

Stream Processing beyond streaming data – Batch, Streaming, and Applications

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Alternative Talk Titles

"Batch is a special case of streaming"

"If all you have is a Squirrel, everything looks like a stream"

"What's taking you so long to
merge DataSet and DataStream?"



About Ververica



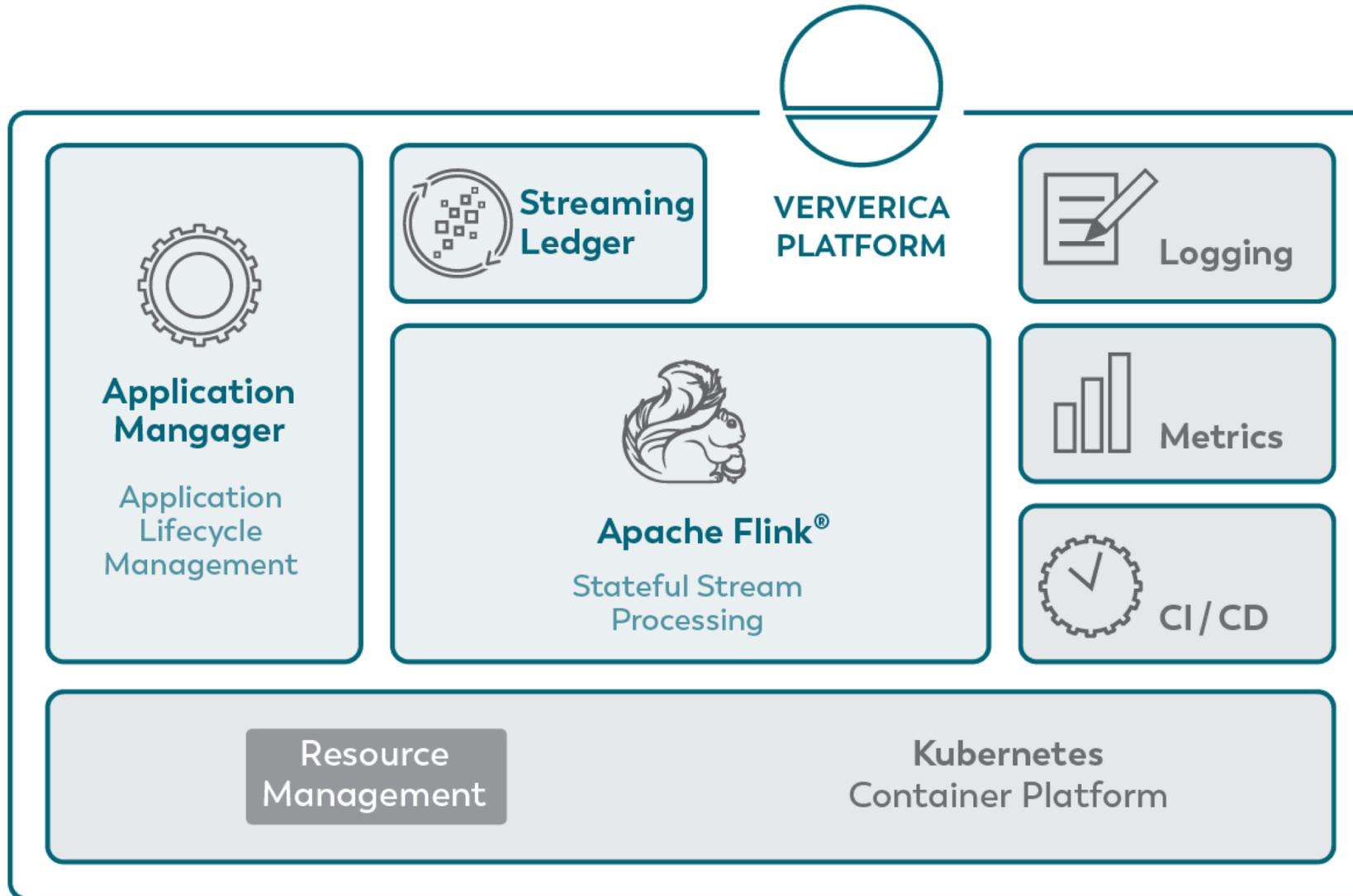
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Enterprise
Stream Processing



Ververica Platform



Flink 101

Some Apache Flink Users



Sources: [Powered by Flink](#), [Speakers – Flink Forward San Francisco 2019](#), [Speakers – Flink Forward Europe 2019](#)



Stream Processing with Apache Flink at Alibaba

The "Singles Day" (11/11)

machines



10K

queries



10K

throughput



1.7B

events / sec

latency



Sub-
Second

state size

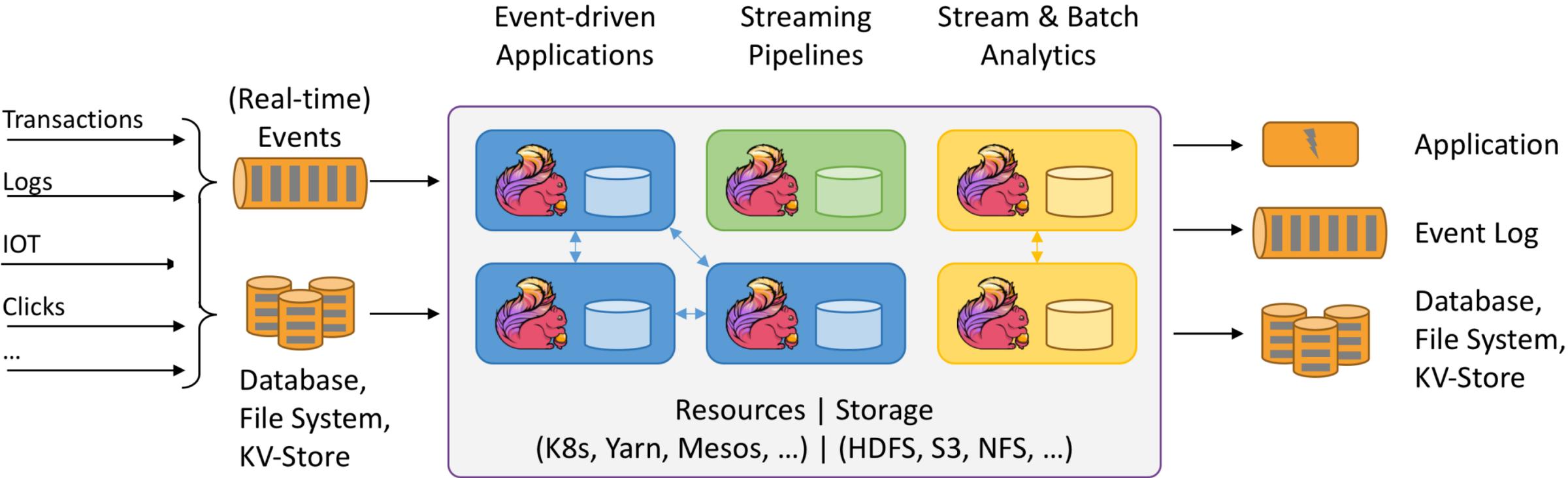


100TB

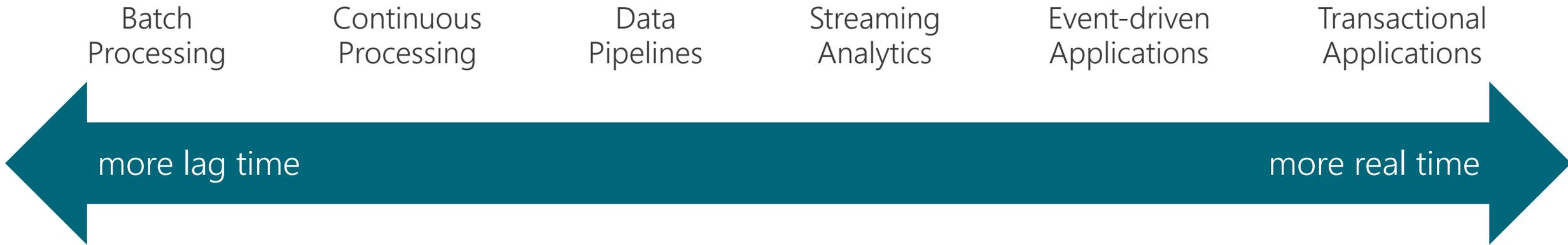


Apache Flink

Stateful Computations over Data Streams



The Flink Vision



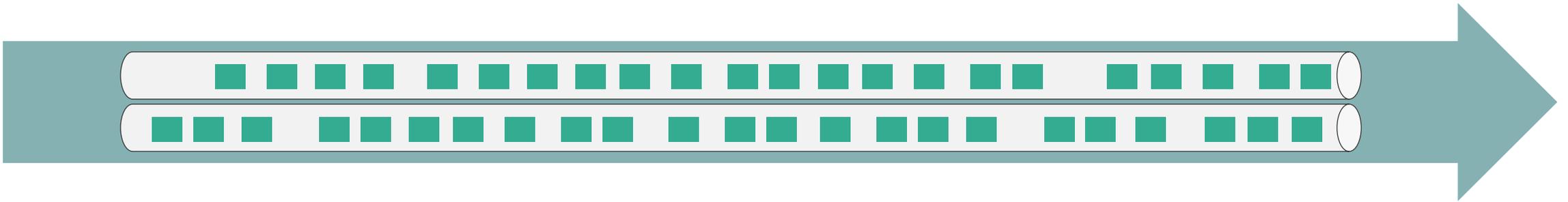
Unifying data processing based on thinking in data streams

And building the first open source system to cover that spectrum



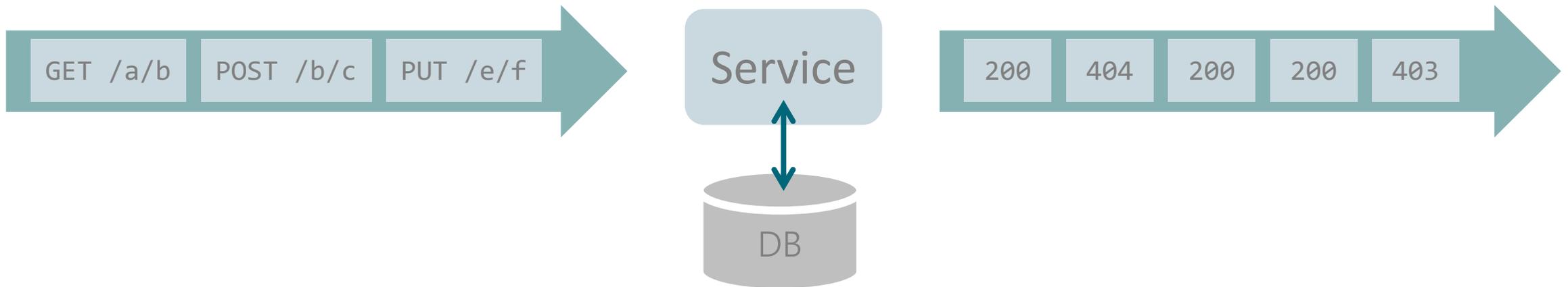
Everything is a Stream

Streams Of Records in a Log or MQ
[e.g., Apache Kafka or AWS Kinesis ...]



Everything is a Stream

Stream of Requests/Responses to/from Services

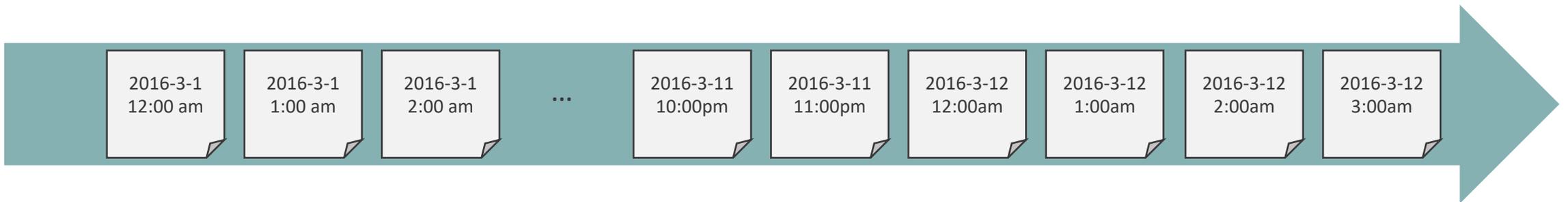


→ event sourcing architecture



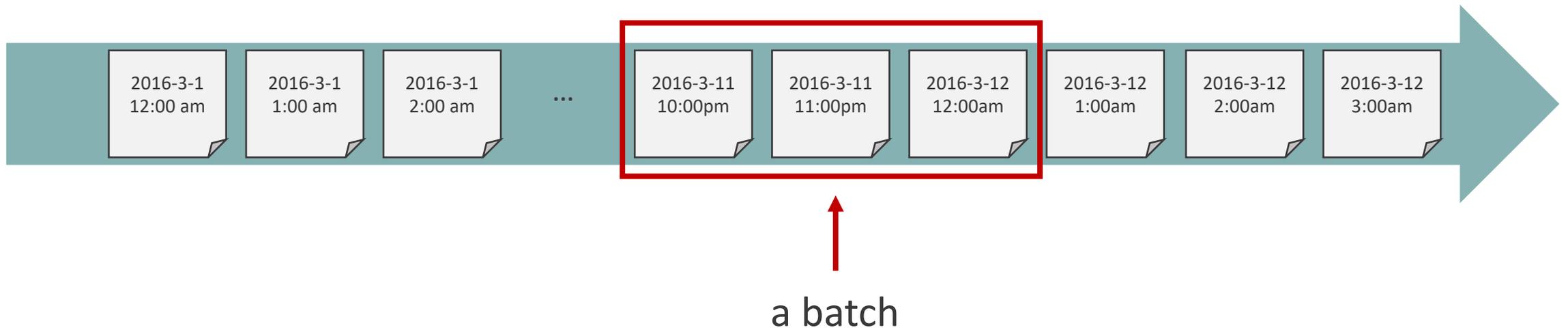
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Stream of Rows in a Table or in Files



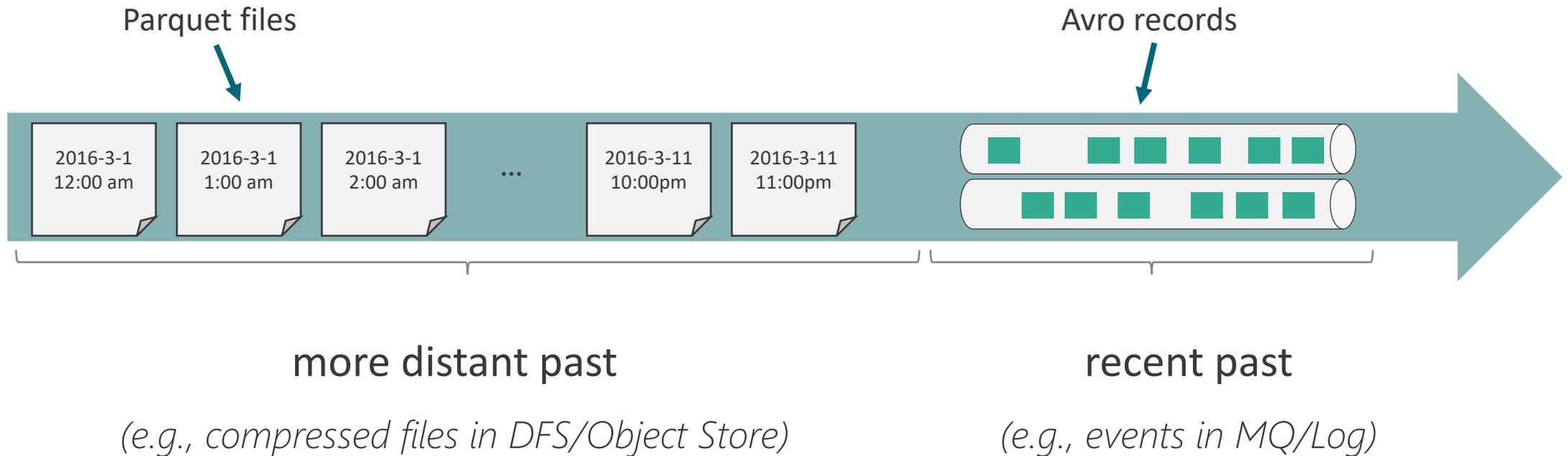
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Everything is a Stream

Streams may span storage systems

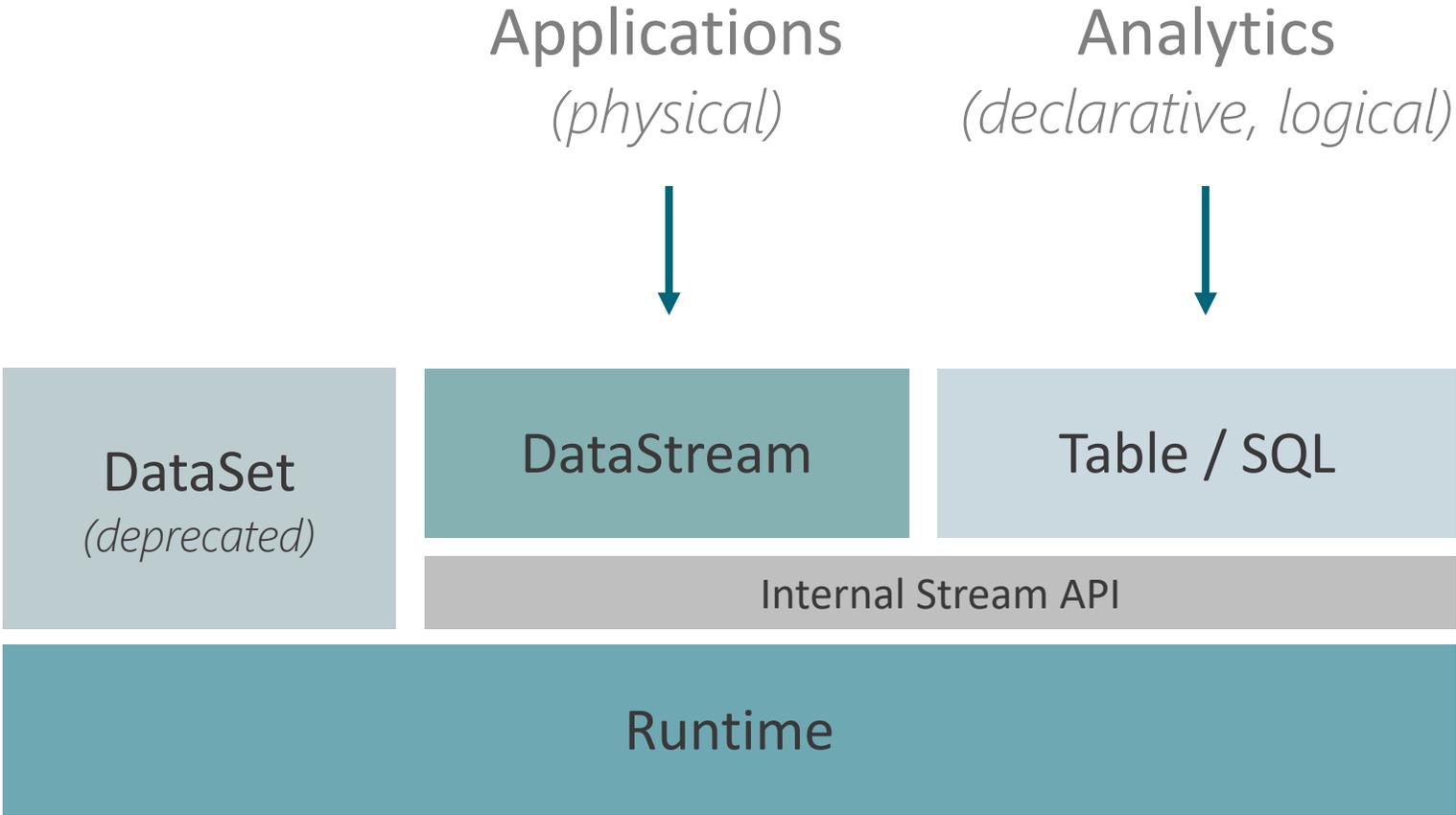


Easy way to bootstrap an application with past data and then let it continue with real time data



APIs

APIs to Support these Use Cases



DataStream API (Functional Java / Scala)

```
val lines: DataStream[String] = env.addSource(new FlinkKafkaConsumer011(...))
val events: DataStream[Event] = lines.map((line) => parse(line))
val stats: DataStream[Statistic] = stream
    .keyBy("sensor")
    .timeWindow(Time.seconds(5))
    .sum(new MyAggregationFunction())
stats.addSink(new StreamingFileSink(path))
```

} Source

} Transformation

} Windowed Transformation

} Sink



DataStream API Process Functions

```
public void processElement1 (Transaction txn, Context ctx, Collector<Transaction> out) {
    // keep the transaction in the internal state until the approval comes
    pendingTransaction.update (txn);
    // schedule a timer to trigger the timeout
    ctx.timerService ().registerProcessingTimeTimer (txn.getTimestamp () + TIMEOUT_MILLIS);
}

public void processElement2 (ApproveOrReject approval, Context ctx, Collector<Transaction> out) {
    // get and remove the transaction from the state
    Transaction txn = pendingTransaction.value ();
    pendingTransaction.clear ();
    // forward the transaction to the main stream
    out.collect (txn);
}

public void onTimer (long timestamp, OnTimerContext ctx, Collector<Transaction> out) {
    // check if the transaction is still there, in which case it would be timed out
    Transaction txn = pendingTransaction.value ();
    if (txn != null) {
        // write to the timeout stream
        ctx.output (TIMEOUT_STREAM, txn);
        pendingTransaction.clear ();
    }
}
```



SQL / Table API – Batch style (fix data set as input)



Batch Query
Execution

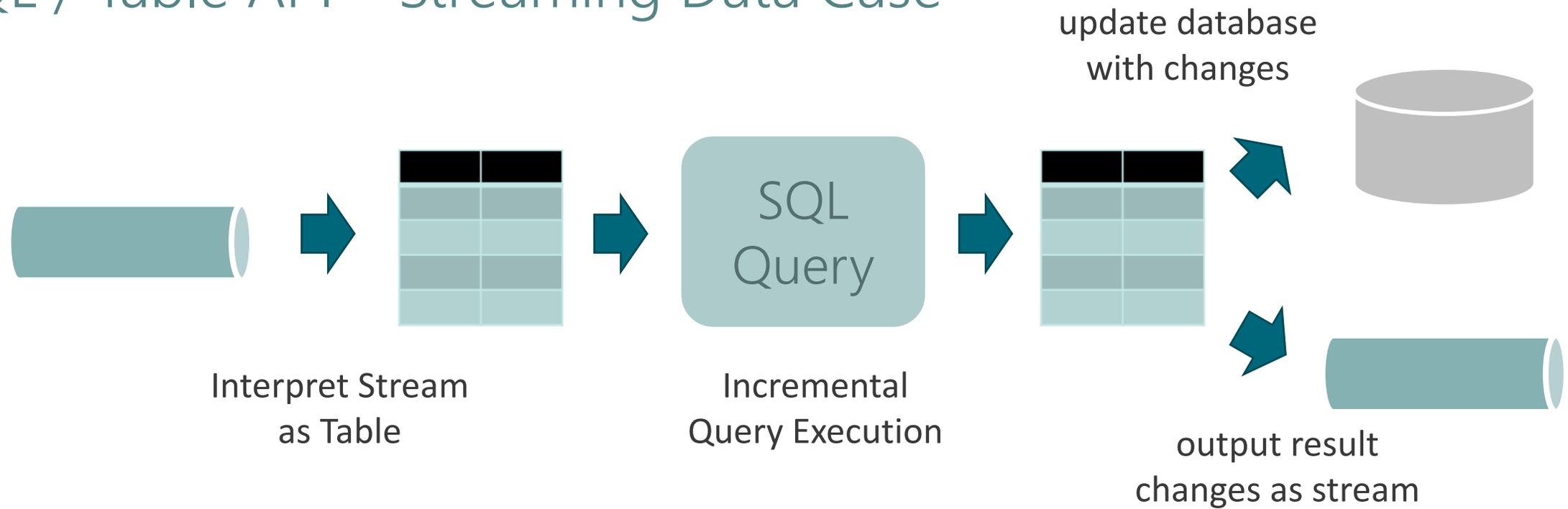
Full TPC-H support in
Flink 1.9 with Blink query engine

Full TPC-DS support
targeted for Flink 1.10

```
SELECT  
    room,  
    TUMBLE_END(rowtime, INTERVAL '1' HOUR),  
    AVG(temperature)  
FROM  
    sensors  
GROUP BY  
    TUMBLE(rowtime, INTERVAL '1' HOUR), room
```



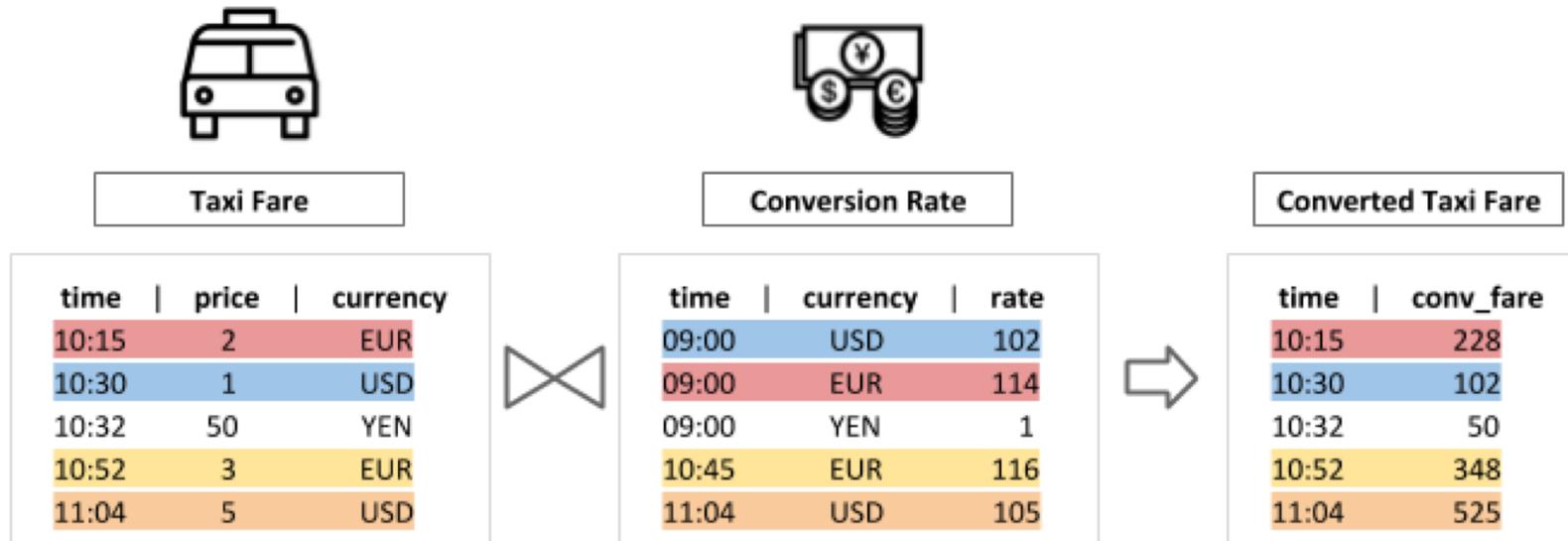
SQL / Table API – Streaming Data Case



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```



SQL / Table API – Temporal Joins Example



```
SELECT tf.time
       tf.price * rh.rate as conv_fare
FROM taxiFare AS tf
LATERAL TABLE (Rates(tf.time)) AS rh
WHERE tf.currency = rh.currency;
```



SQL / Table API – Event Pattern Matching Example

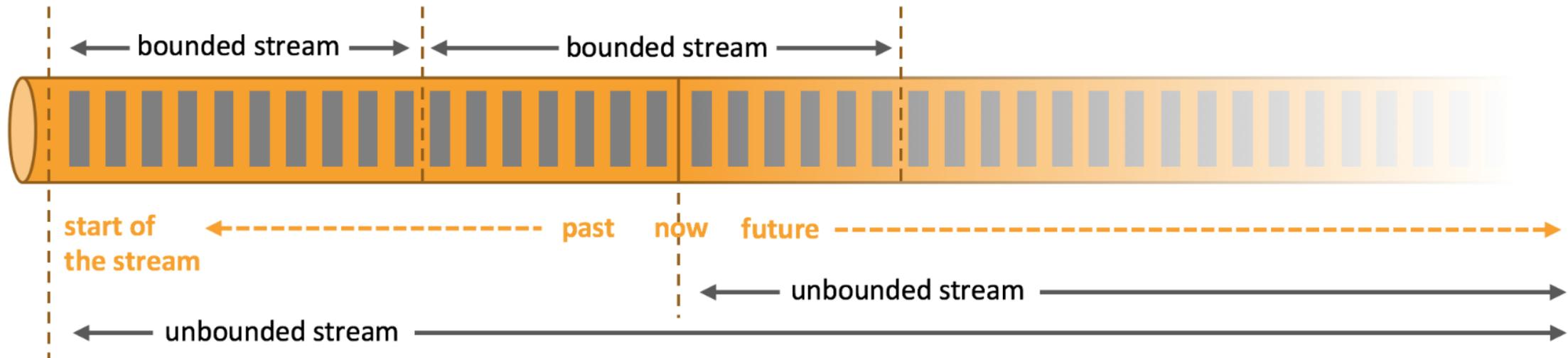
```
SELECT rideId, timeDiff(startT, endT) / 60000 AS durationMin
FROM Rides
MATCH_RECOGNIZE (
  PARTITION BY rideId
  ORDER BY rideTime
  MEASURES
    S.rideTime AS startT,
    E.rideTime AS endT
  AFTER MATCH SKIP PAST LAST ROW
  PATTERN (S E)
  DEFINE
    S AS S.isStart,
    E AS NOT E.isStart
);
```



The Relationship between Batch and Streaming

Batch Processing is a special case of Stream Processing

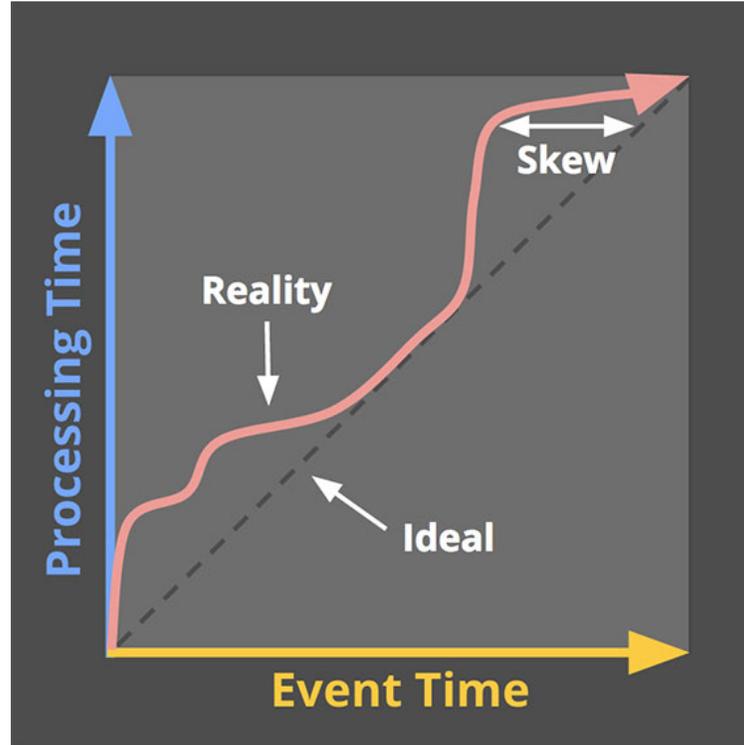
A batch is just a bounded stream.



That is about 60% of the truth...



The remaining 40% of the truth



... never seen this in Batch Processing, though.

The (Event-time) Watermark



The remaining 40% of the truth

Continuous Streaming

Data is incomplete

Latency SLAs

Completeness and Latency is a tradeoff

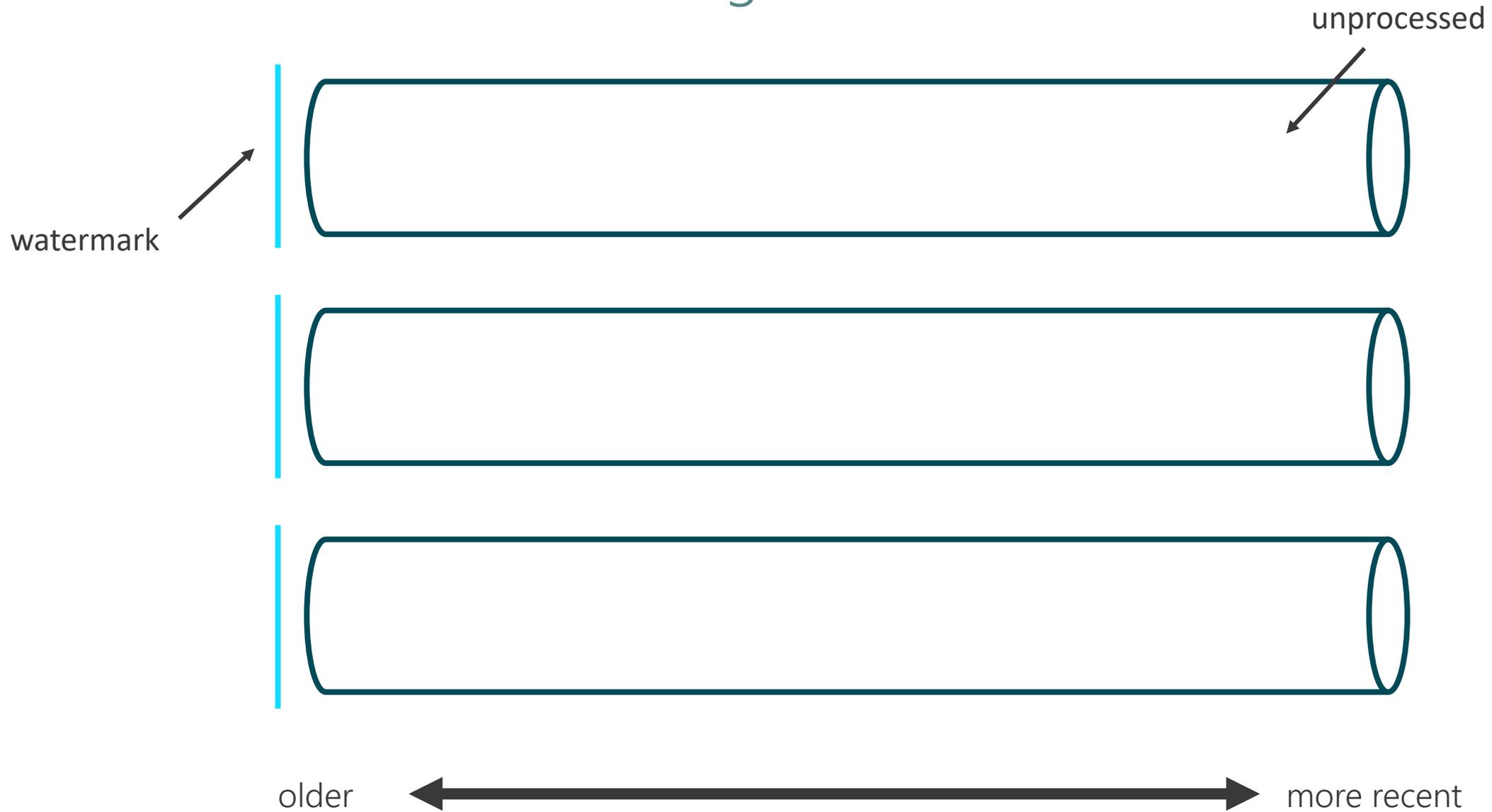
Batch Processing

Data is as complete as it gets within the job

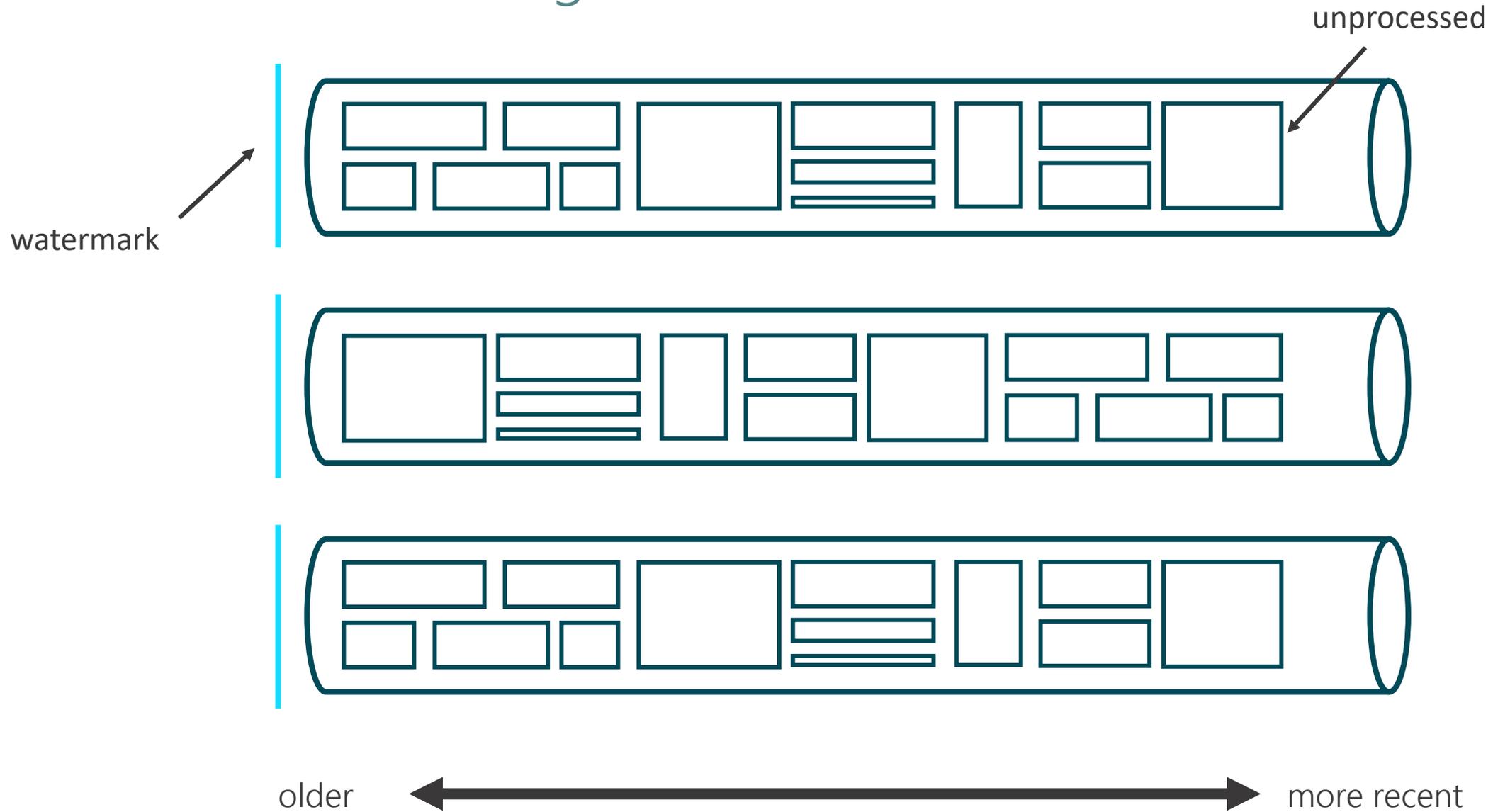
No Low Latency SLAs



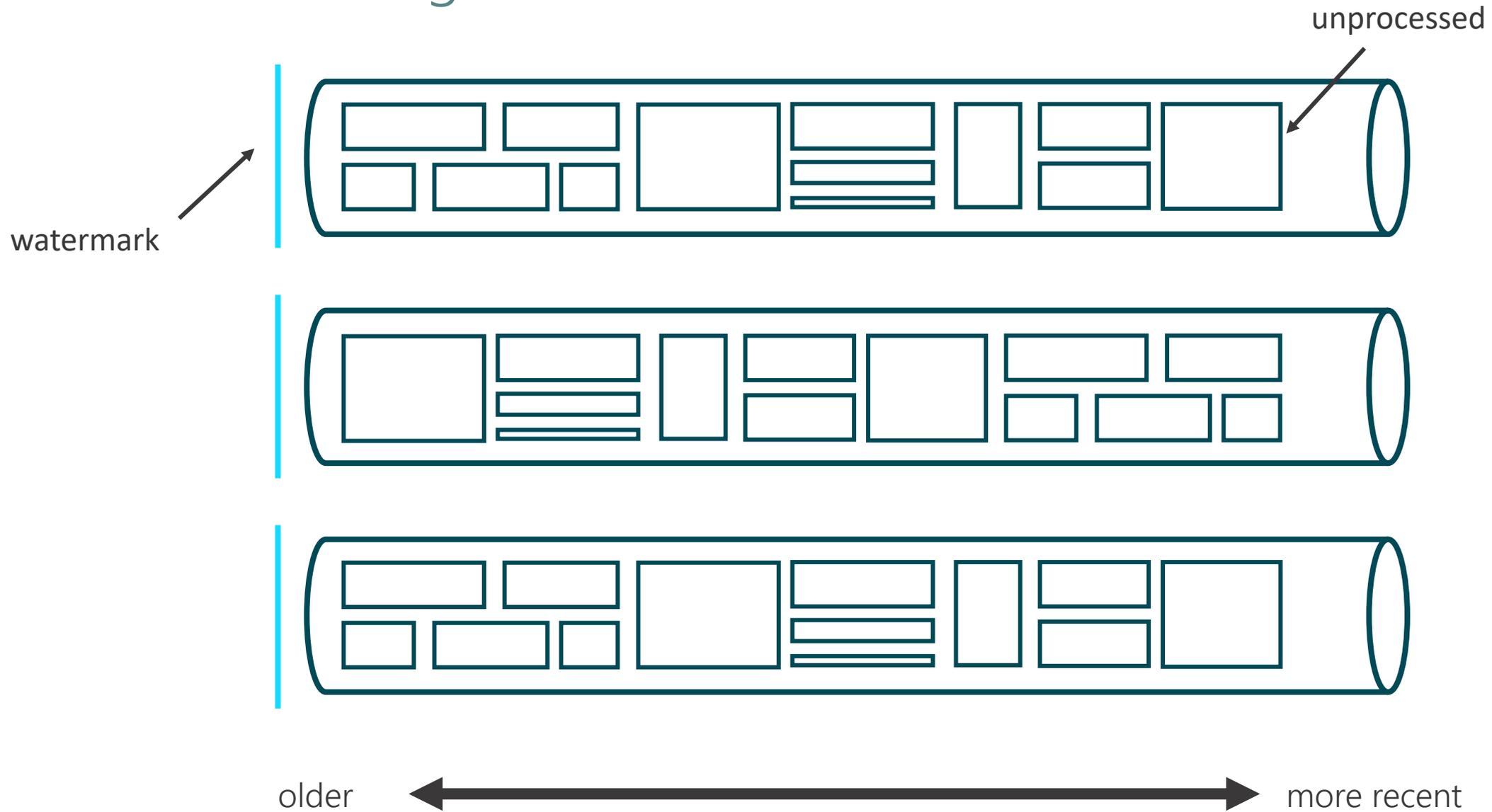
Stream Real-time Processing



Stream Re-Processing



Batch Processing



Batch vs. Stream Processing

Continuous Streaming

Watermarks to model
Completeness/Latency tradeoff

Incremental results &
Proc.-Time Timers

In-receive-order
ingestion with low parallelism

Batch Processing

No Watermarks

Results at end-of-
program only

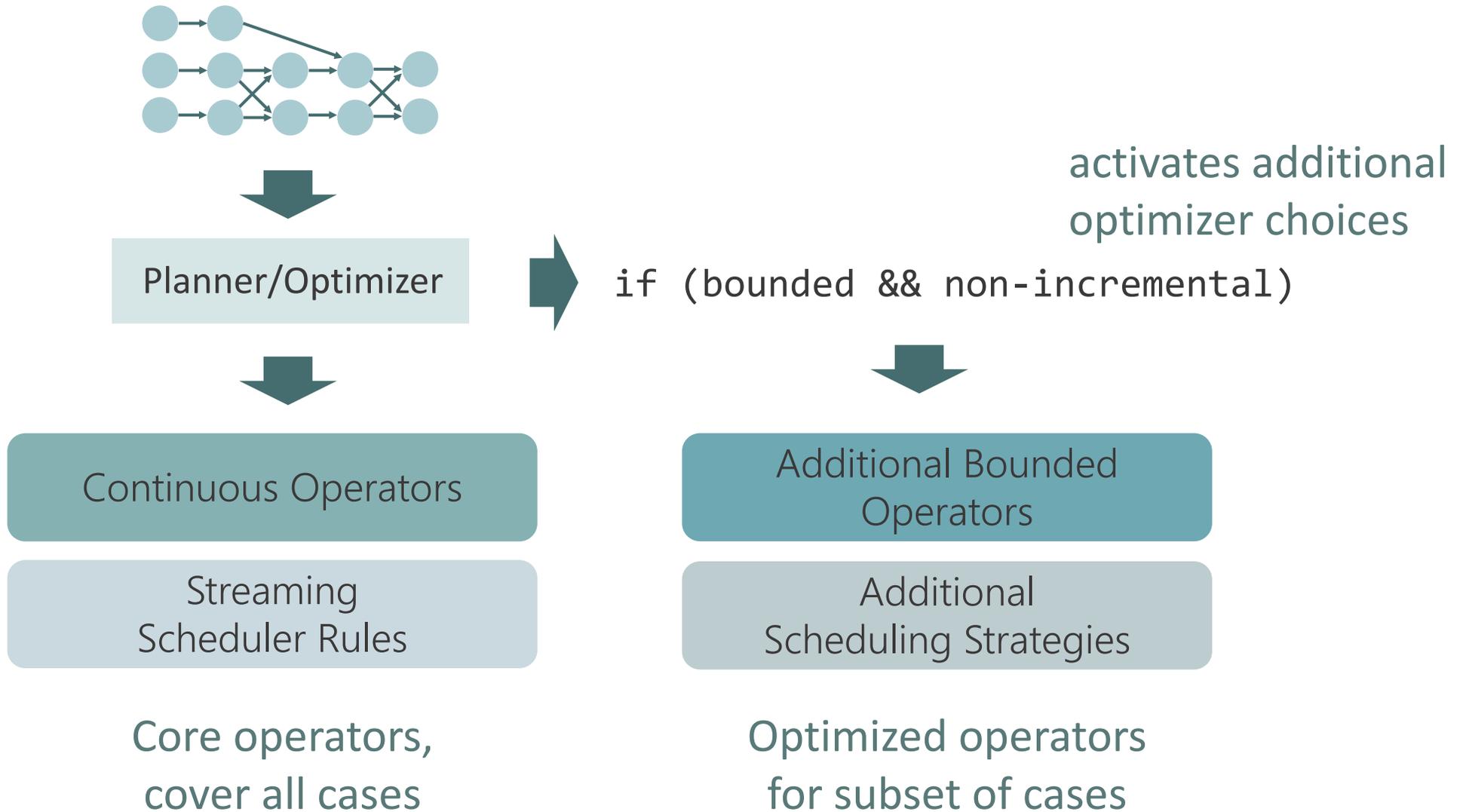
Massively parallel
out-of-order ingestion



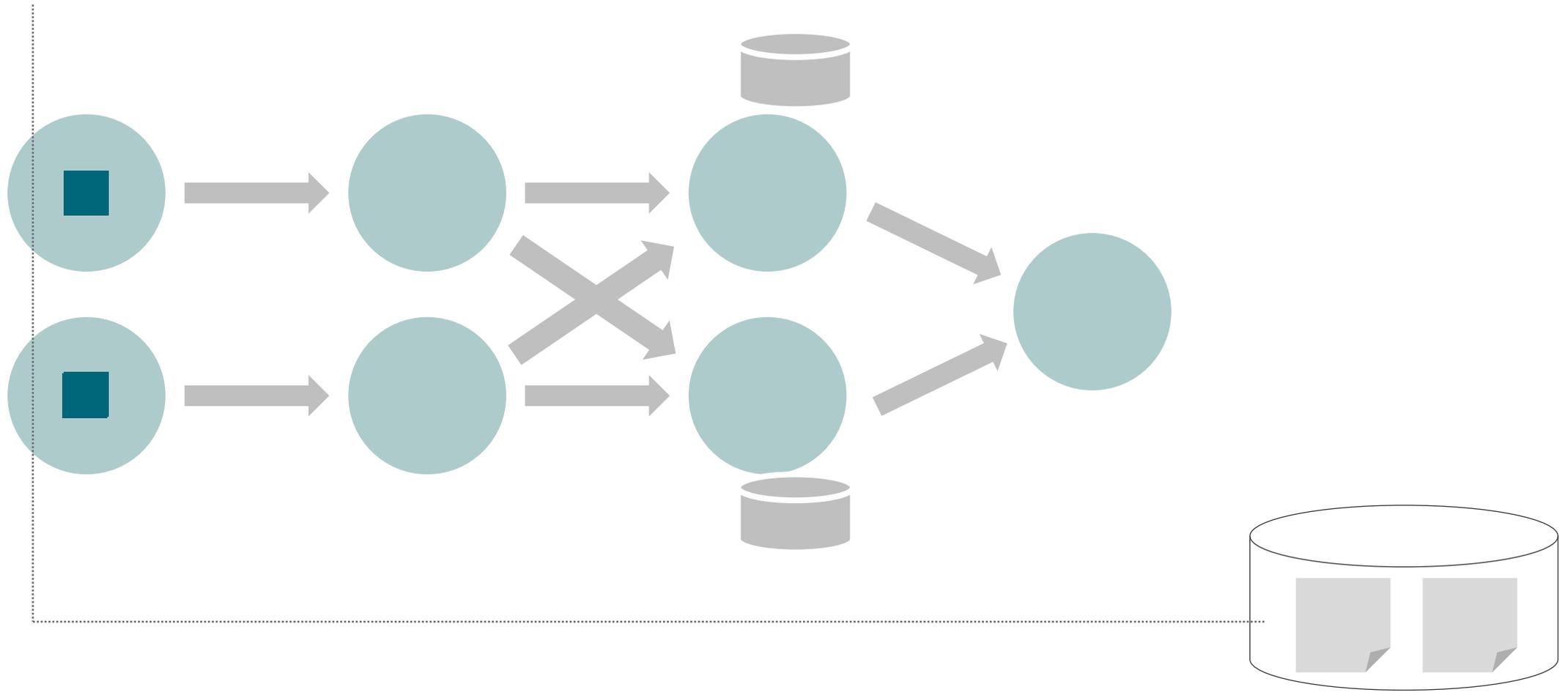
Fast Batch Runtime in a Stream Processor

Evolution through the entire stack!

Exploiting the Batch Special Case

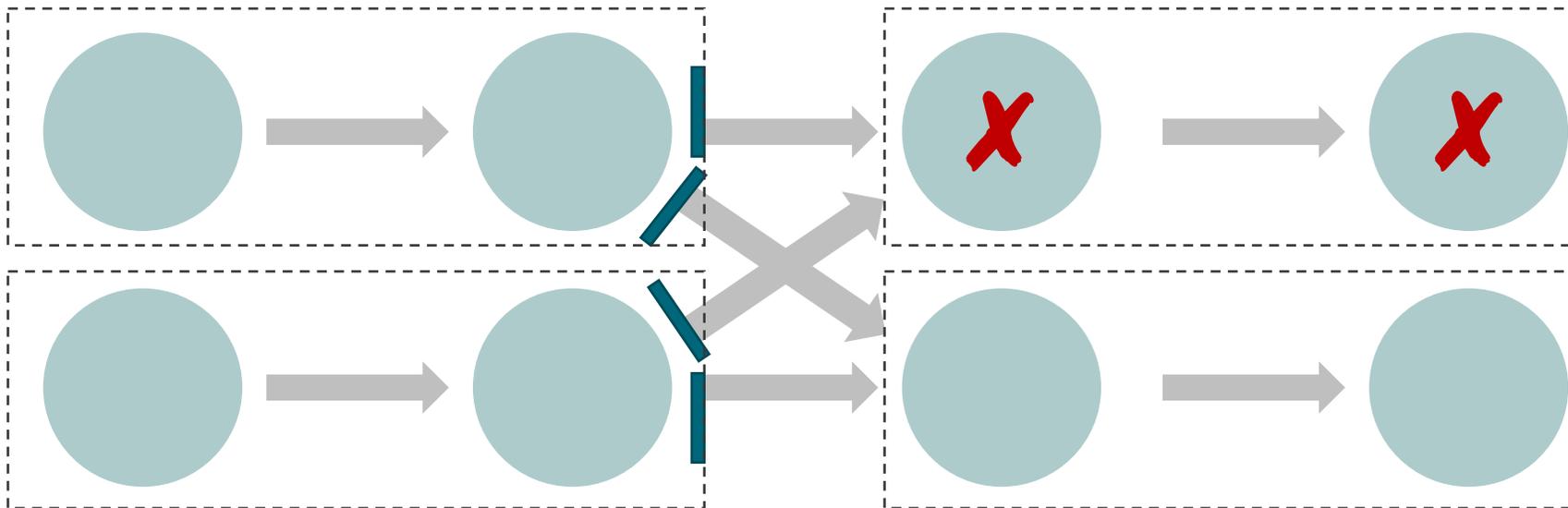


Fault tolerance without writing intermediate streams to Brokers or DFS

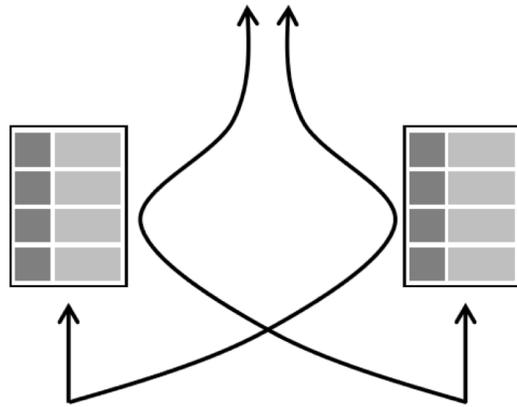


Scheduling Strategies

- Build pipelined regions
 - Incremental results: everything pipelines
 - Non-incremental results: break pipelines once in a while
- Recovery: Restart the pipelined region from latest checkpoint (or beginning)
 - replay input since checkpoint or beginning

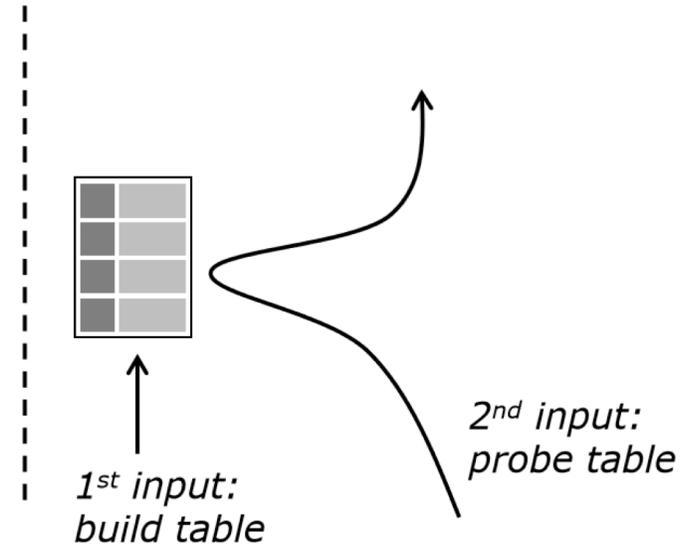


Streaming versus Batch Join



both inputs:
- build one table
- probe other table

Continuous Streaming Join



Batch Hash Join

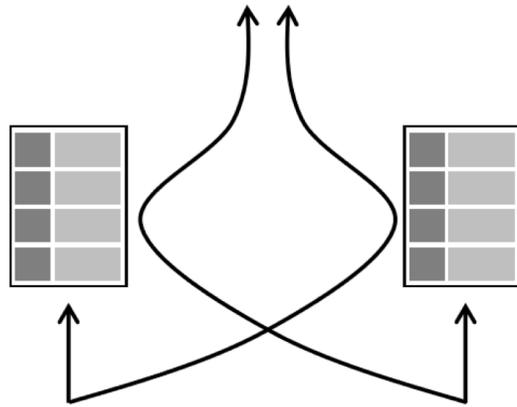


Streaming versus Batch Join

2x RocksDB
LSM-Trees

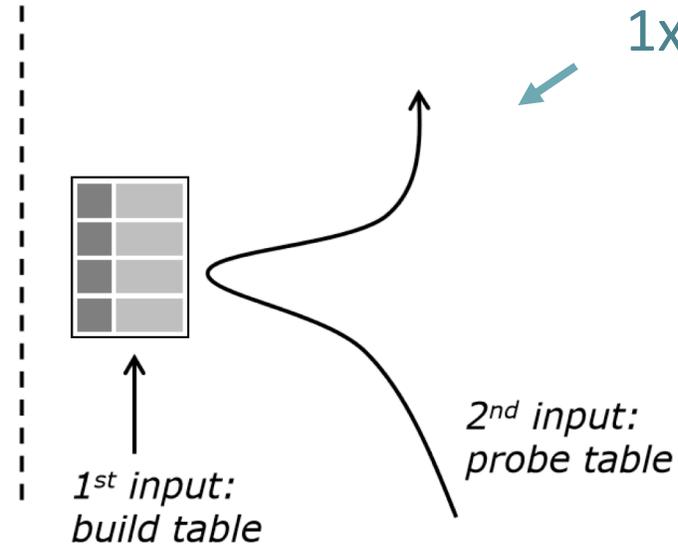
bounded/
unbounded

incremental
results



Continuous Streaming Join

more general



Batch Hash Join

order-of-magnitude faster

only on
bounded data

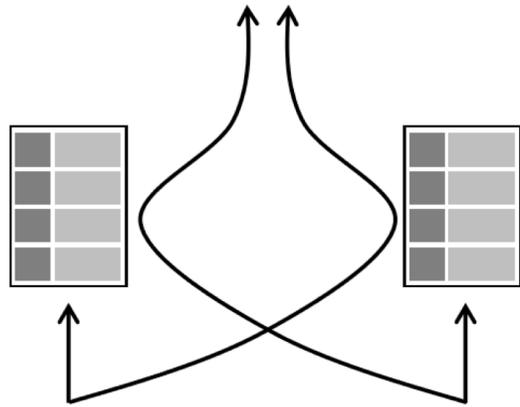
batch results

no checkpoints



Streaming versus Batch Join

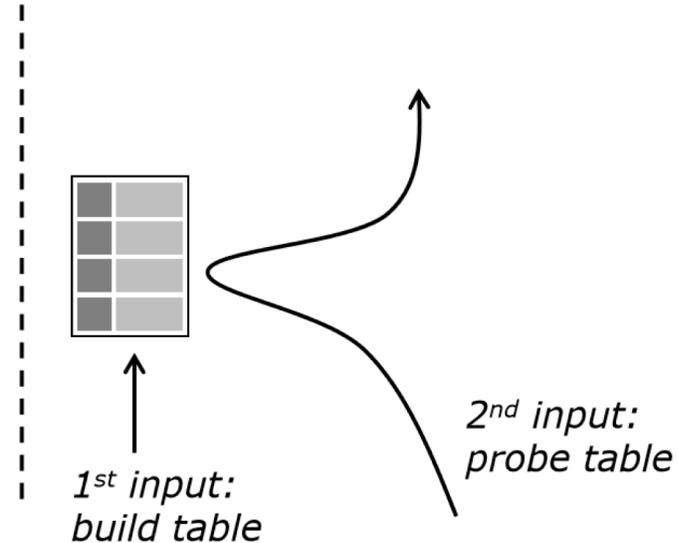
push-based
(latency/checkpoints)



both inputs:
- build one table
- probe other table

Continuous Streaming Join

more general



pull-based
(data flow control)

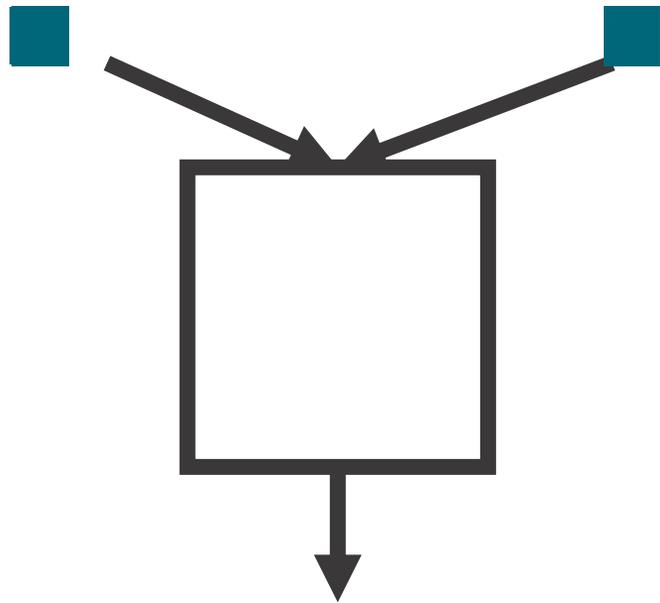
Batch Hash Join

order-of-magnitude faster



Push-based and Pull-based Operators

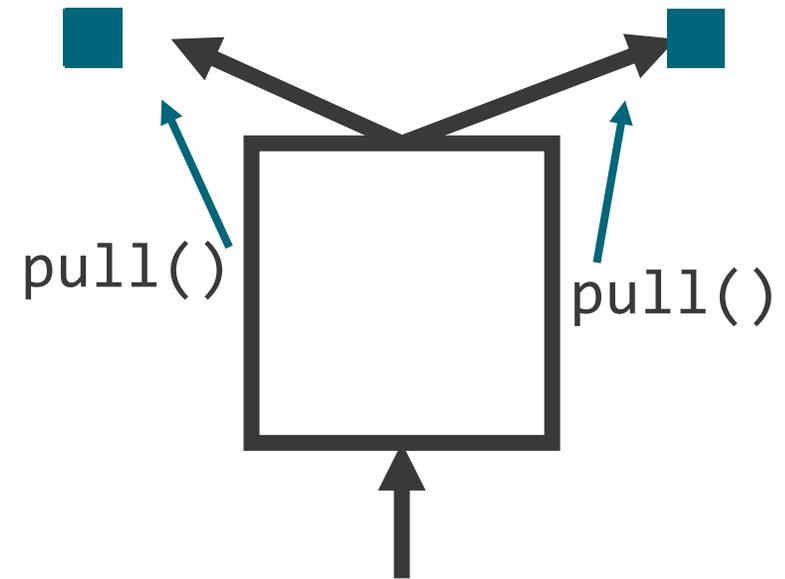
Push Operators



accept data from any input immediately
(like actor messages)

minimize latency
supports checkpoint alignment

Pull Operators

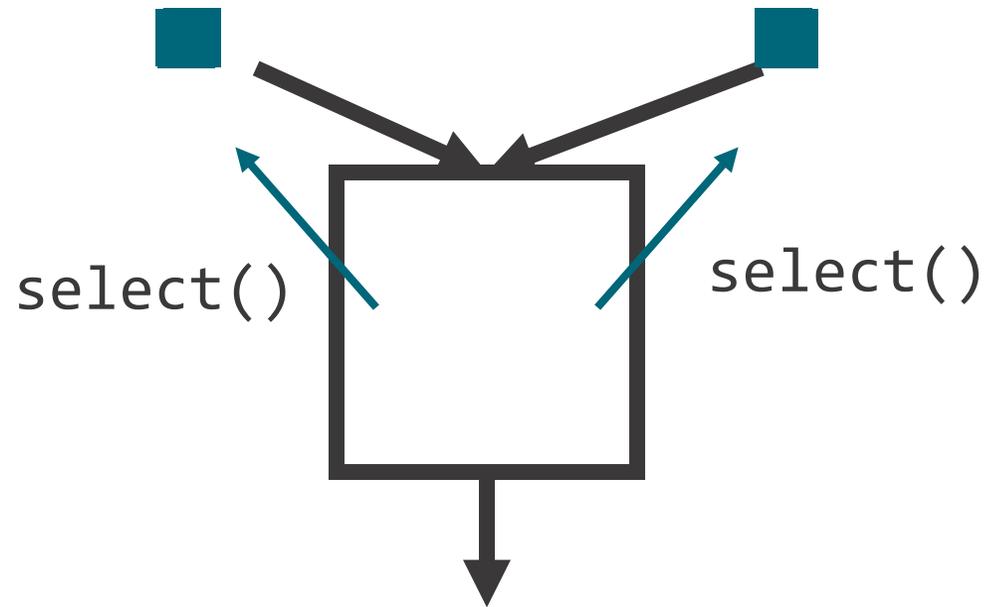


pull data from one input at a time
(like reading streams)

control over data flow,
high-latency, breaks checkpoints



Flink 1.9 - Selectable Push-based Operators



similar to non-blocking-I/O model

Java NIO, Linux Epoll, or Select

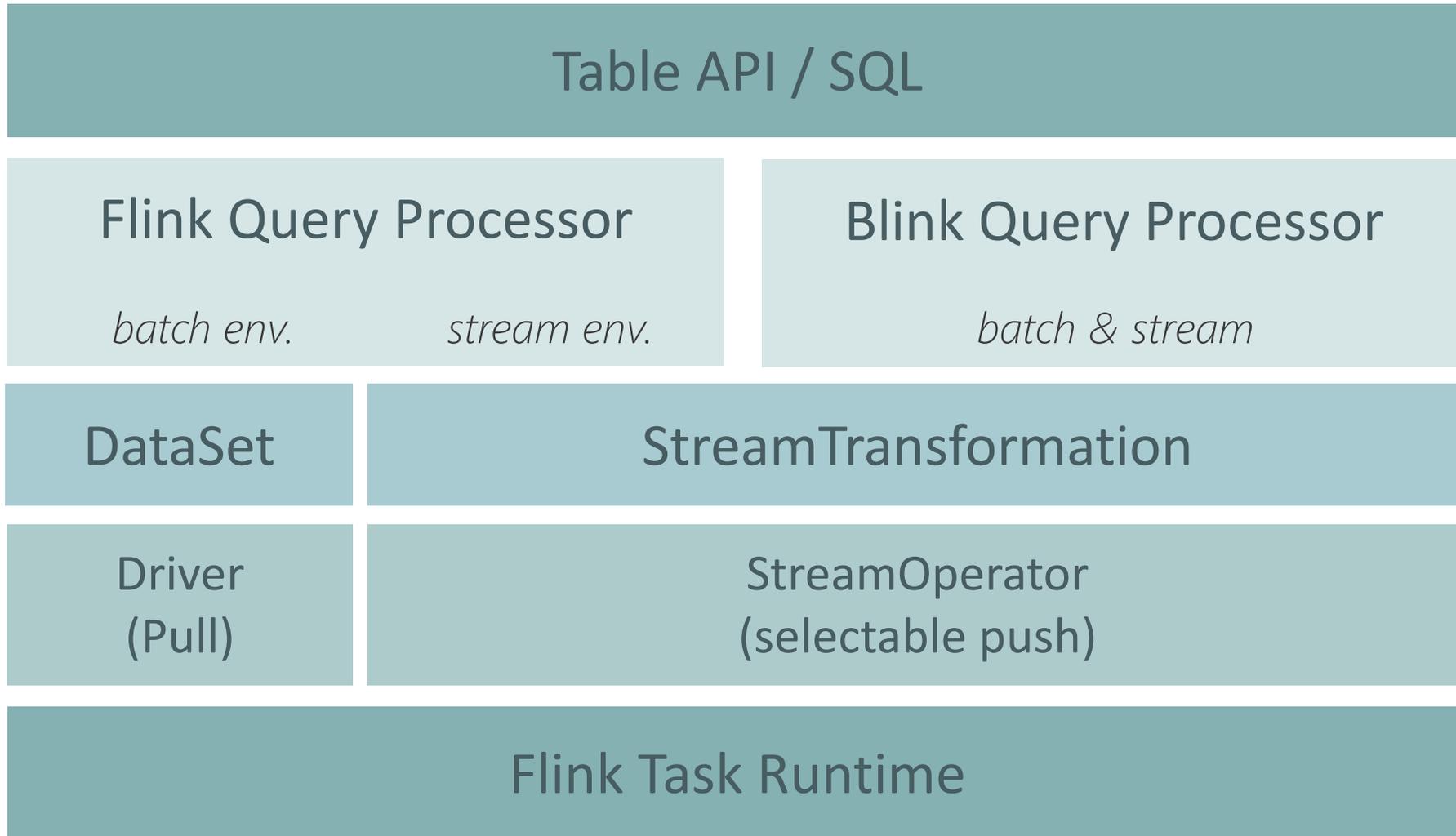
subscribe to inputs (select)
and receive pushed events

- ➔ Operators control data flow by selecting active data paths
- ➔ Among active data paths, fully asynchronous data flow driven by network, data sources (and timers)



The State of the Batch & Streaming Interplay in Flink

Table API / SQL in Flink 1.9



DataStream API

- DataStream is already supporting Bounded and Unbounded Streams
- Not exploiting batch optimizations so far
 - Bounded batch-style execution still faster on DataSet API
- After Flink 1.10:
 - Introduce BoundedDataStream and `non-incremental` mode to exploit optimizations for bounded data
 - Watermarks "jump" from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ at end of program
 - Processing time timers deactivated or deferred (end of key)
 - 'Add same operators back batch-style SQL execution also for DataStream.



Wrapping Up

What else is new in Flink 1.9

Hive support

Python Table API

Analytics over Checkpoints/Savepoints

Preview of new Blink SQL Engine

Atomic stop-with-savepoint

...and lot's more



What else is the community working on?

Cross-Batch-Streaming
Machine Learning

Python Table UDFs

Unaligned Checkpoints

Full support of Blink SQL Engine
and TPC-DS coverage

DDL and Clients for
Streaming SQL

New Source and
Connector API

a big documentation overhaul

Interactive multi-job programs

...and lot's more



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