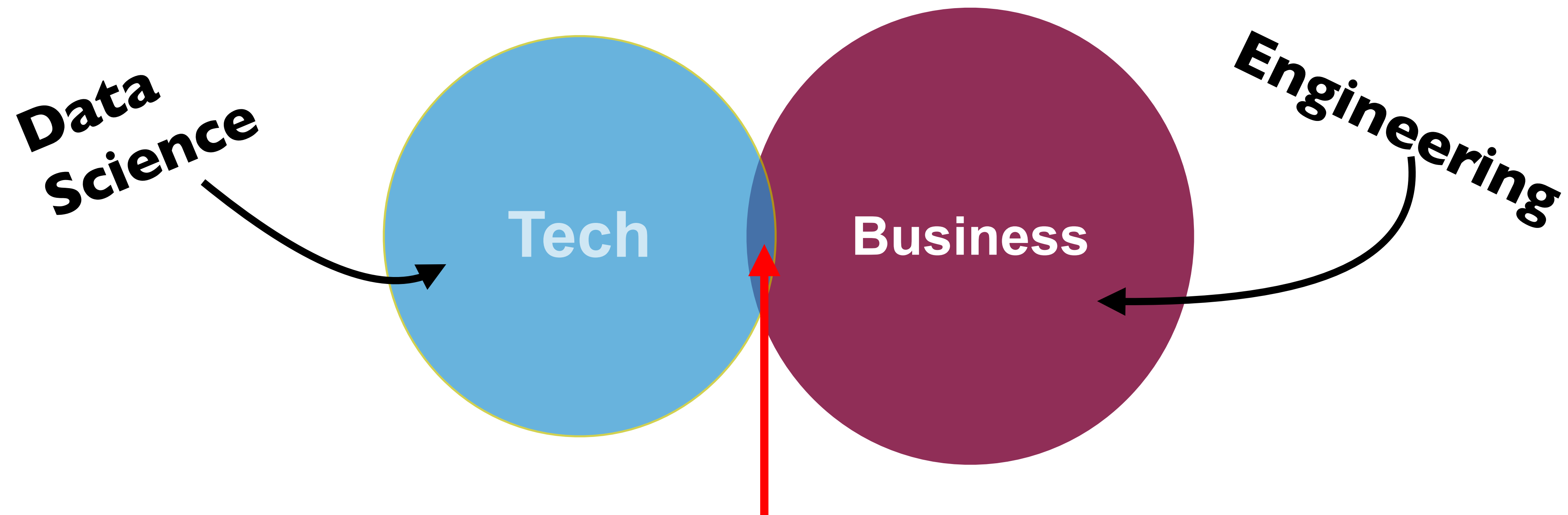




# **Continuous Intelligence**

## **Through Computation Sharing With Arcon**

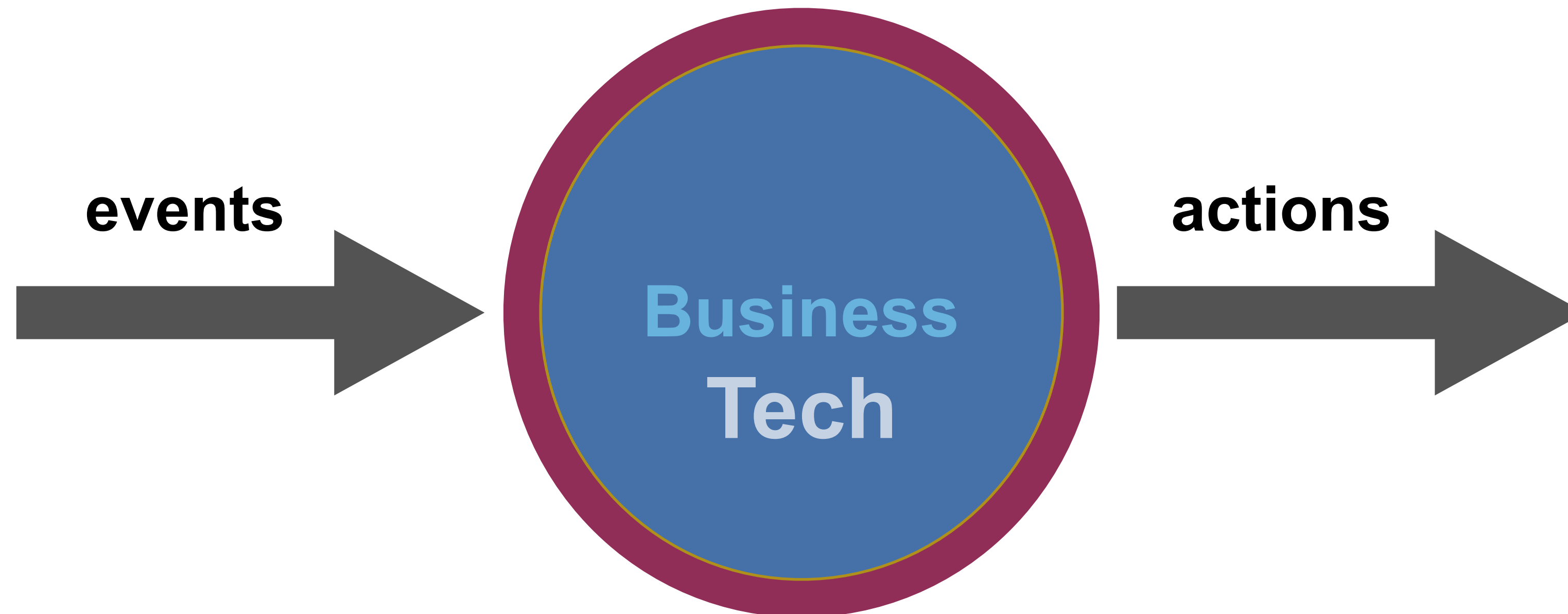
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A **Lot** is going on in Tech (Deep Learning, Scalable Processing etc.)  
**Little** contribution to critical real-time decision making

# Continuous Intelligence

*A design pattern in which **real-time analytics** are integrated within a business operation, processing **current and historical data** to prescribe **actions in response to events**.*






# What we think of data

Dictionary Google

data

**data**  
/'deɪtə/ 

*noun*

facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis.  
"there is very little data available"

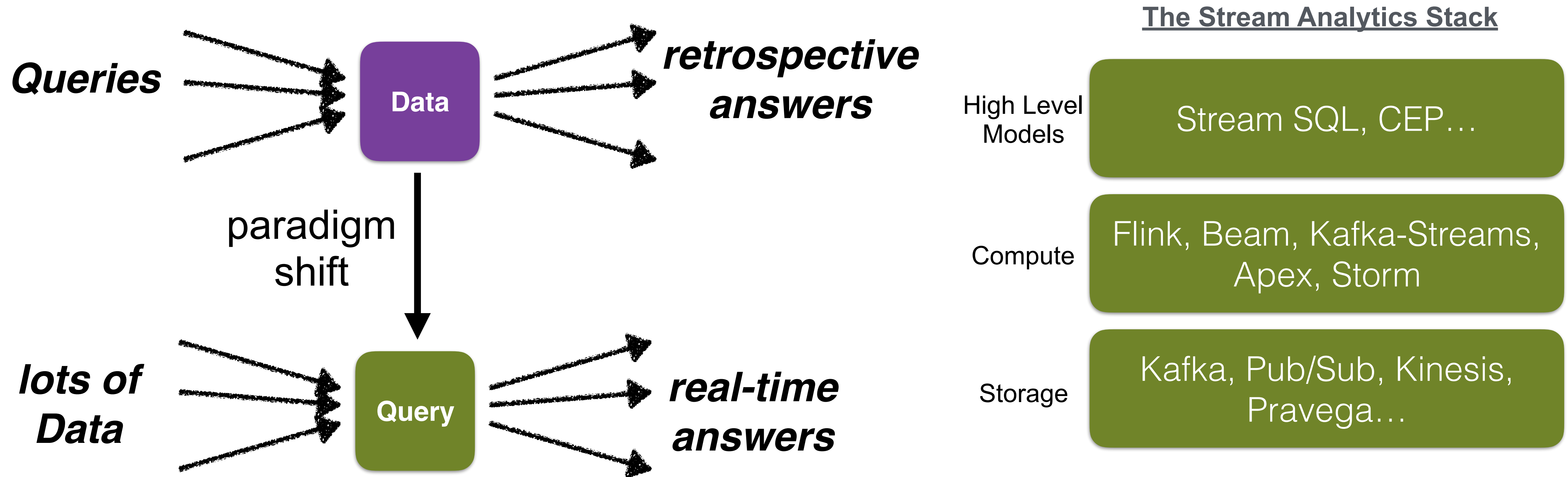
*synonyms:* facts, figures, **statistics**, details, particulars, specifics, features; [More](#)



**VS** actual data....

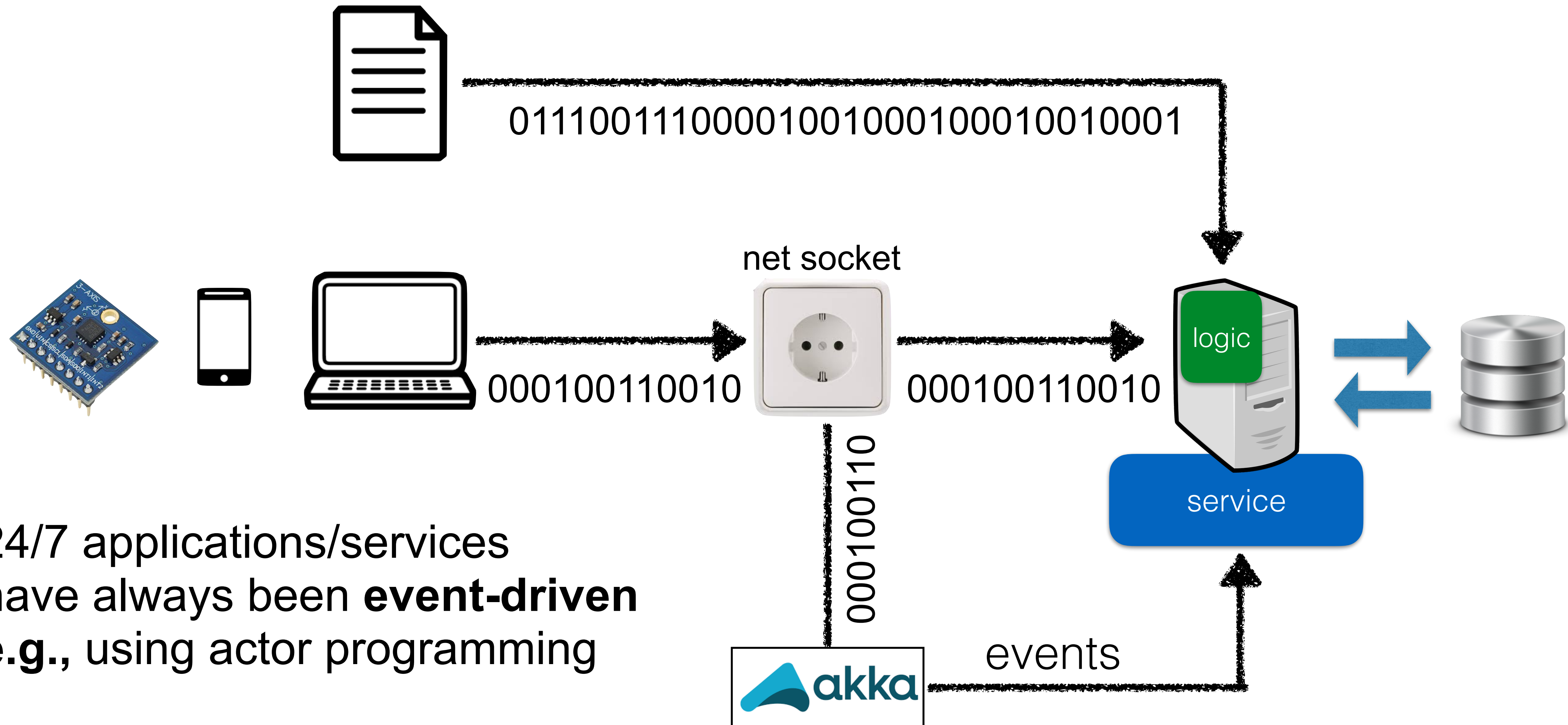


# The Paradigm Shift Some Missed



- **Data Stream Processing** as a 24/7 execution paradigm

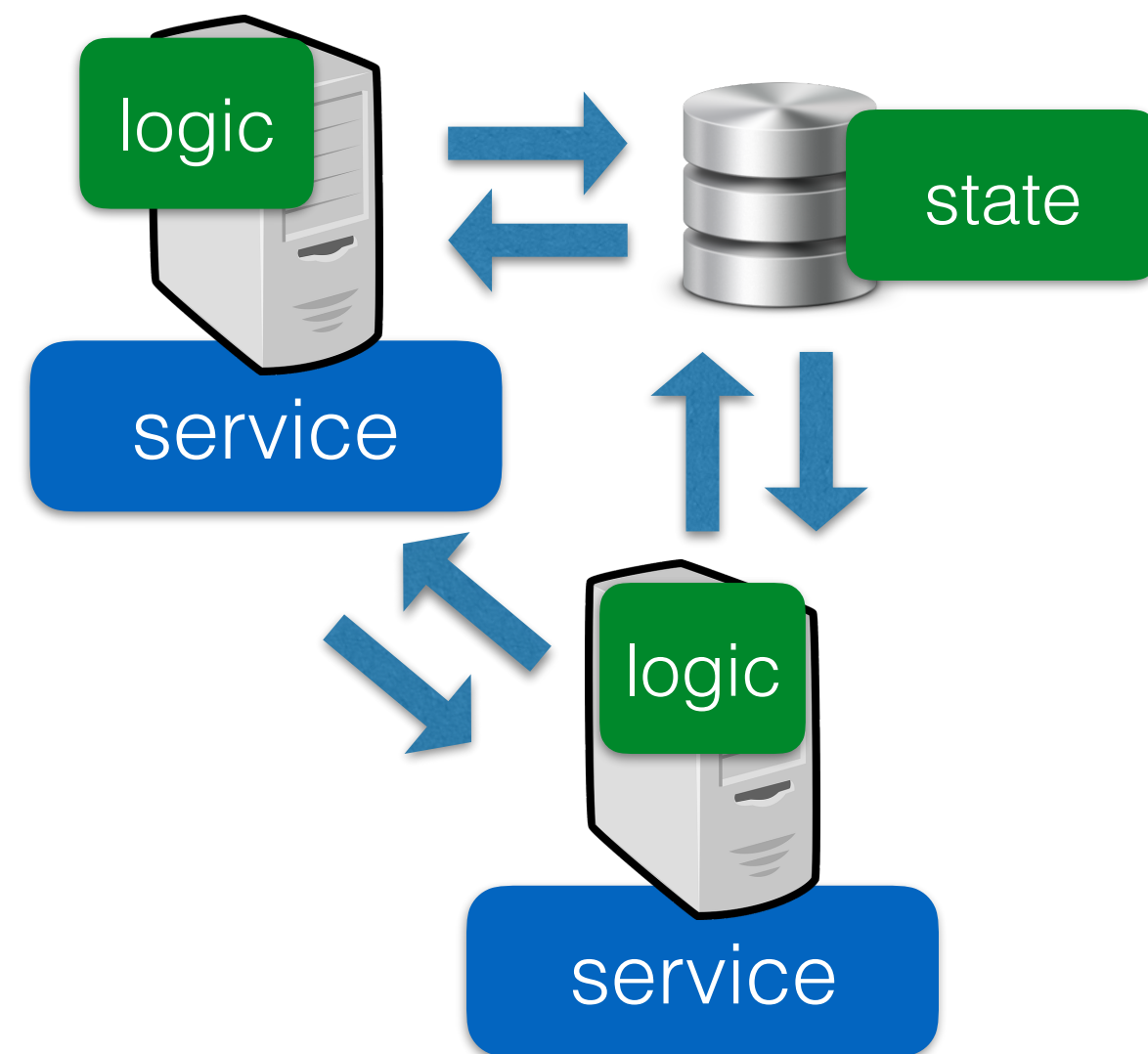
# Similar Technologies



24/7 applications/services  
have always been **event-driven**  
e.g., using actor programming

# Actors vs Streams

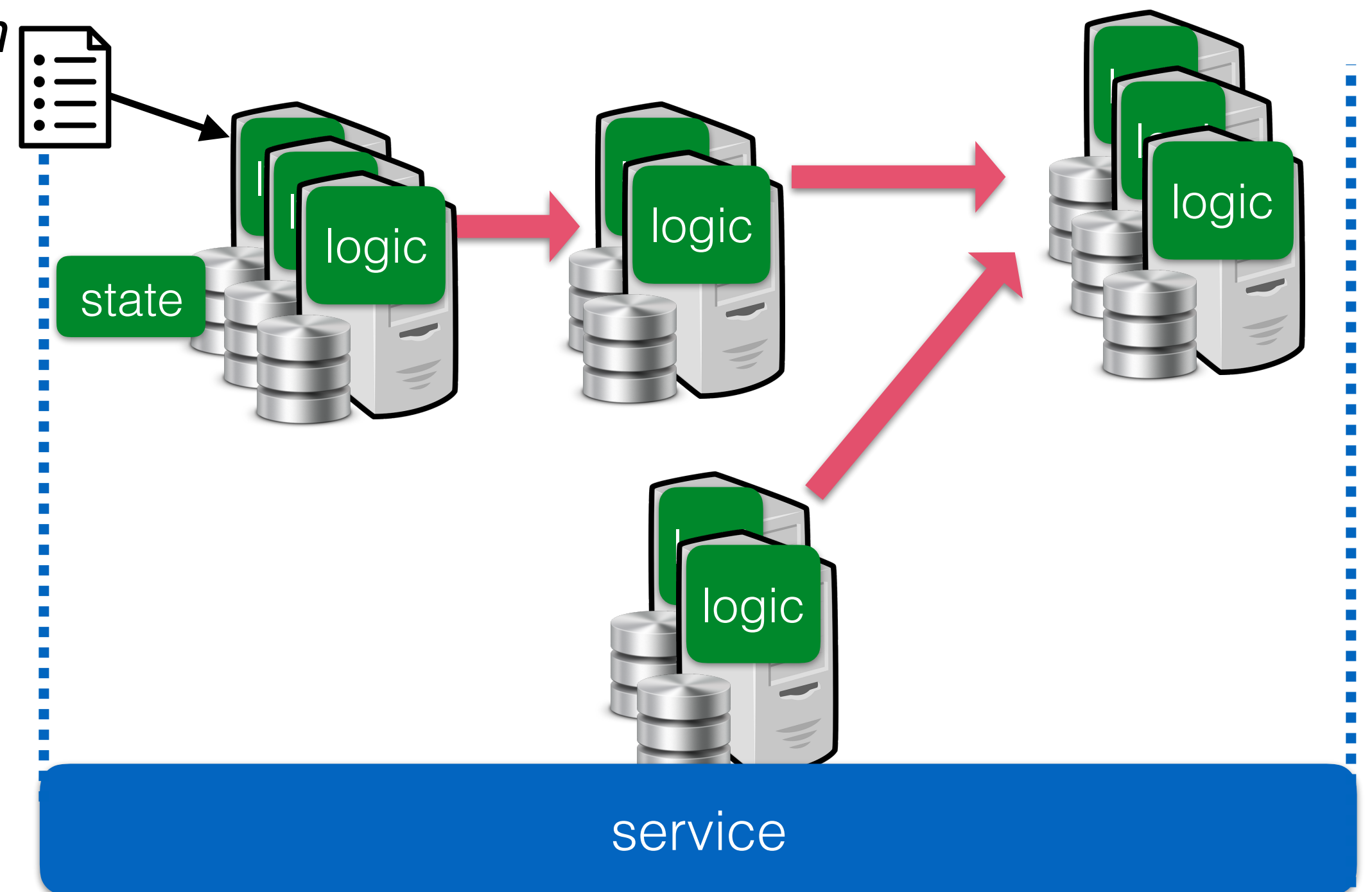
## Actor Programming



- Low-Level Event-Based Programming
- Manual/External State
- Not Robust: Manual Fault Tolerance
- Not flexible scaling

**vs**

## *Declarative Program* Data Stream Computing



- Declarative Programming
- State Managed by the system
- Robust: Built-in Fault Tolerance
- Scalable Deployments



# The Real-Time Analytics Stack

High Level  
Models

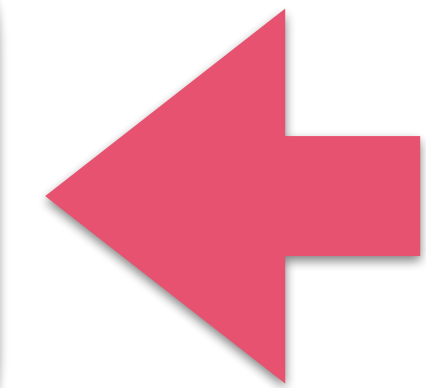
Stream SQL, CEP...

Compute

Flink, Beam, Kafka-Streams,  
Apex, Storm, Spark Streaming...

Storage

Kafka, Pub/Sub, Kinesis,  
Pravega...



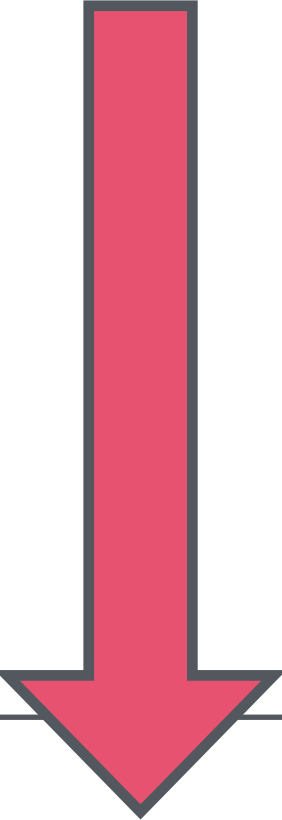
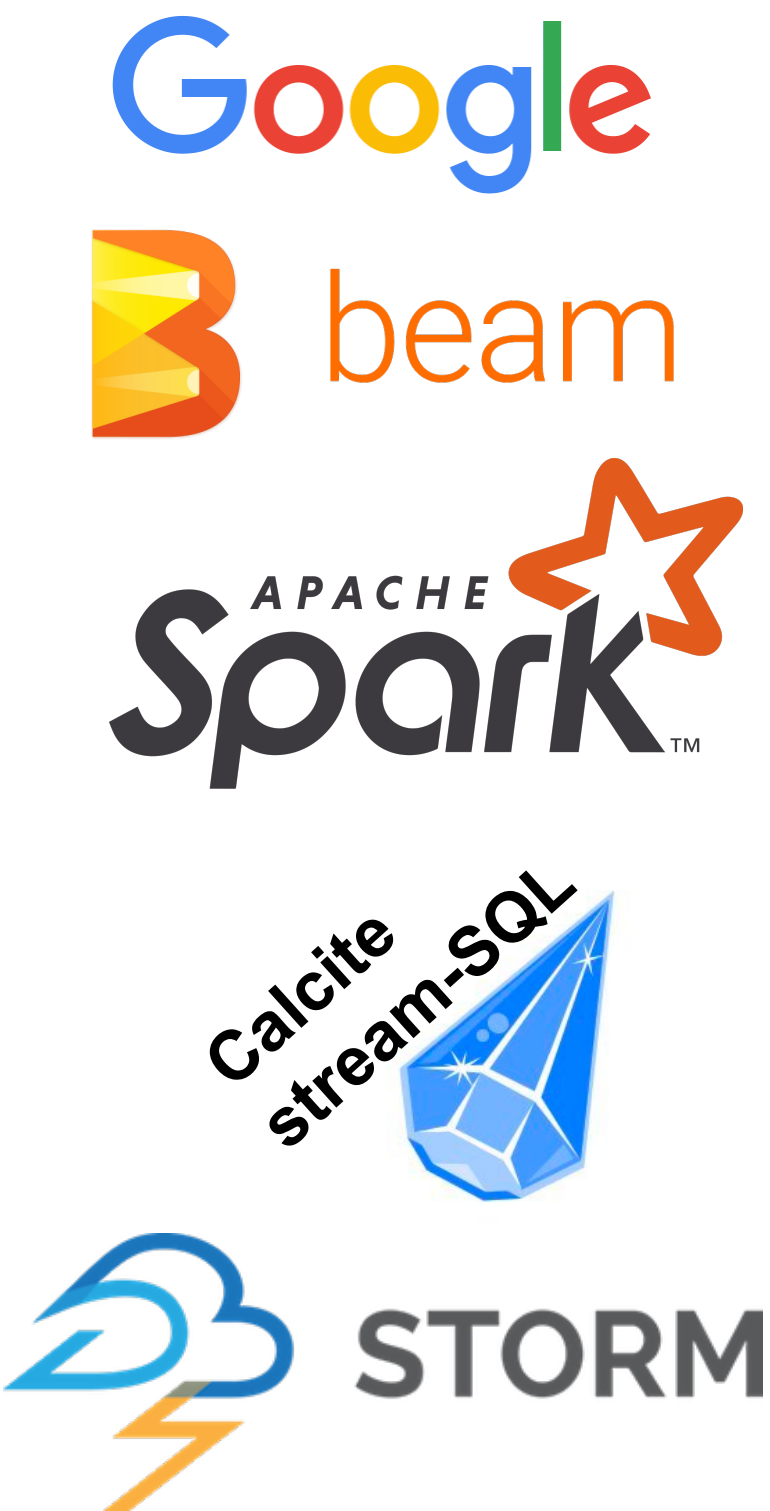
# Apache Flink Foundations



↓ *Data Streams, Fault Tolerance, Window Aggregation*



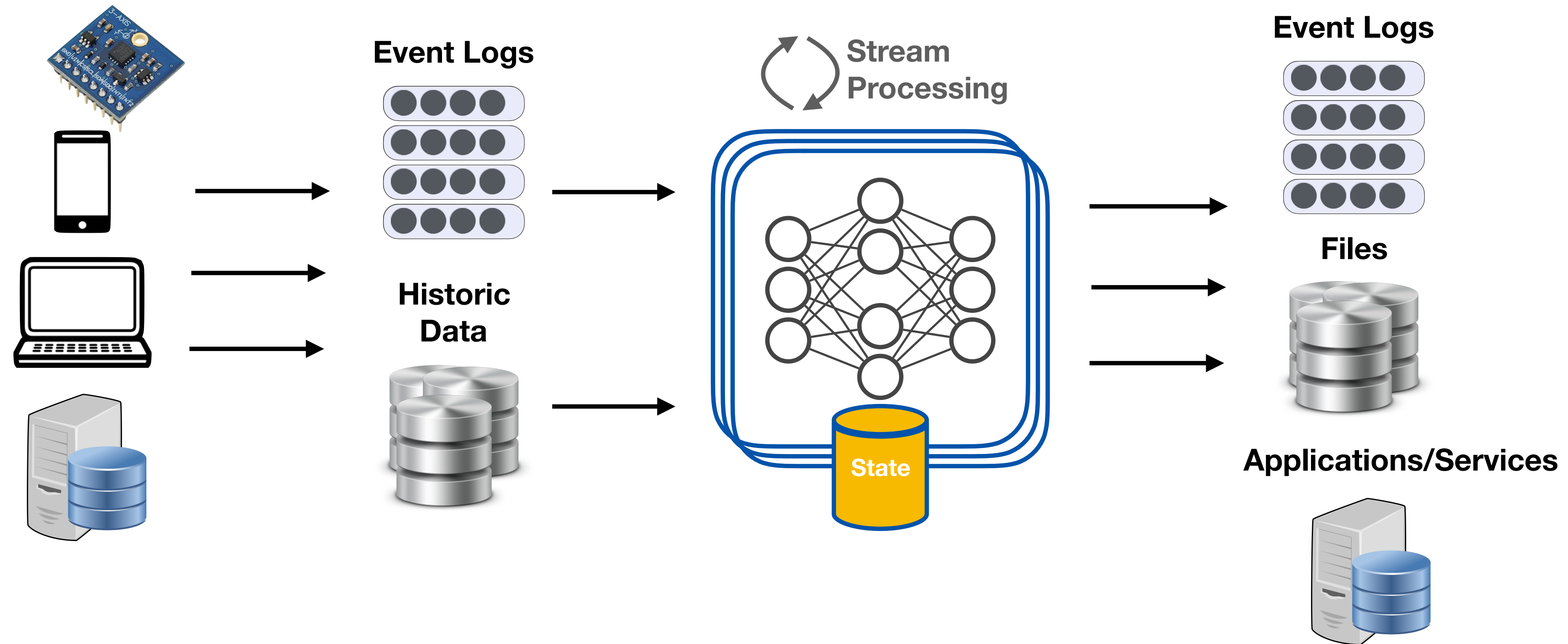
- Top-level Apache Project
- #1 stream processor (2019)
- Production-Proof
- > 400 contributors
- 100s of deployments



**commercial  
deployments**

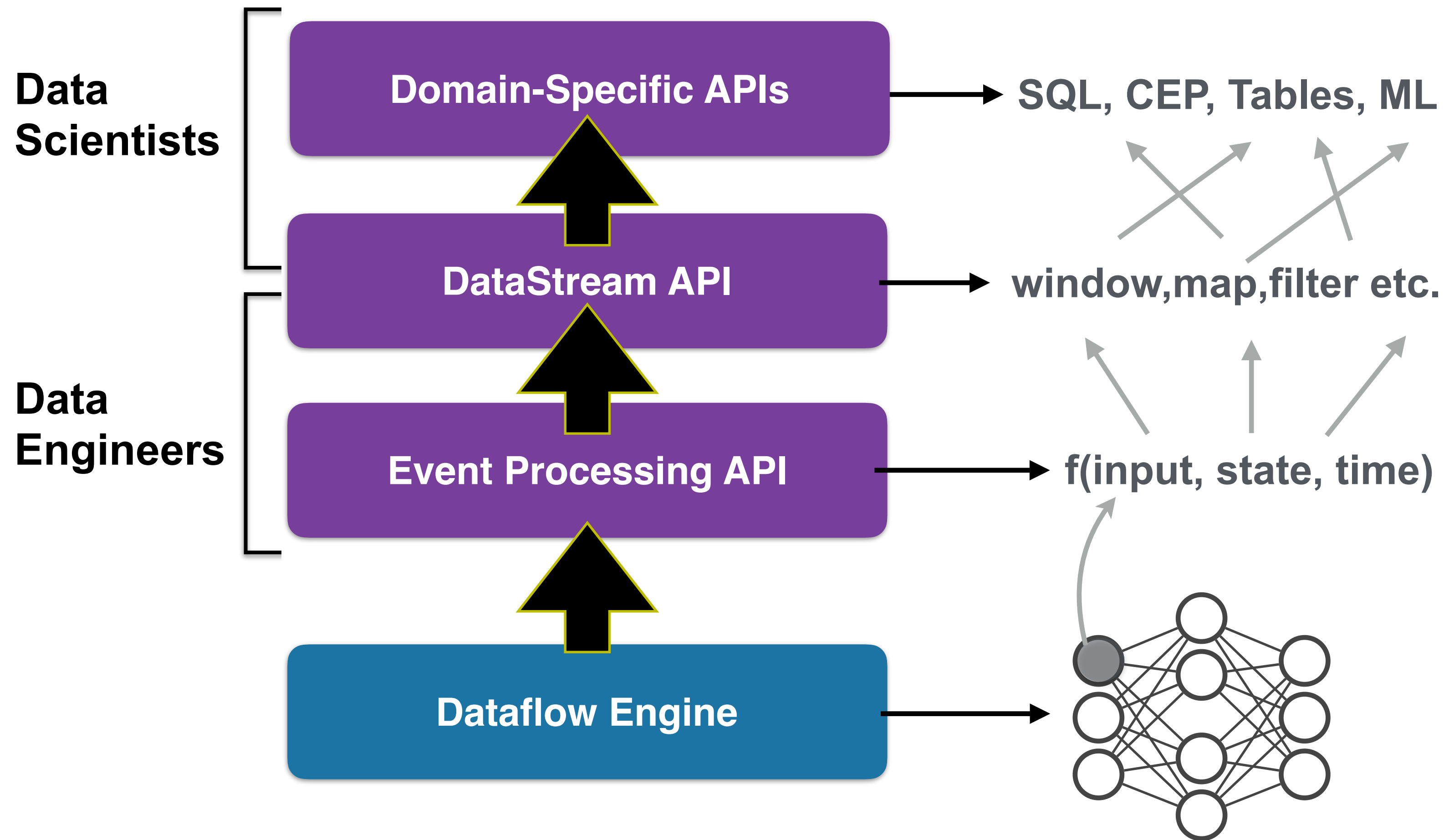


# Structure of a 24/7 Stream Application





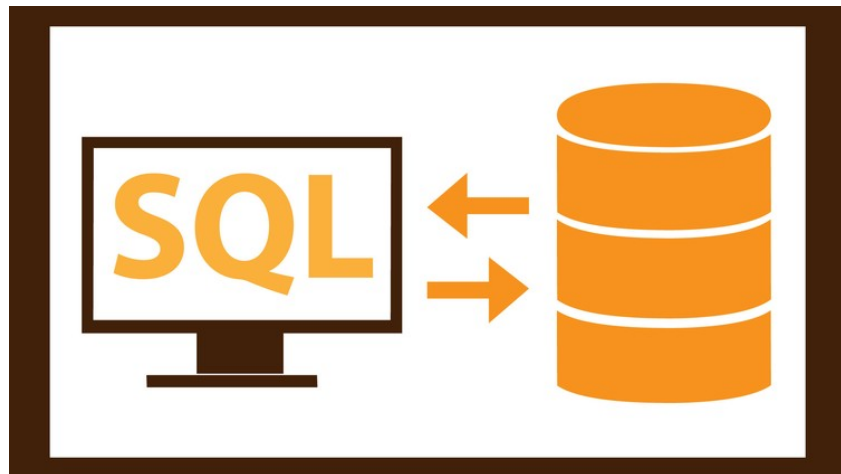
# Programming Abstractions in Flink



## Automates

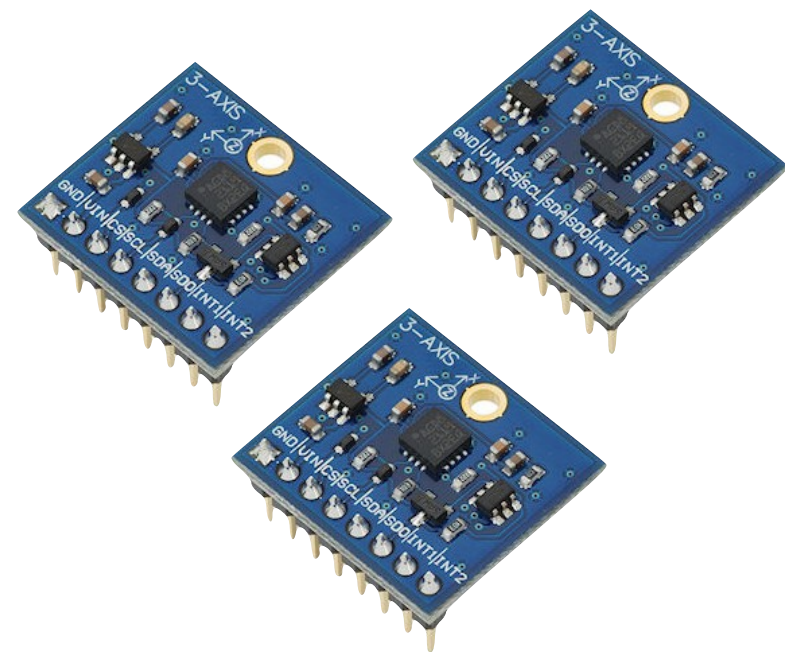
- Fully Declarative Programming
- Event Patterns, Relations etc.
- Higher-Order Streaming Functions
- Event Windowing (sessions, time etc.)
- Dynamic program state
- Operations on out-of-order streams
- Fault Tolerance
- Scalability
- Monitoring/IO Management

# Declarative Streaming Examples



```
SELECT
  HOUR(r.rideTime) AS hourOfDay,
  AVG(f.tip) AS avgTip
FROM
  Rides r,
  Fares f
WHERE
  r.rideId = f.rideId AND
  NOT r.isStart AND
  f.payTime BETWEEN r.rideTime - INTERVAL '5' MINUTE AND r.rideTime
GROUP BY
  HOUR(r.rideTime);
```

**Average Tip per Hour  
with Stream SQL**



```
val completedRides = Pattern
  .begin[TaxiRide]("start").where(_.isStart)
  .next("end").where(!_.isStart)

CEP.pattern[TaxiRide](allRides,
  completedRides.within(Time.minutes(120)))
```

**Completed Taxi Rides within 120min  
with Complex Event Processing**

# Case Study

# Car Sharing

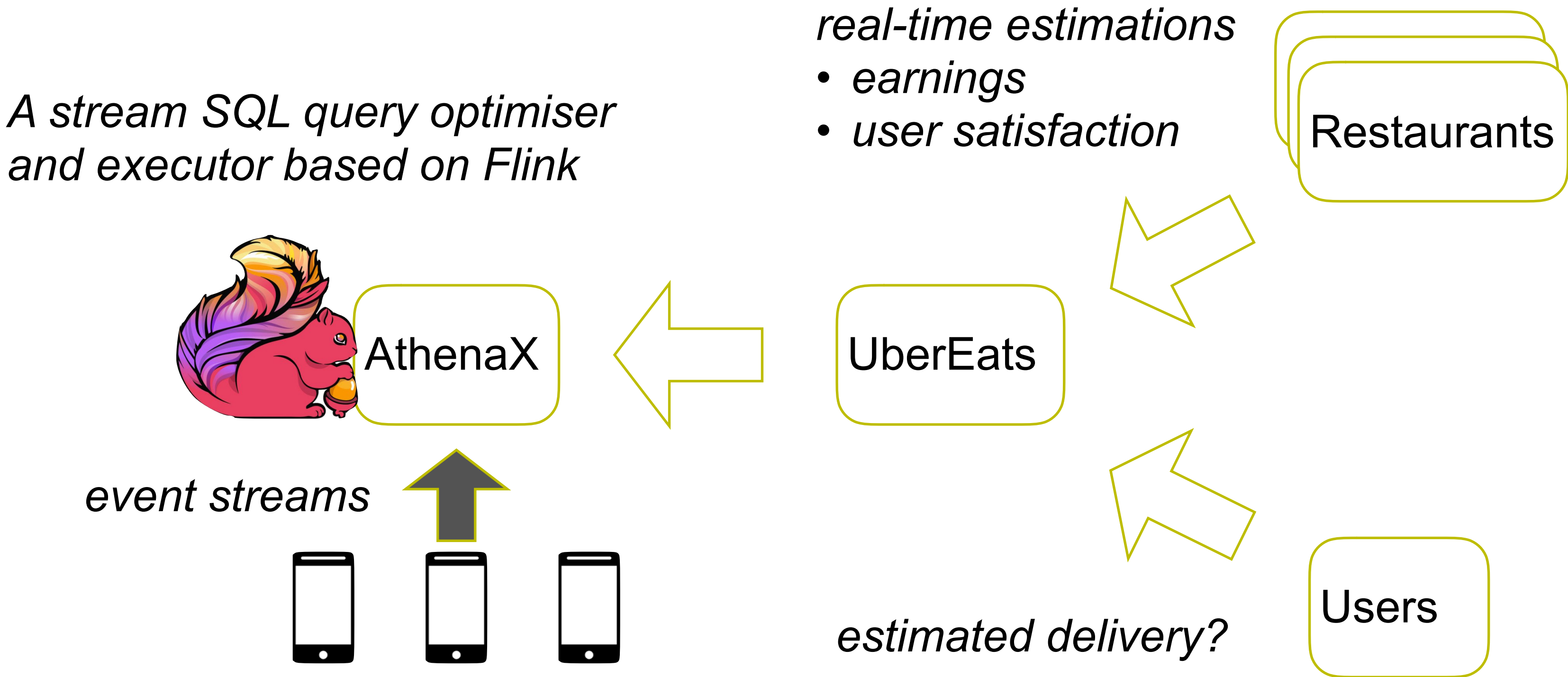
Source:



<https://www.flink-forward.org/>



# AthenaX - An Online Warehousing Platform (2017)

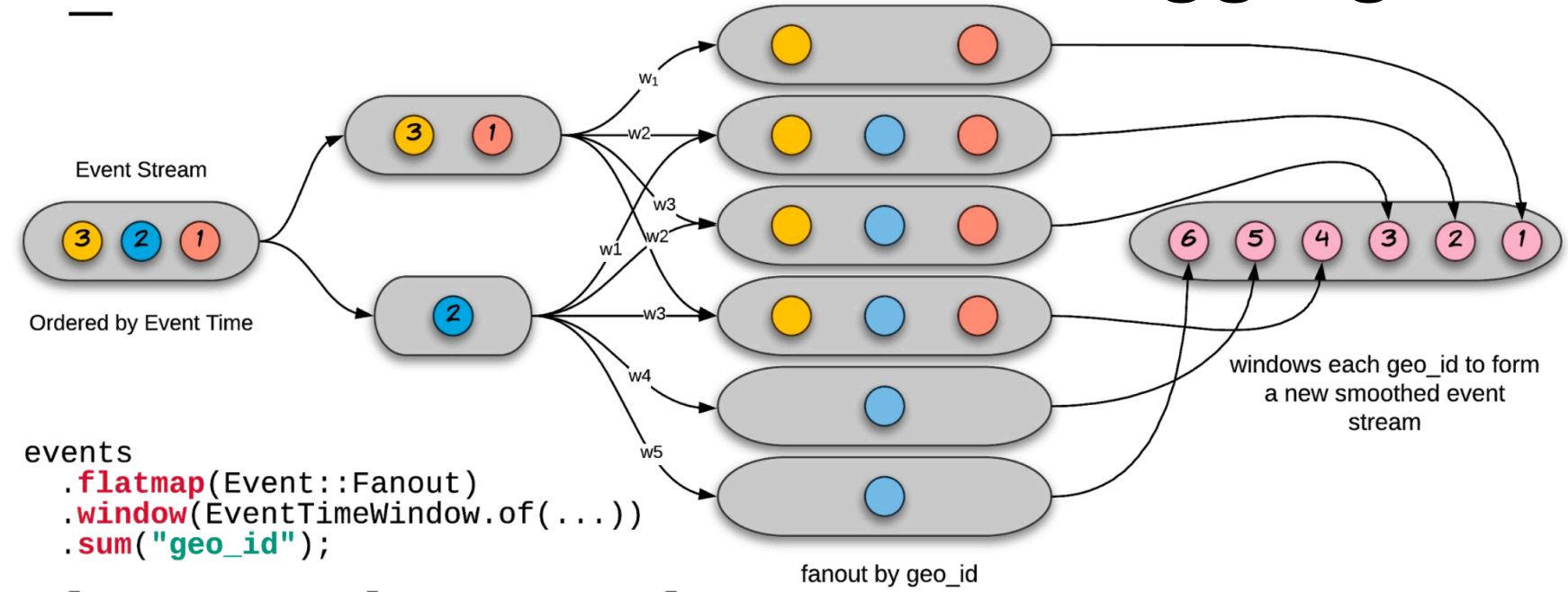


AthenaX was released and open sourced by [Uber Technologies](https://eng.uber.com/athenax/). It is capable of scaling across hundreds of machines and processing hundreds of billions of real-time events daily.

## Input Streams

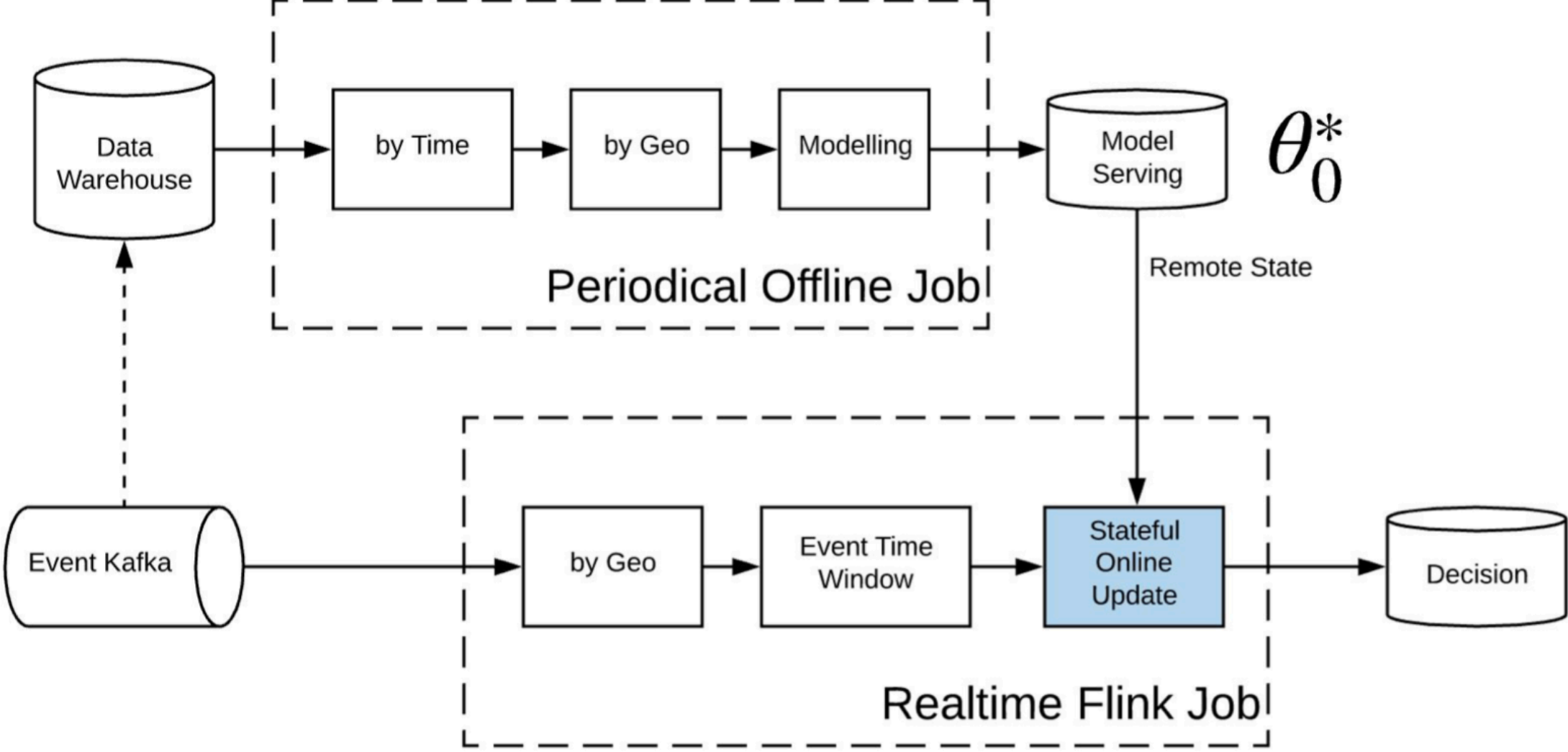
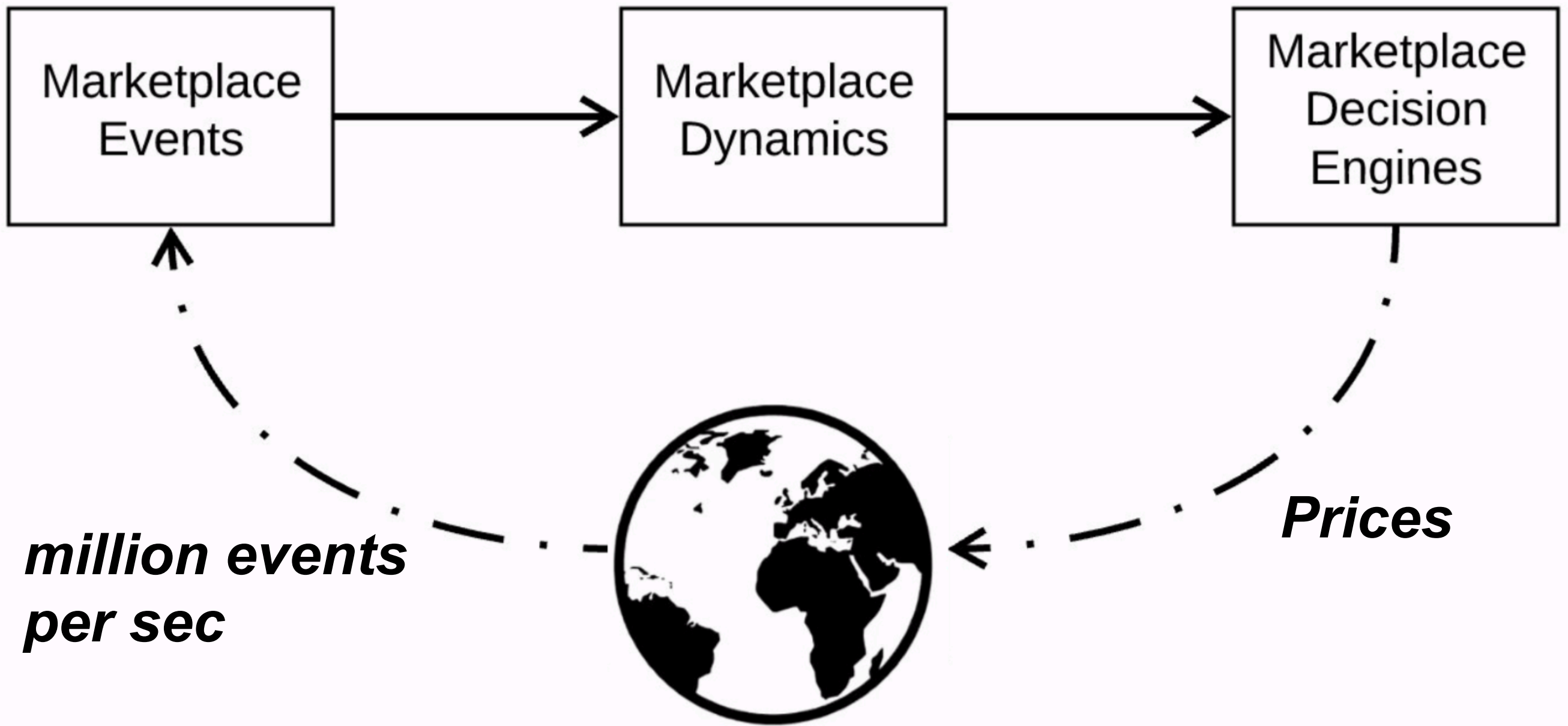
- *supply*
- *demand (taxi orders)*
- *Trips*
- *Traffic*

## Geo-Sensitive Time-based Aggregations



## Output Decisions

- *Pricing*
- *Dispatch*
- *Promotions*
- *Driver Positioning*



**Compute Location-Sensitive Trends in Rider Demand and Driver Availability**



# Dynamic Pricing - A Data Stream-Powered Standard

- *Dynamic Pricing*
  - *more profitable*
  - *best deals for users*
- *competition had to adapt*



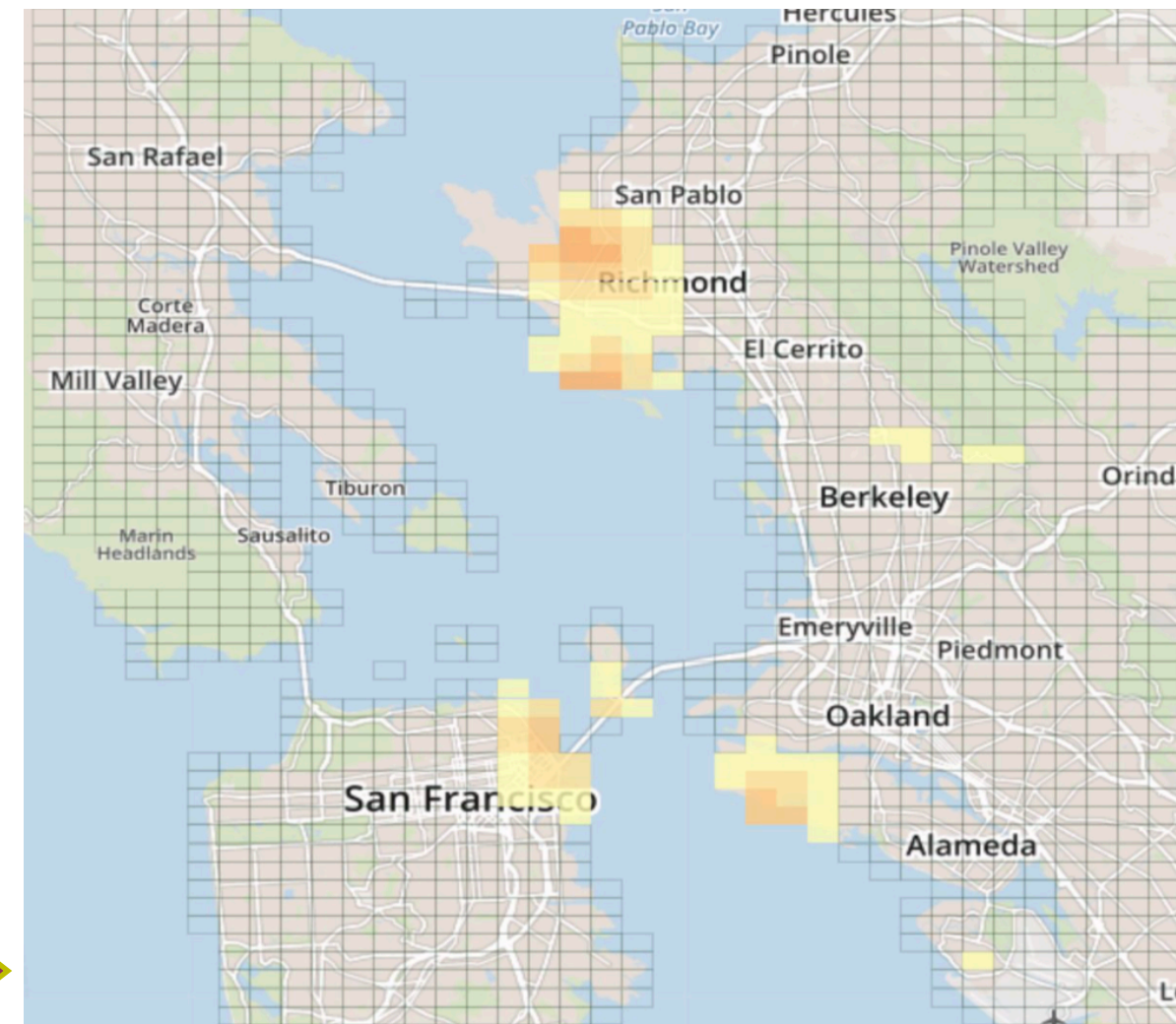
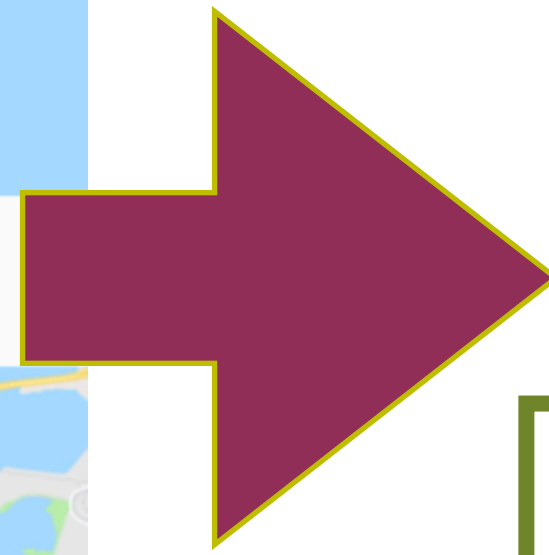




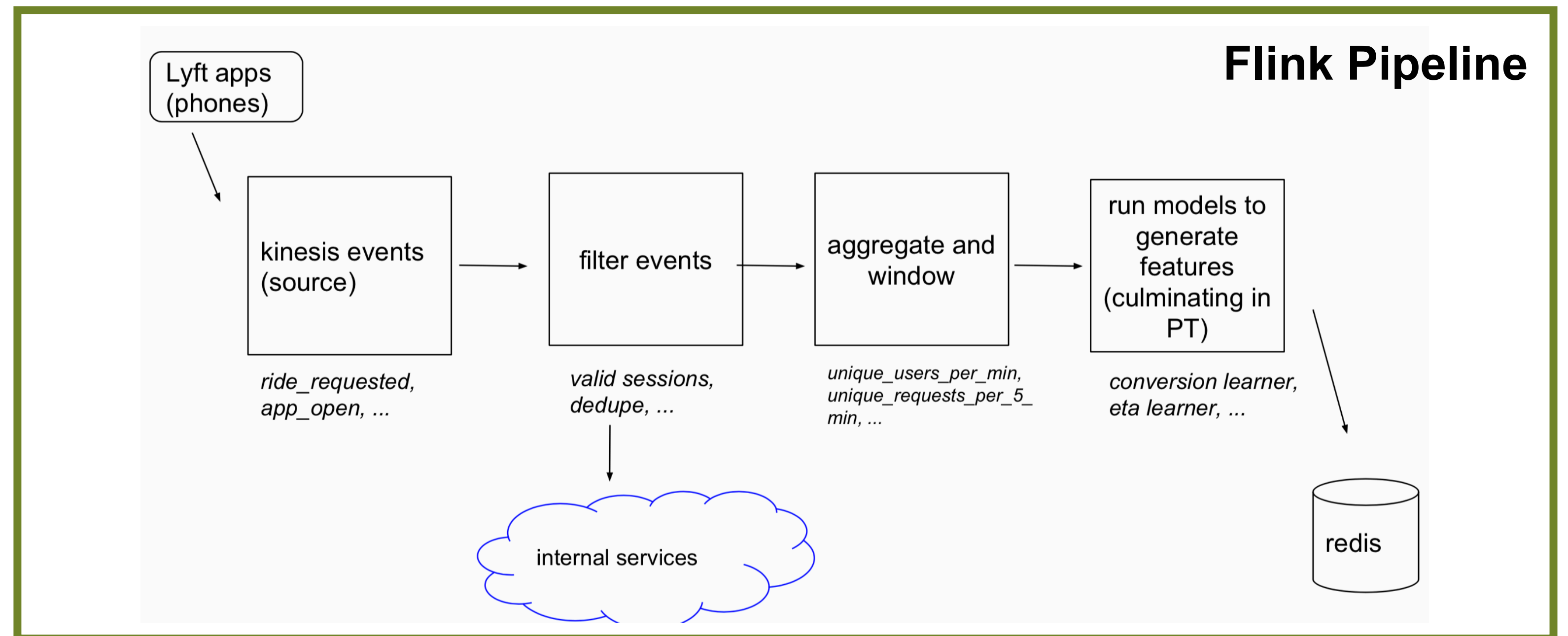
# Dynamic Pricing (2019)

too many

too few

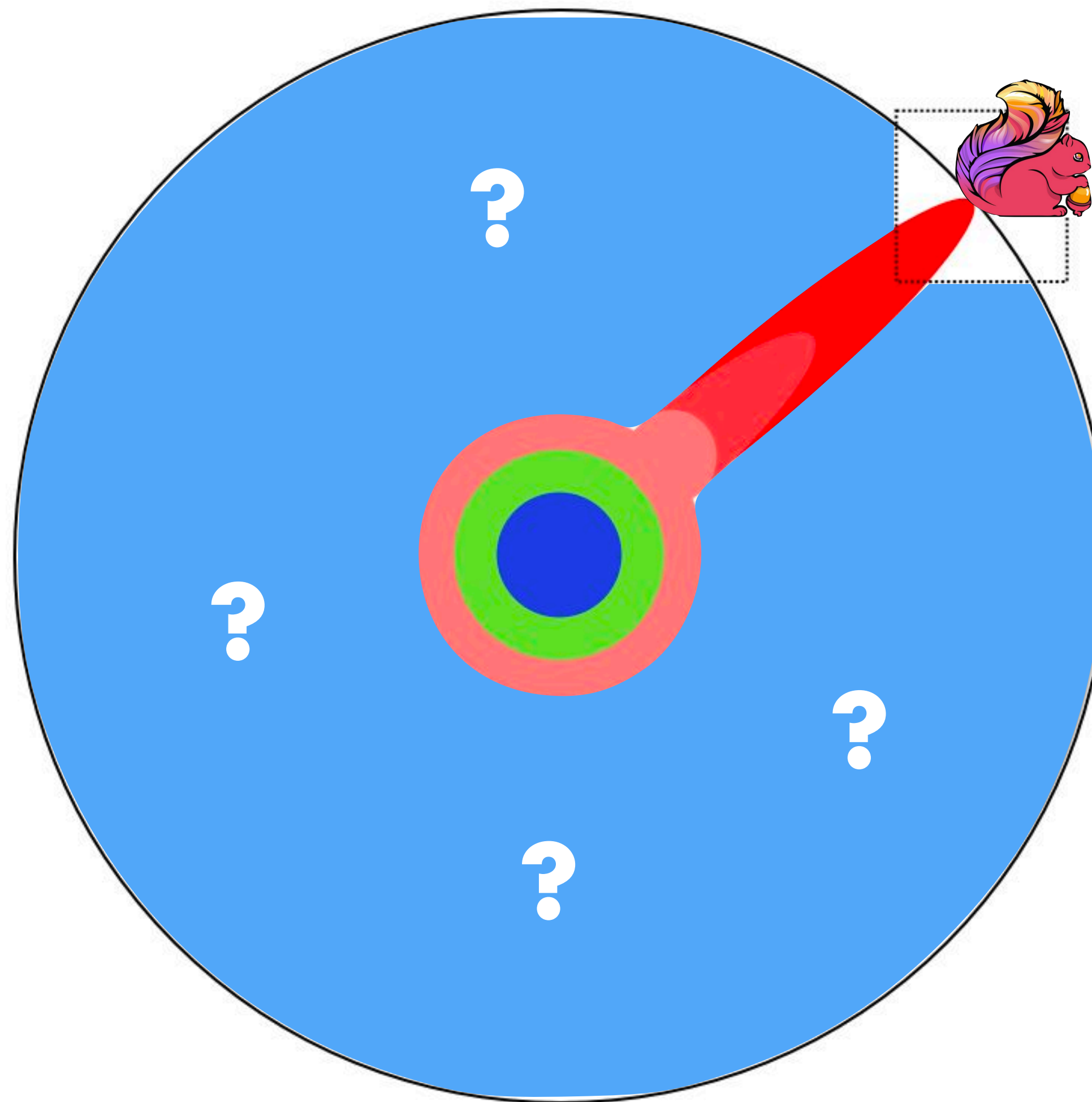


- PrimeTime Real-Time Service
- Price Multiplier per geog. cell
- 3M Geohashes/min



# The Bigger Picture

**Data  
Processing**



## Data Streams

- scalable, fault tolerant analytics
- event-based business logic
- out-of-order computation
- dynamic relational tables (SQL)
- event pattern-matching (CEP)

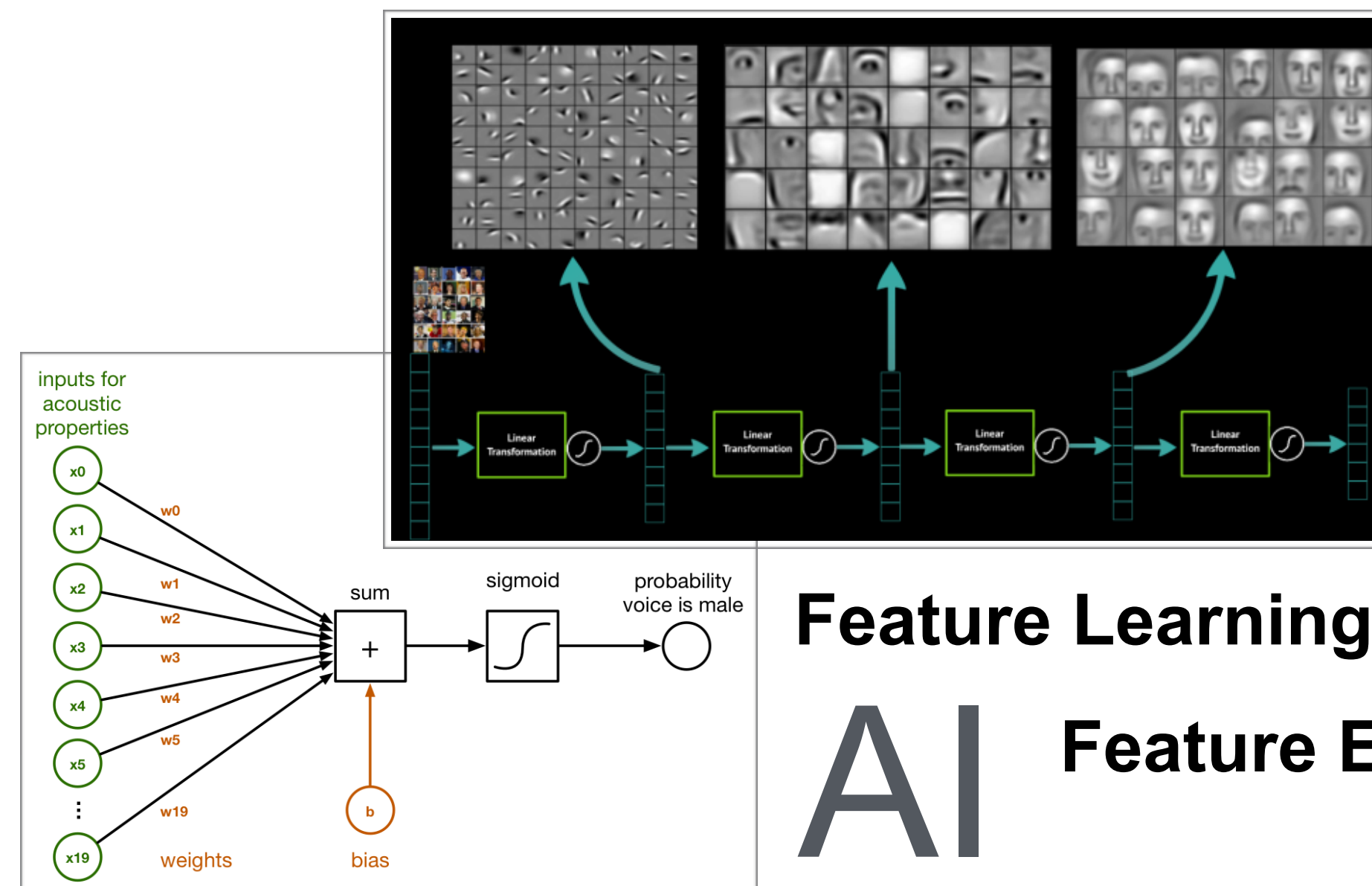
*but what about deeper analytics...*

- tensors
- graph algorithms
- deep learning
- feature learning
- reinforcement learning
- ....



# Data Pipelines Today

- Many Frameworks/Frontends for different needs
- (ML Training & Serving, SQL, Streams, Tensors, Graphs)



Tensor Programming

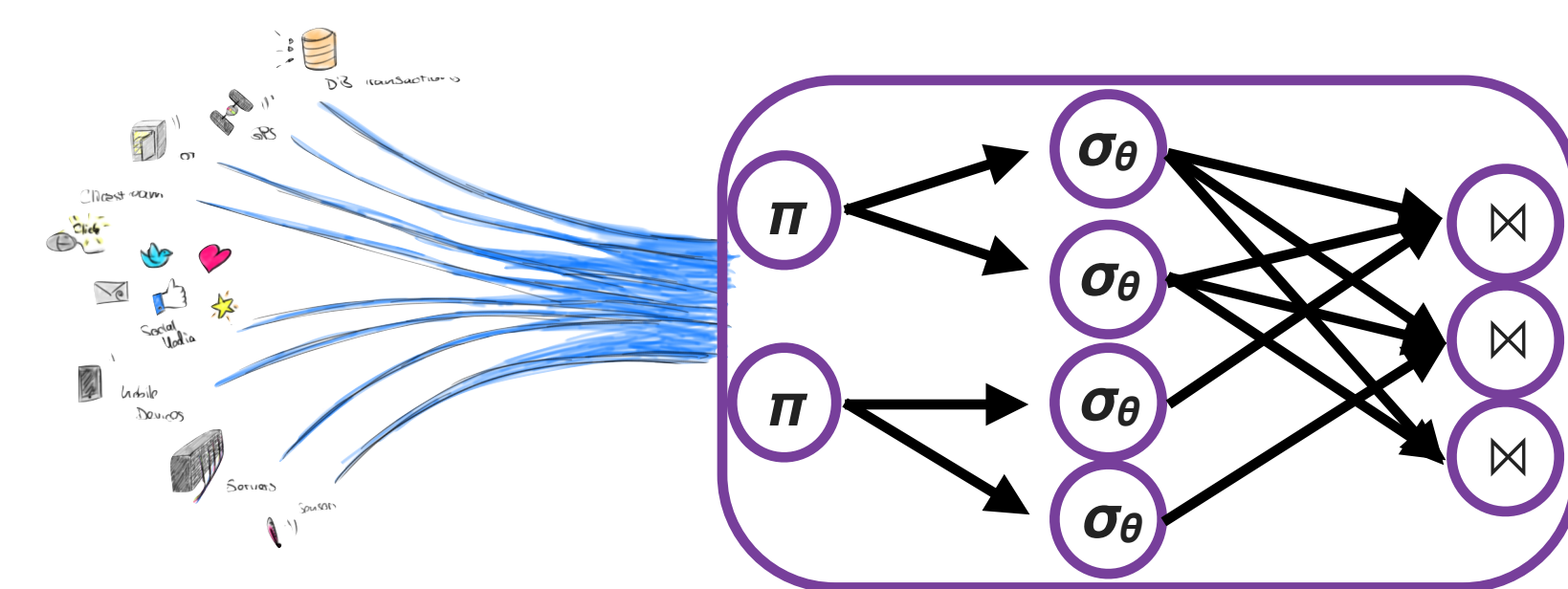
Feature Learning

AI Feature Engineering

RL



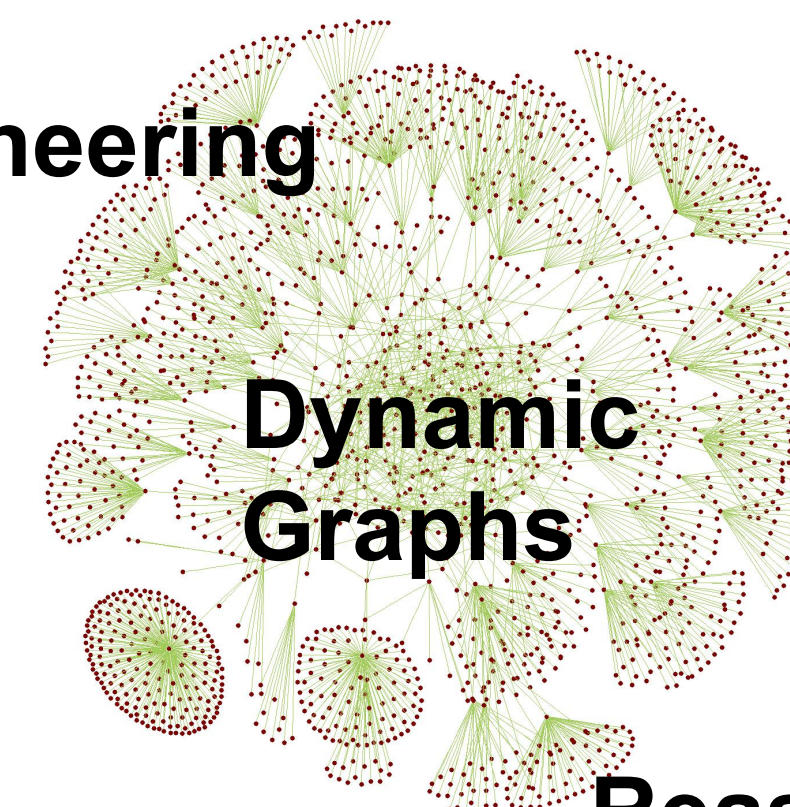
Simulation tasks



Streams

ML

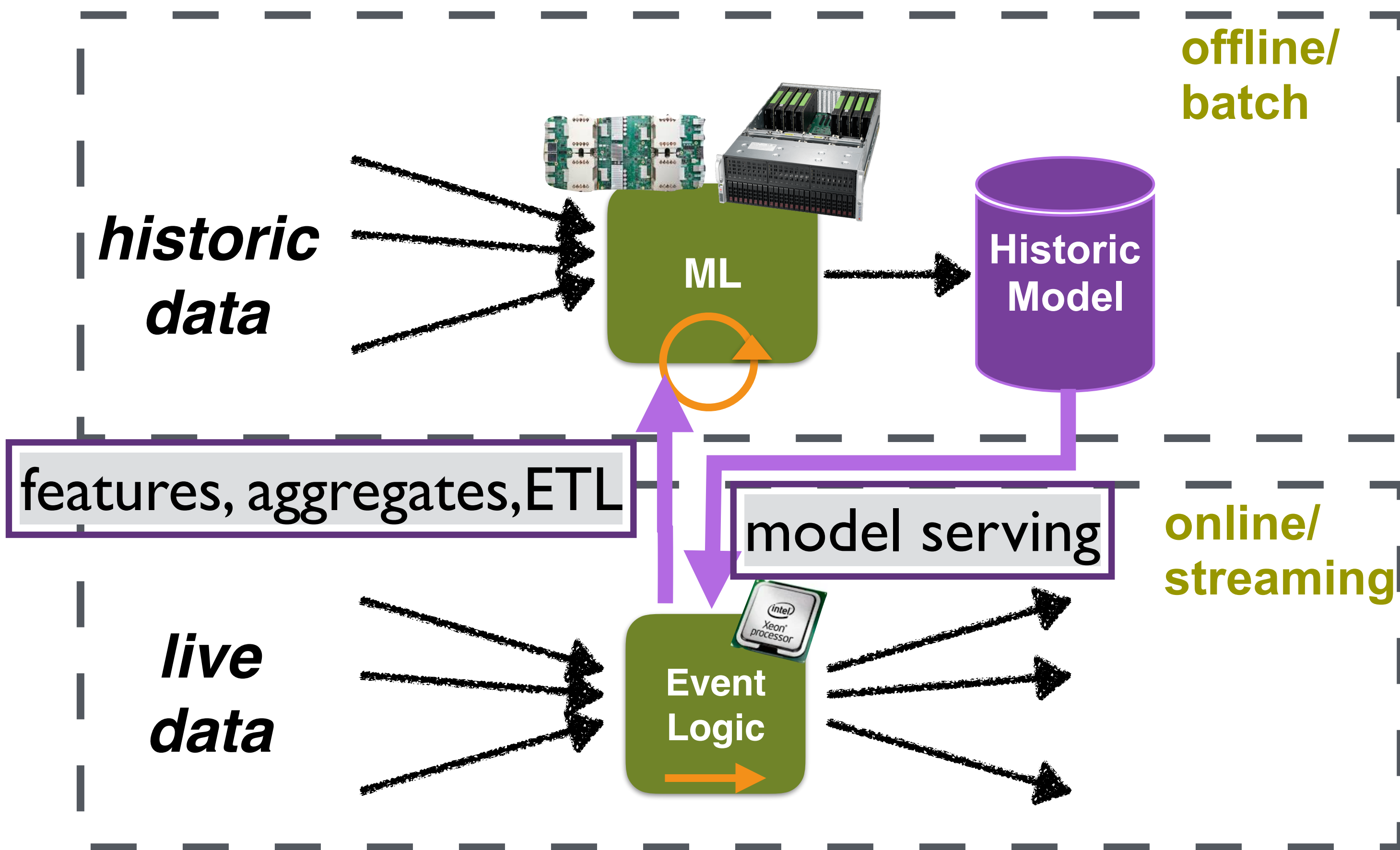
Model Serving



Dynamic Graphs

Reasoning

# Fundamental Problems



Framework/Library Silos



Fragmented Codebases/Runtimes



Unshared Hardware



Over-materialization of results



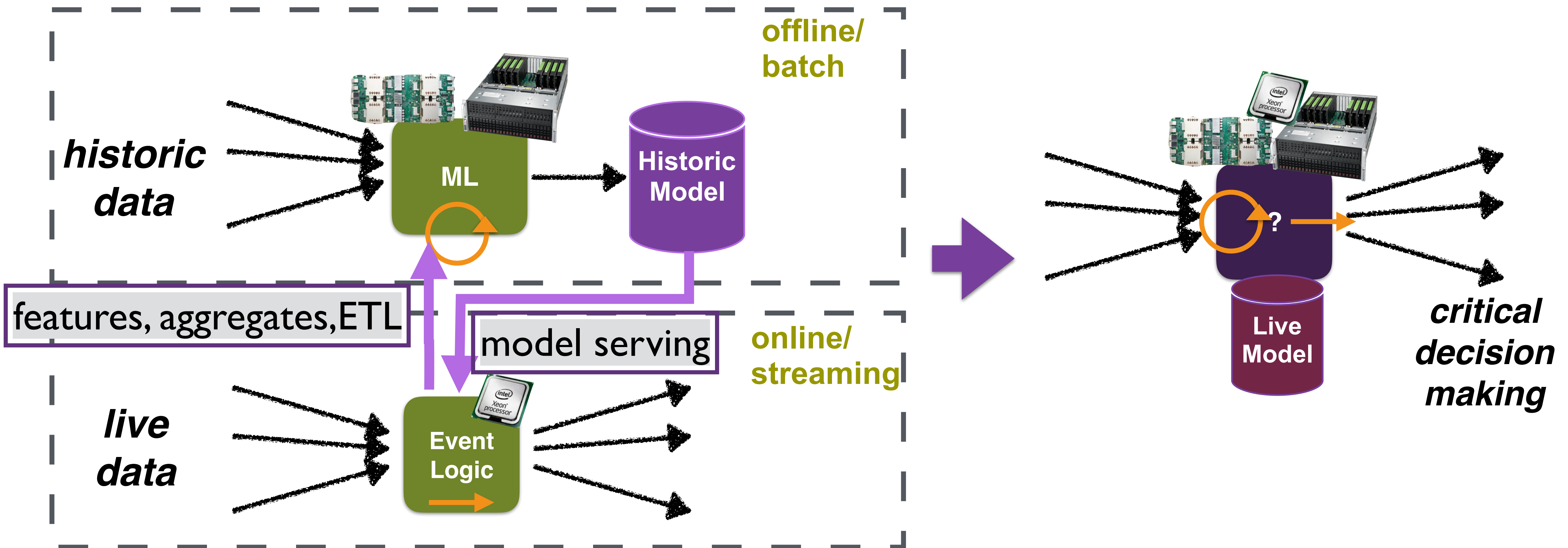
Ridiculously Unoptimised Programs



**No continuous intelligence**



# Next paradigm shift?



# Secret Sauce?

*“A revolutionary technology that does **NOT** require you to throw **tons** of data to your problem to be able to solve it”*

## The Compiler

- Instead, compilers can understand **instructions...**
- **explained** by **humans** in a **high-level declarative language**
- and then **optimise** them
- and translate to primitive machines to **execute** them **reliably**



# The Arcon Vision

Unified Declarative Programming

Tensors

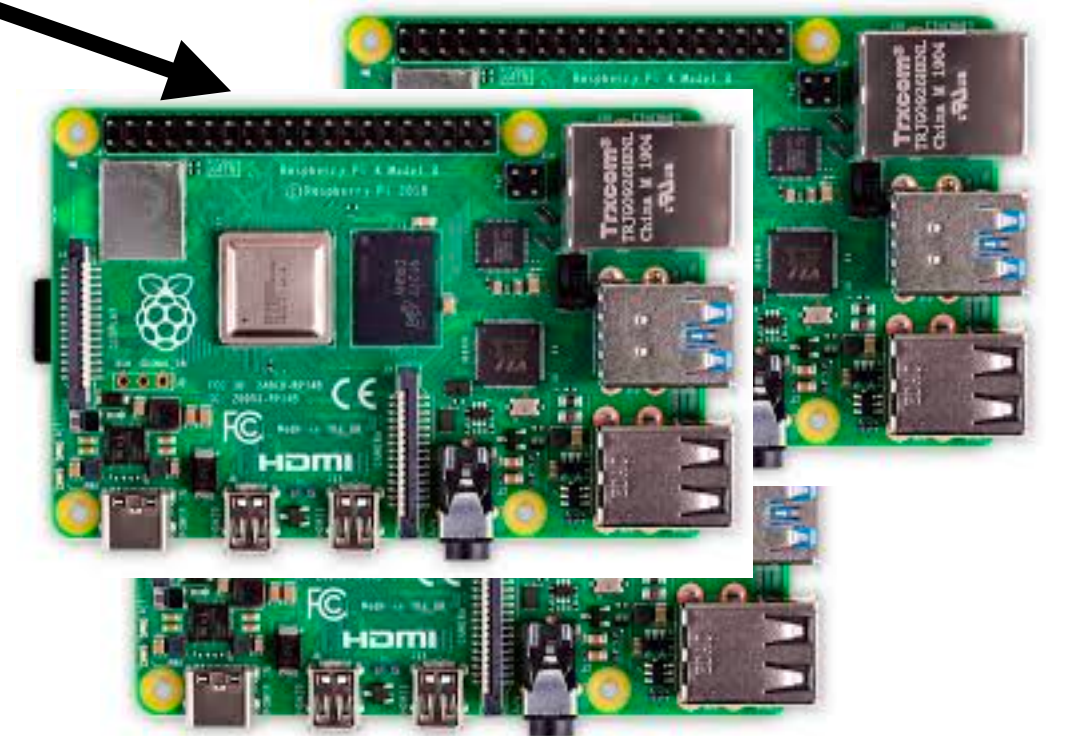
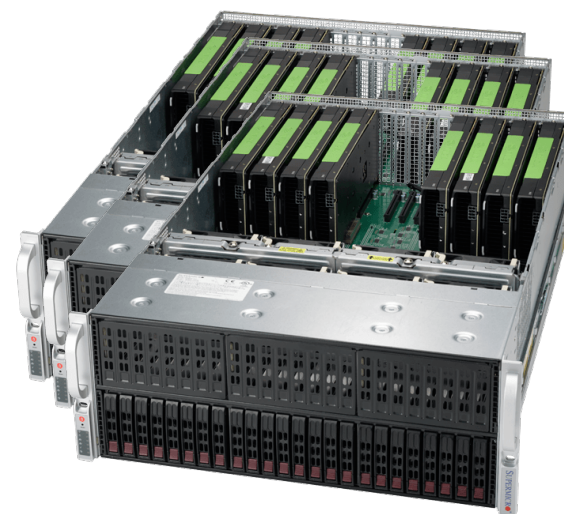
DataFrames

DataStreams

Graphs

Cross-Compile  
Optimise  
and Generate Code

**Arcon**



Shared Native Execution

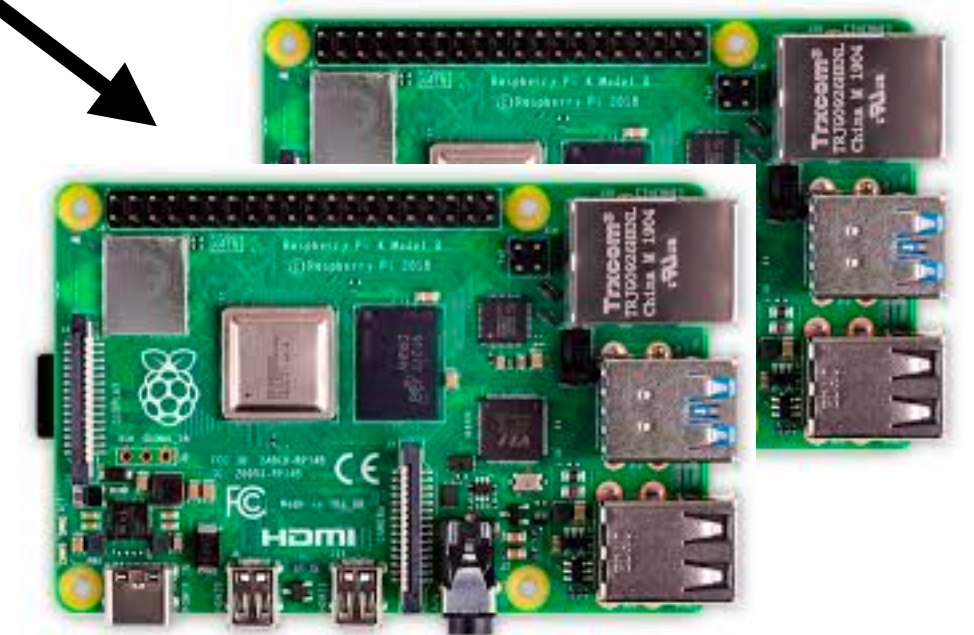
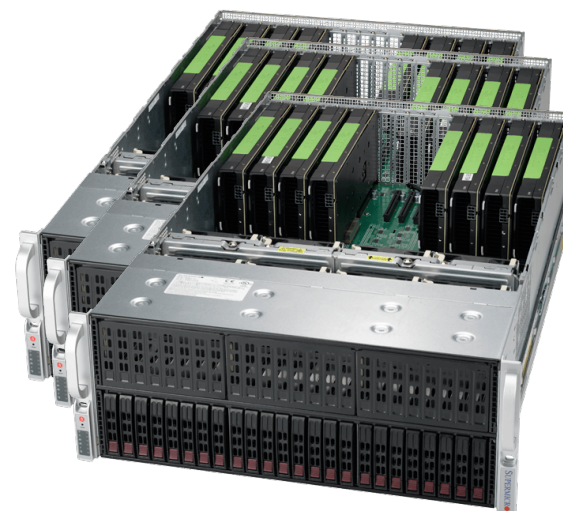
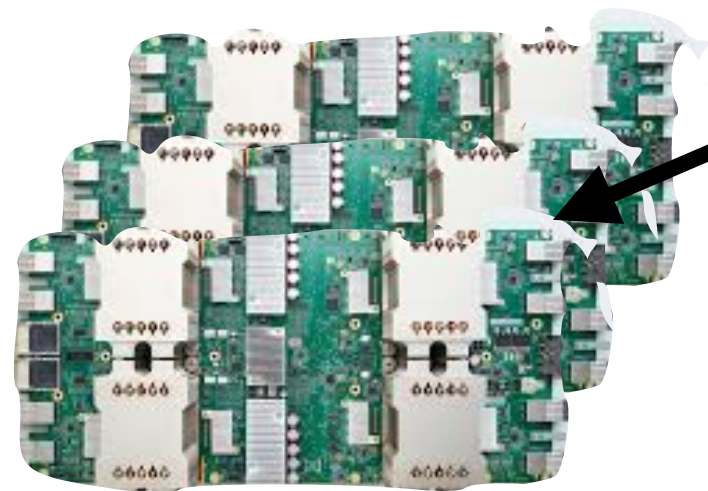


# The Arcon Architecture

Unified Analytics DSL

Arc IR (Intermediate Representation)

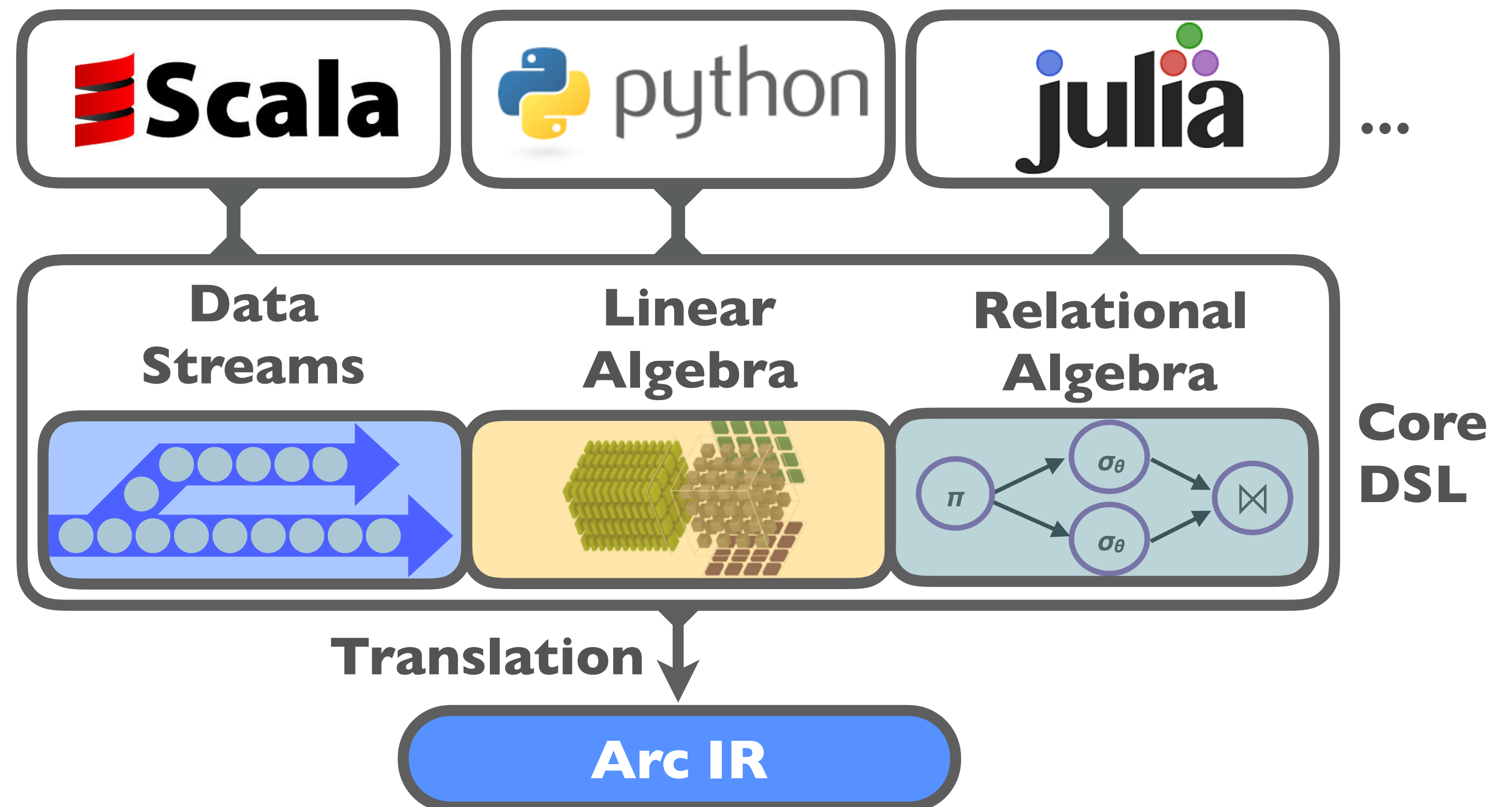
Arcon Runtime



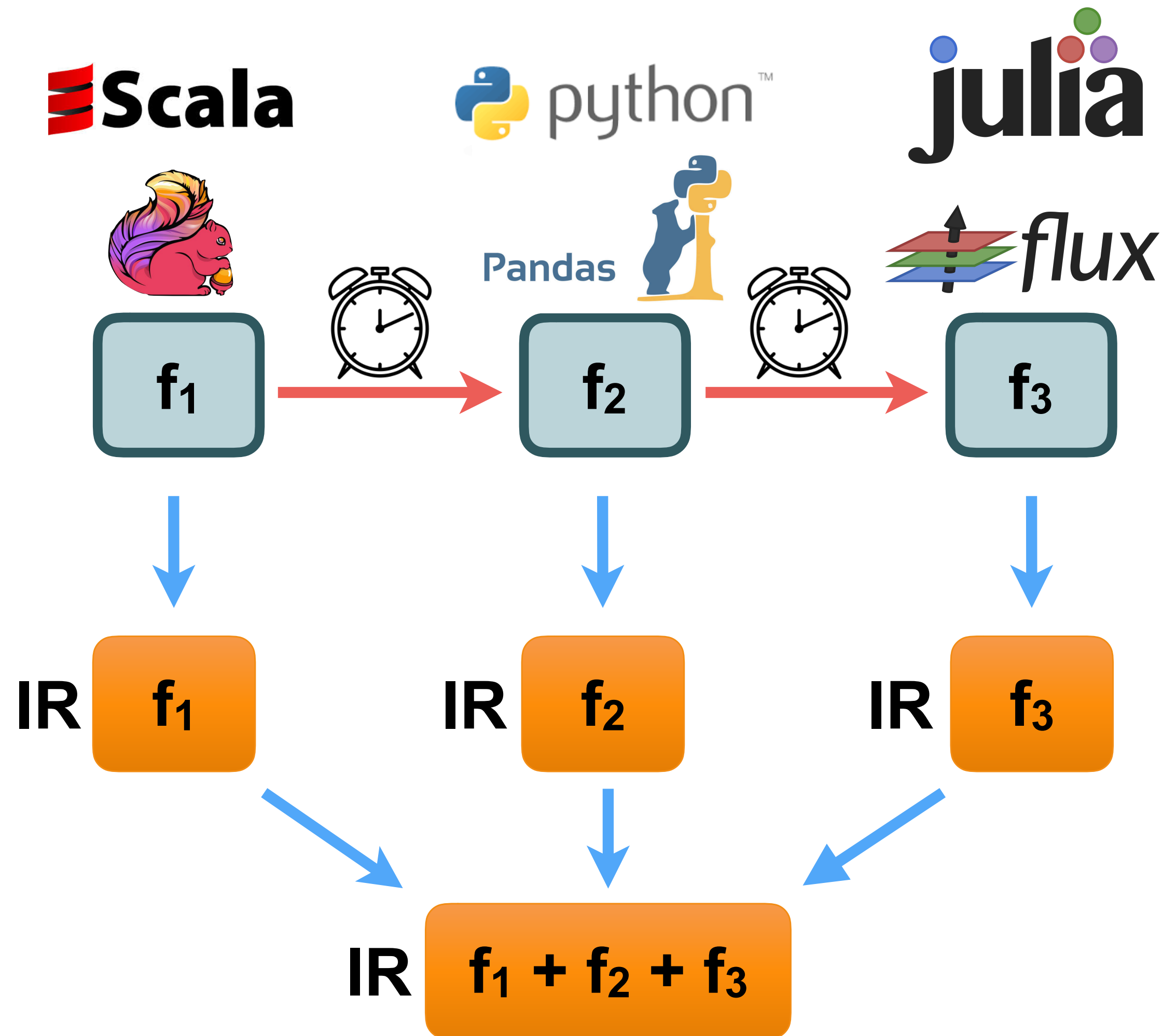


# Unified Analytics DSL

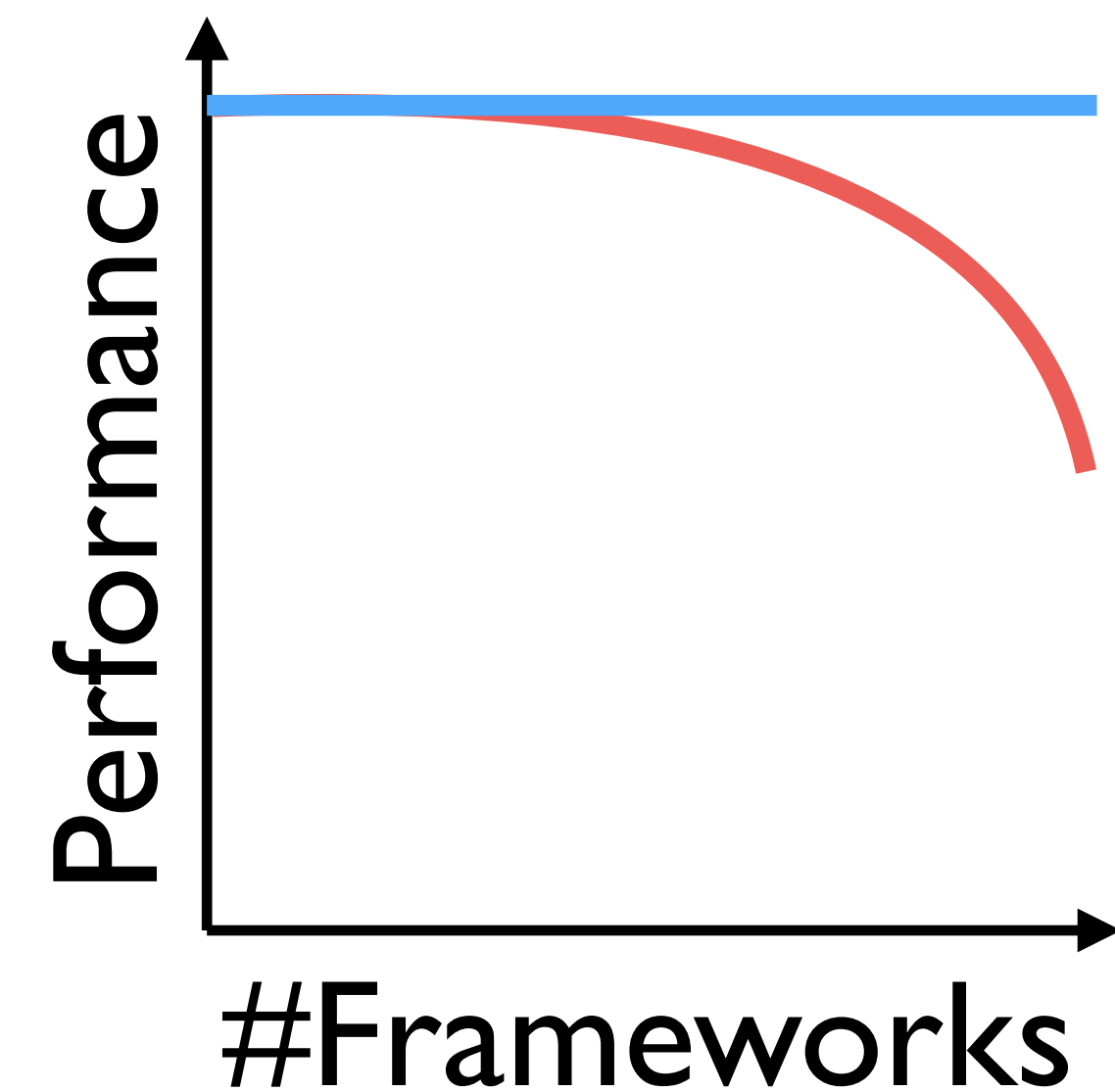
- Host language-agnostic core
- Compositional
- First-class citizen support for:
  - *streams, tensors, relations*



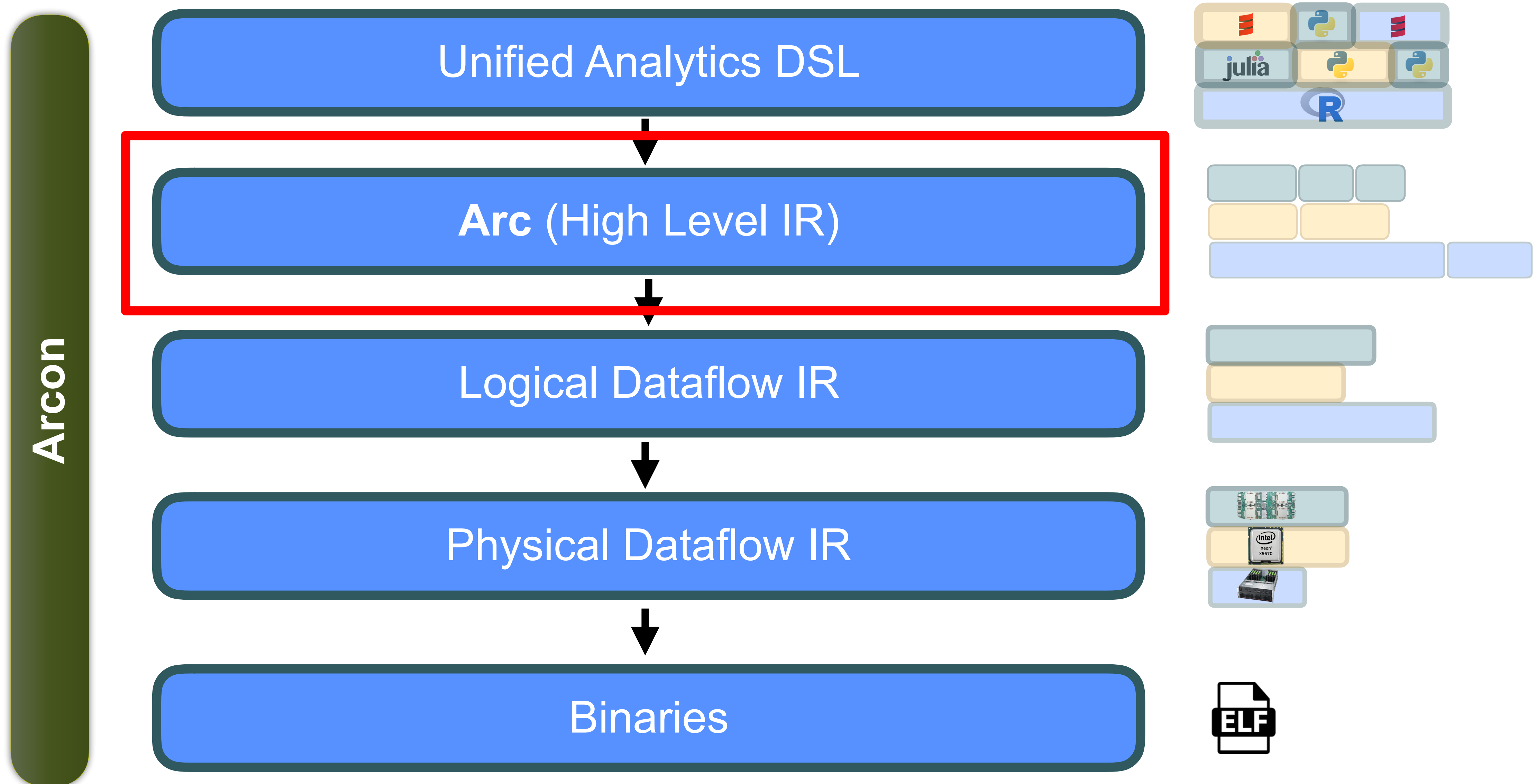
# IR Intuition



- No cross-optimisation is possible, e.g. resource sharing
- Data movement costs (→)



# Arcon Compiler Pipeline





# Arc IR

- A minimal yet feature-complete set of read/write-only types and expressions

```

program ::= { declaration } lambda
declaration ::= macro id ( { id , } ) = expr ;
                | type id = type ; // Type alias
                | fn id | { type , } | ( type ) = lambda ;
lambda ::= | { id : type , } | expr
type ::= id | valueType | builderType | struct type
valueType ::= Unit | bool | i8 | i16 | ...
                | Simd [ type ]
                | Vec [ type ]
                | Dict [ type , type ]
                | Stream [ type ]
builderType ::= Appender [ type ]
                | Merger [ type , binop ]
                | StreamAppender [ type ]
                | Windower [ type , type ]
                | ...
struct type ::= { { type , } }
expr ::= opExpr | letExpr
opExpr ::= ( expr )
                | id
                | literal
                | type ( expr ) // Type cast
                | for ( iterator , expr , lambda )
                | merge ( expr , expr )
                | result ( expr )
                | if ( expr , expr , expr )
                | cudf [ id , type ] ( { expr , } )
                | drain ( expr , expr )
                | builderConstr
                | opExpr binop opExpr
                | ...

```

```

letExpr ::= let id : type = opExpr ; expr
binop ::= + | - | * | / | ...
                | id
literal ::= scalarLiteral
                | [ { expr , } ] // Vec literal
                | { { expr , } } // Struct literal
                | () // Unit literal
iterator ::= expr | iter ( expr , expr , expr )
                | next ( expr )
                | keyby ( expr , lambda )
                | ...
builderConstr ::= Appender [ type ]
                | Merger [ type , binop ]
                | StreamAppender [ type ]
                | Windower [ type , type ] ( lambda , lambda ,
                    lambda )
                | ...

```

[Read More](#)

[Paper] Arc: An IR for Batch and Stream Programming @ DBPL19

[Code] <https://github.com/cda-group/arc>

# Arc Optimisations

- Arc supports **both** compiler and dataflow optimisations
  - **Compiler**: Loop unrolling, partial evaluation,
  - **Dataflow**: Operator fusion, fission, reordering, predicate pushdown, specialisation, ...

# Unlocking Speed

Arc can boost even existing frameworks

Arc (High Level IR)

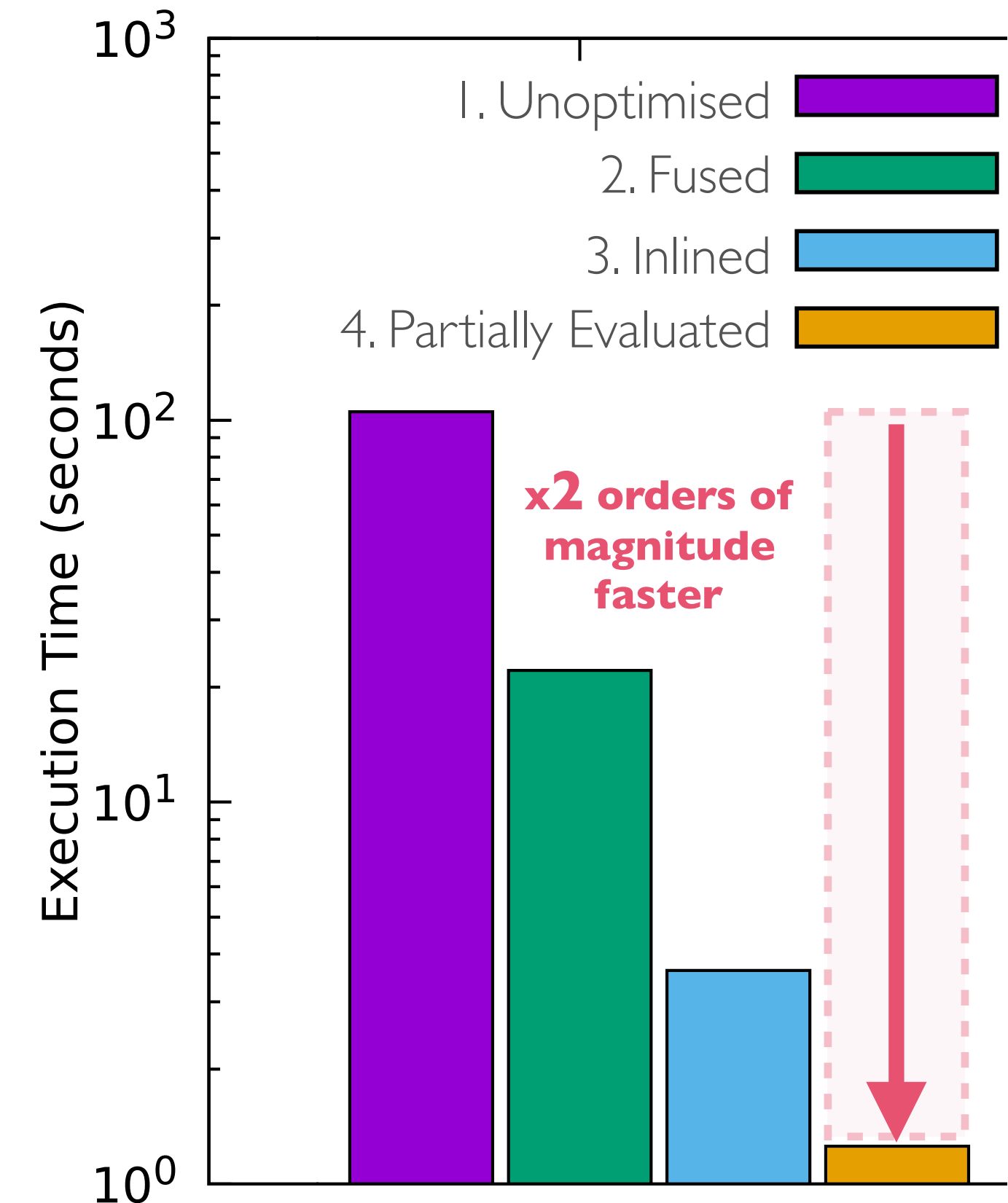
Logical Dataflow IR

Physical Dataflow IR

Binaries

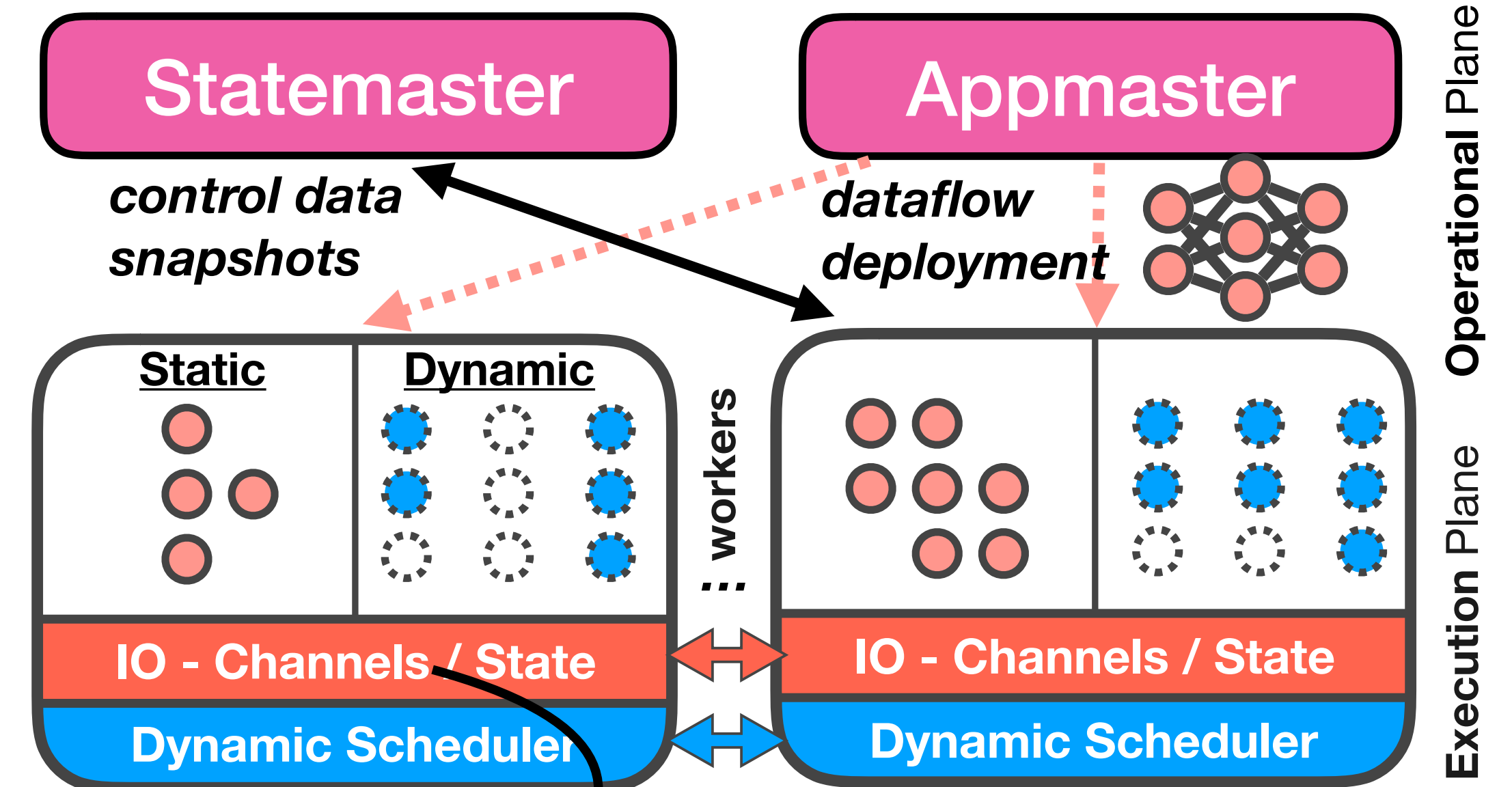
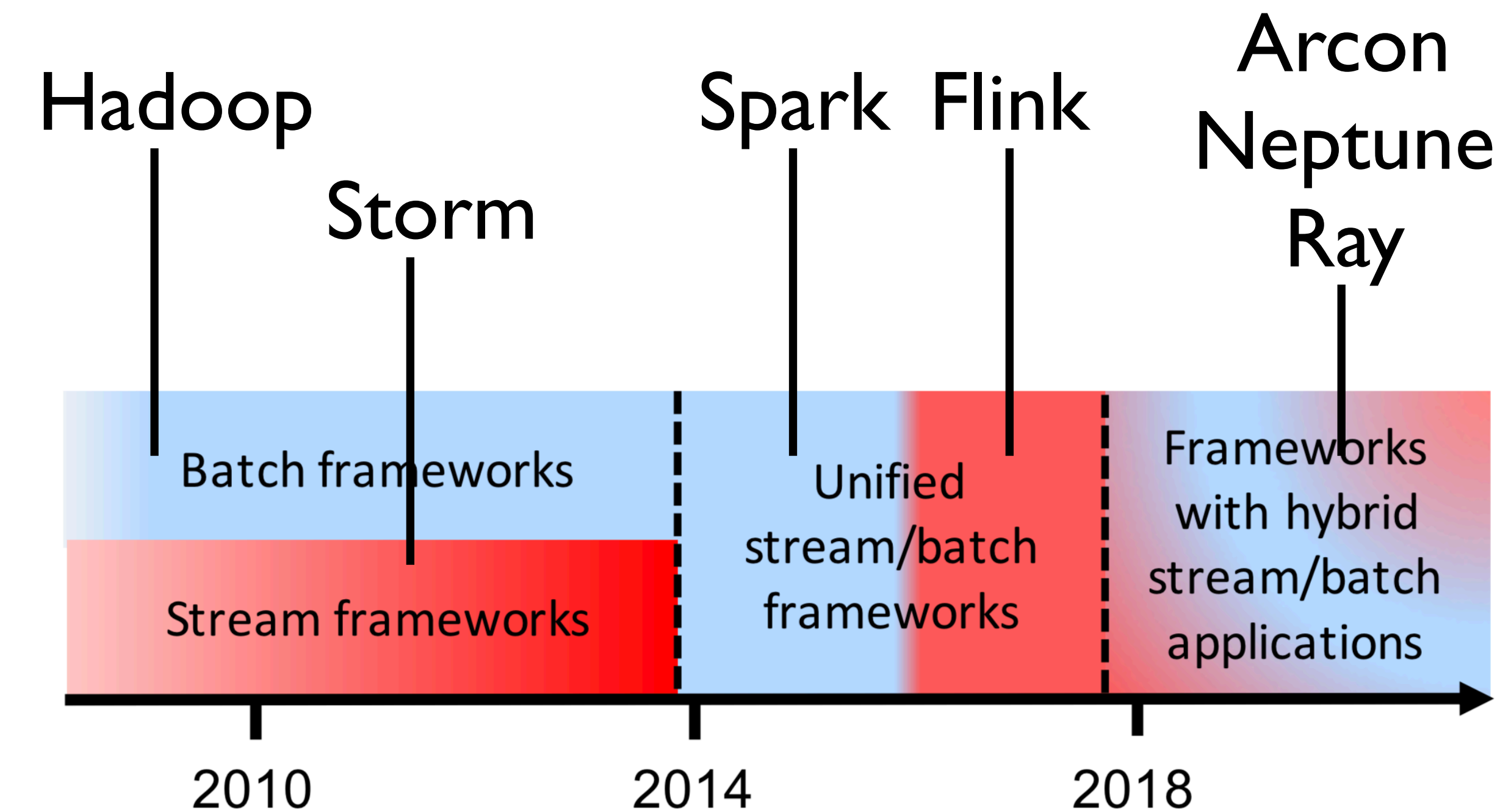


**10M elements**  
**50 map operations**  
on **Apache Flink**





# A Runtime Capable for Unified Analytics



Flexible State Backends  
(external/shared, embedded)



# Performance Matters

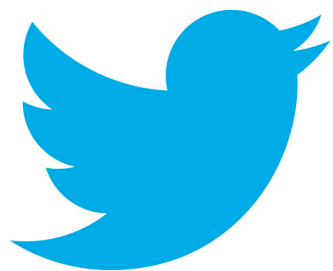
- Arc Optimiser :  **$\sim 10^1$ x Speedup**
- Shared Hardware Acceleration :  **$\sim 10^2$ x Speedup**
- Data Parallel Execution :  **$\sim 10^3$ x Speedup**

# Learn More

**Code:** <https://github.com/cda-group/arc>

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