Serverless Machine Learning on Modern Hardware

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Serverless Computing

- No need to setup/manage a cluster
- Automatic, dynamic and fine-grained scaling
- Sub-second billing
- AWS Lambda, Google Cloud Functions, Azure Functions, Databricks Serverless

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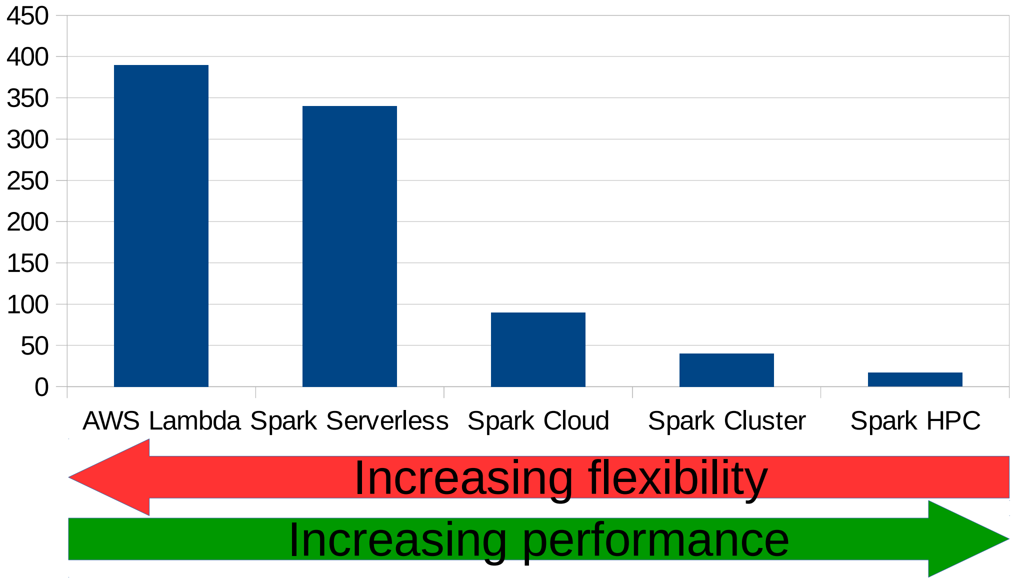

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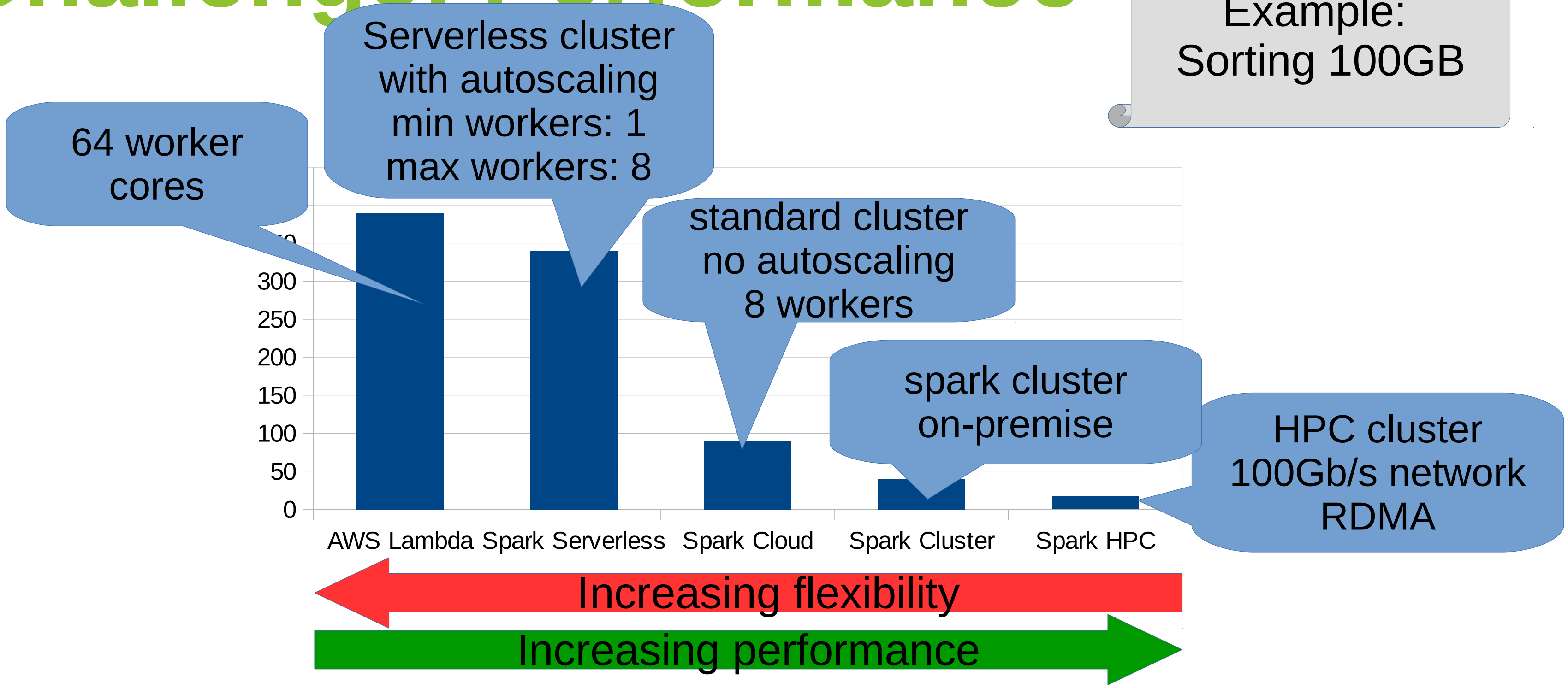

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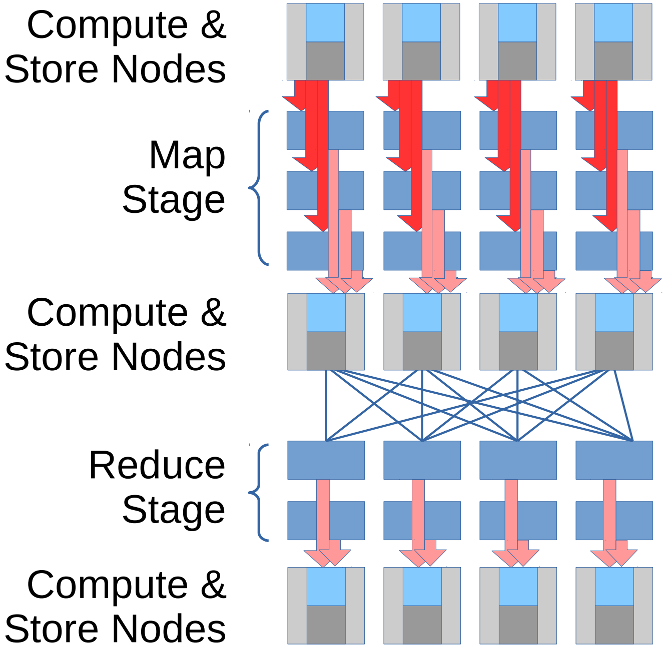

data is mostly
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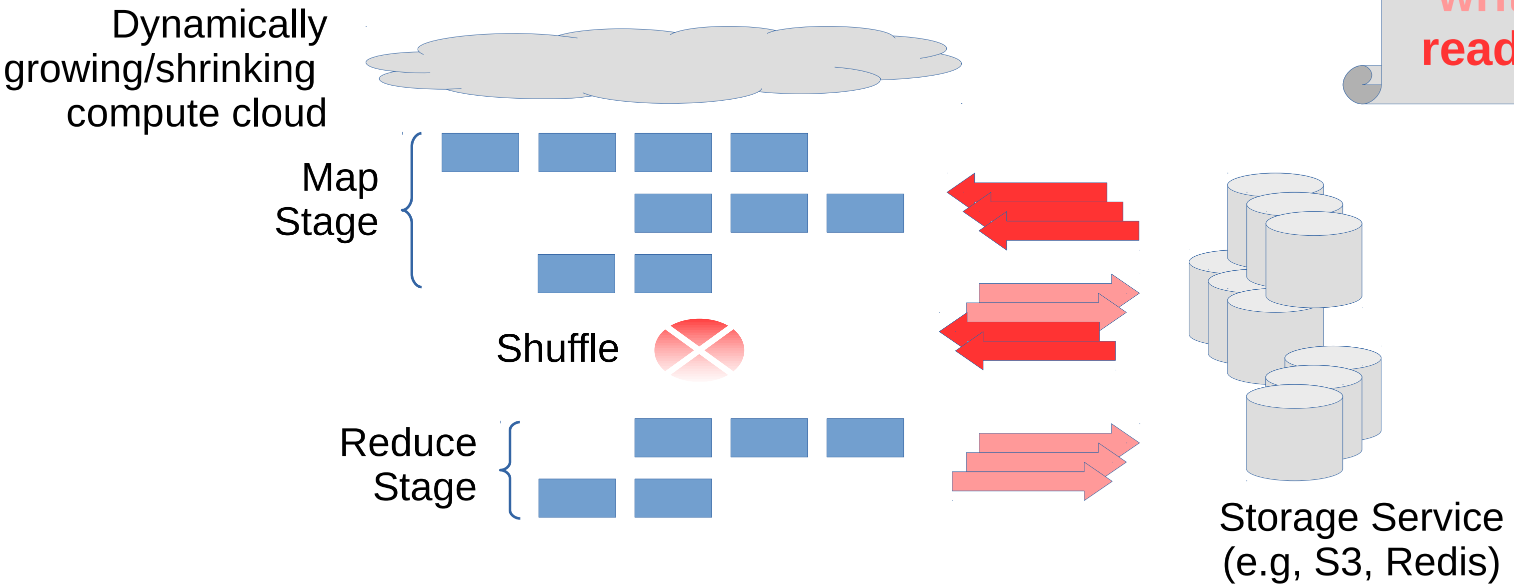
Serverless MapReduce

data is exclusively **written** and **read** remotely



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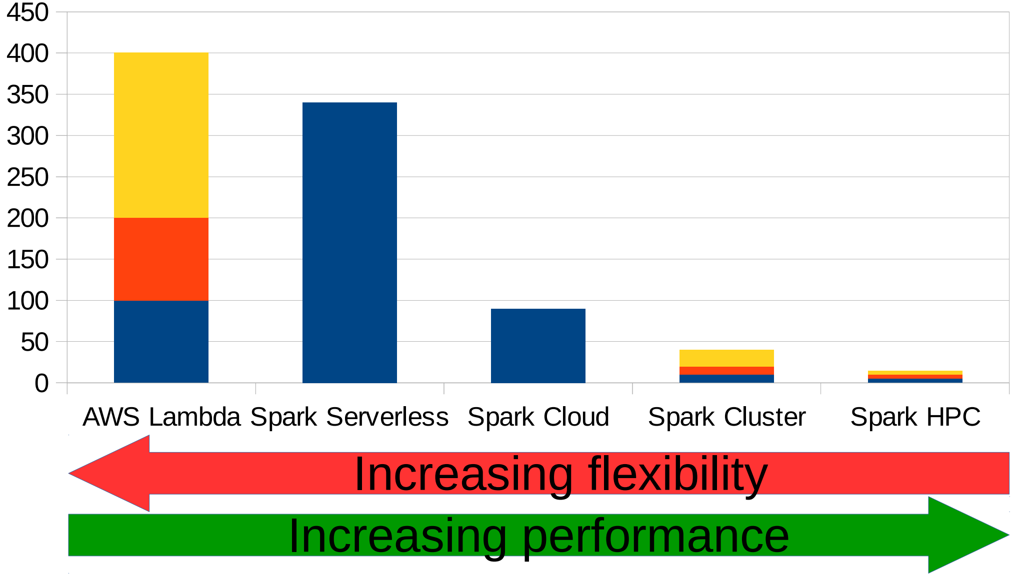

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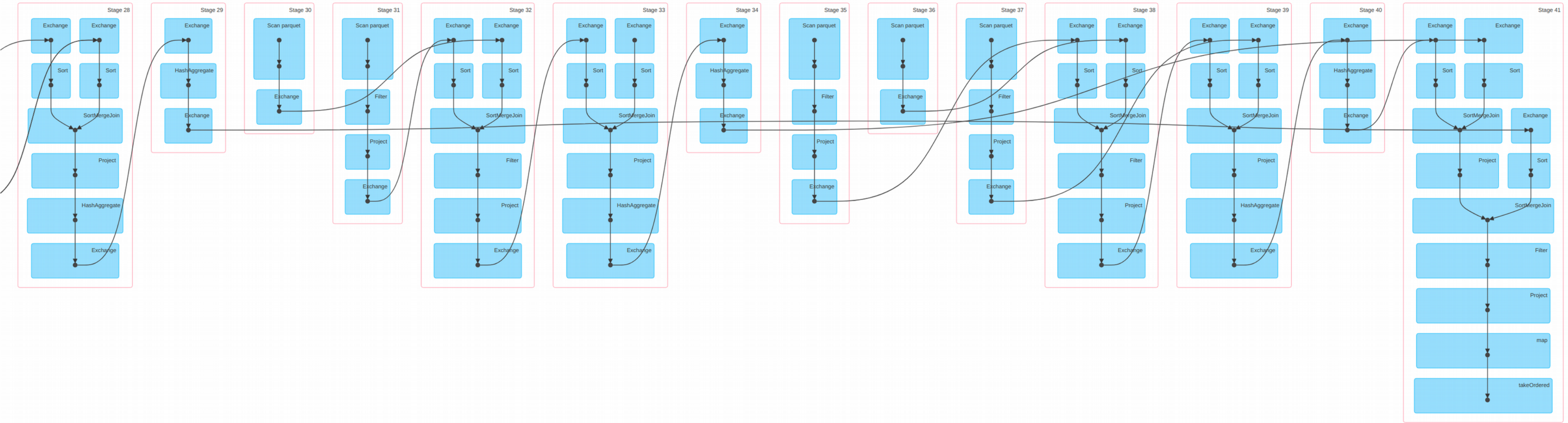

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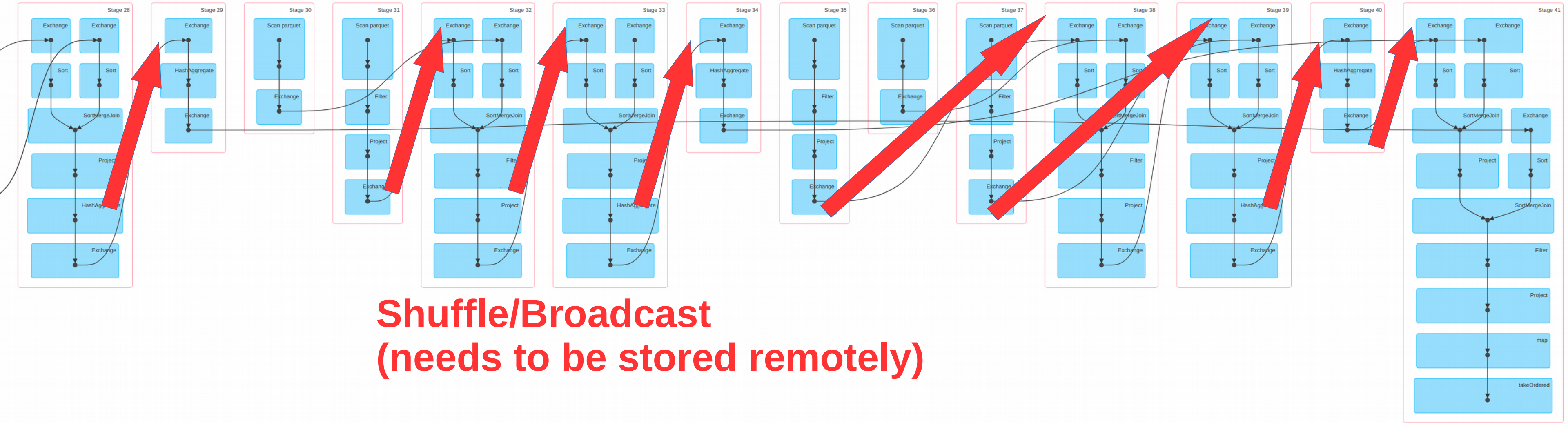

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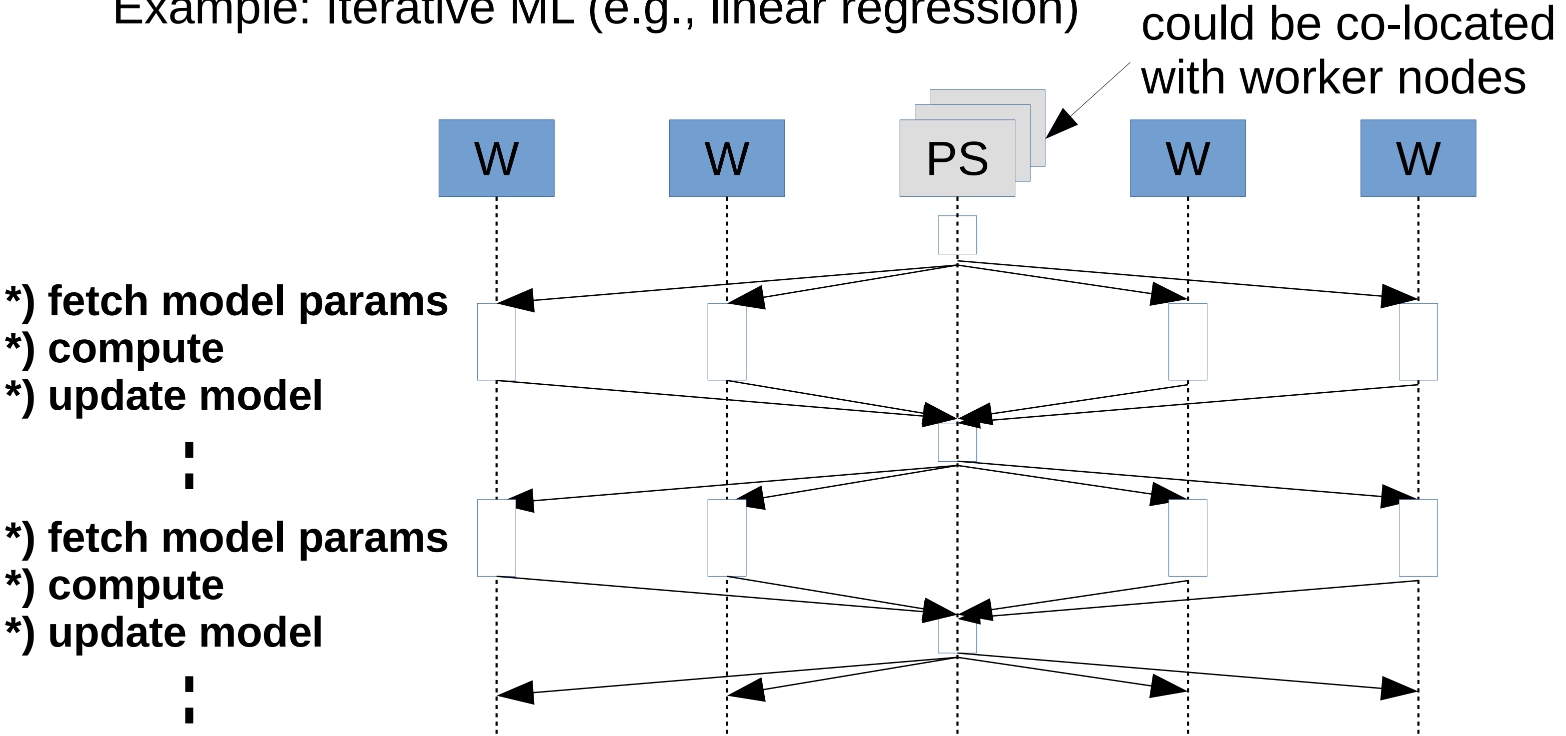

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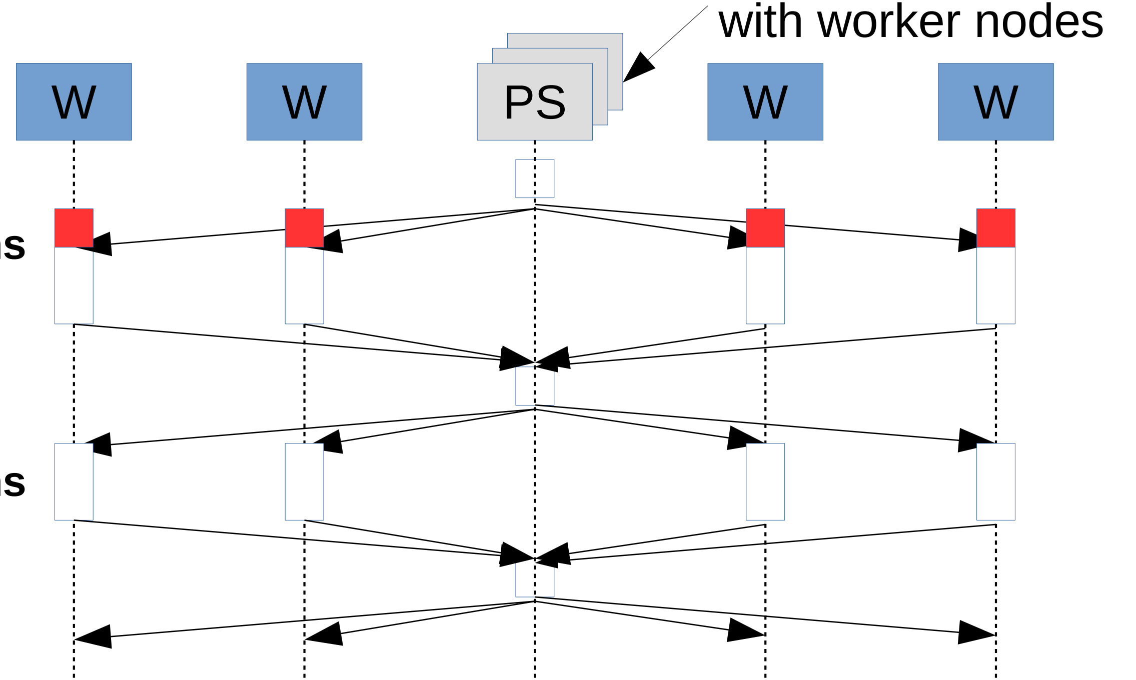

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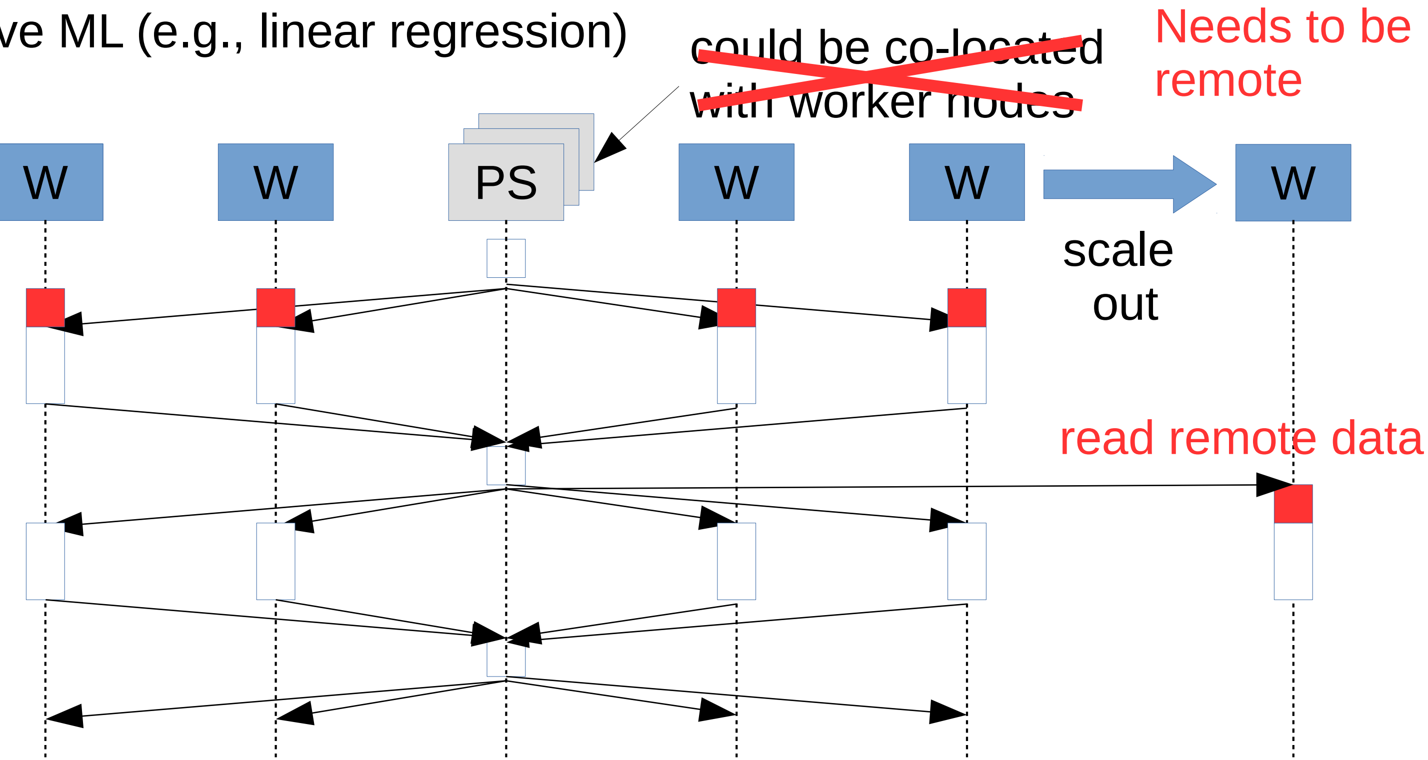

Can we..

- ..use Spark to run such workloads in a serverless fashion?
  - Dynamic scaling of compute nodes as jobs are running
  - No cluster configuration
  - No startup time
- ..reduce the performance overheads to a minimum?

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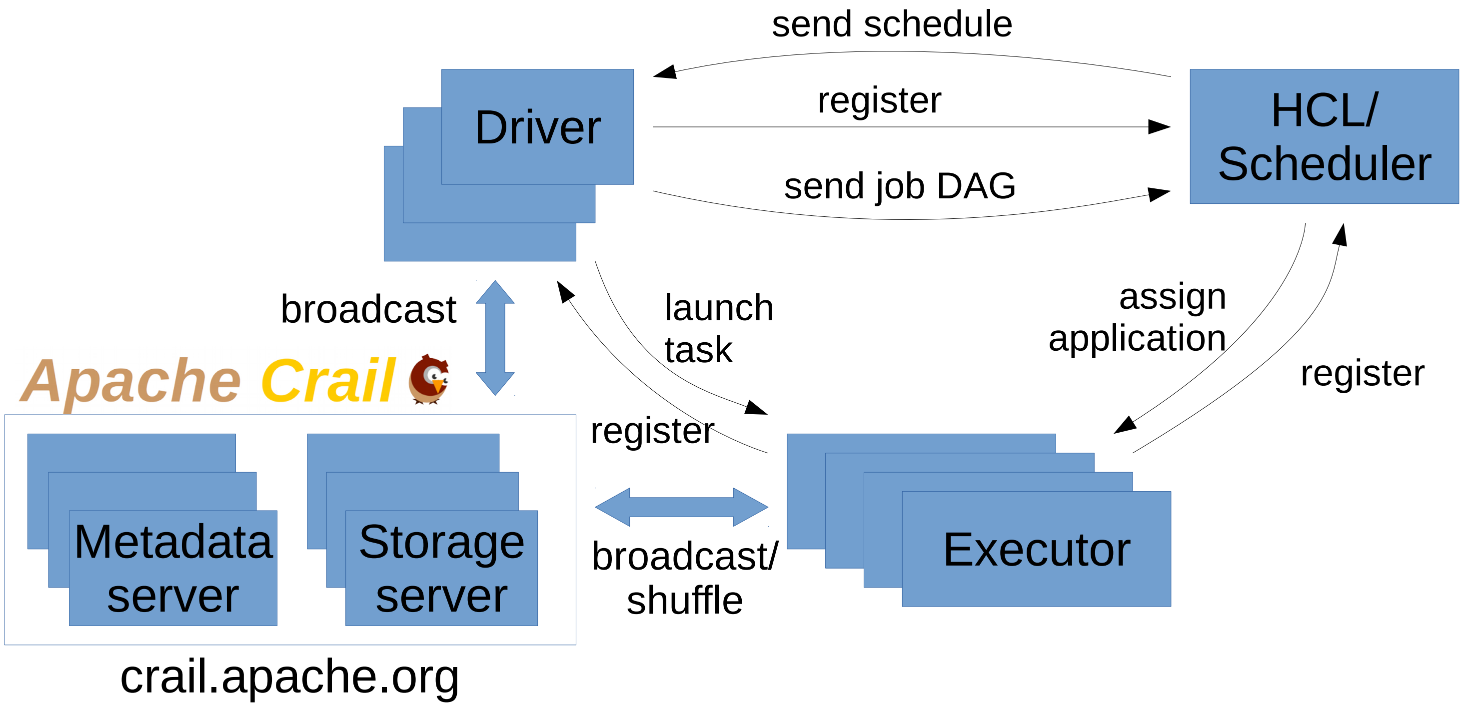

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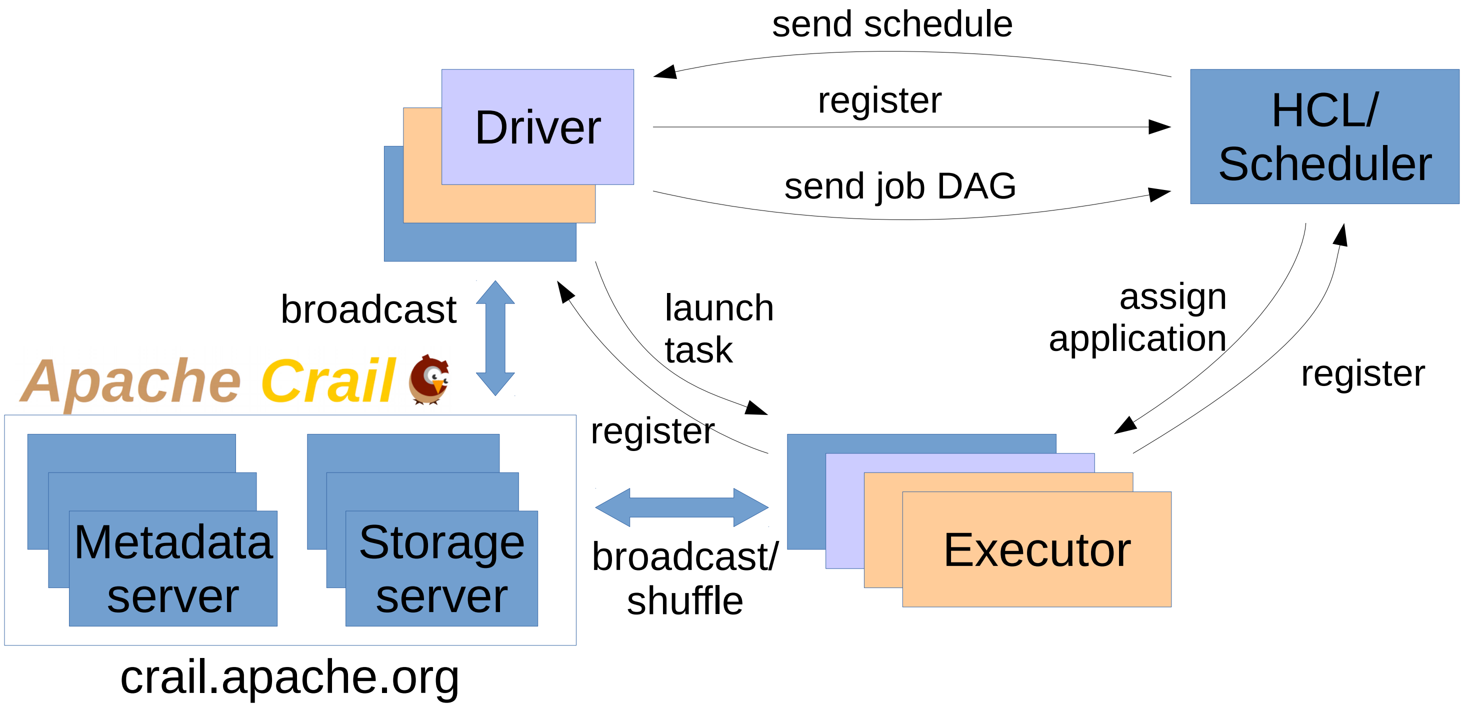

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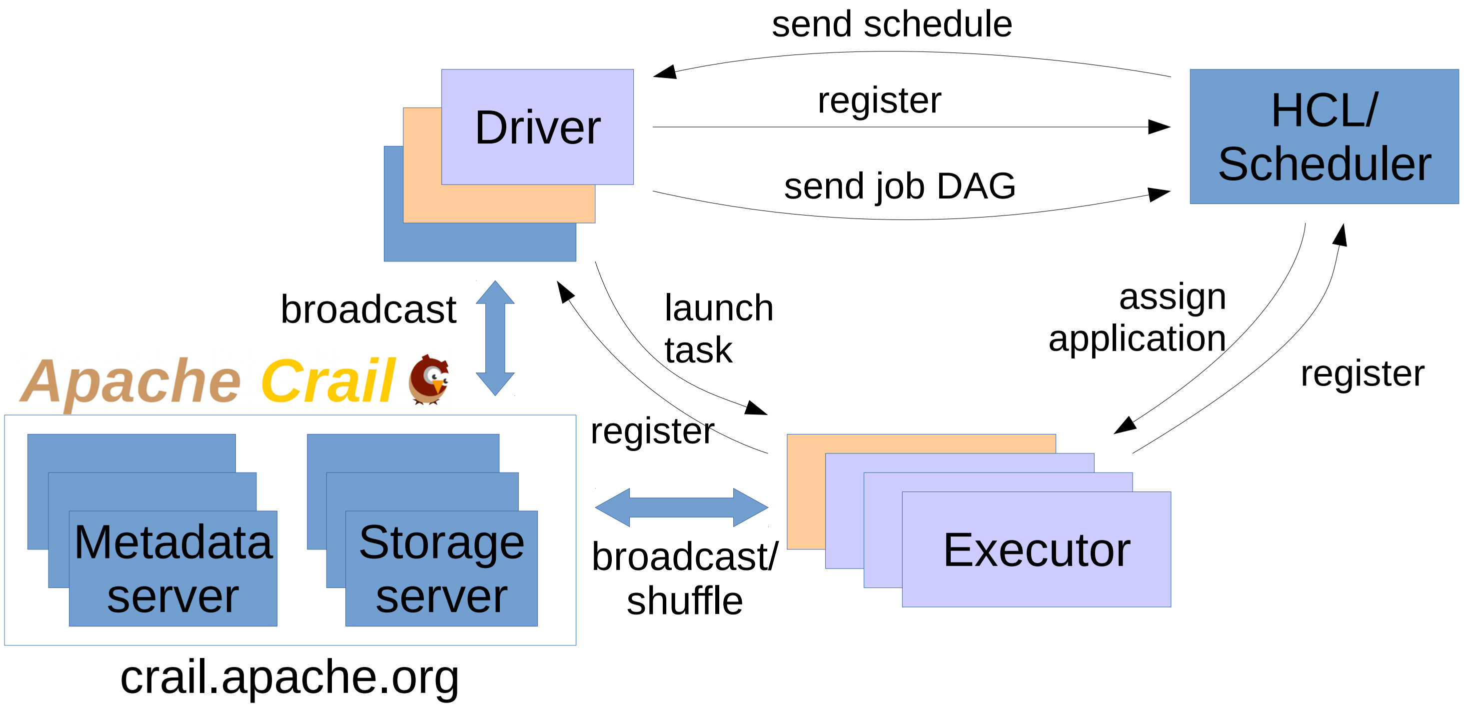

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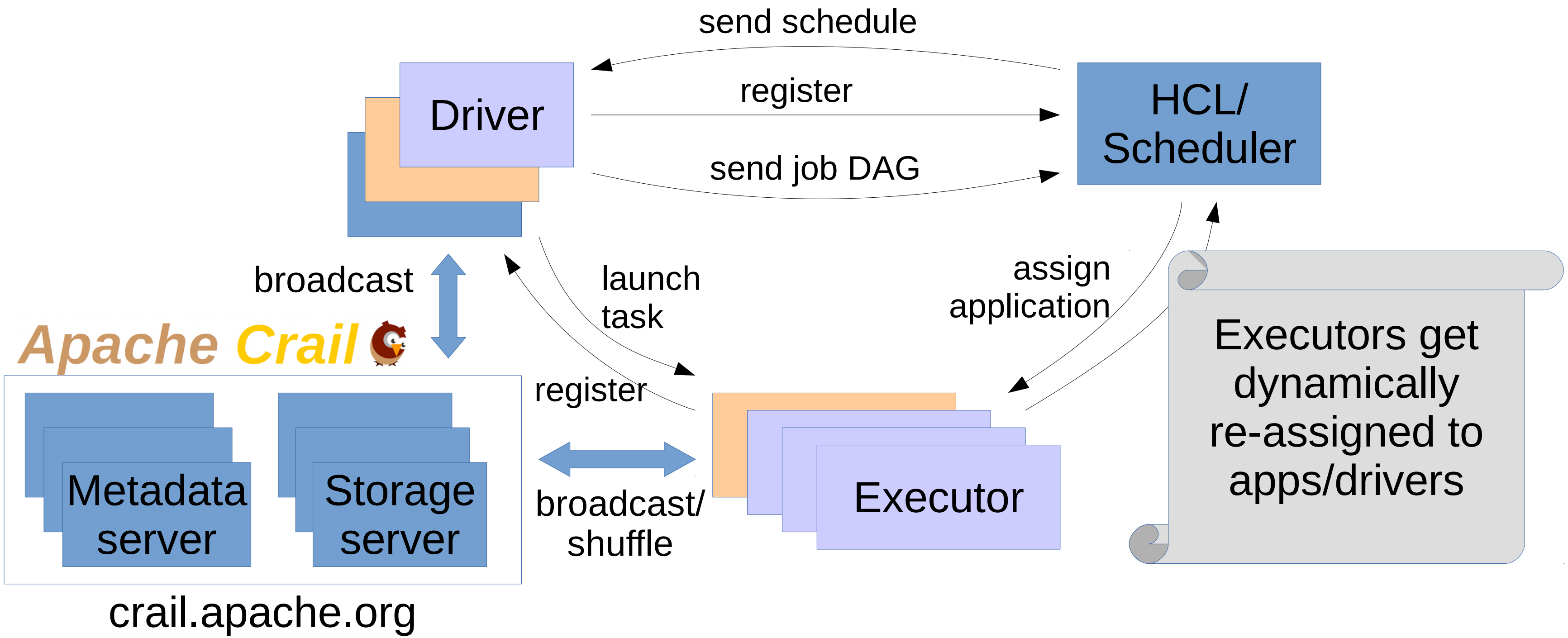

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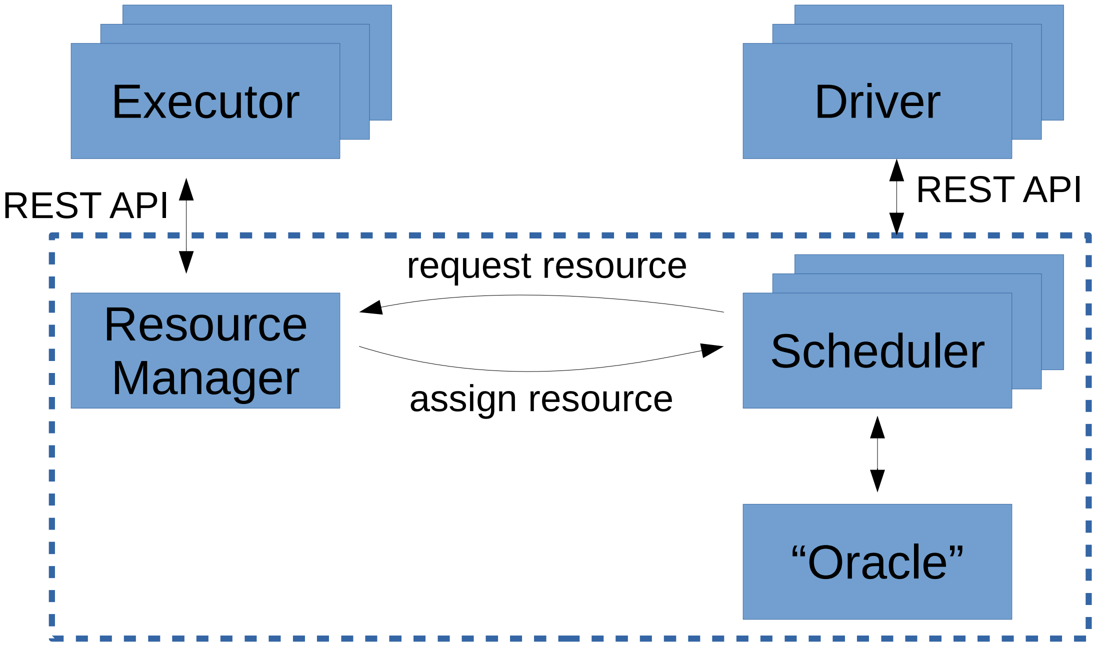

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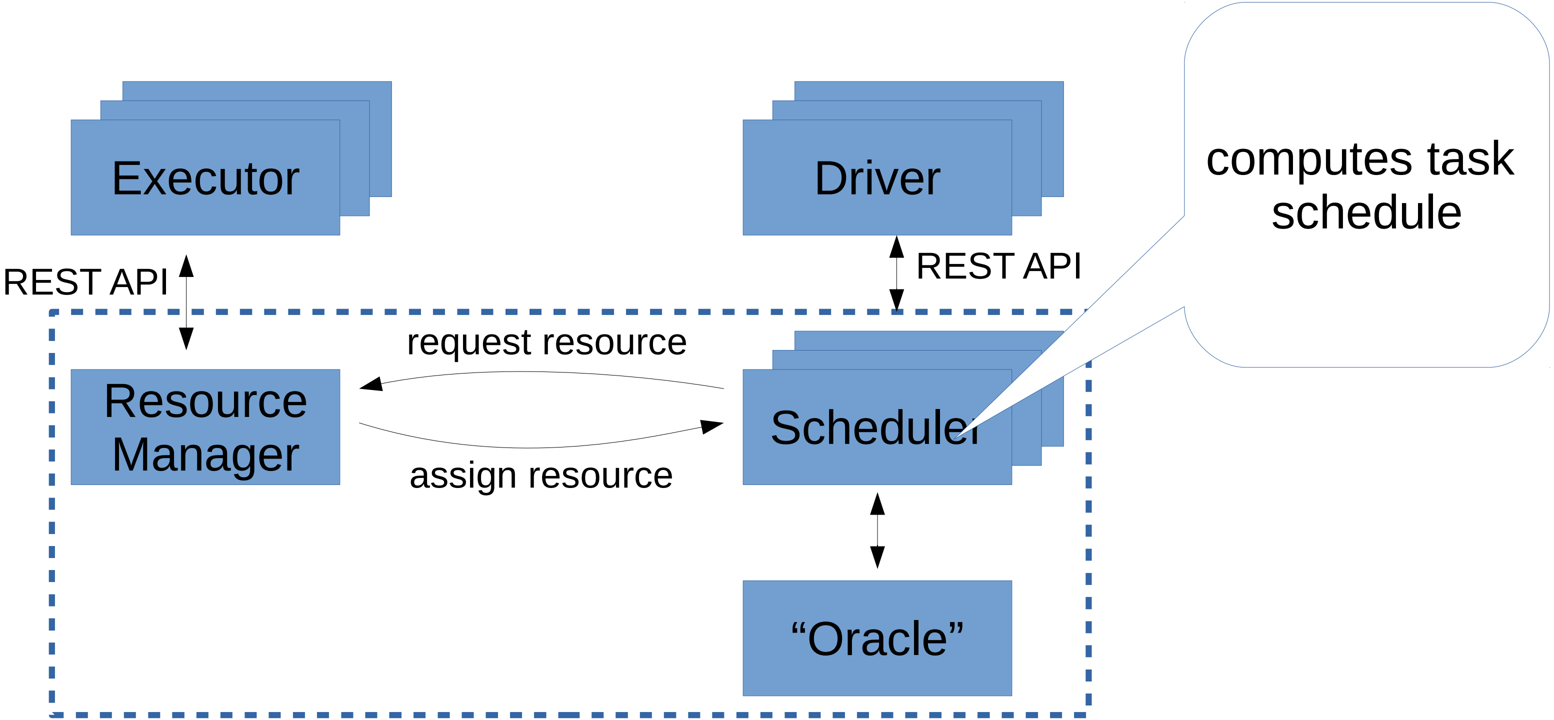

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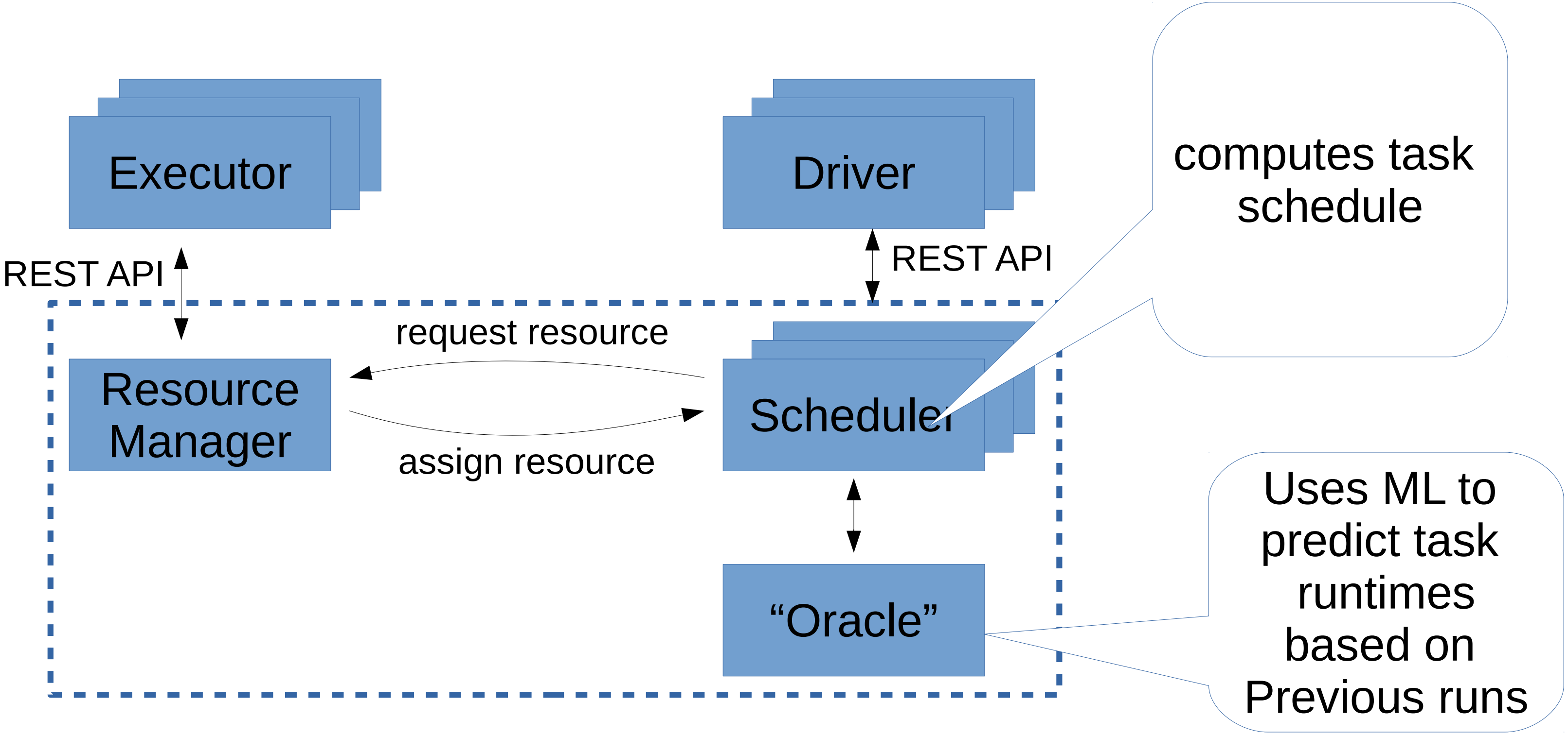

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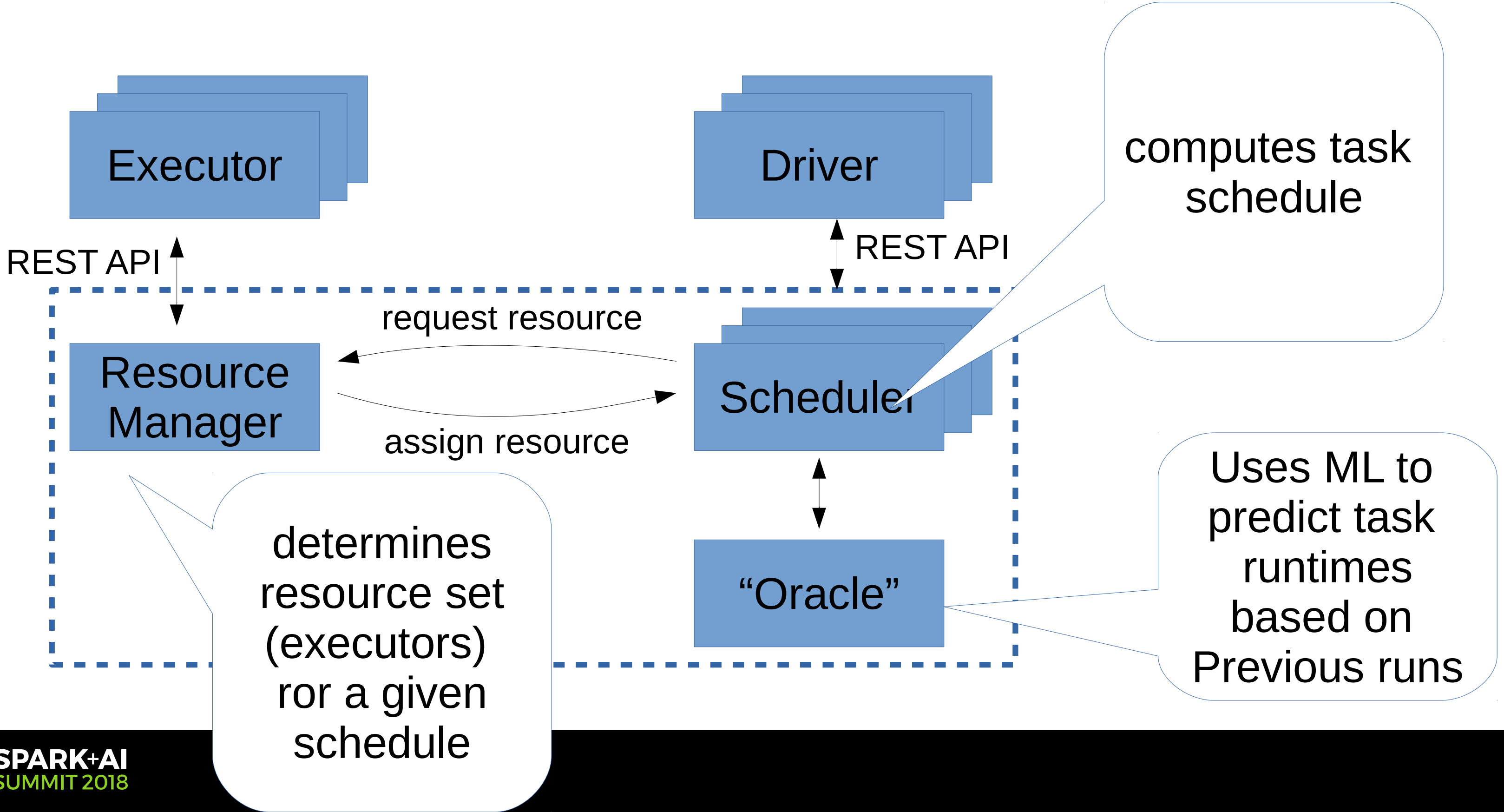

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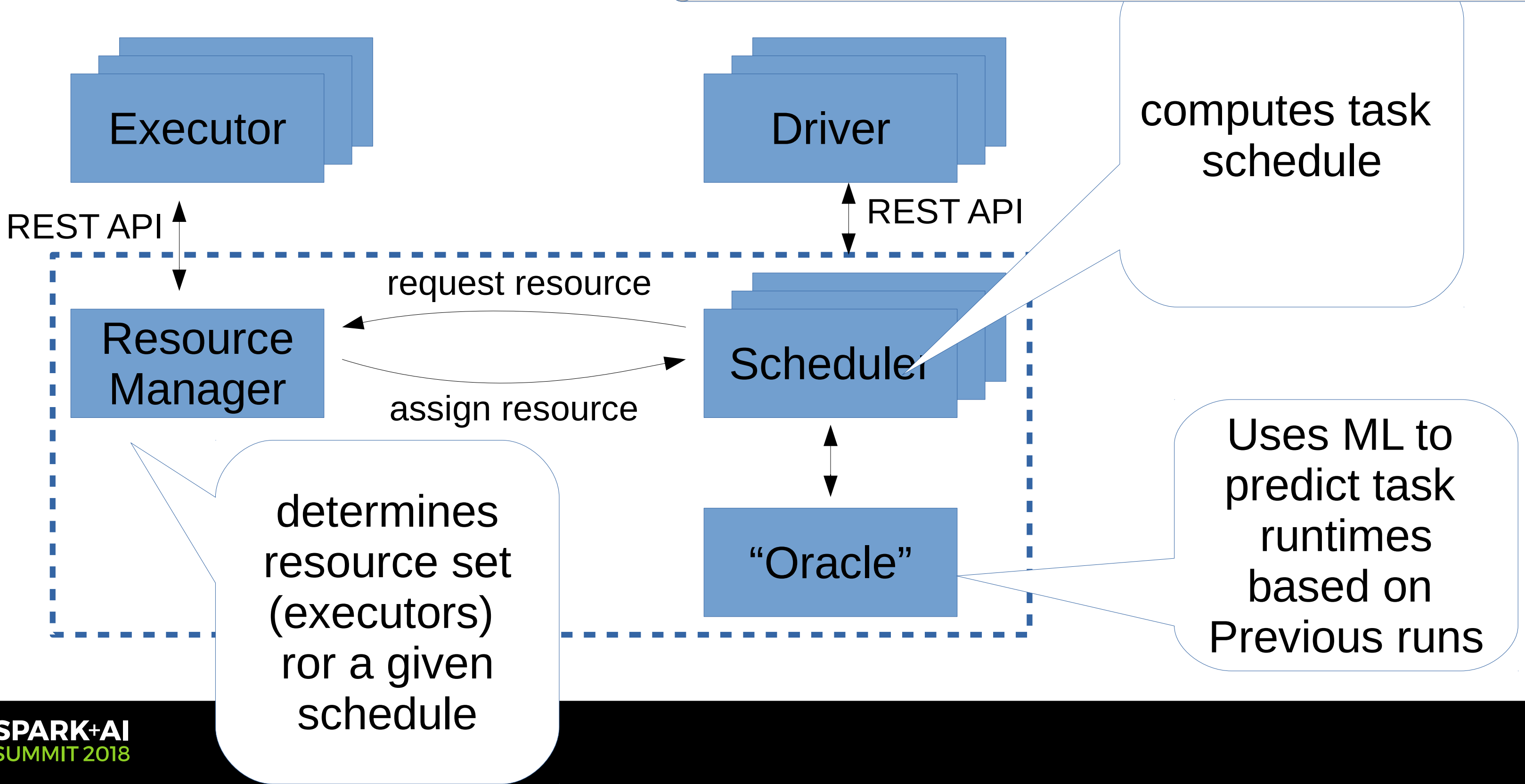
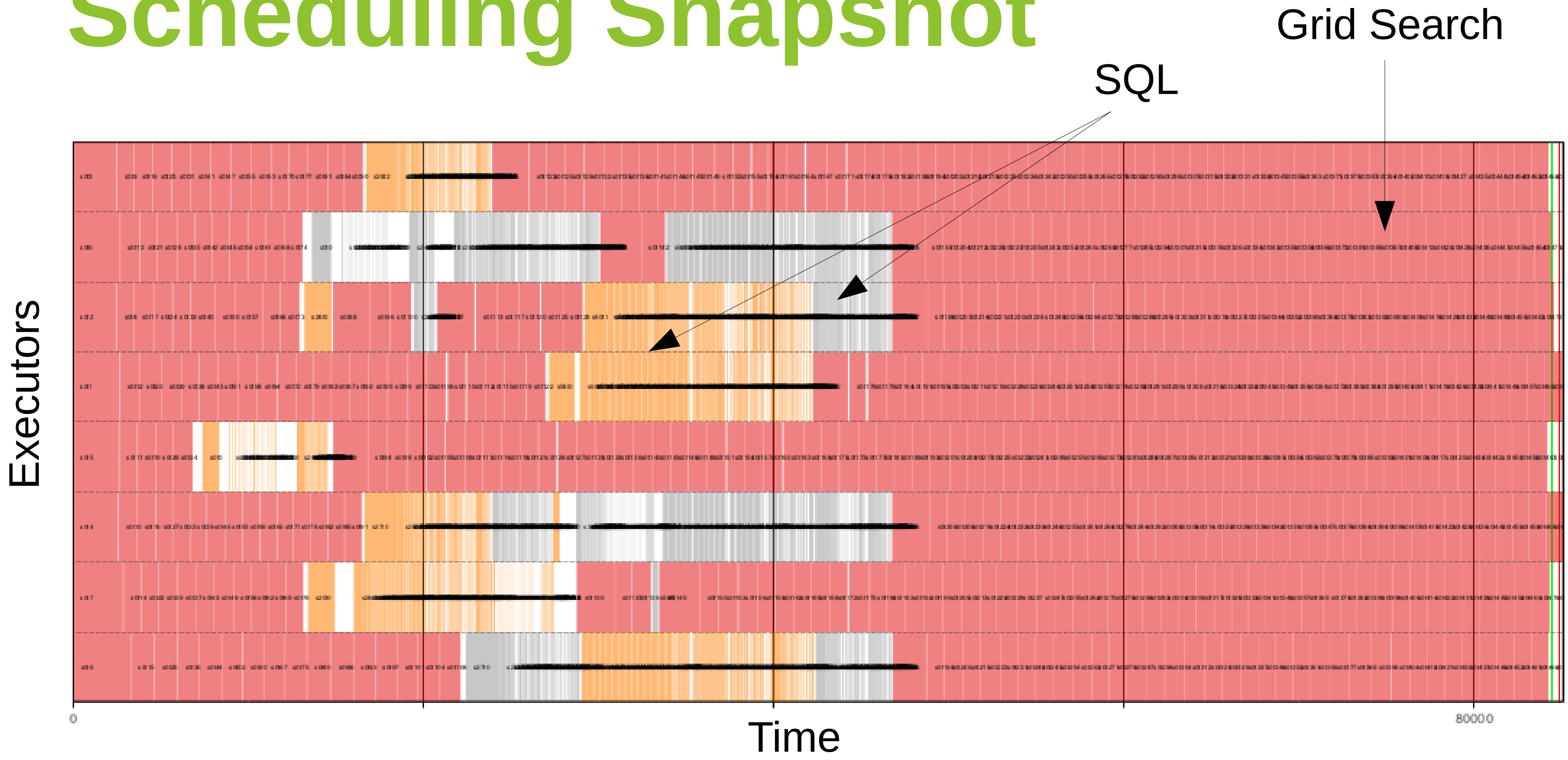
“The HCl Scheduler:
Going all-in on Heterogeneity”,
Michael Kaufmann et all, HotCloud’17



Video: Serverless ML and SQL

Scheduling Snapshot



What about Performance?

- Workloads:
  - Deep learning (digit recognition) using Spark/Tensorflow, MNIST data set
  - SQL: TPC-DS
- Clusters:
  - 8 node cluster, 10Gb/s Ethernet
  - 8 node cluster, 100Gb/s RoCE
- Software
  - Spark2.3, Tensorflow 1.2

Conclusion

- Efficient serverless computing is challenging
  - Local state (e.g. shuffle, cached input) is lost as compute cloud scales up/down
- This talk: turning Spark into a serverless framework by
  - implementing a new serverless scheduler
  - consequently storing compute state remotely using Apache Crail
- Supports arbitrary Spark workloads with almost no performance ovherhad
  - MapReduce, SQL, Iterative Machine Learning
- Implicit support for fast network and storage hardware
  - e.g, RDMA, NVMe

Future Work

- Add support for dynamic re-partitioning on scale events
- Add support for automatic caching
- Add more sophisticated scheduling policies

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Backup

Workloads and Frameworks

	Microservices	Workflows	MapReduce	SQL	ML
AWS λ, Google CF, Azure F					
AWS λ + AWS StepFunction					
PyWren					
Databricks Serverless					

Serverless frameworks not designed to run arbitrary workloads