



# S9758 - Machine Learning Based Network Fault Management with Streaming Telemetry Data

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# About

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# Expanding the Network

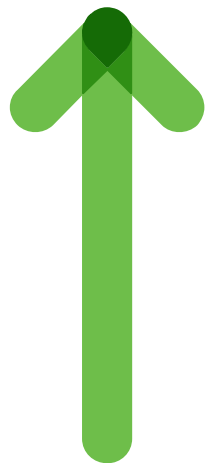
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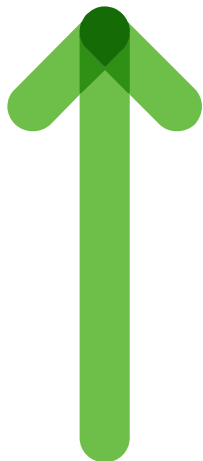
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# Big is getting Bigger (2021)



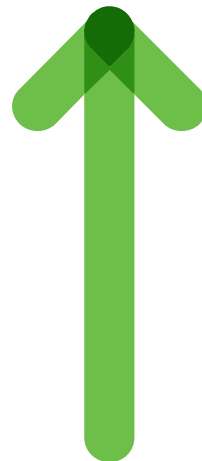
Enterprise networks to grow by

75%



IP traffic to

Nearly double



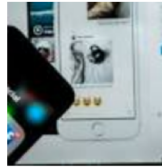
Incidents to increase x25

400/h to 10,000/h





# Cost of a failure grows too



CBBC Newsround

**Facebook** and Instagram suffer most severe **outage** ever

**BBC News** - il y a 8 heures

**Facebook** has yet to offer an explanation for the **outage**. ... Buenos Aires-based designer Rebecca Brooker told the **BBC** the interruption was ...

**Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp: Why was some of the internet broken ...**

**CBBC Newsround** - il y a 1 heure

**Facebook** says technical issues with its family of apps resolved

**BBC News** - il y a 4 heures

records, no indication what started it

urs; worst **outage** in history

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## Network outage grounds passengers at Gatwick Airport

An issue with a Vodafone cable wrecks havoc at one of the UK's busiest airports

August 22, 2018 By: Max Smolaks

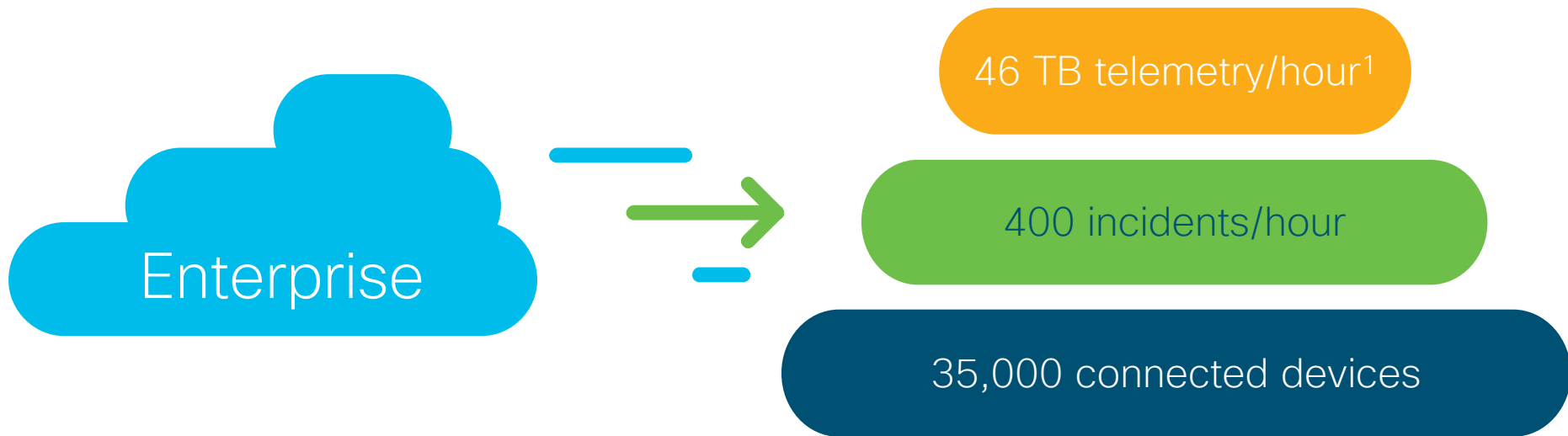


## CenturyLink outage takes down several 911 emergency services across the US

Downtime caused by network issue affecting 15 of CenturyLink's data centers.

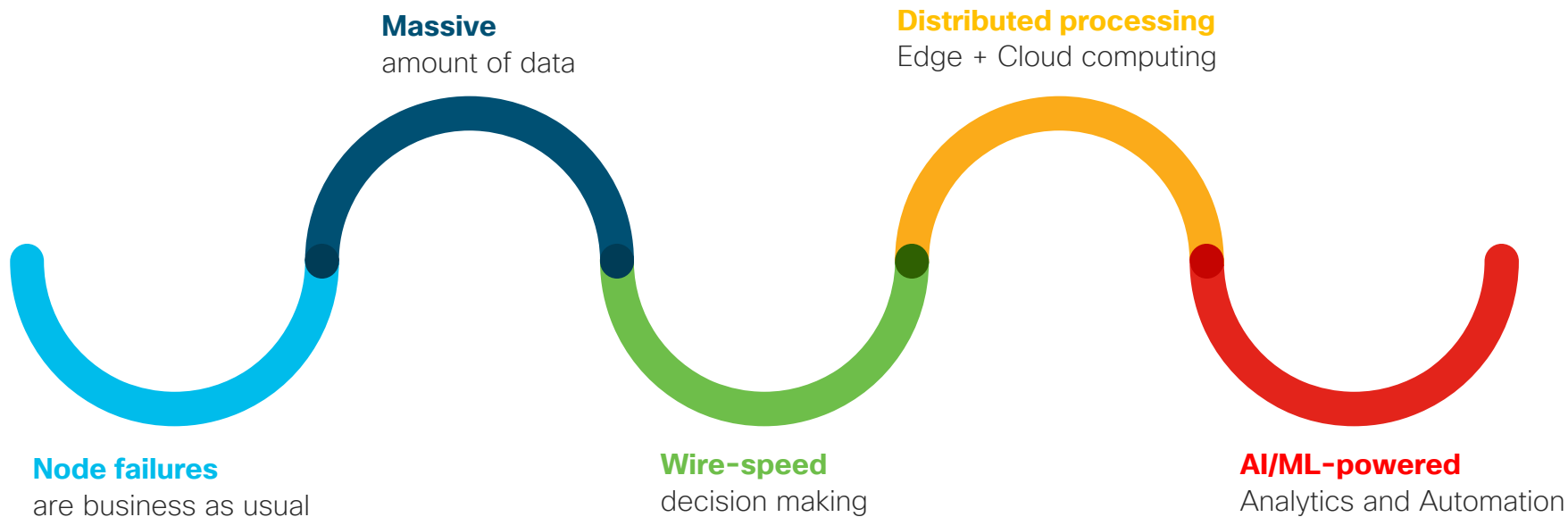
December 28, 2018 by Catalin Cimpanu

# Today



<sup>1</sup> Big enterprise streaming 100+ telemetry streams with 5s interval from 35,000 devices

# Autonomous requires Technology Transformation



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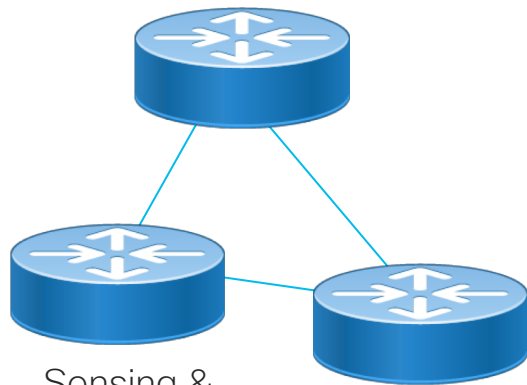
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# Traditional monitoring is showing its age

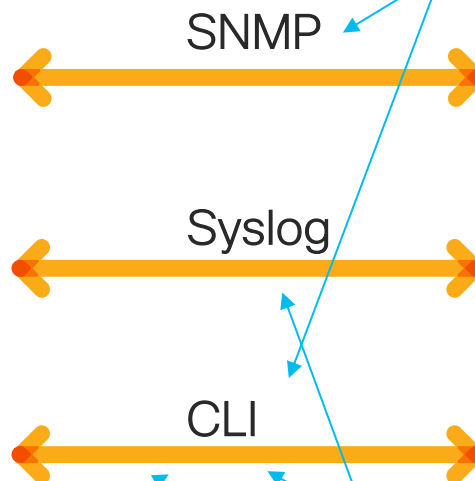
No longer suited for Cloud-Scale Network Operations

Where data is created



Sensing & measurement

*Scale issues*



*Frequent changes*

*Unstructured*

Where value is



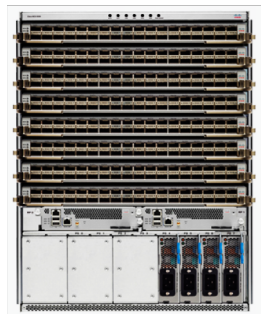
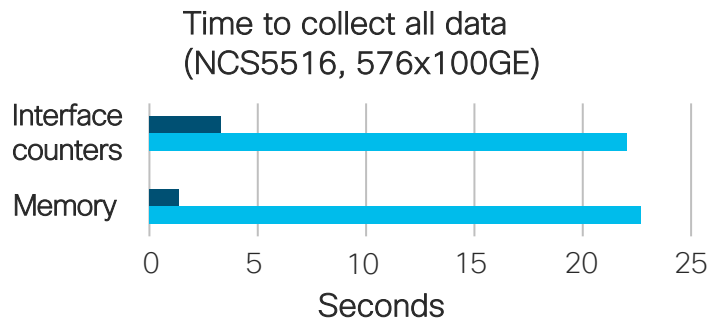
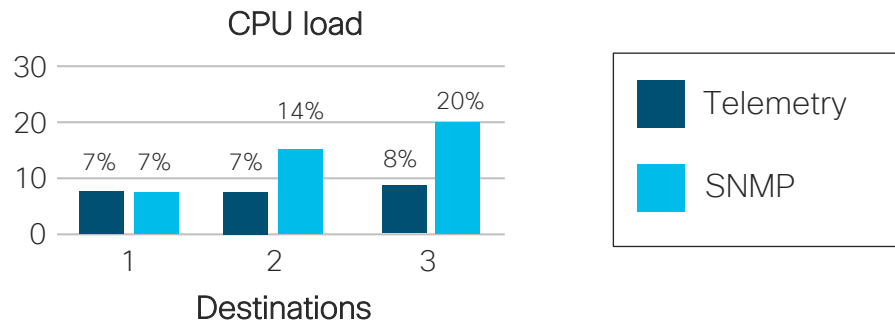
Data processing burden on back-end

Normalize encodings, transports, data models, timestamps etc.

# Streaming Telemetry principles

- ✓ Data is “pushed” by device towards collector
- ✓ Superior scalability
- ✓ Standard encoding (Protobuf, JSON) and transport (gRPC)
- ✓ Vendor-neutral, model-driven network management designed by users

# Pushing more data really does work better



More streaming data



Reduced CPU load



Faster collection

# Current challenges

Current challenges	Different types of sensors and telemetry data formats	Complex emergent behavior make simulations and generating synthetic data hard	Asynchronous data sampling rate and arrival	Scalability: Millions of devices and streams in IoT networks	Latency: Need for real-time processing and anomaly detection
Solutions	Great progress in standardization with OpenConfig	Experiments and ML model training on real data from day 1. Requires huge data lakes.	Data buffering and aggregation	Moving model inference and training to edge	Moving model inference and training to edge



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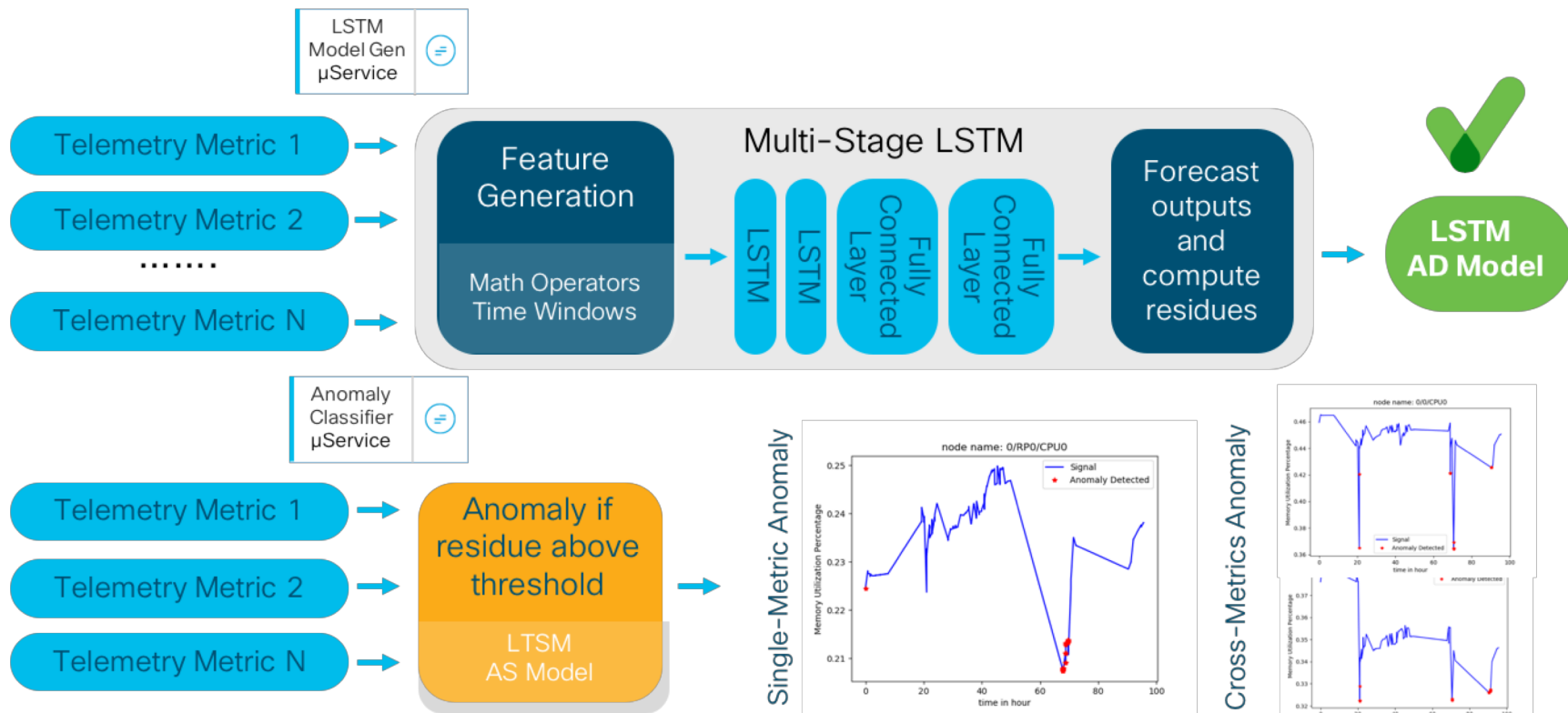
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SQUID: Deep Learning System for Anomaly  
Detection in Streaming Telemetry

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# SQUID ML Pipeline



# Training (Cisco Cloud)

- 3x Nvidia DGX-1 (8x Tesla V100)
- 15min per model on single GPU
- 3 hours to train all ~300 models to convergence

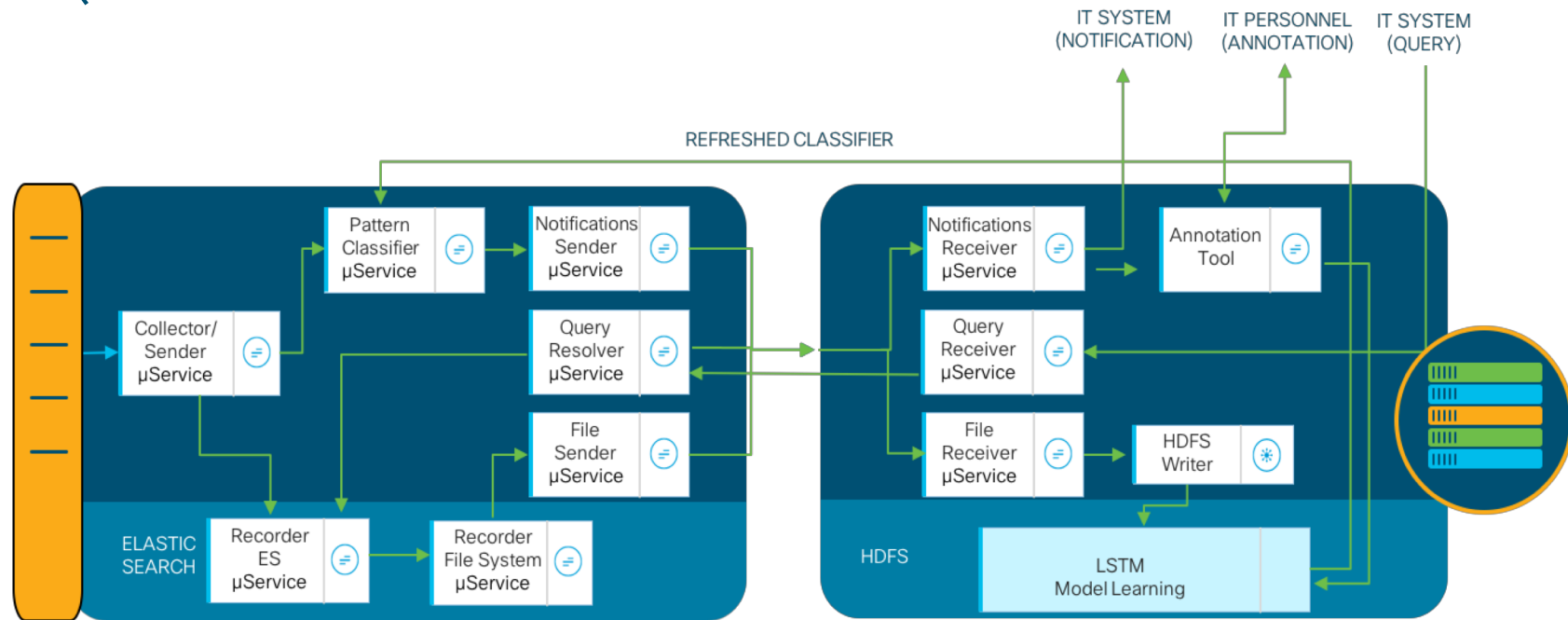


# Training/inference (Edge)

- Cisco UCS C480 ML M5
- 8x Nvidia Tesla V100 32GB



# SQUID: Functional Architecture



**SQUID Edge Processing**  
(light embedded analytics)



**SQUID Cloud/DC Processing**  
(intensive compute analytics)

# Training time comparison

40x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2698 v4 @ 2.20GHz

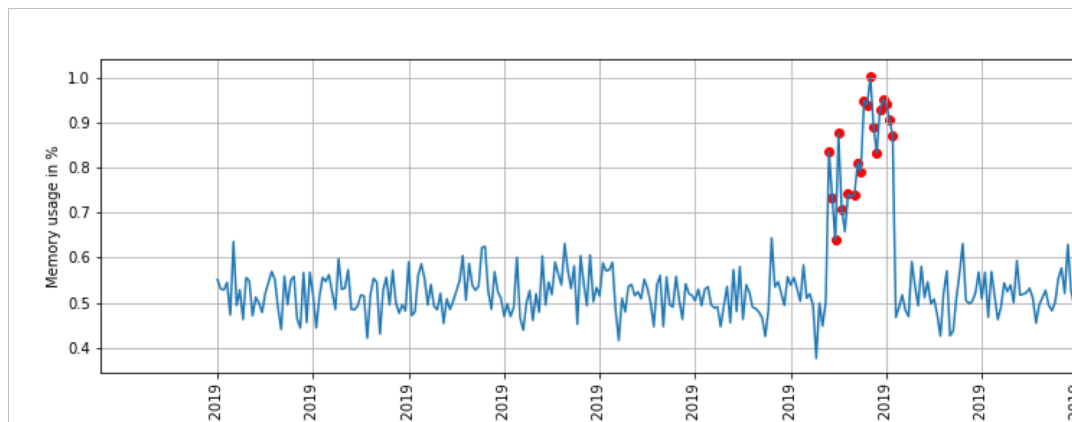
27h

8x Tesla V100

9h

24h

Training time of all ~300 models on DGX1 (PyTorch) (CPU vs. GPU)



# Results



Data Scientists create models  
based on SME input

Self-service portal

Model training time: 15min

Real time evaluation

Highly accurate

Reduced accuracy is acceptable

Production-grade

Draft modelling

Highly accurate blackbox (LSTM-  
based)

Transparent, inspectable model  
(Linear)

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# Nvidia RAPIDS Introduction

RAPIDS

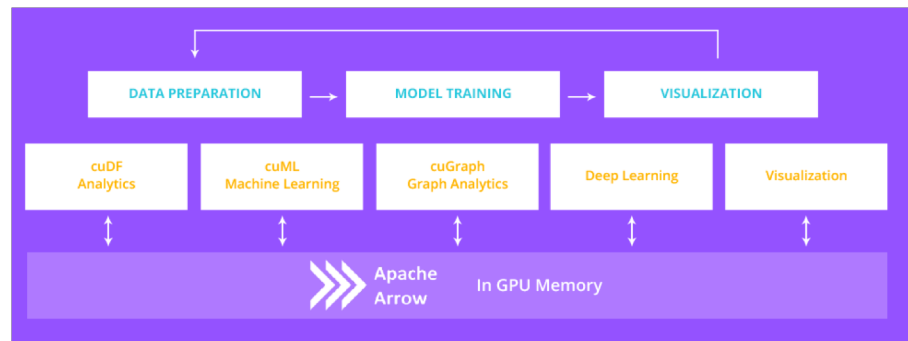
- Pandas-like DataFrame in vRAM
- Similar to H2O4GPU
- Vendor-backed
- Can share data with PyTorch and Chainer
- Claims 4x+ speedup over xgboost
- You may find these sessions useful:

**S9801** - RAPIDS: Deep Dive Into How the Platform Works

**S9577** - RAPIDS: The Platform Inside and Out

**S9793** - cuDF: RAPIDS GPU-Accelerated Data Frame Library

**S9817** - RAPIDS cuML: A Library for GPU Accelerated Machine Learning





# Dataset



## Data

- Synthetic Telemetry stream
- One sample per minute
- 43200 samples/device
- 1000 IP routers
- 70/10/20 split

## Features

- Time of day
- Day of week

# ETL performance

RAPIDS v0.5.1 CUDA 10.0, 1x Tesla V100

Sklearn v0.20.3, 20 CPU cores

```
[3]: train_cudf_csv = cudf.read_csv('training.csv', lineterminator='\r')
```

```
[4]: def transform(cpu_mean, cpu_var, data_cudf):  
    df = data_cudf  
    df = df.one_hot_encoding('hour', 'h', range(24))  
    df = df.one_hot_encoding('weekday', 'wd', range(7))  
    feature_columns = [c for c in list(df)  
                        if c.startswith('h_')  
                        or c.startswith('wd_')]  
    Y = (df.total_cpu_one_minute - cpu_mean) / np.sqrt(cpu_var)  
    return df[feature_columns], Y
```

```
[6]: %%timeit -n10 -r3  
    cpu_mean, cpu_var = train_cudf_csv.total_cpu_one_minute.mean_var()  
    train_X, train_Y = transform(cpu_mean, cpu_var, train_cudf_csv)
```

437 ms ± 17.2 ms per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 3 runs, 10 loops each)

```
[20]: train_df_csv = pd.read_csv('training.csv')
```

```
[21]: transformer = ColumnTransformer([  
    ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), ['hour', 'weekday'  
    ('num', StandardScaler(), ['total_cpu_one_minute'])  
    ])  
  
    def transform(transformer, data_df):  
        matrix = transformer.transform(data_df)  
        return matrix[:, :-1], matrix[:, -1].toarray()
```

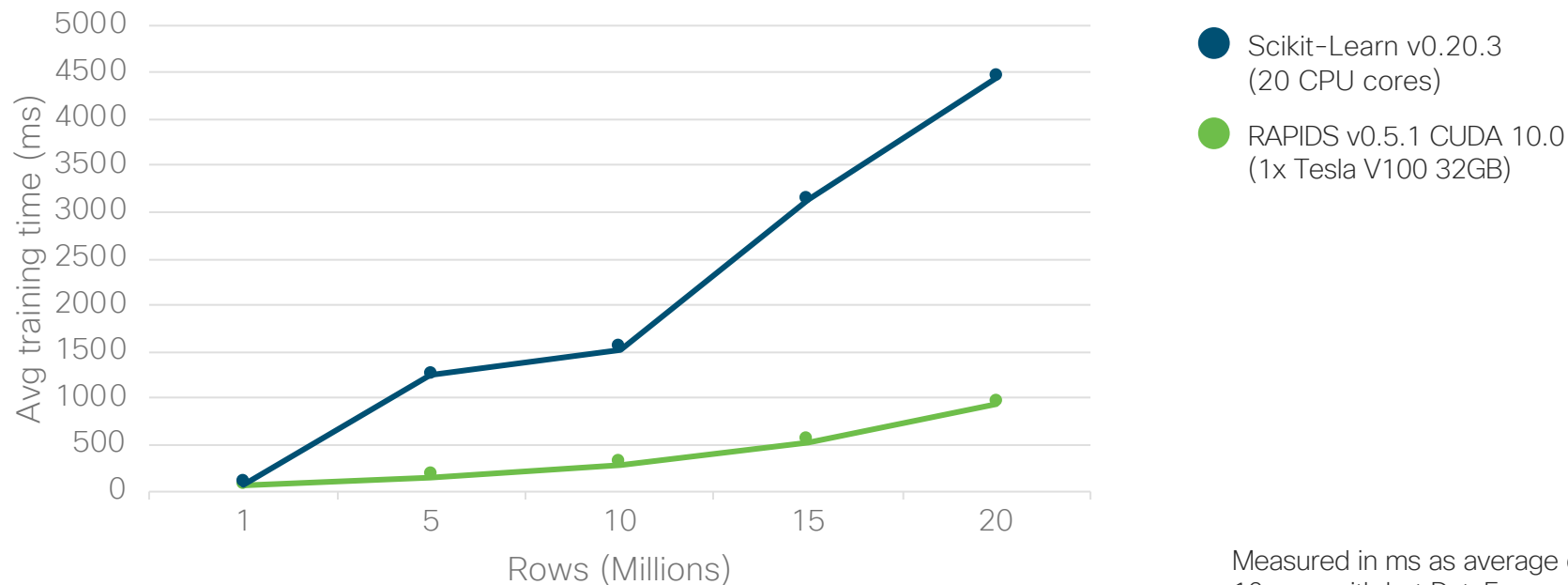
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[22]: %%timeit -n10 -r3  
    transformer.fit(train_df_csv)  
    train_X, train_Y = transform(transformer, train_df_csv)
```

18.6 s ± 4.85 ms per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 3 runs, 10 loops each)

Dataset 28M rows, 32 column

42x speedup!

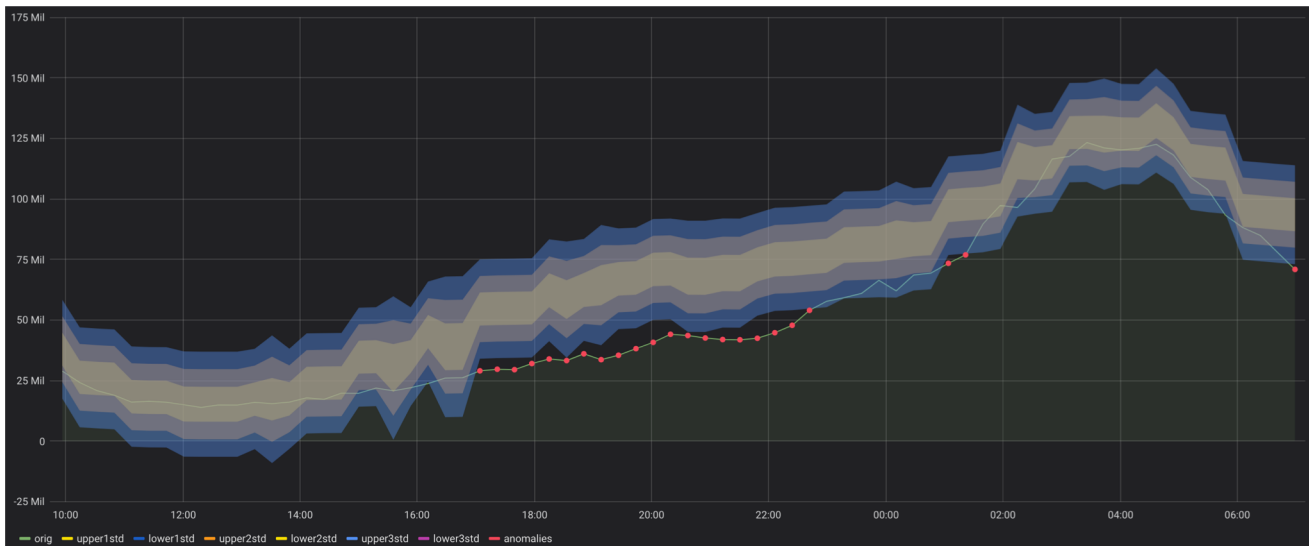
# Model training performance



Measured in ms as average over 10 runs with hot DataFrame with 31 columns + 1 response variable.

# Linear modelling on Telemetry data

- GLM on RAPIDS is **2x** faster than sklearn (~500MB of telemetry from 1 router)
- Still, we are talking *seconds*



# RAPIDS: Observations

## ETL

- Dataset took 8+ GB of VRAM (double precision?)
- 29GB of VRAM watermark in ETL task (external+internal copying)
- Sklearn is underutilizing CPU in ETL (very short bursts of activity) – this can be tuned/optimized
- Sub-second ETL pipeline means **fast enough for real-time UI**

## Training

- Linear regression is way faster on GPU, but this is clearly not a bottleneck in end2end workflow.
- GBM or compute-intensive clustering would've been a whole different story

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- Customers prefer integration into existing workflows:
  - Alerts/thresholds instead of « unmanned operations »
  - Inspectable *risk scores* and *weights* instead of magic black box
- Gain trust with simple solutions, deploy DL when customer is ready
- « Give a man a fish... » – huge gains from SMEs' participation

## Future work

- RAPIDS memory tuning
- Kubeflow/RAPIDS integration for unified training/production pipelines

# Questions?





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