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KAPPA, LAMBDA & MY JOURNEY FROM LEGACY TO NEW

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OUTLINE

- This is not about...
- Exciting times (but they've always been!)
- The Legacy Bias
- The kind of stuff we develop
- The legacy we deal with
- Lambda & Kappa
- The next new (without killing off our legacy)

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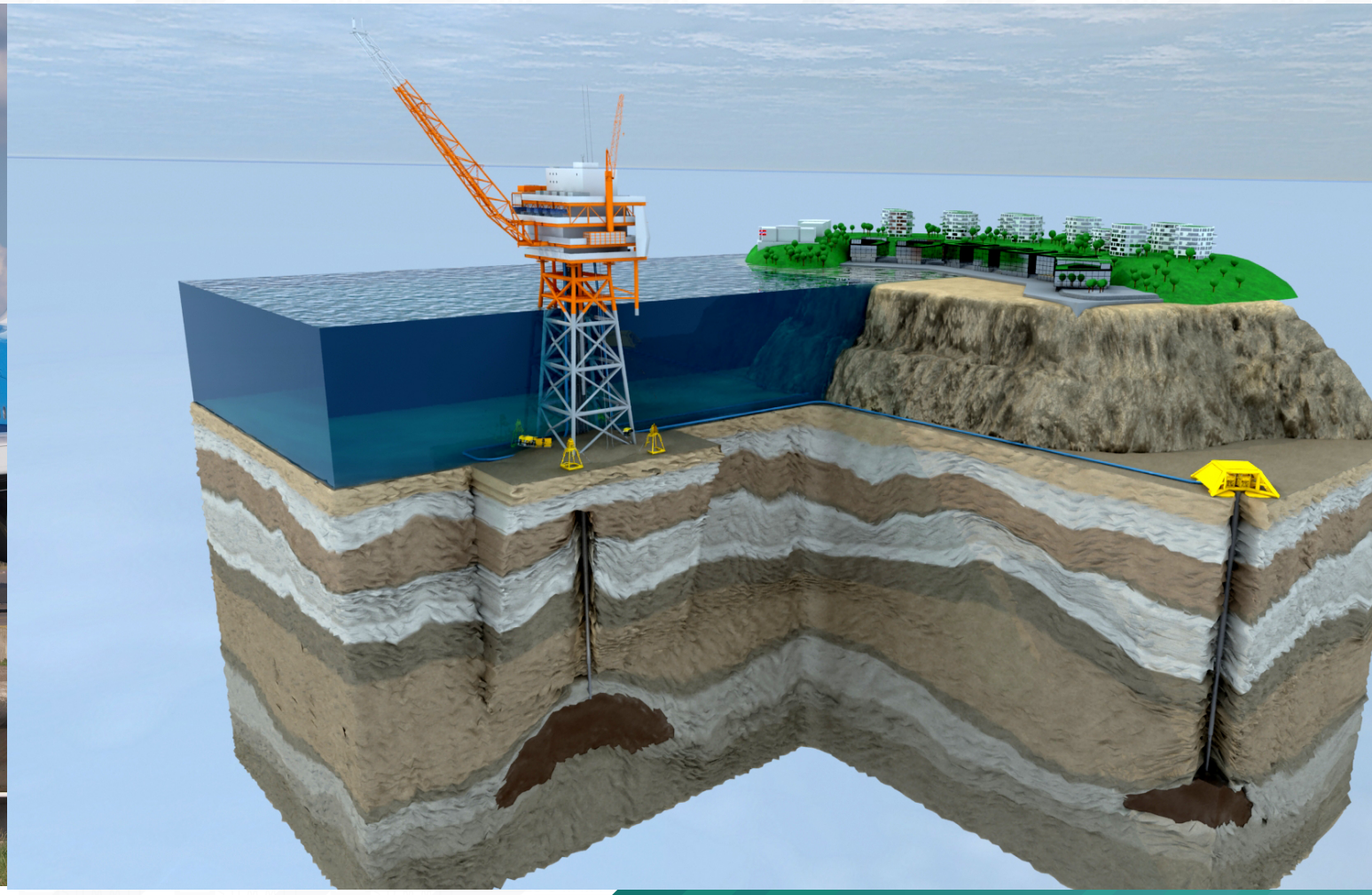


TIMES ARE EXCITING!

1997 Throwback:

- In memory compute? You were king of the hill with a 64 MB PC
- Networking required 'Nuts & Bolts'
- The big divide: Concurrent computing / Grids / OpenMP & MPI only for research facilities and Fortune 1000 companies

2005 – Now:

- Internet → Cloud → Services → Cheap Data → Cheap processing → IoT → NoSQL → Data Lakes → Advanced Analytics → Machine Learning
- Open, Cheap and with the right credit card: available in a few hours or days

LEGACY BIAS

- We expect: Agility, Scalability, Cheap, Replacable, etc.
- Legacy Perception:

LEGACY

- Old
- Why did we ever build that?
- Hard to maintain
- Super heavy
- Monoliths
- $$$
- Etc.

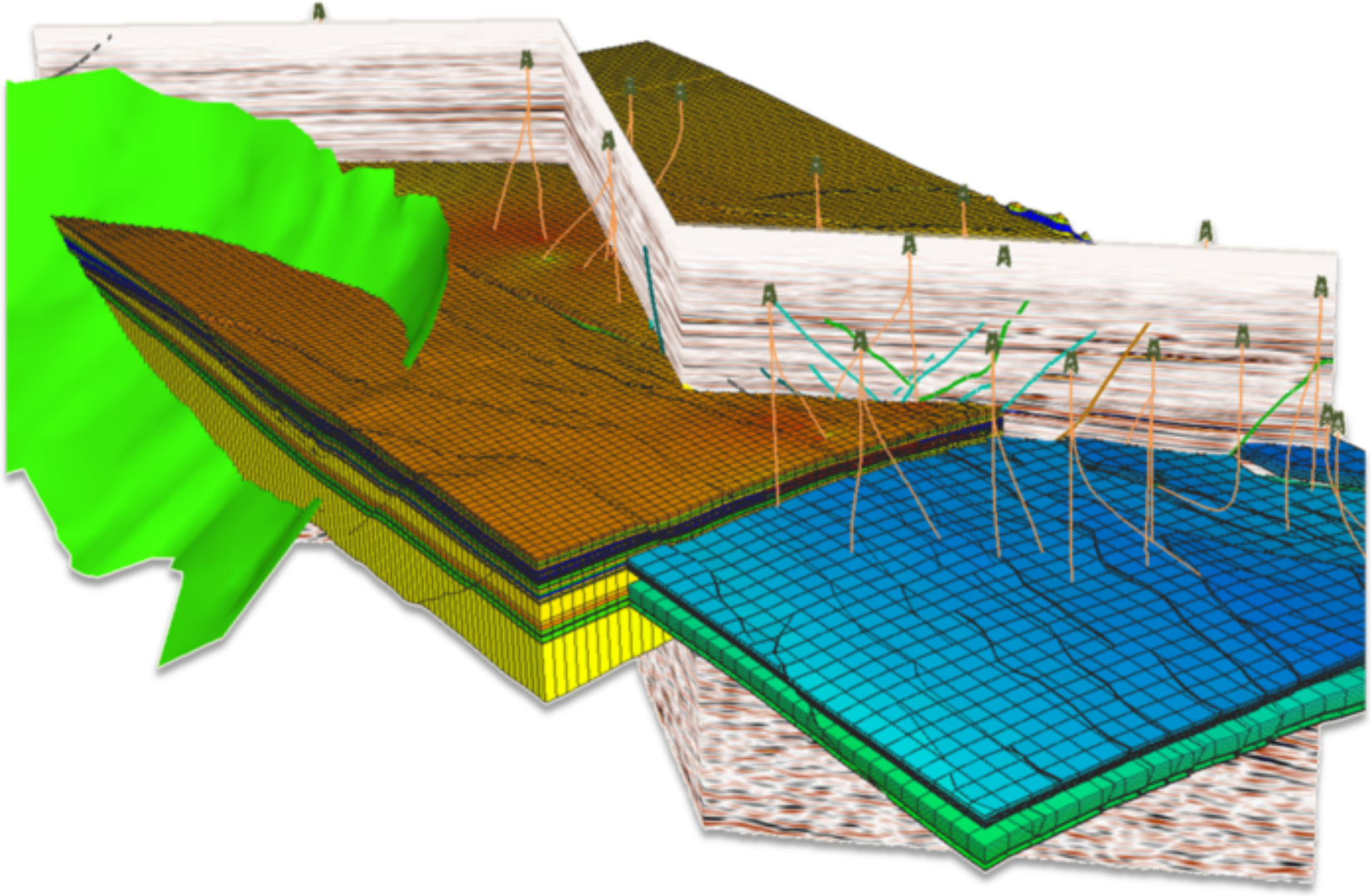
LIVE WITH IT

- $$$ spent with a reason
- Actively used to take $$$ business decisions (in our case: multi-billion $)
- Business Owners are happy enough

  OR

- Not willing to spend $$$ on development again
- Etc.

WHAT MY TEAM BUILDS



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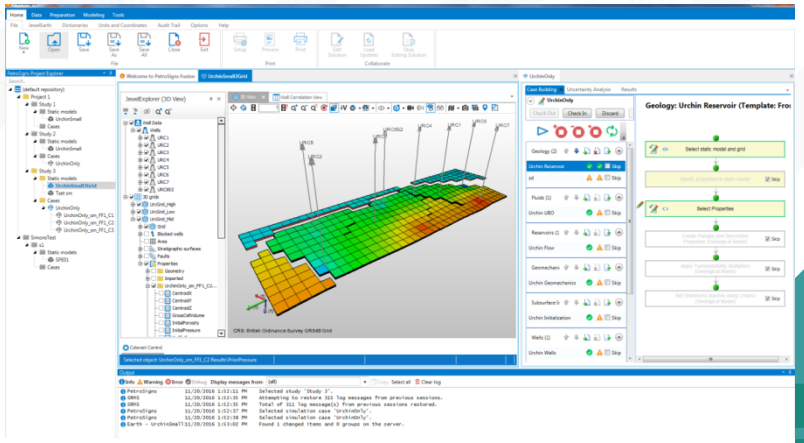
SUBSURFACE MODELLING AND OPTIMIZATION

- Collection of Disciplines that model
  - The layers in the ground
  - The faults and horizons
  - Structural Model
  - Physical and Chemical Rock Properties
  - Physical and Chemical Hydro Carbon Properties
  - Etc.

OUR LEGACY CHALLENGES

- We work together with our customer on building Modelling & Optimization platform Addressing these challenges:
  - Traditional separately operating disciplines
  - Work on one model → File hand over to next discipline
  - Separate tools
  - Big tools → 1 to 2 million lines of code each
  - Actively developed monoliths!
  - Brought to market by different vendors → limited control over implementation patterns
  - All data integration is ‘ingestion’ based

GOALS



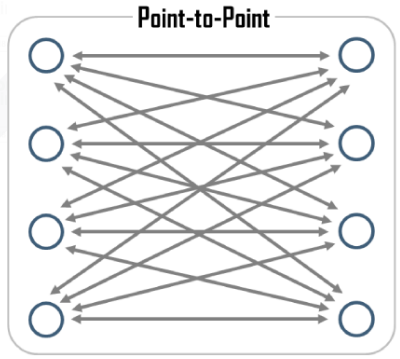
- No more files!
- Data at your finger-tips
- Single data view
- Each discipline can immediately cooperate with the other
- Single user experience
- Iterative modelling: Low Fidelity → Medium Fidelity → High Fidelity

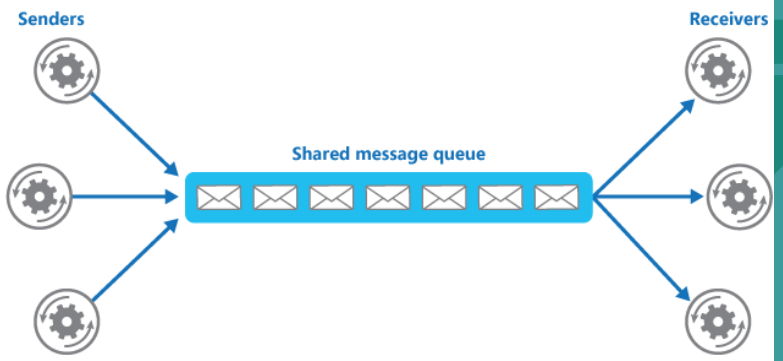
CHALLENGE: DATA, SIZE AND ACCESSIBILITY

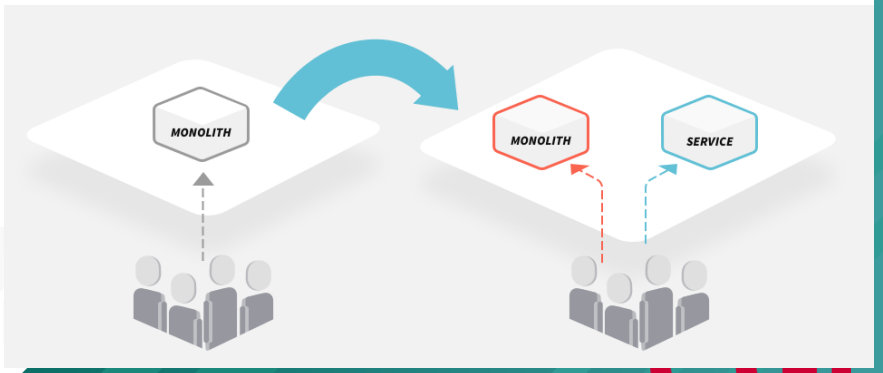
- Model Sizes run up to +/- 50 GB
- Real challenge is in 'uncertainty':
- Few thousand realizations per model
- 'Traditionally' not a problem: limited to the simulator that would throw away 'unwanted results'
- Integrated tools that have 'ingestion' as main 'implementation pattern'
- Data Explosion!

IMPLEMENTATION PATTERN

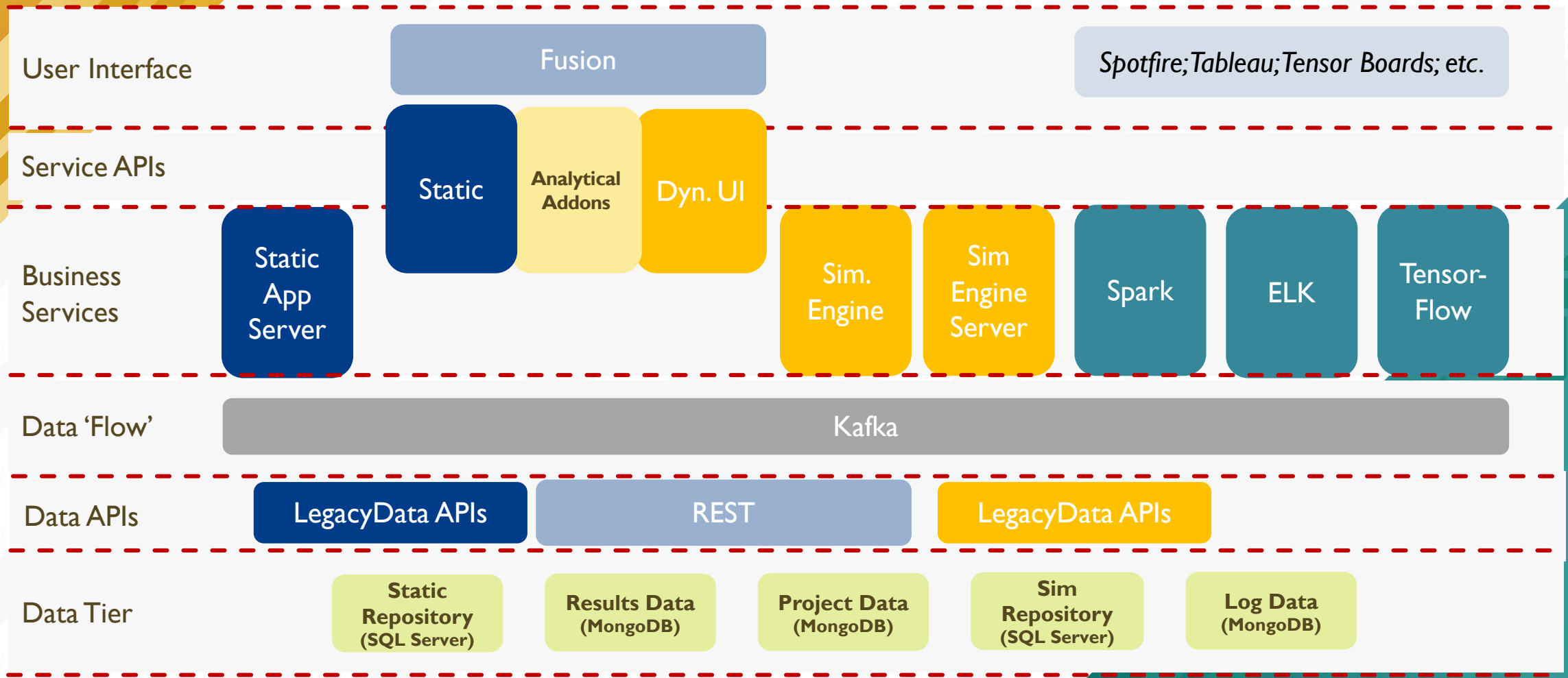
- Start out with connecting two applications
  - Early problem of PtP identified
  - Moved to Service Bus
- Monoliths 'Behave' like Service:
  - Introduce Edge API exposing services
  - Compute Monoliths in background containers
  - N.B. Has a notion of a 'wrangling' pattern, but unfortunately we do not have control over the vendor's tools







RESULT: CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS



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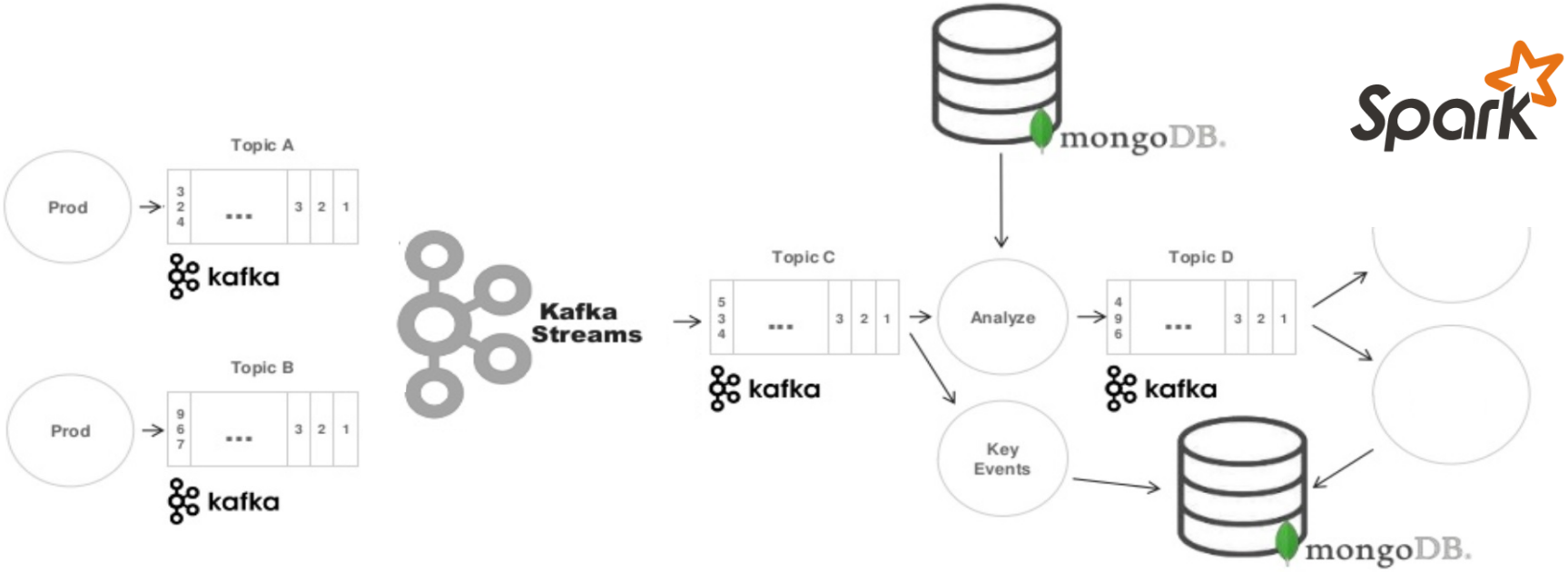
BUT WHERE IS THE IN-MEMORY PART?

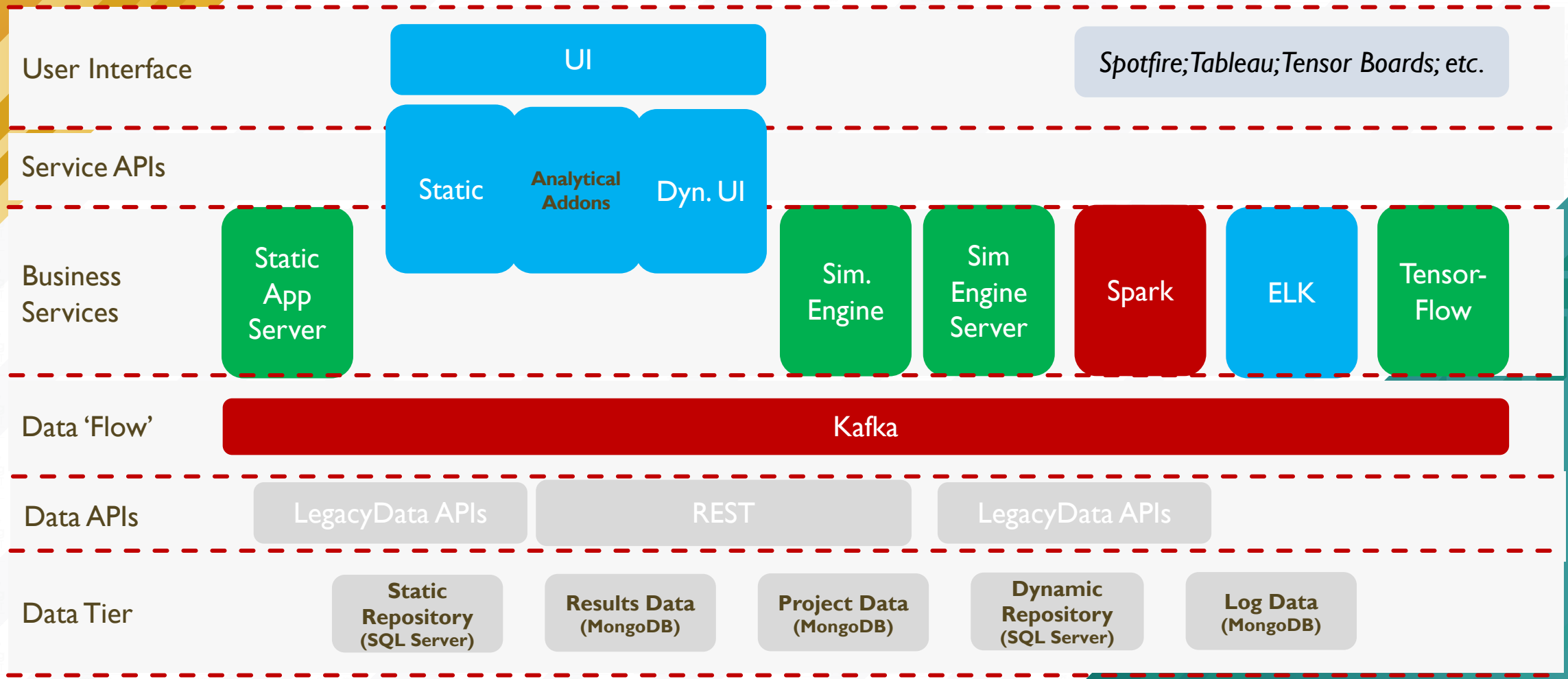
- The stream is our memory bus
- Spark is our 'Intelligent' Framework



LAMBDA? KAPPA?

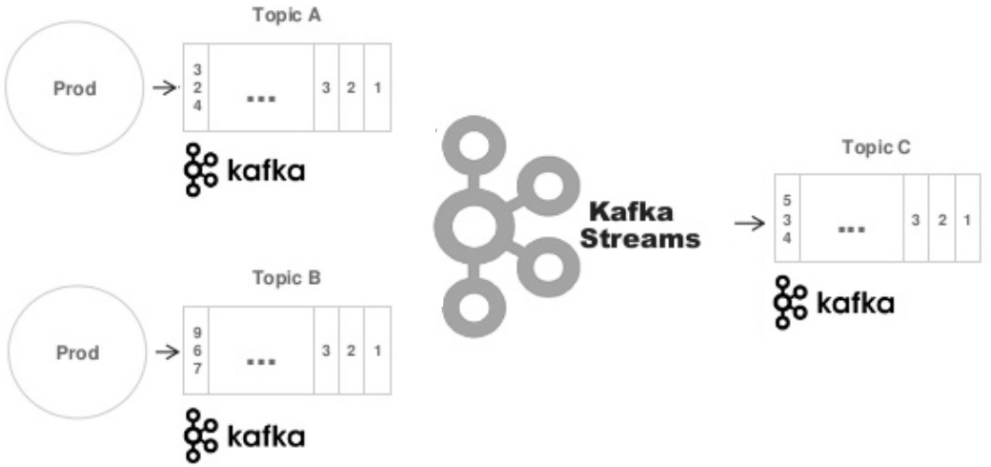
- Lambda Architecture
  Three main layers:
  1. Speed
  2. Batch
  3. Serving

LAMBDA CHARACTERISTICS



KAPPA?

- Kappa is (i.m.o.) about processing and creating results directly on the stream
  a. Instead of letting the stream be a carrier to fast & slow components and let them create results
  b. Process data on stream and let the results become a stream



UNCERTAINTY LEADS TO MORE KAPPA, LESS LAMBDA

- 80% of data produced is Simulated Results & Logs
- Simulated Results are created by uncertainty runs
- Choose Parameters (e.g. the length of a well perforation and the direction of rock permeability)
- Fill in a number of values with an uncertainty design (e.g. Monte Carlo / Box Bhenken / Etc.)
- Example: Parameter A has a distribution of 10 values, and parameter B has a distribution of 250 values
- Result: Table with values for column for Parameter A and Parameter B → 2,500 rows
- Each row is a simulation
- After running 2,500 simulations, determine which value had an impact (e.g. to match previous Quarter's production results)
- Normally: 25 values are picked as valid → Rest of data is thrown away (that's 120 TB 'temporal' data on average)

KAPPA ADVANTAGE

- Given: All Logs and Results are pushed onto Kafka
- Old Situation (Lambda):
  - Used to have connectors that ingest results into MongoDB
  - Then based on trigger → 25 cases are maintained, 2,475 cases are deleted from MongoDB
  - Software to write results
  - Software to read results
  - Software to delete results and 'earmark' results that need to be maintained, etc.
- New Situation (Kappa):
  - Results are on topic with retention time of few days
  - Trigger of 'maintain' cases is processed in KSQL and stored on new topic
  - Non-valid results are automatically discarded after retention period
  - Less Software (just KSQL) → Higher performance → Less maintenance (disk space)

BUT….. WHERE IS IGNITE?

- Not there yet, but…..

Scenarios:

- Legacy data components that require shared state for sessions
  - Built 8+ years ago in .Net
  - Can run on only one machine → Bottleneck → Ditch 'homegrown' state engine and replace by in-memory database
- One vendor uses SQL server to 'core dump' state after given events (e.g. time-steps)
  - SQL Server is 'misused' as ORM dump (every class has a table, no ref integrity)
  - Recognized that state is relevant for run-time and should be easily shareable among nodes (e.g. MPI context)
  - After 'run' state can be removed → Scalable in-memory database that accepts ORM

RECAP

- When we started out:
  Didn't think about Lambda or Kappa
- Queuing system was evaluated because we bumped our head on PtP
- Queuing is somehow hard for developers (it takes a while before a developer embraces queues over RPC)
  - Queuing had therefore potential impact Architecture & Developer attitude
- Think about Queuing
  - Usage Patterns (routed vs produced only / producer&consumer pattern / many consumers / etc.)
- Lambda started to emerge but adds complexity in number of components
- Kappa started to emerge, simpler but requires to be better aware of what you are doing (retention times need to be carefully chosen!)
- Lambda & Kappa live together!
  Lambda & Kappa are enablers and have achieved integration in a cost-effective manner (in fact, an integrated deployment turns out to be cheaper in run-time than the separate non-integrated tools)

MY JOURNEY TO THE NEXT NEW

- They say that the young can learn from the old and vice-versa, the same goes for IT
- Legacy is often a given, and even if you're on a migration path it can take a long time or is just too expensive
  (yes, sometimes you simply wait until that colleague reaches his pension)
- Try to embrace the new and incorporate into your project:
  - You don't always have to change jobs to work with cool new tech
  - Unless you have a boss that is in the 'I've been in this business 20+ years, and I know better'
- The $$$ spent (trust me, in our tools it is a lot of $$$) are not spent for nothing
  (modelling physics and chemistry is quite hard, and uncertainty doesn't make it easier)
- Our legacy has transformed into a bit of hype (e.g. Holistic Advanced Analytics and Machine Learning are all of a sudden possible)

THANK YOU!