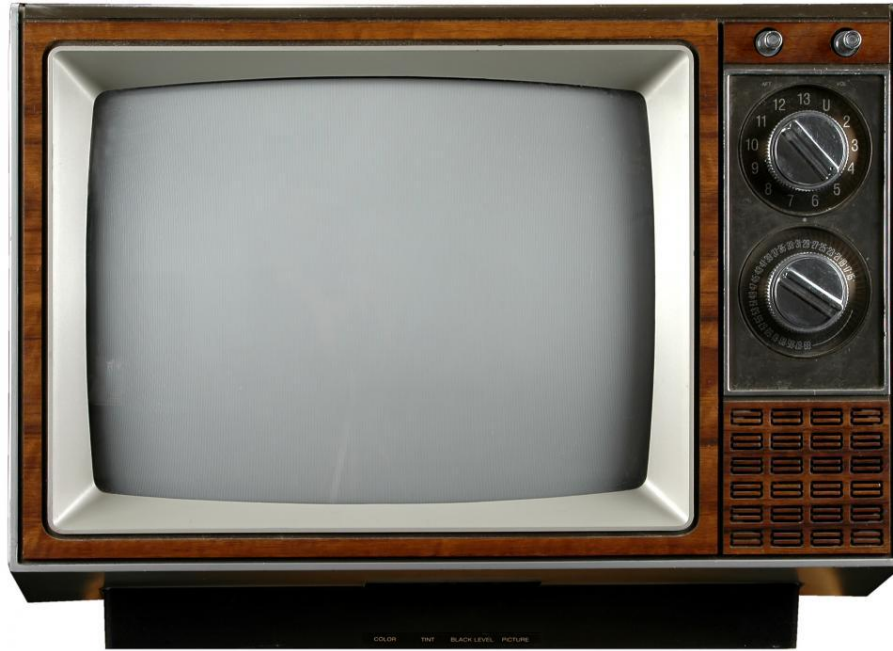


Mantis: Netflix's Event Stream Processing System

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10/26/2014

Motivation


Traditional TV just works



Netflix wants Internet TV to work just as well






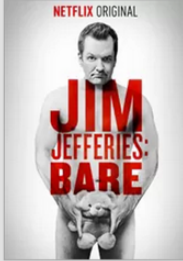
NETFLIX Browse Taste Profile **KIDS** DVDs Search [bell icon] Justin ▾

Recently Watched




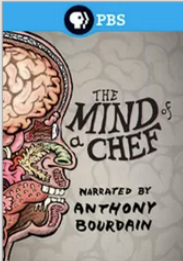

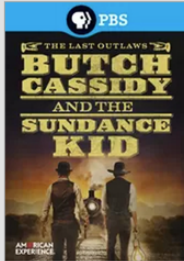


-  **THE LEAGUE**
NEW EPISODES

➔ Recommend

Popular on Netflix

-  **Californication**
NEW EPISODES
-  **TRAILER PARK BOYS**
NEW EPISODES
-  **I KNOW THAT VOICE**
-  **the UNBELIEVERS**
-  **ONCE**
UPON A TIME
NEW EPISODES
-  **JIM JEFFERIES: BARE**

Documentaries

-  **THE UNKNOWN KNOWN**
-  **JOAN RIVERS**
A PIECE OF WORK
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THE COCKTAIL IS BACK
-  **THE MIND of a CHEF**
NARRATED BY ANTHONY BOURDAIN
-  **WILDEST ISLANDS**
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THE LAST OUTLAWS
-  **THE NEXT SPACE RACE**
-  **COSMOS**
A SPACE AND TIME

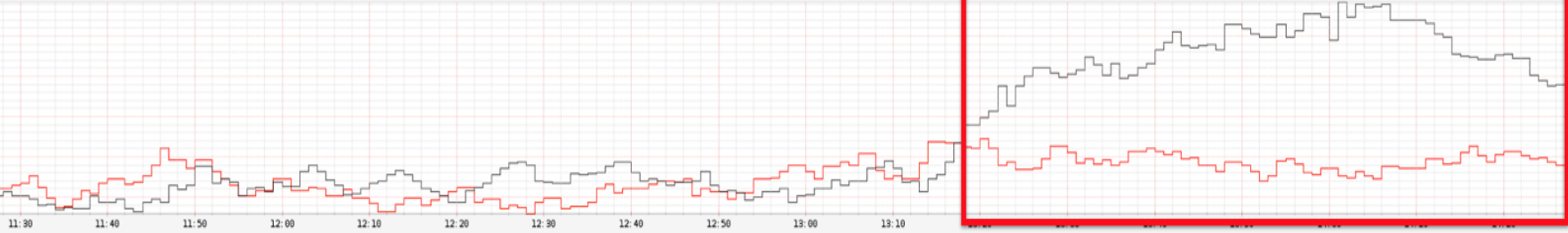
**Our challenge:
Staying on top of what's happening**



Especially when things aren't working

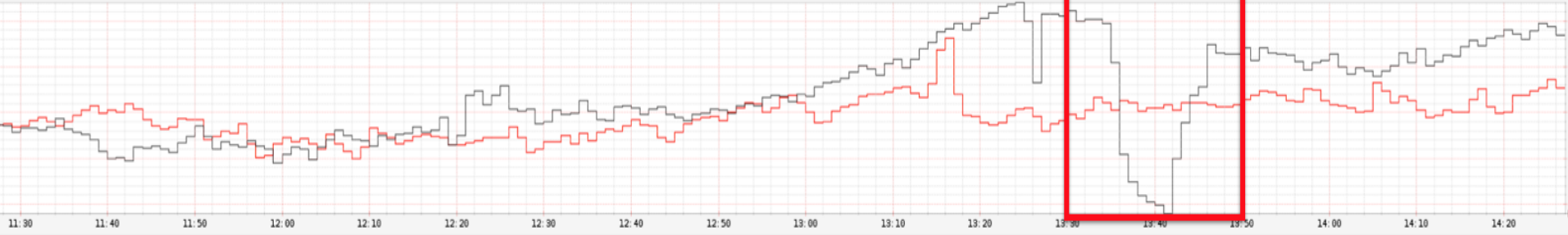


Calls Offered - All Regions



🔄 ↗️ 📊 Explode ▾ 📄 Legend 📈 Logarithmic

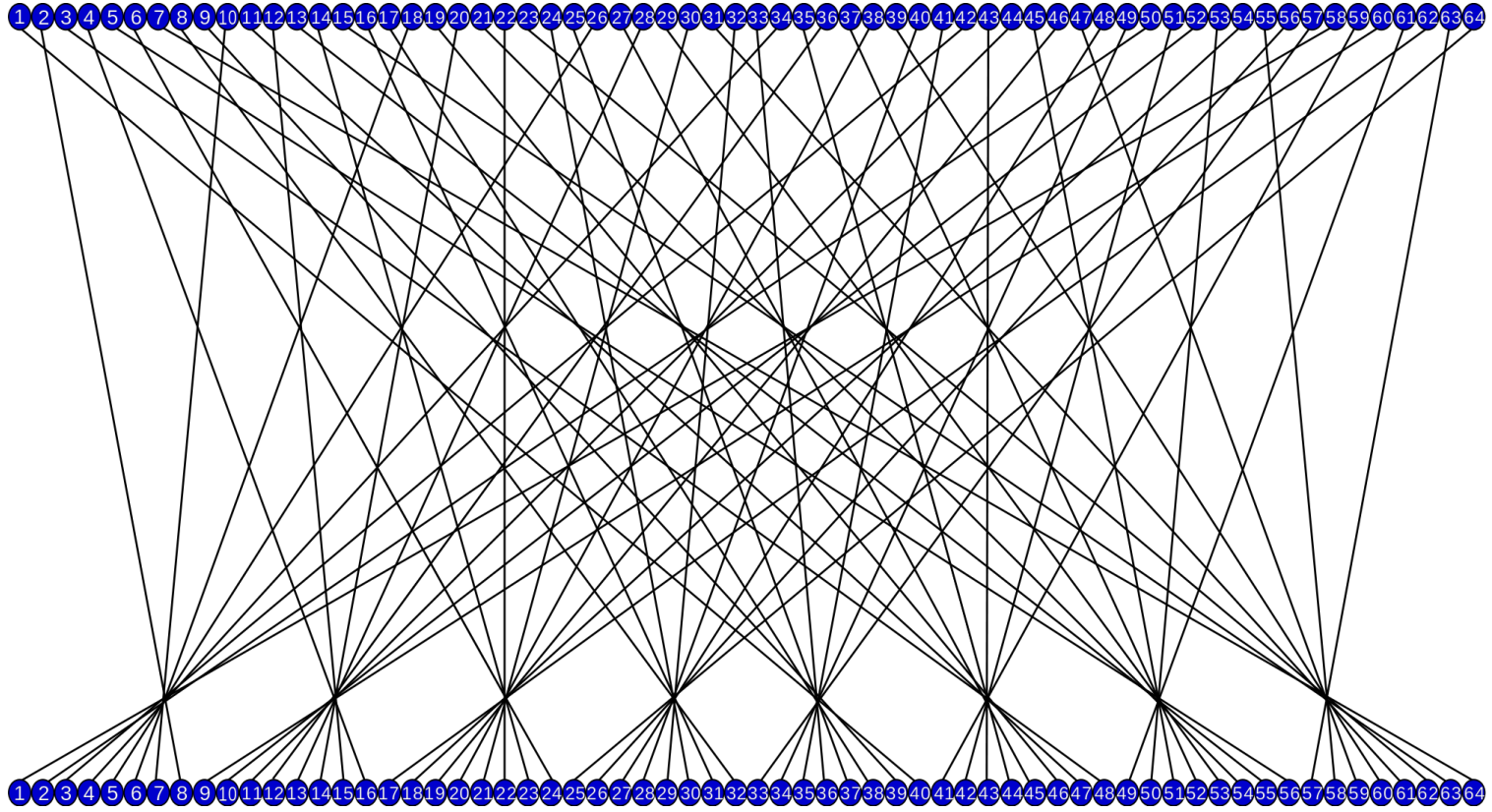
Help Site hits



**Tracking “big signals” is not
enough**



Need to track all kinds of permutations



Detect quickly, to resolve ASAP



Cheaper than product services

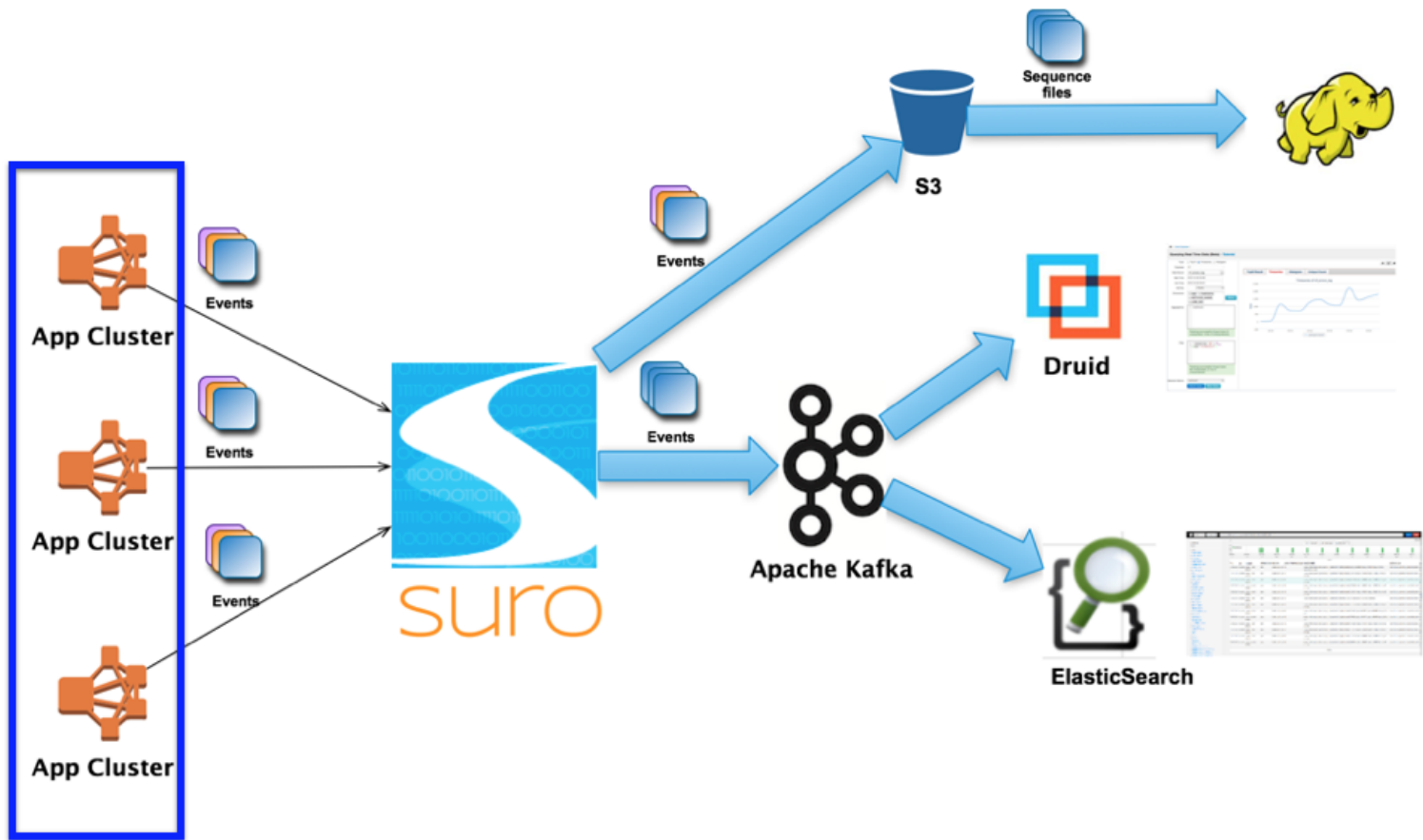


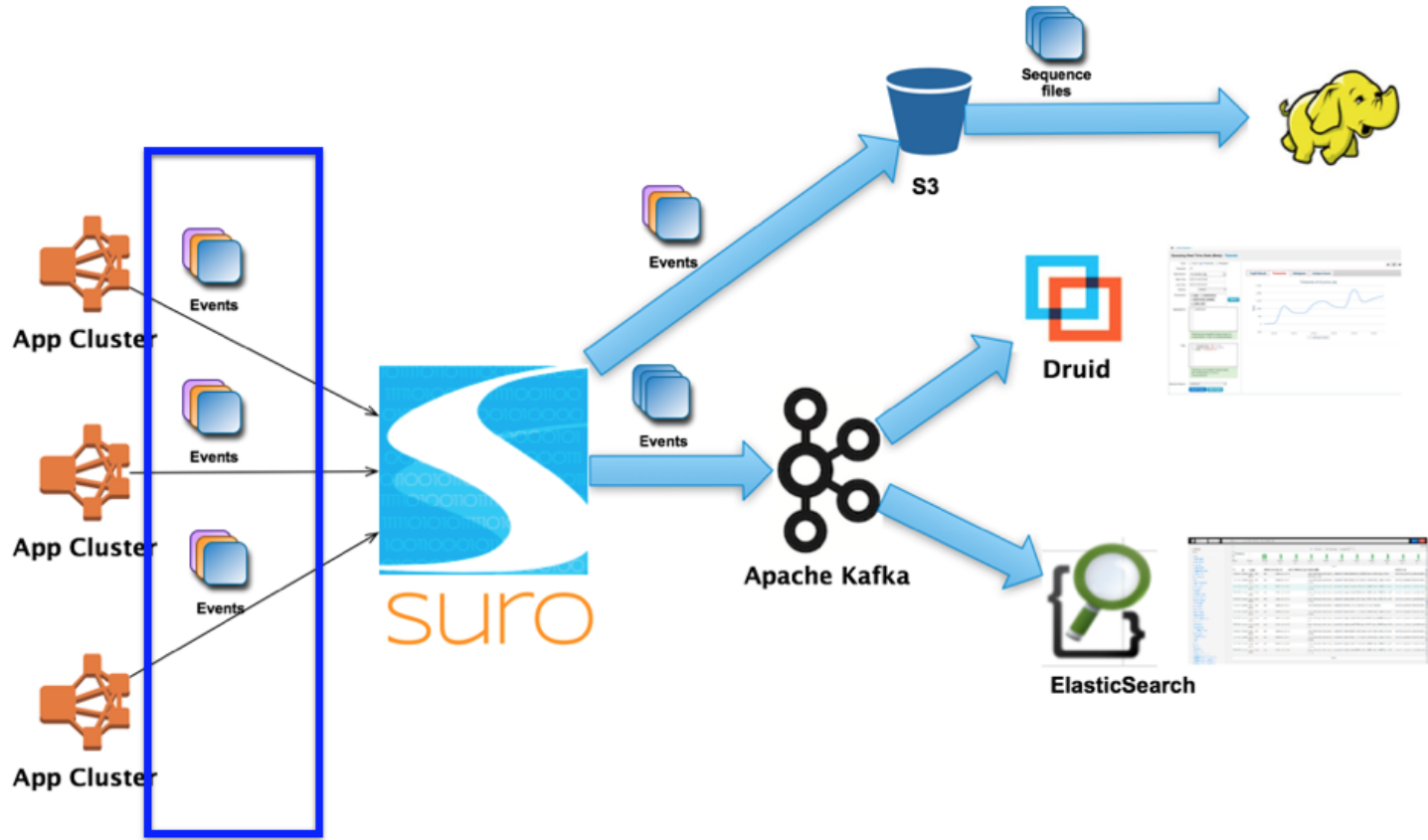
Here comes the problem



**12 ~ 20 million metrics updates per
second**

750 billion metrics updates per day





4 ~ 18 Million App Events Per Second
> 300 Billion Events Per Day

Graph Y-Axis Expression Remove Add...

Refresh Graph PNG Query

Env: prod test Region: us-east

Query: `$(nf.cluster)`

Base Query
 Selecting an application, cluster, or ASG first will restrict other selections to meaningful values. At least one metric name is required for all queries.

App/Cluster/ASG:

Metric name:

Additional tags
 You may optionally narrow the query by selecting additional tag/value pairs here.

Tag:

Values:

Query settings
 These settings modify the query results in a variety of ways.

Group by:

Aggregate:

Time shift:

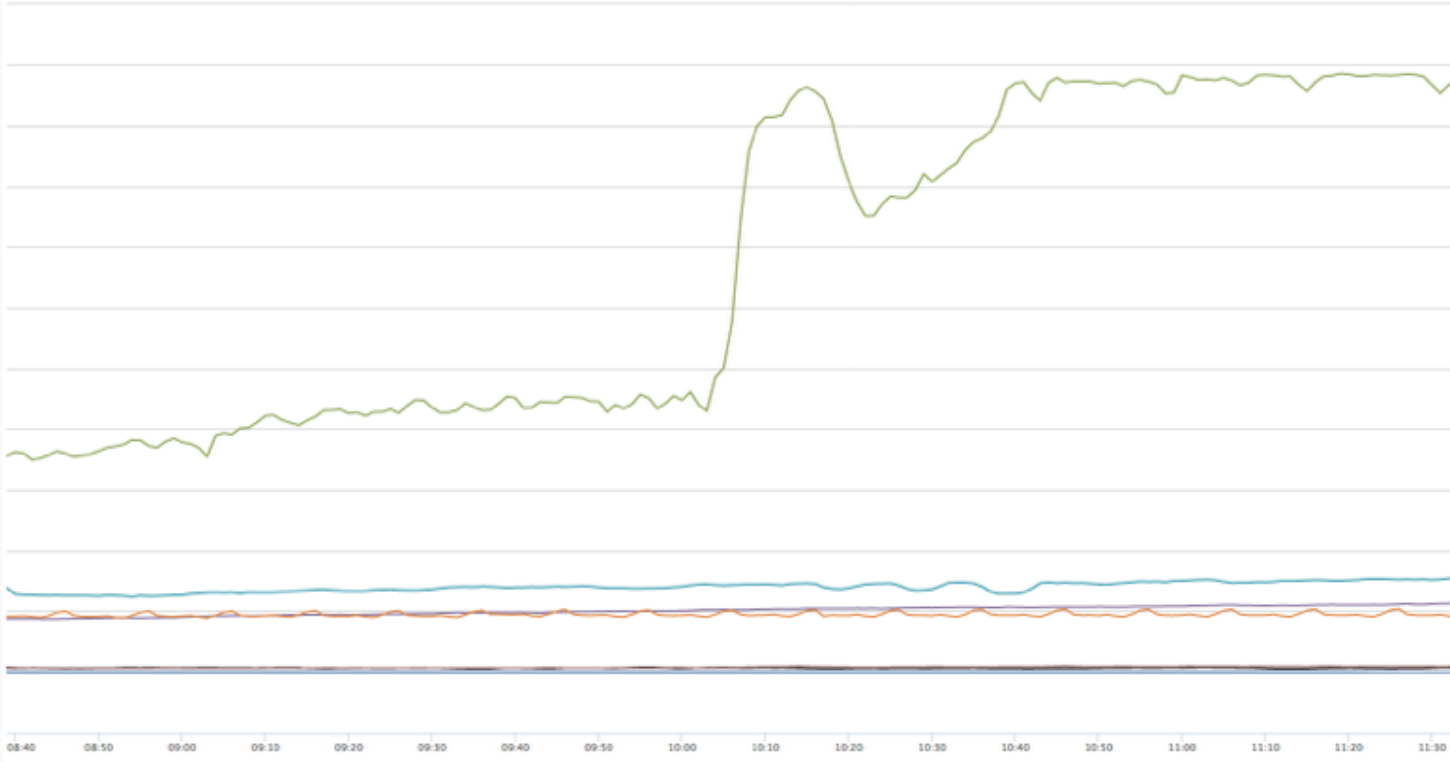
Graph settings
 These options are common to all graphed expressions.

Line type:

Legend:

Color: Auto-assign

Y-Axis:

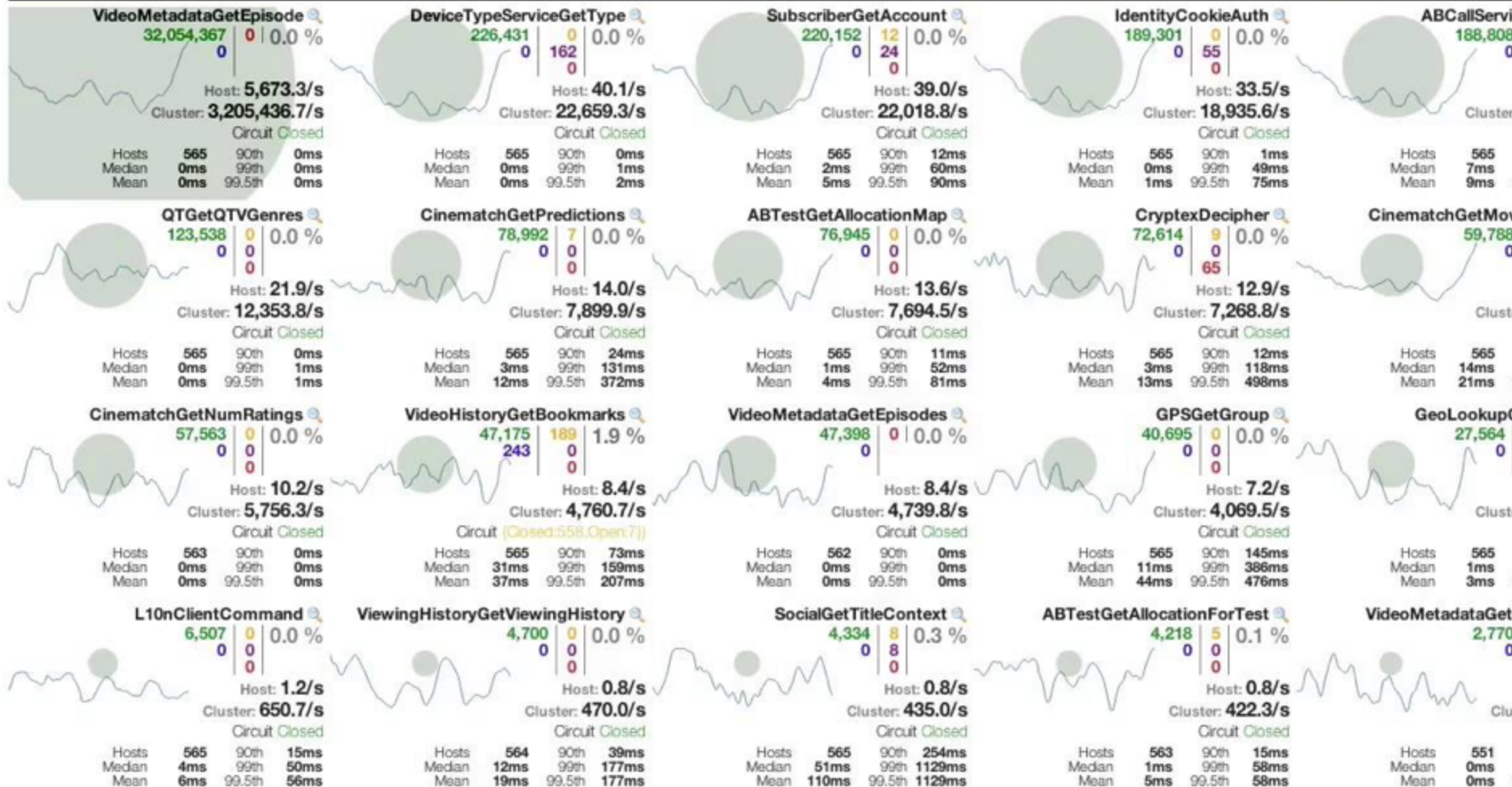


Statistics: avg min max total current Sort by: name statistic

■	\$(nf.cluster)-chukwacollector-canary	5.13k
■	nf.cluster-chukwacollector-canary	0.1k

Circuit Breakers

Sort: [Error then Volume](#) | [Alphabetical](#) | [Volume](#) | [Error](#) | [Mean](#) | [Median](#) | [90](#) | [99](#) | [99.5](#) | [Success](#) | [Latent](#) | [Short-Circuited](#) | [Timeout](#) | [Rejected](#) | [Failed](#)



- Startplays
- Encoding Failures
- NCCP Logs
- Logblobs
- Zuul Requests
- APM Metrics
- Startplay Map
- Social Events
- Follow Events

Action type: **ADD**

Follow type:

Reset

Search

for last 200 entries, up to 1000

Search Results

200 unique events seen between 2014/11/02 11:51:26,976 PST and 2014/11/02 14:18:42,654 PST

Filter:

Event Time	Type			Follow Type	Action Type	Message
2014/11/02 14:18:42,654 PST	citools.events.follow				ADD	{ "actionType": "ADD", "context": {"yodaContactId": "ea95fc70" }}
2014/11/02 14:18:25,776 PST	citools.events.follow				ADD	{ "actionType": "ADD", "followType": "ESN" }

Investigate the Errors

Start with finding potential outliers among cluster instances:

[Top 10 Errors grouped by Application, Logging Class, Host Name, and Line Number Log Summary Doc](#)

You should also check out dominant errors:

1. Find dominant errors by removing "hostname" from Dimensions box, and click on the button "Submit Query" below. You
2. Click on any text in the error table cell (they are links), and you'll see error details

Details of Error Surge

Contacts [Contacts](#)

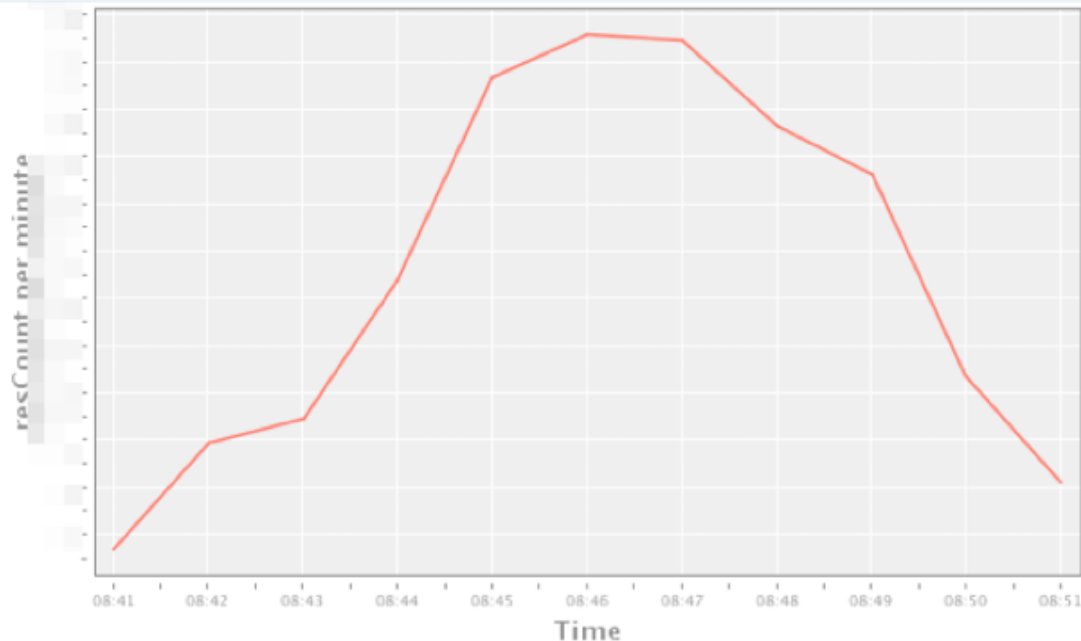
About
Automated
Log
Summary
Alerts

[Log Summary Documentation](#) [About Automated Alerts](#)

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Trigger
Graph



Something is still missing



The Solutions Are Fragmented



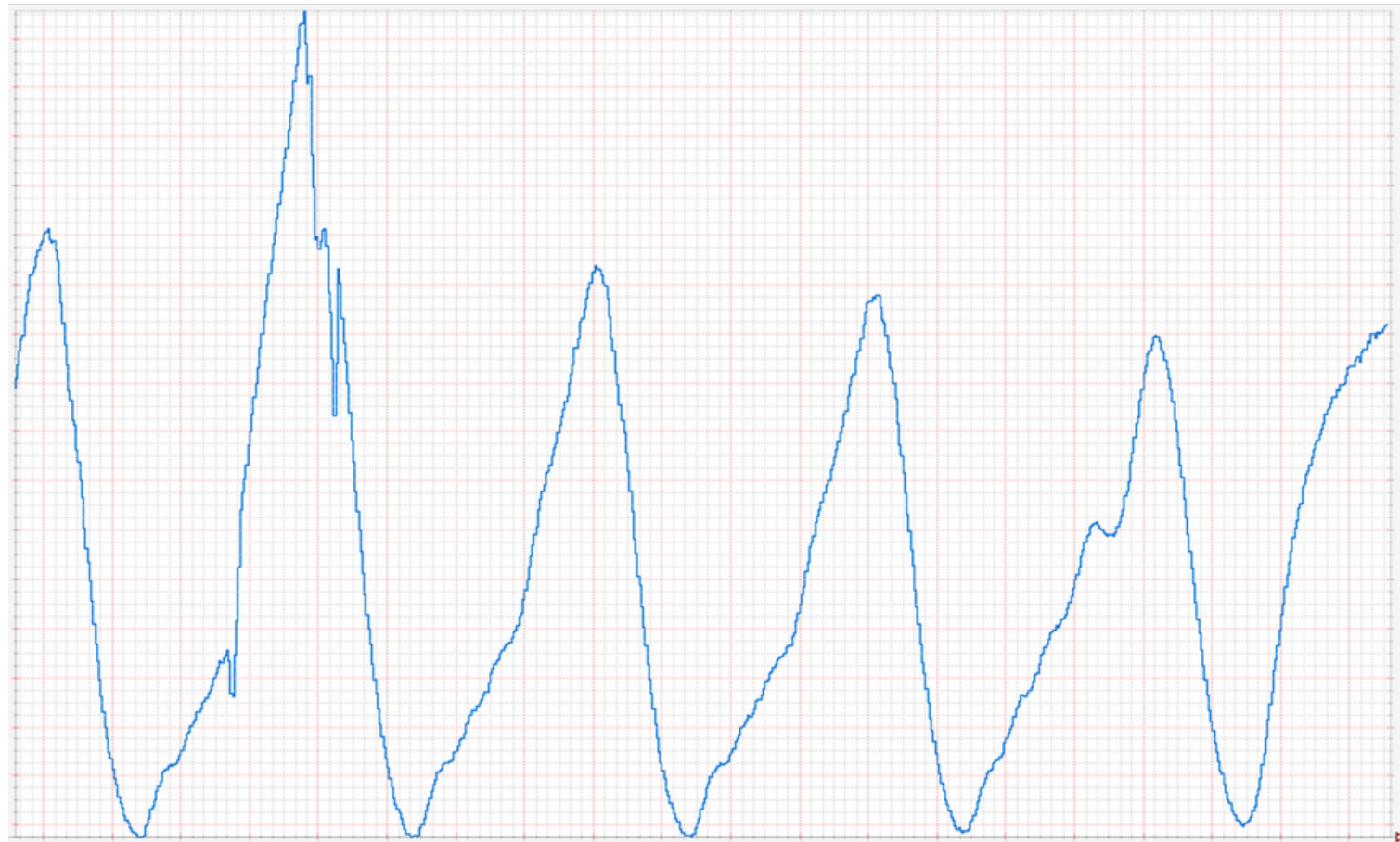
They Solve Specific Problems



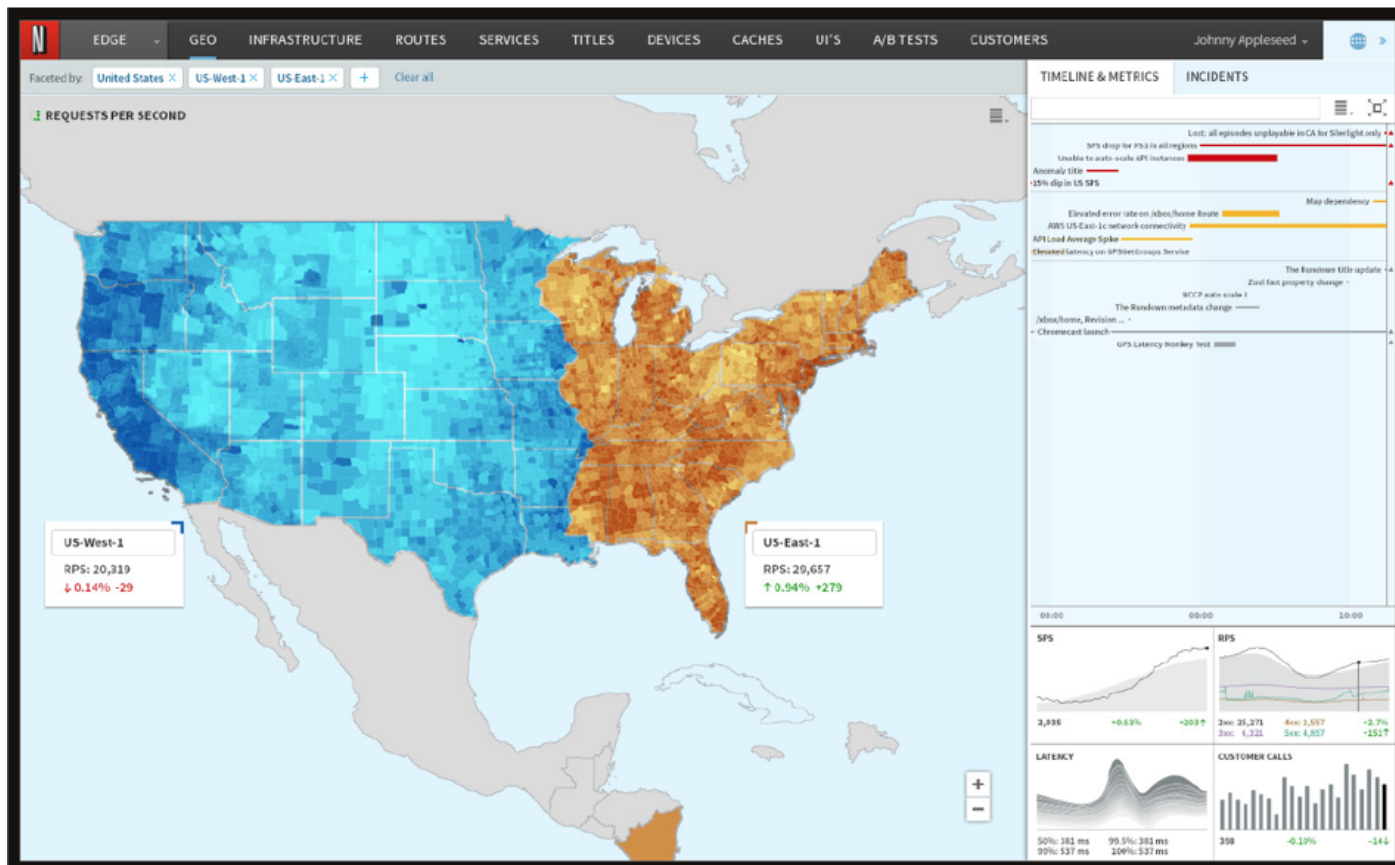
A System to Rule Them All



But...Requirements Change



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Mantis: A Stream Processing System





Mantis Jobs

Job Detail for ZuulRequestSource

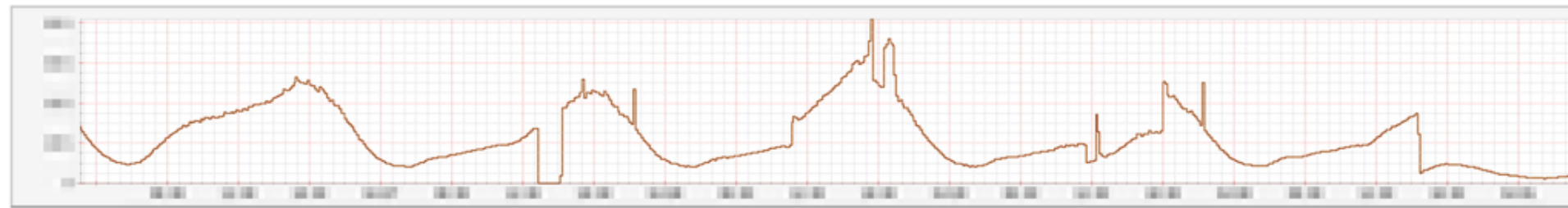
Job Summary	
Job Name	ZuulRequestSource
Job Meta	1 Stage, Perpetual
Job Id	ZuulRequestSource-20
JAR File	nfmantis-sources-zuul-source-7.2.jar
Job Sink	http://go/mantis-sink-us-east-1-prod/name/ZuulRequestSource http://go/mantis-sink-us-east-1-prod/id/ZuulRequestSource-20

Job Status
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:42.160 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:41.650 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:40.444 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:40.178 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:39.938 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:39.222 - Stage 1 of 1 running 1 Started
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:11.855 - Beginning job execution 1 1 StartInitiated
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:11.742 - Beginning job execution 2 1 StartInitiated
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:11.541 - Beginning job execution 0 1 StartInitiated
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:11.518 - Beginning job execution 3 1 StartInitiated
Oct 31 2014, 09:34:11.431 - Beginning job execution 5 1 StartInitiated

Stage 1 - 6 worker(s), 8 CPU Core(s), 25024MB RAM, 10024MB Disk each

8 CPUs Started +++++ 8 CPUs Started +++++ 8 CPUs Started +++++ 8 CPUs Started +++++ 8 CPUs Started +++++ 8 CPUs Started +++++

Graph onNext Duration 1w 2w 1w 5d 3d 24h 12h 6h 3h 1h Legend for Job Name ZuulRequestSource



Job Output 0 records per second - Sampling:

URL: <http://10.200.56.176:7152>

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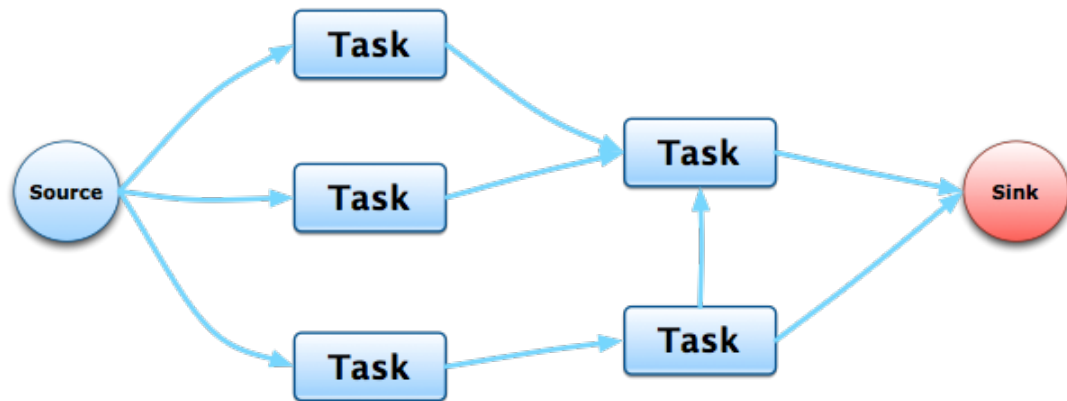
1. Versatile User Demands



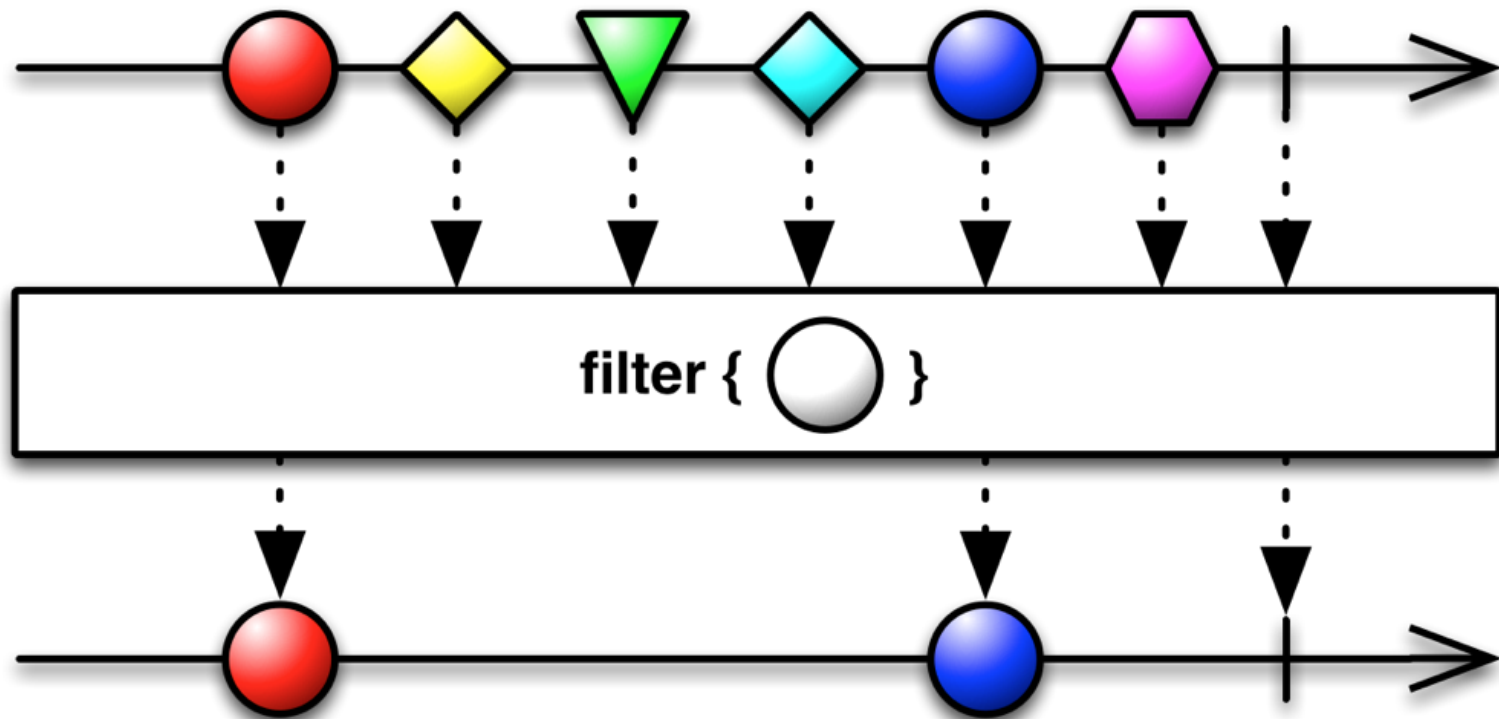
A word cloud featuring various data science and database-related terms. The words are arranged in a non-linear fashion, with some being significantly larger than others. The colors used are olive green, dark red, yellow, and orange. The terms include: transformation, detection, correlation, anomaly, prediction, outlier, join, validation, and filtering.

transformation detection
correlation anomaly
prediction outlier join validation
filtering

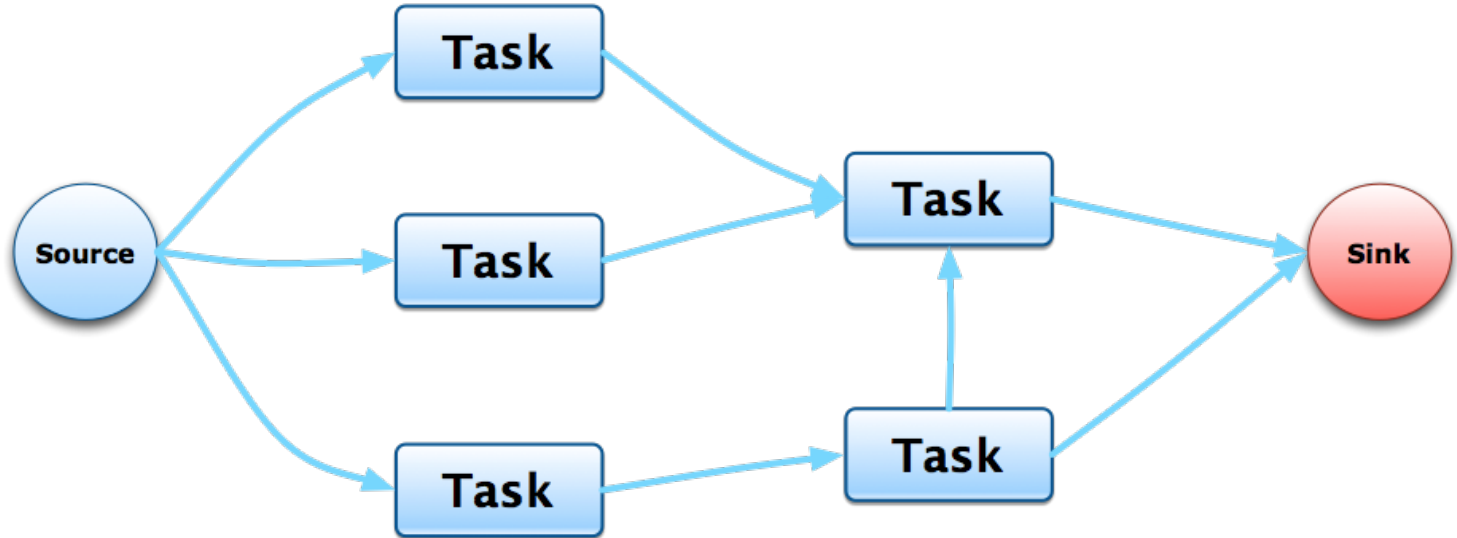
Solution: Flexible Programming Model



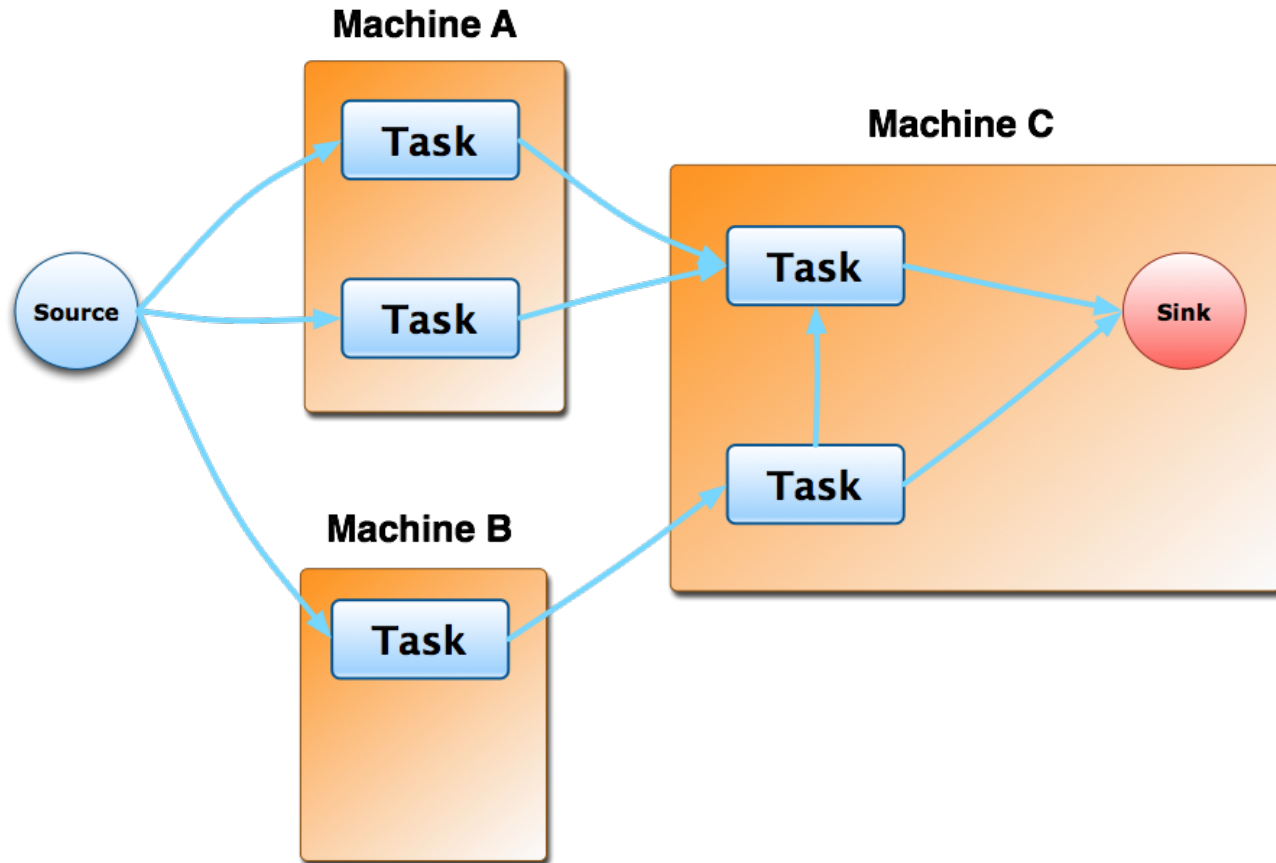
Users Deal with Data Stream Sequentially



Models computation as distributed DAG



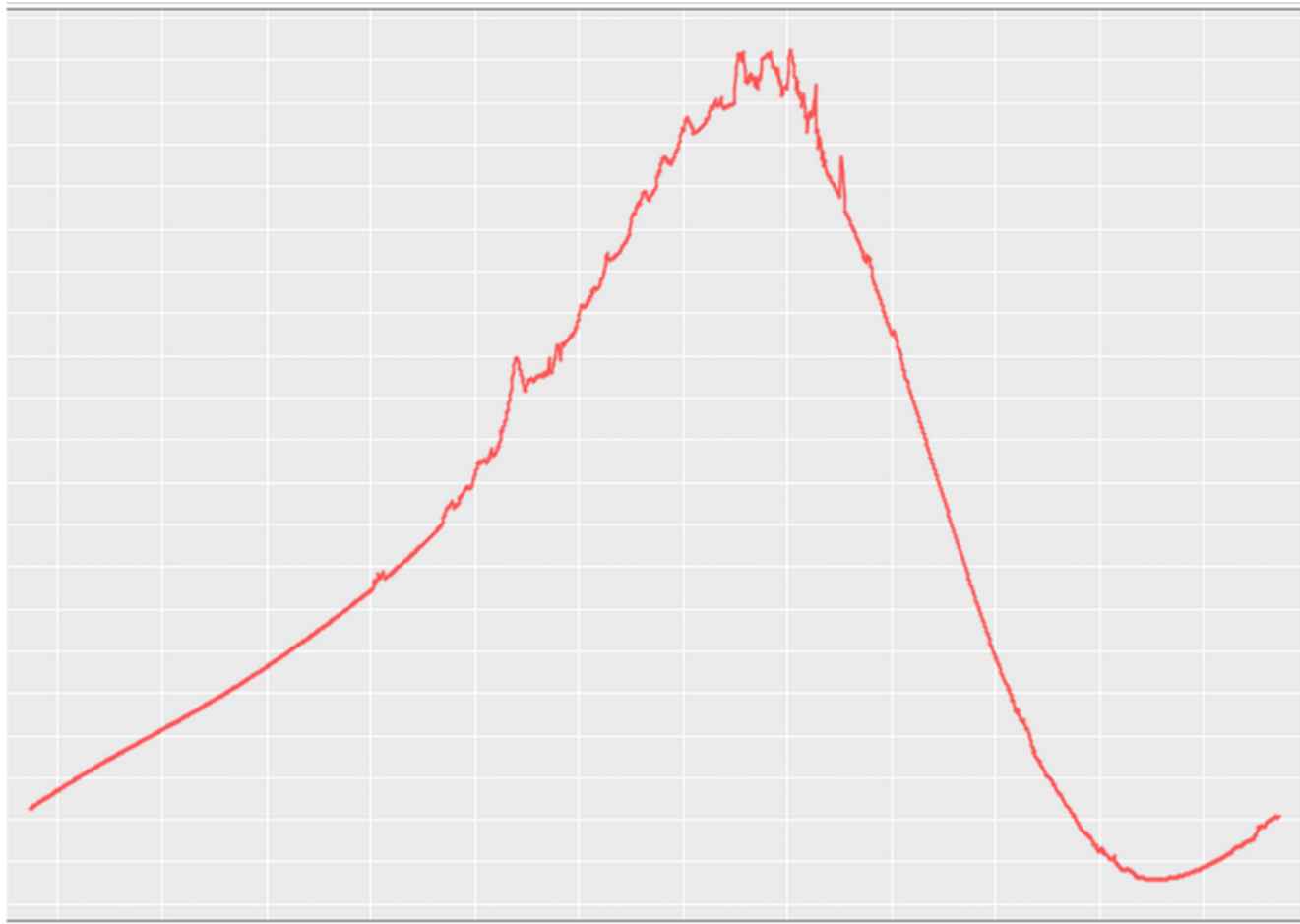
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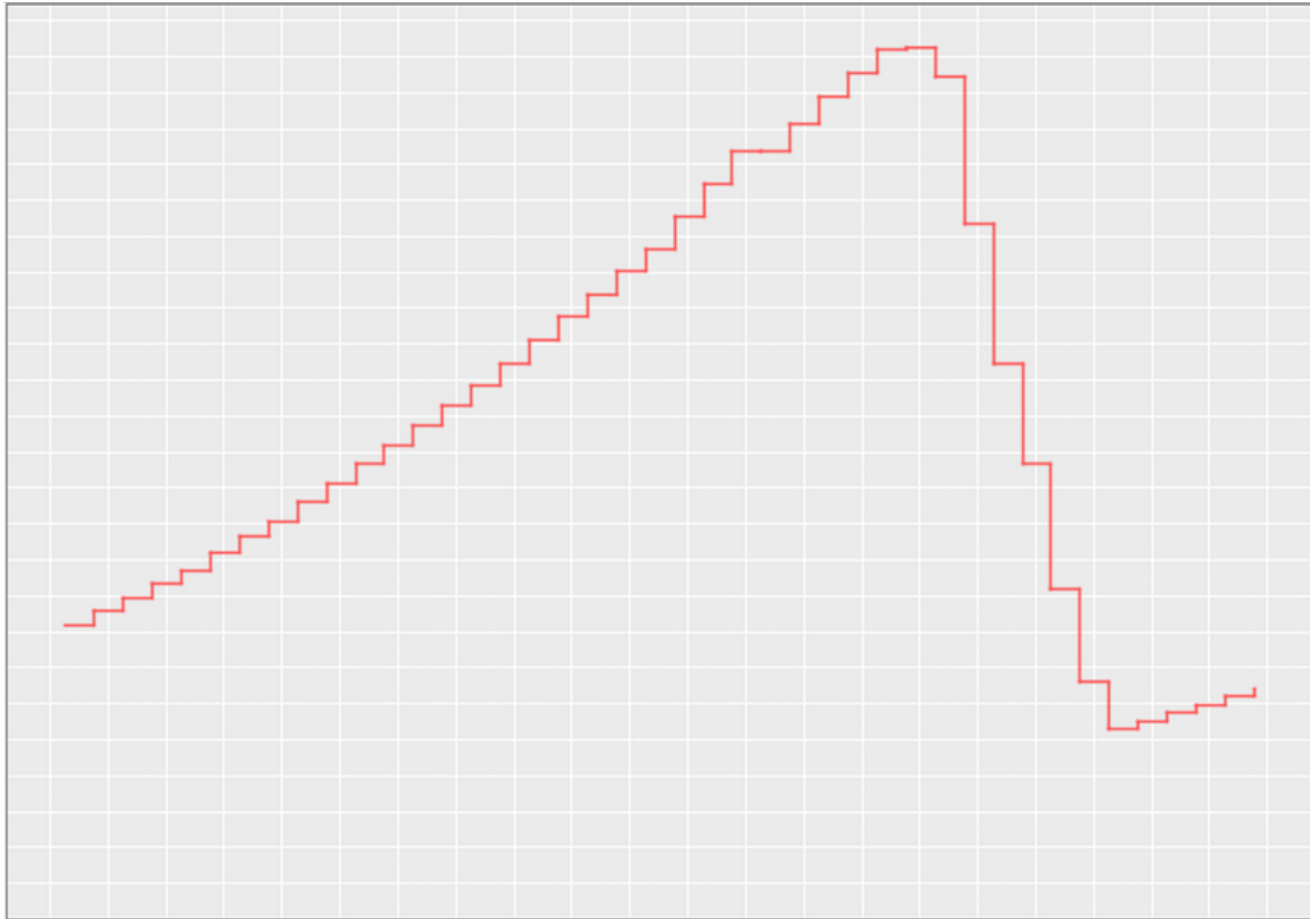
Asynchronous Computation Everywhere

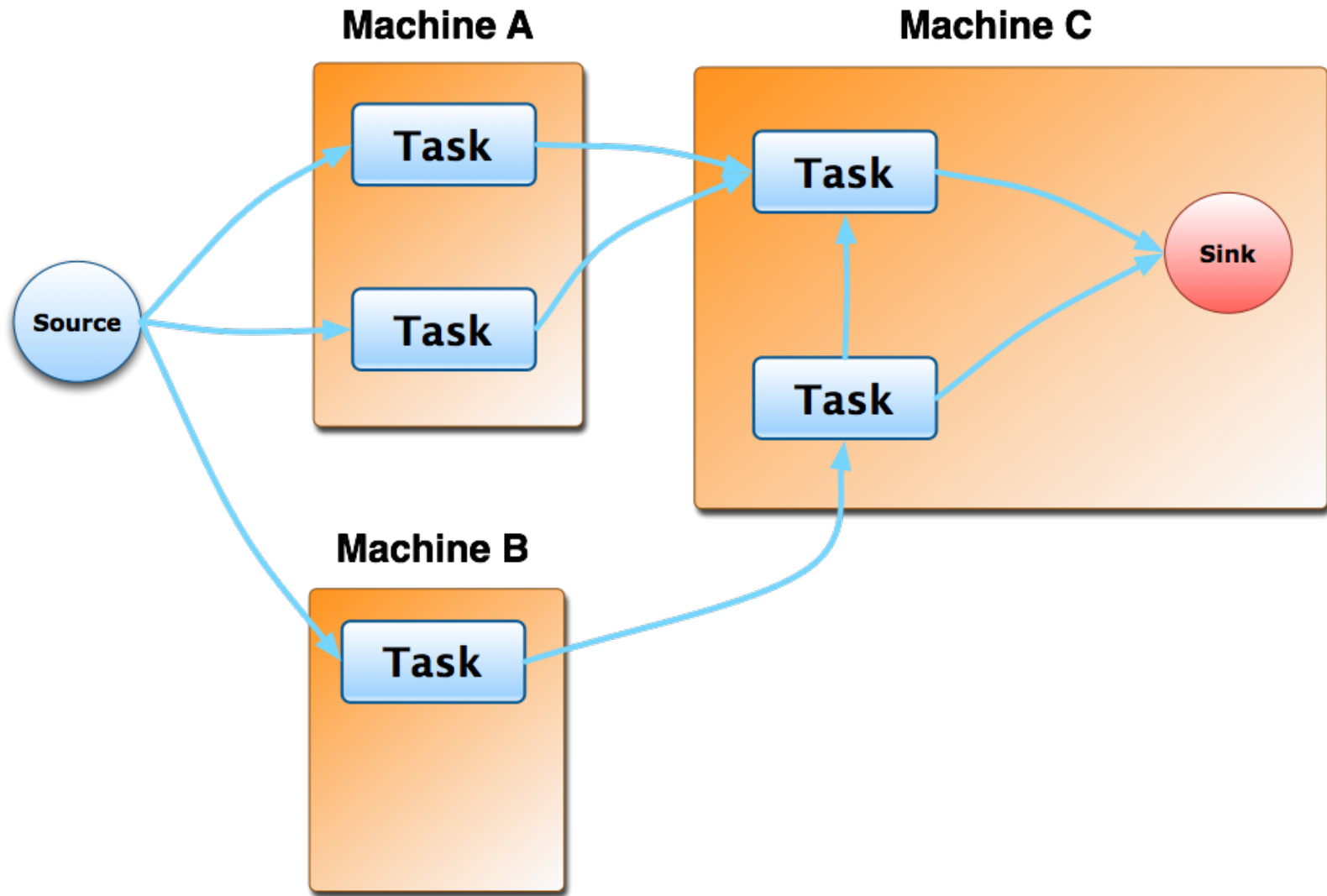


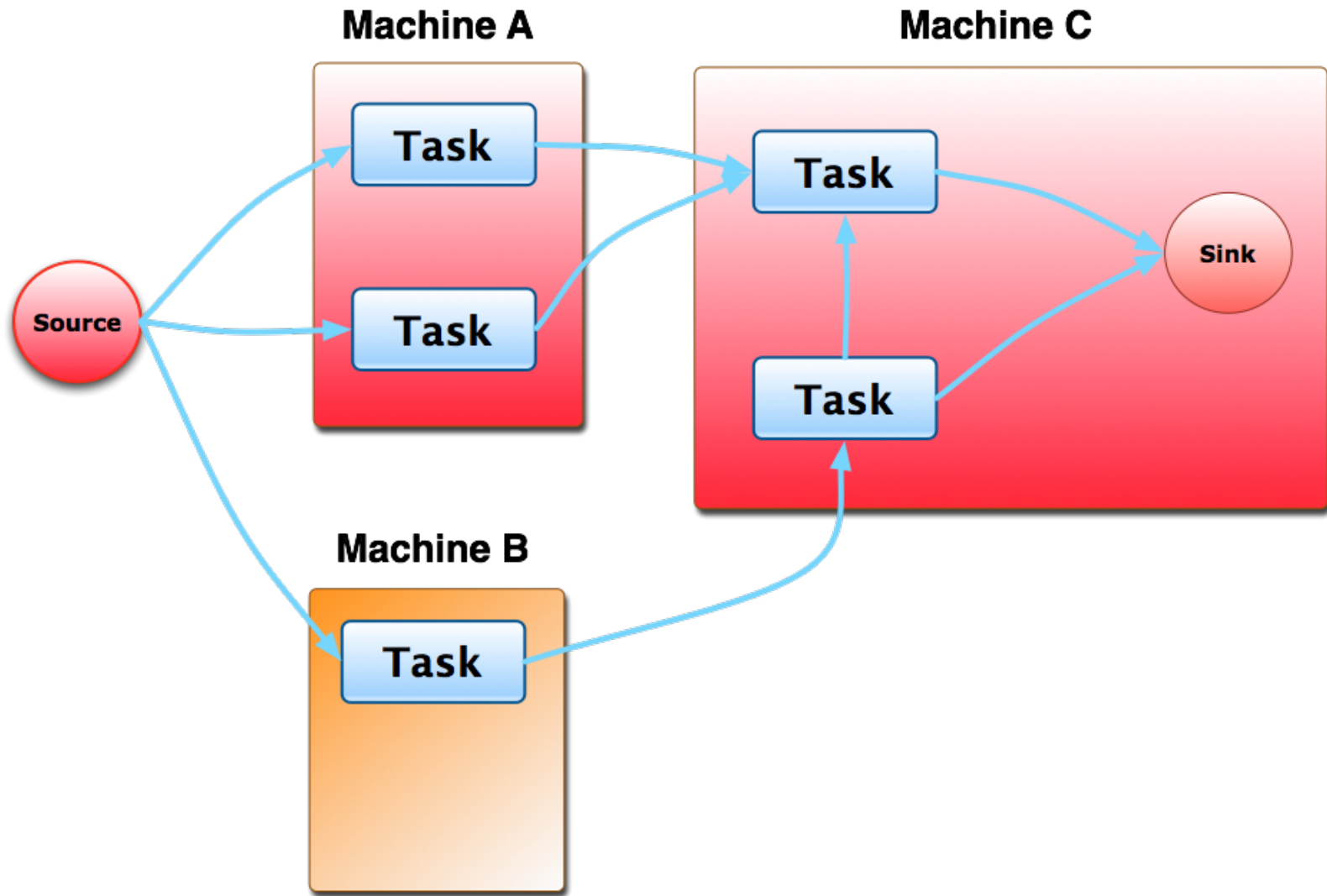
2: Traffic Fluctuates, A Lot

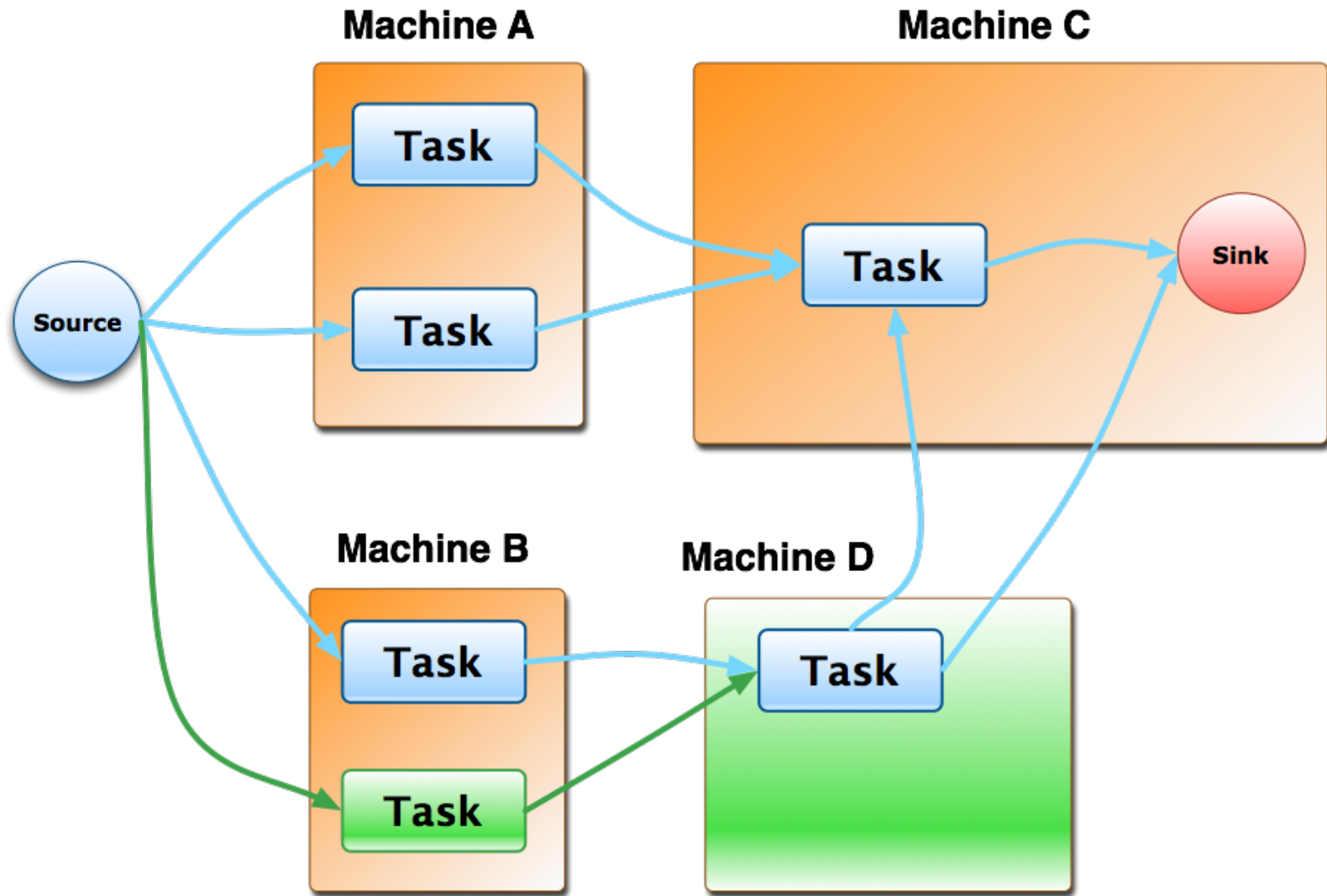


Solution: Auto Scaling







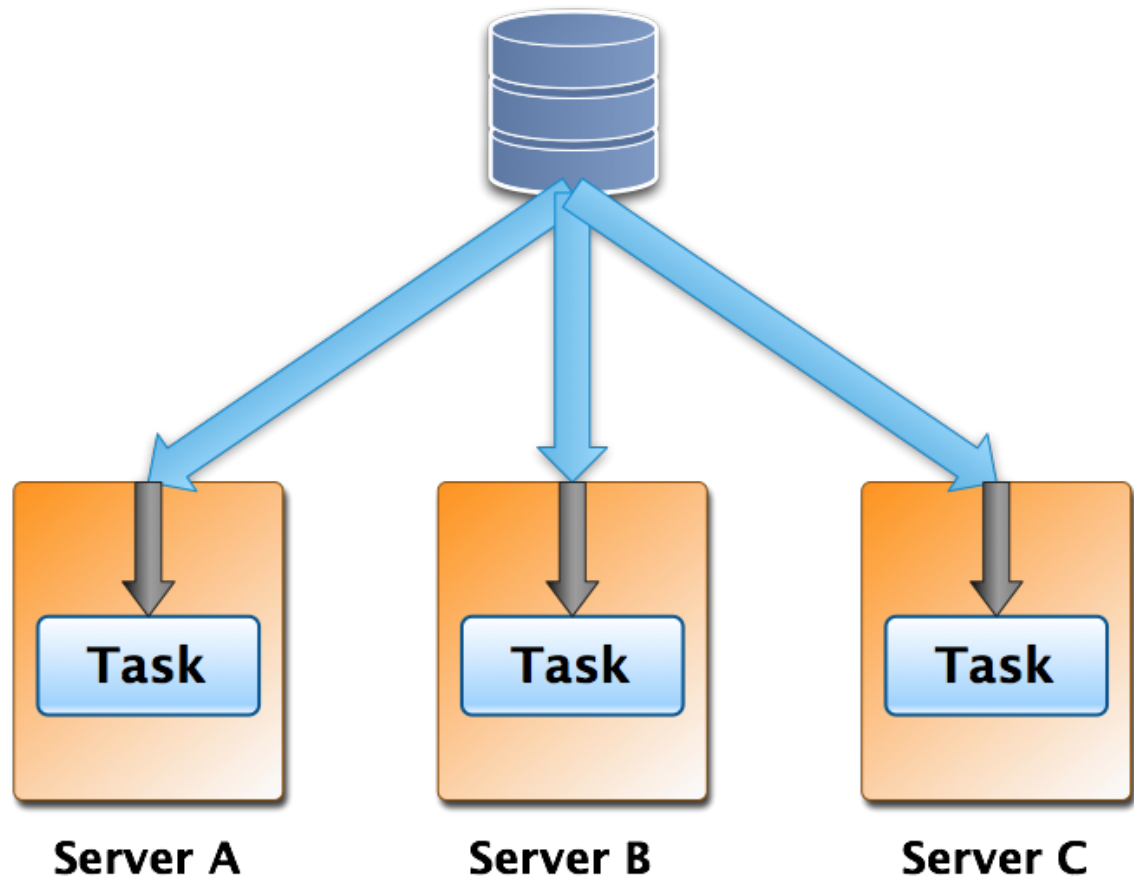


3. Same Source, Multiple Consumers

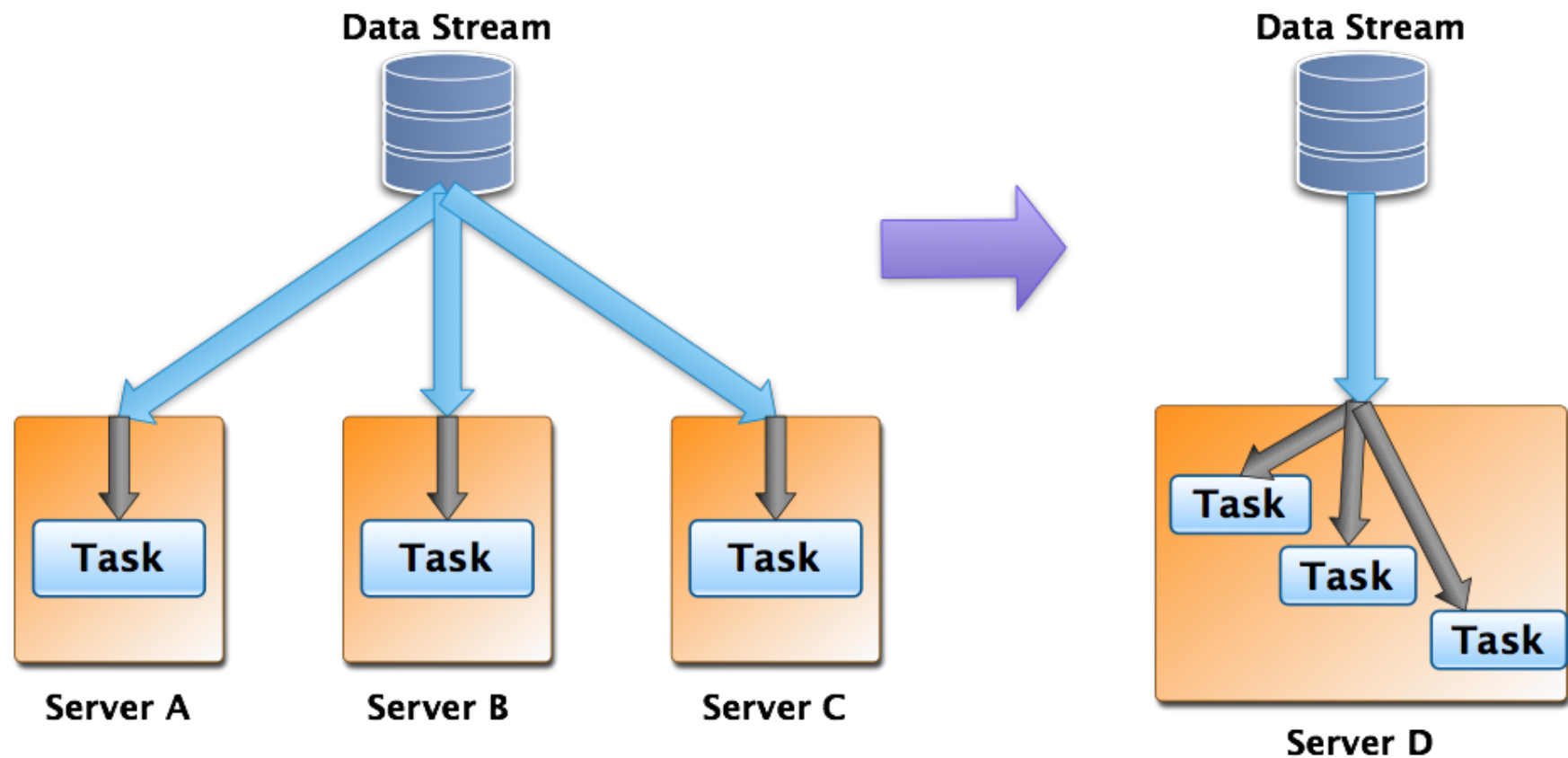


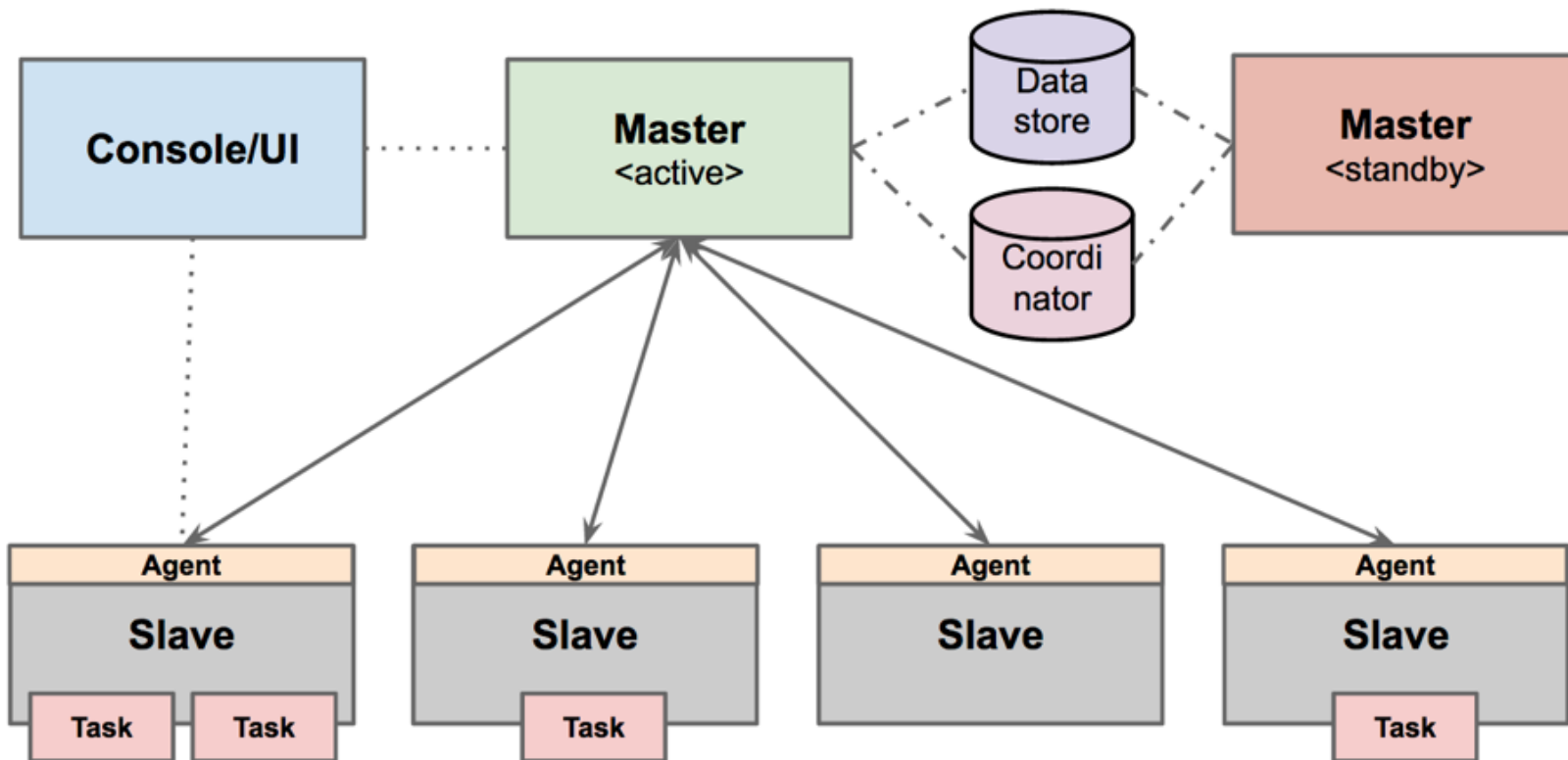
Solution: Stream Locality

Data Stream

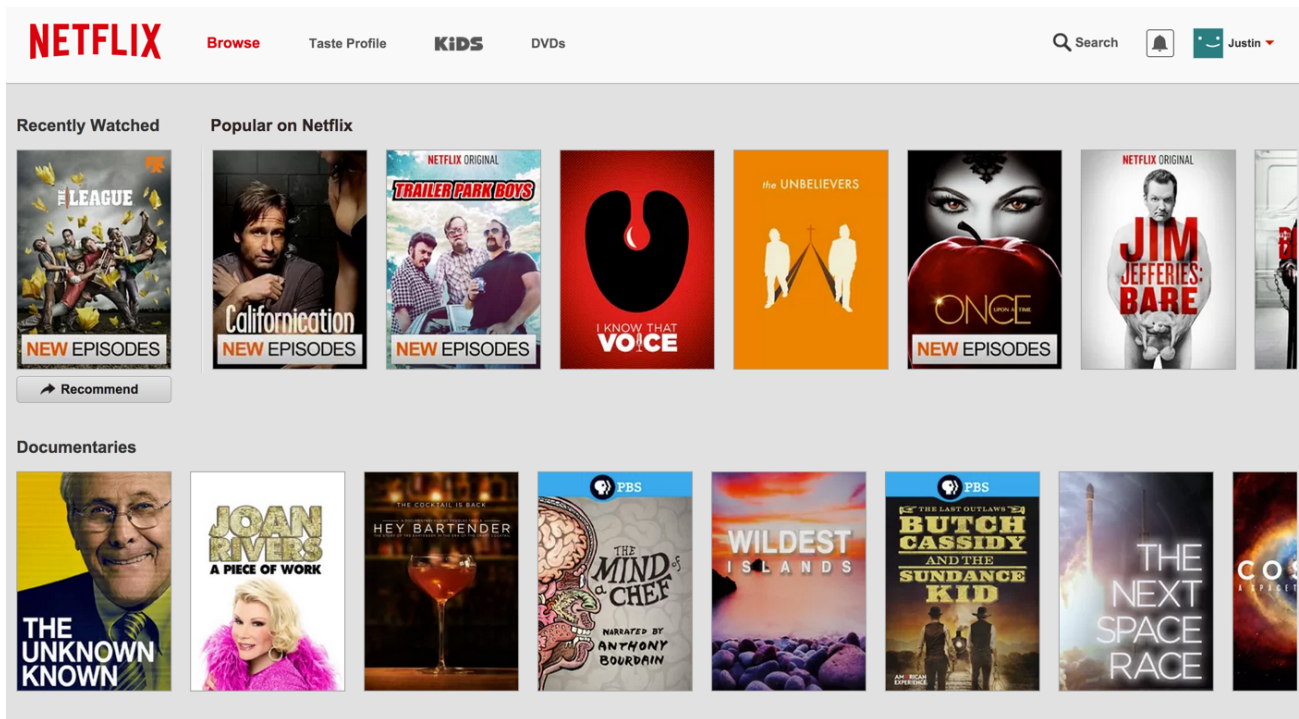


Solution: Stream Locality





We want Internet TV to just work



One problem we need to solve, detect movies that are failing?



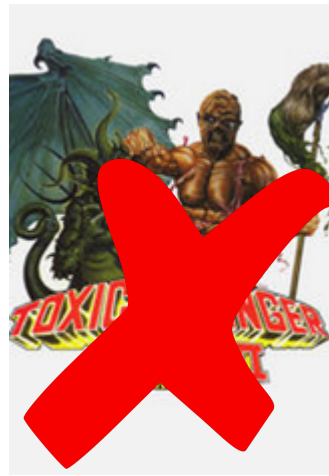
Do it fast → limit impact, fix early

Do it at scale → for all permutations

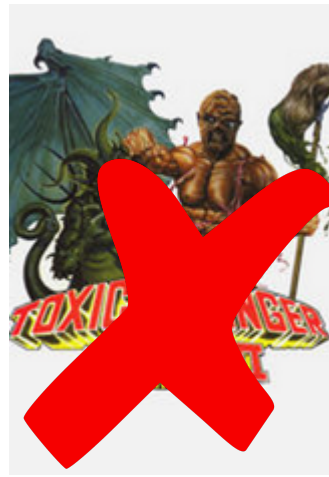
Do it cheap → cost detect <<< serve



Work through the details for how to solve this problem in Mantis



Goal is to highlight unique and interesting design features



... begin with batch approach, the non-Mantis approach



Batch algorithm, runs every N minutes

```
for(play in playAttempts()){
  Stats movieStats = getStats(play.movieId);
  updateStats(movieStats, play);
  if (movieStats.failRatio > THRESHOLD){
    alert(movieId, failRatio, timestamp);
  }
}
```

First problem, each run requires reads + writes to data store per run



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For Mantis don't want to pay that cost: for latency or storage



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Next problem, “pull” model great for batch processing, bit awkward for stream processing



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By definition, batch processing requires batches. How do I chunk my data? Or, how often do I run?



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For Mantis, prefer “push” model, natural approach to data-in-motion processing



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}
```

**For our “push” API we decided
to use Reactive Extensions (Rx)**



Two reasons for choosing Rx: theoretical, practical

1. **Observable is a natural abstraction for stream processing, Observable = stream**
2. **Rx already leveraged throughout the company**



So, what is an Observable?

A sequence of events, aka a stream

```
Observable<String> o =  
Observable.just("hello",  
    "qcon", "SF");  
o.subscribe(x->{println x;})
```

What can I do with an Observable?

Apply operators → New observable

Subscribe → Observer of data

Operators, familiar lambda functions

map(), flatMap(), scan(), ...

What is the connection with Mantis?

In Mantis, a job (code-to-run) is the collection of operators applied to a sourced observable where the output is sinked to observers

Think of a “source” observable as the input to a job.

Think of a “sink” observer as the output of the job.

Let's refactor previous problem using Mantis API terminology

Source: Play attempts

Operators: Detection logic

Sink: Alerting service

Sounds OK, but how will this scale?

For pull model luxury of requesting data at specified rates/time

Analogous to drinking from a straw



In contrast, push is the firehose

**No explicit control to limit the
flow of data**



**In Mantis, we solve this problem
by scaling horizontally**



Horizontal scale is accomplished by arranging operators into logical “stages”, explicitly by job writer or implicitly with fancy tooling (future work)

A stage is a boundary between computations. The boundary may be a network boundary, process boundary, etc.

So, to scale, Mantis job is really,

Source → **input observable**

Stage(s) → **operators**

Sink → **output observer**

Let's refactor previous problem to follow the Mantis job API structure

```
MantisJob
```

```
.source(Netflix.PlayAttempts())  
.stage({ // detection logic })  
.sink(Alerting.email())
```

We need to provide a computation boundary to scale horizontally

```
MantisJob
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For our problem, scale is a function of the number of movies tracking

```
MantisJob
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```

Lets create two stages, one producing groups of movies, other to run detection

```
MantisJob
```

```
.source(Netflix.PlayAttempts())  
.stage({ // groupBy movieId })  
.stage({ // detection logic })  
.sink(Alerting.email())
```

OK, computation logic is split, how is the code scheduled to resources for execution?

```
MantisJob
```

```
.source(Netflix.PlayAttempts())  
.stage({ // groupBy movieId })  
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```

One, you tell the Mantis Scheduler explicitly at submit time: number of instances, CPU cores, memory, disk, network, per instance

	Stage 1 - Scheduling Information
# Instances:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
CPU Cores:	<input type="text" value="8"/>
Memory MB:	<input type="text" value="20480"/>
Disk MB:	<input type="text" value="40960"/>
	Stage 1 - Optional Job Constraints
UniqueHost	<input type="checkbox"/> Launch each worker of a stage on unique hosts
ExclusiveHost	<input type="checkbox"/> Launch worker on a host unto itself
ZoneBalance	<input type="checkbox"/> Balance workers of a stage across AWS Availability Zones
	Stage 2 - Scheduling Information
# Instances:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
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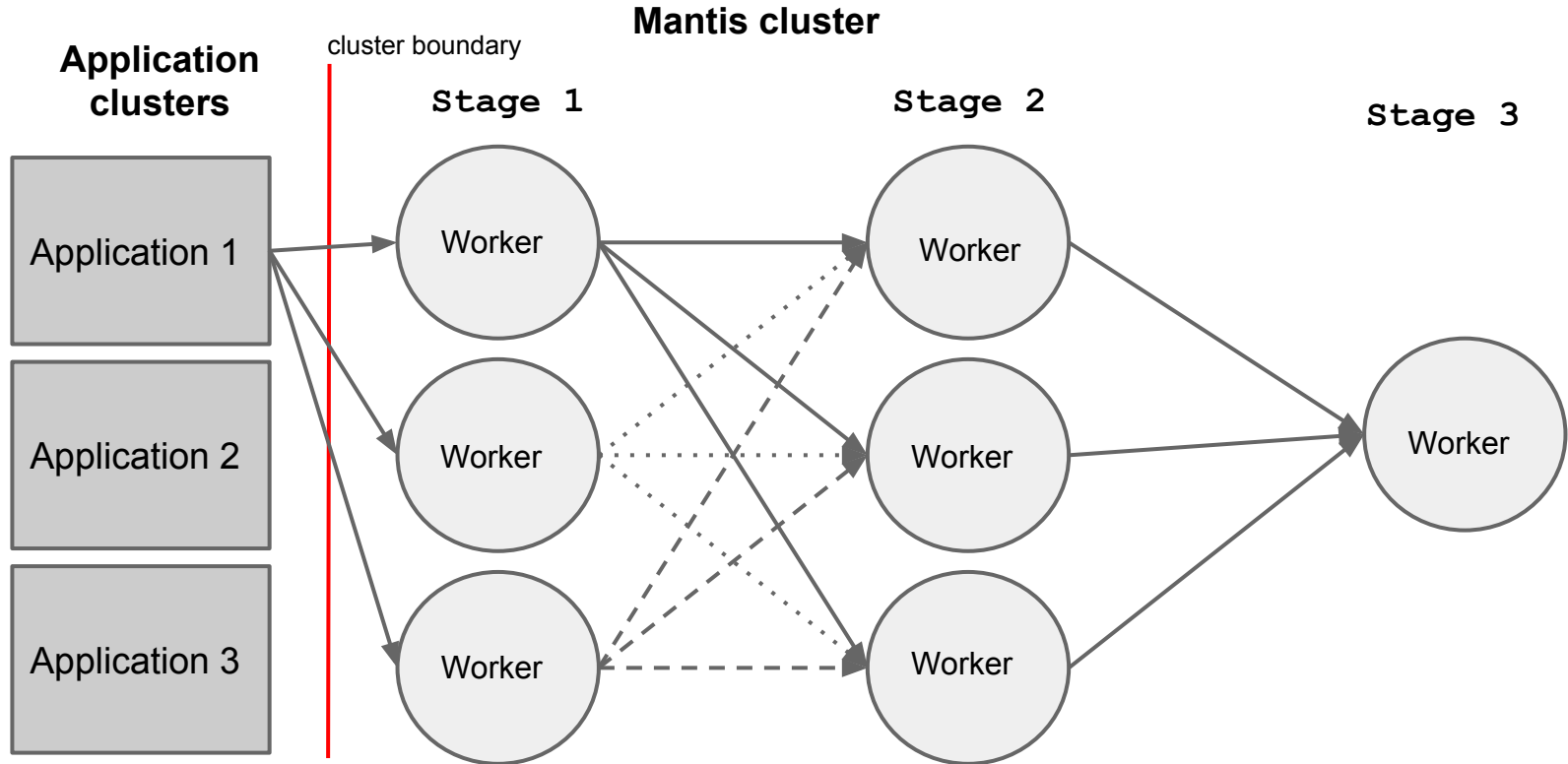
Two, Mantis Scheduler learns how to schedule job (work in progress)

Looks at previous run history

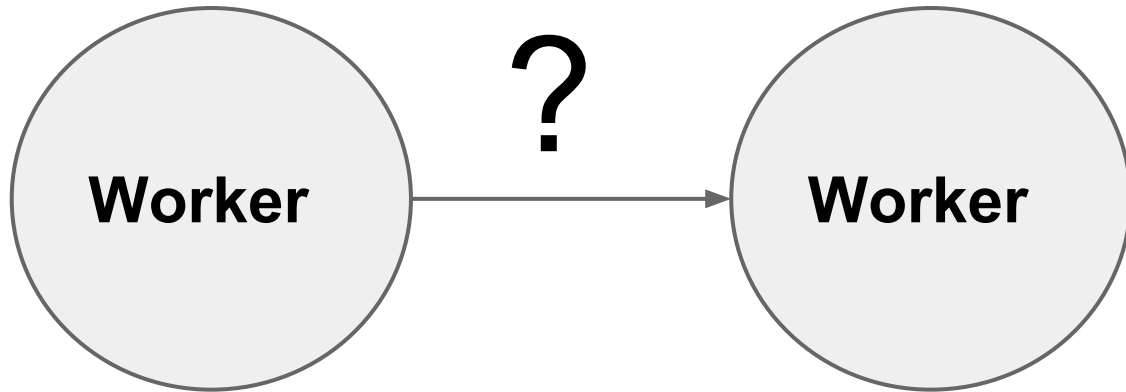
Looks at history for source input

Over/under provision, auto adjust

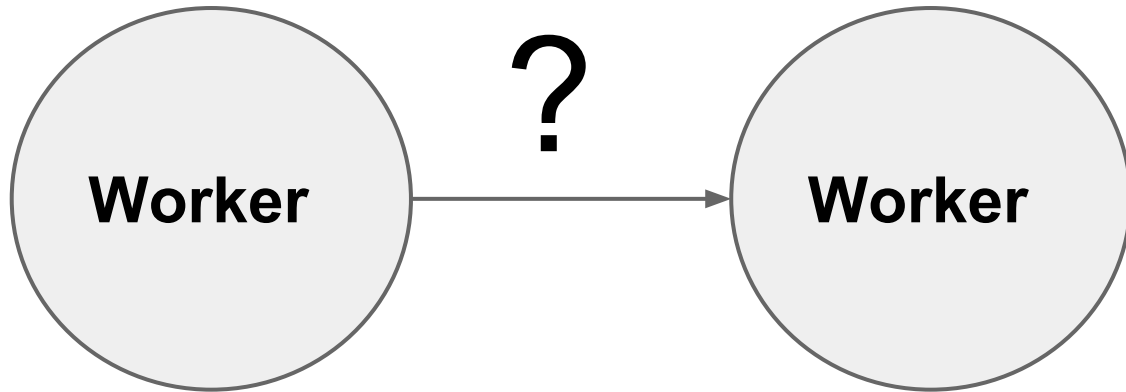
A scheduled job creates a topology



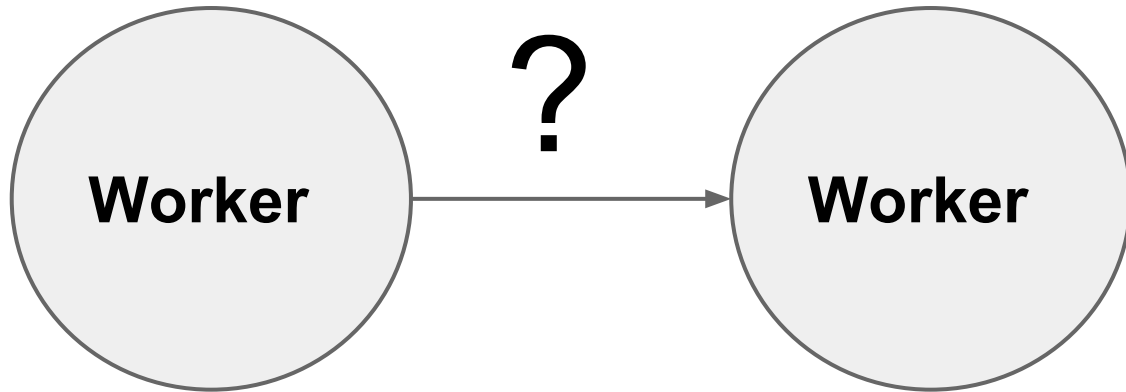
**Computation is split, code is scheduled,
how is data transmitted over stage
boundary?**



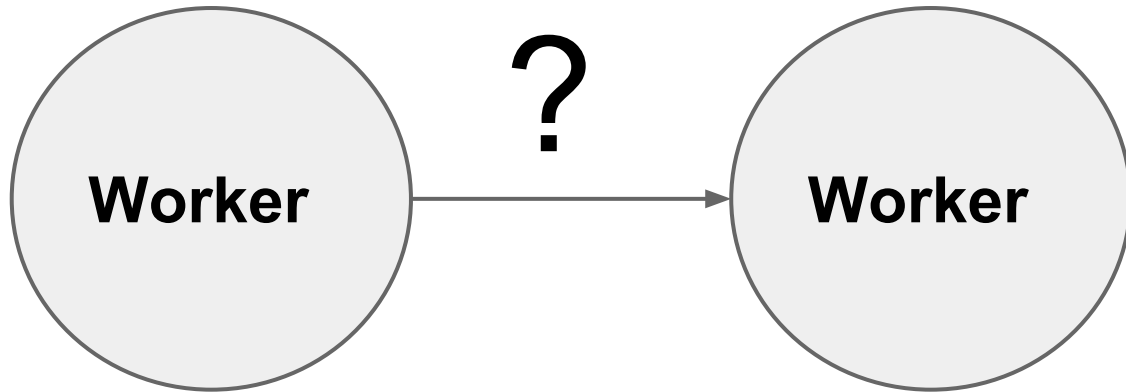
Depends on the service level agreement (SLA) for the Job, transport is pluggable



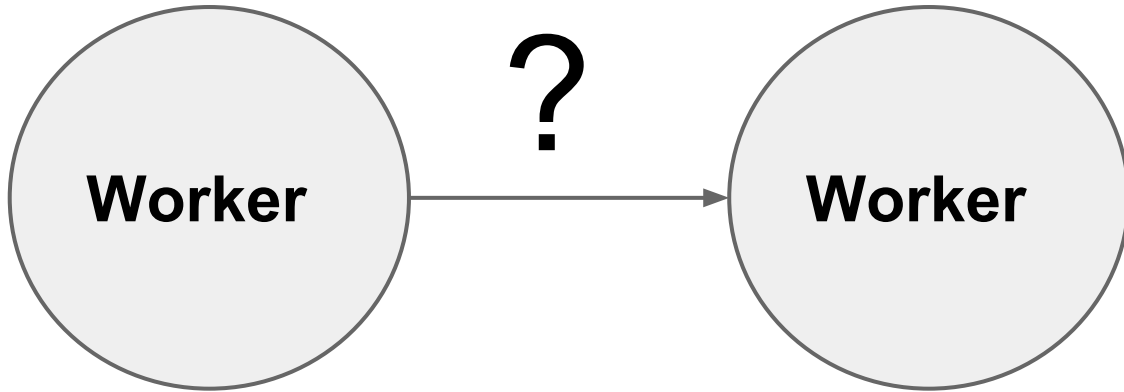
**Decision is usually a trade-off
between latency and fault tolerance**



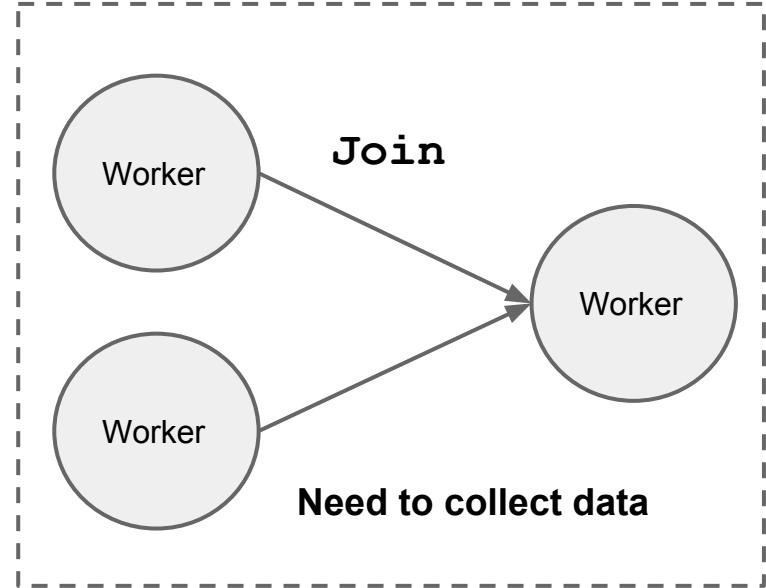
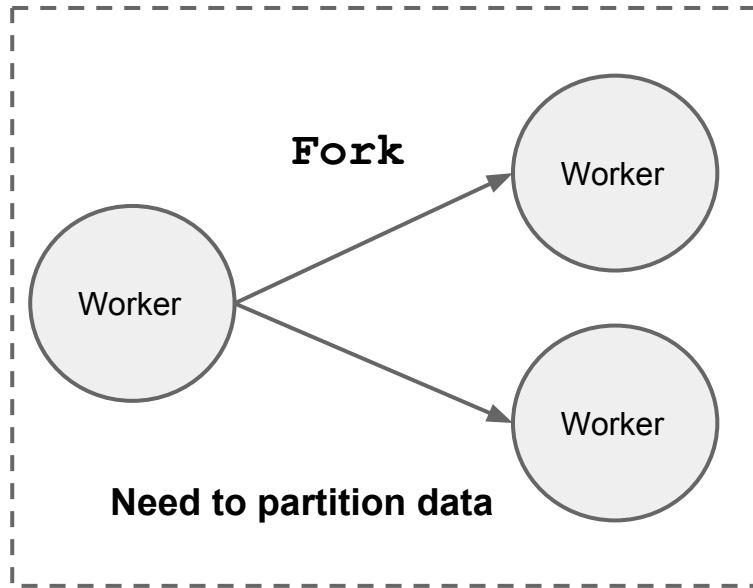
A “weak” SLA job might trade-off fault tolerance for speed, using TCP as the transport



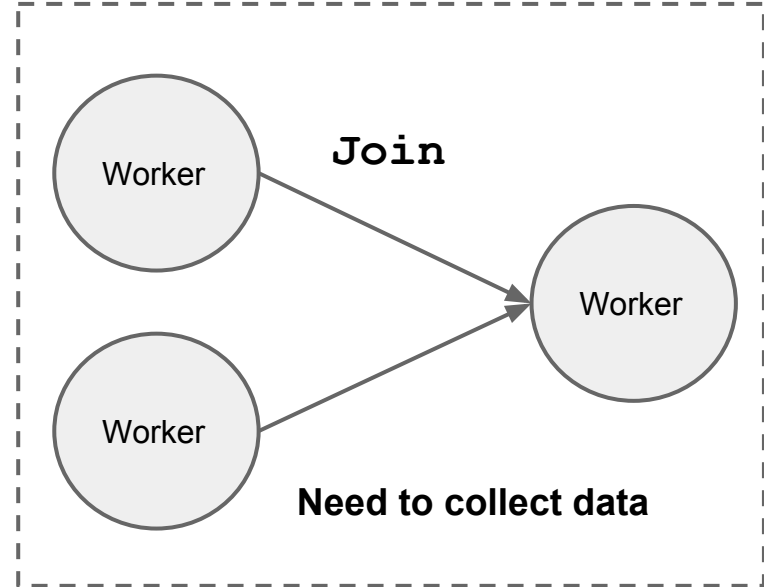
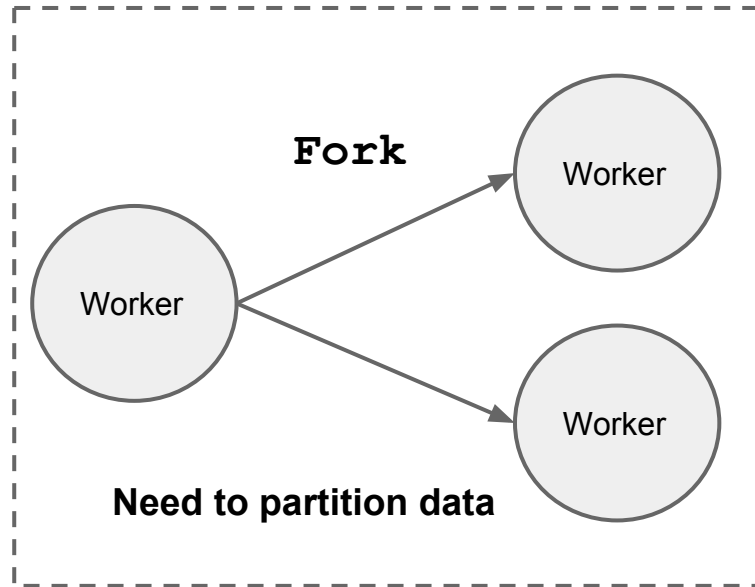
A “strong” SLA job might trade-off speed for fault tolerance, using a queue/broker as a transport



Forks and joins require data partitioning, collecting over boundaries



Mantis has native support for partitioning, collecting over scalars (T) and groups (K,V)



Let's refactor job to include SLA, for the detection use case we prefer low latency

```
MantisJob
```

```
.source(Netflix.PlayAttempts())  
.stage({ // groupBy movieId })  
.stage({ // detection logic })  
.sink(Alerting.email())  
.config(SLA.weak())
```

The job is scheduled and running what happens when the input-data's volume changes?

**Previous scheduling decision may not hold
Prefer not to over provision, goal is for cost
insights <<< product**

Good news, Mantis Scheduler has the ability to grow and shrink (autoscale) the cluster and jobs



Google Cloud Platform



amazon
web services™

The cluster can scale up/down for two reasons: more/less job (demand) or jobs themselves are growing/shrinking

For cluster we can use submit pending queue depth as a proxy for demand

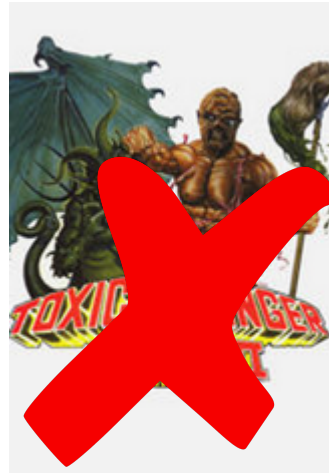
For jobs we use backpressure as a proxy to grow shrink the job

Backpressure is “build up” in a system

**Imagine we have a two stage Mantis job,
Second stage is performing a complex
calculation, causing data to queue up in the
previous stage**

**We can use this signal to increase nodes at
second stage**

Having touched on key points in Mantis architecture, want to show a complete job definition



```
1 MantisJob
2 .source(NetflixSources.moviePlayAttempts())
3 .stage(playAttempts->{
4   return playAttempts
5   .groupBy(playAttempt->{
6     return playAttempt.getMovieId();
7   })
8 })
9 .stage(playAttemptsByMovieId->{
10  playAttemptsByMovieId
11  // buffer for 10 minutes, or 1000 play attempts
12  .window(10,TimeUnit.MINUTES, 1000)
13  .flatMap(windowOfPlayAttempts->{
14    return windowOfPlayAttempts
15    .reduce(new FailRatioExperiment(playAttemptsByMovieId.getKey()),
16    (experiment, playAttempt)->{
17      experiment.updateFailRatio(playAttempt);
18      experiment.updateExamples(playAttempt);
19      return experiment;
20    })
21  .filter(experiment->{
22    return experiment.failRatio() >= DYNAMIC_PROP("fail_threshold").get();
23  })
24 })
25 })
26 .sink(Sinks.emailAlert(report->{ return toEmail(report)}))
```



Source



Stage 1



Stage 2



Sink

```
1 MantisJob
2 .source(NetflixSources.moviePlayAttempts())
3 .stage(playAttempts->{
4   return playAttempts
5   .groupBy(playAttempt->{
6     return playAttempt.getMovieId();
7   })
8 })
9 .stage(playAttemptsByMovieId->{
10  playAttemptsByMovieId
11  // buffer for 10 minutes, or 1000 play attempts
12  .window(10,TimeUnit.MINUTES, 1000)
13  .flatMap(windowOfPlayAttempts->{
14    return windowOfPlayAttempts
15    .reduce(new FailRatioExperiment(playAttemptsByMovieId.getKey()),
16    (experiment, playAttempt)->{
17      experiment.updateFailRatio(playAttempt);
18      experiment.updateExamples(playAttempt);
19      return experiment;
20    })
21  .filter(experiment->{
22    return experiment.failRatio() >= DYNAMIC_PROP("fail_threshold").get();
23  })
24  })
25 })
26 .sink(Sinks.emailAlert(report->{ return toEmail(report)}))
```



Play Attempts



Grouping by
movie Id



Detection
algorithm



Email alert

Sourcing play attempts

MantisJob

```
.source(NetflixSources.moviePlayAttempts())
```



Static set of
sources

Grouping by movie Id


```
.stage(playAttempts->{  
  return playAttempts  
  .groupBy(playAttempt->{  
    return playAttempt.getMovieId();  
  })  
})
```





GroupBy operator
returns key
selector function

Simple detection algorithms

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.stage(playAttemptsByMovieId->{
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  .window(10,TimeUnit.MINUTES, 1000)
  .flatMap(windowOfPlayAttempts->{
    return windowOfPlayAttempts
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    (experiment, playAttempt)->{
      experiment.updateFailRatio(playAttempt);
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      return experiment;
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      return experiment.failRatio() >= DYNAMIC_PROP("fail_threshold").get();
    })
  })
})
```

 Windows for 10 minutes or 1000 play events

 Reduce the window to an experiment, update counts

 Filter out if less than threshold

Sink alerts

```
.sink(Sinks.emailAlert(report->{ return toEmail(report)}))
```