



Building Scalable Big Data Pipelines

NOSQL SEARCH ROADSHOW ZURICH

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AGENDA

- Opportunities & Challenges
- Integrating Hadoop
- Lambda Architecture
- Lambda in Practice
- Recommendations

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ABOUT YMC

- Founded in 2001
- Based in Kreuzlingen, Switzerland
- Big Data Analytics, Web Solutions and Mobile Applications
- 24 experts
 - Consulting, creation, engineering

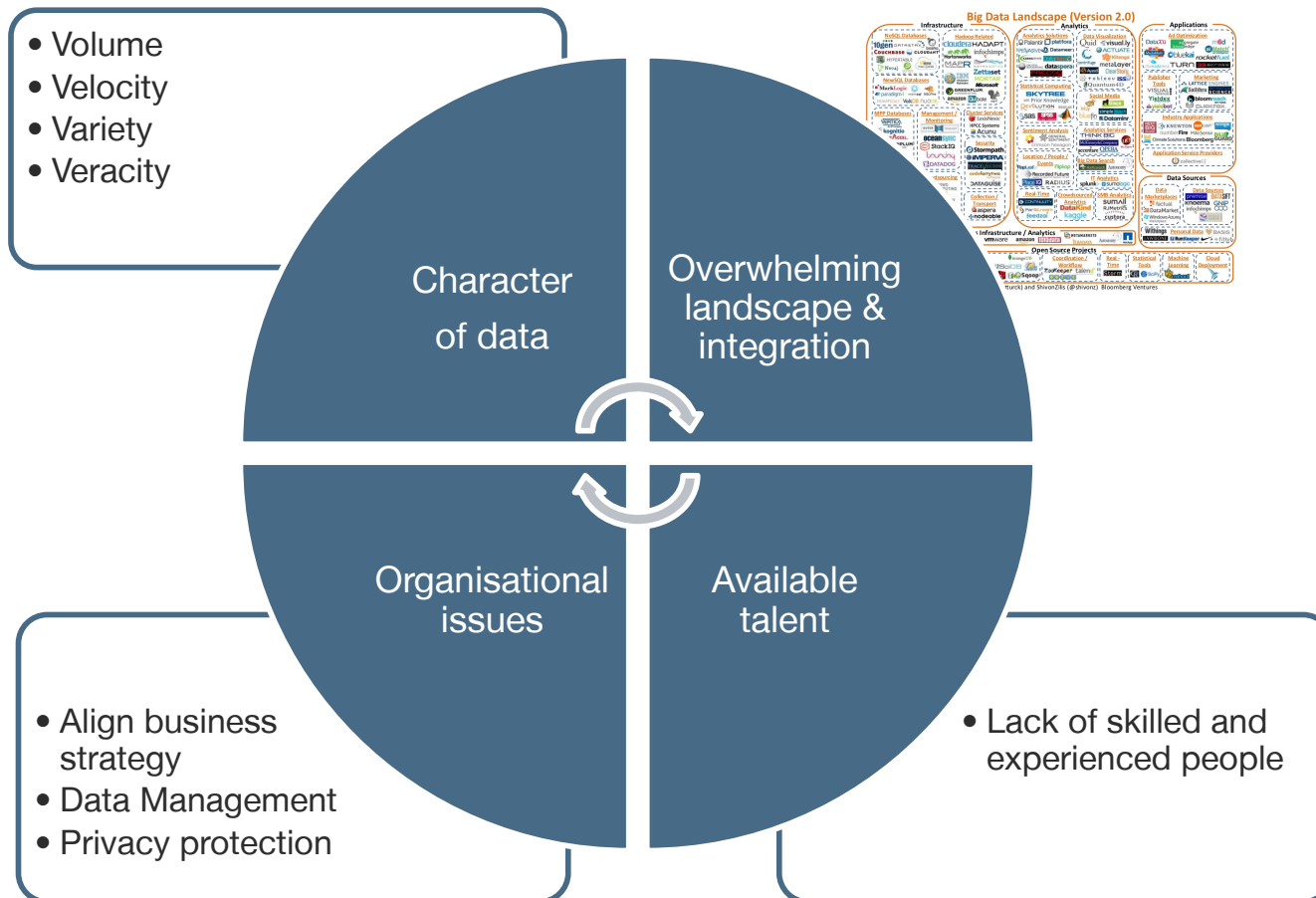
OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES



BIG DATA – WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?

- A. New sources and types from *inside* & *outside* organisations
 - “Internet of things”, sensors, RFID, intelligent devices, etc.
 - Unstructured information – documents, web logs, email, social media, etc.
 - Trusted 3rd party sources – industry provider & aggregators, governments “Open Data”, weather, etc.
- B. Technology innovations to exploit new world of data
 - Low cost storage and process power (cloud, on-premise & hybrid)
 - New software patterns to handle speed & volume, structured and unstructured (In-memory computation, Hadoop, Mapreduce, etc.)
 - Revolution in user experience, analytics, recommendations

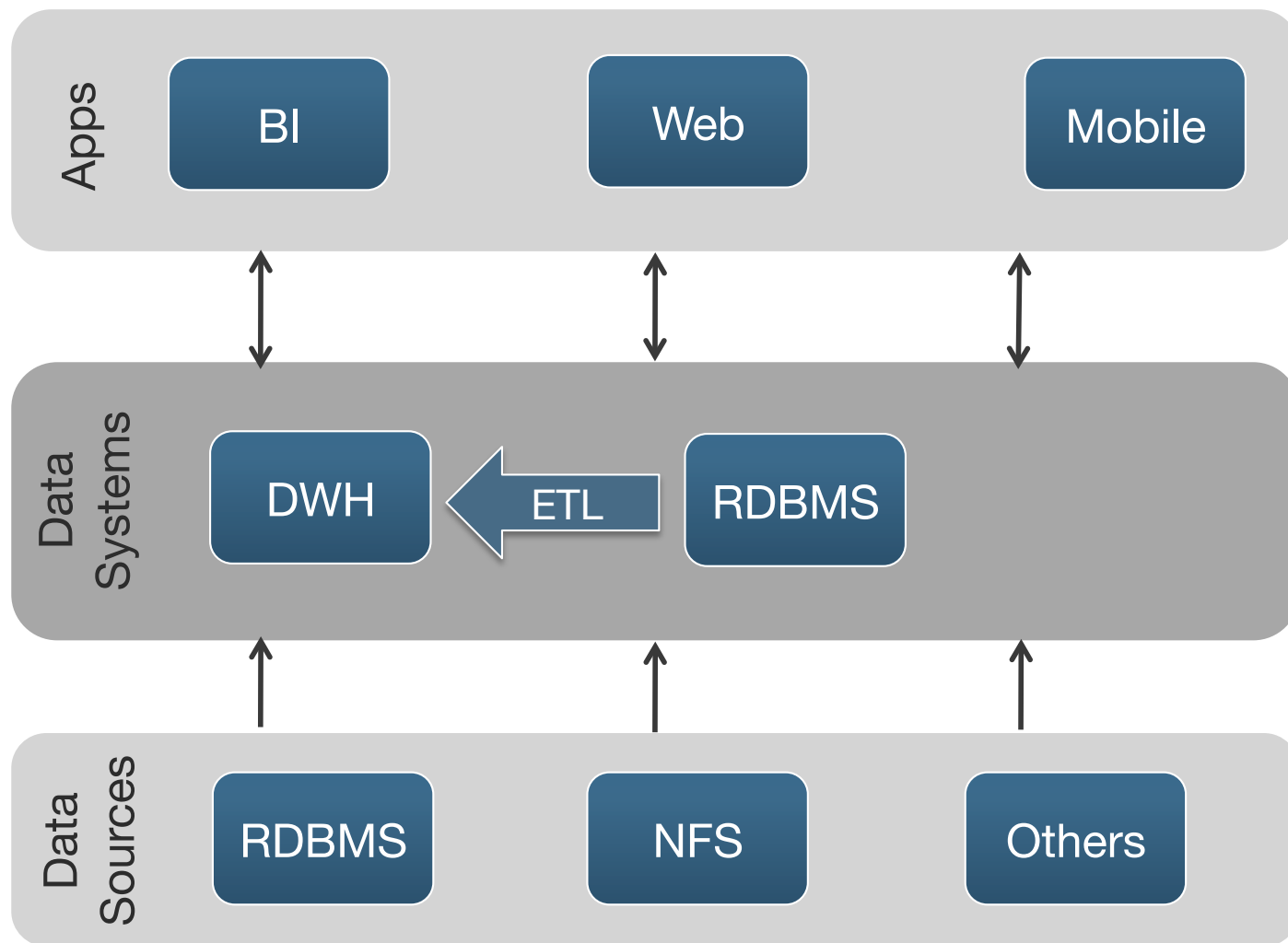
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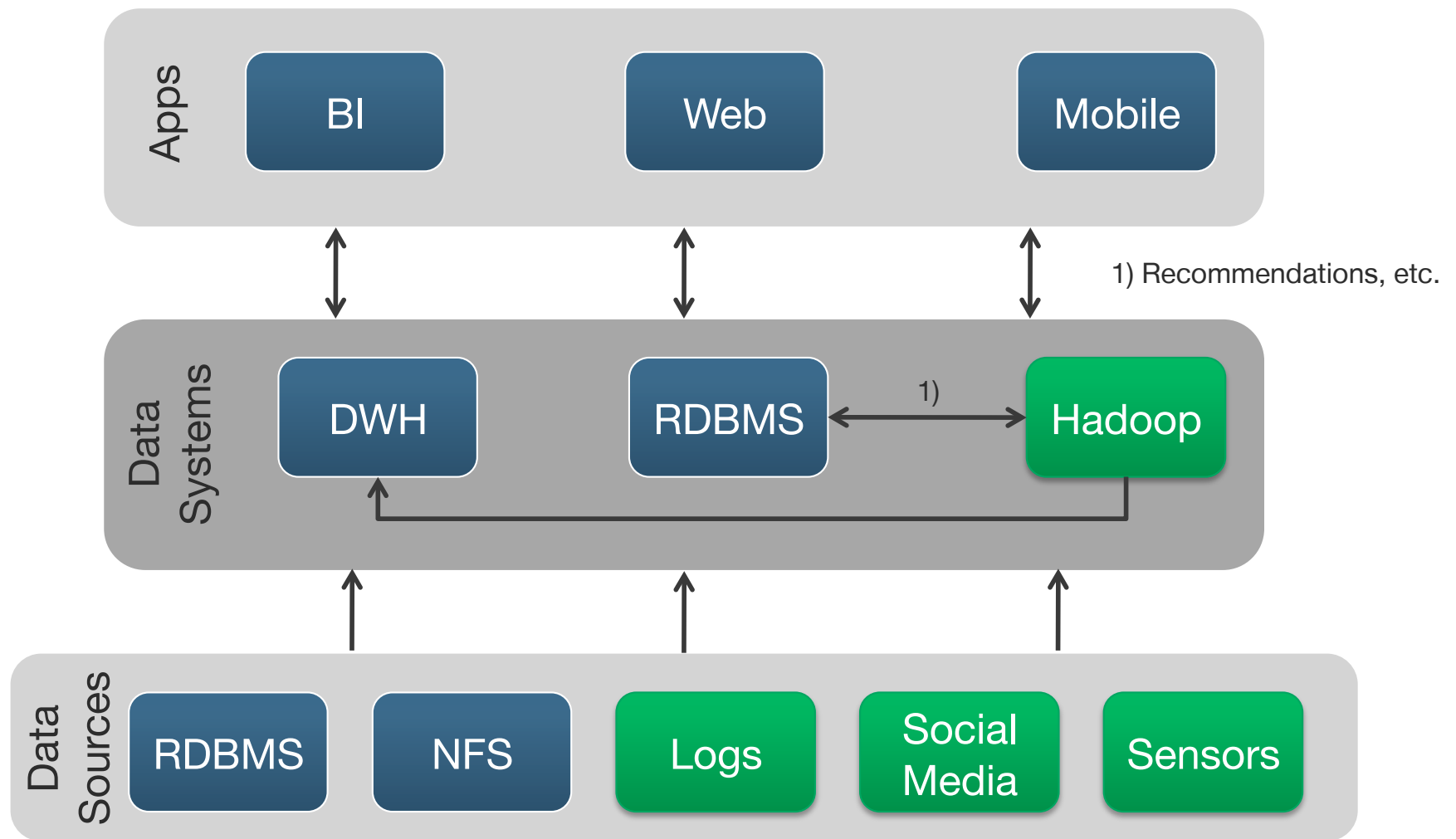
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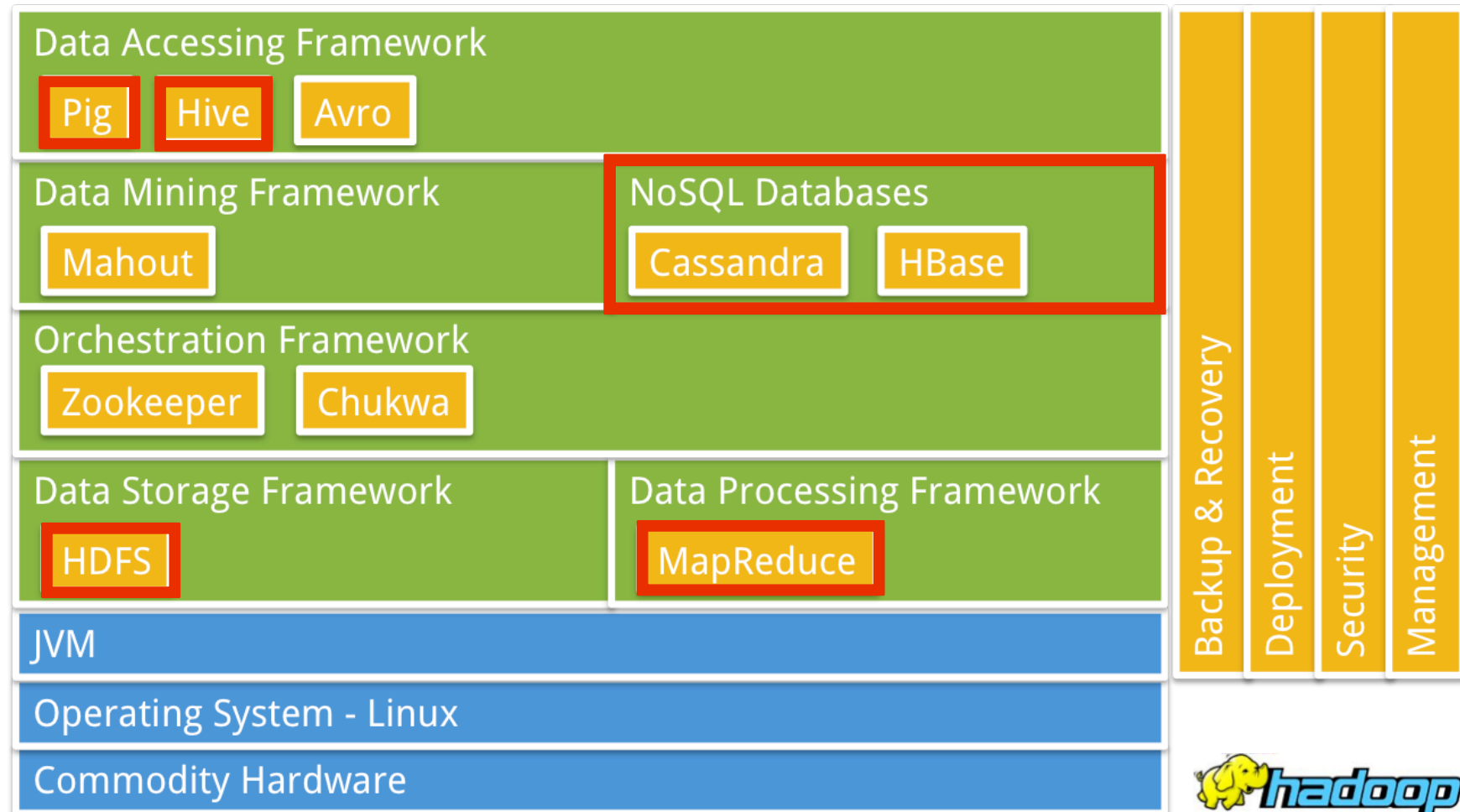
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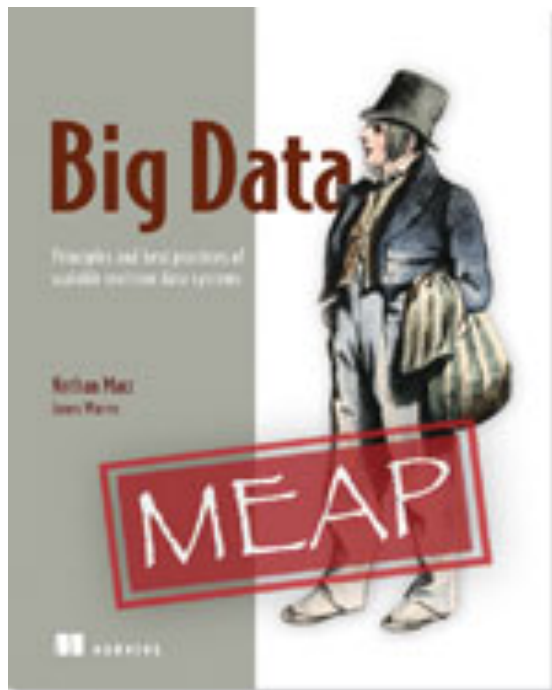
HADOOP ECOSYSTEM



LAMBDA ARCHITECTURE



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- Credits Nathan Marz
- Former Engineer at Twitter
- Storm, Cascalog, ElephantDB

<http://www.manning.com/marz/>

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Lambda Architecture

- Human fault-tolerance
- Data immutability
- Re-computation

HUMAN FAULT-TOLERANCE

Lambda Architecture

- Design for human error
 - Bugs in code
 - Accidental data loss
 - Data corruption
- Protect good data, so you can always fix what went wrong

DATA IMMUTABILITY

Lambda Architecture

- Store data in it's rawest form
- Create and read but no *update*
- No data can be lost
 - To fix the system just delete bad data
 - Can always revert to a true state

DATA IMMUTABILITY

Lambda Architecture

Capturing change traditionally (mutability)

Name	Location
Alice	Zurich
Bob	Lucerne
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Capturing change (immutability)

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Bob	Lucerne	2012/04/12
Tom	Bern	2010/04/09

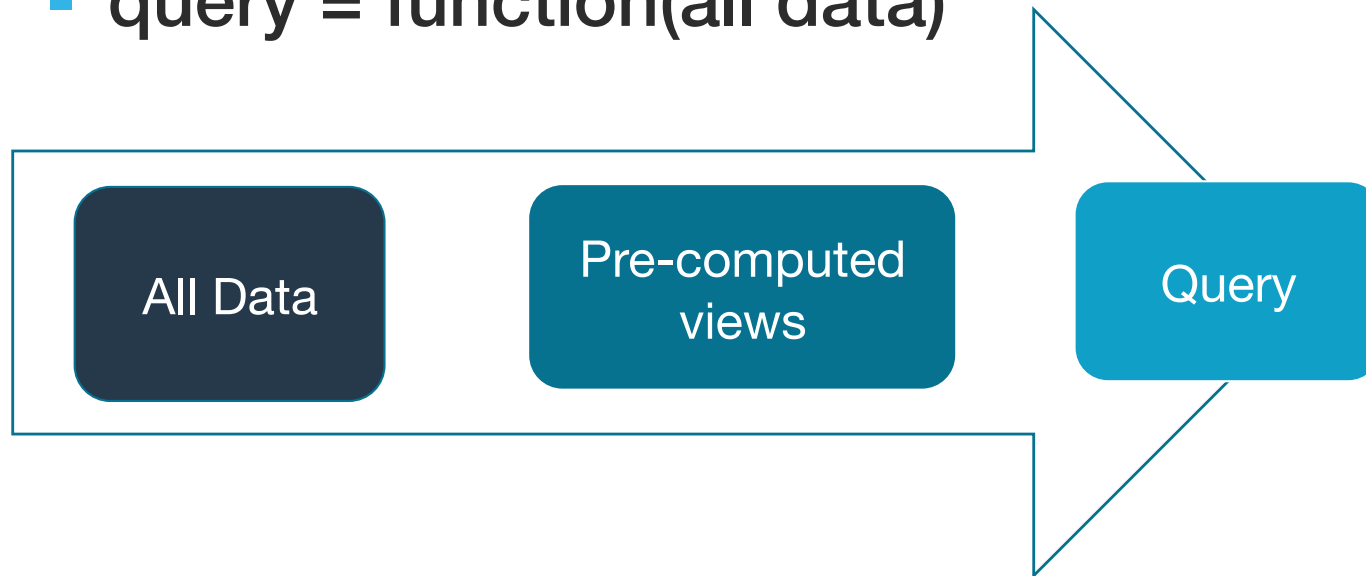


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RE-COMPUTATION

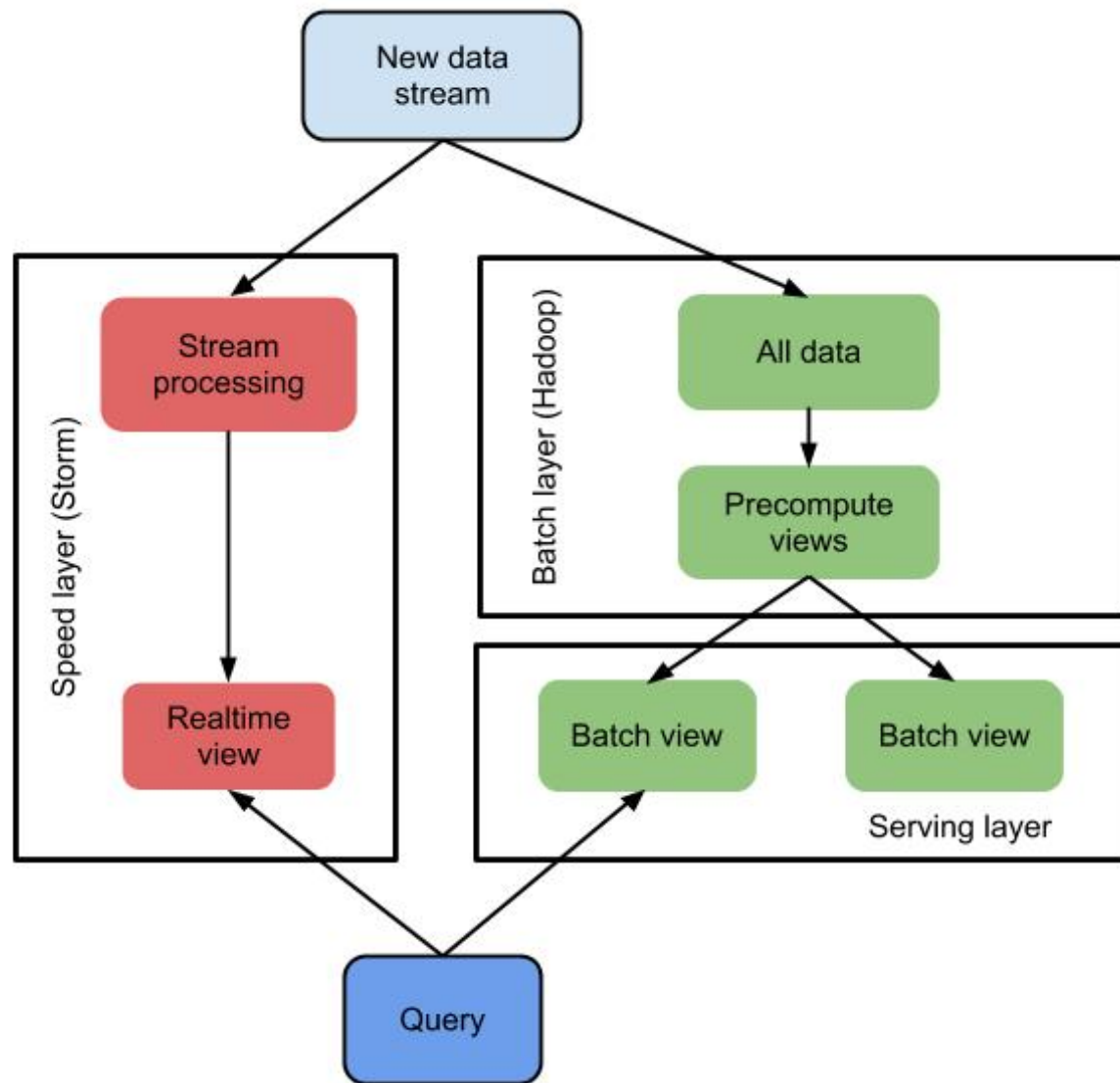
Lambda Architecture

- Always able to re-compute from historical data
- Basis for all data systems
 - $\text{query} = \text{function}(\text{all data})$



LAYERS

Lambda Architecture



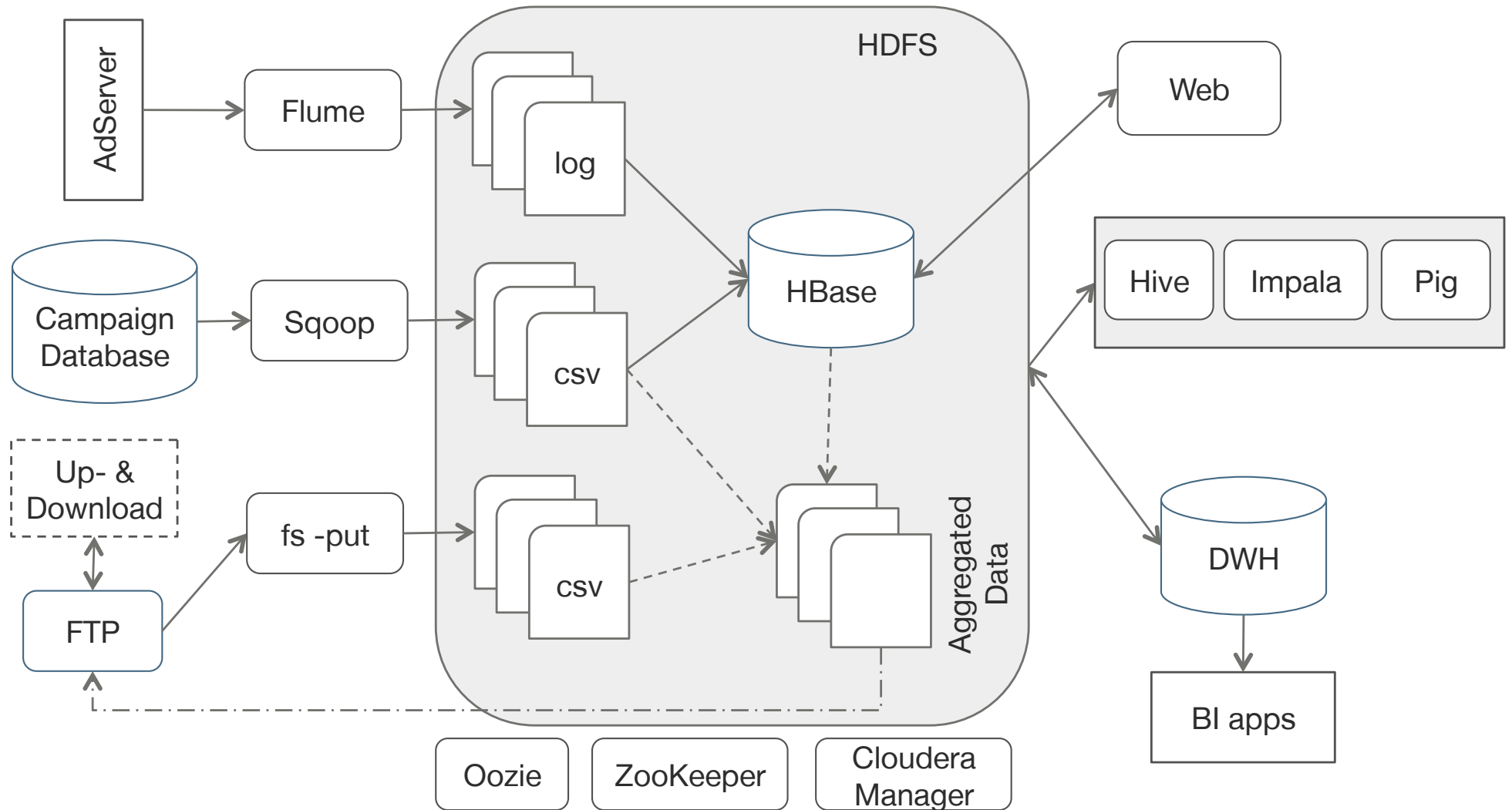
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Lambda in Practice

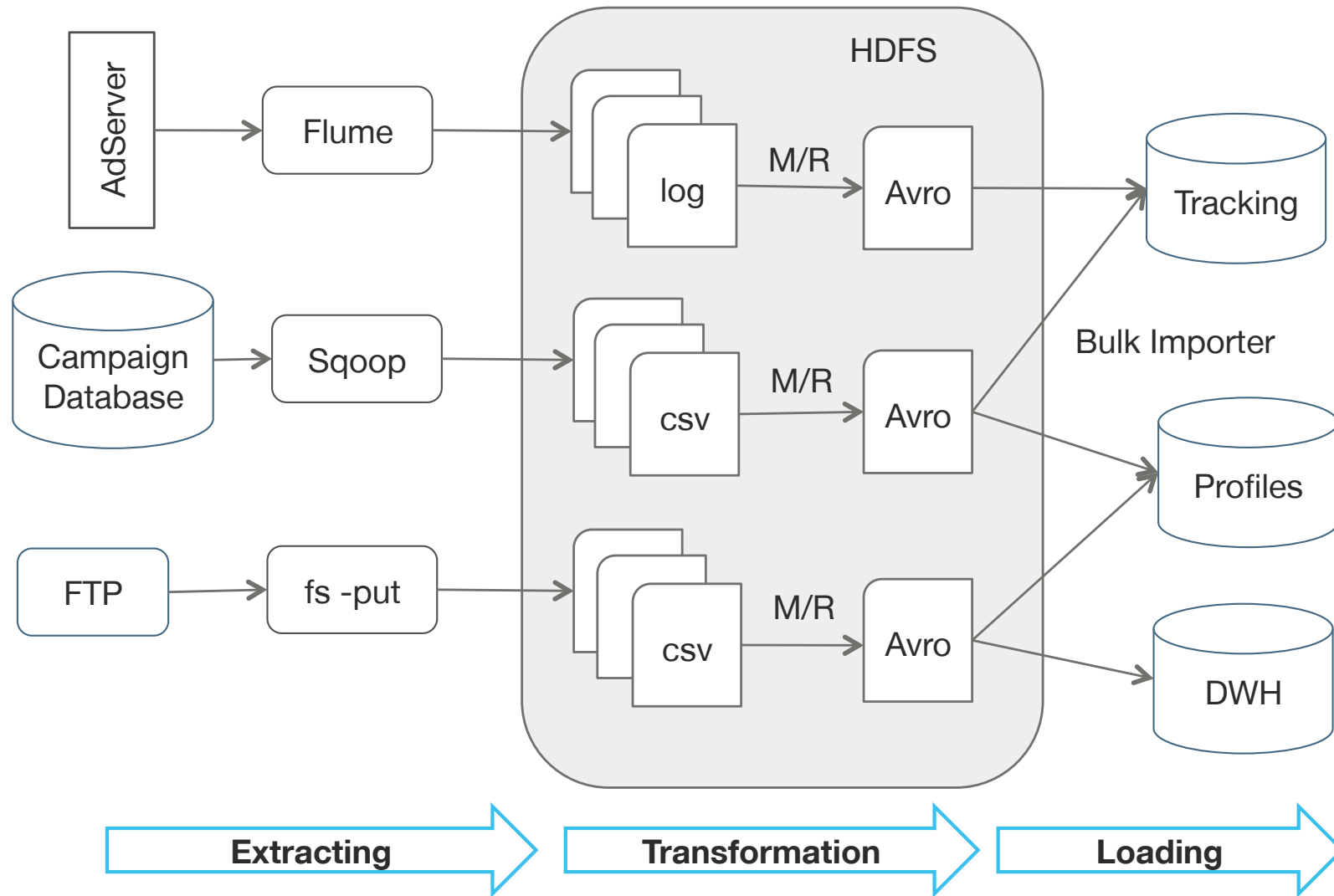
ONLINE MARKETING

- Tracking and analytics solution
- Improve customer targeting and segmentation
- Various reports
- Real-time not required

OVERVIEW



DATA PIPELINE



ADVANTAGES

- Extensible – easily add speed layer later on
- Complements existing DWH/BI system
- ETL phases are decoupled
- Reliable
 - Infrastructure
 - Each step can be replayed
- Scalable
 - Storage
 - Processing
- Highly available
- Ad-hoc analysis right from the beginning

RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Not a fixed, one-size-fits-all approach
 - Adopt to your needs/requirements
- Hadoop complements existing systems
- How real-time do I need to be?
- Immutability and pre-computation are just good ideas!
 - Store information in rawest format possible
 - Use a serialization framework (Avro, Thrift, Protocol Buffers)

THANK YOU!

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