



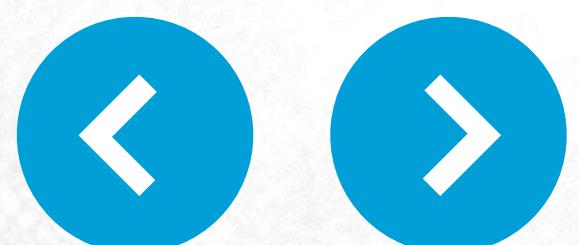
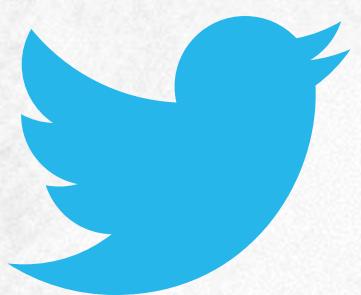
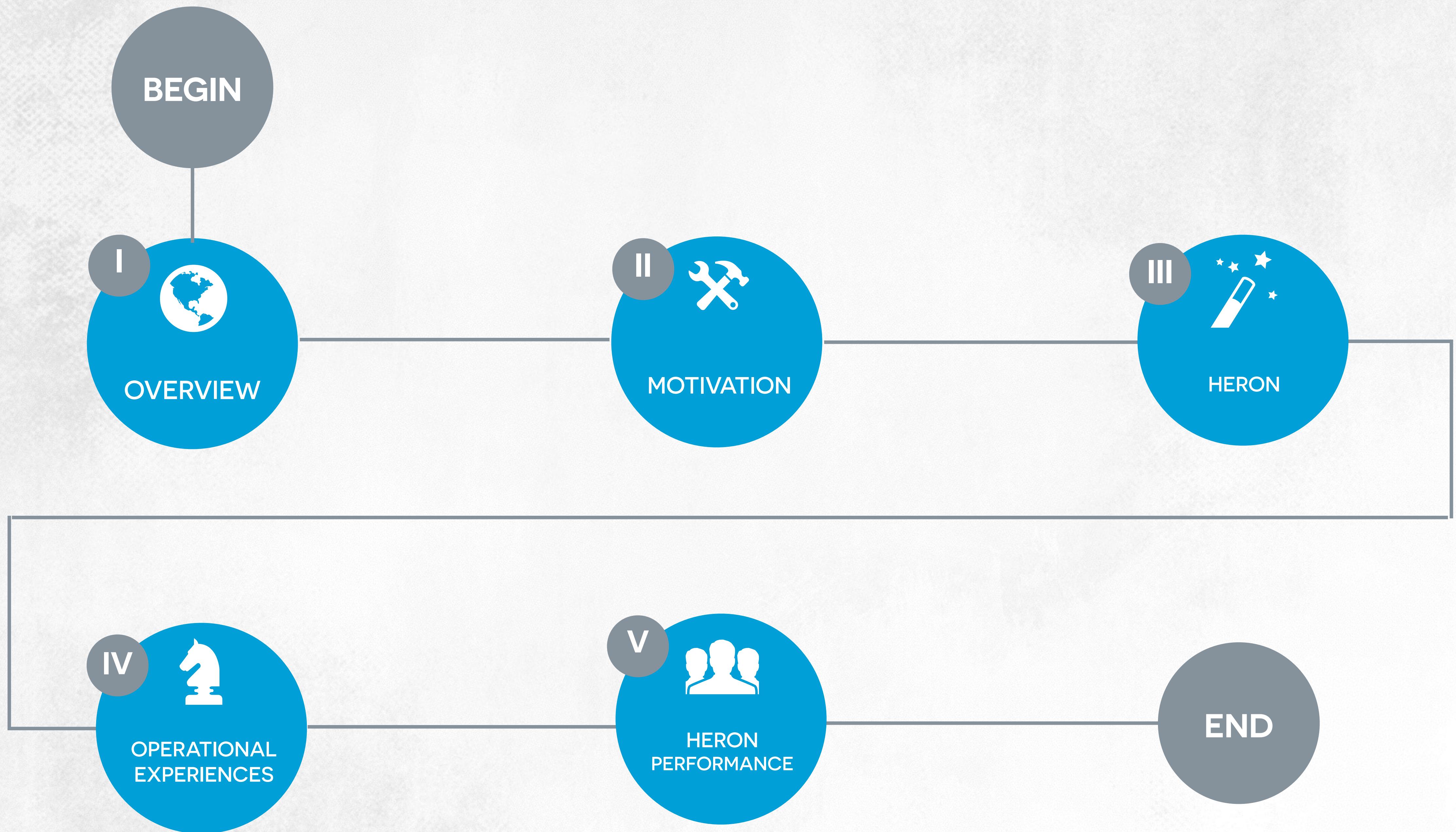
# FLYING FASTER WITH HERON

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# TALK OUTLINE





# OVERVIEW



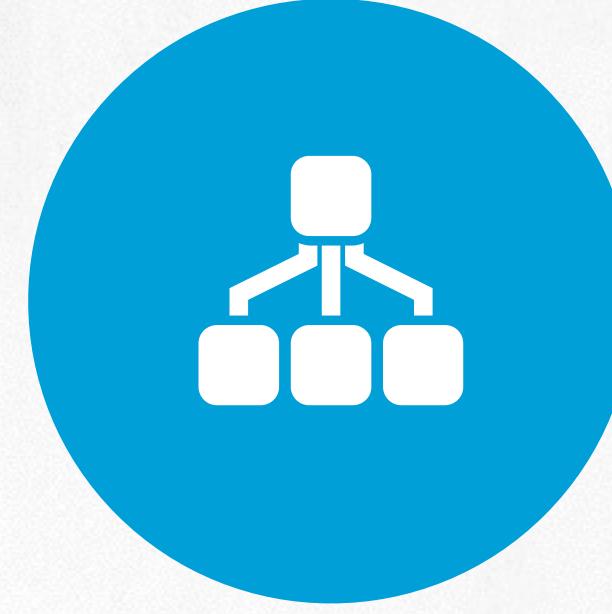
# TWITTER IS REAL TIME

## REAL TIME TRENDS



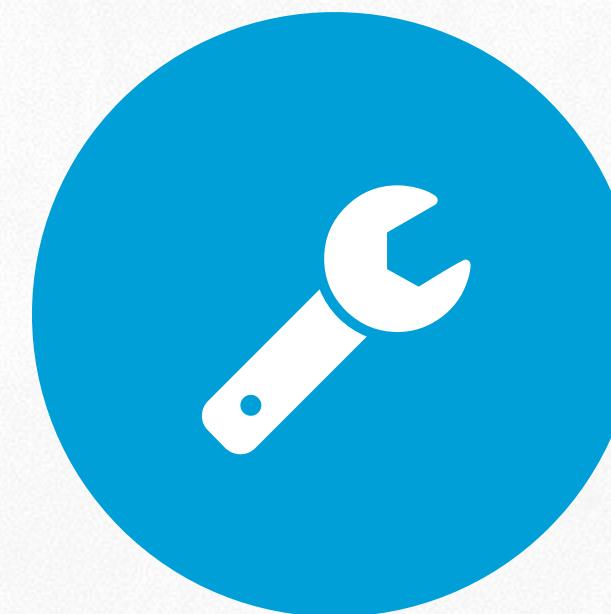
Emerging break out  
trends in Twitter (in the  
form #hashtags)

## REAL TIME CONVERSATIONS



Real time sports  
conversations related  
with a topic (recent goal  
or touchdown)

## REAL TIME RECOMMENDATIONS



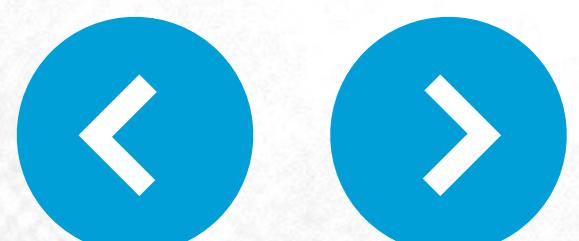
Real time product  
recommendations based  
on your behavior &  
profile

## REAL TIME SEARCH



Real time search of  
tweets

**ANALYZING BILLIONS OF EVENTS IN REAL TIME IS A CHALLENGE!**

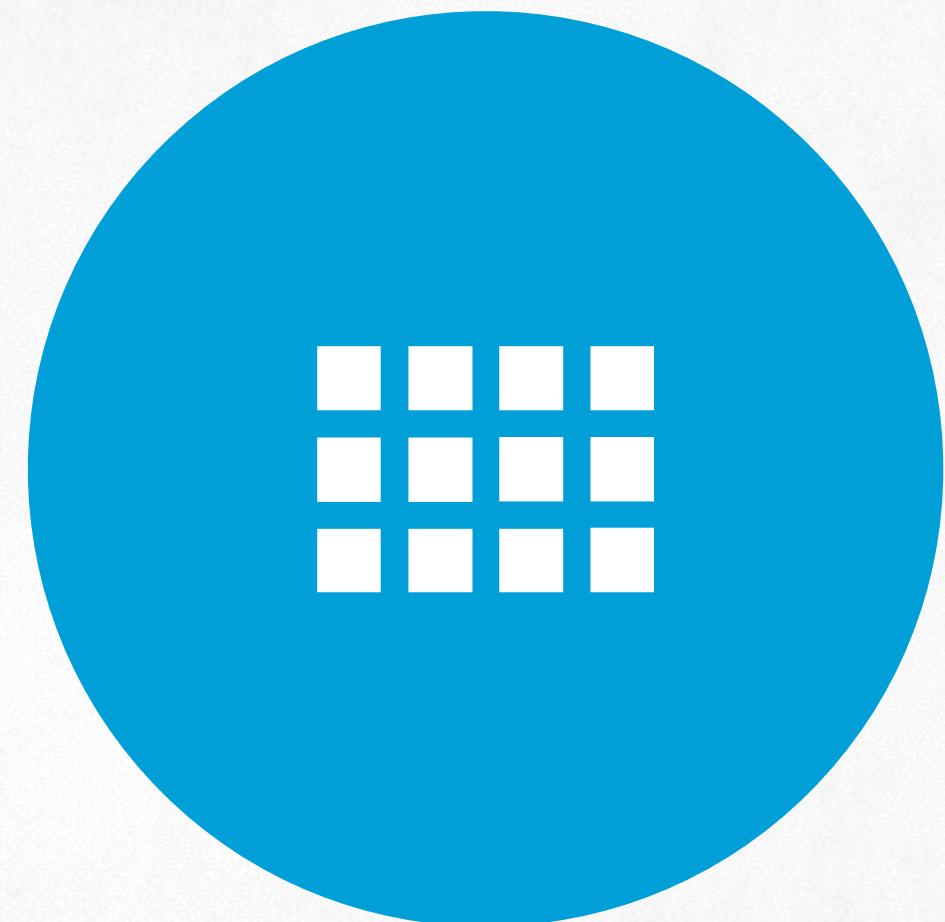


# TWITTER STORM

**Streaming platform for analyzing realtime data as they arrive,  
so you can react to data as it happens.**



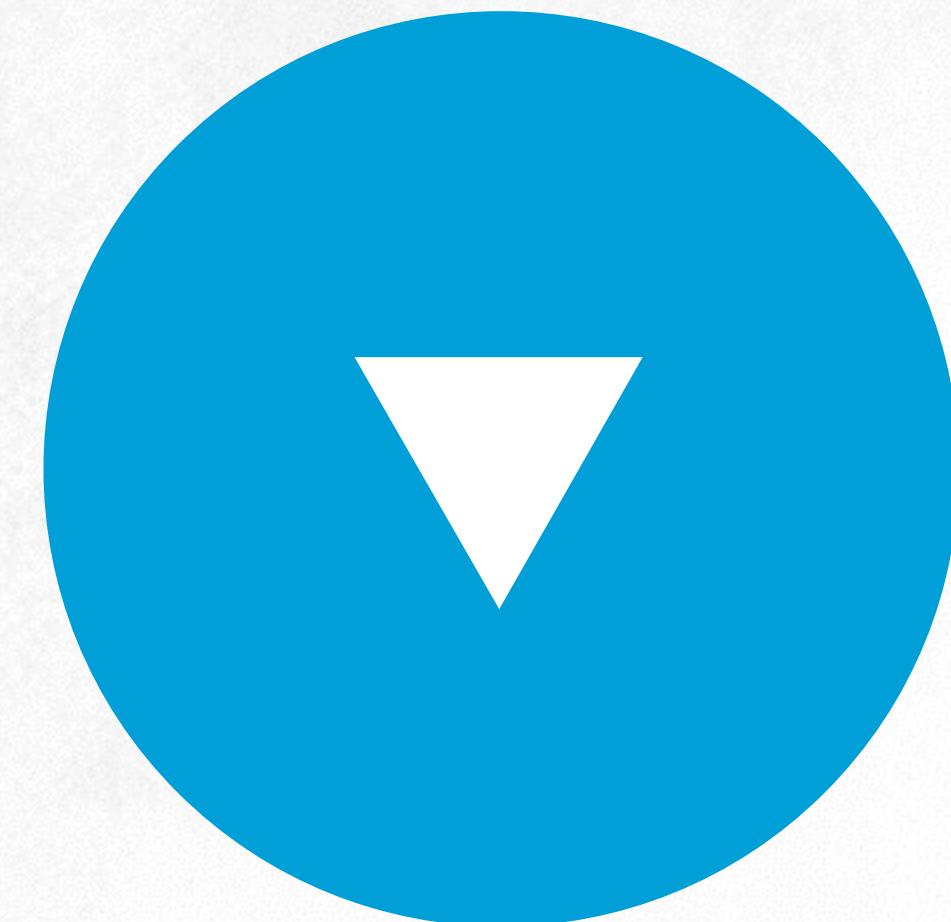
**GUARANTEED  
MESSAGE  
PROCESSING**



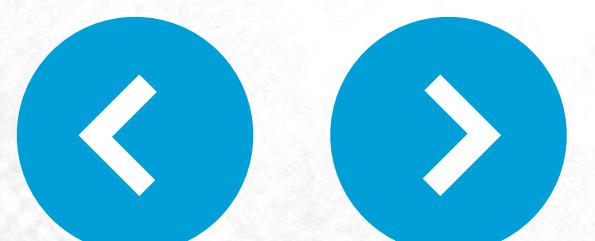
**HORIZONTAL  
SCALABILITY**



**ROBUST  
FAULT  
TOLERANCE**



**CONCISE  
CODE- FOCUS  
ON LOGIC**



# STORM TERMINOLOGY



## TOPOLOGY

Directed acyclic graph

Vertices=computation, and edges=streams of data tuples



## SPOUTS

Sources of data tuples for the topology

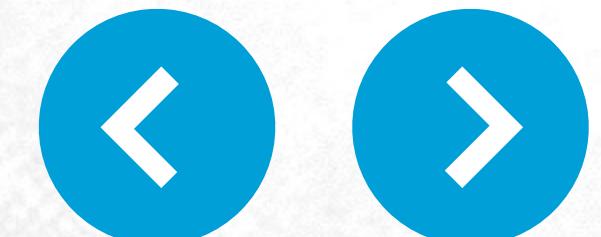
Examples – Event Bus/Kafka/Kestrel/MySQL/Postgres



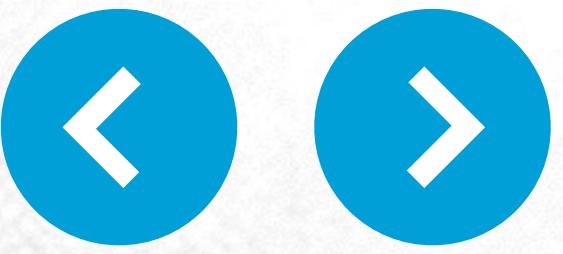
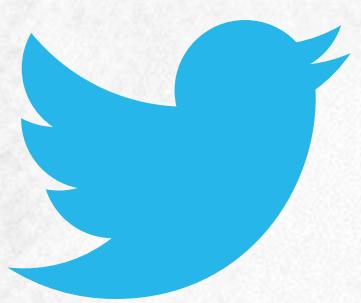
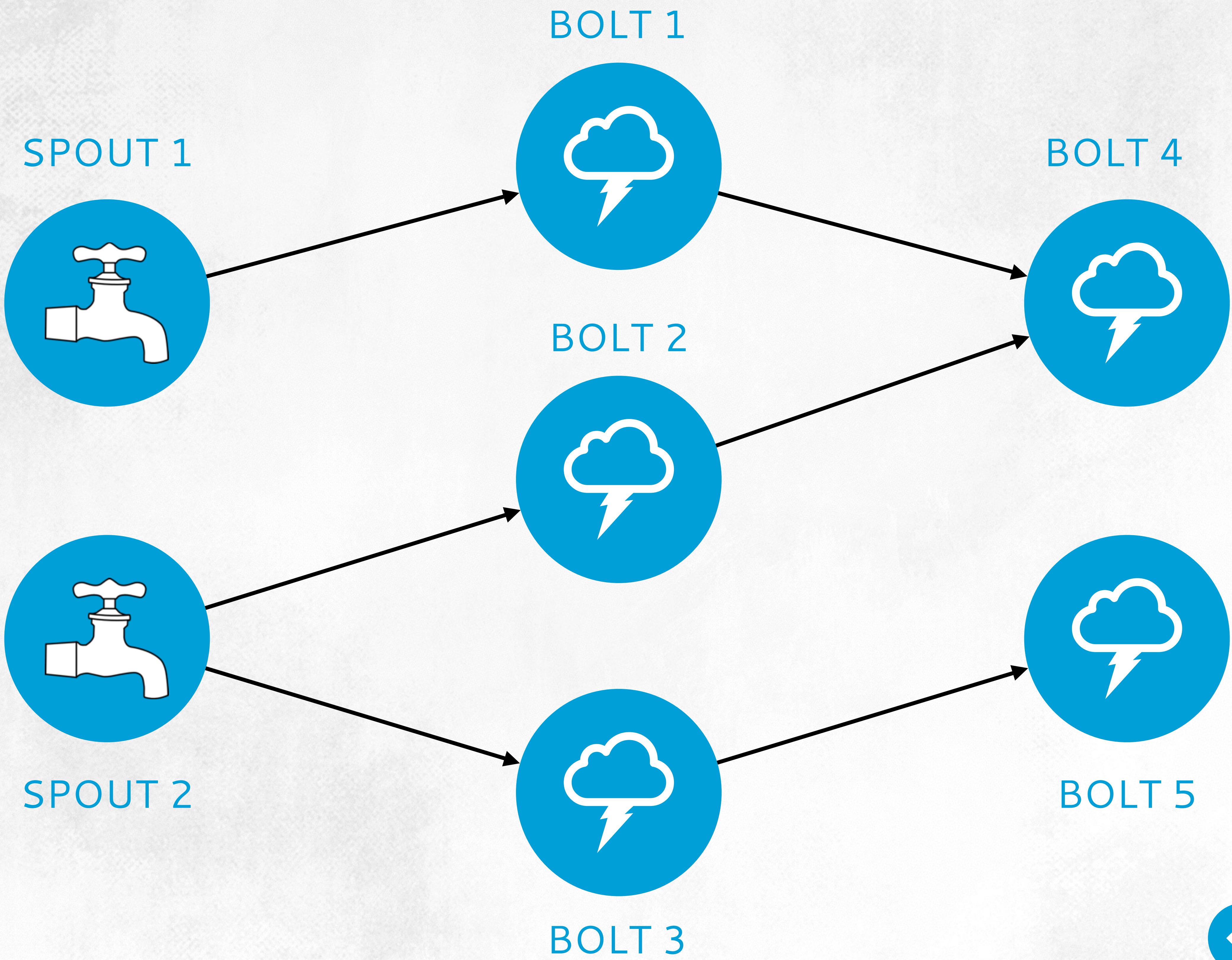
## BOLTS

Process incoming tuples and emit outgoing tuples

Examples – filtering/aggregation/join/arbitrary function

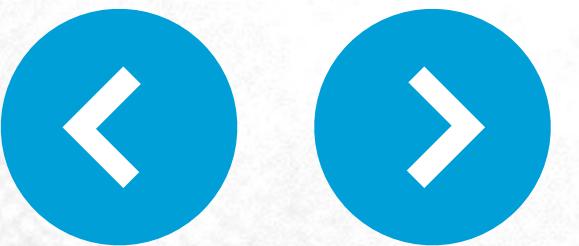
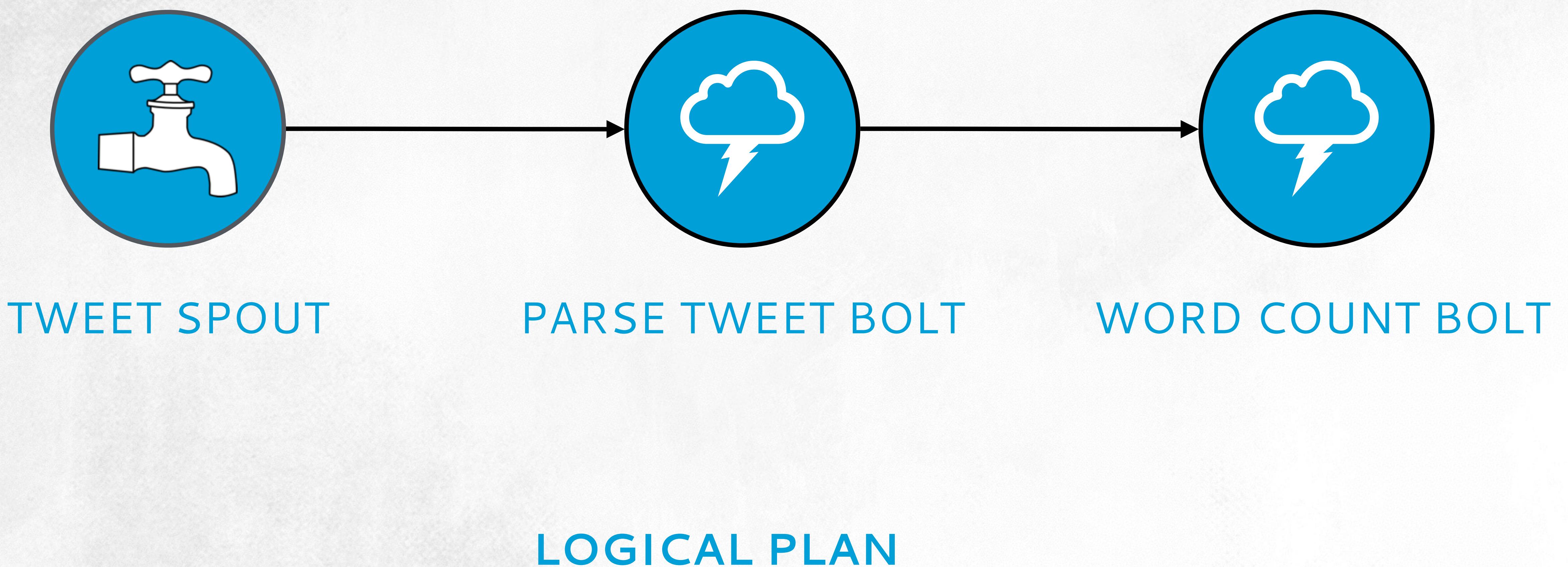


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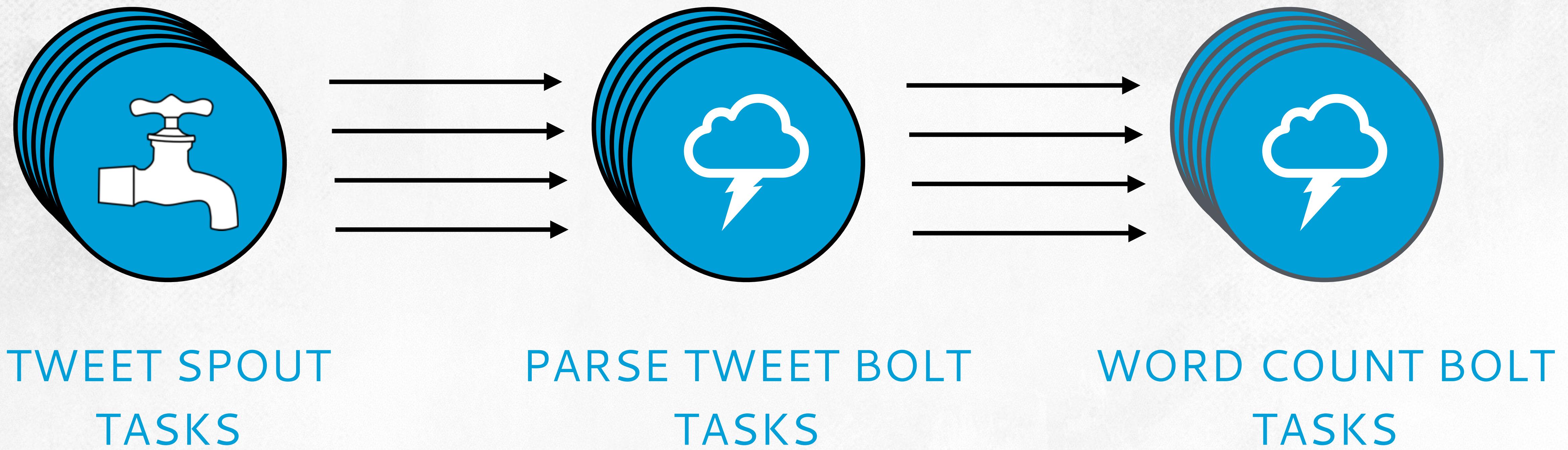


# WORD COUNT TOPOLOGY

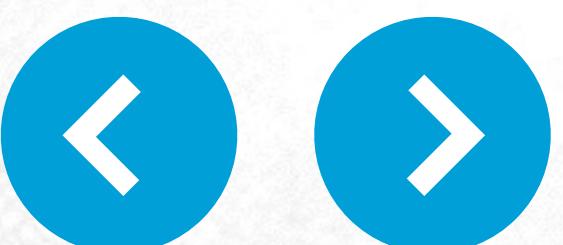
Live stream of Tweets



# WORD COUNT TOPOLOGY



When a parse tweet bolt task emits a tuple  
which word count bolt task should it send to?



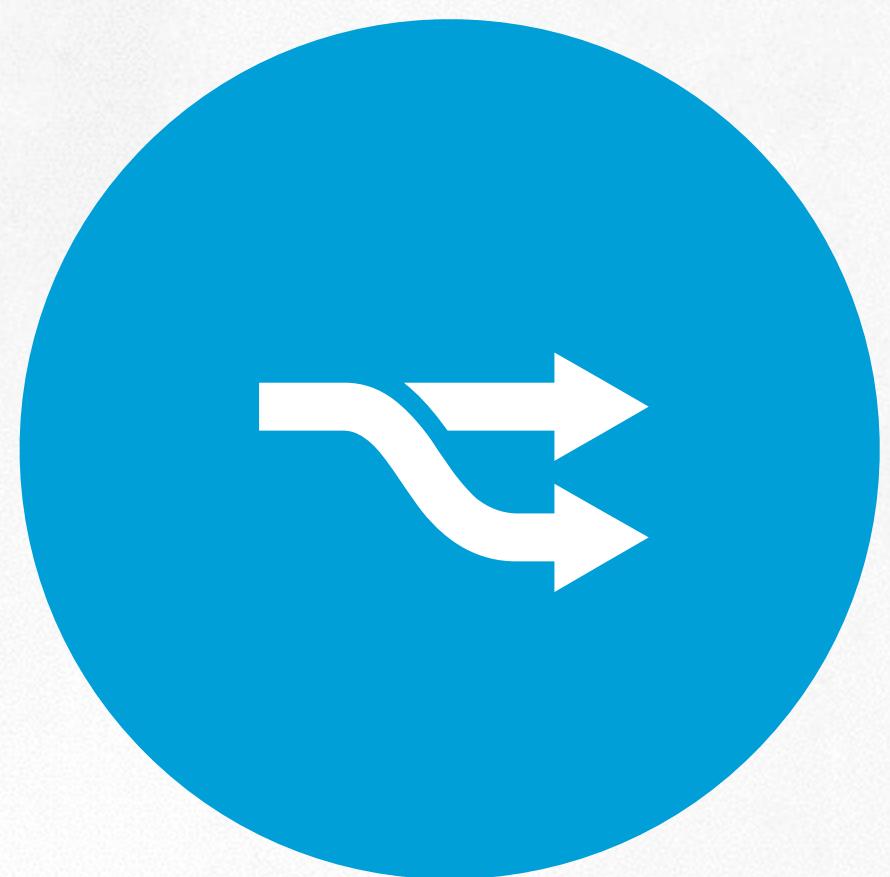
# STREAM GROUPINGS

SHUFFLE GROUPING



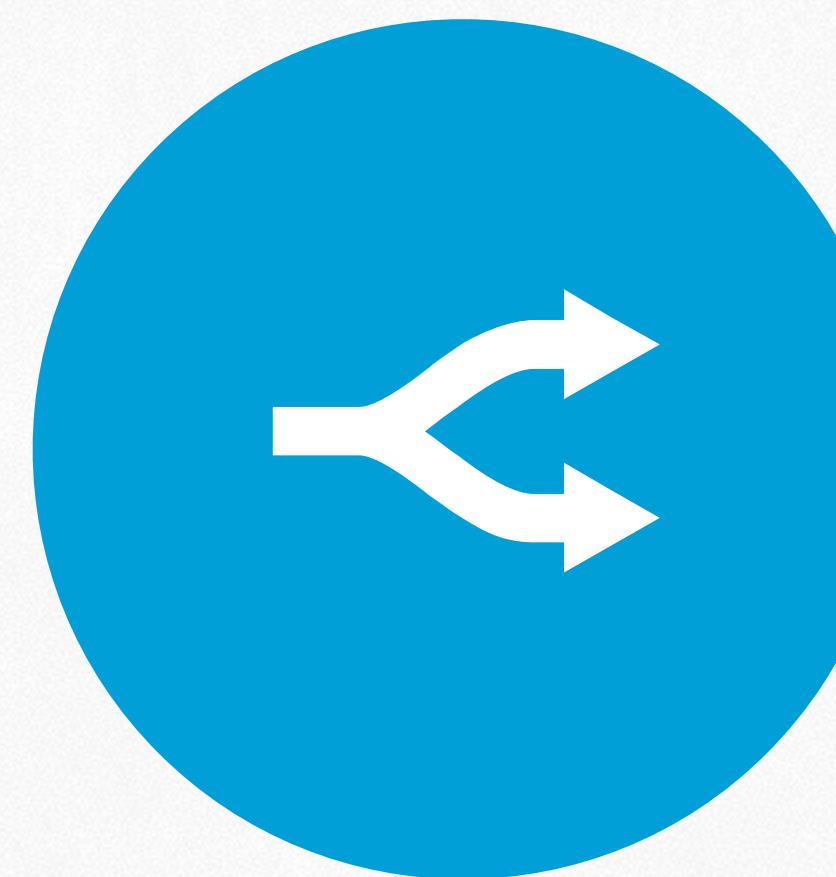
Random distribution  
of tuples

FIELDS GROUPING



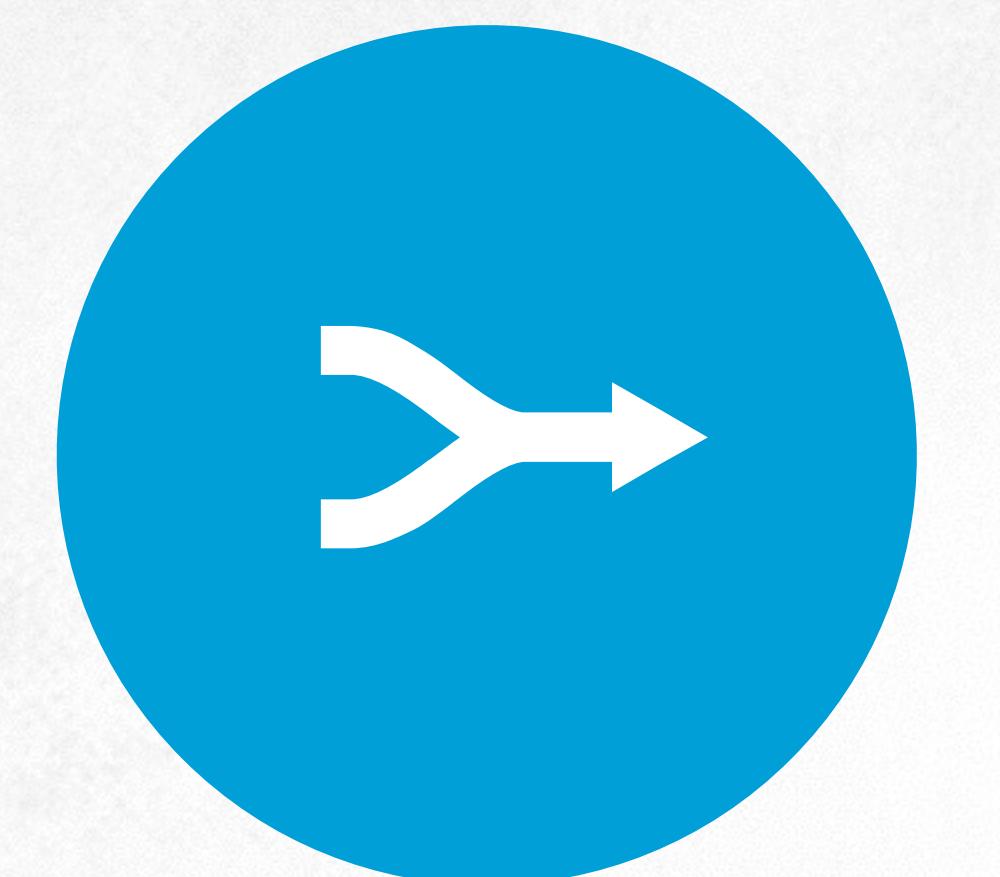
Group tuples by a  
field or multiple  
fields

ALL GROUPING

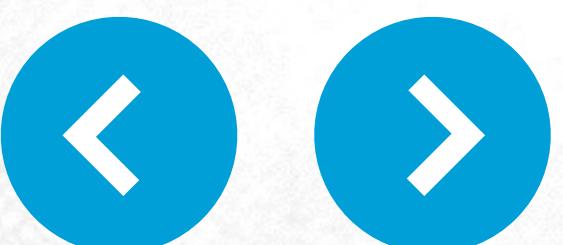
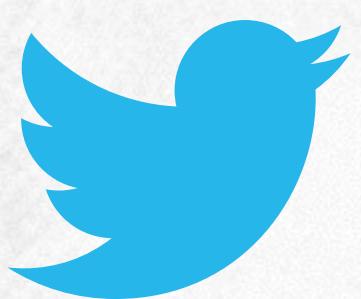


Replicates tuples to  
all tasks

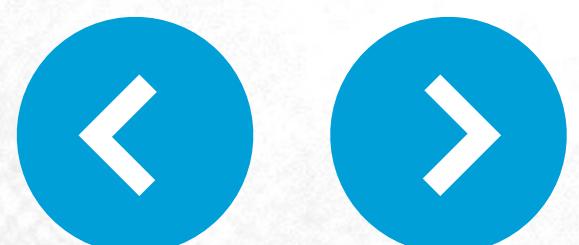
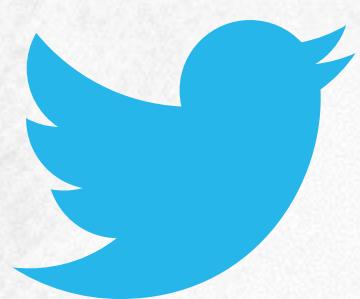
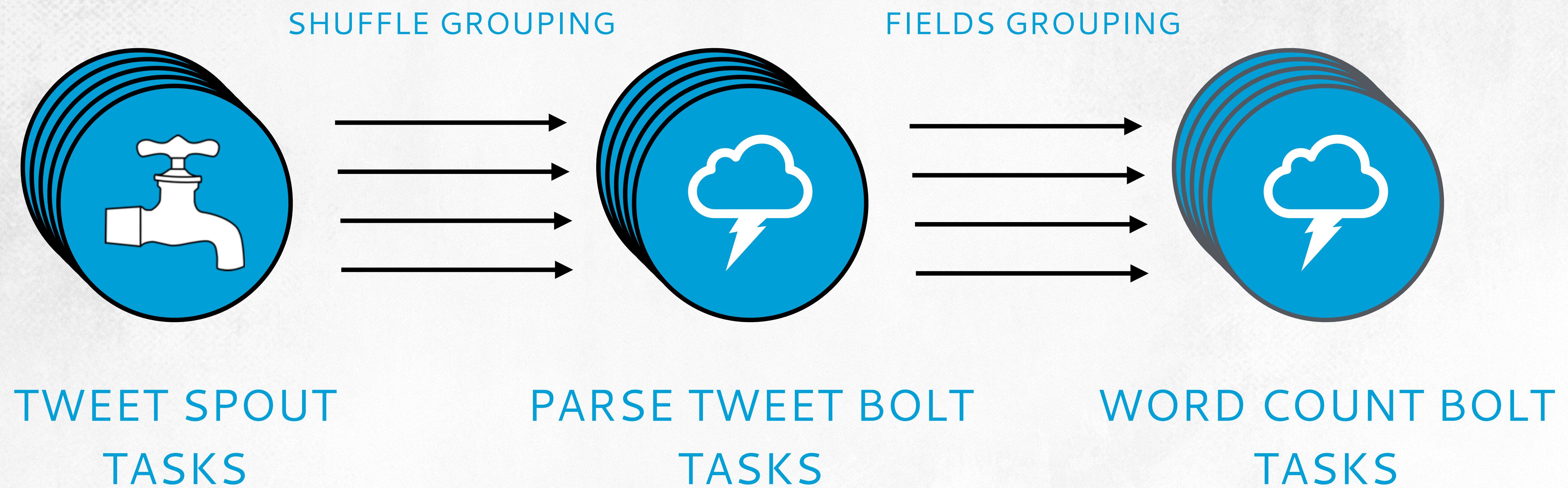
GLOBAL GROUPING



Sends the entire  
stream to one task



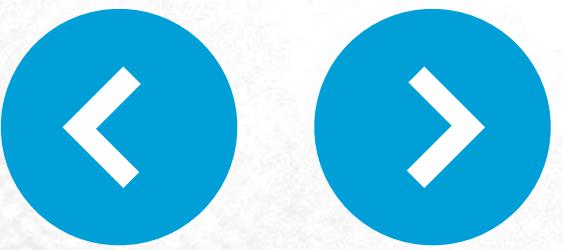
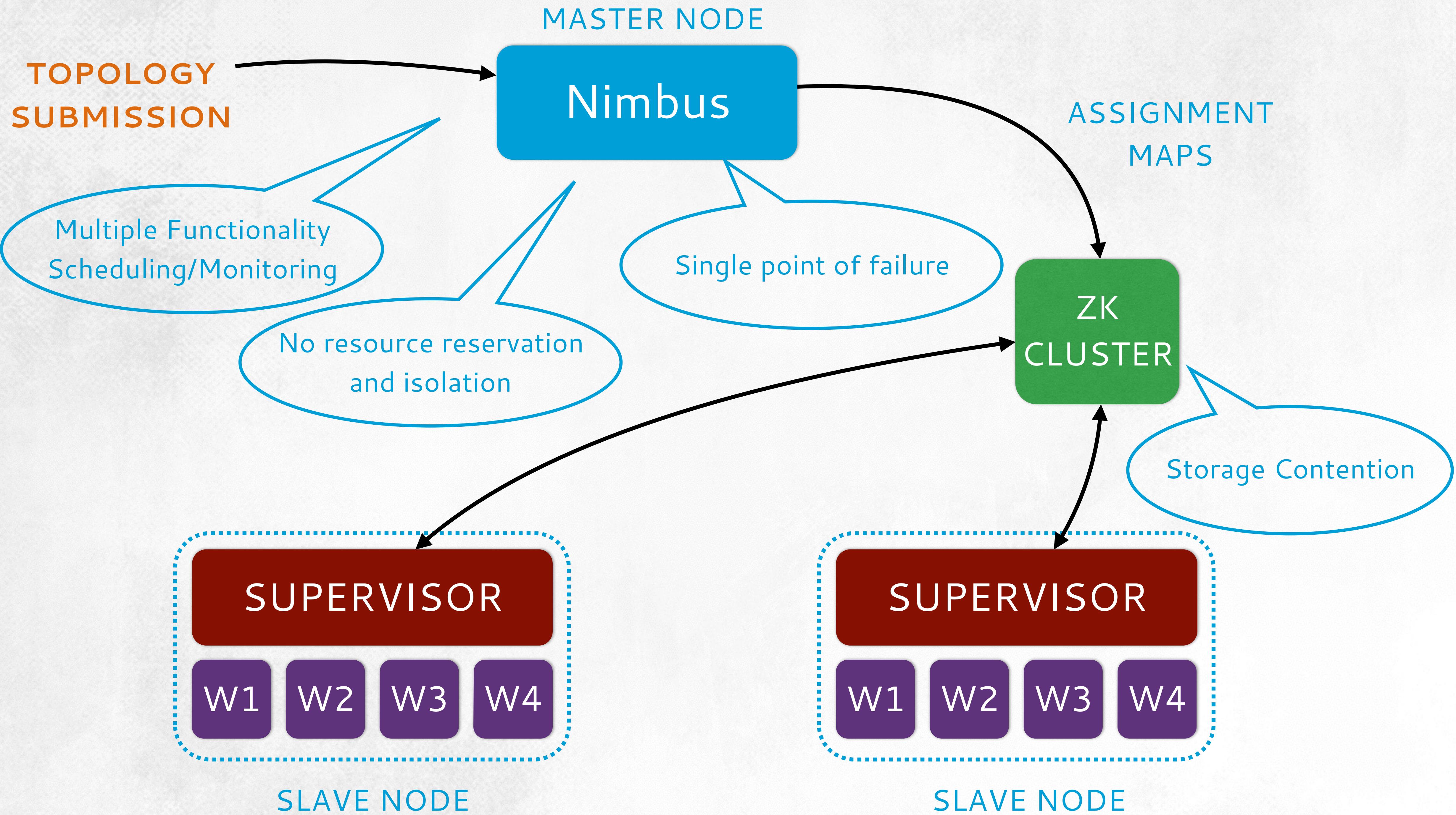
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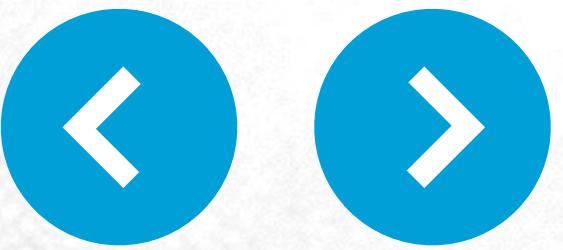
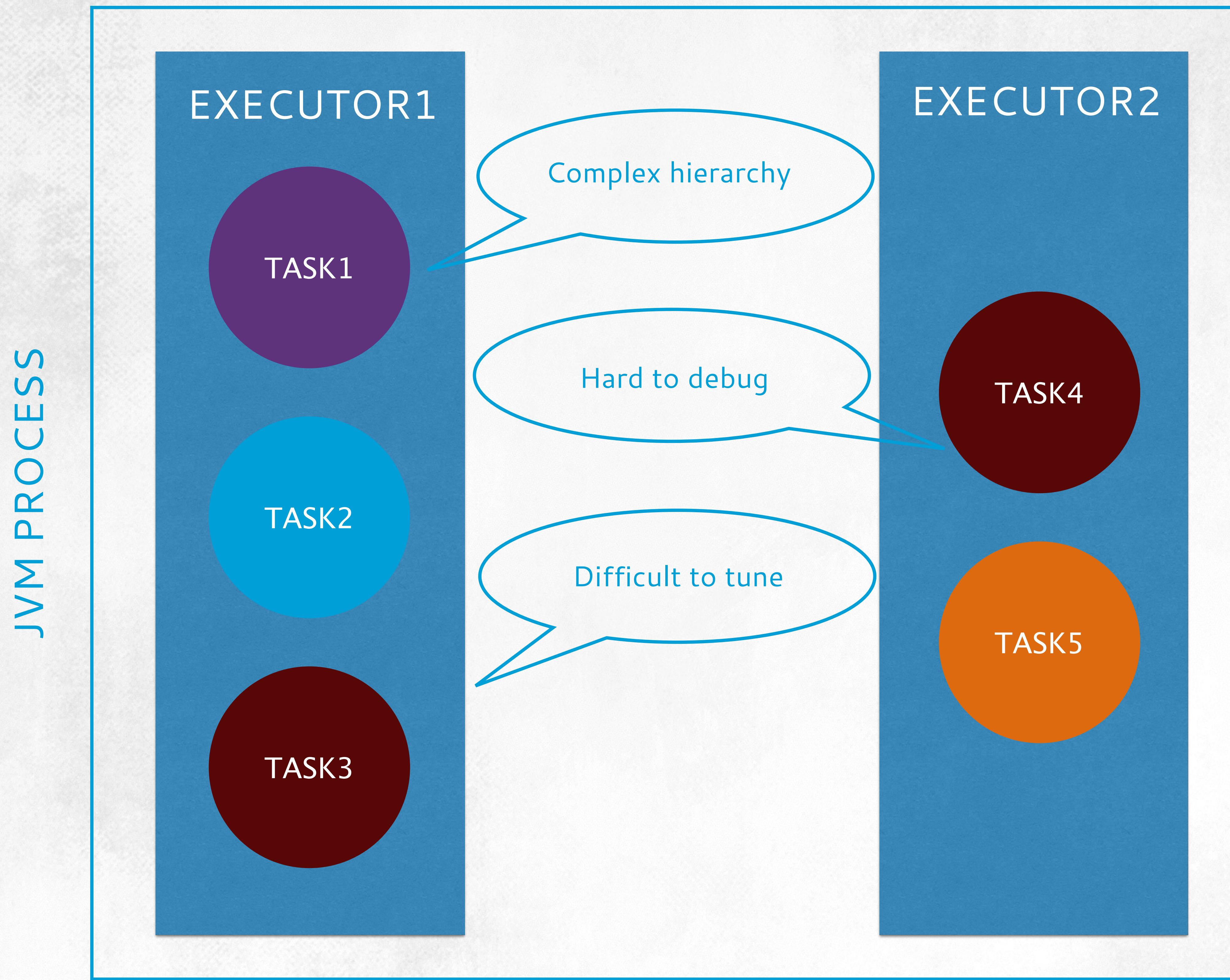


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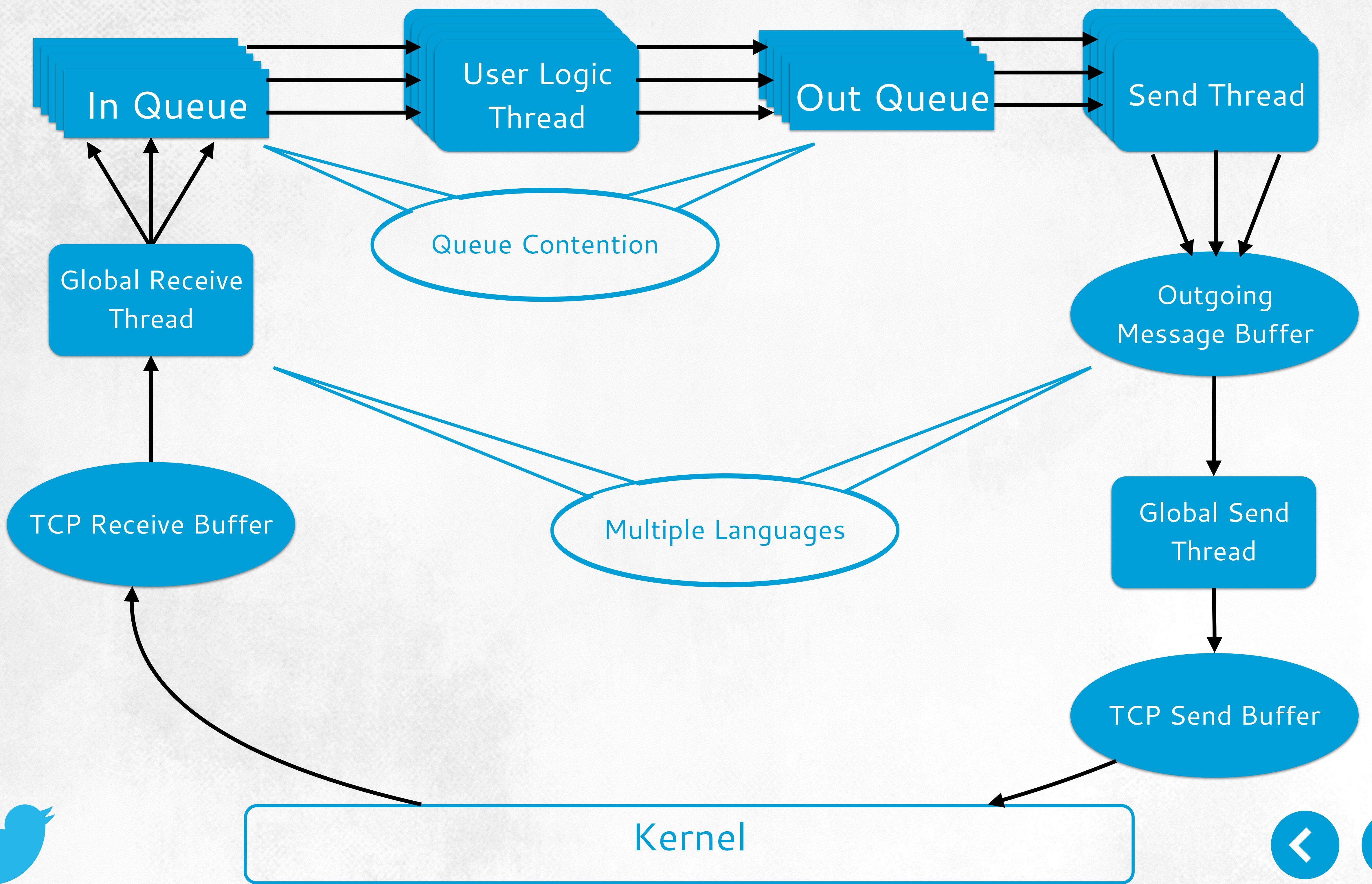
# STORM ARCHITECTURE



# STORM WORKER

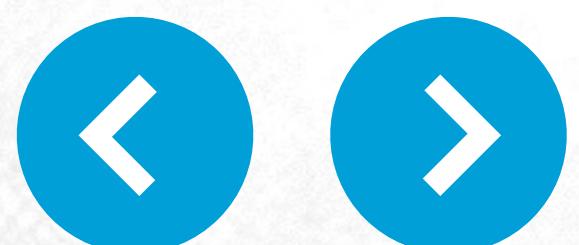
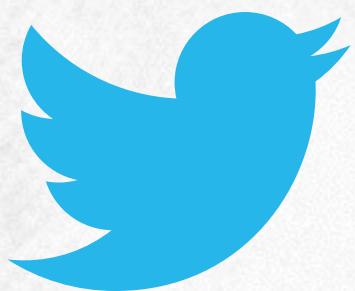
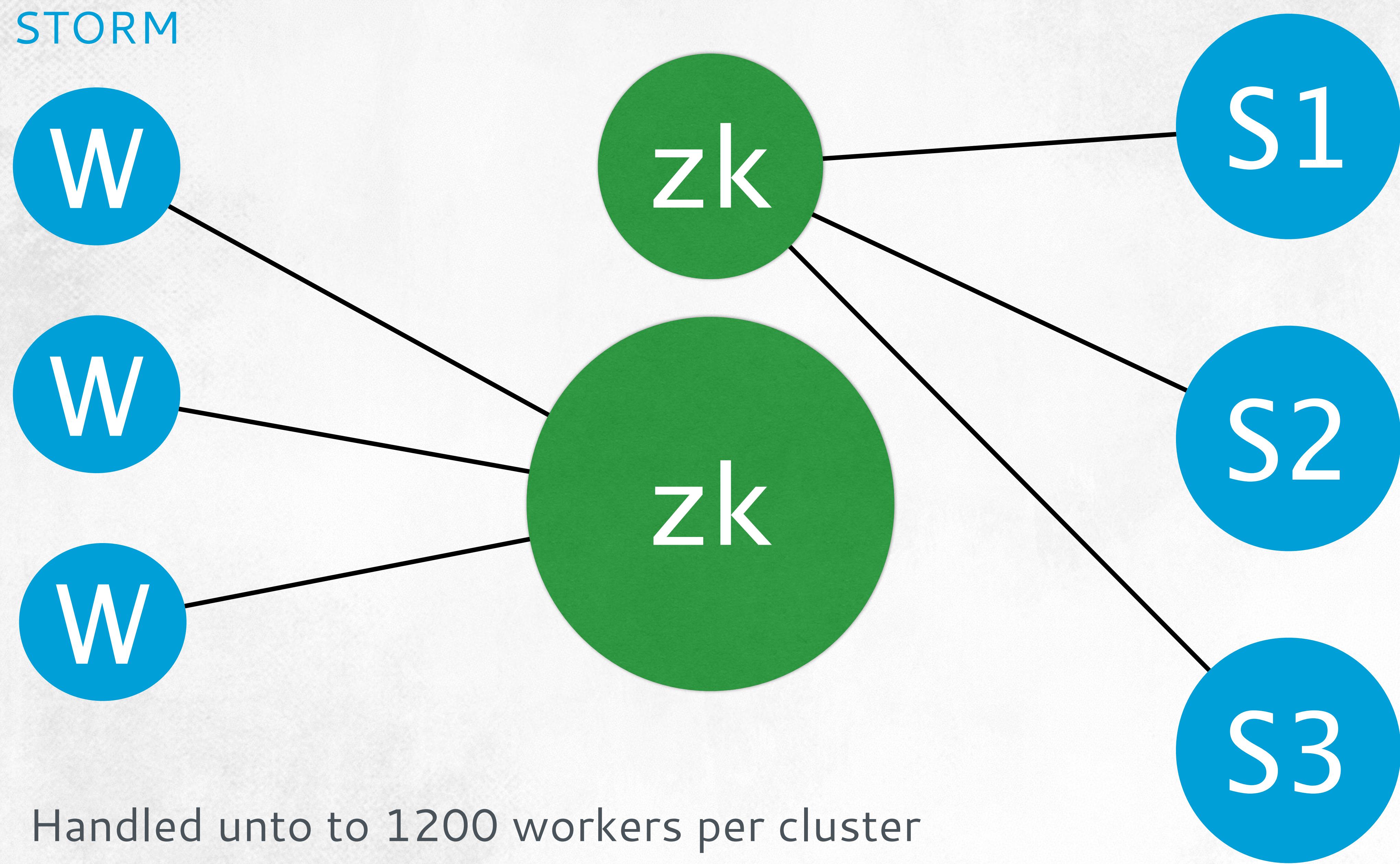


# DATA FLOW IN STORM WORKERS



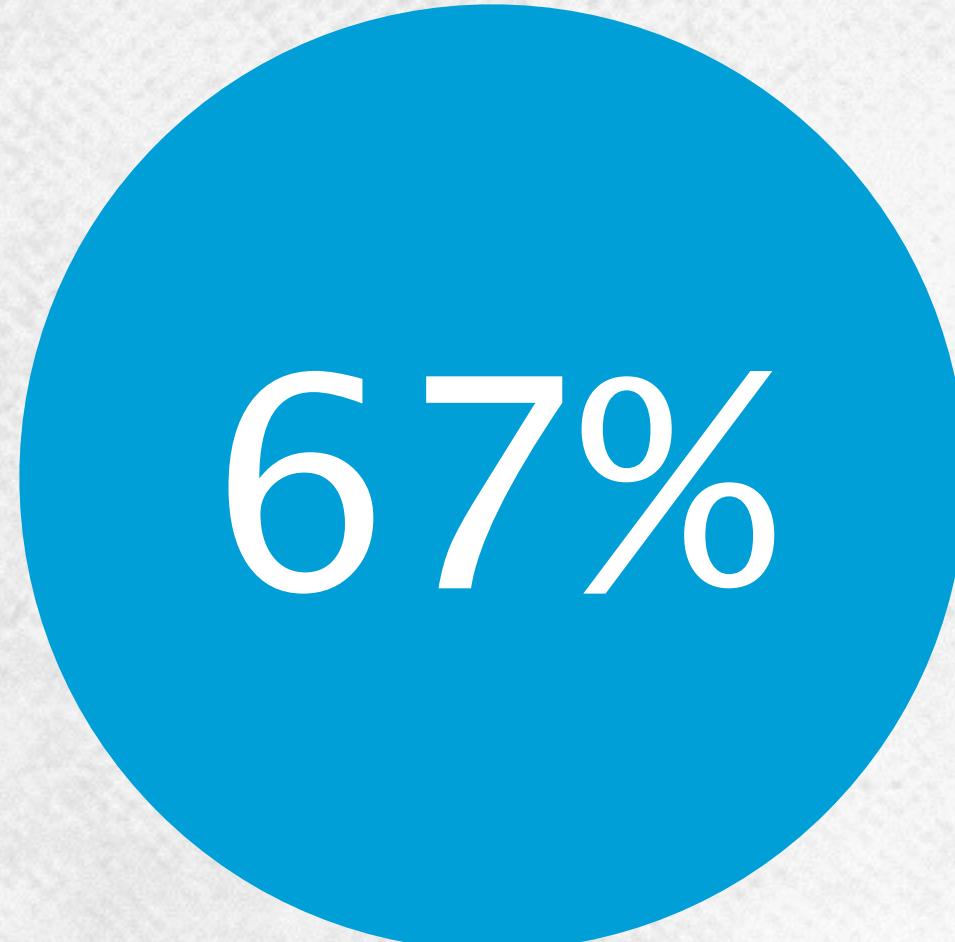
# OVERLOADED ZOOKEEPER

Scaled up



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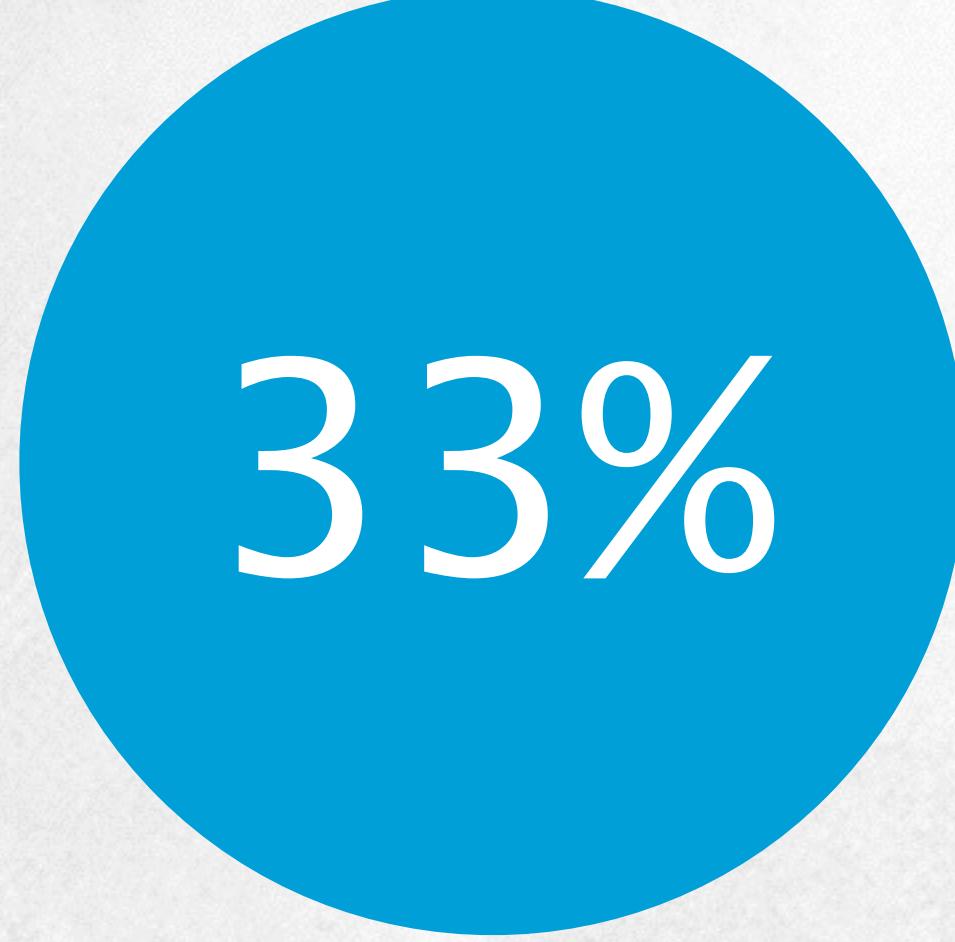
Analyzing zookeeper traffic



67%

## KAFKA SPOUT

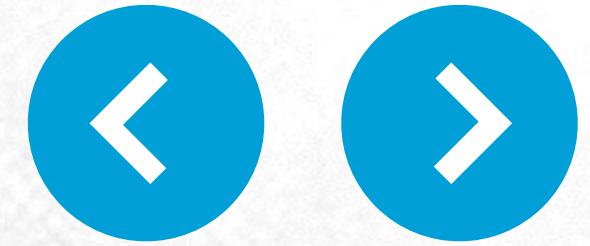
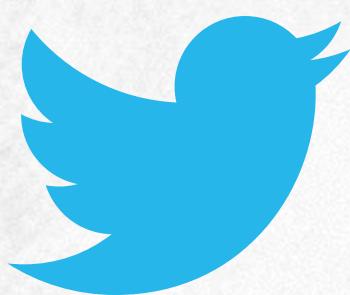
Offset/partition is written every 2 secs



33%

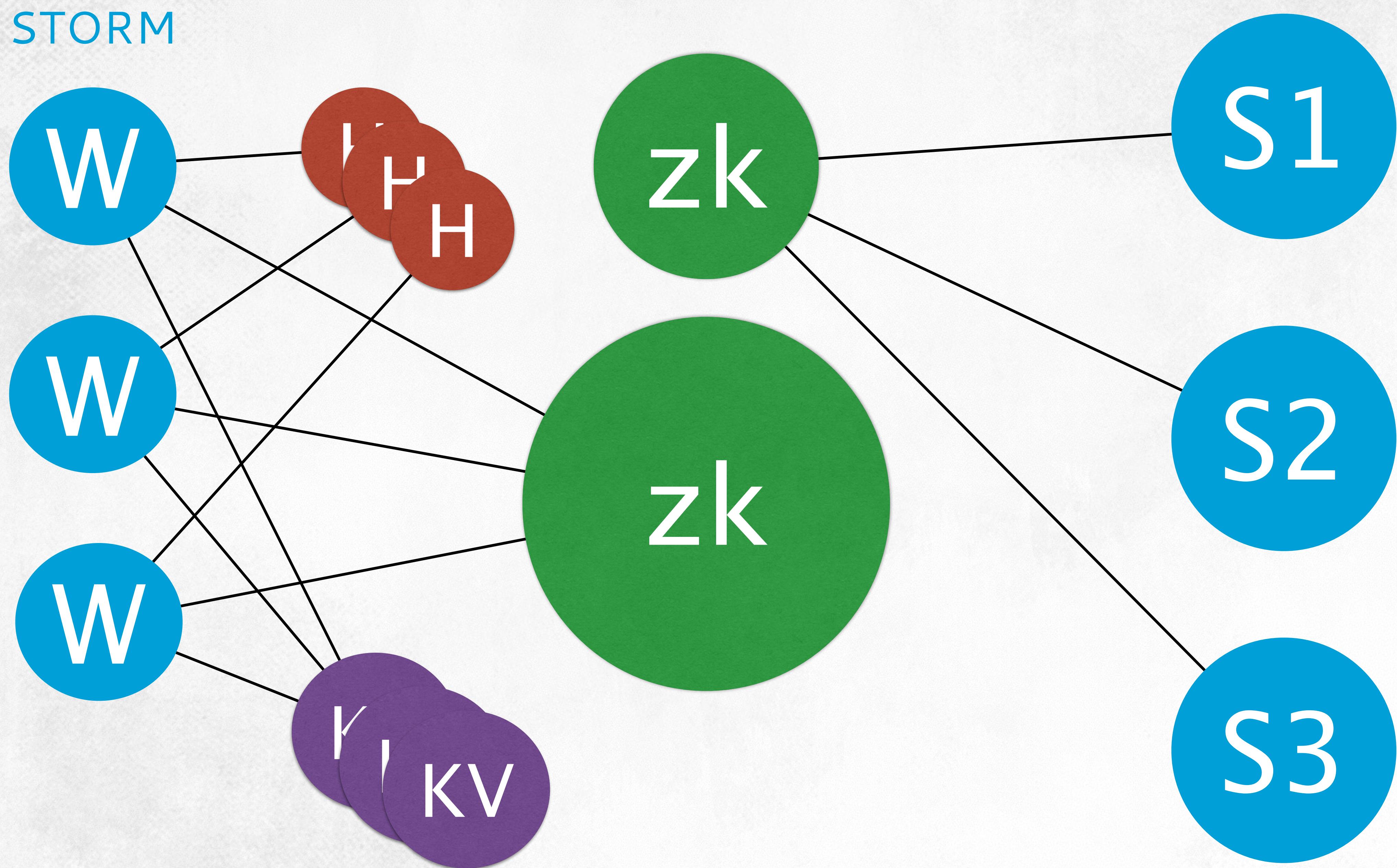
## STORM RUNTIME

Workers write heart beats every 3 secs

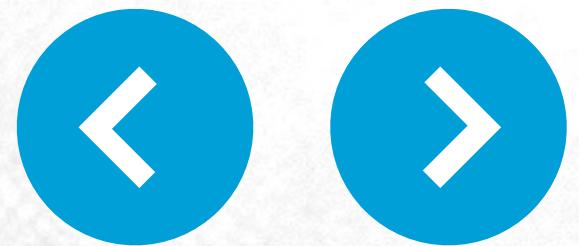
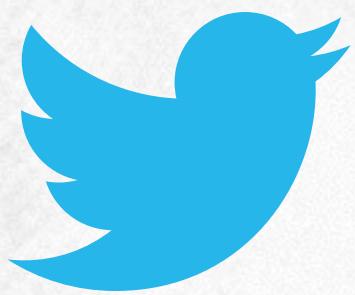


# OVERLOADED ZOOKEEPER

Heart beat daemons



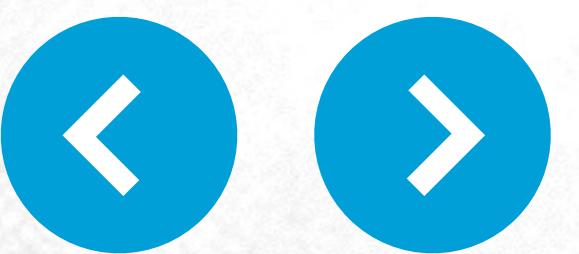
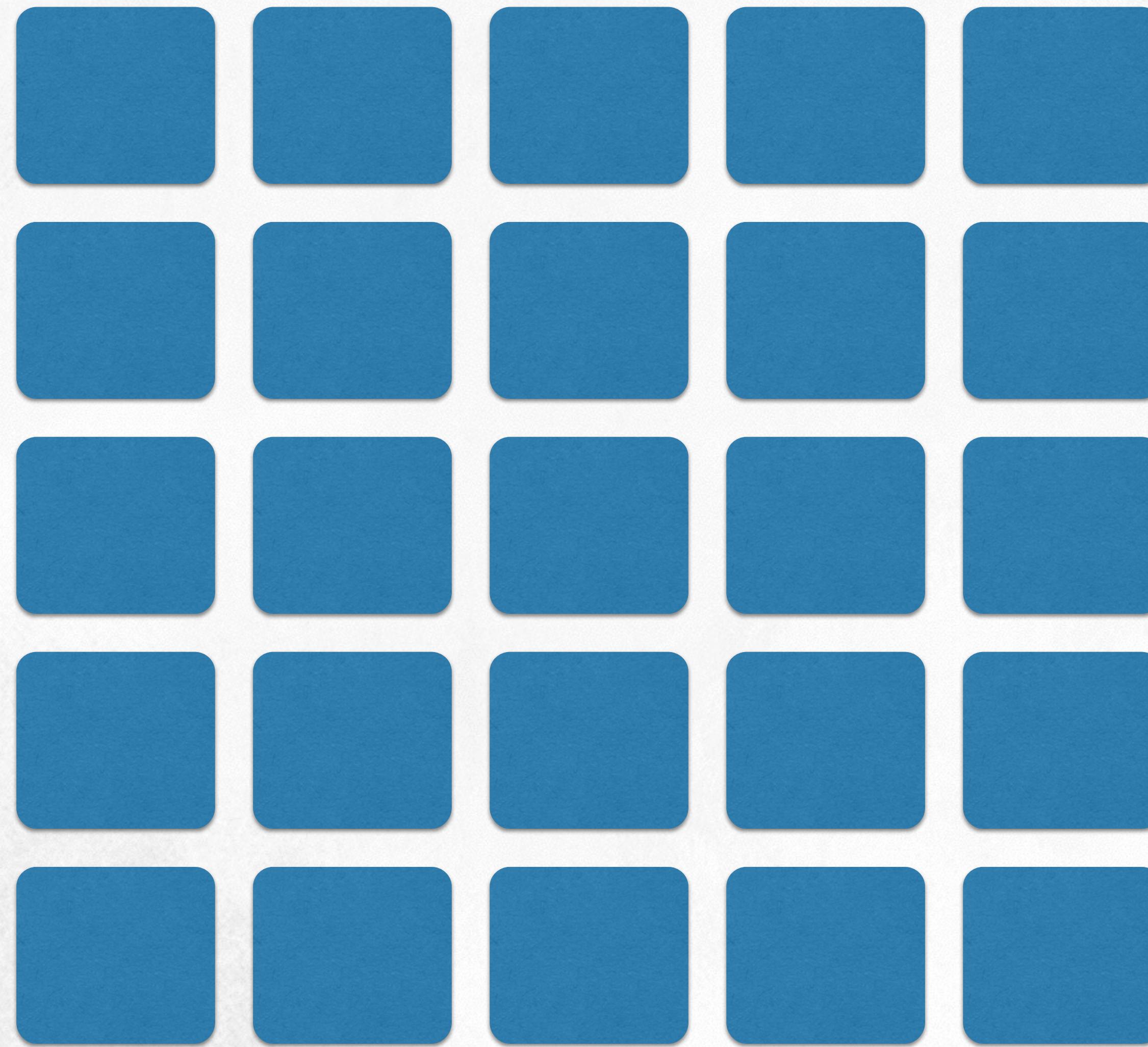
5000 workers per cluster



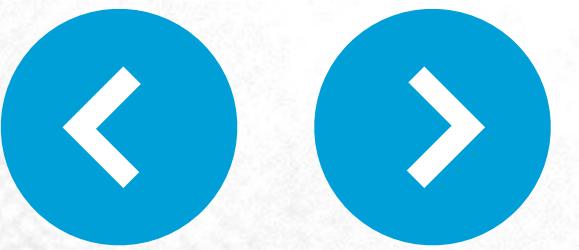
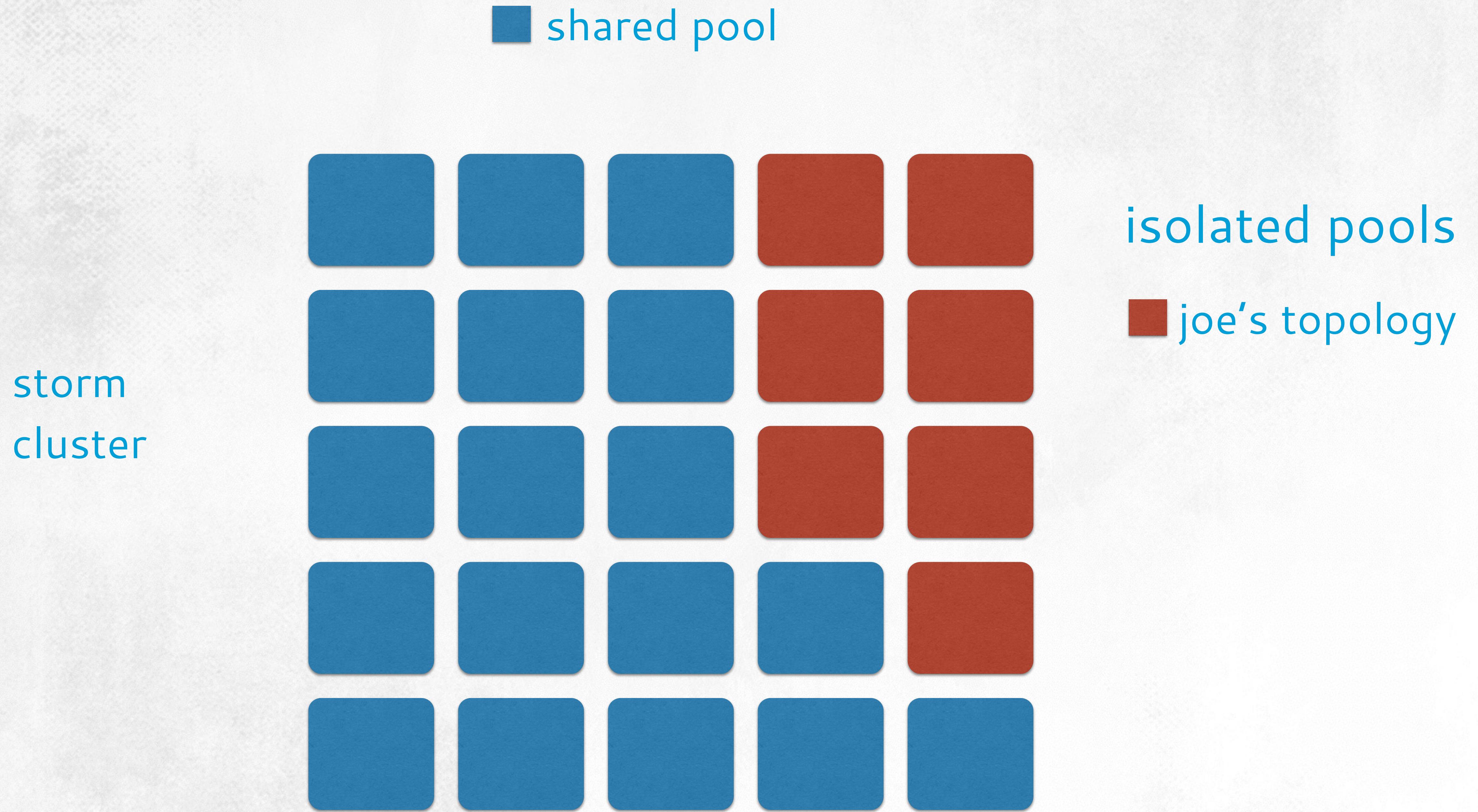
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storm  
cluster

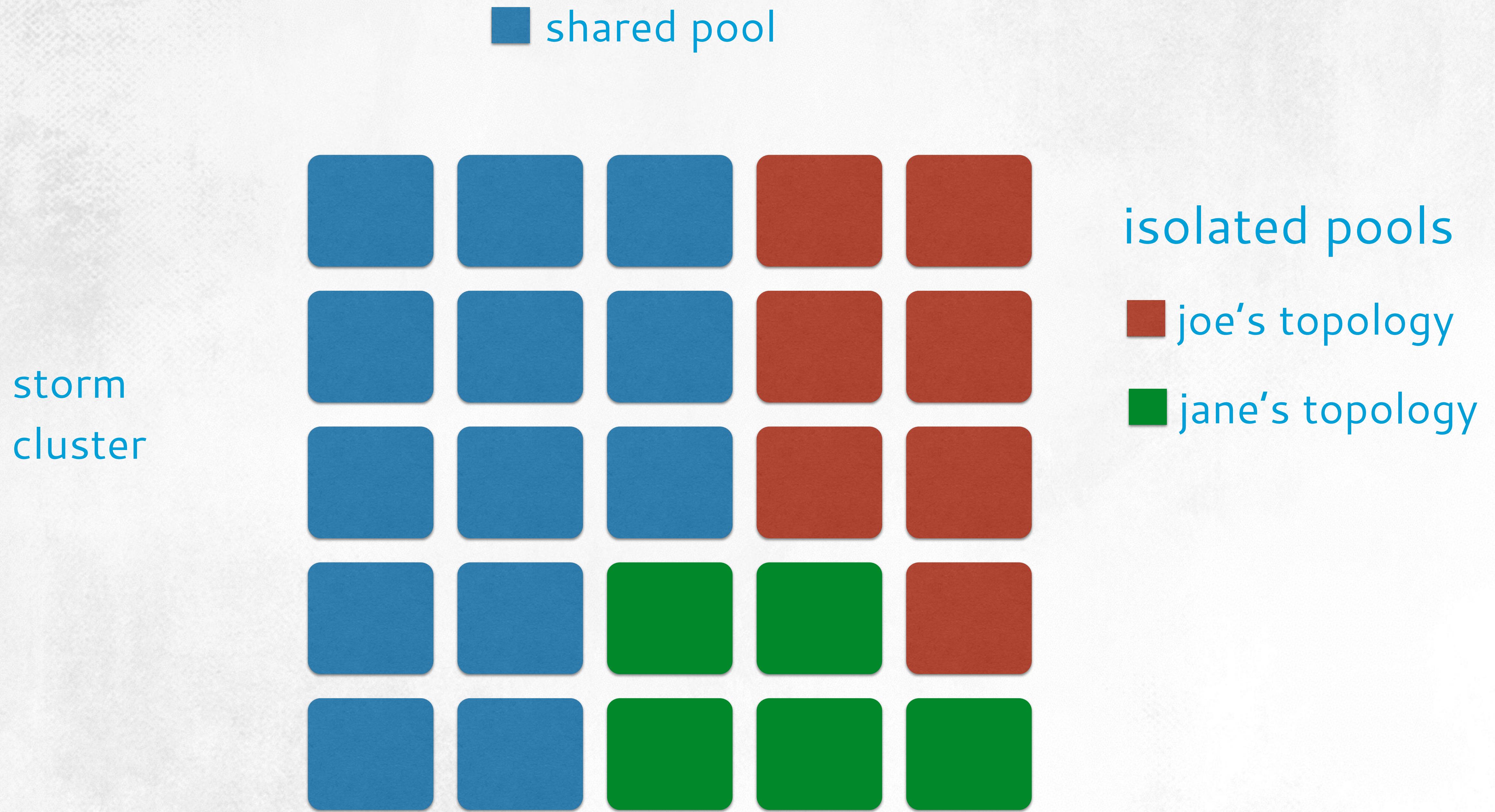
■ shared pool



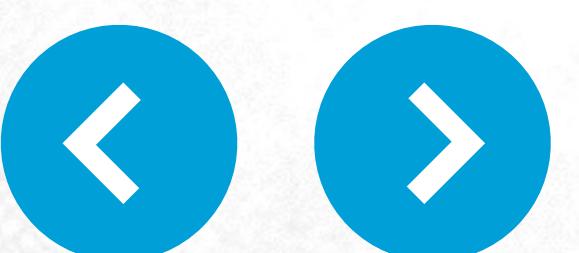
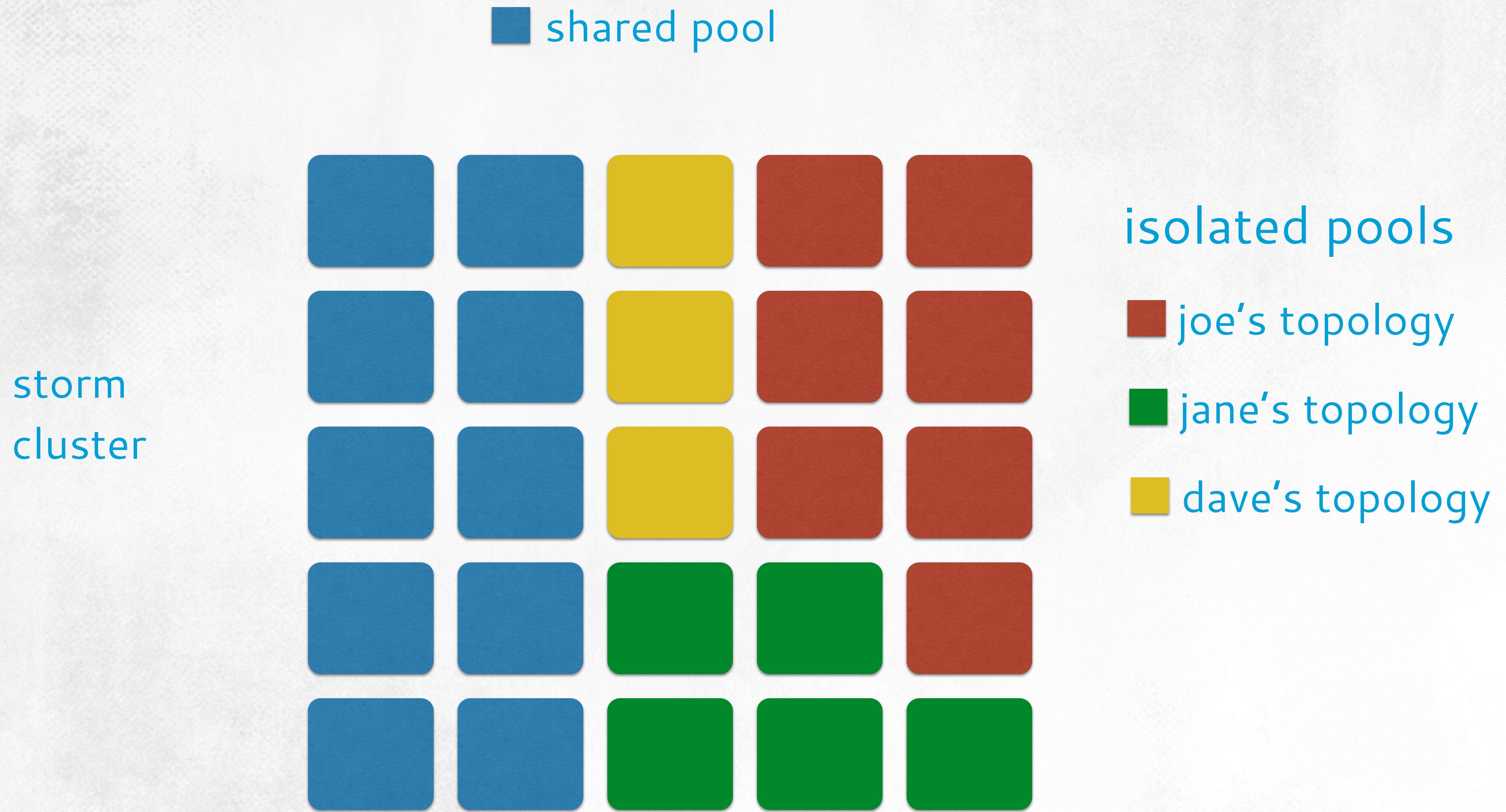
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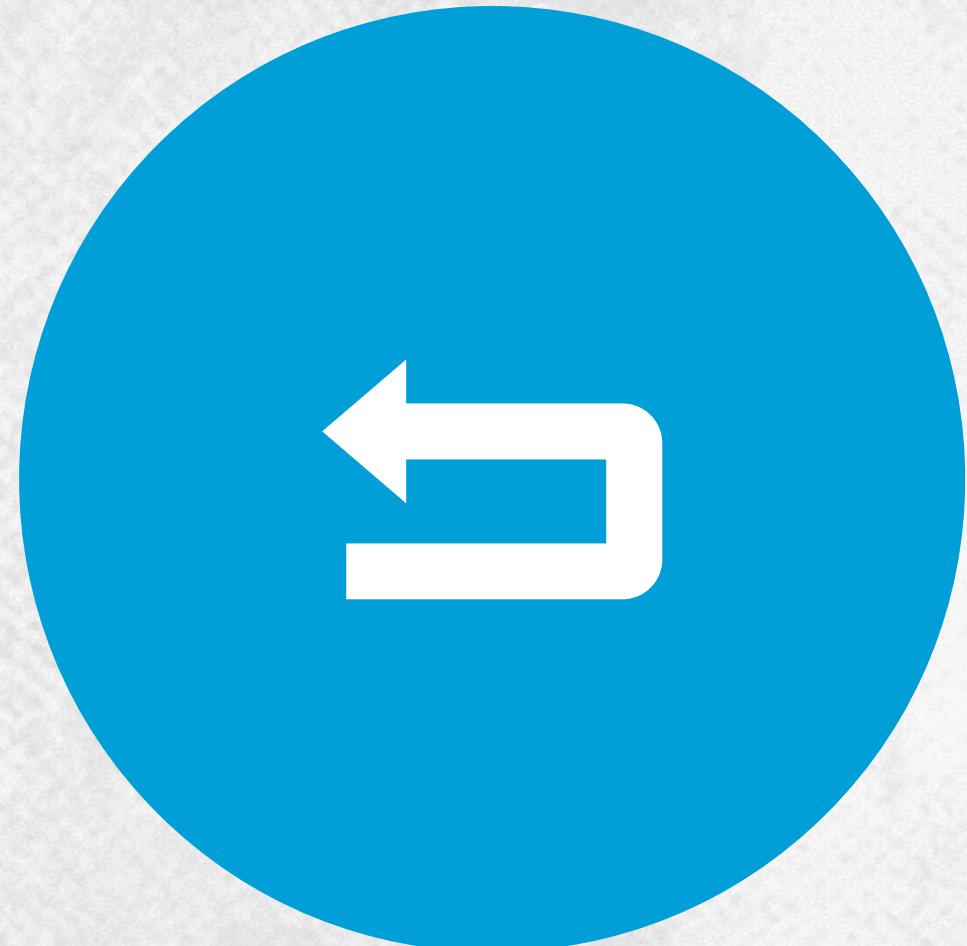
# STORM - DEPLOYMENT



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# STORM ISSUES



## LACK OF BACK PRESSURE

Drops tuples unpredictably



## EFFICIENCY

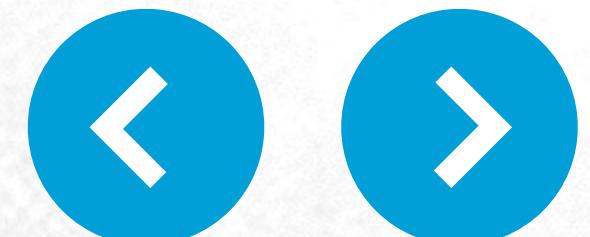
Serialization program consumes 75 cores at 30% CPU

Topology consumes 600 cores at 20-30% CPU



## NO BATCHING

Tuple oriented system – implicit batching by OMQ



# EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?

fix storm or develop a new system?



## FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES- REQUIRE EXTENSIVE REWRITING

Several queues for moving data

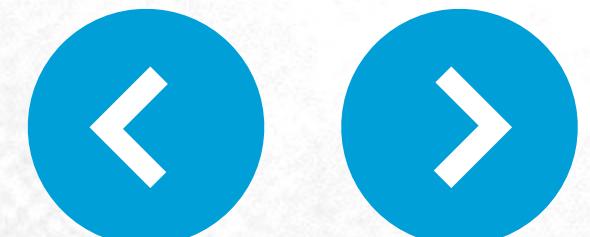
Inflexible and requires longer development cycle



## USE EXISTING OPEN SOURCE SOLUTIONS

Issues working at scale/lacks required performance

Incompatible API and long migration process





HERON



# HERON DESIGN GOALS



## FULLY API COMPATIBLE WITH STORM

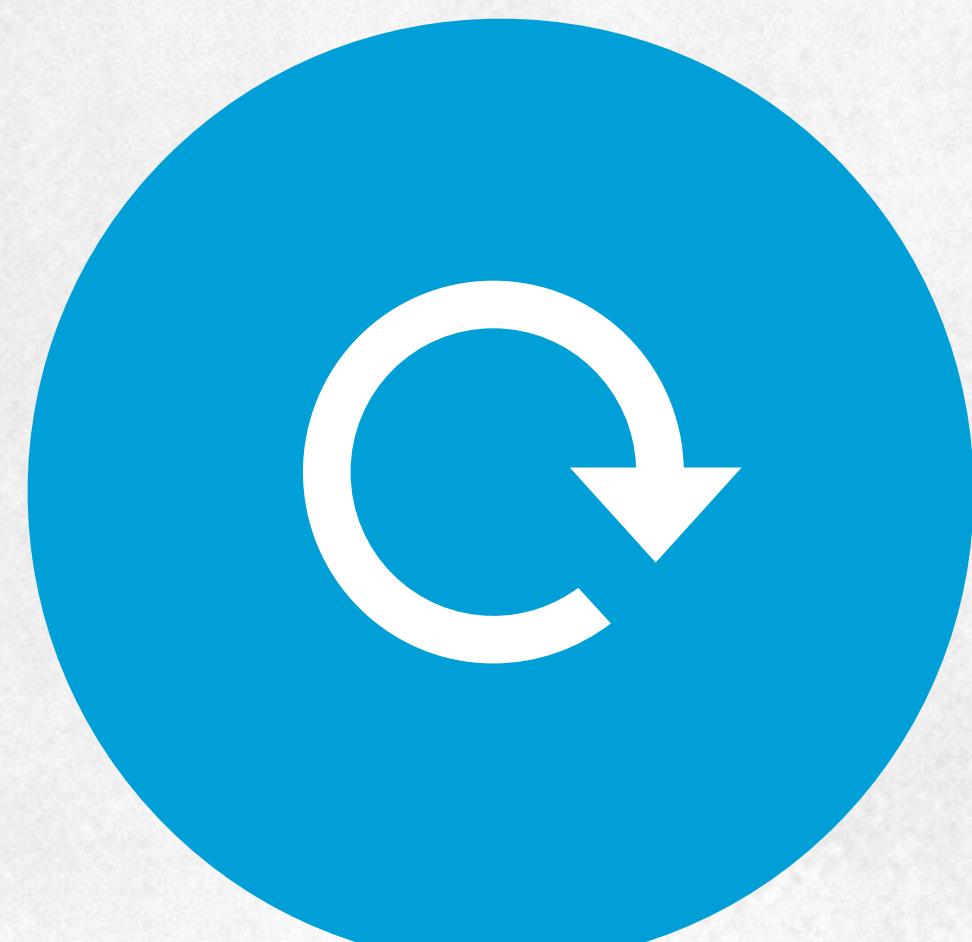
Directed acyclic graph

Topologies, spouts and bolts



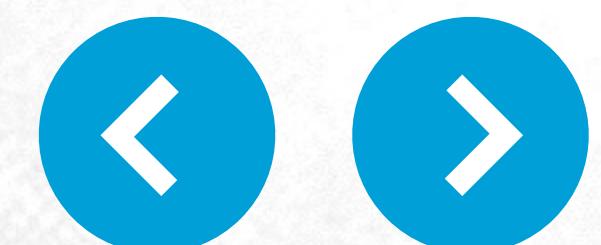
## TASK ISOLATION

Ease of debug ability/resource isolation/profiling

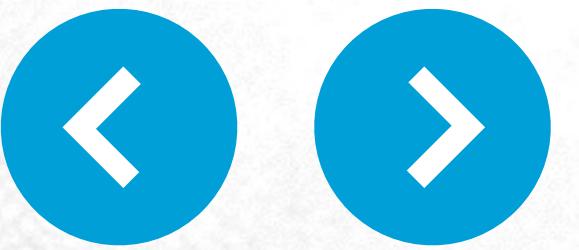
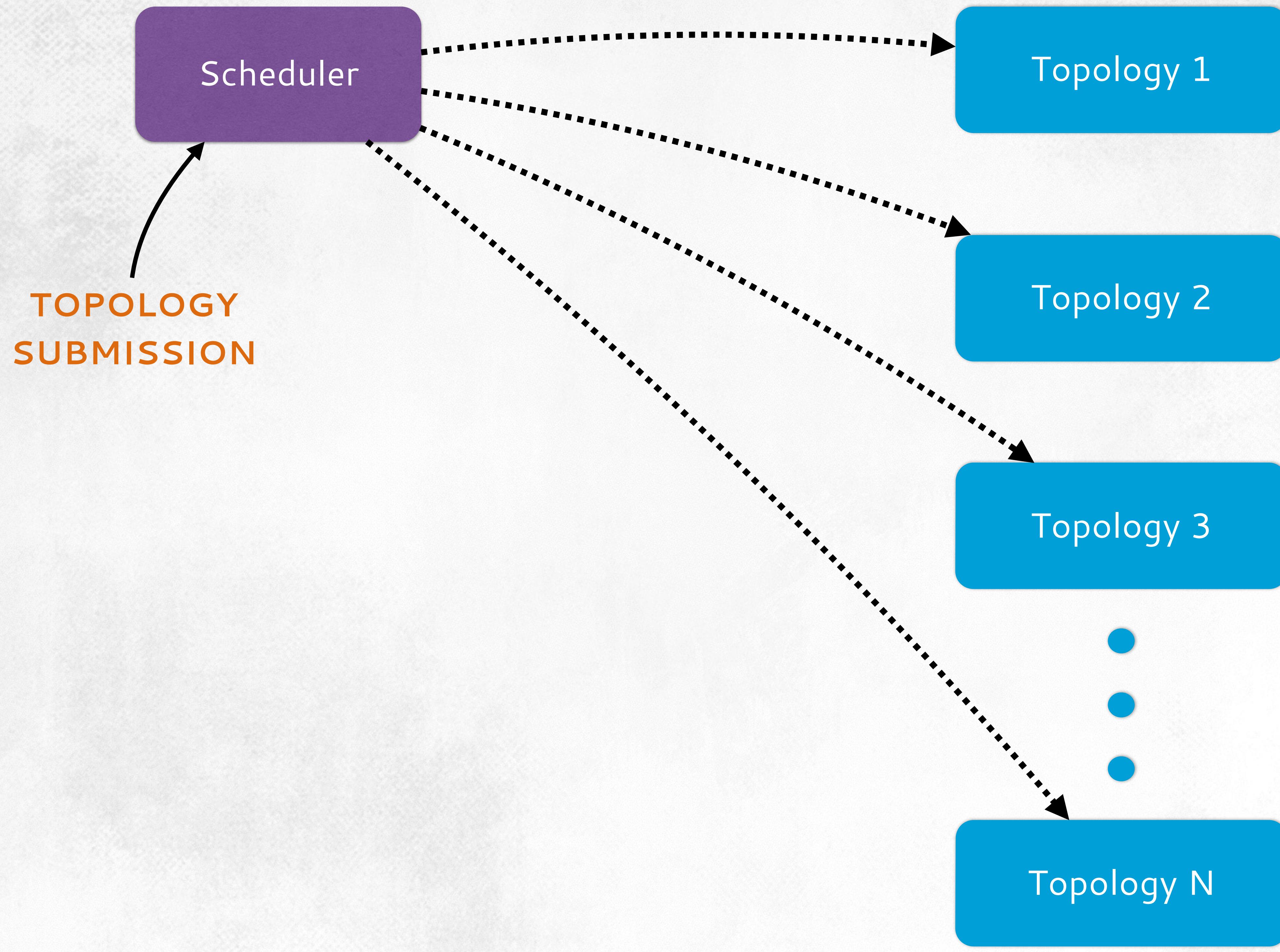


## USE OF MAIN STREAM LANGUAGES

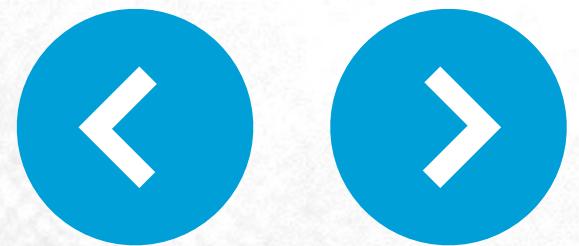
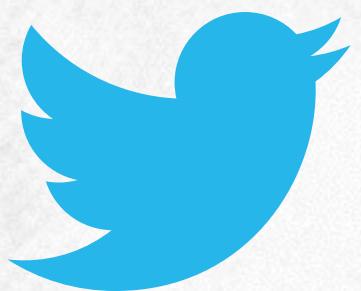
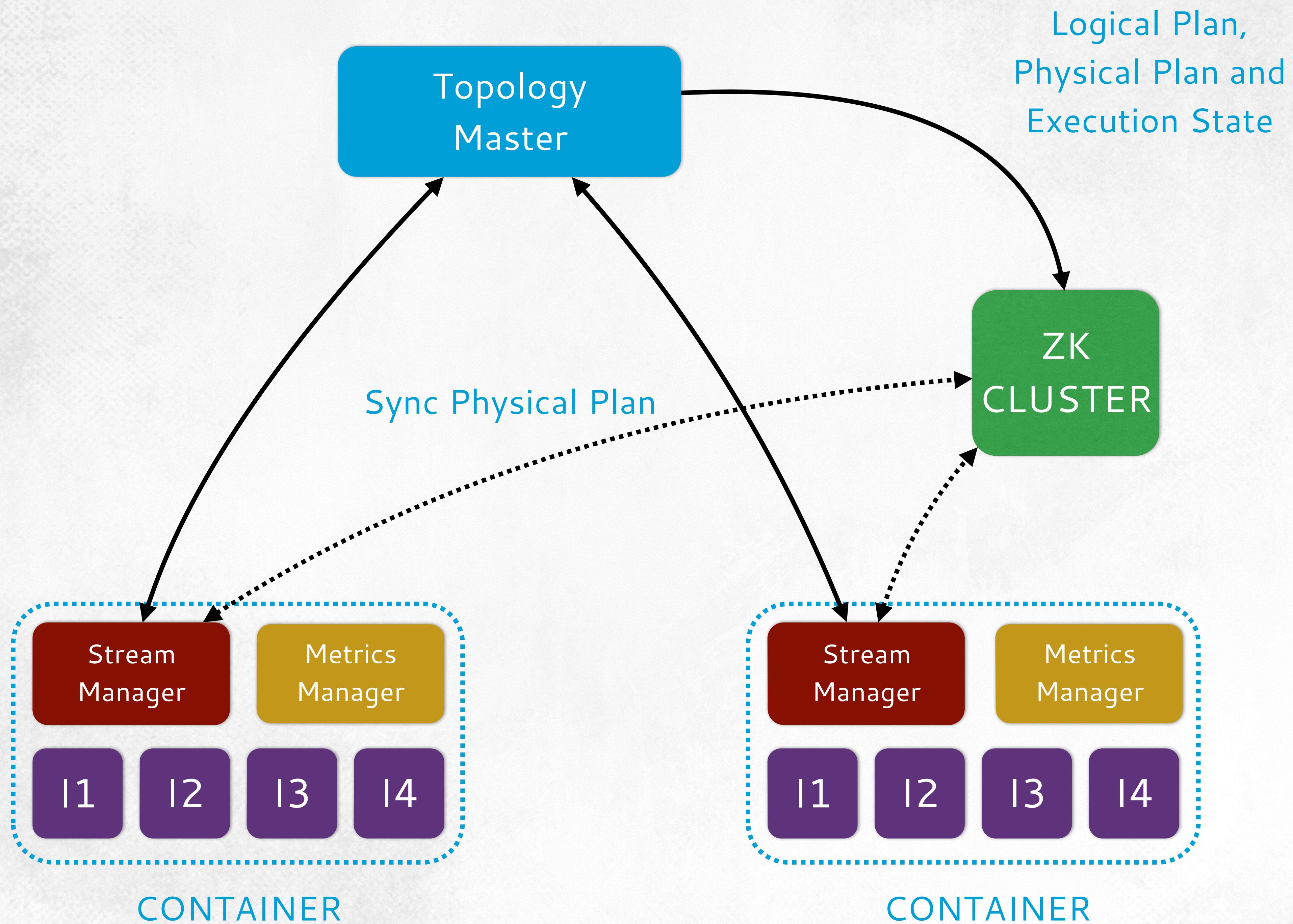
C++/JAVA/Python



# HERON ARCHITECTURE



# TOPOLOGY ARCHITECTURE

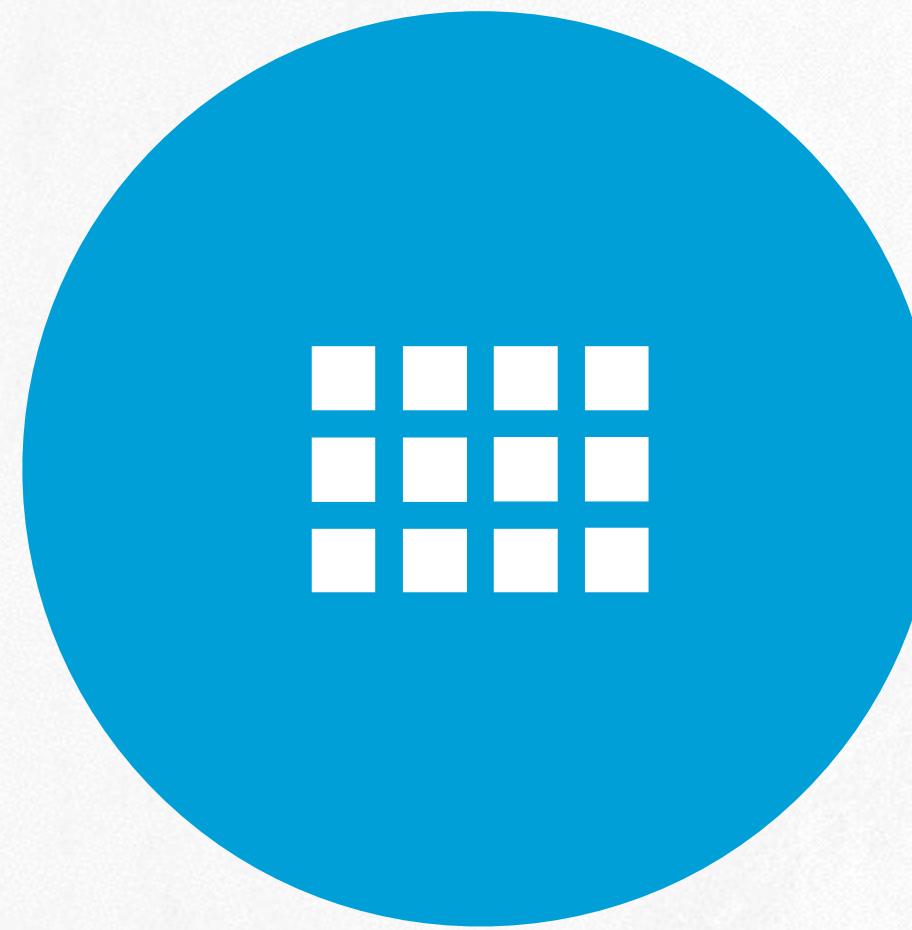


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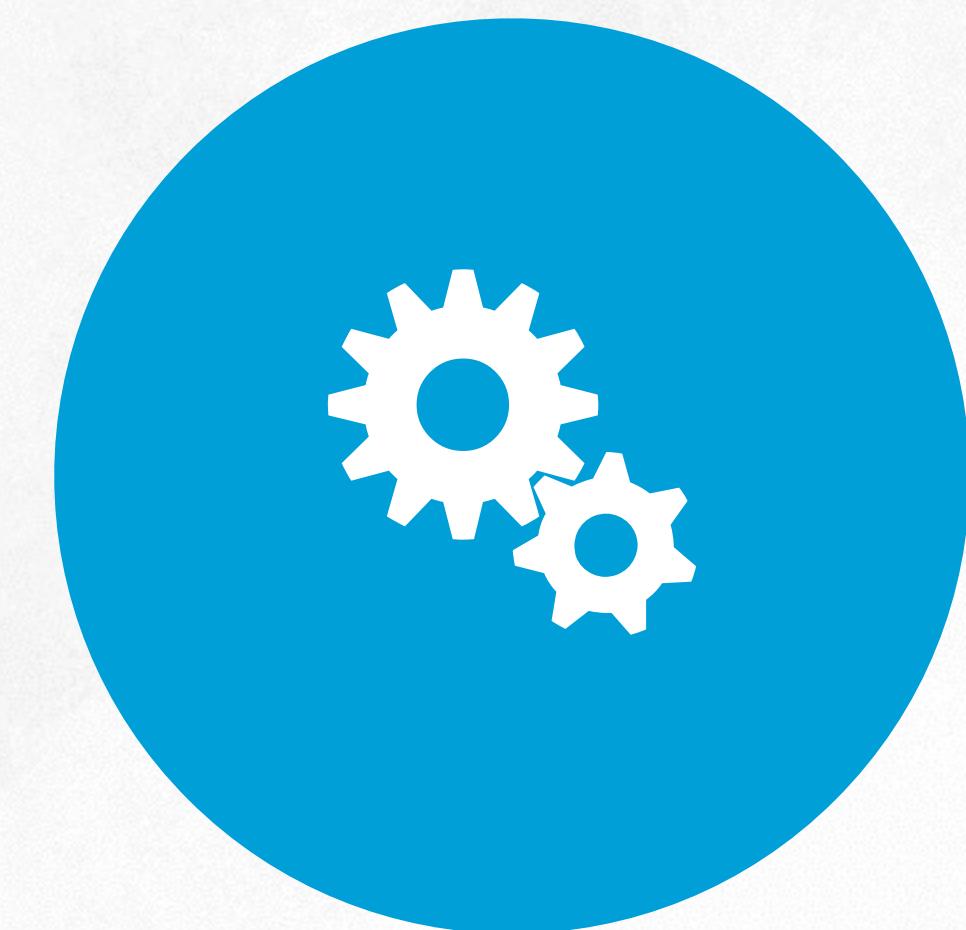
**Solely responsible for the entire topology**



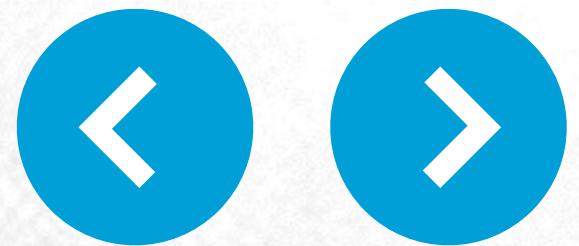
ASSIGNS ROLE



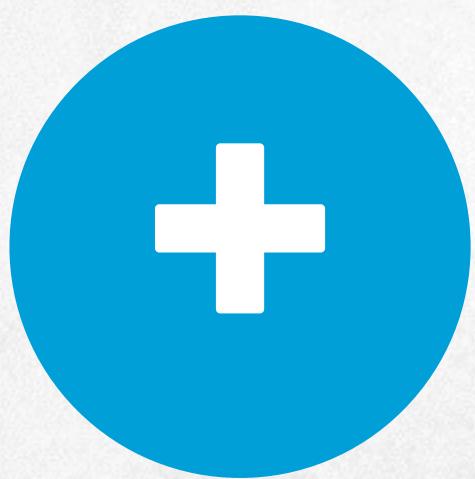
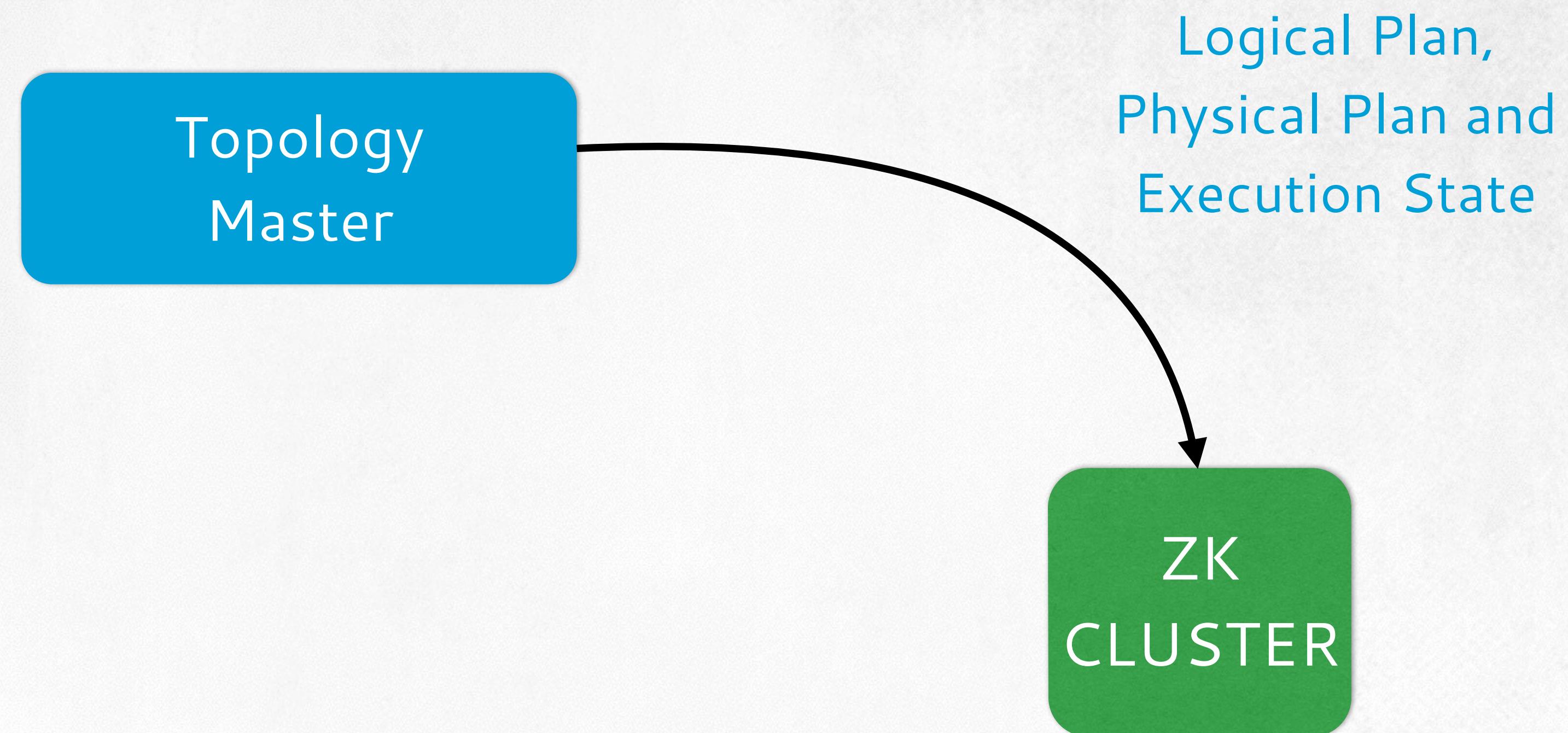
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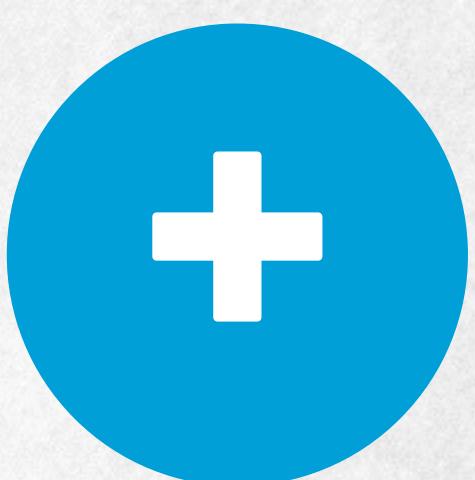
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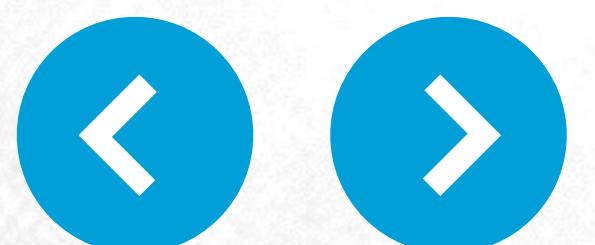
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PREVENT MULTIPLE TM BECOMING MASTERS

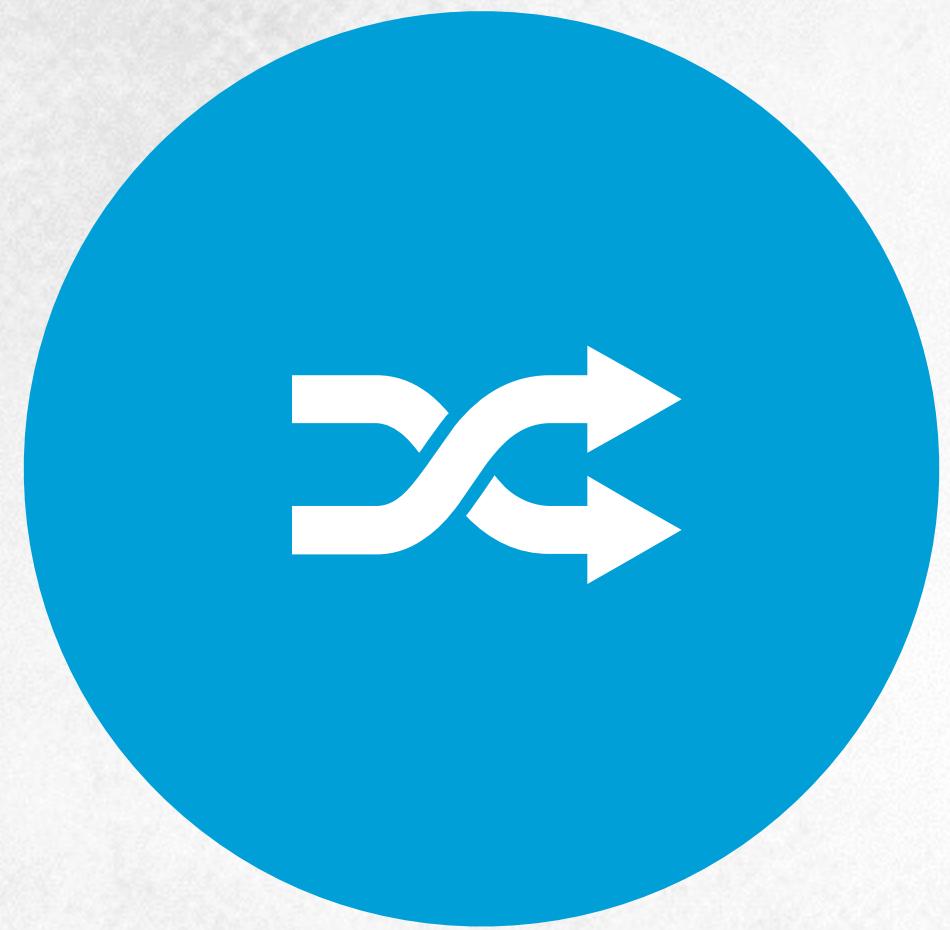


ALLOWS OTHER PROCESS TO DISCOVER TM

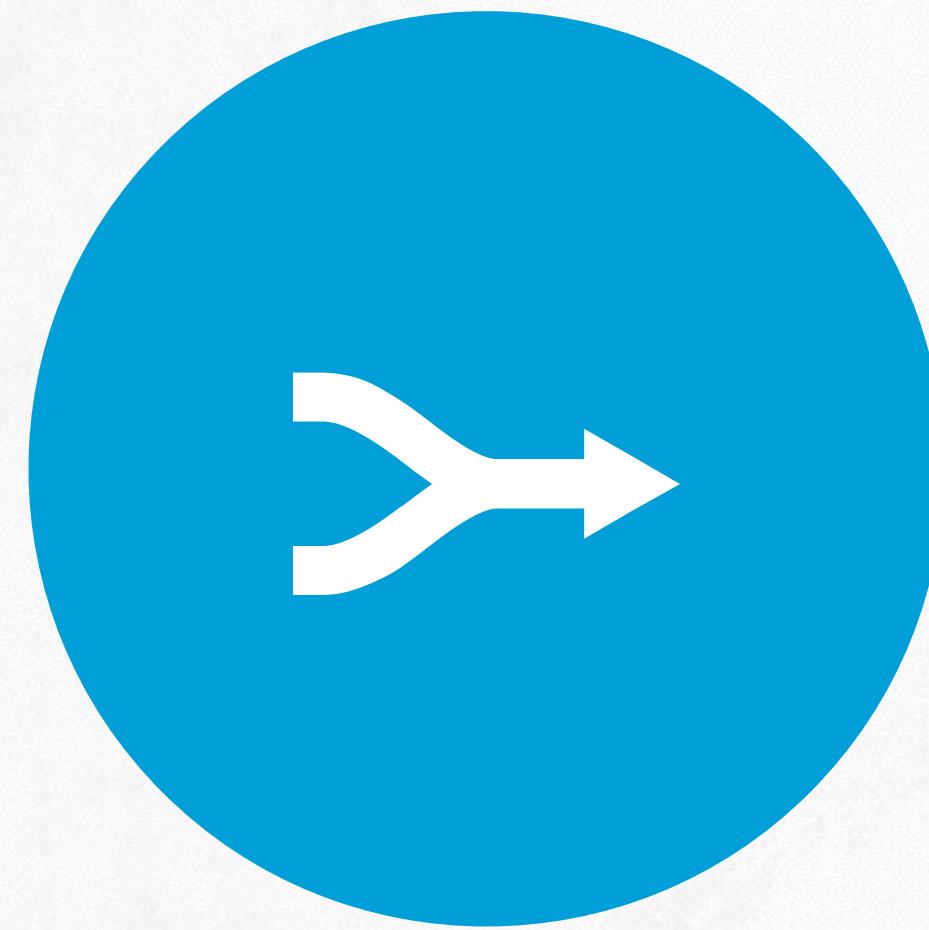


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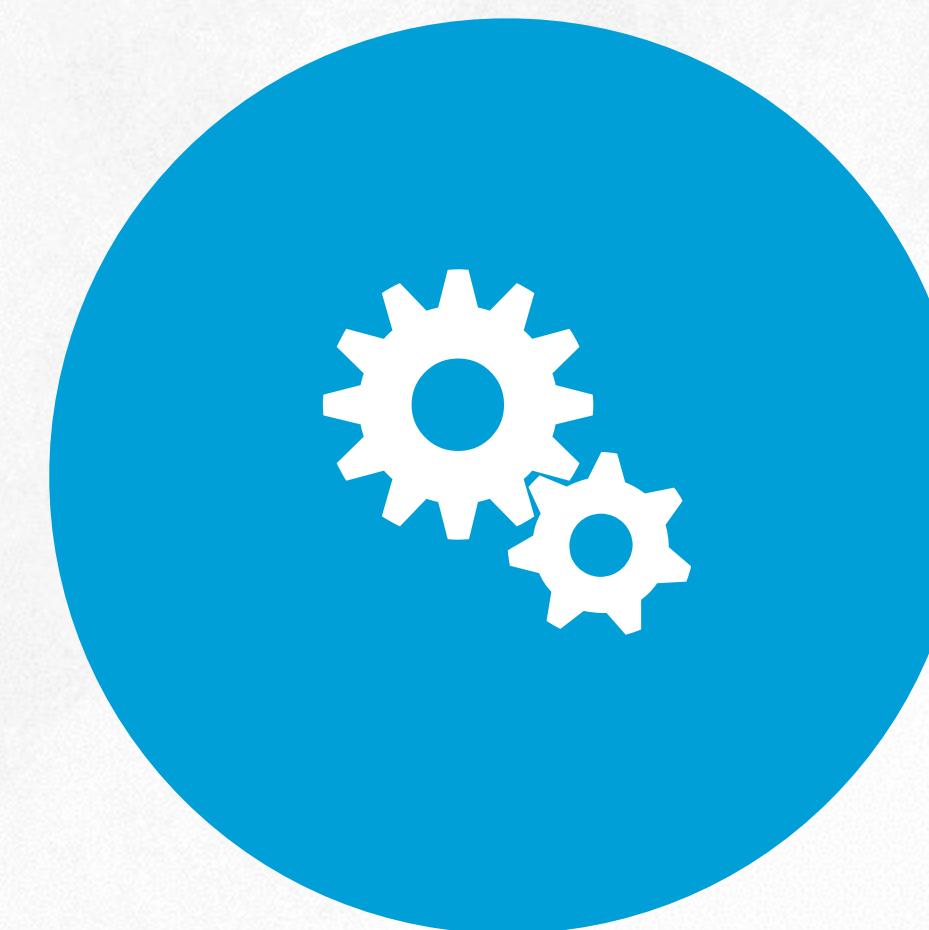
Routing Engine



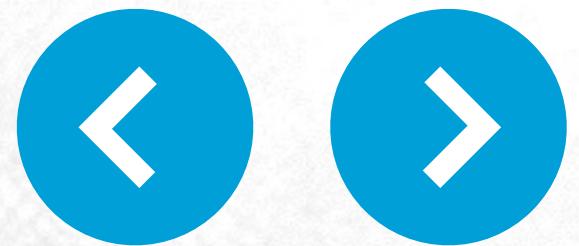
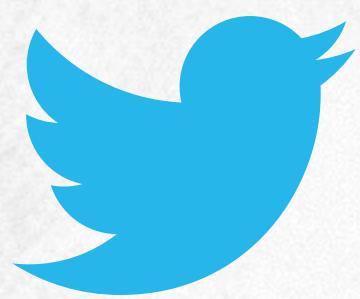
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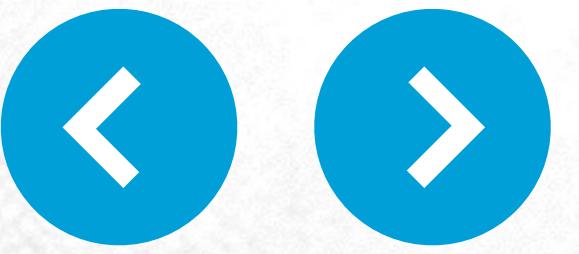
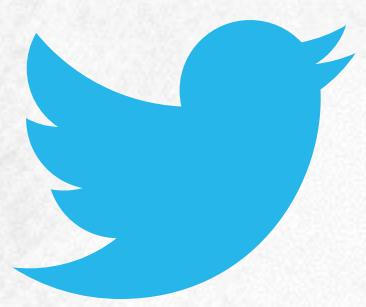
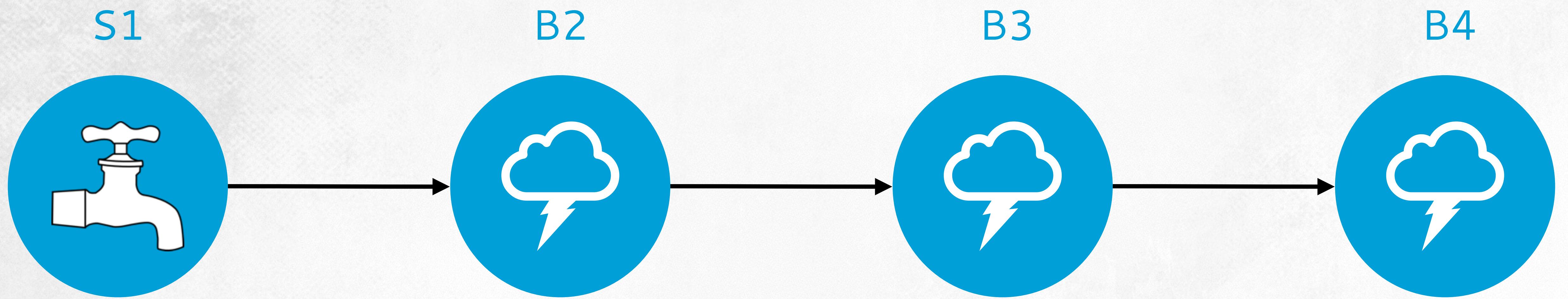
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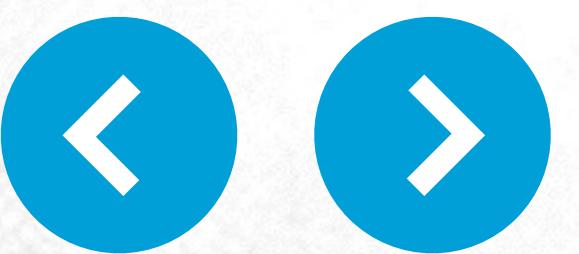
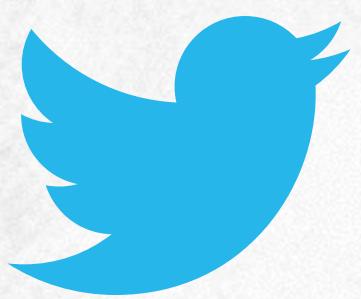
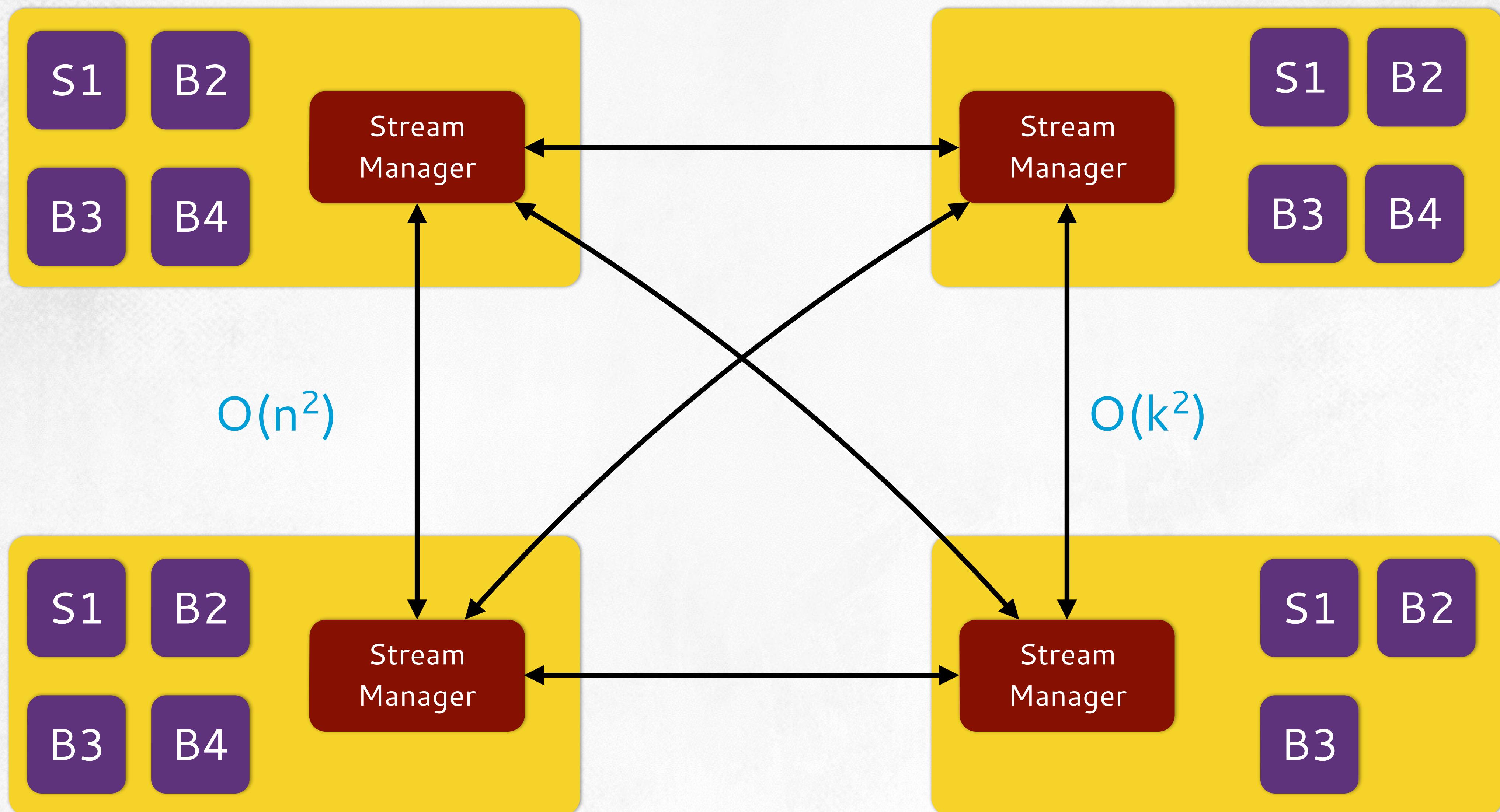
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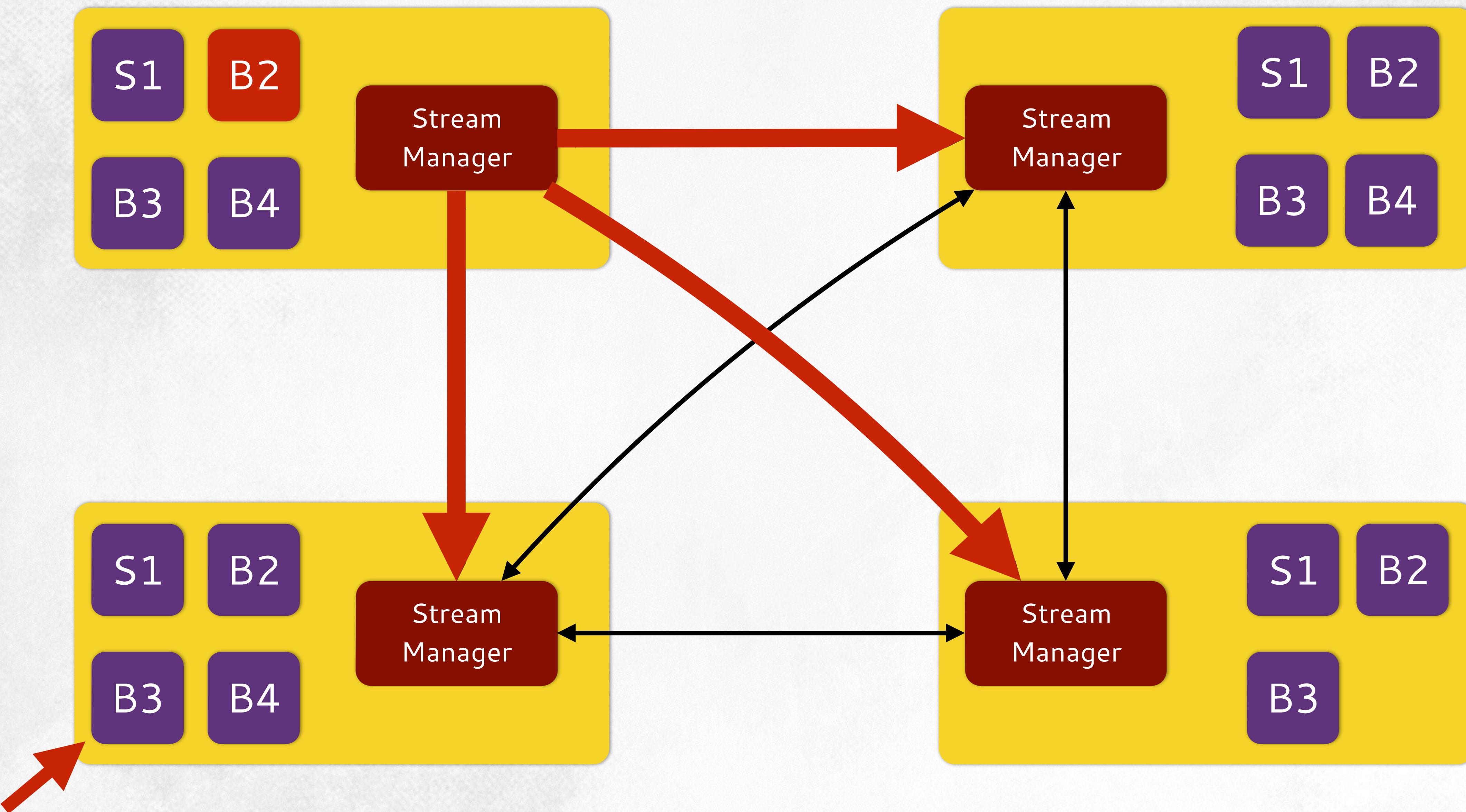


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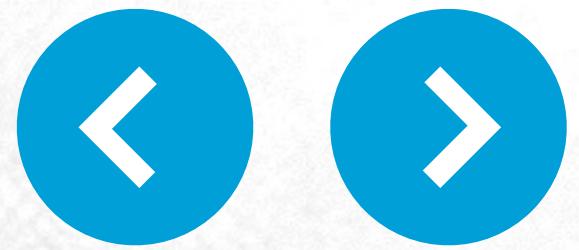
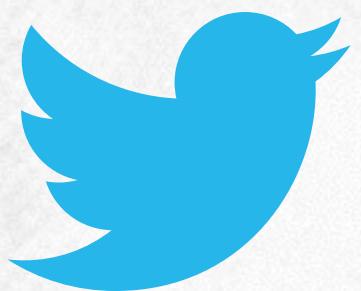


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## tcp back pressure

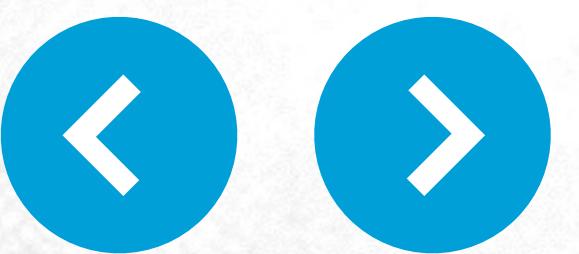
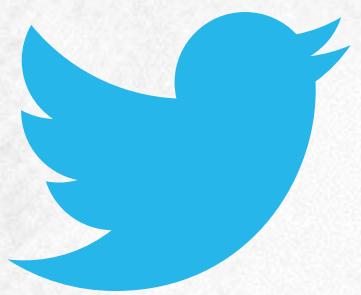
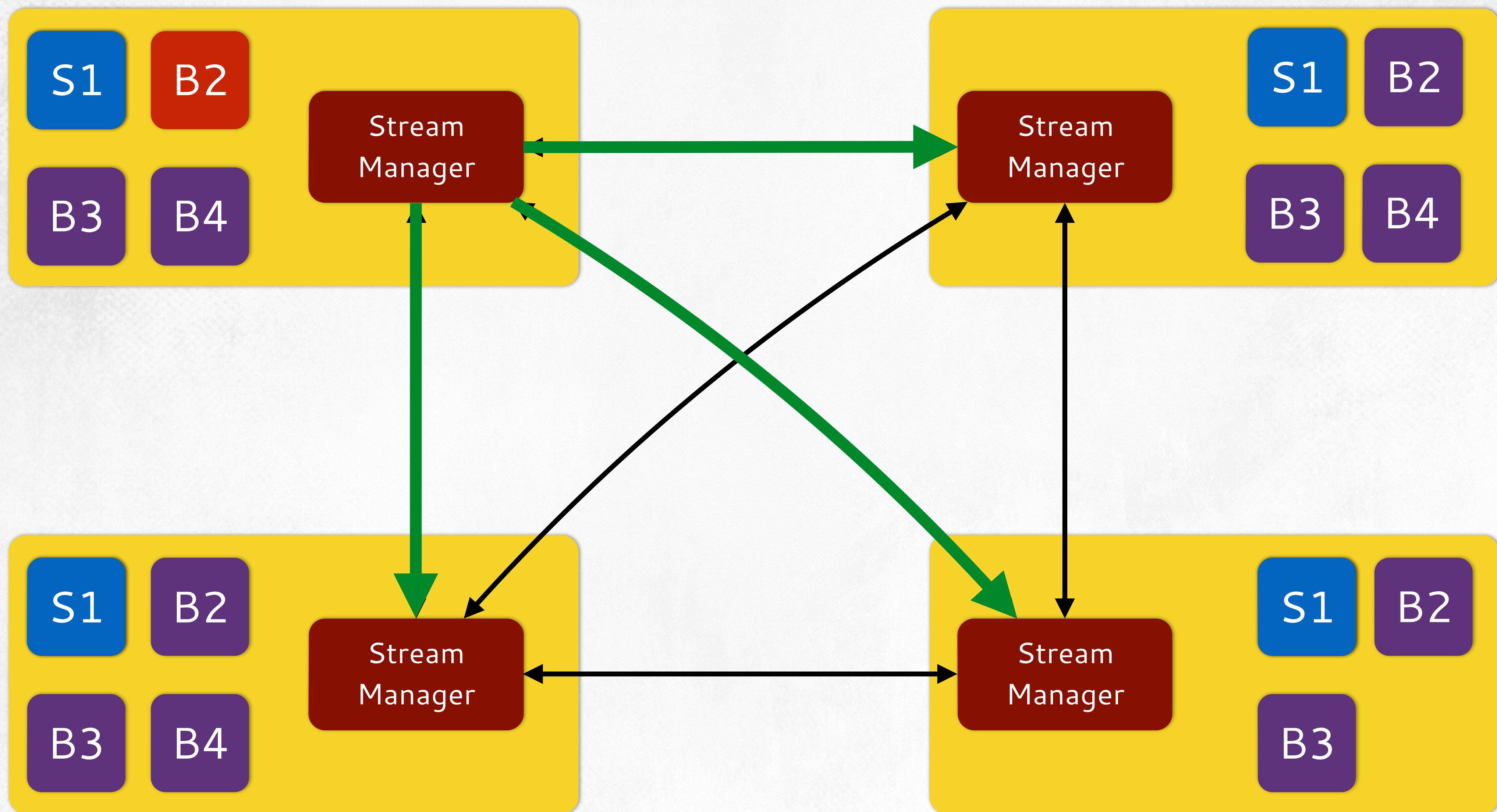


SLOWS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM INSTANCES



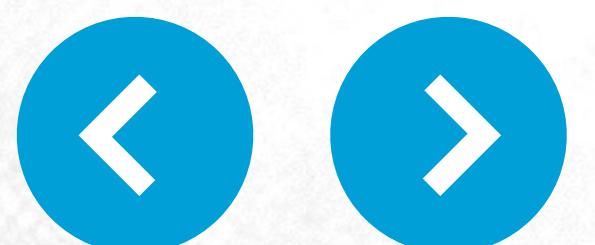
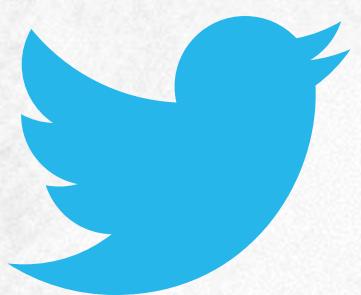
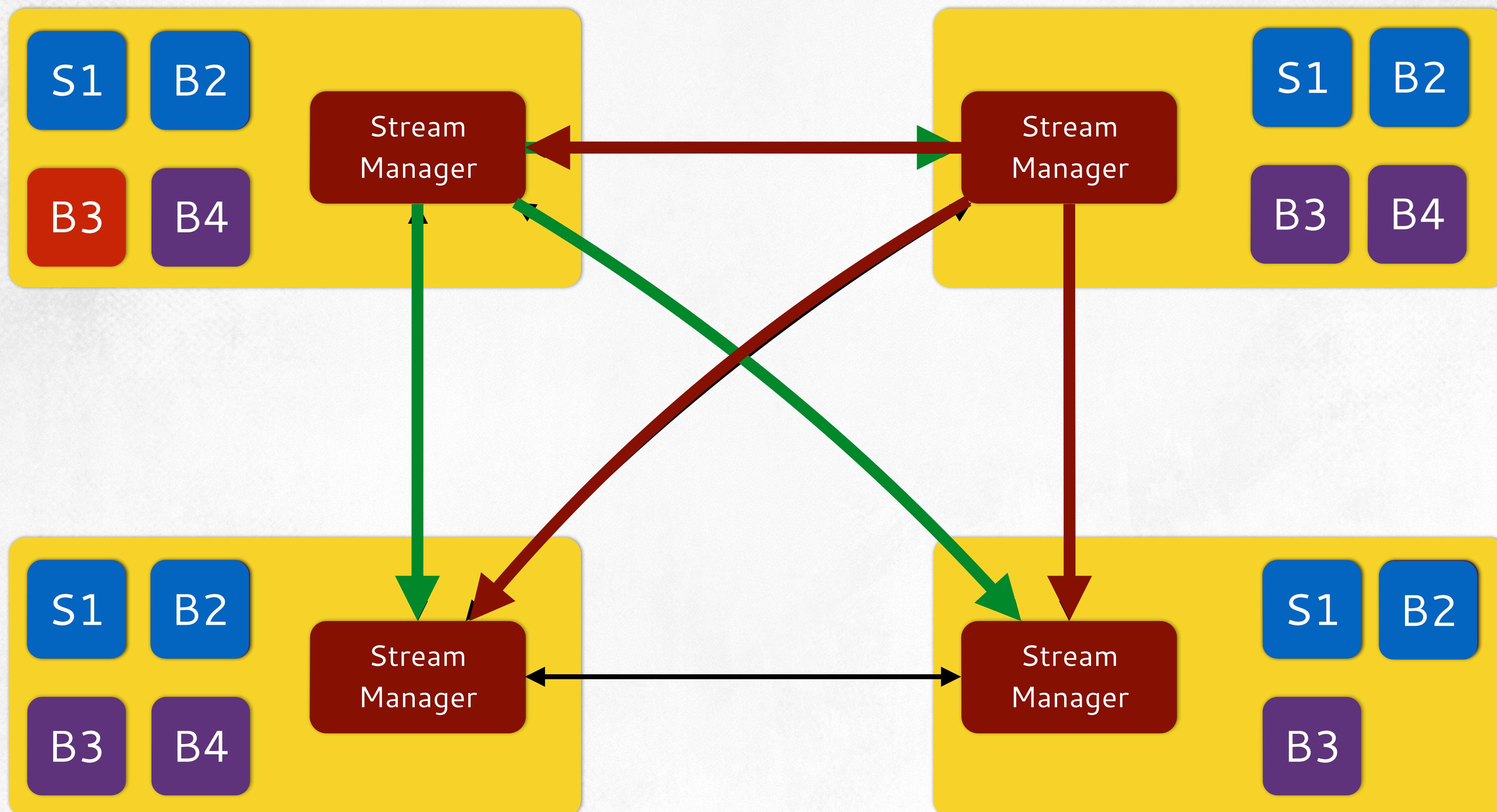
# STREAM MANAGER

## spout back pressure



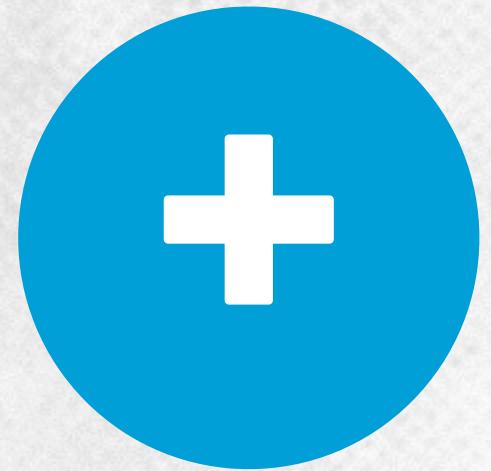
# STREAM MANAGER

stage by stage back pressure



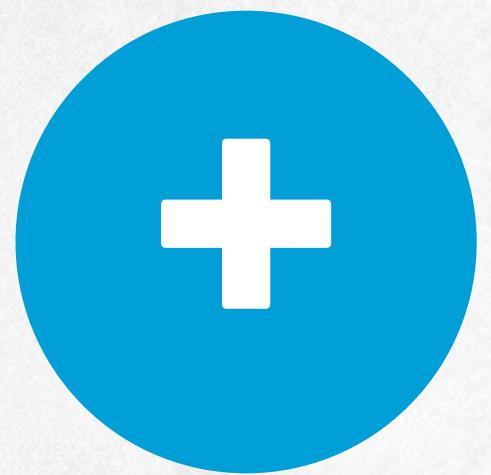
# STREAM MANAGER

## back pressure advantages



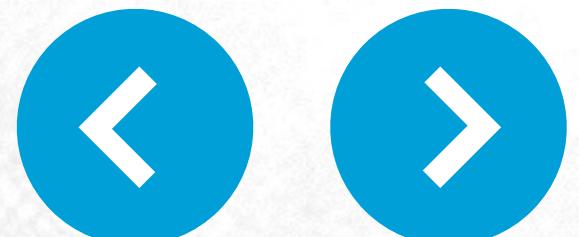
### PREDICTABILITY

Tuple failures are more deterministic



### SELF ADJUSTS

Topology goes as fast as the slowest component



# HERON INSTANCE

Does the real work!



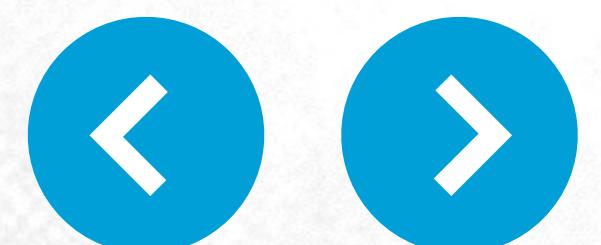
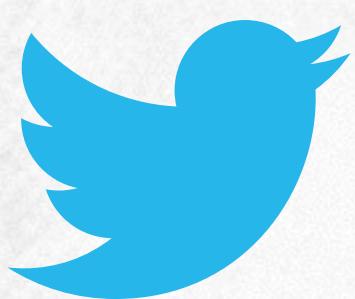
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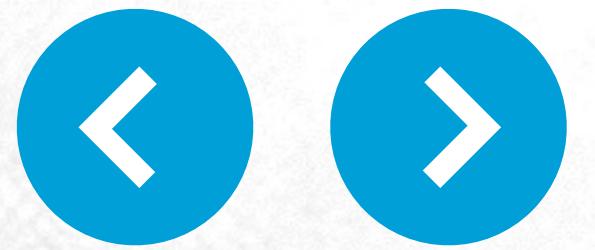
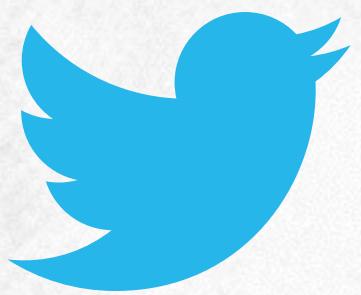
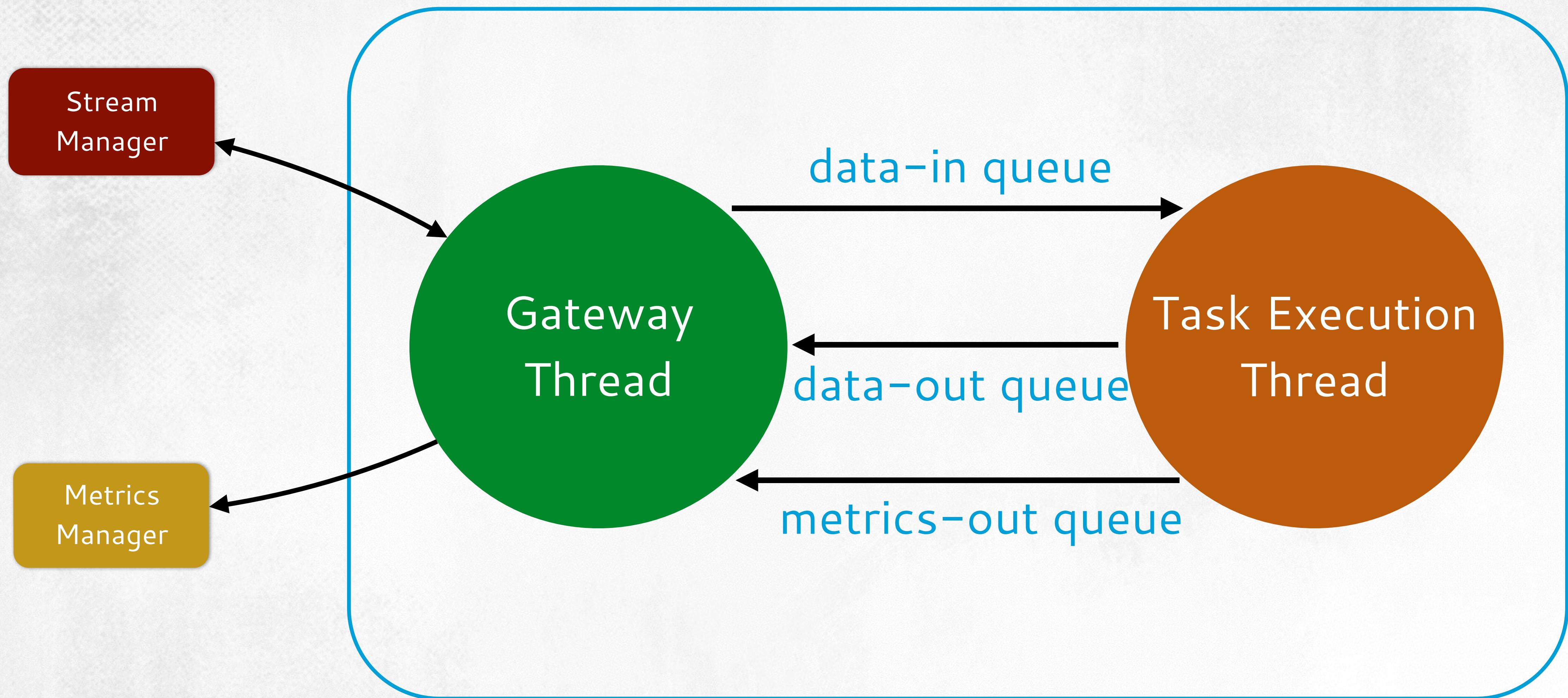
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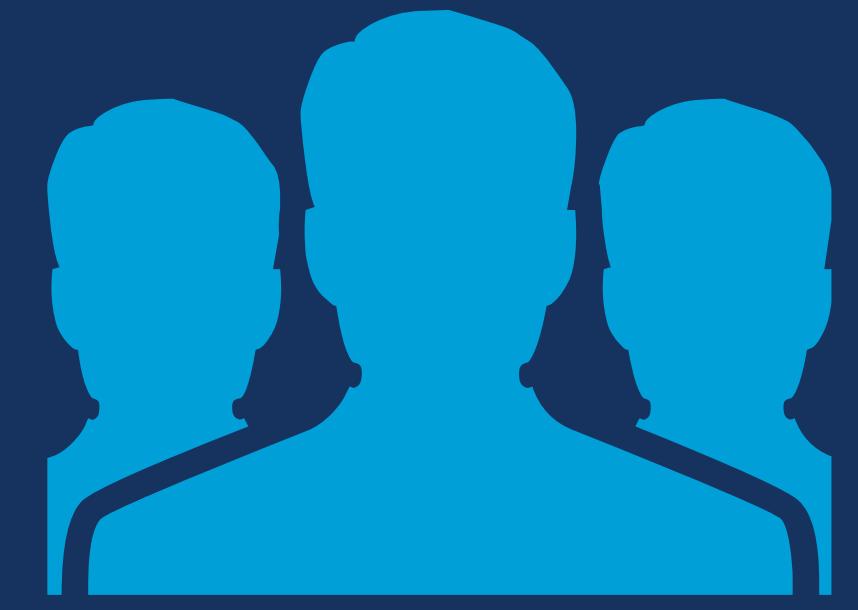


COLLECTS  
METRICS



# HERON INSTANCE

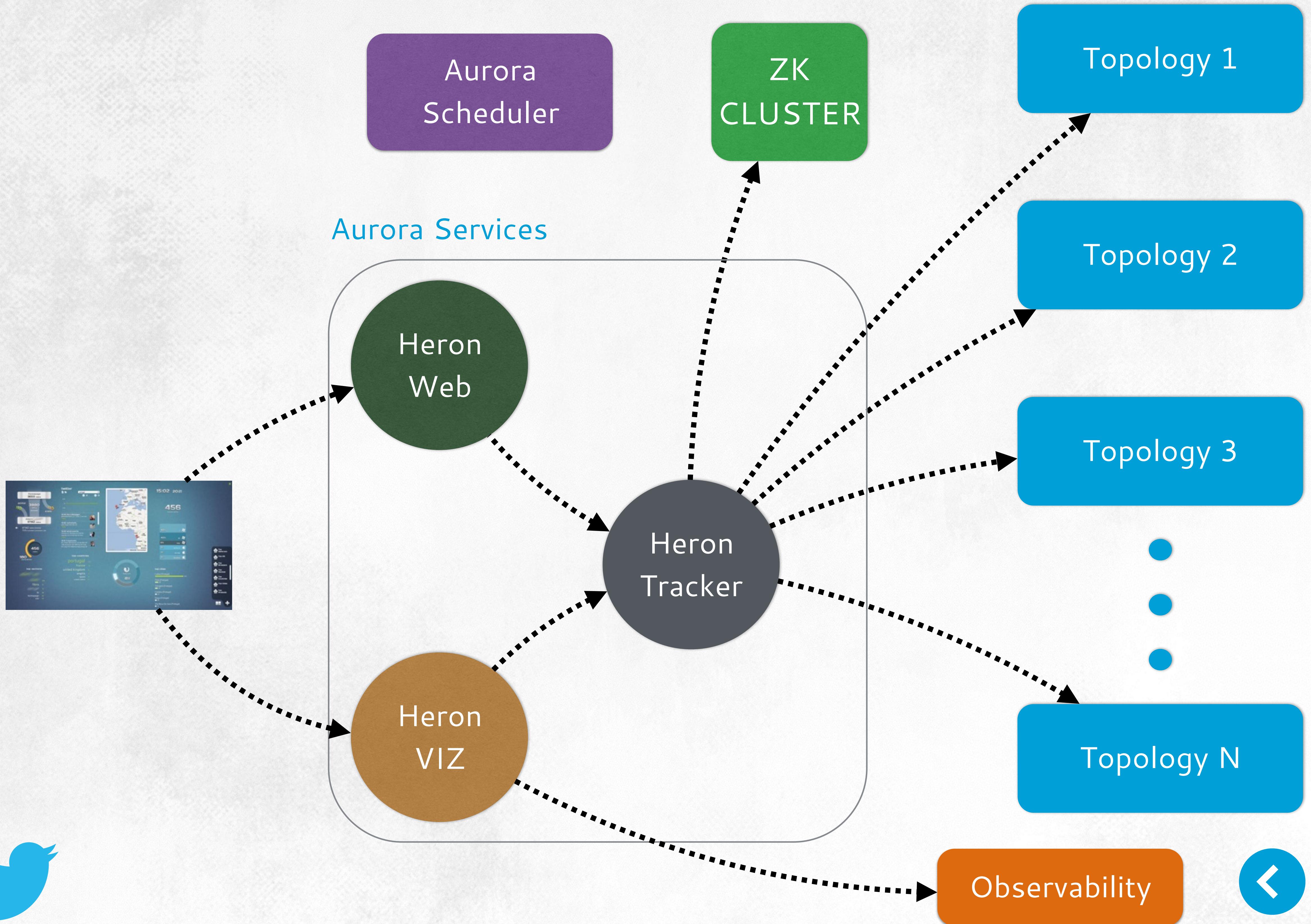




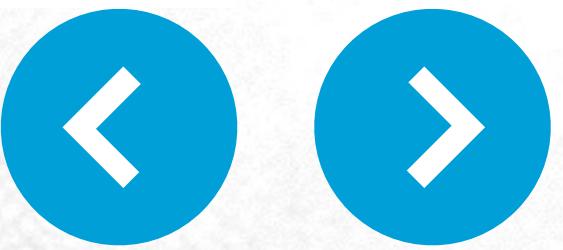
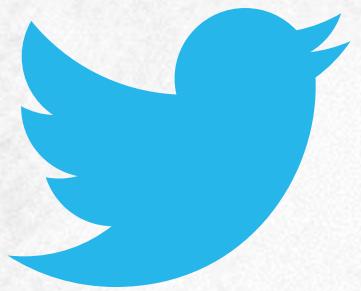
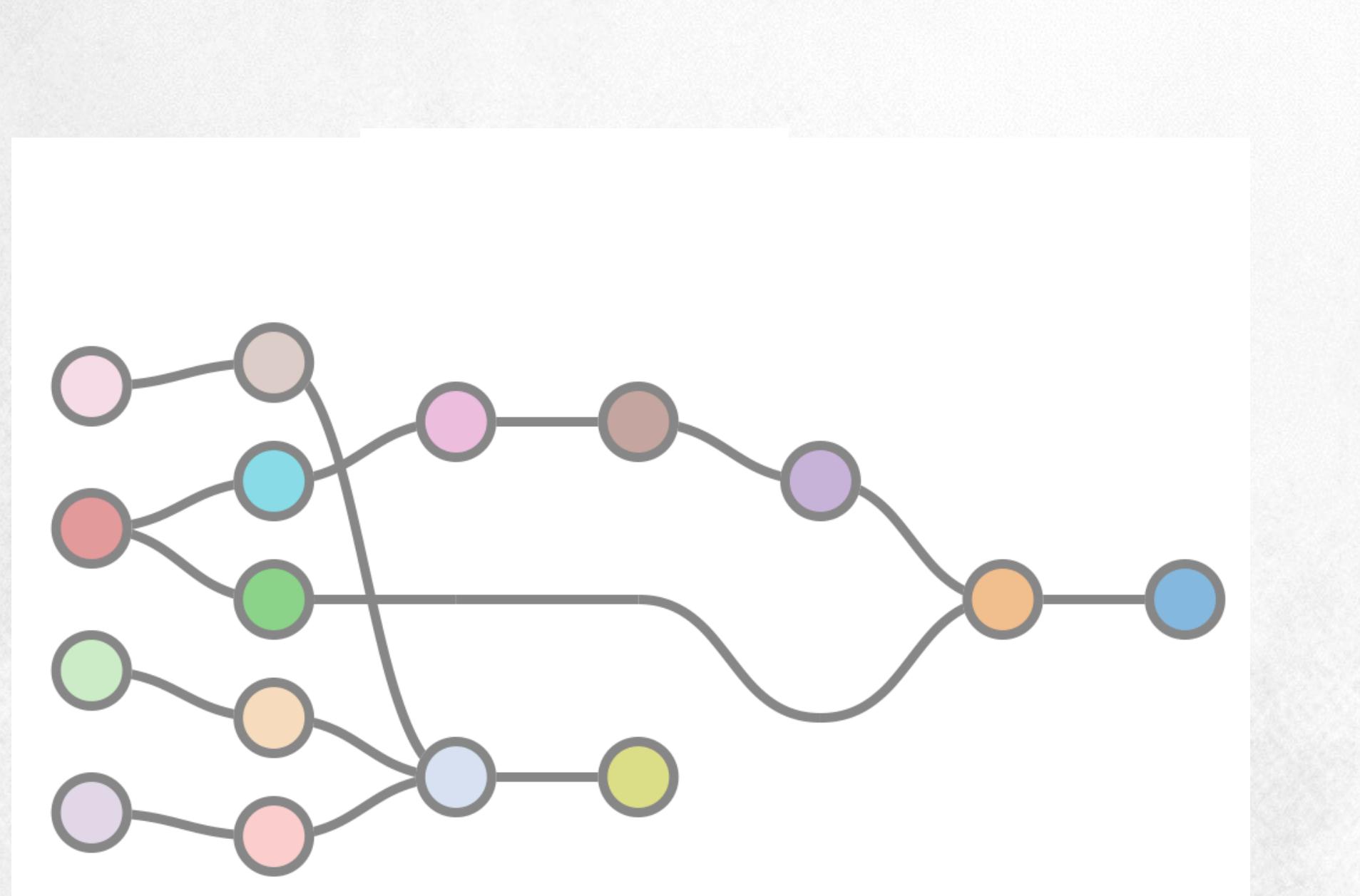
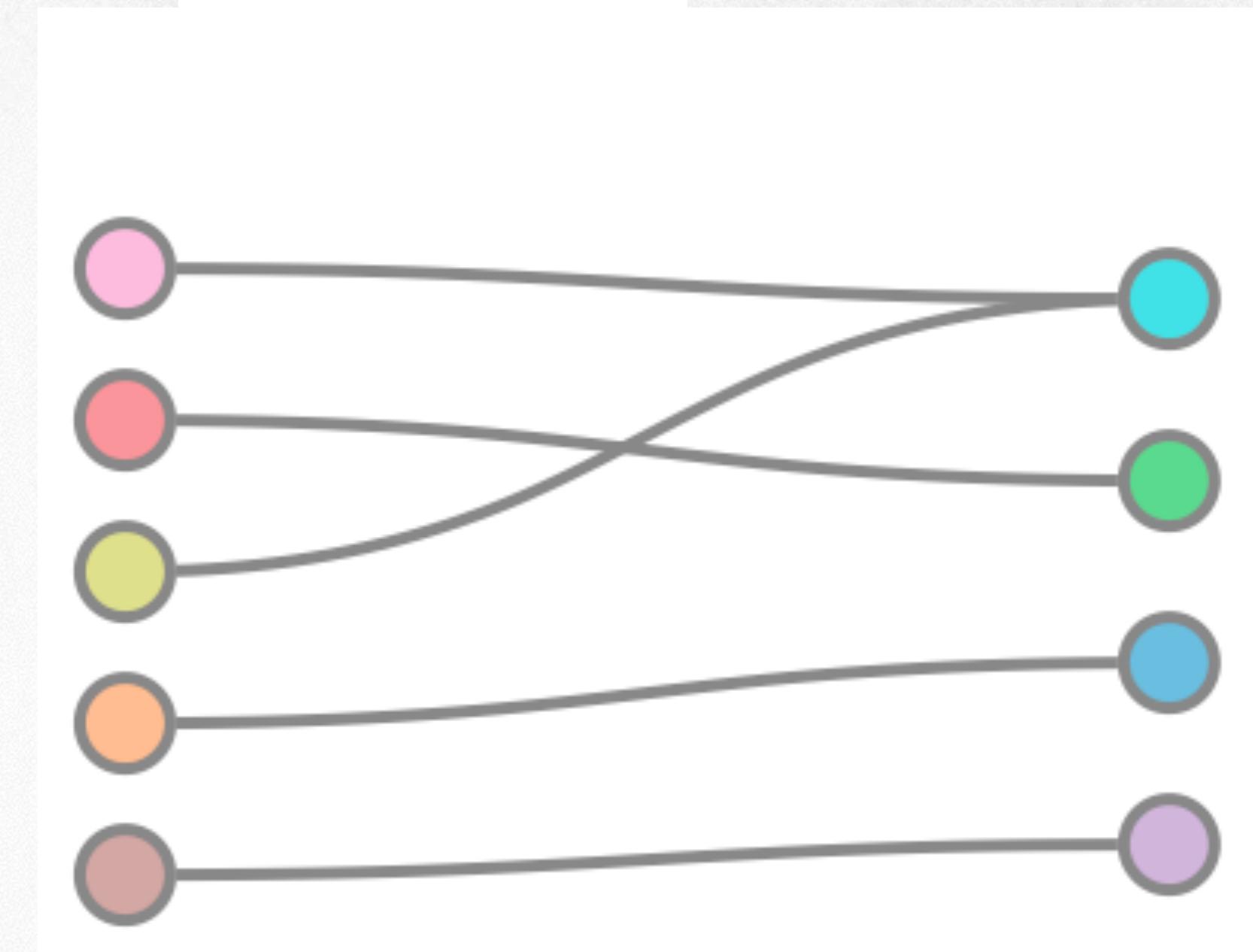
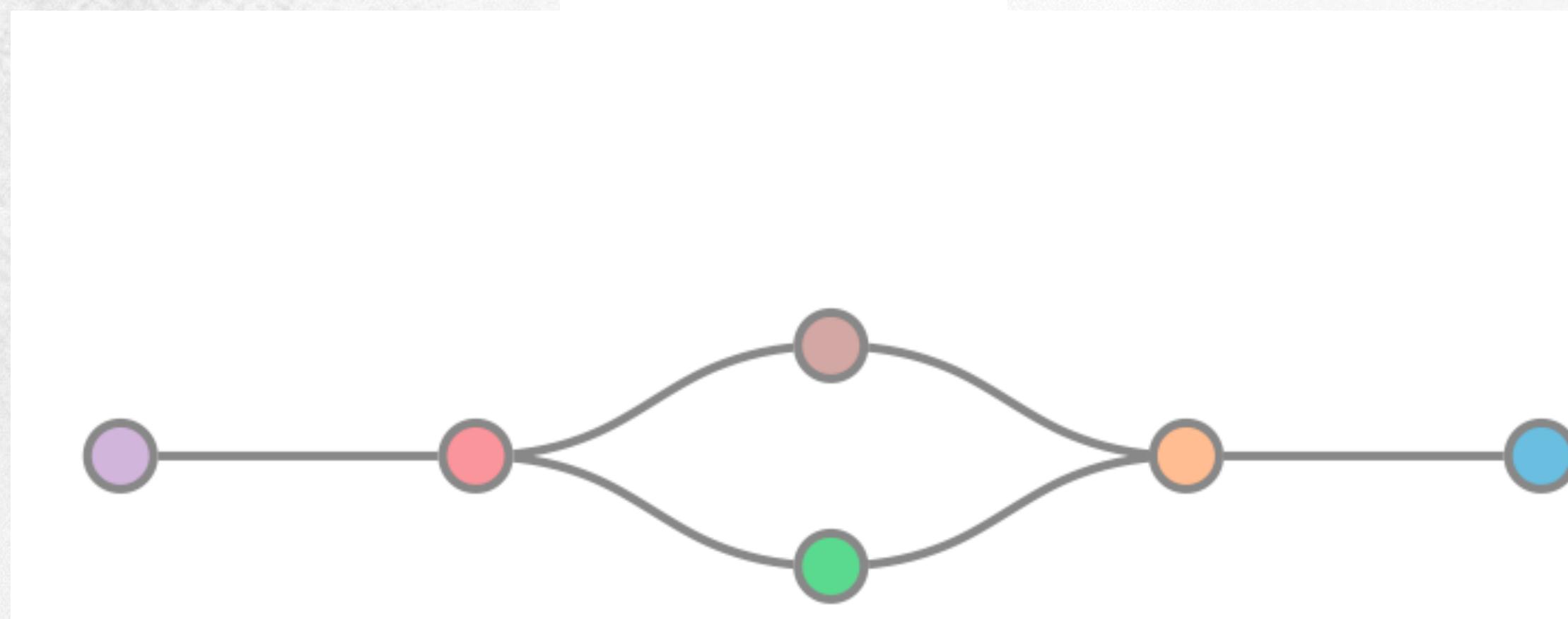
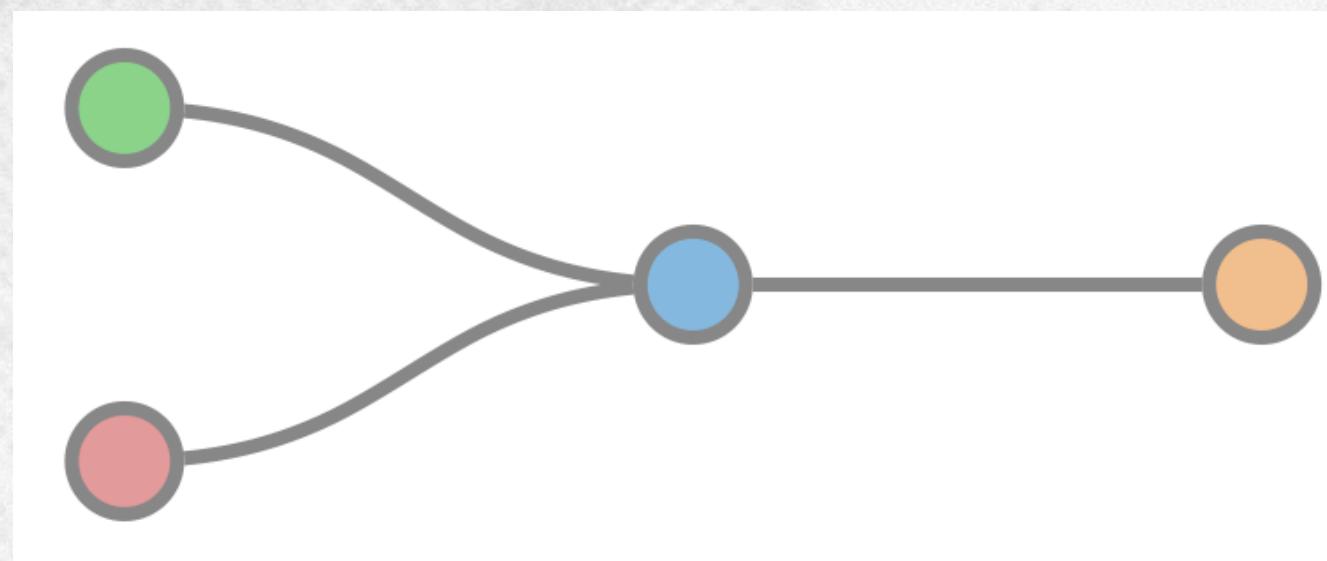
# OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES



# HERON DEPLOYMENT

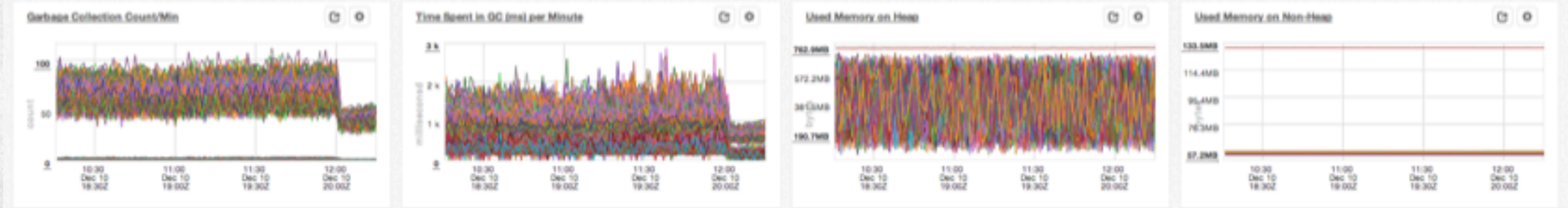


# HERON SAMPLE TOPOLOGIES

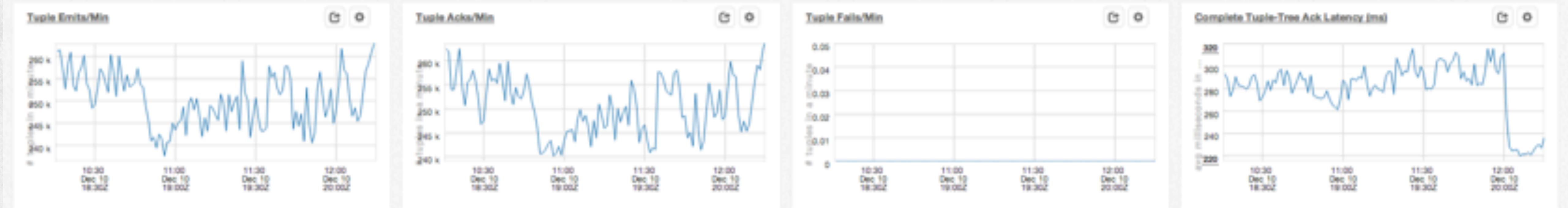


# SAMPLE TOPOLOGY DASHBOARD

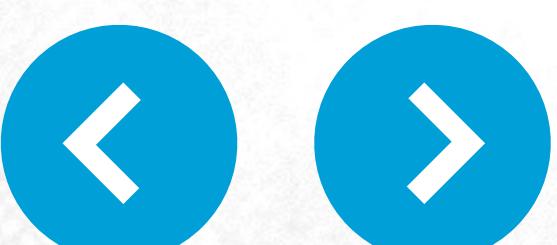
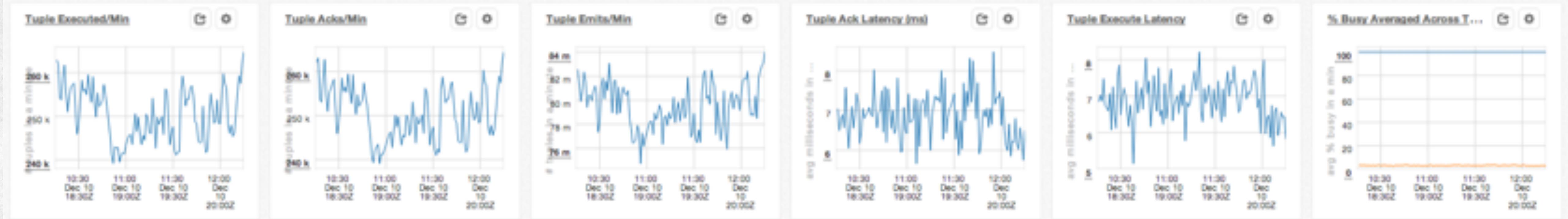
Workers (aka JVM Processes)



Spout: Tail-FlatMap-Source



Bolt: Tail-FlatMap



# HERON @TWITTER

STORM is decommissioned

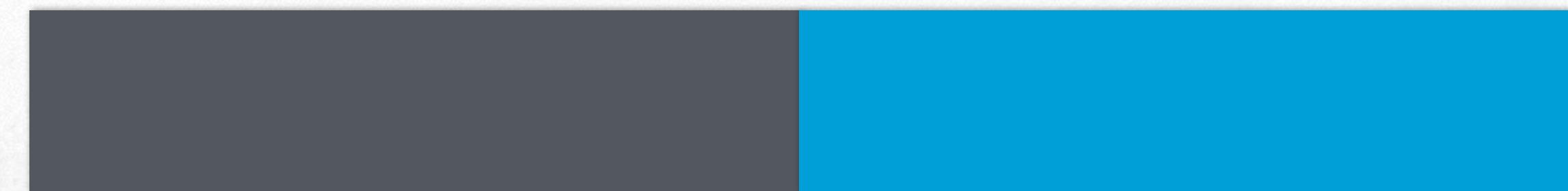
Large amount of data  
produced every day

Large cluster

Several topologies  
deployed

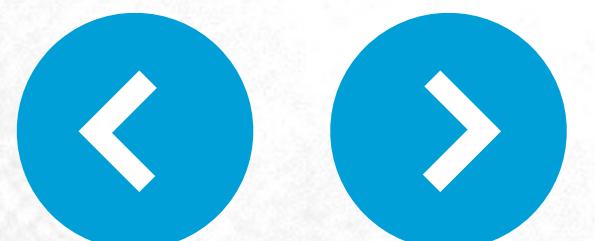
Several billion  
messages every day

1 stage



10 stages

3x reduction in cores and memory





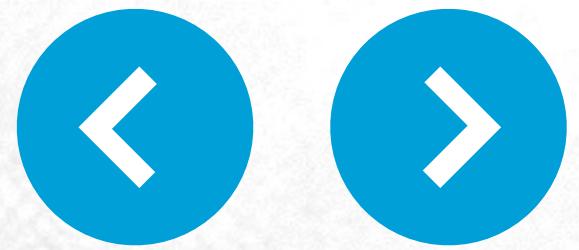
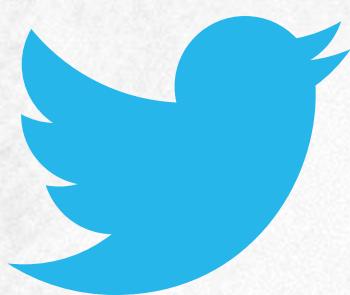
HERON  
PERFORMANCE



# HERON PERFORMANCE

## Settings

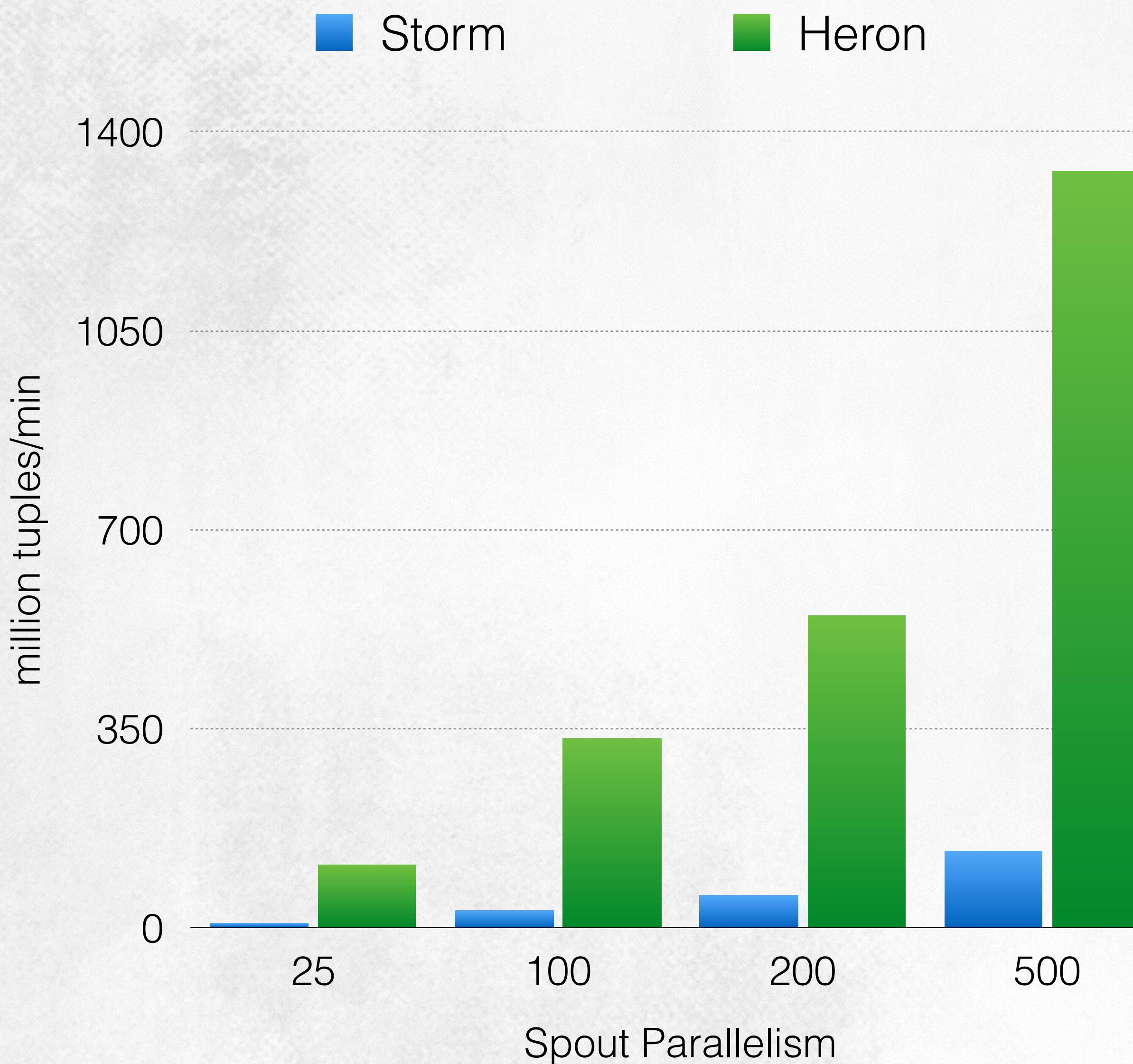
COMPONENTS	EXPT #1	EXPT #2	EXPT #3	EXPT #4
Spout	25	100	200	300
Bolt	25	100	200	300
# Heron containers	25	100	200	300
# Storm workers	25	100	200	300



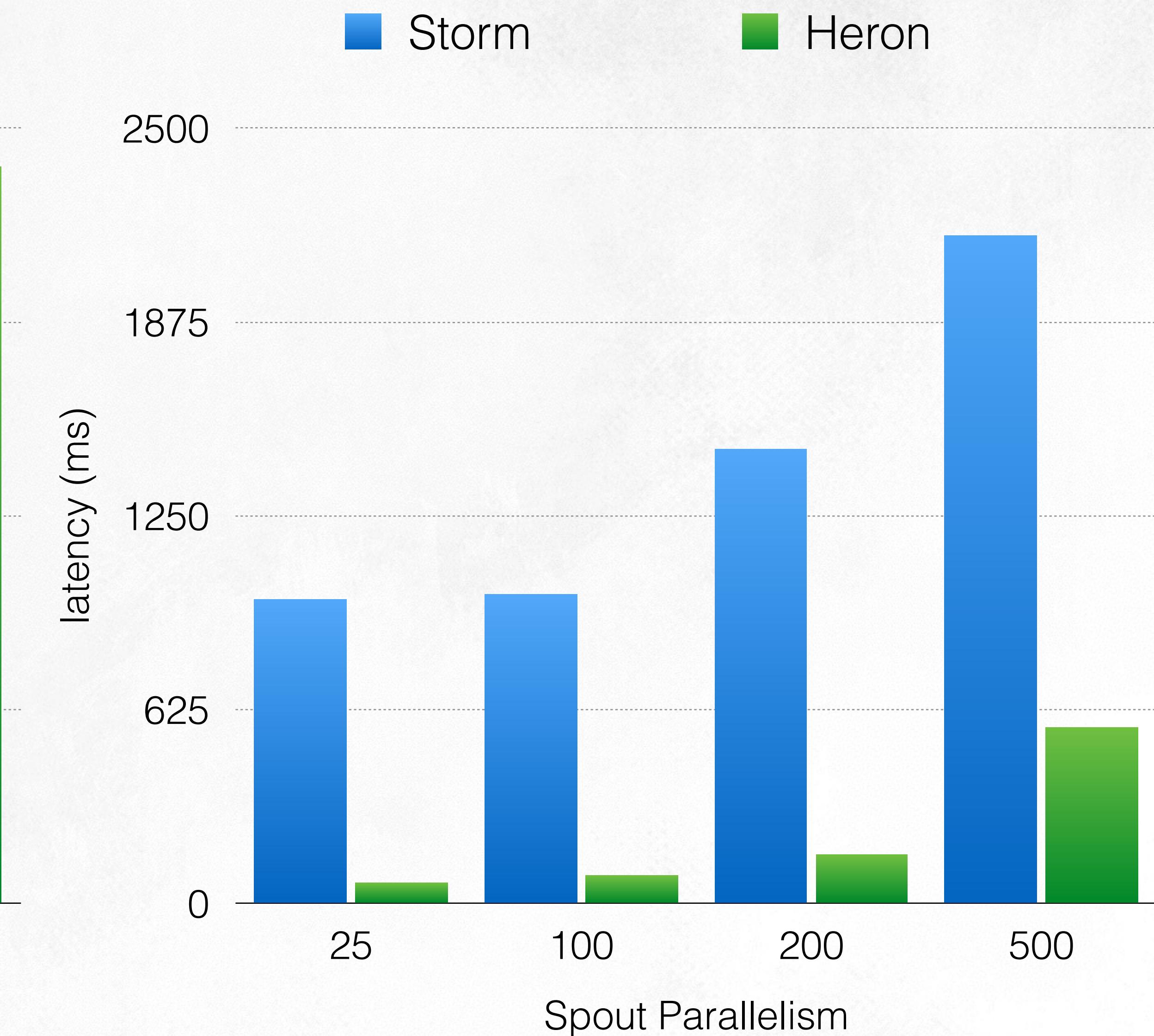
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Word count topology – Acknowledgements enabled

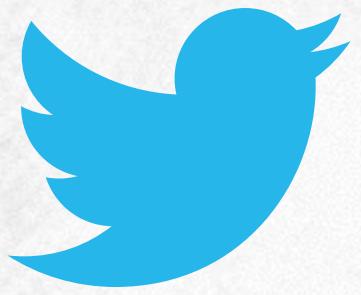
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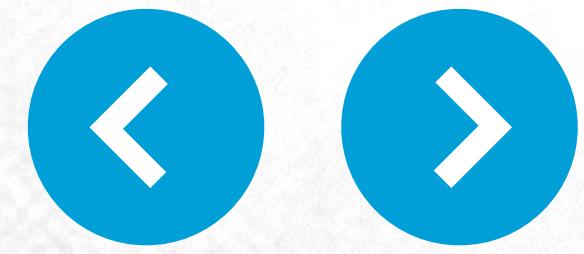
Latency



10-14x



5-15x

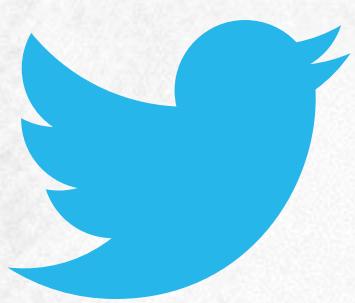
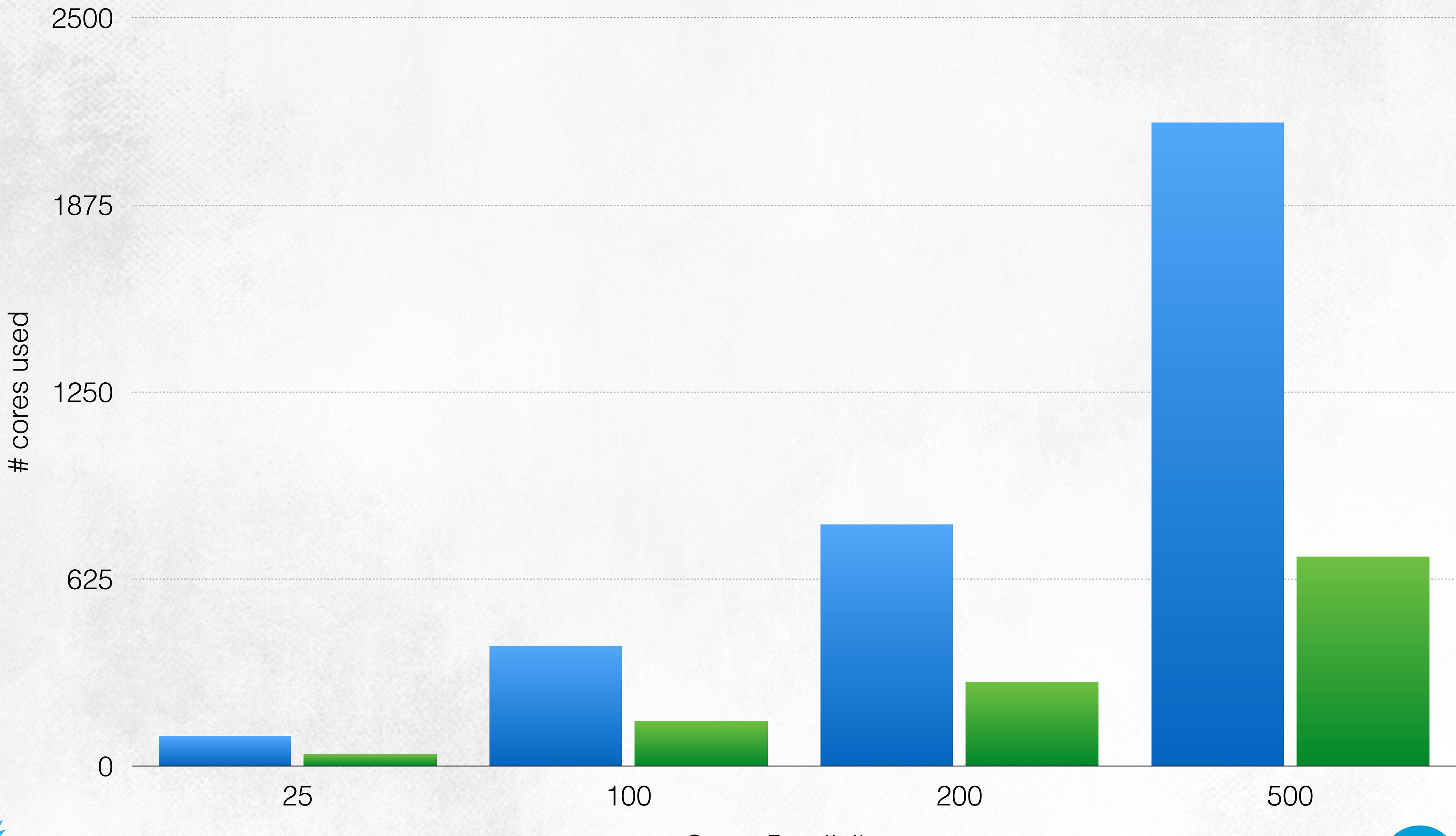


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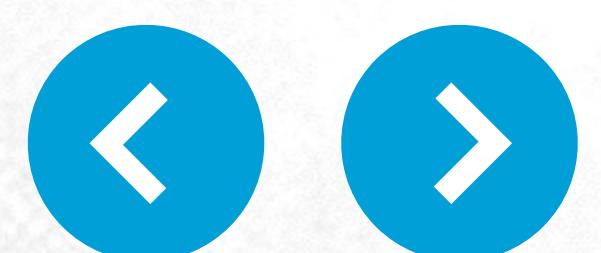
Word count topology – CPU usage

■ Storm

■ Heron

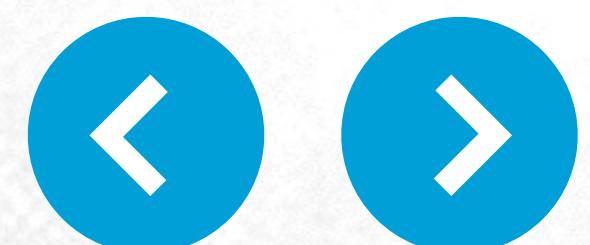
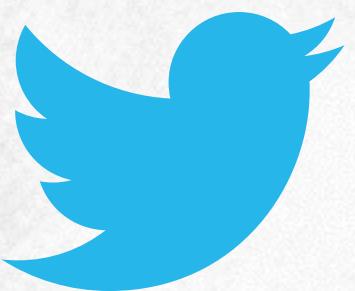
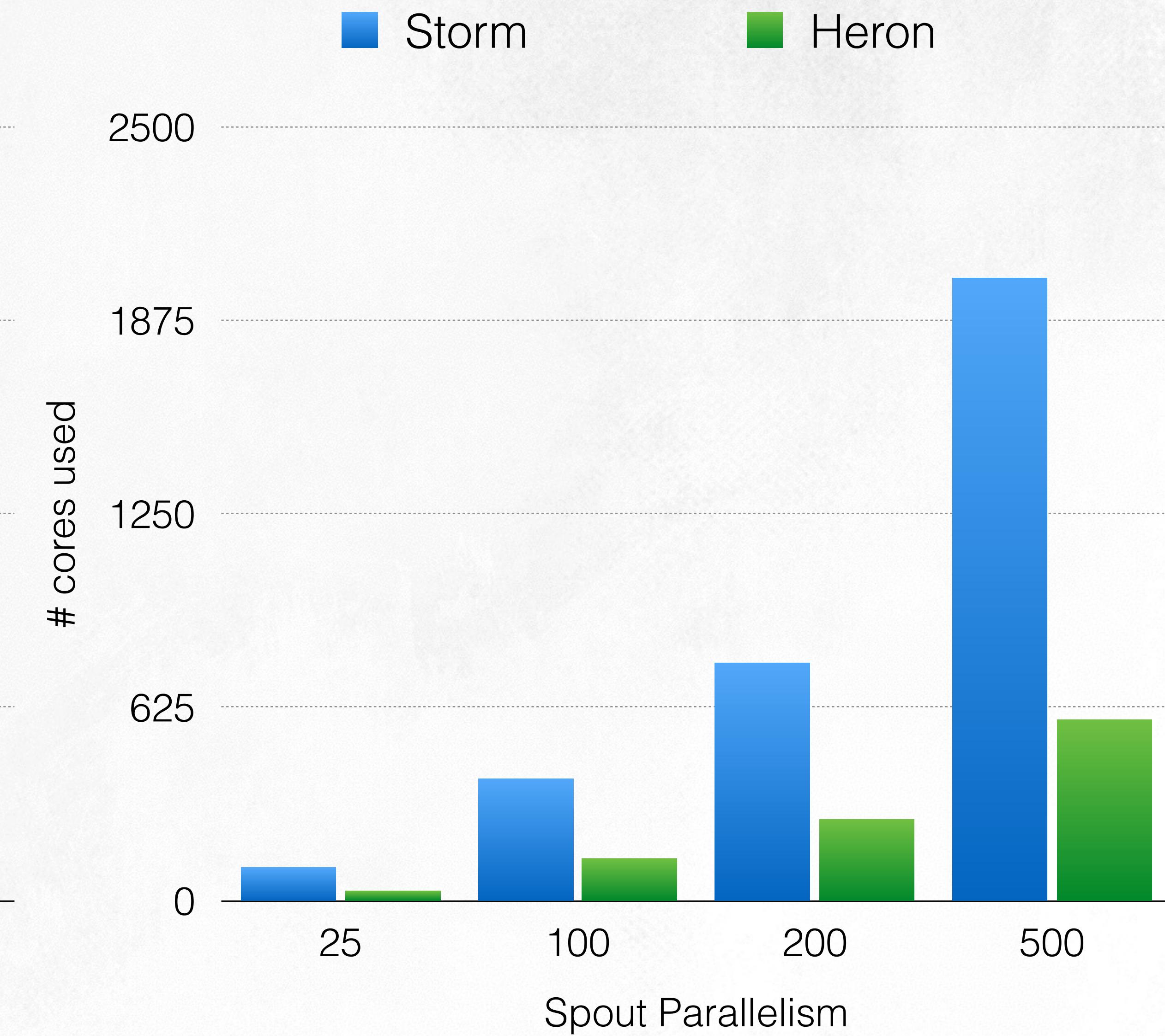
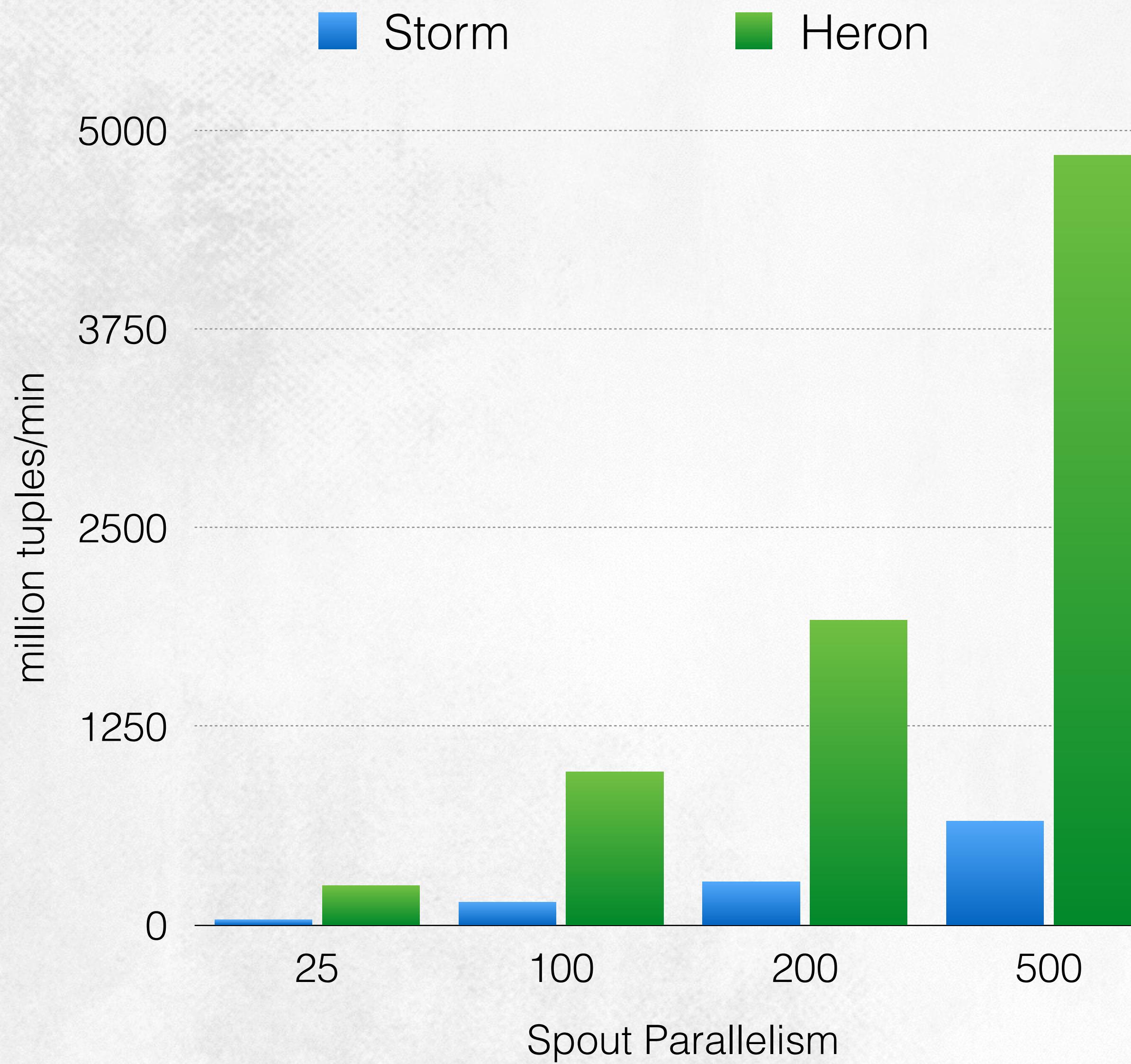


2-3x



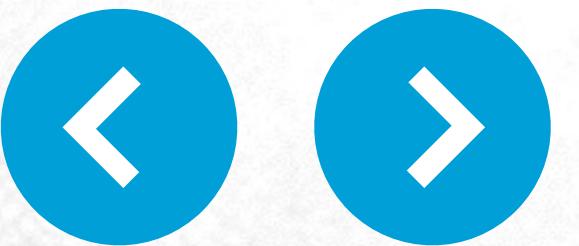
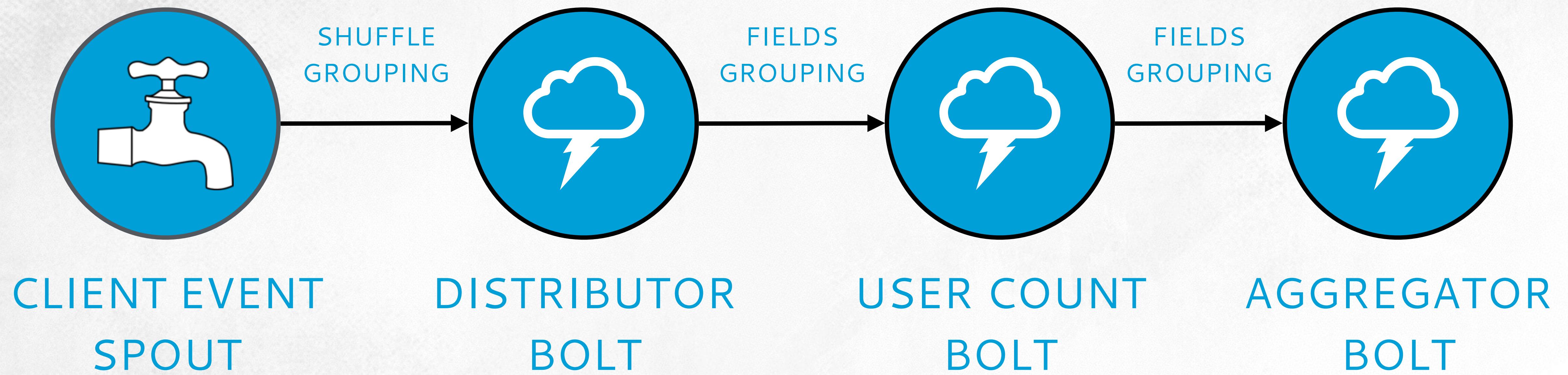
# HERON PERFORMANCE

Throughput and CPU usage with no acknowledgements – Word count topology



# HERON EXPERIMENT

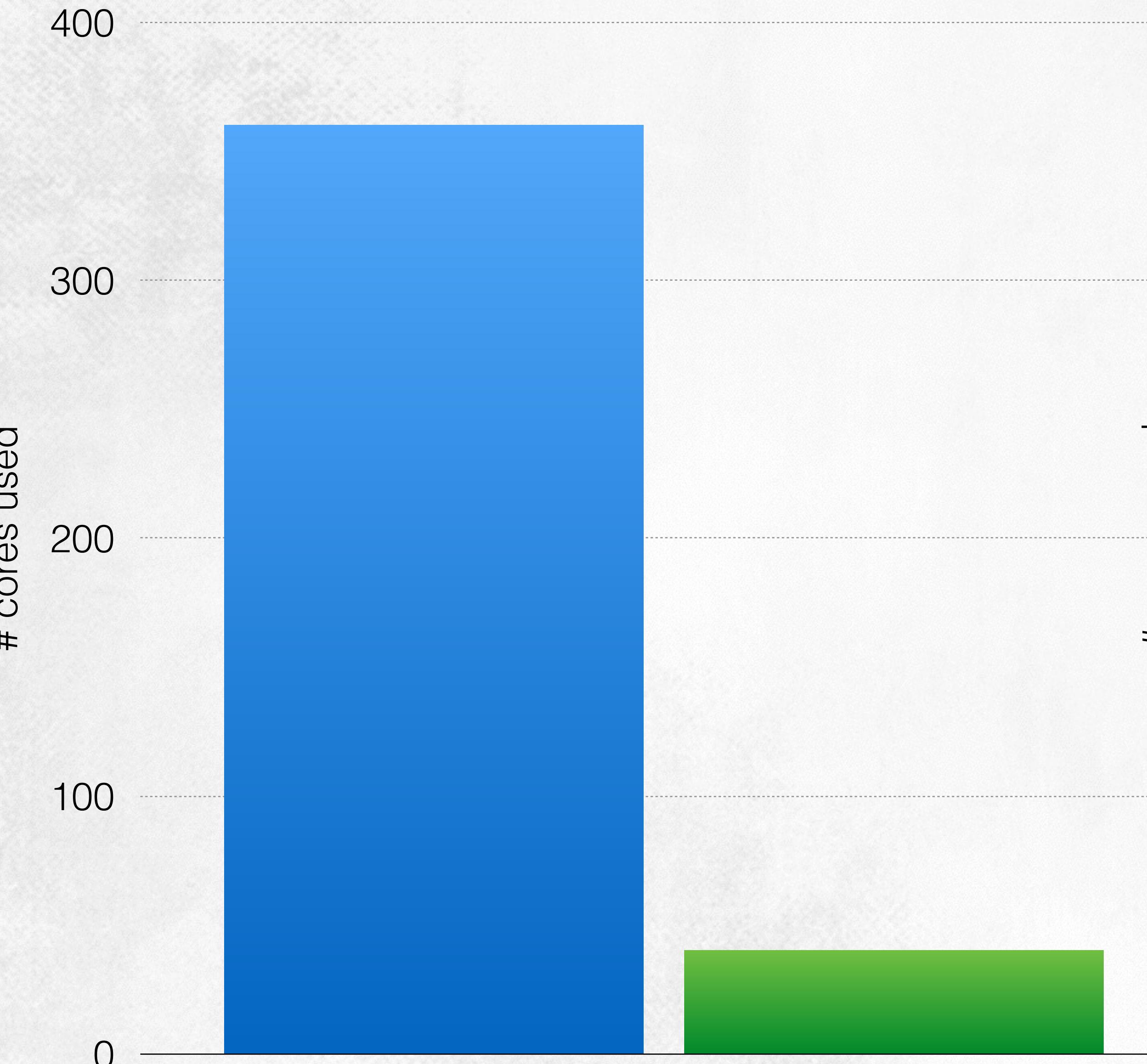
RTAC topology



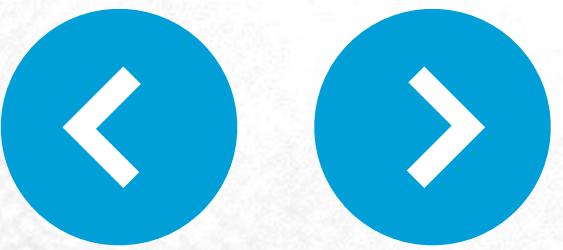
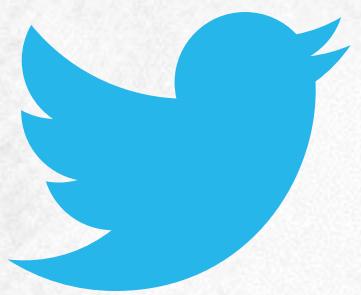
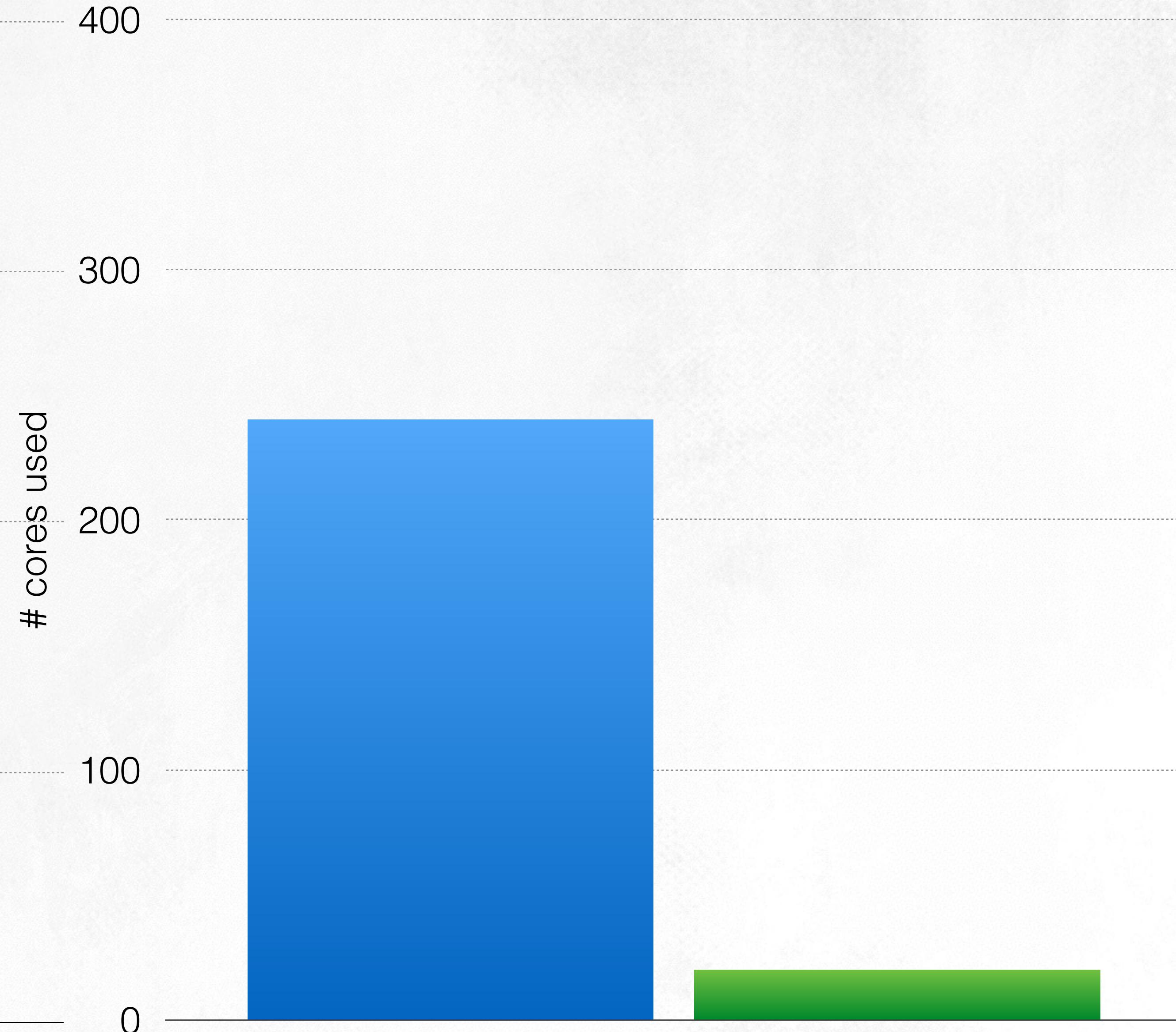
# HERON PERFORMANCE

## CPU usage – RTAC Topology

■ Storm      ■ Heron  
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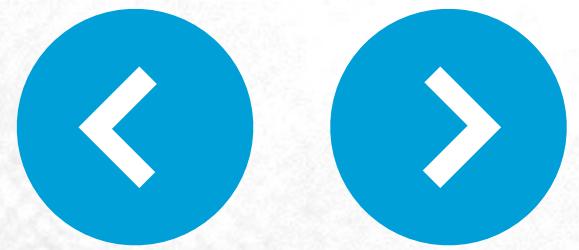
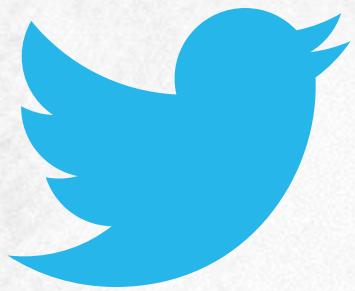
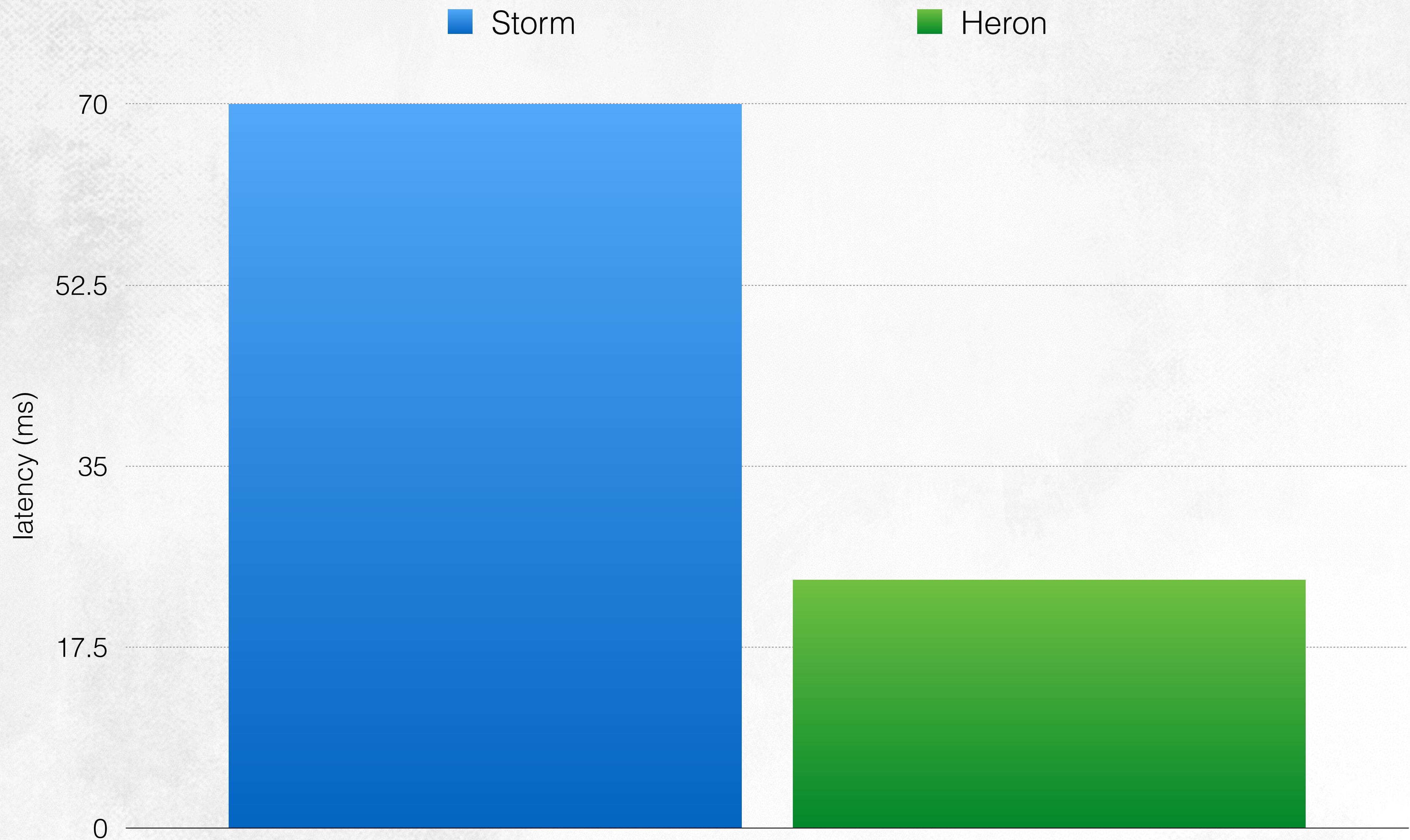


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No acknowledgements



# HERON PERFORMANCE

Latency with acknowledgements enabled - RTAC Topology



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## Twitter Heron: Stream Processing at Scale

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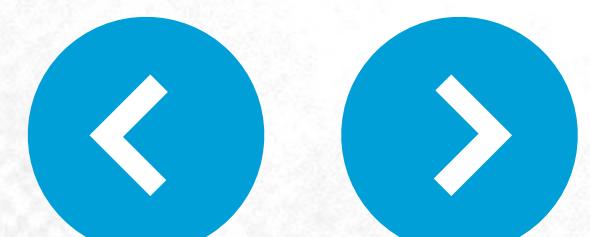
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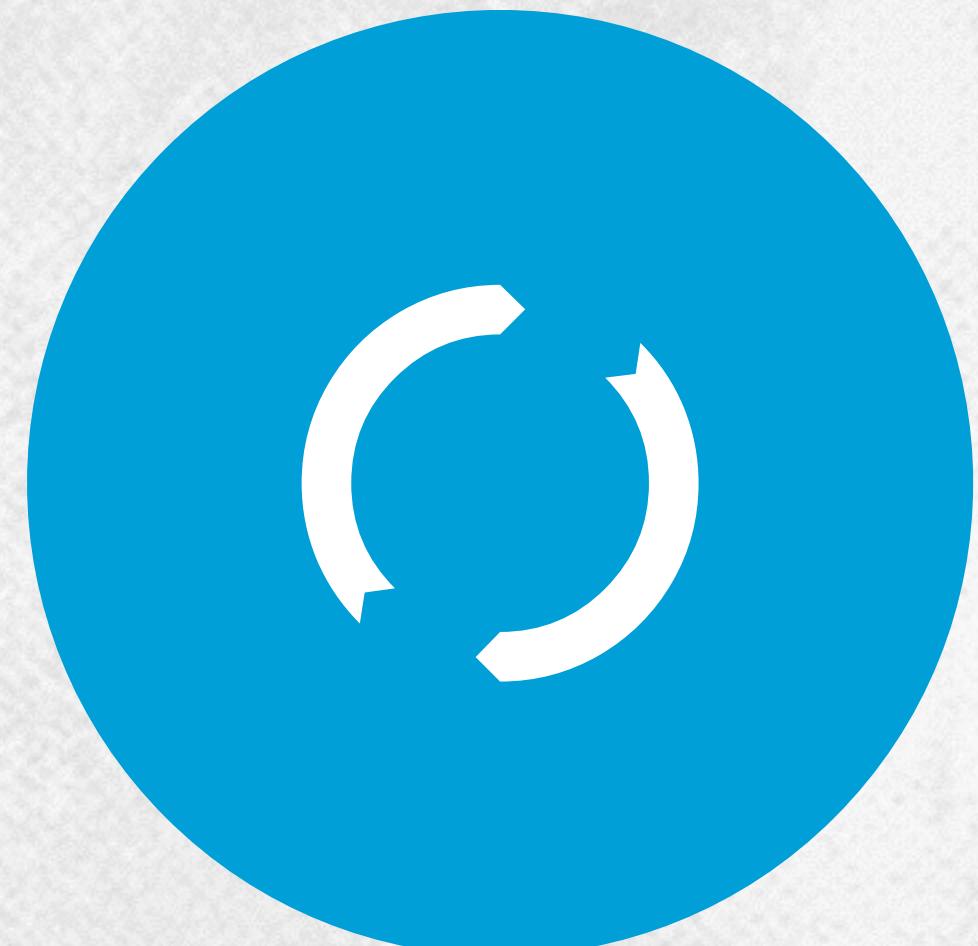
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# CONCLUSION



## SIMPLIFIED ARCHITECTURE

Easy to debug, profile and support



## HIGH PERFORMANCE

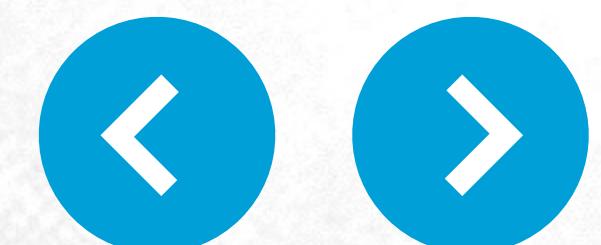
7–10x increase in throughput

5–10x improvement in latency



## EFFICIENCY

3–5x decrease in resource usage



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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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