

Tutorial: An Outlook to Declarative Languages for Big Streaming Data

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Who we are



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Agenda

- Introduction on Stream Processing Models
- Declarative Language: Opportunities, and Design Principles
- Comparison of Prominent Streaming SQL Dialects for Big Stream Processing Systems
- Conclusion



Unbounded yet time-ordered sequence of data

Jennifer Widom



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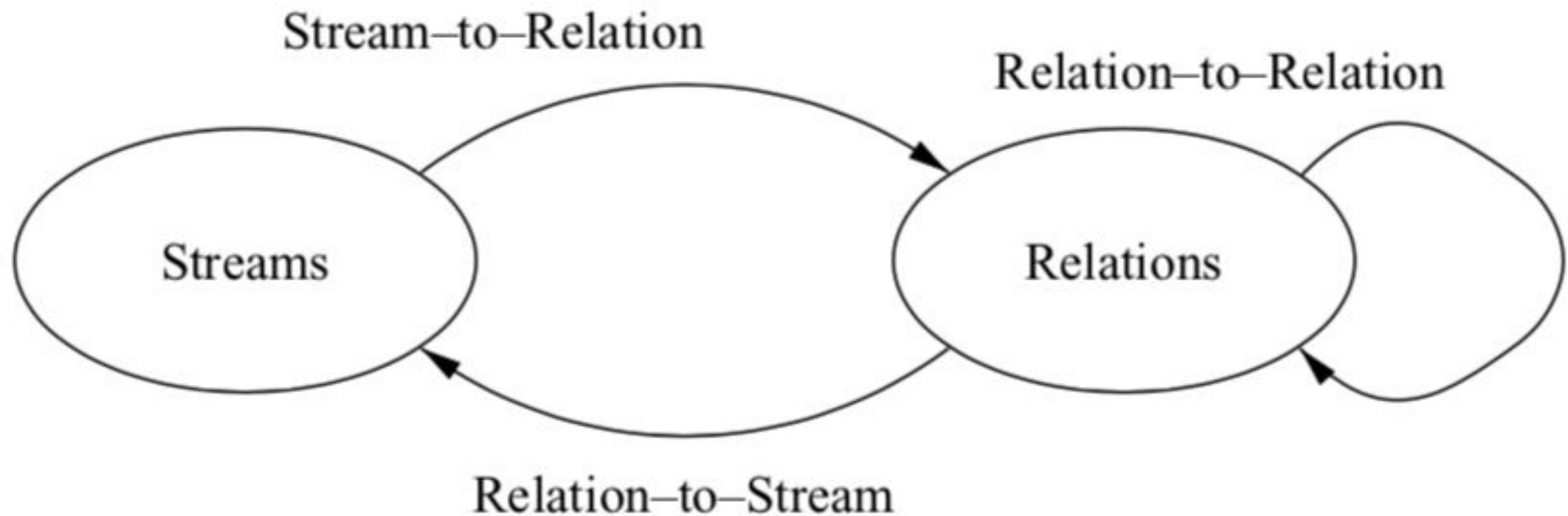


Time Management

- **Processing Time** (consumer) implies a total order on the stream.
- **Event Time** (producer), implies a partial order on the data.



DSMS (CQL)





DSMS (CQL)

- Expressive Languages (SQL++)
- Windowing
 - *Canonical*: logical/physical sliding/tumbling
 - *Custom*: session, data-driven, event-driven



DSMS (CQL)

CREATE SCHEMA Stock(id string, price float, timestamp int)

```
SELECT avg(price)  
FROM Stock#time(10 minutes)  
OUTPUT EVERY 1 minutes  
GROUP BY id
```



Big Stream Processing

Ecosystem



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Big Stream Processing

Fully-Distributed Systems

- Fault-Tolerant:
- At-Least-Once or Exactly-Once semantics
- Scalable (millions of tuples per minute)
- Flexible Programmatic API that guides towards the creation of Direct Acyclic Graph



Declarative Languages [CQL]

KSQL, FlinkSQL, SparkSQL

Functional API
DataFrames, KafkaStreams,
Flink Stream API

Dataflow Model
Kafka Processor API, Flink Process Function

Actor Model [Hewitt et al.]



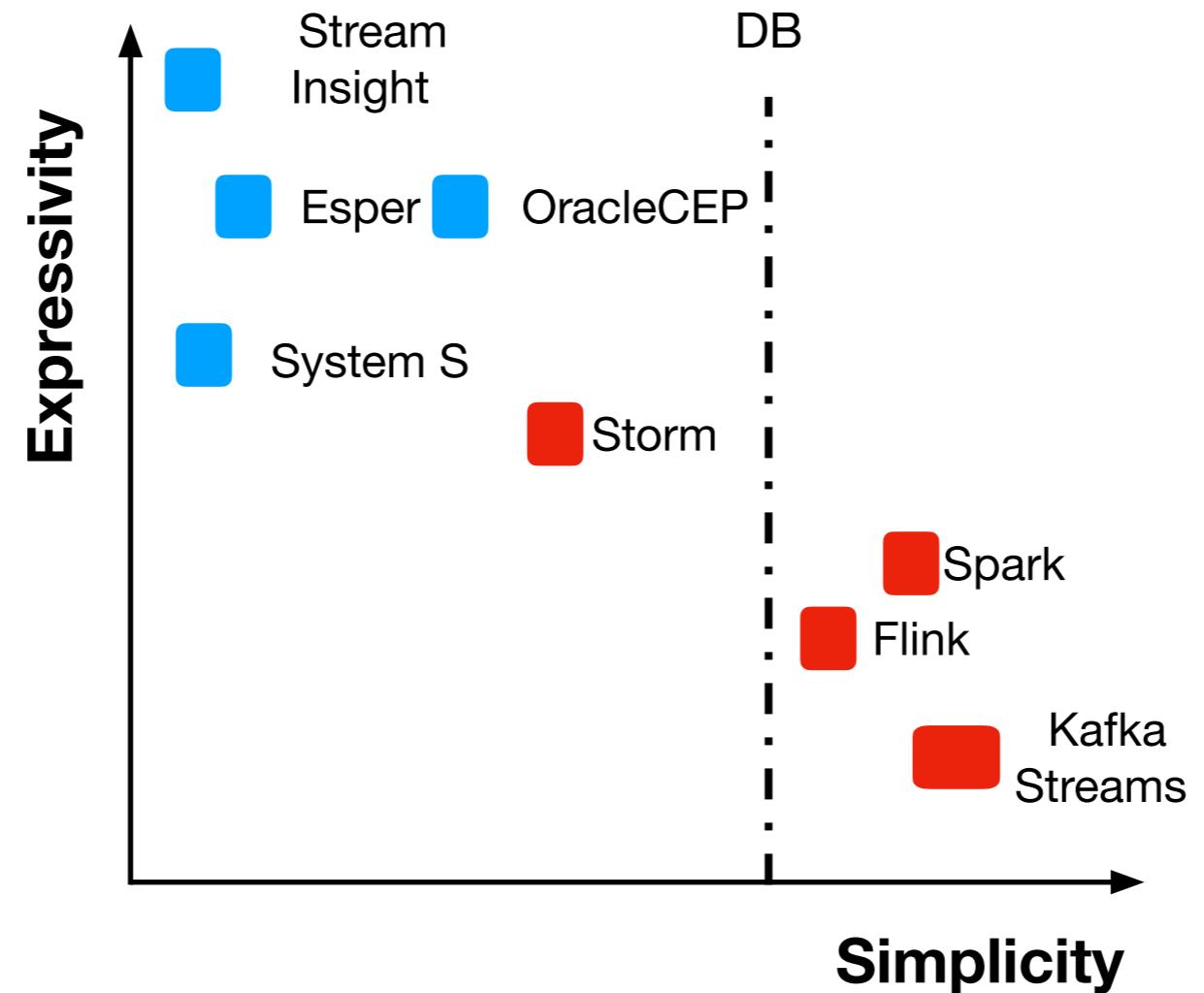
Big Stream Processing

Languages

- Offer languages that are embedded in a general-purpose host language, typically Java
- Encourage developers to **explicitly** code a Direct-Acyclic Graph
- Provide relational operators, but also expose low-level details such as partitioning, timestamp extraction



Solution Landscape (qualitative)



Big Stream Processing Solutions



Single Machine



Big Stream Processing

(Issues)

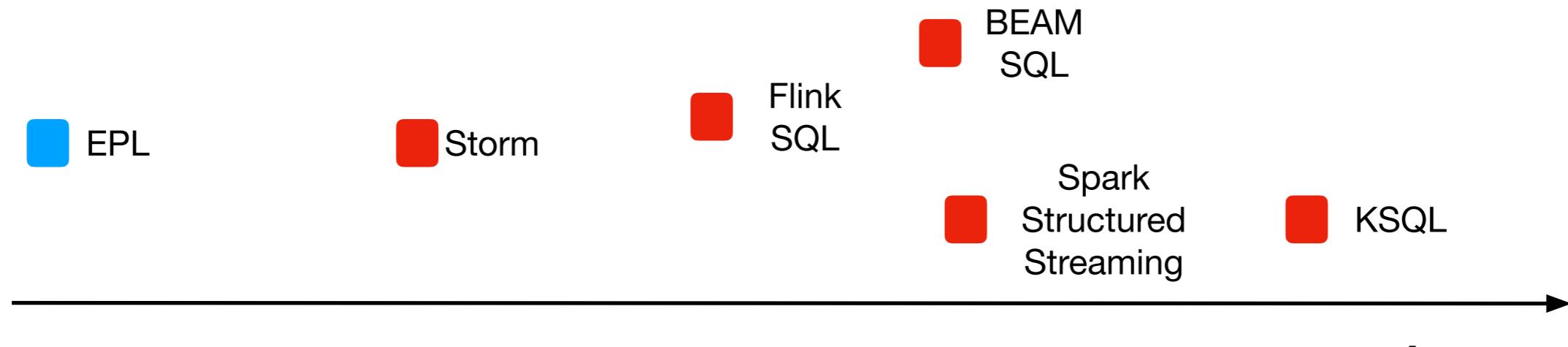
- Distributions makes out-of-order handling a primary problem, and, thus solutions appears in the programmatic APIs.
- Languages are not self-contained, thus, are **hard to isolate** clearly from the host language
- Debugging, benchmarking, and standardisation becomes hard



**Major systems started migrating towards a
fully-declarative approach ultimately evolved into
SQL-like streaming DSL.**



Adoption of SQL-like interface



Big Stream Processing Solutions



Single Machine



One SQL to Rule Them All: An Efficient and Syntactically Idiomatic Approach to Management of Streams and Tables

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ABSTRACT

Real-time data analysis and management are increasingly critical for today's businesses. SQL is the de facto *lingua franca* for these endeavors, yet support for robust streaming analysis and management with SQL remains limited. Many approaches restrict semantics to a reduced subset of features and/or require a suite of non-standard constructs. Additionally, use of event timestamps to provide native support for analyzing events according to when they actually occurred is not pervasive, and often comes with important limitations.

We present a three-part proposal for integrating robust streaming into the SQL standard, namely: (1) time-varying relations as a foundation for classical tables as well as stream-

CCS CONCEPTS

- Information systems → Stream management; Query languages;

KEYWORDS

stream processing, data management, query processing

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“The key idea of declarative programming is that a **program** is a **theory** in some suitable **logic**, and the **computation** is **deduction** from the **theory**”

–J.W. Lloyd



Advantages

- Decouple interpretation and execution (e.g. parallelism)
- Allows optimisation relying on the formal semantics
- **IDEALLY PORTABLE (well-defined semantics)**

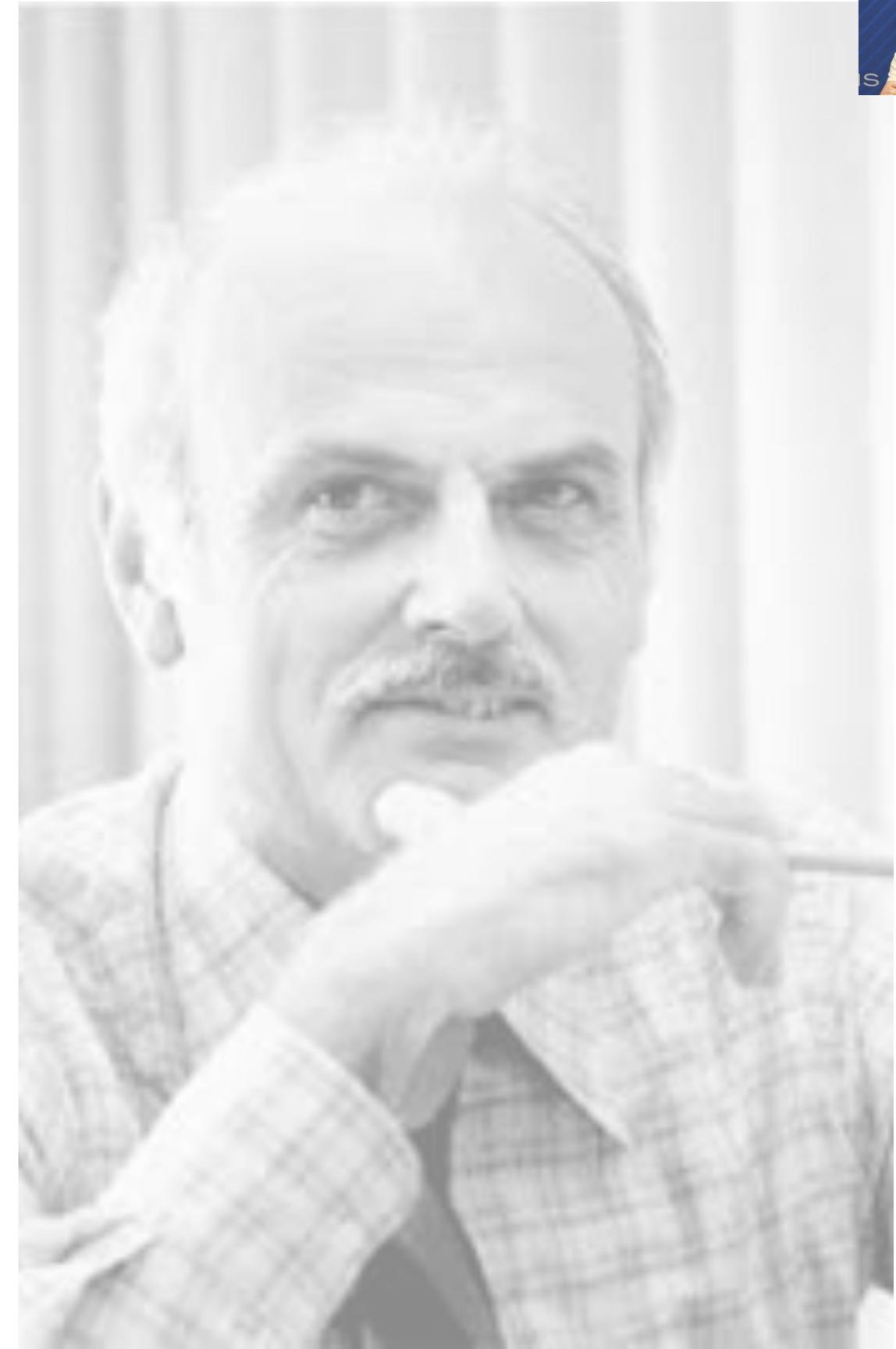


How to design a good language?



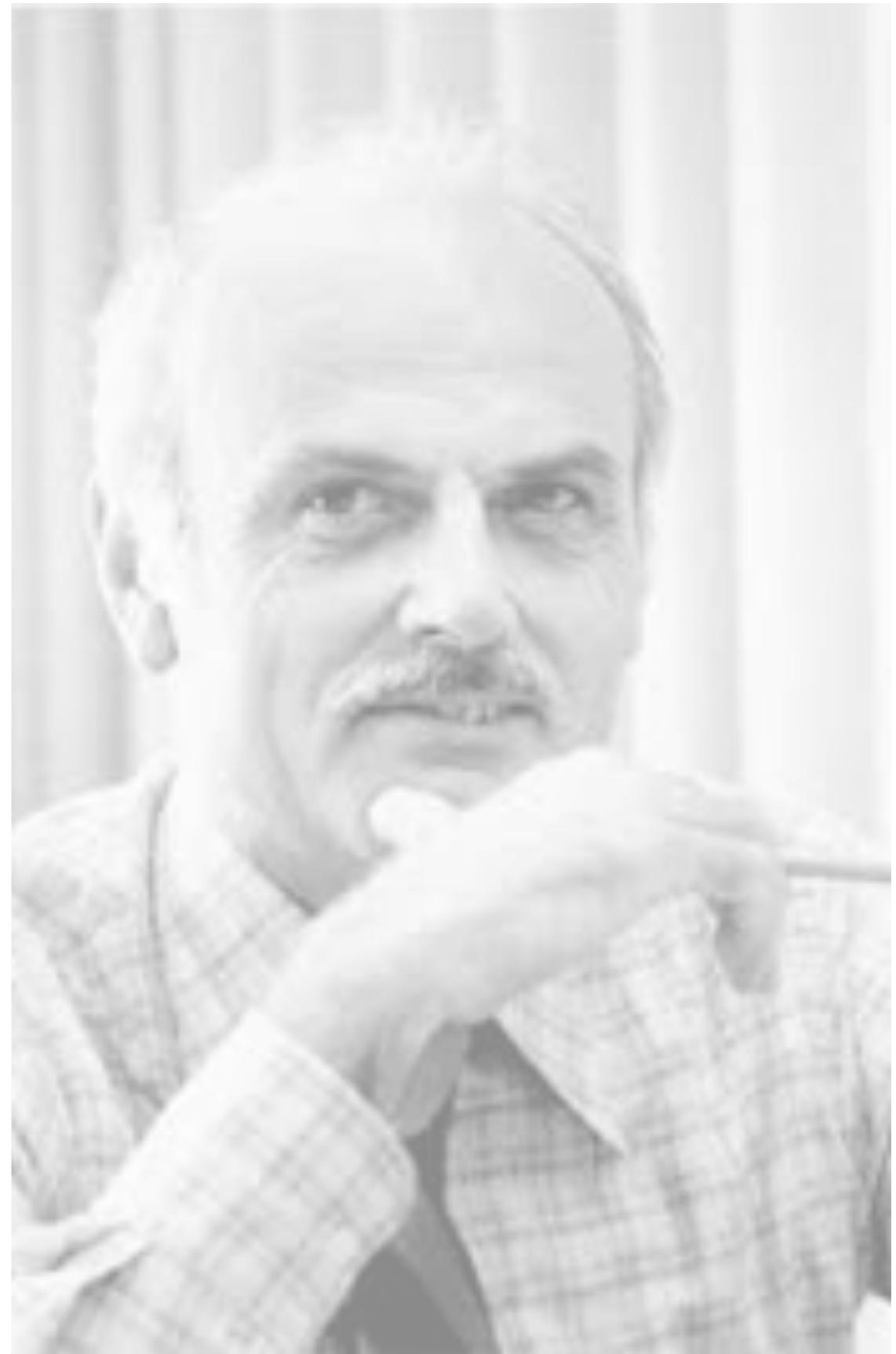
Minimality

a language should provide only a **small set** of needed **language constructs** so that the same meaning **cannot** be **expressed** by **different** language constructs;



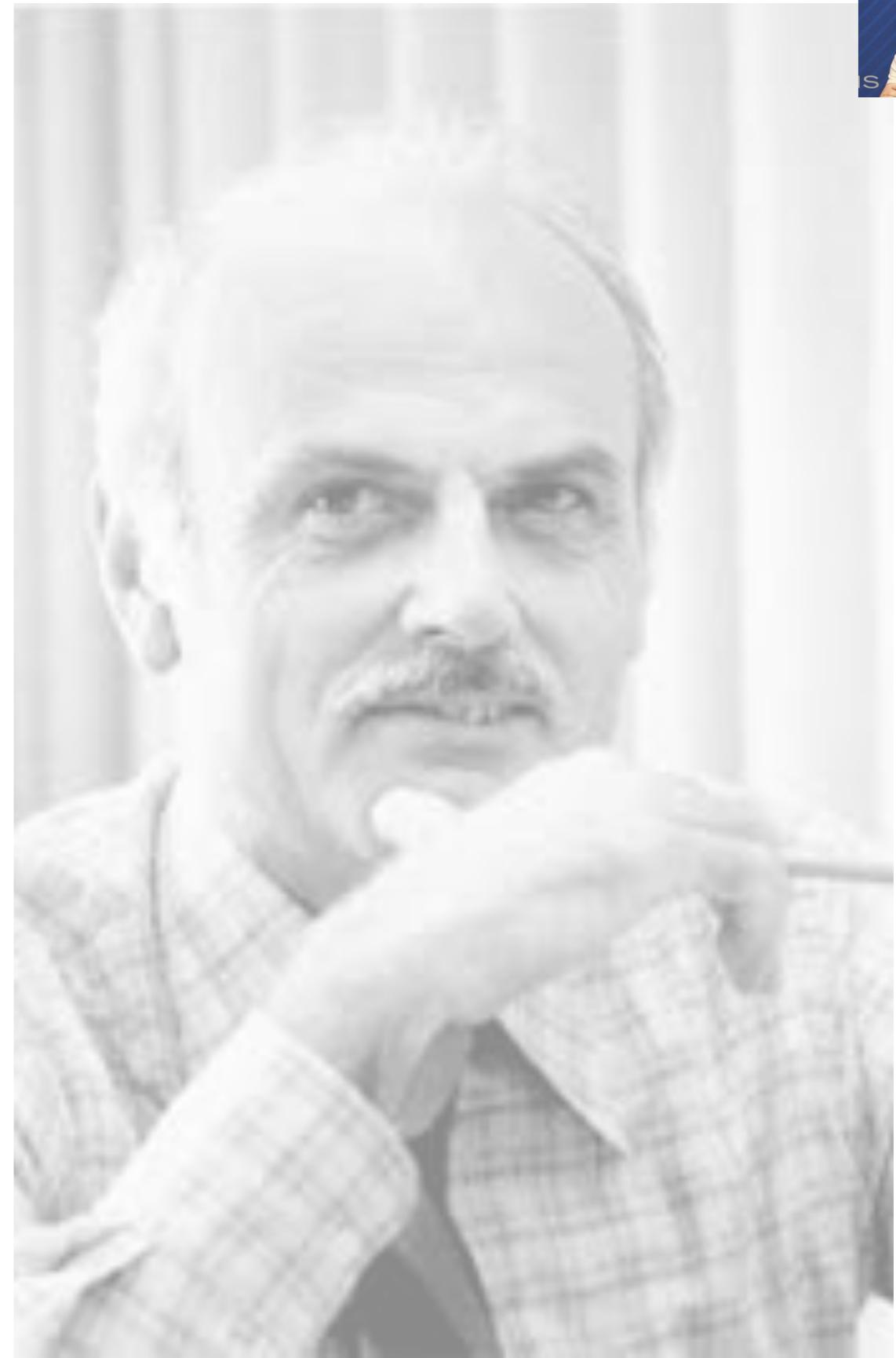
Symmetry

a language should
ensure that the same
language **construct**
always expresses the
same **semantics**
regardless of the
context



Orthogonality

a language should
guarantee that every
meaningful **combination**
its constructs is
applicable.





When do we need it?

- Writing the optimal solution is as hard as solving the problem (e.g. JOIN optimisation)
- We want to enhance programmer productivity by adding Domain-Specific abstraction (e.g. streams)
- We want to limit the expressiveness of the languages to ensure some nice property (e.g. decidability)

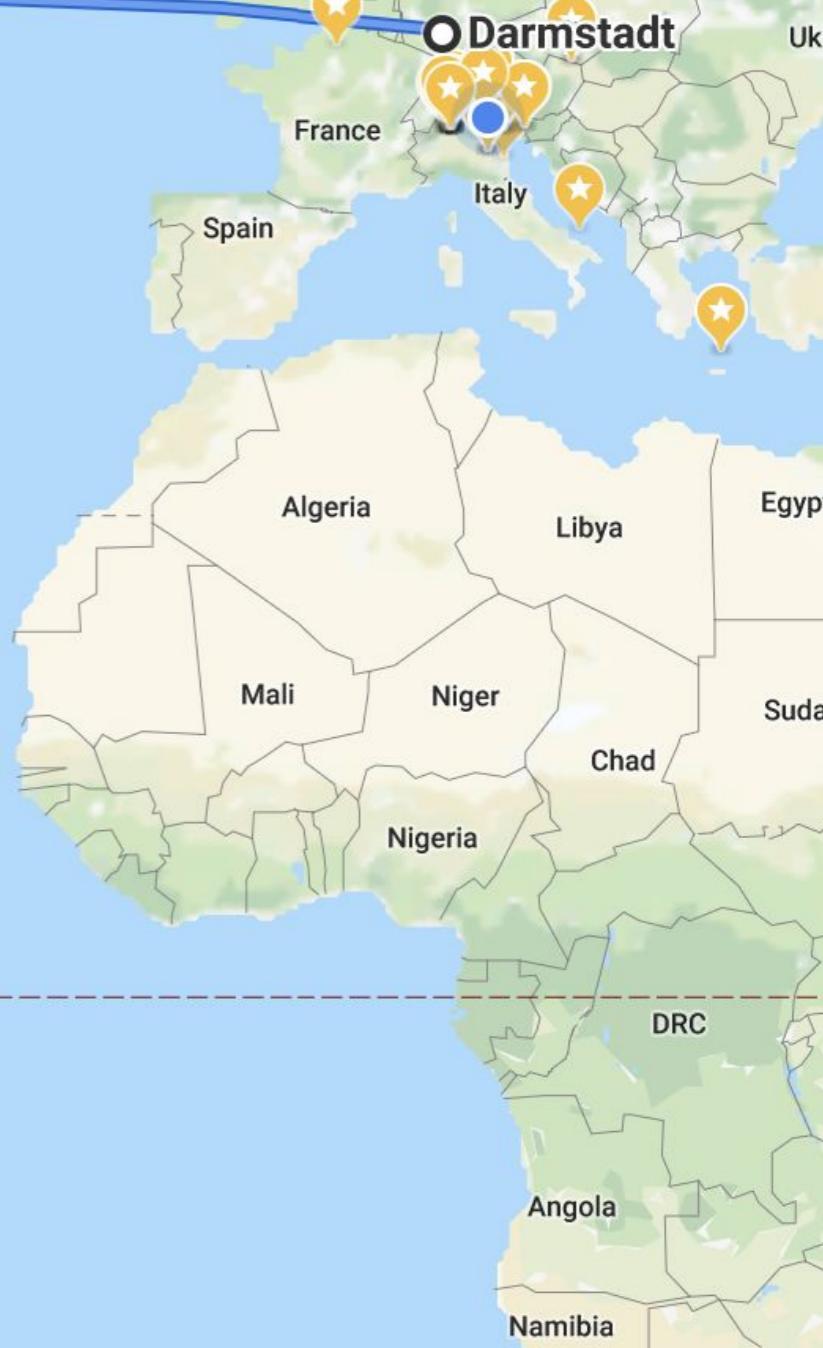


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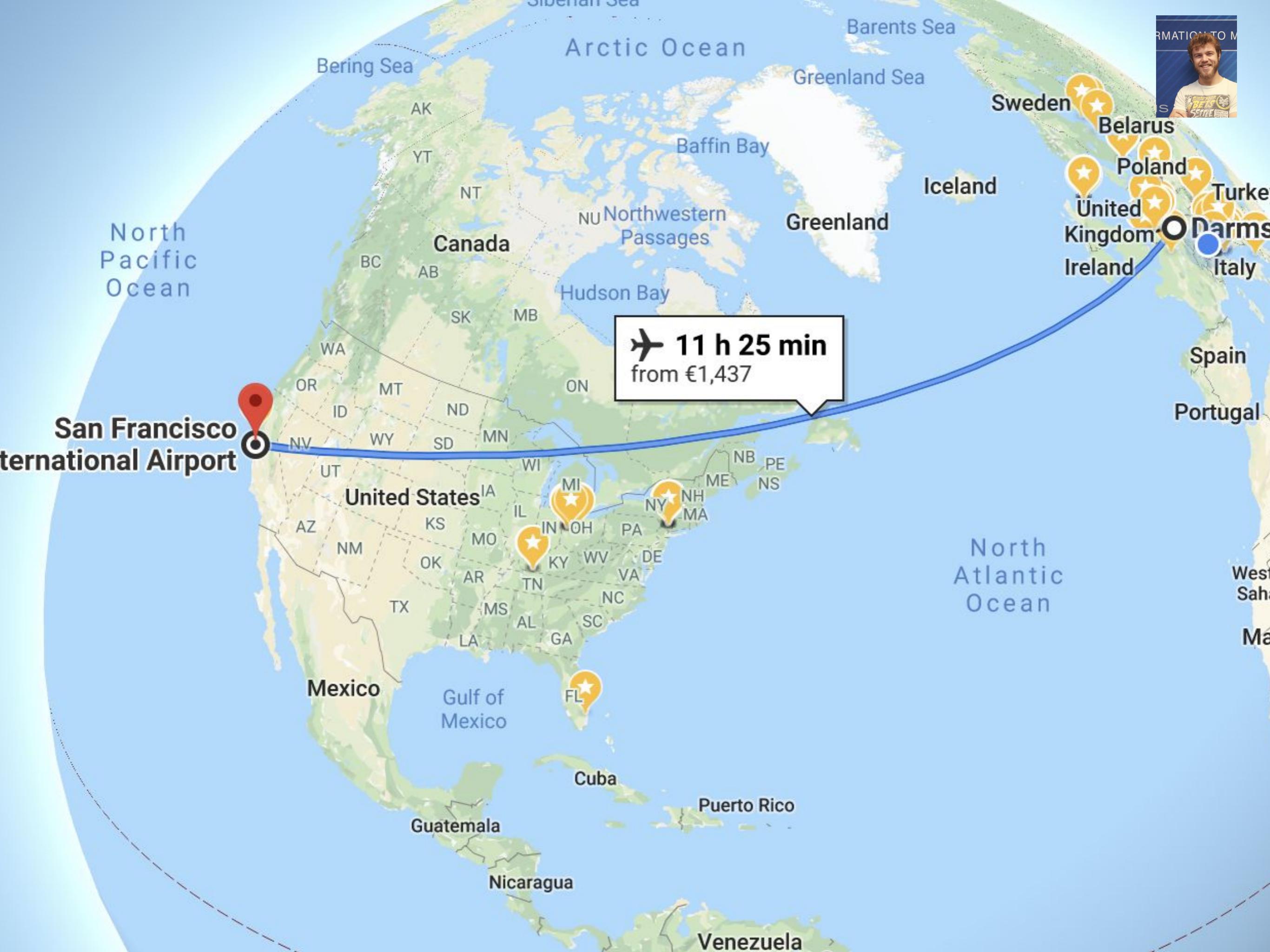
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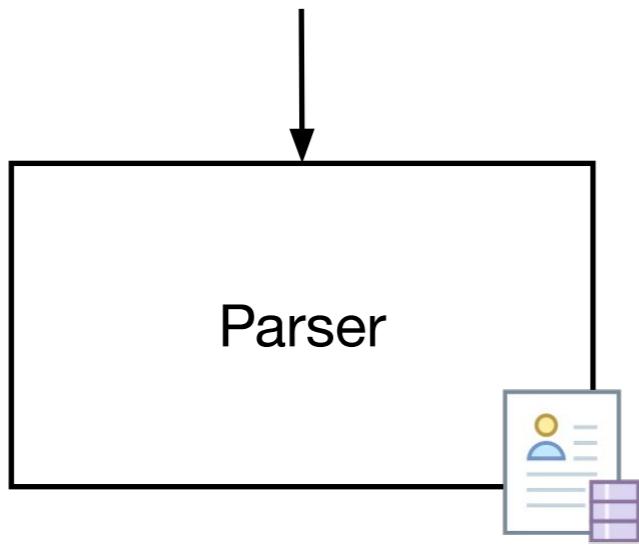
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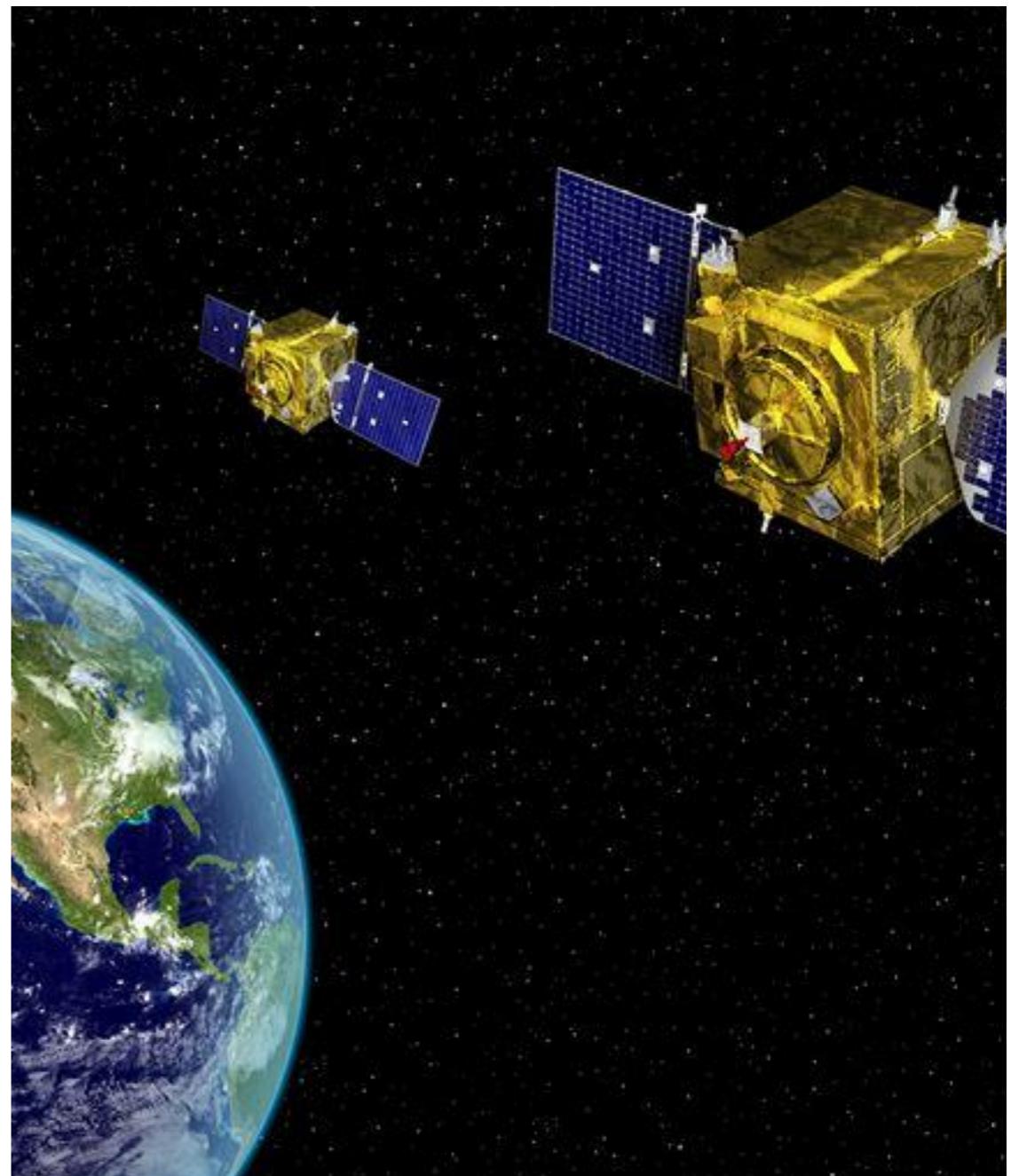
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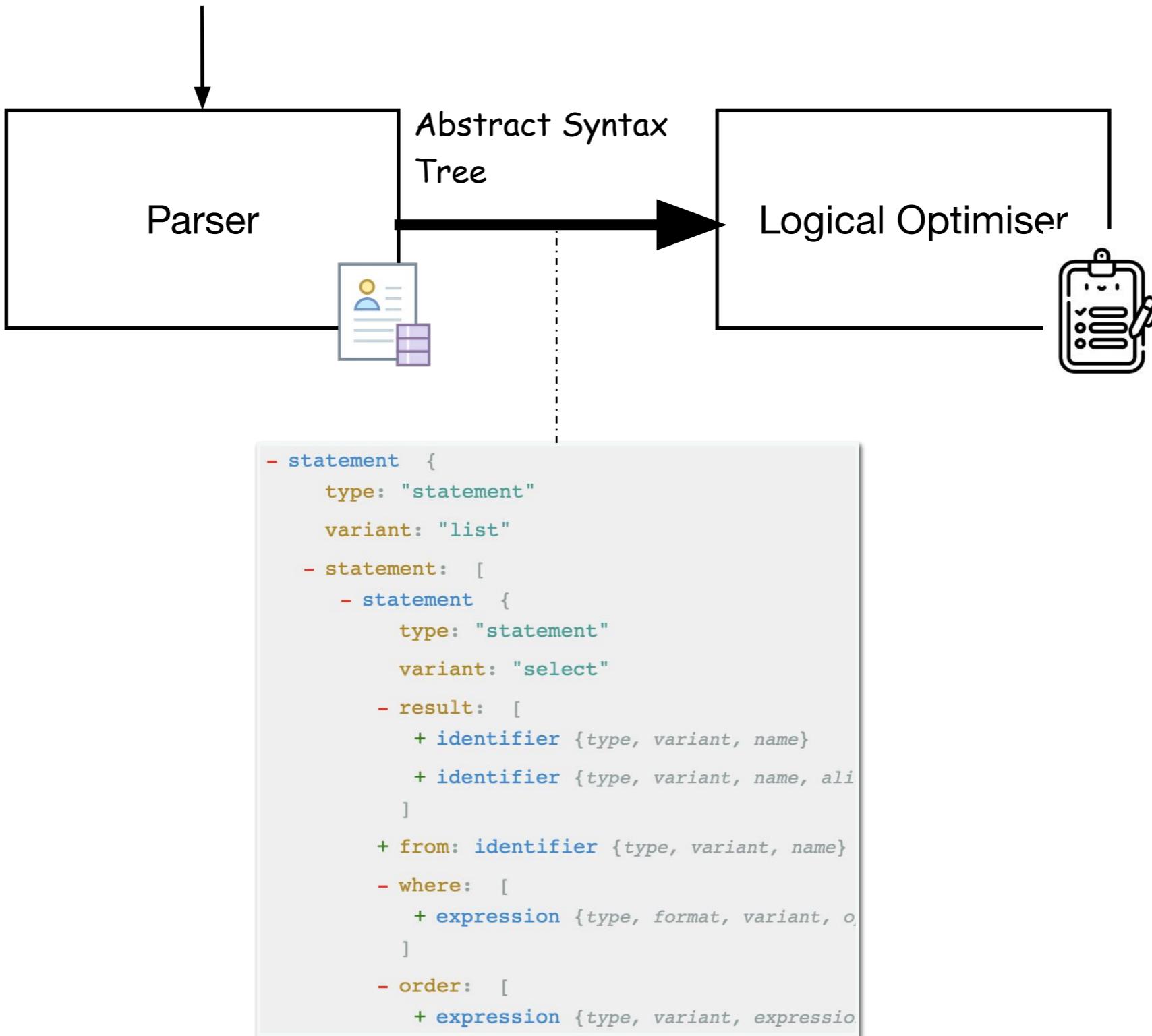
```
SELECT name  
FROM (  
    SELECT id, name  
    FROM People) p  
WHERE p.id = 1
```

Parsing

- Obtaining the Declarative Program/Query
- Verify it is syntactically valid
- Creating an AST

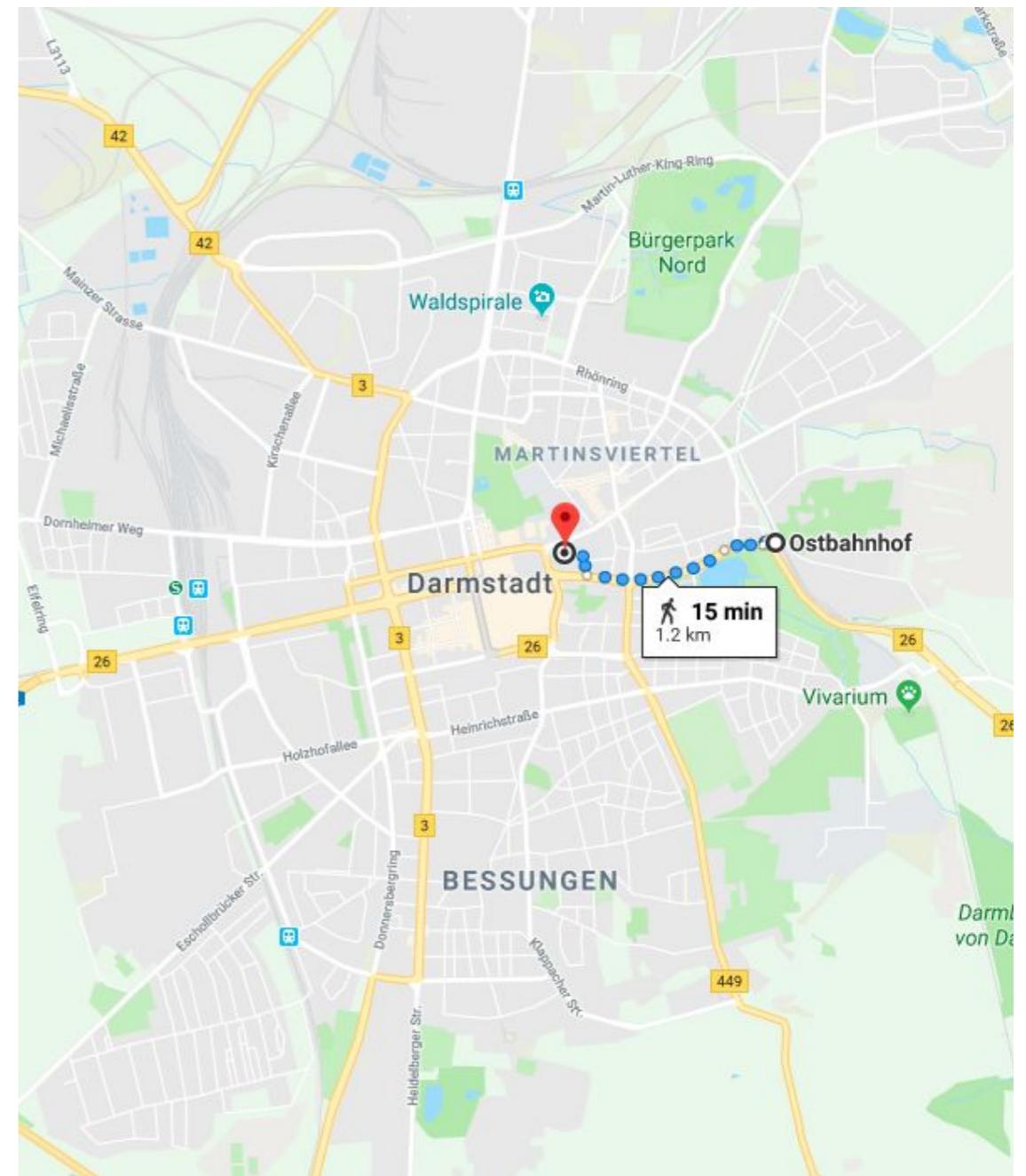


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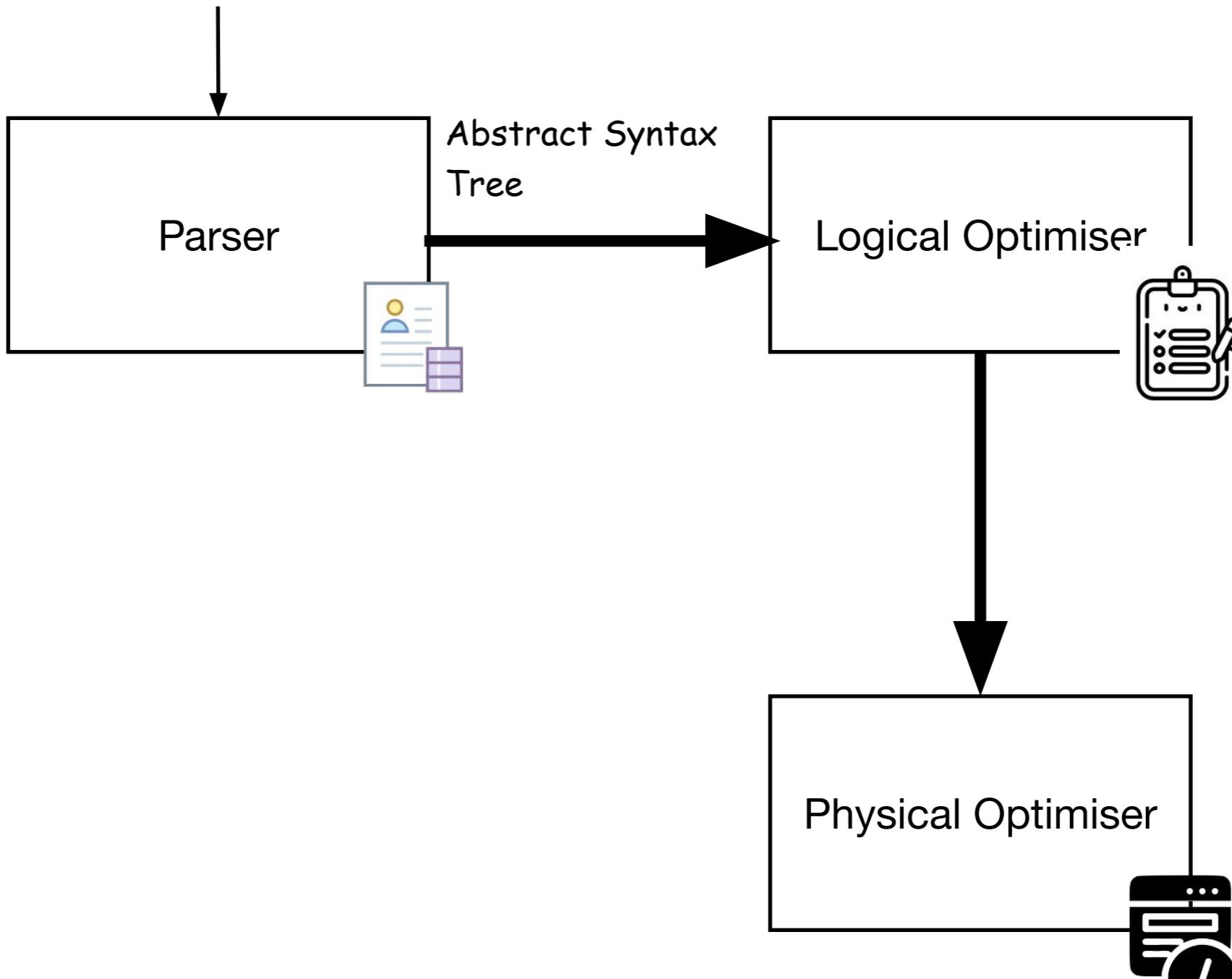


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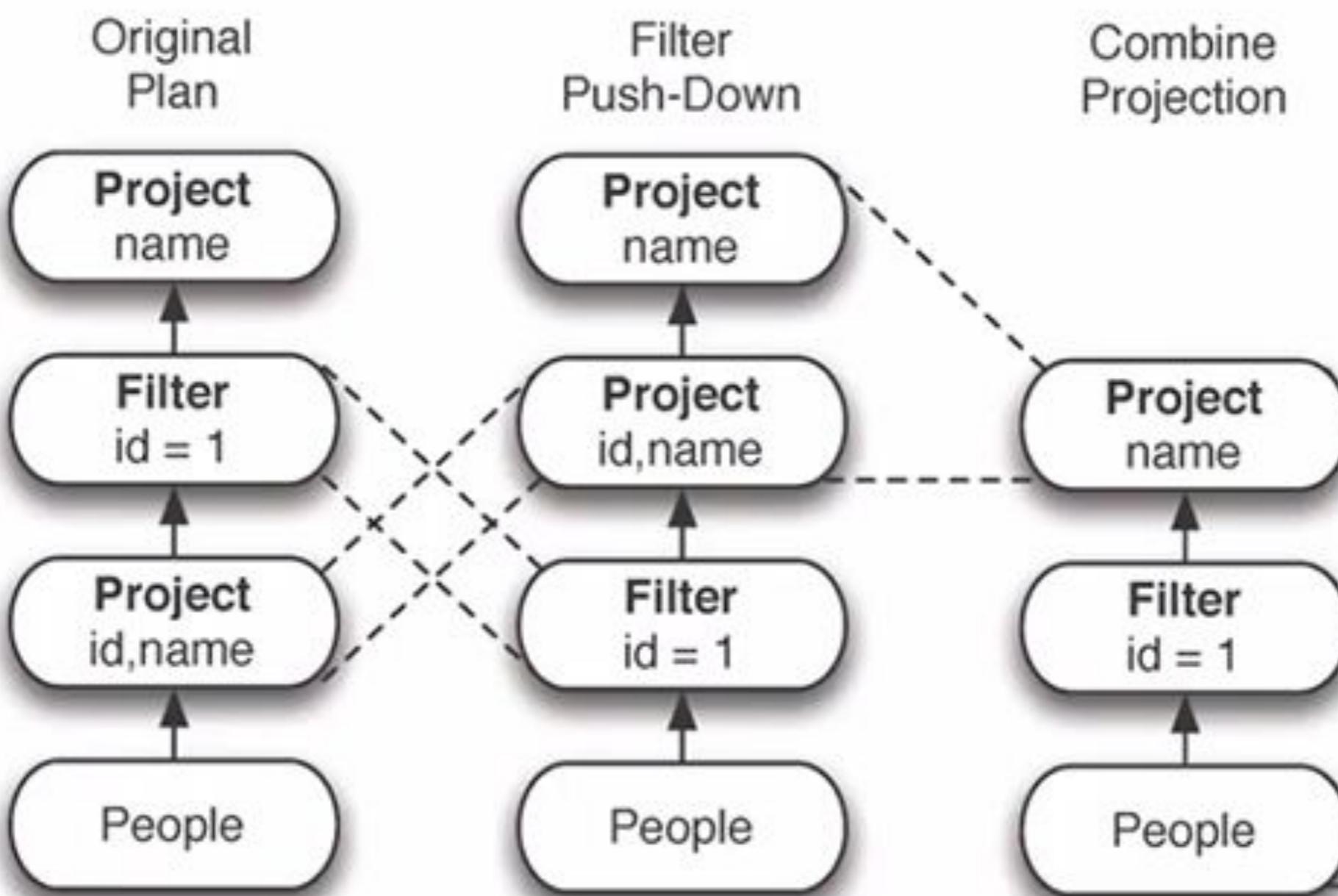
- Obtaining the AST of the program/query
- Verify all the preconditions hold
- Apply optimisations
- Errors: statistics not updated, wrong decision
- Generates logical plan



Program/Query

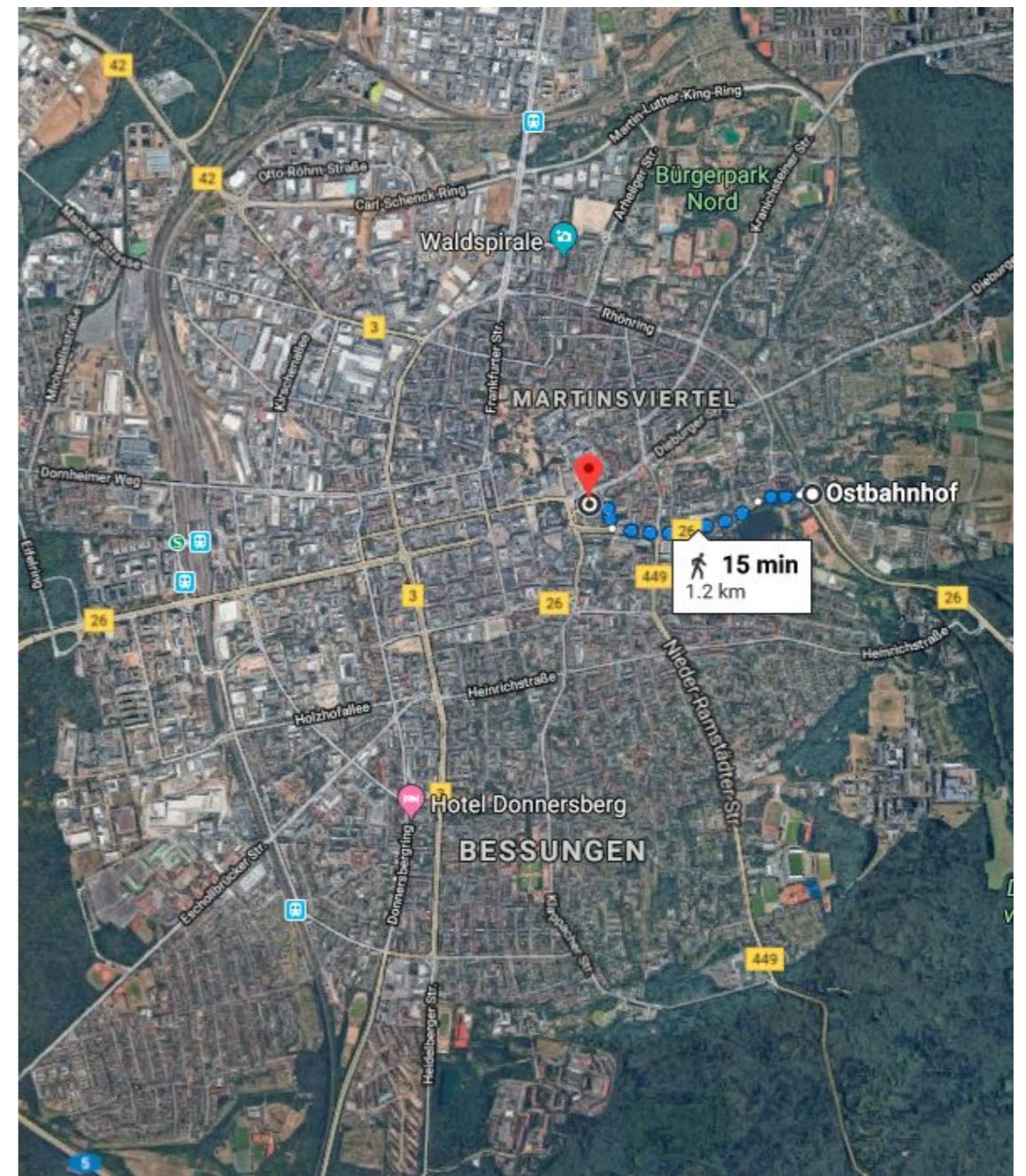


Example

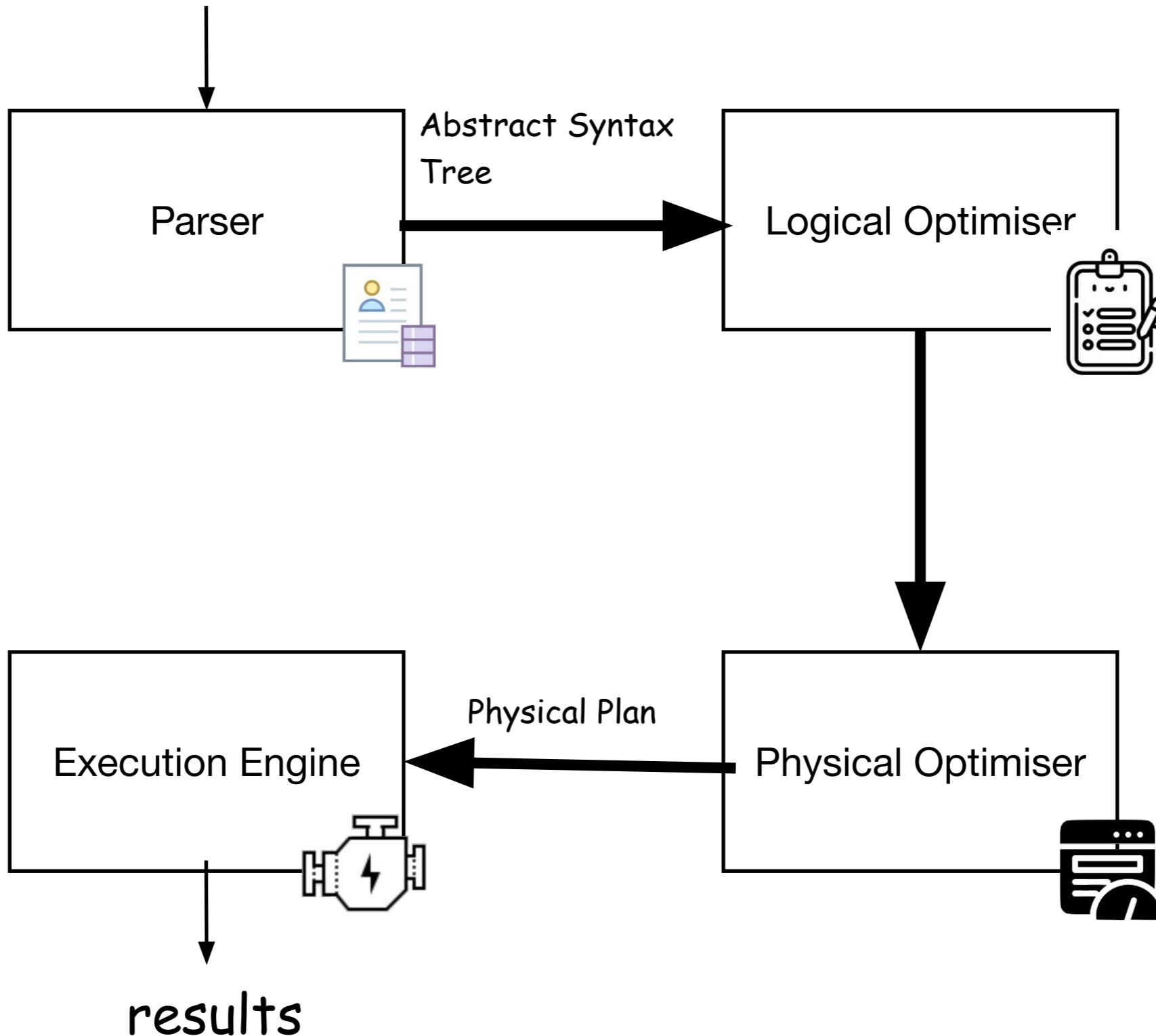


Physical Planning

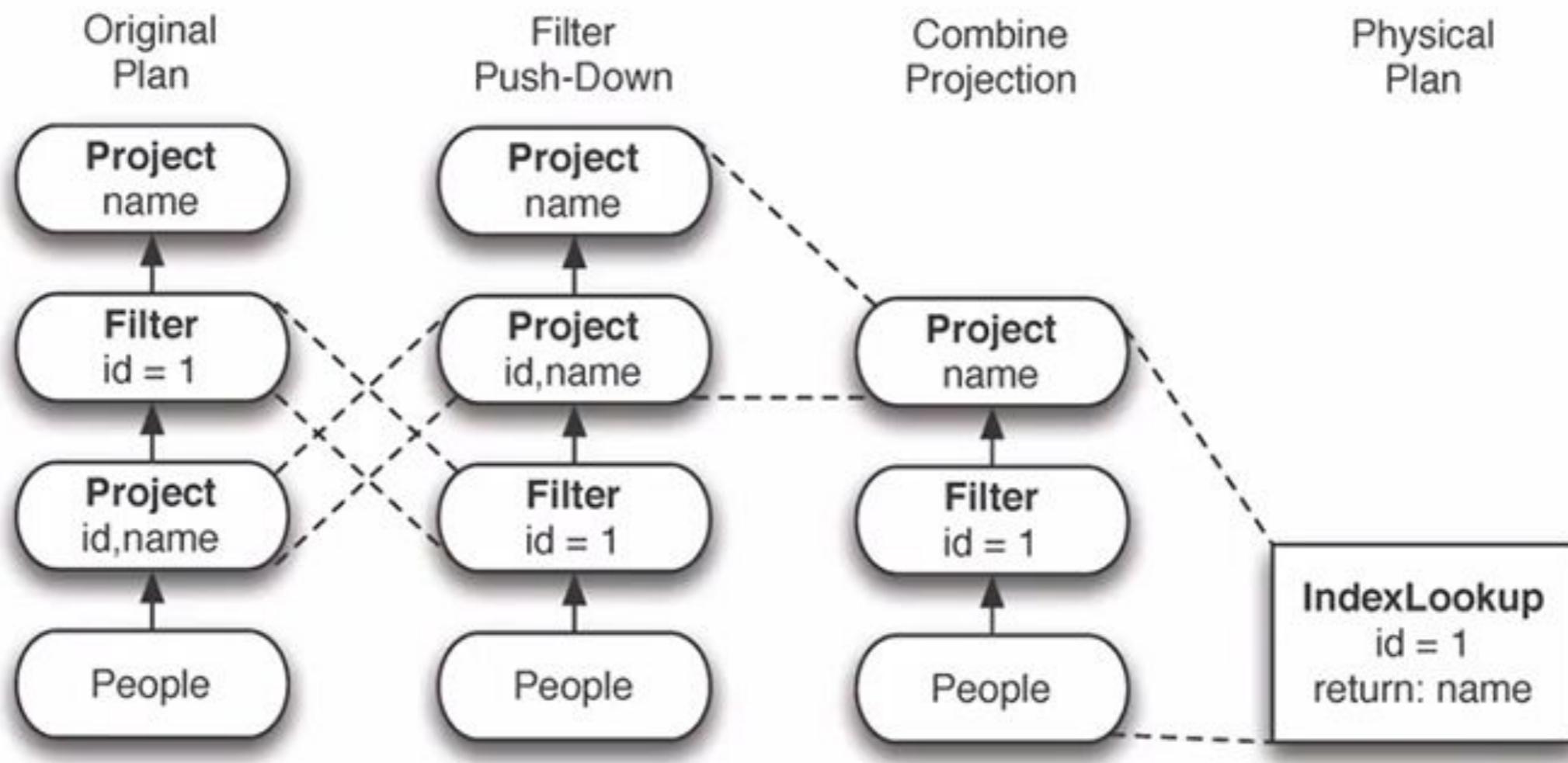
- Obtaining the logical plan of the program/query
- Verify all the preconditions
- Errors: table not exists
- Generates physical plan



Program/Query



Example



Executing

- Obtain physical plan of the query
- Load it for execution
- Run!



Runtime Errors

- Input not compliant to the expected one
- Table dropped while running
- Network fail (fixable)
- Node fail (fixable)





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Our Focus

- Prominent Big Stream Processing Engines that offer a declarative SQL-like interface.
 - Flink,
 - Spark Structured Streaming, and
 - KSQL-DB



KSQL-DB

- Available since Kafka 1.9/2 (or confluent platform 5)
- builds directly on top of KStreams Library
- **Relevant Concepts:** simplicity is the key, record vs changelog stream, KTable and KStreams on top of (compacted) commit logs



Spark Structured Streaming

- Available since Spark 2.0, it extends Dataframe and Datasets to Streaming Datasets
- SQL-like programming interface that relies on Catalyst for optimization
- **Relevant Concepts:** StreamingDataFrame, registered queries, windows as group-by function, sink in “Complete”, “Append”, or “Update” mode



Flink SQL

- Available since version 1.3, it builds on Flink Table API (LINQ-style API)
- Uses Apache Calcite for parsing, interpreting and planning, while execution relies on FLINK Runtime.
- **Relevant concepts:** windows as group-by function, temporal tables, triggering, and match-recognize (not covered today), queryable state

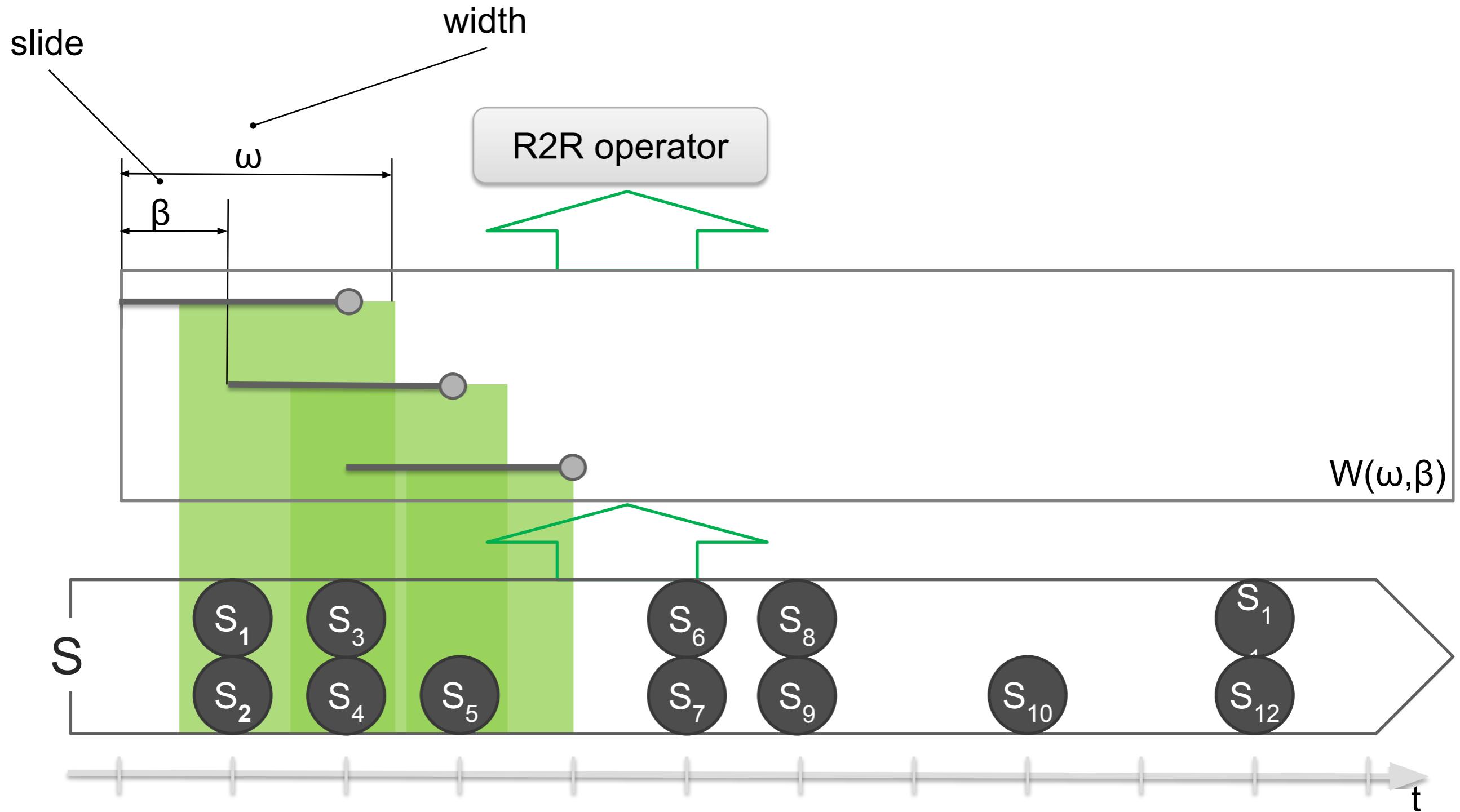
Time-Window Operators & Aggregates



- Sliding Window
- Tumbling Window
- Session Window
- Aggregations: COUNT, SUM, AVG, MEAN, MAX, MIN



Sliding/Hopping Window





KSQL Hopping Window

```
DDL Extension  
↓  
CREATE TABLE analysis AS  
  SELECT nation, COUNT(*)  
  FROM pageviews  
  WINDOW HOPPING (SIZE 30 SECONDS, ADVANCE BY 10  
  SECONDS)  
GROUP BY nation;
```

Aggregate

Window From Function



Results

SELECT * FROM analysis

```
1561375069212 | Page_66 : Window{start=1561375050000 end=-} | Page_66 | 1
1561375069311 | Page_11 : Window{start=1561375050000 end=-} | Page_11 | 1
1561375073332 | Page_33 : Window{start=1561375050000 end=-} | Page_33 | 1
1561375077242 | Page_32 : Window{start=1561375050000 end=-} | Page_32 | 1
1561375080706 | Page_55 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_55 | 1
1561375082825 | Page_34 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_34 | 1
1561375085084 | Page_56 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_56 | 1
1561375086275 | Page_85 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_85 | 1
1561375086905 | Page_20 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_20 | 1
1561375094475 | Page_27 : Window{start=1561375080000 end=-} | Page_27 | 1
```



Results

```
SELECT TIMESTAMPTOSTRING(ROWTIME, 'yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss'),  
TIMESTAMPTOSTRING(TS, 'yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss'), CLUB_STATUS,  
CHANNEL, CNT, TOTS  
FROM RATINGS_1M  
WHERE CLUB_STATUS='platinum' AND CHANNEL='iOS';
```

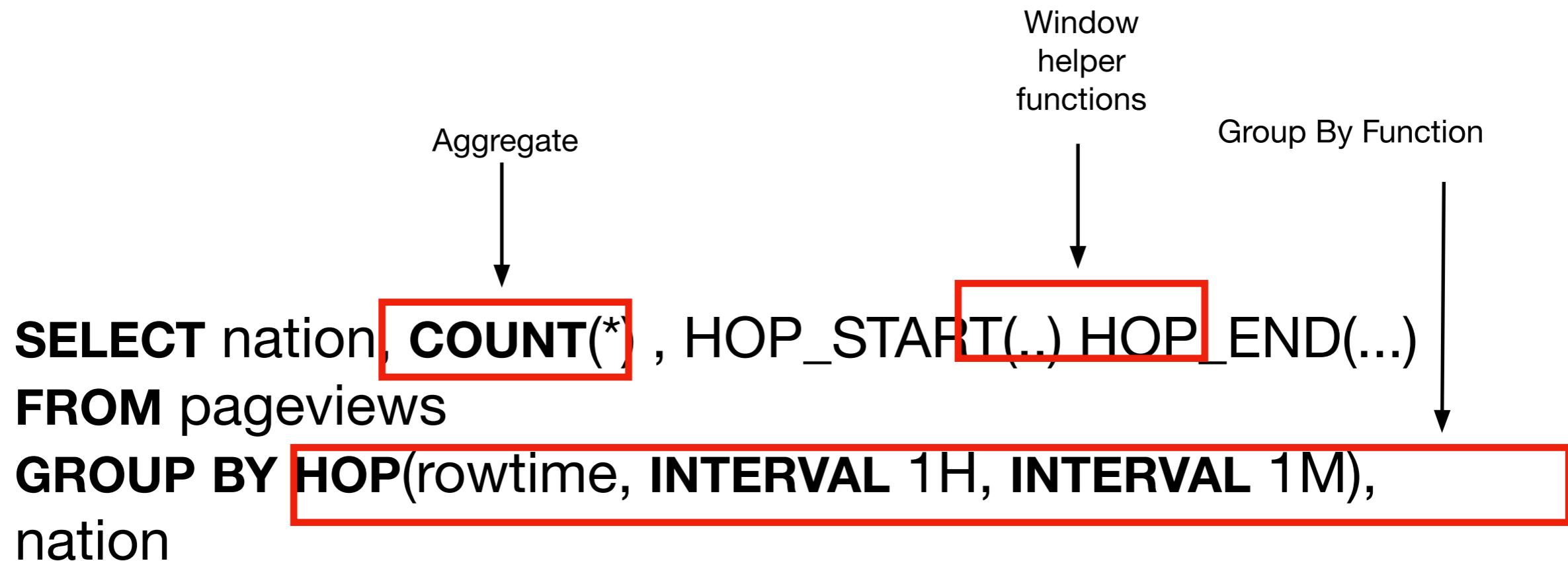
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2020-03-14 06:55:58	2020-03-14 06:55:00	platinum	iOS	13	31	
2020-03-14 06:56:57	2020-03-14 06:56:00	platinum	iOS	12	29	
2020-03-14 06:57:55	2020-03-14 06:57:00	platinum	iOS	6	11	
2020-03-14 06:58:28	2020-03-14 06:58:00	platinum	iOS	5	12	
2020-03-14 06:58:40	2020-03-14 06:58:00	platinum	iOS	6	13	
2020-03-14 06:58:55	2020-03-14 06:58:00	platinum	iOS	7	15	
2020-03-14 06:58:57	2020-03-14 06:58:00	platinum	iOS	8	16	
2020-03-14 06:59:08	2020-03-14 06:59:00	platinum	iOS	1	1	
2020-03-14 06:59:09	2020-03-14 06:59:00	platinum	iOS	2	4	

In the past
there is one result per window

In real-time
there is one result per rating



Flink SQL Hopping Window





Results

Check Code at <http://streaminglangs.io/>

```
1> (Egypt,2019-06-24 11:38:00.0,2019-06-24 11:38:01.0,1)
1> (Egypt,2019-06-24 11:39:00.0,2019-06-24 11:39:01.0,1)
1> (Egypt,2019-06-24 11:40:00.0,2019-06-24 11:40:01.0,1)
1> (Egypt,2019-06-24 11:41:00.0,2019-06-24 11:41:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:42:00.0,2019-06-24 11:42:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:43:00.0,2019-06-24 11:43:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:44:00.0,2019-06-24 11:44:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:45:00.0,2019-06-24 11:45:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:46:00.0,2019-06-24 11:46:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:47:00.0,2019-06-24 11:47:01.0,1)
2> (Italy,2019-06-24 11:48:00.0,2019-06-24 11:48:01.0,1)
3> (Estonia,2019-06-24 11:49:00.0,2019-06-24 11:49:01.0,1)
```

....

Spark Structured Streaming

Hopping Window



```
val df = pageviews  
.groupBy(  
    window($"timestamp", "1 hour", "1 minute"), $"nation").count()
```

Window operator

Aggregate



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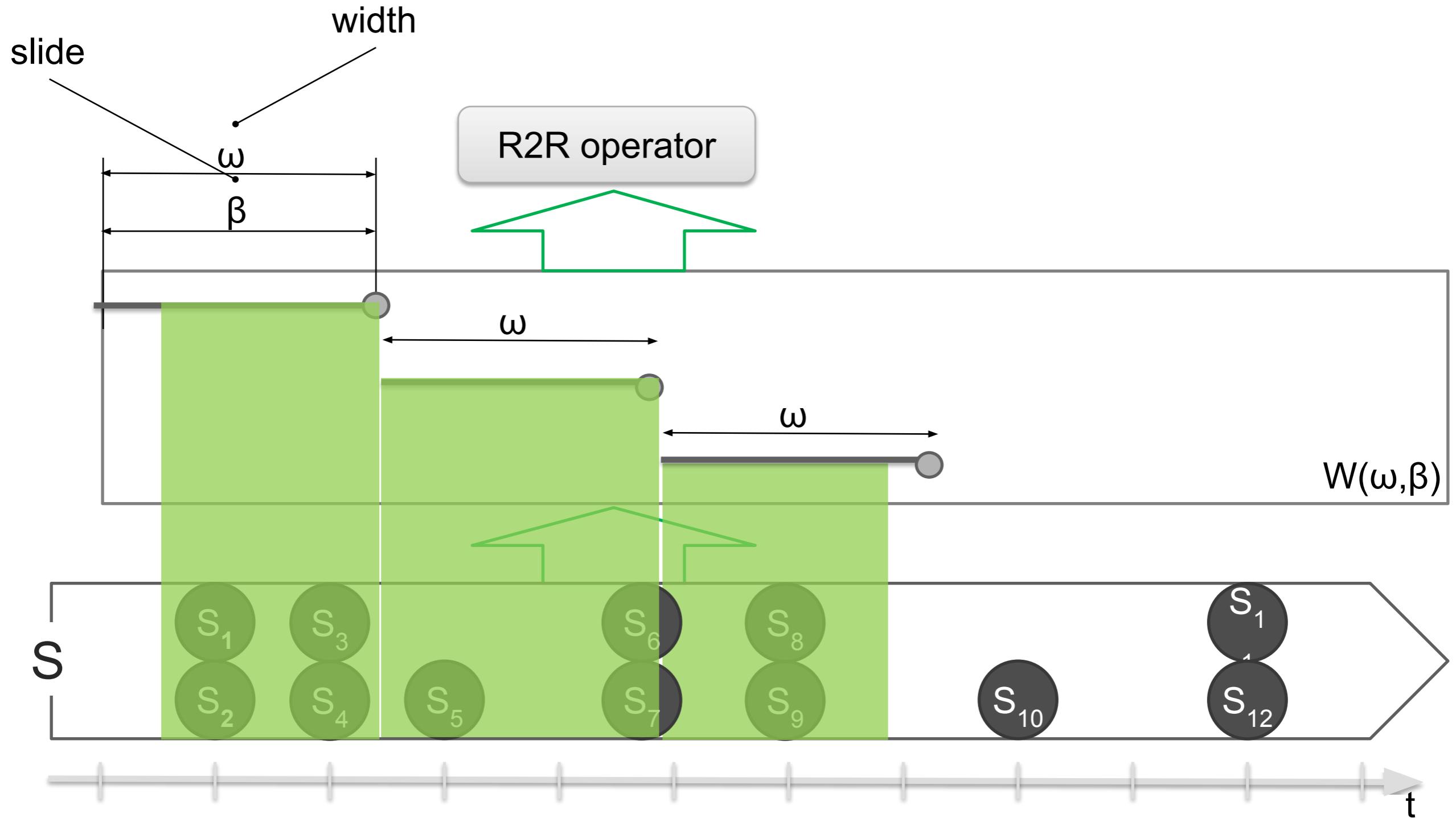
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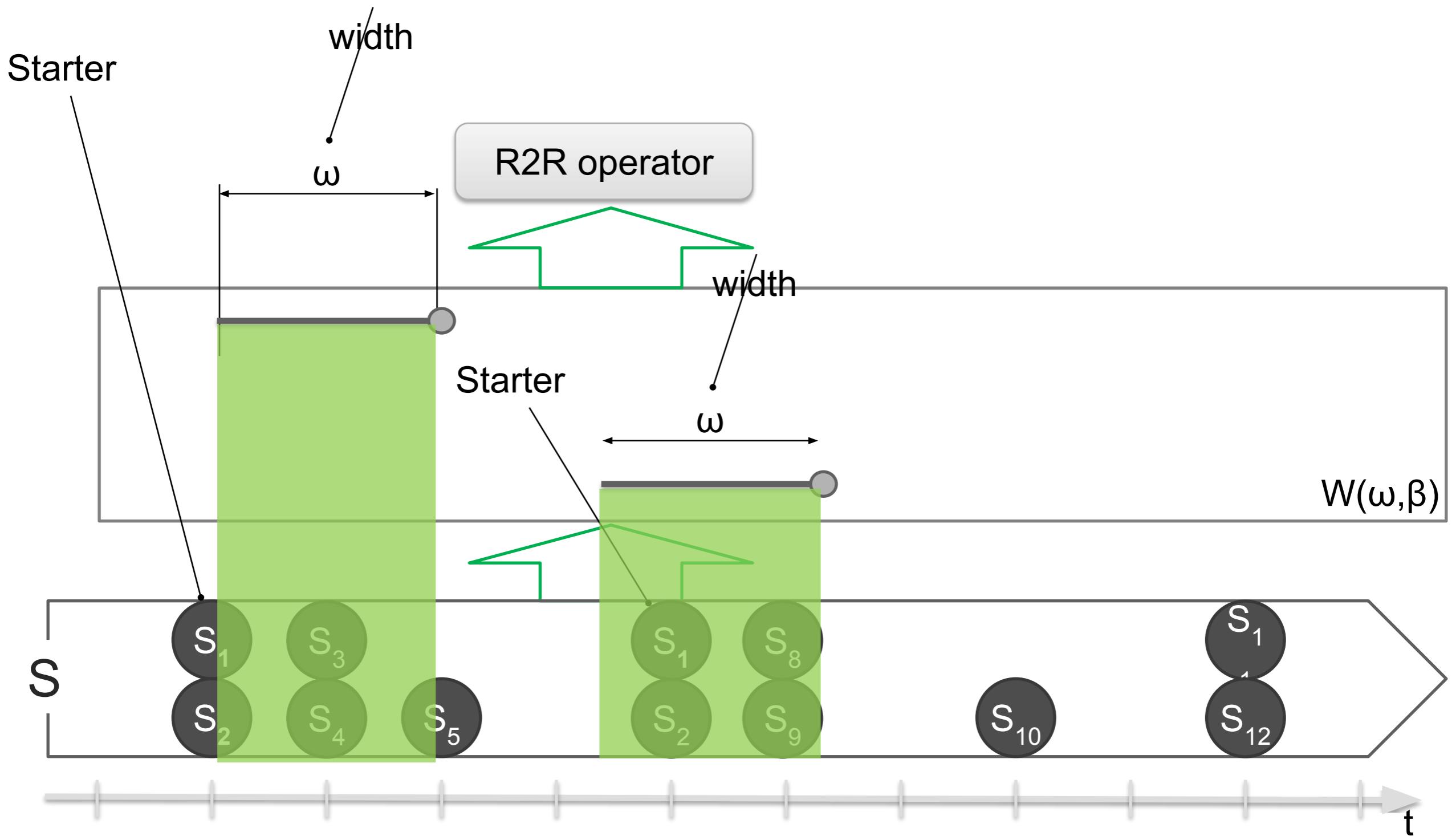


Tumbling Window





Session Window





KSQL Session

```
DDL Extension  
↓  
CREATE TABLE analysis AS  
SELECT nation, COUNT (),  
TIMESTAMPSTRING(windowstart(), 'yyyy-MM-dd  
HH:mm:ss') AS window_start_ts,  
TIMESTAMPSTRING(windowend(), 'yyyy-MM-dd  
HH:mm:ss') AS window_end_ts  
FROM pageviews WINDOW SESSION (1 MINUTE)  
GROUP BY nation;  
Aggregate  
↑  
Window From Function
```



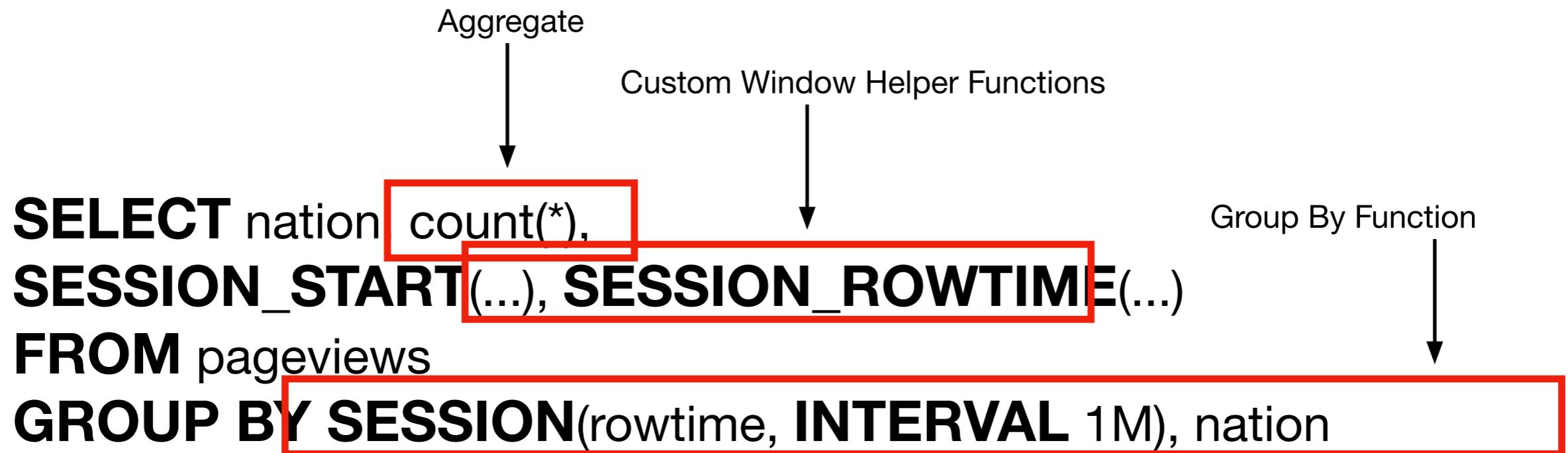
Results

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Page_82 | 2019-06-24 11:47:45 | 2019-06-24 11:47:45 | 1
Page_73 | 2019-06-24 11:47:46 | 2019-06-24 11:47:46 | 1
Page_16 | 2019-06-24 11:47:49 | 2019-06-24 11:47:49 | 1
Page_54 | 2019-06-24 11:47:25 | 2019-06-24 11:47:53 | 2
Page_68 | 2019-06-24 11:47:55 | 2019-06-24 11:47:55 | 1
Page_25 | 2019-06-24 11:47:40 | 2019-06-24 11:47:58 | 2
Page_17 | 2019-06-24 11:47:59 | 2019-06-24 11:47:59 | 1
Page_92 | 2019-06-24 11:48:02 | 2019-06-24 11:48:02 | 1
Page_83 | 2019-06-24 11:48:05 | 2019-06-24 11:48:05 | 1
Page_37 | 2019-06-24 11:48:06 | 2019-06-24 11:48:06 | 1
Page_86 | 2019-06-24 11:48:07 | 2019-06-24 11:48:07 | 1



Flink SQL Session





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```
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2> (Italy,1,2019-06-24 11:52:56.132,2019-06-24 11:52:57.132,2019-06-24 11:52:57.131)
1> (Egypt,1,2019-06-24 11:52:56.633,2019-06-24 11:52:57.633,2019-06-24 11:52:57.632)
3> (Estonia,1,2019-06-24 11:52:57.136,2019-06-24 11:52:58.136,2019-06-24 11:52:58.135)
2> (Italy,1,2019-06-24 11:52:57.64,2019-06-24 11:52:58.64,2019-06-24 11:52:58.639)
1> (Egypt,1,2019-06-24 11:52:58.141,2019-06-24 11:52:59.141,2019-06-24 11:52:59.14)
3> (Estonia,1,2019-06-24 11:52:58.643,2019-06-24 11:52:59.643,2019-06-24 11:52:59.642)
2> (Italy,1,2019-06-24 11:52:59.147,2019-06-24 11:53:00.147,2019-06-24 11:53:00.146)
1> (Egypt,1,2019-06-24 11:52:59.648,2019-06-24 11:53:00.648,2019-06-24 11:53:00.647)
3> (Estonia,1,2019-06-24 11:53:00.152,2019-06-24 11:53:01.152,2019-06-24 11:53:01.151)
2> (Italy,1,2019-06-24 11:53:00.653,2019-06-24 11:53:01.653,2019-06-24 11:53:01.652)
1> (Egypt,1,2019-06-24 11:53:01.158,2019-06-24 11:53:02.158,2019-06-24 11:53:02.157)
```



Recap

	Landmark	Tumble	Hop	Session	Aggregates
KSQL	implicit	✓	✓	✓	Standard SQL
Flink SQL	implicit	✓	✓	✓	Standard SQL
SSS	implicit	✓	✓	X	Standard SQL

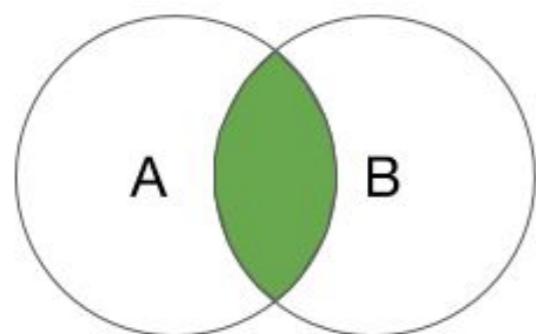
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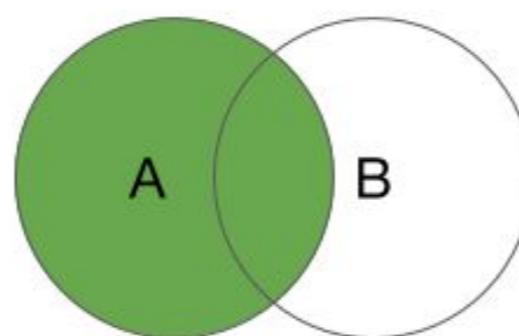
Stream-Table Joins

- Inner Joins
- Left-Outer Join
- Right-Outer Join
- Full-Outer Join

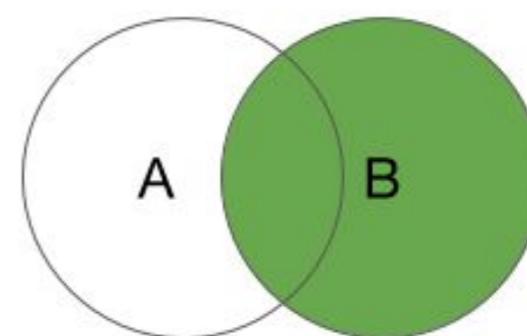
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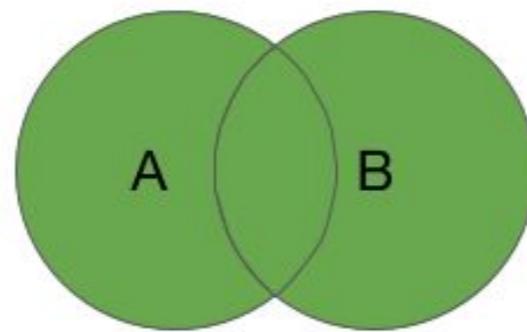
INNER JOIN



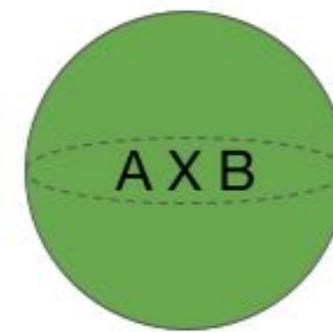
LEFT OUTER JOIN



RIGHT OUTER
JOIN



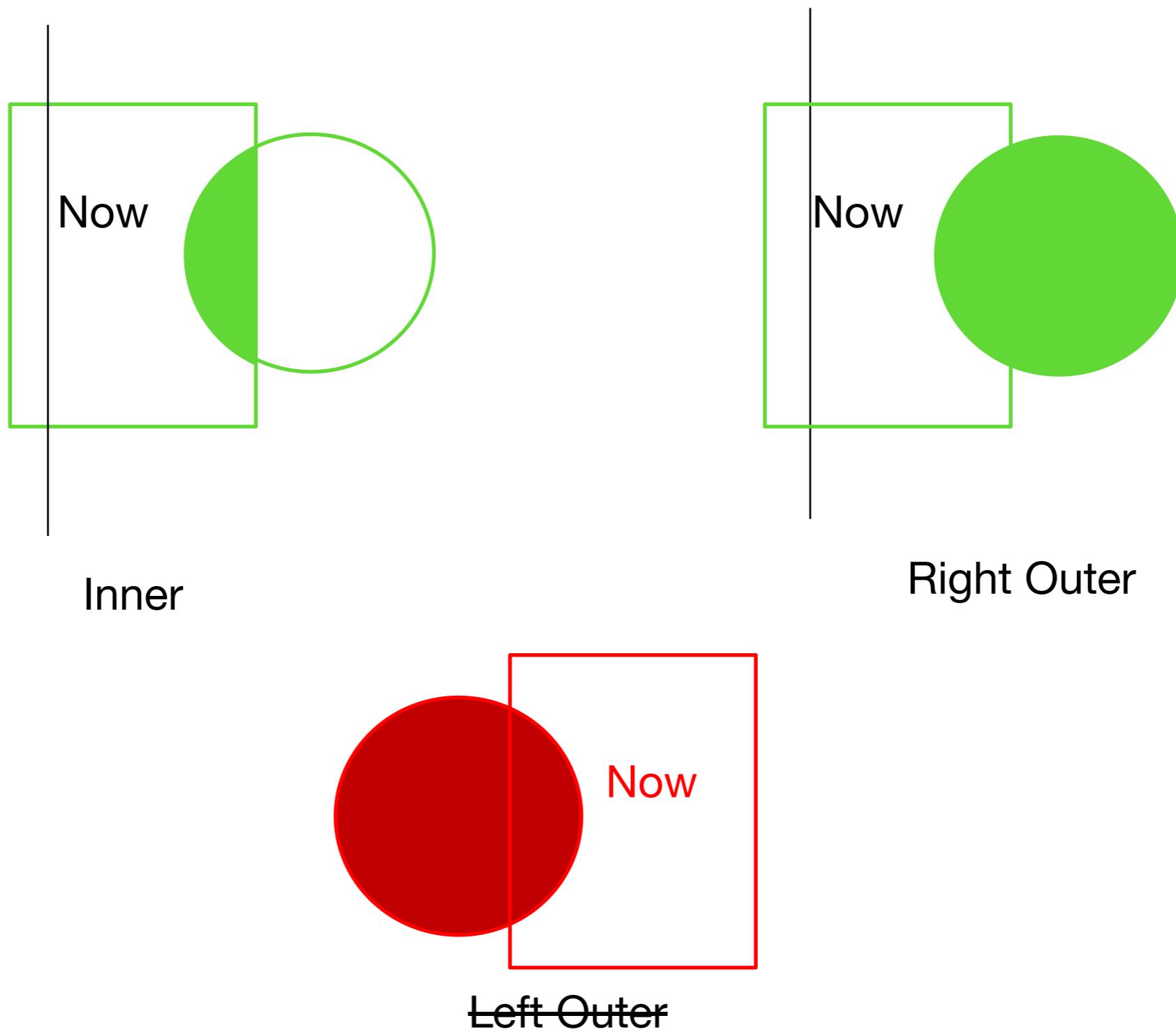
FULL OUTER
JOIN



CARTESIAN
(CROSS) JOIN



Stream-Table Joins





KSQL Left-Join

DDL Extension

```
CREATE STREAM SENSOR_ENRICHED AS
SELECT SSENSOR_ID, SREADING_VALUE, IITEM_ID
FROM SENSOR_READINGS S
LEFT JOIN ITEMS_IN_PRODUCTION I ON
S.LINE_ID=I.LINE_ID;
```

Stream-Table Join



Flink SQL LEFT-JOIN

Stream-Table Join

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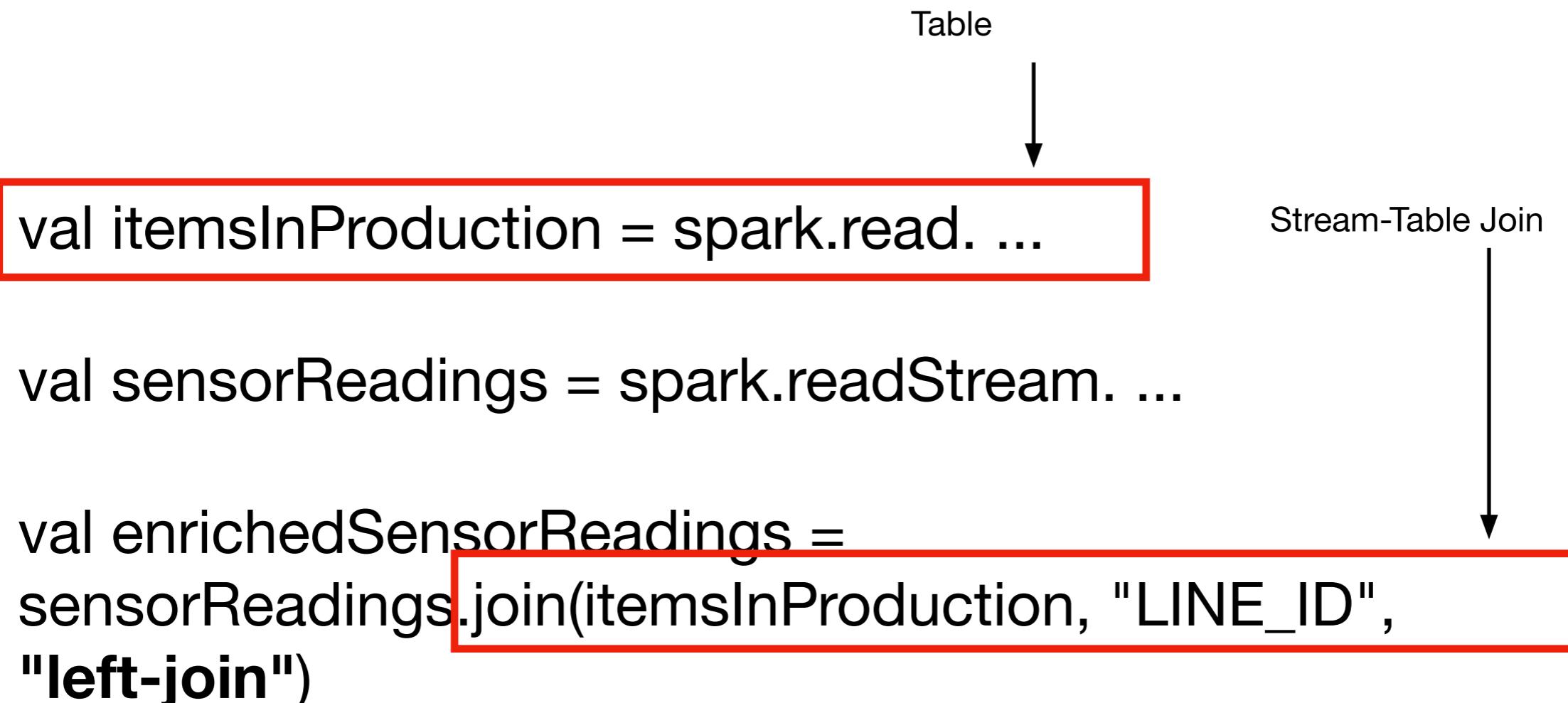
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4> (true,0,10.96399203326454,0)
1> (true,2,10.874856720766067,2)
4> (true,0,10.268731915130621,0)
1> (true,2,10.786008348182463,2)
4> (true,1,10.360322470661394,1)
4> (true,0,10.809087822653261,0)
4> (true,1,10.238883138171406,1)
1> (true,2,10.776781799073452,2)
4> (true,1,10.528528144000497,1)
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4> (true,1,10.66021657541424,1)
```

Spark Structured Streaming

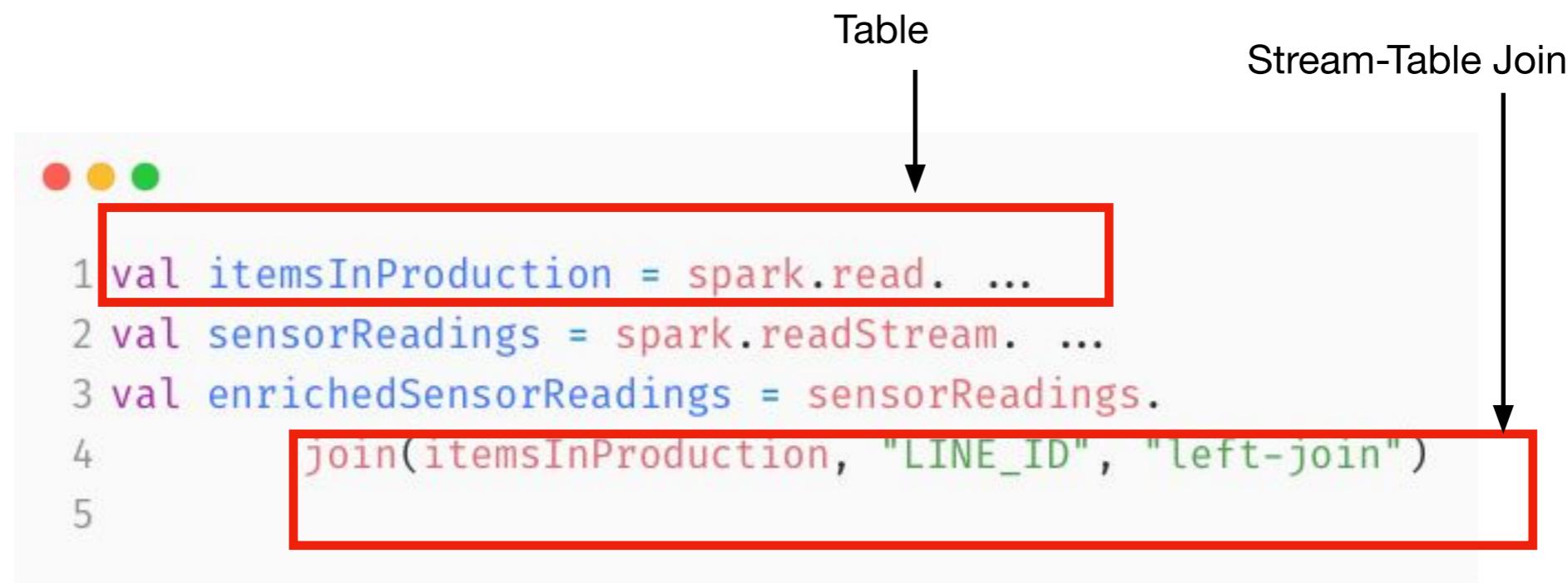
LEFT-JOIN





Spark Structured Streaming

LEFT-JOIN





Recap

	Inner	Left Outer	Right Outer	Full Outer
KSQL	S	S	NS	NS
Flink SQL	S	S*	S*	S*
SSS	S	S	NS	NS

**Table 2: Stream-Static Joins. [S]upported, [N]ot[S]upported.
S*, Flink memory usage might grow indefinitely, Temporal
Tables can be used to avoid it.**

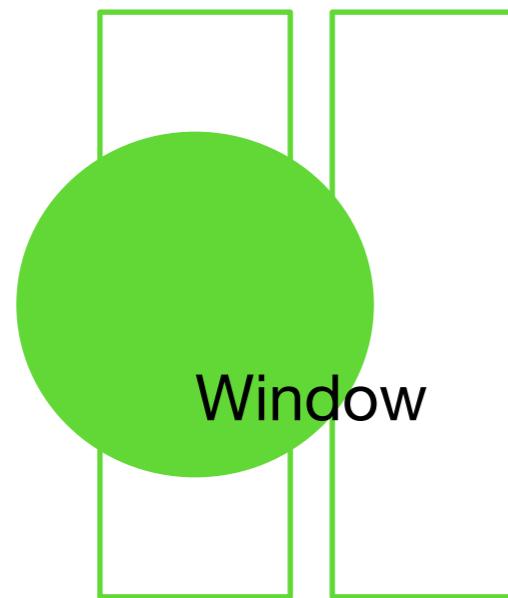


Stream-Stream Joins

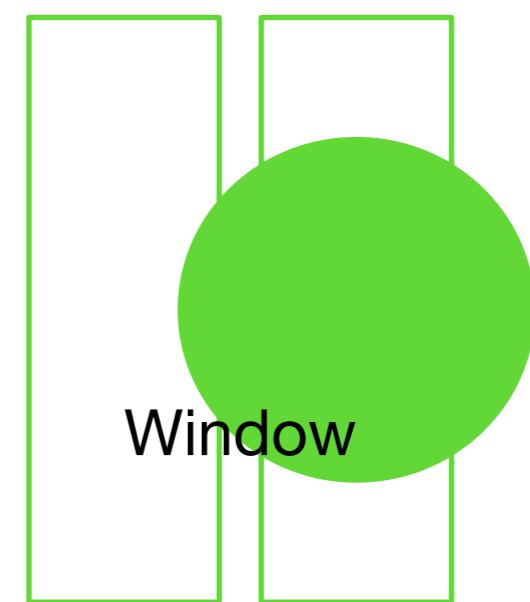
- Inner Joins
- Left-Outer Join
- Right-Outer Join
- Full-Outer Join



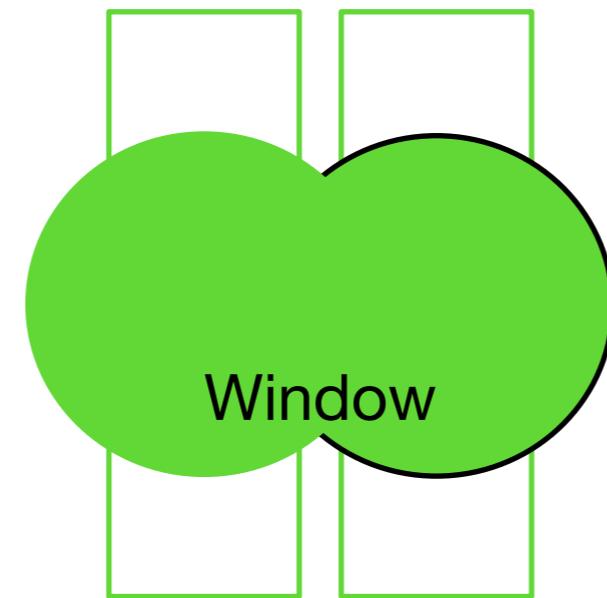
Stream-Stream Joins



Left Outer



Right Outer



Full Outer



KSQL Inner Join

```
SELECT * FROM IMPRESSIONS, CLICKS  
FROM Impressions I INNER JOIN Clicks C  
WITHIN 1 HOUR  
WHERE IMPRESSION_ID = CLICK_ID
```

Flink SQL Inner Join



```
SELECT * FROM IMPRESSIONS, CLICKS  
WHERE IMPRESSION_ID = CLICK_ID AND  
CLICK_TIME BETWEEN IMPRESSION_TIME - INTERVAL  
'1' HOUR AND IMPRESSION_TIME
```

Spark Structured Streaming Inner Join

```
val impressions = spark.readStream. ...
```

```
val clicks = spark.readStream. ...
```

```
// Apply watermarks on event-time columns
```

```
val imprWithWtmrk  
=impressions.withWatermark("impressionTime", "2 hours")
```

```
val clicksWithWatermark = clicks.withWatermark("clickTime", "3  
hours") imprWithWtmrk.join( clicksWithWatermark, expr("""  
clickAdId = impressionAdId AND clickTime >= impressionTime  
AND clickTime <= impressionTime + interval 1 hour"""))
```

Spark Structured Streaming Inner Join



```
val impressions = spark.readStream. ...
val clicks = spark.readStream. ...
// Apply watermarks on event-time columns
val imprWithWtmrk =impressions.withWatermark("impressionTime", "2 hours")
val clicksWithWatermark = clicks.withWatermark("clickTime", "3 hours")
imprWithWtmrk.join( clicksWithWatermark, expr(""" clickAdId = impressionAdId AND
clickTime >= impressionTime AND clickTime <= impressionTime + interval 1
hour"""))
```



Recap

	Inner	Left Outer	Right Outer	Full Outer
KSQL	S, Wi	S, Wi	S, Wi	S, Wi
Flink SQL	S* + B	S + B	S + B	S + B
SSS	S	S + w on left +I	S + B on right +I	NS

Table 3: Stream-Stream Joins. [S]upported,
[N]ot[S]upported, [B]etween [W]atermark, [Wi]thin,
[I]nterval Constraint. S*, Flink memory usage might grow
indefinitely.



Agenda

- Introduction on Stream Processing Models [done]
- Declarative Language: Opportunities, and Design Principles [done]
- Comparison of Prominent Streaming SQL Dialects for Big Stream Processing Systems [done]
- Conclusion



Conclusion

- Continuous SQL extensions are democratizing Stream Processing
 - Syntactically :)
 - Semantically :/ ← research!



Conclusion

- Possible impact of the research on “Continuous SQL Semantics”
 - Correctness of the results
 - Portability of the workload across systems
 - Continuous data integration



Conclusion

- Static Data Management is “just” a special case of Streaming Data Management
- Are Stream Processing Systems the next generation of Databases?



Test

