



# Big Data Architectural Patterns and Best Practices on AWS

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# Agenda

Big data challenges

How to simplify big data processing

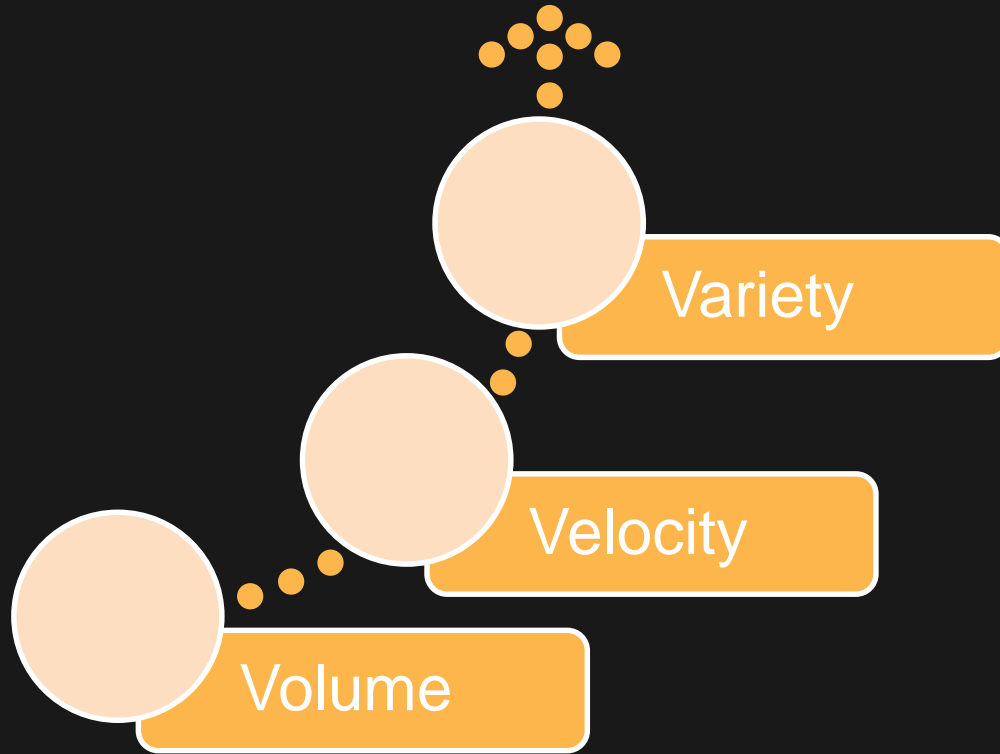
What technologies should you use?

- Why?
- How?

Reference architecture

Design patterns

# Ever Increasing Big Data



# Big Data Evolution

Batch  
processing



Stream  
processing



Machine  
learning



# Plethora of Tools



EMR



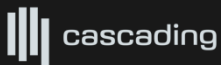
S3



DynamoDB



SQS



Amazon  
Redshift



Amazon  
Glacier



RDS



ElastiCache



Amazon  
Kinesis



Kinesis-enabled  
app



Data Pipeline



Amazon Elasticsearch  
Service



logstash



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Interactive Computing



Lambda



ML



DynamoDB  
Streams

# Big Data Challenges



Is there a reference architecture?

What tools should I use?

How?

Why?

# Architectural Principles

## Decoupled “data bus”

- Data → Store → Process → Store → Analyze → Answers

## Use the right tool for the job

- Data structure, latency, throughput, access patterns

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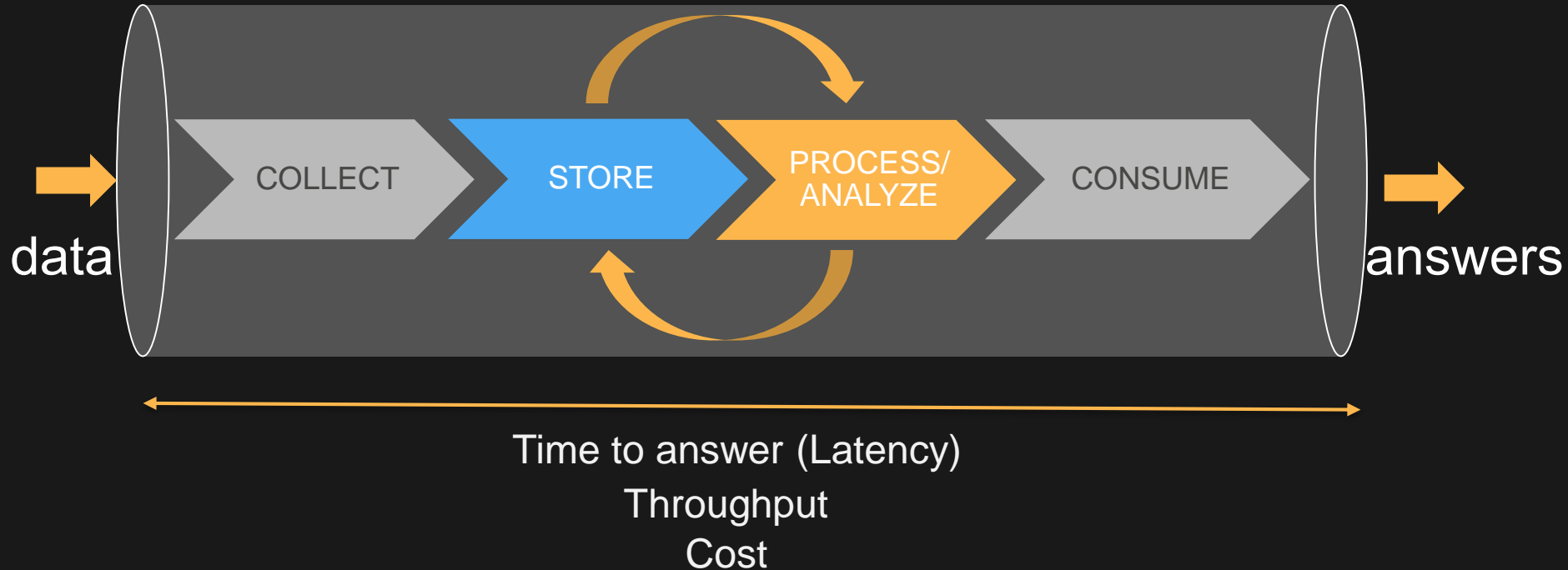
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## Big data ≠ big cost

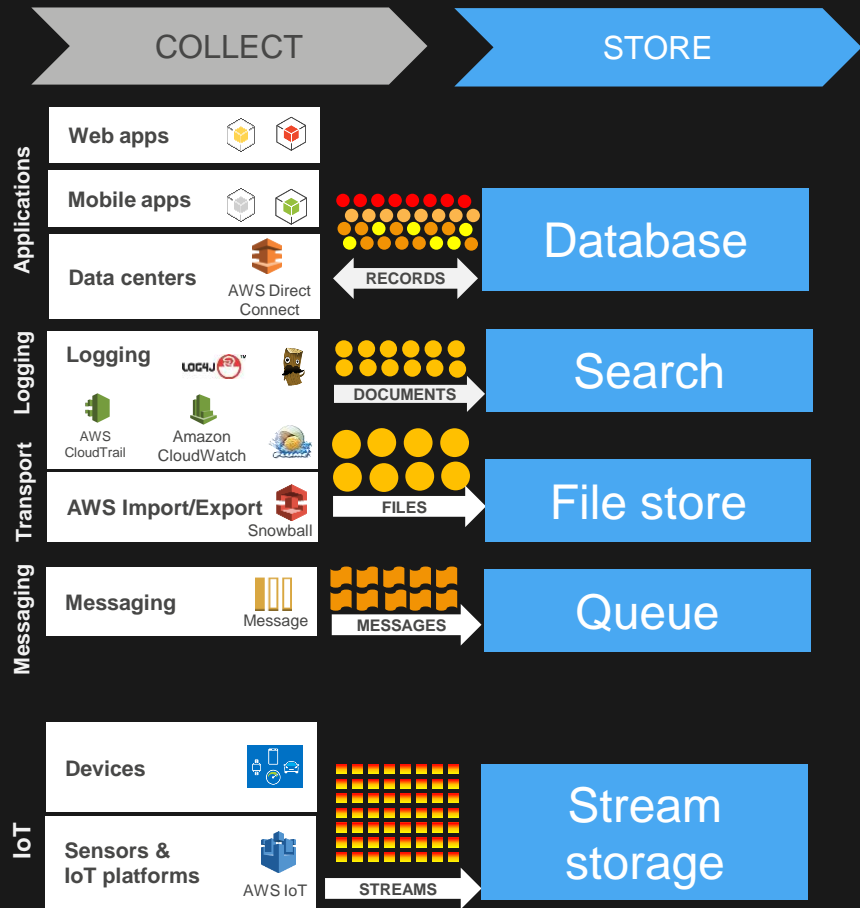
# Simplify Big Data Processing







COLLECT



# Types of Data

Database records

Search documents

Log files

Messaging events

Devices / sensors / IoT stream

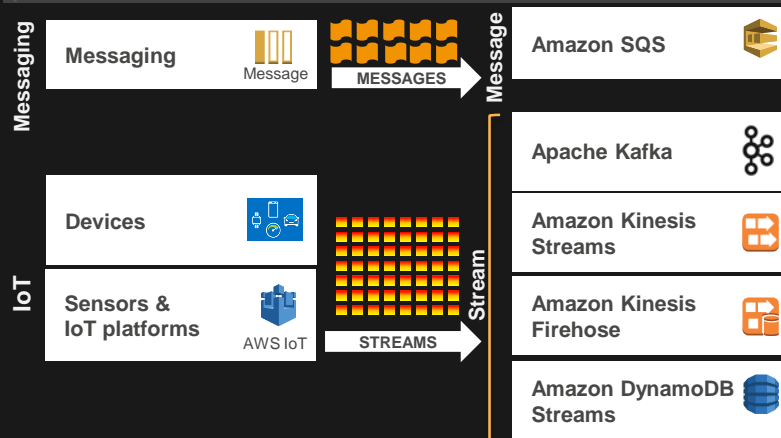
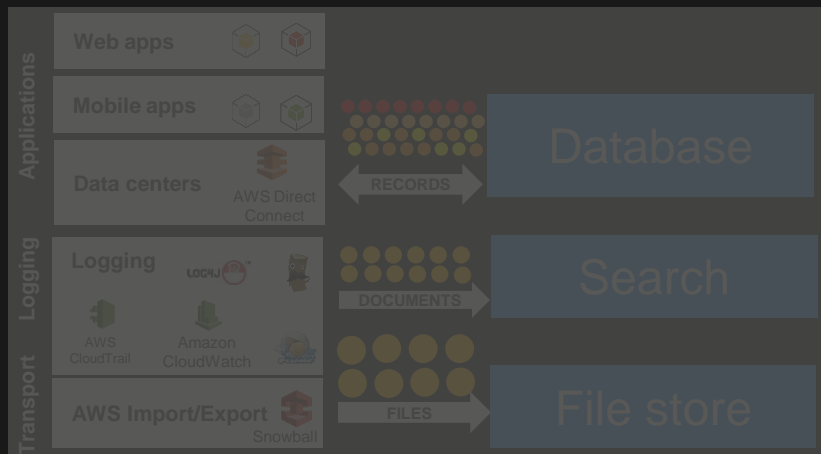


Store

COLLECT

STORE

# Message & Stream Storage



## Amazon SQS

- Managed message queue service

## Apache Kafka

- High throughput distributed messaging system

## Amazon Kinesis Streams

- Managed stream storage + processing

## Amazon Kinesis Firehose

- Managed data delivery

## Amazon DynamoDB

- Managed NoSQL database
- Tables can be stream-enabled

# Why Stream Storage?

Decouple producers & consumers

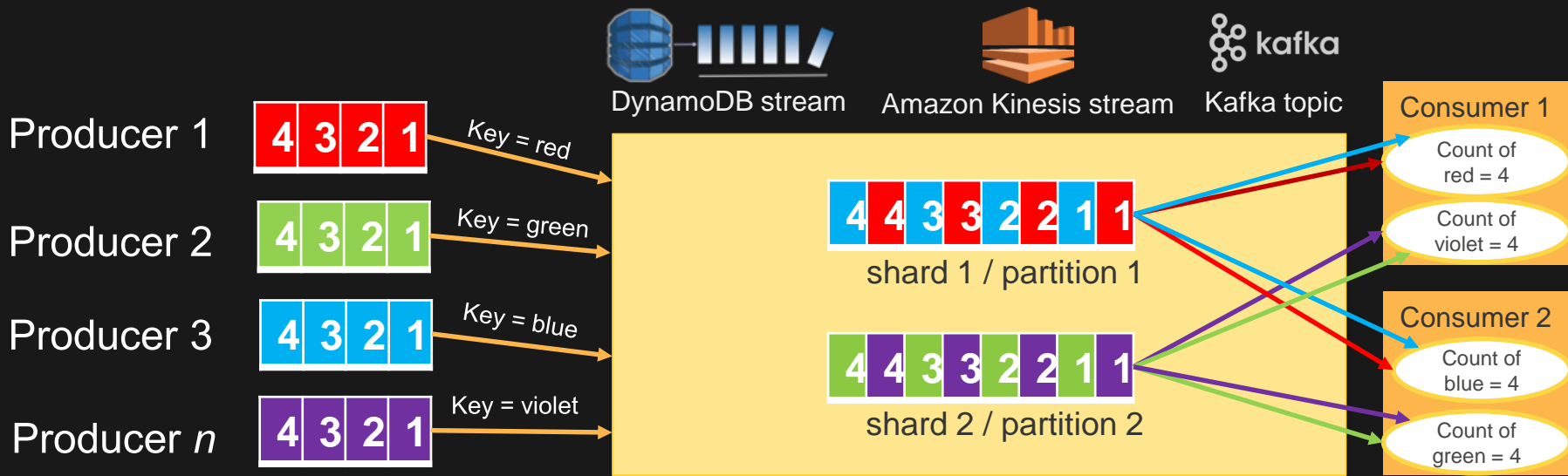
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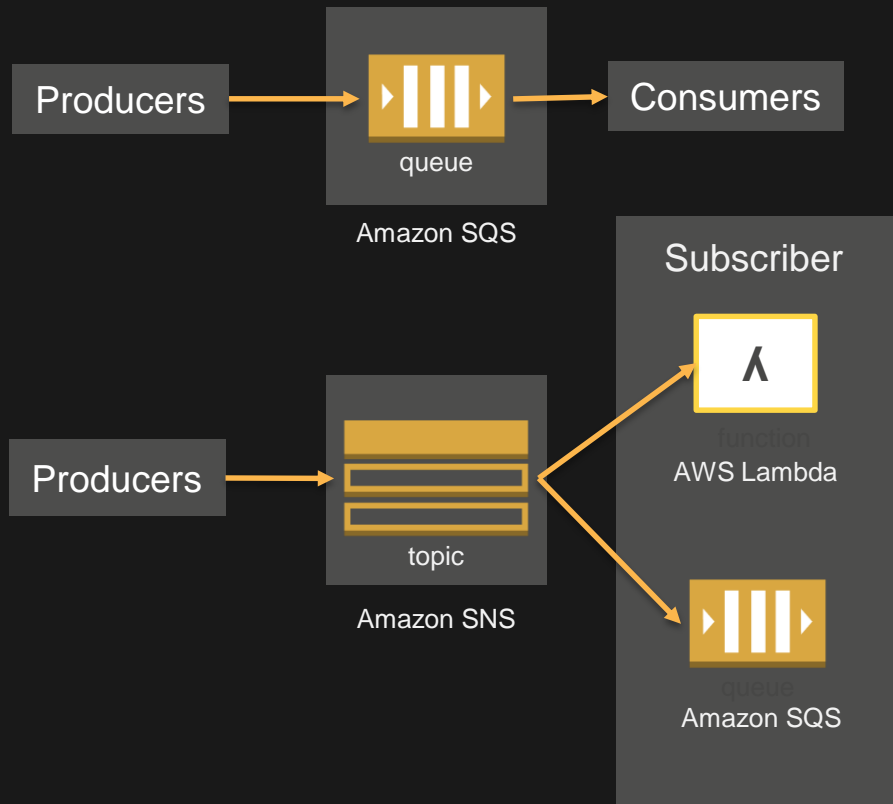
Streaming MapReduce

Parallel consumption



# What About Queues & Pub/Sub ?

- Decouple producers & consumers/subscribers
- Persistent buffer
- Collect multiple streams
- **No** client ordering
- **No** parallel consumption for Amazon SQS
  - Amazon SNS can route to multiple queues or  $\Lambda$  functions
- **No** streaming MapReduce



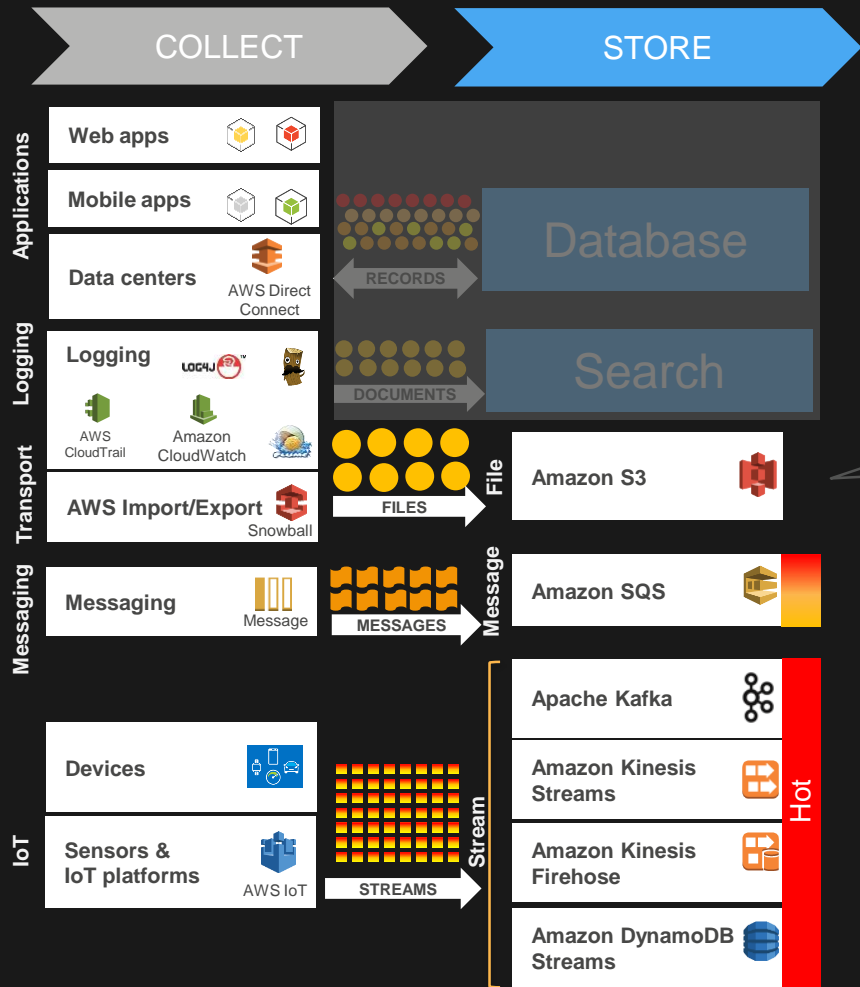
# What Stream Storage should I use?

	Amazon DynamoDB Streams	Amazon Kinesis Streams	Amazon Kinesis Firehose	Apache Kafka	Amazon SQS
AWS managed service	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Guaranteed ordering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Delivery	exactly-once	at-least-once	exactly-once	at-least-once	at-least-once
Data retention period	24 hours	7 days	N/A	Configurable	14 days
Availability	3 AZ	3 AZ	3 AZ	Configurable	3 AZ
Scale / throughput	No limit / ~ table IOPS	No limit / ~ shards	No limit / automatic	No limit / ~ nodes	No limits / automatic
Parallel clients	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Stream MapReduce	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
Row/object size	400 KB	1 MB	Destination row/object size	Configurable	256 KB
Cost	Higher (table cost)	Low	Low	Low (+admin)	Low-medium

Hot

Warm

# File Storage





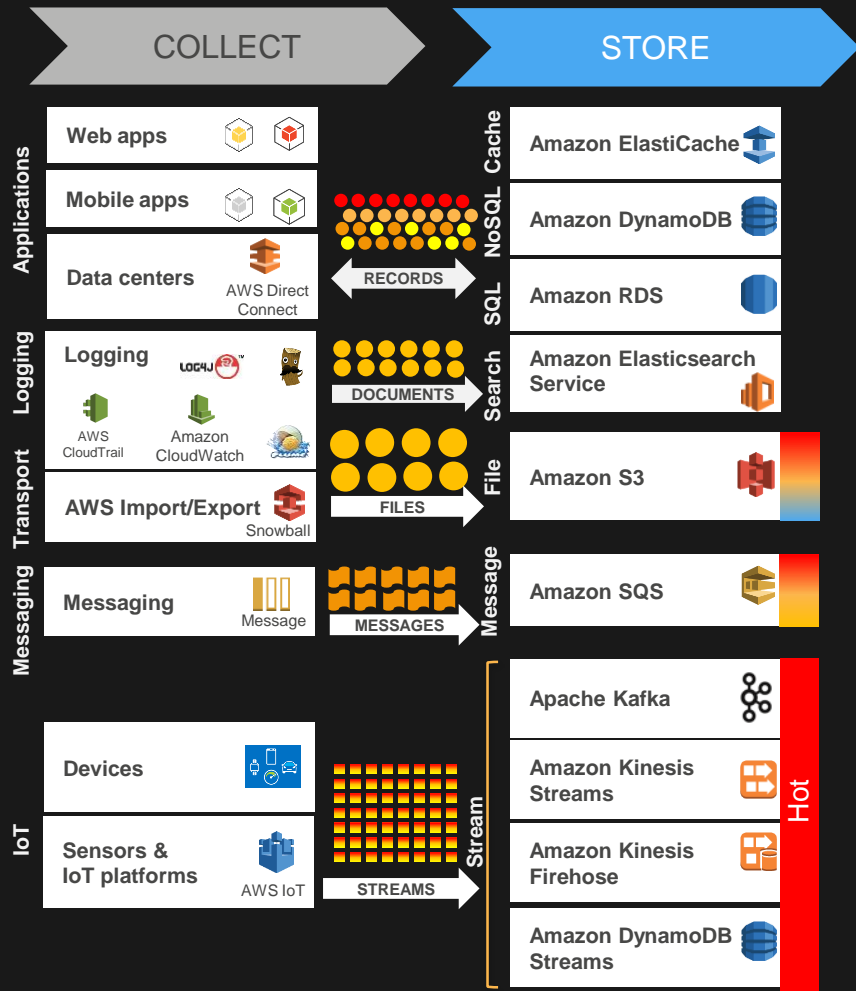
# Why is Amazon S3 Good for Big Data?

- Natively supported by big data frameworks (Spark, Hive, Presto, etc.)
- No need to run compute clusters for storage (unlike HDFS)
- Can run transient Hadoop clusters & Amazon EC2 Spot Instances
- Multiple distinct (Spark, Hive, Presto) clusters can use the same data
- Unlimited number of objects
- Very high bandwidth – no aggregate throughput limit
- Highly available – can tolerate AZ failure
- Designed for 99.999999999% durability
- Tired-storage (Standard, IA, Amazon Glacier) via life-cycle policy
- Secure – SSL, client/server-side encryption at rest
- Low cost

# What about HDFS & Amazon Glacier?

- Use HDFS for very frequently accessed (hot) data
- Use Amazon S3 Standard for frequently accessed data
- Use Amazon S3 Standard – IA for infrequently accessed data
- Use Amazon Glacier for archiving cold data





Cache, database, search

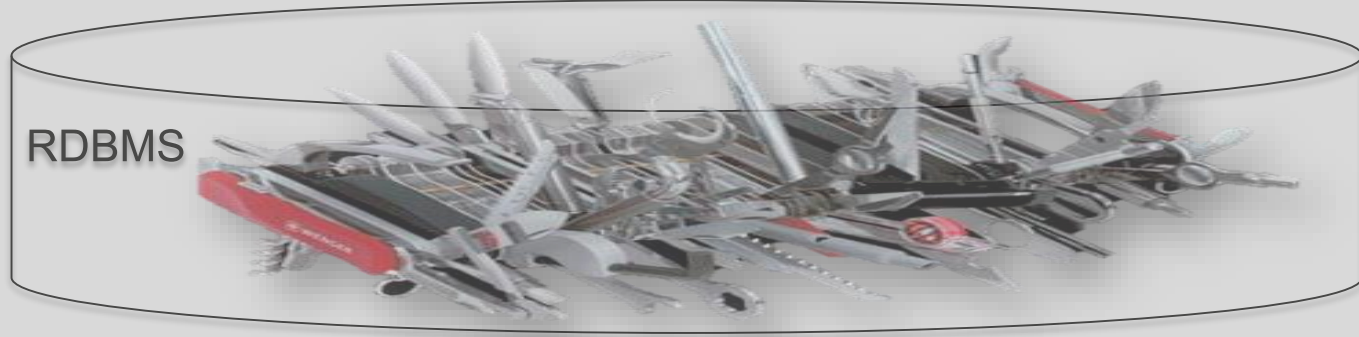
# Database Anti-pattern

Applications

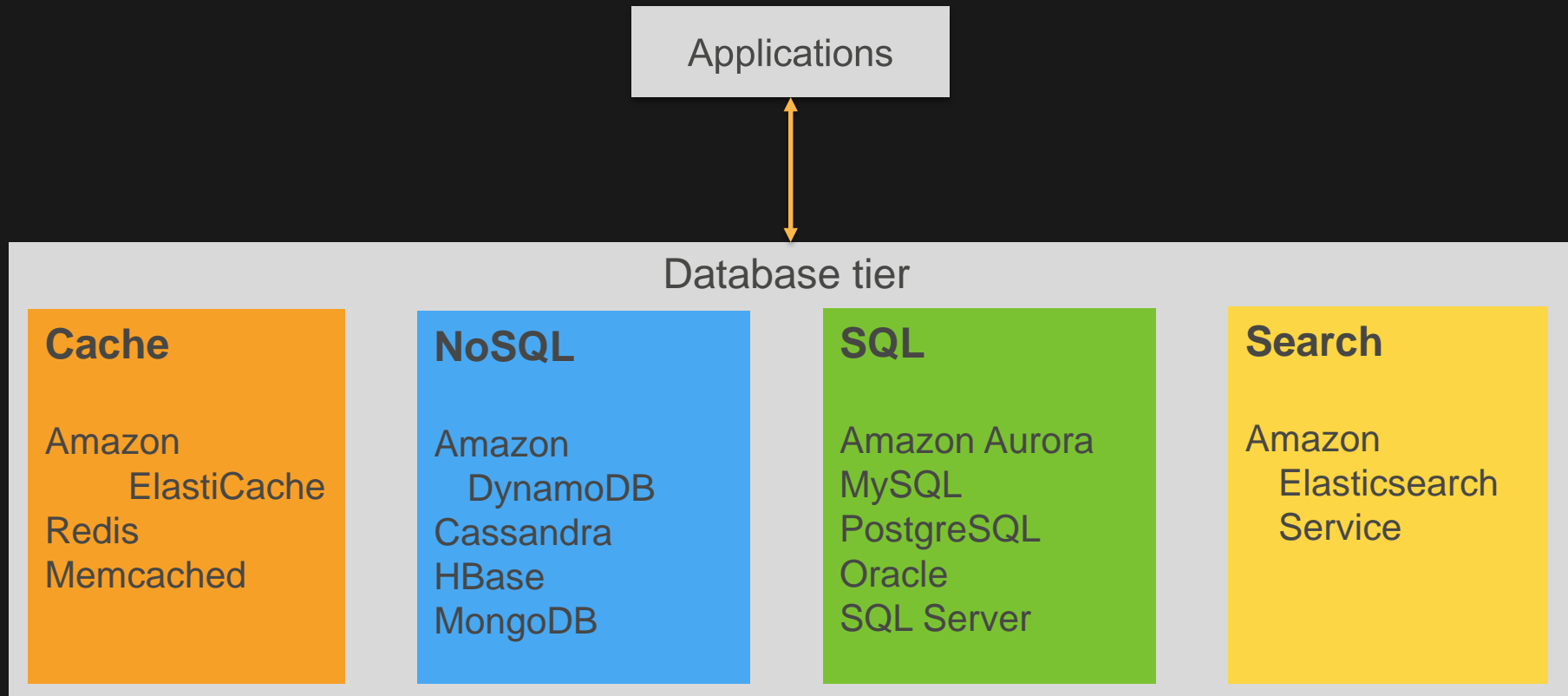


Database tier

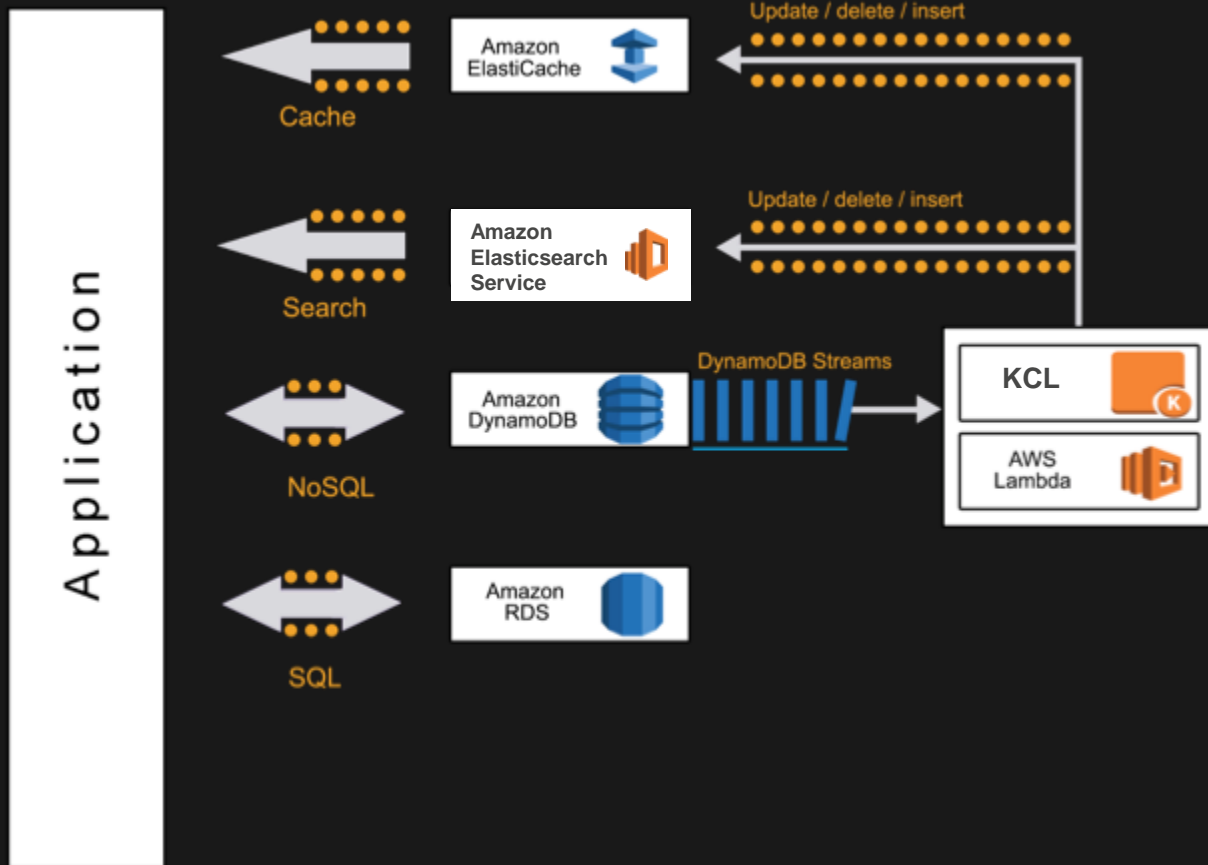
RDBMS



# Best Practice - Use the Right Tool for the Job



# Materialized Views



# What Data Store Should I Use?

Data structure → Fixed schema, JSON, key-value

Access patterns → Store data in the format you will access it

Data / access characteristics → Hot, warm, cold

Cost → Right cost

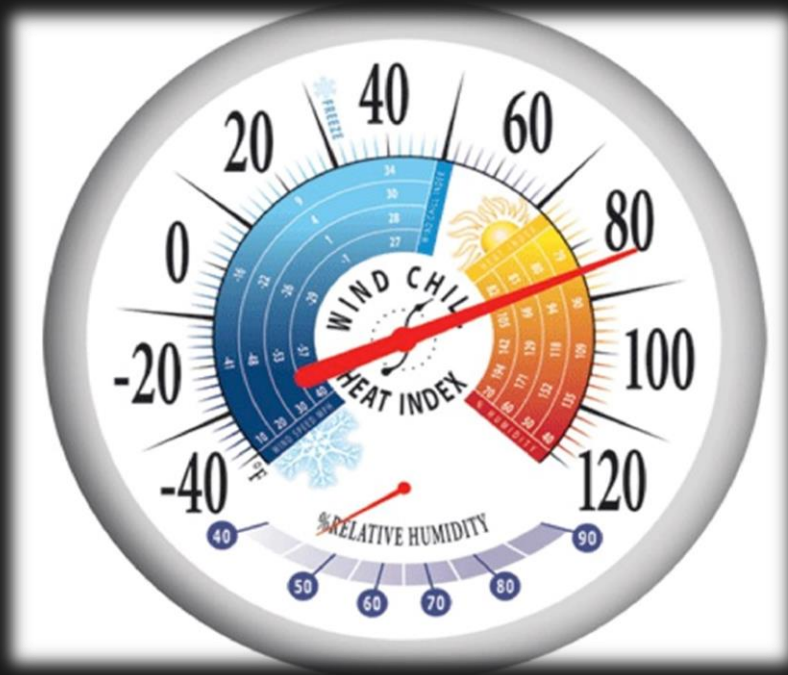
# Data Structure and Access Patterns

Access Patterns	What to use?
Put/Get (key, value)	Cache, NoSQL
Simple relationships → 1:N, M:N	NoSQL
Cross table joins, transaction, SQL	SQL
Faceting, search	Search


Data Structure	What to use?
Fixed schema	SQL, NoSQL
Schema-free (JSON)	NoSQL, Search
(Key, value)	Cache, NoSQL

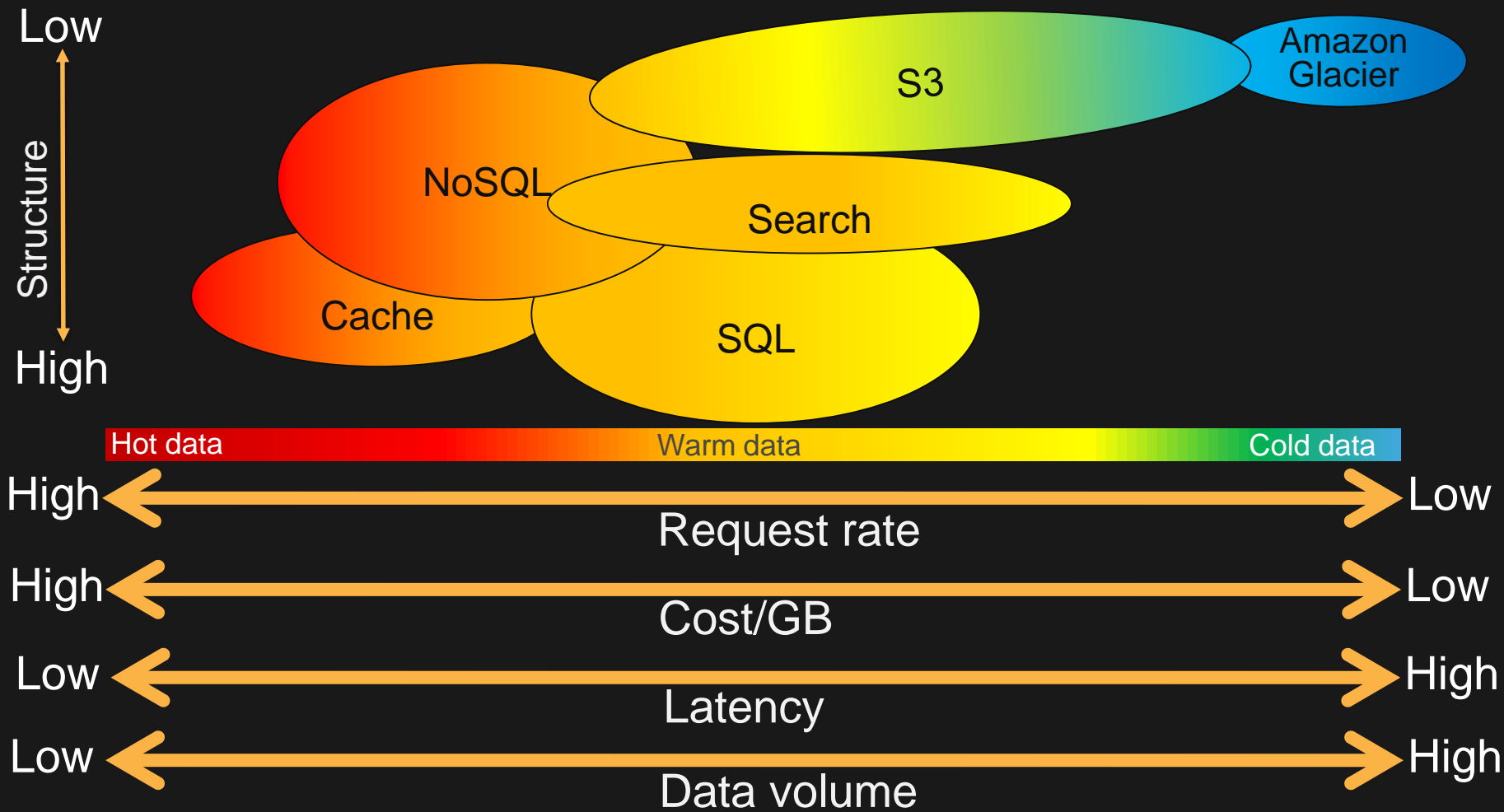


# What Is the Temperature of Your Data / Access ?



# Data / Access Characteristics: Hot, Warm, Cold

	Hot	Warm	Cold
Volume	MB–GB	GB–TB	PB
Item size	B–KB	KB–MB	KB–TB
Latency	ms	ms, sec	min, hrs
Durability	Low – high	High	Very high
Request rate	Very high	High	Low
Cost/GB	\$\$-\$	\$-¢¢	¢
 Hot dataWarm dataCold data			



# What Data Store Should I Use?

	Amazon ElastiCache	Amazon DynamoDB	Amazon RDS/Aurora	Amazon Elasticsearch	Amazon S3	Amazon Glacier
Average latency	ms	ms	ms, sec	ms,sec	ms,sec,min (~ size)	hrs
Typical data stored	GB	GB–TBs (no limit)	GB–TB (64 TB max)	GB–TB	MB–PB (no limit)	GB–PB (no limit)
Typical item size	B-KB	KB (400 KB max)	KB (64 KB max)	KB (2 GB max)	KB-TB (5 TB max)	GB (40 TB max)
Request Rate	High – very high	Very high (no limit)	High	High	Low – high (no limit)	Very low
Storage cost GB/month	\$\$	¢¢	¢¢	¢¢	¢	¢/10
Durability	Low - moderate	Very high	Very high	High	Very high	Very high
Availability	High 2 AZ	Very high 3 AZ	Very high 3 AZ	High 2 AZ	Very high 3 AZ	Very high 3 AZ

Hot data

Warm data

Cold data

# Cost Conscious Design

## Example: Should I use Amazon S3 or Amazon DynamoDB?

“I’m currently scoping out a project that will greatly increase my team’s use of Amazon S3. Hoping you could answer some questions. The current iteration of the design calls for **many small files**, perhaps up to a **billion during peak**. The **total size** would be on the order of **1.5 TB per month**...”

Request rate (Writes/sec)	Object size (Bytes)	Total size (GB/month)	Objects per month
300	2048	1483	777,600,000

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Simple Monthly  
Calculator

<https://calculator.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html>

# Amazon S3 or Amazon DynamoDB?

Request rate (Writes/sec)	Object size (Bytes)	Total size (GB/month)	Objects per month
300	2,048	1,483	777,600,000

Amazon DynamoDB is a high performance non-relational database service that is easy to set up, operate, and scale. It is designed to address the core problems of database management, performance, scalability, and reliability. It also provides predictable high performance and low latency at scale.

## Indexed Data Storage:

Dataset Size:

1483 GB

## Provisioned Throughput Capacity \*:

Item Size (All attributes):

2 KB

Number of items read per second:

0 Reads/Second

Read Consistency:



Strongly Consistent



Eventually Consistent (cheaper)

Number of items written per second:

300 Writes/Second

Amazon S3 is storage for the Internet. It is designed to make web-scale computing easier for developers.

## Storage:

Storage:

1483 GB

Reduced Redundancy Storage:

0 GB

## Requests:

PUT/COPY/POST/LIST Requests:

77760000 Requests

GET and Other Requests:

0 Requests

## Amazon S3 Service (US-East)

\$ 3932.27

Storage:

\$ 44.27

Put/List Requests:

\$ 3888.00

## Amazon DynamoDB Service (US-East)

\$ 644.30

Provisioned Throughput Capacity:

\$ 261.69

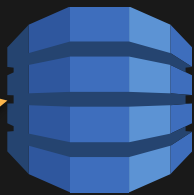
Indexed Data Storage:

\$ 382.61



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SIMPLE MONTHLY CALCULATOR



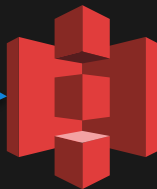
Amazon DynamoDB

use

<u>Amazon S3 Service (US-East)</u>		\$	3932.27
Storage:	\$	44.27	
Put/List Requests:	\$	3888.00	
<u>Amazon DynamoDB Service (US-East)</u>		\$	644.30
Provisioned Throughput Capacity:	\$	261.69	
Indexed Data Storage:	\$	382.61	
DynamoDB Streams:	\$	0.00	

	Request rate (Writes/sec)	Object size (Bytes)	Total size (GB/month)	Objects per month
<u>Scenario 1</u>	300	2,048	1,483	777,600,000
<u>Scenario 2</u>	300	32,768	23,730	777,600,000

use



Amazon S3

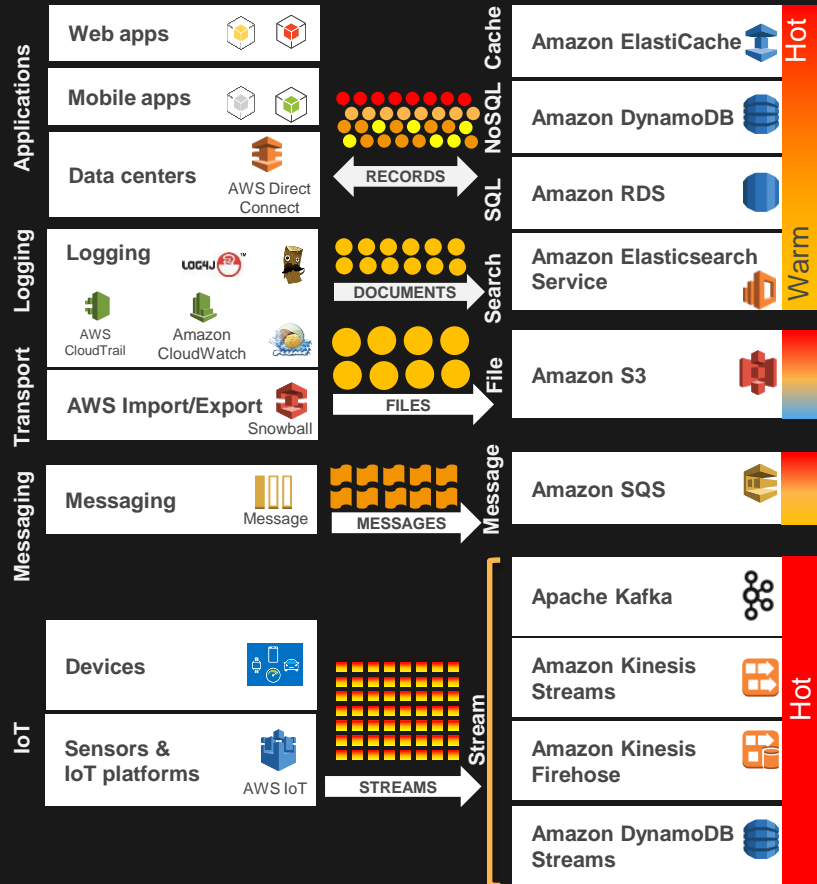
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Provisioned Throughput Capacity:	\$	4187.04	
Indexed Data Storage:	\$	5944.36	
DynamoDB Streams:	\$	0.00	



## COLLECT

## STORE

## PROCESS / ANALYZE



Process /  
analyze

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PROCESS /  
ANALYZE

# Process / Analyze

- Batch - Minutes or hours on cold data
  - Daily/weekly/monthly reports
- Interactive – Seconds on warm/cold data
  - Self-service dashboards
- Messaging – Milliseconds or seconds on hot data
  - Message/event buffering
- Streaming - Milliseconds or seconds on hot data
  - Billing/fraud alerts, 1 minute metrics

# Predictions via Machine Learning

ML gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed

Machine learning algorithms:

Supervised learning ← “teach” program

- Classification ← Is this transaction fraud? (yes/no)
- Regression ← Customer life-time value?

Unsupervised learning ← Let it learn by itself

- Clustering ← Market segmentation

# Tools and Frameworks

## Machine Learning

- Amazon ML, Amazon EMR (Spark ML)

## Interactive

- Amazon Redshift, Amazon EMR (Presto, Spark)

## Batch

- Amazon EMR (MapReduce, Hive, Pig, Spark)













## Messaging

- Amazon SQS application on Amazon EC2

## Streaming

- Micro-batch: Spark Streaming, KCL
- Real-time: Amazon Kinesis Analytics, Storm, AWS Lambda, KCL

### PROCESS / ANALYZE

ML	Amazon Machine Learning		Fast
Interactive	Amazon Redshift		
	presto		
	Spark		
Batch	Amazon EMR		Slow
			
Message	Amazon SQS apps Amazon EC2		
Stream	STORM		Fast
	Spark Streaming		
	Amazon Kinesis Analytics		
	Amazon KCL apps		
	AWS Lambda		

# What Streaming / Messaging Technology Should I Use?

	Spark Streaming	Apache Storm	Kinesis KCL Application	AWS Lambda	Amazon SQS Apps
Scale	~ Nodes	~ Nodes	~ Nodes	Automatic	~ Nodes
Micro-batch or Real-time	Micro-batch	Real-time	Near-real-time	Near-real-time	Near-real-time
AWS managed service	Yes (EMR)	No (EC2)	No (KCL + EC2 + Auto Scaling)	Yes	No (EC2 + Auto Scaling)
Scalability	No limits ~ nodes	No limits ~ nodes	No limits ~ nodes	No limits	No limits
Availability	Single AZ	Configurable	Multi-AZ	Multi-AZ	Multi-AZ
Programming languages	Java, Python, Scala	Any language via Thrift	Java, via MultiLang Daemon (.NET, Python, Ruby, Node.js)	Node.js, Java, Python	AWS SDK languages (Java, .NET, Python, ...)
	Fast		Fast		Fast

# What Analytics Technology Should I Use?




	Amazon Redshift	Amazon EMR		
		Presto	Spark	Hive
Query latency	Low	Low	Low	High
Durability	High	High	High	High
Data volume	1.6 PB max	~Nodes	~Nodes	~Nodes
AWS managed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Storage	Native	HDFS / S3	HDFS / S3	HDFS / S3
SQL compatibility	High	High	Low (SparkSQL)	Medium (HQL)
	Fast	Fast	Fast	Slow

# What About ETL?




Data Integration

Reduce the effort to move, cleanse, synchronize, manage, and automatize data related processes.

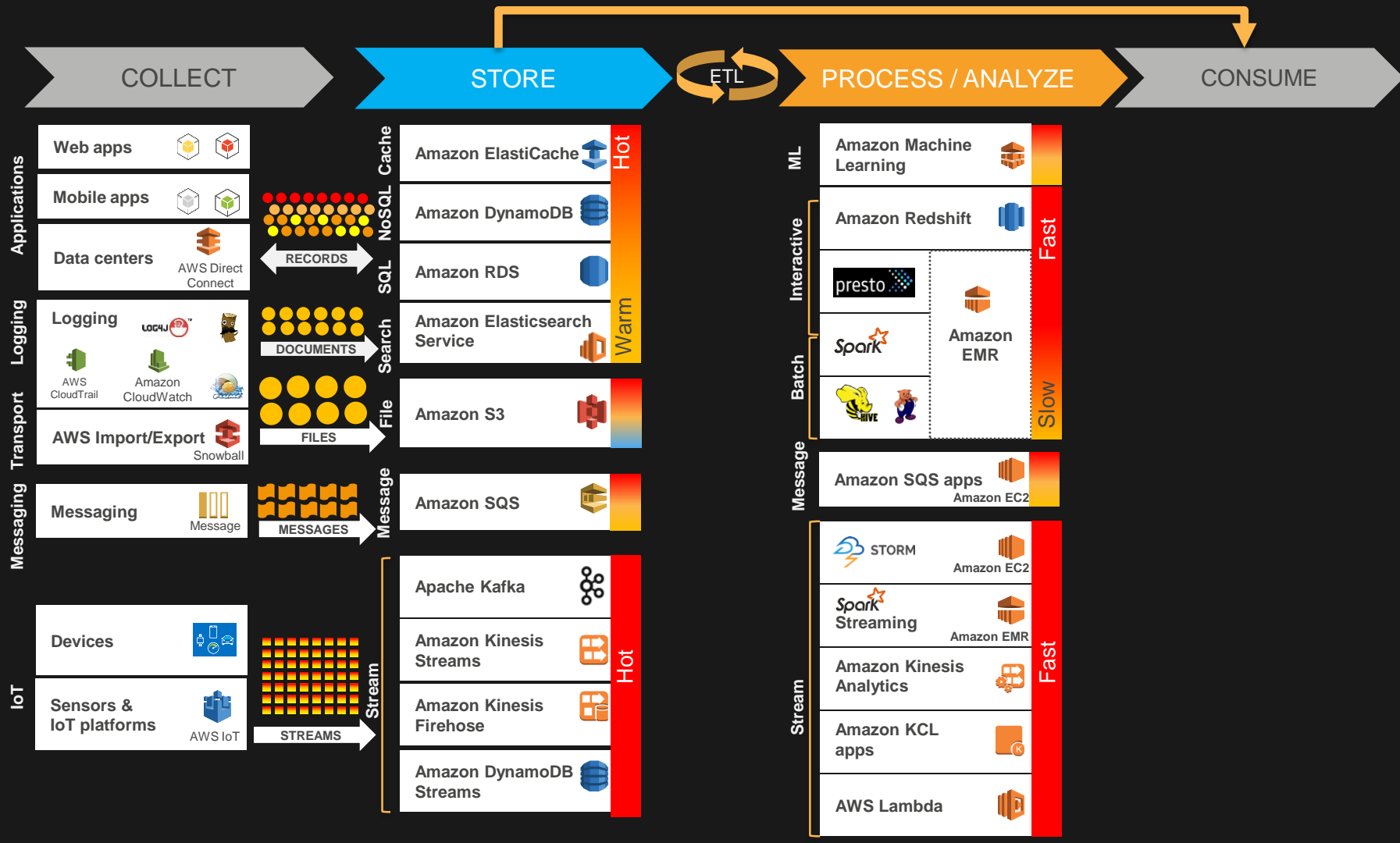
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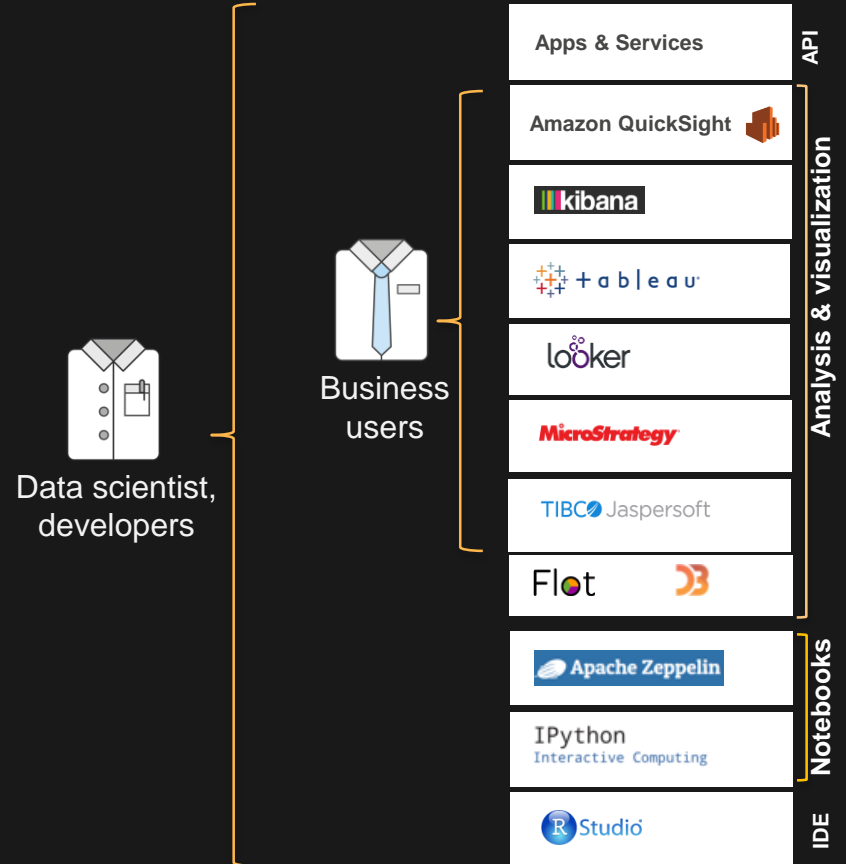


Applications & API

Analysis and visualization

Notebooks

IDE



# Putting It All Together

COLLECT

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Applications

Web apps



Mobile apps



Data centers

AWS Direct  
Connect

Logging

Logging

AWS CloudTrail  
Amazon CloudWatch

Transport

AWS Import/Export



Snowball

Messaging

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Message

IoT

Devices

Sensors &  
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AWS IoT



RECORDS



DOCUMENTS



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STREAMS

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Amazon SQS apps



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apps

AWS Lambda



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Apps &amp; Services

Amazon QuickSight



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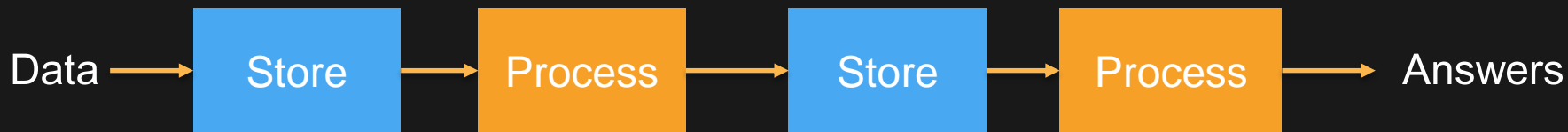
Reference architecture

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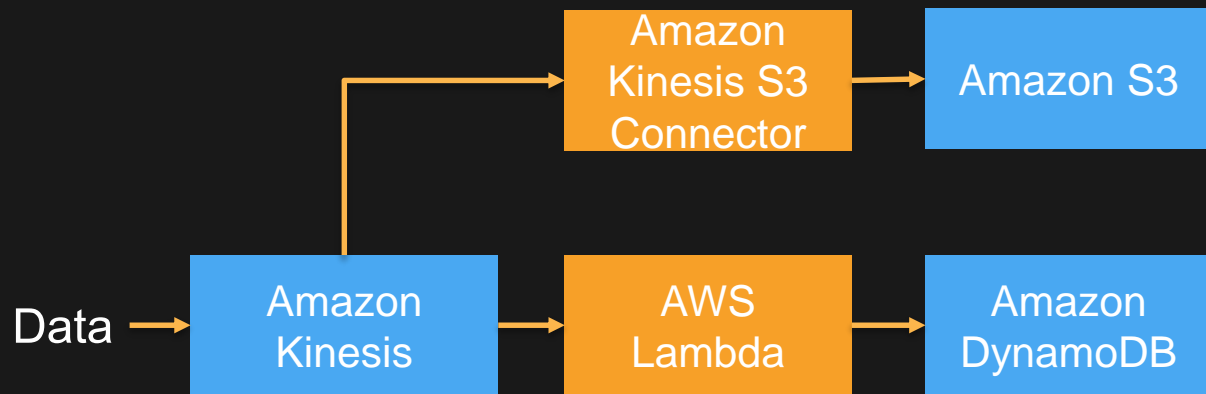
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Multiple stages

Storage decouples multiple processing stages

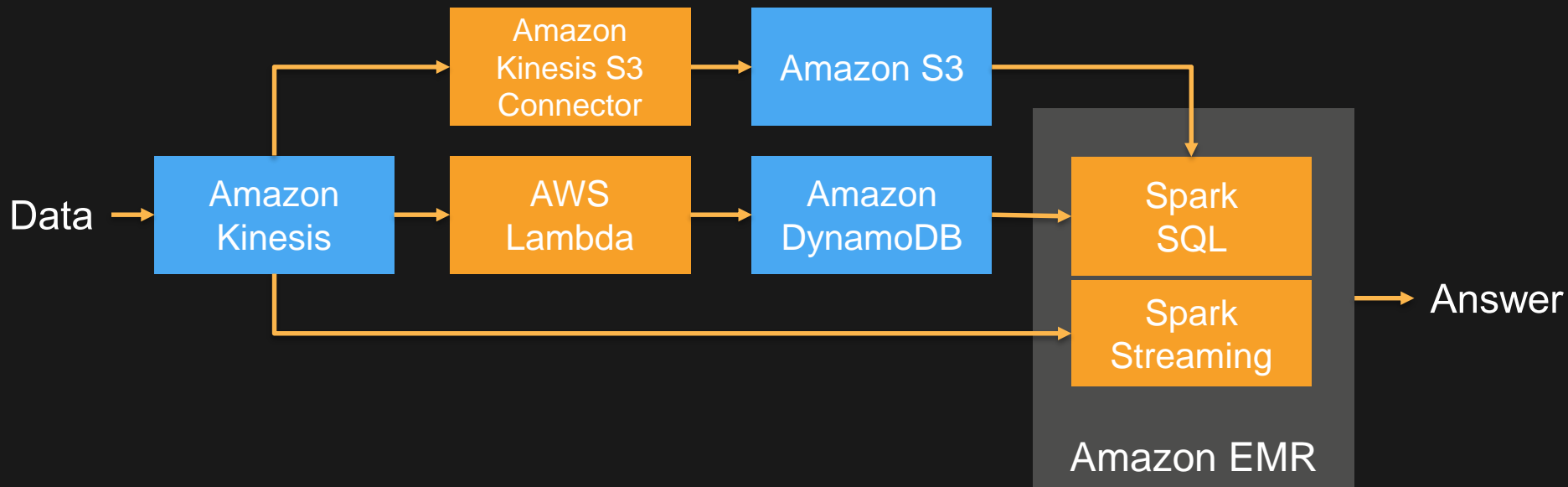


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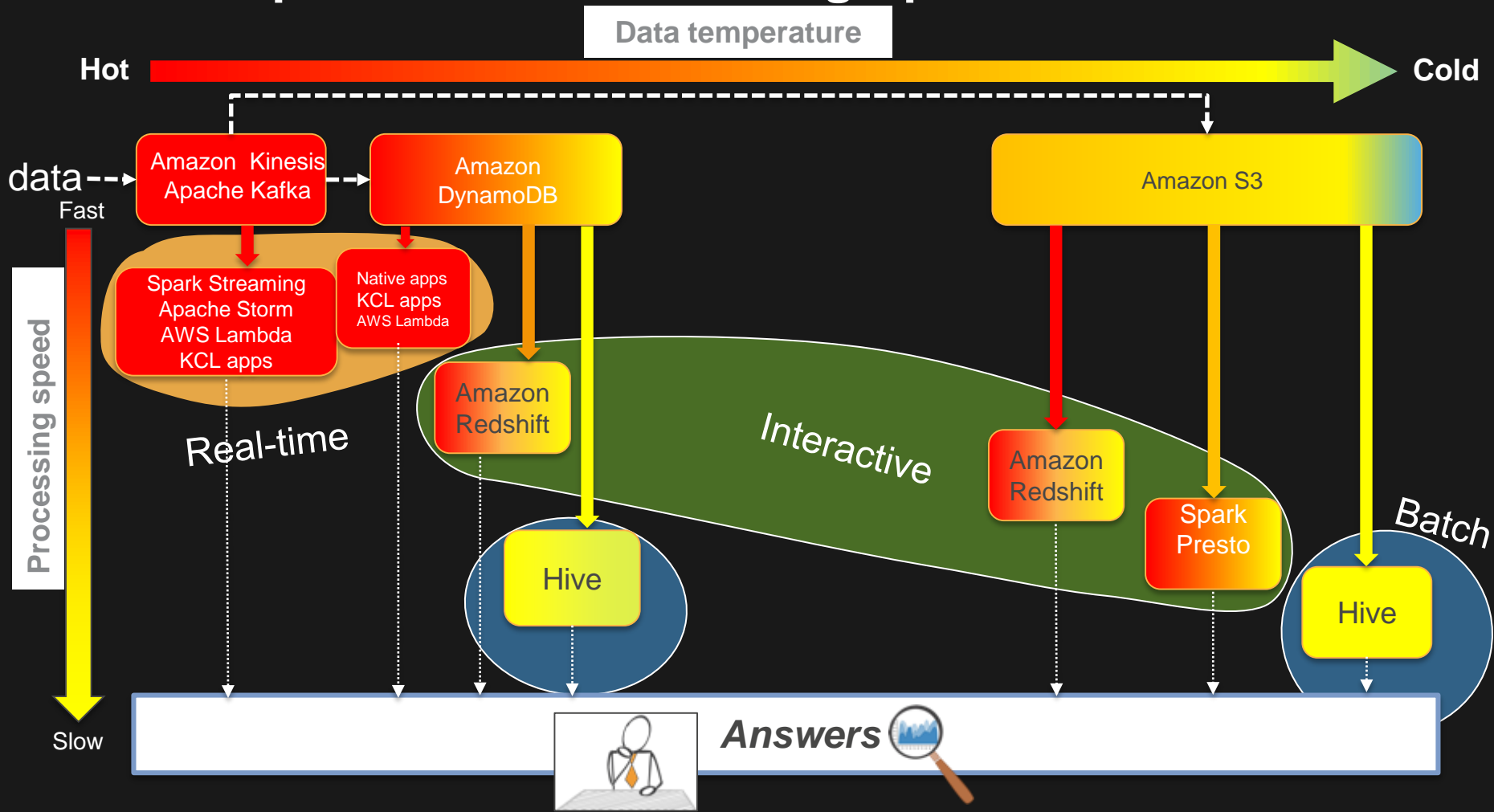




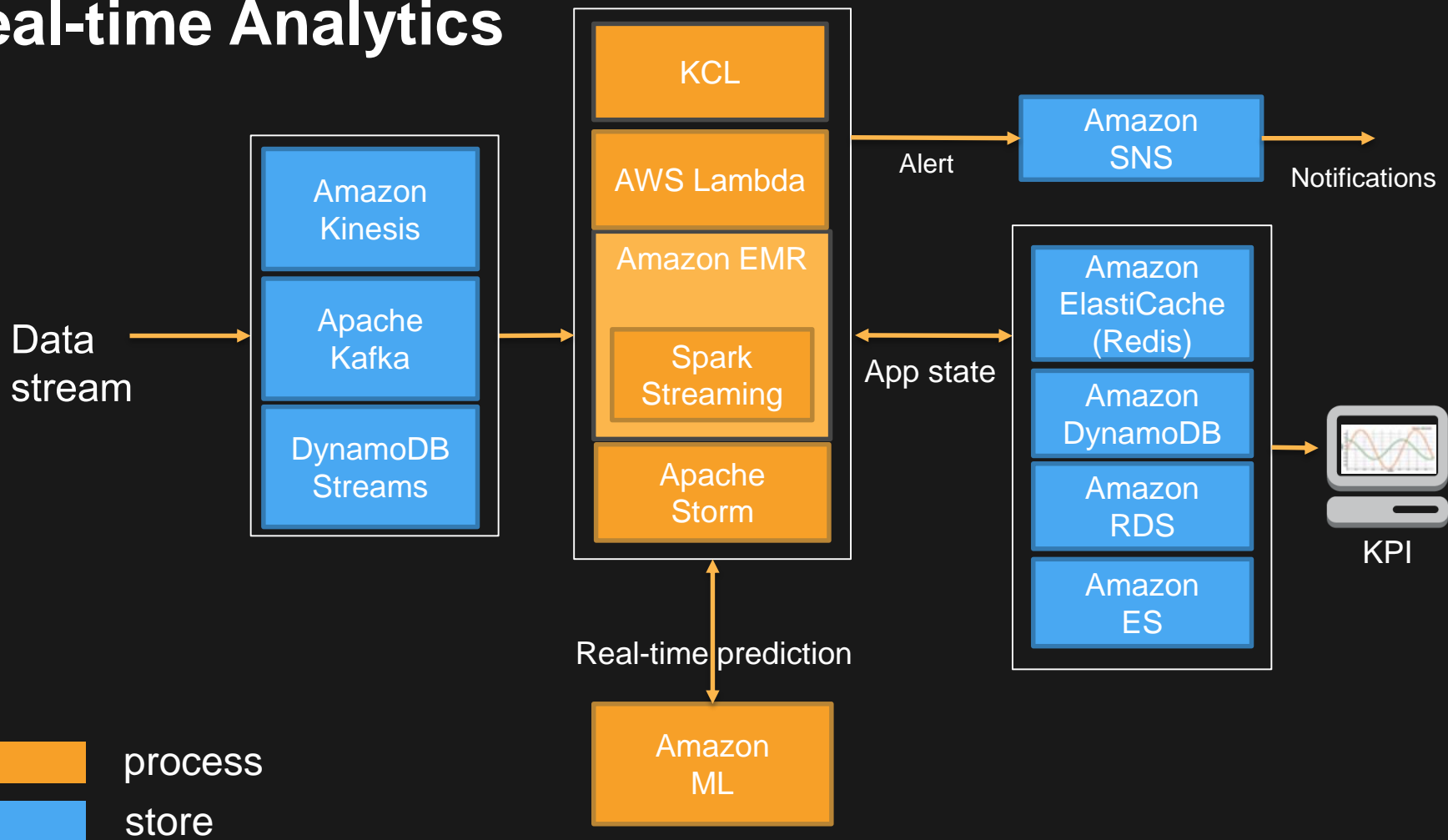
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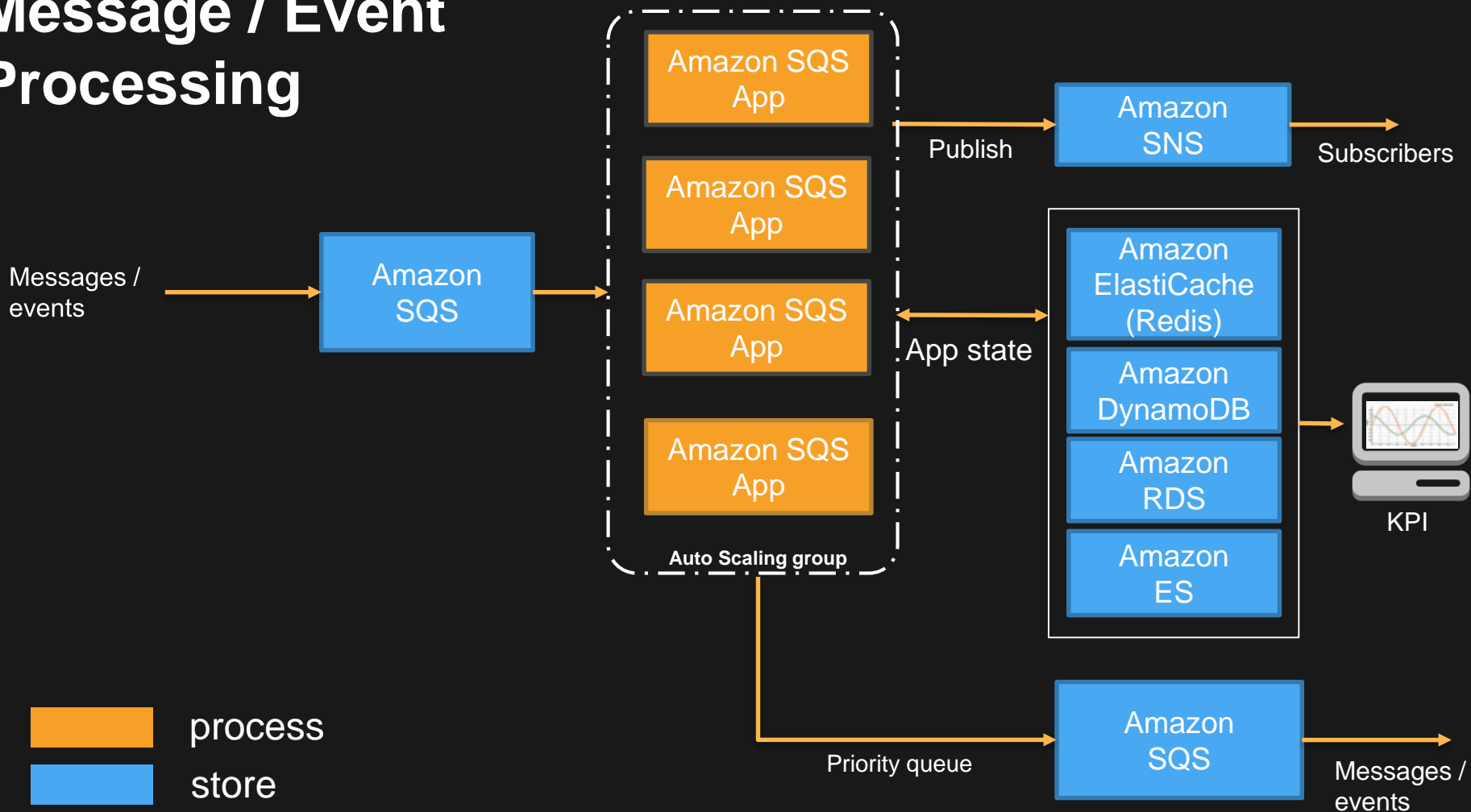
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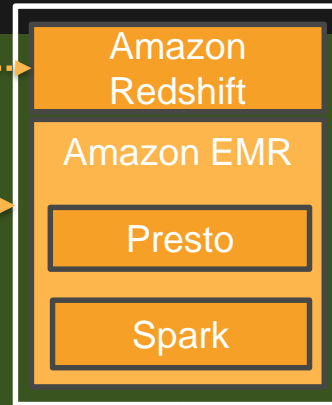
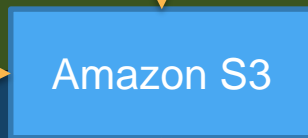
# Real-time Analytics



# Message / Event Processing



# Interactive & Batch Analytics



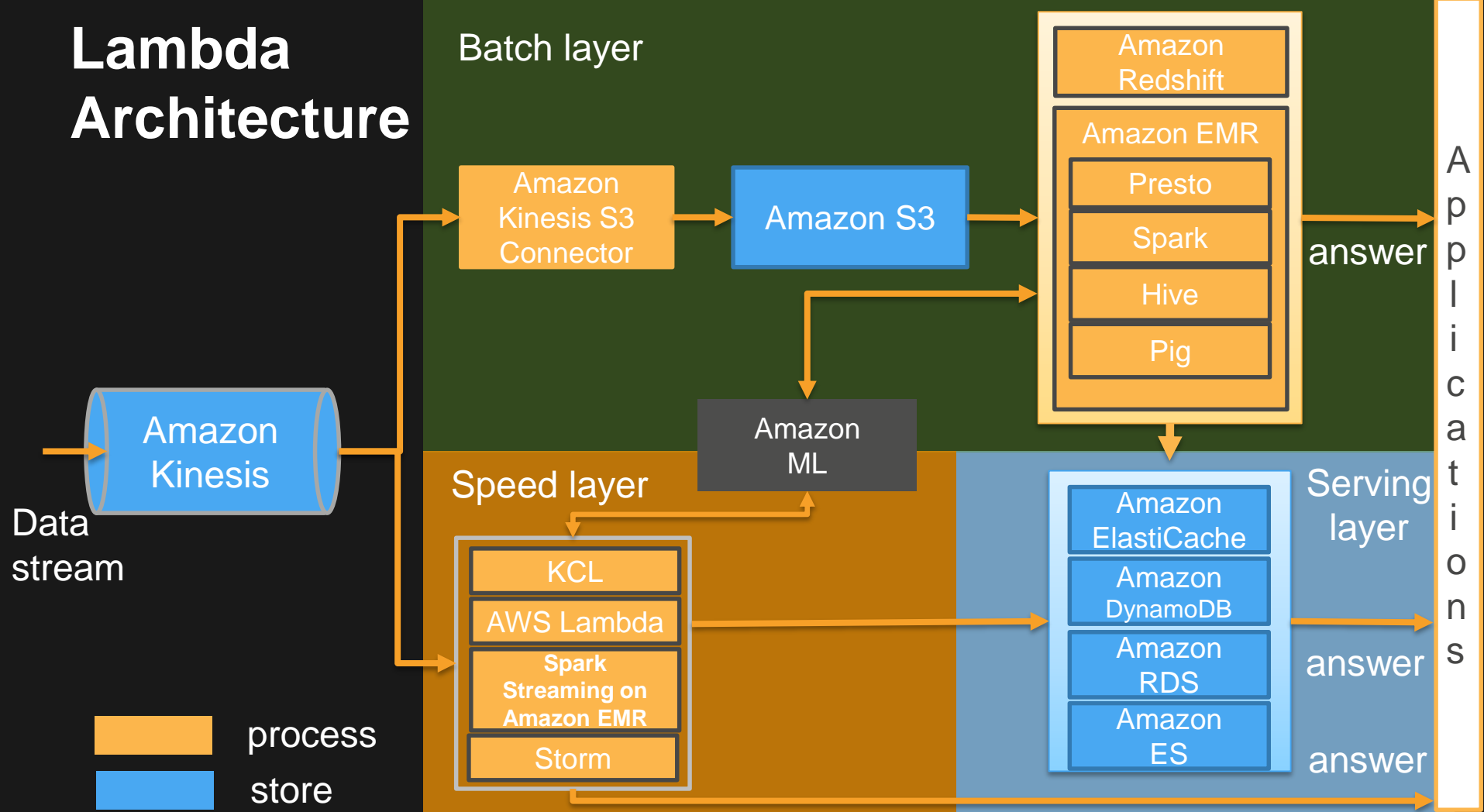
Interactive



Batch



# Lambda Architecture



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