

Scale ClickHouse® Queries Infinitely with 10x Cheaper Storage Introducing Project Antalya

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Introductions



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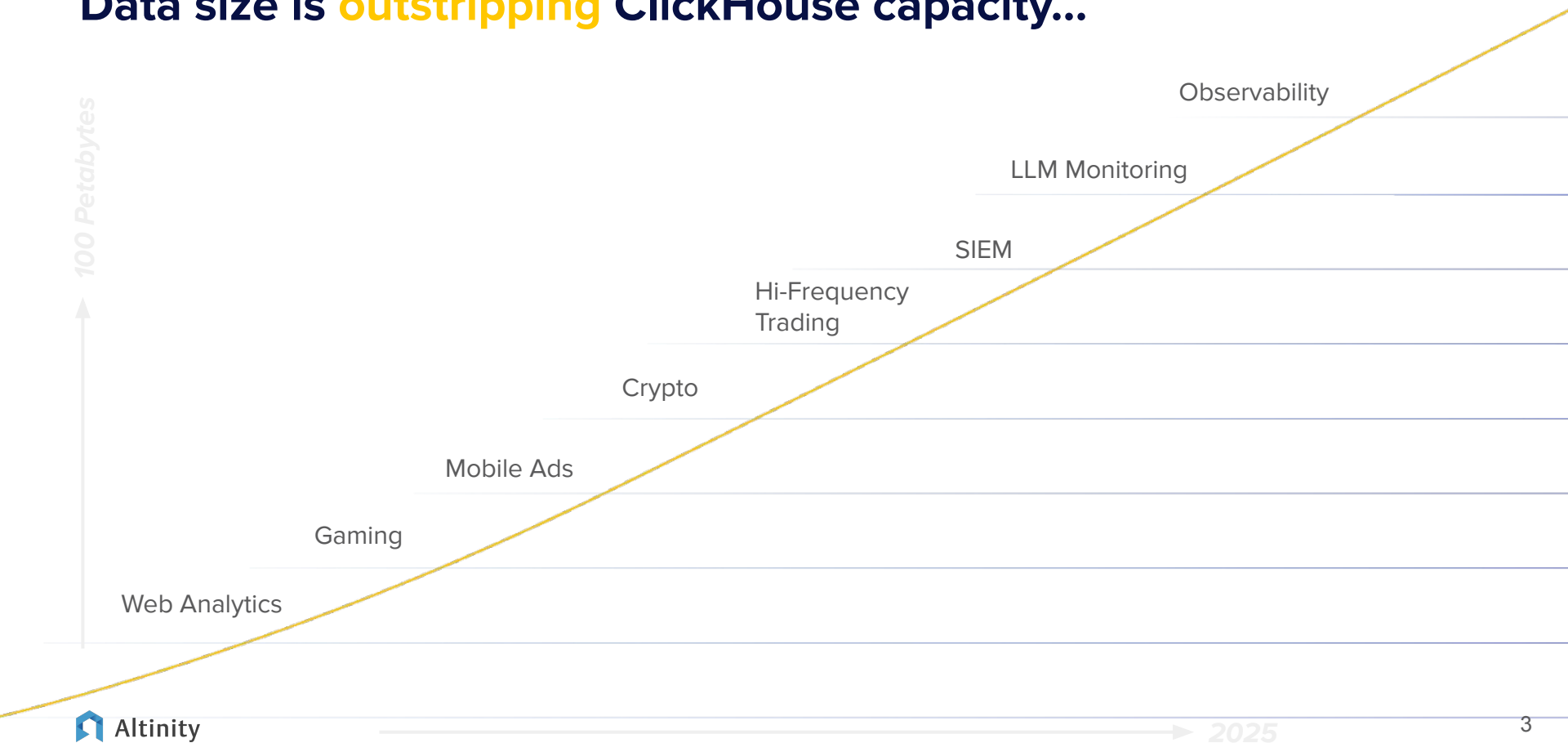


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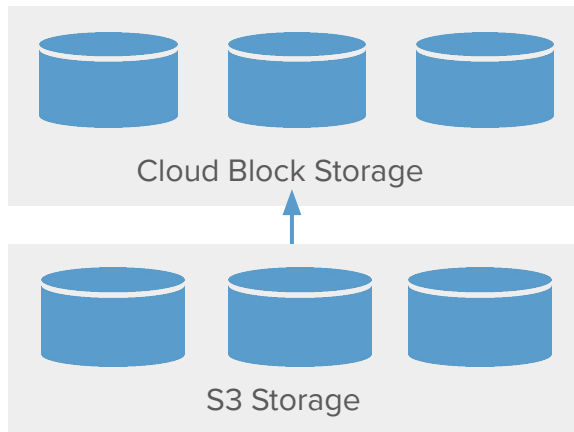
ALTINITY® Build better on open source ClickHouse

Data size is **outstripping** ClickHouse capacity...



...Leading to pressure on **storage** and **compute** cost

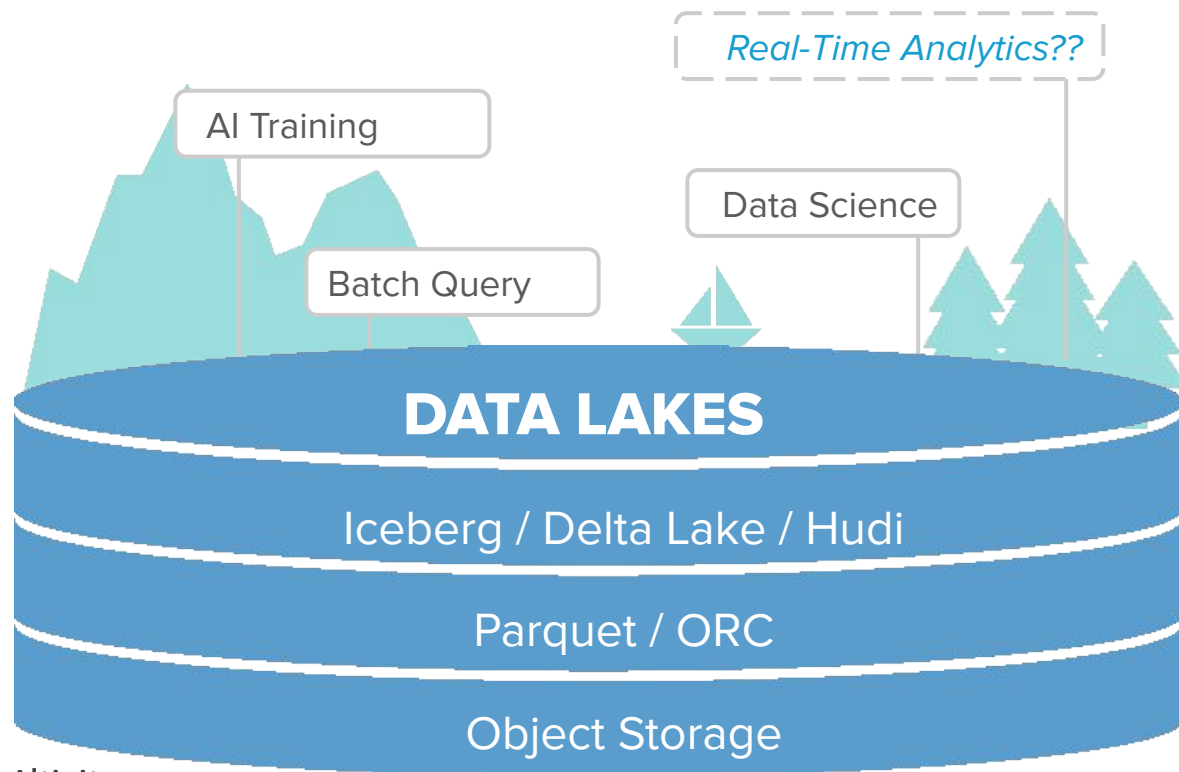
Block storage with replication is
10x more expensive



Overprovisioning wastes compute

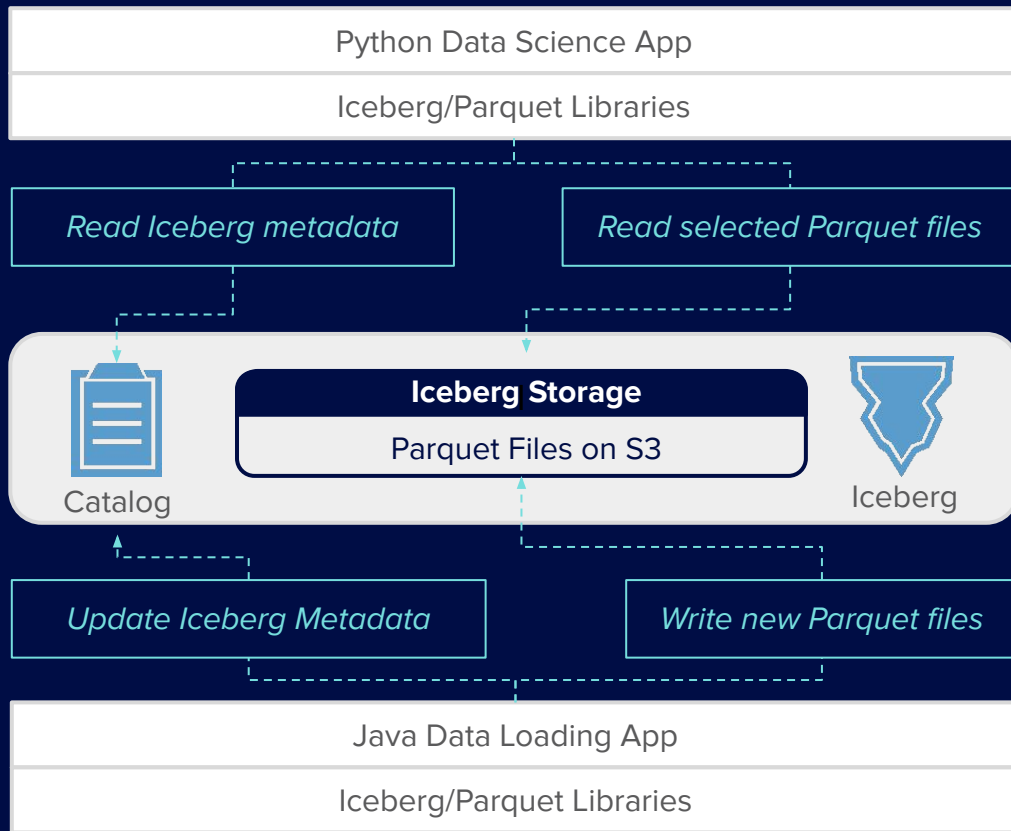


Data lakes share **large tables on cheap object storage**



- Shareable
- Single copy of data
- Open formats
- Run in user account

How data lakes work - there's no database!



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Project Antalya

BUILDS - CONTAINERS - CLOUD NATIVE BLUEPRINTS

Make I/O on Parquet very fast

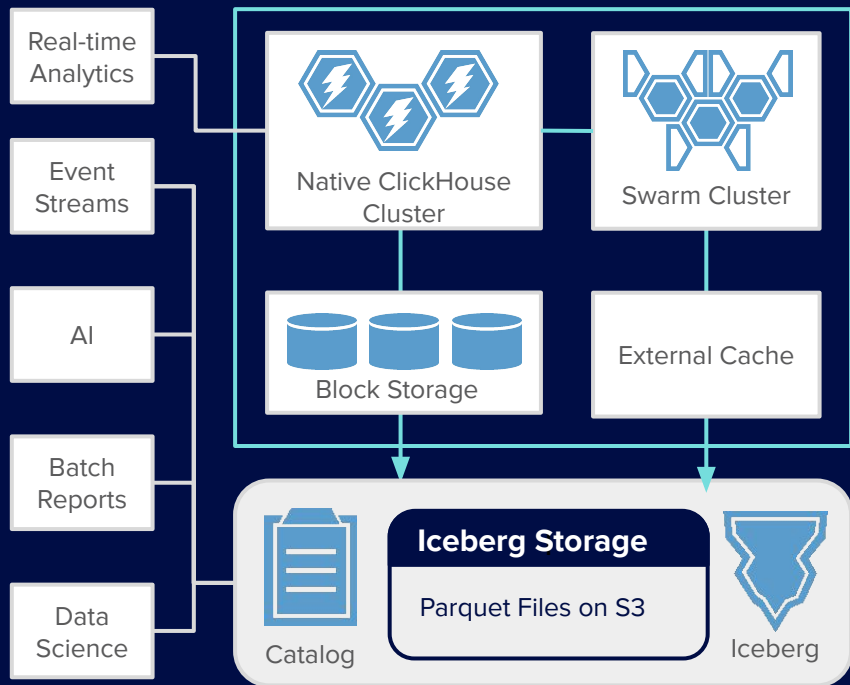
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Apply cheap compute easily

Stateless compute swarms, distributed caching, tiered storage to Iceberg

Run in any cloud or on-prem

Kubernetes blueprints for auto-scaling, cache deployment, tooling, monitoring

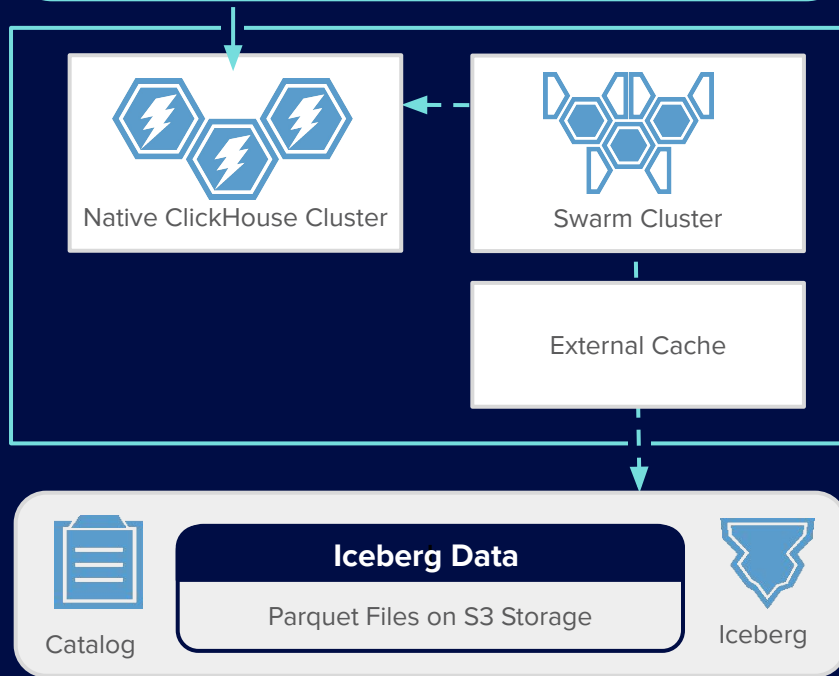


Project Antalya makes ClickHouse run fast and cheap on **shared data**

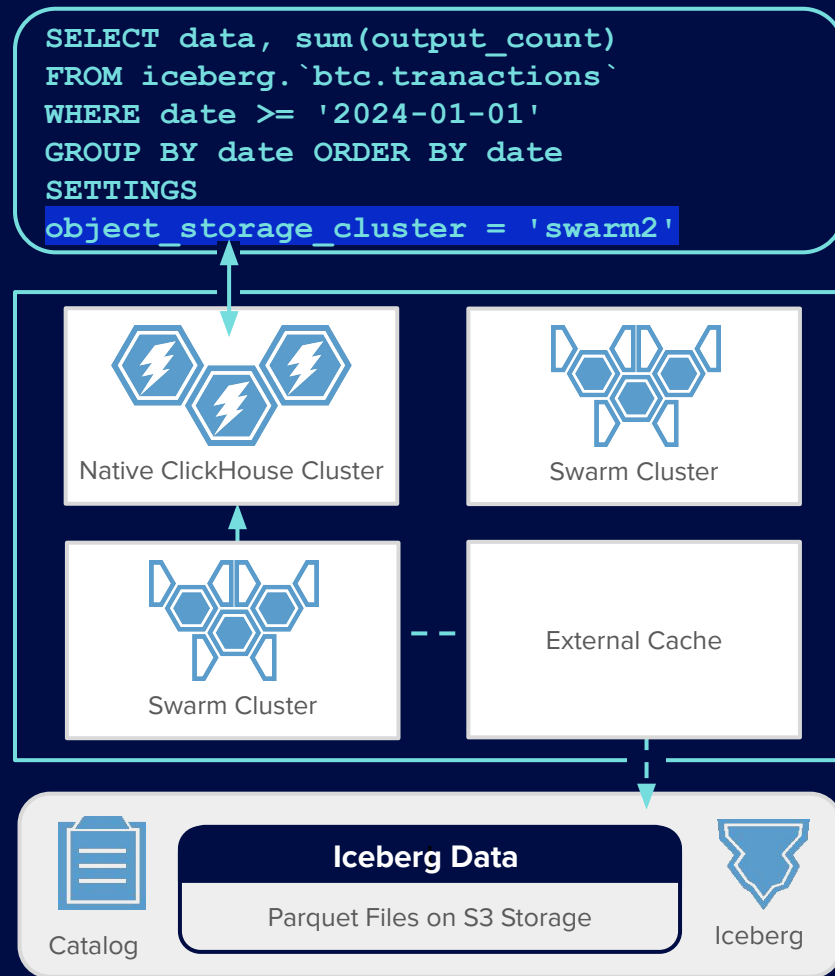
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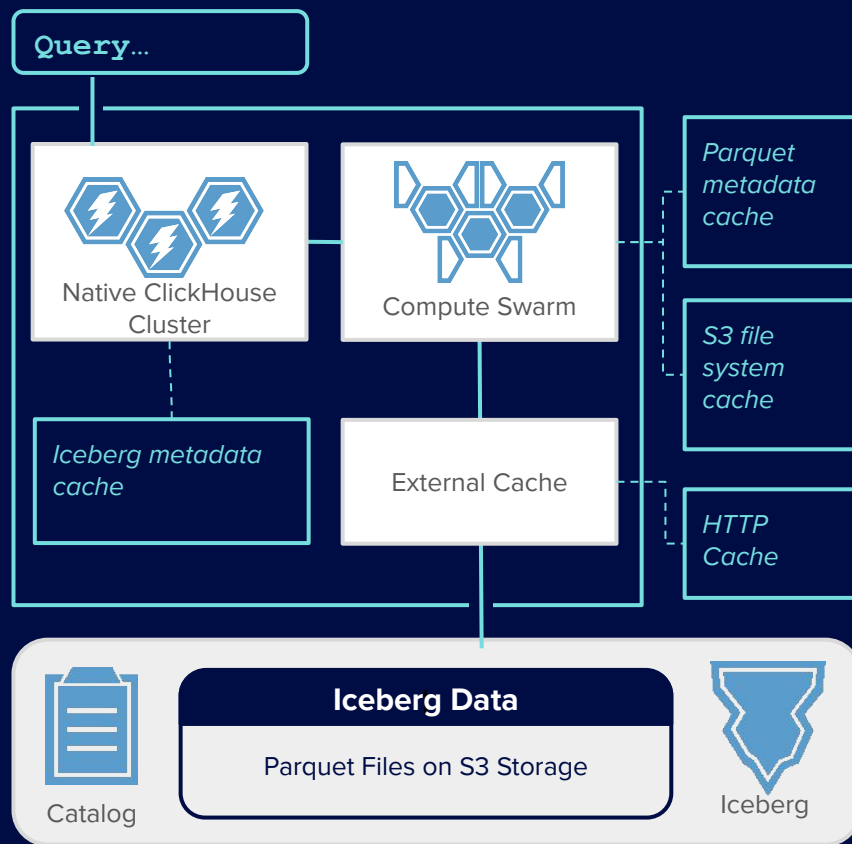
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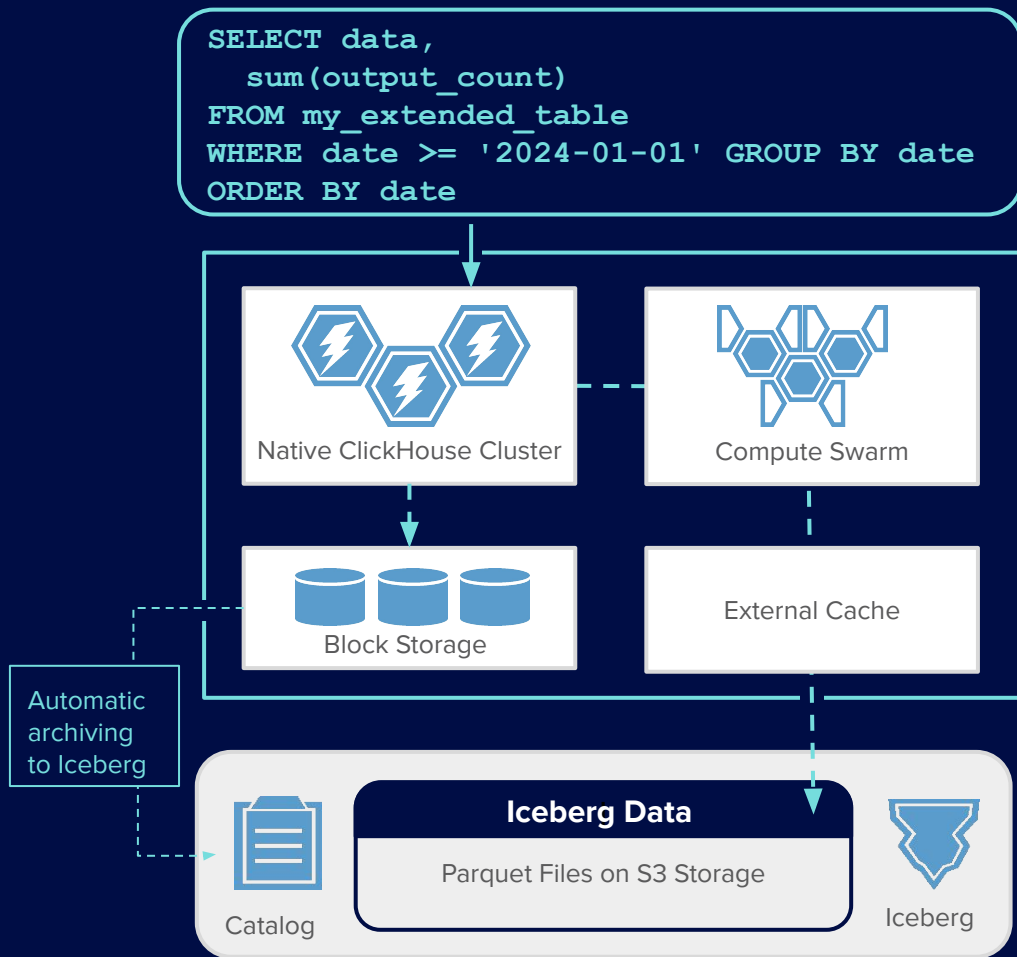
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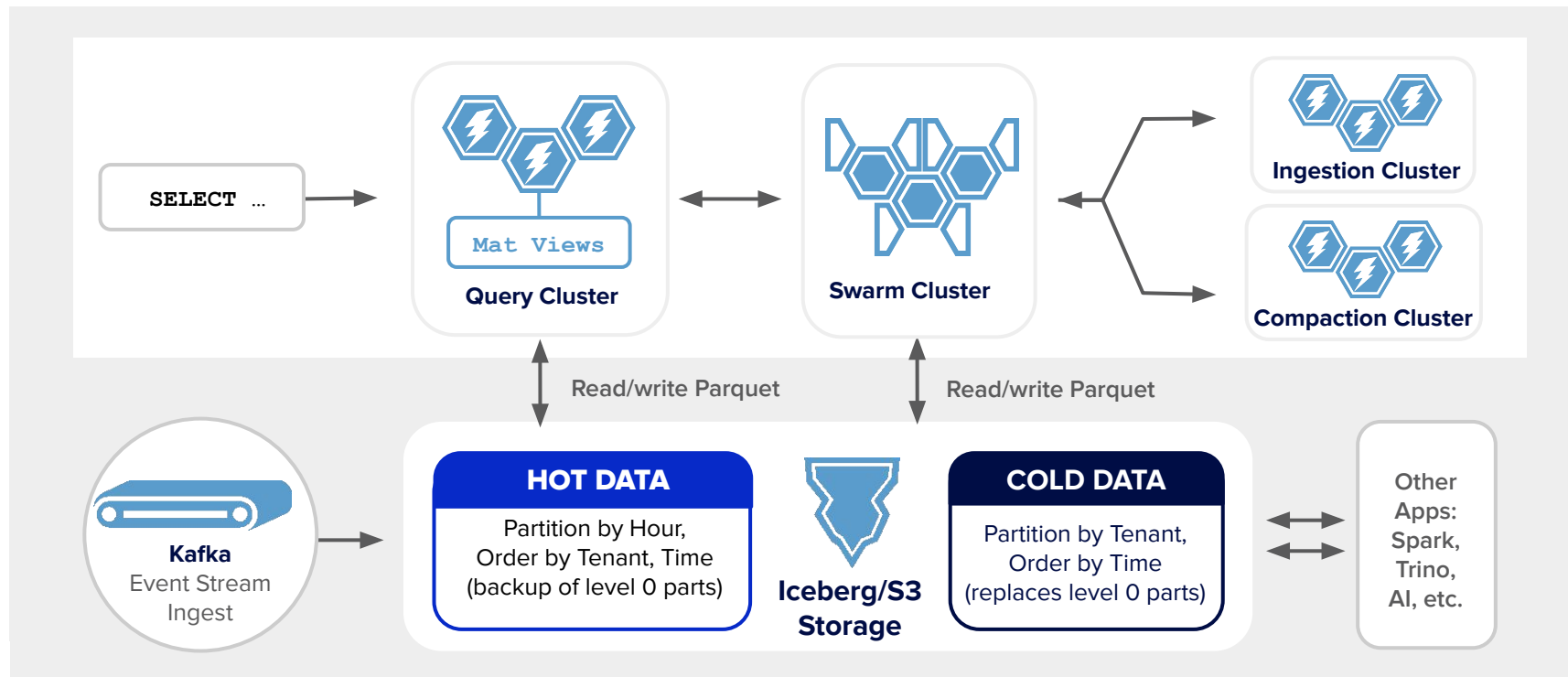
Caches make
distance to Iceberg
data disappear



Tiered storage to Iceberg will **slash** **ClickHouse** storage **costs**



Our end goal: run anywhere at any **price/performance** point



Swarm queries
work **today...**



Let's see a demo! 🏎️

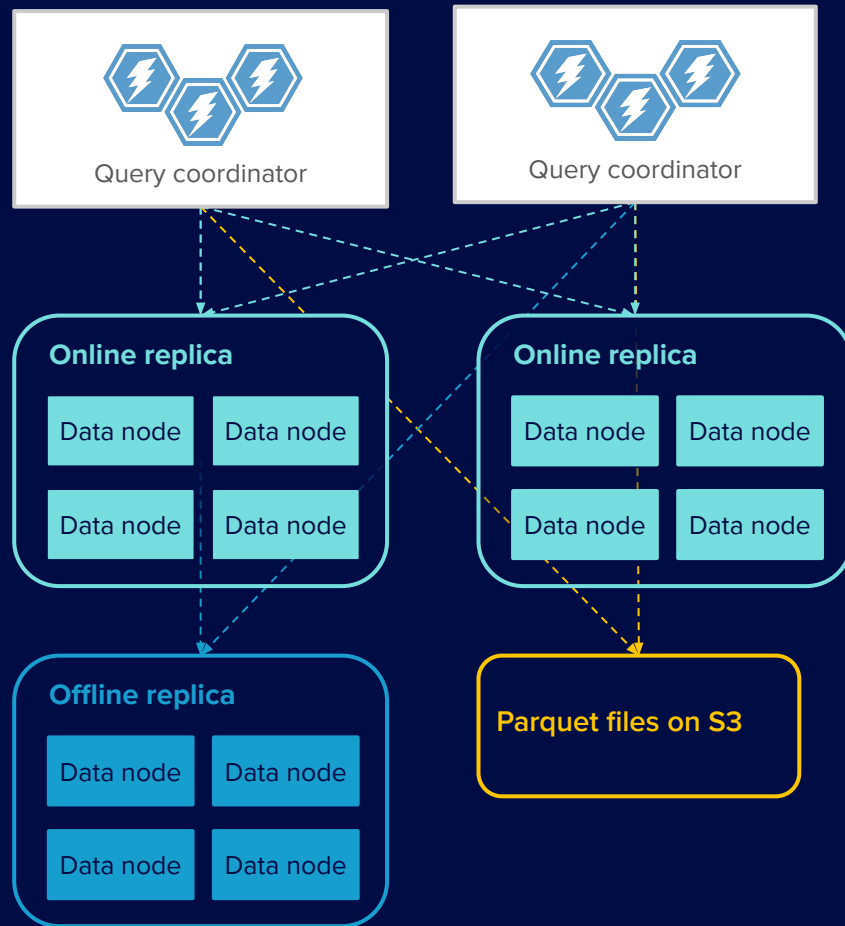
What is PostHog?

product analytics + web
analytics + session replay +
data warehouse + error
tracking + feature flags +
experimentation + open source

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How developers build
successful products

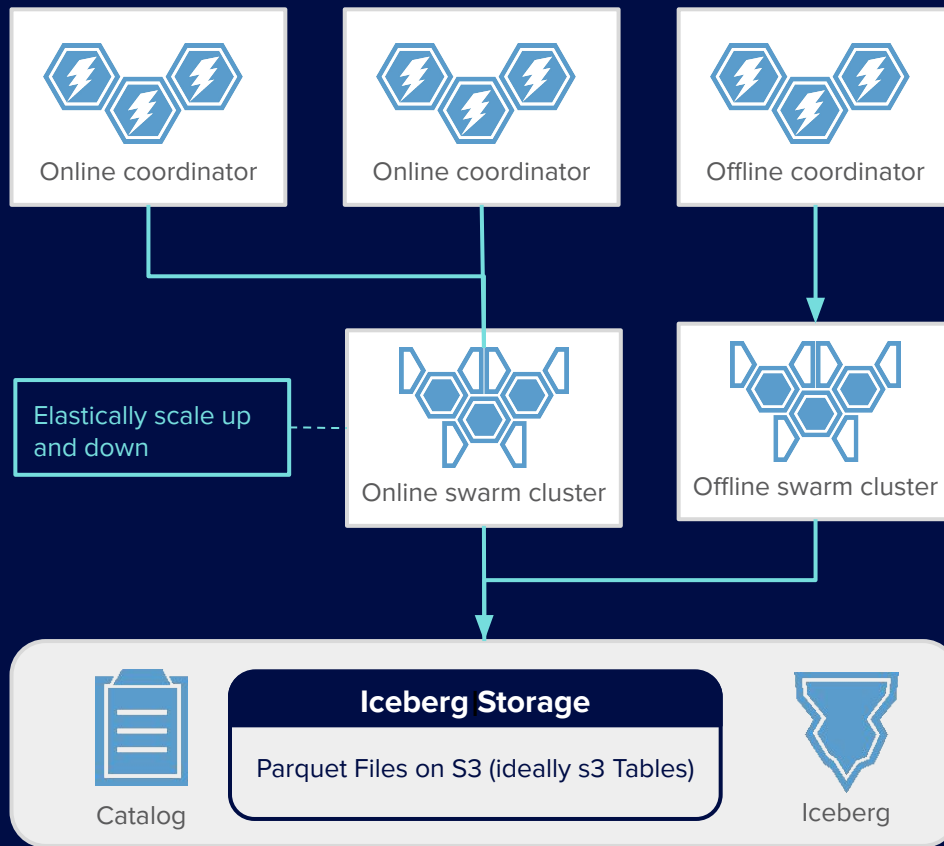
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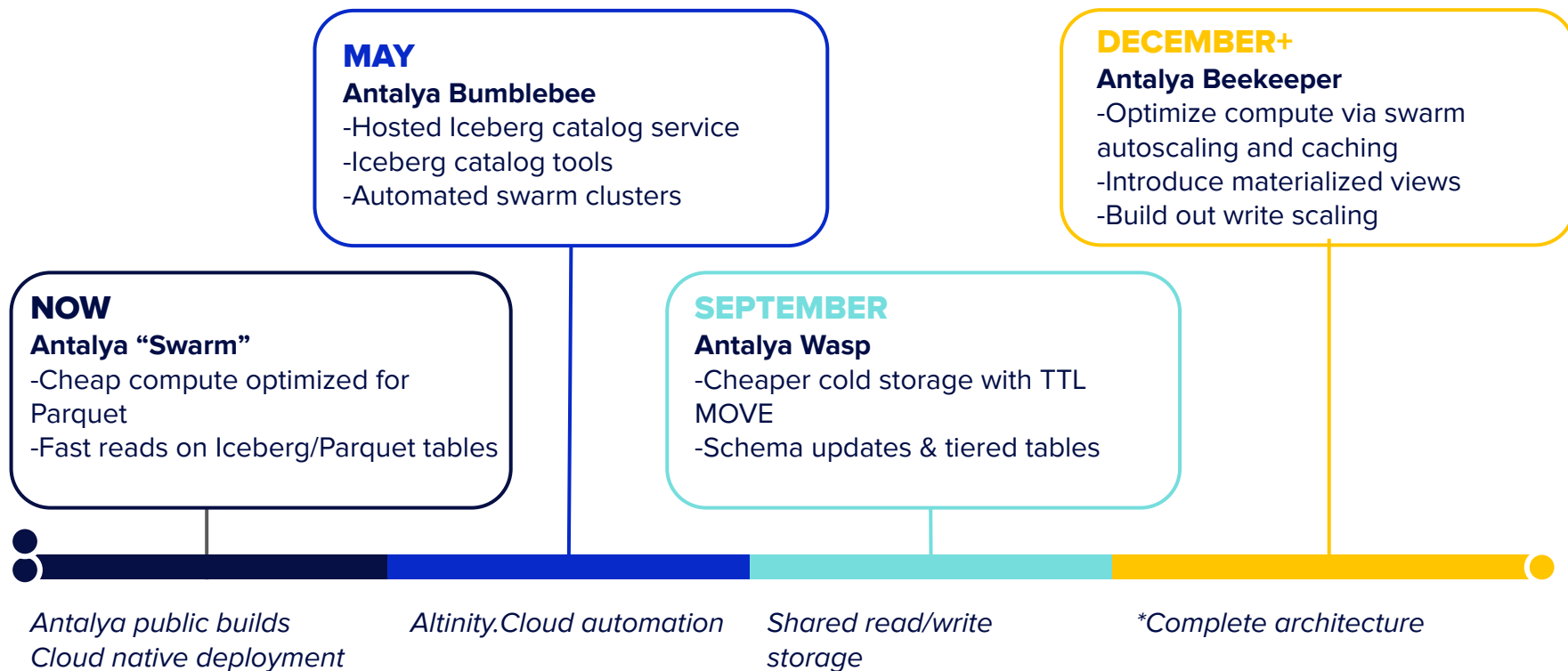
Problems/limitations of Clickhouse

- Tight coupling of compute and storage means we can't easily scale up/down depending on workloads
 - Either have to scale every node (which means 2x increase in cost), reshard or add another replica
- All data is replicated 3x on expensive NVME and EBS disks
- No reliable caching of block storage results

PostHog future state with **Antalya** swarm clusters



Project Antalya 2025 **implementation plan**



How is Project Antalya different from Official ClickHouse® Builds?

Open Source Features	Project Antalya	Official ClickHouse®
Fast Parquet and S3 reads	Yes	Yes
Iceberg catalog support	Yes	Yes
Swarm clusters	Yes	No
S3 HTTP caching	Yes	No
Tiered storage to Iceberg	Coming soon	No
Cloud native deployment blueprints	Yes	No

Getting started

- Clone the antalya-examples project

```
git clone git@github.com:Altinity/antalya-examples.git
```

- Set up the docker compose example and start playing around

```
cd antalya-examples/docker
```

```
(Peruse the README.md and set up Docker Compose.)
```

```
./x-up.sh
```

- Build and contribution instructions are also covered there

Contributing to the project

- **Try out Antalya** (and tell your friends!)
- Join our Slack workspace to ask questions (<https://altinity.com/slack>)
- Raise issues on GitHub
- Better still, submit Pull Requests (We love them.)

Summary

- Exponential data growth == **excessive costs** for ClickHouse apps
- Iceberg solves storage and delivers a single copy of data for all workloads
- Project Antalya enables fast, scalable access to Iceberg & Parquet
- The code is 100% open source and runs anywhere
- Future releases will:
 - Extend ClickHouse tables automatically to Iceberg, dropping existing storage costs
 - Integrate ClickHouse applications seamlessly with data lake storage
- Try it out and contribute. It's a community effort!

Credits



The engineering team at work



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...and hundreds of customers
and community friends!



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Project Antalya Webinar

Thank you! Questions?

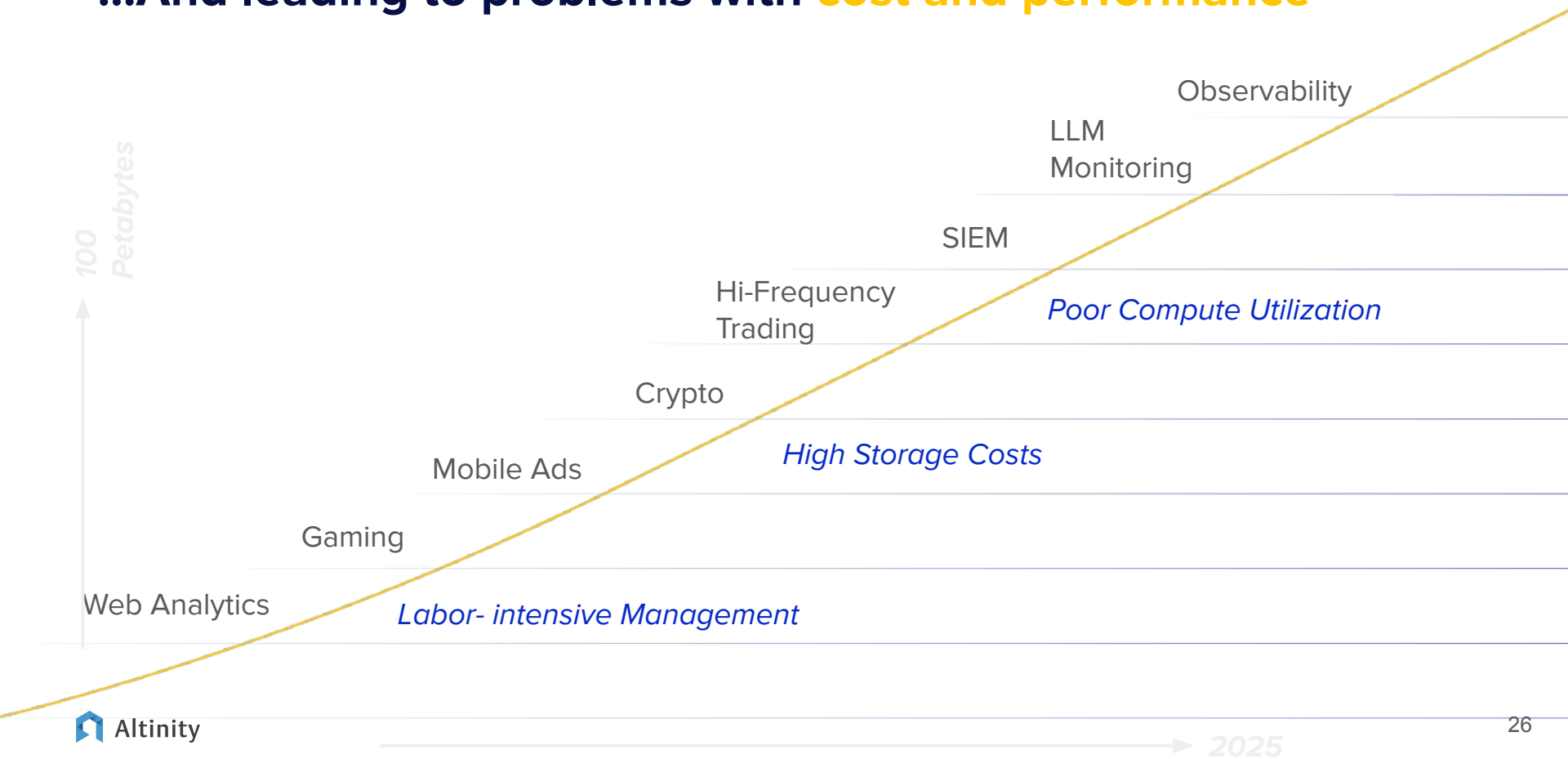
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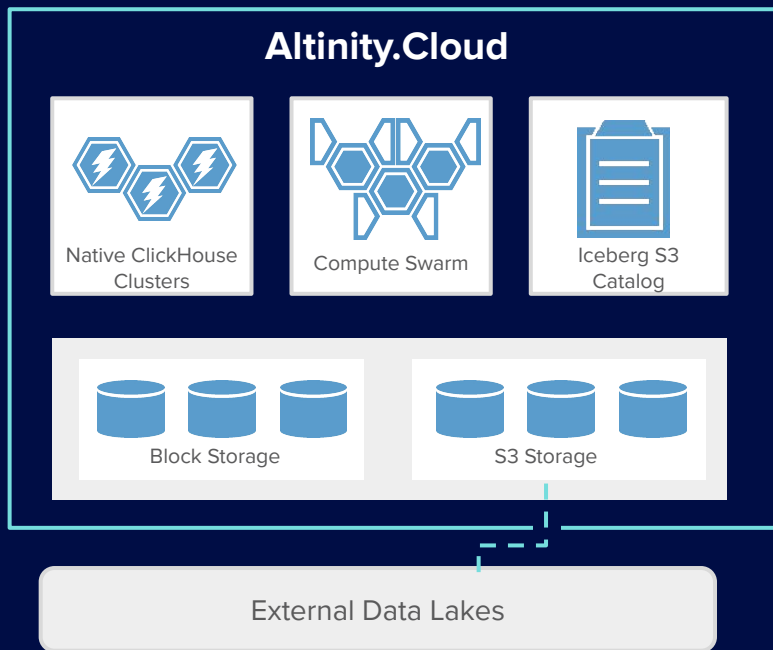
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...And leading to problems with **cost and performance**

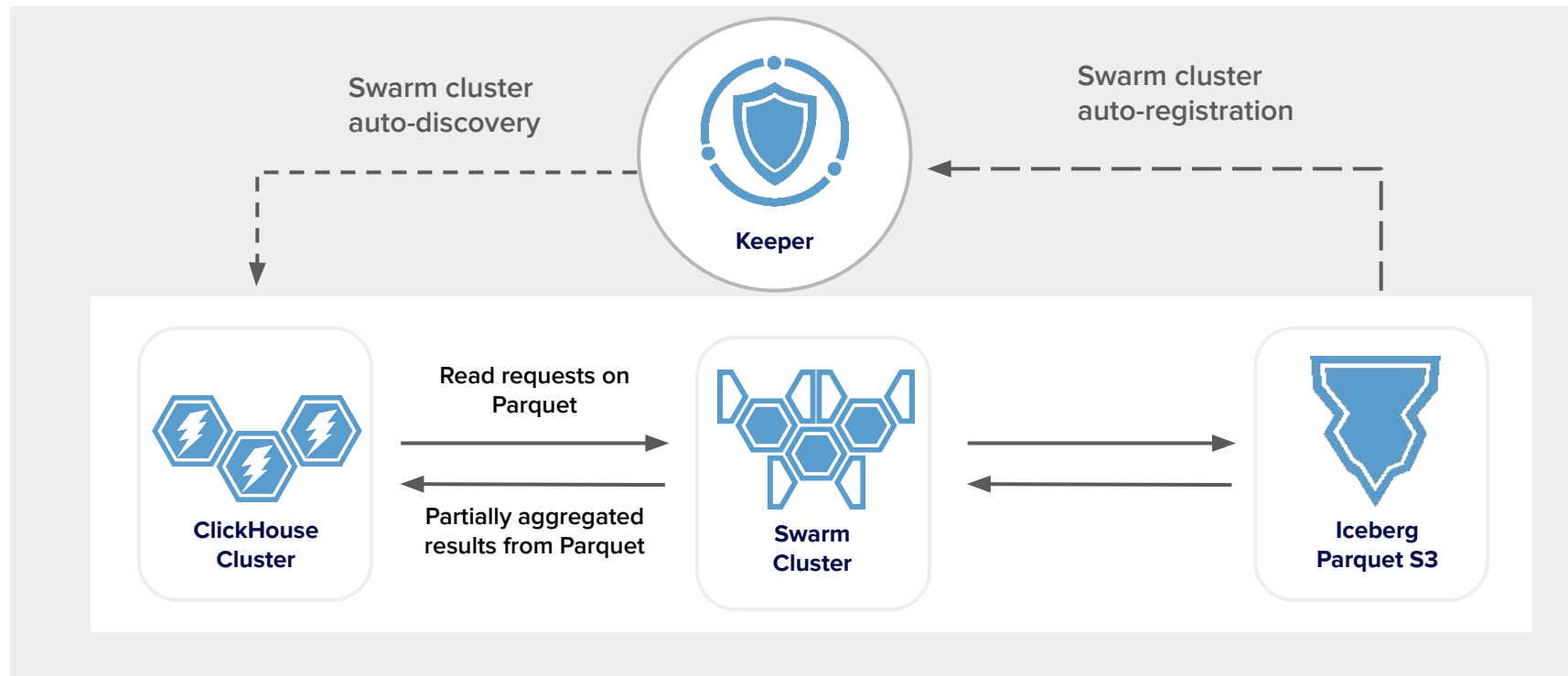




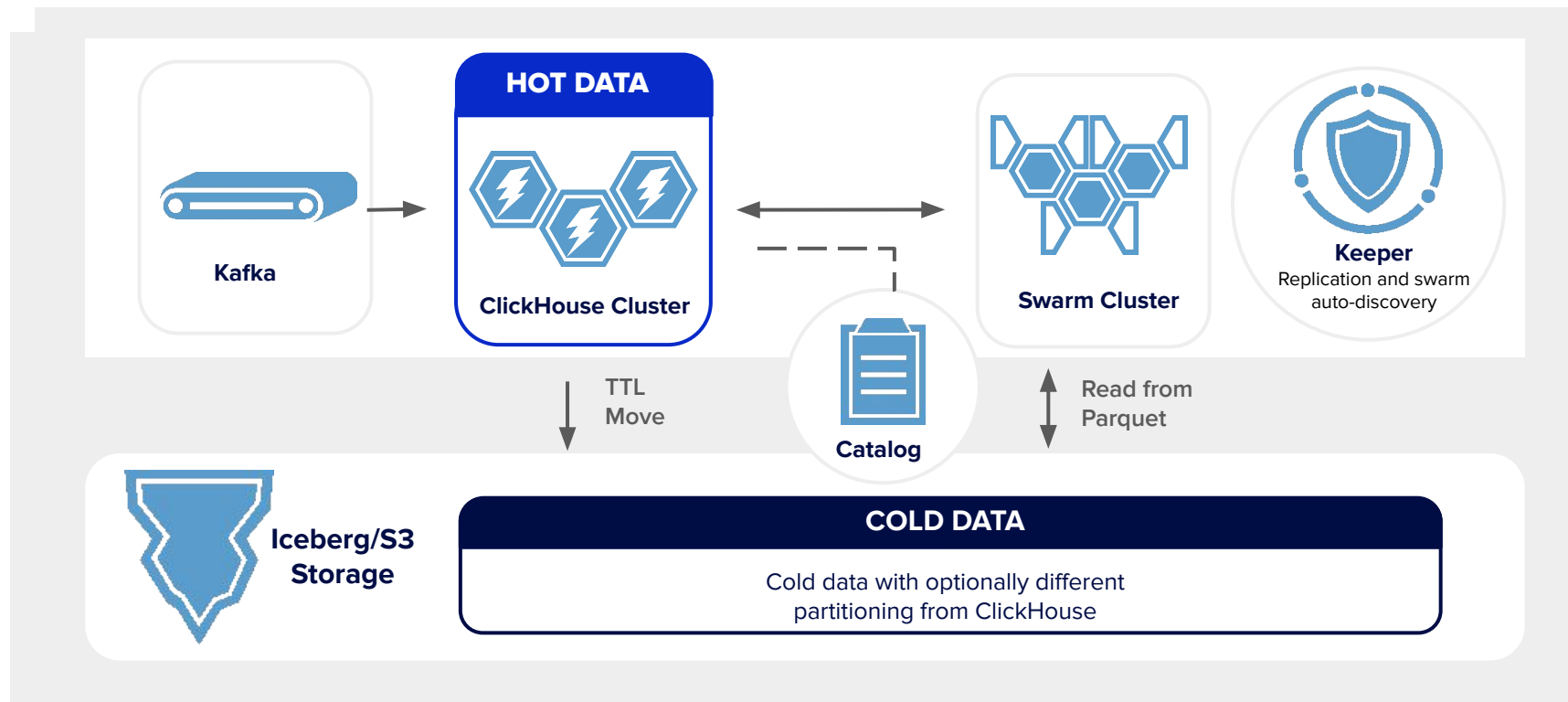
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- Flexible scaling of compute on cheap spot instances
- Data lake shared with external applications

Swarm clusters enable deployment of cheap, scalable compute



Tiered storage to Iceberg reduces ClickHouse costs



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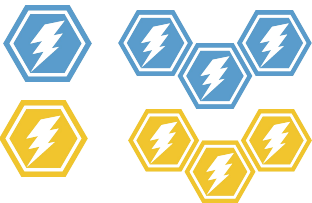
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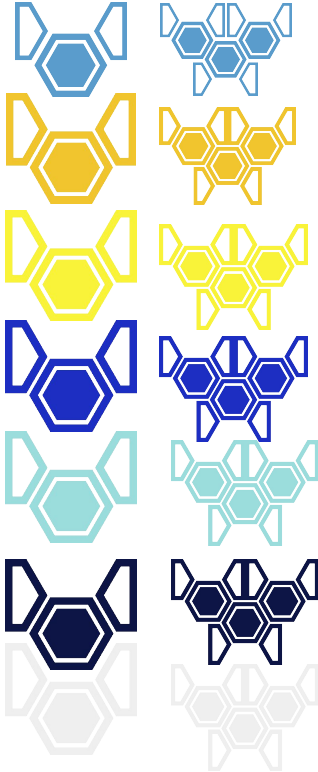
Clickhouse (Native) Cluster



Director Cluster



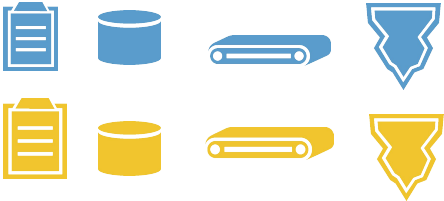
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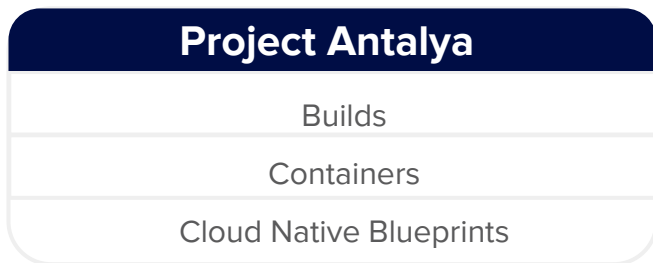
Keeper



Other



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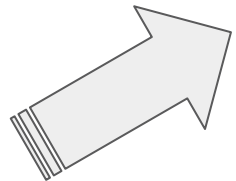
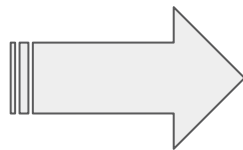
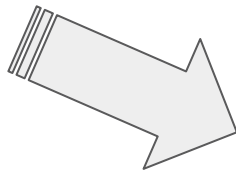
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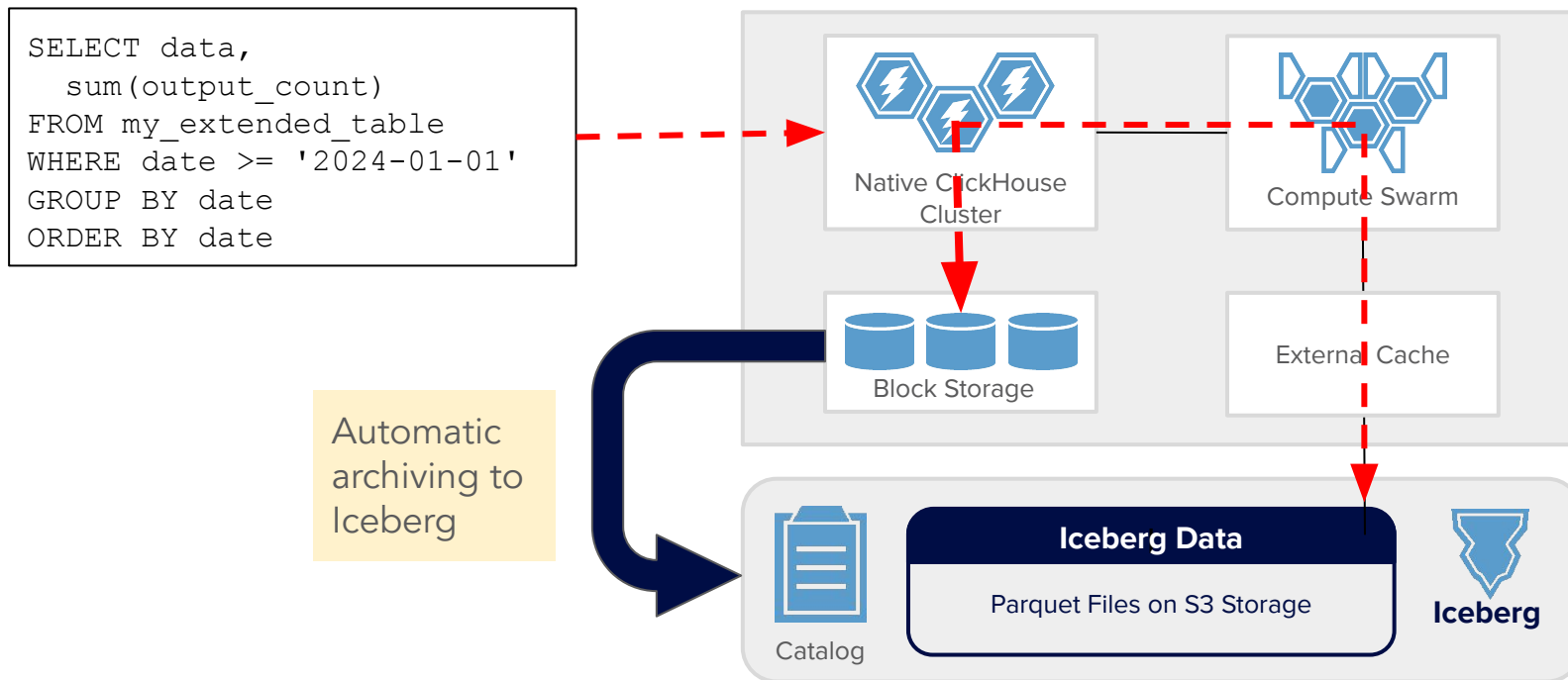
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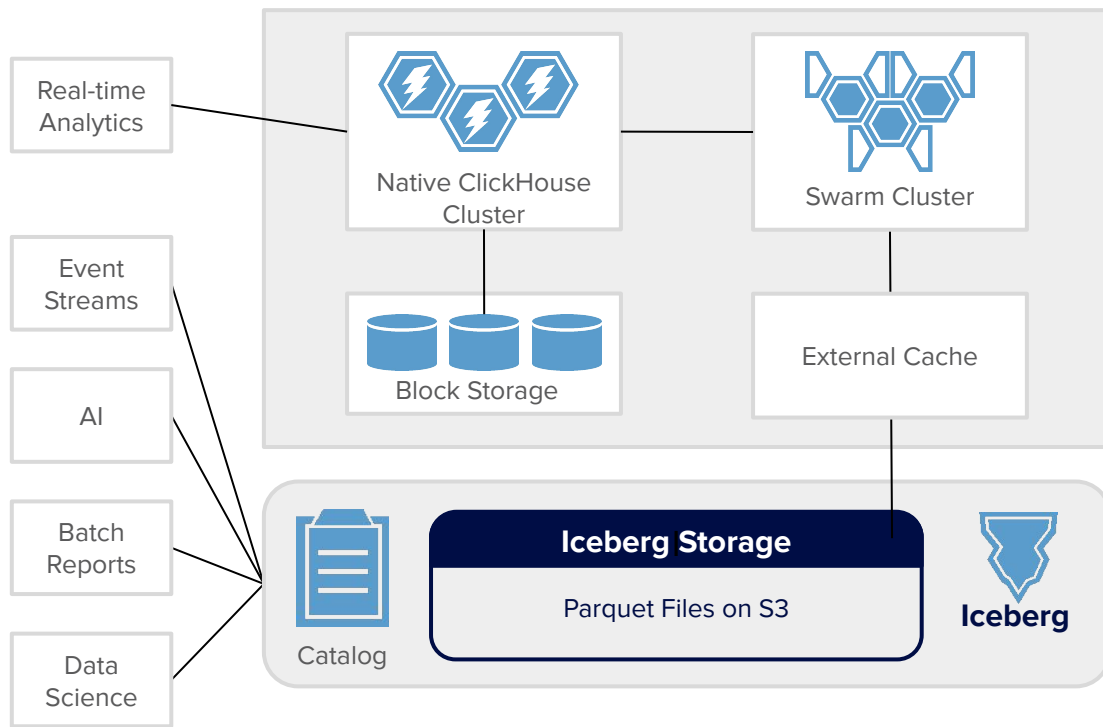
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Builds
Containers
Cloud Native Blueprints

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Project Antalya opens up ClickHouse to cheap, shared data



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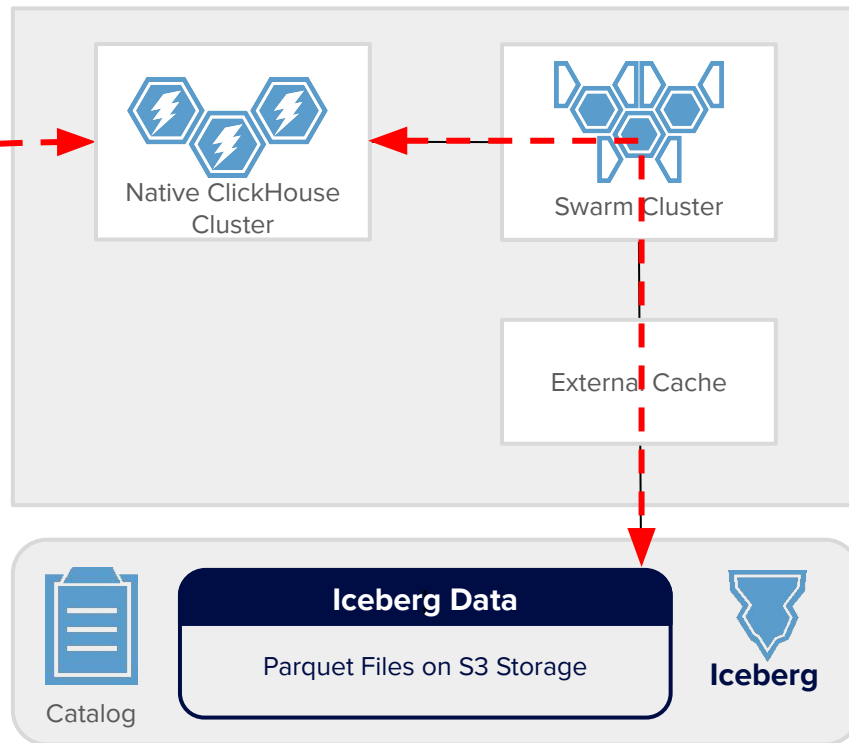
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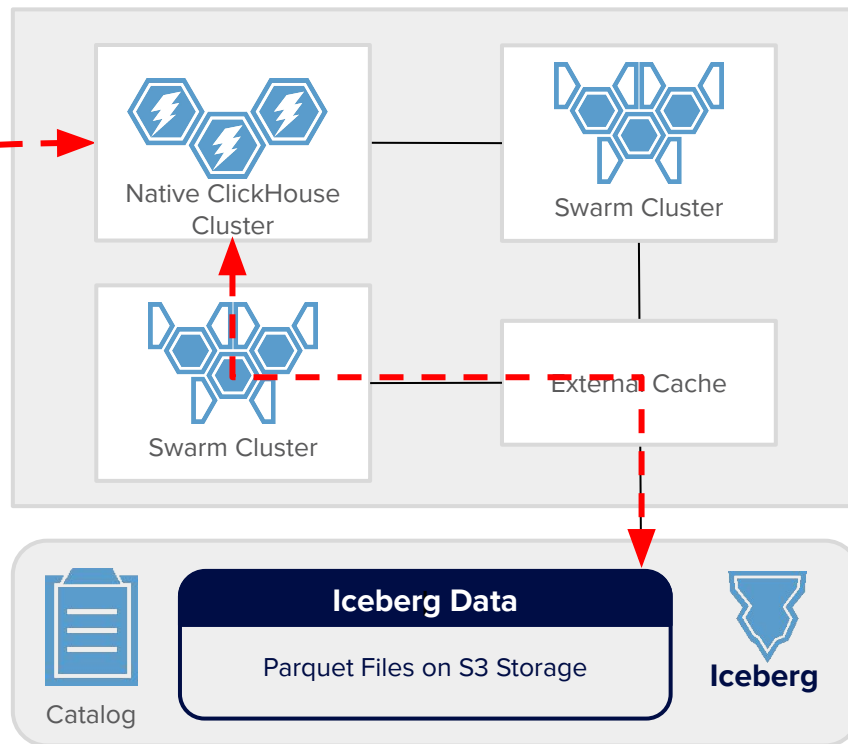
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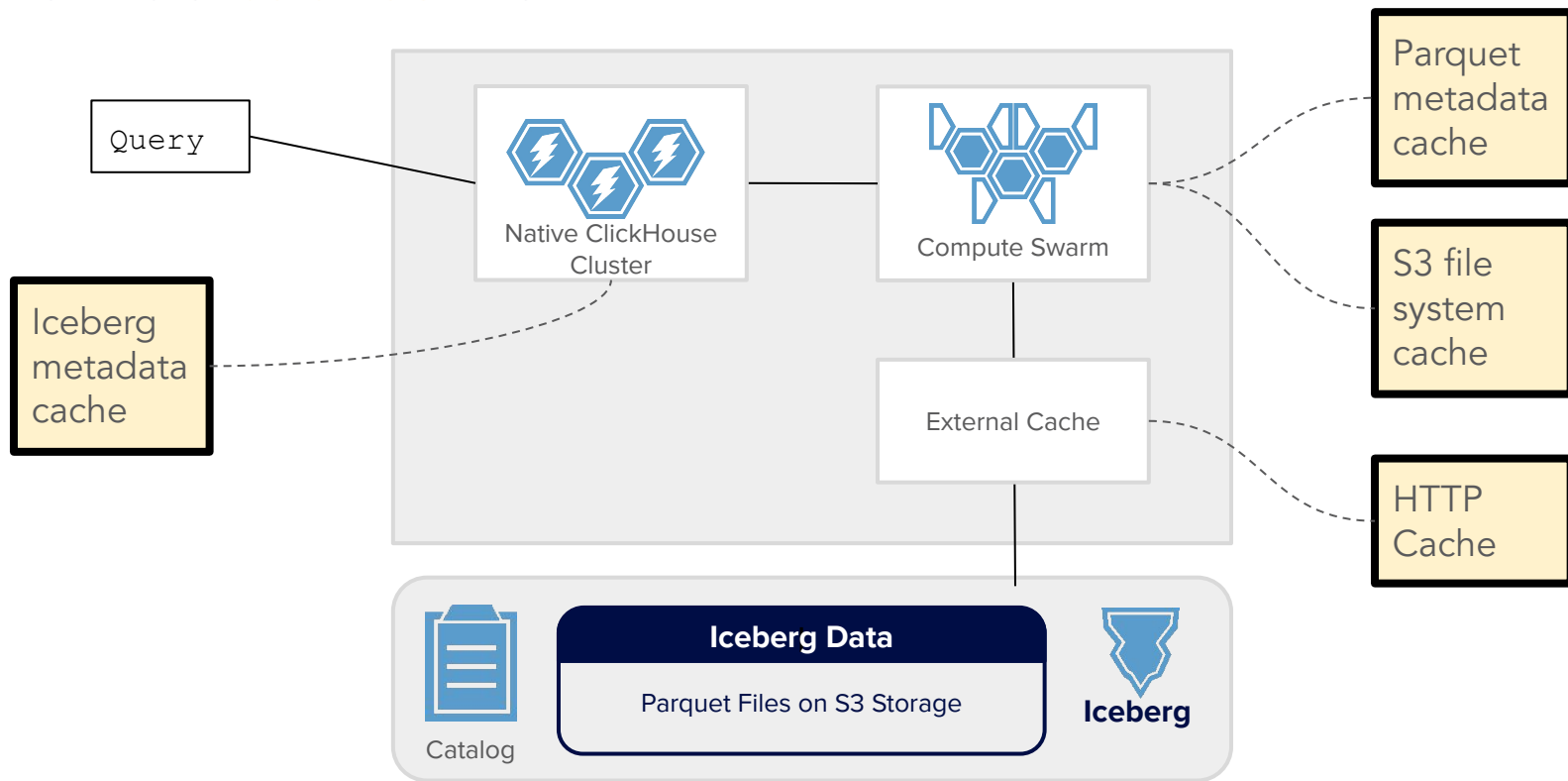


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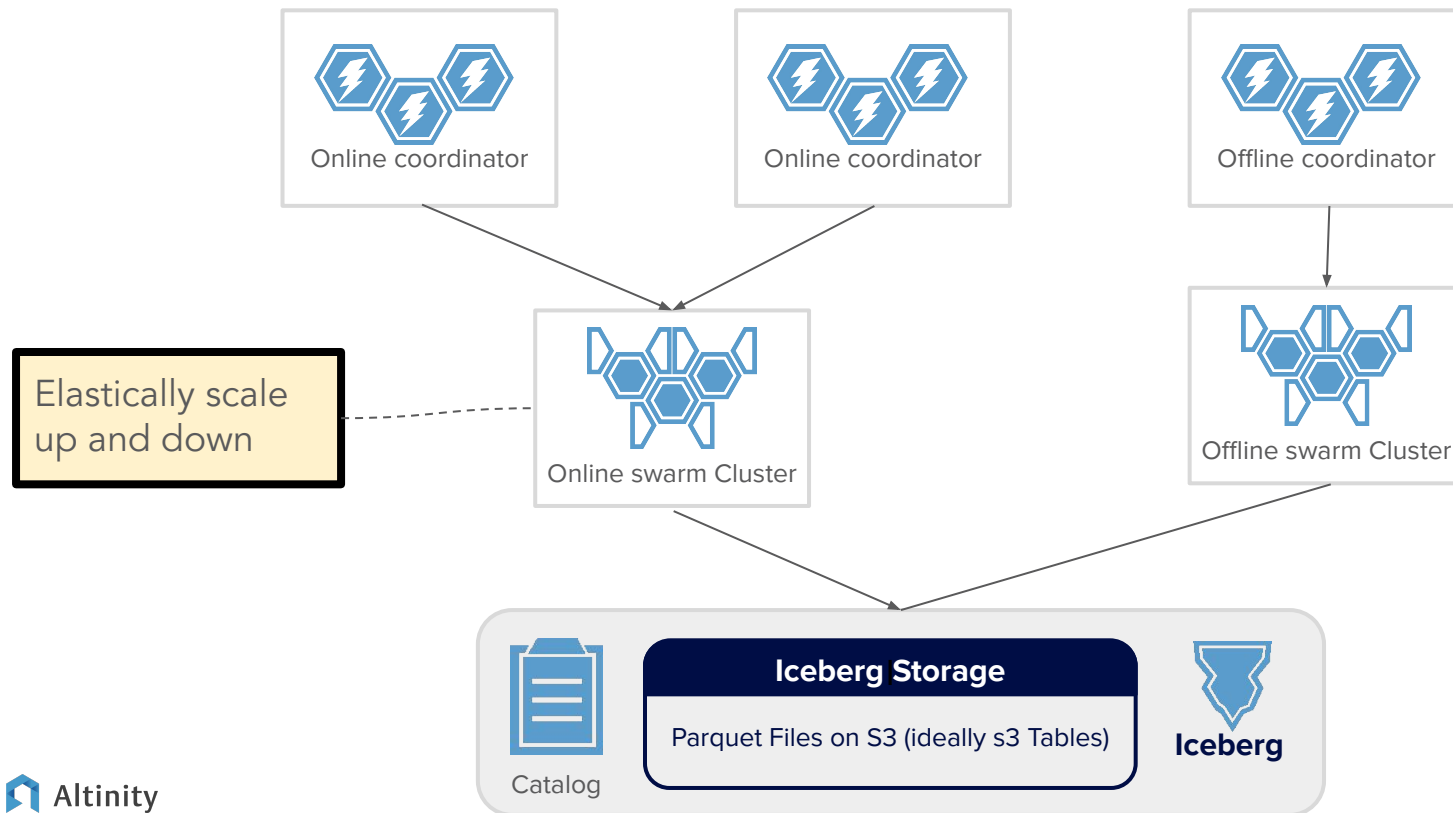
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How do **caches** work?



Future state with Antalya

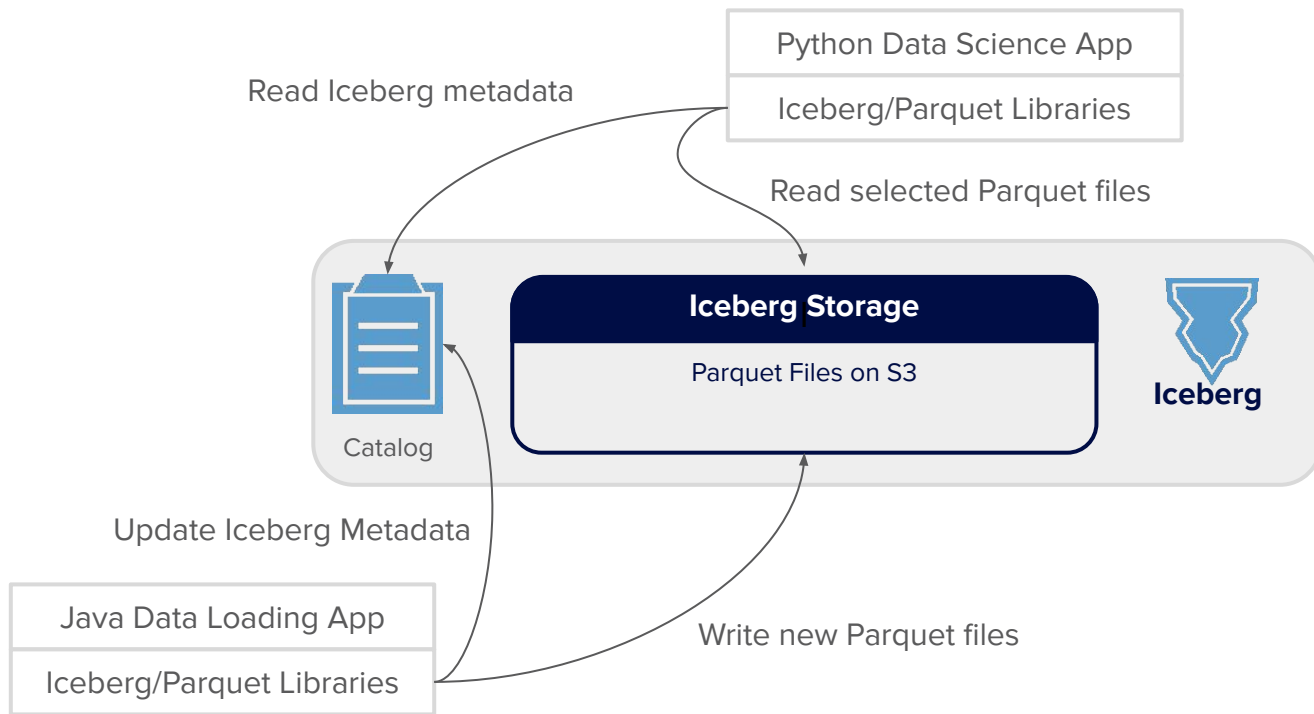


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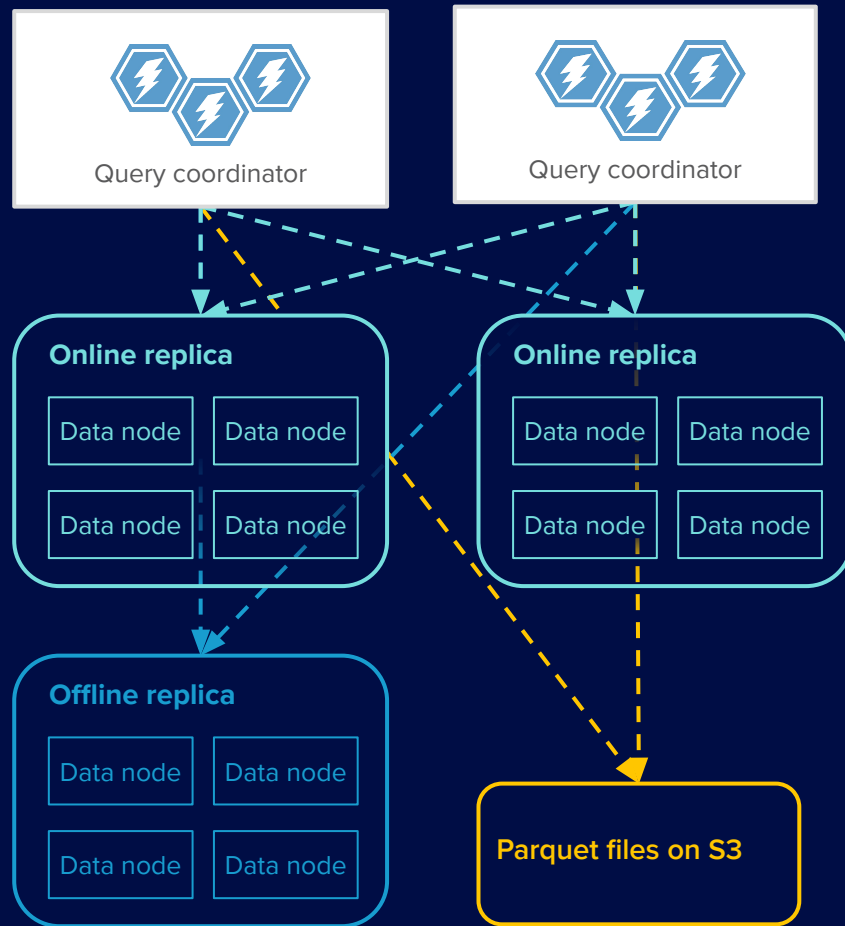
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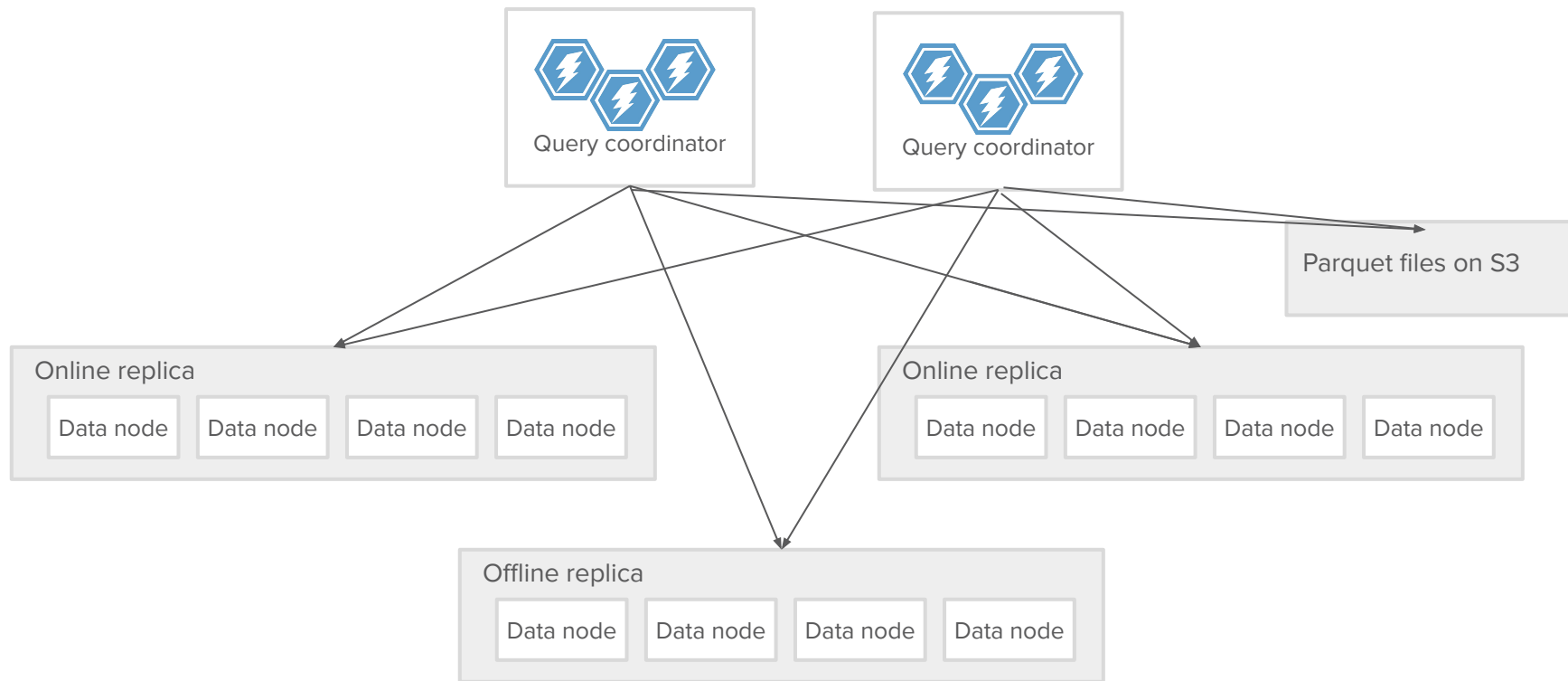
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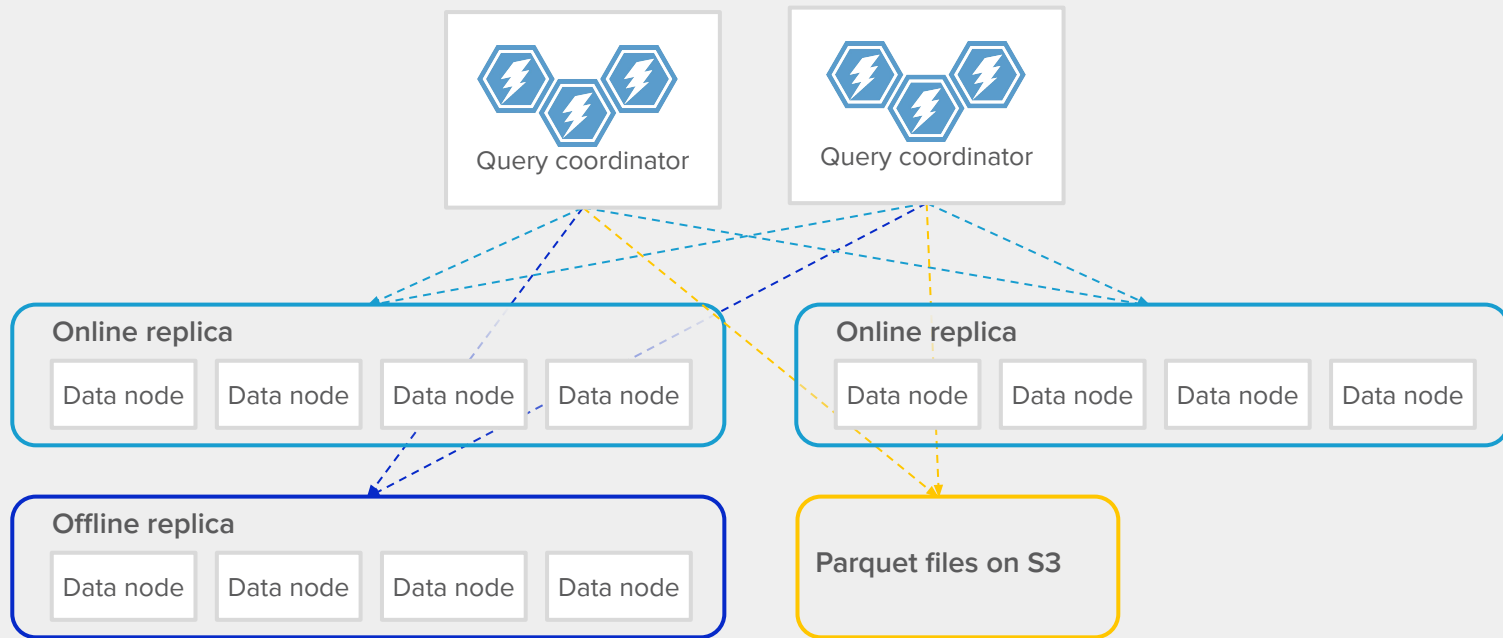
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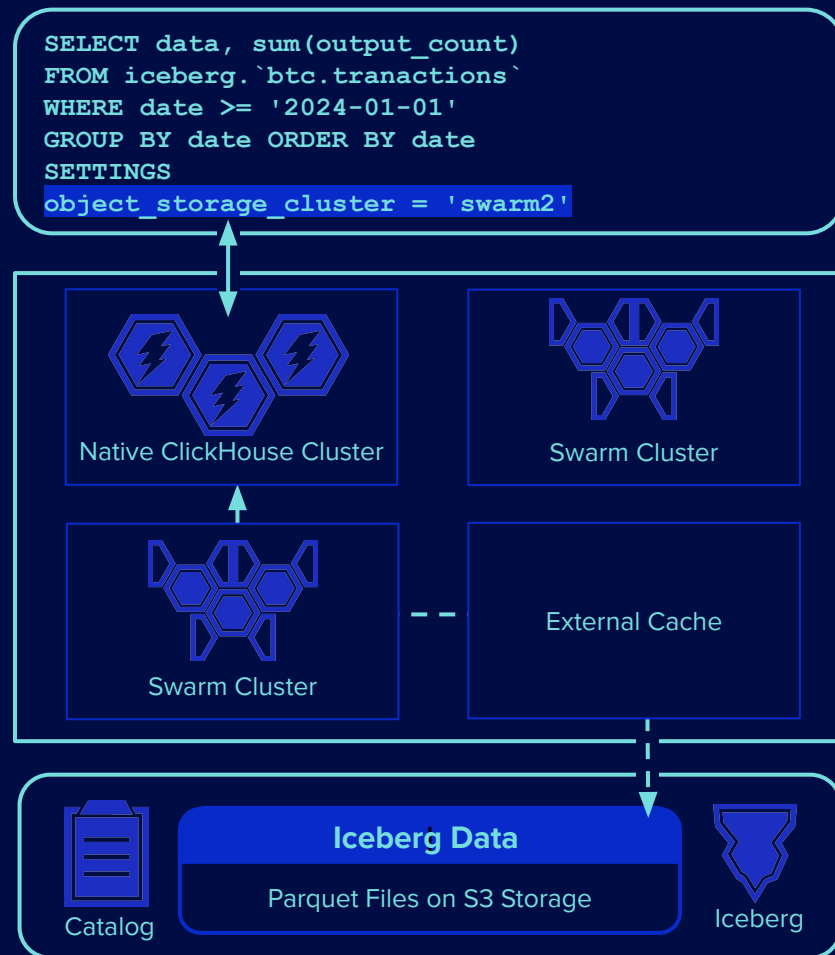
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