

# Machine Learning Systems

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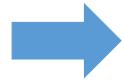
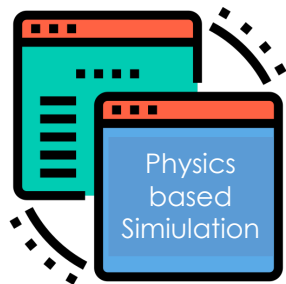
# About Amir

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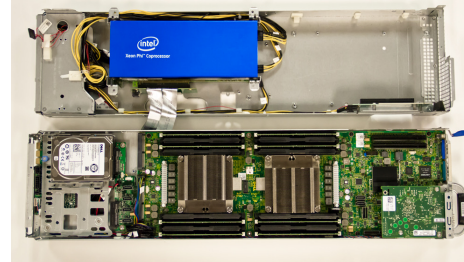
# Back in 2011 – Golden Age of Large Scale Computing

Training  
Data



ML Model

**Very Expensive**



Stampede 1 System at TACC: 6400 Intel Xeon nodes, 10 PFLOPS, \$50M  
(equivalent to 4 DGX-A100 systems today)

My story ...

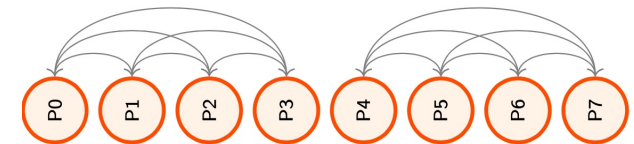
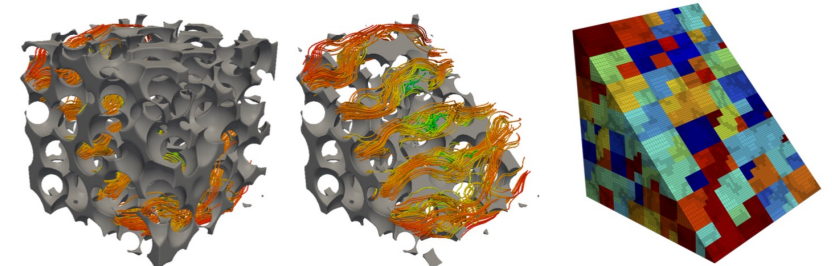
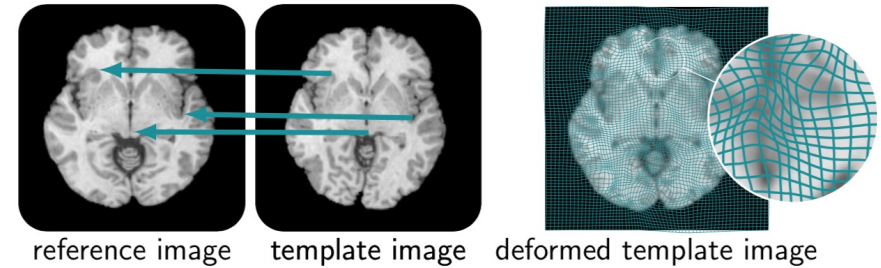
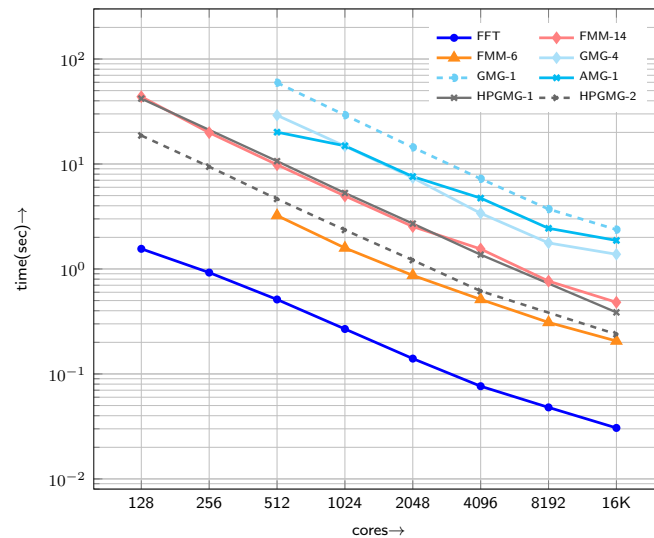
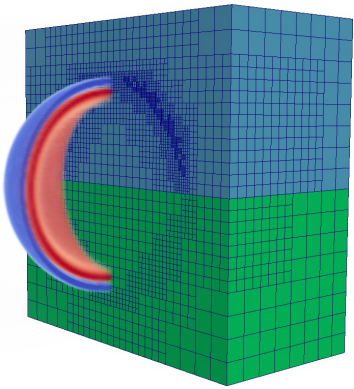
High Performance  
Computing



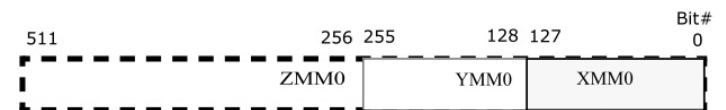
Learning  
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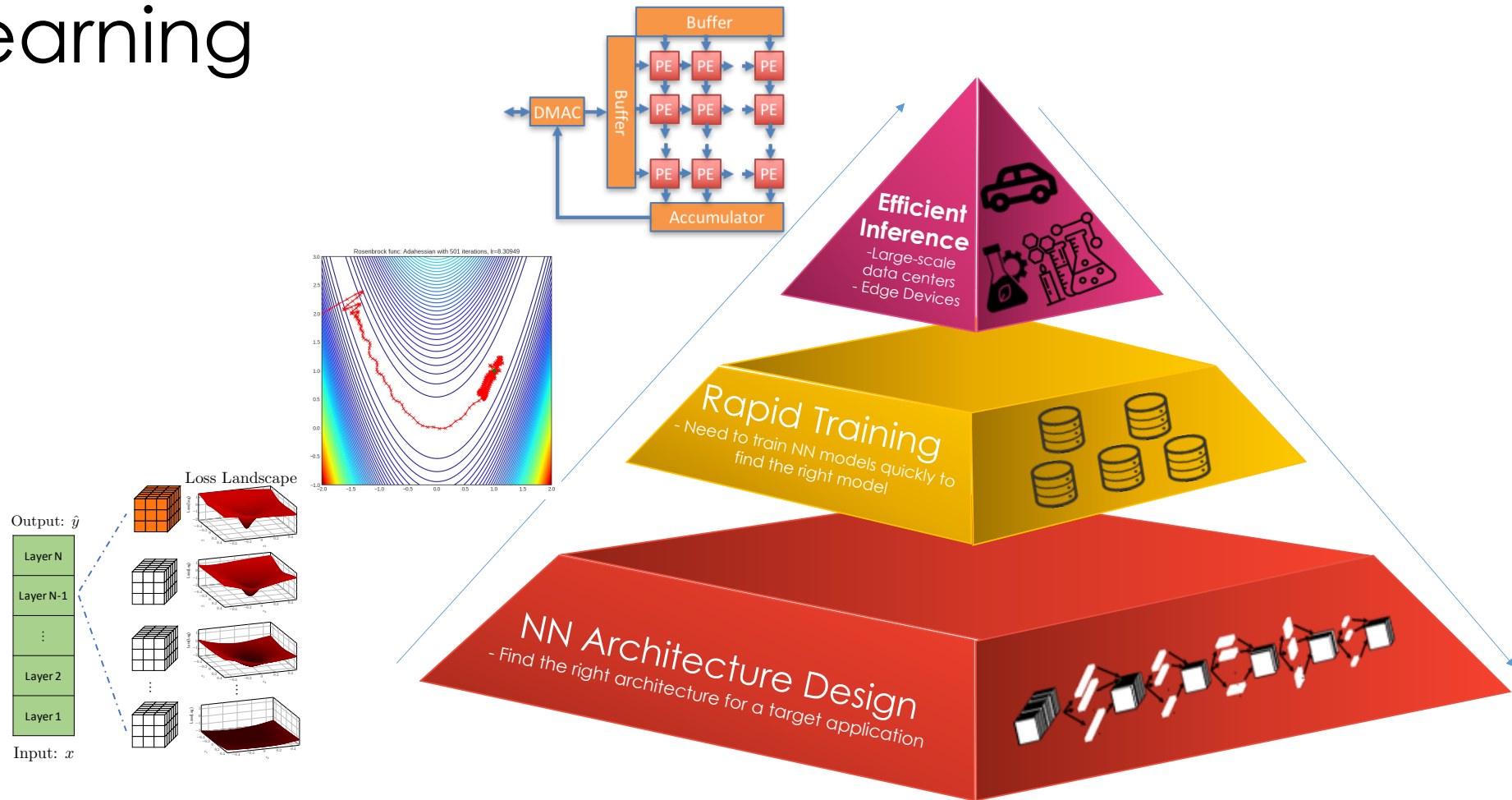
# Use Supercomputers to Efficiently Solve Large Scale Problems



And this entailed a lot of low level compute and communication optimizations



# PostDoc Focus: Full Stack Deep Learning



About Joey

# About Me

- Currently on leave for **new startup** (<http://spiralai.co>)
  - Also expecting **second child** in a few weeks...
- Co-director of the RISE Lab
- Co-founder of Turi Inc.

## Research

- Machine Learning & Distributed Systems
- Computer Vision, NLP, Secure Learning
- Autonomous Driving, Robotics, Chemistry?
- ...



My story ...

Machine  
Learning



Learning  
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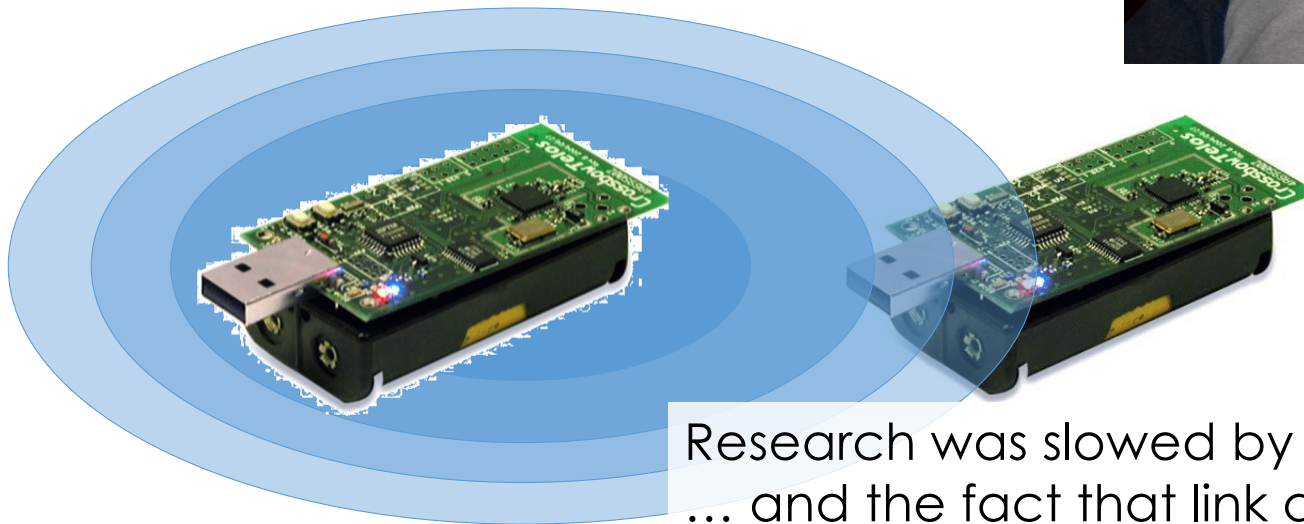
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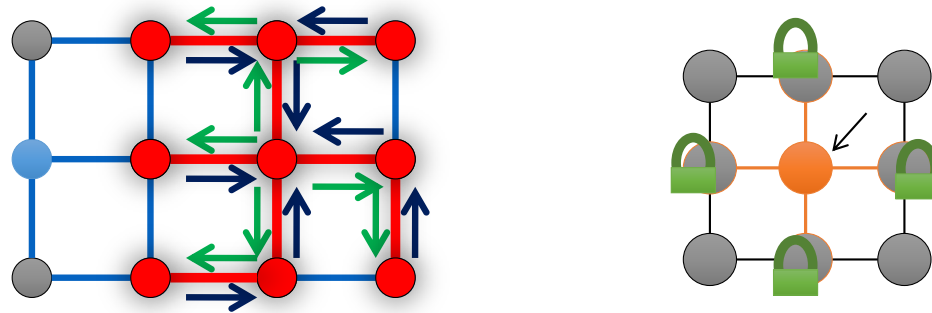
I started studying the use of  
**Gaussian Process (GP)** models  
for wireless link quality  
estimation



Research was slowed by the speed of training  
... and the fact that link quality is difficult to predict

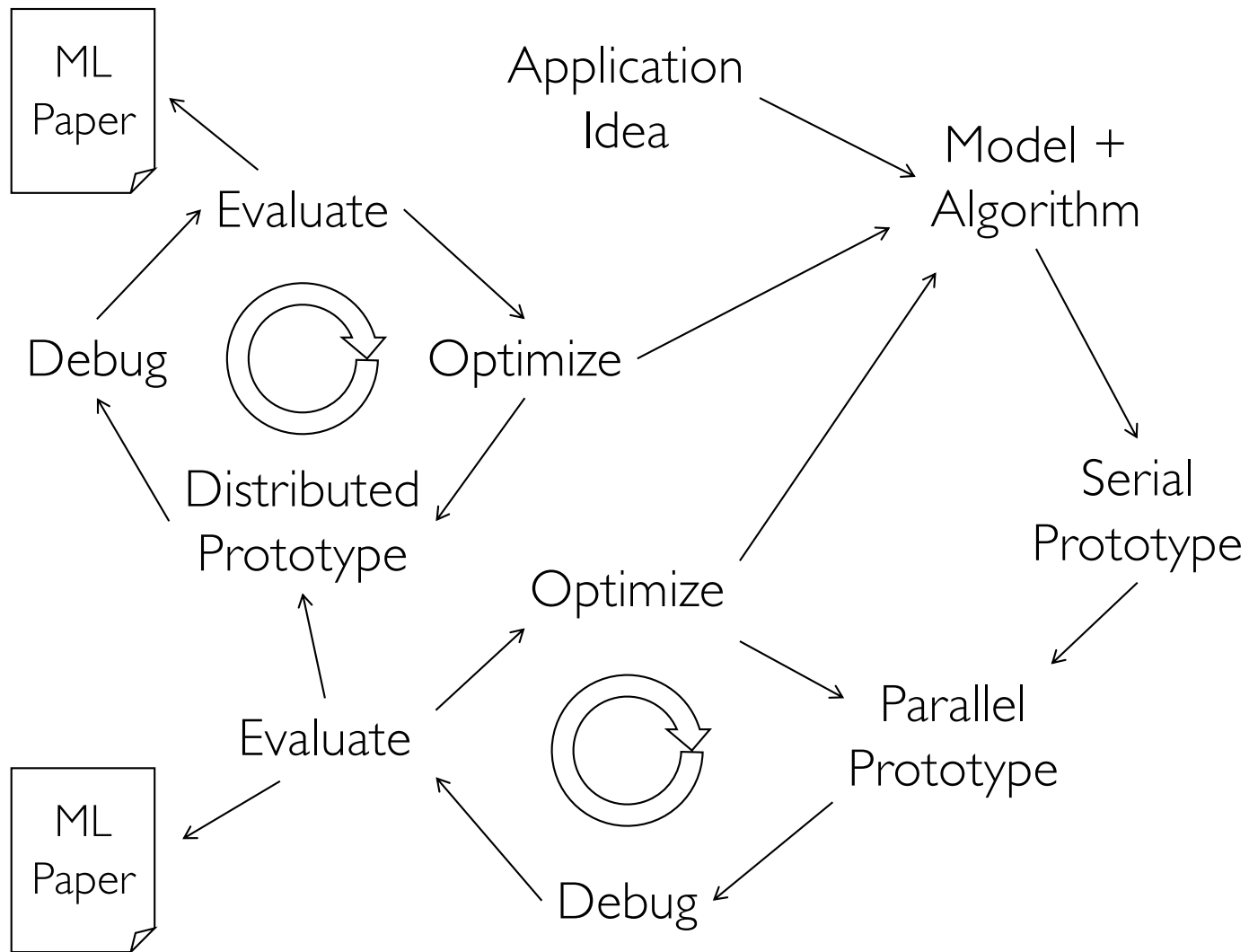
# Back in 2008

I started studying parallel inference algorithms  
and systems



I designed and implemented parallel learning algorithms on top of  
low-level primitives ...





# Low-Level Primitives

- Shared Memory Parallelism: *pThreads* & *OpenMP*
- Distributed Communication: *Actors* & *MPI*
  - Yes,... I built an RPC framework and then an actor framework
- Hardware APIs + Languages: *GPU Programming (CUDA)*

Low-level parallel primitives offer  
fine grained control over parallel execution.

# Advantages of the Low-Level Approach

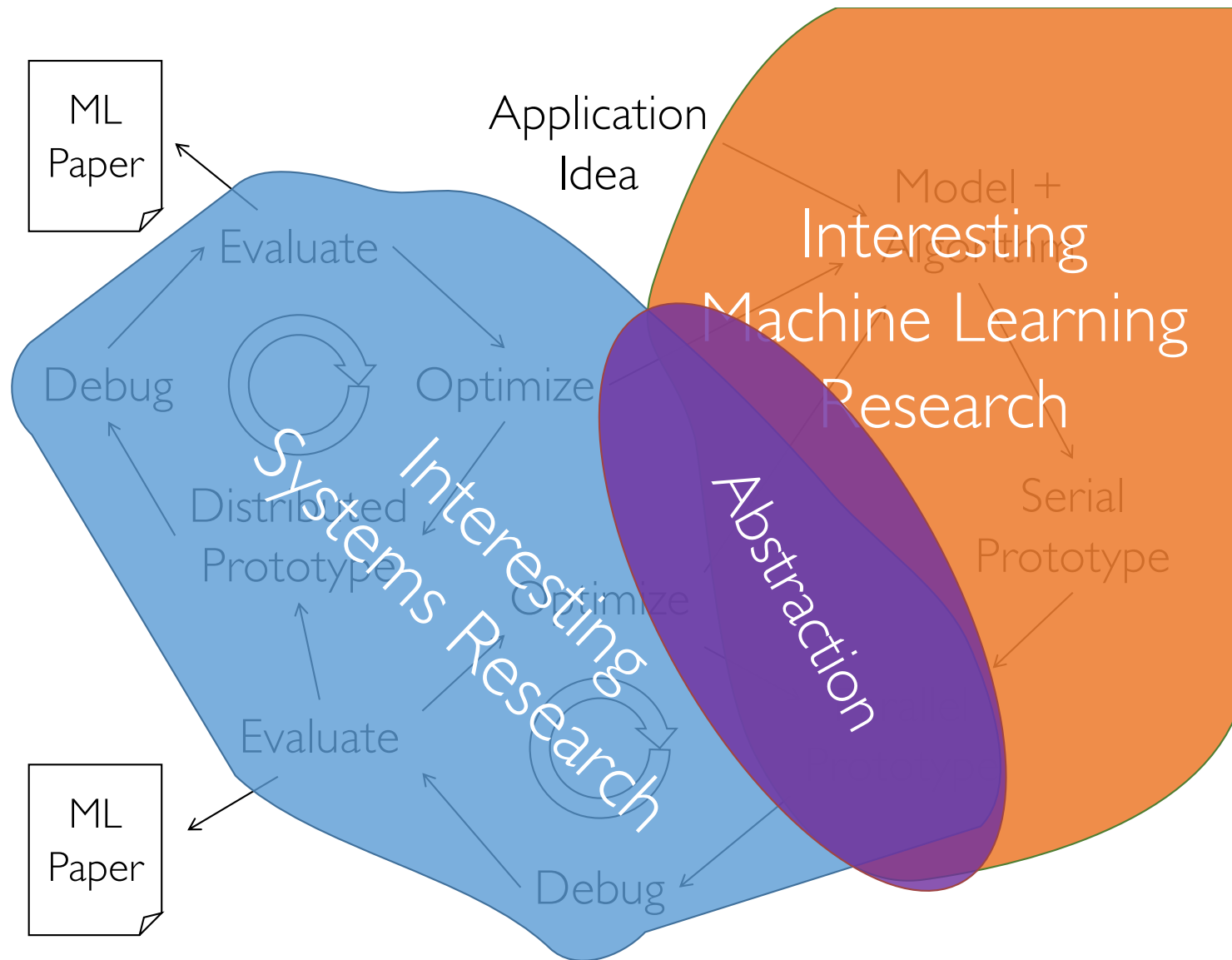
- Extract **maximum performance** from hardware
- Enable exploration of more **complex** algorithms
  - Fine grained locking
  - Atomic data-structures
  - Distributed coordination protocols

*My **implementation** is better than your **implementation**.*

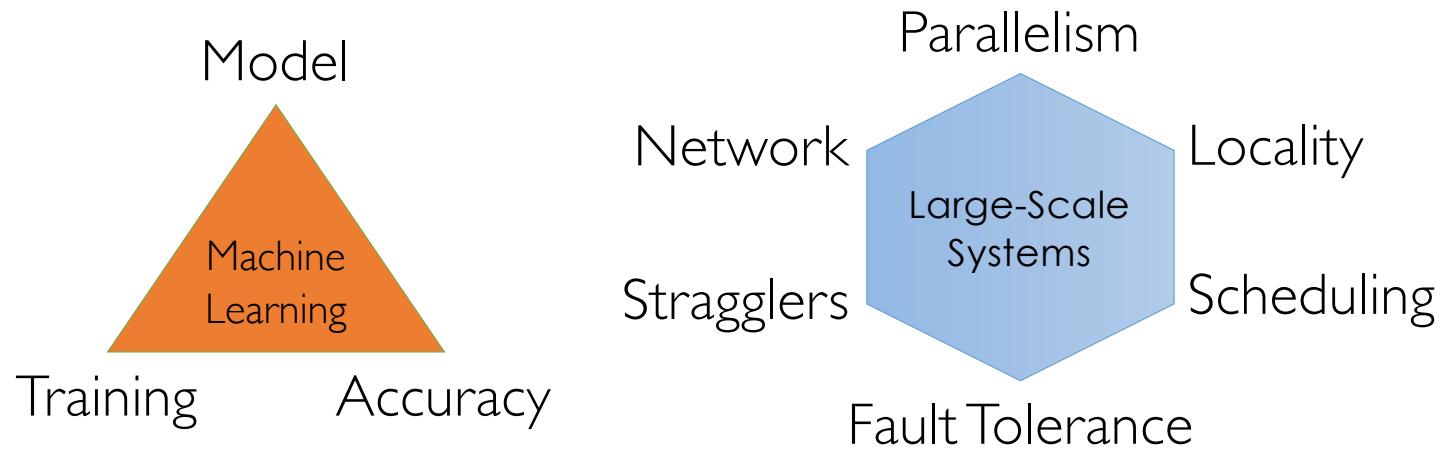
# Limitations of the Low-Level Approach

- Repeatedly address the *same system challenges*
- Algorithm conflates *learning* and *system* logic
- Difficult to *debug* and *extend*
- Typically does not address issues at scale: *hardware failure, stragglers, ...*

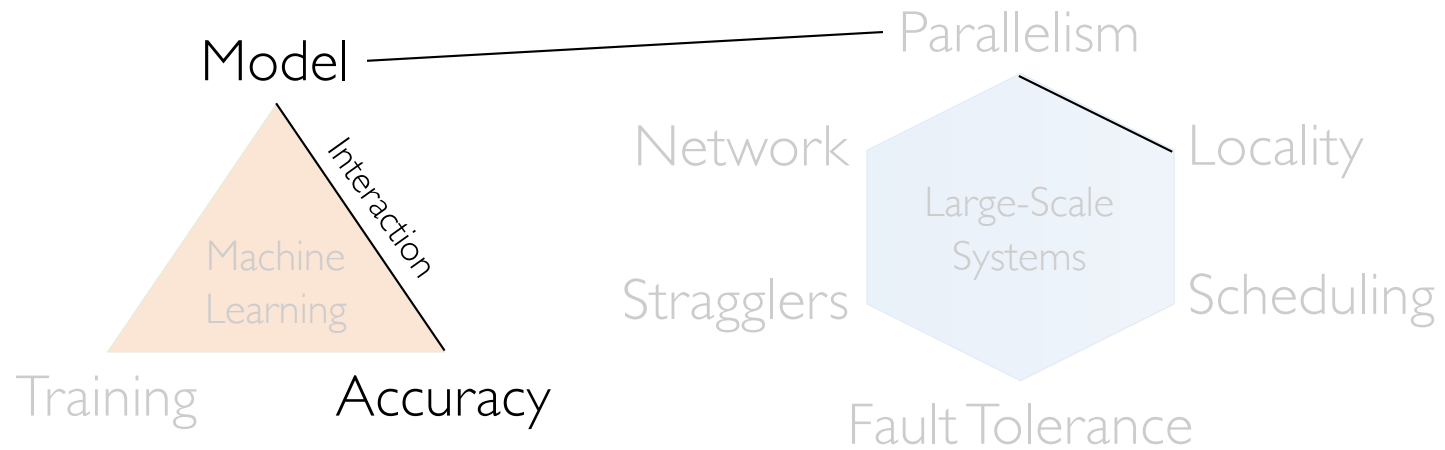
*Months of tuning and engineering  
for one problem.*



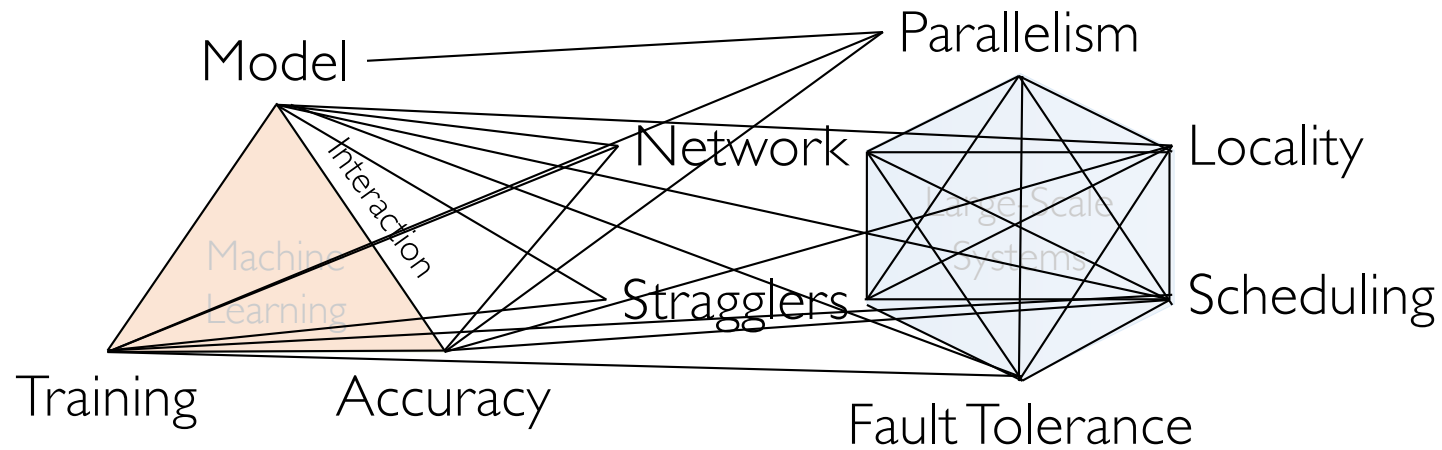
# Design Complexity



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Learning systems combine the complexities  
of machine learning with system design



# Managing Complexity Through Abstraction

Identify  
common patterns

Learning Algorithm  
Common Patterns

Define a narrow  
interface

Abstraction (API)

Exploit limited abstraction  
to address system  
design challenges

System

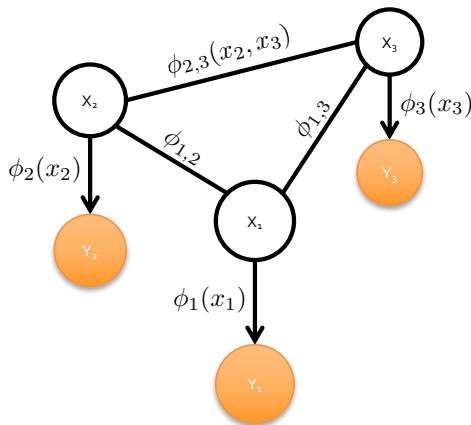
1. Parallelism
2. Data Locality
3. Network
4. Scheduling
5. Fault-tolerance
6. Stragglers

# PhD in Machine Learning from CMU 2013

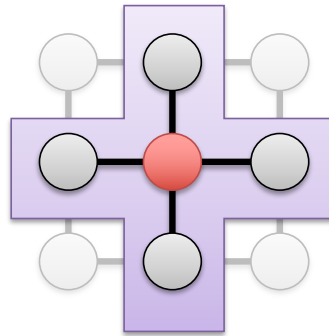
Machine  
Learning

Abstractions

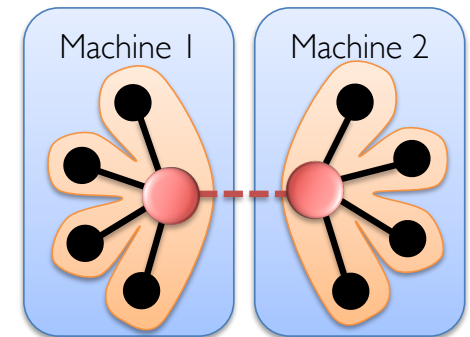
Scalable  
Systems



Graphical Model  
Inference



Vertex  
Program



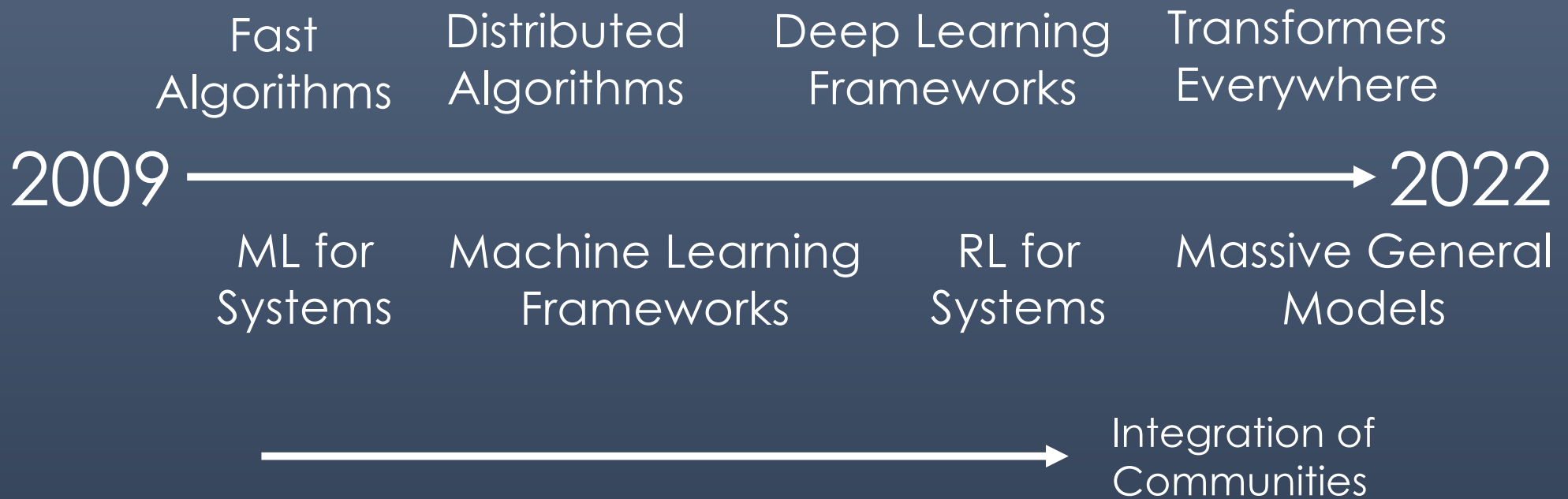
GraphLab/GraphX  
System

# Looking Back on AI Systems

How did the field evolve during the time I was doing my PhD



# Machine learning community has had an evolving focus on AI Systems



# Systems and the Third Wave of AI

# Waves of AI Research

## ➤ **1950 to 1974:** *Birth of AI*

- 1950 Alan Turing publishes the *Imitation Game*
- 1951 Marvin Minsky builds first neural network machine (SNARC)
- DARPA starts to pour money into AI Research (limited oversight)
- ***Incredible optimism***

*“Within ten years a digital computer will be the world's chess champion”*  
-- Herbert A. Simon and Allen Newell (1958)

*“In from three to eight years we will have a machine with the general intelligence of an average human being”*  
– Marvin Minsky (1970)

# Waves of AI Research

**1950 to 1974:** *Birth of AI*

**1974 to 1980:** *First AI Winter*

- Technology was unable to meet the high expectations
  - **Insufficient computer power**
  - Over emphasis on combinatorial search
  - Insufficient knowledge (data)
- 1969 Book “Perceptrons” by Minsky and Papert
  - Showed that certain basic functions (e.g., parity) cannot be computed using local connections
  - Strong argument against connectionist approaches to AI (neural networks)
- Government funding dries
  - Not meeting objectives
  - DARPA focuses more on immediate impact



# Waves of AI Research

- **1950 to 1974:** *Birth of AI*
- **1974 to 1980:** *First AI Winter*
- **1980 to 1987:** *Second Wave of AI*
  - Expert systems start to solve real-world problems
    - CMU developed XCON (AI for Systems) for DEC → saves \$40M annually
    - Combines “knowledge” (expert rules “data”) with logic
  - Japanese government invests \$850M in AI Research
    - Other governments respond by also investing heavily
  - Emergence of the **AI hardware** and **software industry**

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**1987 to 1993:** *Second AI Winter*

- Expert systems too brittle to maintain
- Collapse of the specialized **AI hardware market**
  - Commodity hardware was improving too rapidly
  - Ultimately over 300 AI companies would vanish from the market
- Massive government funding cuts

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- **2011 to 2019:** *Third Wave (AI Goes Deep)*
  - Large quantities of **data** in conjunction with **advances in hardware** and **software** enable the **design** and **training** of **complex models**
  - New applications emerge
    - Autonomous driving, home automation, AR/VR, ...
  - AI Market frenzy →
    - Gartner Forecasts Worldwide Artificial Intelligence Software Market to Reach \$62 Billion in 2022
    - Worldwide revenues for the artificial intelligence (AI) market, including software, hardware, and services, are forecast to grow 16.4% year over year in 2021 to \$327.5 billion, according to the latest release of the International Data Corporation ([IDC](#)) [Worldwide Semiannual Artificial Intelligence Tracker](#).

Will there be a 3<sup>rd</sup> winter?

# Joey's Forecast: A Chilly Spring and a Warm Summer

Hype still exceeds reality...

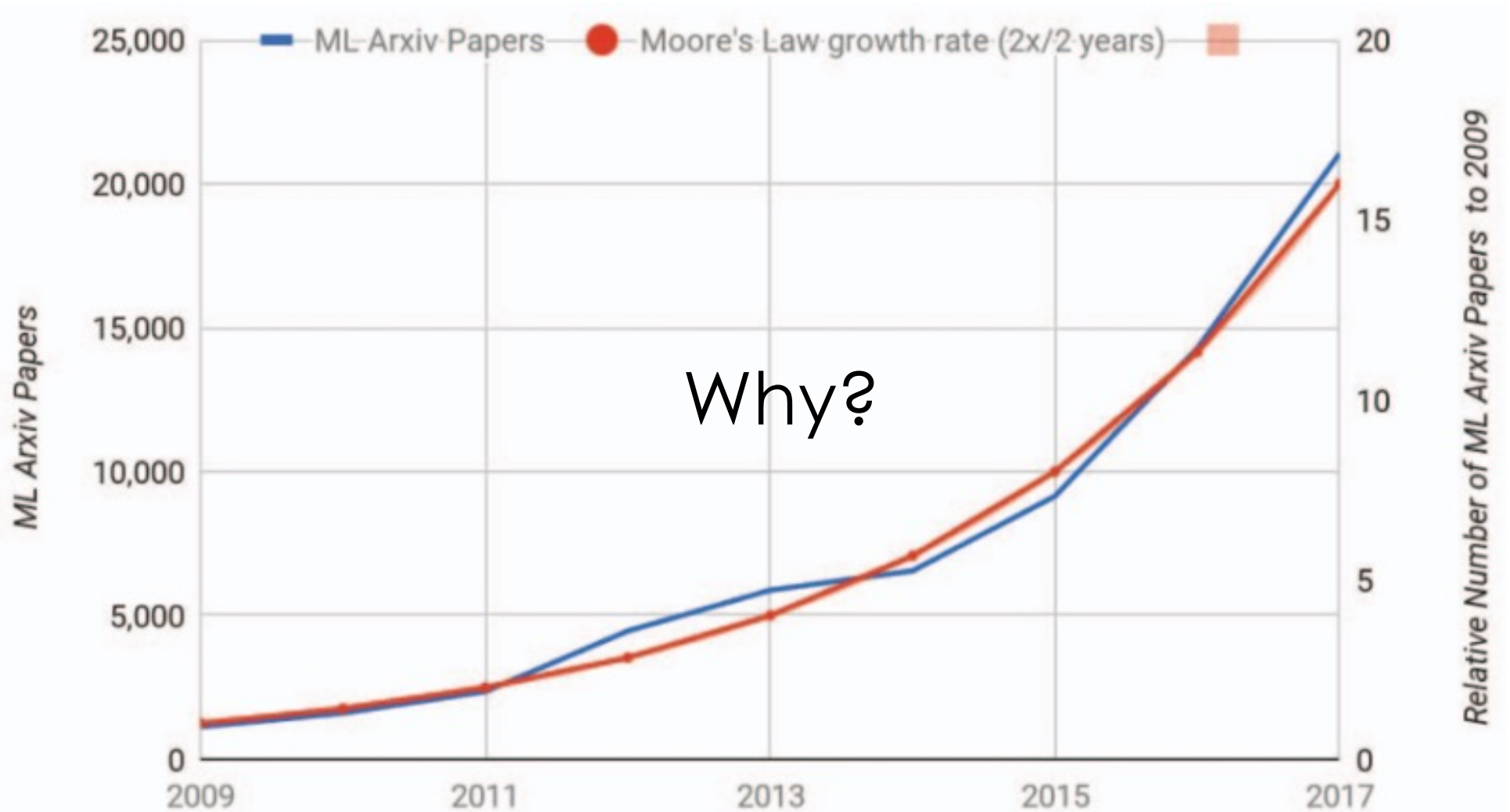
However, we are finally delivering significant value from AI-Systems.

Those systems are also continuing to improve with investment.

They are enabling new products and creating market opportunities.

Research in AI and  
Systems for AI is  
Exploding





“A New Golden Age in Computer Architecture: Empowering the Machine-Learning Revolution”,  
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8259424>

# New Forces Driving AI Revolution

Data

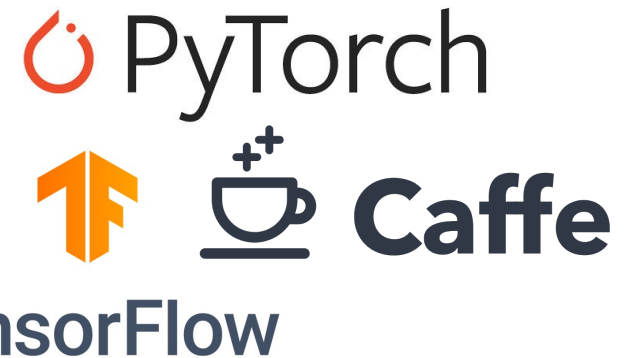


Benchmarks

Compute

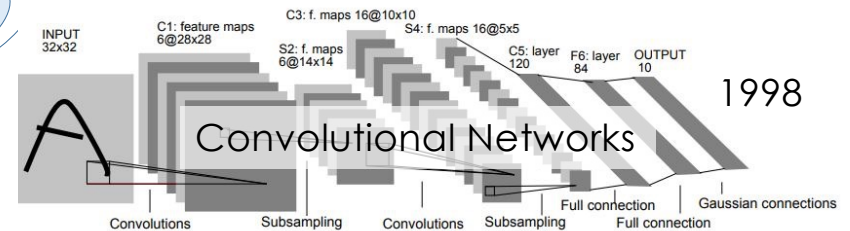
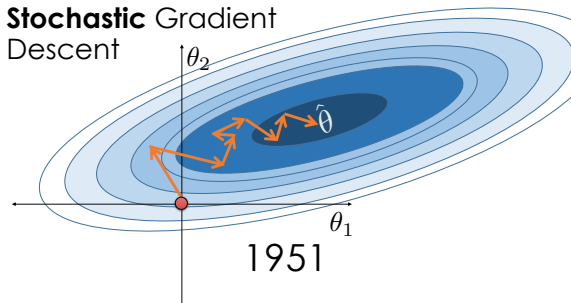


Abstractions



Advances in  
Algorithms and  
Models

Stochastic Gradient  
Descent



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AI-Systems  
Research Today?

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# Big Ideas in ML Research

- Generalization (Underfitting/Overfitting)
  - What is being “learned”?
- Inductive Biases and Representations
  - What assumptions about domain enable efficient learning?
- Efficiency (Data and Computation)
  - How much data and time are needed to learn?
- Details: Objectives/Models/Algorithms

# What makes a great (accepted) paper?

- **State of the art results**
    - Accuracy, Sample Complexity, Qualitative Results ...
  - **Novel settings**, problem formulations, and **benchmarks**
  - Innovation in **techniques**: architecture, training methodology, ...
  - **Theoretical results** that provide a deeper understanding
- 
- **Narrative** and **framing** in prior work and **current trends**?
  - **Parsimony**? Are elaborate solutions rejected? If they work better?
  - **Verification** of prior results?

What defines good  
AI-Systems  
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# Big Ideas in Systems Research

- **Managing Complexity**

- Abstraction, modularity, layering, and hierarchy

- **Tradeoffs**

- What are the fundamental constraints?
- How can you reach new points in the trade-off space?

- **Problem Formulation**

- What are the requirements and assumptions?



# What makes a great (accepted) paper?

- **State of the art results**
  - throughput, latency, resource reqs., scale, ...
- **Problem formulations** and **benchmarks**
- Innovation in **techniques**
  - Algorithms, data-structures, policies, software abstractions.
- What you **remove** or **restrictions** often more important
- **Narrative** and **framing** in prior work and **current trends?**
- **Verification** of prior results?
- **Open source?** Real-world use?

What defines good  
AI-Systems  
Research Today?

# What is AI-Systems Research?

- Good AI and Systems research
  - Provides **insights to both communities**
  - **Builds on big ideas** in prior AI and Systems Research
- Leverages understanding of both domains
  - Studies **statistical and computational tradeoffs**
  - Identify **essential abstractions** to bridge AI and Systems
  - Reframes **systems problems as learning problems**
- More than just great open-source software!
  - But software impact often matters...

# Kinds of AI-Systems Research

Advances in **AI** are being used to address fundamental challenges in **systems**.



**AI** + **Systems**



# AI + Systems

- Reinforcement Learning for
  - Pandas code generation
  - SQL join planning
  - Network packet classification
  - Autoscaling
- Bandit Algorithms for radio link adaptation
- Wireless link quality estimation
- Multi-task learning for straggler mitigation
- VM Selection using Trees ..

# AI + Systems



Advances in **systems** are enabling substantial progress in **AI**

# AI + Systems



## **Developing Systems for:**

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Reinforcement Learning
- Secure Machine Learning
- Prediction Serving
- Experiment Management

## **Advancing AI**

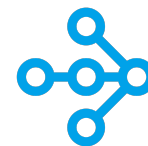
- Dynamic Neural Nets
- Prediction on Compressed Data
- Distributed Training
- Distributed Auto-ML



# AI + Systems Research



Caffe



RAY

KeystoneML



About You?

# Background Requirements

- You have taken **previous courses** in either
  - Systems (for example CS162) → comfortable **building systems** and familiar with **big ideas in system design**
  - Machine Learning (for example CS189) → comfortable **training neural networks** and familiar with **big ideas in ML**
- You are **actively involved in research** in either systems or machine learning (or both)

If this does not describe you, email me ([jegonzal@Berkeley.edu](mailto:jegonzal@Berkeley.edu)) and we can talk about your situation.

# Enrolling in the Class (and the Waitlist)

- We were able to **extend to 45 students**
- Currently prioritizing **PhD** and **MS students** (>45 students)
  - Willing to admit strong undergrads if there is room
  - Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/cn1DS5owivBbniA78>
- In previous offerings around **10% of students dropped**
- This is a seminar class – **attendance is required.**
  - **You may attend virtually (via zoom)!**

**If you would like to enroll please participate in first weeks.**

# Reasons not to take this class ... ☹️

- If you want to learn how to **train models** and **use TensorFlow, PyTorch, and SkLearn**
  - Take: CS C100, CS182, CS189
- If you want learn how to **use big data systems**
  - Take: CS162, CS186
- You are **not** interested in learning how to **evaluate, conduct, and communicate** research
  - Why not?
- You are **unable to (virtually) attend lecture**

If you plan to drop this class, please drop it soon so others can enroll!

# Goals for the Class

What do you expect from this class?

# My Goals for the Class

- Identify and **solve impactful problems** at the intersection of AI and Systems
- Learn about the **big ideas** and **key results** in AI systems
- Learn how to read, evaluate, and **peer review papers**
- Learn how to **write great papers** that also get published!

# Have Fun!

# How will we achieve these goals?

- **Lectures and Reading:** study developments in AI Systems
  - Identify the key open problems and research opportunities
  - **Guest speakers** every week to **discuss research** and **process**.
- **Projects:** collaboration between Systems and AI students
  - Explore open problems and produce top tier publications
- **In Class Reviews:** weekly reviews of papers
  - Learn both how to evaluate papers and understand how papers are reviewed



# Simple Grading Policy

## 20% Class Participation

- **Attend lecture** and **participate** in class discussions
- **Lead 3 in class** discussions (sign-up)
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mh9JG1CVgUKMy98xSm8ssl8FEWbITL\\_8rcBjH2tk0SE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mh9JG1CVgUKMy98xSm8ssl8FEWbITL_8rcBjH2tk0SE/edit?usp=sharing)

## 20% Weekly Reviews

- **Submit weekly paper reviews** (google form)!

## 60% Class Projects

- Do great research!

# Problems

What makes a good problem?

# What makes a **good problem**?

- **Impact:** People care about the solution
  - ... and progress advances our understanding (**research**)
- **Metrics:** You know when you have succeeded
  - Can you **measure progress** on the solution?
- **Divisible:** The problem can be divided into smaller problems
  - You can identify the first sub-problem.
- **Your Edge:** Why is it a good problem **for you**?
  - Leverage your strengths and imagine a new path.

# Can you Solve a Solved Problem?

- Ideally you want to solve a **new** and **important** problem
- A **new solution** to a solved problem can be impactful if:
  - It supports a **broader set of applications** (users)
  - It **reveals a fundamental trade-off** or
  - Provides a **deeper understanding** of the problem space
  - **10x Better?**
    - Often publishable...
    - Should satisfy one of the three above conditions.

# Class Organization

# Weekly Topic Organization

- Each week we will cover a new topic
- There will be **3 required papers** to read each week
- **Format of Each Lecture (3 hours!!!!)\***
  - **~45 Minute** review of topic area for the **next WEEK**
    - We want to give context to help with reading
  - **~60 Minute: Extended PC discussion** around the reading
    - **20 minutes** per paper **3 presenters** (Summary, Strengths, Weaknesses)
    - **Fixed Slide Format (Link)**
  - **~15 Minute Break**
  - **60 Minutes: Presentation from Invited Speaker with Discussion**

\*Format may change based on speaker constraints.

# PC Meeting Format

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1il7arlEPDTQp2VpHtOTS\\_gh\\_g\\_oG03TT0ulwyqG6ZHUM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1il7arlEPDTQp2VpHtOTS_gh_g_oG03TT0ulwyqG6ZHUM/edit?usp=sharing)

# In Class PC Meeting Format (V.1)

For each of the three papers: (20 Minutes per paper)

- **Neutral:** recap of the paper (neutral opinion) [5 Minutes]
- **Advocate:** Strengths of the paper [5 Minutes]
- **Critic:** Weaknesses of the paper [5 Minutes]
- Class will discuss **rebuttal** and **improvements** [5 Minutes]



# The **Neutral** Presenter will Summarize

- What is the **problem** being solved and what was the **solution**? (Summary!)
- What is the **context of this work**? What is the **most relevant related work**?
- What **metrics** did they use to evaluate their solution?
  - What was the **Baselines** of comparison?
- What was the **key insight** or **enabling idea**?
- What are the **claimed technical contributions**?

# Advocate and Critic Will Discuss

## ➤ **Novelty and Impact**

- Are the problem and solution novel and how will the solution affect future research?

## ➤ **Technical Qualities**

- Are the problem **framing** and **assumptions** reasonable
- Discuss merits of the technical **contributions**
- Does the **evaluation** support claims and reveal limitations of the proposed approach?

## ➤ **Presentation**

- Discuss the **writing clarity** and **presentation of results**
- Positioning of **related work**

# Break + Action Items

- Go to website:  
<https://ucbrise.github.io/cs294-ai-sys-sp22/>
- Join Slack (we are discontinuing piazza)
  - [https://join.slack.com/t/cs294-ai-sys-sp22/shared\\_invite/zt-120vm629j-pos6xUlftr\\_xgaCMM\\_aaUw](https://join.slack.com/t/cs294-ai-sys-sp22/shared_invite/zt-120vm629j-pos6xUlftr_xgaCMM_aaUw)

- Signup for **3 discussion** slots as **different roles here**:

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# Context for Big Data Systems

# Why discuss big data systems in this class?

- Data is central to machine learning
  - But what systems do you use for your data?
- Data systems are often overlooked in ML-Systems research
  - Potential area for exciting new research
- Industry: **Data systems control everything!**
- **3 Papers:**
  - How to incorporate ML into a classic database systems
  - How to scale data processing for ML workloads
  - Current trends in large-scale data systems driven by ML

# Relational Database Systems



- Logically organize data in **relations** (tables)
- Structured Query Language (**SQL**) to define, manipulate and compute on data.
  - A common language used by many data systems
  - Describes logical organization of data as well as computation

# SQL is a **Declarative** Language

- **Declarative:** “Say *what* you want, not *how* to get it.”
  - **Declarative Example:** *I want a table with columns “x” and “y” constructed from tables “A” and “B” where the values in “y” are greater than 100.00.*
  - **Imperative Example:** For each record in table “A” find the corresponding record in table “B” then drop the records where “y” is less than or equal to 100 then return the “x” and “y” values.
- **Advantages** of declarative programming
  - Enable the system to find the best way to achieve the result.
  - More compact and easier to learn for non-programmers (Maybe?)
- **Challenges** of declarative programming
  - System performance depends heavily on automatic optimization
  - Limited language (not Turing complete) → need extensions

# Physical **Data Independence**

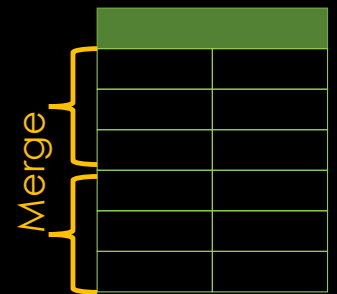
- Physical data layout/ordering is **determined by system**
  - goal of maximizing performance
- **Data Clustering**
  - Organize group of records to improve access efficiency
  - Example: grouped/ordered by key
- **Implications on Learning?**
  - Record ordering may depend on data values
  - Arbitrary ordering  $\neq$  Random ordering



# User Defined Aggregates

- Provide a **low-level API** for defining functions that aggregate state across records in a table
  - Much like **fold** in functional Programming

```
CREATE AGGREGATE agg_name (...) {  
  # Initialize the state for aggregation.  
  initialize(state) → state  
  # Advance the state for one row. Invoked repeatedly.  
  transition(state, row) → state  
  # Compute final result.  
  terminate(state) → result  
  # (Optional) Merge intermediate states from parallel executions.  
  merge(state, state) → state  
}
```



# Closed Relational Model and Learning

- All operations on tables produce tables...
- Training a model on a table produces?
  - A row containing a model
  - A table containing model weights
  - An (infinite) table of predictions
    - [MauveDB: Supporting Model-based User Views in Database Systems](#)
- Predictions as views
  - Opportunity to **index** predictions
  - Relational operations to manipulate predictions

# Out-of-core Computation

- Database systems are typically designed to operate on **databases larger than main memory** (big data?)
- Algorithms must manage **memory buffers** and **disk**
  - Page level memory buffers
  - Sequential reads/writes to disk
- Understand **relative costs** of memory vs disk

# Reasoning about Memory Hierarchy

Latency Numbers Every Programmer Should Know --Jeff Dean

L1 Cache	<b>0.5 ns</b> (few clock cycles)
L2 Cache	<b>7 ns</b>
Main Memory	<b>100 ns</b>
Read 1MB from RAM (Seq.)	<b>250K ns</b>
Read 1MB SSD (Seq.)	<b>1M ns</b> (1ms)
Read 1MB Disk (Seq.)	<b>20M ns</b> (20ms)

# Reasoning about Memory Hierarchy

Latency Numbers Every Programmer Should Know

Human Readable

L1 Cache	<b>1 second</b>	<b>Database Systems</b>
L2 Cache	<b>14 seconds</b>	
Main Memory	<b>3.3 minutes</b>	Page Buffers
Read 1MB from RAM (Seq.)	<b>5.8 days</b>	
Read 1MB SSD (Seq.)	<b>23 days</b>	Sequential Read/Write
Read 1MB Disk (Seq.)	<b>1.3 years</b>	

# Transactional vs Analytics Data Systems

- **Transactional (OLTP) Systems:** *address source of truth data used by live services*
  - *Bank records, user profiles,*
  - *Designed for low-latency, availability, transactional consistency, durability*
- **Analytics (OLAP) Systems :** *store and manage data to support large-scale analysis*
  - *Business intelligence, sales, fraud, targeting*
  - *Designed for high-throughput, scalability, rich computation*



Sales  
(Asia)



Sales  
(US)



Inventory



Advertising

# Operational Data Stores

- Capture **the now**
- Many different databases across an organization
- Mission critical... be careful!
  - Serving live ongoing business operations
  - Managing inventory
- Different formats (e.g., currency)
  - Different schemas (acquisitions ...)
- Live systems often don't maintain history

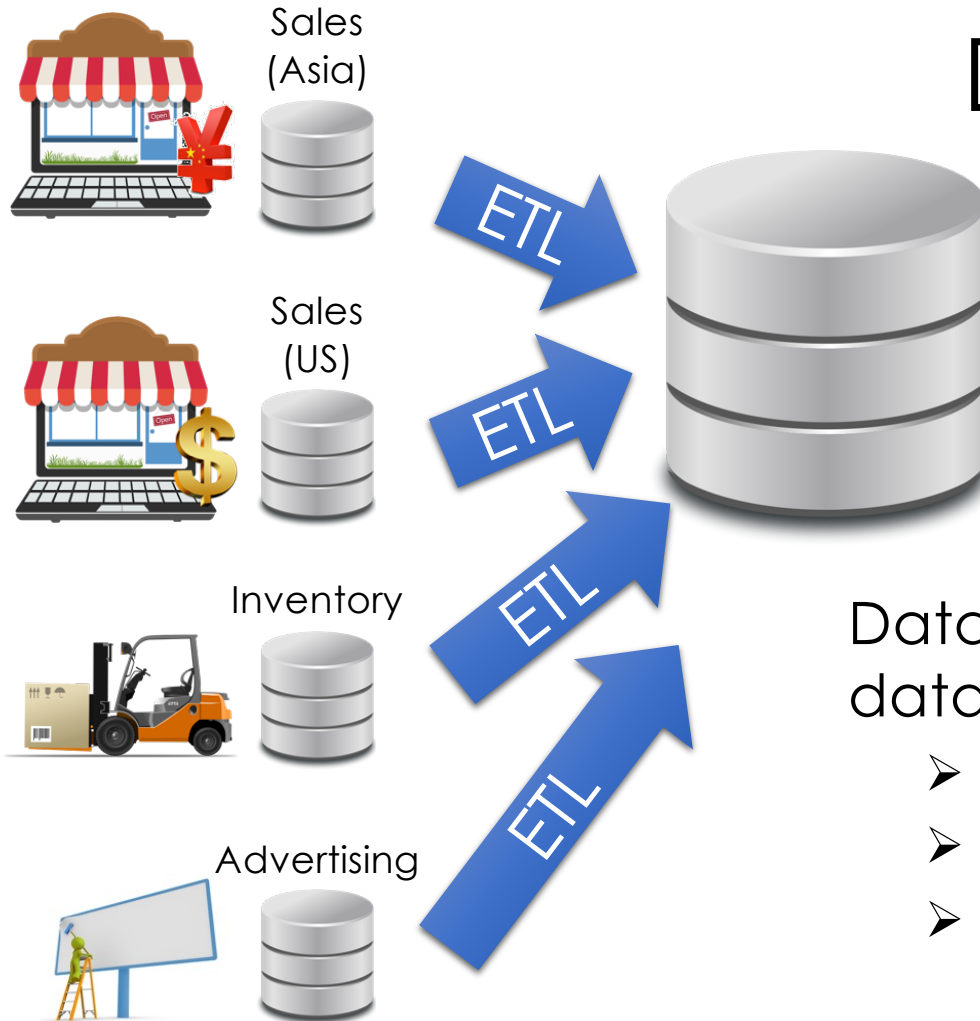
We would like a consolidated, clean, historical snapshot of the data.

# Data Warehouse

Collects and organizes historical data from multiple sources

Data is *periodically* **ETL**ed into the data warehouse:

- **Extracted** from remote sources
- **Transformed** to standard schemas
- **Loaded** into the (typically) relational (SQL) data system





# Extract → Transform → Load (ETL)

**Extract & Load:** provides a snapshot of operational data

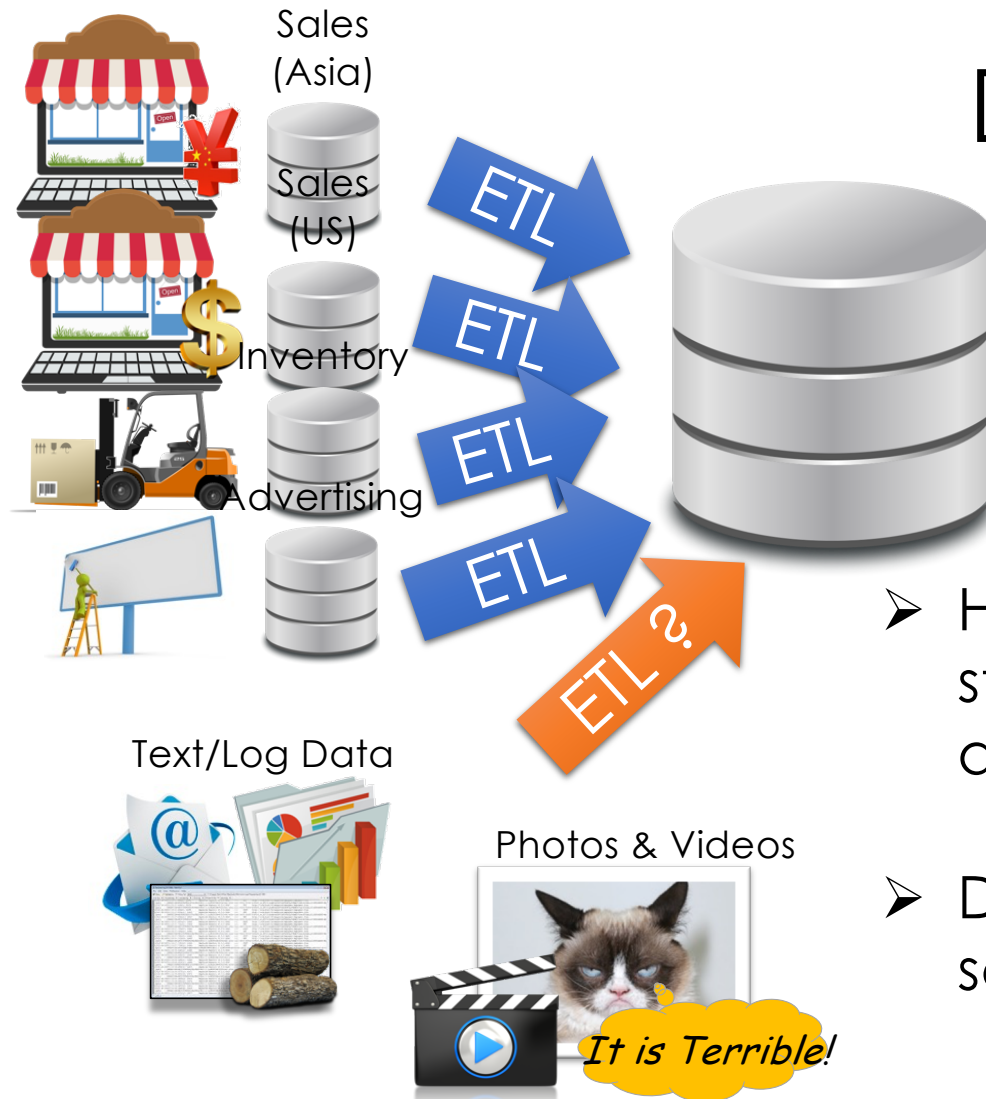
- Historical snapshot
- Data in a single system
- Isolates analytics queries (e.g., Deep Learning) from business critical services (e.g., processing user purchase)
- Easy!

**Transform:** clean and prepare data for analytics in a unified representation

- **Difficult** → often requires specialized code and tools
- Different schemas, encodings, granularities

# Recent Trend: ETL --> ELT

- Previously transformation was needed to **reduce burden** on data warehouse
- **Improvements** in data warehouse **performance** have eliminated the need to transform before loading
  - Driven by trends in datalakes ...
- New ecosystem of software for:
  - **Extract and Load:** e.g., Fivetran and Stitch
  - **Transform:** DBT



# Data Warehouse

Collects and organizes historical data from multiple sources

- How do we deal with semi-structured and unstructured data?
- Do we really want to force a schema on load?

# Data Warehouse

How do we **clean** and **organize** this data?

Depends on use ...



Collects and organizes historical data from multiple sources



How do we **load** and **process** this data in a relational system?

Depends on use...  
Can be difficult...  
Requires thought...

Text/Log Data



Photos & Videos



# Data Lake\*

Store a copy of all the data

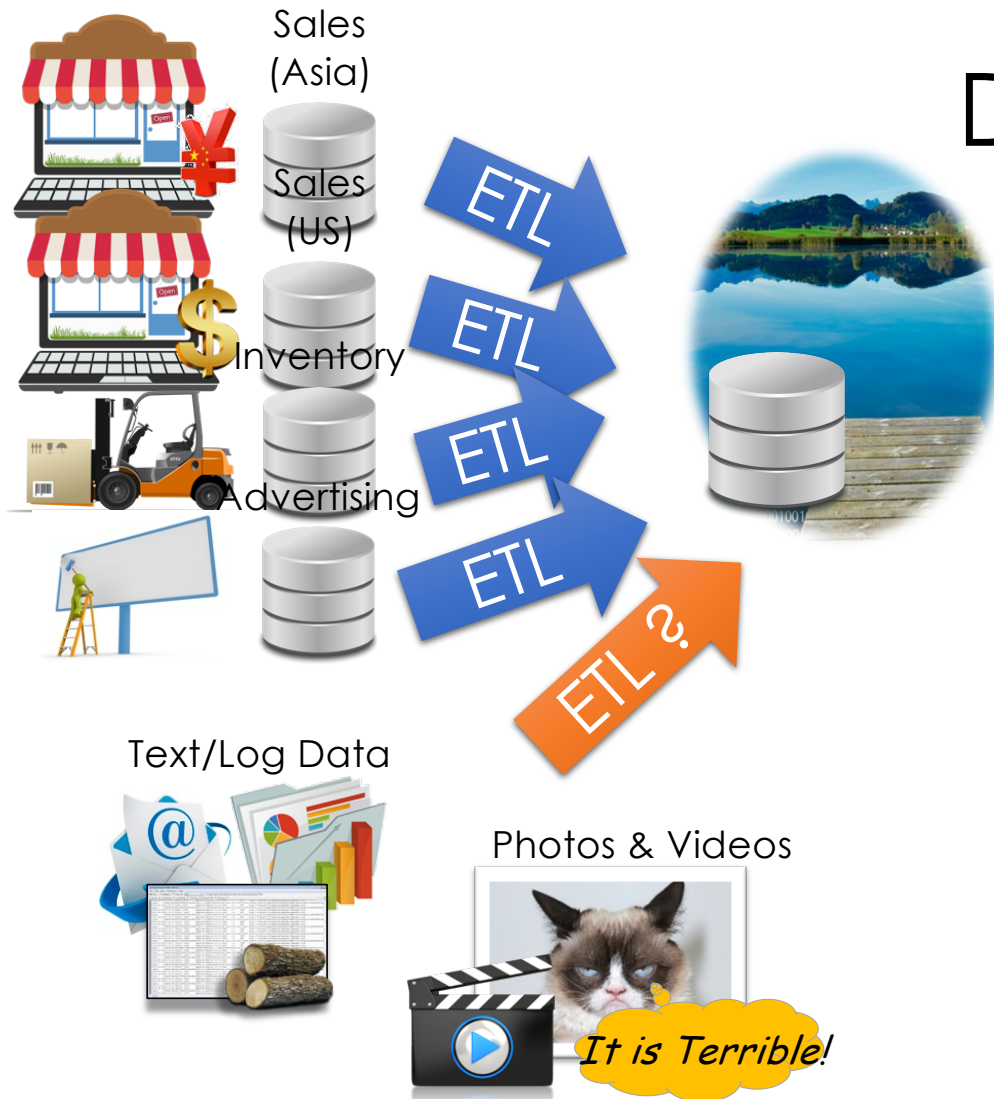
- in one place
- in its original “natural” form

Enable data consumers to choose how to transform and use data.

- *Schema on Read*

What could go wrong?

\*Still being defined...[Buzzword Disclaimer]



# The Dark Side of Data Lakes



- Cultural shift: *Curate* → *Save Everything!*
  - Noise begins to dominate signal
- Limited data governance and planning
  - Example:** `hdfs://important/joseph_big_file3.csv_with_json`
    - **What** does it contain?
    - **When** and **who** created it?
- No cleaning and verification → lots of dirty data
- New tools are more complex and old tools no longer work

# A Brighter Future for Data Lakes

- Data Scientists and ML Engineers
  - Distributed data processing and cleaning
  - Machine learning, computer vision, and statistical sampling
- Technologies are improving
  - SQL over large files
  - Self describing columnar file formats (Parquet, ORC)
- Organizations are evolving
  - Tracking data usage and file permissions
  - New job title: data engineers
- Starting to see convergence of **warehouse** and **data lakes**
  - **Lakehouse™?**



# How do we **store** and **compute** on large unstructured datasets

## ➤ Requirements:

- Handle very **large files** spanning **multiple computers**
- Use **cheap** commodity devices that **fail frequently**
- **Distributed data processing** quickly and **easily**

## ➤ Solutions:

- **Distributed file systems** → spread data over multiple machines
  - Assume machine **failure** is common → **redundancy**
- **Distributed computing** → load and process files on multiple machines concurrently
  - Assume machine **failure** is common → **redundancy**
  - **Functional programming** computational pattern → **parallelism**

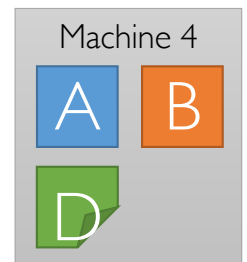
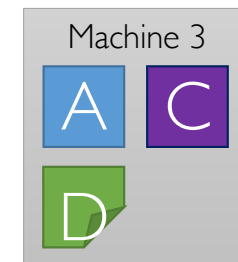
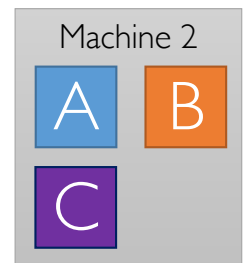
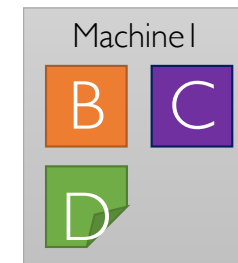
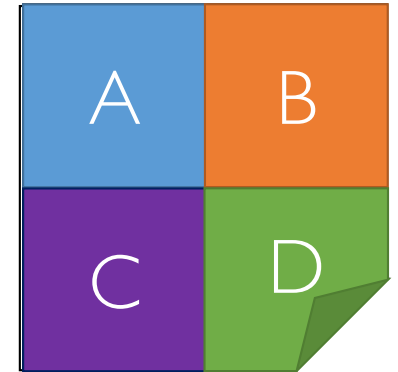


# Fault Tolerant Distributed File Systems

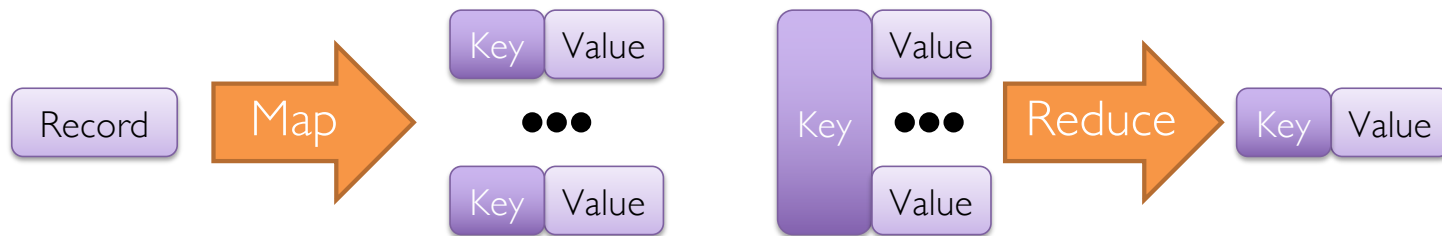
[Ghemawat et al., SOSP'03]

- Split large files over multiple machines
  - Easily support massive files spanning machines
- Read parts of file in parallel
  - Fast reads of large files
- Often built using cheap commodity storage devices

Cheap commodity storage devices will fail!



# The Map Reduce Abstraction



Example: *Word-Count*

```
Map(docRecord) {  
  for (word in docRecord) {  
    emit (word, 1)  
  }  
}
```

Key Value

```
Reduce(word, counts) {  
  emit (word, SUM(counts))  
}
```

Map: *Deterministic*

Reduce: *Commutative* and *Associative*

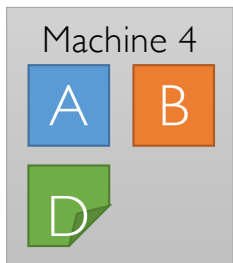
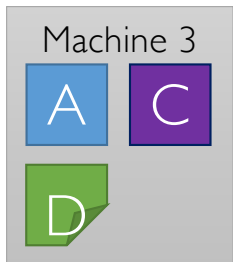
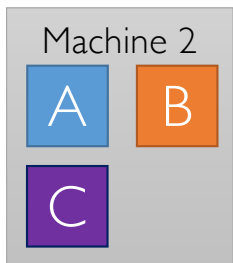
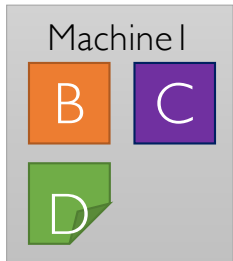
# Key properties of Map And Reduce

- **Deterministic Map:** allows for re-execution on failure
  - If some computation is lost we can always re-compute
  - Issues with samples?
- **Commutative Reduce:** *allows for re-order of operations*
  - $\text{Reduce}(A,B) = \text{Reduce}(B,A)$
  - Example (addition):  $A + B = B + A$
  - Is floating point math commutative?
- **Associative Reduce:** *allows for regrouping of operations*
  - $\text{Reduce}(\text{Reduce}(A,B), C) = \text{Reduce}(A, \text{Reduce}(B,C))$
  - Example (max):  $\text{max}(\text{max}(A,B), C) = \text{max}(A, \text{max}(B,C))$

# Executing Map Reduce

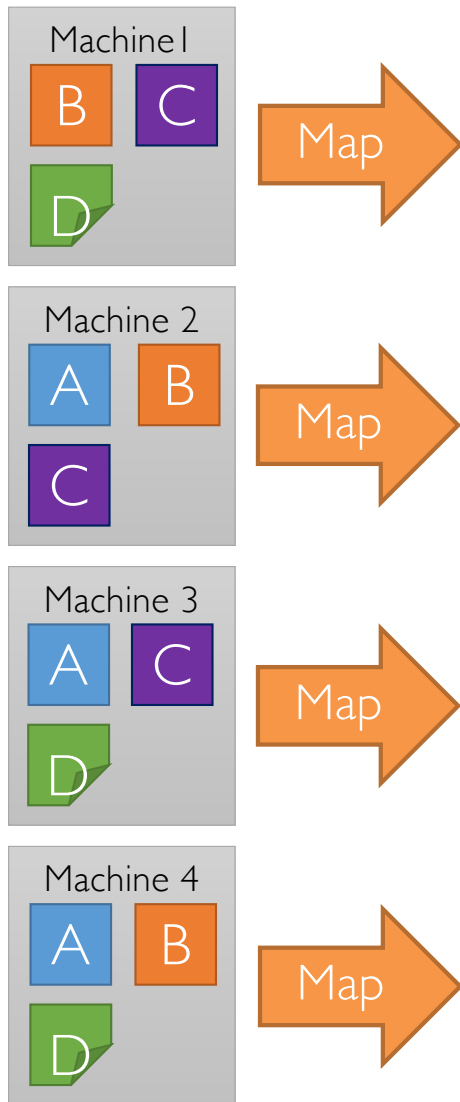


# Executing Map Reduce



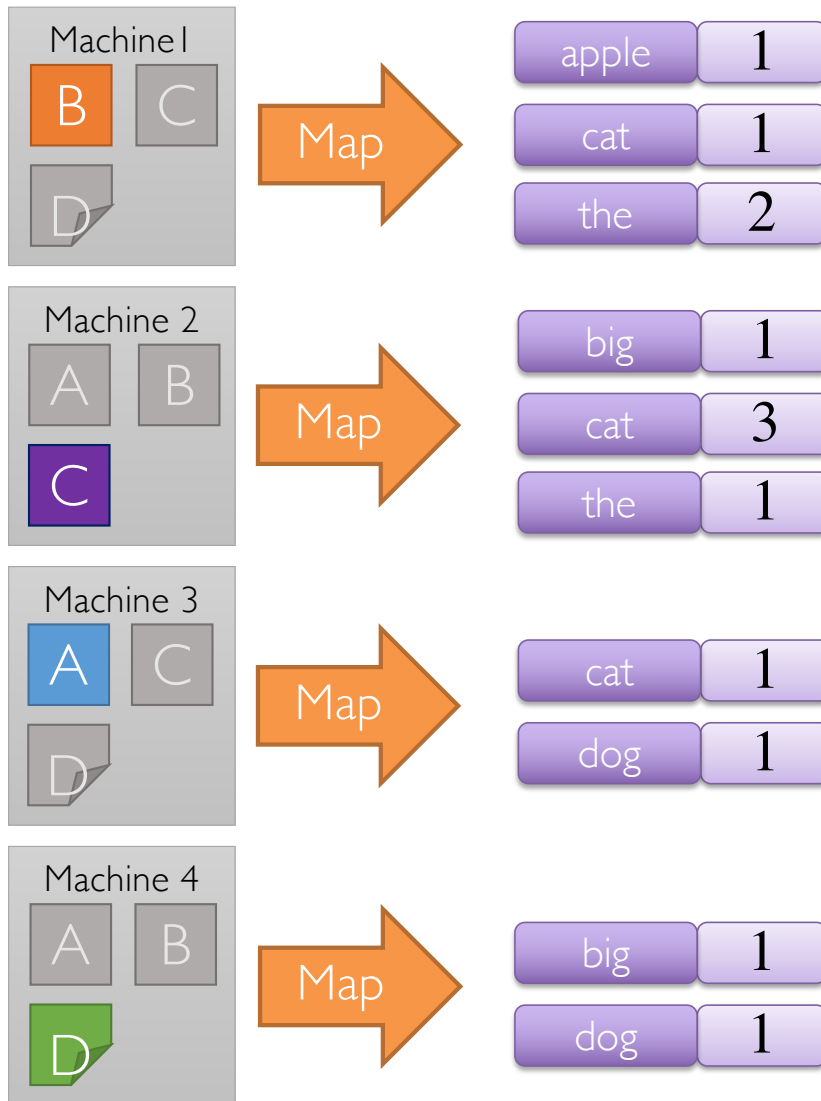
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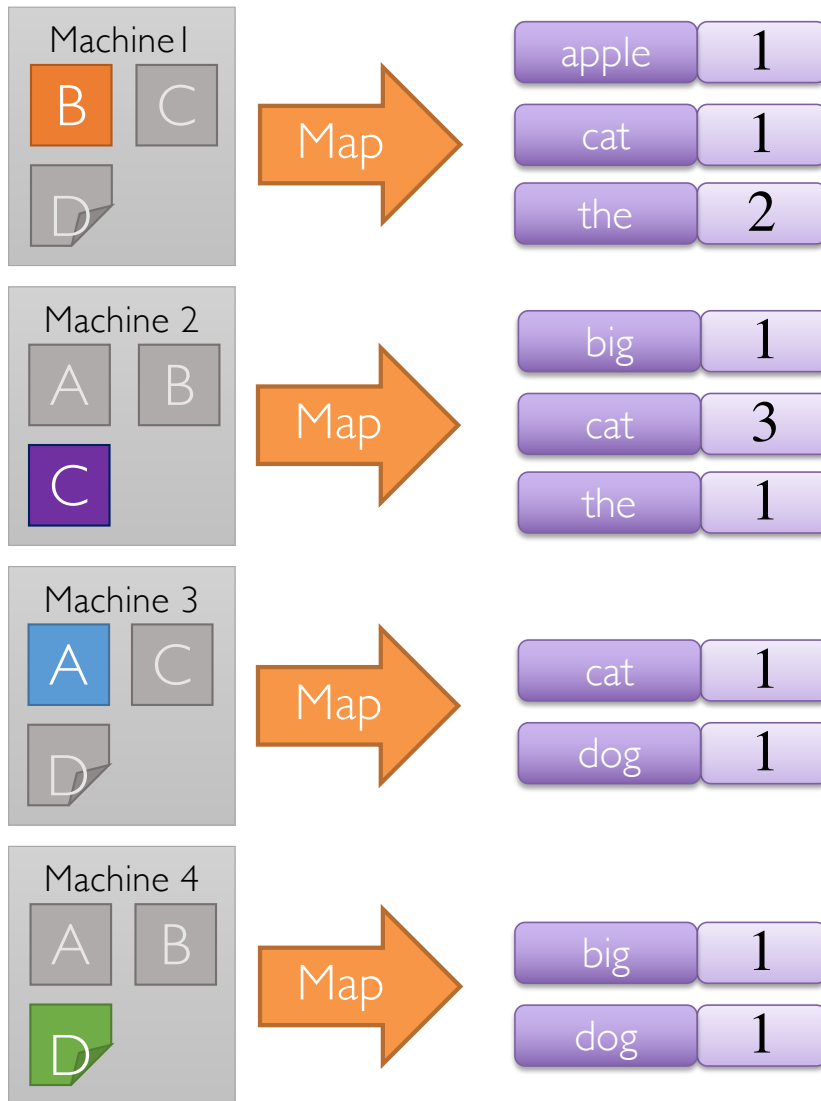
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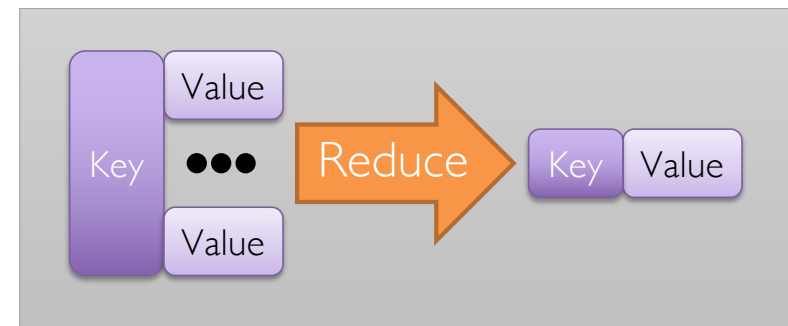
The map function  
applied to a local  
part of the big file.

**Run in Parallel.**

Output is cached for fast recovery on node failure

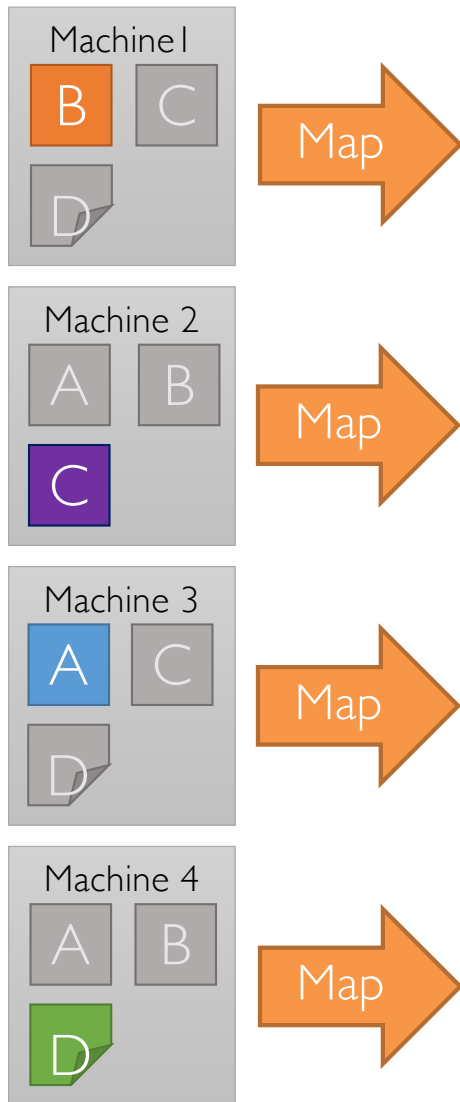


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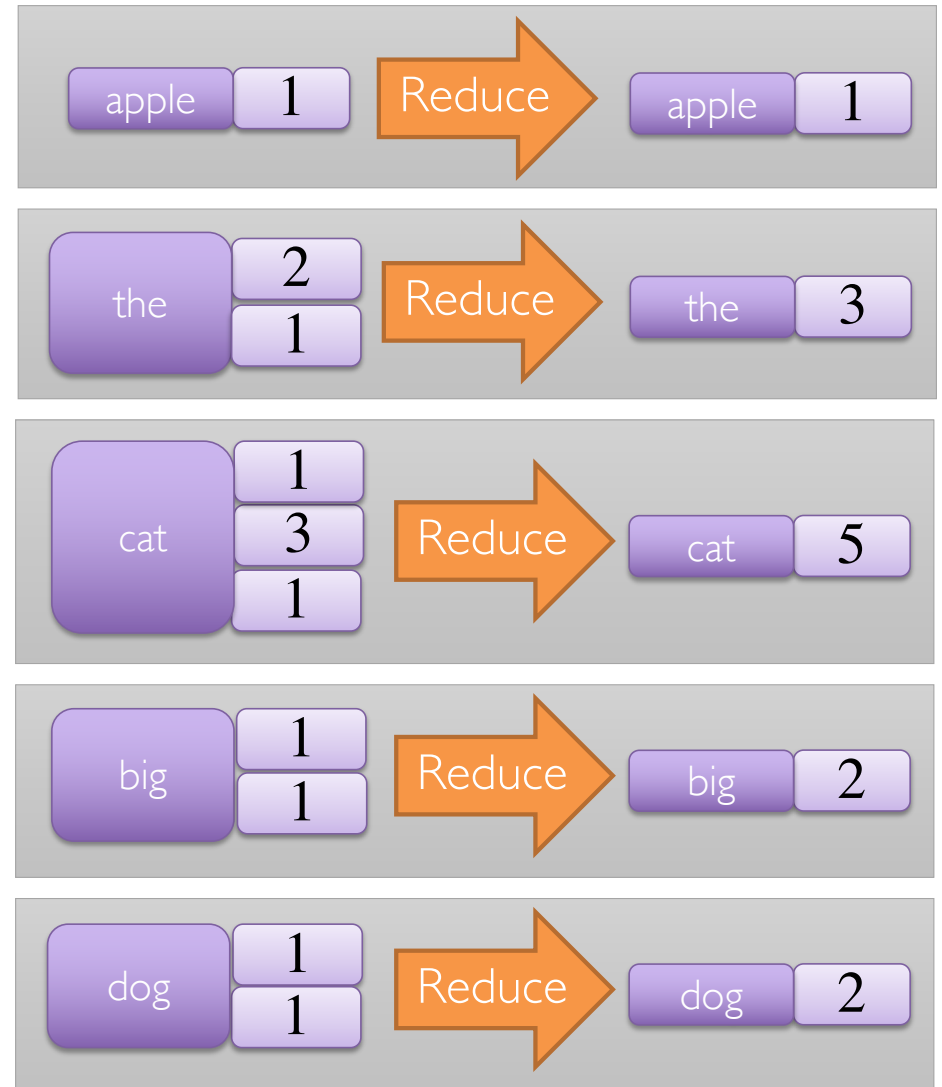


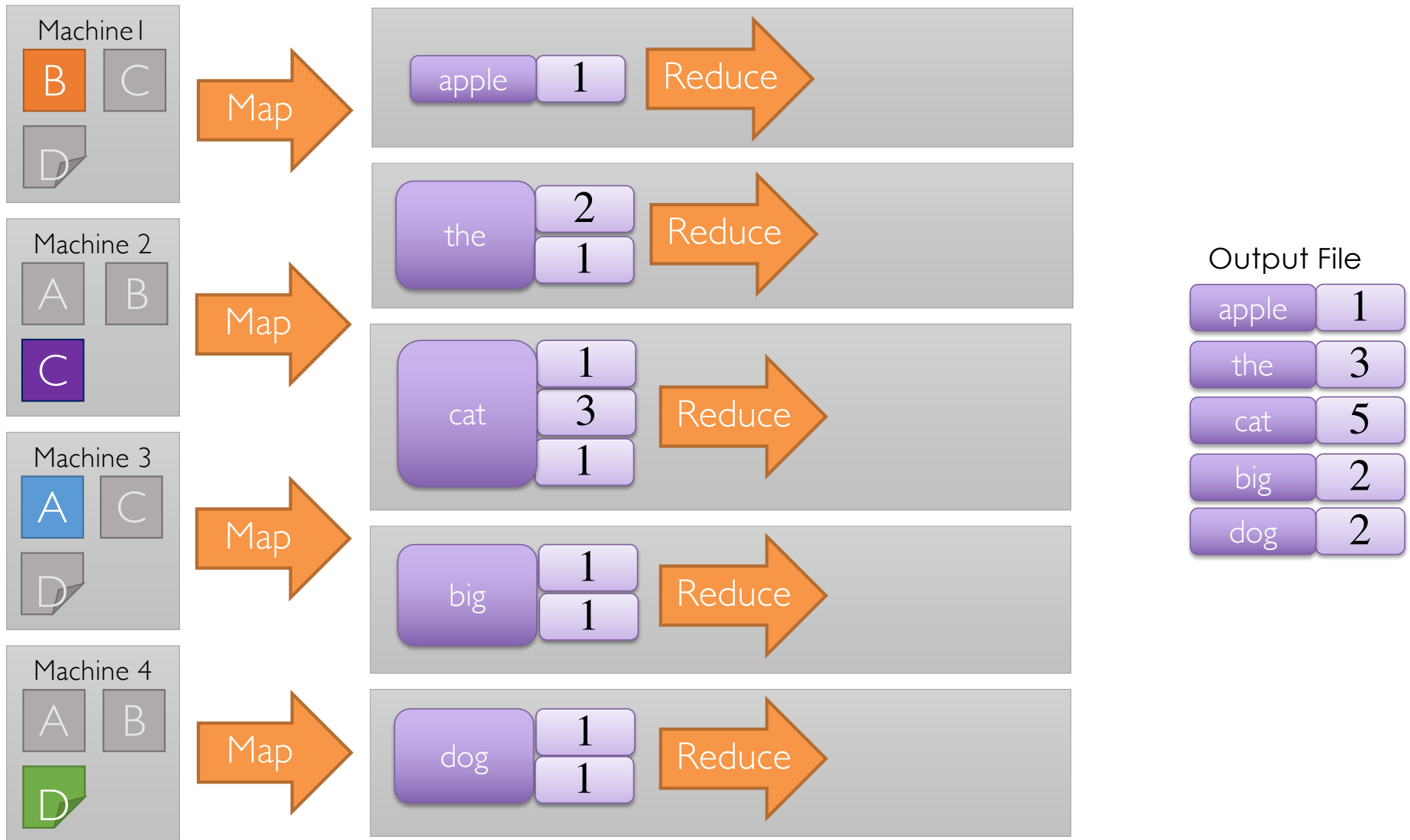
Reduce function can be run on many machines ...

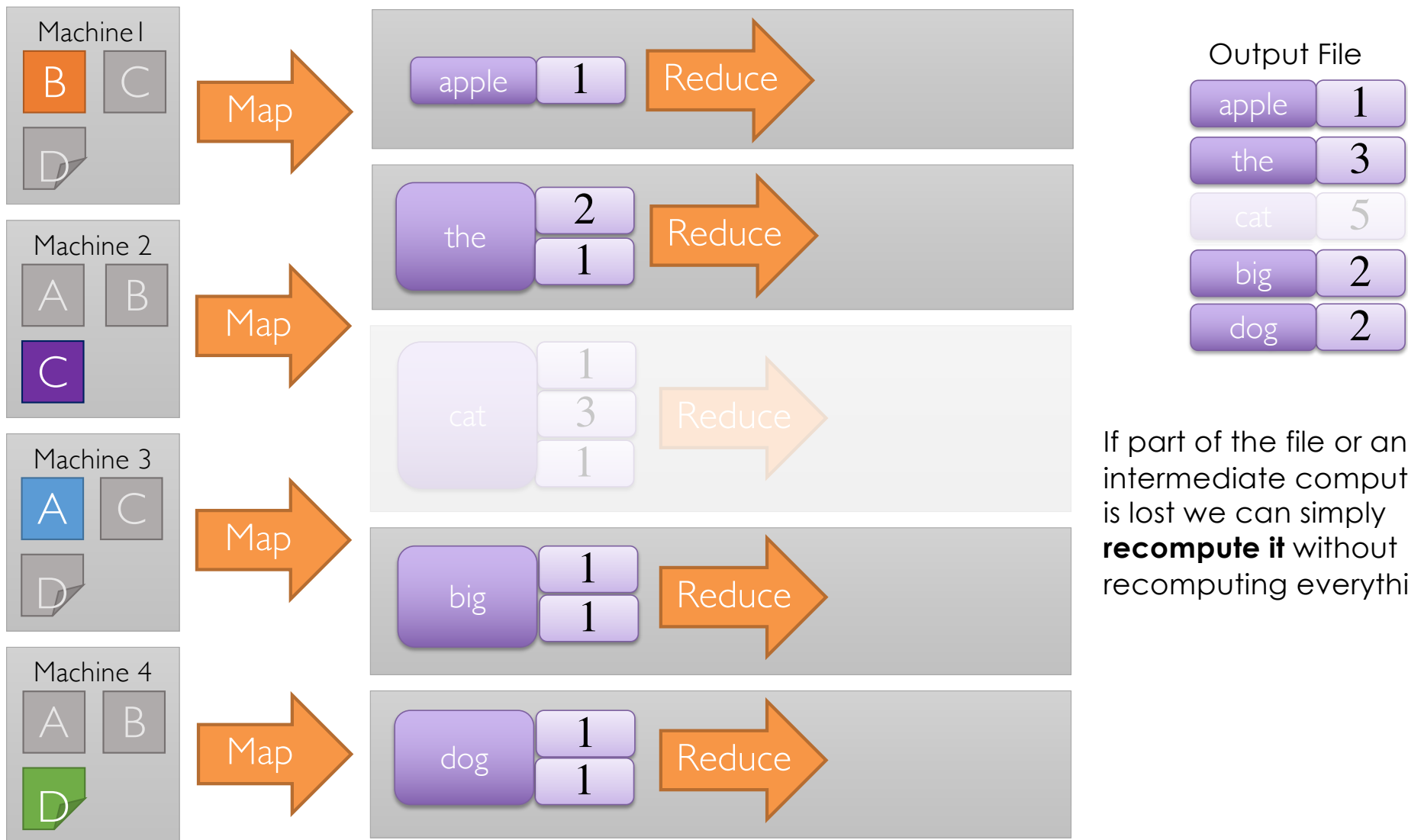




## Run in Parallel

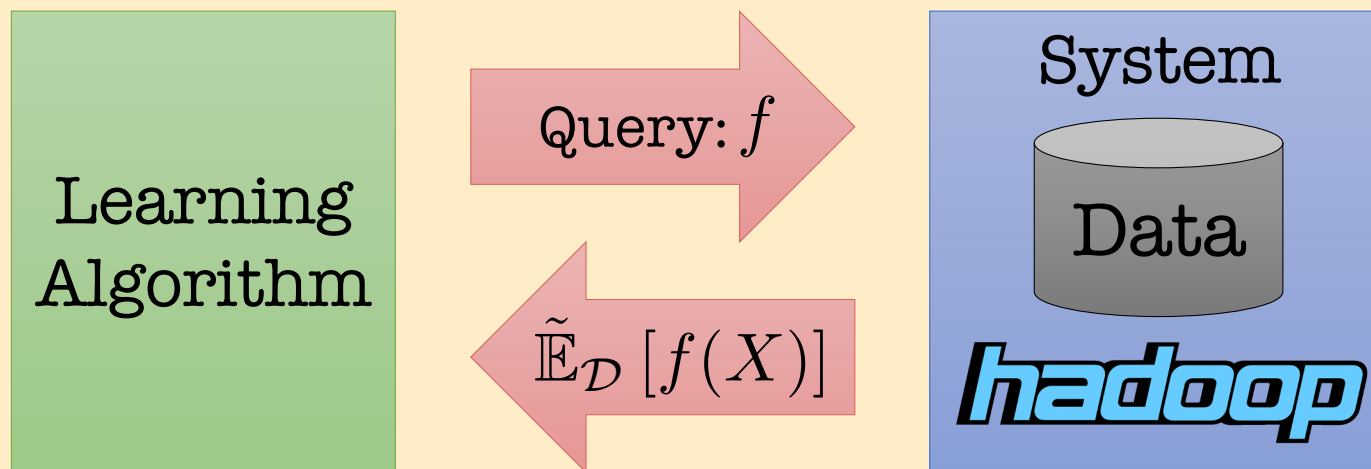






If part of the file or any intermediate computation is lost we can simply **recompute it** without recomputing everything.

# LEARNING FROM STATISTICS (AGGREGATION)\*



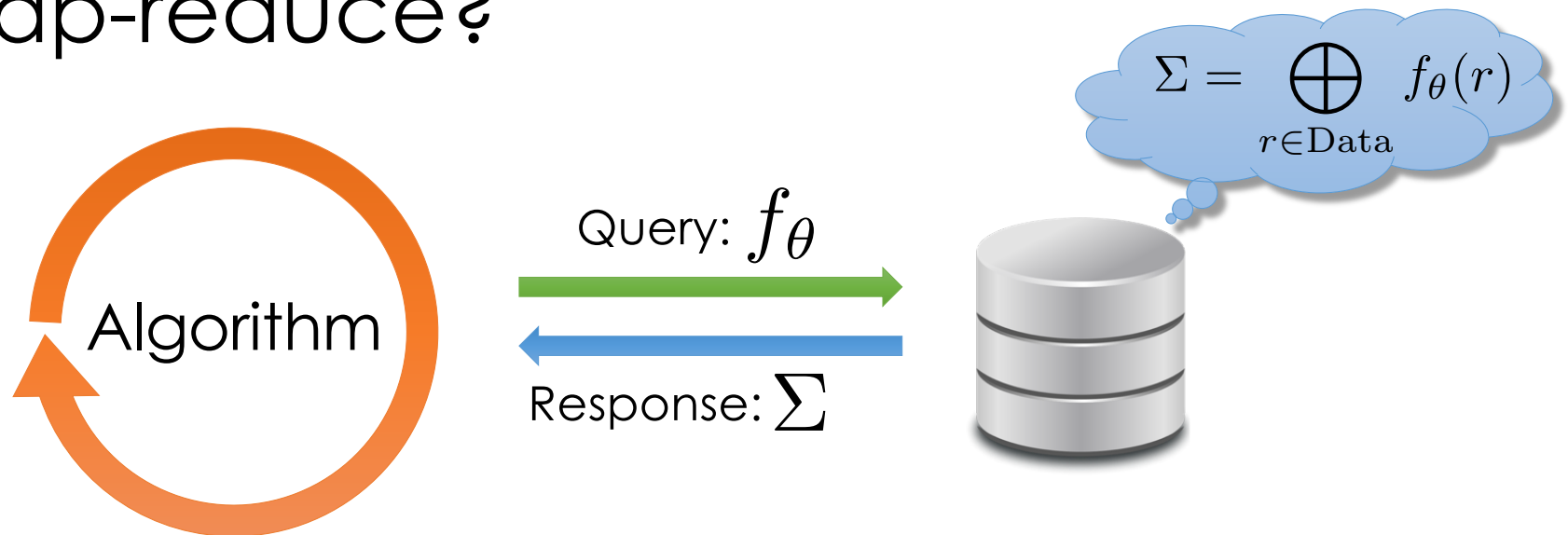
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- Chu et al., *Map-Reduce for Machine Learning on Multicore*. NIPS'06.

\* next set of slides are old!

Can we compute

$$\hat{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

using the statistical query pattern  
in map-reduce?



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$$\hat{\theta} = (\underline{X^T X})^{-1} \underline{X^T Y}$$

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in map-reduce?

Query 1

Query 2

Query:  $f_{\theta}$

$$\Sigma = \bigoplus_{r \in \text{Data}} f_{\theta}(r)$$

Break computation  
into two queries

Algorithm

Response:  $\Sigma$

# Cost Analysis

$$\hat{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

Computation

Cost

$$A = X^T X \Rightarrow O(np^2)$$

$$C = X^T Y \Rightarrow O(np)$$

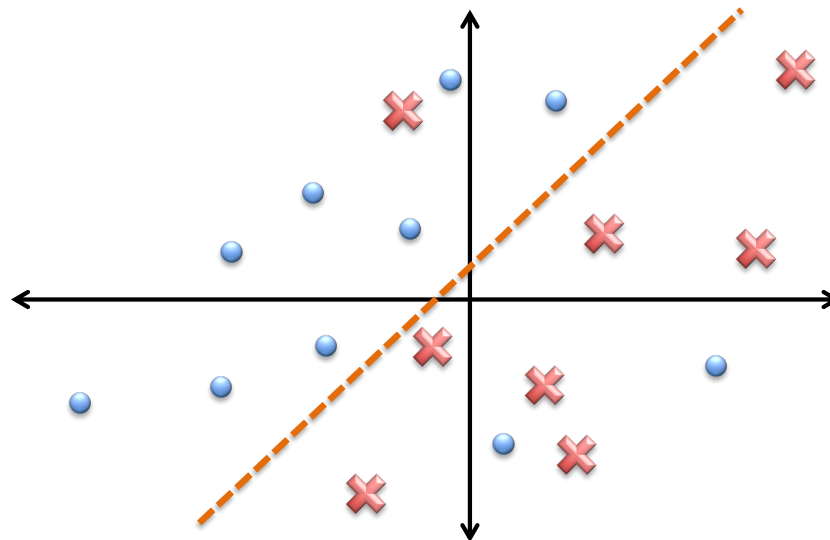
When **n** >> **p** we want to  
distribute this computation

$$B = A^{-1} \Rightarrow O(p^3)$$

$$BC \Rightarrow O(p^2)$$

What about

# Logistic Regression using Gradient Descent?

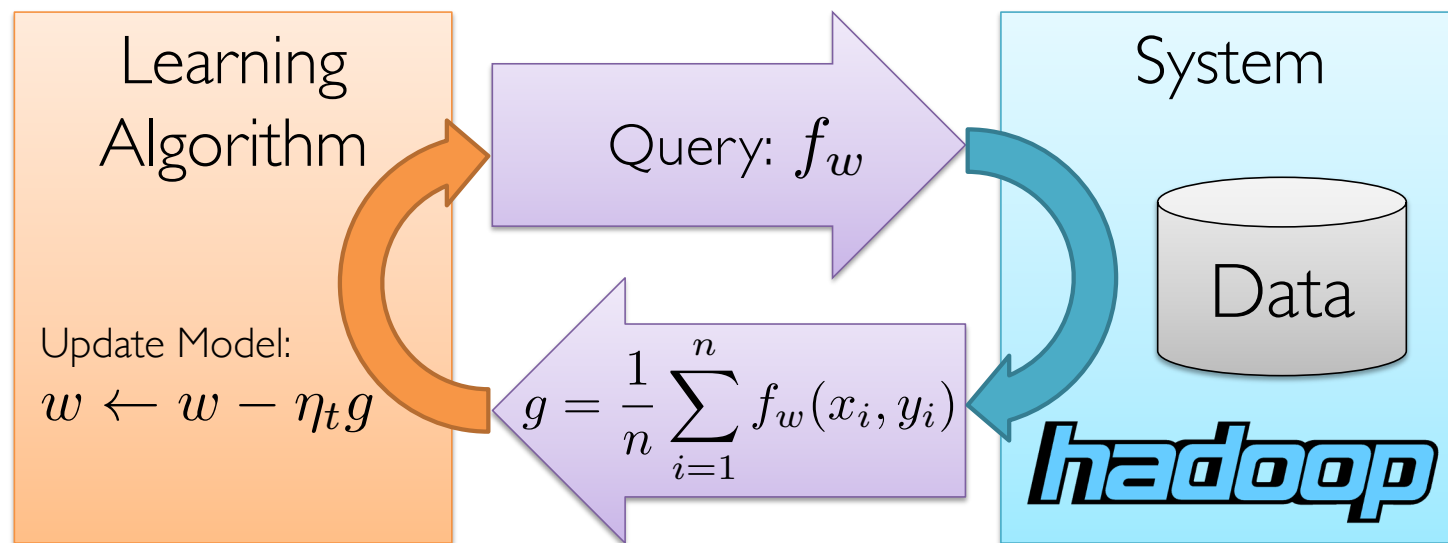




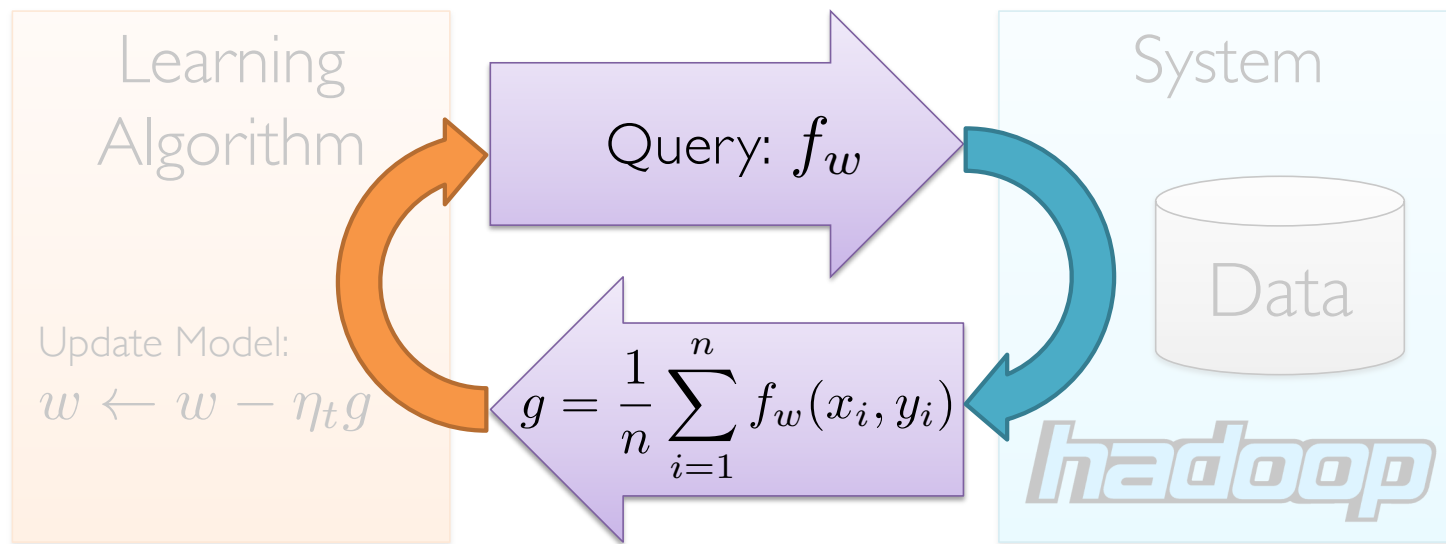
# Logistic Regression in Map-Reduce

Gradient descent:

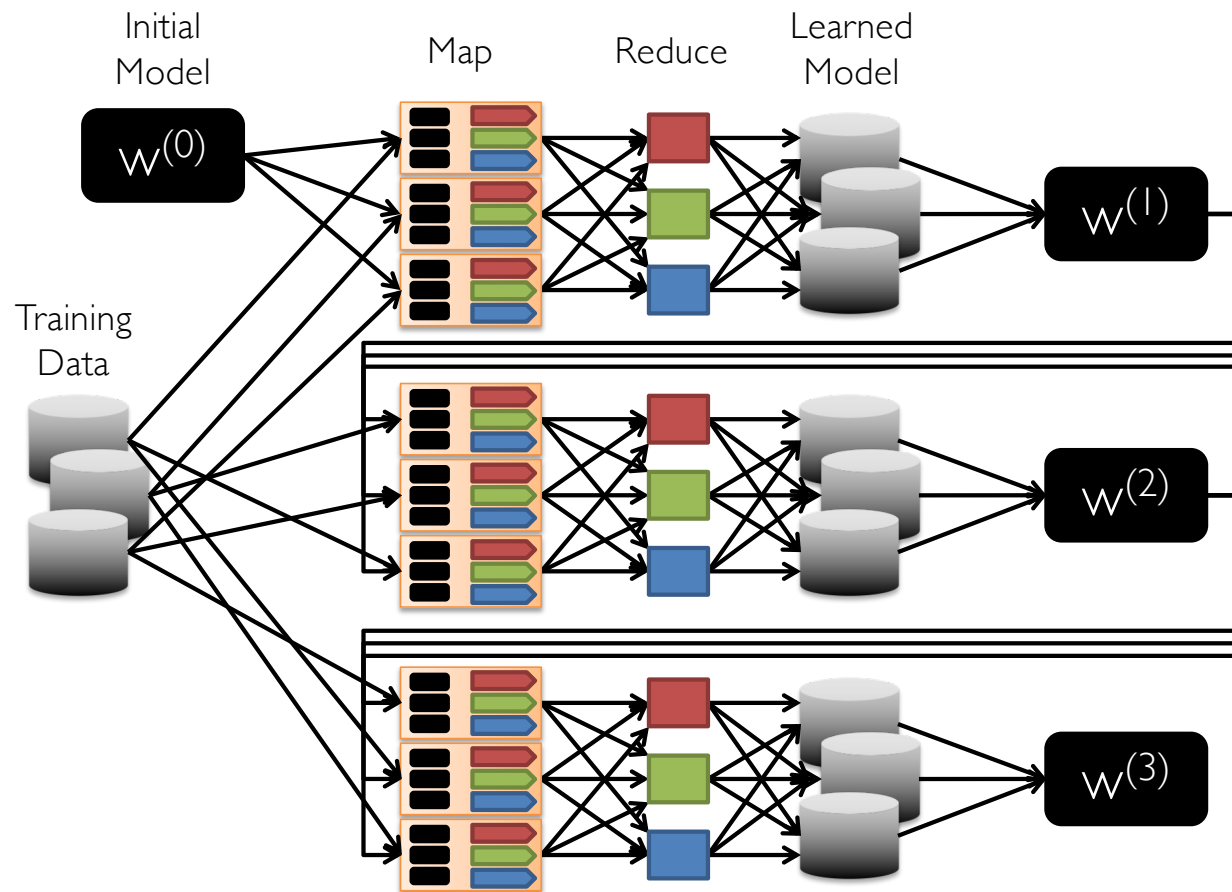
$$f_w(x, y) = \nabla \log L(y, h_w(x))$$



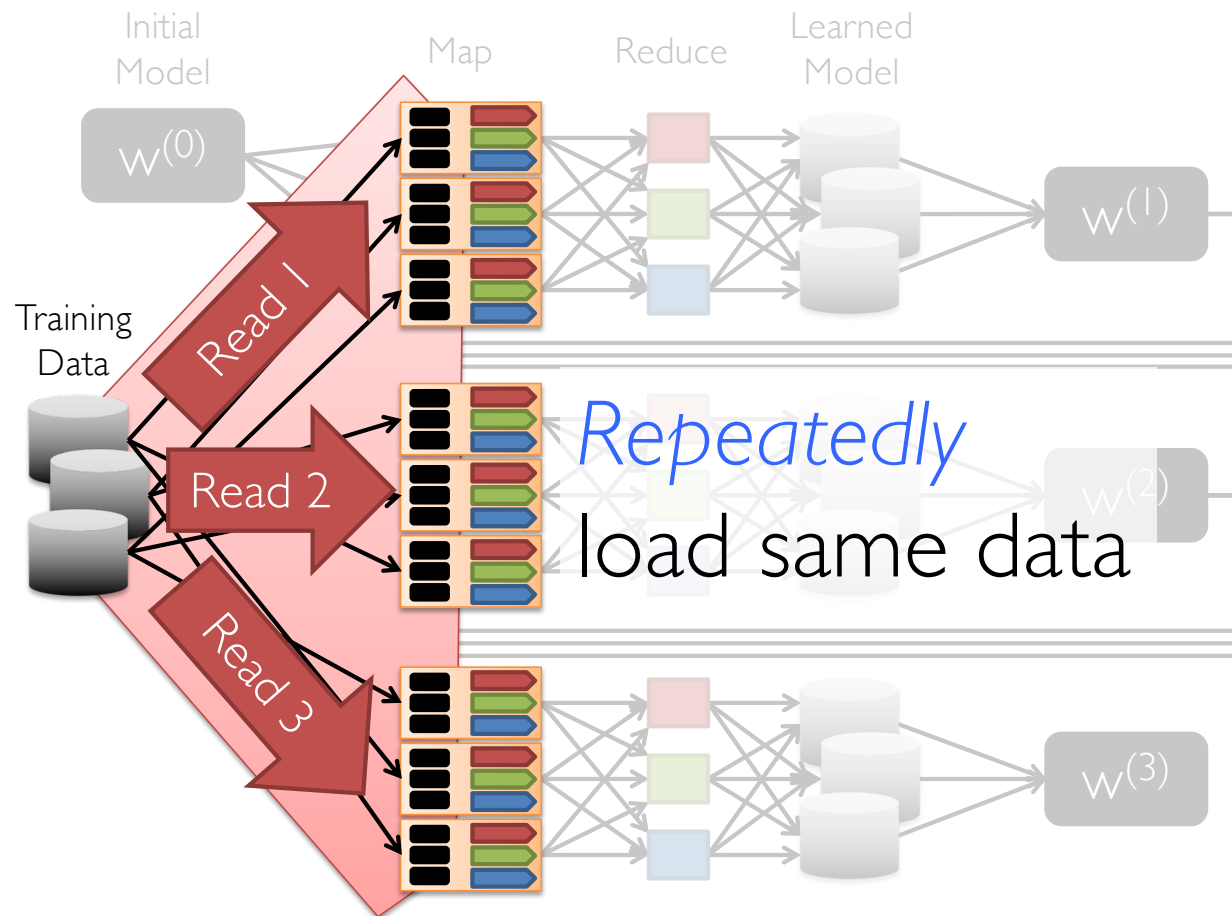
Map-Reduce is not optimized  
for **iteration** and **multi-stage**  
computation



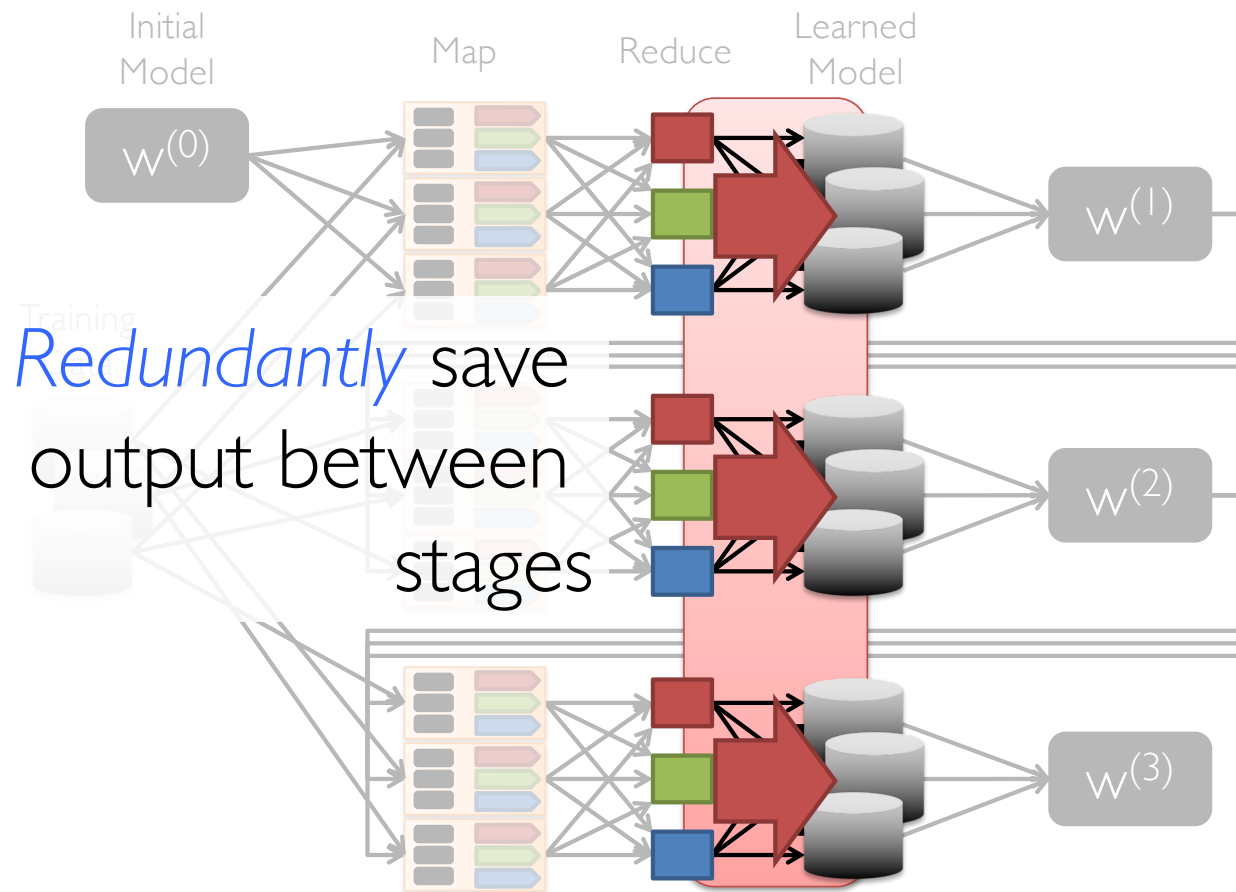
# Iteration in Map-Reduce




# Cost of Iteration in Map-Reduce



# Cost of Iteration in Map-Reduce



Iteration and  
Multi-stage  
computation

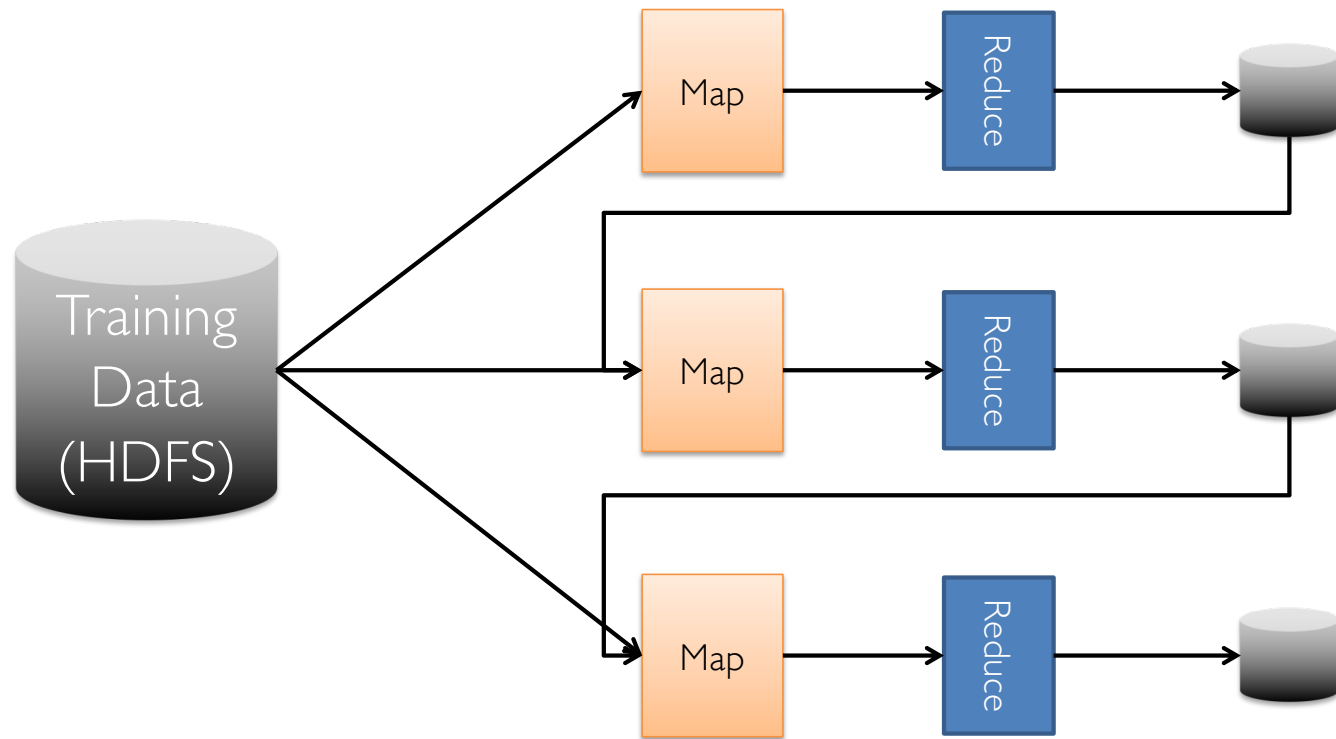


# In-Memory Dataflow System

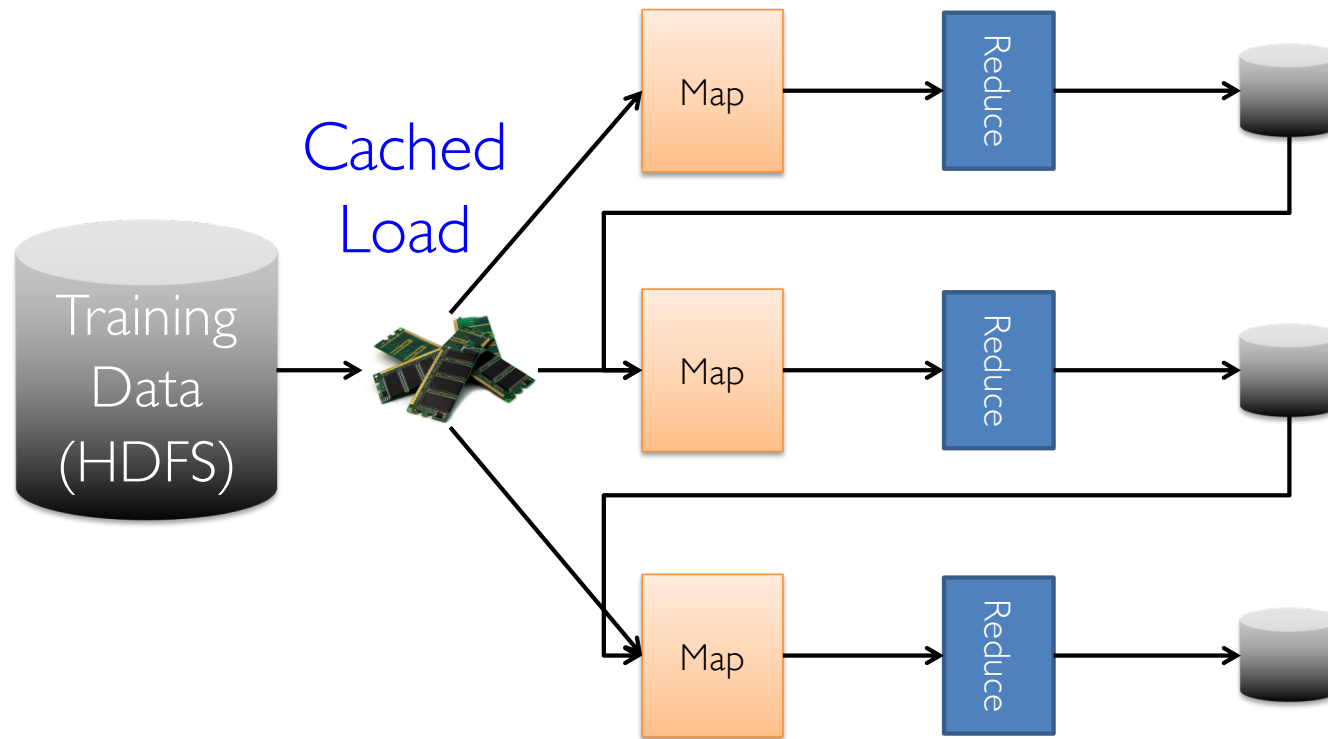
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# Dataflow View



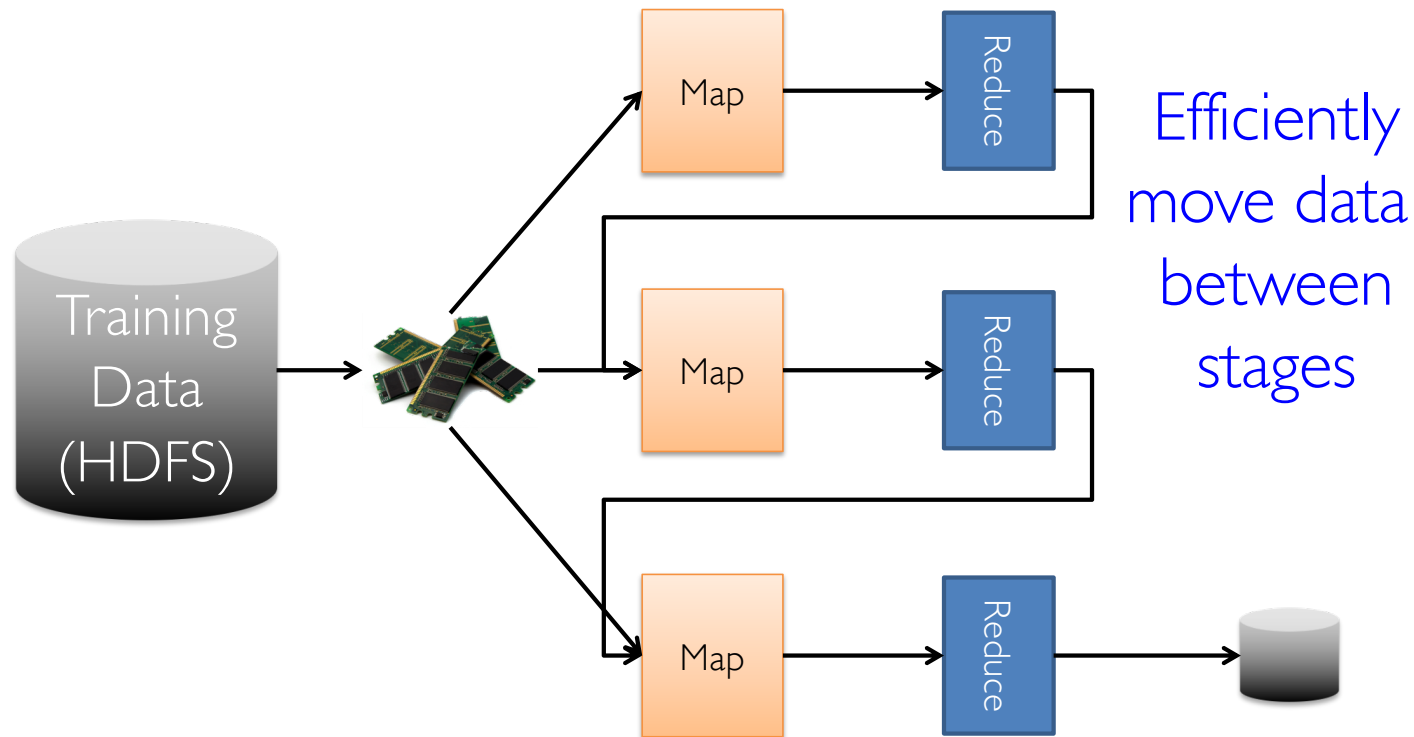
# Memory Opt. Dataflow



10-100× faster than network and disk



# Memory Opt. Dataflow View

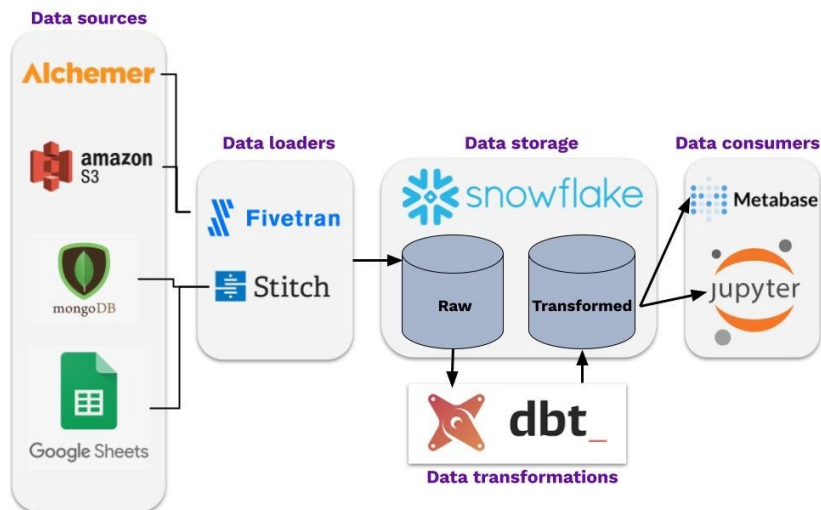


# Databricks Company

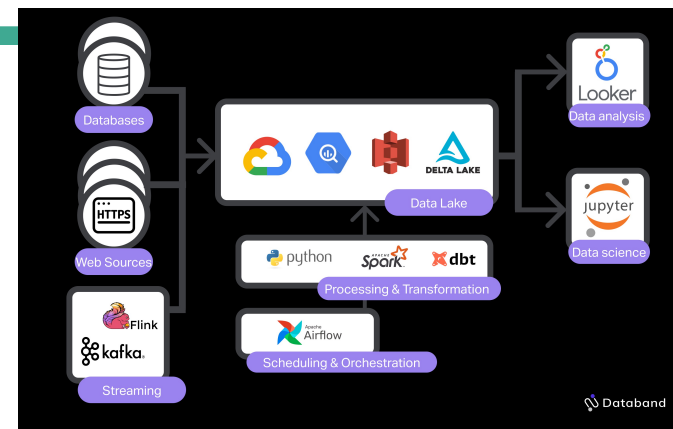
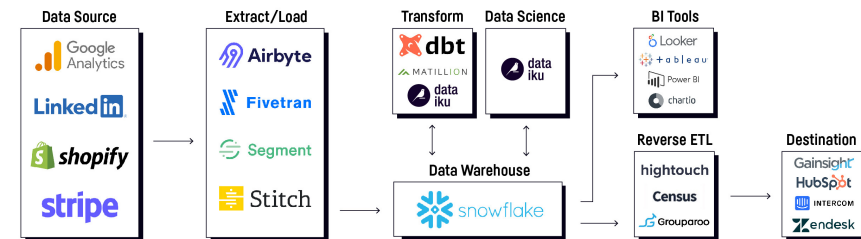
- Launched out of Berkeley and Spark Project
- Focused on data lake technology
- Competing with data warehouses:
  - **AWS Redshift:** probably most successful AWS service but structured and priced more like a traditional data warehouse
  - **Google BigQuery:** Very successful (and flexible) data warehouse system which separates storage from compute
  - **Snowflake:** Similar to BigQuery but cross cloud and slightly different pricing models

# Modern Data Stack

- Great Blog Post: <https://blog.getdbt.com/future-of-the-modern-data-stack/>



## The Modern Data Stack in the AI Era



# Thoughts for Reading this Week?

- Older papers → What has changed in ML and Systems since these were written.
- Would you use any of these systems:
  - To support your research?
  - To build new systems?
- What are some biases in the author's perspectives?