

# Legion Performance Analytics

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# Introduction

## Definition

- Performance : quantified non-functional requirement
- **The test of the machine is the satisfaction it gives you.**— Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values*
- Performance for software
  - Latency
    - ex.: frame time, reaction time, replication time, load time
  - Stability
    - ex.: MTBF, crashes, error logs, memory use
  - Satisfaction
    - ex.: retention, engagement, biometrics, surveys

# Introduction

## Stages of data storage

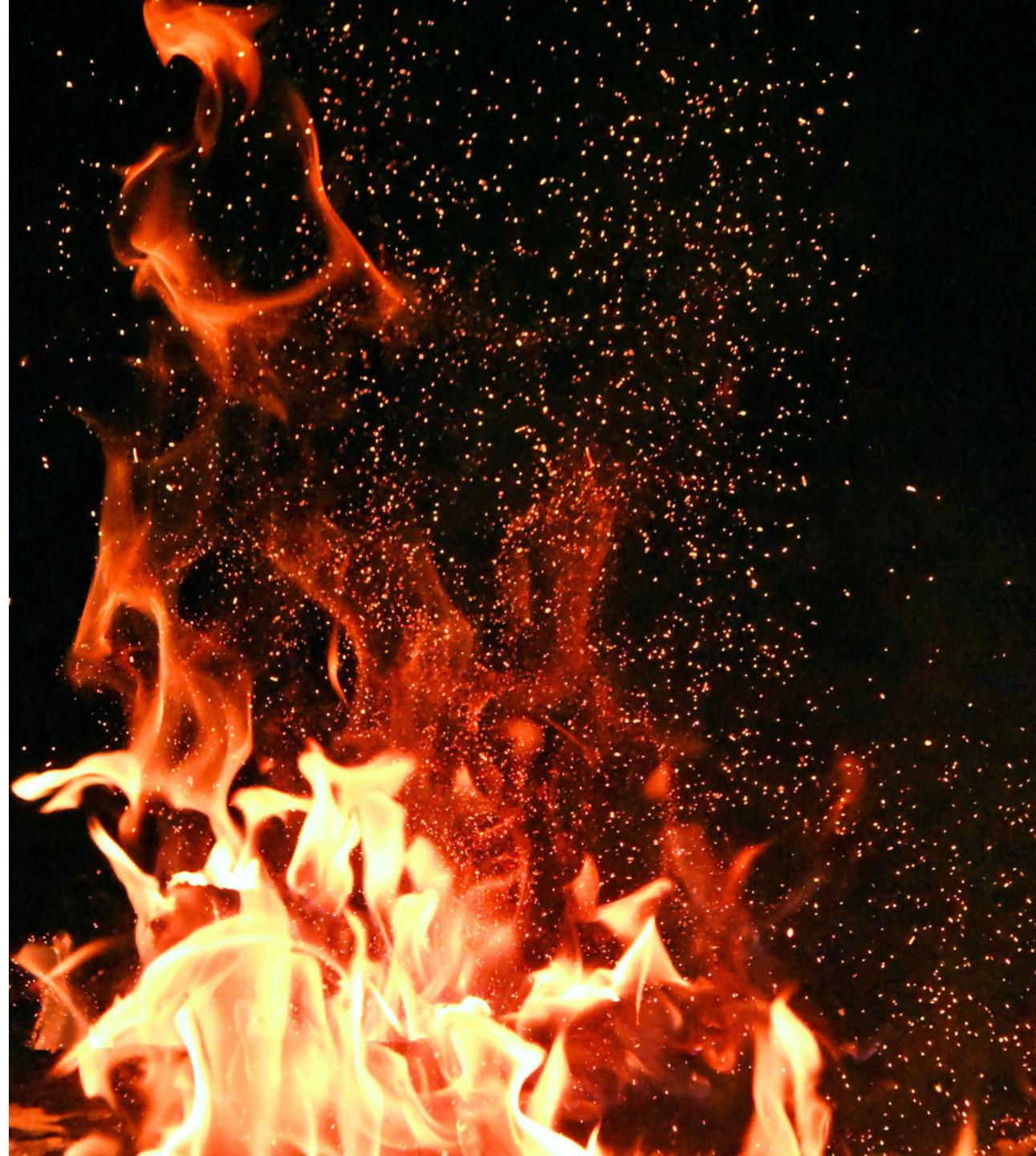
- in-app: buffered streams of structured events
- **Data Lake**
  - write-friendly format
  - shallow index
- **Data Warehouse**
  - ephemeral subset
  - deeply indexed
  - SQL



# Introduction

## Levels of analytics

- in-app: basic stats, adjust level of details of telemetry
- Basic stats over multiple sessions: MTBF, max memory use
- Deep inspection of a single session: Mem use of every asset, flame graphs
- Aggregates of high-frequency events over many sessions: Heat maps



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# Requirements

## Frequency of events

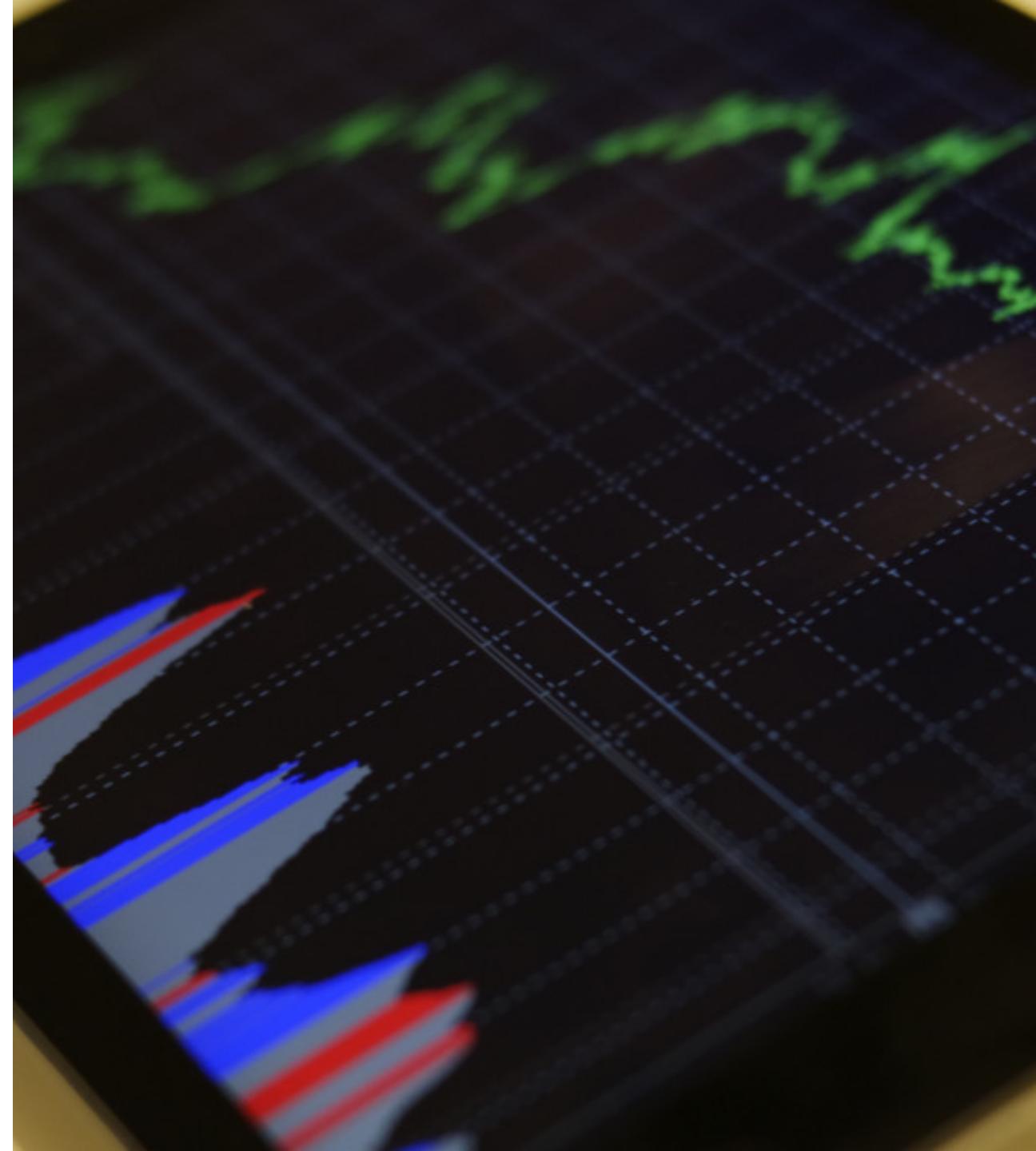
- High Frequency: thousands of events per frame
  - begin/end function call
  - begin/end asset-specific scope
  - memory alloc/free



# Requirements

## Frequency of events

- Frame metrics
  - frame time, engine time, render sync
  - player health, #npcs
  - process memory allocated/available
  - i.e. mostly time series



# Requirements

## Frequency of events

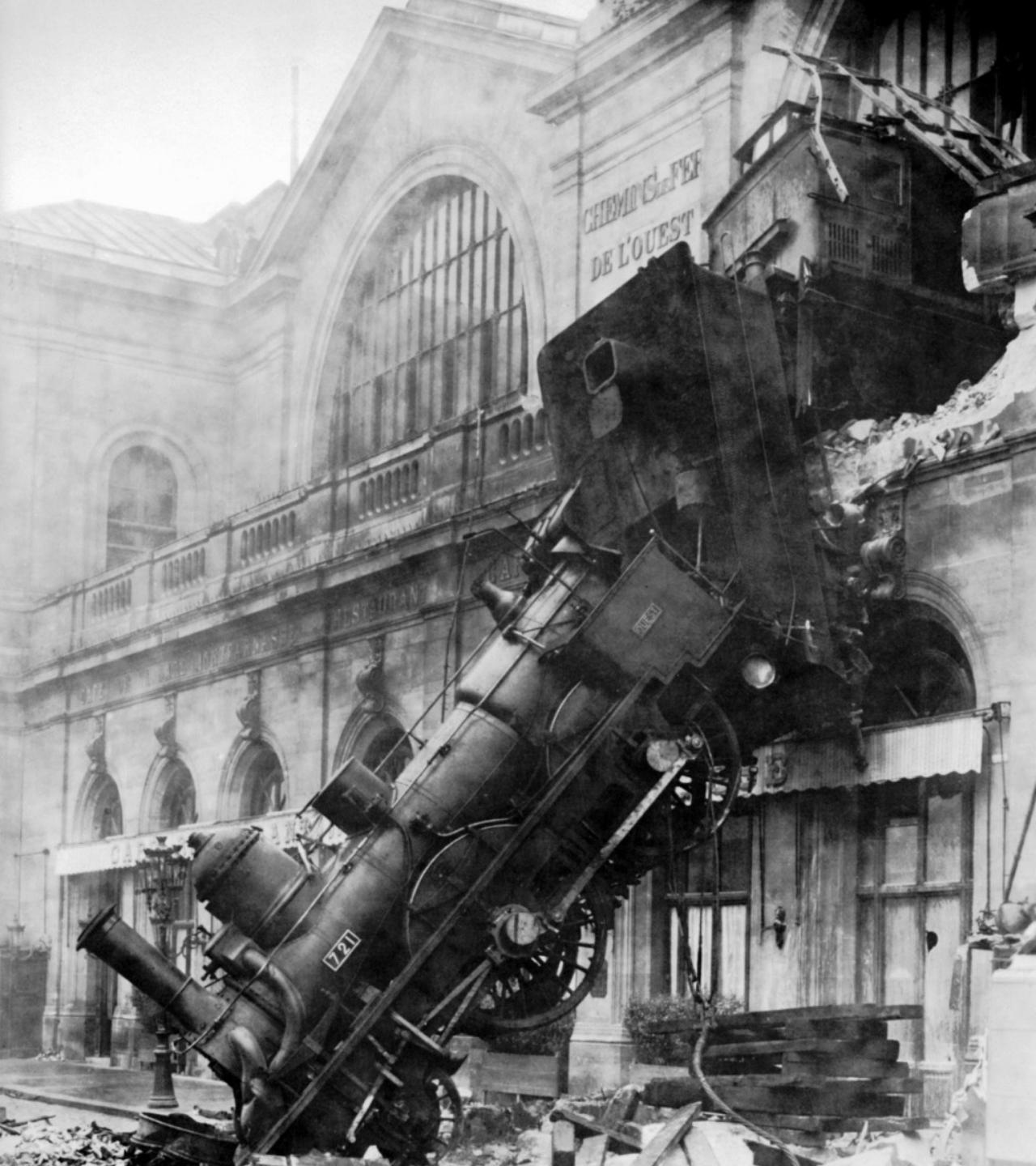
- Behaviour events
  - begin/end system state
  - gameplay events
  - user input



# Requirements

## Frequency of events

- Logs
  - begin/end app state (world loaded, in-play, matchmaking)
  - warnings
  - crashes with callstack



# Requirements

## Generic and Extensible event stream format

- Open/Closed principle: open for extension, but closed for modification
- Adding a feature-specific event should have no impact on ingestion pipeline
- No magic: specific reports/views depend on the presence of specific events
  - tagging of streams to advertise the purpose/suitability
  - i.e. dynamic duck typing
- not limited to time series

# Requirements

## Generic and Extensible event stream format

### Performance characteristics

- write-friendly
  - most work is done with memcpy
  - important size optim: object references
- ingest-friendly
  - store without parsing whole block
  - compressed payload is not decompressed
- generic reader
  - as generic as JSON
  - metadata to decode the writer's memory model

# Requirements

## Understanding distributed applications

- one application session can extend to multiple processes
- sync clock easier for RPC model of distributed computation

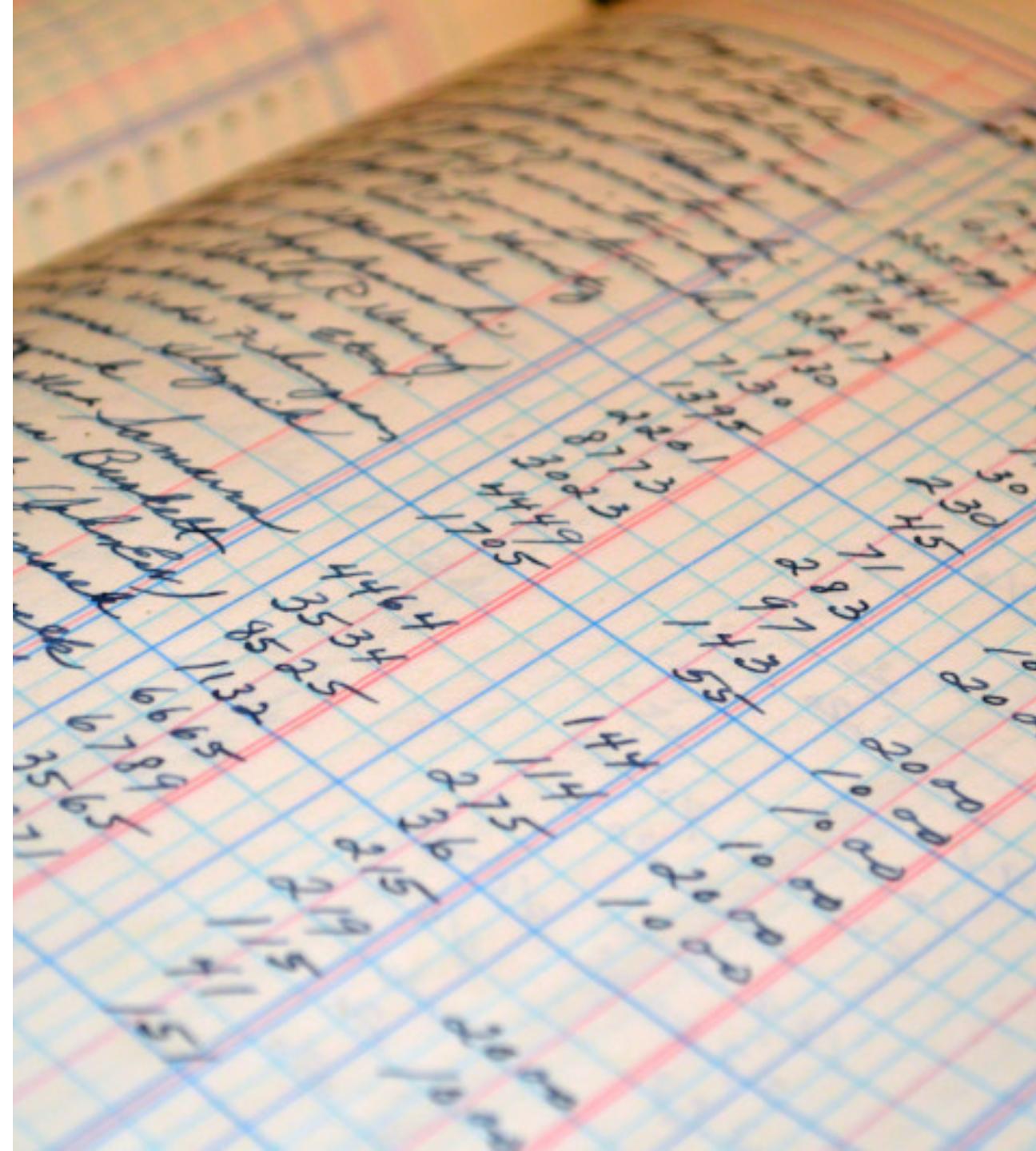


# Requirements

5 views to rule over all data

List / Table / Search

- recent sessions
- top crashes
- cpu budget report



# Requirements

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## Time series

- Individual frame times over time
- Player health over time
- Cohort engagement over 30 days



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## Graphs & Trees

- Cumulative function call statistics
- Loaded object graph



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## Timeline

- Call tree instances per thread

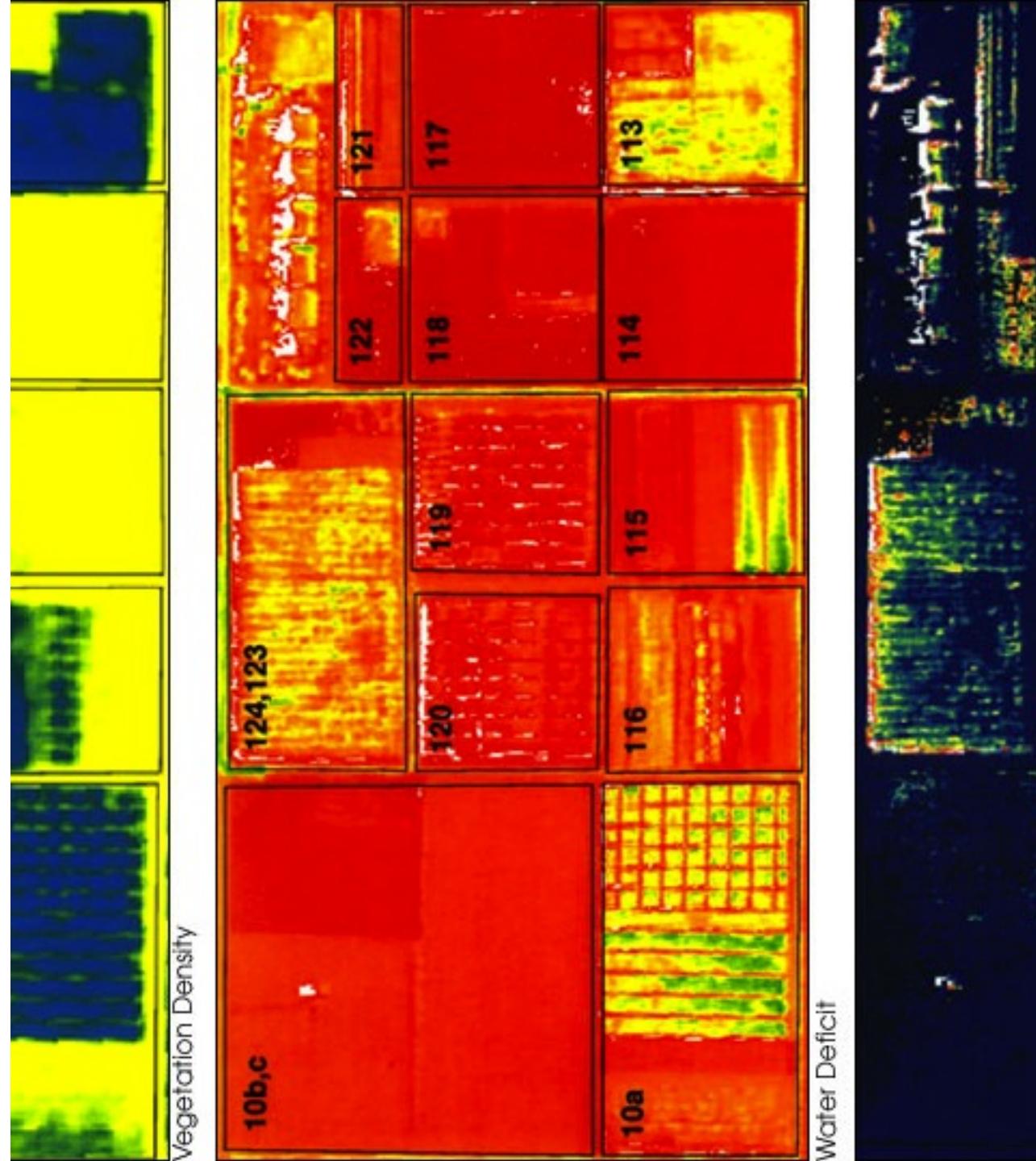


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## Heatmap

- death map
- geographic slow frames distribution



# Requirements

## non-requirements

- interactive debugging
- per-pixel profiling
- low-level cpu events (L1 cache miss, branch mispredictions, ...)

## not yet

- Video streaming & overlay
- cpu sampling
- context switches



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# Architecture

## Object hierarchy

- Session
  - Process instance
    - Stream
      - Stream block
      - Event

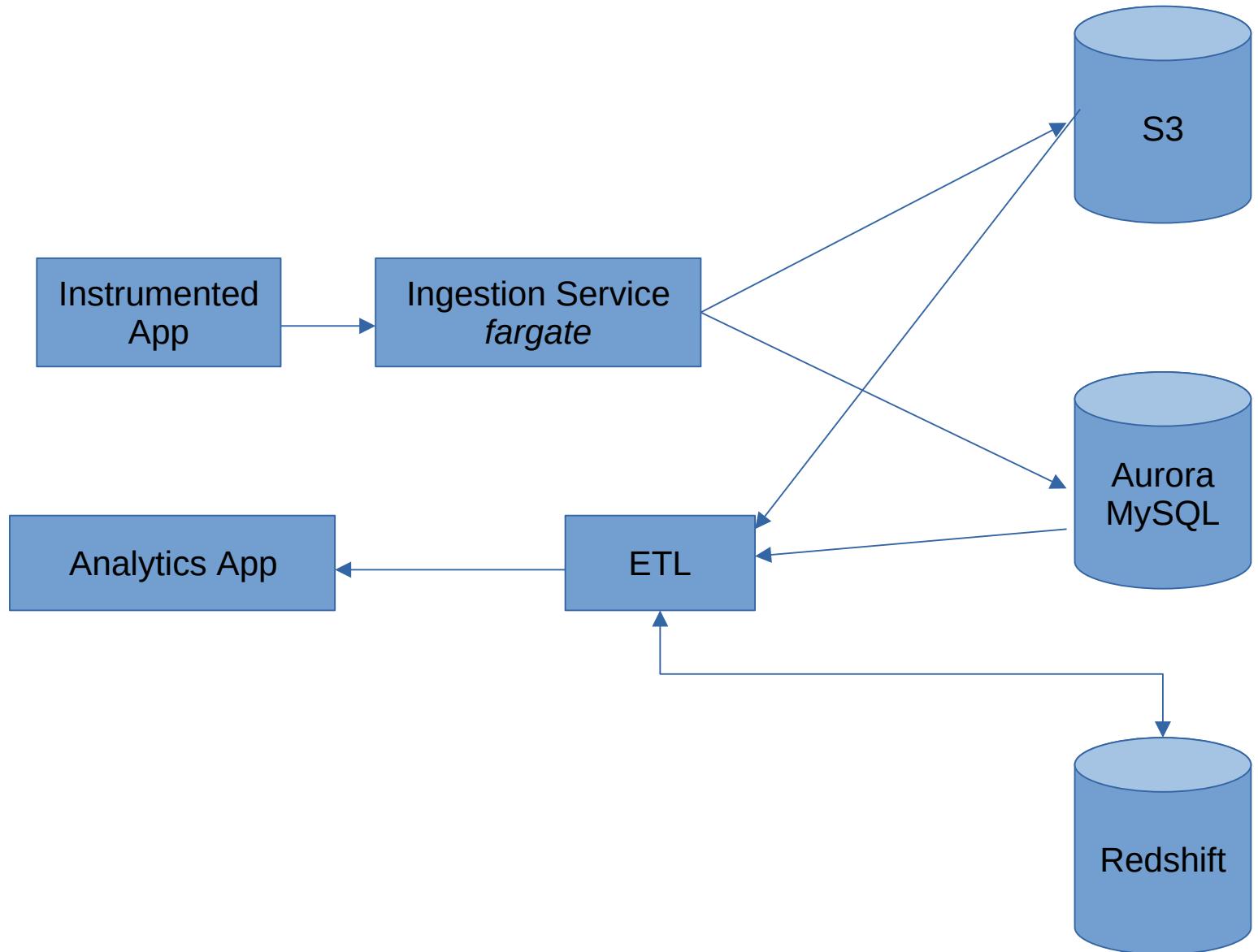


# Architecture

## Online architecture

Eventually, the analytics app could be hybrid like the editor.

Great bandwidth to read data, native rendering of complex graphs, stream result.



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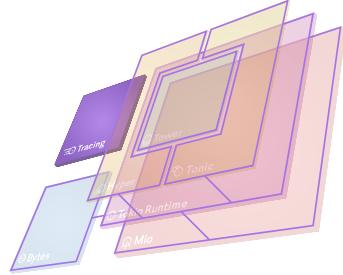
## Integration/reuse of existing solutions

Many ideas in common with `tracing` crate from the `tokio` project.

<https://docs.rs/tracing/0.1.26/tracing/>

But `Collect` trait at the center of the system is a poor fit.

Could support the interface to get visibility into crates that are already instrumented.



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# Roadmap

## Halloween

- Initial version of client telemetry library
- Local ingestion server (sqlite & files)
- CLI analytics (csv output)

## Christmas

- Analytics client using sciter
- Visualization of call tree timeline



