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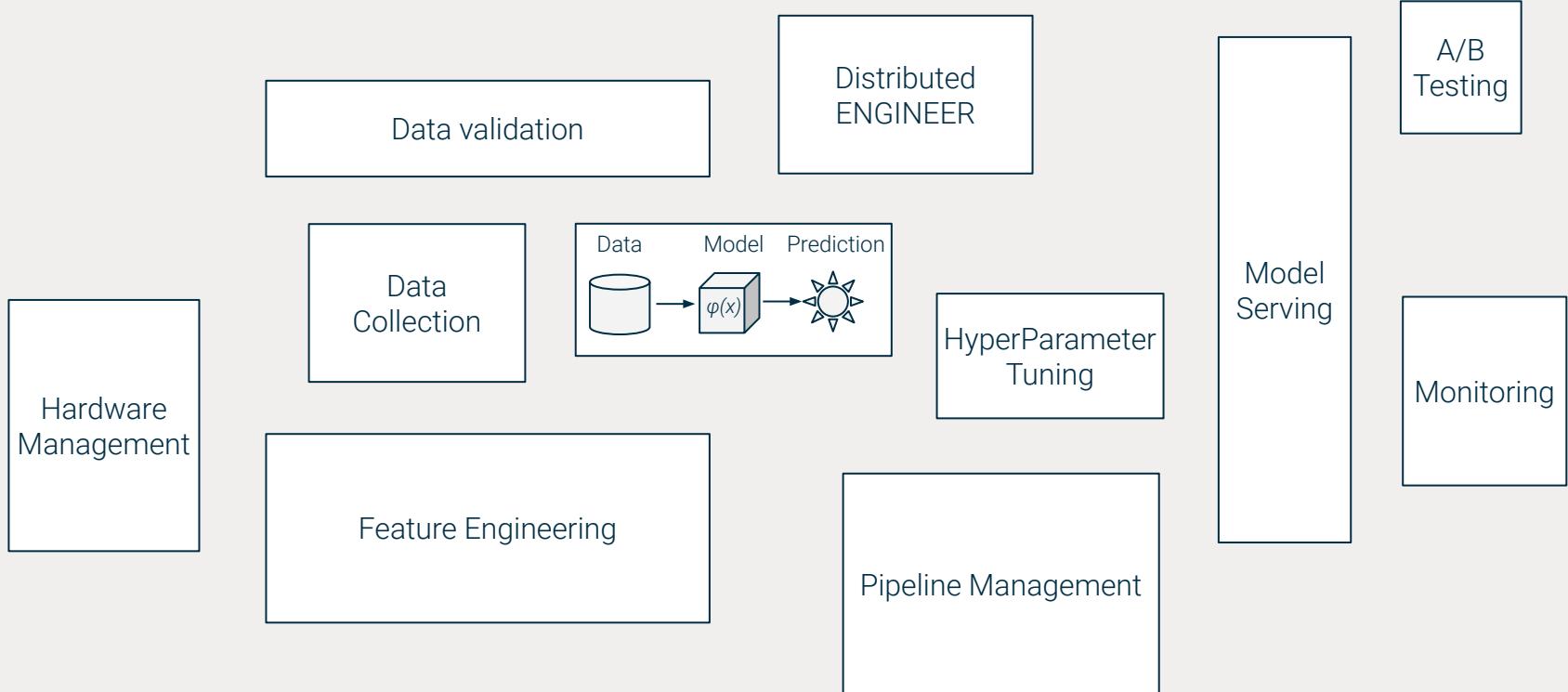
KTH Lecture for ID2223

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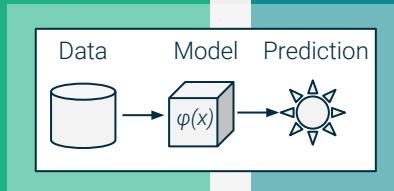


Growing Consensus on how to manage complexity of AI



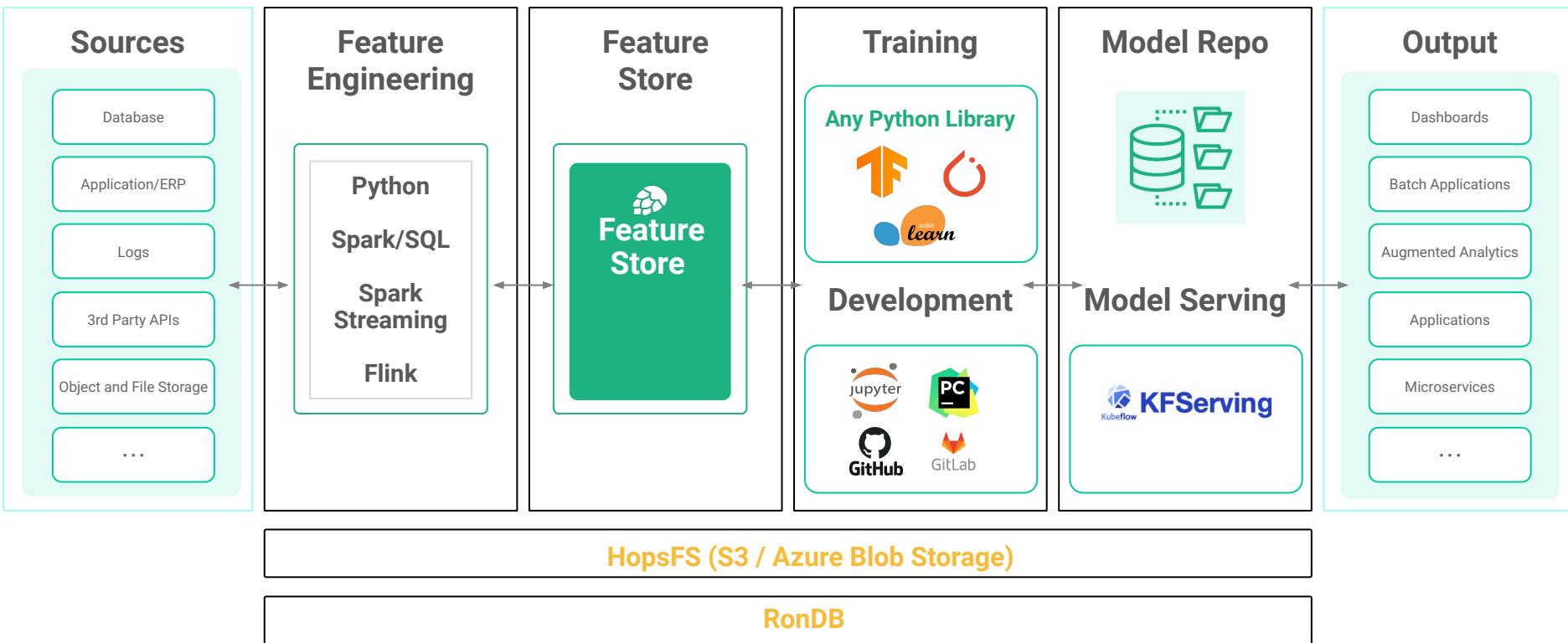


FEATURE STORE



ML PLATFORM TRAIN and SERVE

Hopsworks - Design and Operate AI Applications at Scale



Hopsworks is an Open, Modular Feature Store



Data Science

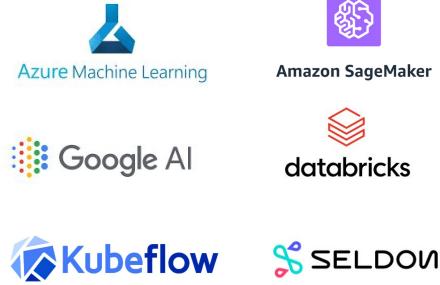


Teams use the tools of their choice,
integrated with the
Hopsworks Feature Store

Data Engineering



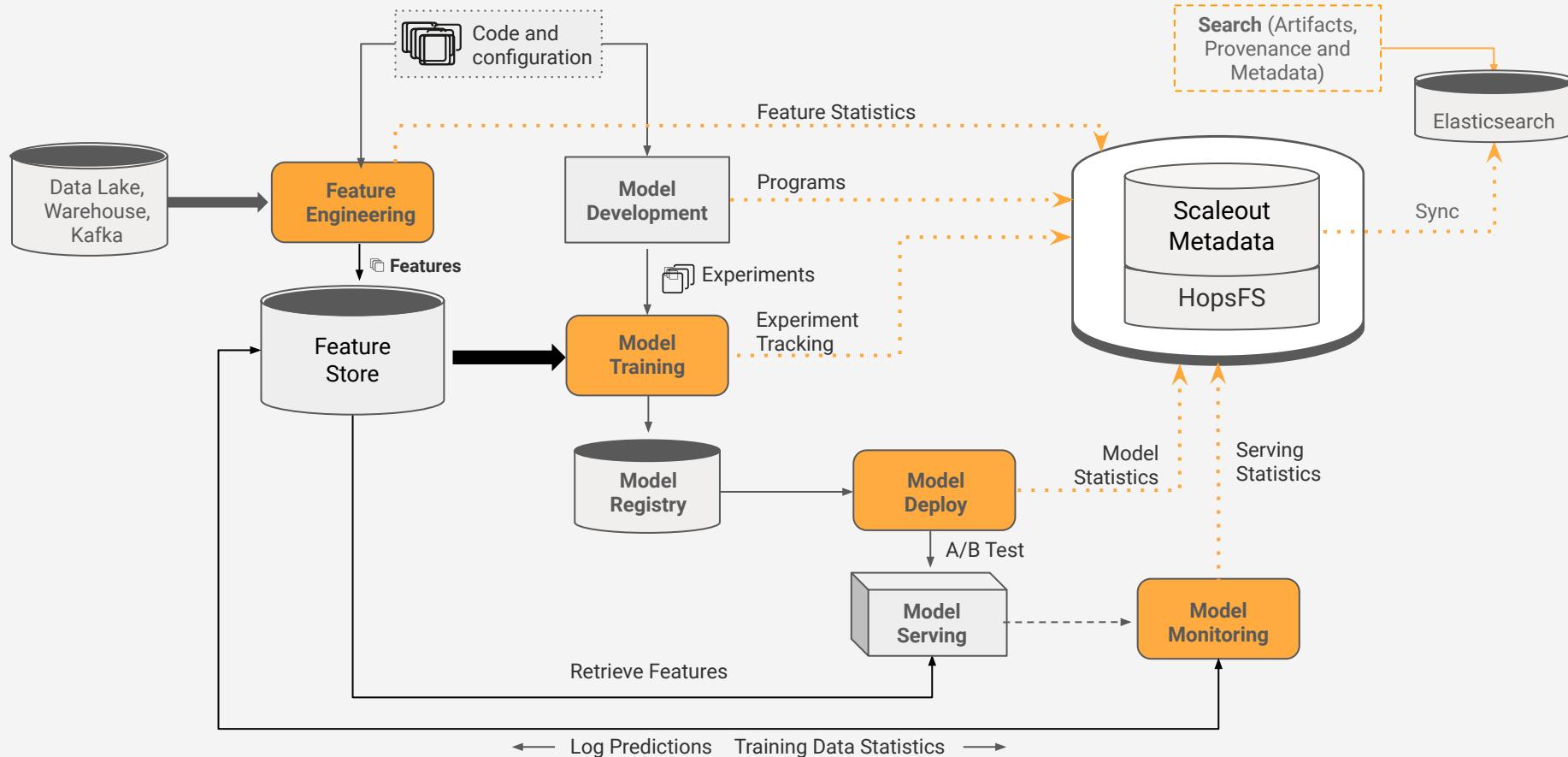
Model Serving



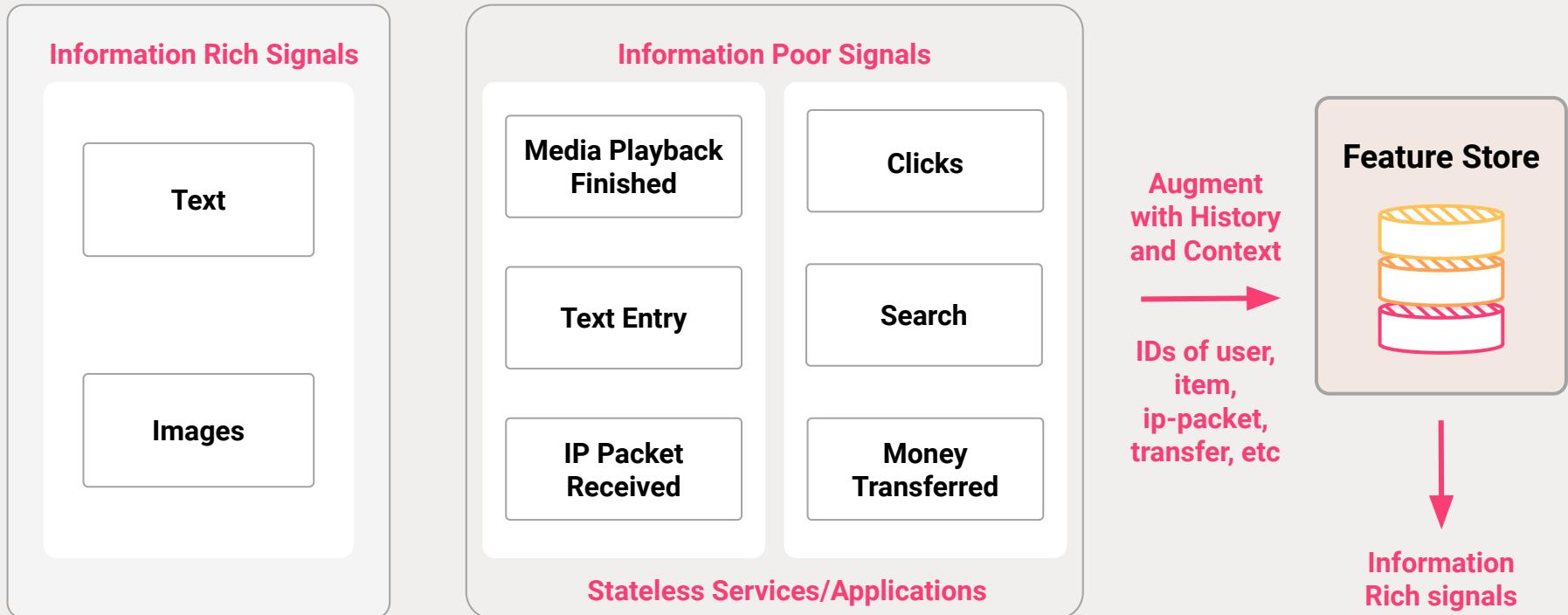
Compliance & Regulatory



Hopsworks End-to-End Machine Learning (ML) Pipelines



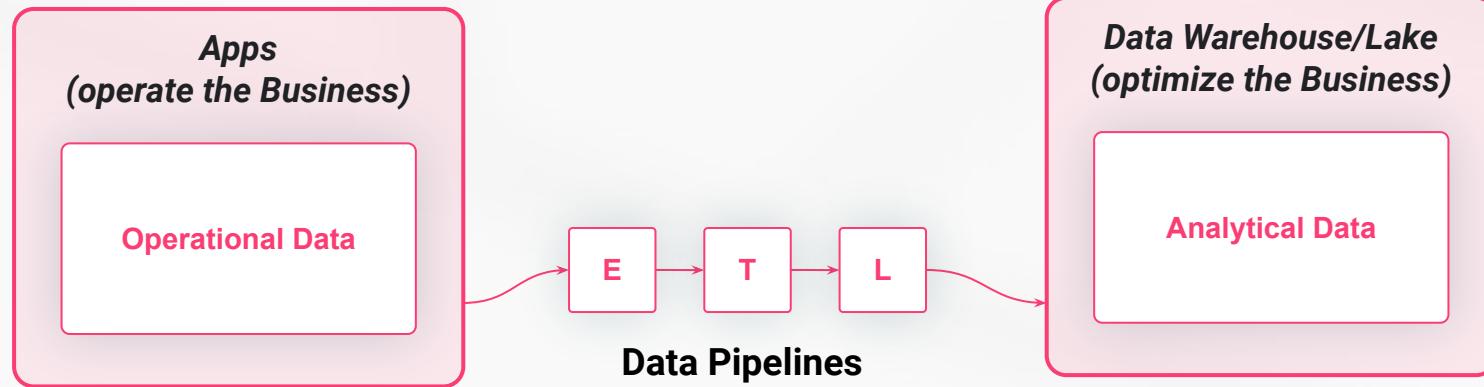
The Feature Store - From Information Poor Signals to Information Rich Signals



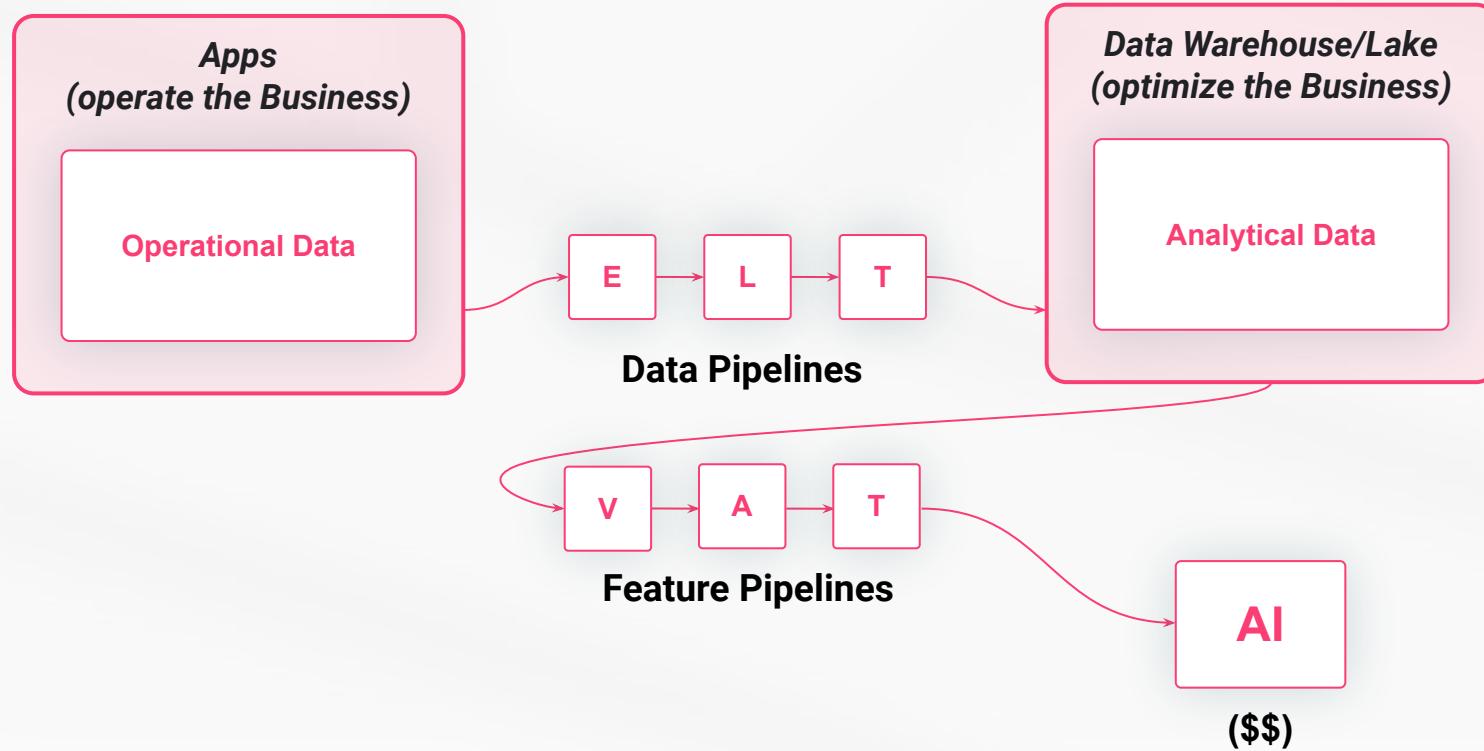
Commercial Feature Stores for Machine Learning



How the feature store fits in your data infrastructure

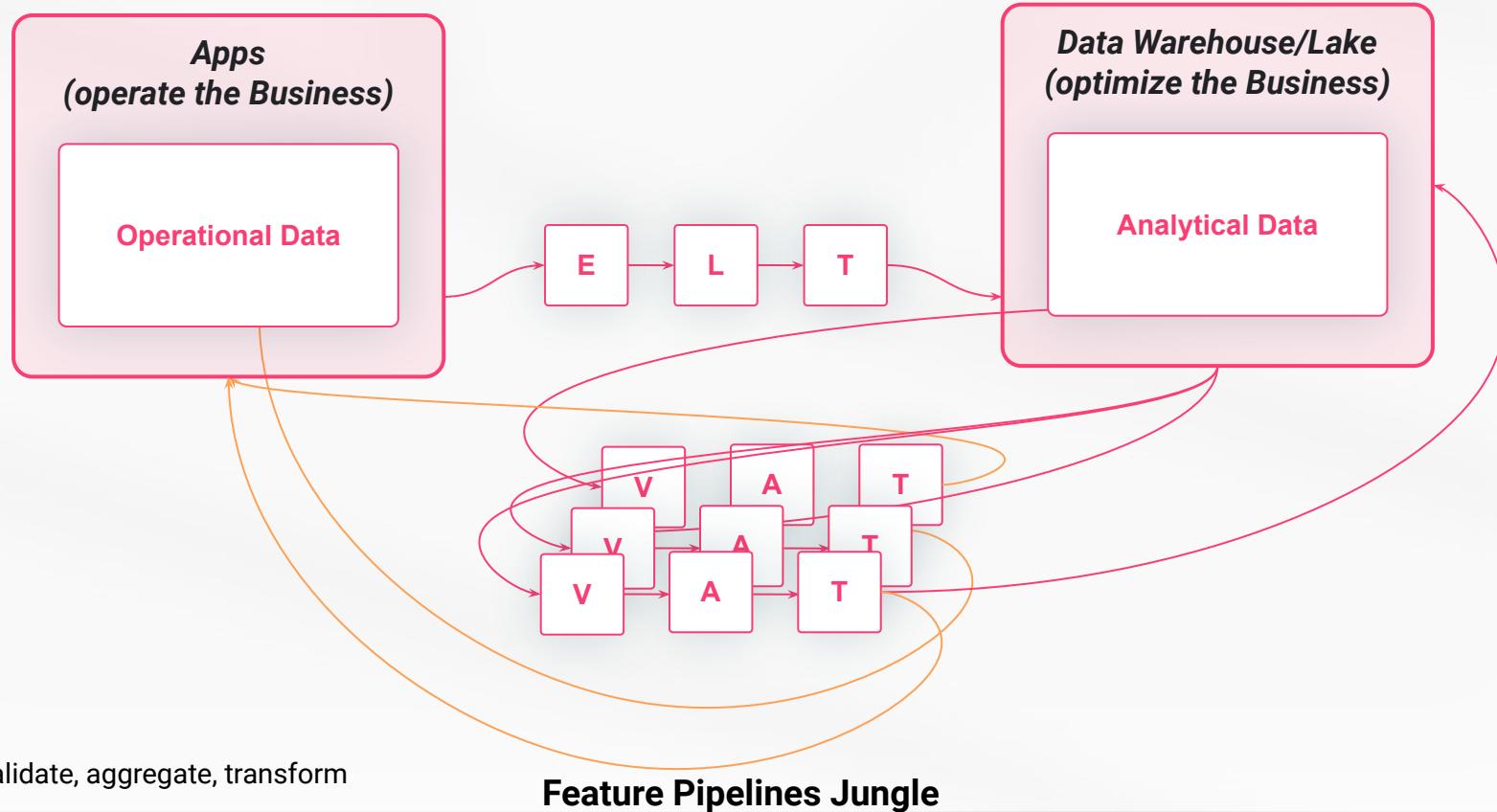


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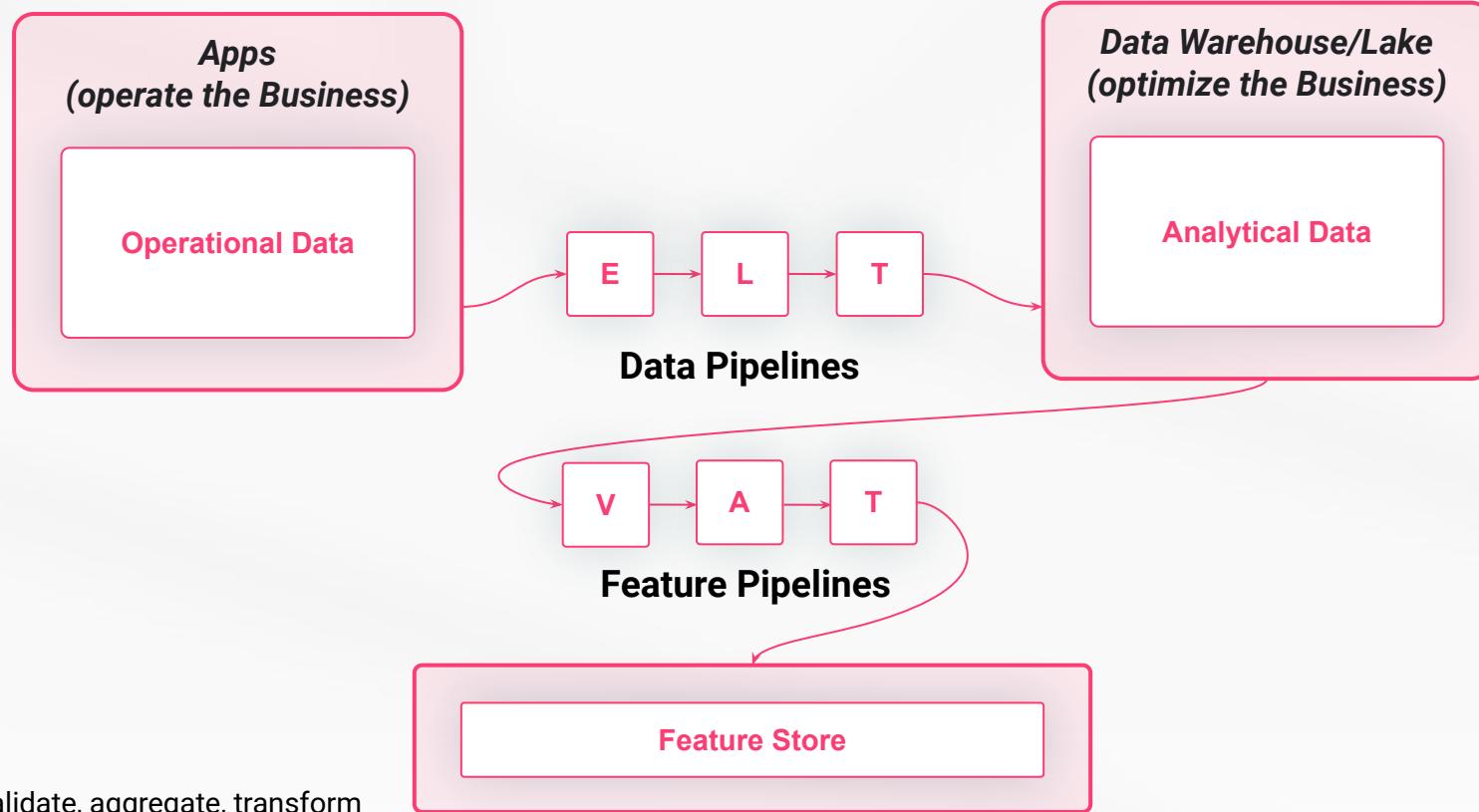
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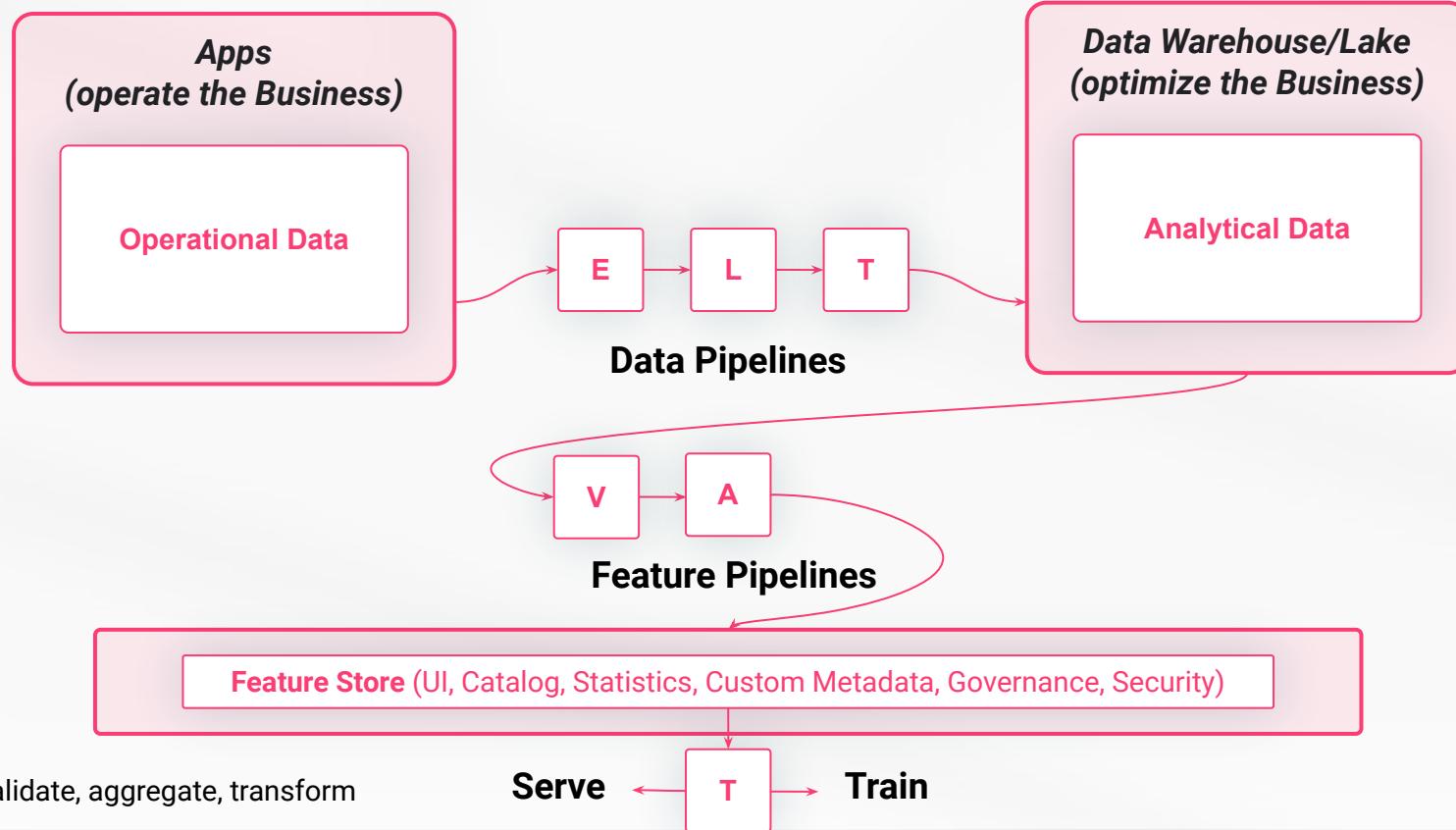


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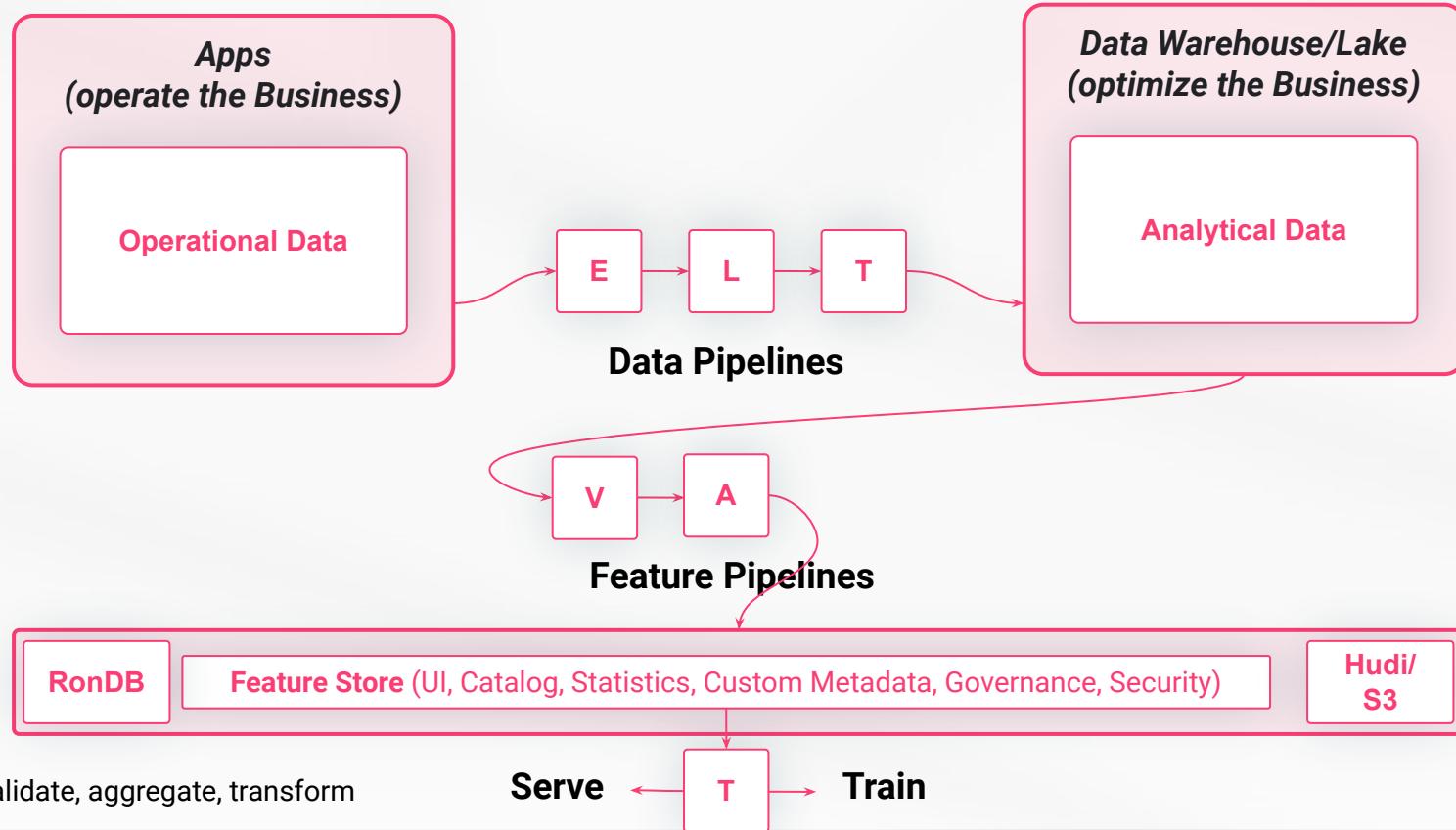
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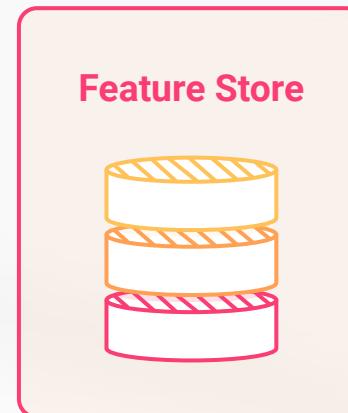
Enables Collaboration between folks who speak different languages



Data Scientist
Python

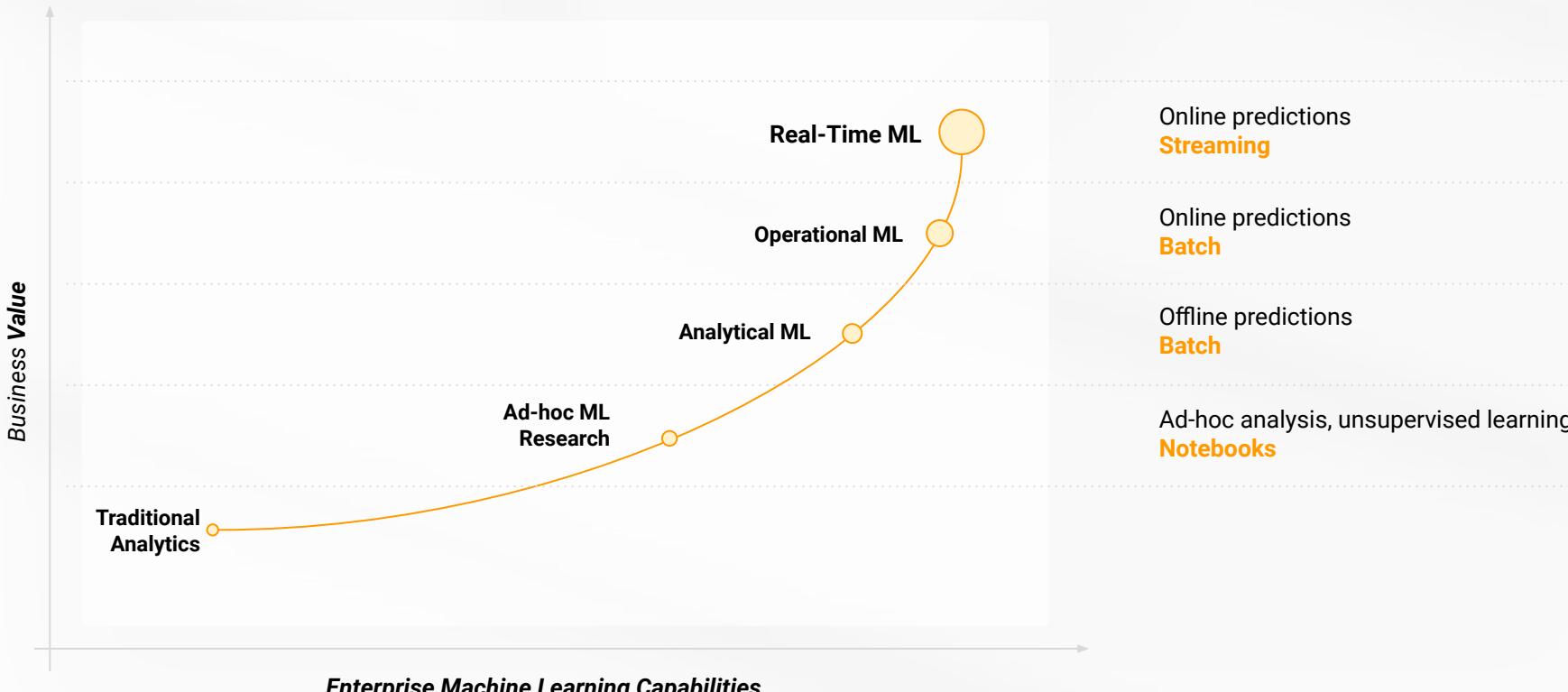


Data Engineer
SQL, Spark, Flink, Python

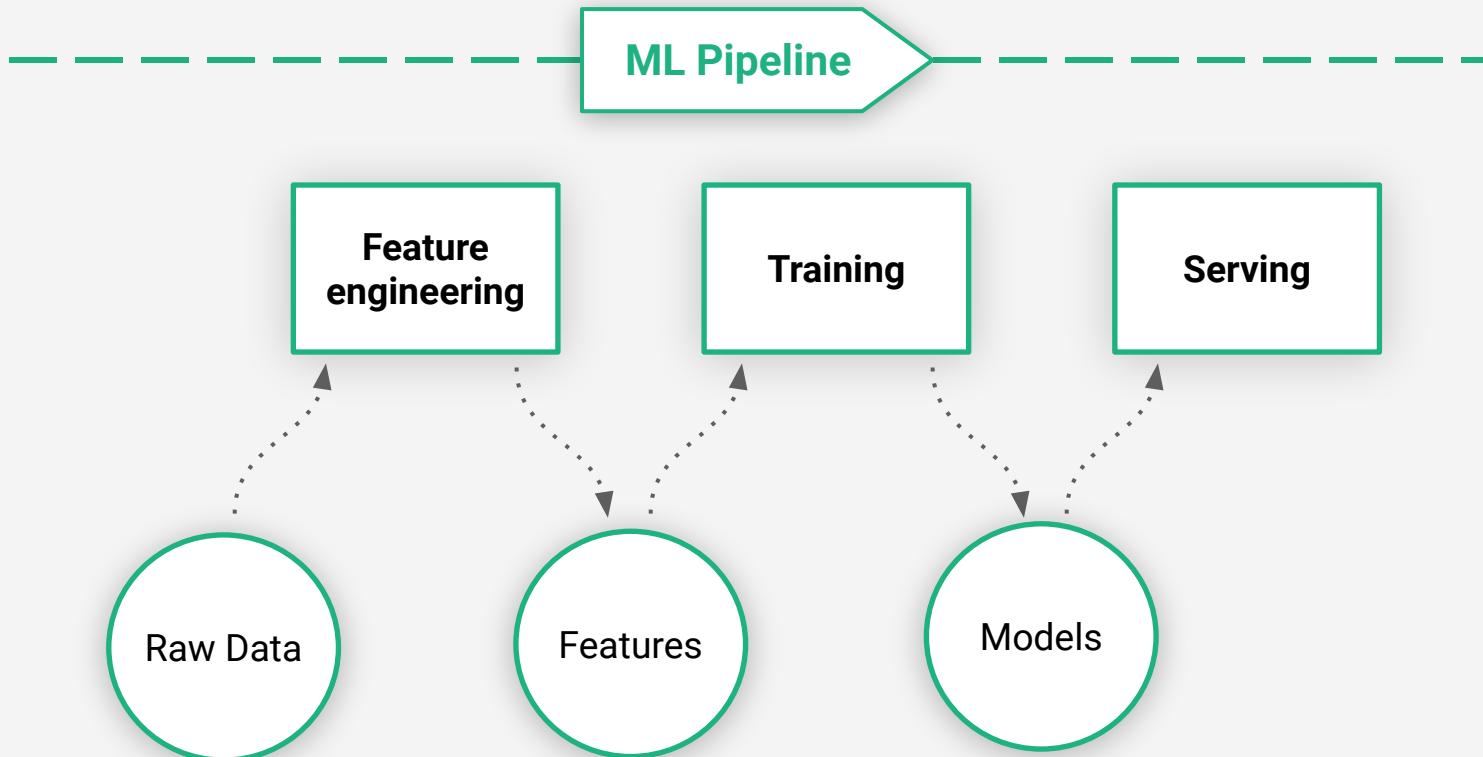


ML Engineer
Kubernetes, Serverless

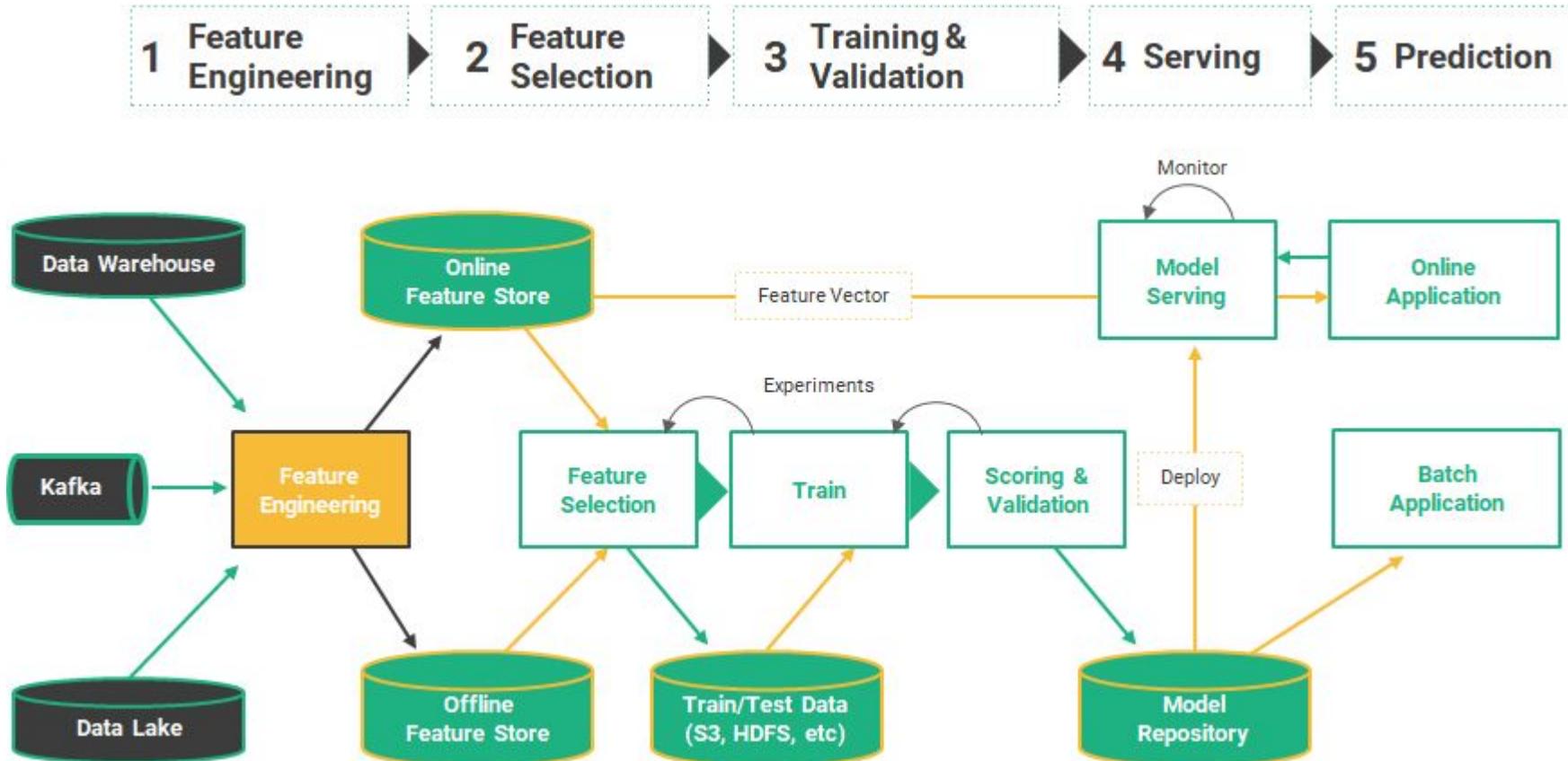
Road To AI Value



What are ML Pipelines?



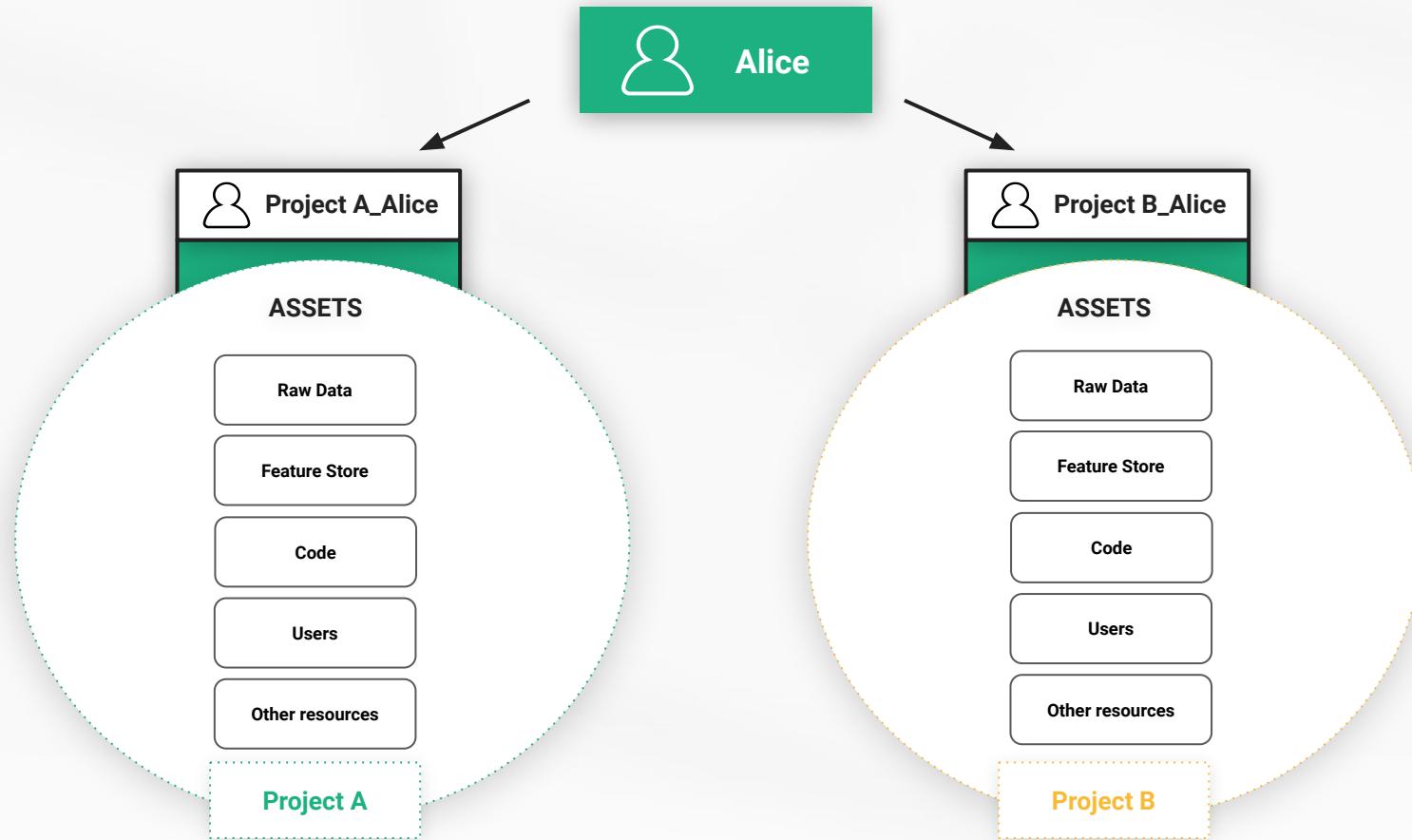
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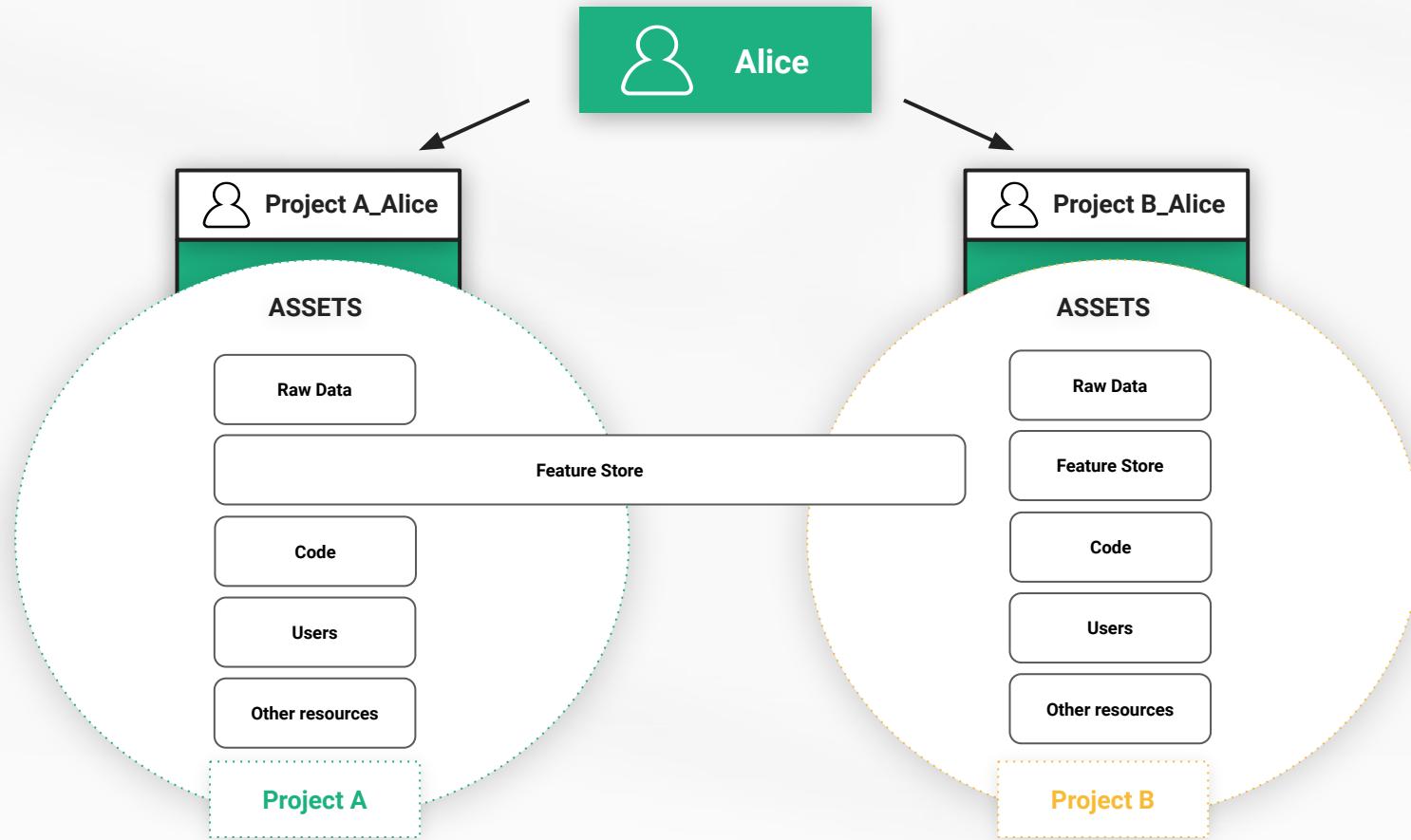


How it Started

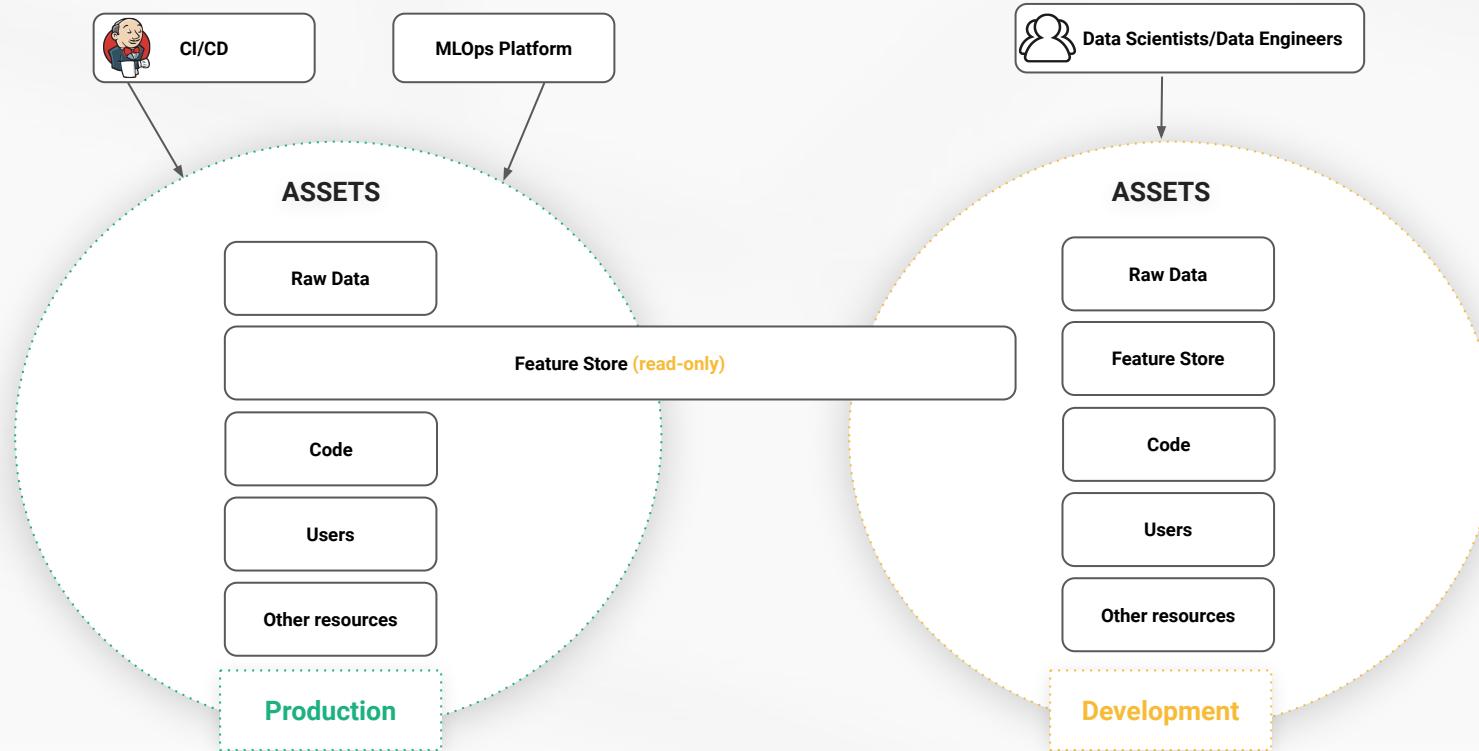
Project Based Multi Tenancy



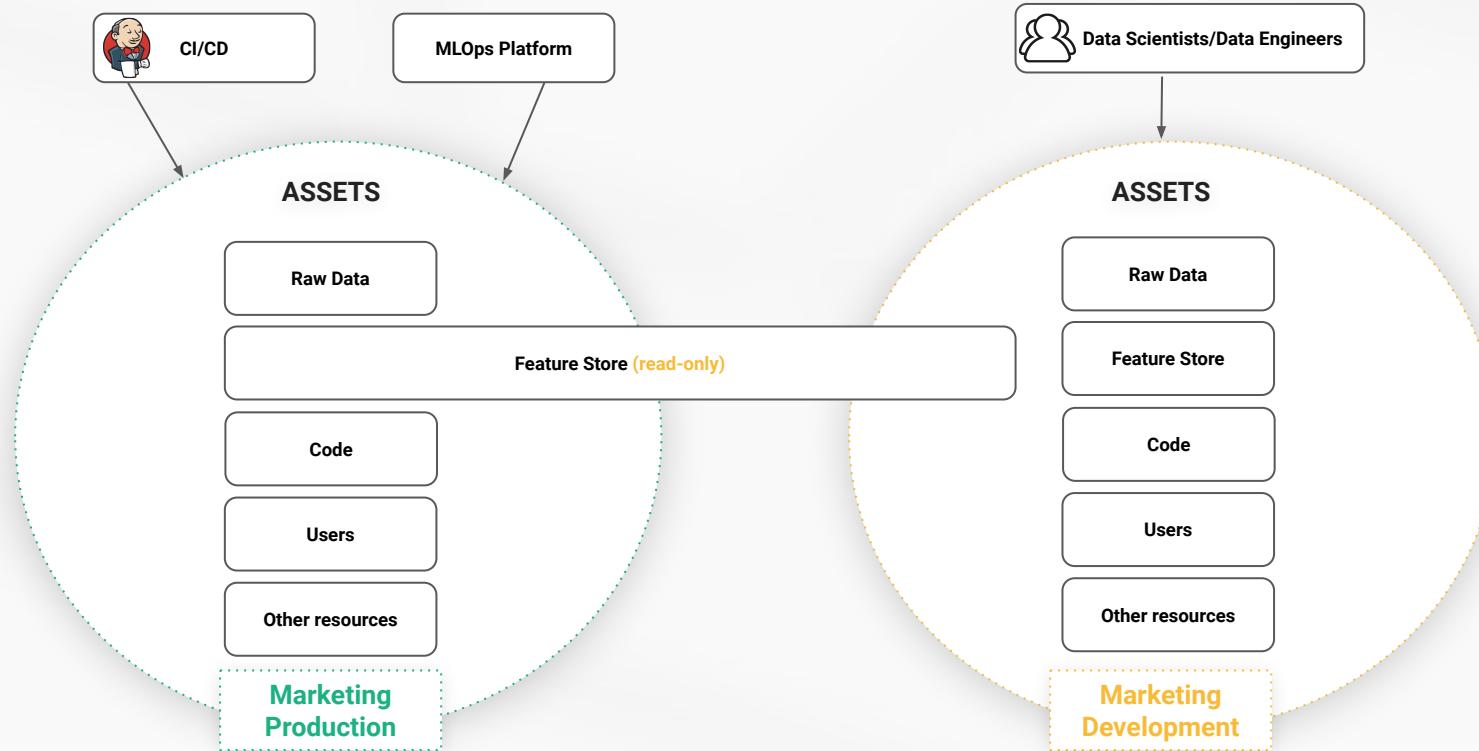
Project Based Multi Tenancy - Shared Data



Project Based Multi Tenancy - Production/Development



Project Based Multi Tenancy - Mix Structure

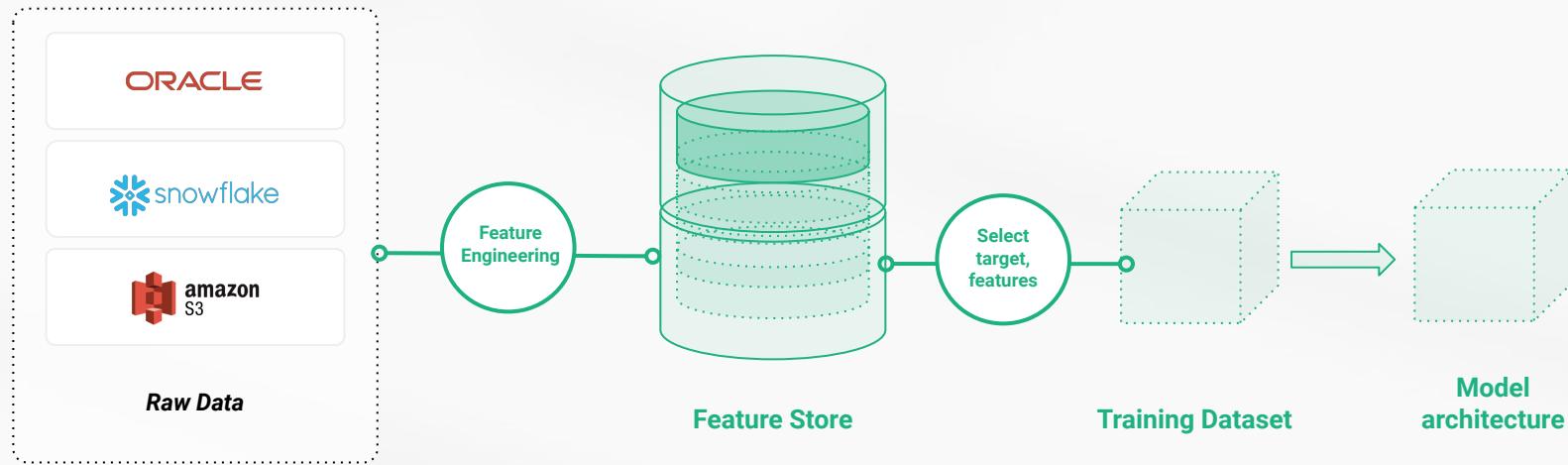




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Feature Engineering

From Data to Features to Training Data to Models



Feature engineering - Aggregation example



Transaction

transaction_time

2021/02/10

id

23

Feature Aggregation

2021/01/24

42

2021/01/20

47

Now

Features

Entity

1

1w

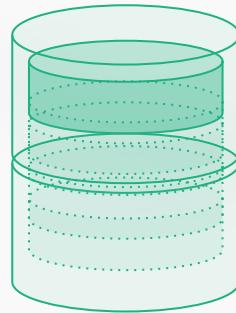
1

1m

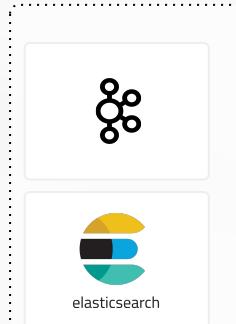
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Feature engineering

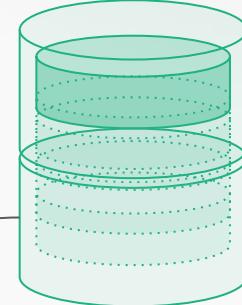
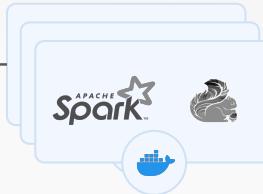


Existing feature groups

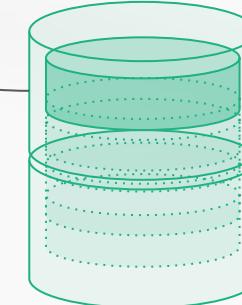


Other Data sources

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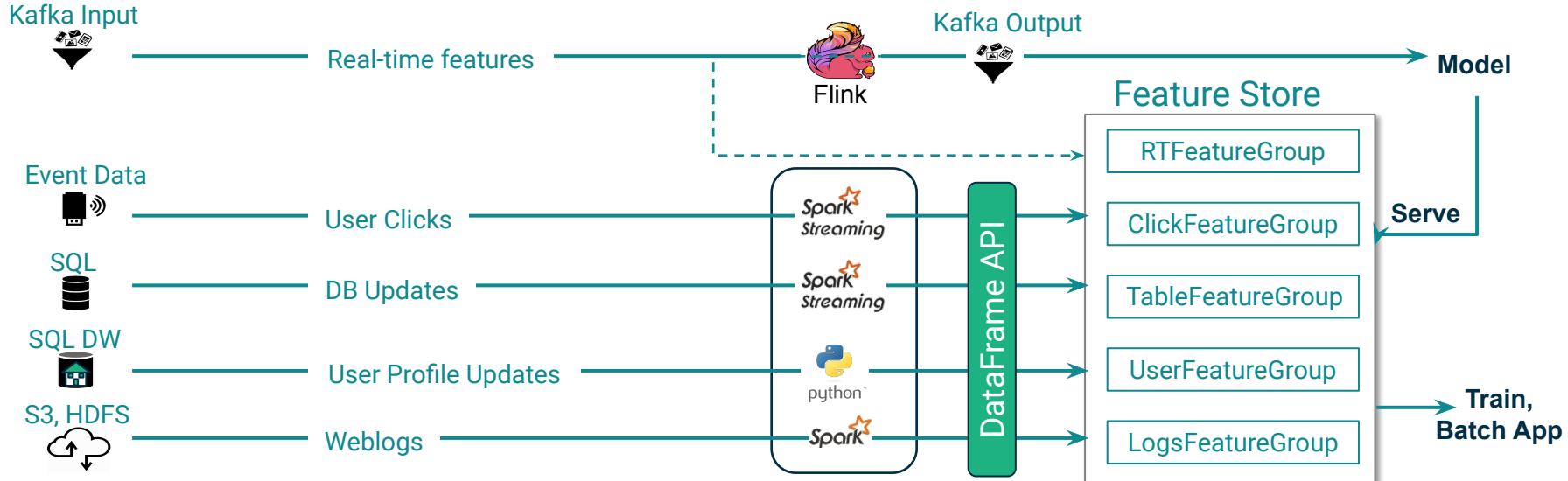


Online feature store



Offline feature store

Reusable Features are stored in FeatureGroups



Feature Pipelines update the Feature Store (2 Databases!) with data from backend Platforms



Low
Latency
Features

Real-Time Data



User-Entered Features (<2
secs)

Event Data



Click features every 10
secs



CDC data every 30
secs

SQL DW



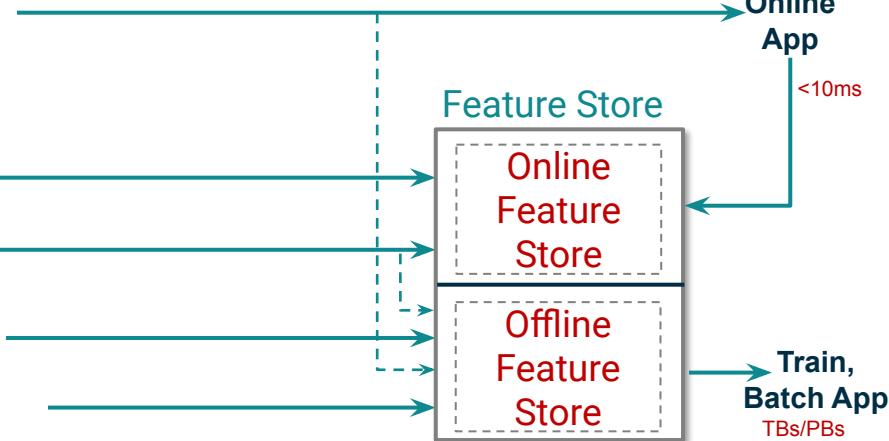
User profile updates every
hour

S3, HDFS



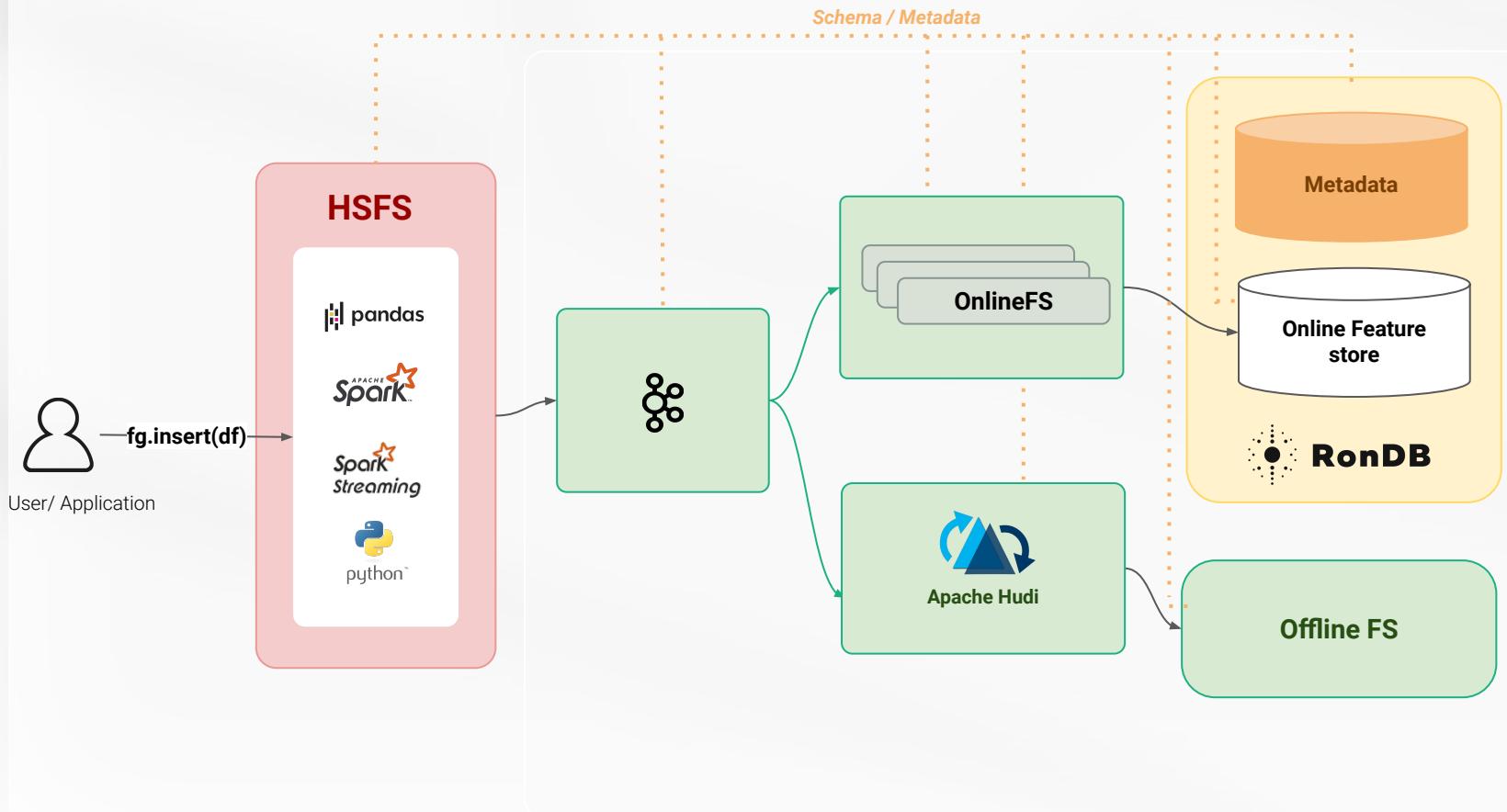
Featurized weblogs data every
day

High
Latency
Features



No existing database is both scalable (PBs) and low latency (<10ms). Hence, online + offline Feature Stores.

Streaming Applications can write Fresh Features





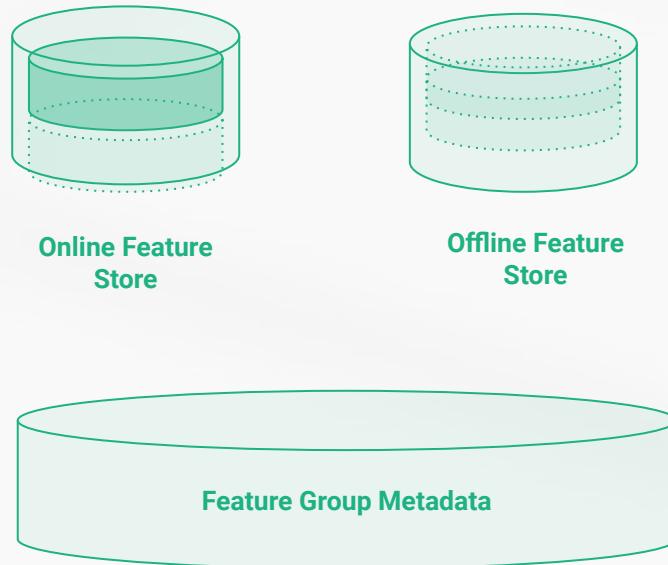
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Feature Groups

Cached feature groups



- Feature groups stored on Hopsworks
- Can be available both offline and online.
- Documentation:
https://docs.hopsworks.ai/feature-store-api/latest/generated/feature_group/
- Example:
https://examples.hopsworks.ai/feature_restore/hsfs/basics/feature_engineering/





Schema versioning

- Each feature group has a version number
- Version numbers allow users to identify breaking changes to the schema (feature dropped, change in the way a feature is being computed)
- Appending feature to a feature group is not considered a breaking change

Data versioning

- Calling `insert()/save()` on a feature group generates a new data commit.
- Data commits allow users to track how the data changed during the lifetime of a feature group.
- Users can navigate the commit history using the [Activity UI](#)
- Using the `as_of` method, users can retrieve features from a feature group, at a specific point in time.

Metadata - Activity



List actions performed on a feature group:

- Feature group creation
- Data ingestion
- Statistics computation
- Data validation

The screenshot shows the Hopsworks Metadata interface for a feature group named "cc_fraud". The left sidebar has a tree view with "card_transactions" expanded. The main area displays a log of events for "card_transactions" on "2021-10-12". The log shows seven "Data ingestion" events, each with a timestamp, commit ID, and statistics (rows updated/deleted). The last event is highlighted in green.

Date	Action	Commit	Details
2021-10-12 18:49:33	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 18:49:33	0 new rows, 43k updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 18:48:32	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 18:48:32	0 new rows, 6 updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 18:44:26	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 18:44:26	0 new rows, 43k updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 18:41:15	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 18:41:15	0 new rows, 1 updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 16:01:12	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 16:01:12	0 new rows, 43k updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 15:57:58	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 15:57:58	0 new rows, 7 updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 15:27:21	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 15:27:21	57 new rows, 43k updated rows, 0 deleted rows
2021-10-12 15:21:36	Data ingestion	commit 2021-10-12 15:21:36	87k new rows, 0 updated rows, 0 deleted rows

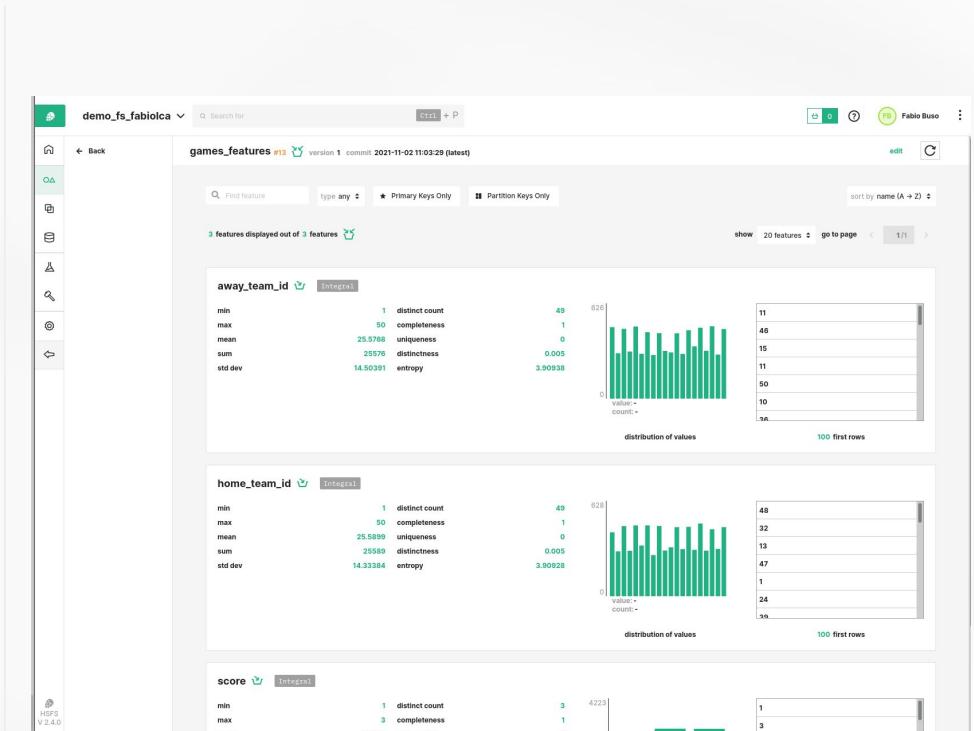
Metadata - Statistics



Statistics are computed at feature group level for each [data commit](#)

Hopworks computes automatically:
descriptive statistics, histograms and
correlations between features

Statistics can be explored from the UI.





Tags allow users to specify arbitrary metadata and make it searchable throughout the feature store.

Tags require a schema that can be defined and enforced at platform level.

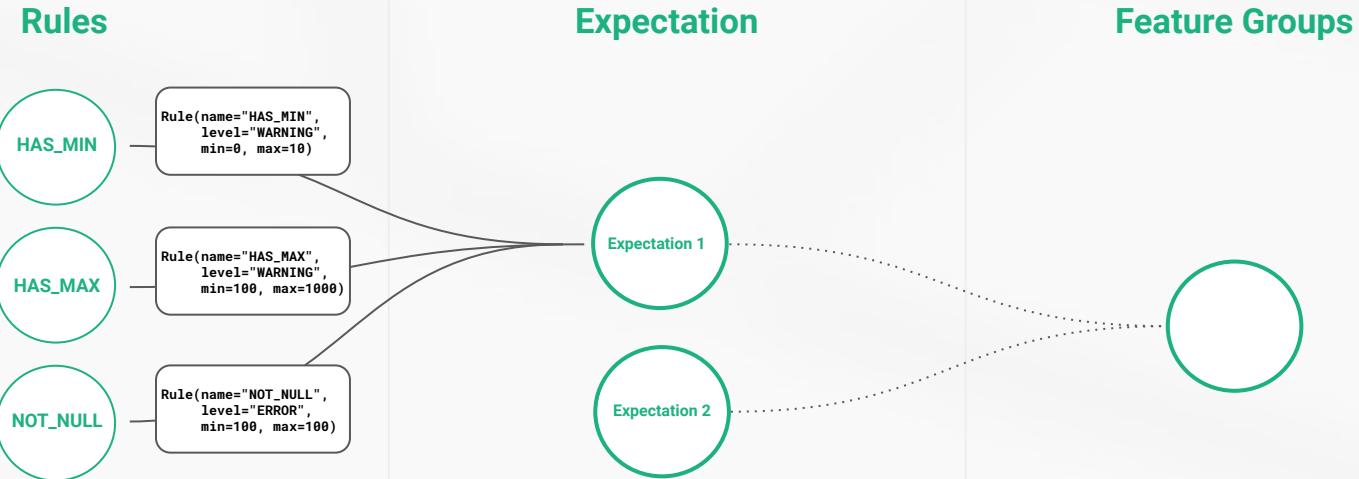
Tags can be manipulated through the UI or through the [APIs](#)

Tags		edit
pii		edit properties
pii	true	
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Data Validation



These are the rules supported by the platform:
https://docs.hopworks.ai/feature-store-api/latest/generated/feature_validation/#rule-definitions

An expectation is a set of rules with specific values and rule severity

Expectations can be applied to specific features on a feature group, or to the entire set of features of a feature group

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Validation types



Validation Type	Success	Warning	Failure
Strict	Insertion	Reject	Reject
Warning	Insertion	Insertion	Reject
All	Insertion	Insertion	Insertion
None	No data validation performed		

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fg.save(dataframe)
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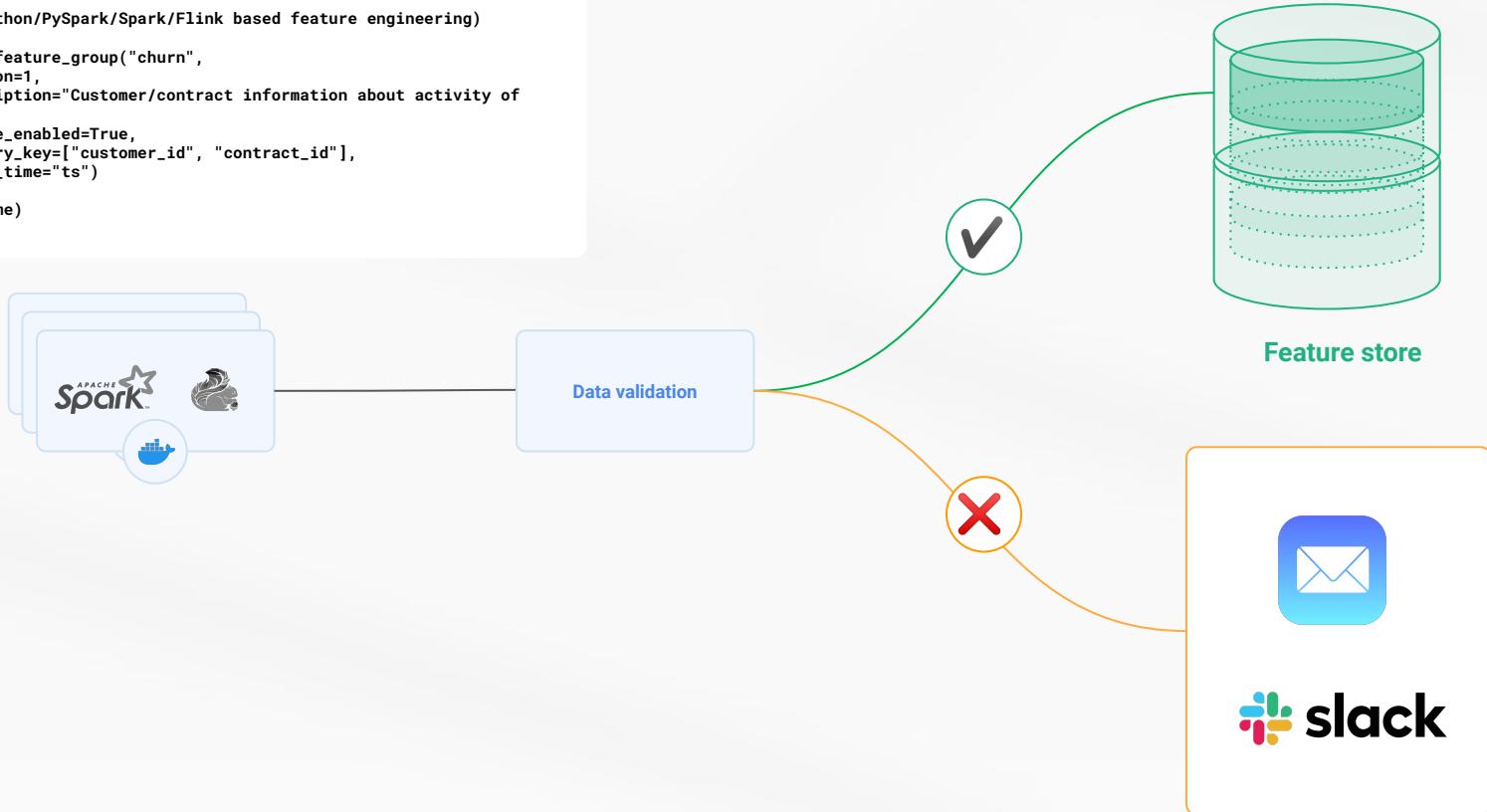
Data Validation



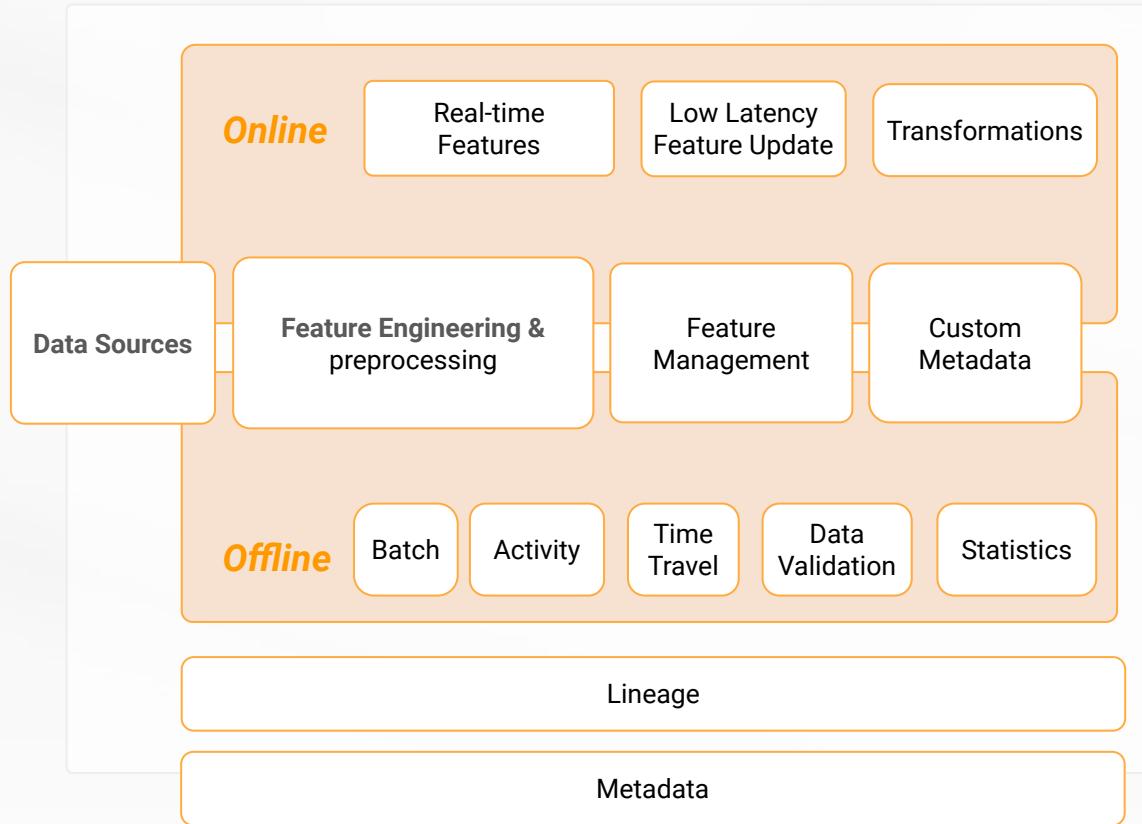
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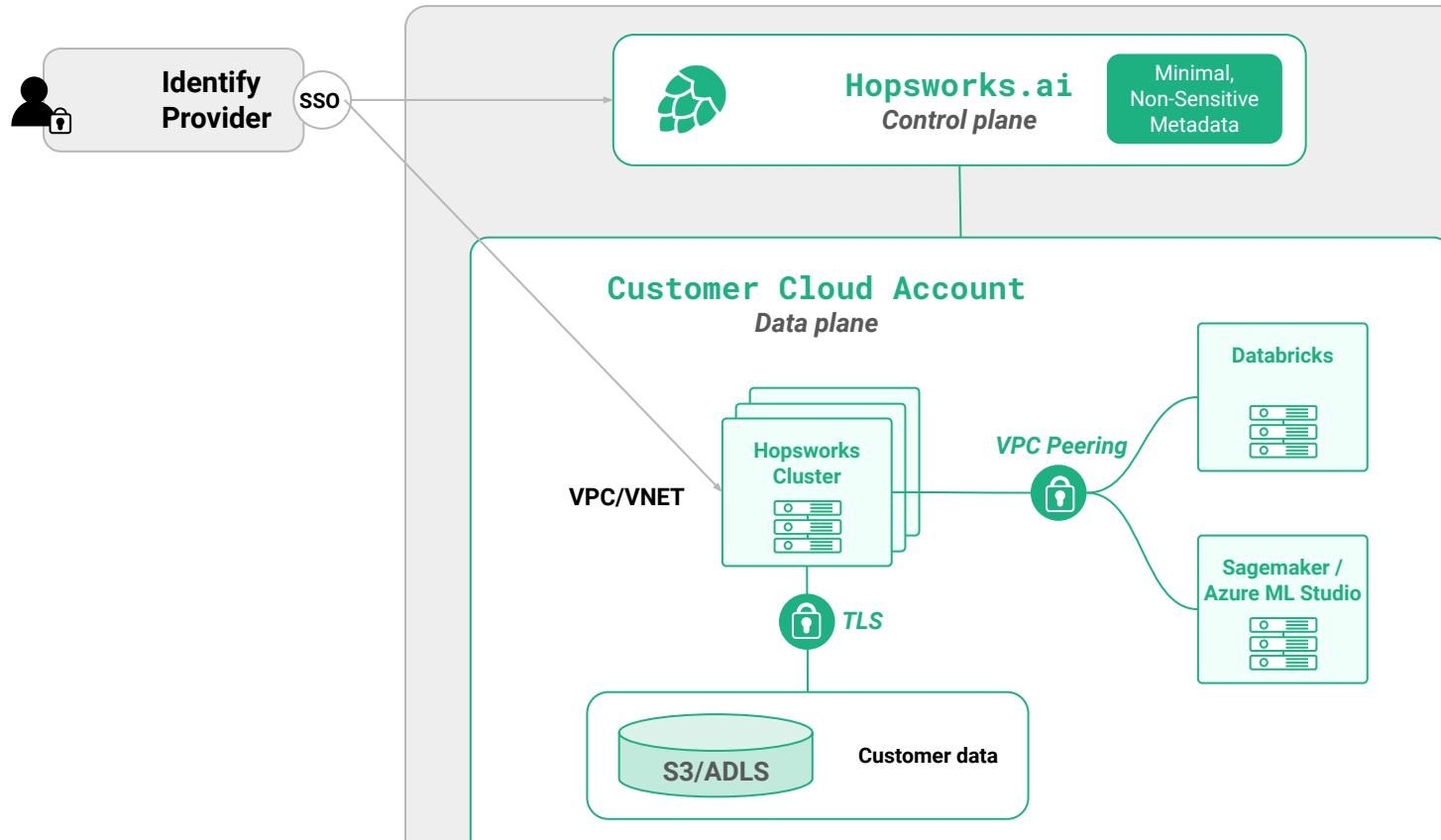


Hopsworks Feature Store

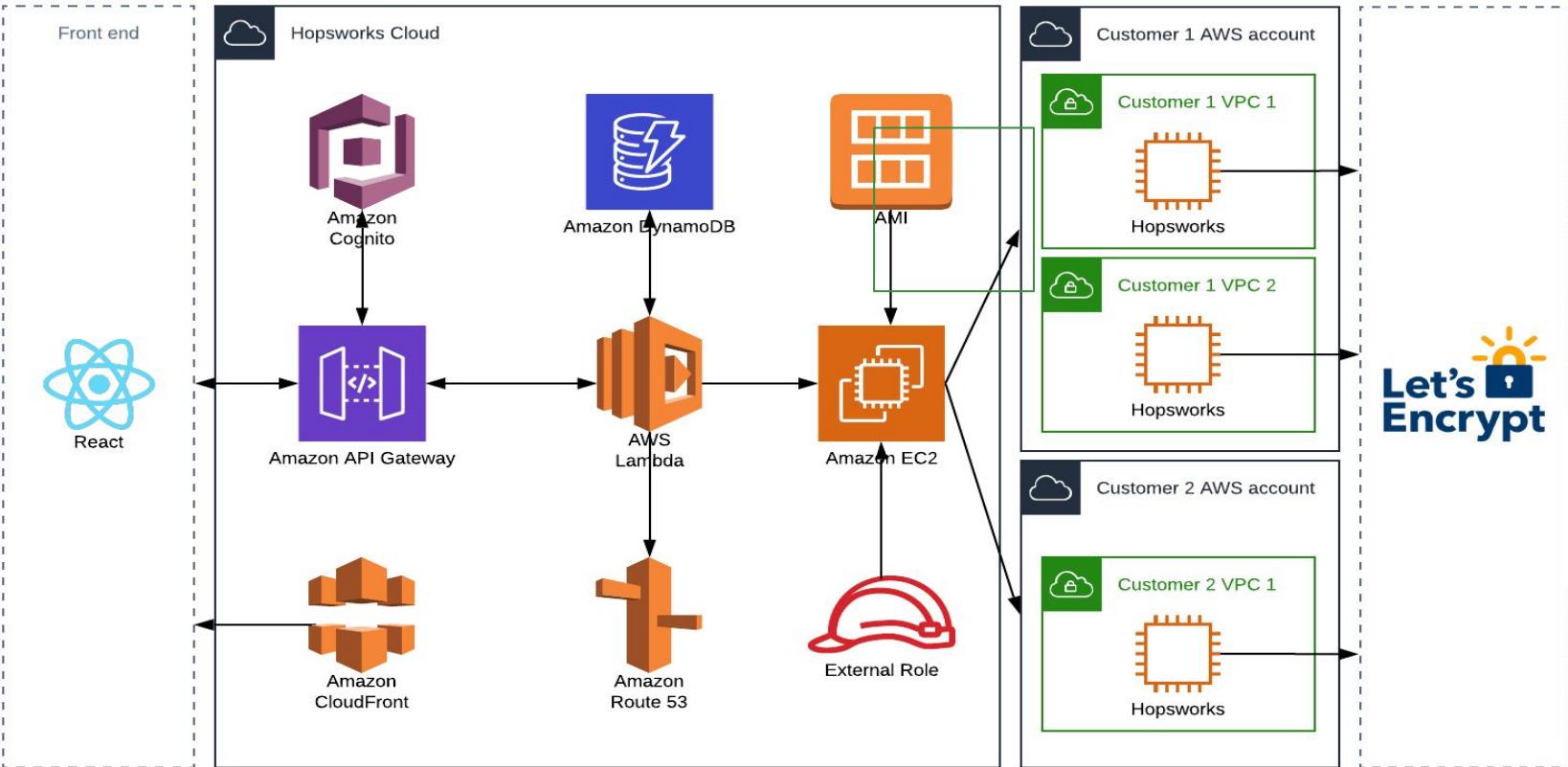


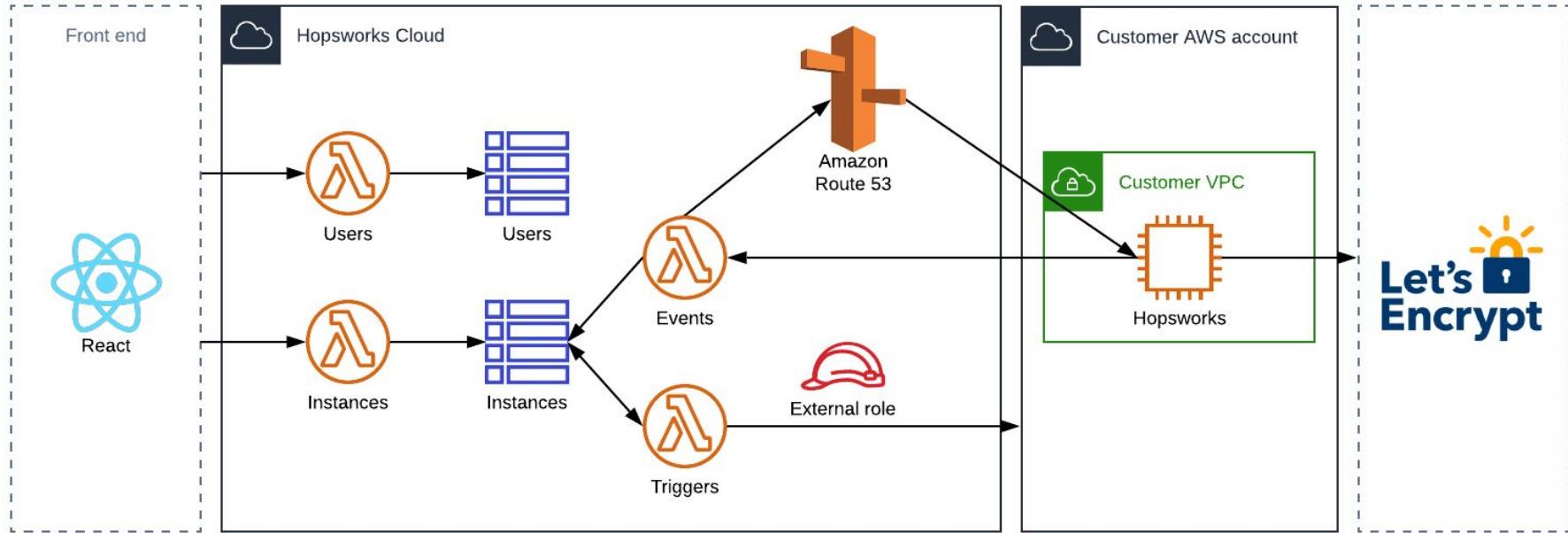


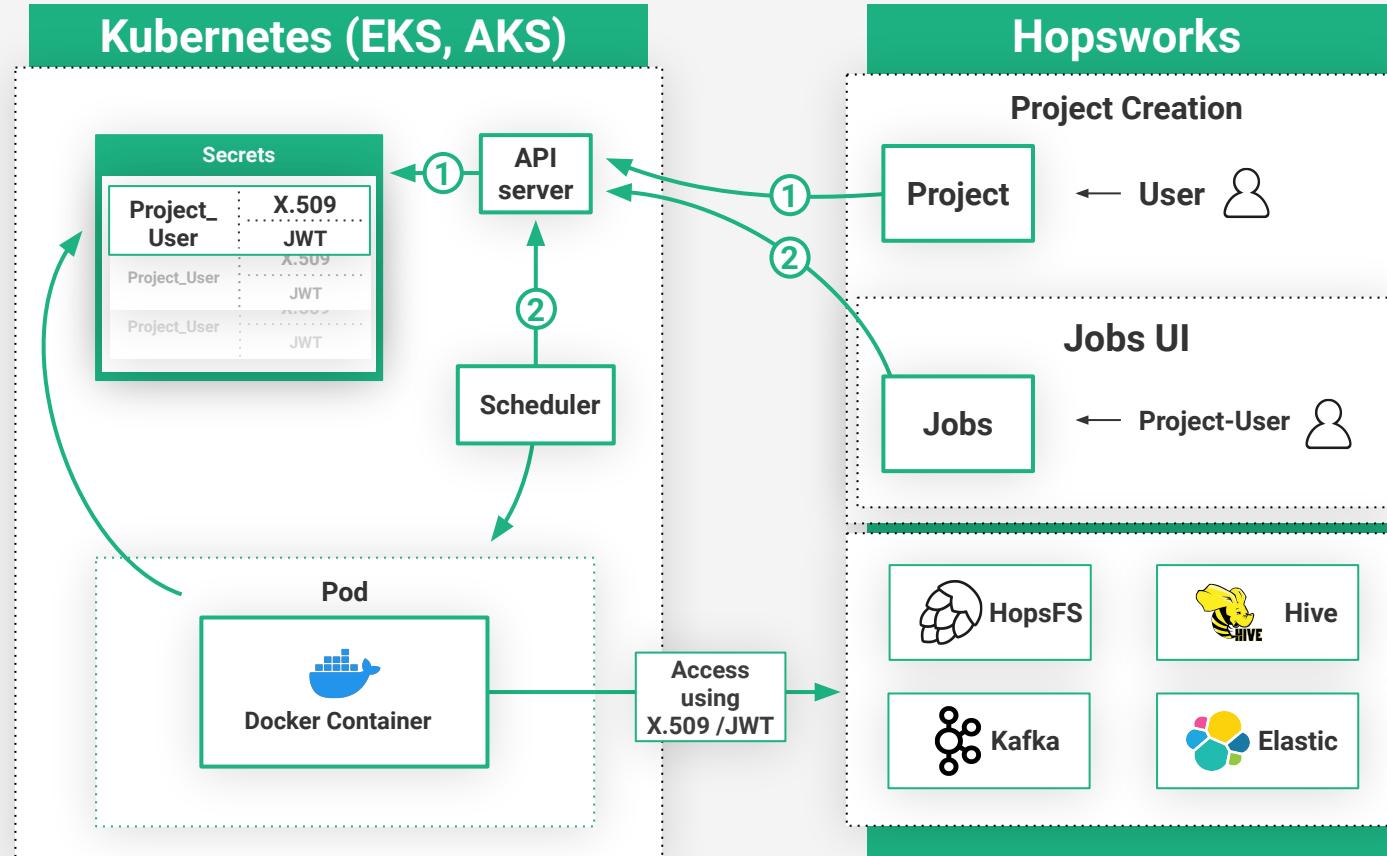
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Deployment / Security



Serverless Platform on AWS - Amplify, Cognito, CloudFront, Lambdas, Route 53, DynamoDB



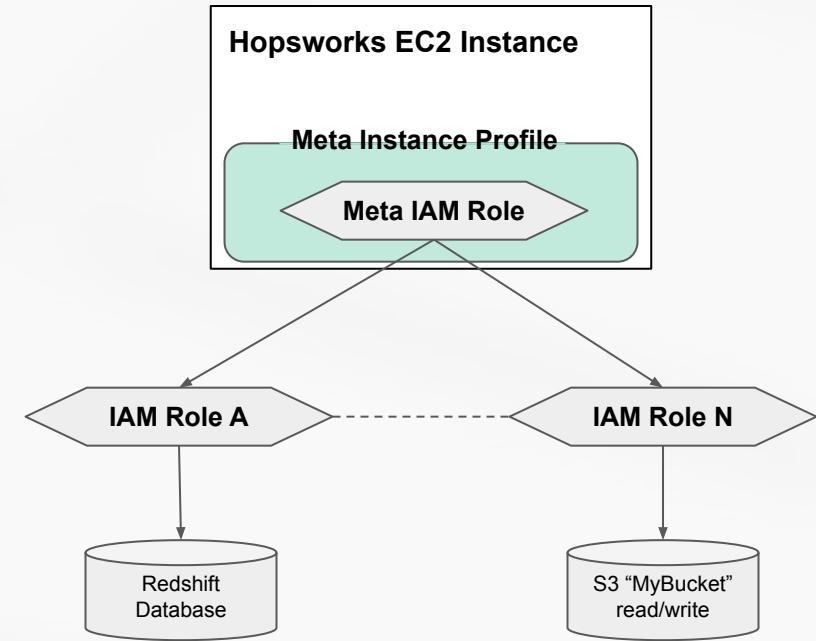
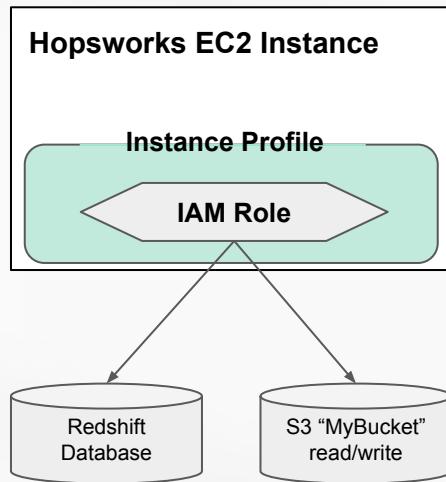




IAM Instance Profile

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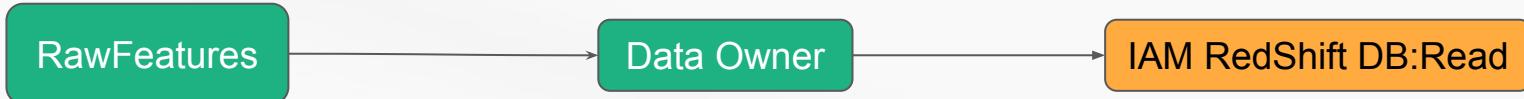
IAM Role Chaining



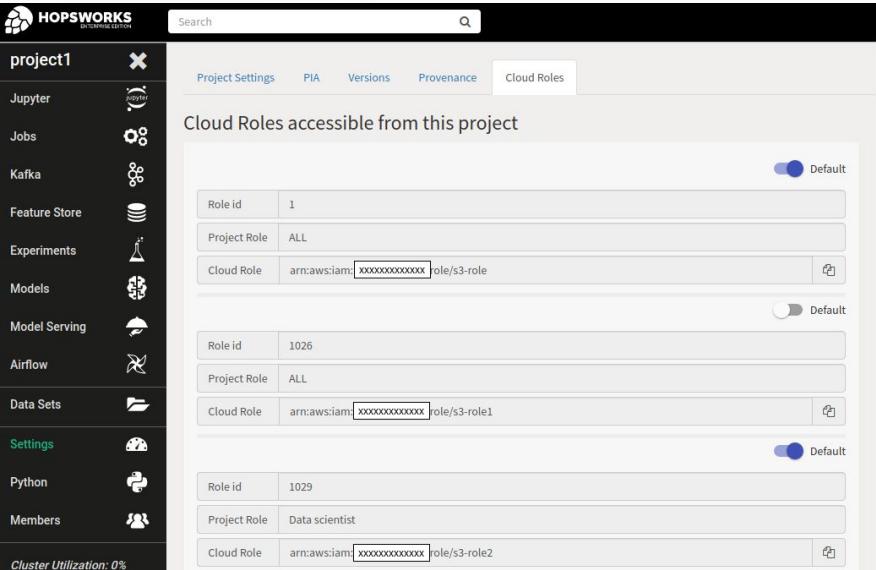
Configuring AWS IAM Role Chaining



Example: Only allow admins of Project 'RawFeatures' to read from Redshift



Assuming AWS IAM Roles



The screenshot shows the Hopsworks interface for a project named "project1". On the left, there's a sidebar with various icons for Jupyter, Jobs, Kafka, Feature Store, Experiments, Models, Model Serving, Airflow, Data Sets, Settings, Python, and Members. Below the sidebar, it says "Cluster Utilization: 0%". At the top right, there's a search bar and a "Cloud Roles" button. Under "Cloud Roles accessible from this project", there are three entries:

- Role id: 1**
Project Role: ALL
Cloud Role: arn:aws:iam:xxxxxxxxxxxx:role/s3-role
- Role id: 1026**
Project Role: ALL
Cloud Role: arn:aws:iam:xxxxxxxxxxxx:role/s3-role1
- Role id: 1029**
Project Role: Data scientist
Cloud Role: arn:aws:iam:xxxxxxxxxxxx:role/s3-role2

Each entry has a "Default" toggle switch.

```
from hops.credentials_provider import get_role, assume_role
credentials = assume_role(role_arn=get_role(1))
spark.read.csv("s3a://resource/test.csv").show()
```

```
import io.hops.util.CredentialsProvider
val creds = CredentialsProvider.assumeRole(CredentialsProvider.getRole(1))
spark.read.csv("s3a://resource/test.csv").show()
```





Metadata is **data** that describes other **data**.



Metastore (Database)

Provenance queries

- SQL or Free-Text or Graph?
- Update Throughput?
- Latency of queries?
- Size of Metadata?

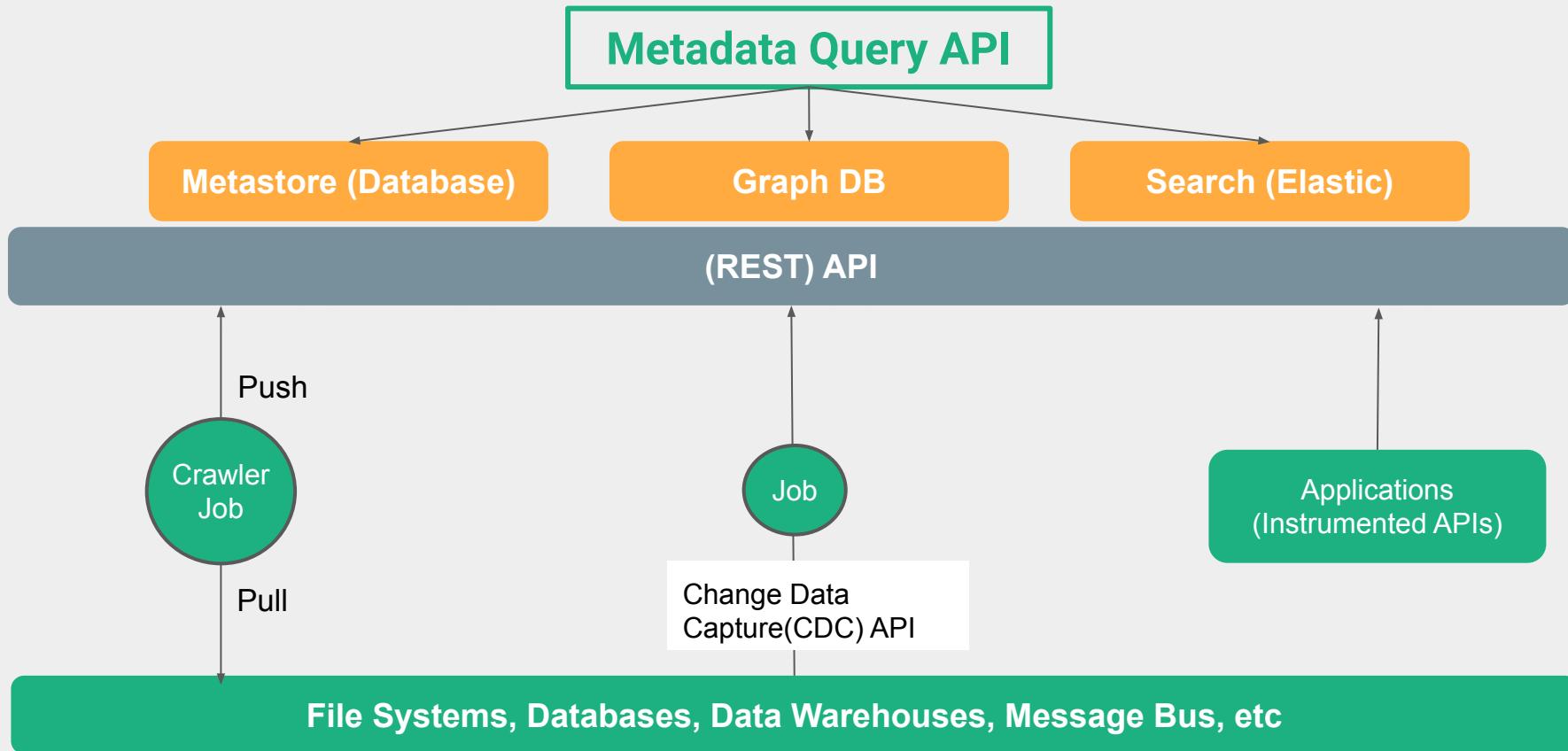
File System (S3, HopsFS, etc)

Metadata Cataloging Systems - a whole industry



<https://www.dataplatformschool.com/blog/w0y8q0-the-data-governance-zoo>

3 Mechanisms for Metadata Collection. Polyglot Metadata Storage for Efficient Querying.





Metastore



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Consistency issues
Synchronization

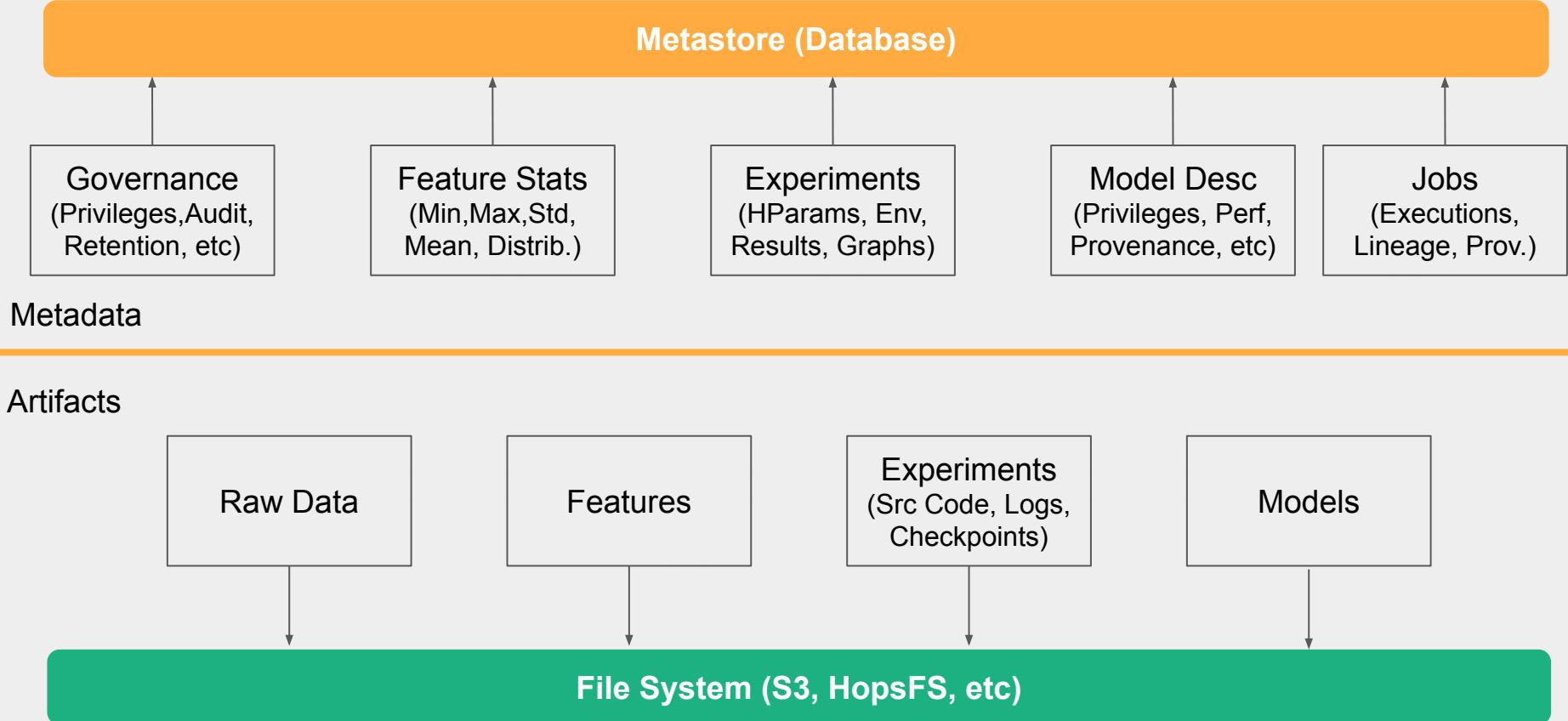
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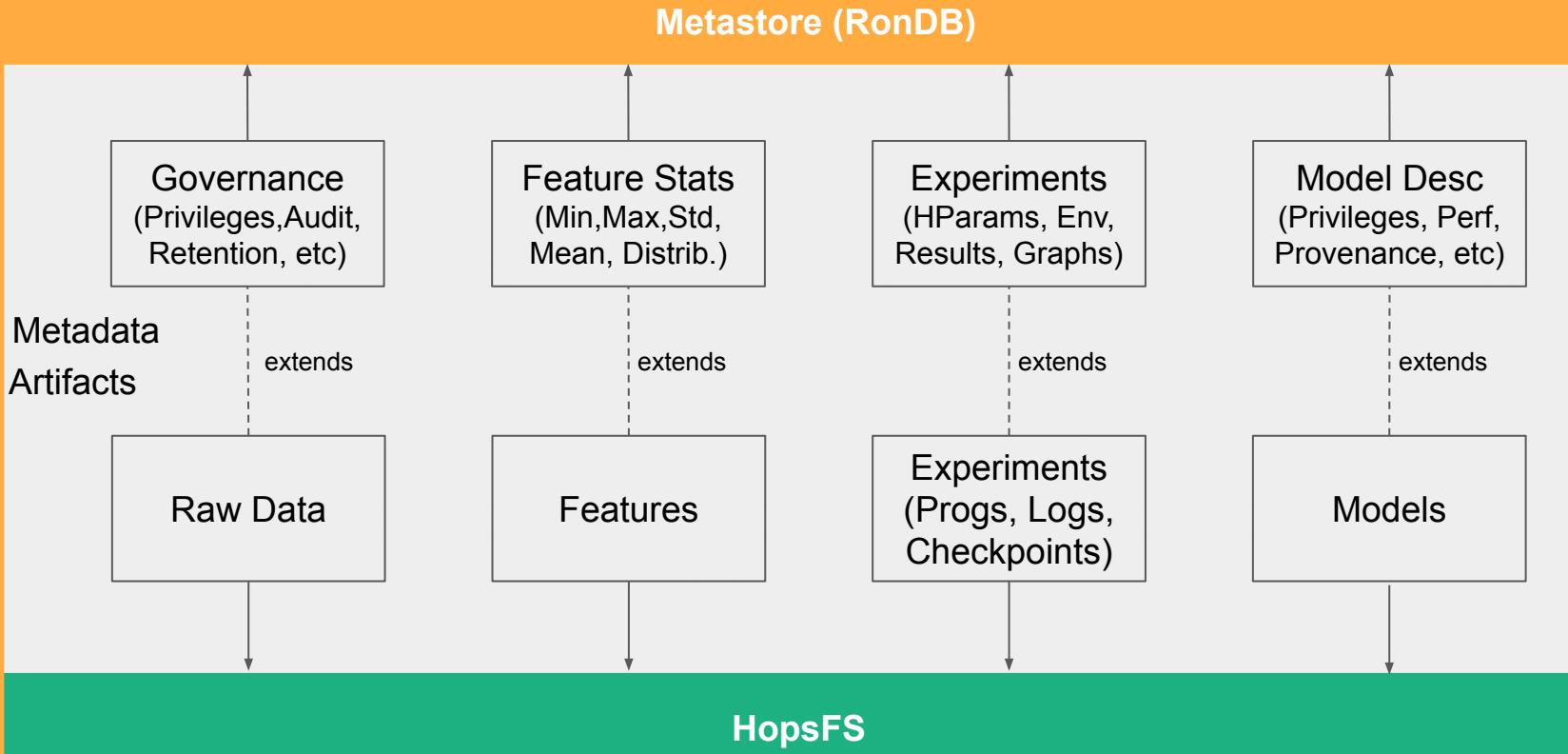
Metadata is data that describes other data.

Unspoken Assumption:
Why are Data and Metadata always separate stores?

Artifacts and Metadata in End-to-End ML Pipelines



Mechanism 4: Artifacts and Metadata in the same system - a Unified Metadata Layer (Hopsworks)





Implicit

Bottom-up tracking of provenance.

Requires redesigning the platform.

Conventions link files to artifacts.

Metadata is strongly consistent with storage platform.

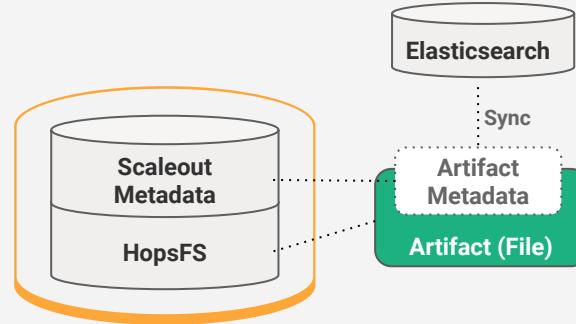


Explicit

Top-down tracking of provenance.

Push/Pull, CDC, or instrumented application or library code.

Standalone Metadata Store.



ePipe: Near Real-Time Polyglot Persistence of HopsFS Metadata

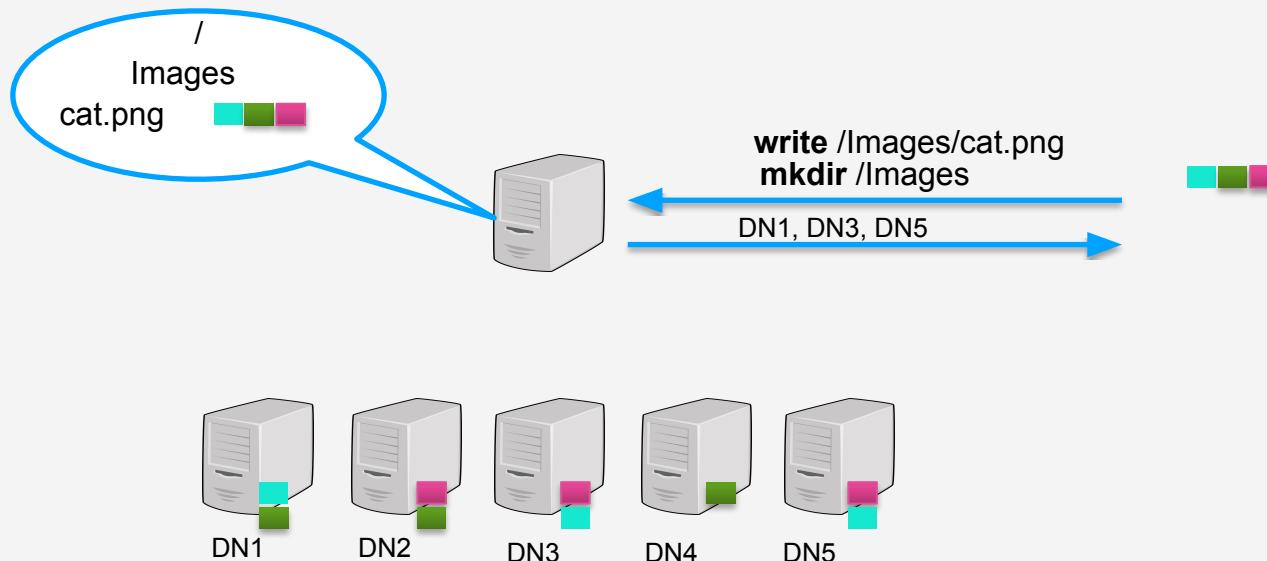
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What is HopsFS?



- Highly scalable next-generation distribution of **HDFS**



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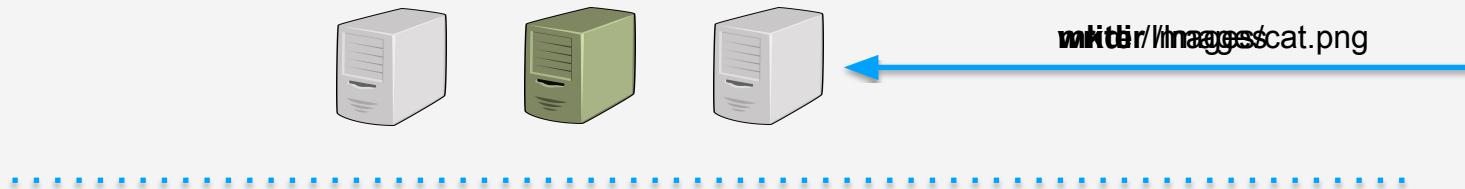


Metadata storage

RonDB



inodeID	name	parentID
1	/	0
2	Images	1
3	cat.png	2



**Block storage
(Datenodes)**



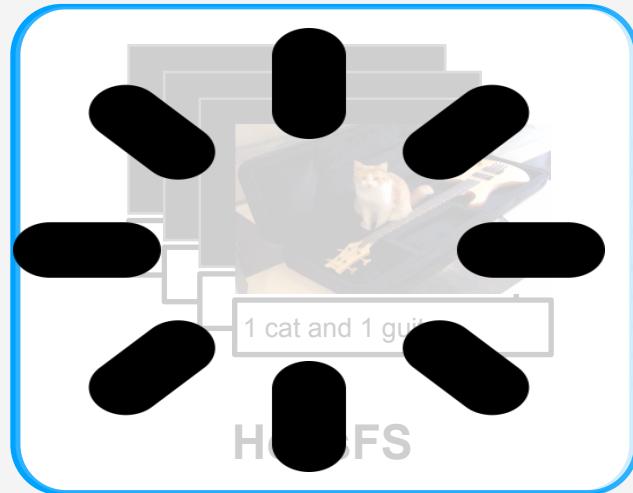


- Drop-in replacement distribution of HDFS
- **16X - 37X** the throughput of HDFS
- **37** larger clusters than HDFS
- **10** times lower latency



ePipe: Near Real-Time Polyglot Persistence of HopsFS

Metadata

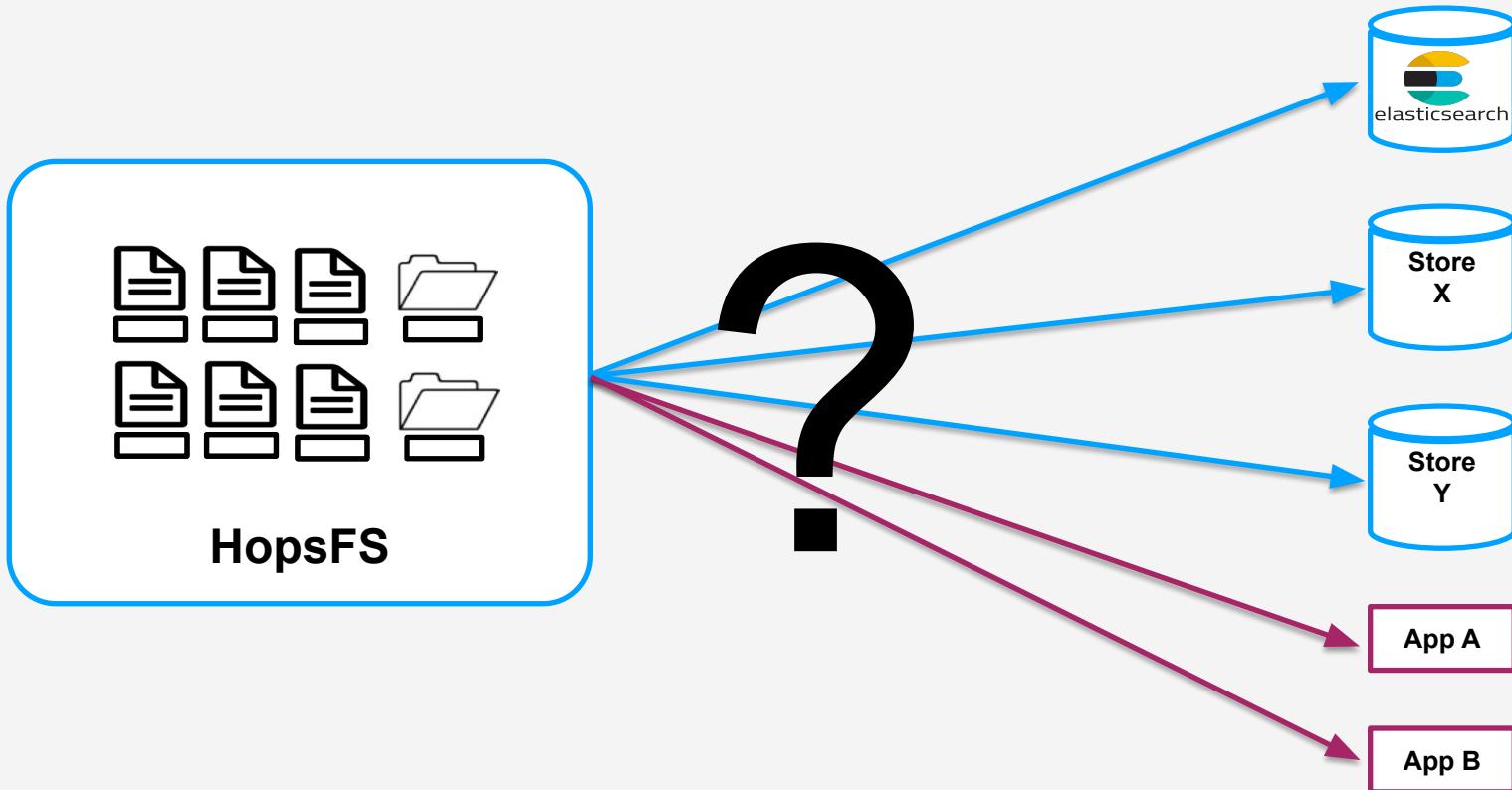


Get all images with 1 cat and 1 guitar



Full-text search is not supported by RonDB

Polyglot Persistence - Replicating Metadata to External Systems for Efficient Querying



ePipe: Near Real-Time ~~Polyglot Persistence~~ of HopsFS

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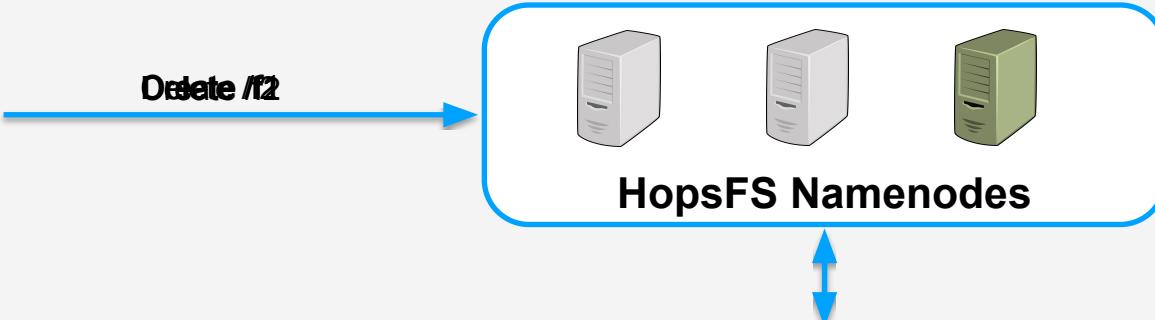


- ePipe is a databus that provides replicated metadata as a service for HopsFS
- ePipe internally
 - creates a consistent and correctly ordered change stream for HopsFS metadata
 - and eventually delivers the change stream with low latency (sub second) (**Near Real-time**) to consumers



- Extend HopsFS with a logging table to log file system changes
- Leverage the RonDB event API to stream changes on the logging table to ePipe
- ePipe enriches the file system events with appropriate data and publish the enriched events to the consumers

Inodes table and logging table updated in the same Transaction to ensure Consistency/Integrity



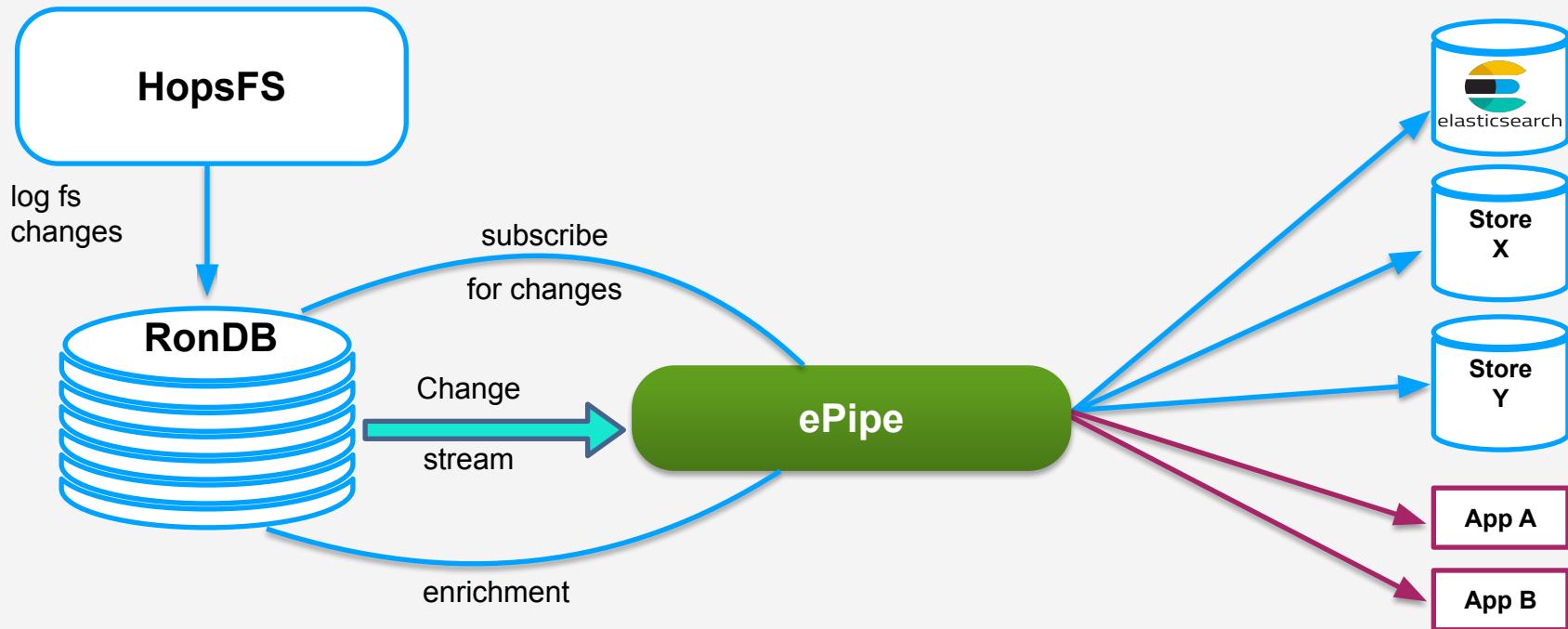
RonDB

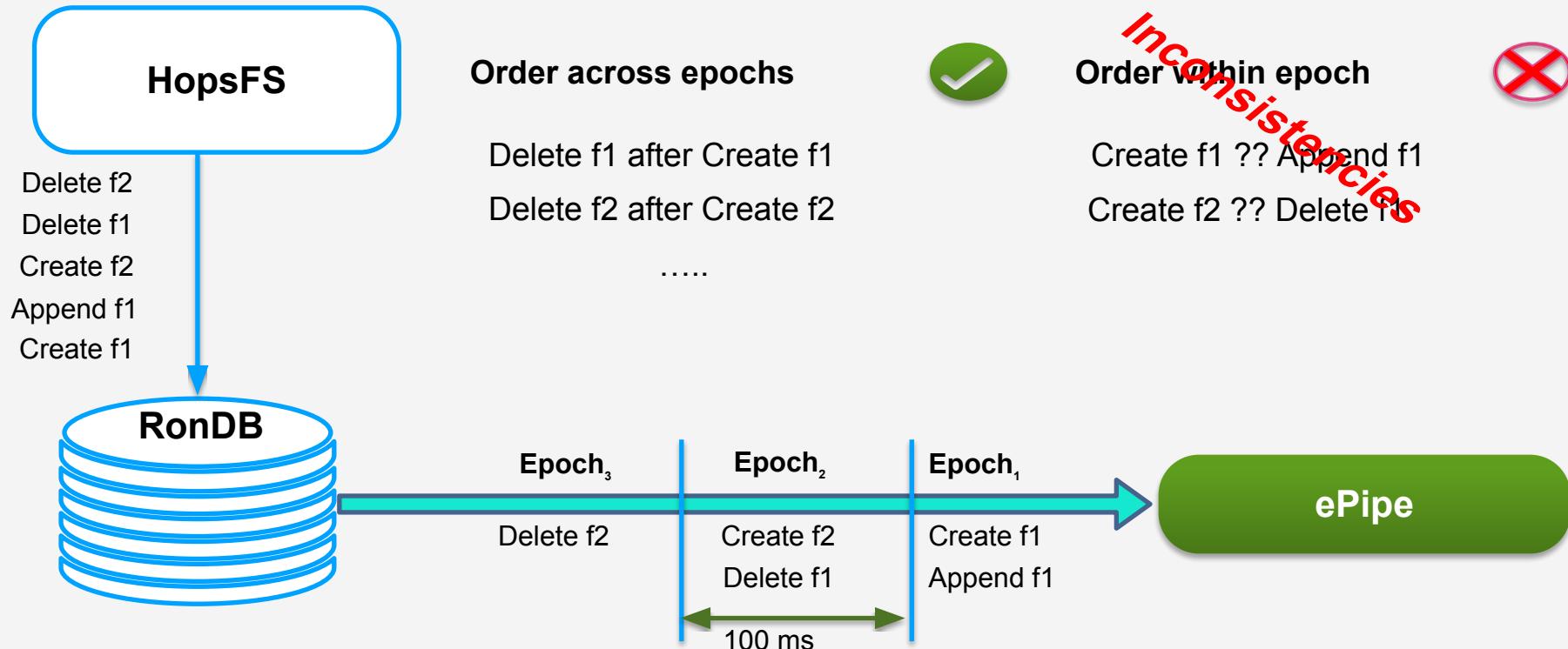
Inodes table

inodeID	name	parentID	
1	/	0	
2	f1	1	
3	f2	1	

logging table

name	operation
f1	CREATE
f2	CREATE
f2	DELETE
f1	DELETE







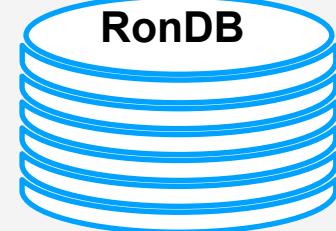
- **Property 1:** The epochs are totally ordered.
- **Property 2:** The changes within the same transaction happen in the same epoch.
- **Property 3:** The changes on files are ordered only if they are in different epochs, that is, no ordering is guaranteed within the same epoch.



HopsFS

Delete f2 ,**2**
 Delete f1 ,**3**
 Create f2 ,**1**
 Append f1 ,**2**
 Create f1 ,**1**

We introduced a version number per inode
 which we will increment whenever
 a change occurs to an inode.



Append f1 after Create f1
 Create f2 ?? Delete f1



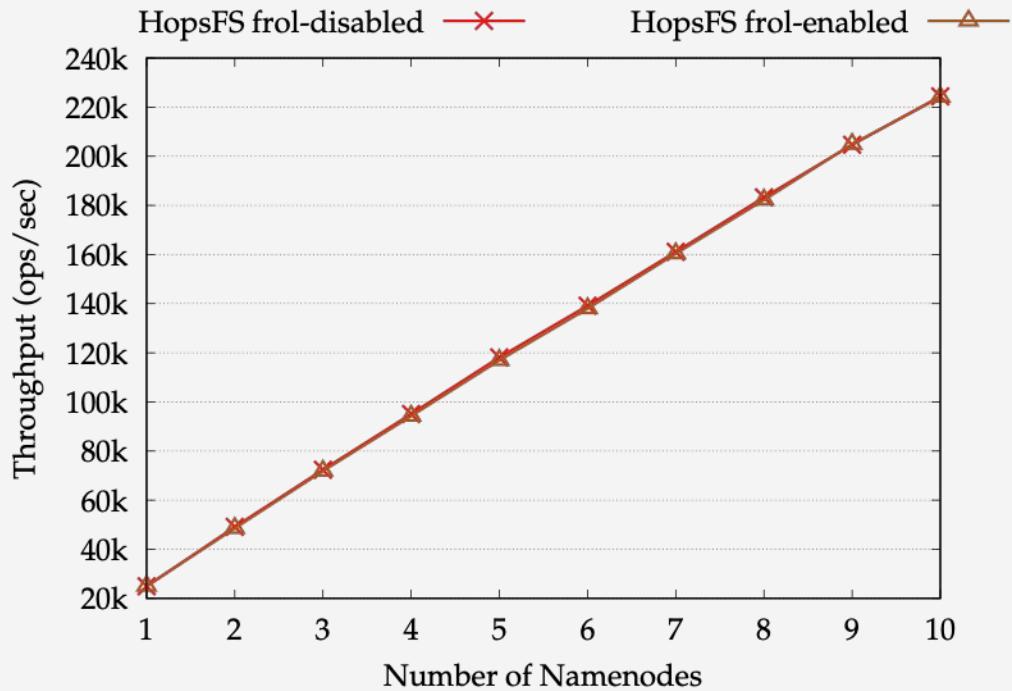
Epoch₃ Epoch₂ Epoch₁
 Delete f2 ,**2** Create f2 ,**1** Create f1 ,**1**
 Delete f1 ,**3** Append f1 ,**2**

ePipe

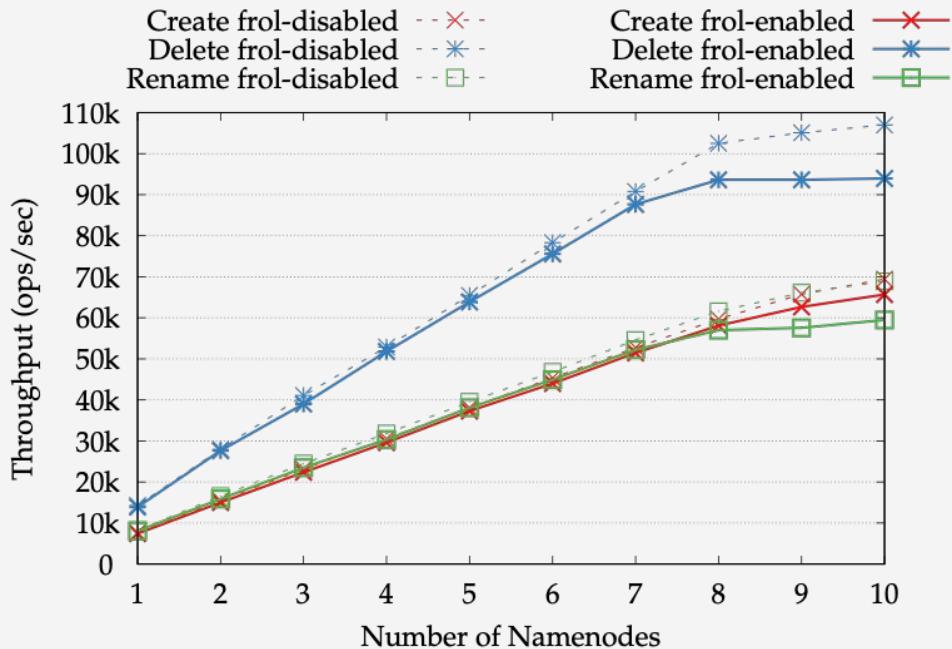


- **Property 1 & 2 & 3**
- **Property 4 & 5:** The version number ensures the serializability of the changes on the same file/directory within epochs.
- **Property 6:** The order of changes for different files/directories within the same epoch doesn't matter.

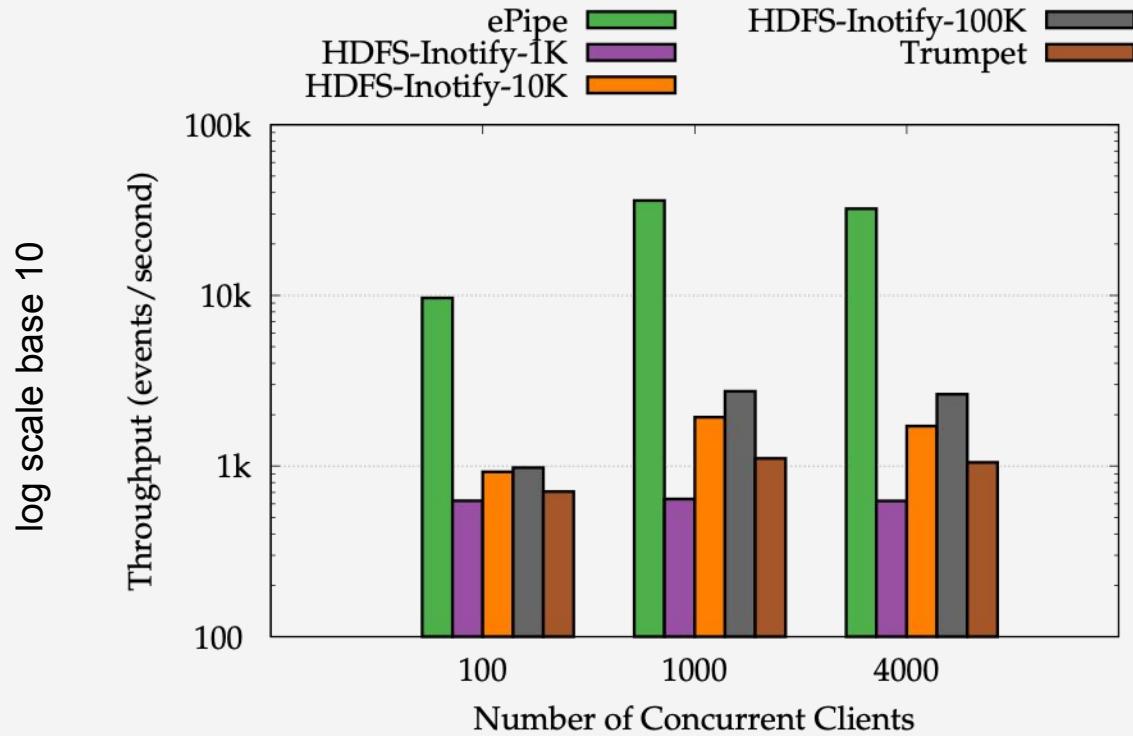
Logging overhead on HopsFS



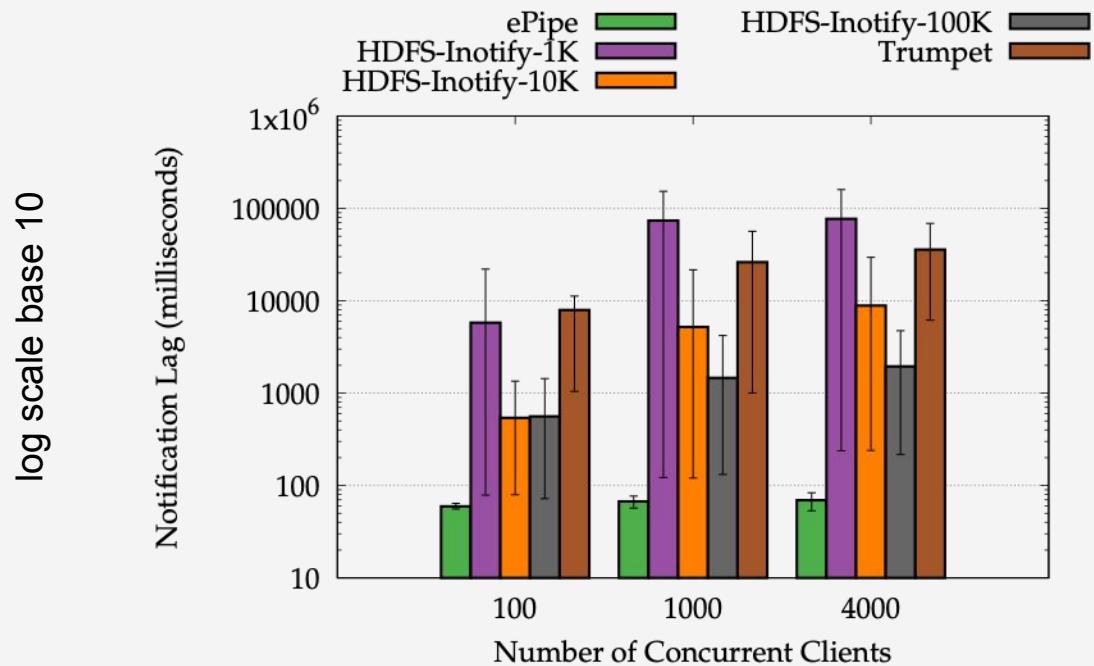
Logging overhead on HopsFS



Notifications Throughput



Latency: average Lag Time



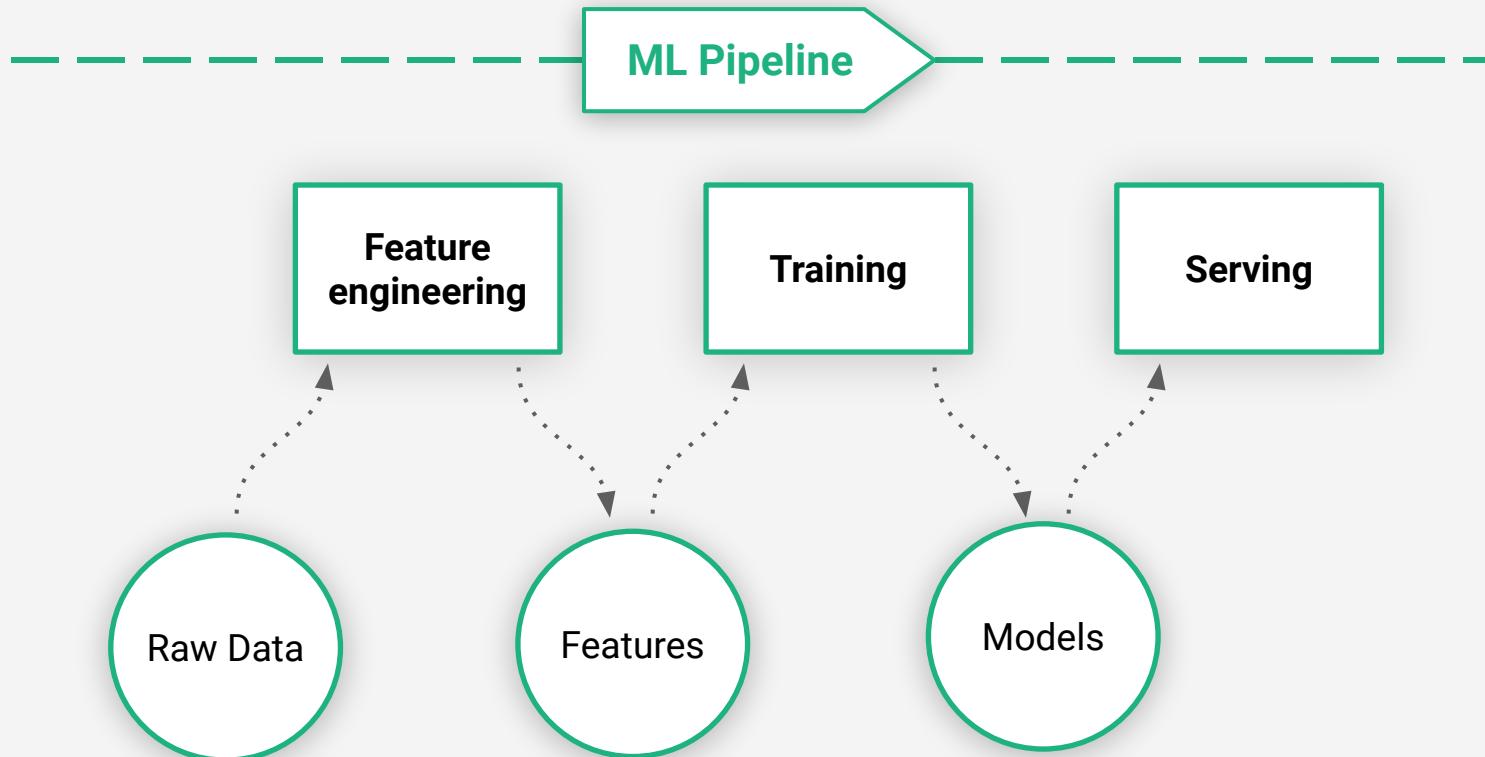


- Supports failure recovery thanks to the persistent logging table
 - The log entries are deleted only once the associated events are successfully replicated to the downstream consumers.
 - At least once delivery semantics.
- Pluggable architecture
 - For example, filter events based on file name or any other attribute.
- Not Limited to HopsFS
 - Can be extended to watch for other logging tables for different purposes.



- A databus that provides replicated metadata as a service for HopsFS
- Low overhead on HopsFS
- Low replication lag (sub-second)
- High throughput
- Pluggable architecture

What is provenance - ML Pipeline





- Provenance improves understanding of complex ML Pipelines.
- Provenance should not change the core ML pipeline code.
- Provenance facilitates Debugging, Analyzing, Automating and Cleaning of ML Pipelines.
- Provenance and Time Travel facilitate reproducibility of experiments.
- In Hopsworks, we introduced a new mechanism for provenance based on embedded metadata in a scale-out consistent metadata layer.

MLFlow Metadata - Explicit API calls



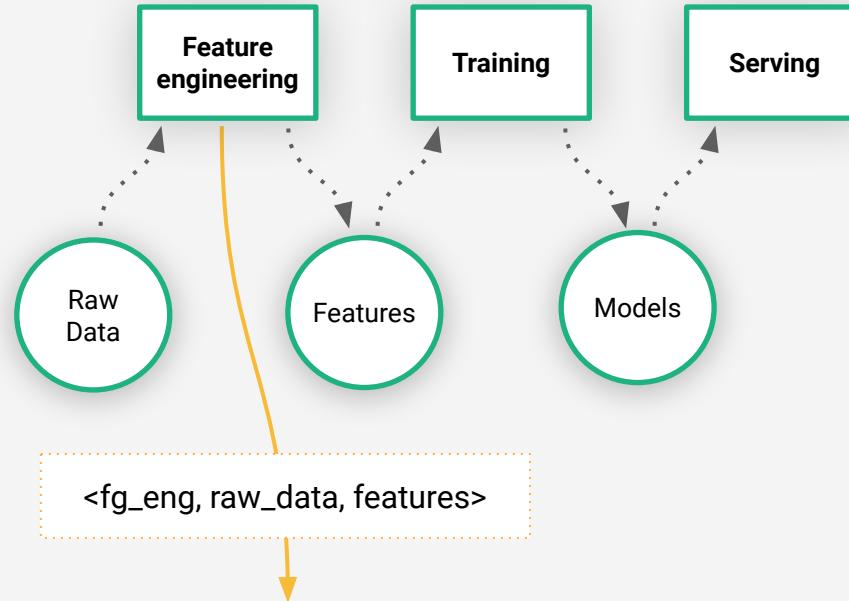
```
def train(data_path, max_depth, min_child_weight, estimators, model_name):
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = build_data(..)
    mlflow.set_tracking_uri("jdbc:mysql://username:password@host:3306/database")
    mlflow.set_experiment("My Experiment")
    with mlflow.start_run() as run:
        ...
        mlflow.log_param("max_depth", max_depth)
        mlflow.log_param("min_child_weight", min_child_weight)
        mlflow.log_param("estimators", estimators)
        with open("test.txt", "w") as f:
            f.write("hello world!")
        mlflow.log_artifacts("/full/path/to/test.txt")
        ...
        model.fit(X_train, y_train) # auto-logging
        ...
        mlflow.tensorflow.log_model(model, "tensorflow-model",
            registered_model_name=model_name)
```



```
def train(data_path, max_depth, min_child_weight, estimators):
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = build_data(..)
    ...
    print("hello world") # monkeypatched - prints in notebook
    ...
    model.fit(X_train, y_train) # auto-logging
    ...
    #Saves model to "hopsfs://Projects/myProj/models/.."
    hops.export_model(model, "tensorflow", ..., model_name)
    ...
    # maggy makes an API call to track this dict
    return {'accuracy': accuracy, 'loss': loss, 'diagram': 'diagram.png'}
```

```
from maggy import experiment
experiment.lagom(train, name="My Experiment", ...)
```

What is provenance - Metadata

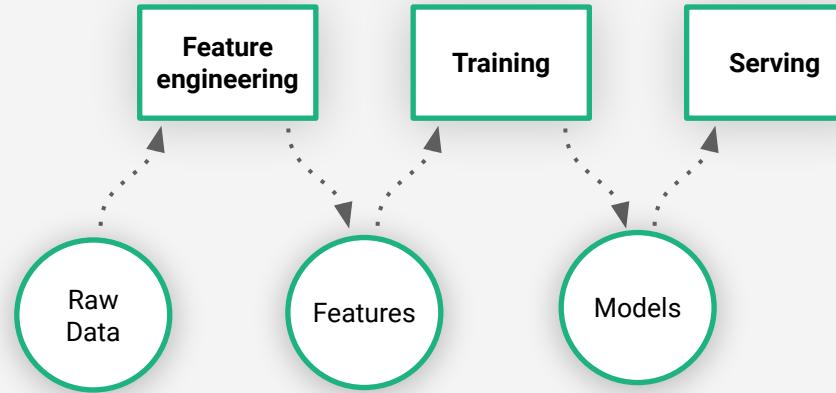


Pipeline code

In []:

```
add(fg_eng, raw_data, features)
...
add(training, features, model)
```

Let the platform manage the metadata!



Distributed File System (HopsFS)

ePipe (with ML Provenance)

Full Text Search (Elastic)



ML Artifacts



Features, Feature Metadata,
Train/Test Datasets
Models, Model Metadata



Possibly thousands of files

Distributed File System



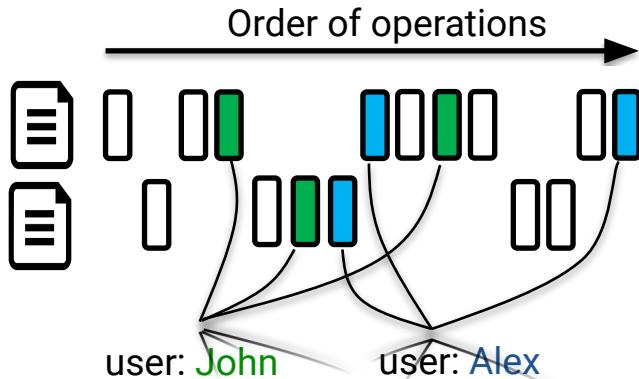
Generate thousands of operations

Change Data Capture (CDC)

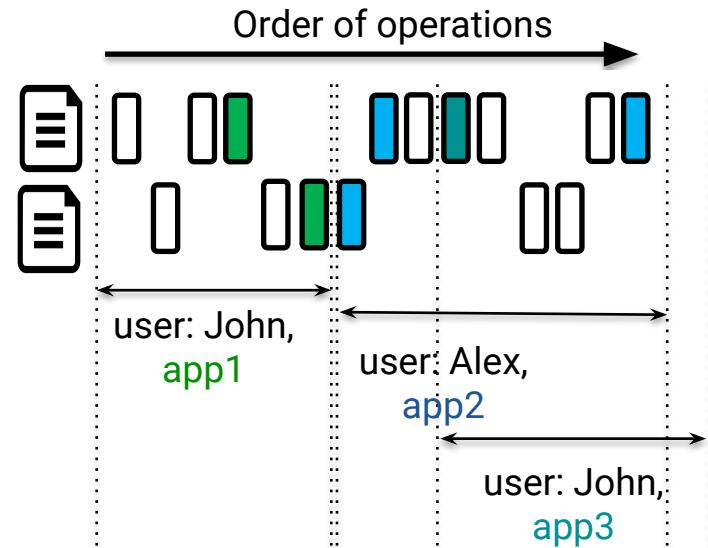
Capture only relevant operations



More context for file system operations?



Are any of these operations related?

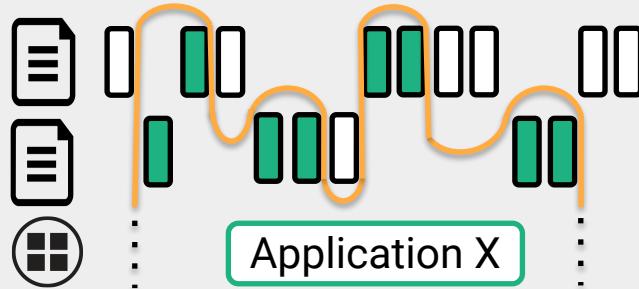


Certificates (with AppId) enabled FS Operation



Distributed File System

Read/Write/Create/Delete/XAttr/Metadata



Additional Context

`<file, op, user_id, app_id, job_id, pipeline_id>`

Resource Manager - Yarn (Application Context)

Link input/output files via Apps

Job Manager - Hopsworks (Job Context)

Different Executions of the same Job

Workflow Manager - Airflow (Pipeline Context)

Jobs as Stages of the same Pipeline



Hopsworks Conventions

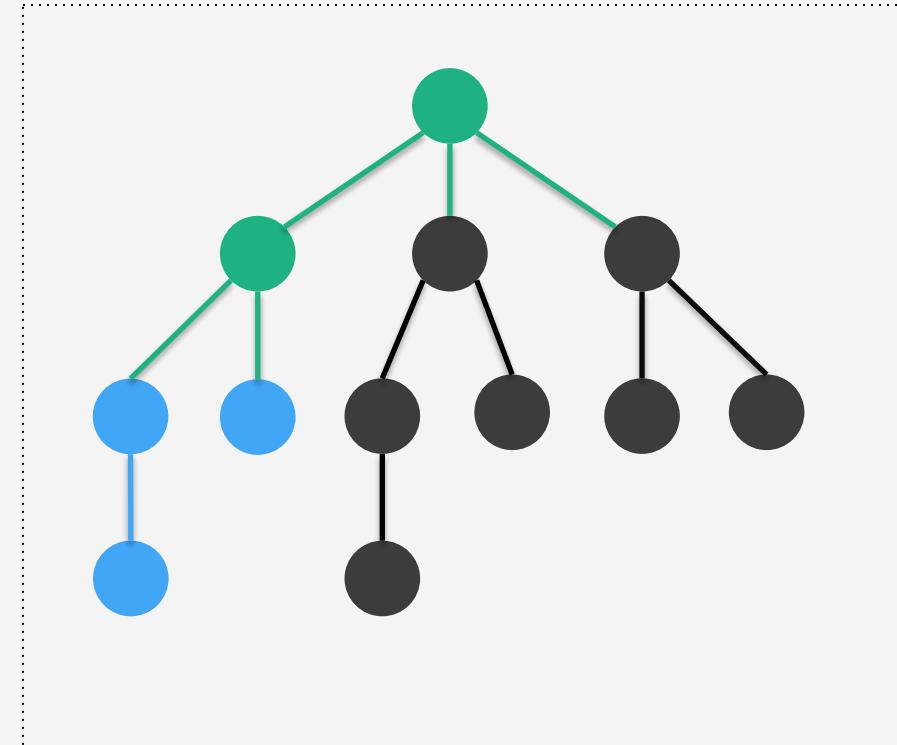
```
└── /featurestore  
    ├── /training_datasets  
    ├── /models  
    ├── /logs  
    └── /notebooks
```



- **Path based filtering**

Example

Project
└─ /featurestore
 └─ /training_datasets
 └─ /models





Path based filtering

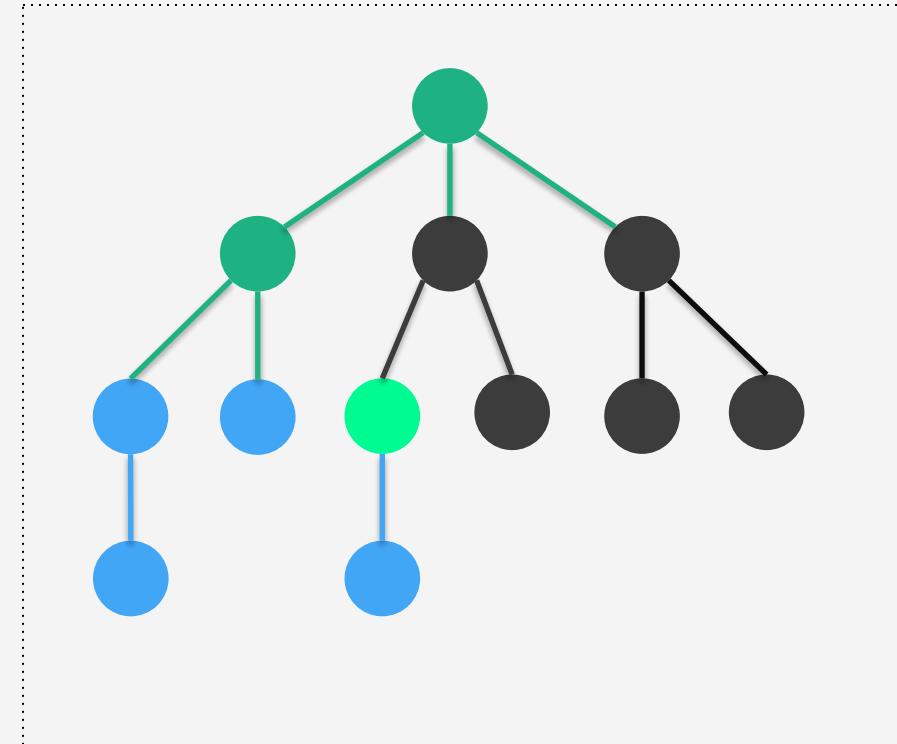
- **Tag based filtering**

Example:

Custom metadata based on HDFS XAttr.

Tag: <tutorial>, <debug>

Tags can enable logging of all operations,
if path based filtering is not easy to set





Path based filtering

Tag based filtering

- **Coalesce FS Operations**

Example:

Read file₁

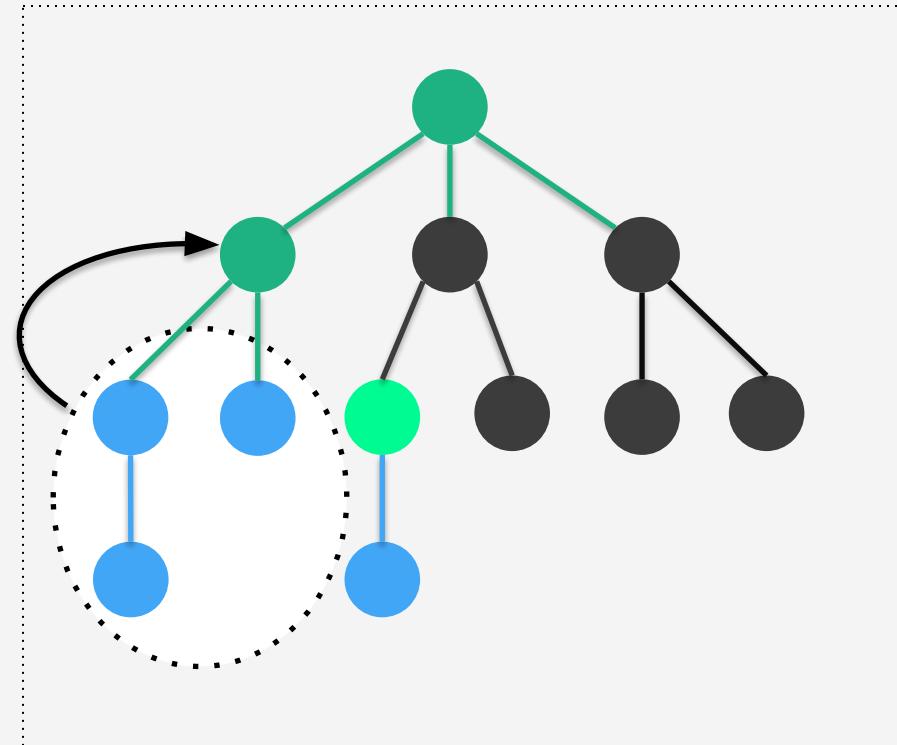
Read file₂

...

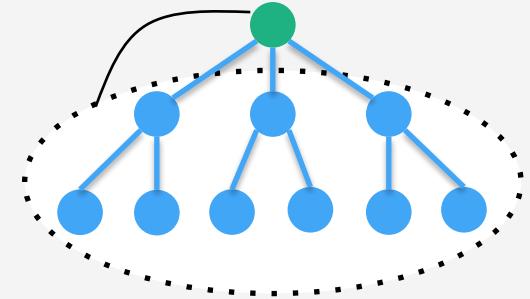
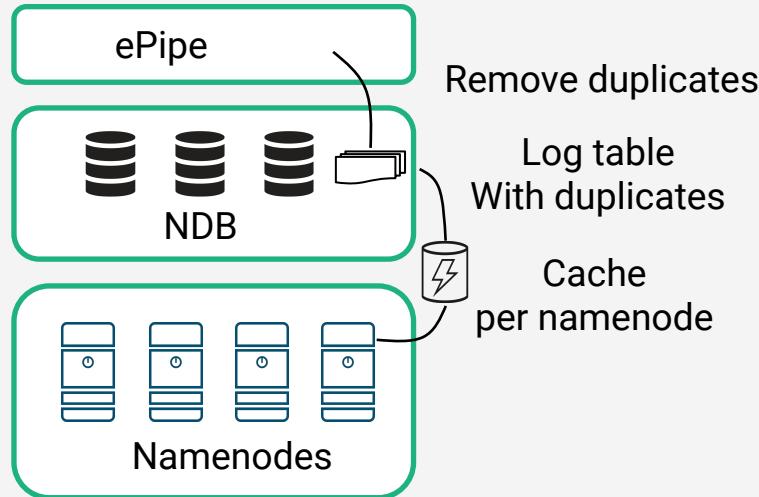
Read file_n



Access,
Training Dataset



Optimization - FS Operation Coalesce



In []:

```
hops.load_training_dataset(  
    "/Projects/LC/Training_Datasets/ImageNet")  
...  
hops.save_model("/Projects/LC/Models/ResNet")
```

Parent Create	Artifact Create
Parent Delete	Artifact Delete
Children Read	Artifact Access
Children Create/Delete/ Append/Truncate	Artifact Mutation



Path based filtering

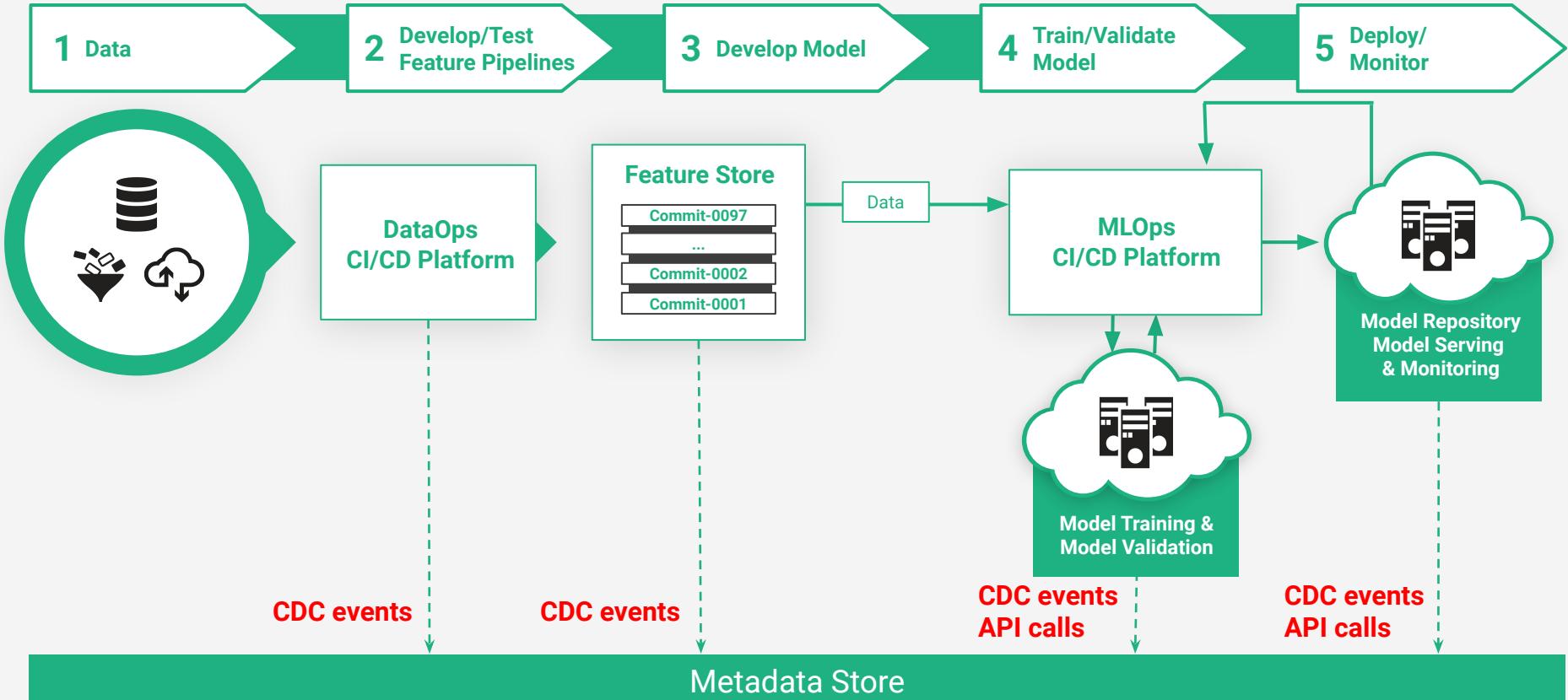
Tag based filtering

Coalesce FS Operations

- **Filtered Operations**

Filesystem Op	Metadata Stored
Create/Delete	Artifact existence
XAttr	Add metadata to artifact
Read	Artifact used by ..
Children Files Create/Delete	Artifact mutation
Append/Truncate	Artifact mutation
Permissions/ACL	Artifact metadata mutation

Hopsworks ML Pipelines





Bias Detected



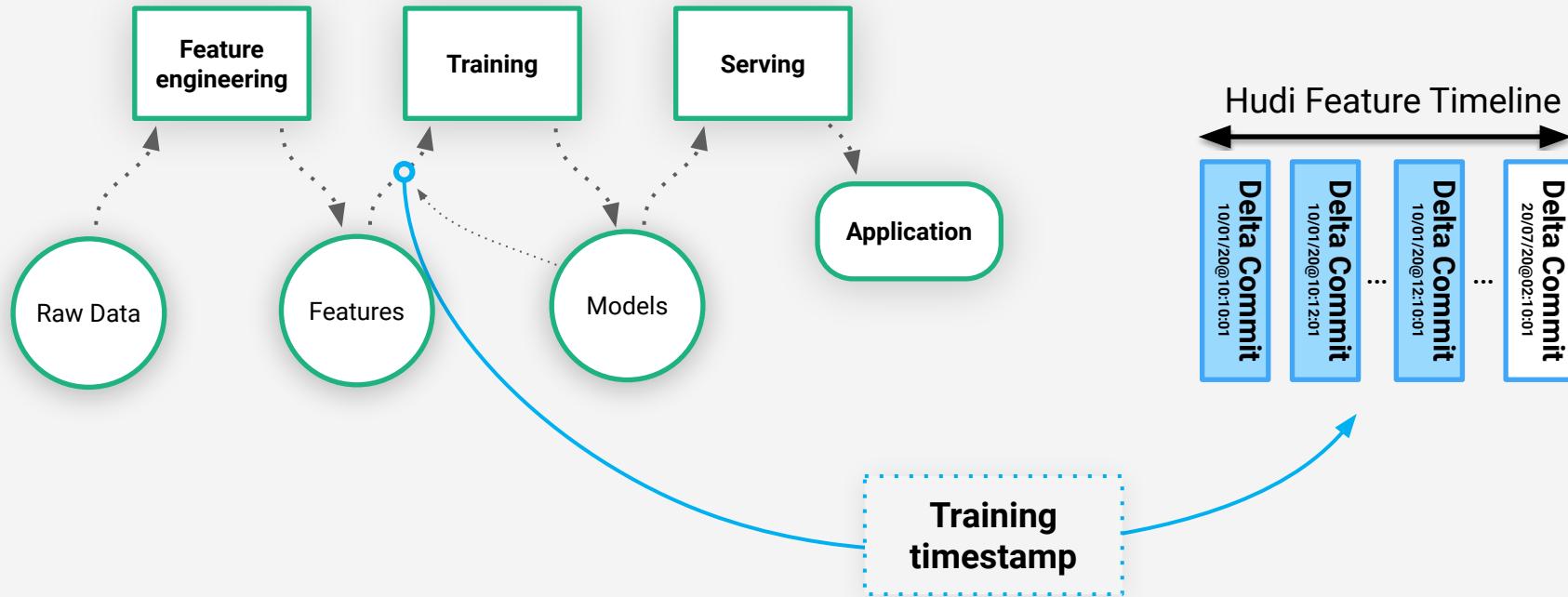
What do I do





Claim of Model Bias!

Can we determine the exact features used?





HOPSWORKS.ai

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