Architecture Overview



Technological choices

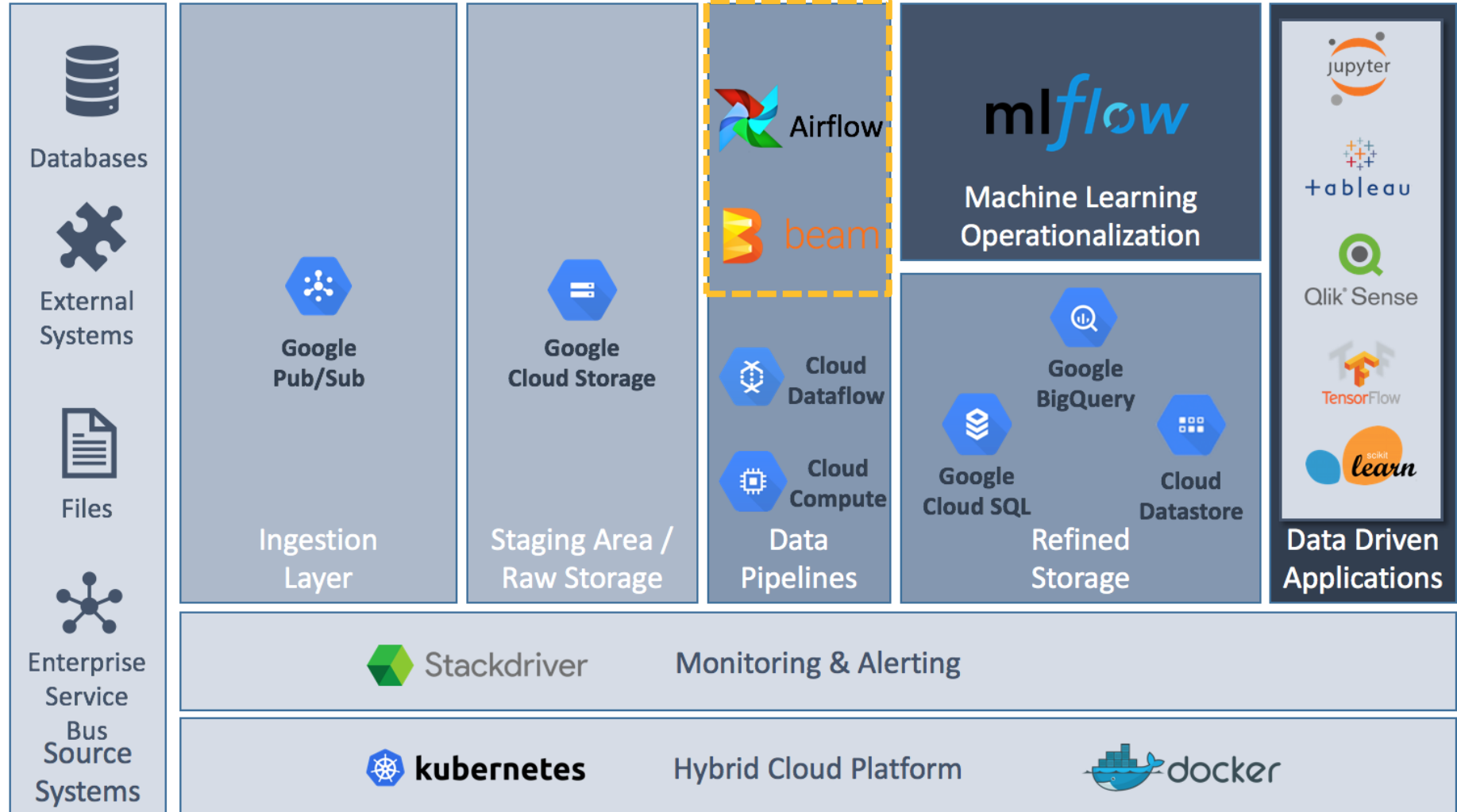
Amazon Web Services



Technological choices

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Deepdive Data Processing Pipelines

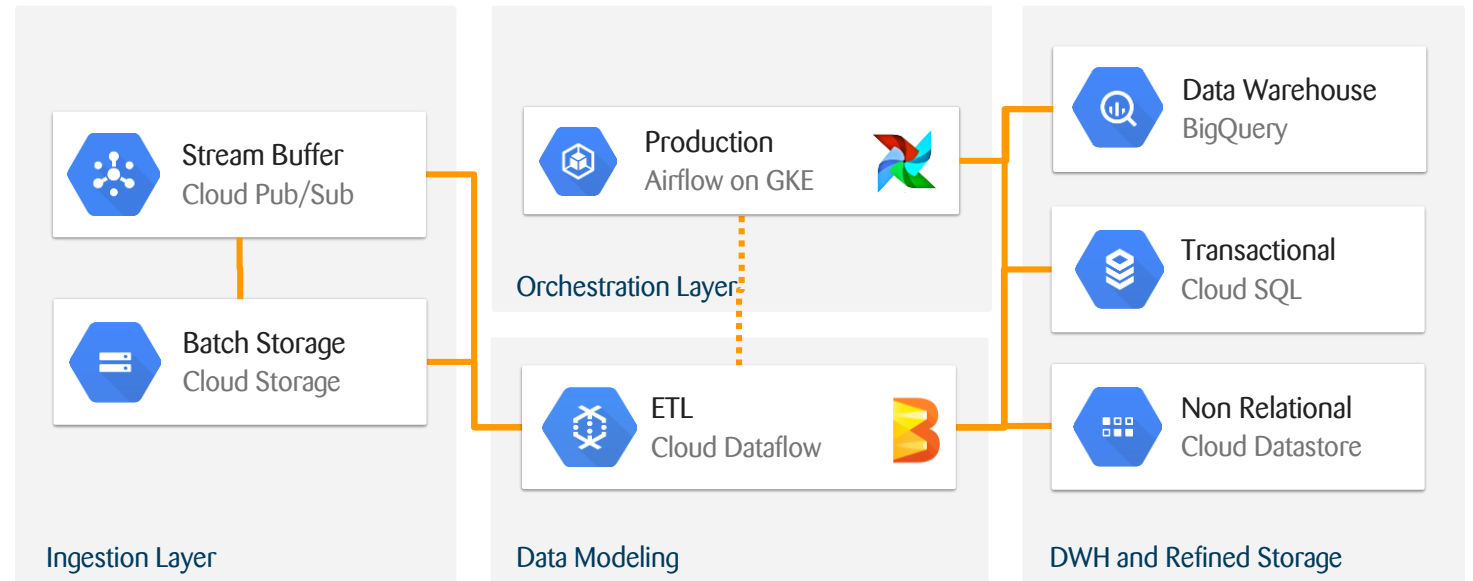
Data Platform Architecture

Core Data Ingestion and Processing

- Workflows orchestrated by **Apache Airflow**



- Execution of parallelizable data transformations done with **Apache Beam** on **Google Cloud Dataflow**



Apache Airflow

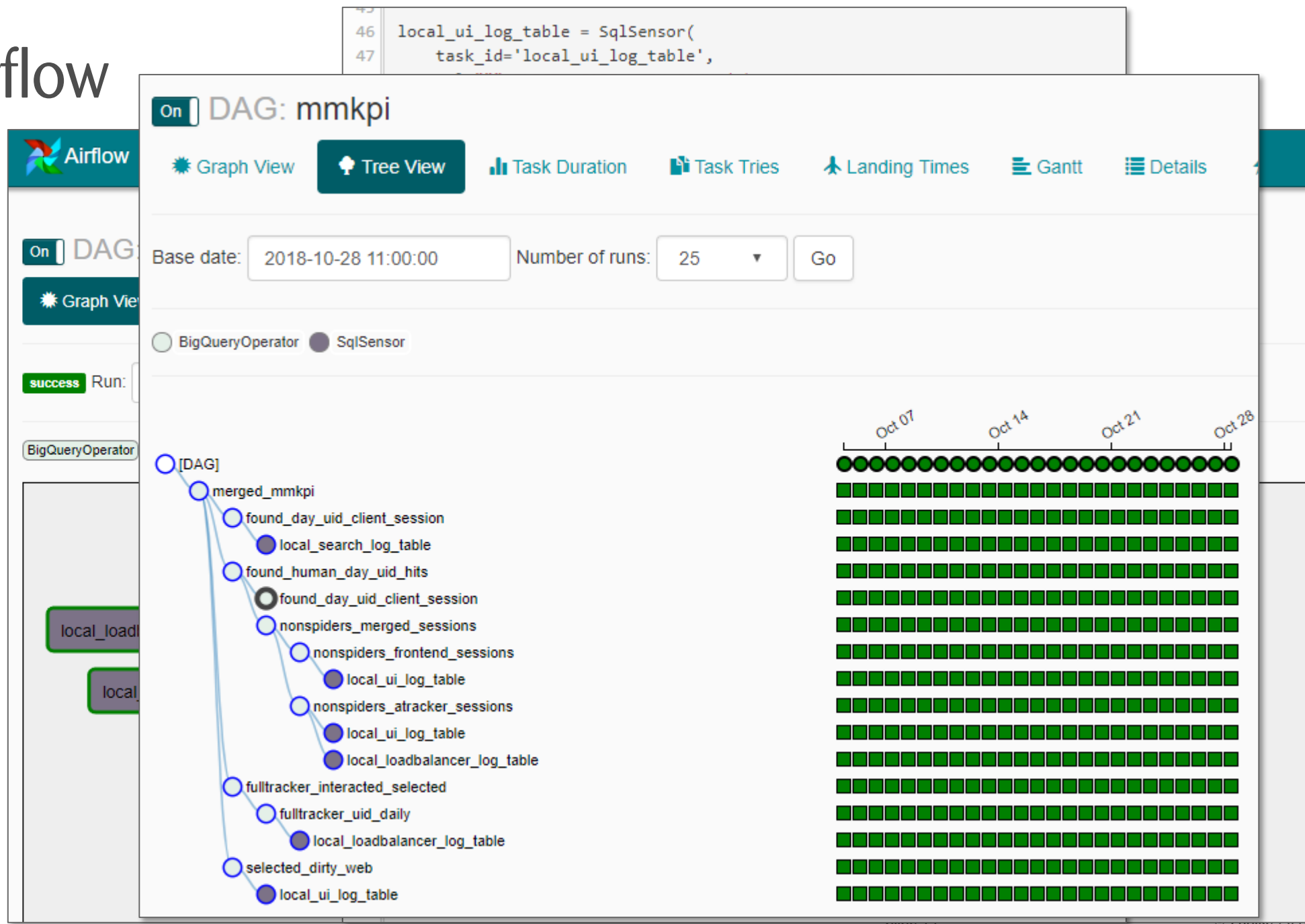


- Originally created at Airbnb, open sourced 2015
- Author, schedule and monitor workflows
- “Cron on steroids”
- Workflows are part of the codebase (Python)
- Workflows defined as DAGs of tasks
- Clear and transparent
- Easy to rerun or reproduce historical jobs by date → backfilling
- Thriving community



Apache Airflow

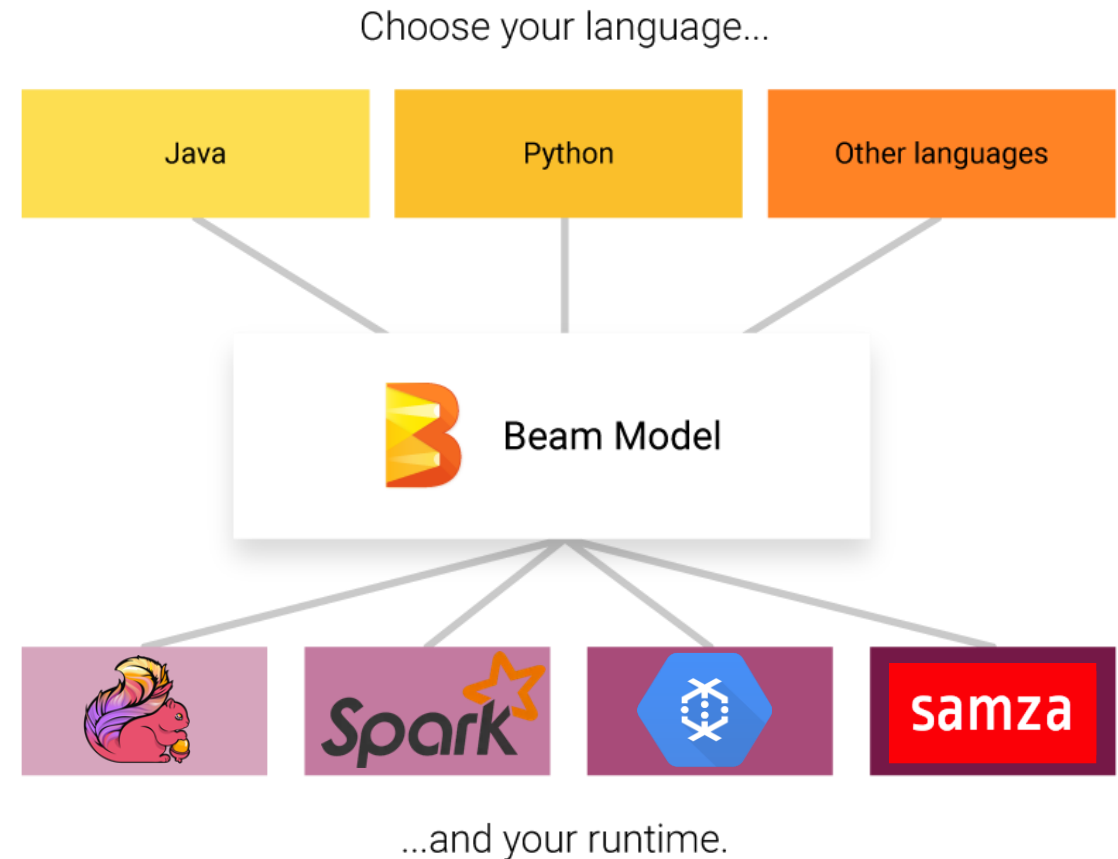
Example



Apache Beam



- Unified **model** for batch and streaming
- Executes on a broad variety of runners (no vendor lock-in)
- Decouples data processing from the executor
- Comprehensive set of windowing, timing, lateness and triggering primitives



Source

- <http://beam.apache.org>

Apache Beam

Python SDK



```
61     with beam.Pipeline(options=options) as p:
62         messages = (p | 'ReadPubSub' >> beam.io.ReadFromPubSub(args.topic)
63                     | "ParseRawMessage" >> beam.Map(parse_message)
64                     | "ConvertRadiogram" >> beam.Map(convert_to_dict)
65                     | "ProcessMessage" >> beam.Map(process_message)
66                     )
67
68         (messages | "ConvertForPubSub" >> beam.Map(to_json)
69          | "WriteToPubSub" >> beam.io.WriteToPubSub(args.response_topic)
70         )
71
72         messages | "WriteToBigQuery" >> beam.io.WriteToBigQuery(
73             args.table_name, args.dataset,
74             schema=SCHEMA,
75             create_disposition=beam.io.BigQueryDisposition.CREATE_IF_NEEDED,
76             write_disposition=beam.io.BigQueryDisposition.WRITE_APPEND)
77
78
```

Apache Beam

Resulting pipeline



Apache Beam

Unified model for stream and batch processing

Example: Calculate Team scores by the hour



Apache Beam	Where?	When?	
<pre>gameEvents [... input ...] .apply("LeaderboardTeamFixedWindows", Window .<GameActionInfo>into(FixedWindows.of(Duration.standardMinutes(Durations.minutes(60)))) .triggering(AfterWatermark.pastEndOfWindow() .withEarlyFirings(AfterProcessingTime.pastFirstElementInPane() .plusDelayOf(Durations.minutes(5))) .withLateFirings(AfterProcessingTime.pastFirstElementInPane() .plusDelayOf(Durations.minutes(10)))) .withAllowedLateness(Duration.standardMinutes(120)) .accumulatingFiredPanels()) .apply("ExtractTeamScore", new ExtractAndSumScore("team")) [... output ...]</pre>			<div>Window</div> <div>– Watermark Trigger</div> <div>– Early Trigger</div> <div>– Late Trigger</div> <div>– Garbage Collection</div> <div>– Accumulation</div> <div>– Sum</div>
	How?	What?	

Spark

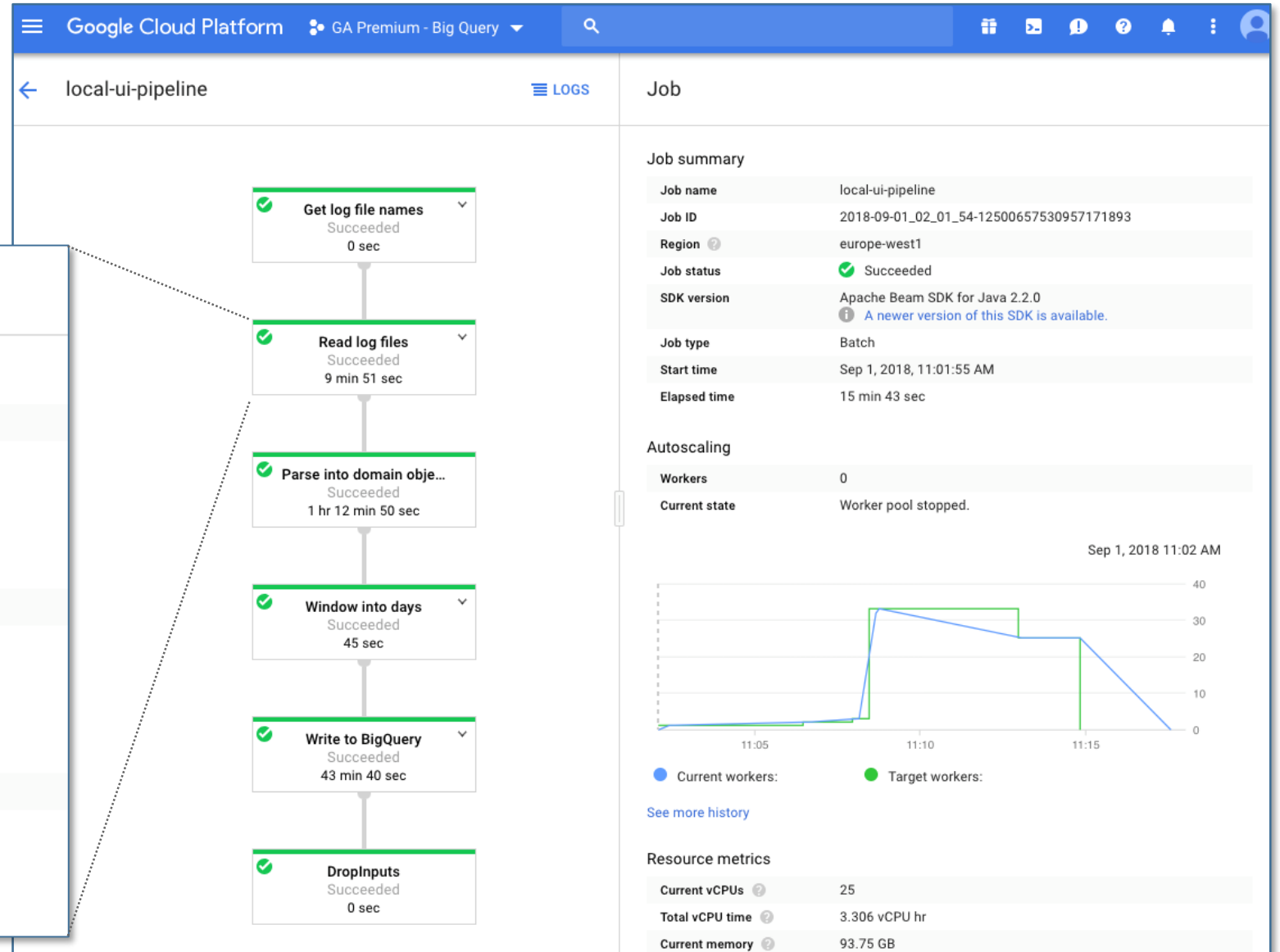
```
gameEvents
[... input ...]
.window(Durations.minutes(10), Durations.minutes(10))
.mapToPair(new ExtractUserScore())
.reduceByKey(new SumScore())
.transformToPair((rdd, timestamp) -> {
    userWindowTimestamp.set(Math.max(
        userWindowTimestamp.get(), timestamp.milliseconds()));
    return rdd;
})
.updateStateByKey(new SumAggregator())
.filter(x -> x._2().timestamp() >= userWindowTimestamp.get())
[... output ...]
```

Window, Trigger Accumulation, & Sum (but no Lateness), all mixed together

Source:
<https://cloud.google.com/dataflow/blog/dataflow-beam-and-spark-comparison>

Apache Beam








Autoscaling



Cloud Vendor comparison

Data Platform Monthly Breakdown



	Cloud Storage	Multi-Regional storage	15360 GB	\$399.36	
	Cloud Storage	Regional storage	5120 GB	\$117.76	
	Cloud Storage	Coldline storage	10240 GB	\$102.40	
	Analytics	Database	BigQuery	10 GB	\$949.80
	Cloud Dataflow	50 x n1-standard-2 workers in	3000	\$232.03	
	5 x Application Abstraction Layer	n1-standard-4 Sustained Usage Discount Monthly Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st ¼ - 912.5 hrs @ 0.0% off: \$223.382nd ¼ - 912.5 hrs @ 20.0% off: \$178.70 (\$44.68 saved)3rd ¼ - 912.5 hrs @ 40.0% off: \$134.03 (\$89.35 saved)4th ¼ - 912.5 hrs @ 60.0% off: \$89.35 (\$134.03 saved)	3650 total hours per month	\$625.46	
	Persistent disk	Storage	500 GB	\$24.00	
Total Estimated Monthly Cost				\$2,450.82	



Google Cloud Platform

Service Type	Components	Region	Component Price	Service Price
Amazon EC2 Service (EU (Frankfurt))				
Compute	Compute:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$439.2	\$612.32
	EBS Volumes:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$147.5	
	Elastic IPs:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$3.66	
	Classic LBs:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$21.96	
Amazon S3 Service (EU (Frankfurt))				
Storage	S3 Standard Storage:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$376.32	\$445.45
	S3 Standard Other Requests:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$0.01	
	S3 Standard - IA Storage:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$69.12	
Amazon Redshift Service (EU (Frankfurt))				
Database	Compute:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$1055.81	\$1055.81
Amazon Glacier Service (EU (Frankfurt))				
	Storage:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$46.08	\$46.08
Amazon Elastic MapReduce Service (EU (Frankfurt))				
Elastic Processing	Compute:	EU (Frankfurt)	\$189.45	\$189.45
AWS Support (Business)				
Support Fee	Support for all AWS services:		\$232.53	\$232.53
	Free Tier Discount:			\$-23.87
Total Monthly Payment:				\$2557.77



Conclusion

- We created **reproducible** and **traceable** data pipelines using Apache Airflow and Apache Beam
- We established an essential building block to **incrementally** create **trustworthy** data-driven applications
- The tech stack relies on OSS and avoids a vendor lock-in (runs on own laptop, on-prem, AWS, GCP, ...)
- Great collaboration with Google



Thank you