

# IBM InfoSphere Streams Technical Overview

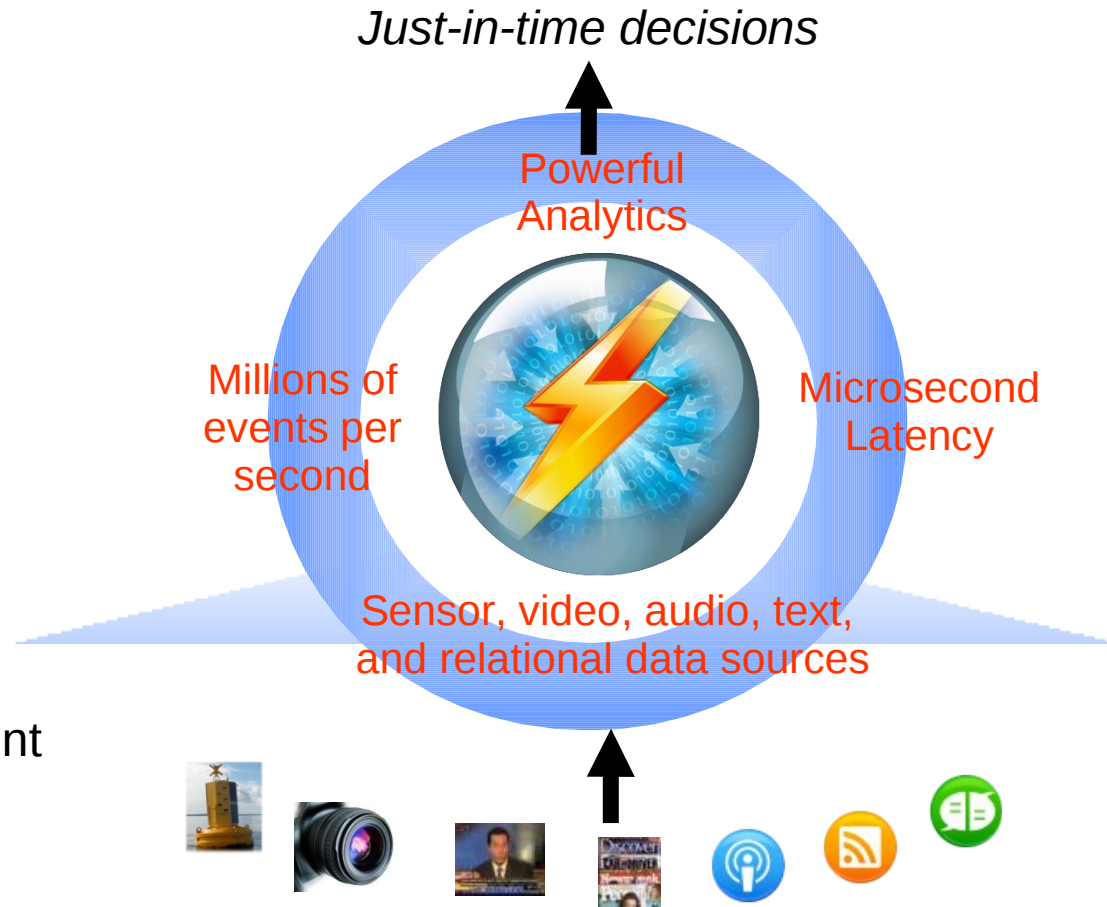


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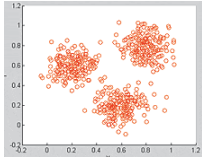
# IBM InfoSphere Streams v3.0

A platform for real-time analytics on BIG data

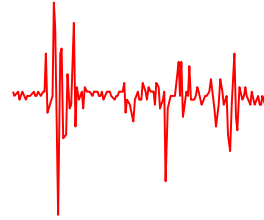
- **Volume**
  - Terabytes per second
  - Petabytes per day
- **Variety**
  - All kinds of data
  - All kinds of analytics
- **Velocity**
  - Insights in microseconds
- **Agility**
  - Dynamically responsive
  - Rapid application development



# Streams Analyzes All Kinds of Data



**Mining in  
Microseconds**  
(included with  
Streams)

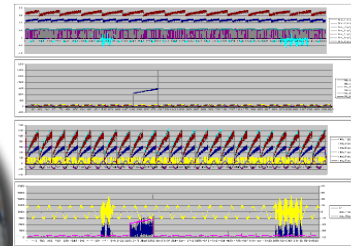


**Acoustic**  
(IBM Research)  
(Open Source)

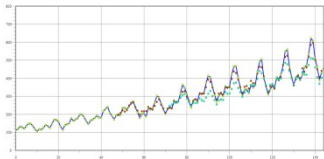
**Text**  
(listen, verb),  
(radio, noun)

**Simple &  
Advanced Text**  
(included with  
Streams)

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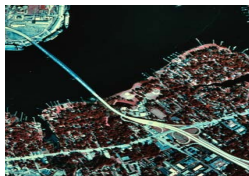
**Advanced  
Mathematical  
Models**  
(IBM Research)



**Predictive**  
(included with  
Streams)

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$\sum_{\text{population}} R(s_t, a_t)$   
**Statistics**  
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**Geospatial**  
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Streams)

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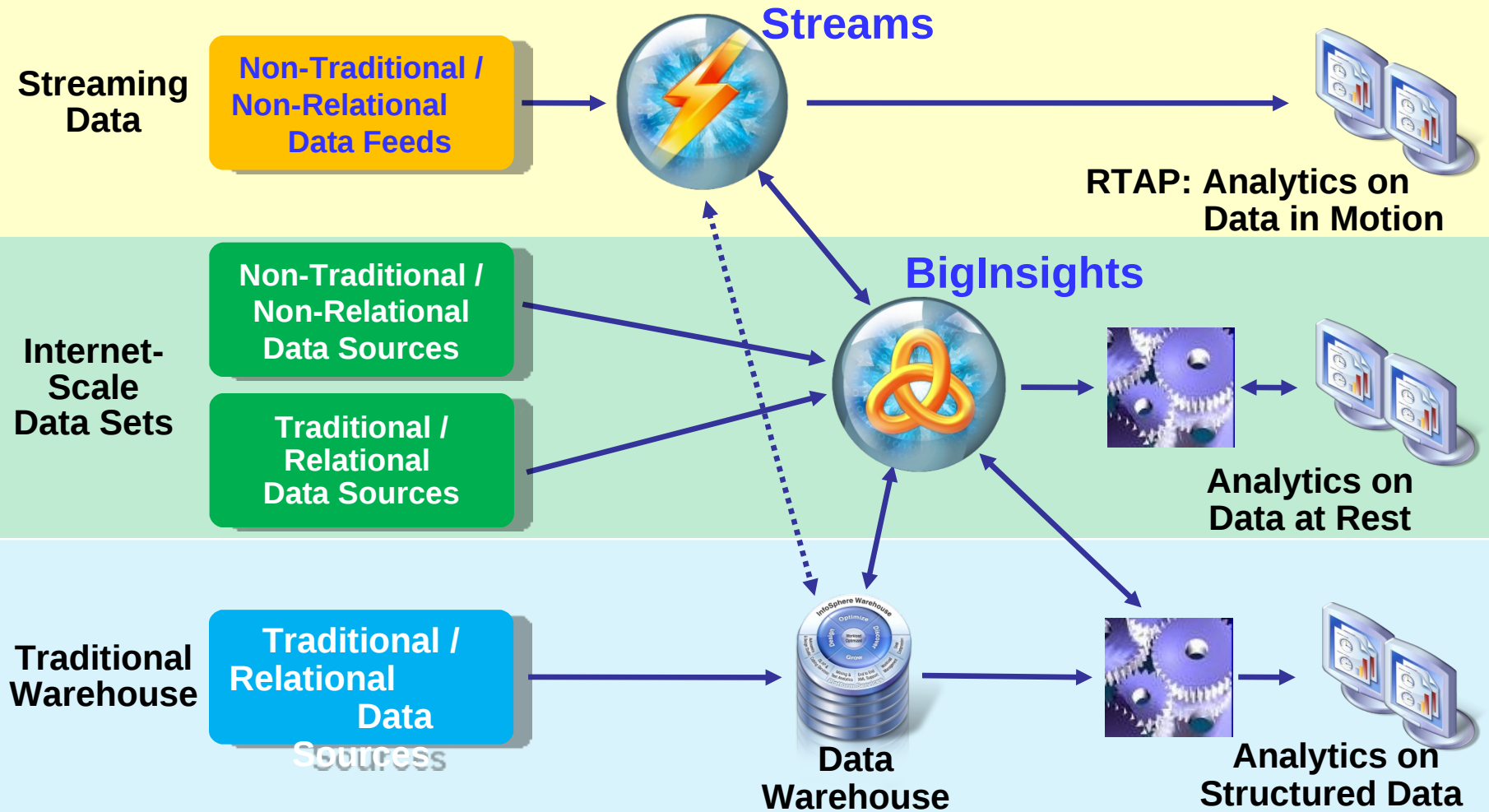
**Image &  
Video**



# Categories of Problems Solved by Streams

- **Applications that require on-the-fly processing, filtering and analysis of streaming data**
  - **Sensors**: environmental, industrial, surveillance video, GPS, ...
  - “Data **exhaust**”: network/system/web server/app server log files
  - High-rate **transaction** data: financial transactions, call detail records
  
- **Criteria: two or more of the following**
  - Messages are processed **in isolation** or in limited data **windows**
  - Sources include **non-traditional** data (spatial, imagery, text, ...)
  - Sources vary in connection methods, data rates, and processing requirements, presenting **integration challenges**
  - Data rates/volumes require the resources of **multiple processing nodes**
  - Analysis and response are needed with sub-millisecond **latency**
  - Data **rates** and **volumes** are too great for store-and-mine approaches

# The Big Data Ecosystem: Interoperability is Key



# Streaming Analytics in Action



## Natural Systems

- Wildfire management
- Water management



## Stock Market

- Impact of weather on securities prices
- Analyze market data at ultra-low latencies

## Transportation

- Intelligent traffic management



## Manufacturing

- Process control for microchip fabrication



## Health & Life Sciences

- Neonatal ICU monitoring
- Epidemic early warning system
- Remote healthcare monitoring



## Telephony

- CDR processing
- Social analysis
- Churn prediction
- Geomapping



## Law Enforcement, Defense & Cyber Security

- Real-time multimodal surveillance
  - Situational awareness
  - Cyber security detection



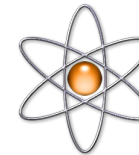
## Fraud Prevention

- Detecting multi-party fraud
- Real time fraud prevention



## e-Science

- Space weather prediction
- Detection of transient events
- Synchrotron atomic research



## Other

- Smart Grid
- Text analysis
- Who's talking to whom?
- ERP for commodities
- FPGA acceleration





## Use Case: Law Enforcement and Security

- Video surveillance, wire taps, communications, call records, etc.
- Millions of messages per second with low density of critical data
- Identify patterns and relationships among vast information sources



“The **US Government** has been working with IBM Research since **2003** on a radical new approach to data analysis that enables **high speed, scalable** and **complex analytics** of **heterogeneous data streams** in motion. The project has been so successful that US Government will deploy additional installations to enable other agencies to achieve greater success in various future projects”  
– US Government

# Predictive Analytics in a Neonatal ICU

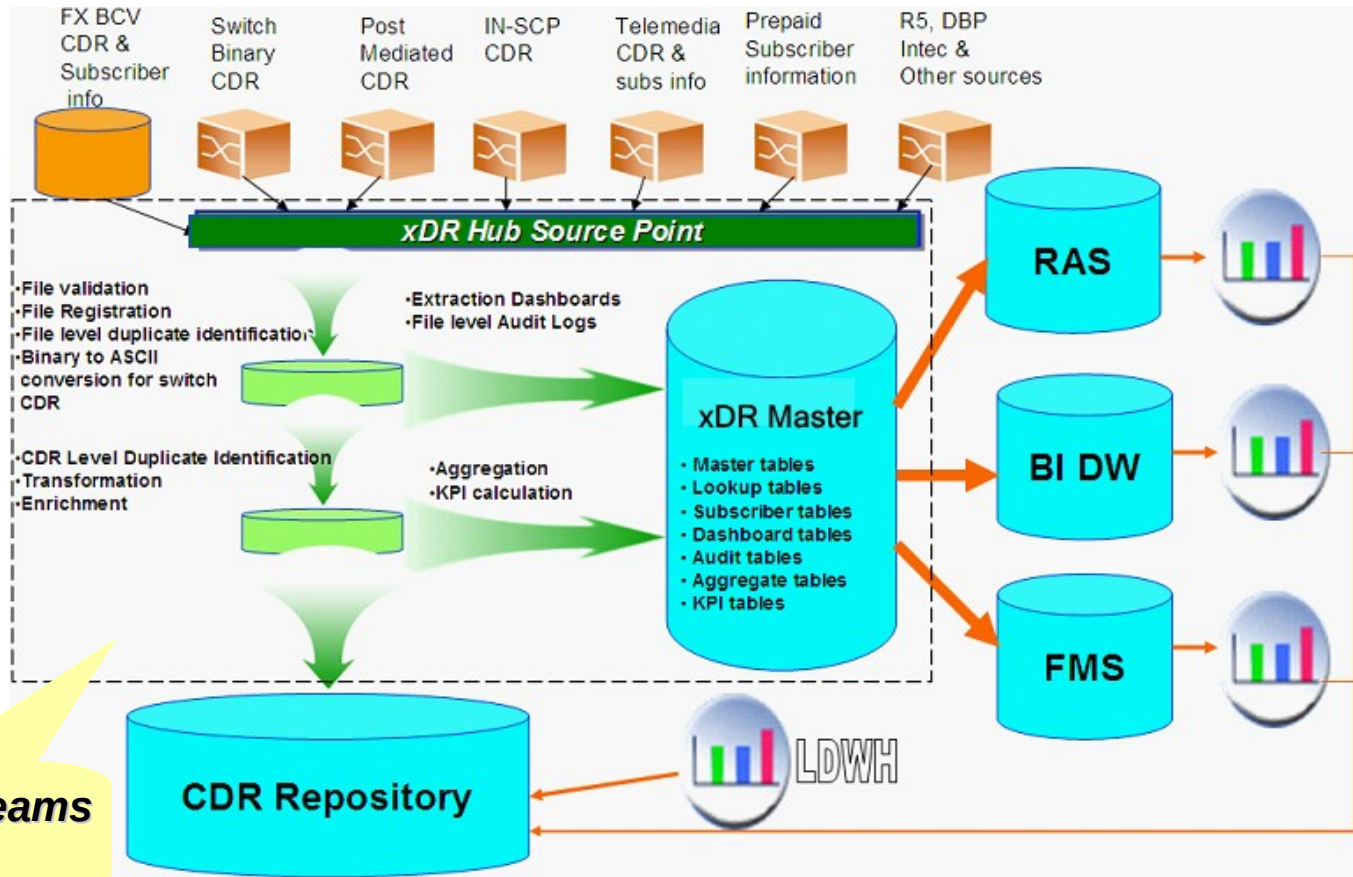
- **Real-time analytics and correlations on physiological data streams**
  - Blood pressure, Temperature, EKG, Blood oxygen saturation etc.,
- **Early detection of the onset of potentially life-threatening conditions**
  - Up to 24 hours earlier than current medical practices
  - Early intervention leads to lower patient morbidity and better long term outcomes
- **Technology also enables physicians to verify new clinical hypotheses**





# Smarter Faster Cheaper CDR Processing

*6 Billion CDRs per day, dedups over 15 days, processing latency from 12 hours to a few seconds  
6 machines (using 1/2 processor capacity)*



**InfoSphere Streams  
xDR Hub**

**Key Requirements:  
Price/Performance and Scaling**

## Surveillance and Physical Security: TerraEchos (Business Partner)

### ▪ Use scenario

- State-of-the-art covert surveillance system based on Streams platform
- Acoustic signals from buried fiber optic cables are monitored, analyzed and reported in real time for necessary action
- Currently designed to scale up to 1600 streams of raw binary data

### ▪ Requirement

- Real-time processing of multi-modal signals (acoustics, video, etc)
- Easy to expand, dynamic
- 3.5M data elements per second

### ▪ Winner 2010 IBM CTO Innovation Award



# Streams for Real-Time Geomapping

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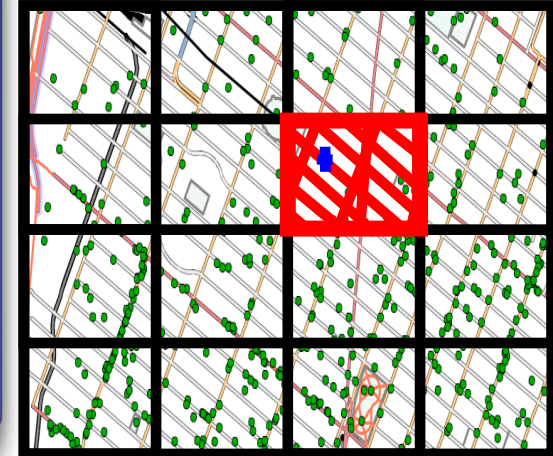
**Multiple GPS Data Sources**  
 350-400K probe points / second per source  
 Map probe point to nearest poly-line (Map)  
 200 million – 1 billion poly-lines  
 2 level grid decomposition based search

**14 Blade servers**  
 2X Dual-Core Xeon 5160  
 16 GB RAM  
 4 data prep, 10 mapping

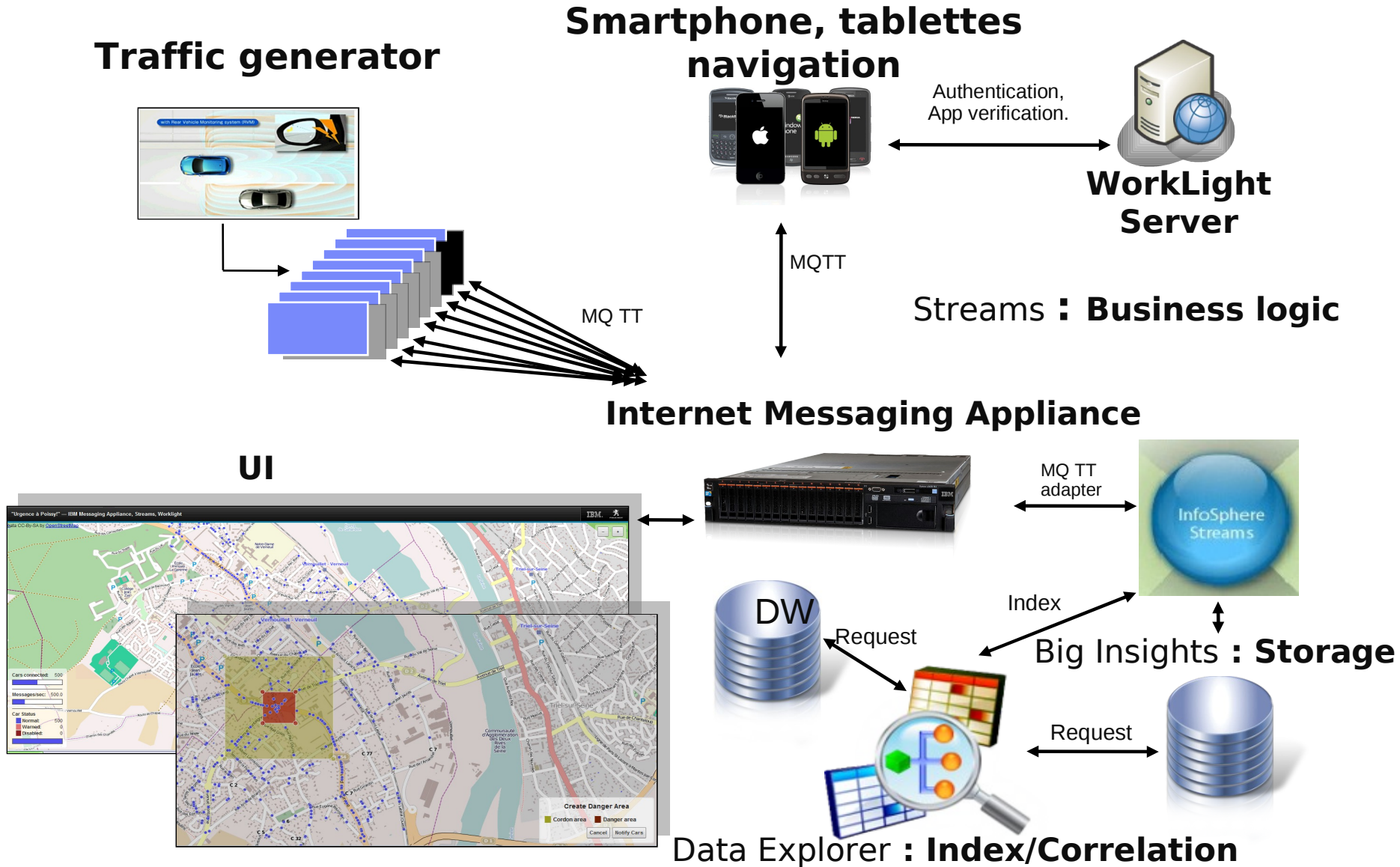
**Performance**  
 941,000 probes/sec  
 for 1 Billion poly-lines

**Hierarchical Mapping**

*Real-time location profile*

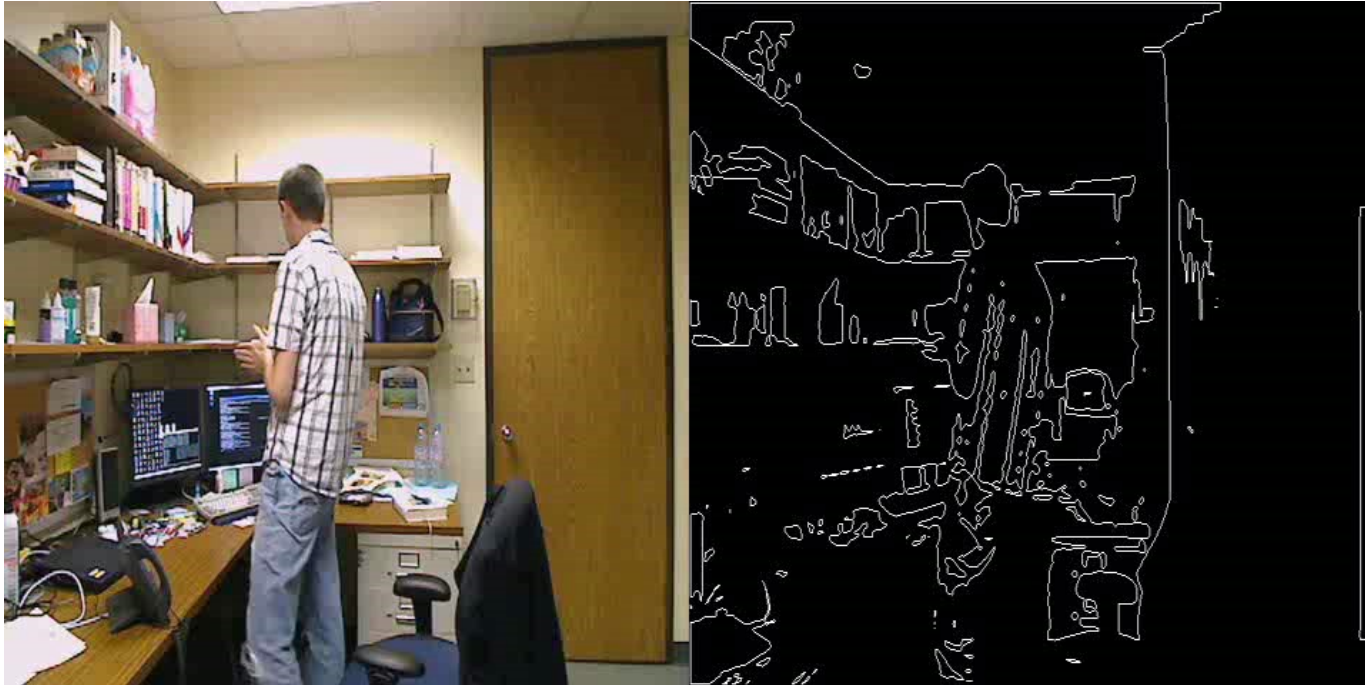


# Connected Cars

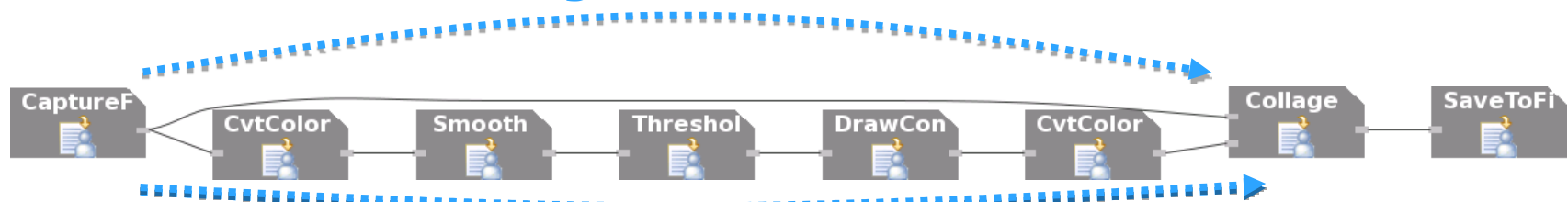




# Use Cases: Video Processing (Contour Detection)



**Original Picture**



**Contour Detection**

# How Streams Works

- Continuous ingestion
- Continuous analysis

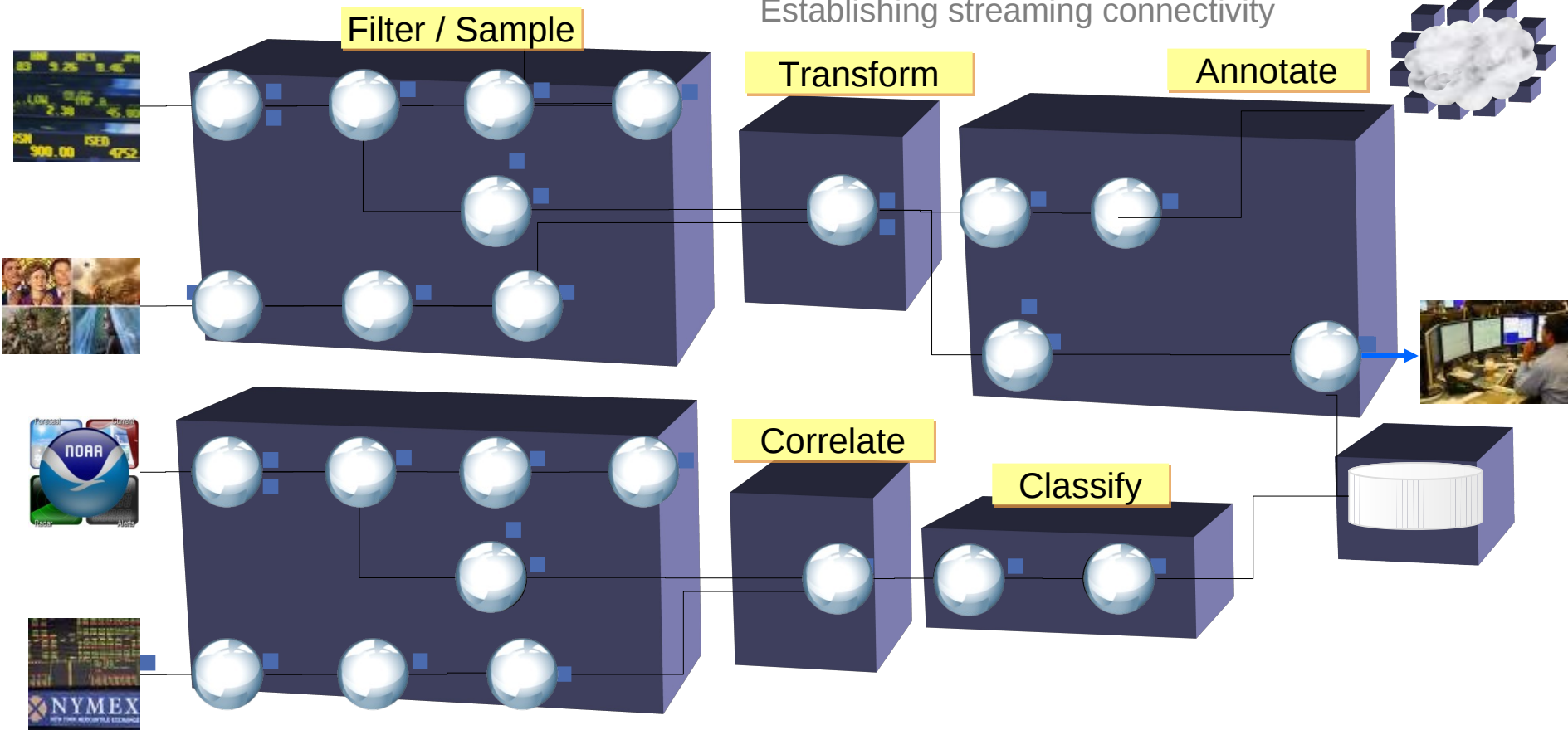




# How Streams Works

- Continuous ingestion
- Continuous analysis

Infrastructure provides services for  
Scheduling analytics across hardware hosts,  
Establishing streaming connectivity



Achieve scale:

- By partitioning applications into software components
- By distributing across stream-connected hardware hosts

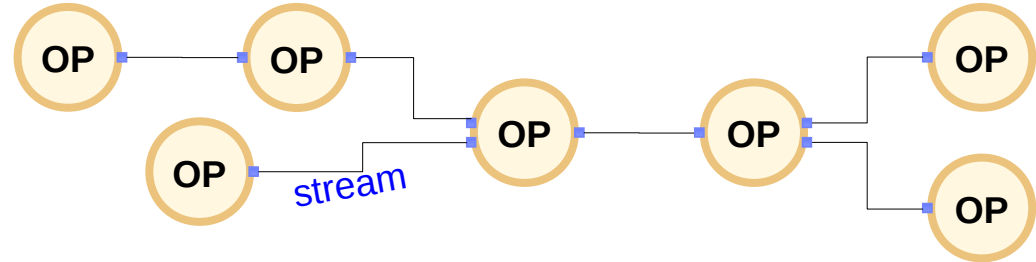
Where appropriate:

- Elements can be *fused* together for lower communication latency

# Scalable Stream Processing

## Streams programming model: construct a graph

- Mathematical concept
  - not a line -, bar -, or pie chart!
  - Also called a network
  - Familiar: for example, a tree structure is a graph
- Consisting of **operators** and the **streams** that connect them
  - The vertices (or nodes) and edges of the mathematical graph
  - A directed graph: the edges have a direction (arrows)



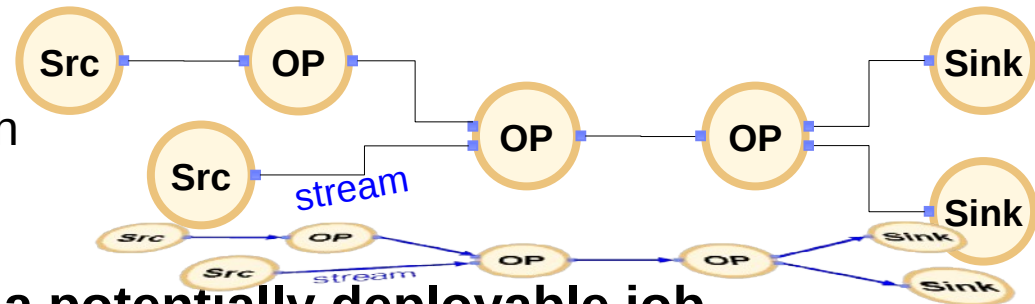
## Streams runtime model: distributed processes

- Single or multiple operators form a Processing Element (PE)
- Compiler and runtime services make it easy to deploy PEs
  - On one machine
  - Across multiple hosts in a cluster when scaled-up processing is required
- All links and data transport are handled by runtime services
  - Automatically
  - With manual placement directives where required

# From Operators to Running Jobs

- **Streams application graph:**

- A directed, possibly cyclic, graph
- A collection of operators
- Connected by streams

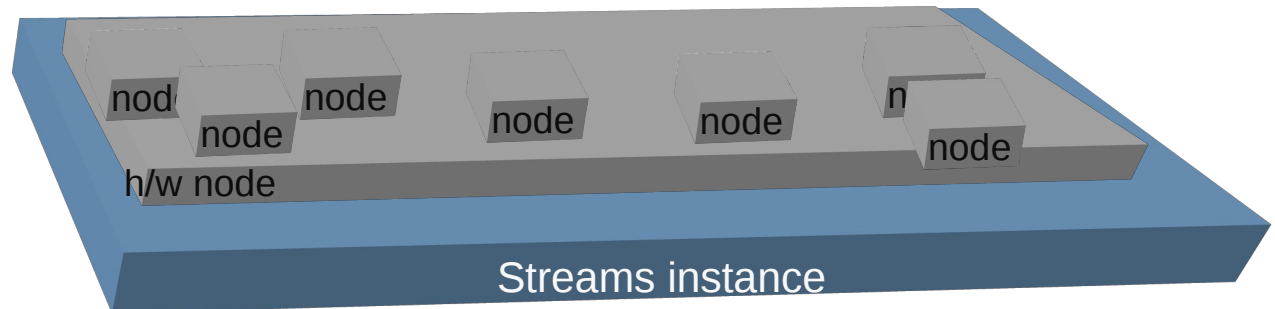


- **Each complete application is a potentially deployable job**

- **Jobs are deployed to a Streams runtime environment, known as a Streams Instance (or simply, an instance)**

- **An instance can include a single processing node (hardware)**

- **Or multiple processing nodes**



# InfoSphere Streams Objects: Runtime View

## ▪ Instance

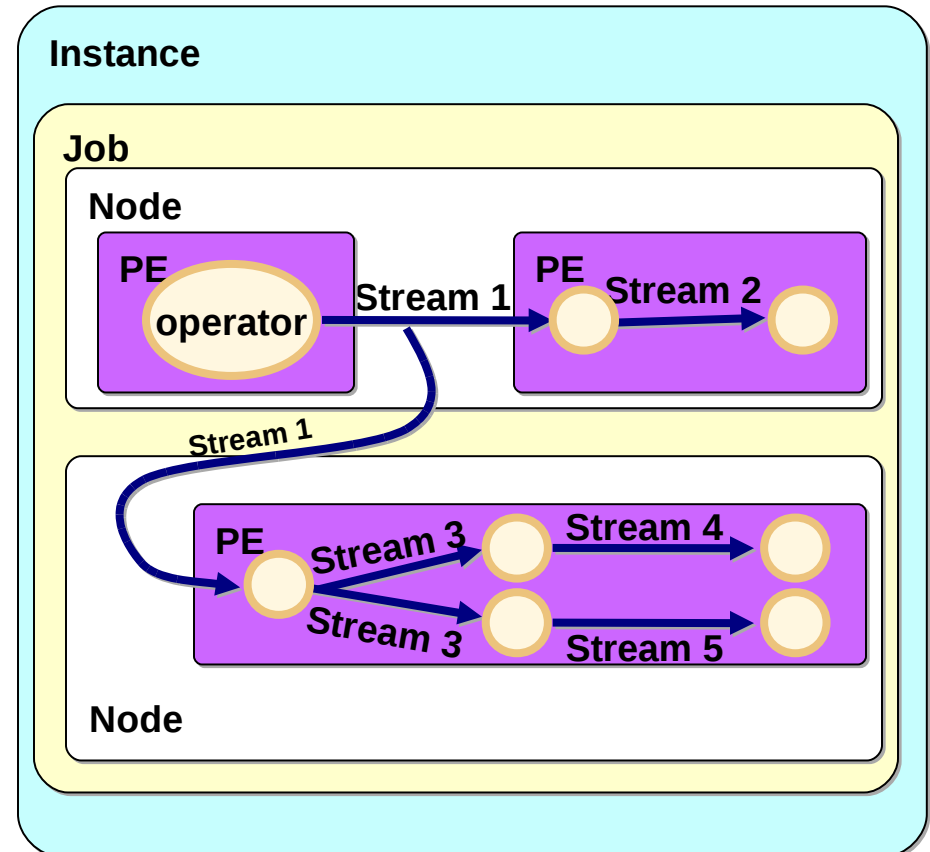
- Runtime instantiation of InfoSphere Streams executing across one or more hosts
- Collection of components and services

## ▪ Processing Element (PE)

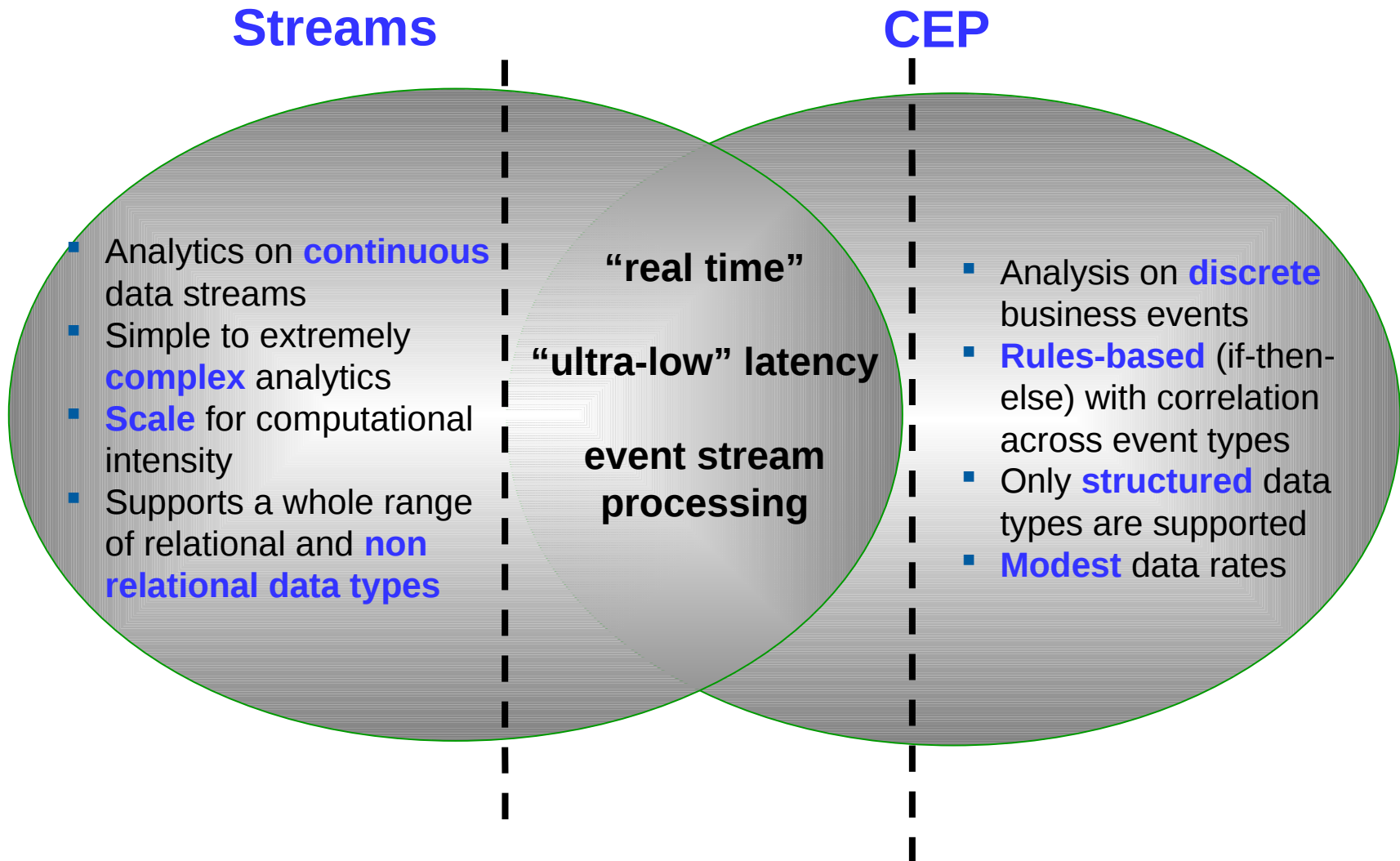
- Fundamental execution unit that is run by the Streams instance
- Can encapsulate a single operator or many “fused” operators

## ▪ Job

- A deployed Streams application executing in an instance
- Consists of one or more PEs

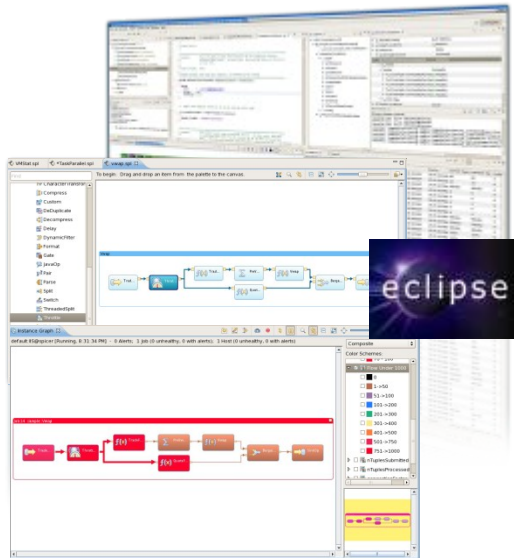


# Competition: Complex-Event Processing (CEP)



# IBM InfoSphere Streams 3.0

## Comprehensive tooling



eclipse

- Eclipse IDE
- Web console
- **Drag & Drop editor**
- Instance graph
- **Streams visualization**
- Streams debugger

## Scale-out architecture    Sophisticated analytics with toolkits & accelerators



- Clustered runtime for near-limitless capacity
- RHEL v5.3 and above
- CentOS v6.0 and above
- X86 & Power multicore hardware
- InfiniBand support
- Ethernet support

**NEW**



- **Big Data, CEP**, Database, **Data Explorer (Big Data)**, **DataStage**, Finance, **Geospatial**, Internet, **Messaging**, Mining, **SPSS**, Standard, Text, **TimeSeries** toolkits
- **Telco & Social Media accelerators**

**NEW**









# What is Streams Processing Language?

- **Designed for stream computing**
  - Define a streaming-data flow graph
  - Rich set of data types to define tuple attributes
- **Declarative**
  - Operator invocations name the input and output streams
  - Referring to streams by name is enough to connect the graph
- **Procedural support**
  - Full-featured imperative language
  - Custom logic in operator invocations
  - Expressions in attribute assignments and parameter definitions
- **Extensible**
  - User-defined data types
  - Custom functions written in SPL or a native language (C++ or Java)
  - Custom operators written in SPL
  - User-defined operators written in a native language (C++ or Java)











# Streams Standard Toolkit: Relational Operators

## ▪ Relational operators

-   $f(x)$  – Functor Perform tuple-level manipulations
-  – Filter Remove some tuples from a stream
-   $\Sigma$  – Aggregate Group and summarize incoming tuples
-  – Sort Impose an order on incoming tuples in a stream
-  – Join Correlate two streams
-  – Punctuator Insert window punctuation markers into a stream



# Streams Standard Toolkit: Adapter Operators

## ▪ Adapter operators





-  – FileSource Read data from files in formats such as csv, line, or binary
-  – FileSink Write data to files in formats such as csv, line, or binary
-  – DirectoryScan Detect files to be read as they appear in a given directory
-  – TCPSource Read data from TCP sockets in various formats
-  – TCPSink Write data to TCP sockets in various formats
-  – UDPSource Read data from UDP sockets in various formats
-  – UDPSink Write data to UDP sockets in various formats
-  – Export Make a stream available to other jobs in the same instance
-  – Import Connect to streams exported by other jobs
-  – MetricsSink Create displayable metrics from numeric expressions

# Streams Standard Toolkit: Utility Operators

## ▪ Workload generation and custom logic







-  – Beacon Emit generated values; timing and number configurable
-  – Custom Apply arbitrary SPL logic to produce tuples

## ▪ Coordination and timing








-  – Throttle Make a stream flow at a specified rate
-  – DelayTime-shift an entire stream relative to other streams
-  – Gate Wait for acknowledgement from downstream operator
-  – **Switch** Block or allow the flow of tuples based on control input

# Streams Standard Toolkit: Utility Operators (cont'd)


## ▪ Parallel flows

-  – Barrier Synchronize tuples from sequence-correlated streams
-  – Pair Group tuples from multiple streams of same type
-  – Split Forward tuples to output streams based on a predicate
-  – ThreadedSplit Distribute tuples over output streams by availability
-  – Union Construct an output tuple from each input tuple
-  – DeDuplicate Suppress duplicate tuples seen within a given time period

## ▪ Miscellaneous

-  – DynamicFilter Filter tuples based on criteria that can change while it runs
-  – JavaOp General-purpose operator for encapsulating Java code
-  – **Parse** Parse blob data for use with user-defined adapters
-  – **Format** Format blob data for use with user-defined adapters
-  – **Compress** Compress blob data
-  – **Decompress** Decompress blob data
-  – **CharacterTransform** Convert blob data from one encoding to another

# XML Support: Built Into SPL

- **XML type**
  - Validated for syntax or schema
- **XMLParse operator** 
  - With XPath expressions and functions to parse and manipulate XML data
  - Convert XML to tuples
- **XQuery functions**
  - Use XML data on the fly
- **Adapters support XML format**
  - Standard Toolkit
  - Database Toolkit
    - Supports DB2 pureXML

```
<catalog>
  <book price="30.99">
    <title>This is a boring title</title>
    <author>John Smith</author>
    <author>Howard Hughes</author>
    <reference quality="-1">
      <book>The first reference</book>
    </reference>
    <reference quality="100">
      <book>Another Book</book>
    </reference>
  </book>
</catalog>
```

Example: Extract information about books from an XML catalog

```
stream<BookInfo> X = XMLParse(XML) {
  param trigger : "/catalog/book" ;
      parsing : permissive;      // log and ignore
errors
  output X : title      = XPath("title/text()"),
            authors    = XPathList("author/text()"),
            price      = (decimal32) XPath("@price"),
            references = XPathList("reference",
                                   {quality = (int32) XPath("@quality"),
                                    book   = XPath("book/text()") });
}
```



## Streams Extensibility: Toolkits

- **Like packages, plugins, addons, extenders, etc.**
  - Reusable sets of **operators**, **types**, and **functions**
  - What can be included in a toolkit?
    - Primitive and composite operators
    - User-defined types
    - Native and SPL functions
    - Sample applications, utilities
    - Tools, documentation, data, etc.
  - Versioning is supported
  - Define dependencies on other versioned assets (toolkits, Streams itself)
- **Base for creating cross-domain and domain-specific applications**
- **Developed by IBM, partners, end-customers**
  - Complete APIs and tools available
  - Same power as the “built-in” Standard Toolkit



# Integration: the Internet and Database Toolkits


## ▪ Integration with traditional sources and consumers

### ▪ Internet Toolkit


 – InetSource    periodically retrieve data from HTTP, FTP, RSS, and files


### ▪ Database Toolkit

- ODBC databases: DB2, Informix, Oracle, solidDb, MySQL, SQLServer, Netezza


 – ODBCAppend Insert rows into an SQL database table


 – ODBCEnrich    Extend streaming data based on lookups in database tables

 – ODBCRun    Perform SQL queries with parameters from input tuples

 – ODBCSource Read data from a SQL database

 – SolidDBEnrich Perform table lookups in an in-memory database

 – DB2SplitDB    Split a stream by DB2 partition key

 – DB2PartitionedAppend Write data to table in specified DB2 partition

 – NetezzaLoad    Perform high-speed loads into a Netezza database

 – NetezzaPrepareLoad    Convert tuple to delimited string for Netezza loads

# Integration: the Big Data Toolkit

## Integration with IBM's Big Data Platform

### Data Explorer

 – **DataExplorerPush** Insert records into a Data Explorer index



### BigInsights: Hadoop Distributed File System

 – HDFSDirectoryScan Like DirectoryScan, only for HDFS

 – HDFSFileSource Like FileSource, only for HDFS

 – HDFSFileSink Like FileSink, only for HDFS

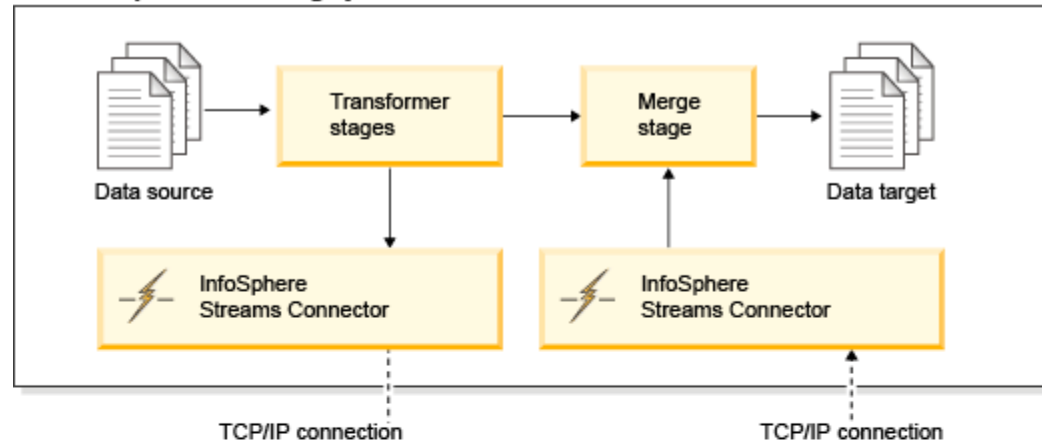
 – HDFSSplit Write batches of data in parallel to HDFS



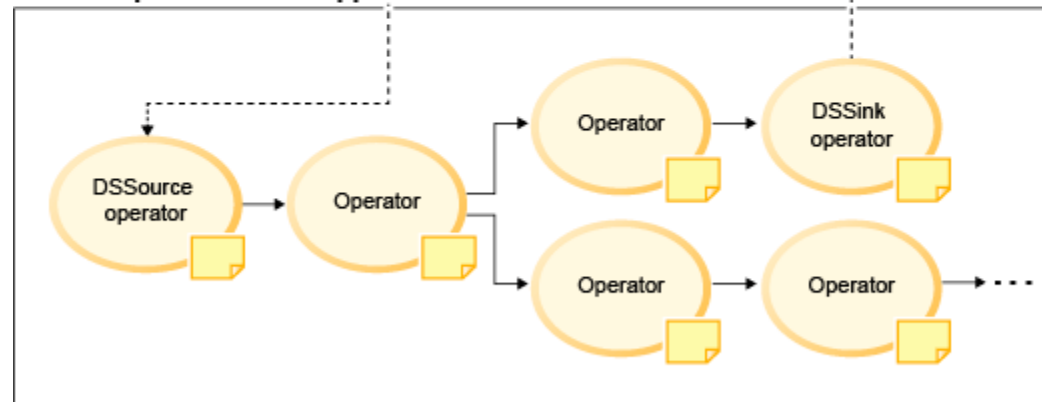
# Integration: the DataStage Integration Toolkit

- **Streams real-time analytics and DataStage information integration**
  - Perform deeper analysis on the data as part of the information integration flow
  - Get more timely results and offload some analytics load from the warehouse
- **Operators and tooling**
  - Adapters to exchange data between Streams and DataStage
    - DSSource
    - DSSink
  - Tooling to generate integration code
  - DataStage provides Streams connectors

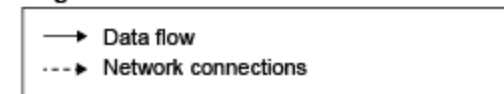
IBM InfoSphere DataStage job



IBM InfoSphere Streams application



**Legend**



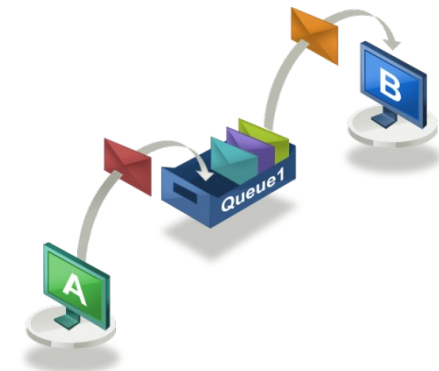
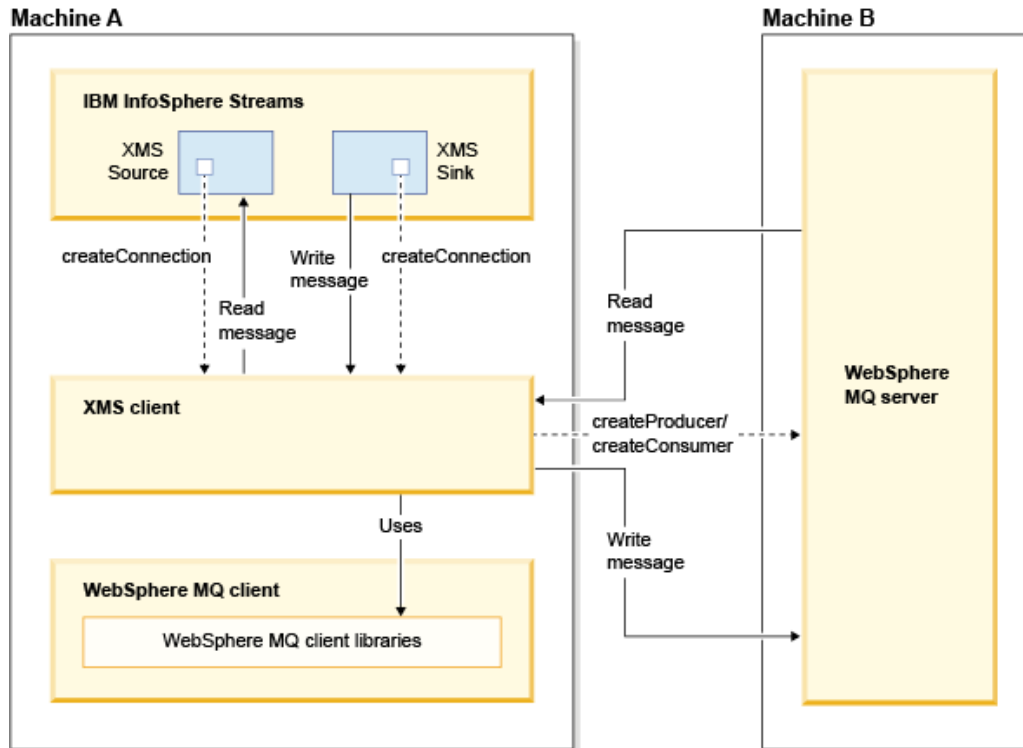
# Integration: the Messaging Toolkit

## Integrate with IBM WebSphere MQ

- Create a stream from a subscription to an MQ topic or queue
- Publish a stream to an MQ series topic or queue

## Operators

- XMSSource Read data from an MQ queue or topic
- XMSSink Send messages to applications that use WebSphere MQ



# Integration and Analytics: the Text Toolkit

## ▪ Derive structured information from unstructured text


### – Apply extractors

- Programs that encode rules for extracting information from text
- Written in AQL (Annotation Query Language)
- Developed against a static repository of text data
- AQL files can be combined into modules (directories)
- Modules can be compiled into TAM files
- **NOTE: Old-style AOG files not supported by BigInsights 2.0 and this toolkit**
  - **Can be used in Streams 3.0 with the Deprecated Text Toolkit**

## ▪ Streams Studio plugins for developing AQL queries

### – Same tooling as in BigInsights


## ▪ Operator and utility

-  – TextExtract Run AQL queries (module or TAM) over text documents
- createtypes script
  - Create stream type definitions that match the output views of the extractors.

## ▪ Plays a major role in accelerators

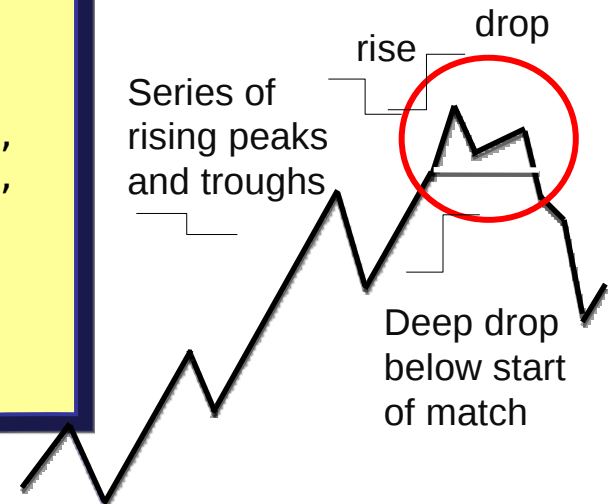
- SDA: Social Data Analytics
- MDA: Machine Data Analytics

# Analytics: The Complex Event Processing Toolkit

- **MatchRegex**  **Use patterns to detect composite events**
  - In streams of simple events (tuples)
  - Easy-to-use regex-style pattern match of user-defined predicates
- **Integration in Streams allows CEP-style processing with high performance and rich analytics**

Example: detect “M-shape” patterns in stock prices:  
double-top formations

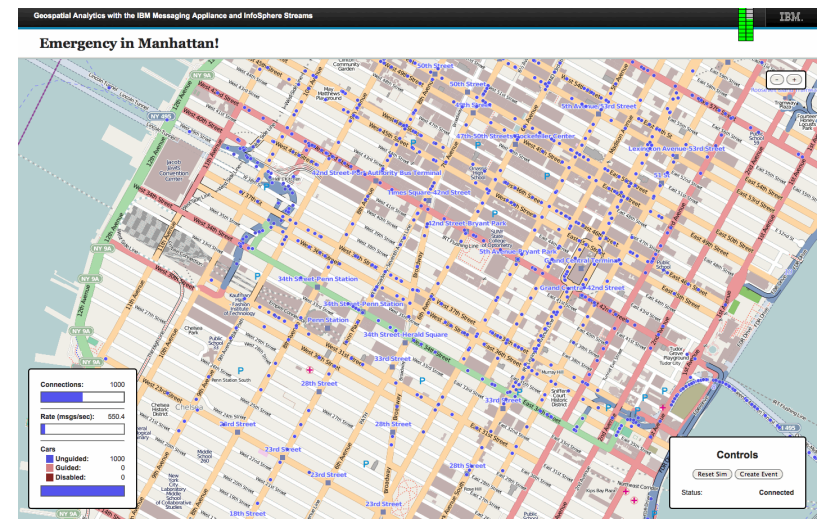
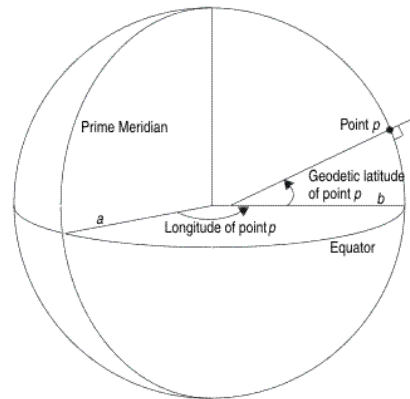
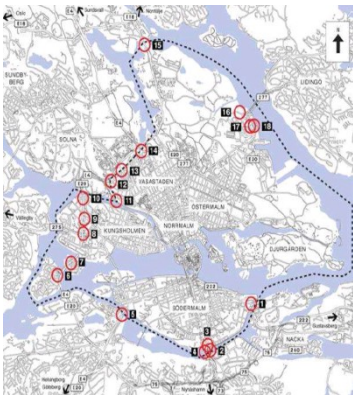
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stream<MatchT> Matches = MatchRegex(Quotes) {
  param
  pattern : ". rise+ drop+ rise+ drop* deep" ;
  partitionBy : symbol ;
  predicates : {
    rise = price > First(price) && price >= Last(price),
    drop = price >= First(price) && price < Last(price),
    deep = price < First(price) && price <
Last(price) };
  output
  Matches : symbol = symbol, seqNum = First(seqNum),
           count = Count(), maxPrice = Max(price);
}
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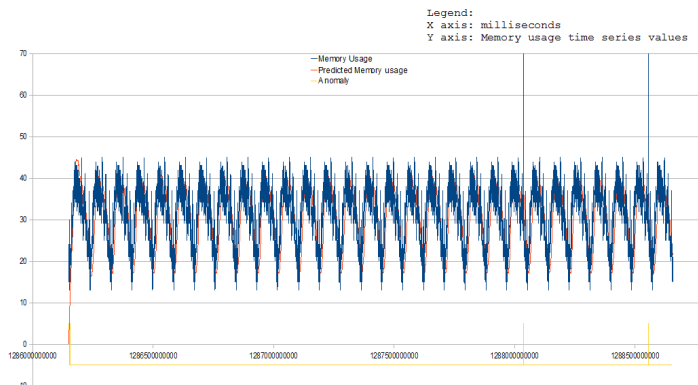
# Analytics: The Geospatial Toolkit

- **High-performance analysis and processing of geospatial data**
- **Enables Location Based Services (LBS)**
  - Smarter Transportation: monitor traffic speed and density
  - Geofencing: detect when objects enter or leave a specified area
- **Geospatial data types**
  - e.g. Point, LineString, Polygon
- **Geospatial functions**
  - e.g. Distance, Map point to LineString, IsContained, etc.

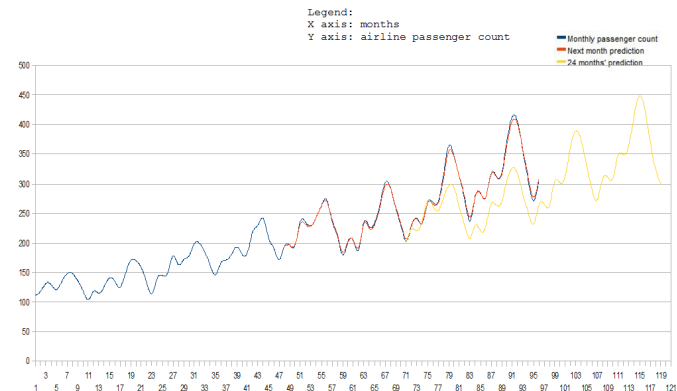


# Analytics: The TimeSeries Toolkit

- **Apply Digital Signal Processing techniques**
  - Find patterns and anomalies in real time
  - Predict future values in real time
- **A rich set of functionality for working with time series data**
  - Generation
    - Synthesize specific wave forms (e.g., sawtooth, sine)
  - Preprocessing
    - Preparation and conditioning (ReSample, TSWindowing)
  - Analysis
    - Statistics, correlations, decomposition and transformation
  - Modeling
    - Prediction, regression and tracking (e.g. Holt-Winters, GAMLearner)







The time series simulates memory consumption from a computer . FMP is used for prediction and anomaly detection



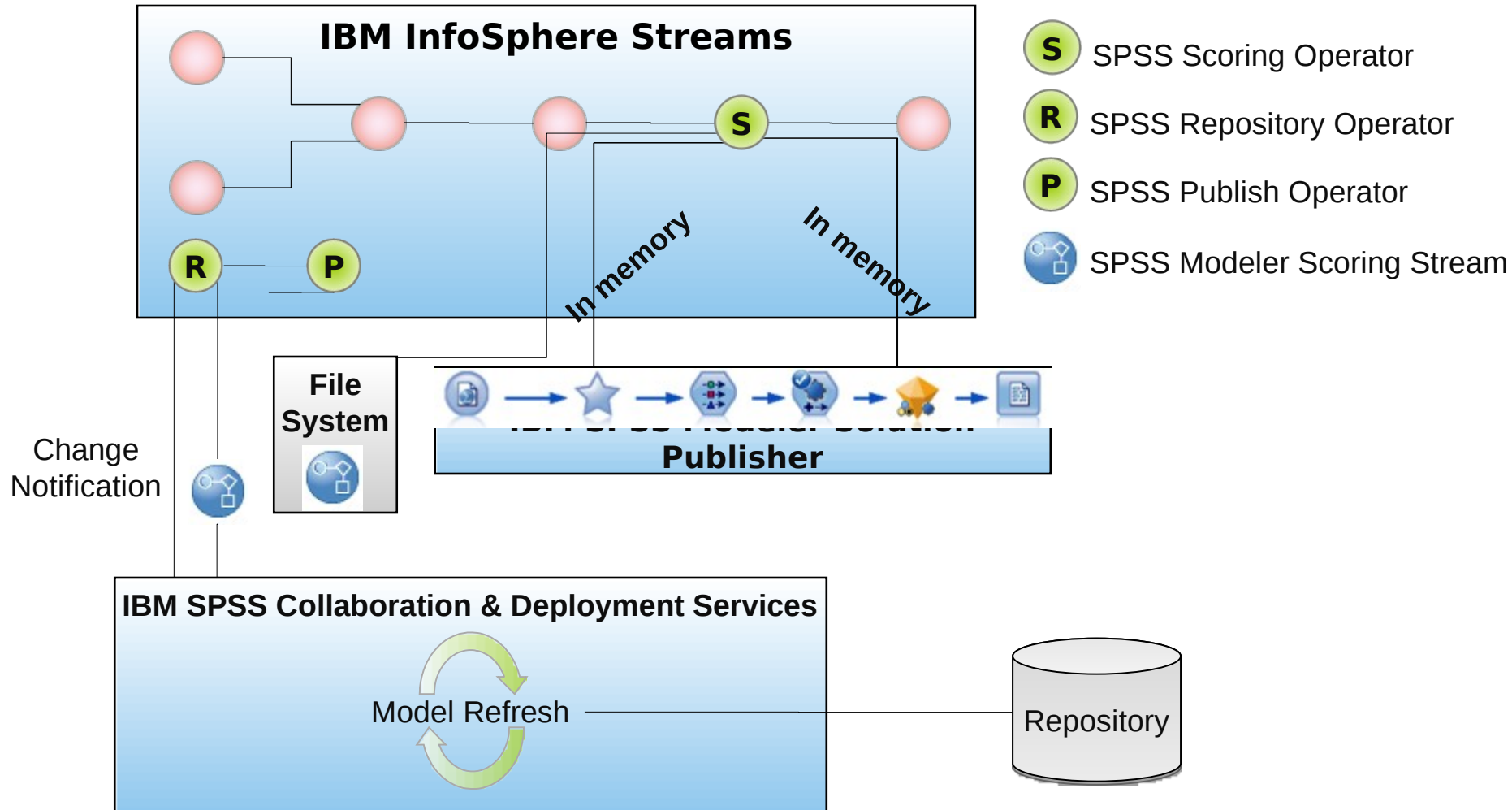
Holt Winters algorithm used for predicting next month and next 24 months ahead airline passengers count

# Analytics: the Mining Toolkit

- **Enables scoring of real-time data in a Streams application**
  - Scoring is performed against a predefined model (in PMML file)
  - Supports a variety of model types and scoring algorithms
- **Predictive Model Markup Language (PMML)**
  - Standard for statistical and data mining models
  - Produced by Analytics tools: SPSS, ISAS, etc.
  - XML representation defined by <http://www.dmg.org/>
- **Scoring operators**
  -  – Classification Assign tuple to a class and report confidence
  -  – Clustering Assign tuple to a cluster and compute score
  -  – Regression Calculate predicted value and standard deviation
  -  – Associations Identify the applicable rule and report consequent (rule head), support, and confidence
- **Supports dynamic replacement of the PMML model used by an operator**

# Analytics: Streams + SPSS Real Time Scoring Service

- Included with SPSS, not with Streams



# Analytics: the Financial Services Toolkit

## ▪ **Adapters**

- Financial Information Exchange (FIX)
- WebSphere Front Office for Financial Markets (WFO)
- WebSphere MQ Low-Latency Messaging (LLM) Adapters

## ▪ **Types and Functions**

- OptionType (put, call), TxType (buy, sell), Trade, Quote, OptionQuote, Order
- Coefficient of Correlation
- “The Greeks” (put/call values, delta, theta, etc.)

## ▪ **Operators**

- Based on QuantLib financial analytics open source package.
- Compute theoretical value of an option (European, American)

## ▪ **Example applications**

- Equities Trading
- Options Trading

# RESOURCE LINKS

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# Where to get Streams

- **Software available via**
  - Passport Advantage site

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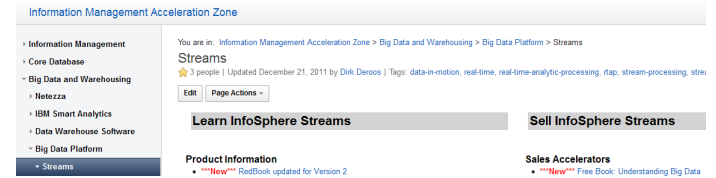
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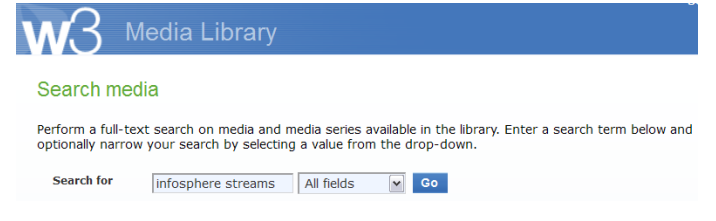
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# More Streams links

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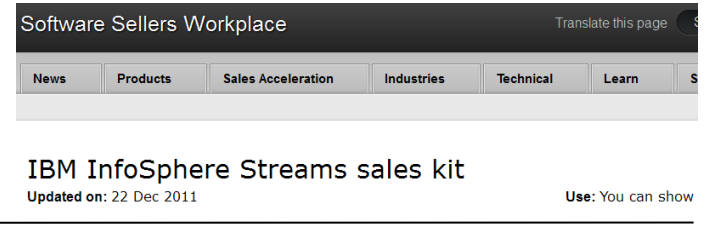


- Streams in the **Media Library (recorded sessions)**



– Search on “streams”

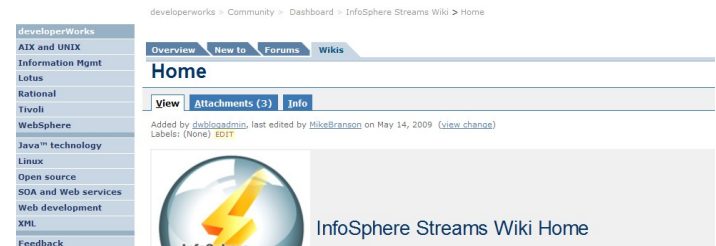
- The Streams Sales Kit**



– PartnerWorld



- InfoSphere Streams Wiki on developerWorks**



– Discussion forum, Streams Exchange

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