

High Available + Scalable Prometheus with Thanos in Alibaba

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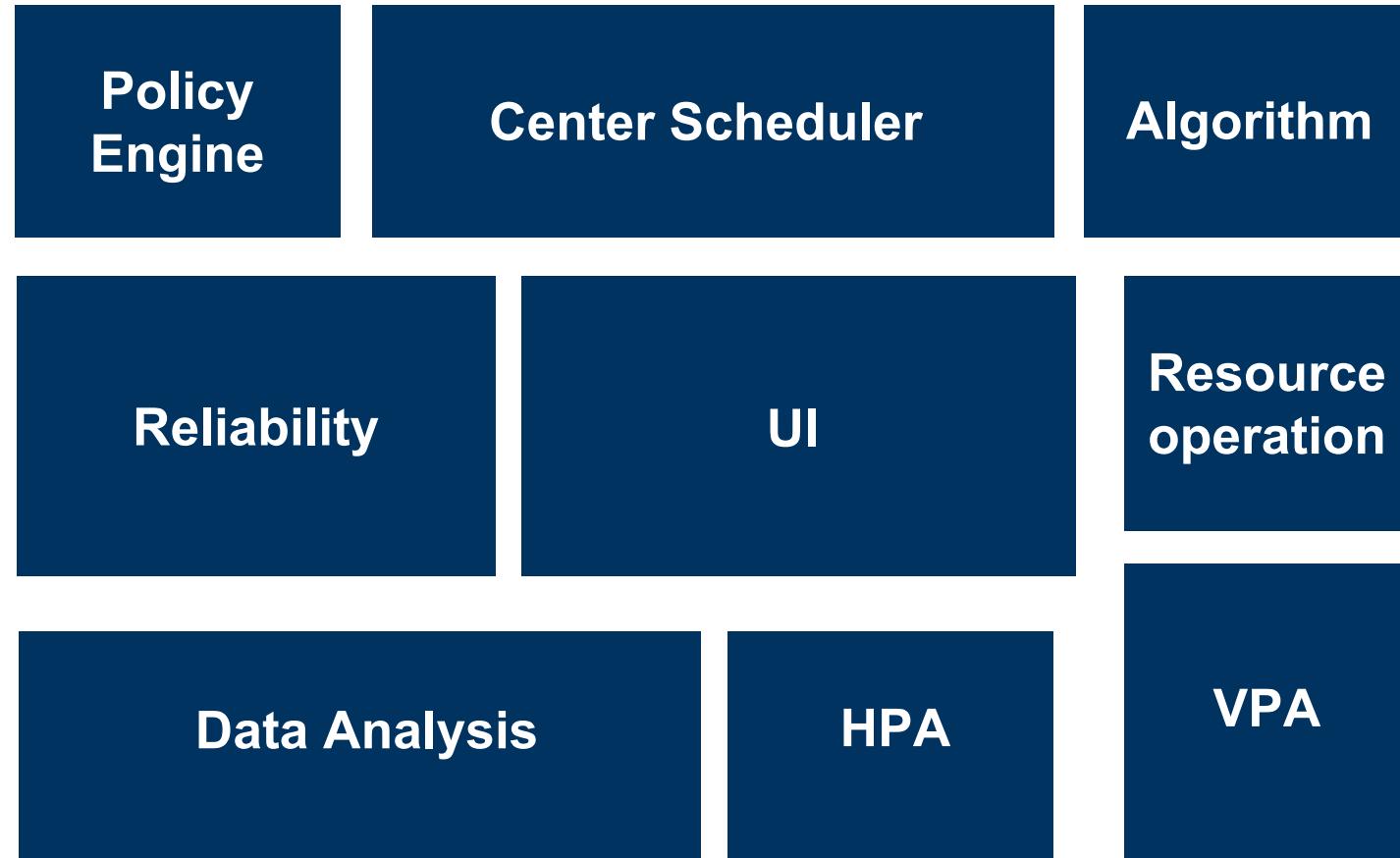
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Background

Use Case



Our Plan

Monitoring dashboard

Systems (data points trend/aggregation)

- Autoscaling
- Alerting
- Scheduler

Operational dashboard

Human (interactive arbitrary query focused)

- System operator
- Algorithm engineer
- Data analyst

Instrumentation

Insight

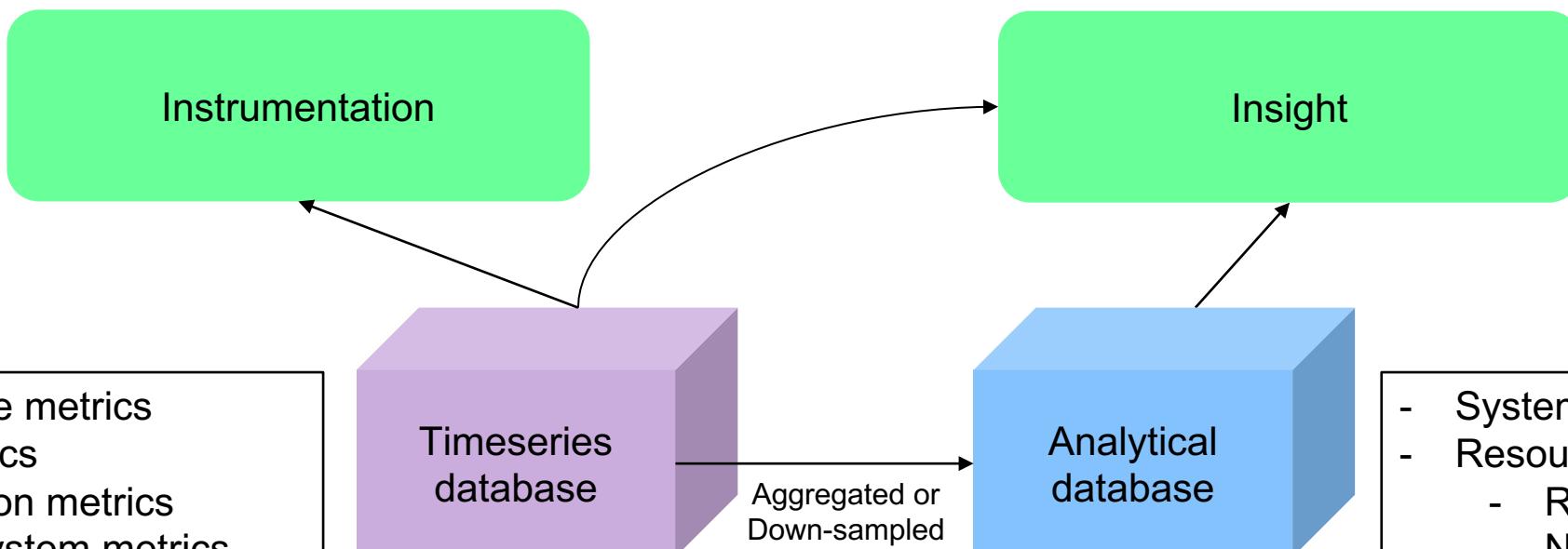
Timeseries
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Analytical
database

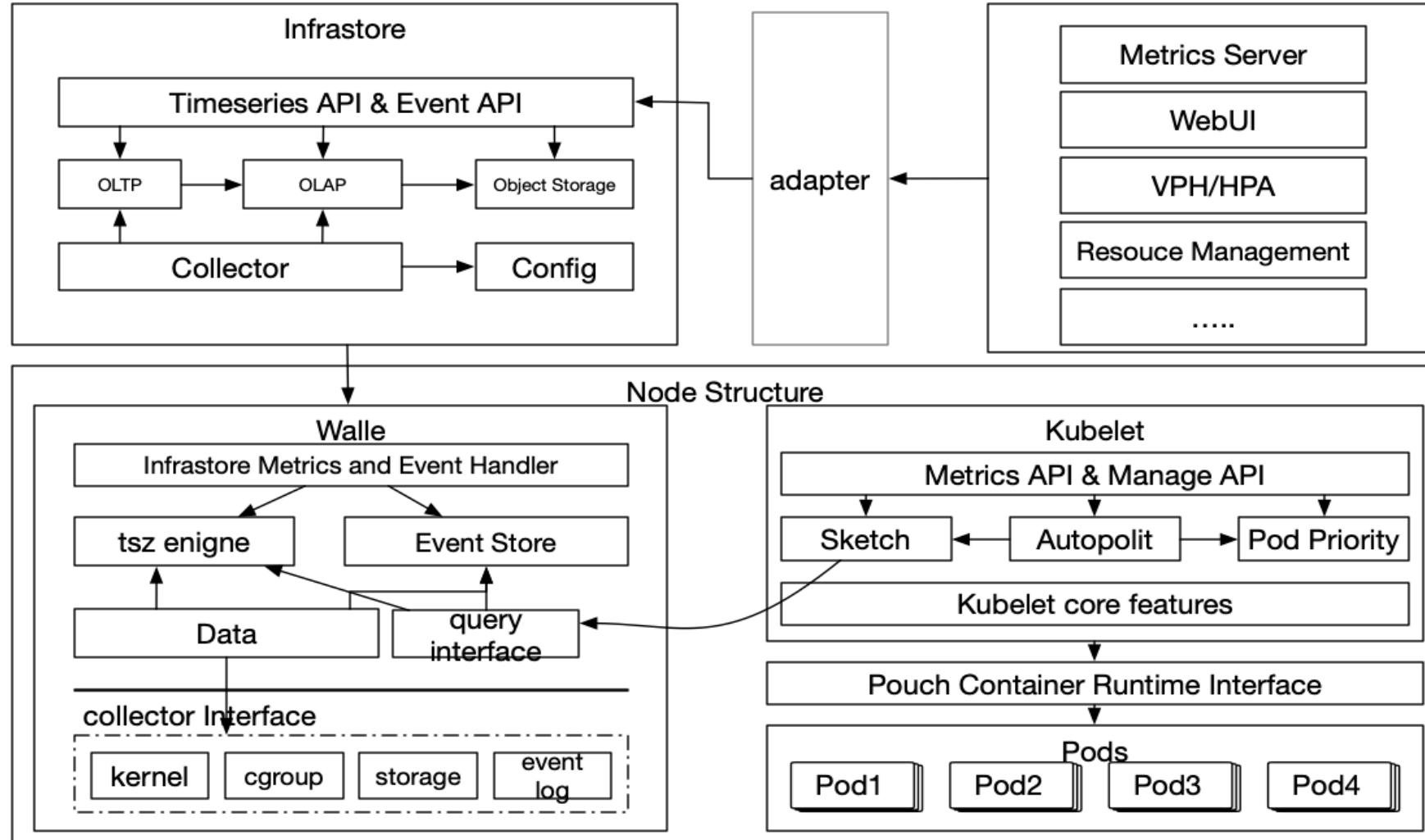
- Hardware metrics
- OS metrics
- Application metrics
- Sigma system metrics
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Aggregated or
Down-sampled

- System information
- Resources information
 - Running pods
 - Number of apps
 - ...
- Events
- ...



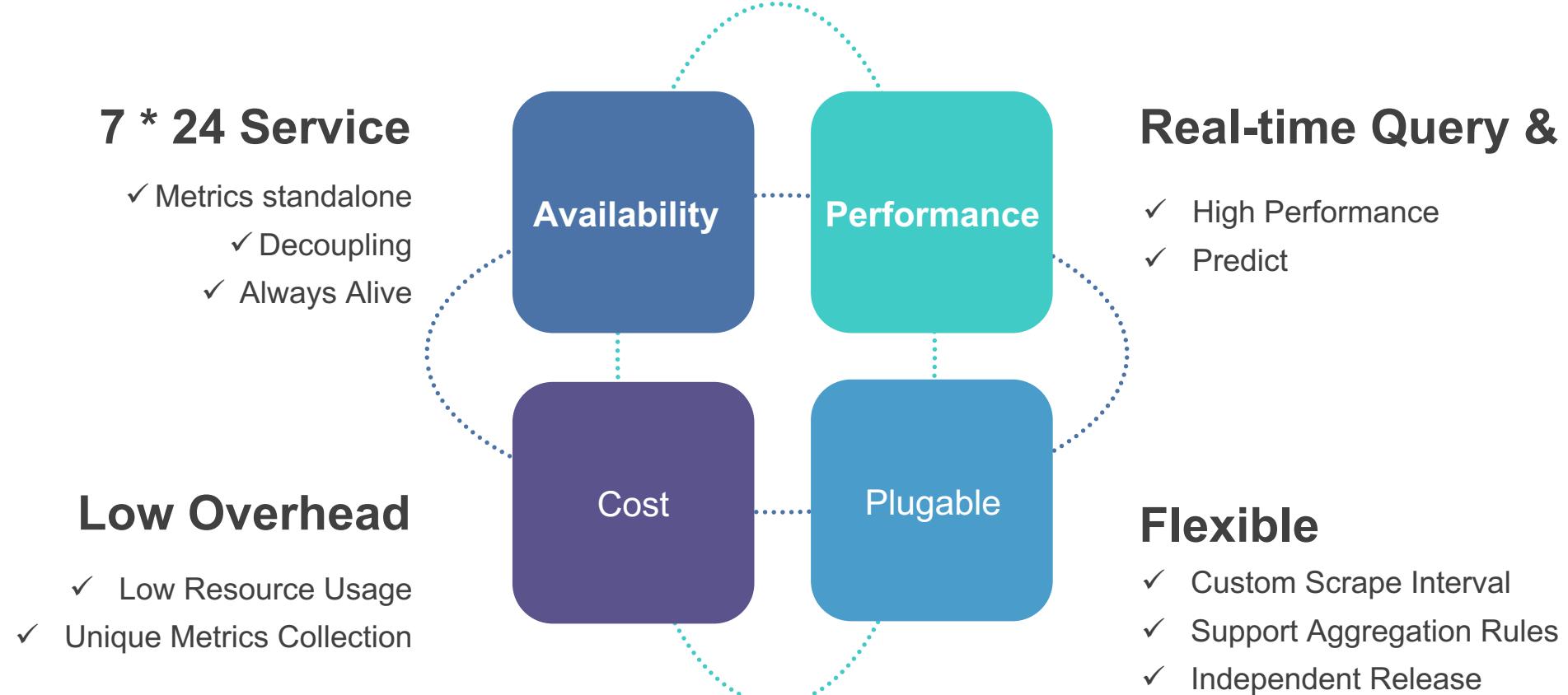
Architecture



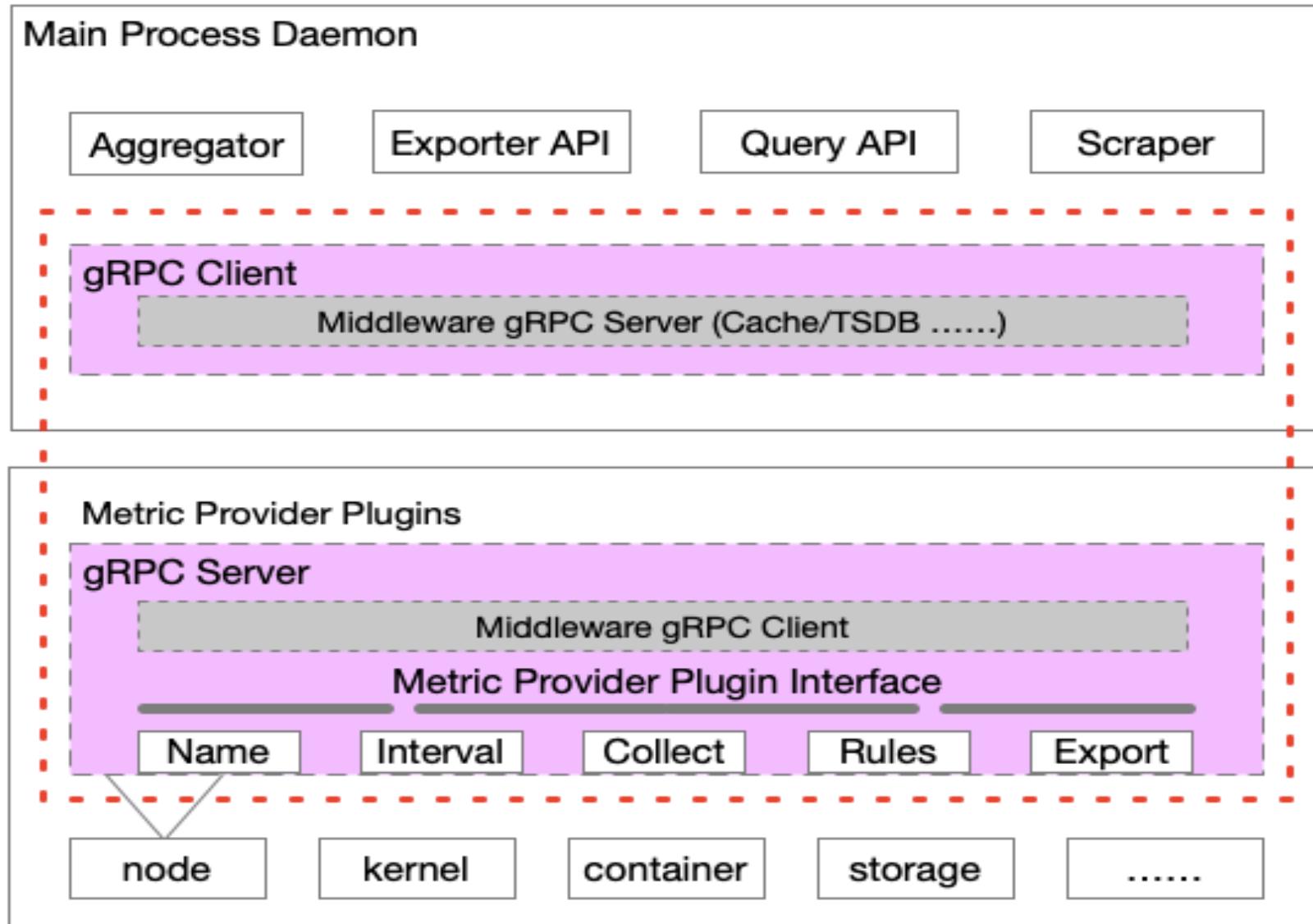


Node Agent

Design Principles



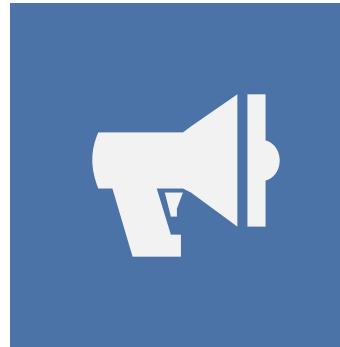
Agent Architecture



Implementation

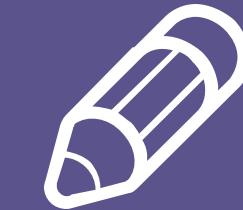
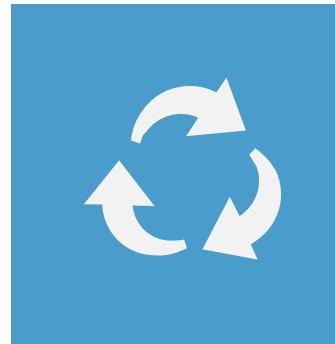
TSDB Engine

- ✓ High Performance & Low Overhead
 - ✓ Built-in Predict Function
 - ✓ TSZ Compression



HTTP API

- ✓ Support Local Query
- ✓ Prometheus Exporter



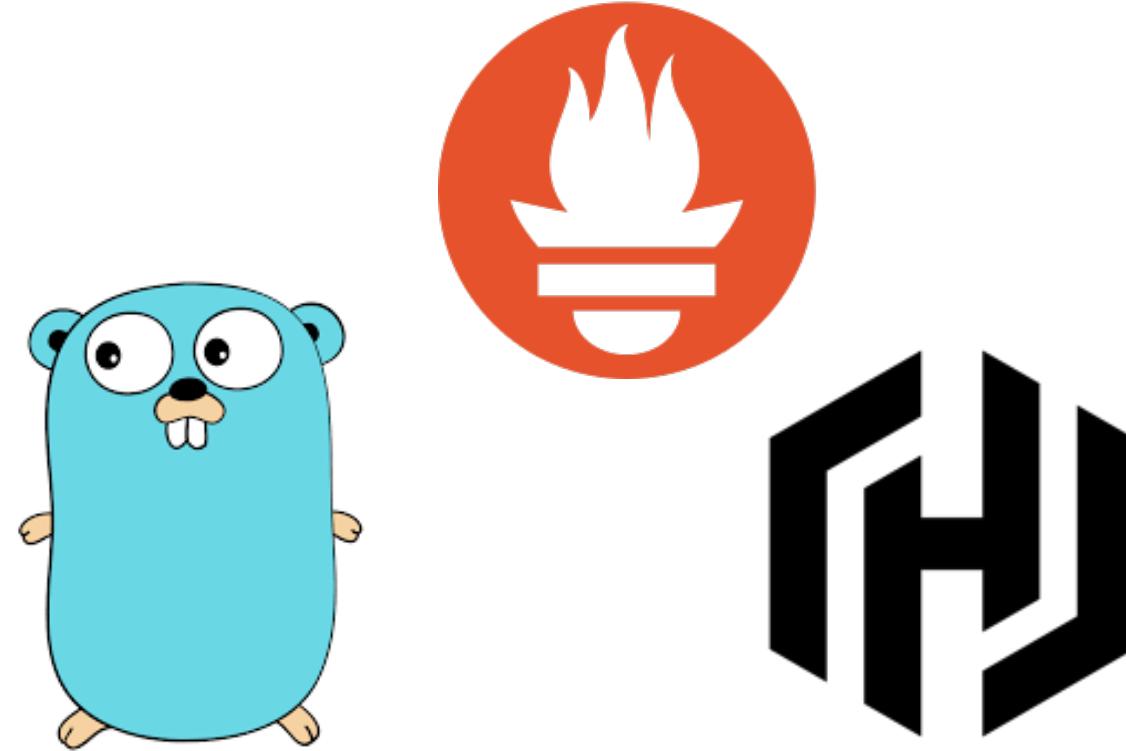
Plugins

- ✓ gRPC Plugins
- ✓ Standardized Interface
- ✓ Host + Plugins Pattern

Event Storage

- ✓ OS
- ✓ Kernel
- ✓ Hardware
- ✓ Troubleshooting

Standing on the shoulders of giants



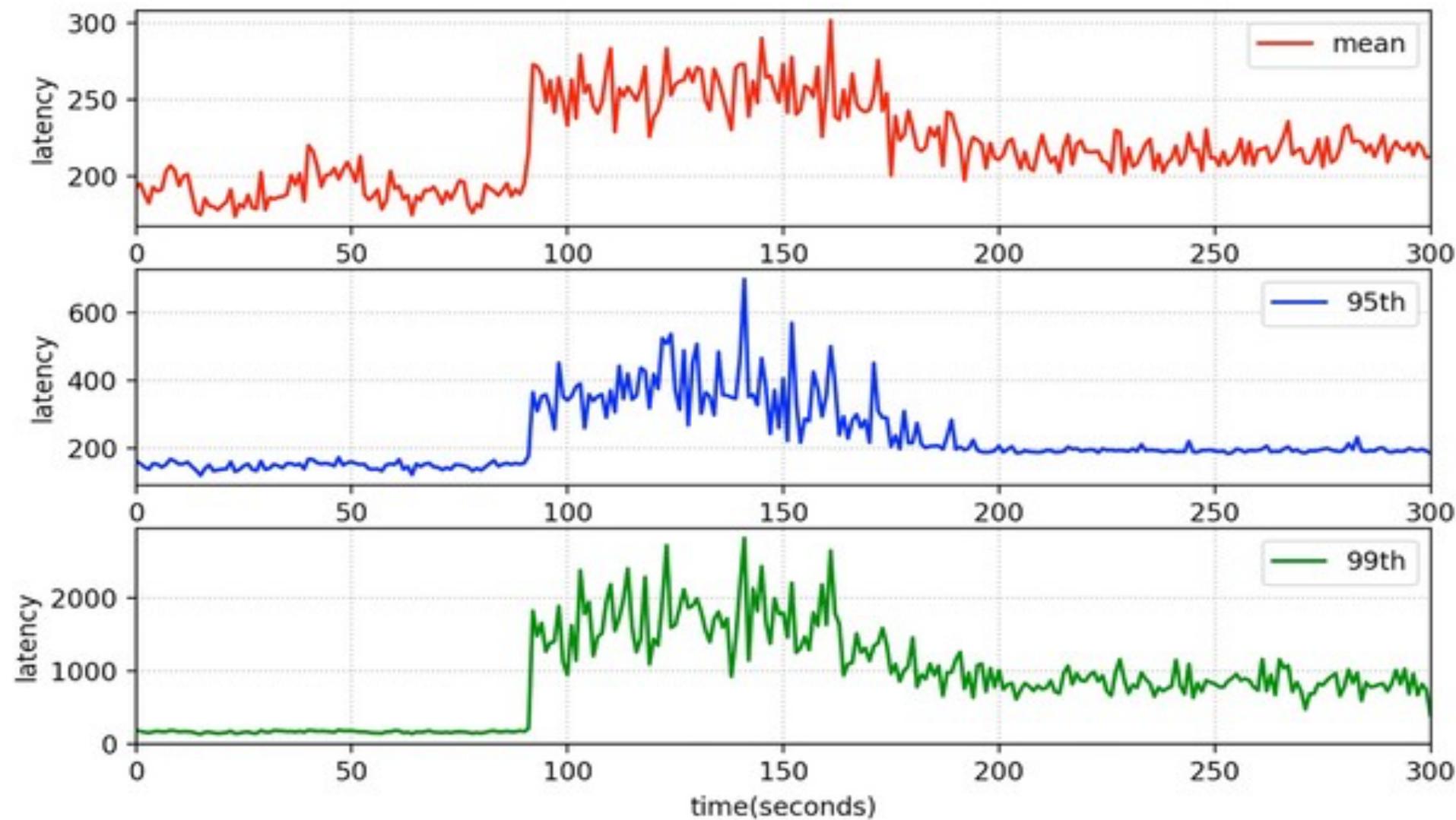
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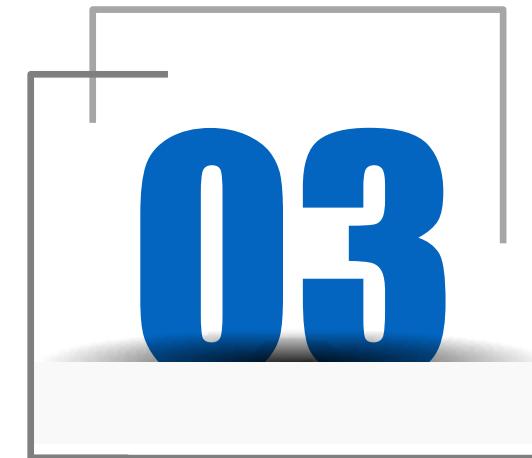
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Data Achievement

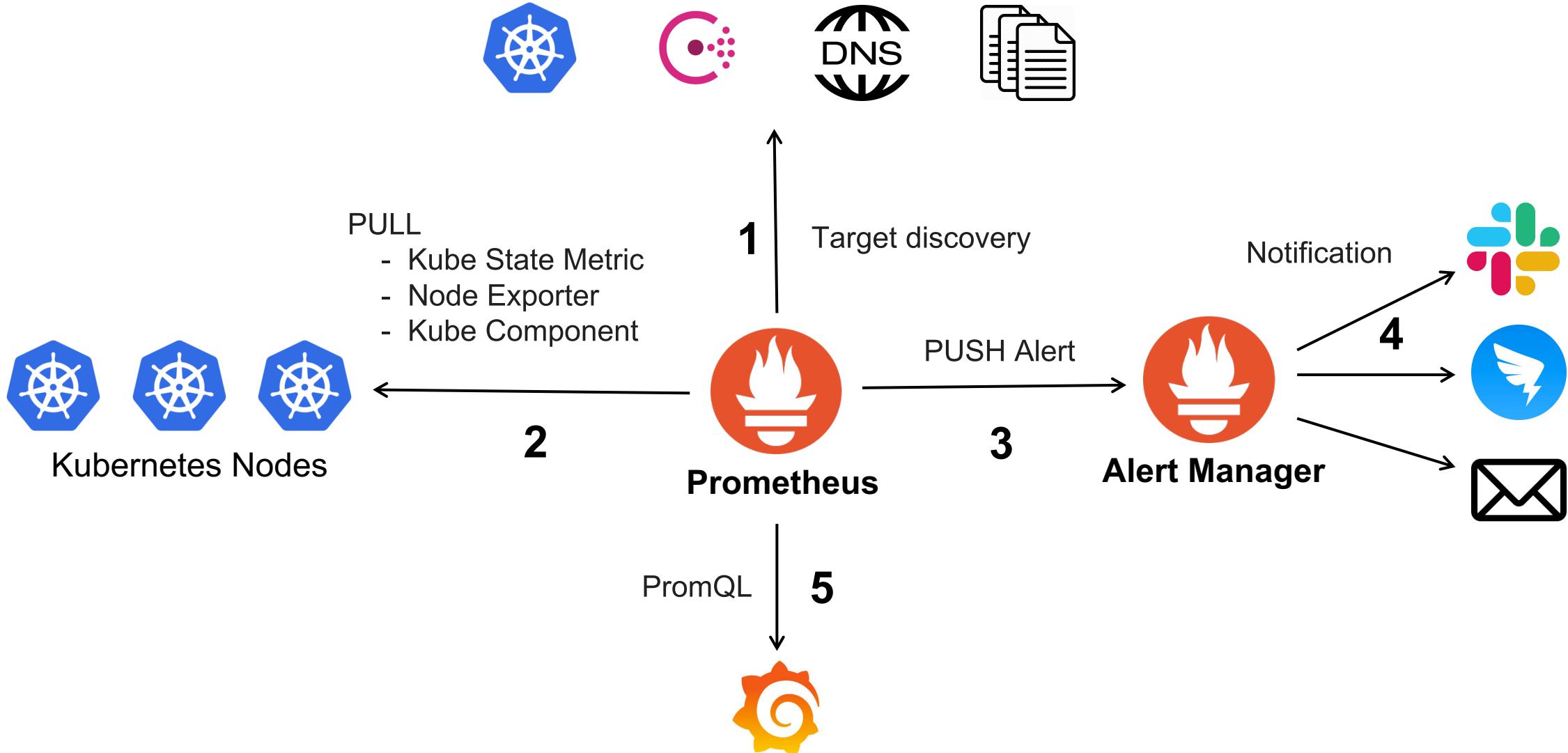




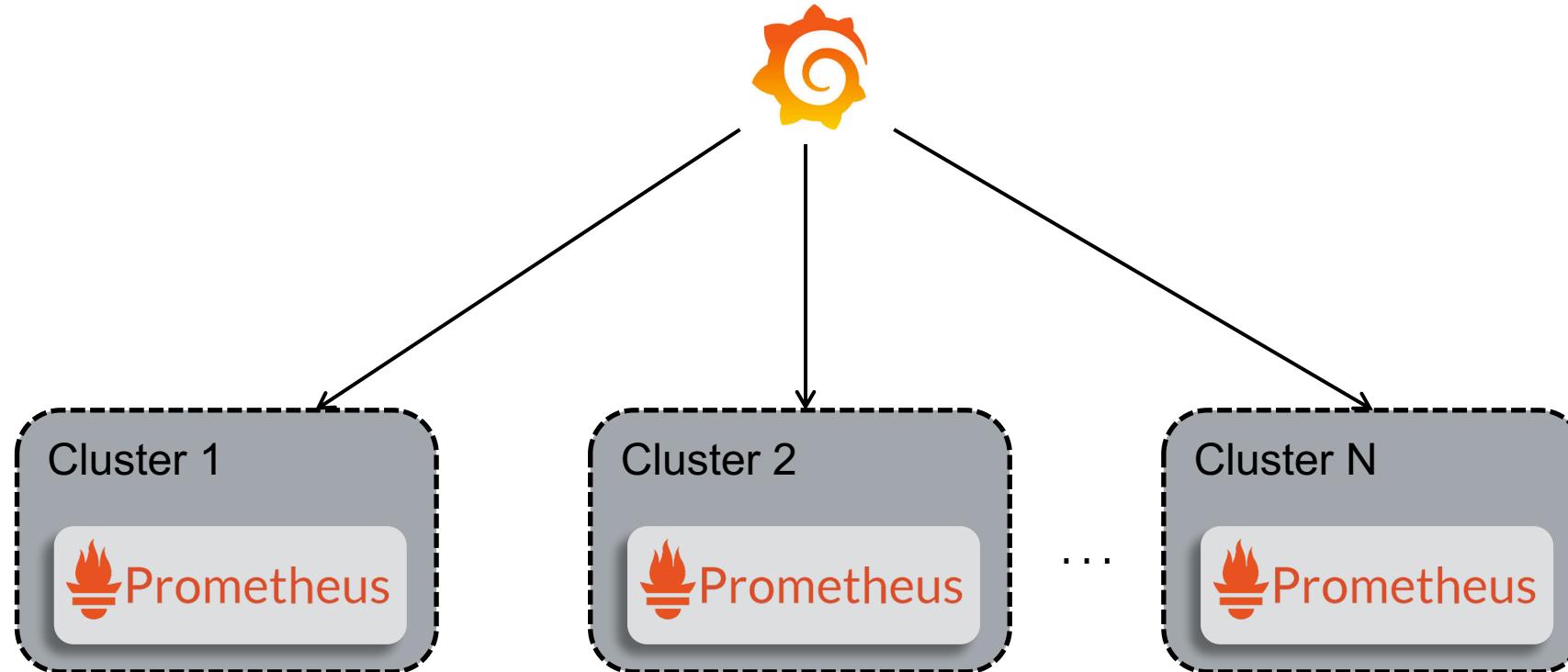
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Prometheus & Thanos in Practice

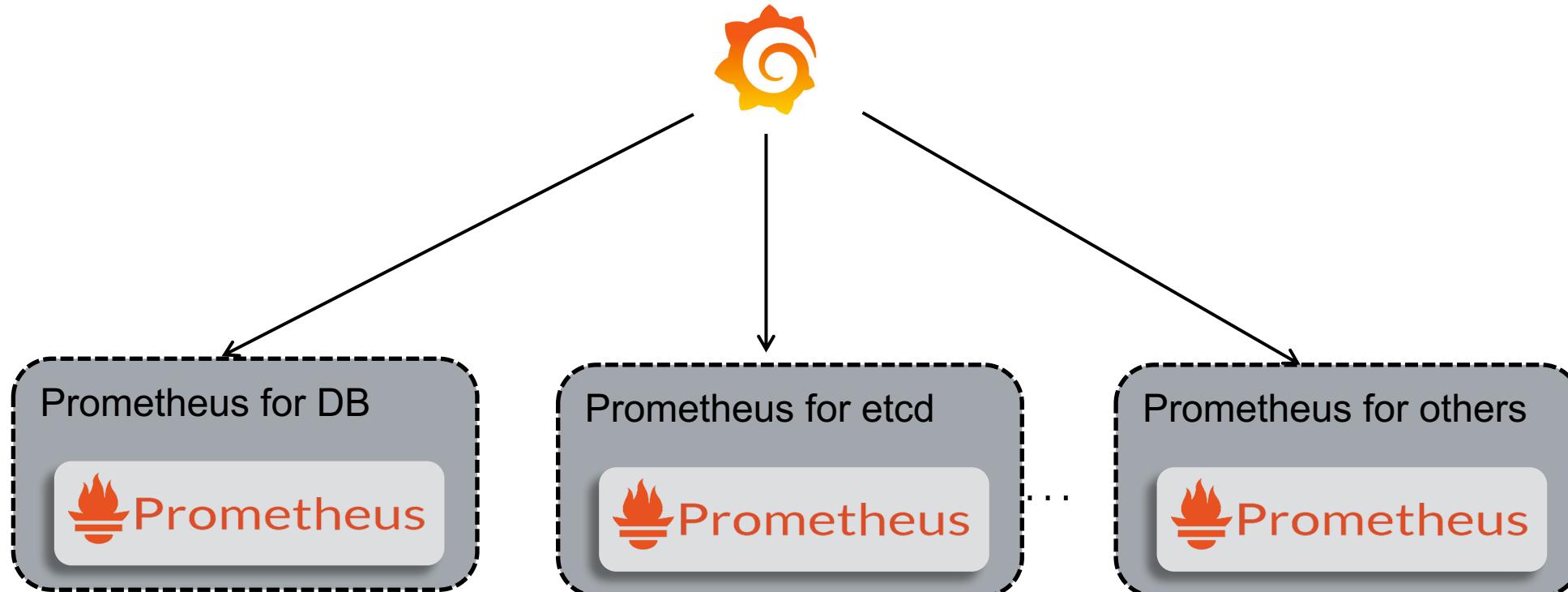
Prometheus – Architecture overview



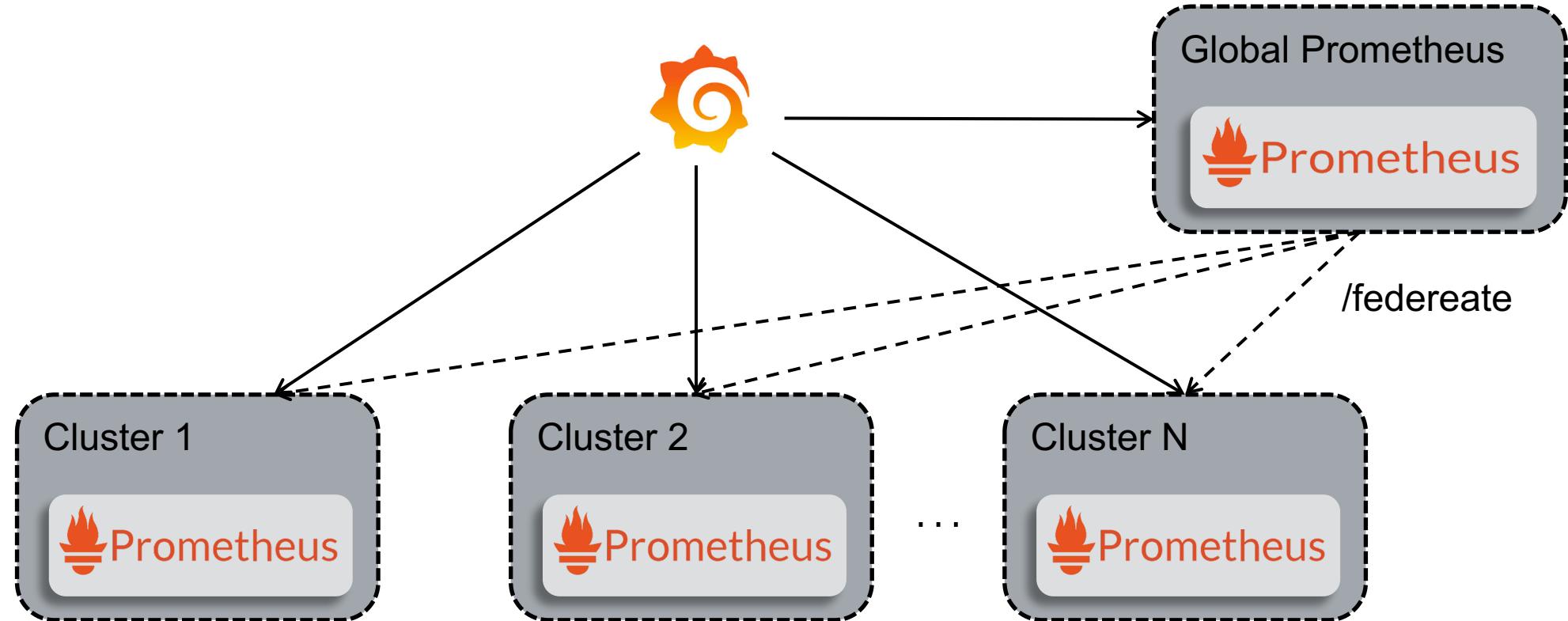
Prometheus at Scale



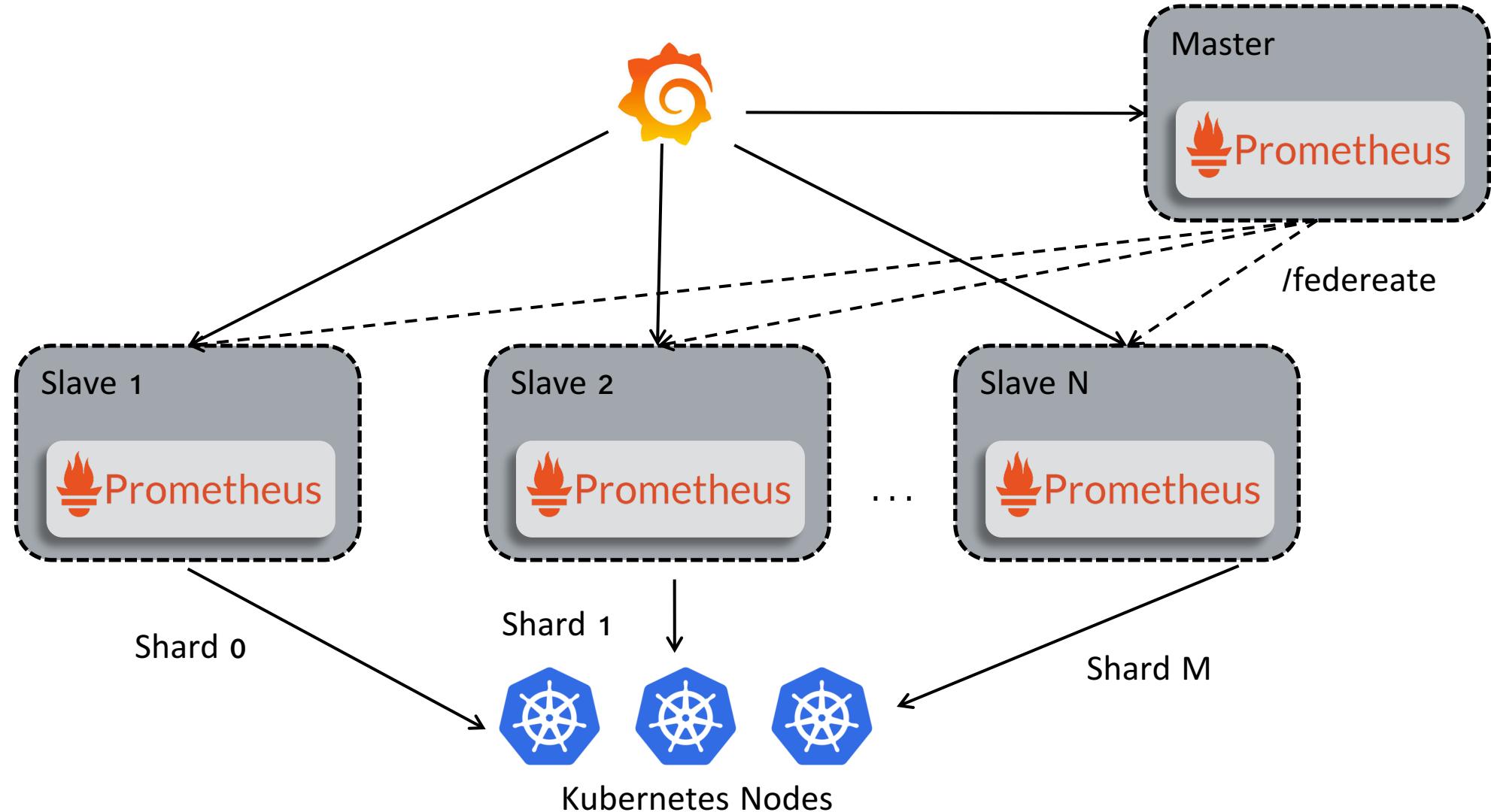
Prometheus Splitting By Use



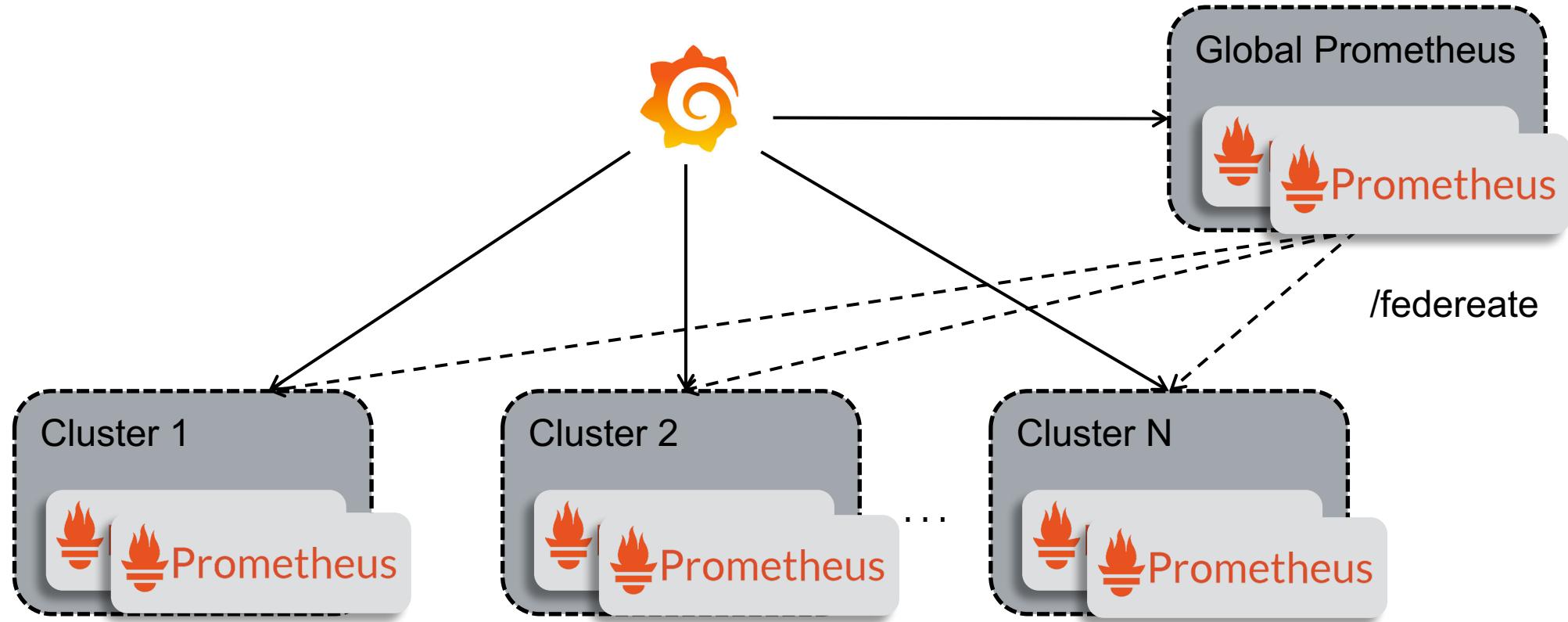
Prometheus Hierarchy



Prometheus Horizontal Sharding



Prometheus High Availability



Hello, Thanos



Highly available Prometheus setup with long term storage capabilities.



Global Query View



Unlimited Retention



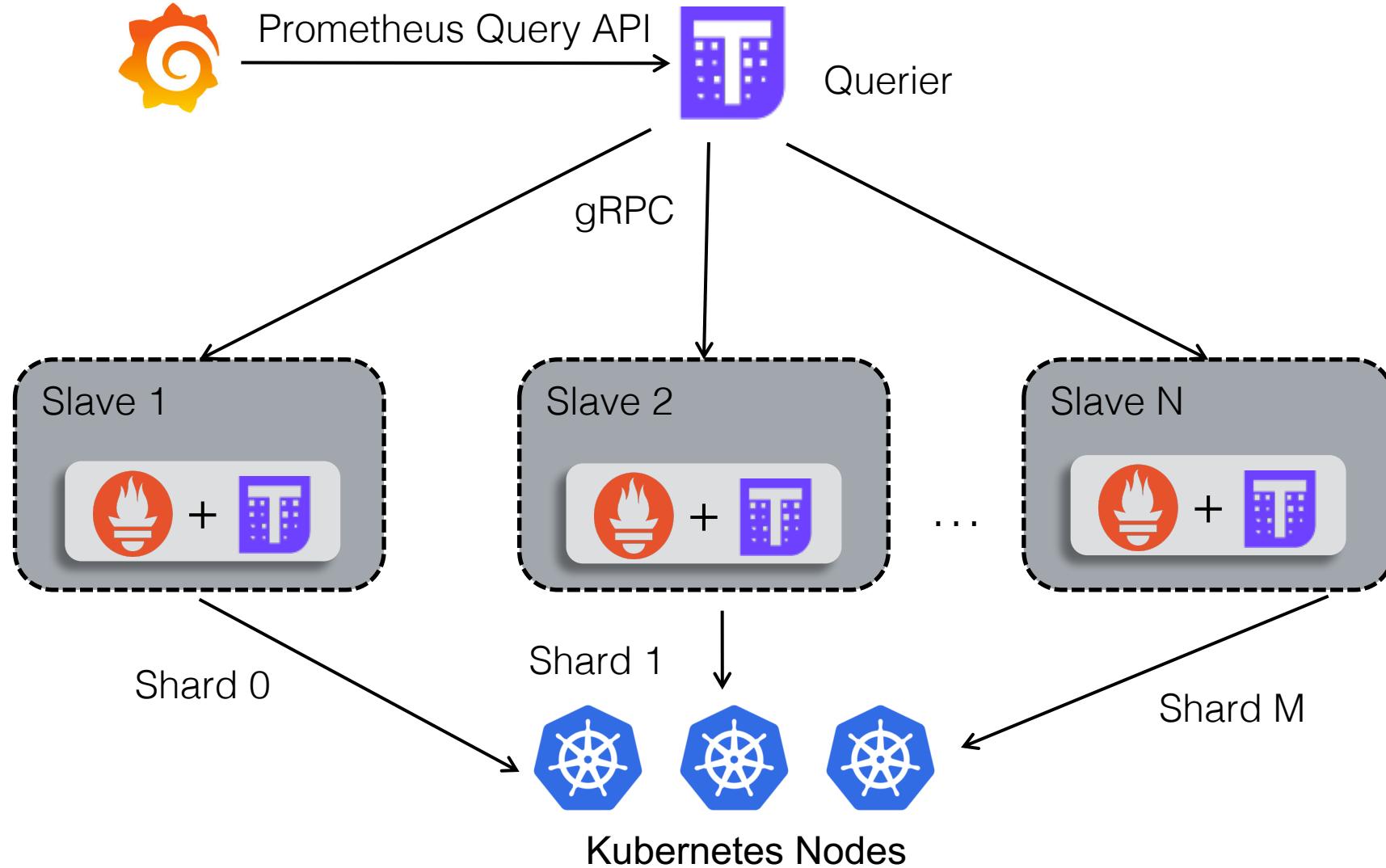
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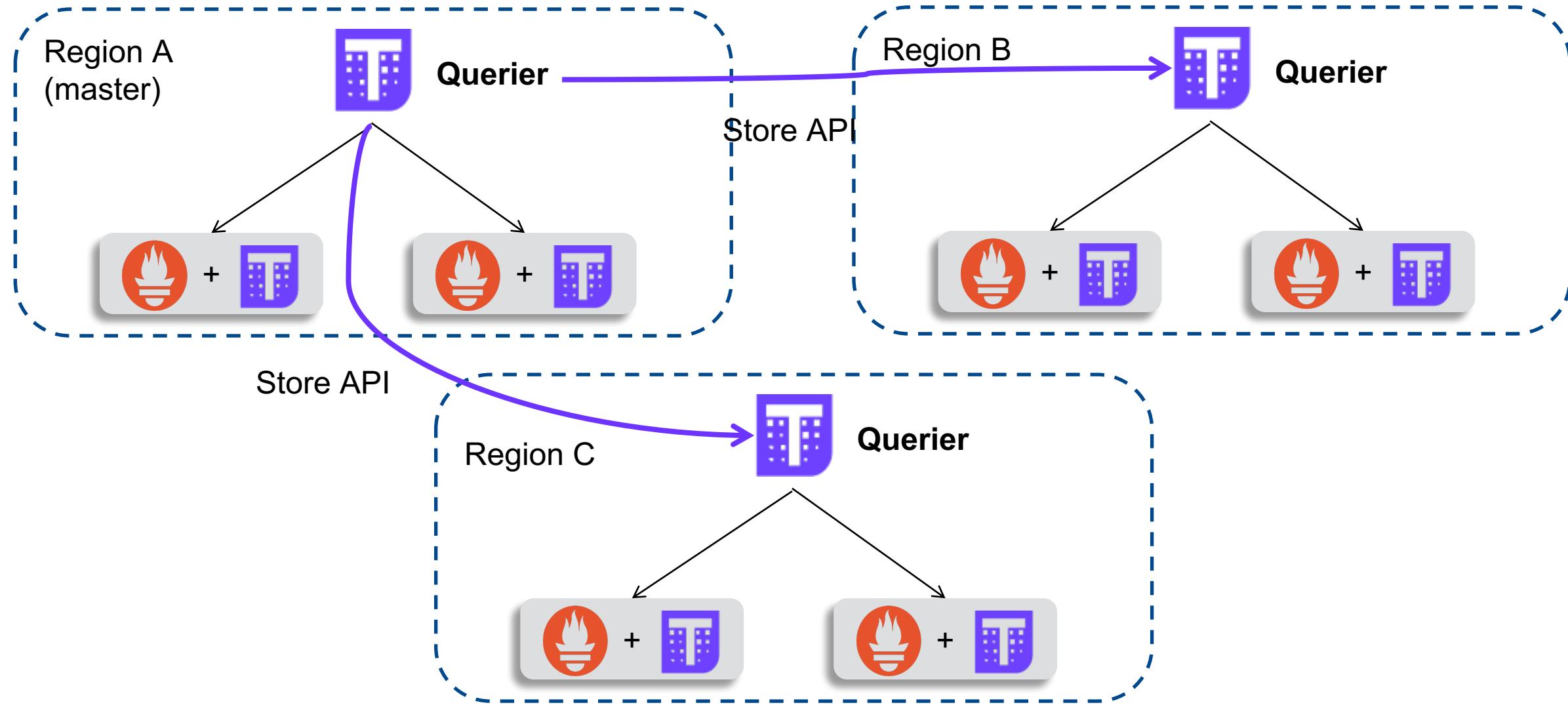
Downsampling & Compaction

<https://github.com/improbable-eng/thanos>

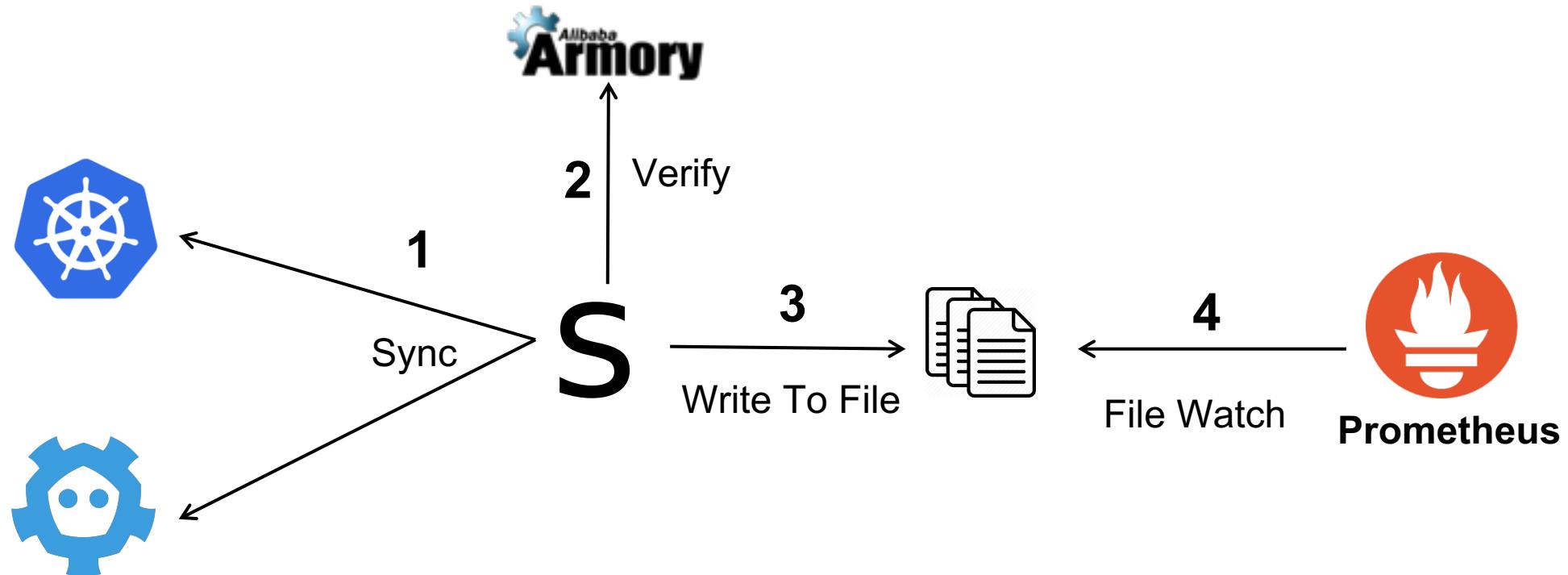
Global Querier



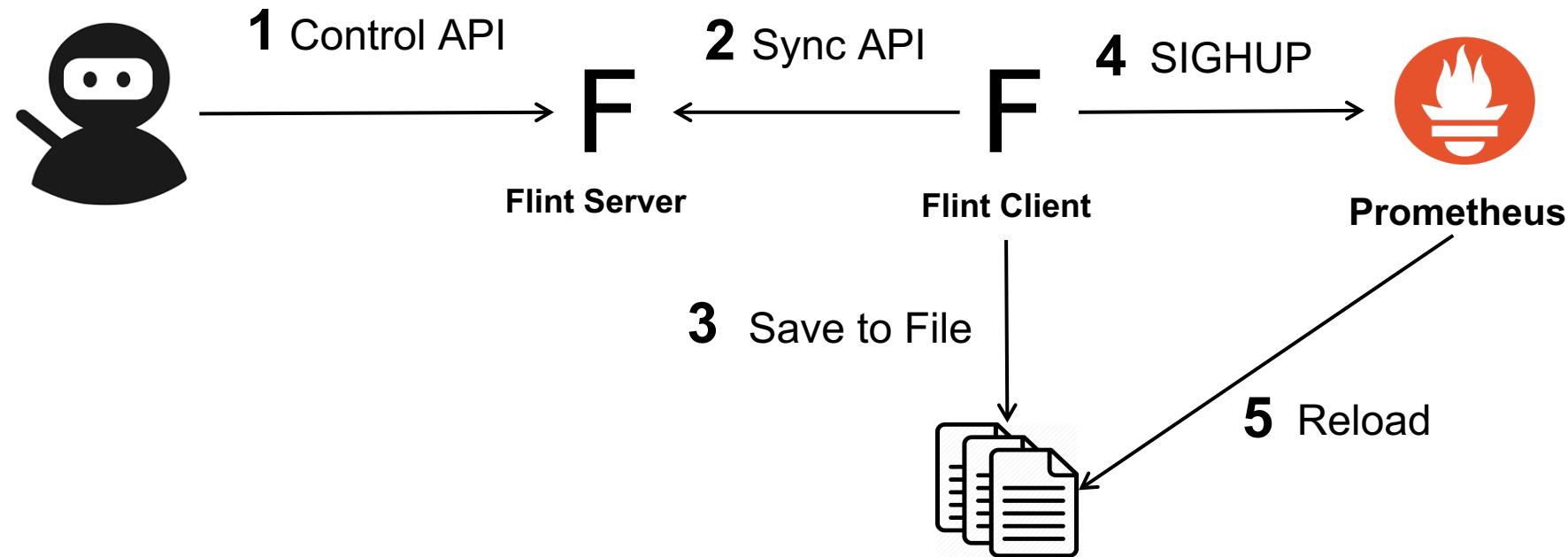
Federated Querier



Custom Target Discovery



Configuration Management



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Thinking Future

Enhancement

- Authentication
- Query cache
- Query safeguards
- Multi Tenancy
- Integrated with Apache Flink

Challenge

- Data migration & Recovery
- Scaling along with Kubernetes

Thanks !



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