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What's new in search, observability & vector databases with OpenSearch

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Popular use cases

High-performance, customizable **Search** with seamless hybrid vector and lexical search for highly relevant results



Search

Backend for **AI/ML powered applications** with a powerful vector database, integration with AI frameworks like LangChain and native ML composable workflows



AI/ML-powered applications

Observability and **Security Analytics** allowing you to detect, identify, and resolve operational and security issues across your applications and infrastructure

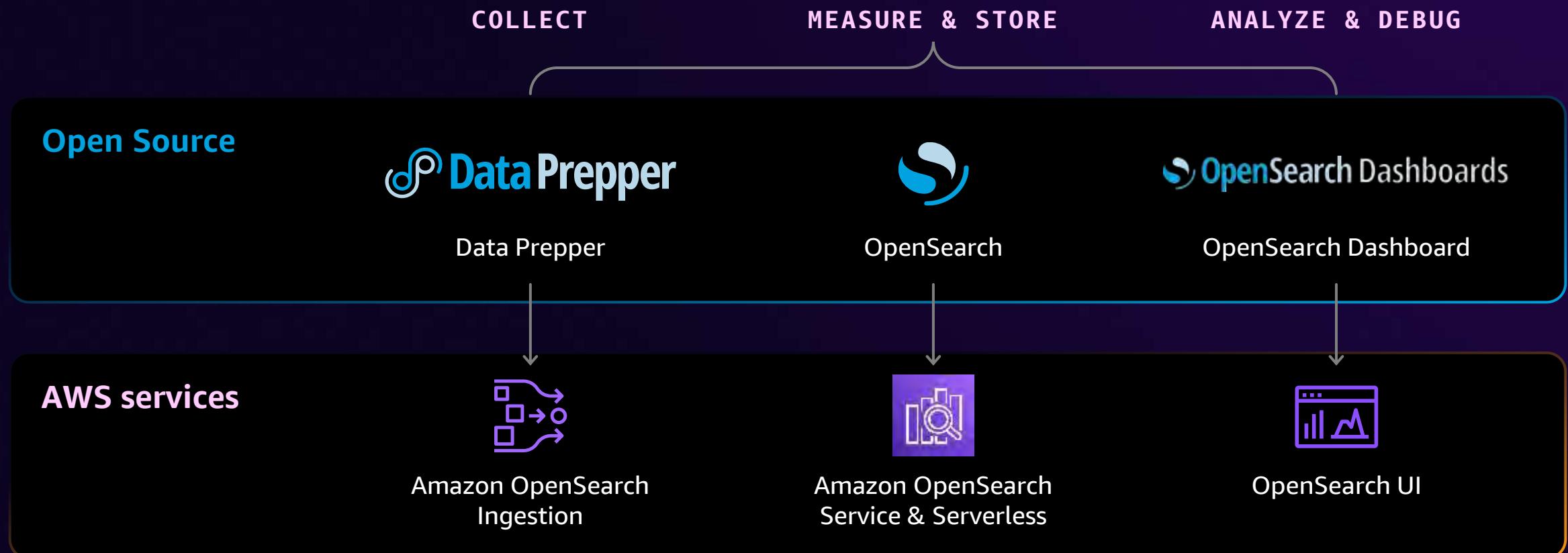


Observability



Security analytics

OpenSearch: Leading innovation across AWS and Open Source





OpenSearch is a **community-driven, open-source** search, analytics, and vector database platform with integrated tools for observability, security, visualization, and AI-powered applications

Roadmap:



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OpenSearch by the numbers

1.3B+

Project downloads

1M+

Monthly page views
For opensearch.org

100+

Solution providers

3K+

Active contributors

400+

Active organizations

**In the top
20**

Of LF projects by
contributor activity

130+

GitHub repositories

4K+

Slack workspace
members

7K+

User forum
members

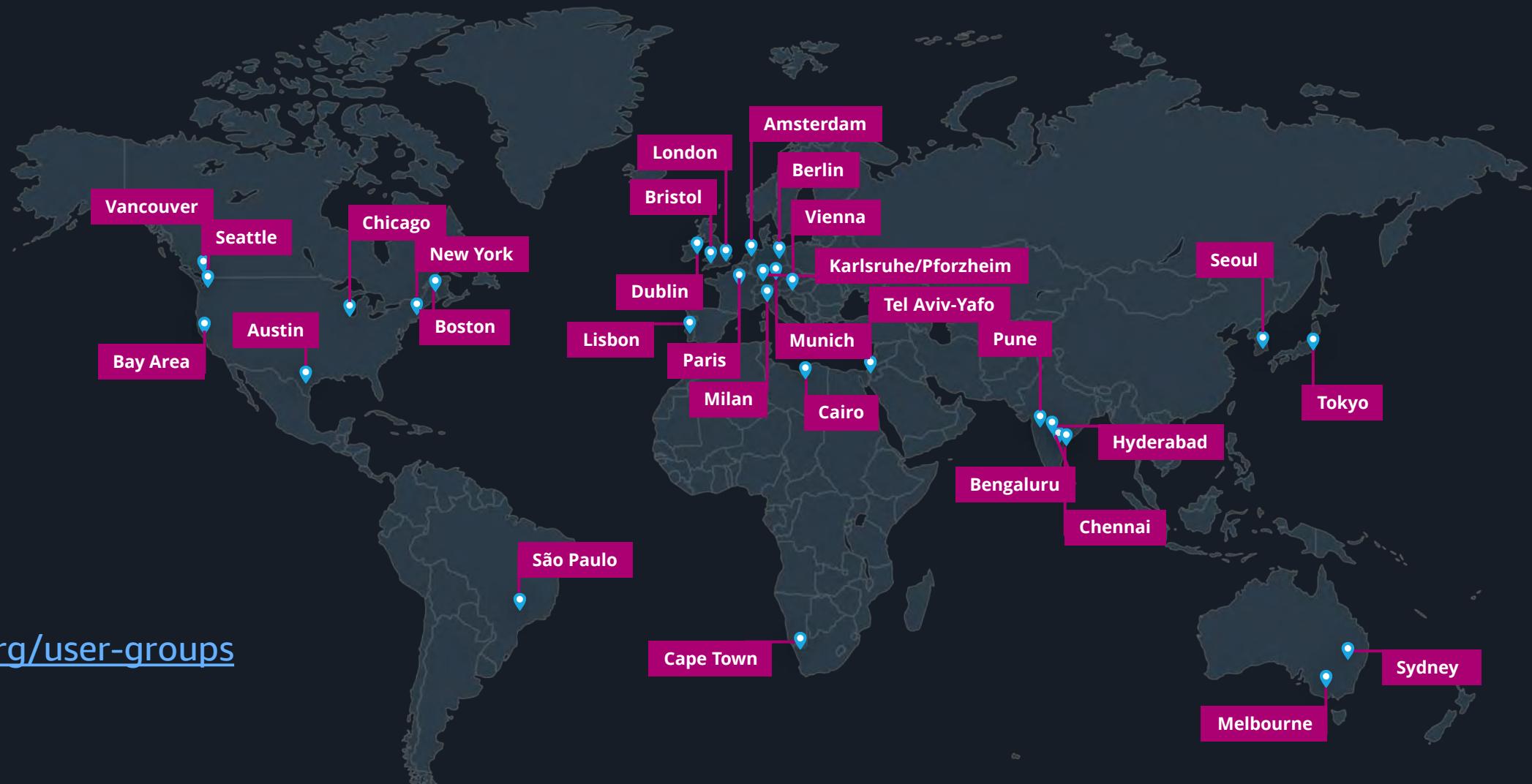
OpenSearch Global Community Engagement



30 user groups

18 countries

opensearch.org/user-groups



OpenSearch Project Innovations



- Advanced security/RBAC
- Alerting
- k-NN vector search functionality
- Piped processing language
- Anomaly detection
- Index management
- Asynchronous Search
- Trace analytics
- Cross-cluster replication

- ML Commons machine learning toolkit
- K-Means and random cut forest algorithm support
- Notifications
- App analytics dashboards
- Document-level alerting
- Hybrid search
- Snapshot management
- Multi-terms aggregation
- HNSW algorithm support
- Drag-and-drop visualization
- Point-in-time search
- Search backpressure

- Security analytics
- Vector quantization
- Simple schema for observability
- Multiple data sources
- Searchable snapshots
- Segment replication
- Cross-cluster query support
- Alerting and anomaly detection visualization
- Correlation engine
- Search pipelines
- Neural search
- ML model access control
- FAISS support
- Remote-backed storage
- Multimodal search
- Custom log types for Security Analytics
- Z-standard compression
- Search comparison tool

- Conversational search
- Concurrent segment search
- Flow framework
- Apache Spark integration
- Top N queries
- OpenSearch Assistant Toolkit
- Cross-cluster monitors
- I/O-based admission control
- Tiered caching
- ML inference search processors
- Semantic cache for LangChain
- Parallel ingestion processing
- Rerank processor
- SIMD support for exact search
- Wildcard field type for search
- Dynamic pruning
- Remote models as LLM guardrails
- Byte-quantized vectors
- Sort search processor
- Split search processor
- Binary vectors support
- Index templates
- Fast-filter aggregation optimizations
- Threat intelligence
- Disk-optimized vector search
- Byte vector encoding
- Asynchronous batch ingestion
- Application-based configuration templates
- Remote cluster state publication
- AVX512 SIMD for FAISS
- Workspace collaboration

- Agentic search
- Agentic memory
- gRPC / Protobuf support
- Pull-based ingestion
- Native MCP protocol support
- GPU-powered acceleration
- Plan-execute-reflect agent
- Query insights dashboards
- New Discover UX
- Discover Traces functionality
- AI-powered observability
- React Flow integration
- Star-tree indexes
- Derived source for vectors
- Pluggable store for vector data
- Binary vectors for Lucene engine
- PPL command set expansion
- Apache Calcite integration
- Apache Arrow integration
- OTEL-compliant Trace Analytics
- Prometheus exporter
- OSCAR
- Search Relevance Workbench
- Seismic algorithm integration
- OpenSearch Flow
- Reciprocal rank fusion
- Template query type
- Semantic sentence highlighting
- Z-score normalization
- Processor chains
- Update Agent API
- Semantic field type
- Rescoring support
- Streamable HTTP for MCP
- Batch processing for remote semantic highlighting
- Remote inference streaming
- Maximal marginal relevance
- Multi-terms aggs via star tree
- Streaming aggregations
- Rule-based auto-tagging

2021

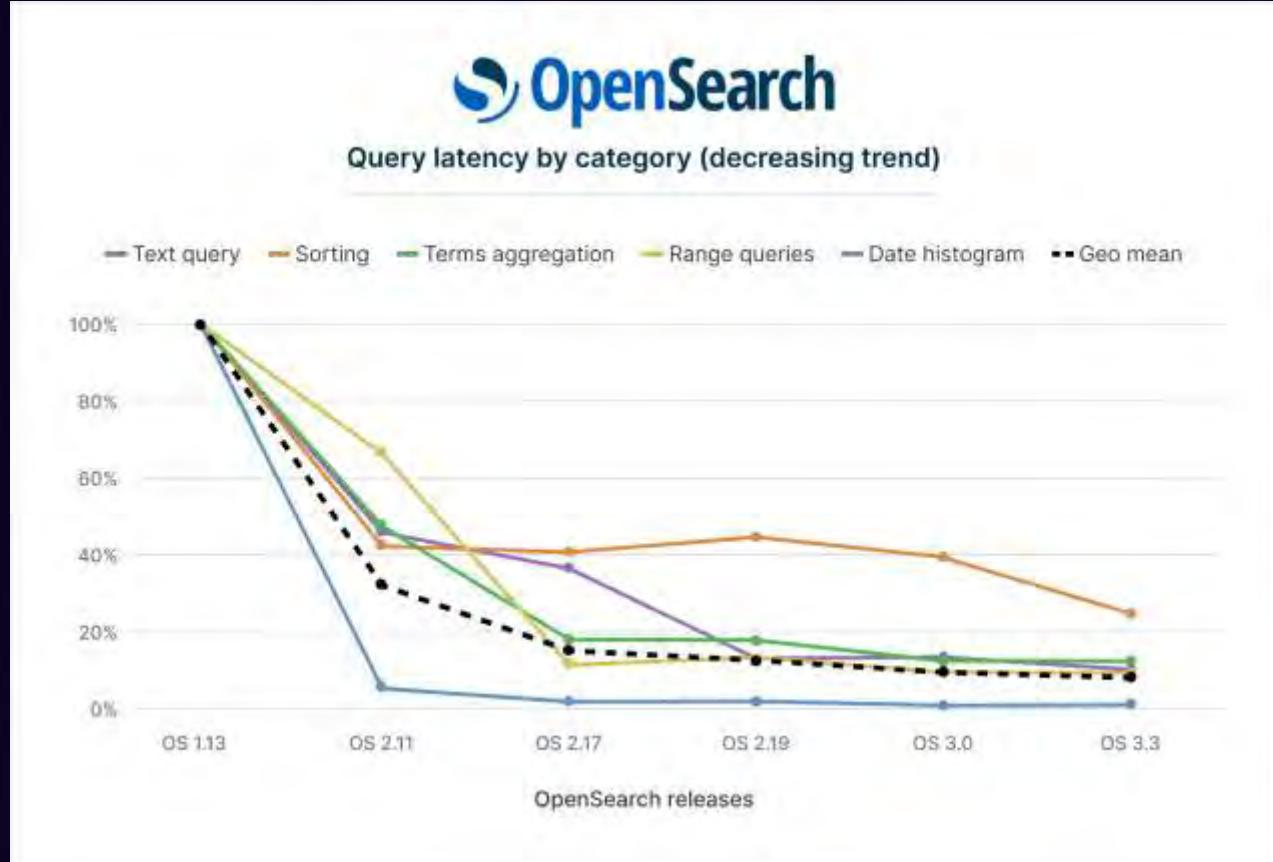
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OpenSearch Performance Improvements



11x faster than OpenSearch 1.3

2.5x faster vector search

Amazon OpenSearch Service

Simplify AI-powered search, observability, and vector database operations with a secure, cost-effective managed service



Operational Simplicity

Fully managed OpenSearch in the AWS Cloud. Serverless and managed clusters. API-driven deployments, upgrades, and patches



Performance

10x performance gains from OpenSearch 1.3 to current version. Single-digit ms latencies for lexical and vector queries



Cost efficiency

Storage tiering for voluminous log data, specialized instances, tune cluster sizes or autoscaled to match request traffic



Integrations

Quickly and easily connect all of your data for faster, better insights

100,000+

Monthly active customers
processing with **more than**
10 trillion requests per
month



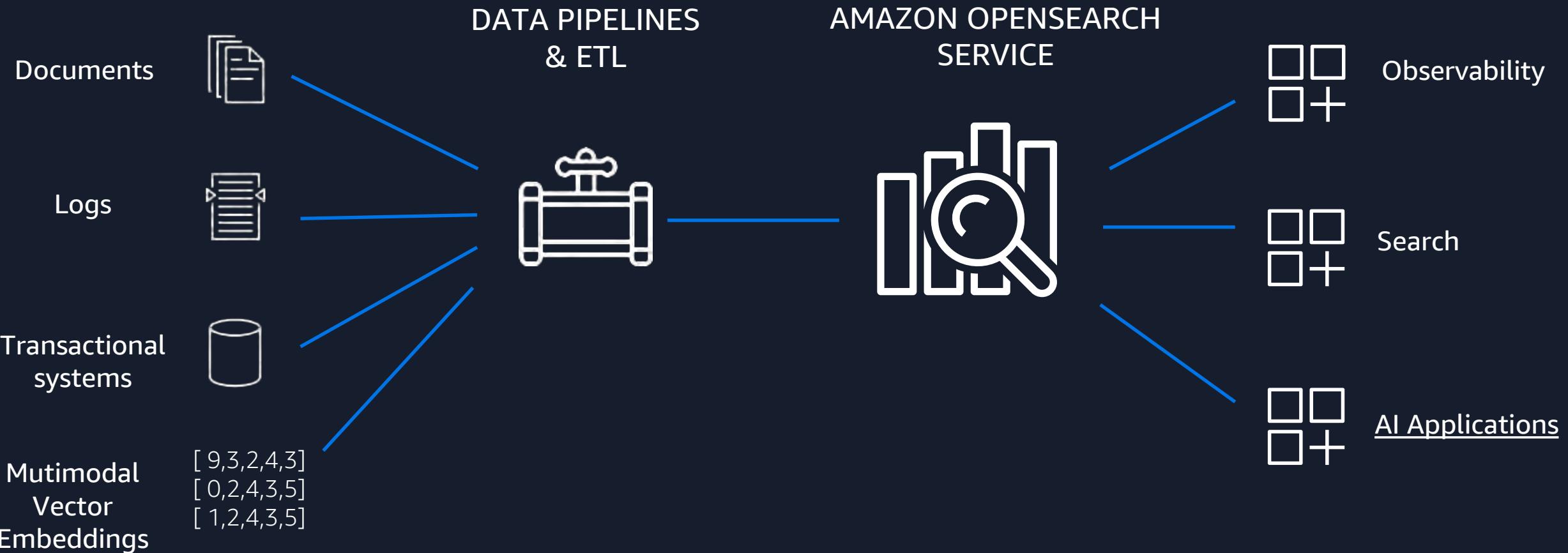
Service-managed patching and upgrades with
24x7 monitoring and self-healing, no down-time upgrades

Fine-grained access control, customer-managed encryption keys, audit logging, IDC/SAML/Cognito/IAM integration

One-click, multi-AZ deployments, up to 99.99% SLA

Specialized instance types using S3 as a backing store and hourly snapshots

Amazon OpenSearch Service landscape





Amazon OpenSearch Ingestion

POWERED BY  Data Prepper



- Native support for wide variety of sources, processors and sinks
- Filtering, enriching, transforming, normalizing, and aggregating data for downstream analytics and visualization
- Inbuilt support for trace analytics, conditional routing, dead letter queues and a lot more features centered around observability

Performance and scale enhancements

Increased OpenSearch Compute Units (OCU) memory



- **15 GB of memory per OCU** (up from 8 GB) at no additional cost, enabling more complex, memory-intensive tasks

Enhanced Autoscaling



- Enhanced autoscaling with new signals such as SQS queue size, buffer lag and HTTP connections for more responsive scaling

OpenSearch Ingestion Connector ecosystem



SOURCES

OBSERVABILITY

- HTTP,
- Otel logs, metrics, and traces

OBJECT STORES

- S3
- S3-SQS

EVENT STREAMS

- Kinesis Data Streams
- Amazon Managed Streaming for Kafka
- Confluent Kafka

SAAS

- Atlassian Jira
- Atlassian Confluence

DATABASES

- DynamoDB
- DocumentDB
- RDS/Aurora MySQL
- RDS/Aurora PostgreSQL

MISSION CRITICAL

- Elasticsearch
- OpenSearch

SECURITY

- Amazon Security Lake



PROCESSORS

FILTER

- Select entries
- Delete entries
- Anomaly detection

ENRICH

- AWS Lambda
- Batch AI Inference
- GeoIP

OPEN TELEMETRY

- Otel Metrics
- Otel Traces
- Service Maps

MUTATE

- Add entries
- Decompress
- Flatten
- Rename keys
- Split event
- Obfuscate

ROUTE

- Conditionally route

PARSE

- Grok
- User agent
- parse JSON
- parse XML



SINKS

SEARCH

- OpenSearch managed clusters
- Serverless collections

OBJECT STORES

- S3

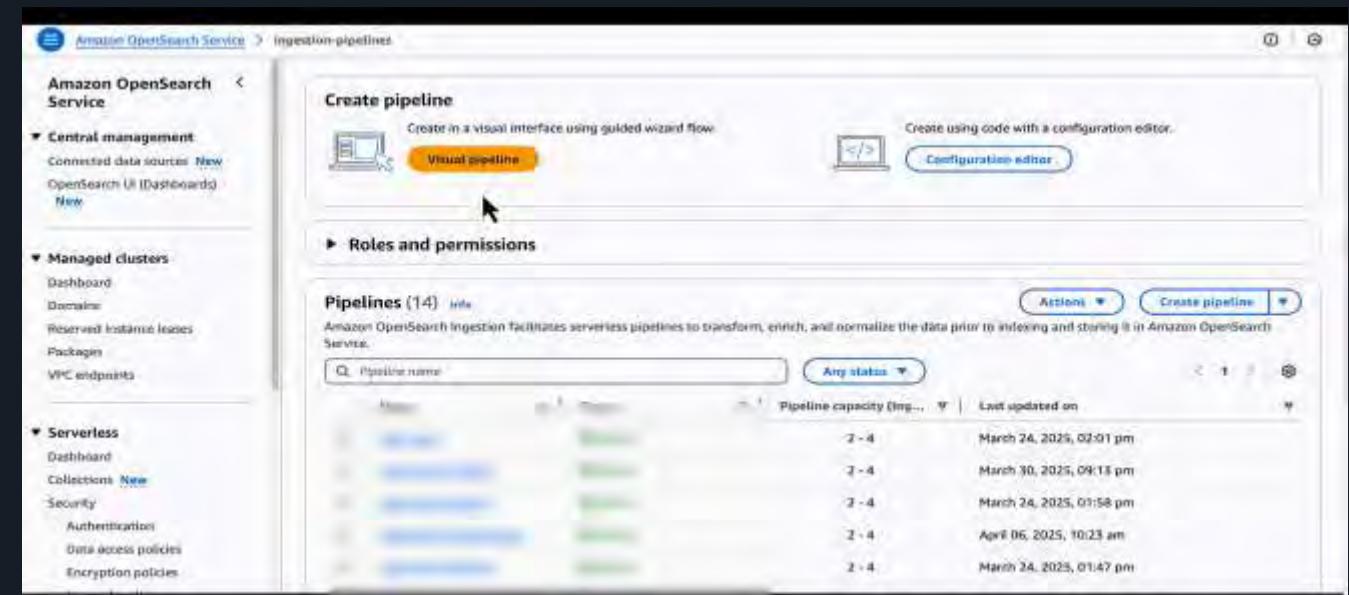


Improved user experience

Visual Pipeline Builder



- Guided visual workflow via a graphical UI
- Automatic IAM role and permission creation
- Real-time, enhanced validations



Log Analytics & Observability



Log data is increasing rapidly



Downtime costs money (and stress)



\$42,000 per hour

Average hourly cost downtime per year

- Interruptions to IT operations
- Opportunity loss, cost of not doing business



87 hours per year

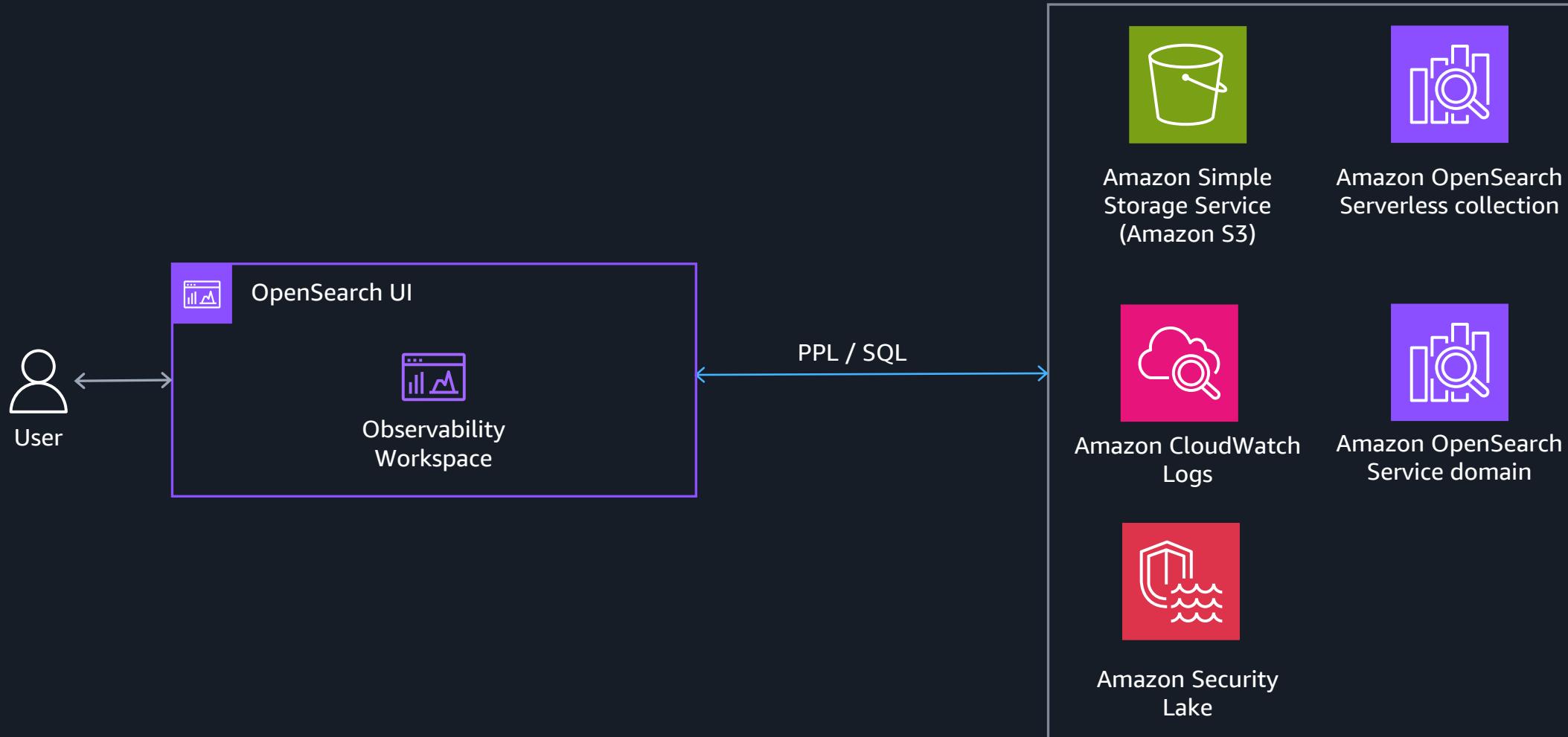
Of downtime per year*

- Penalties of not meeting customer SLAs
- Brand alienation

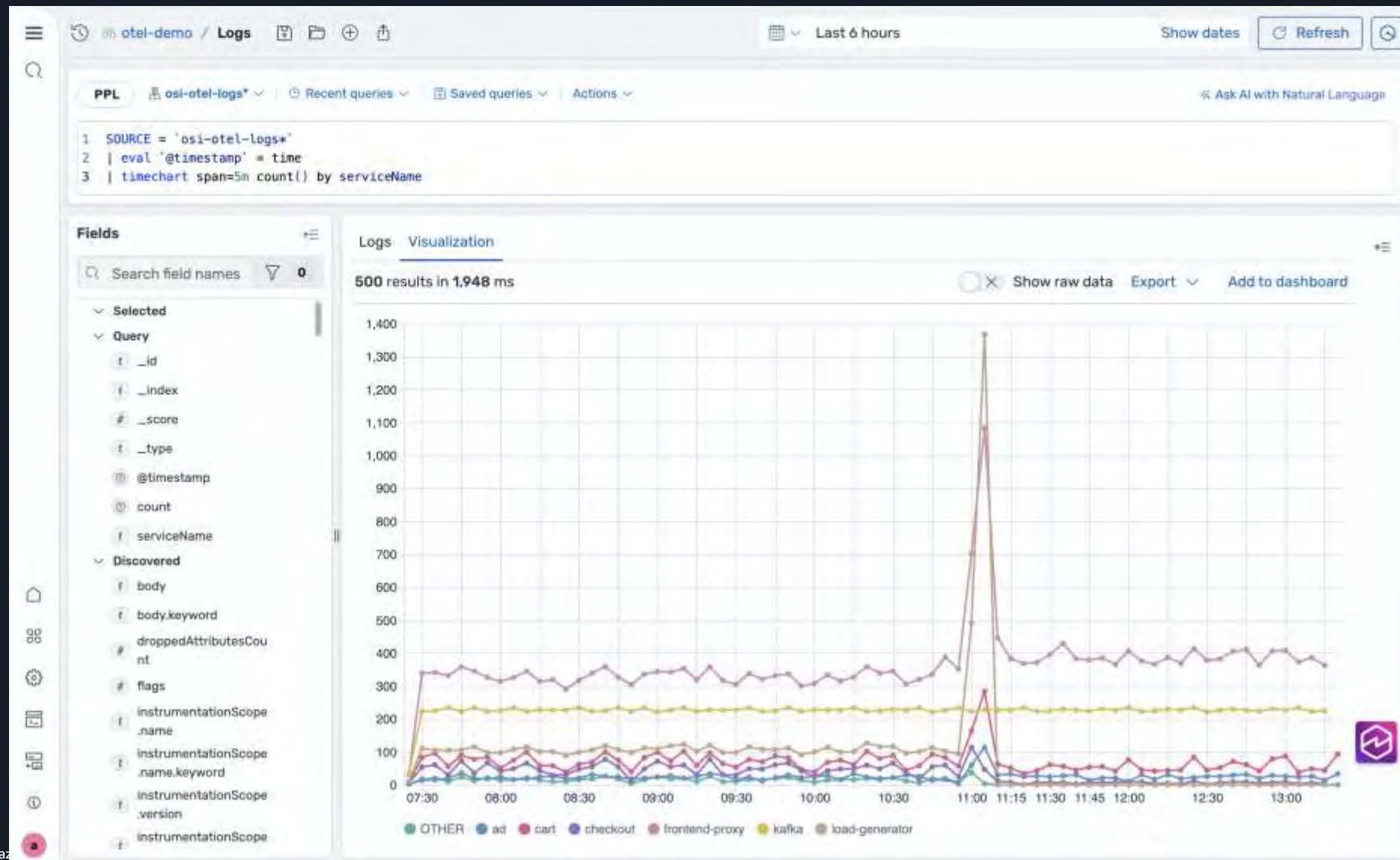
**\$3.6m+
yearly cost**

*Gartner

Single Pane of Glass for Log Analytics



OpenSearch Dashboard - Discovery



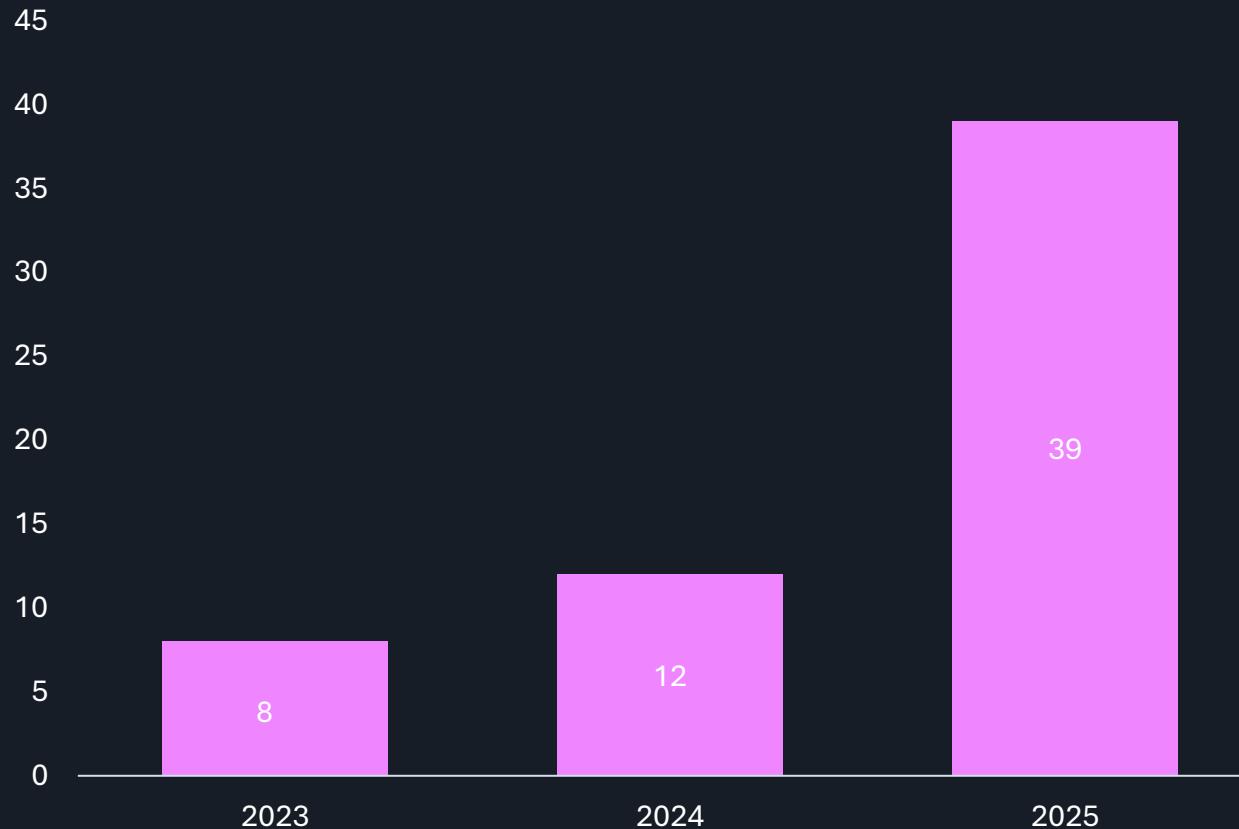
Piped Processing Language (PPL)

search command | command 1 | command 2

- search
- where
- fields
- dedup
- stats
- sort
- eval
- ...
- top
- rare

Many supported commands

Expanded Analytical Toolkit



New Commands

- 35+ commands added
- Filter, extract, and parse unstructured text
- Join datasets together
- Temporal and distribution analysis
- Data transformations at runtime

New Log Discovery Experience Demo



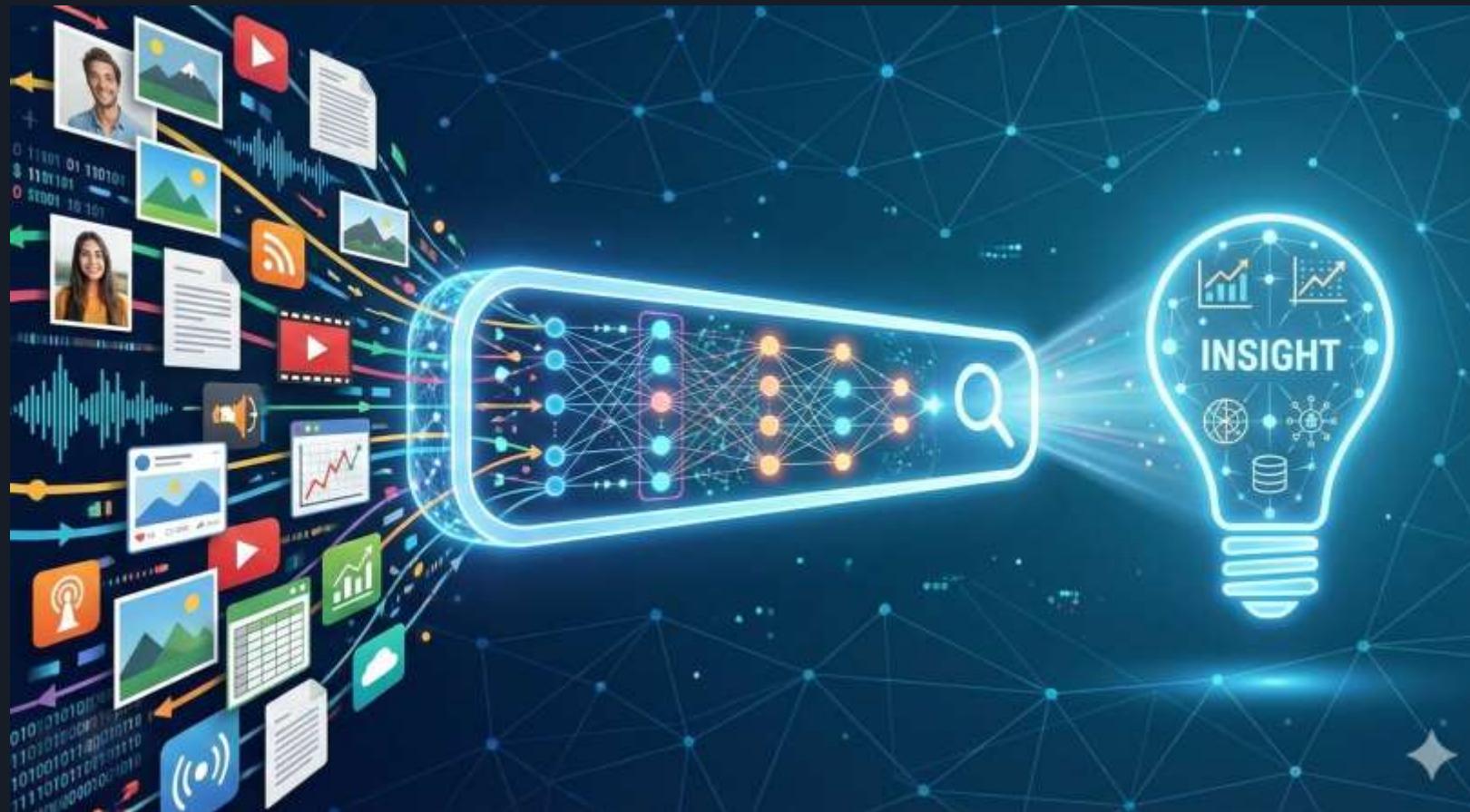
Search and AI



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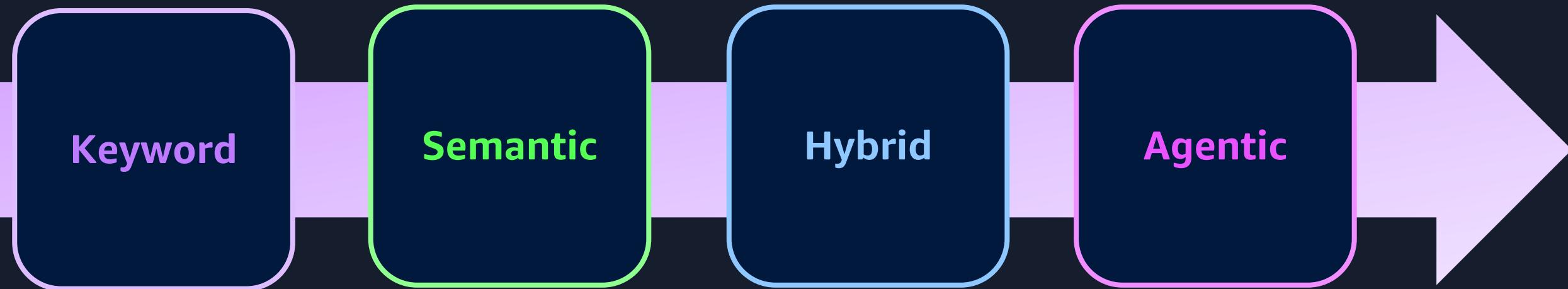
Information retrieval

The process of finding and accessing relevant information



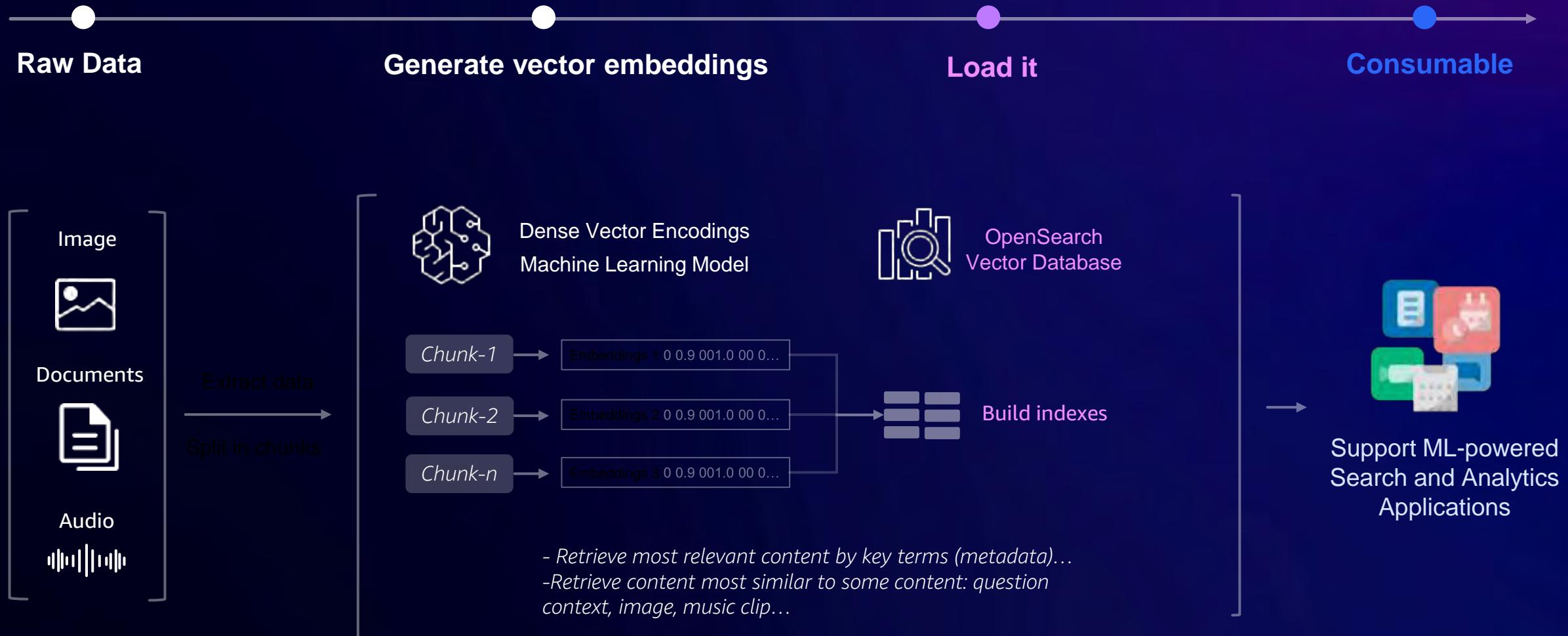
The Evolution of Search

FROM KEYWORDS TO UNDERSTANDING



Search is all about *retrieving relevant information* in response to a user goal

Search Workflow



Automatic Semantic Enrichment

BOOSTING SEARCH RELEVANCE



Enhanced Search Relevance

Sparse model improves search relevance without latency impact. Bridges lexical and semantic search capabilities.

Simplified Implementation

Out-of-the-box semantic indexes. No ML model hosting or management required.

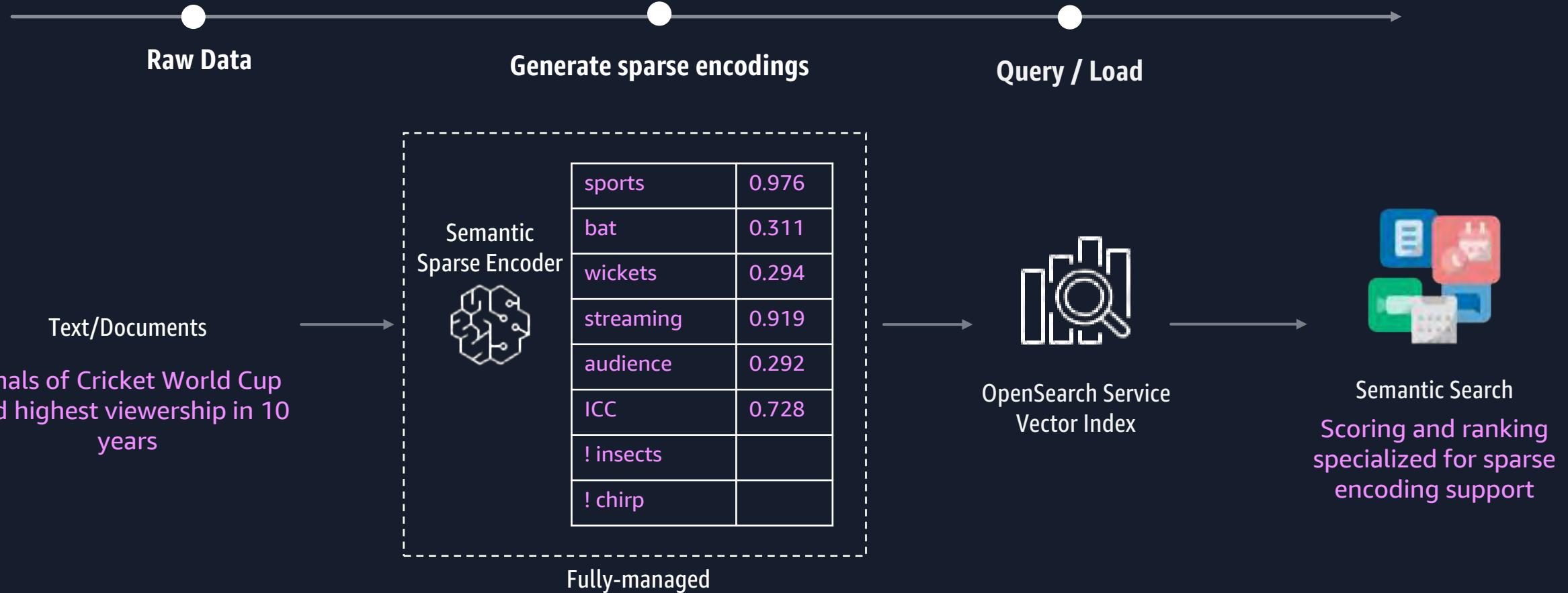
Pay-as-You-Use Pricing

Low usage charges during ingestion only. Eliminates continuous costs and infrastructure overhead.

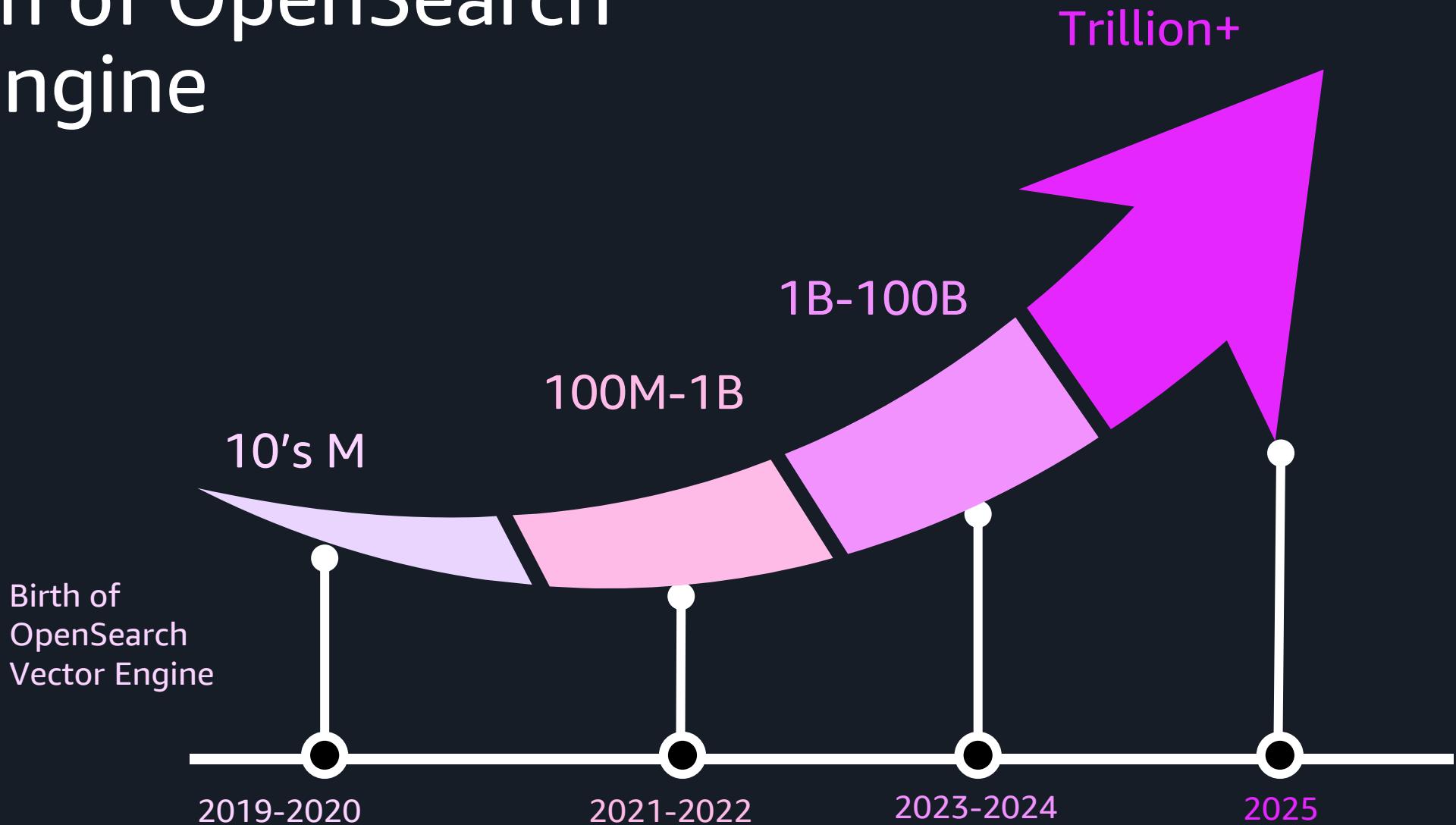
Multi-language Support

Supports 15 languages including English, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, and more.

Automatic Semantic Enrichment



Evolution of OpenSearch Vector Engine



Tiered vector storage

COST REDUCTIONS AT MASSIVE SCALE

Exact KNN

MOST ACCURATE & EXPENSIVE

In-memory

LOWER COST & HIGH PERFORMANCE

Disk mode

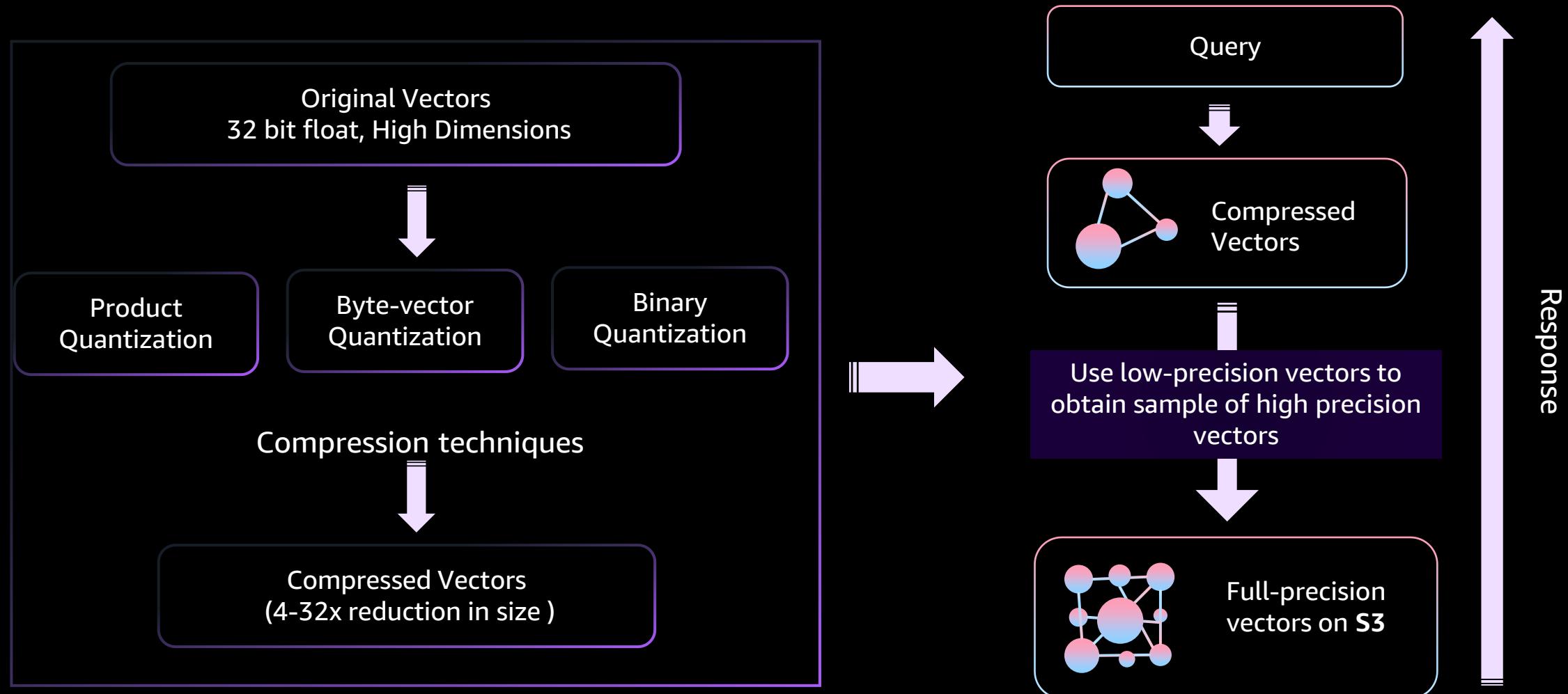
CHEAPER STORAGE, STILL PERFORMANT

S3 vectors

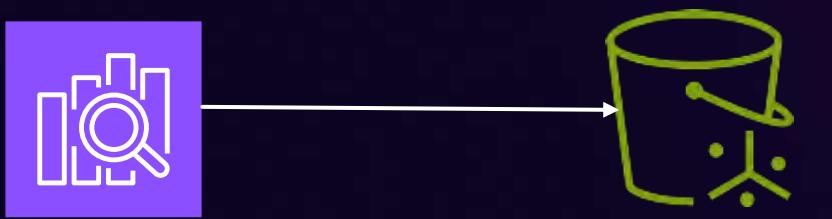
CHEAPEST, MASSIVE SCALE STORAGE

Disk-Optimized Vector Search

UP-TO-32X MEMORY REDUCTION LEADING TO COST SAVINGS



Performance and cost-optimized tiering with Amazon S3 integration



Amazon OpenSearch
Service managed cluster

S3 Vectors



S3 Vector Index

Amazon OpenSearch
Serverless

To reduce cost, set engine type to “s3vector” in field mapping to store the vectors in service managed S3 vector bucket

To improve latency, single click point in time export to OpenSearch Serverless collection

NVIDIA journey with Amazon OpenSearch Service

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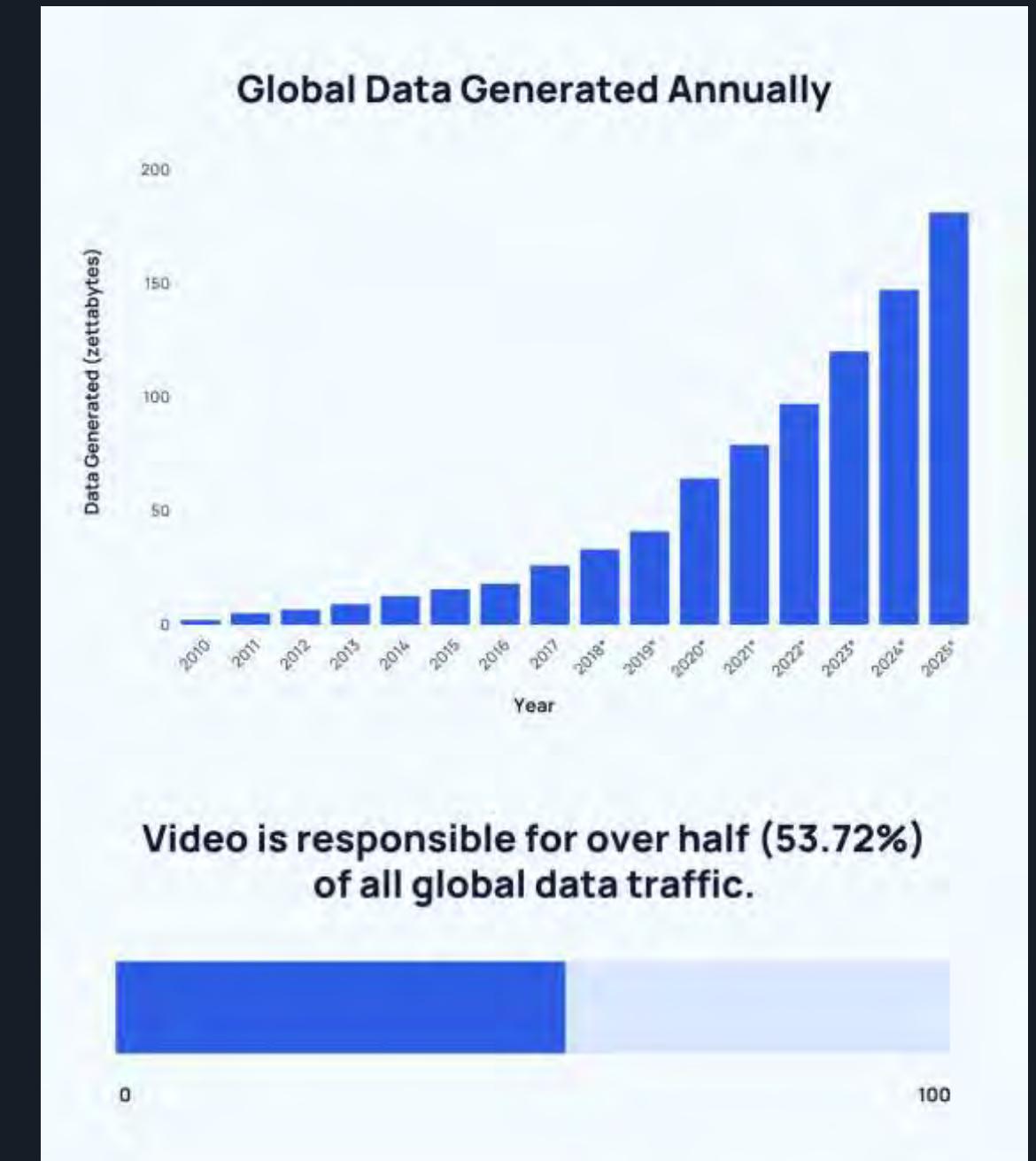
Principal Architect

Vector search & database, data mining & ML

NVIDIA, Inc.

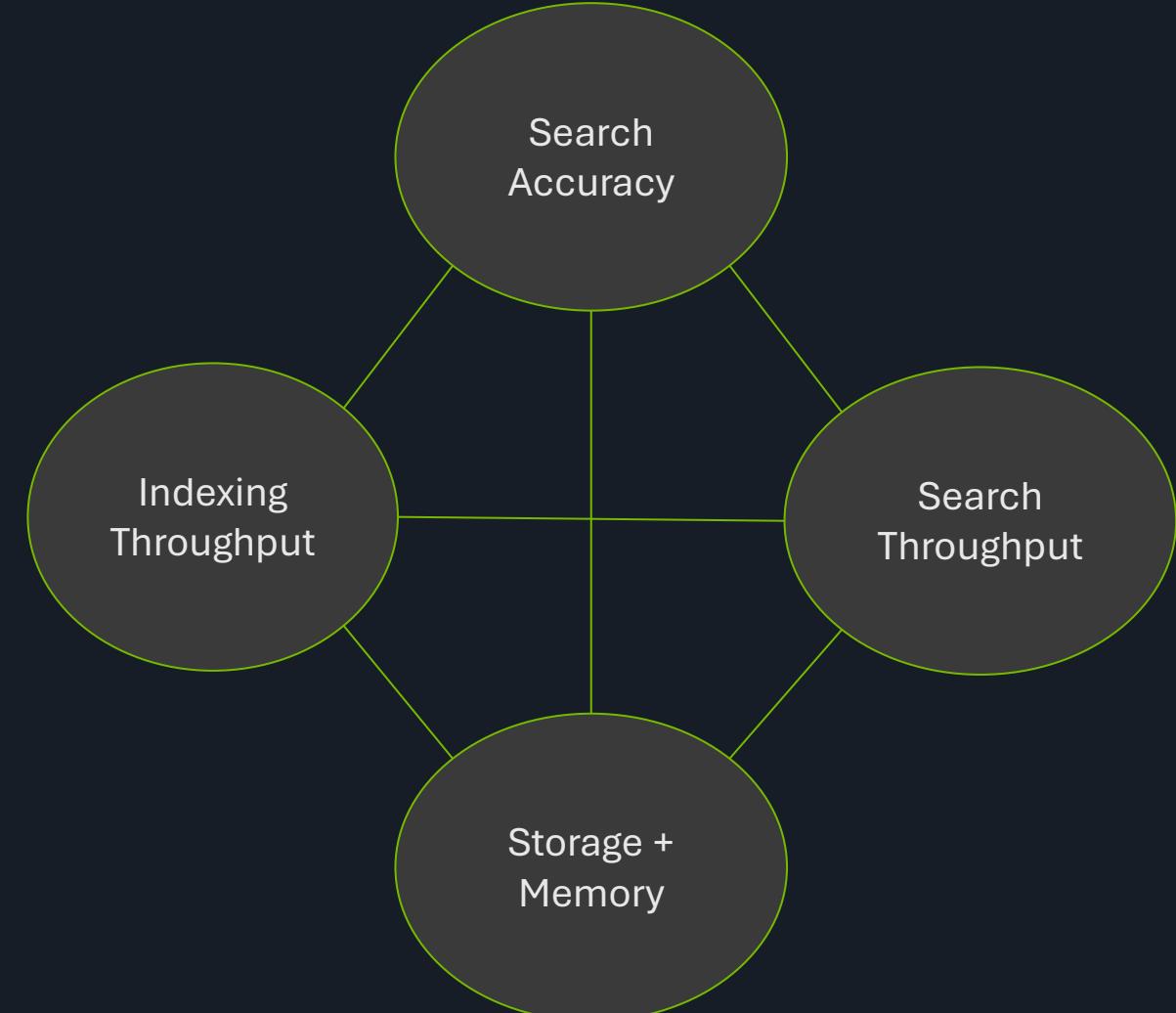
Vectors are the language of AI

- Semantic search and AI are exploding as organizations want to **embed everything**
- **Exponential growth** over the past 7 years
- Accounts for **most new data** being stored type
- Organizations **aren't able to use** most of their unstructured data
- Indexing is **time consuming**
- The largest organizations today require **trillion-vector scale**



It's all about trade-offs

- Vector search indexes are closer to **machine learning** than traditional databases
- **Highly accurate search** typically means **lower throughput** and **higher memory/storage**.
- **Higher throughput** typically means **lower accuracy** and/or **memory/storage**.
- Exact trade-offs are often workload specific, requiring a level of **tuning**.



Challenges

Index build

Accurate indexes can be slow to build

Interoperability

CPU is often good enough for online vector retrieval

Mixed Types

Real-world workflows require both structured and unstructured data

Cost Efficiency

Idle GPUs are not cost effective



Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

Index build

NVIDIA cuVS



Best Performance

20X faster index build time, 11X lower latency



Advanced Algorithms

Performance-tuned approximate nearest neighbor search



Flexible Integration

Supports multiple languages including C, C++, Python, and Rust, for easy integration into vectorized data applications



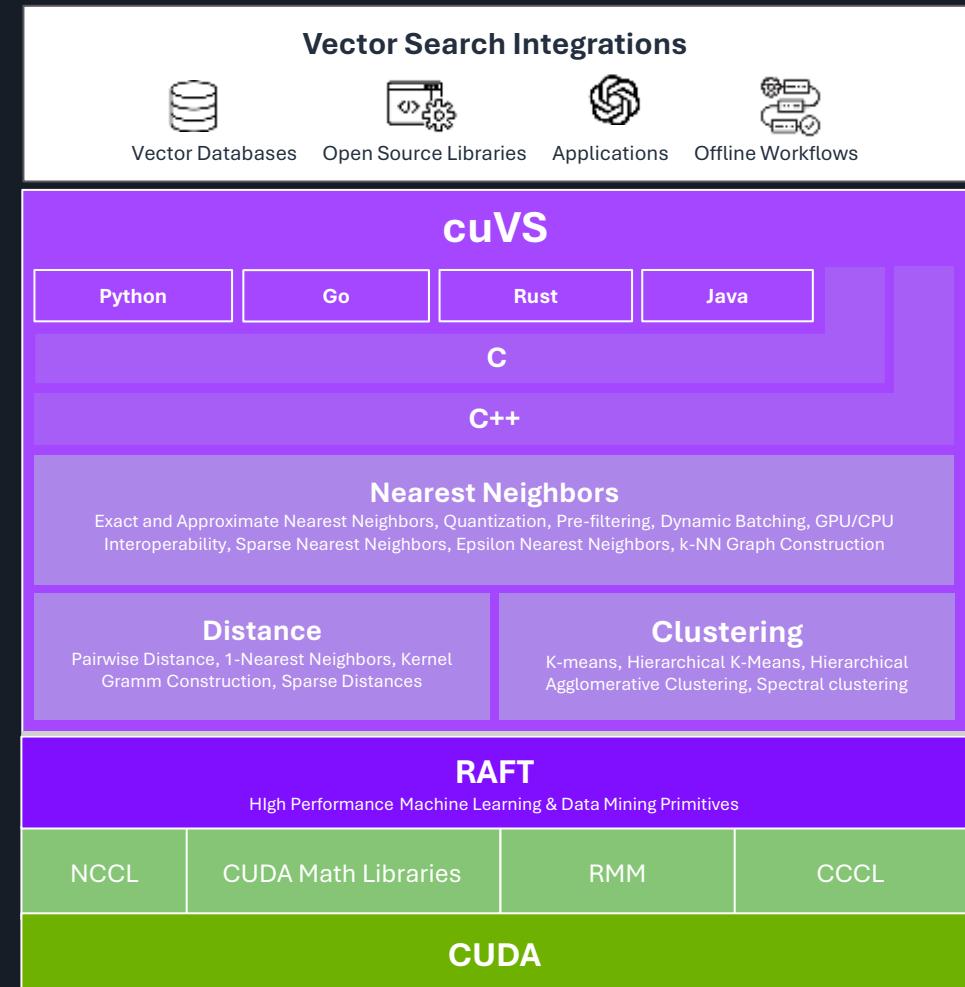
Interoperable

interoperable between CPU and GPU enabling index building on a GPU and searching on a CPU



Scalable

Enables massive-scale vector search and clustering workloads with GPU acceleration



Fully open source Apache 2.0 License

<https://developer.nvidia.com/cuvs>



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CAGRA

GPU-Accelerated State-of-the-Art Graph-Based ANN

- Open-source, graph-based, *GPU-native algorithm*
- Parallelizes graph construction, *lowering build times* significantly
- Parallelizes *individual search queries* resulting in *high throughput*, especially for *large batches*
- *Lowers latency* for *online queries*





Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

Index build

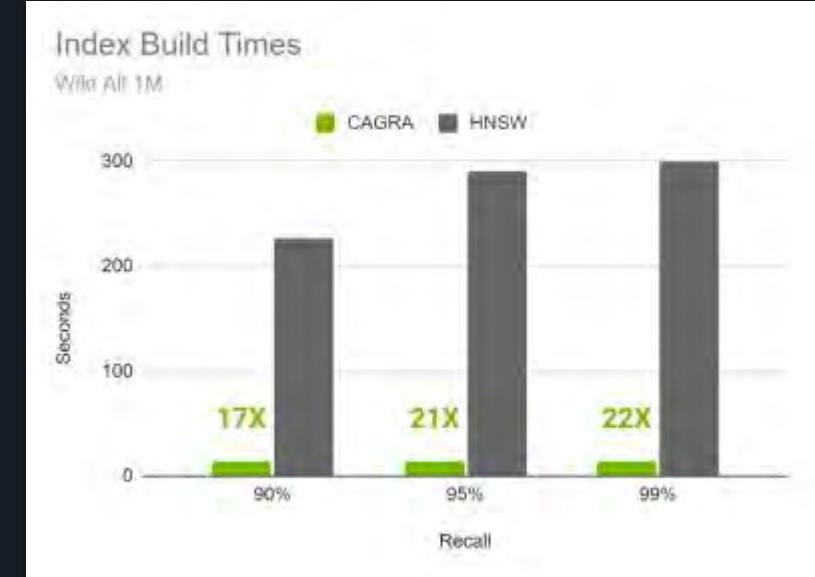
NVIDIA cuVS Library

Converting CAGRA to HNSW

Building index on GPU and searching on CPU

Interoperability between CPU and GPU

- Building HNSW indexes is slow – can take **hours or days**
- CAGRA indexes can be **built 20x** faster than HNSW
- HNSW can search a graph **built with CAGRA**
- Flat CAGRA graph on CPU can even **outperform HNSW on CPU** search at larger dimensions



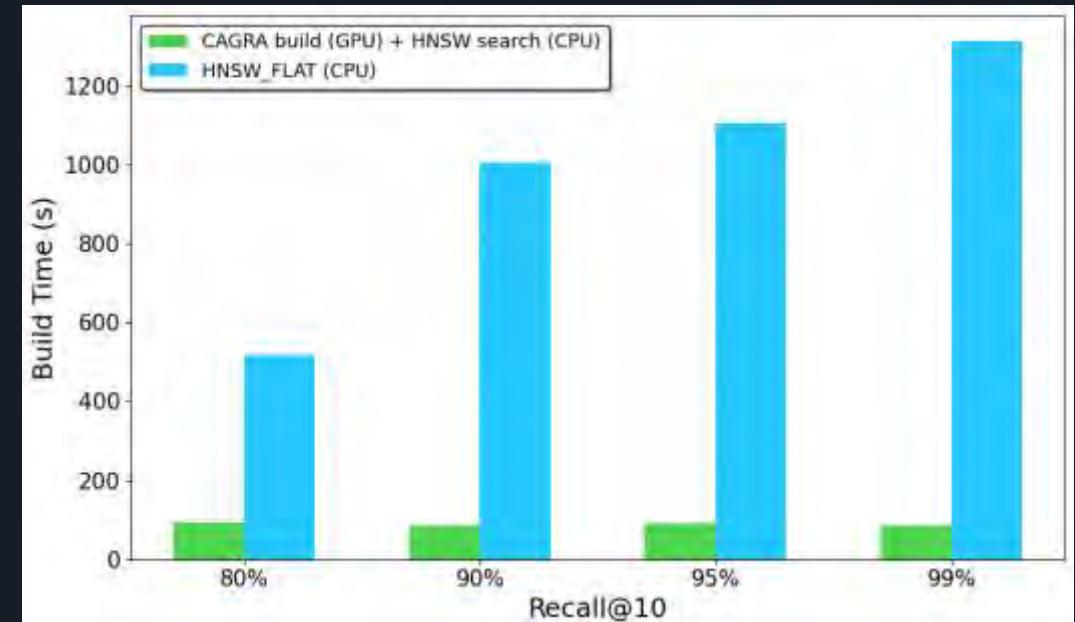
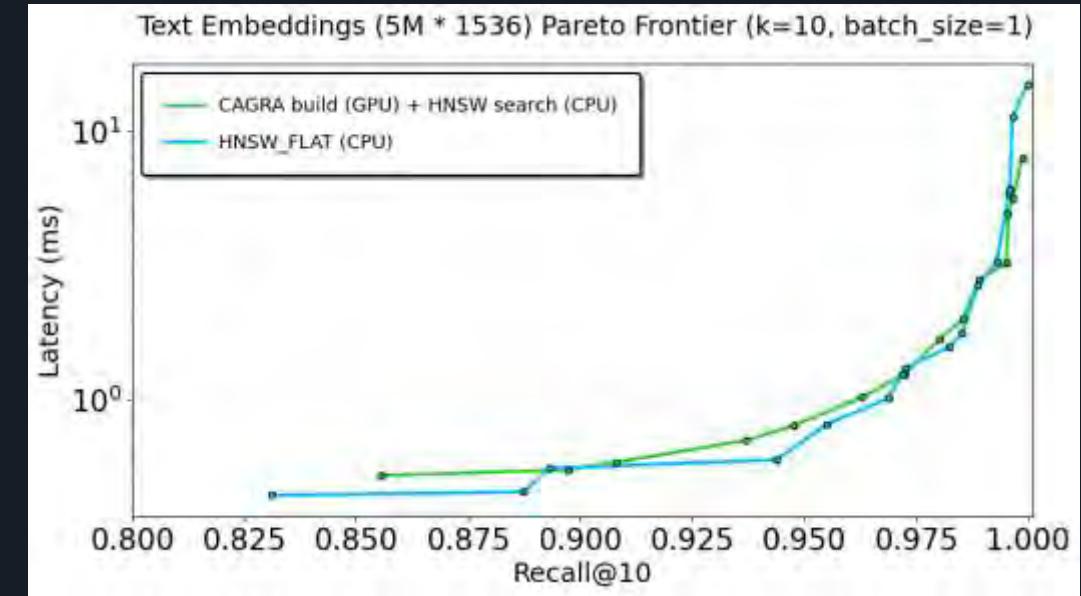
Faiss Library w/ cuVS Backend

Collaboration between AWS, Meta, & NVIDIA

- Use *cuVS in Faiss* with minimal code change.
- Improved build and search performance *on the GPU*
- Build *indexes on GPU*, search on CPU

OpenAI Dataset (5M x 1536)

H100 GPU and an Intel Xeon Platinum 8480CL CPU.





Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

Index build

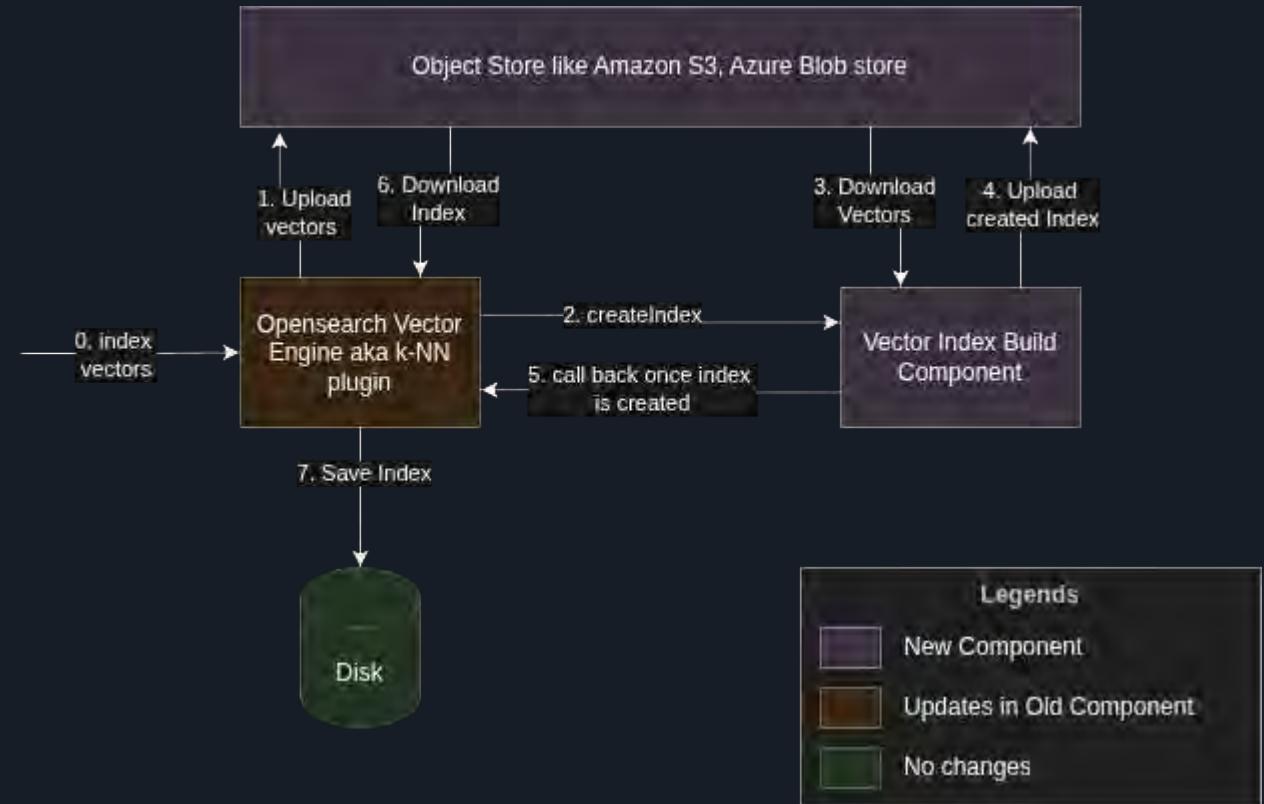
Faiss Library

NVIDIA cuVS Library

GPU-Acceleration in Amazon OpenSearch Service

NVIDIA and AWS bring cuVS to OpenSearch Service

- **Externalize index building** to a separate process
- Trivial **scale-out**
- Use GPU **only when it makes sense**



<https://opensearch.org/blog/gpu-accelerated-vector-search-opensearch-new-frontier/>



Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

OpenSearch Service

Interoperability

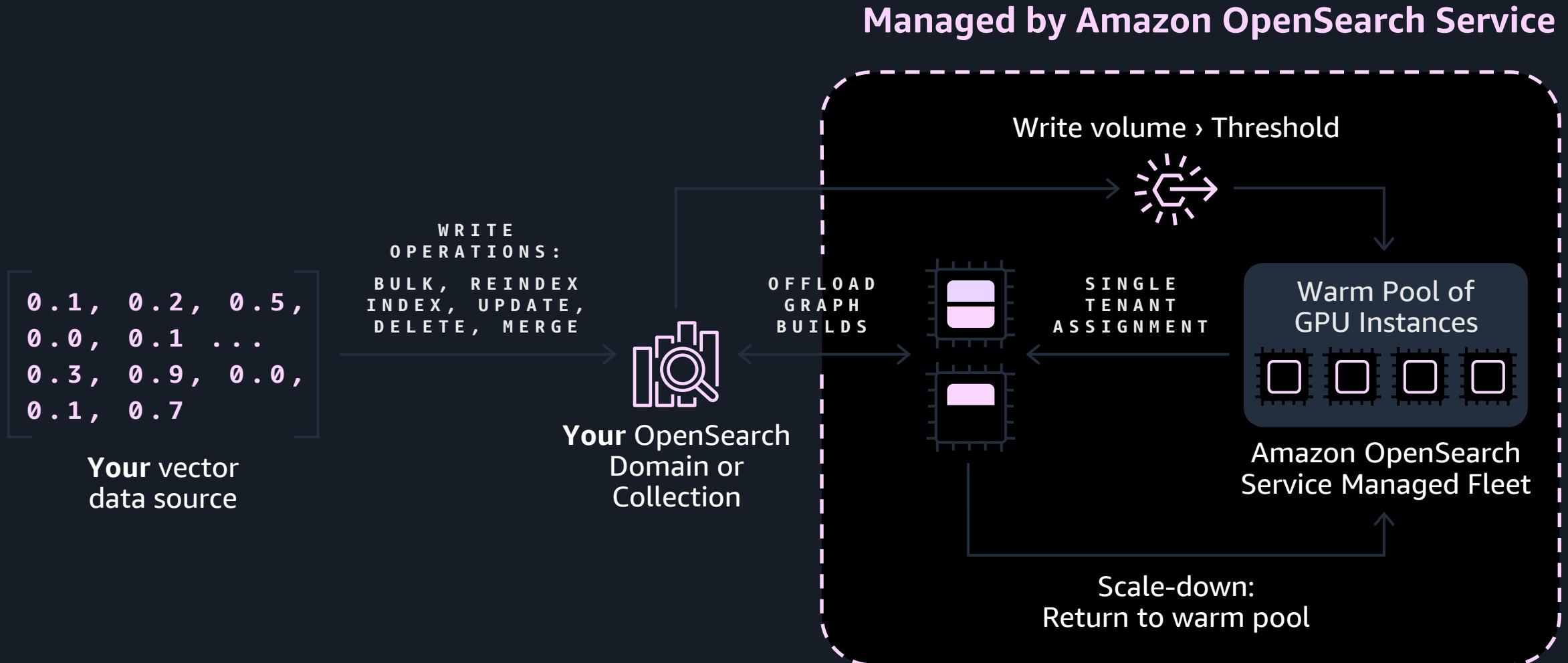
Faiss Library

Index build

NVIDIA cuVS Library

Serverless GPU-Accelerated Vector Indexing

Bringing cost efficiency and performance to OpenSearch Service



Improved Performance and Cost Efficiency w/ Serverless GPU

Faster and lower cost vector ingest on the GPU

Dataset	CPU-Only		With GPU (OCU @ \$0.24/hr.)		Improvement	
	Index & Merge	Domain Cost during Index Build	Index & Merge	Total Costs During Index Build	Cost	Speed
Cohere Embed V2: 1Mx768	1.4 hr	\$1.00	9.9 min	\$0.13	12.0x	8.5x
Cohere Embed V2: 10Mx768	8.5 hr	\$37.82	36.8 min	\$3.10	12.2x	13.9x
Cohere Embed V3: 113Mx1024	28.7 hr	\$712.47	4.5 hr	\$121.70	5.9x	6.4x
SIFT 1Bx128	31.9 hr	\$1118.09	2.8 hr	\$109.86	10.2x	11.4x



Cost Efficiency

OpenSearch Serverless GPU

Mixed Types

OpenSearch Service

Interoperability

Faiss Library

Index build

NVIDIA cuVS Library

Summary

Index build

cuVS can build more accurate indexes faster on the GPU

Interoperability

Faiss library can build indexes on the GPU while enabling search on the CPU

Mixed Types

OpenSearch Service enables structured, lexical, and unstructured search

Cost Efficiency

OpenSearch Serverless GPU can build indexes up to 10x faster at 75% lower cost.

Search Innovations

Rich configurations, expert-driven process

Select Index Parameters

Algorithms:

HNSW, ef_construction, m...

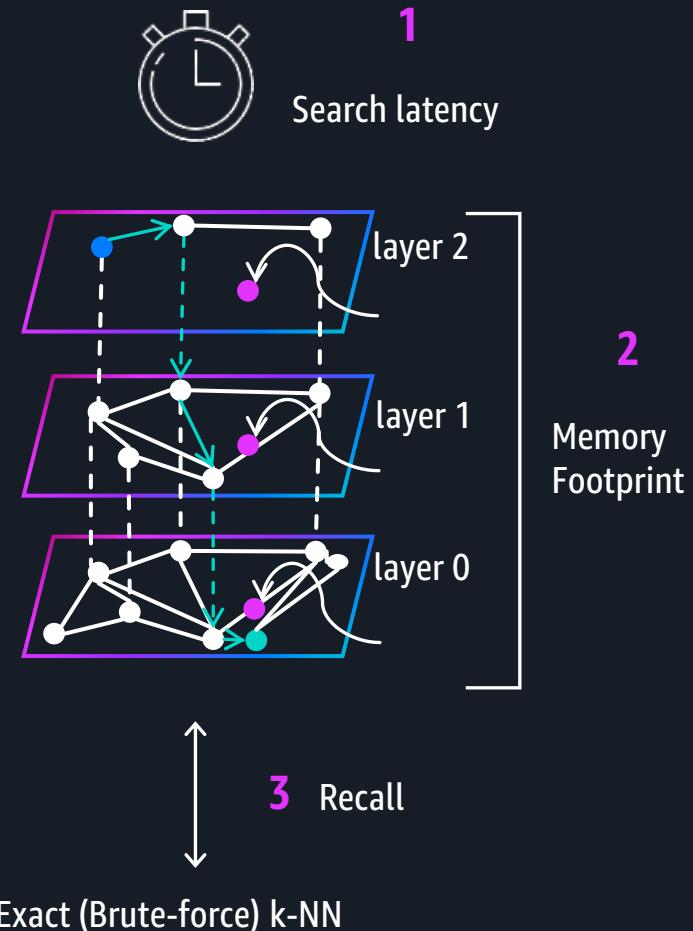
Quantization:

Scalar, Binary, Product

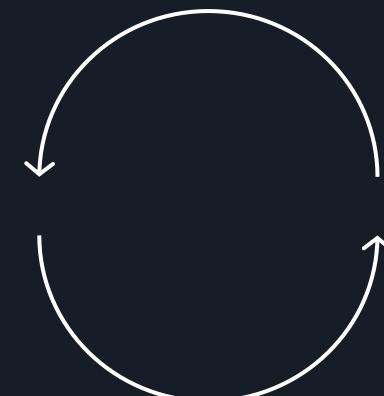
Engine Settings:

Disk-optimized, In-memory, Infrequent Queries

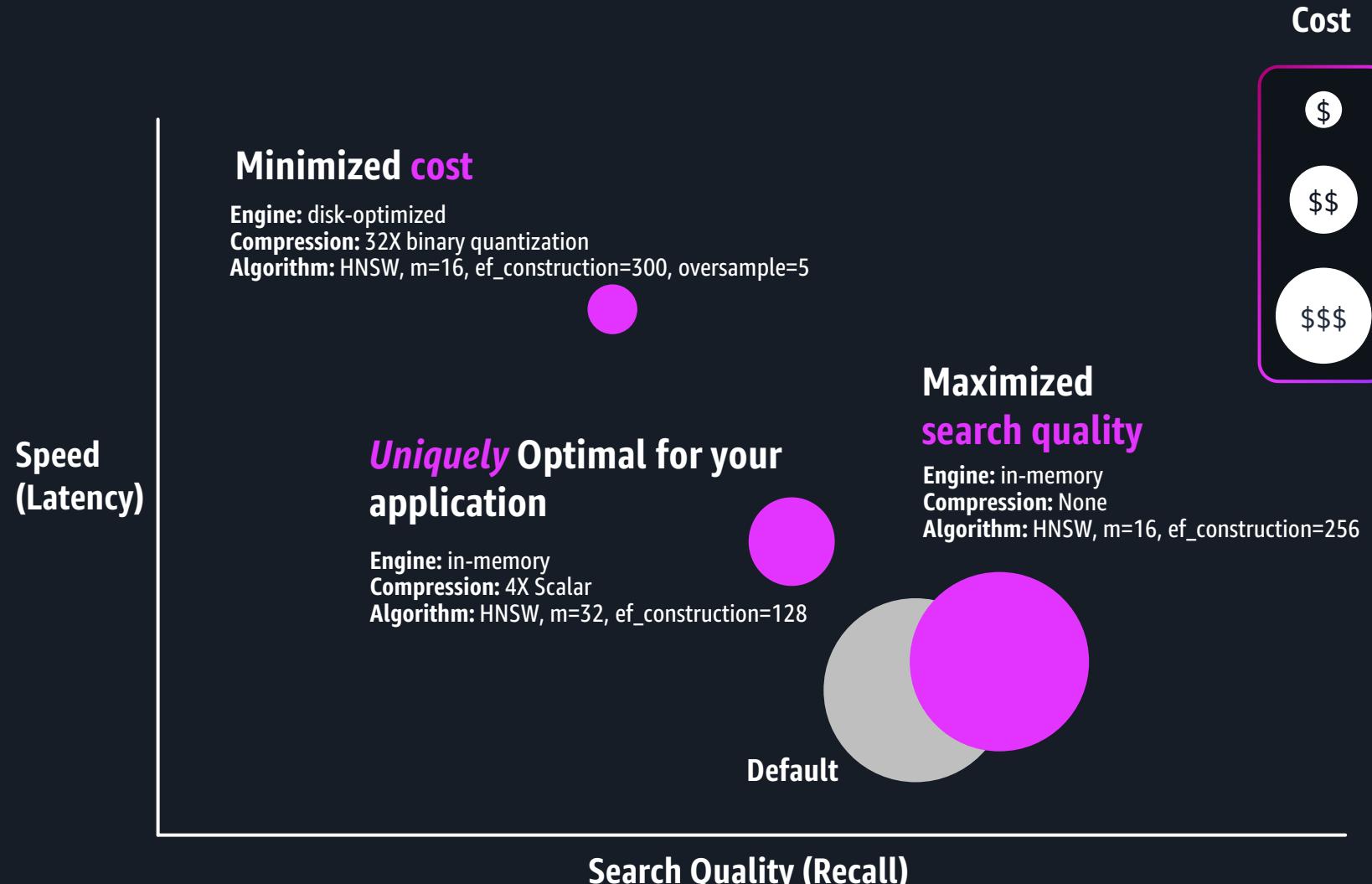
Build and Evaluate Index



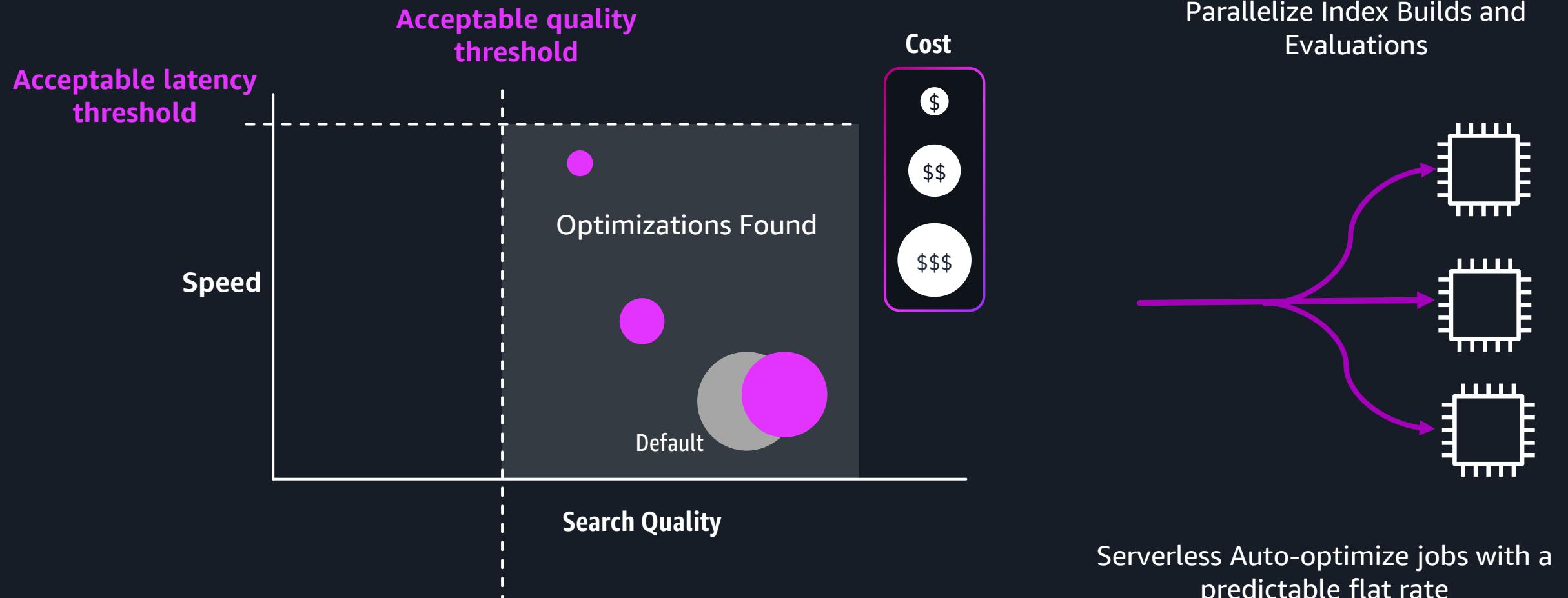
Adjust Parameters and Repeat



Finding the Optimal trade-offs

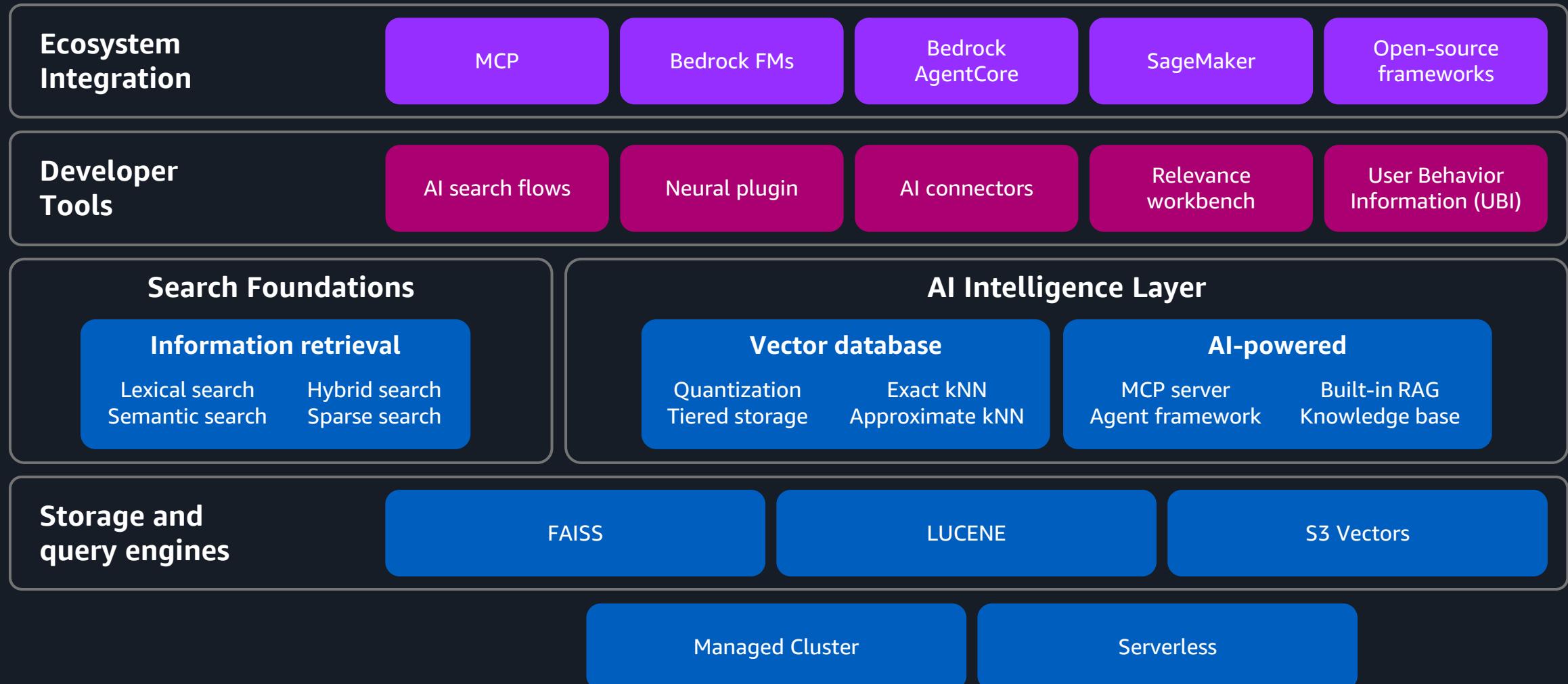


Let's simplify! Auto-optimize Vector Indexing



OpenSearch Service stack

BEYOND TRADITIONAL SEARCH



Search for Agent driven workloads



Agents need context

Even the best LLMs are effective only when they have relevant, timely, and complete context

Agent workloads are dynamic

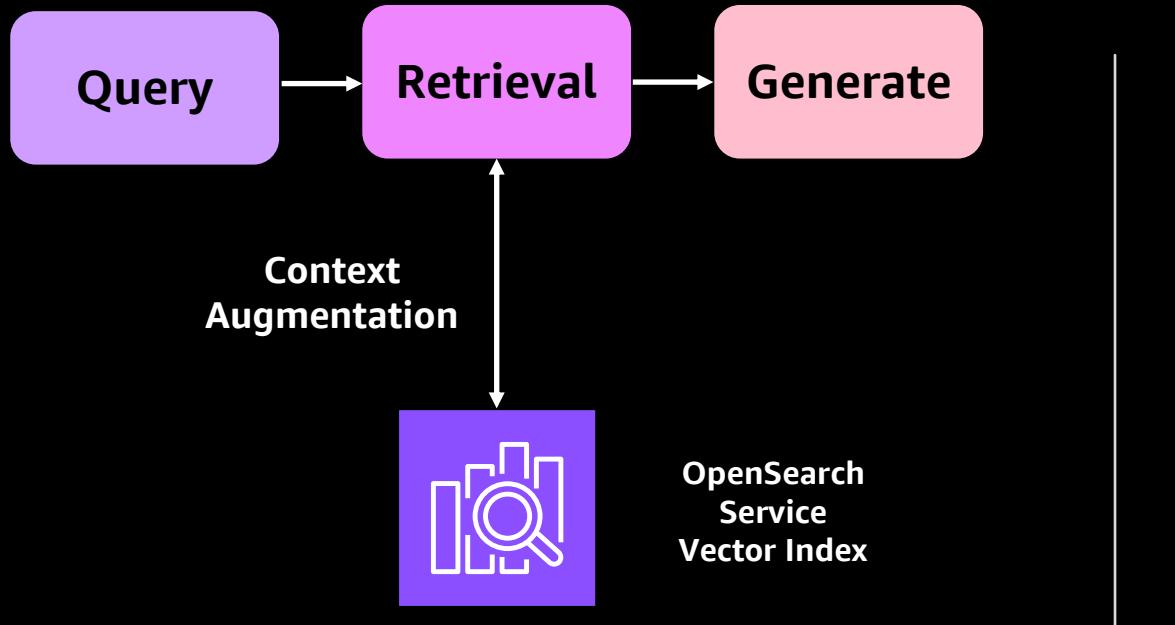
Highly concurrent and diverse queries, continuous indexing, and iterative

Retrieval is the foundational layer

Gives agents access to context aware vector data at scale

Agents need relevant and accurate context for the task at hand

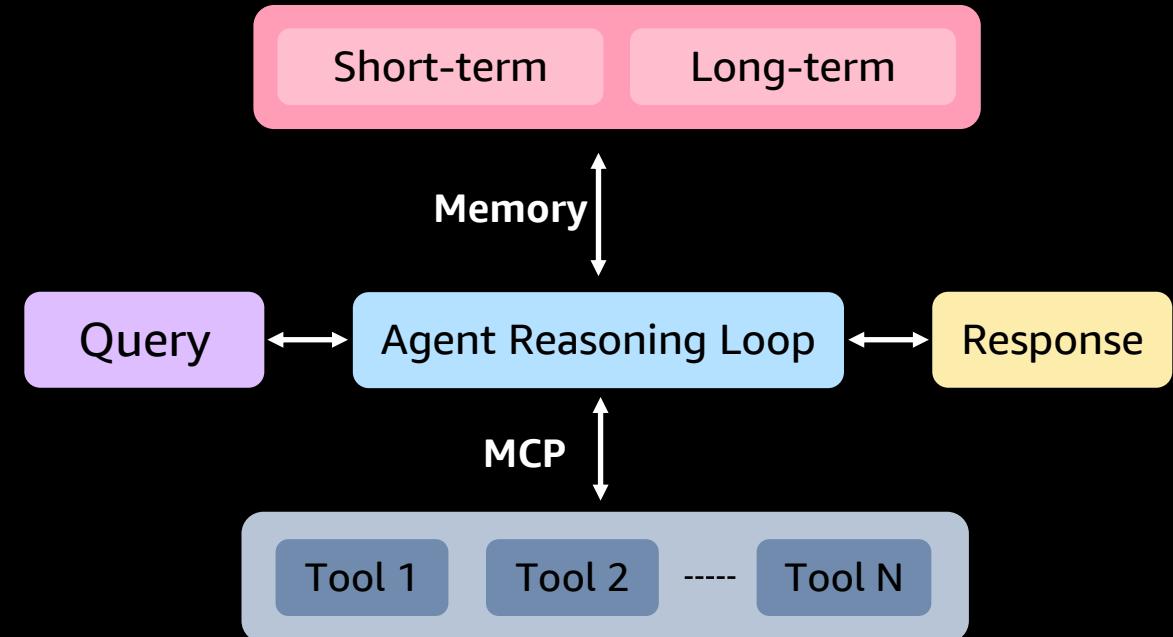
Context enhancement with RAG and Agentic Search



RAG retrieves information, can't reason

RAG is static but can't adapt

RAG is single-turn, can't iterate



Agentic search is multi-turn and iterative

Reasoning driven retrieval

Access multiple tools and data sources

OpenSearch Service building foundations for Agentic Search



MCP Server



Agentic Memory

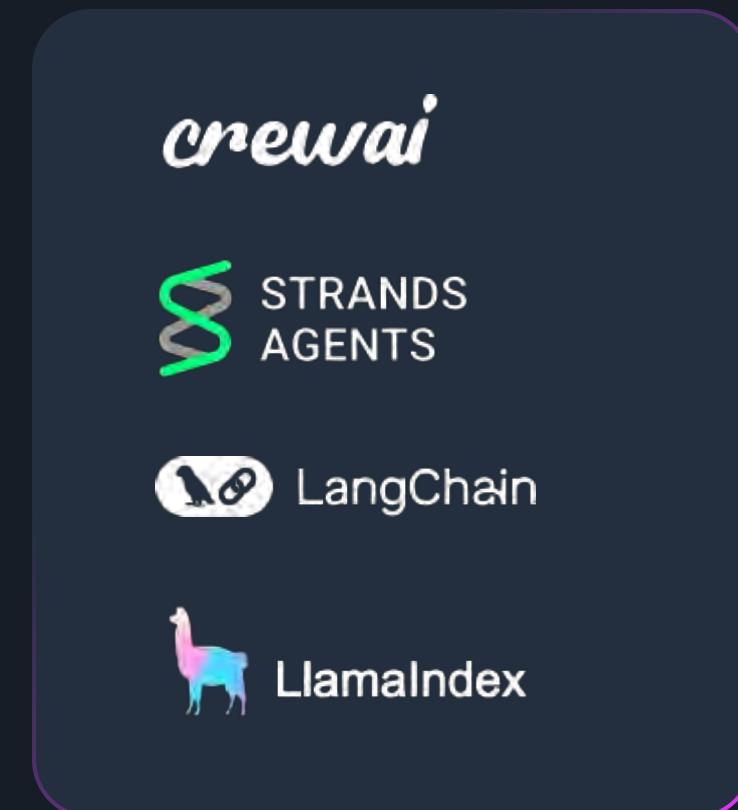


Specialized
Agents

OpenSearch Service MCP integrations

Seamlessly connect with AI systems with external data and tools

- Built-in server, Standalone server, and MCP connector in OpenSearch Service and open source
- Growing list of tools (ListIndexTool, SearchIndexTool, QueryPlanningTool...)
- Support multiple OpenSearch Service clusters
- Secure Authentication with configurable MCP credential



OpenSearch Agentic Memory

OpenSearch v3.3



Intelligent memory management for context
auto memory update, knowledge extraction, data drift

Ease of use with a REST API for memory operations
Add/delete, update, Search, Get...

Data life cycle management
temporal data, tiered storage

Security and access control
user access, index permissions, configure namespace access

OpenSearch Specialized Agents

Flow agent

Runs tools in a specified order.
Use for: RAG

Conversational agent

LLM sequences tool execution. Use
for reasoning and conversation

Plan-execute-reflect agent

LLM reasons based on tools. Use
for long, exploratory processes

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            agent_tools.get_categories_tool(index_name), # Include the categories tool
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            agent_tools.index_mapping_tool() # Include the index mapping tool
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OpenSearch Service Infrastructure Enhancements



Amazon OpenSearch Service Infrastructure

Scalability

1000 nodes and 25 PB in a single Cluster

Availability

99.99% availability for production workloads

Durability

11 9s of Durability with OpenSearch Optimized Instances

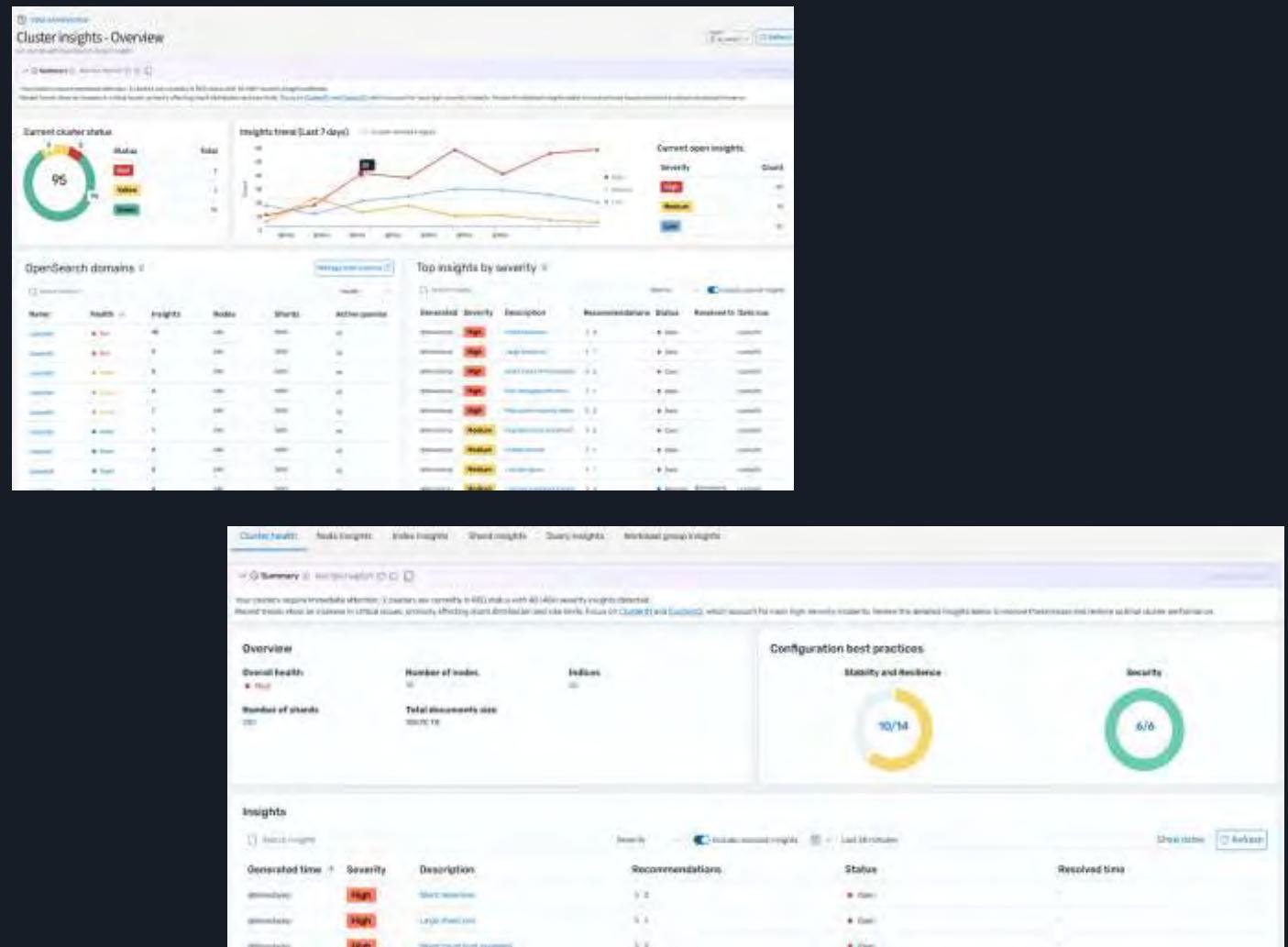
Performance

OpenSearch 3.3 11x more performant than OpenSearch 1.0

Improved Ease of Operations

CLUSTER INSIGHTS

All-in-one dashboard transforms complex cluster management into streamlined operations with automated performance analysis and troubleshooting.



* Available on OpenSearch Service managed clusters 2.17+



Continuous Innovation

OpenSearch Optimized Instances OR2 and OM2

- OR2: 26% indexing throughput improvement on OR1 and 70% improvement over R7g
- OM2: 15% indexing throughput improvement on OR1 and 66% improvement over M7g

Derived source (2.19+) reduces storage by 40% and with ~20% faster indexing and merges

Support for **custom script plug-ins**



Amazon OpenSearch Serverless



Easy to administer

No sizing, scaling, and tuning of clusters, and no shard and index lifecycle management



Fast

Automatically scale resources to maintain consistently fast data ingestion rates and query response times



Ecosystem

Get started in seconds using the same OpenSearch clients, pipelines, and APIs



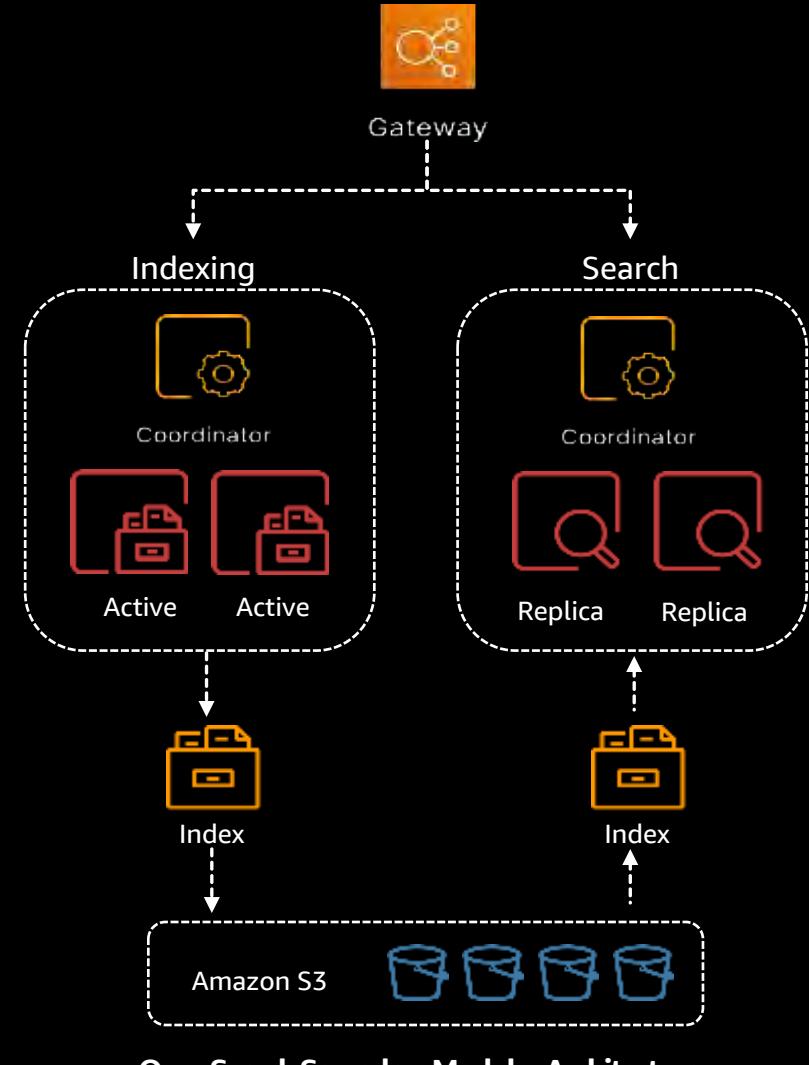
Cost-effective

Pay only for the resources consumed

OpenSearch Serverless Innovation

New capabilities

- 100TB time-series collections
- Region expansion from 15 to 22 regions
- Data plane audit logging
- Snapshot restore



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