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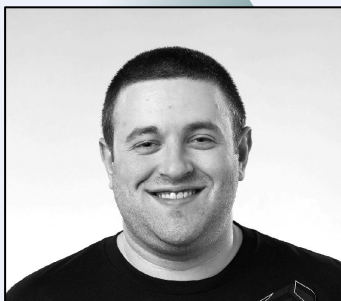
# Who are we?

We provide our customers and partners a new way  
to design and build data systems.



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Senior Vice President  
Go-To-Market



**Keith Kraus**

Chief Technology  
Officer (CTO)

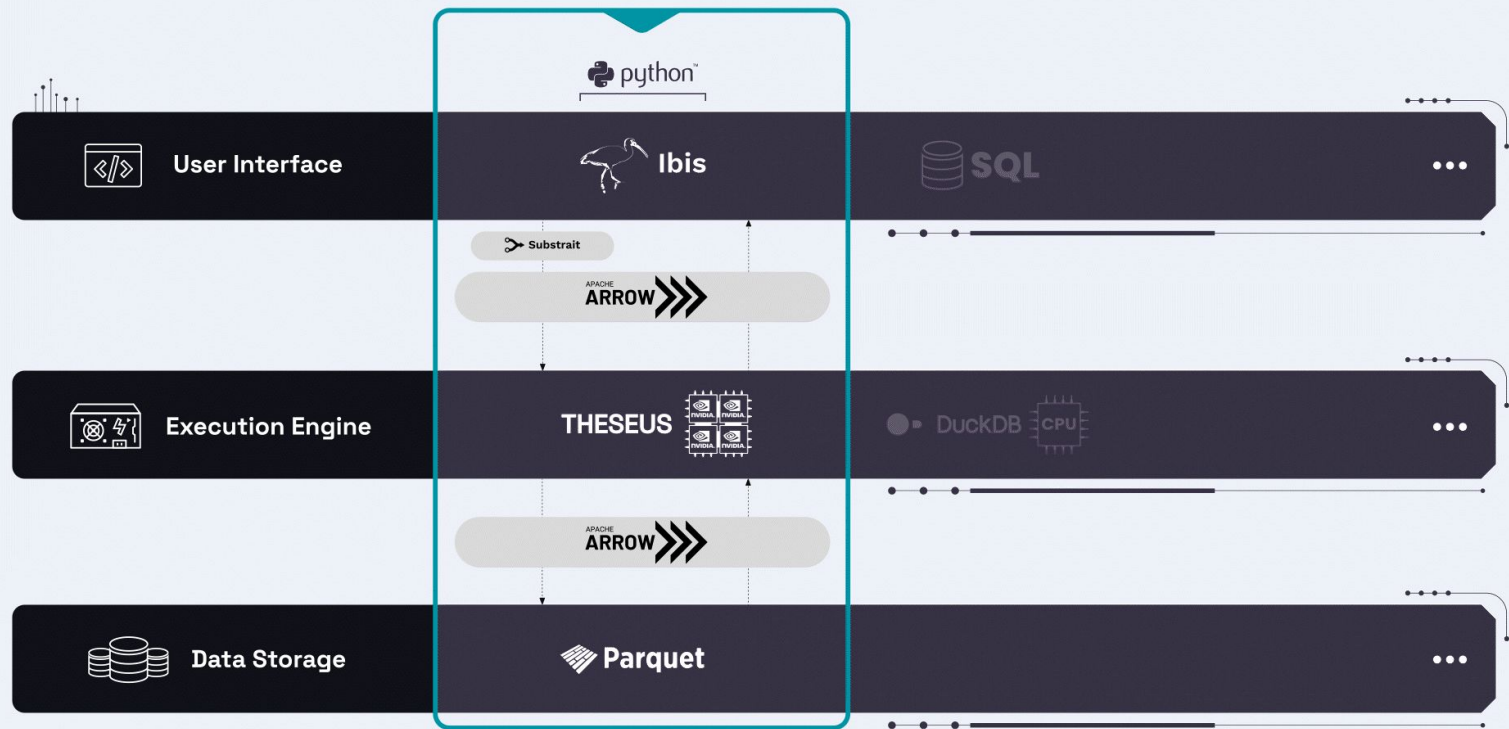


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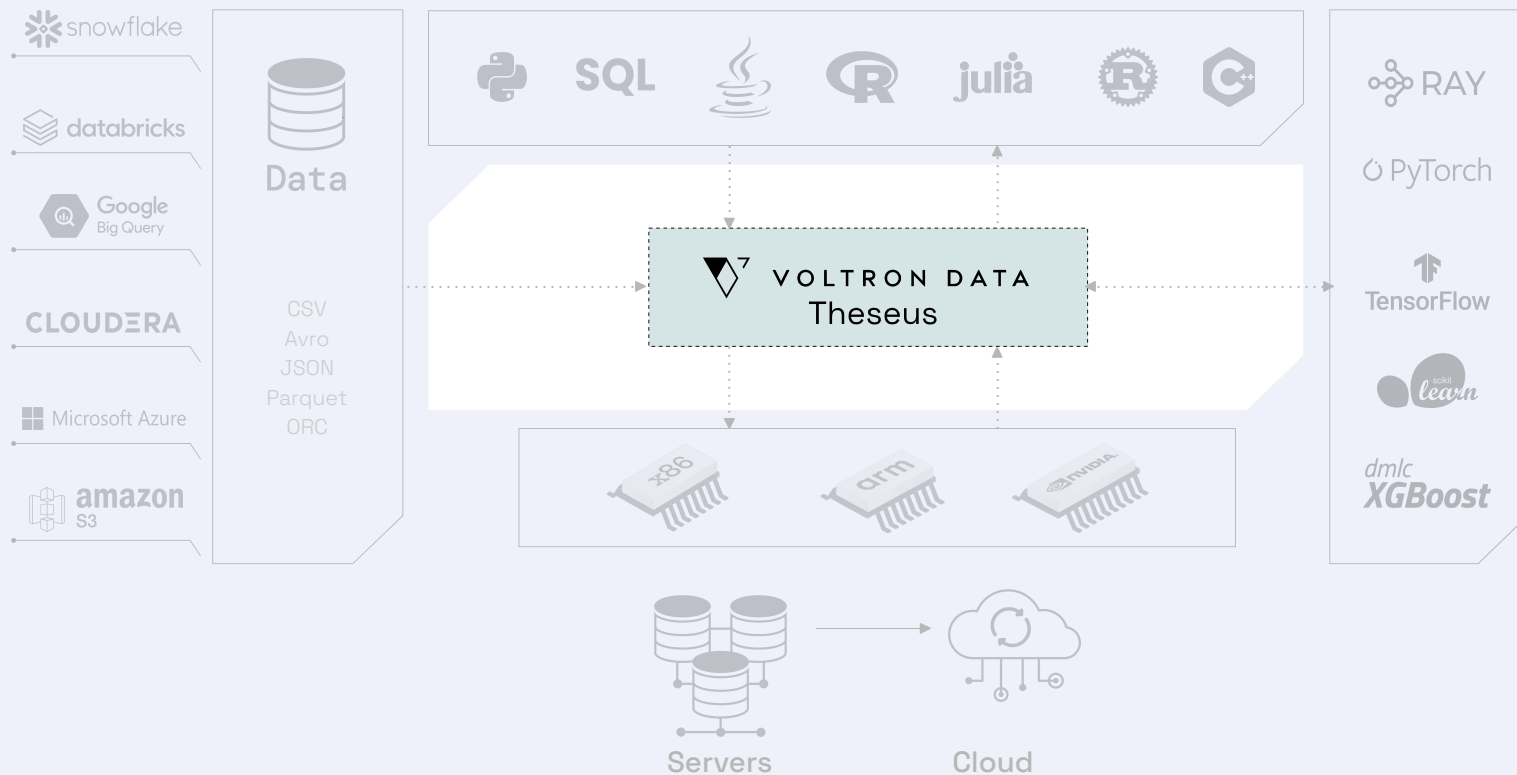
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# Standards Backed Data Systems

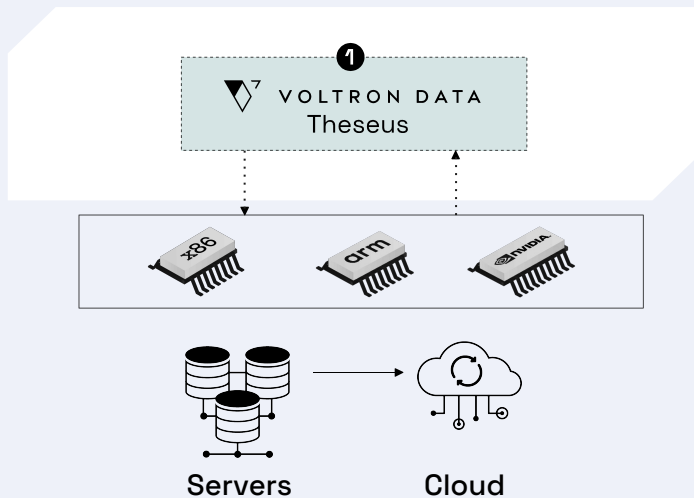


# An engine to center a complex ecosystem



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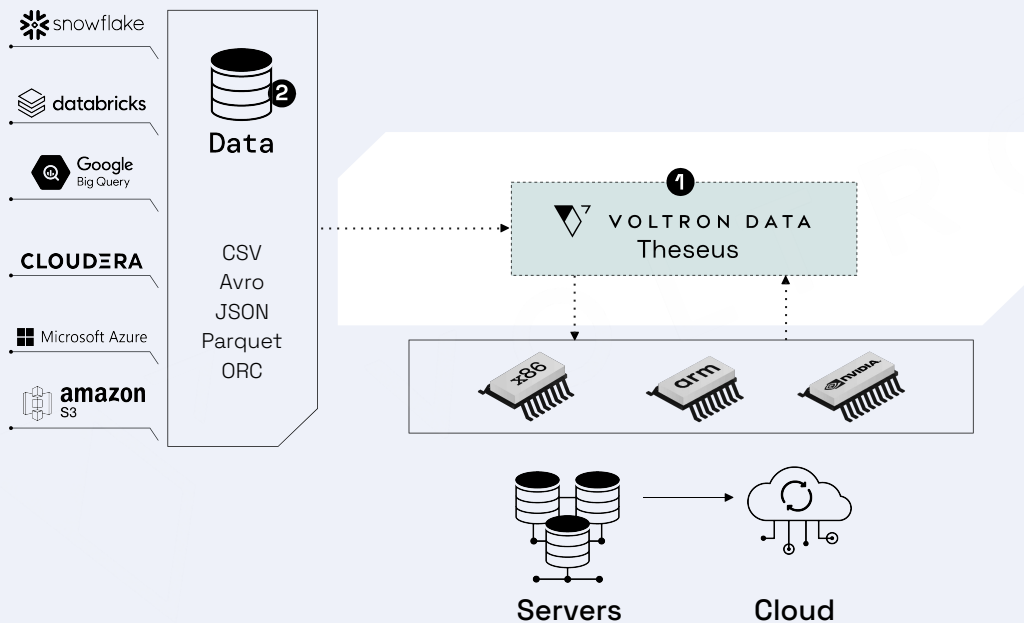
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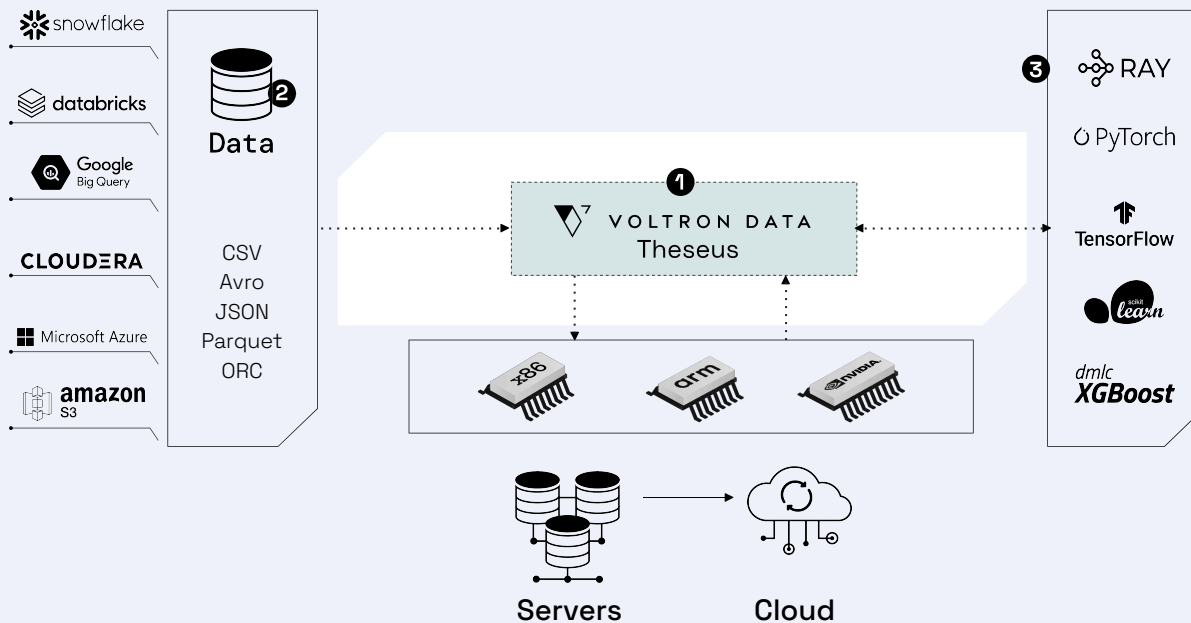
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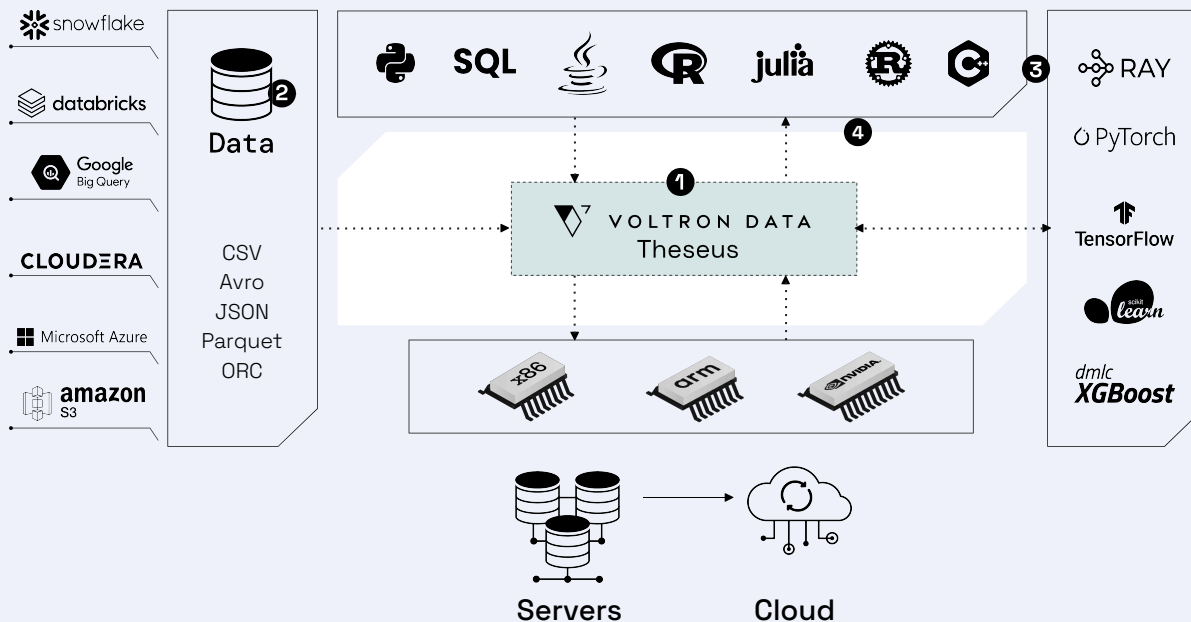
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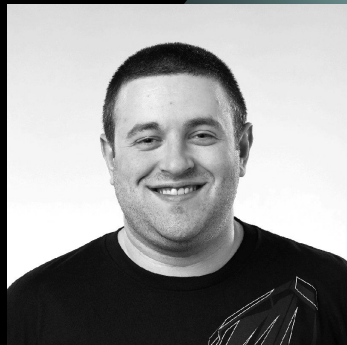
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- 4 Evolutionary:**  
A composable engine that grows over time so new languages and tools can leverage the power of accelerated data processing



# Next up: \_\_\_\_\_

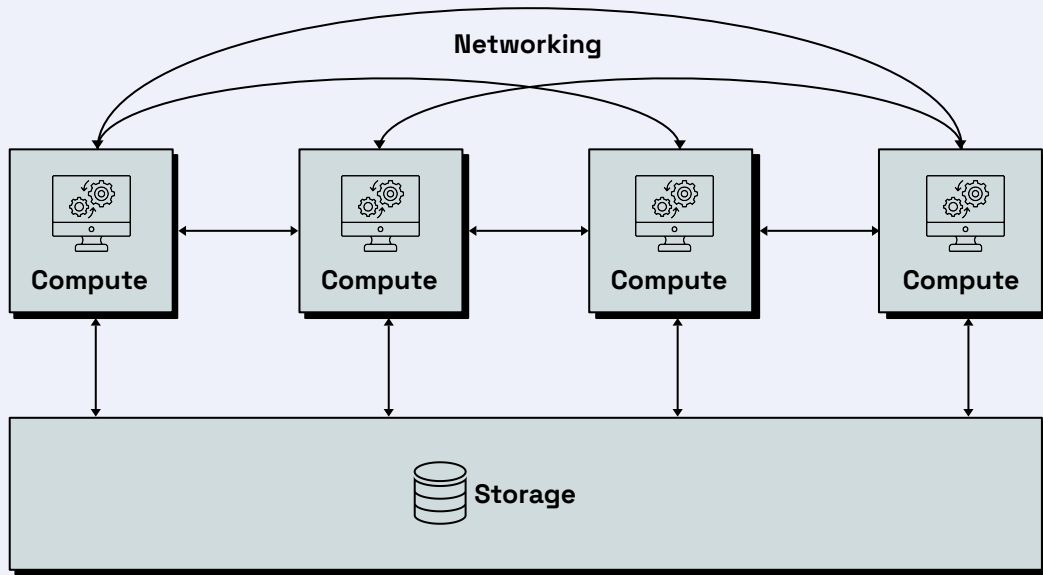
- **Why accelerator-native now?**
- **Why we built another distributed processing engine.**

**Keith Kraus,**  
CTO & co-founder  
Voltron Data



# • What is a data processing engine?

What does it look like at its core? How should I think about it?



# • Amdahl's Law

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The overall performance improvement gained by optimizing a single part of a system is limited by the fraction of time that the improved part is actually used.

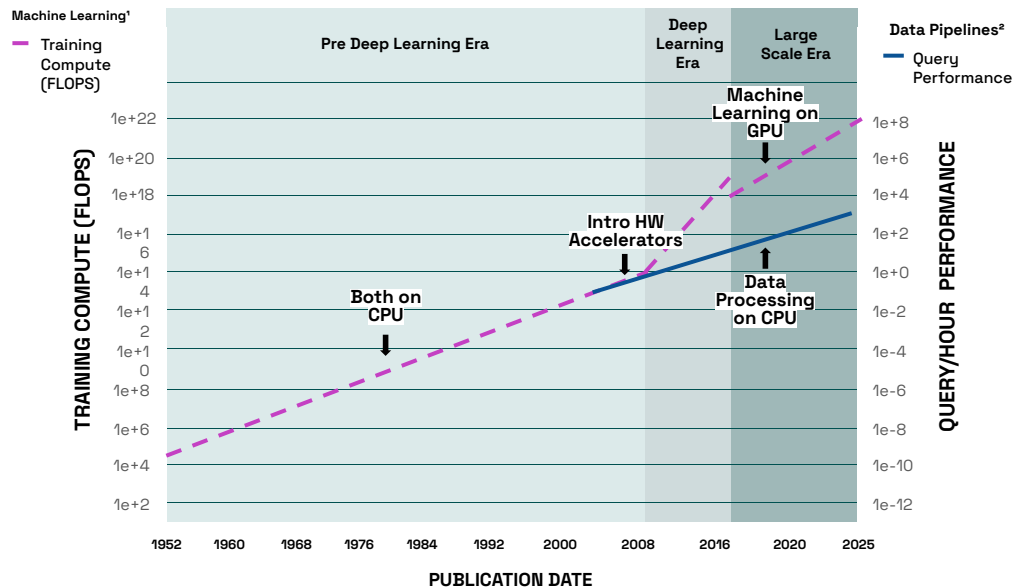
- Gene Amdahl

# • Compute

CPUs have caused compute to become the bottleneck today

## Machine Learning Systems Performance Trend Over Time

\*Overlaying TPC-H performance over the [Compute Trends Across Three Eras of Machine Learning study](#)



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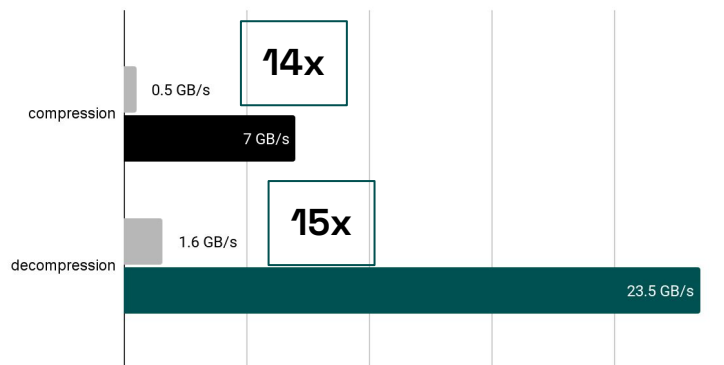
## How do GPUs alleviate the compute bottleneck from CPUs?

CPU vs. GPU on Hash Maps



Source: <https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/maximizing-performance-with-massively-parallel-hash-maps-on-gpus/>

CPU vs. GPU on (de)compression zstd



Sources: <https://developer.nvidia.com/nvcomp> <https://facebook.github.io/zstd/>

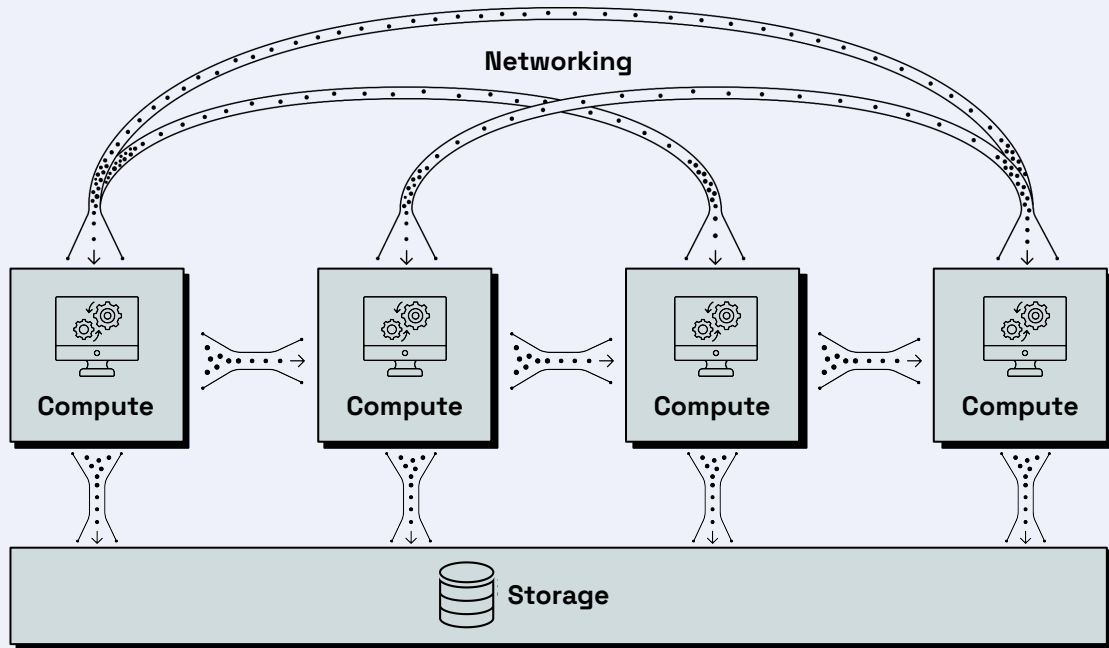
✓ Tens of thousands of cores

✓ Multiple TB/s of memory bandwidth

✓ Never run out of computational power relative to your memory bandwidth!

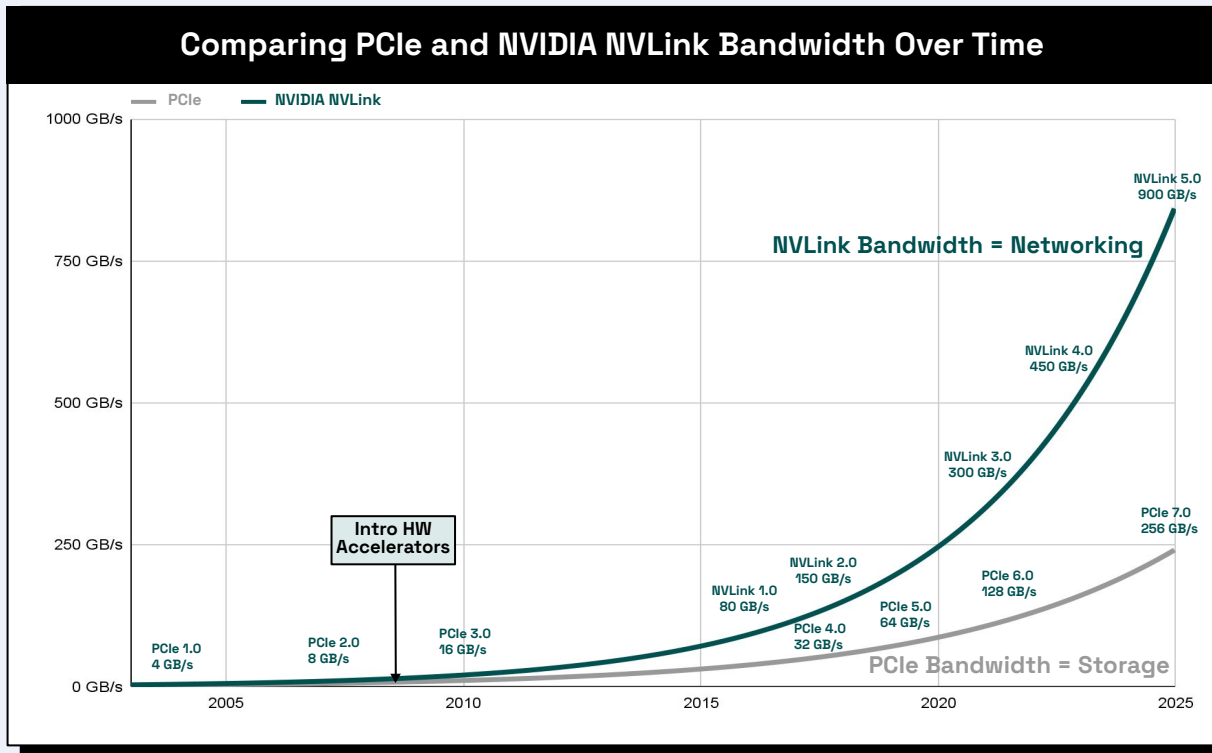
# • New Bottleneck

Speeding up the compute just moves the bottleneck elsewhere, Networking and Storage



- # Networking and Storage

Need to be aware of the hardware when architecting the software



# • Accelerator-Native

What does an ideal data system look like?

## GPUs as offload Processors

**PRO:** Both processors, the task agnostic CPU and the accelerated GPU, work together.

**CON:** Shipping data back and forth over PCIe is an order of magnitude slower than GPU memory bandwidth.

## GPUs as primary Processors

**PRO:** Multiple GPUs coexist and operate on the same data.

**CON:** A distributed system transfers data many times between nodes - adding overhead. Networking quickly becomes a bottleneck.

## Accelerate the full-system

Accelerated compute with high memory bandwidth memory

Accelerated networking with RDMA

Accelerated storage with GPU Direct Storage (GDS)



# • Accelerator-Native

Can't just leverage acceleration technology,  
need to embrace it and build around it

- Existing engines are built as monoliths making it difficult and brittle to integrate acceleration technology
- It's not feasible to change all of their behaviors to actually make accelerator technology integrations yield the possible speedups
- Run face first into Amdahl's Law



# • Theseus

What is different about **Theseus**?

**Built from the ground up as a composable system to integrate new acceleration hardware, software, and techniques**

Pluggable:

- Compute
- Network
- Storage

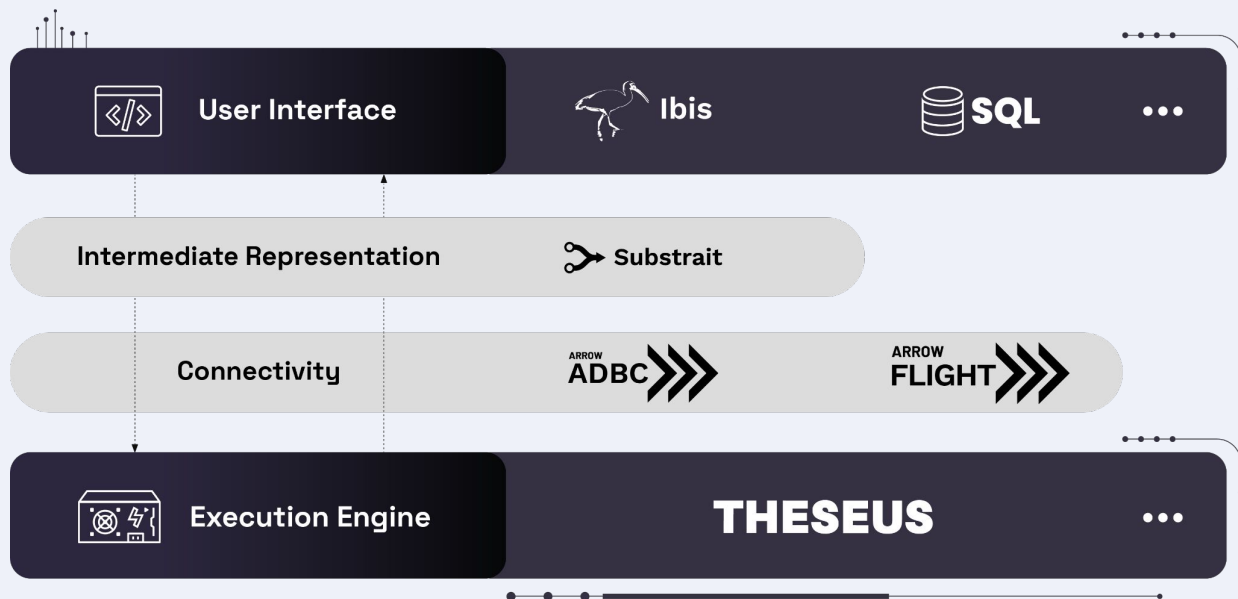
**Built from the ground up to give the system level control needed to effectively leverage said acceleration hardware, software, and techniques**

Control:

- Planning
- Sizing
- Scheduling
- Placement
- And more...

# Theseus

Acceleration is only useful if easily and readily accessible.



✓ Data portability for workflows built on standards

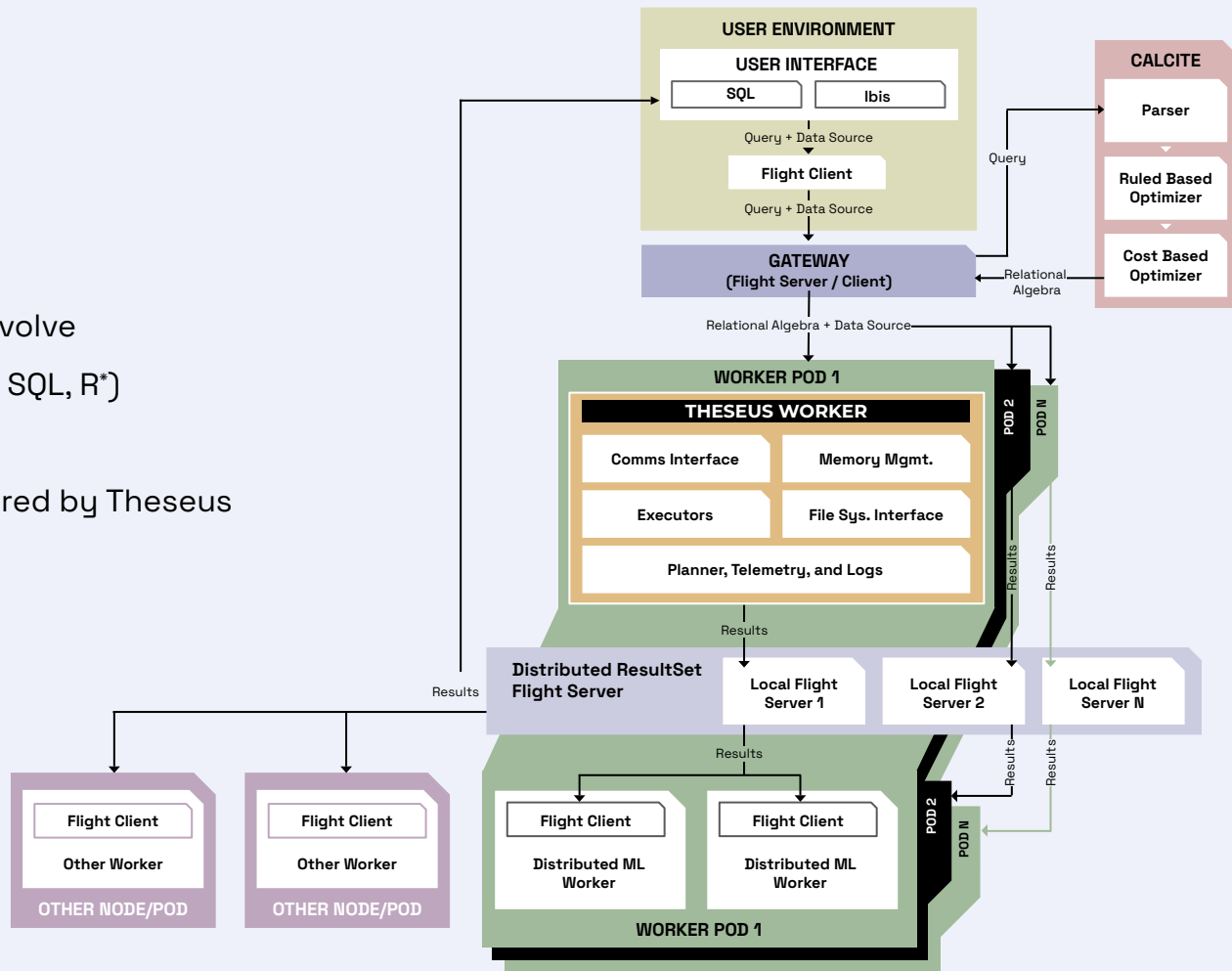
✓ De-risk vendor lock-in

# Theseus

## System Level Architecture

A modular architecture built to evolve

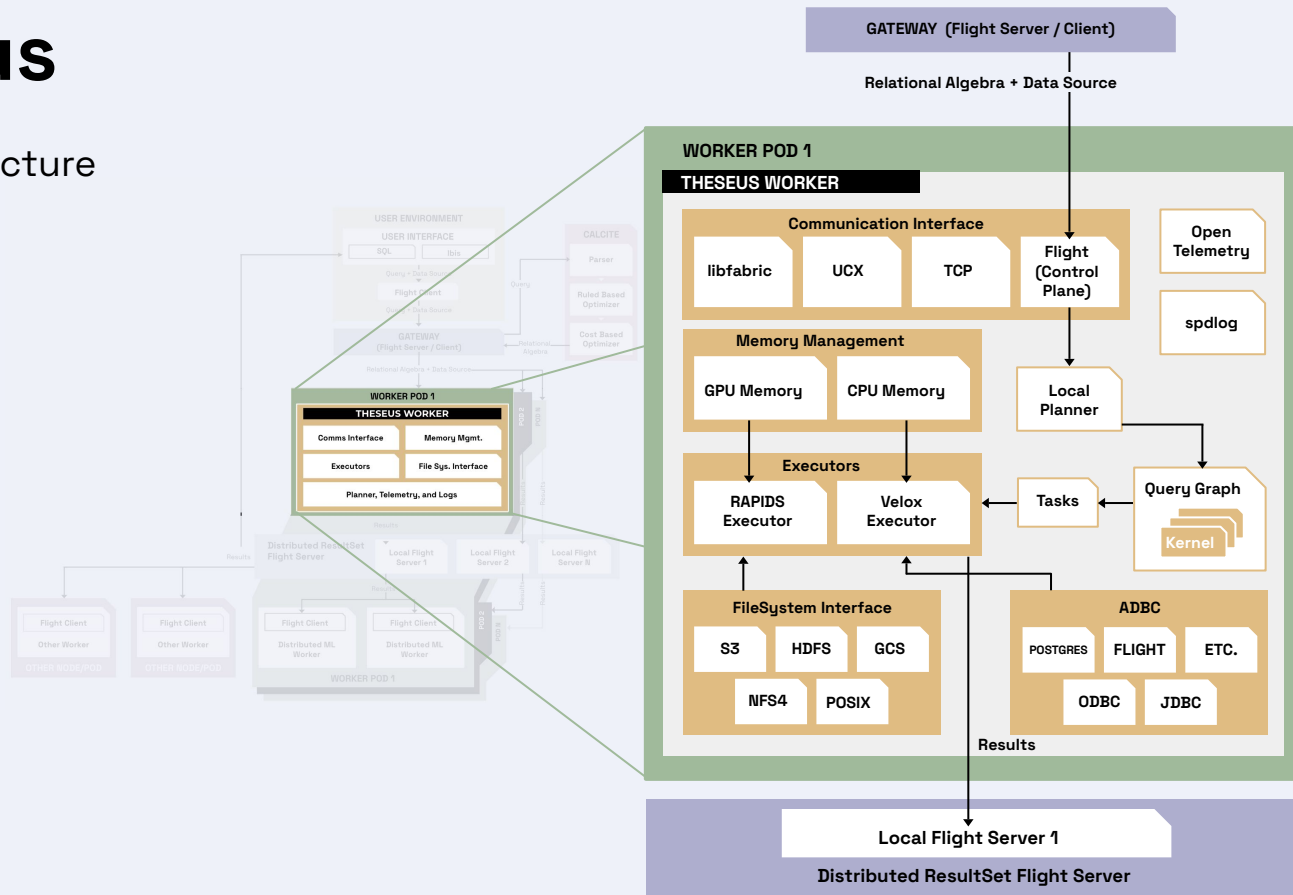
- Multi-language (Python, SQL, R\*)
- Multi-silicon (GPU, CPU)
- Multi-node engine powered by Theseus



\*Also available in R. Not shown here.

# Theseus

## Worker Architecture



# Theseus TPC-H Performance at 10TB

## Spark vs. Theseus:

CPU performance is capped. No amount of money will jump over this wall.

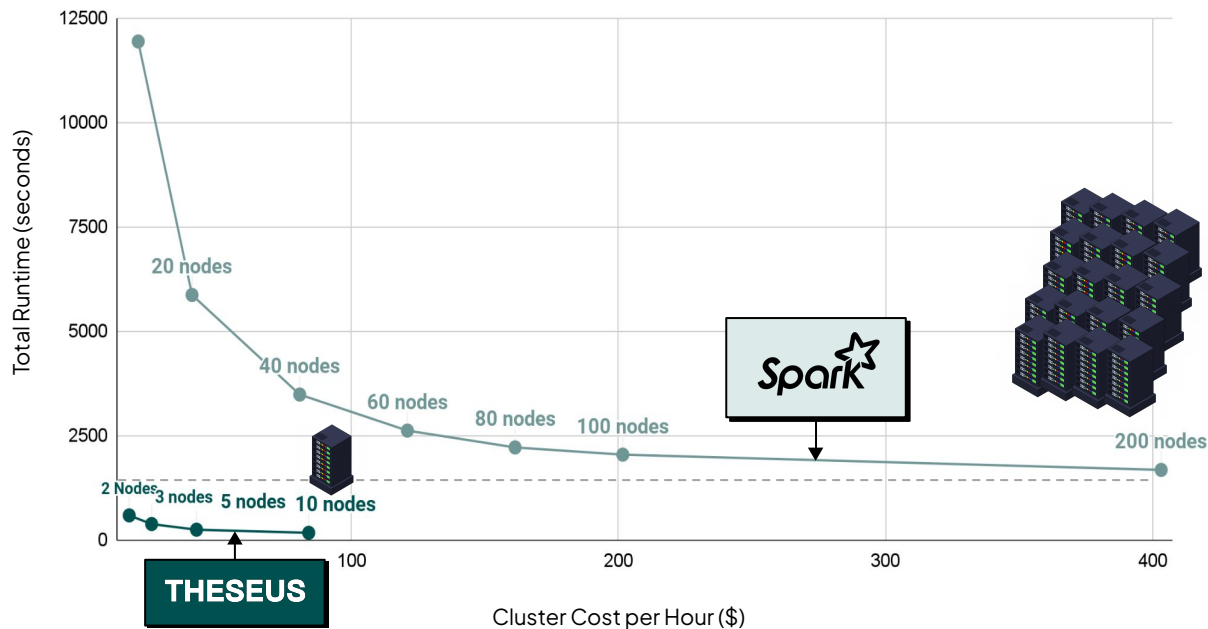
**72x Faster**

**50x Cheaper**

**100x Fewer Servers**

TPC-H 10TB Benchmark

● Spark EMR ● Theseus



Note: Unofficial TPC-H run comparing Theseus: 1 Node = 8 x A100 80 GB, Spark: 1 Node = r5.8xlarge (AWS) 32 vCPU 32 GB | Date: March 2024

# Theseus TPC-H Performance at 100TB

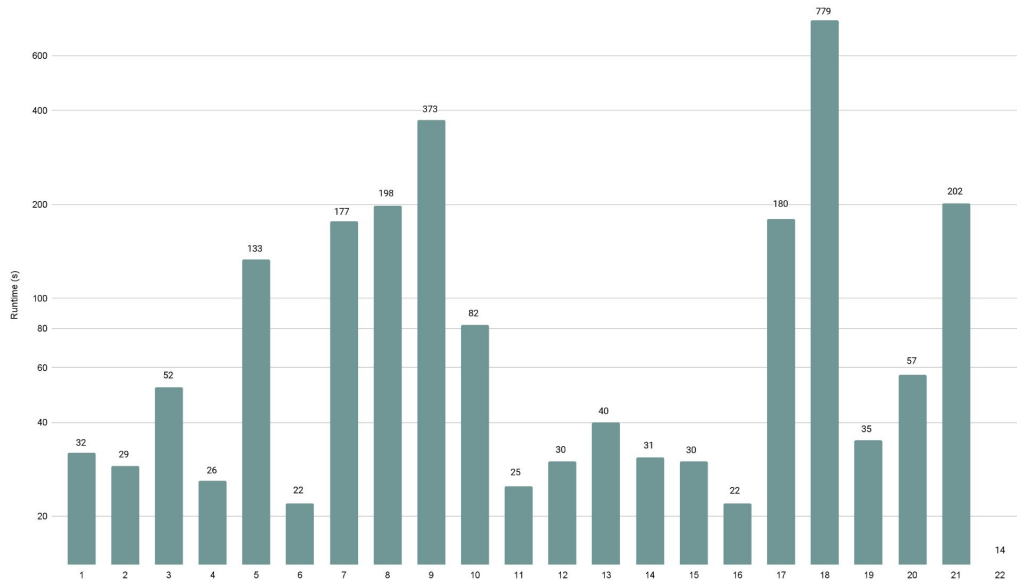
- ✓ 10 DGX Servers (6.4 TB HBM)
- ✓ Parquet Files
- ✓ Remote File System
- ✓ Lots of Spilling


- ✗ No Sorting
- ✗ No Indexing
- ✗ No Caching
- ✗ No Warm Up (Cold Queries)

*Note: Unofficial TPC-H running Theseus: 10 Nodes 8 x A100 80 GB on all 22 queries*

*Date: March 2024*

Per query runtimes for Theseus @ 100TB





If you have problems larger than 30TB,  
and existing engines like Spark or Trino  
aren't cutting it for you, let's keep the  
conversation going!

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