Cloud Cost Management and Apache Spark

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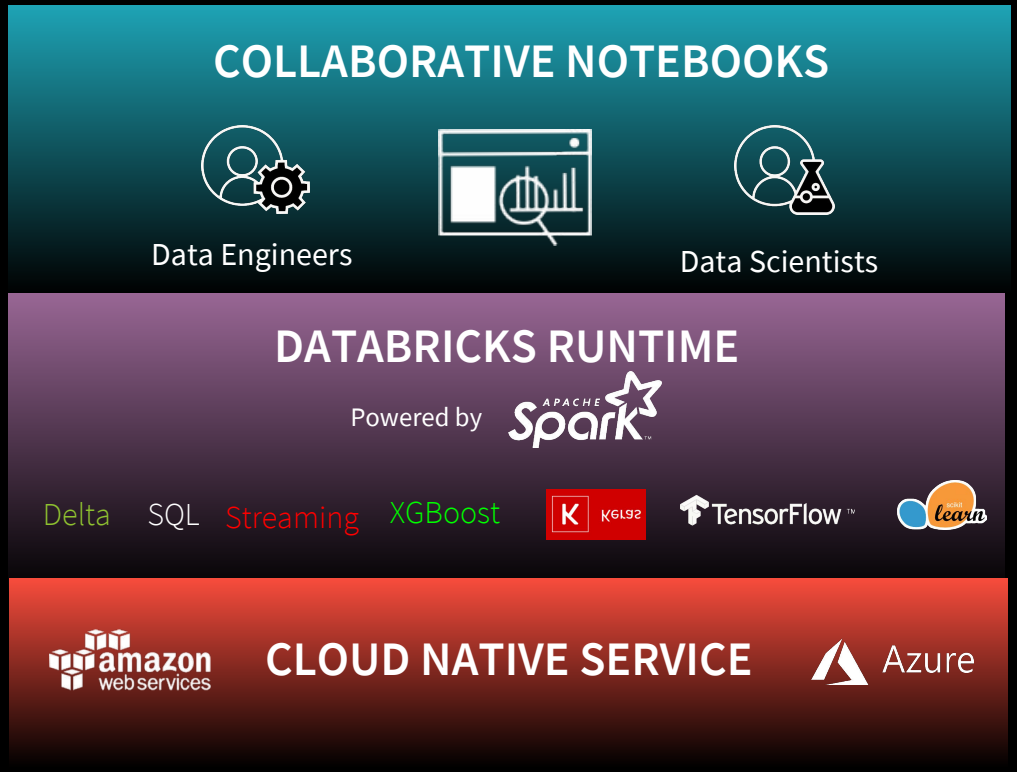
  - growth in cloud revenue in Q1 2018: Amazon: 49%, Microsoft: 58%

Databricks' Unified Analytics Platform

Unifies Data Engineers and Data Scientists

Unifies Data and AI Technologies

Eliminates infrastructure complexity



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- In-house solutions
  - Most flexible, deeper understanding of the costs
  - Opportunity costs

Challenges in cloud cost control

- overwhelming and complex usage details
  - need to convert data into insights/actions
- gaps between “hands” and “wallets”
  - developers consume resources without realizing the charges
- evolving cloud landscape
  - external: new services, new discounts, ...
  - internal: new use cases, new architecture, ...

Our solutions

Raw Data

cost and usage

s3 access logs

s3 inventory

ec2/rds snapshot

reserved instances

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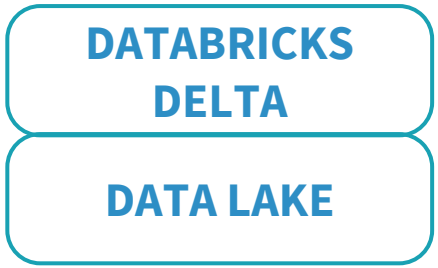

Analytics

Databricks Notebooks

BI tools: Superset, Tableau, ...

Monitors and alerts

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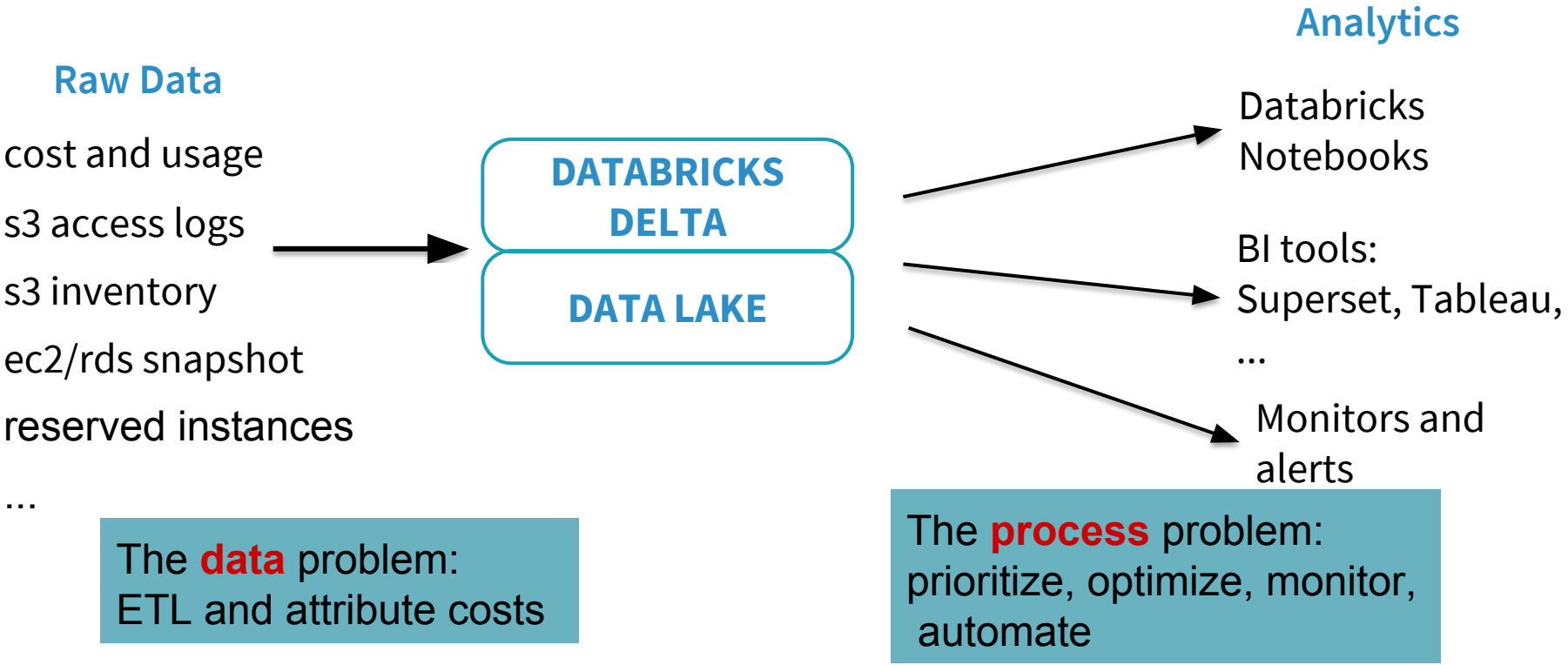

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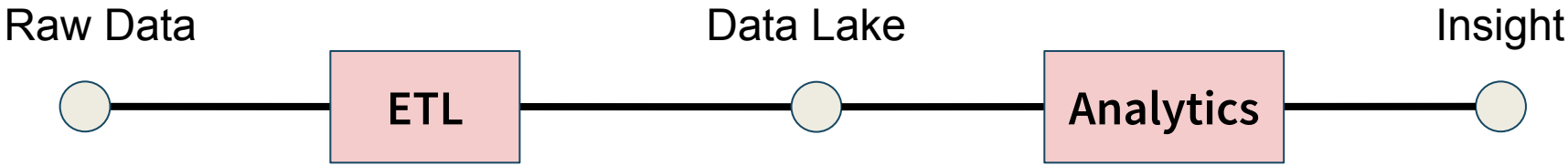
Data pipelines with Spark



Challenges

- Data corruptions
- Multiple jobs/staging tables
- Reliability and consistency

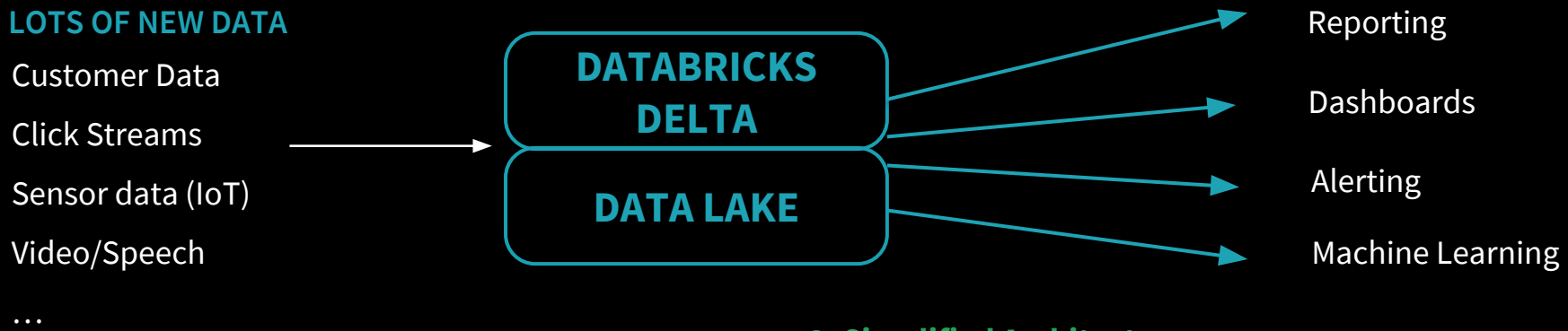
Databricks Delta: Analytics Ready Data

1. Data Reliability

ACID Compliant Transactions
Schema Enforcement & Evolution

2. Query Performance

Very Fast at Scale
Indexing & Caching (10-100x Faster)



3. Simplified Architecture

Unify batch & streaming
Early data availability for analytics

databricks

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def parseS3AccessLogRecord(s: String): S3AccessLogRecord = ???

spark.read
  .textFile(inputFiles:_*) // Dataset[String]
  .map(parseS3AccessLogRecord) // Dataset[S3AccessLogRecord]
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- Query table

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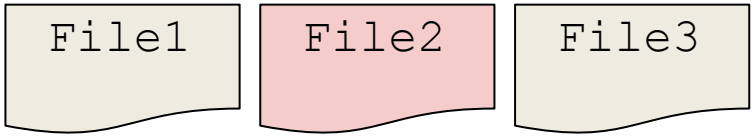
Files layout & statistics:

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Delta Logs:
File1: min='a', max='g'
File2: min='g', max='n'
File3: min='o', max='z'
```

Attributions

- Rule based attributions
  - accounts
    - dedicated accounts for different teams / use cases
  - tagging
    - tag resources with budget groups
  - manual rules
    - should avoid this as much as possible

The process problem

- Prioritize
  - high data transfer cost
- Optimize
  - reserved instance purchases
- Monitor
  - predictions and alerts
- Automate
  - auto-shutdown unused resources

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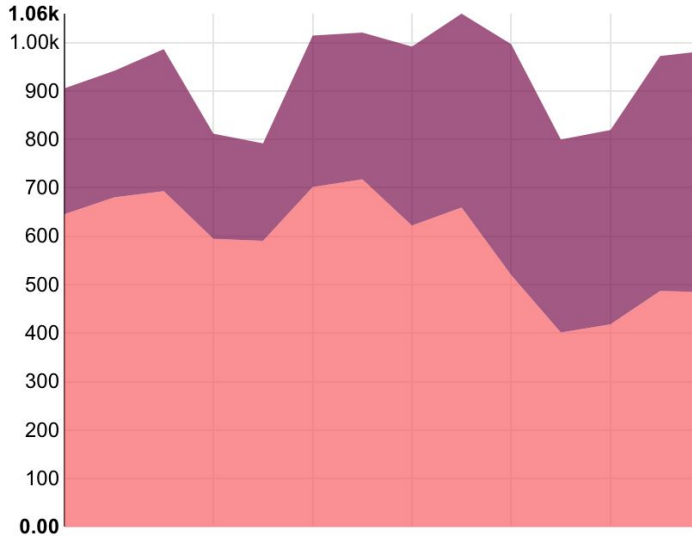

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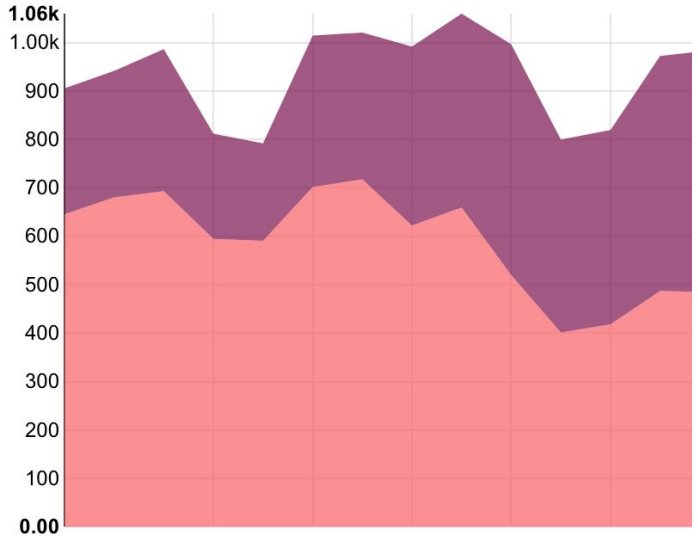

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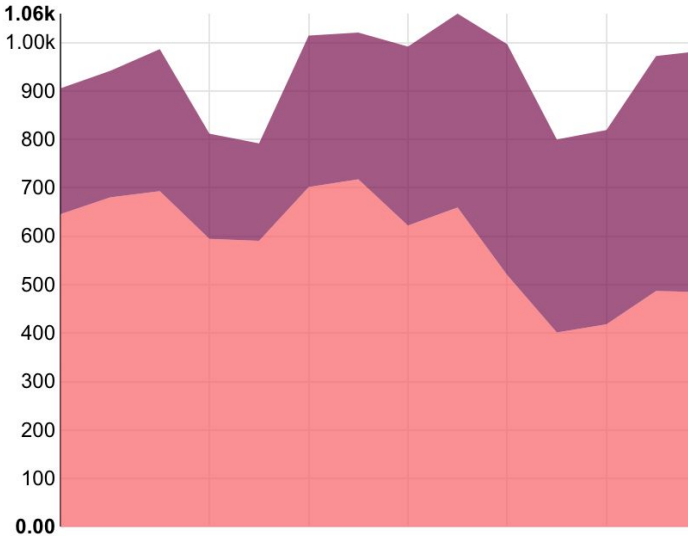

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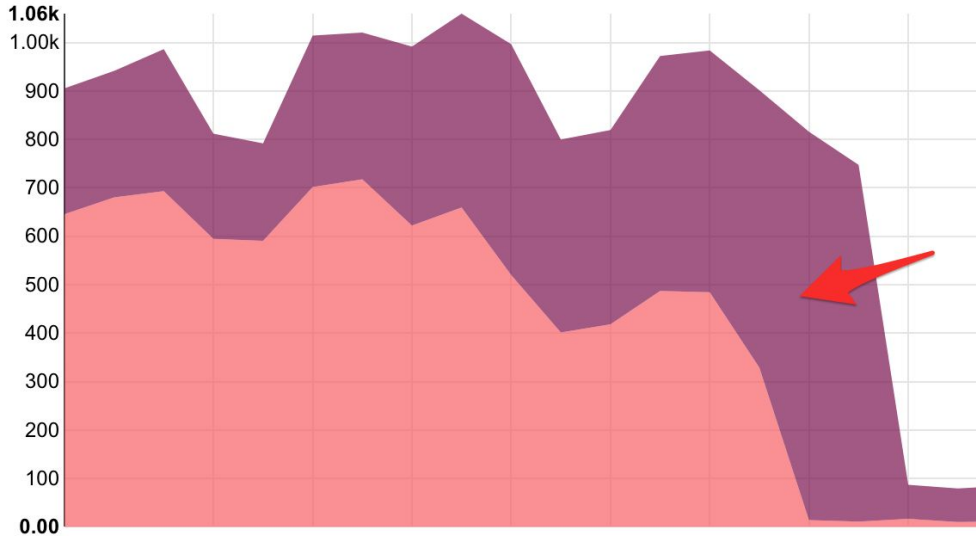

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- Challenges
  - non-trivial to decide how much RI to purchase
  - need to predict the future

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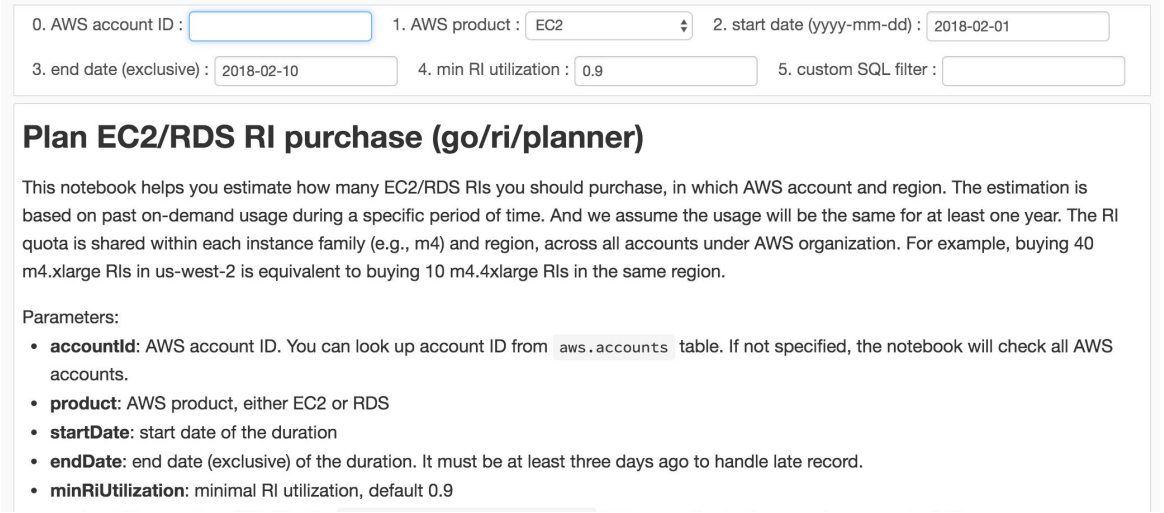
- Assign budgets to teams
- Provide tool to compute the optimal RI to buy
- Define process for RI purchase requests and approvals



Monitor and alerts

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  - prevent degenerations
  - proactive to “bill shock”
- Challenges
  - different patterns for different use cases
  - changing baselines

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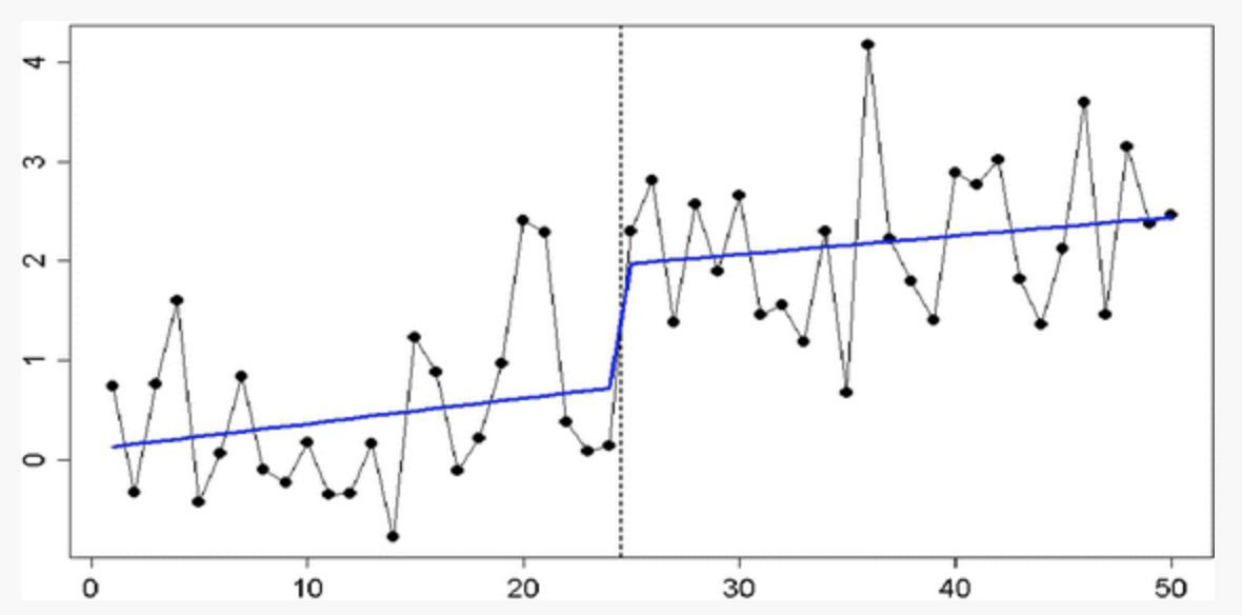

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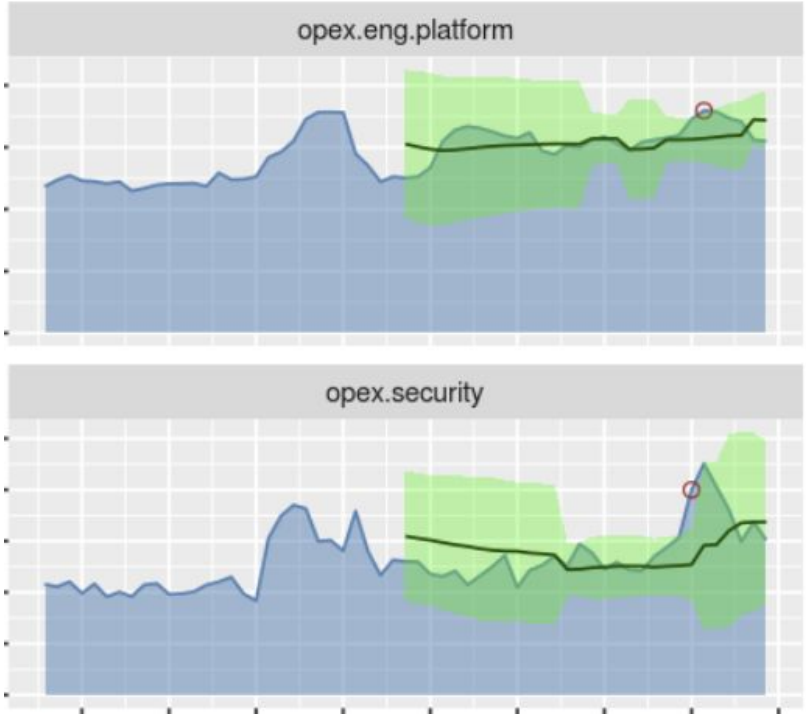
- adaptive prediction with change point detection
- alerts for each budget group
- scheduled jobs and dashboards



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- https://github.com/capitalone/cloud-custodian
  - Rule based cloud infrastructure management tool

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Summary

- in-house solutions because
  - flexibility and deeper understanding of cost and usage
- cost attribution - a **data** problem
  - ETL: Databricks Delta for analytics ready data
  - explore: Databricks Notebooks and BI tools via JDBC
  - attribute: rule-based, tagging is important
- cost control - a **process** problem
  - prioritize: get the work done!
  - optimize: distributed ownerships, and centralized tools
  - monitor: change points + basic linear model
  - automate: Custodian for managing cloud infrastructure

Thank you

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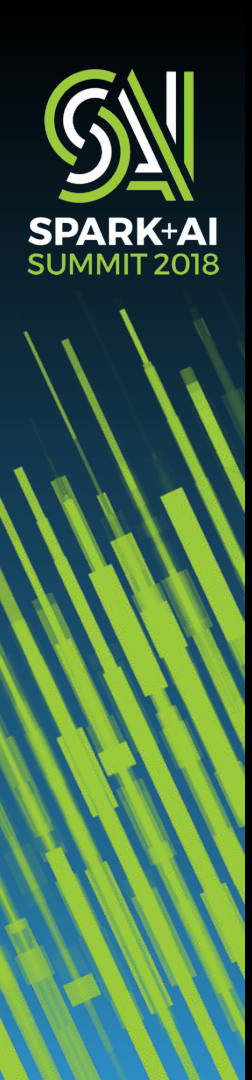

BACKUP SLIDES

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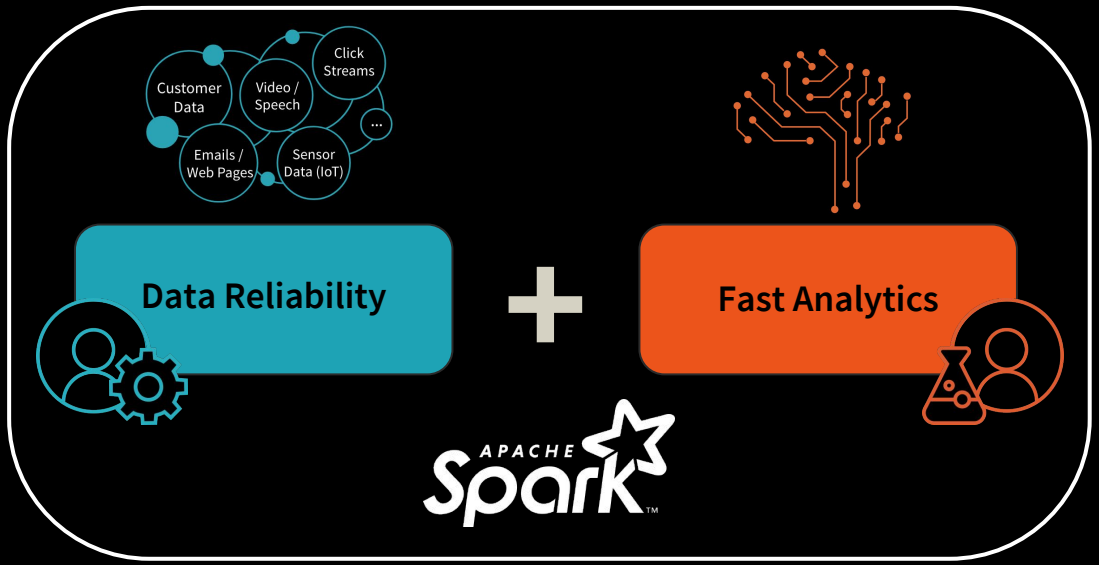
New: Databricks Delta

*Extends Apache Spark to simplify data **reliability** and **performance***



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  - detailed usage and billing information by hours
  - CSV, delivered at least once a day
- s3 inventory
  - list of all objects in s3 and associated metadata
  - CSV/ORC, delivered daily/weekly

Bucket	Key	VersionId	IsLatest	IsDeleteMaker	Size	LastModifiedDate	Etag	StorageClass	MultipartUploaded	ReplicationStatus
example-bucket	object1			FALSE	2.4E+08	2016-08-11T01:19	e80d8eda4	STANDARD	TRUE	
example-bucket	object2			FALSE	0	2016-08-10T22:23	d41d8cd98	STANDARD	FALSE	
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