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# Scaling Data Pipelines @Magenta Telekom

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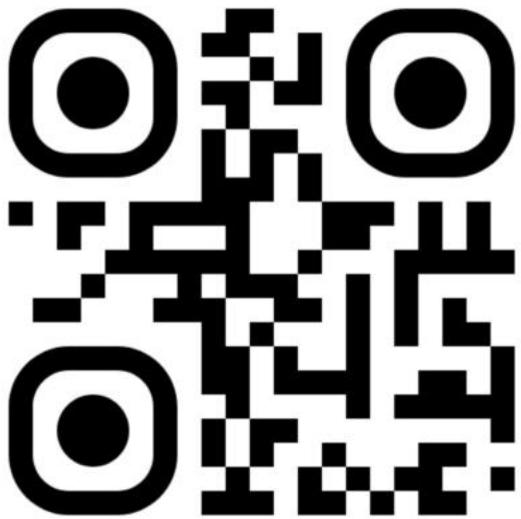
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Solving challenges with data.

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There is a chaos out there



# How did we end here? Time!

business grows (merger)

demand for data grows

methodology and tooling changes

- Missing lineage
- Missing semantics
- Missing collaboration
- High lead times
- Limited quality

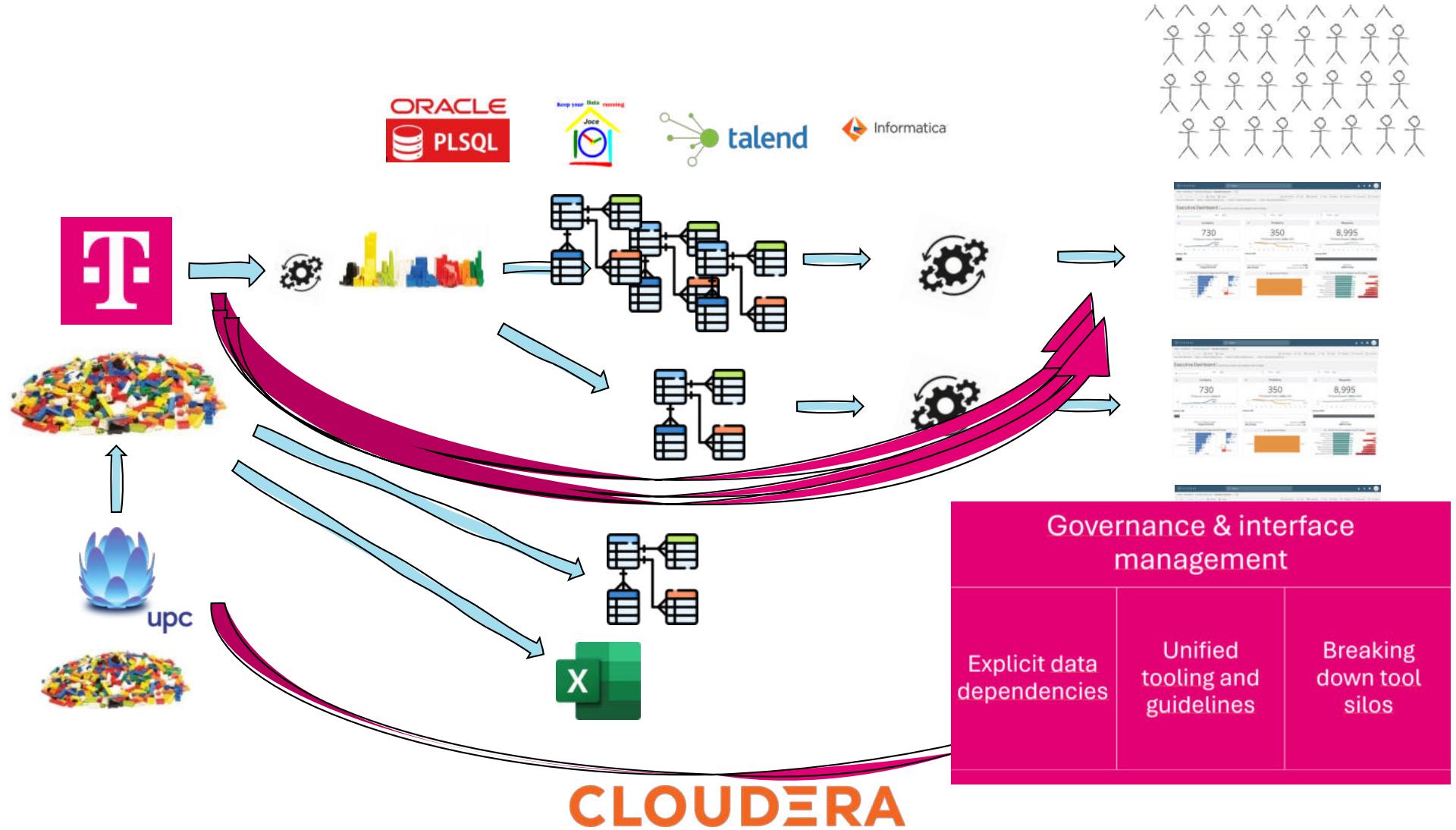


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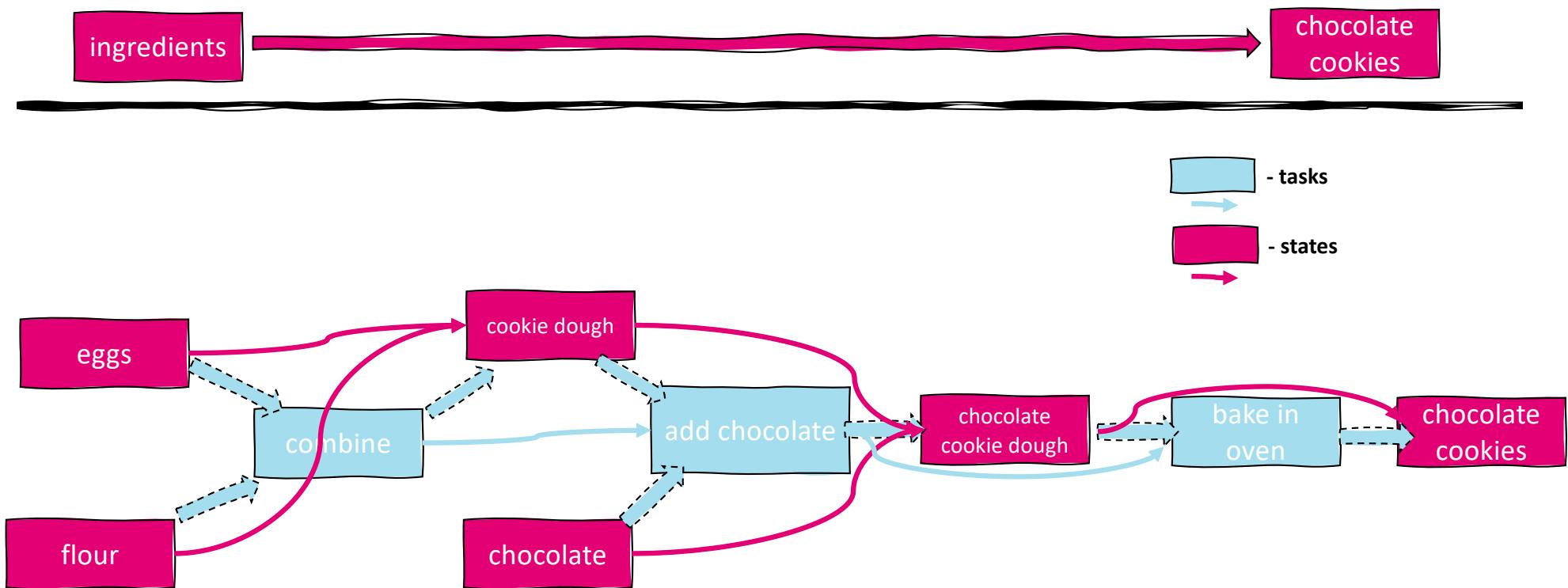
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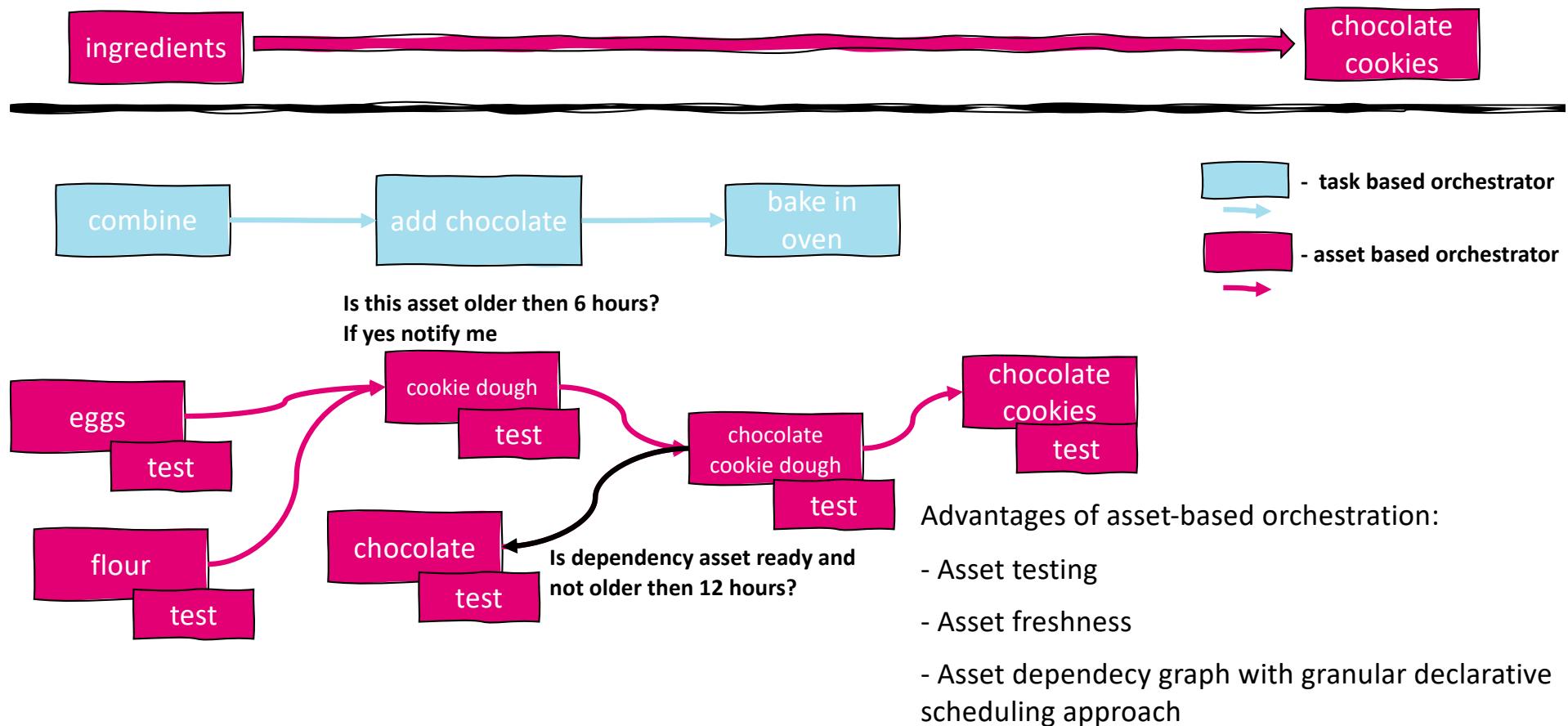
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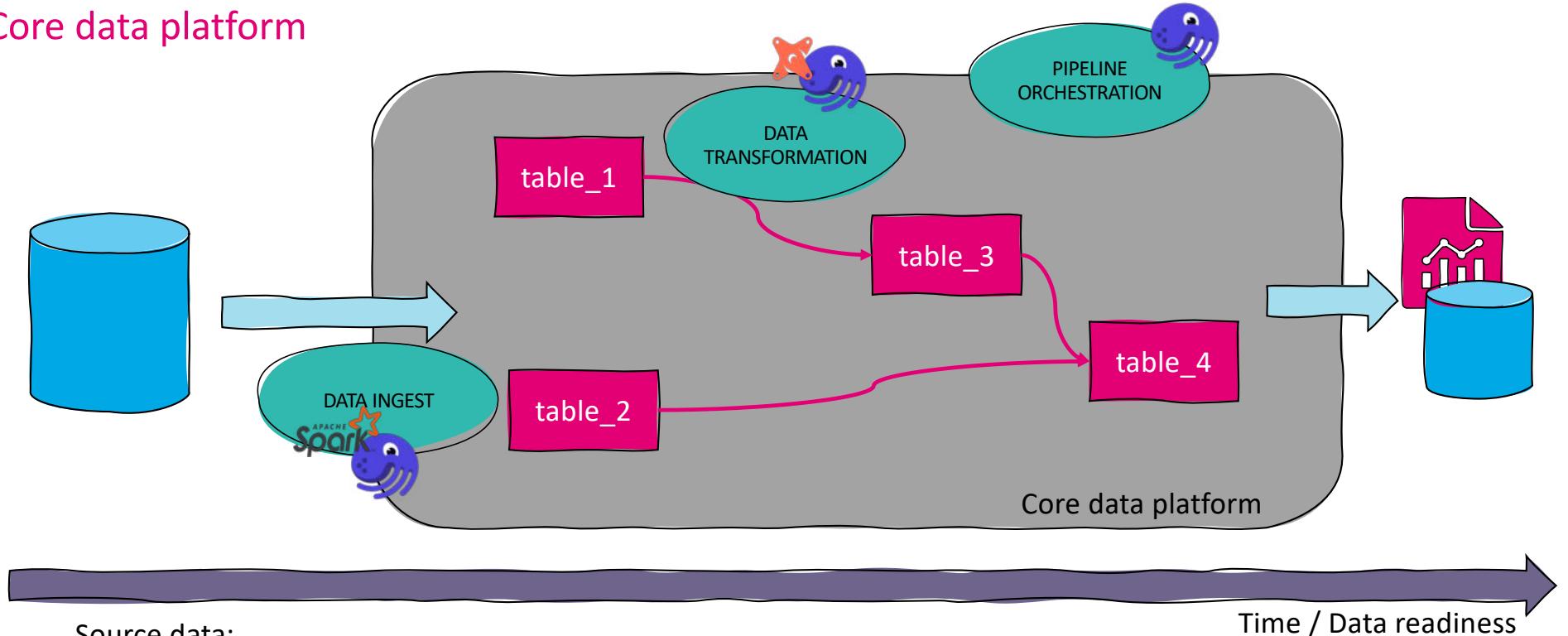
## Asset and Task based orchestration: Chocolate cookie example



## Asset based orchestration



## Core data platform



Source data:

- Kafka
- Files
- Database systems

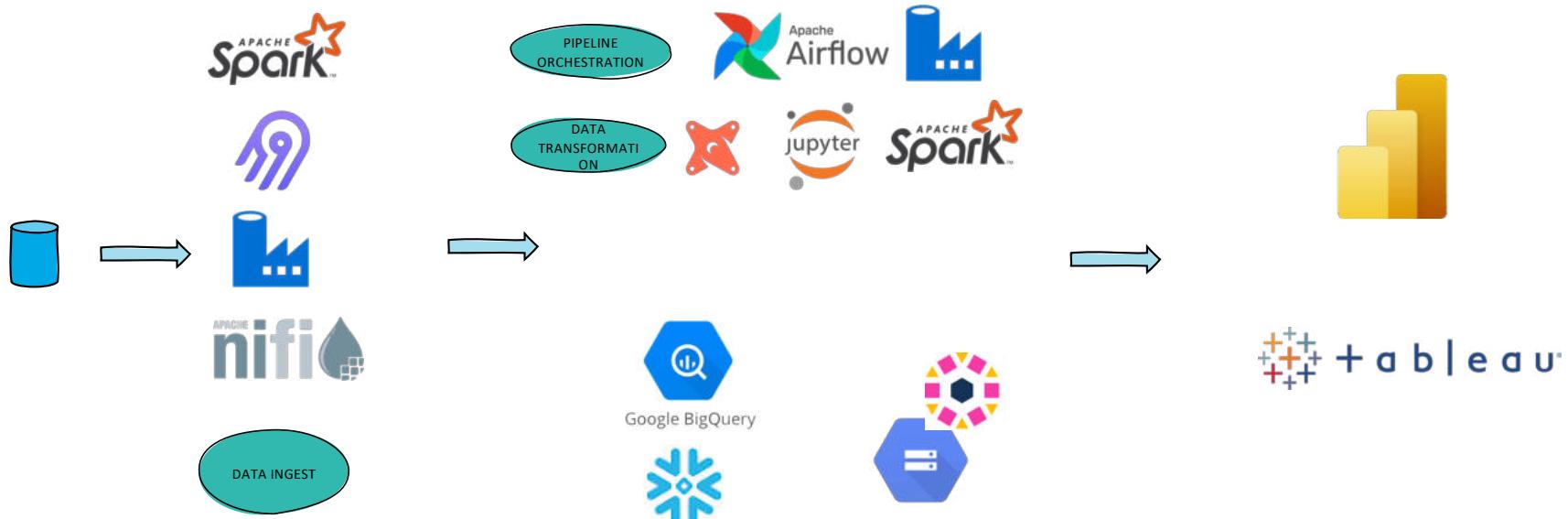
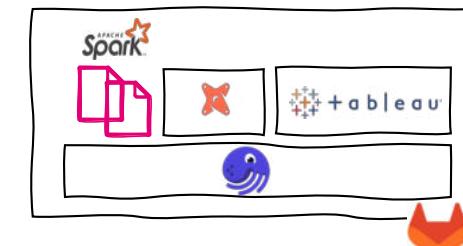
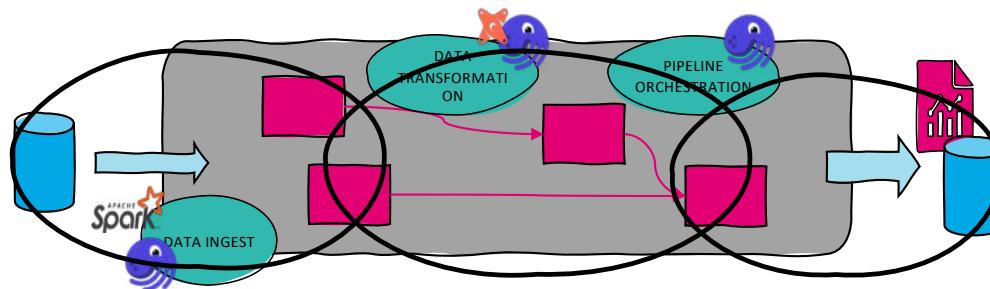
Time / Data readiness

## Understanding tool silos

What should i do to get E2E reporting use case done?

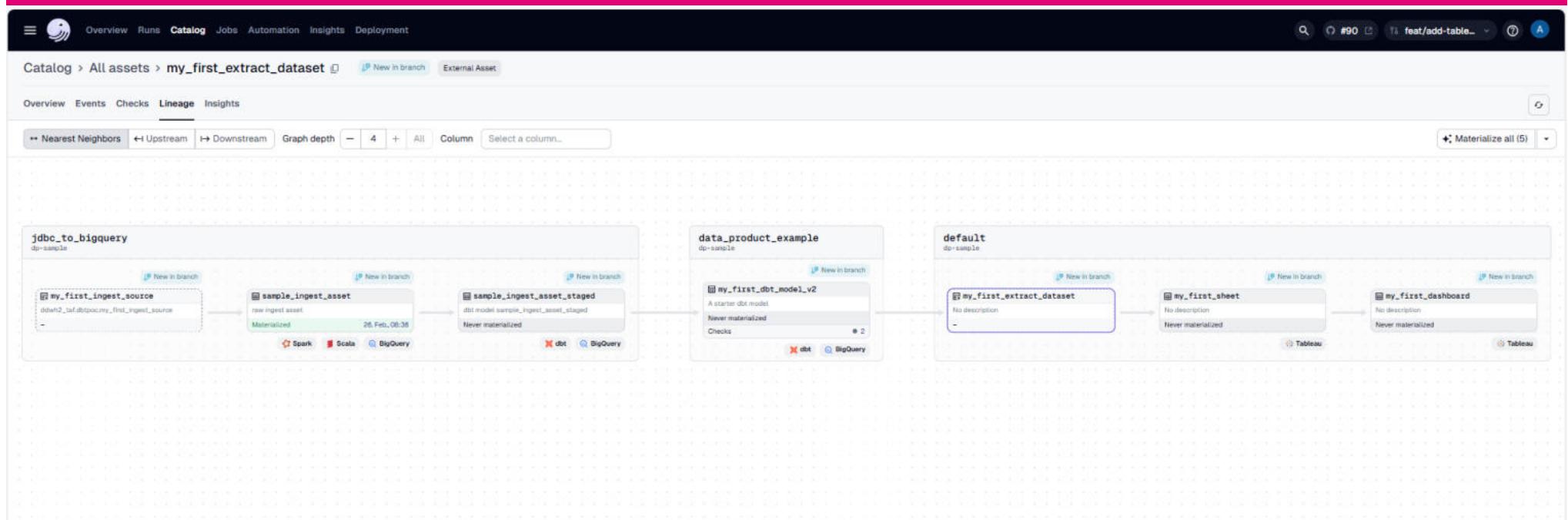


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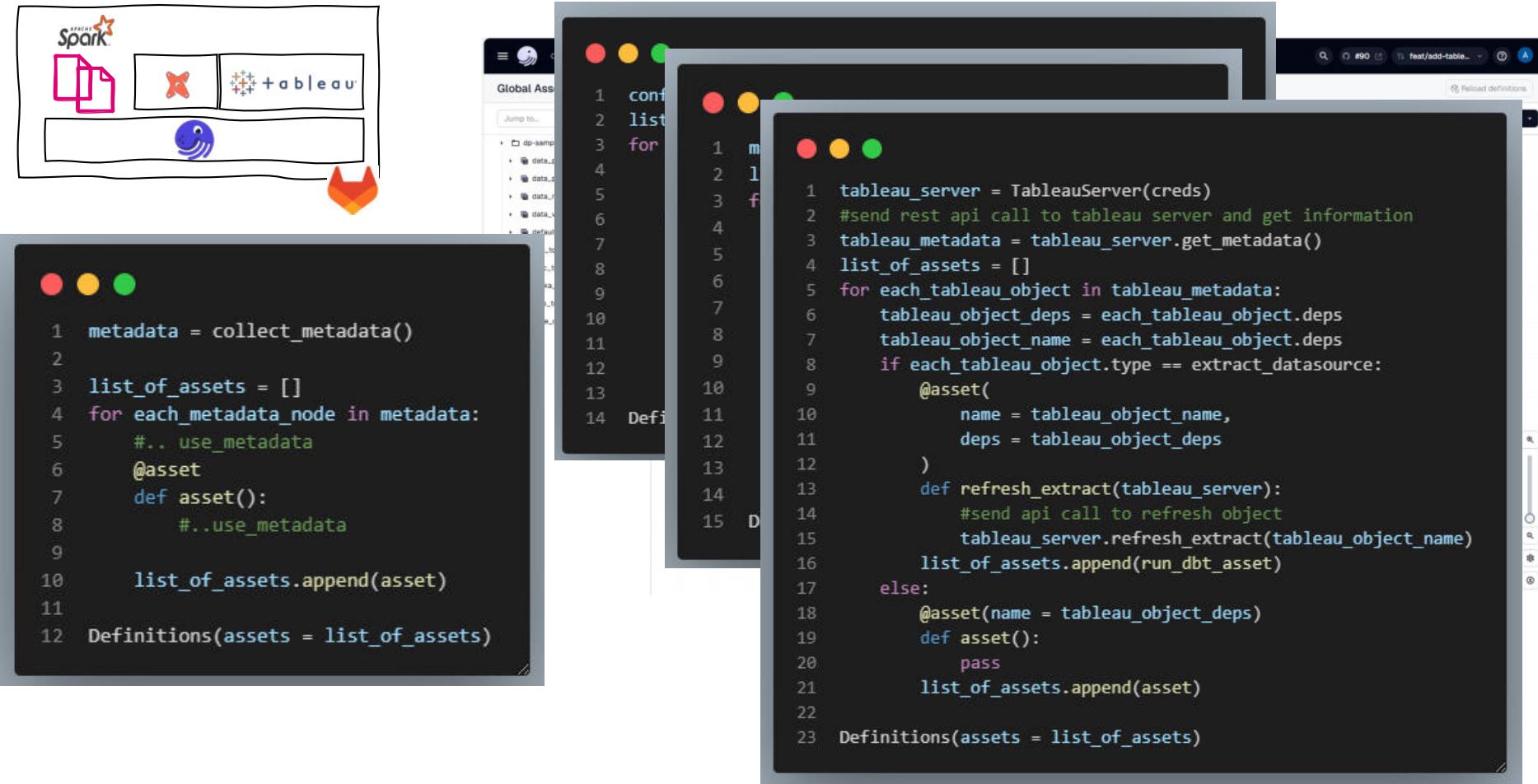


# New enabled concepts

- Asset based graph
- Metadata driven pipeline creation
- Reusable Components
- ....



# Machine-readable metadata pipeline generation



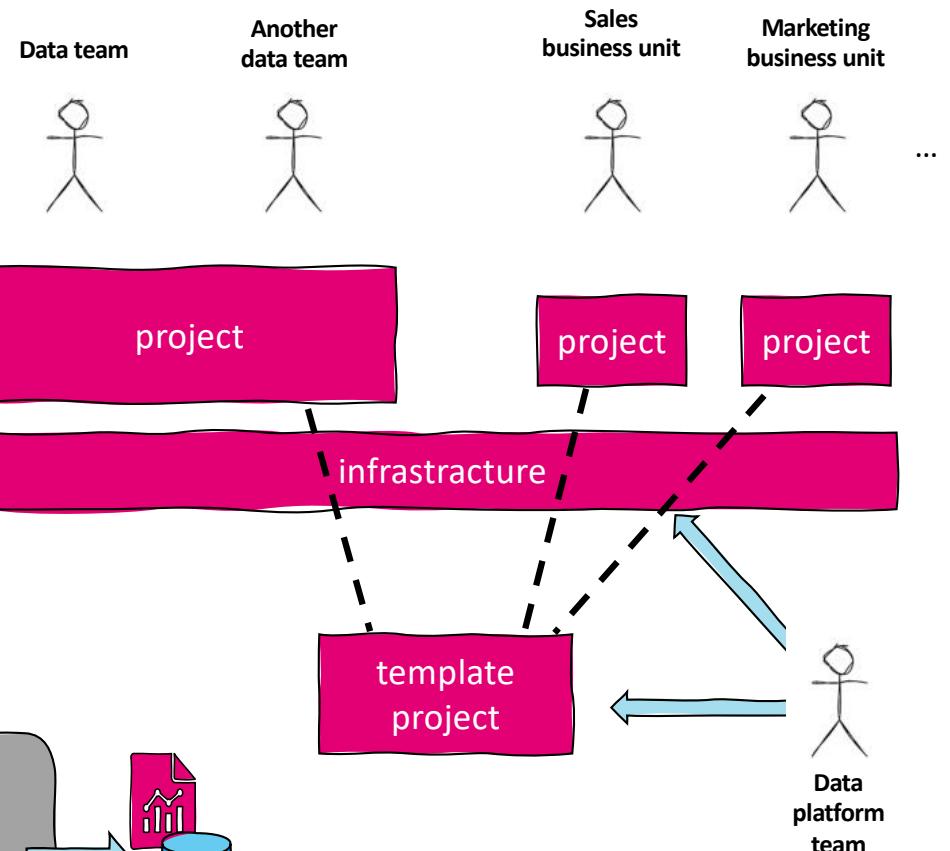
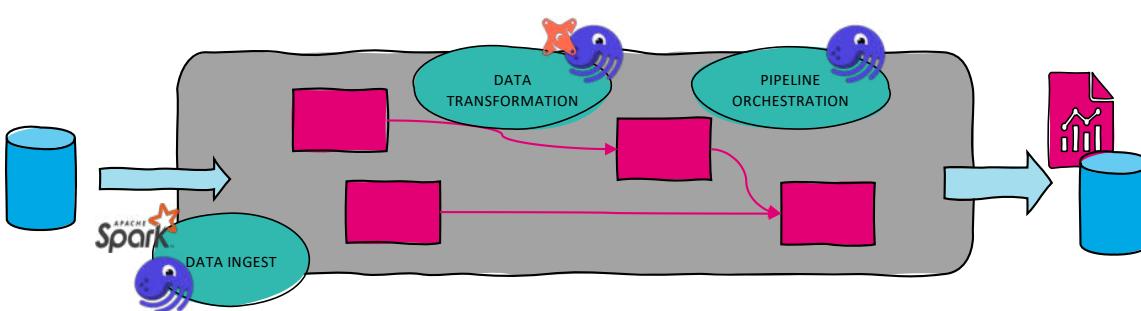
## Reusable components

- Define once, test & reuse
- Resources → Encapsulate complex logic to interact with external systems
- IO manager → Make complex IO interactions substitutable & testable
- Benefits
  - Dependency injection
  - Day 1 productivity: Scale the data pipeline down to a single laptop
  - Increase self-service: Business/DS focus not required to handle complex IO

```
2  @asset(
3      io_manager_key="bigquery_io_manager",
4  )
5  def awesome_ml_model(context, reference_addresses: pd.DataFrame, bigquery: BigQueryResource) -> pd.DataFrame:
6      # simple normal python code here
7      # IO is abstracted
8      context.log.info(f"from source: \n{reference_addresses.head()}")
9      # auth & complexity (imagine web API) is abstracted
10     with bigquery.get_client() as client:
11         job = client.query("select * from example.upstream")
12         query_result = job.result().to_dataframe()
13         context.log.info(f"direct query: \n{query_result.head()}")
14     return pd.DataFrame({"foo": [1,2,3]})
```

## Observation

- Process is straight forward: ingest, transform, use
- Everything we do - we do for business to provide better service
- Hard to scale across company
- Divide people into **develop framework** and **use framework** groups
- Thinking in **building blocks**
- Tooling supporting software engineering practices: **dbt, dagster, pixi, docker**
- Introduction of **new processes, modeling and metadata tooling** for better governance



## Takeaways

- Integrated asset-based graph is key (from ingest, transformation, reporting, tests – to AI)
  - Event driven connection
  - Better collaboration (scaling)
  - Can enable execution environment re-targeting in advanced cases
- Software engineering principles enable business self service
  - Blueprint
  - Automate all the things: CI/CD (stateful & stateless)
  - DRY: build tested foundation – dependency injection
  - Make business departments part of the key processes and pipelines
- Executable specification (metadata, contracts)
  - Interface Management
  - Preserve semantics
  - Preserve compliance (security classification, PII, retention)

## Explore for yourself!

The image displays three screenshots related to the Dagster-Tableau integration:

- GitHub Repository:** A screenshot of a GitHub repository named "local-data-stack". It shows a pull request by "geoHeil" with the commit message "upgrade deps and add instructions (#5)". The pull request has been merged.
- GitHub Issue:** A screenshot of a GitHub issue titled "[dagster-tableau] Exploring embedded data sources #27218". The issue is marked as "Merged" and includes a screenshot of a YouTube video player showing a presentation about Pixi.js.
- YouTube Video:** A screenshot of a YouTube video titled "Pixi powering Telekom data cloud". The video features a cartoon character of a yellow cube with arms and legs, holding a star and a wrench, set against a background of colorful abstract shapes and stars.

Data platform is team work and  
we are very proud and excited about the journey ahead

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[Declarative Execution](#)  
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# OLAP ELO Ranking

- Relative
- Continuously improving
- Robust

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Rank	Logo	Name	Year	Delta
1		*StarRocks	2017	
2		*Kinetica	2015	
3		*Apache Hudi	2012	-2
4		*Databricks SQL	2005	-5
		*DuckDB	2004	-20
		*Clickhouse	2004	+19
		*Delta Lake	1985	-2
8		*TrinoDB	1985	
9		*Snowflake	1981	-5
10		*Apache Spark	1975	