

# Big Data Architectures@ Facebook

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# Outline

- Big Data @ Facebook - Scope & Scale
- Evolution of Big Data Architectures @ FB
  - Past, Present and Future
- Questions

# Big Data @ FB: Scale

- 25 PB of compressed data
- equivalent to 300 years of HD-TV video



# Big Data @ FB: Scale

- 150 PB of uncompressed data
- equivalent to 3 x the entire written works of mankind from the beginning of recorded history in all languages



# Big Data @ FB: Scale

- 400 TB/day (uncompressed) of new data
- That is a lot of disks

# Big Data @ FB: Scope

- Simple reporting
- Model generation
- Adhoc analysis + data science
- Index generation
- Many many others...

# A/B Testing Email #1

facebook

Hi Denise,

You haven't been back to Facebook recently. Here are just a few things that have been happening while you were gone:

 **John Pingel**  
  
April 20 7

 **Tara Peters** is at work, and sleepy  
April 22 1

 **Eric Martin** yay les gigantes killing peavy and the sharks staying alive. It's earth day too bitches, take the train.  
April 22 2 3

Thanks,  
The Facebook Team

To login to Facebook, follow the link below:  
<http://www.facebook.com/n/?home.php&mid=5a94e3G67c962G1G2b>

Sign in to Facebook and start connecting  
**Sign In**

# A/B Testing Email #2

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Hi Denise,

You haven't been back to Facebook recently. You have received notifications while you were gone.

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# Friend Map

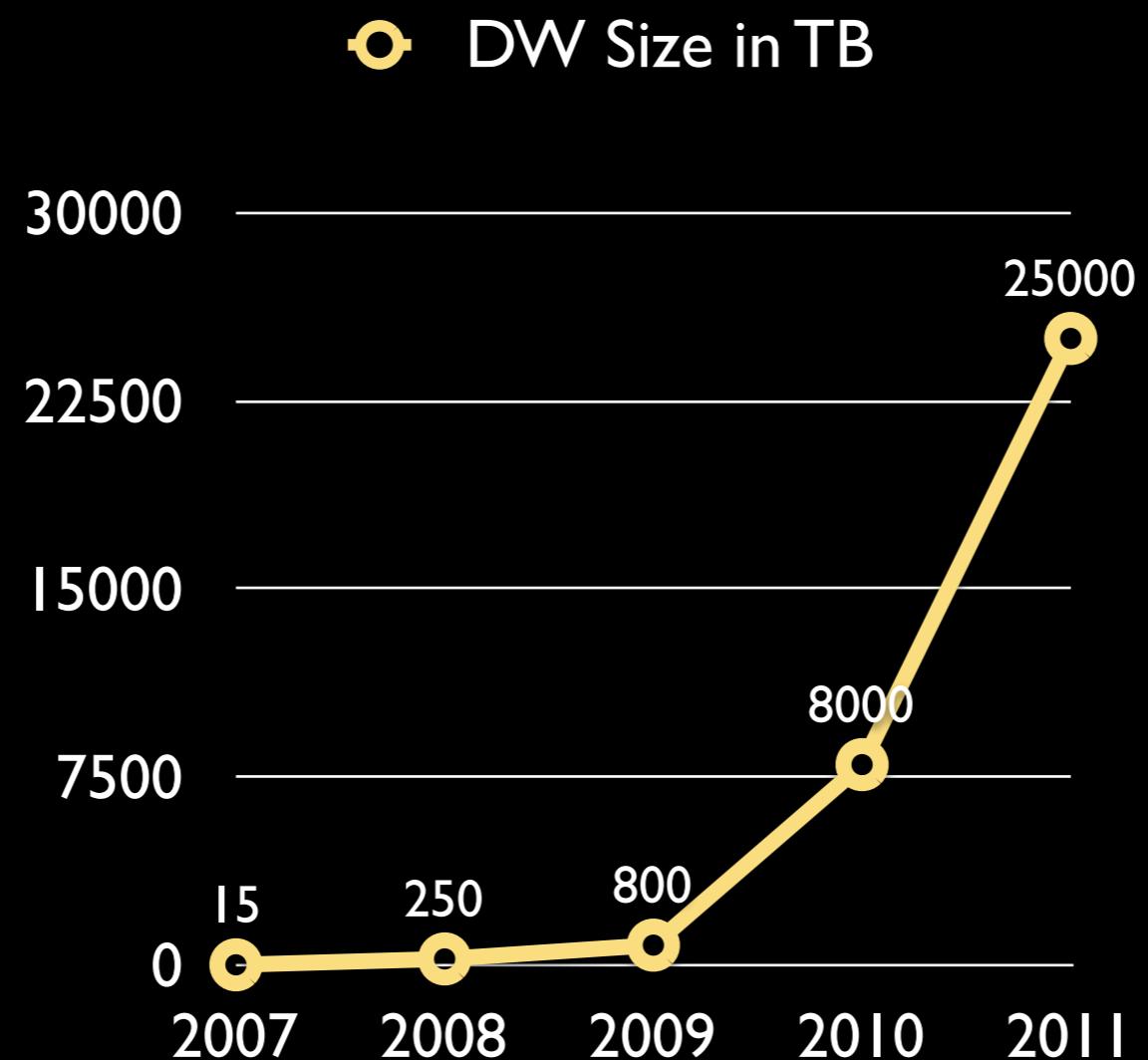


By Paul Butler – <https://www.facebook.com/notes/facebook-engineering/visualizing-friendships/469716398919>

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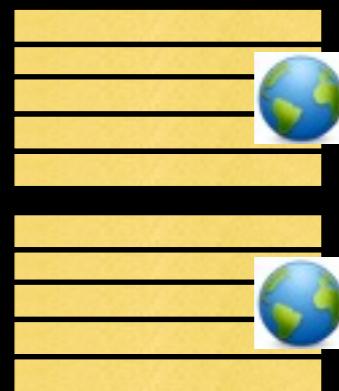
- one new job every second
- ~ 15% of the company uses the clusters

# Evolution: 2007-2011



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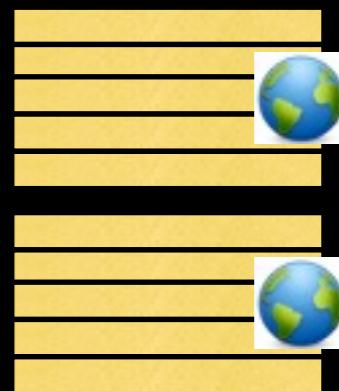


Web Clusters



MySQL Clusters

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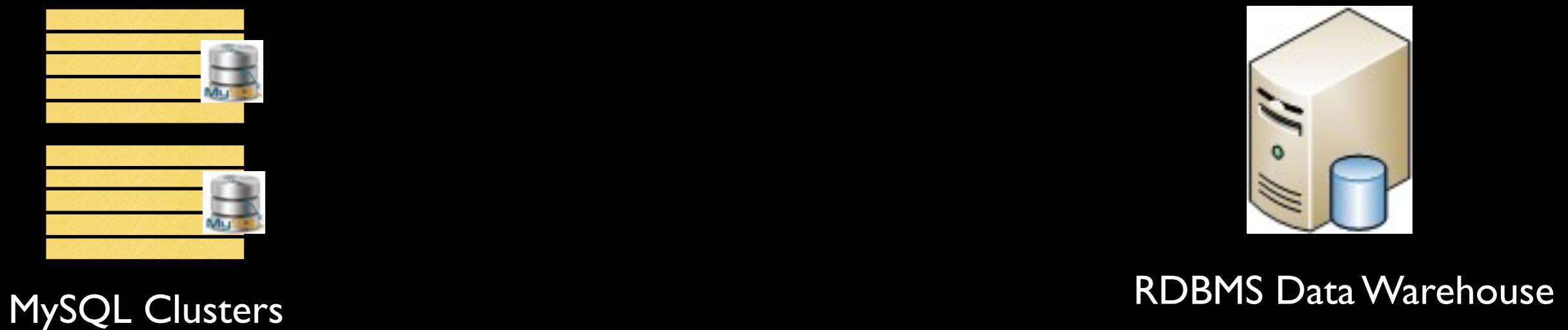
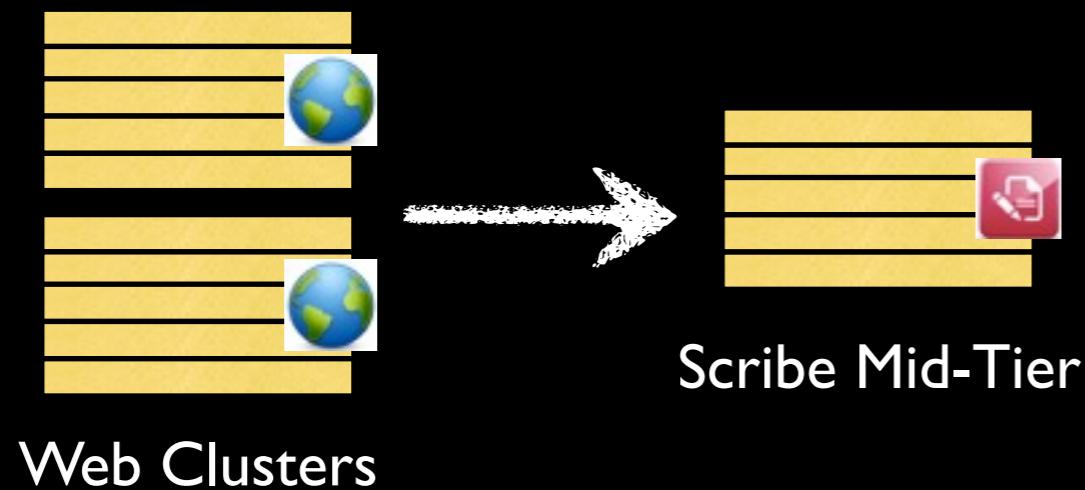


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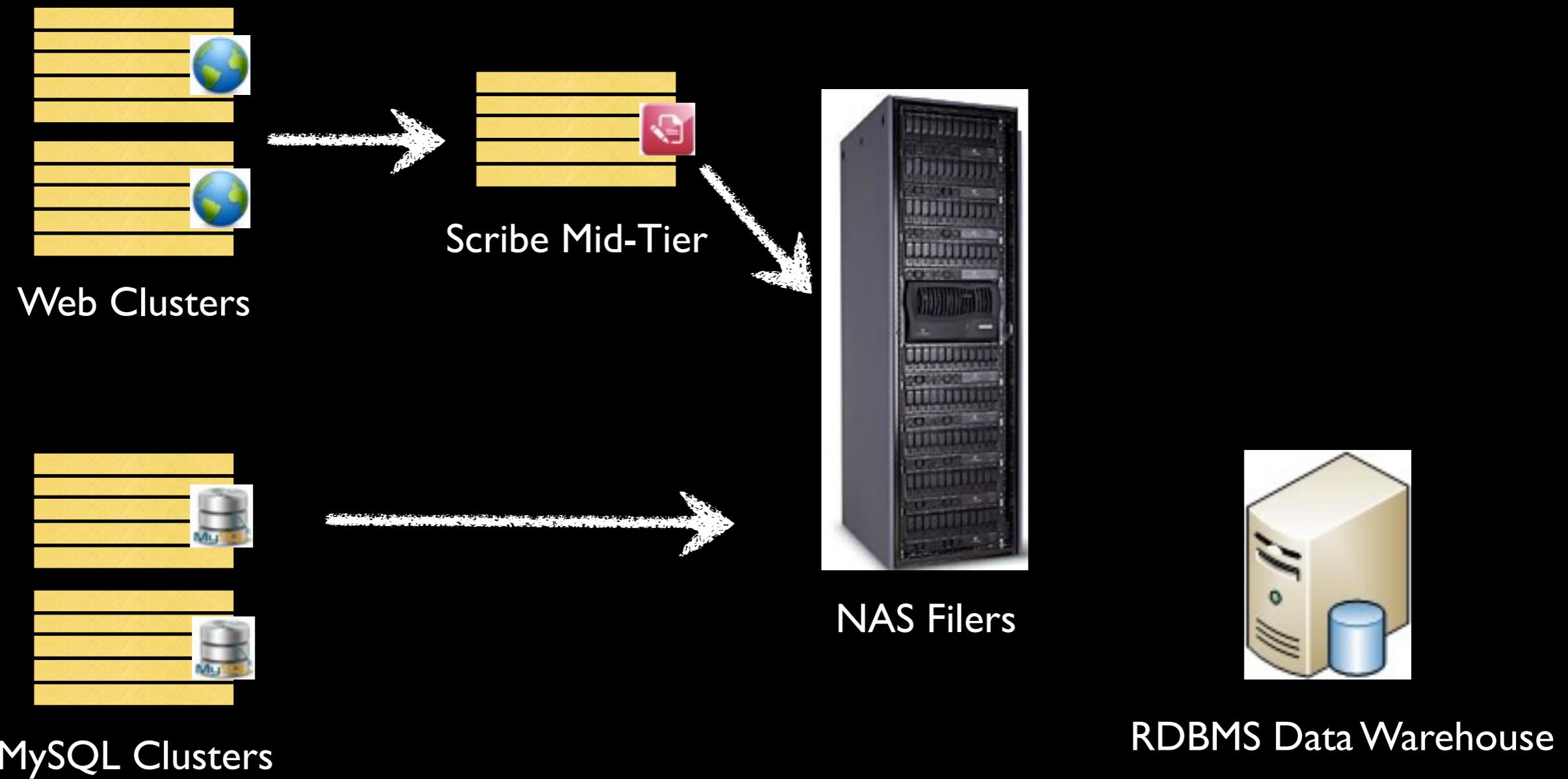


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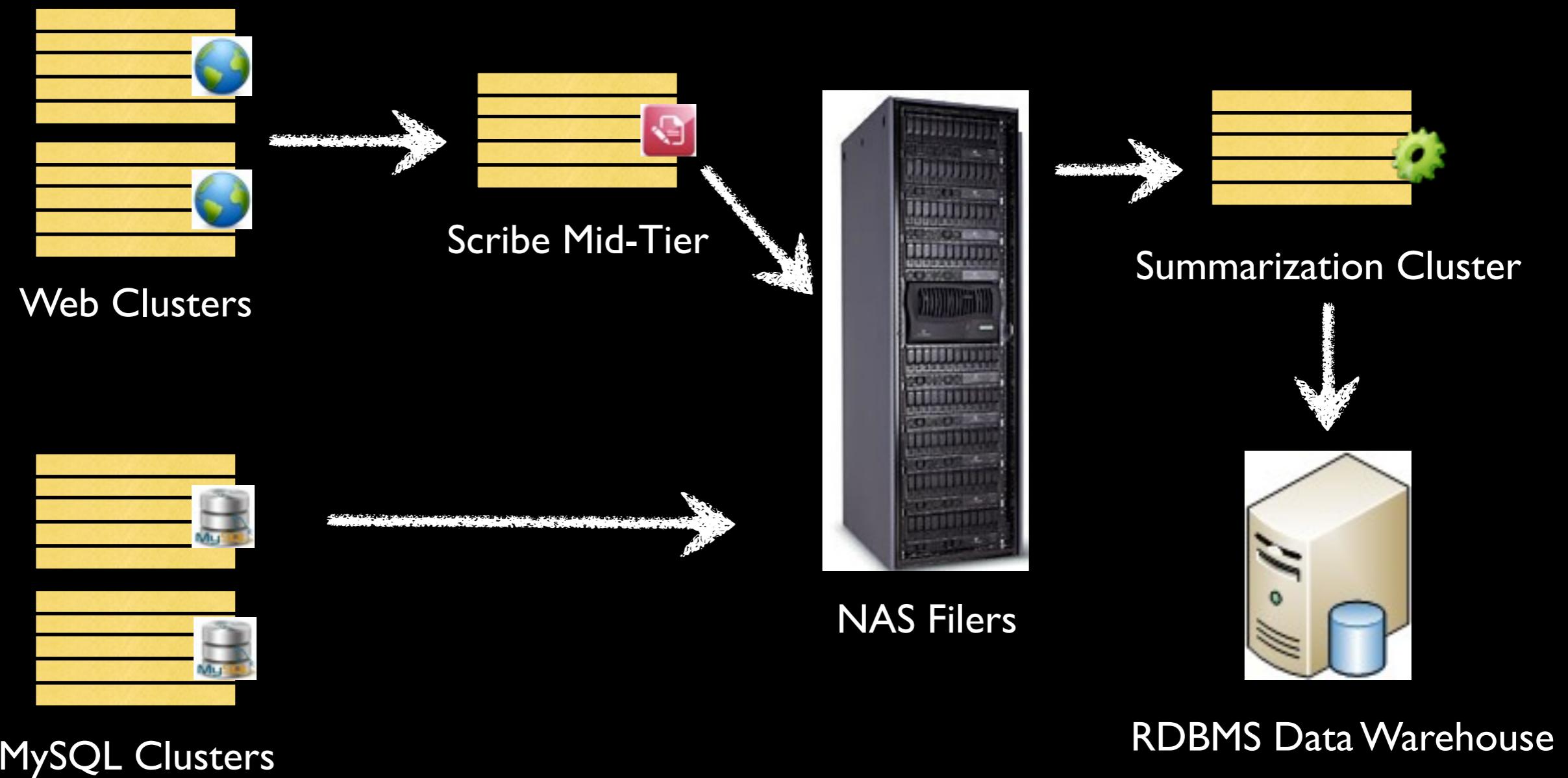
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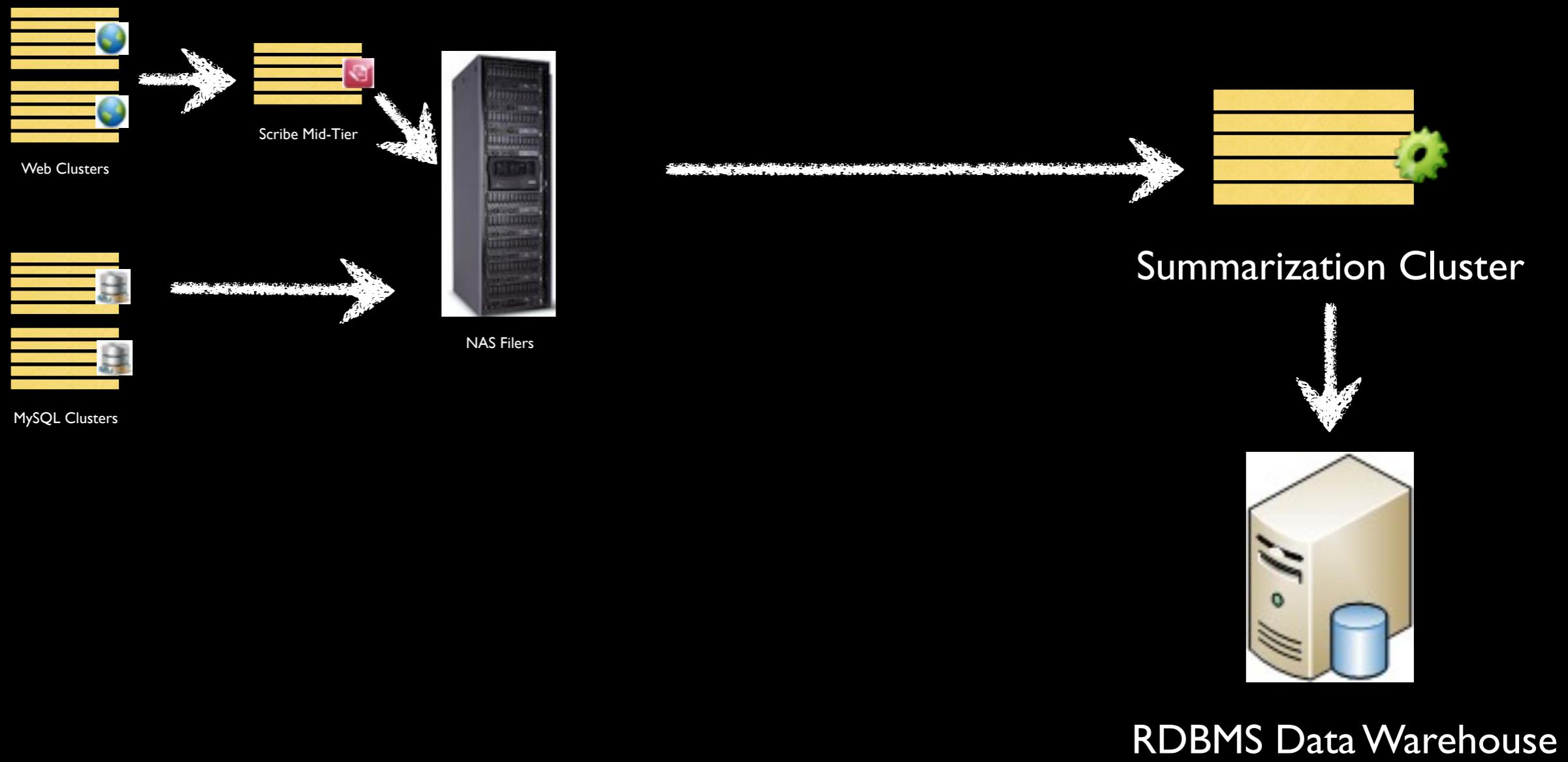
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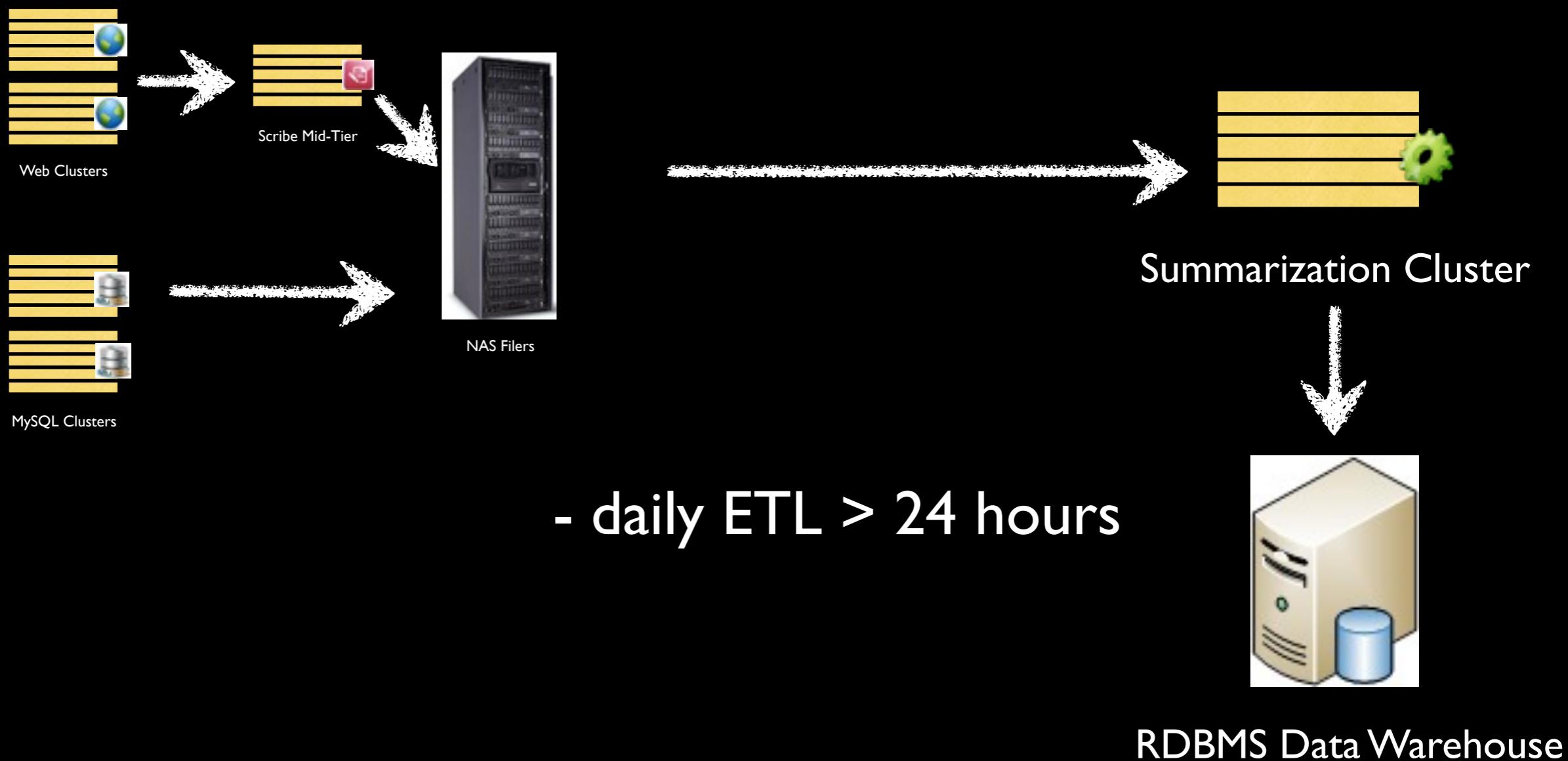
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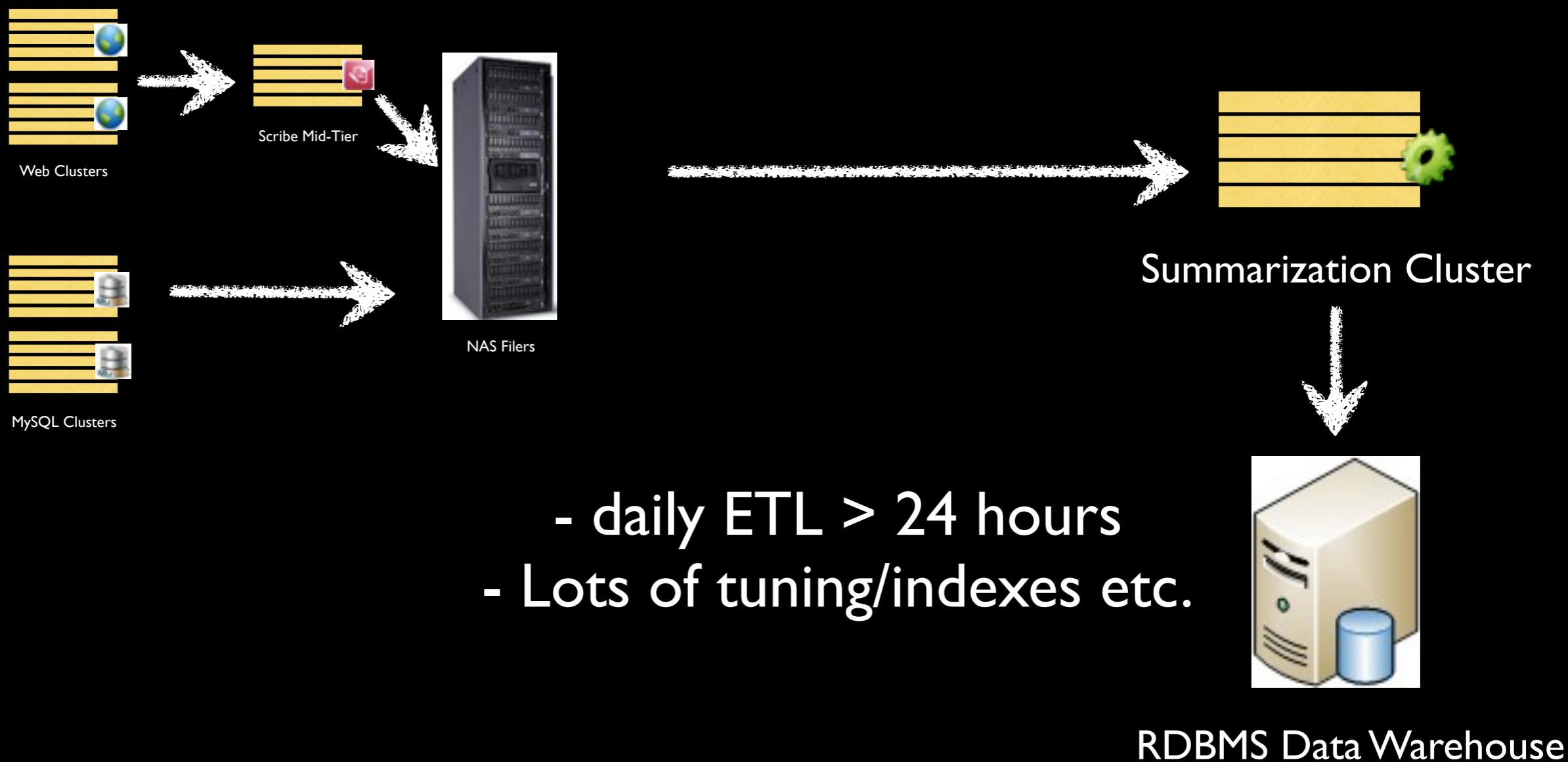
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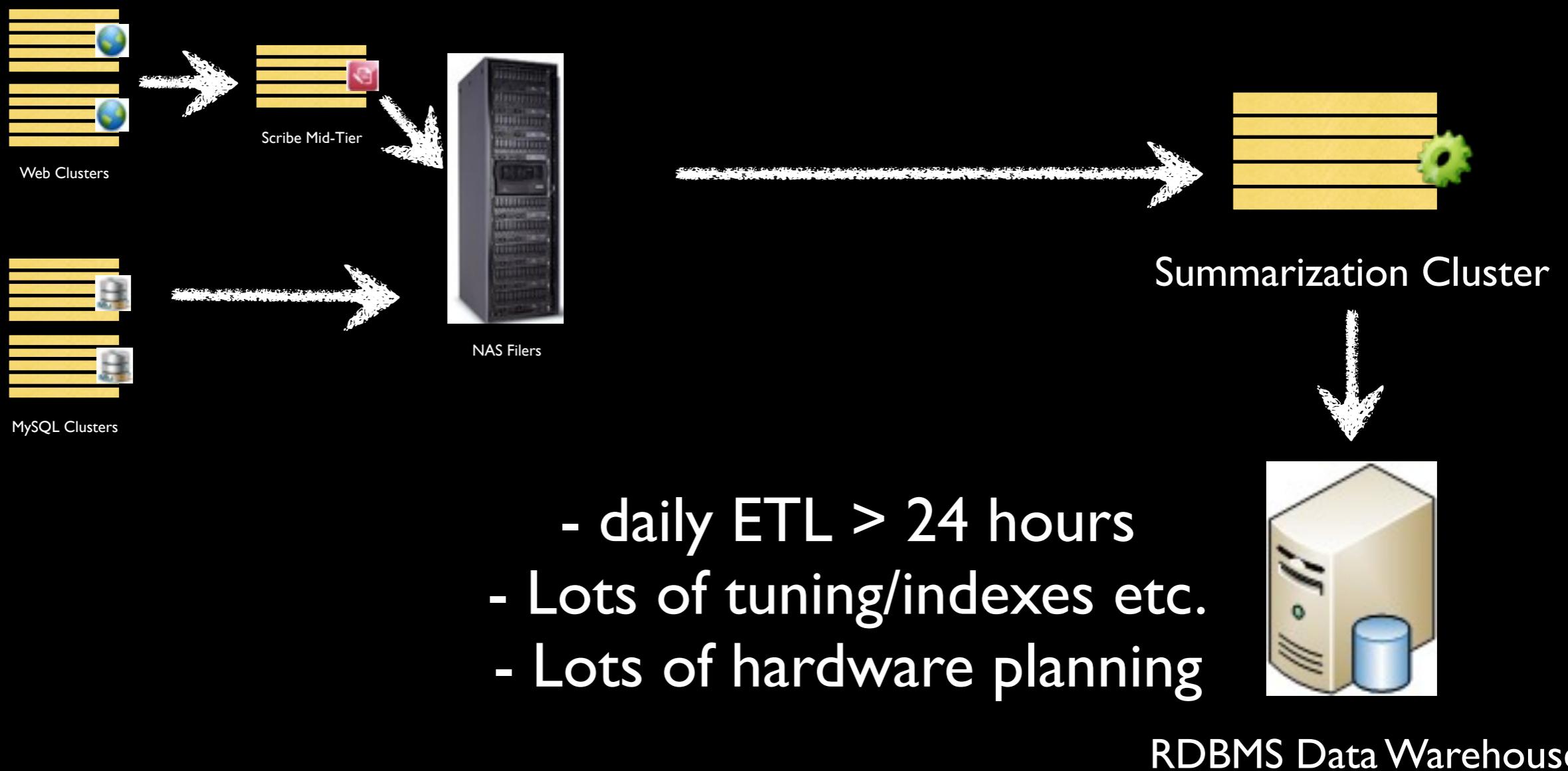
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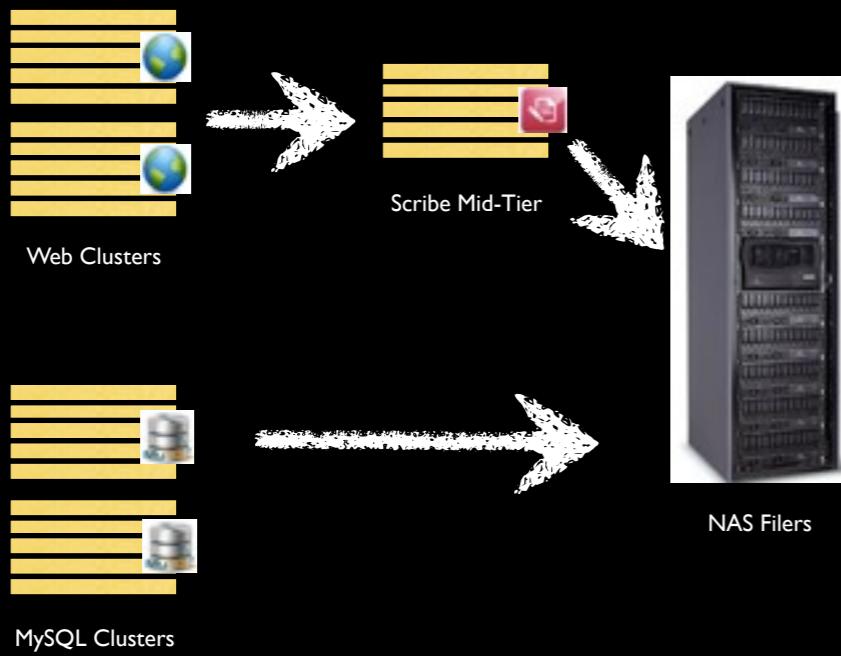


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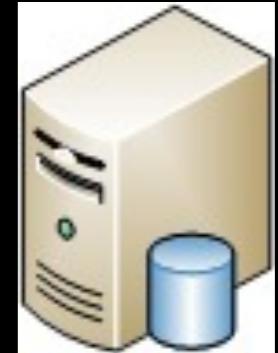
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- compute close to storage  
(early map/reduce)



Summarization Cluster

- daily ETL > 24 hours
- Lots of tuning/indexes etc.
- Lots of hardware planning



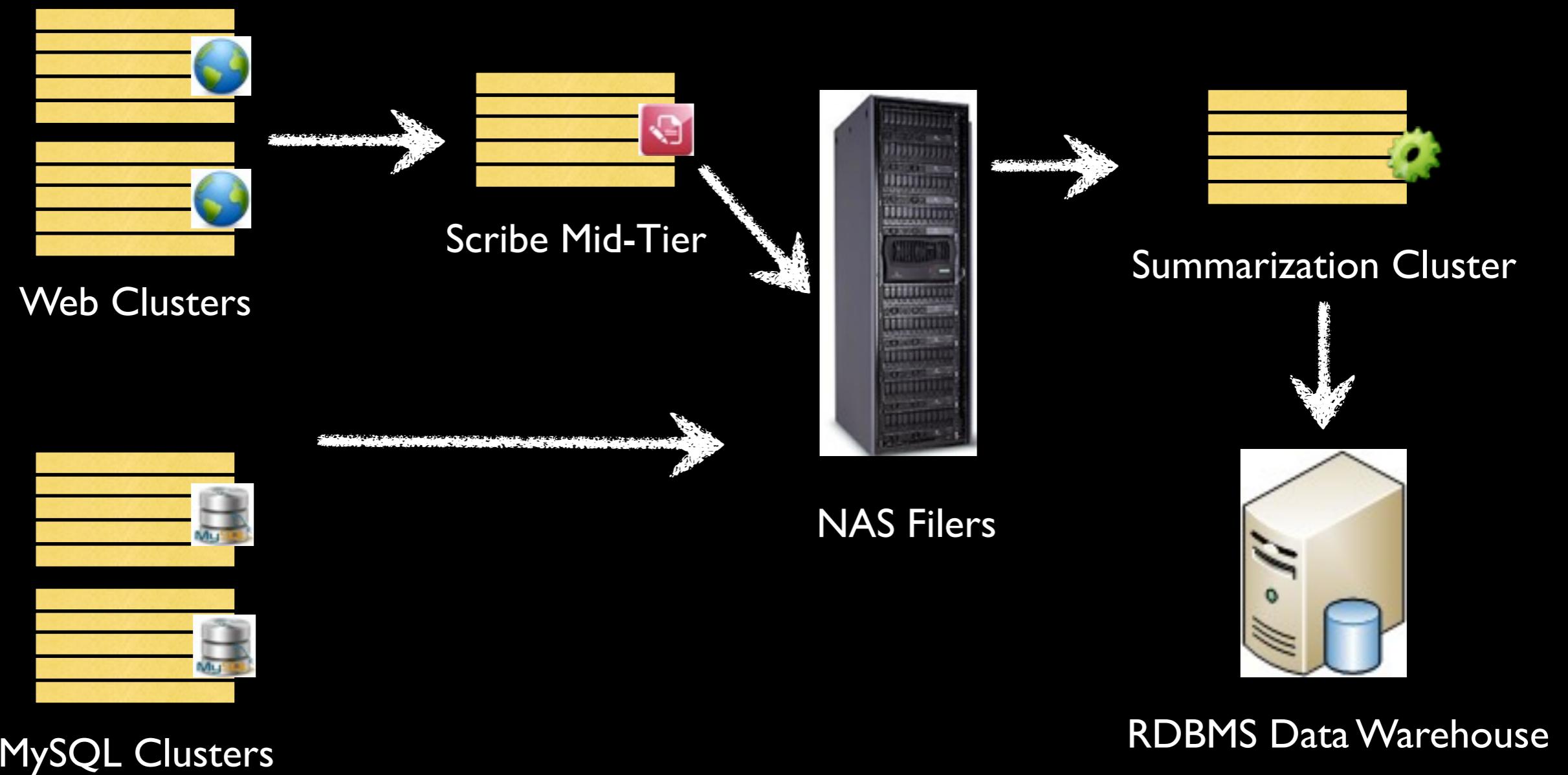
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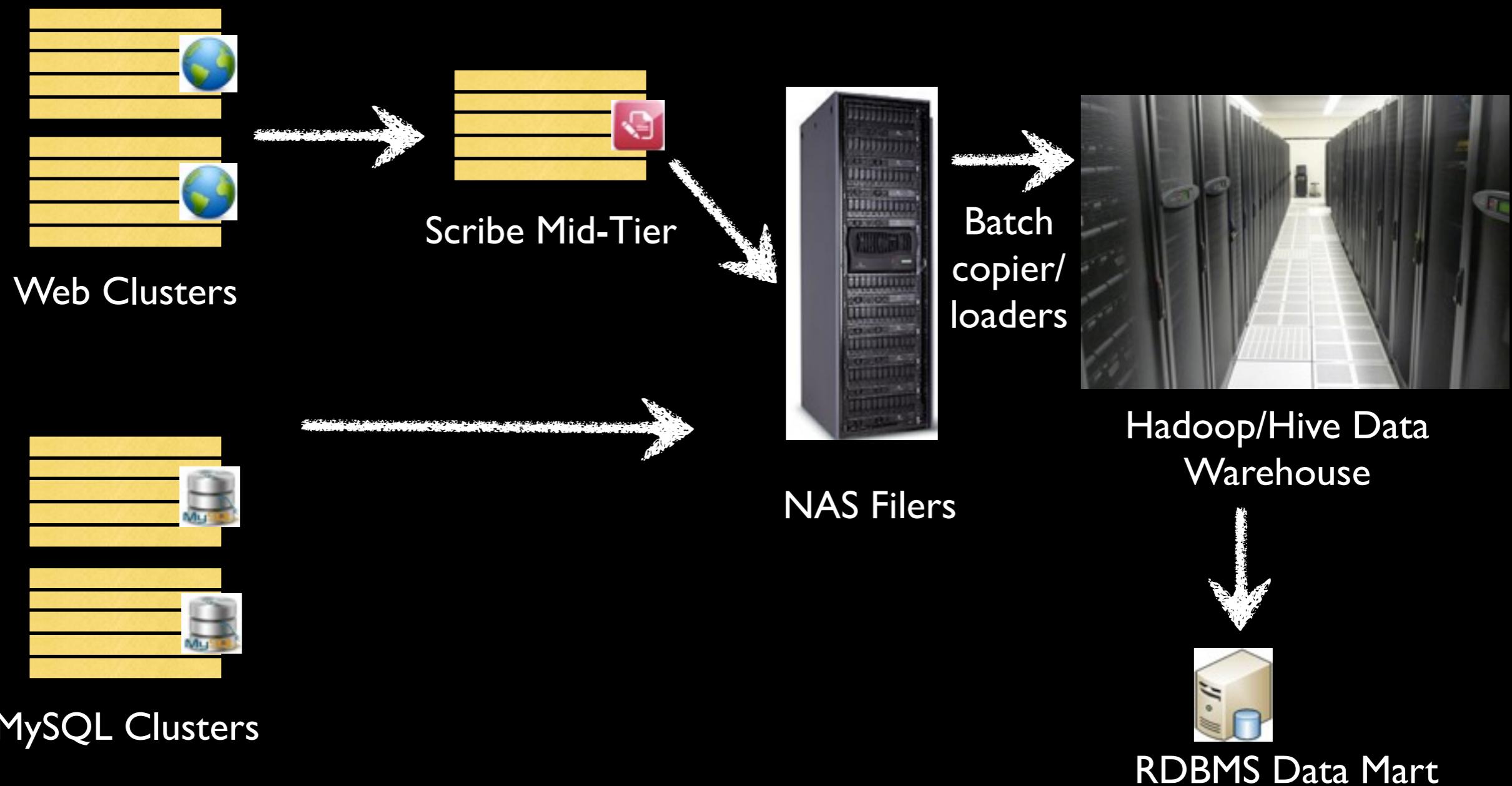
- Most use cases were in business metrics - data science, model building etc. not possible
- Only summary data was stored online - details archived away



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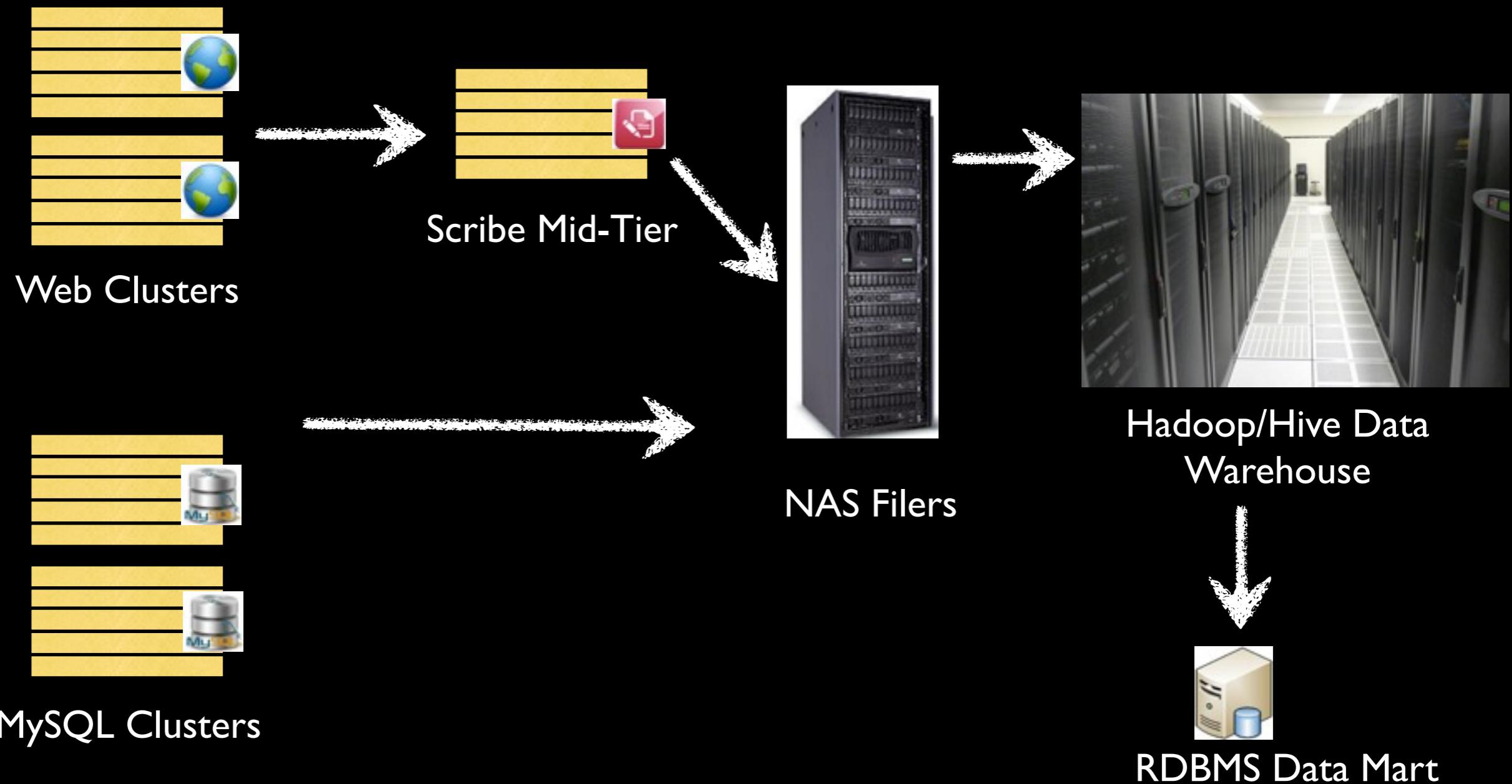


# 2008: Immediate Pros

- Data science at scale became possible
- For the first time all of the instrumented data could be held online
- Use cases expanded



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- Typical Nectar Pipeline
- Simple schema evolution built in
- json encoded short term data
- decomposing json for long term storage

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// This event has application name 'mobilelog' and app event type
// 'email_mms_upload'.
// NOTE: Make sure you use only one application name per new application.
// Also, app event type should not have any special characters or spaces,
// use underscores instead. $sampling_rate is the scribe sampling rate and
// has a value between 0 and 100 - sampling is on userid
NectarAppSpecificEvent('mobilelog', 'email_mms_upload', $sampling_rate)

->addToOdsKeys(array('k1', 'k2'))           // if you want to add additional
                                              // ODS keys
->setODSSamplingRate(1)                     // default is 10000, meaning 1
                                              // in 10000 events is sent to ODS
->addToAppSection(array("key" => "val"))   // can add different key value
                                              // pairs for different eventtypes
->log();                                     // need to explicit log app
                                              // specific events
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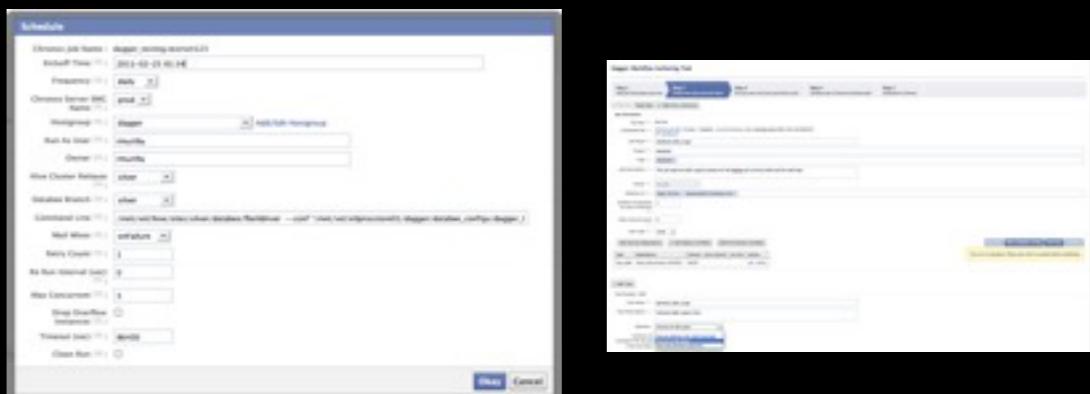
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- HiPal - data discovery and query authoring
- Charting and dashboard generation tools



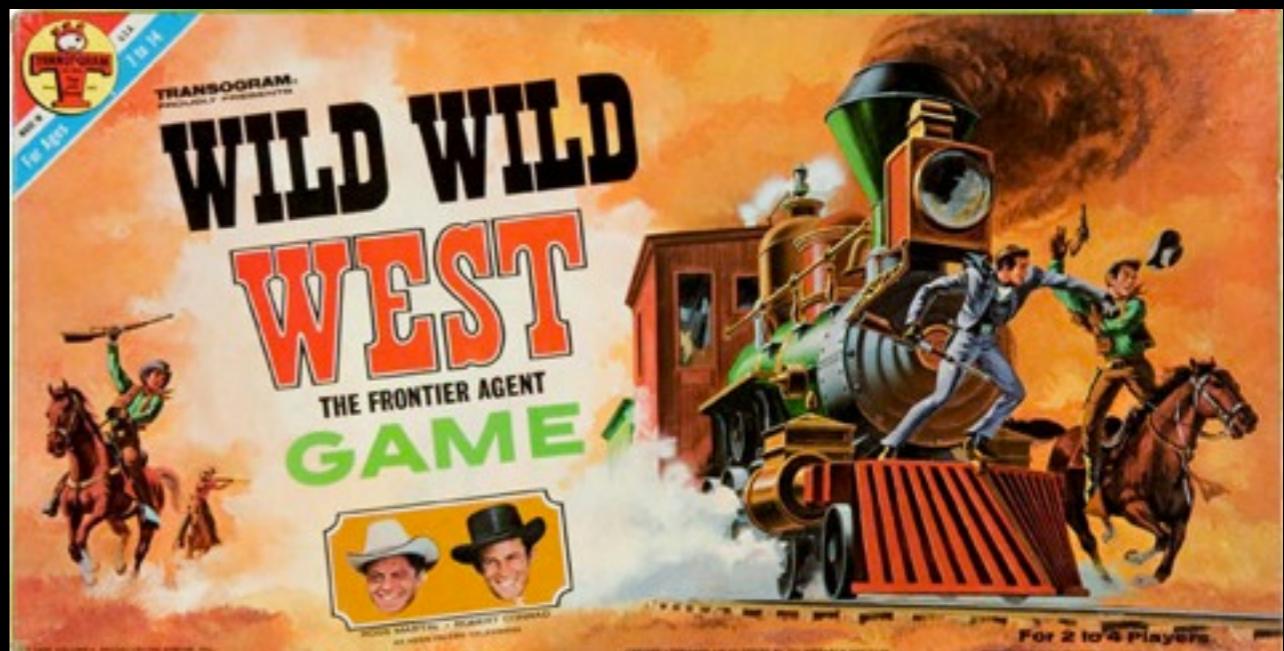
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- Databee: Workflow language
- Chronos: Scheduling tool



# 2009: Cons of Democratization

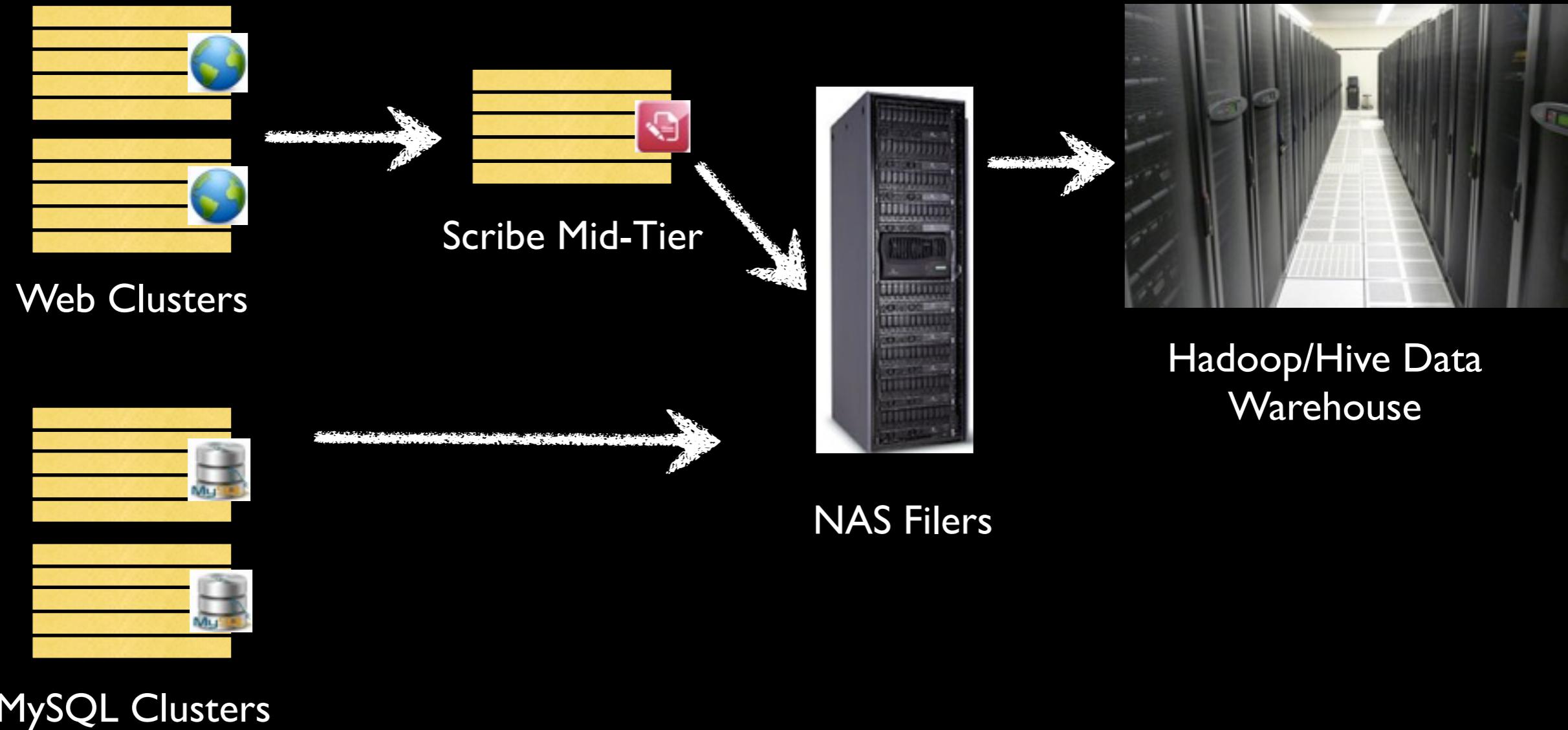
- Isolation to protect against Bad Jobs
- Fair sharing of the cluster - what is a high priority job and how to enforce it



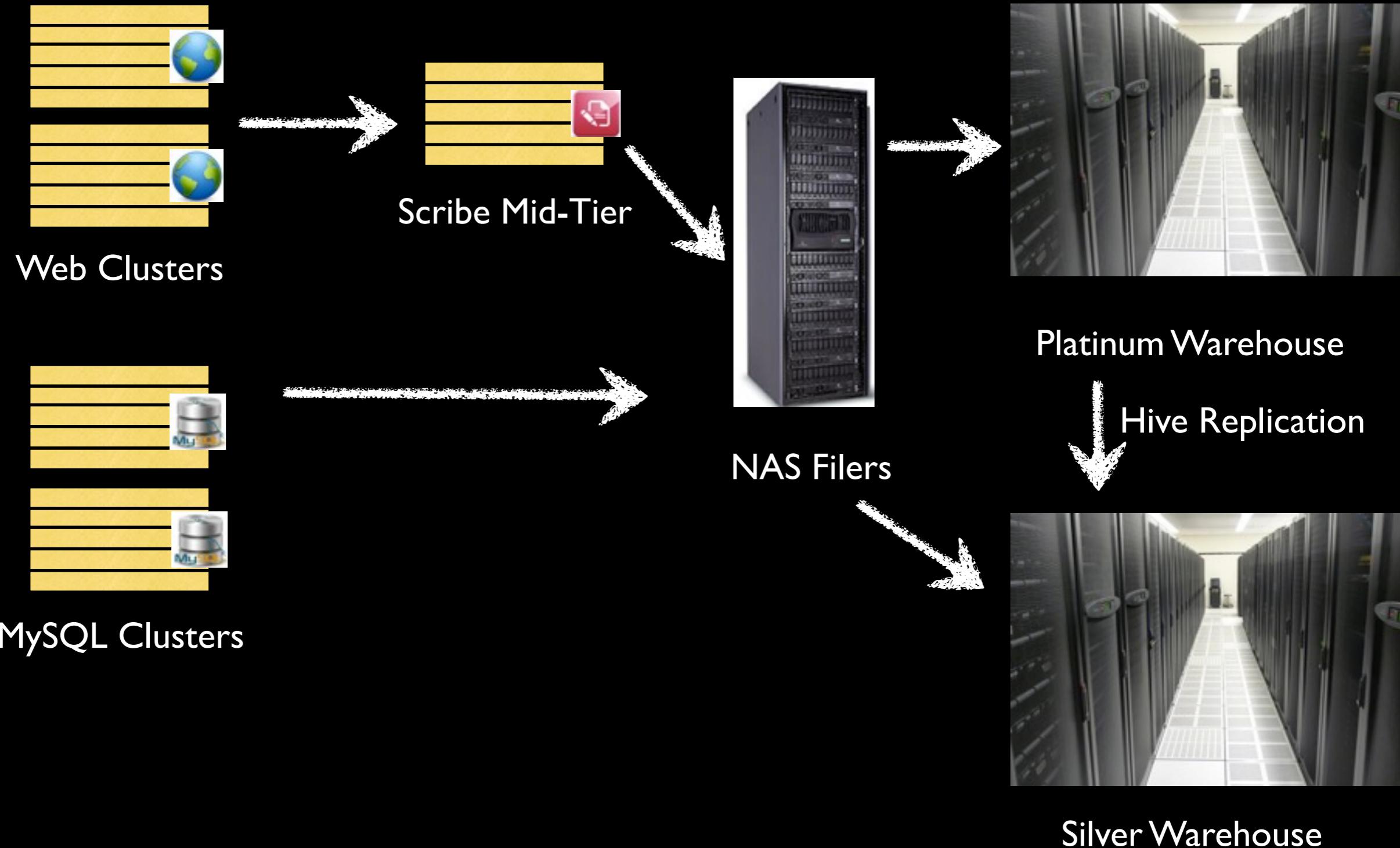
# 2010: Controlling Chaos

- Isolation
- Reducing operational overhead
- Better resource utilization
- Measurement, ownership, accountability

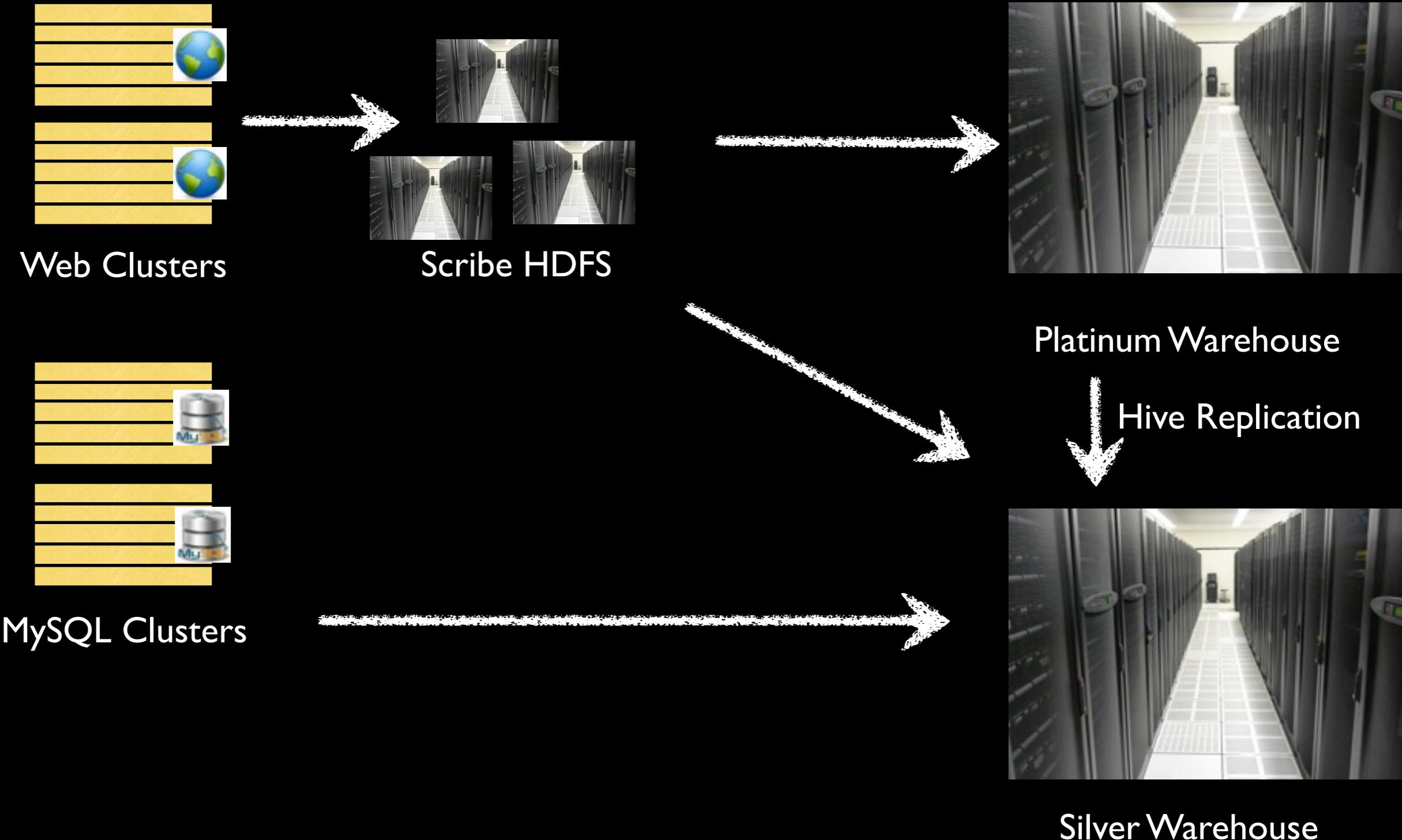
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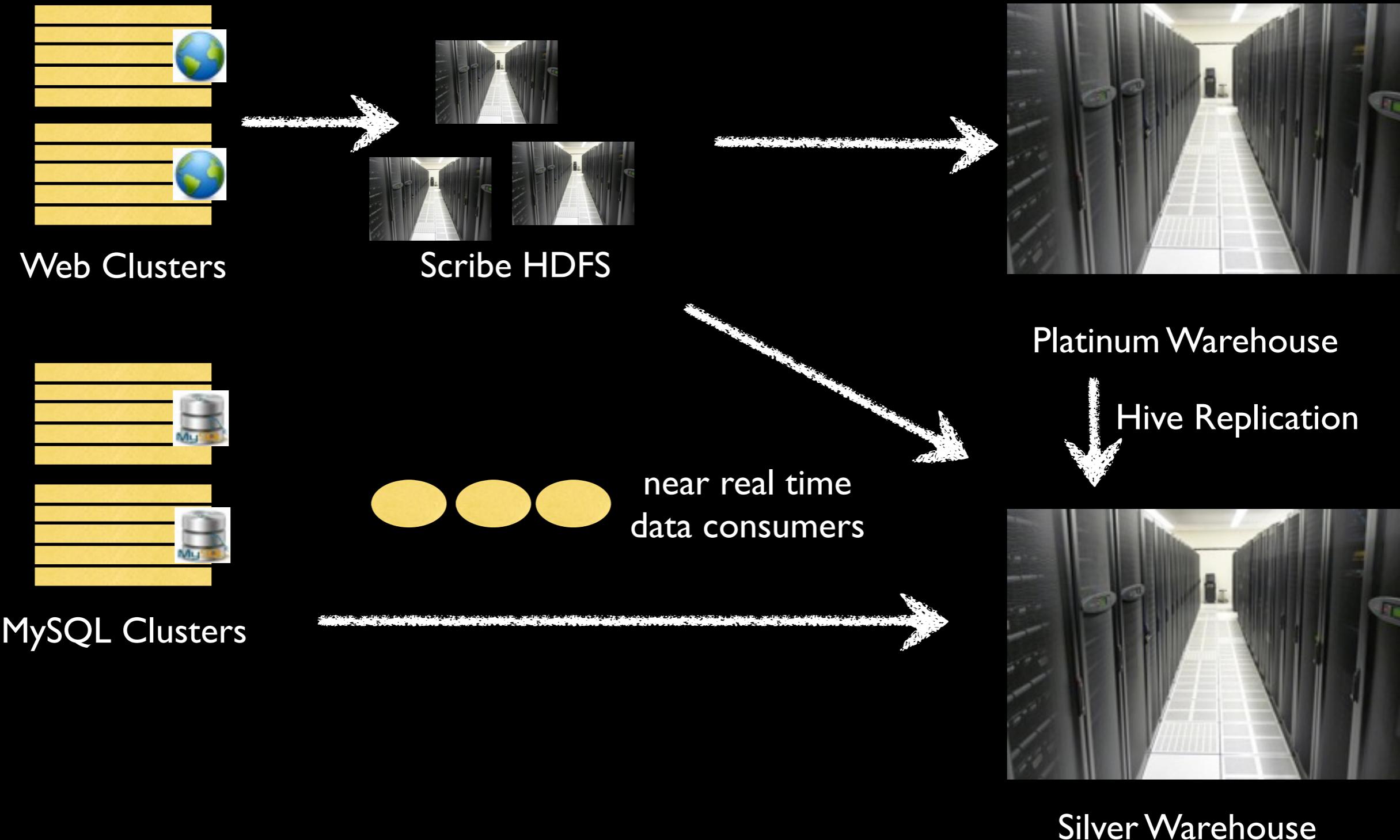
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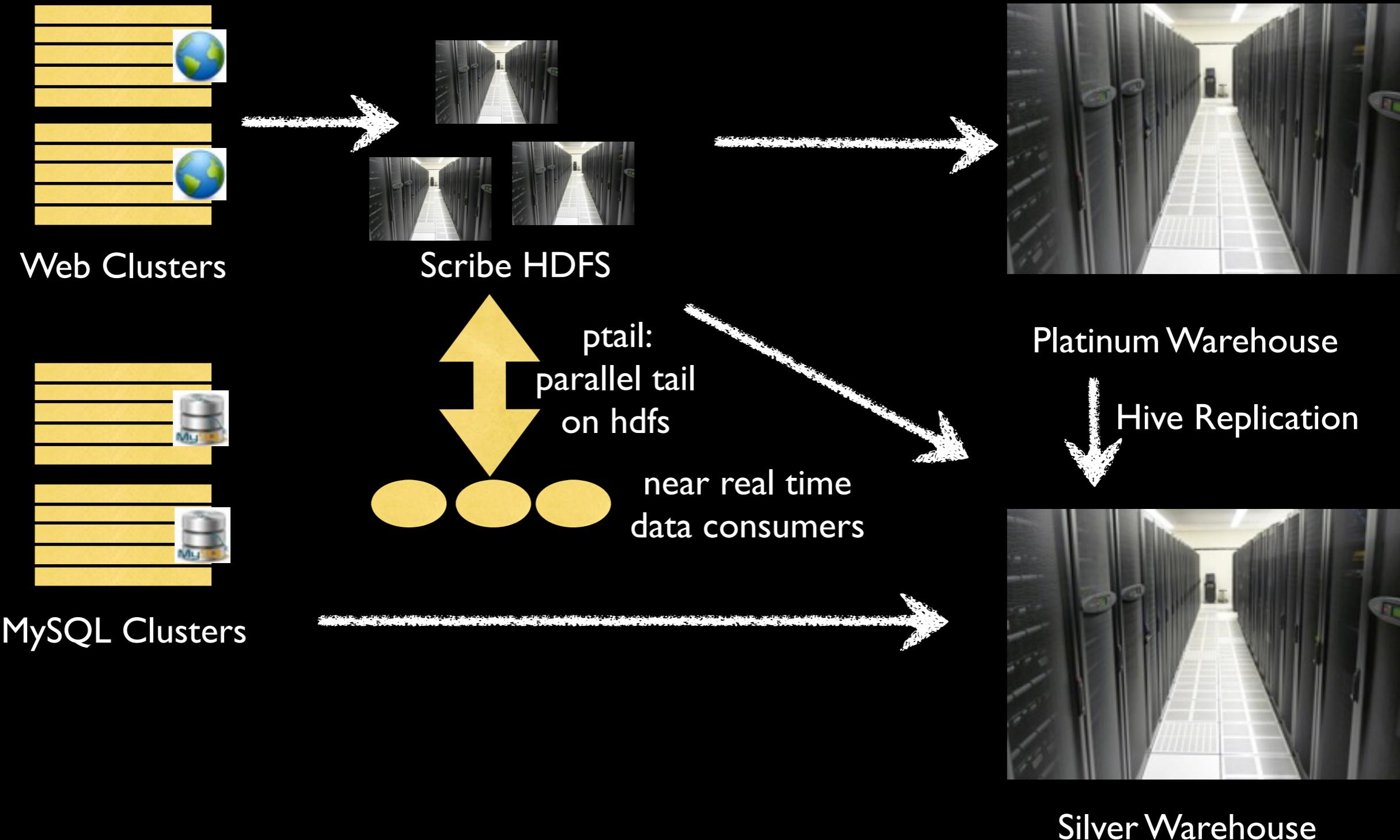
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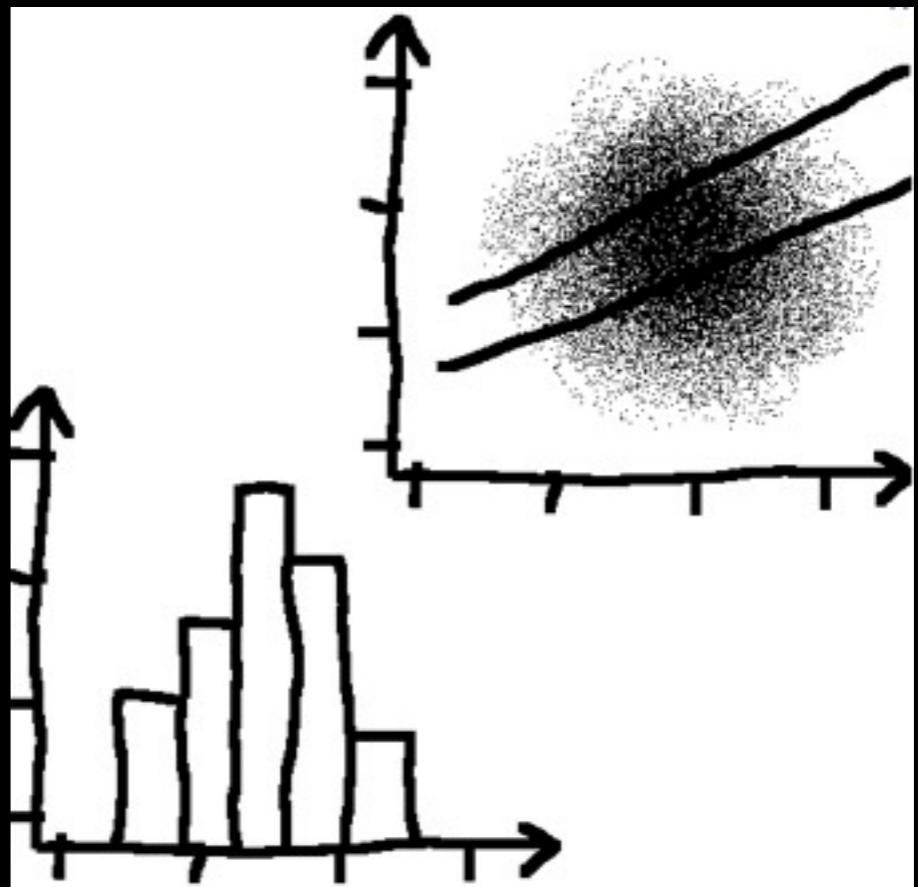


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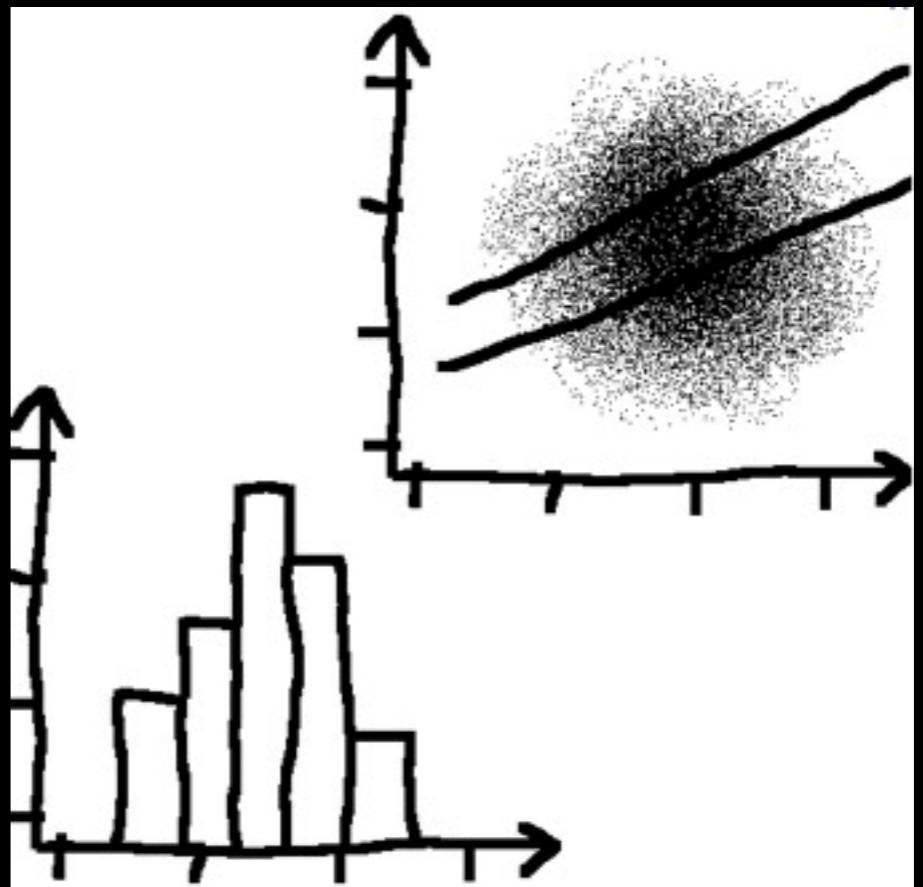
# 2010: Resource Utilization (Disk)

- HDFS-RAID: from 3 replicas to 2.2 replicas
- RCFile: Row columnar format for compressing Hive tables



# 2010: Resource Utilization (CPU)

- Continuous copier/loaders
- Incremental scrapes
- Hive optimizations to save CPU



# 2010: Monitoring(SLAs)

- Per job statistics rolled up to owner/group/team
- Expected time of arrival vs Actual time of arrival of data
- Simple data quality metrics



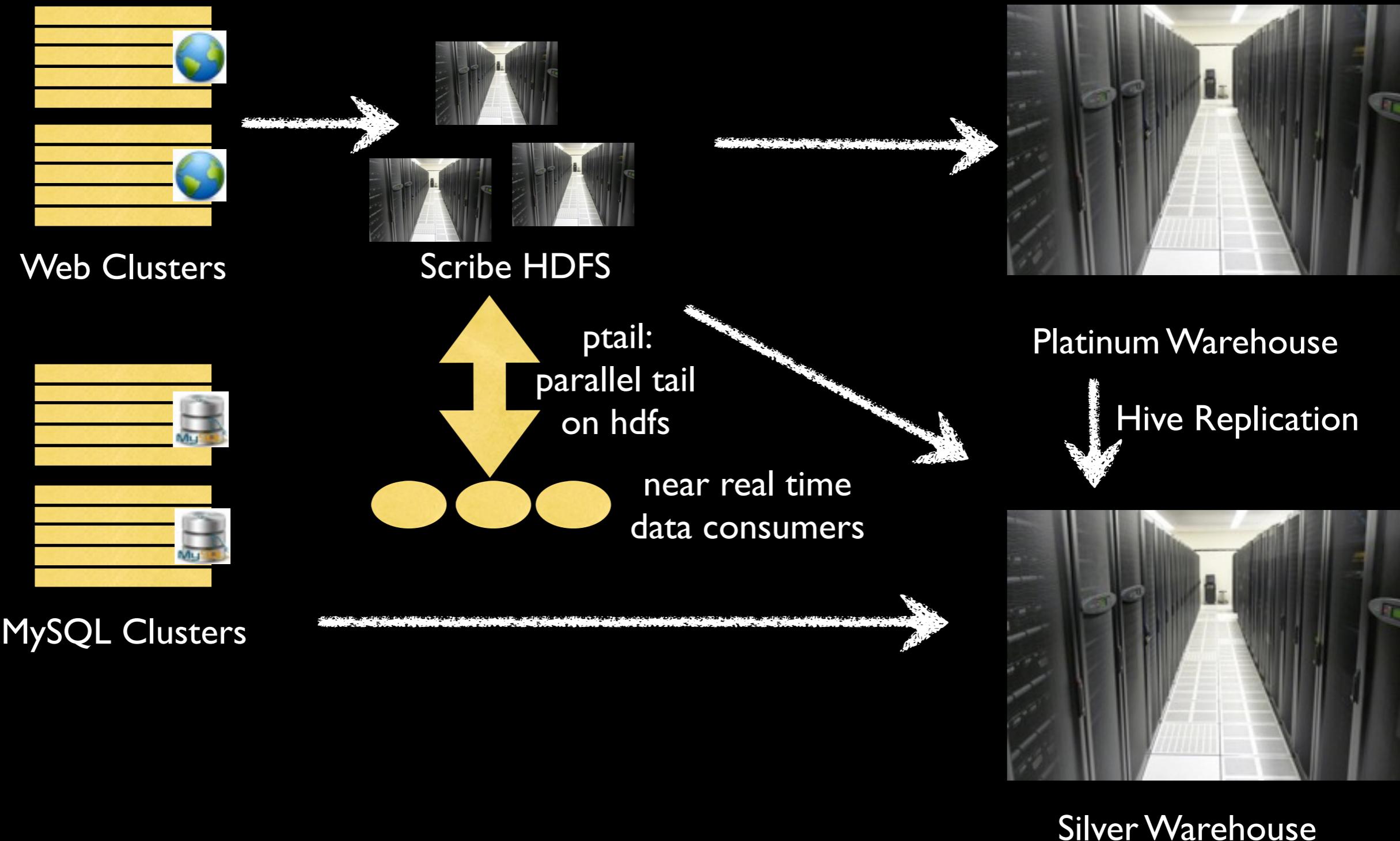
# 2011: New Requirements

- More real time requirements for aggregations
- Optimizing resource utilization

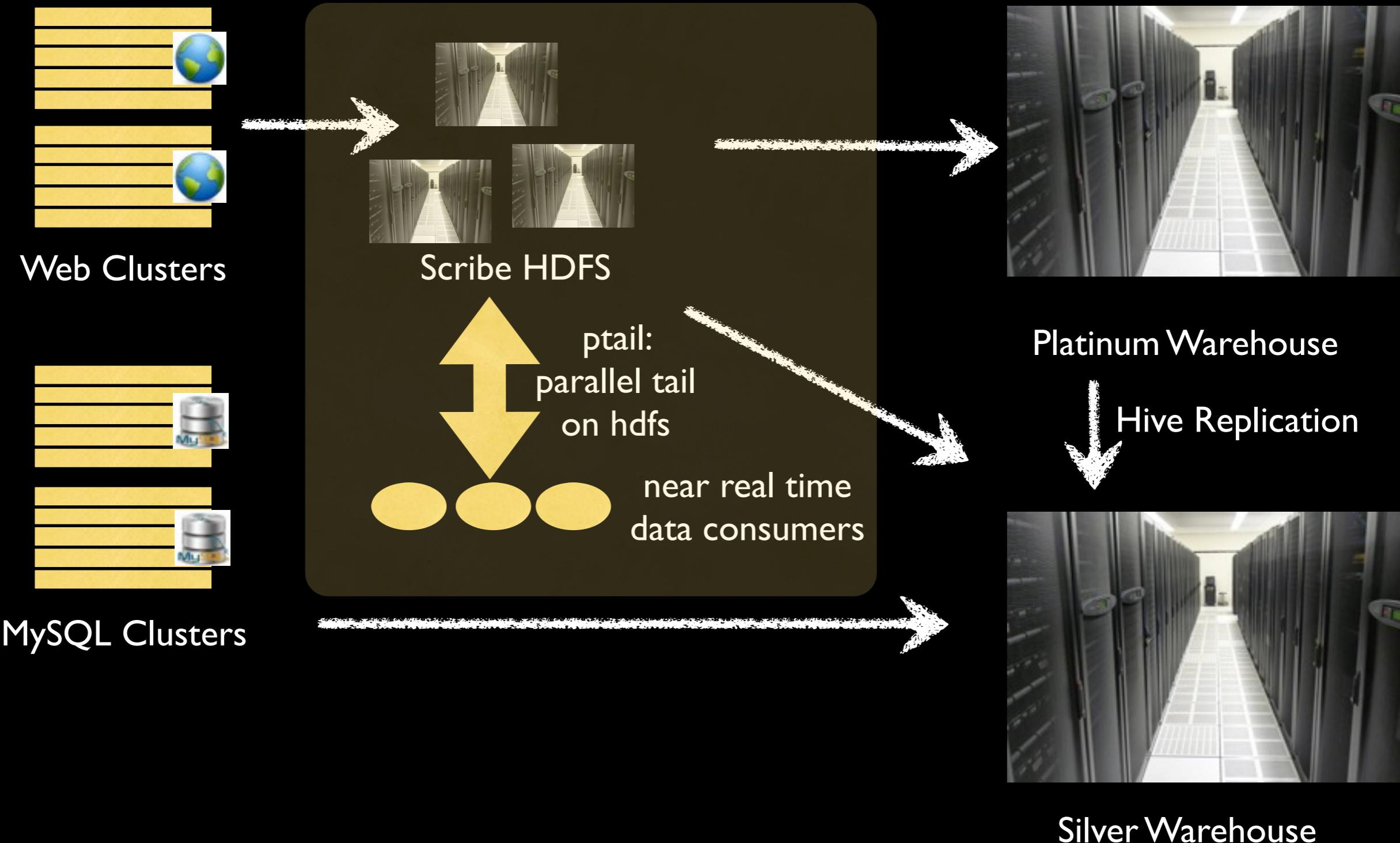
# 2011: Beyond Hadoop

- Puma for real time analytics
- Peregrine for simple and fast queries

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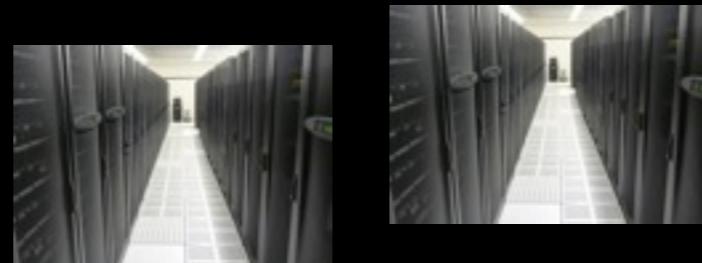


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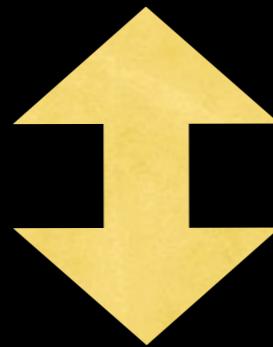


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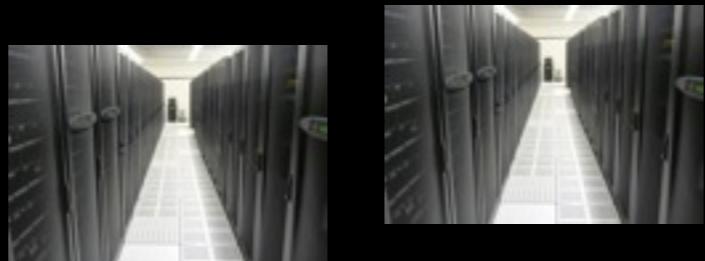


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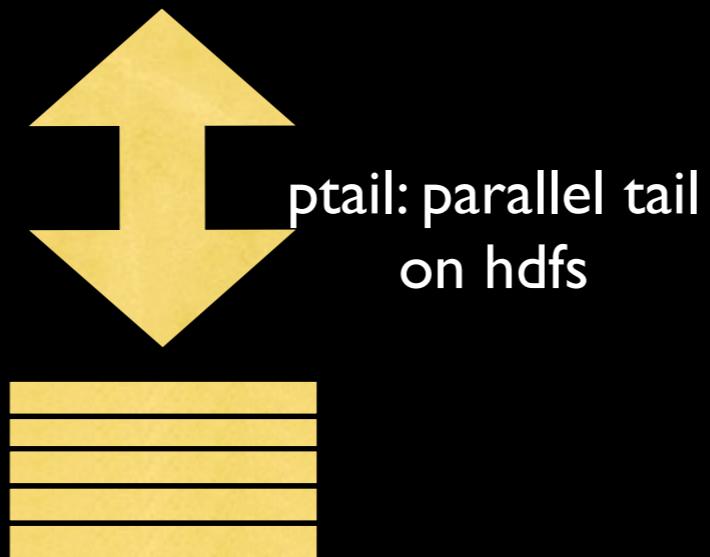


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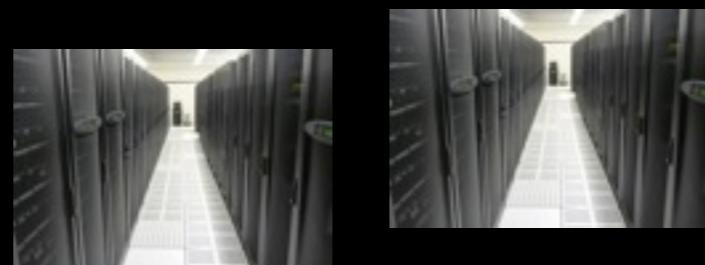


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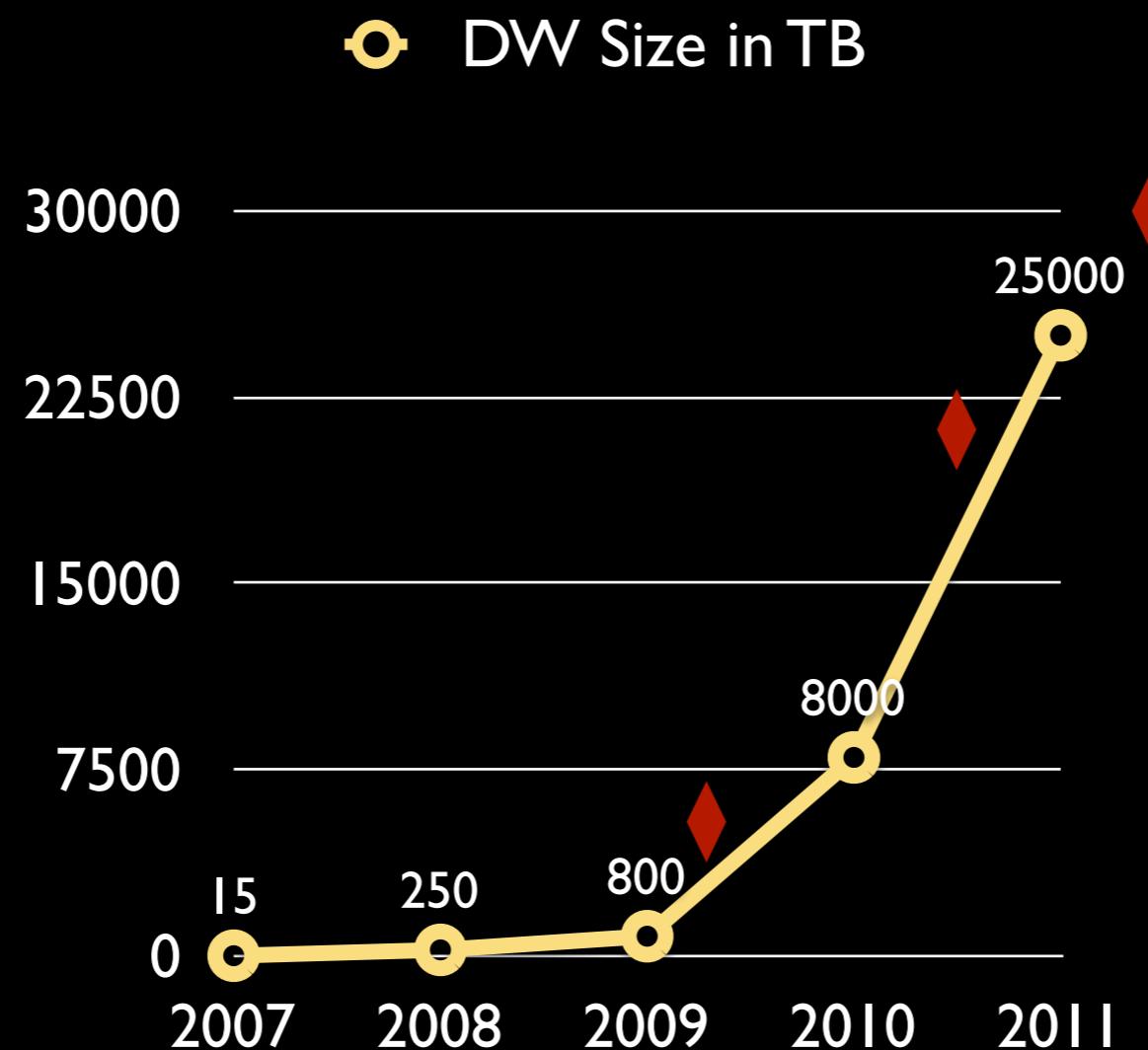


Hbase Cluster

# Other Challenges Of HyperGrowth

- Moving data centers
- Moving sustainably fast

# HyperGrowth - Moving Data Centers



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- Moved 20 PB of data
- Leverage replication with fast switch
- 2-3 months to accomplish the entire move



Blog Post on FB by Paul Yang: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/paul-yang/moving-an-elephant-large-scale-hadoop-data-migration-at-facebook/10150246275318920>

# Questions

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