

Fink: status and roadmap

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Since then ... a lot has happened ...

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How?

Early development of tailored science modules.

Tools at our disposal:

- Increasingly accurate classification and anomaly scores⁸ (adaptive learning)
- Calibrated probabilities (Bayesian

Fink *modules under development*

- Supernova photometric classification in ZTF alert stream
 - see Marco's talk
- Enabling kilonova discovery with ML in Fink (also GW)
 - Biswajit Biswas - M1 student working now remotely, at LPC-Clermont from April/2020
- Looking for remote calcium reach transients in ZTF data
 - Christopher Frohmaier (ICC - Portsmouth, UK)
- Connections with SVOM
 - see Nicolas' and Damien's talks

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modules under discussion

- First tests with microlensing
 - Tristan Blaineau
- Connections with other brokers
 - Alexis Coleiro, Andrii Neronov, Volodymyr Savchenko
- Deblending
 - Alexandre Boucaud

Next in line:

- Anomaly detection

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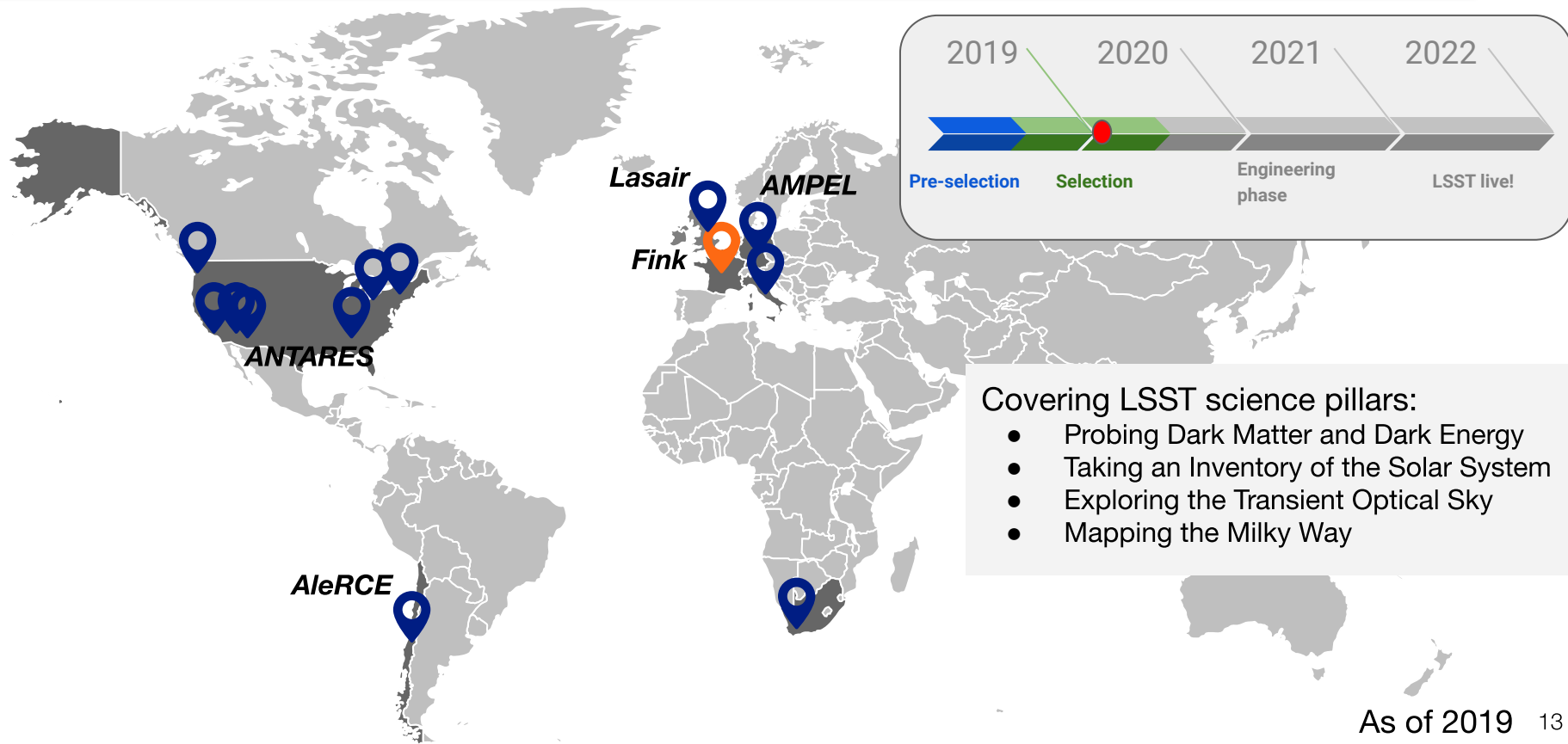
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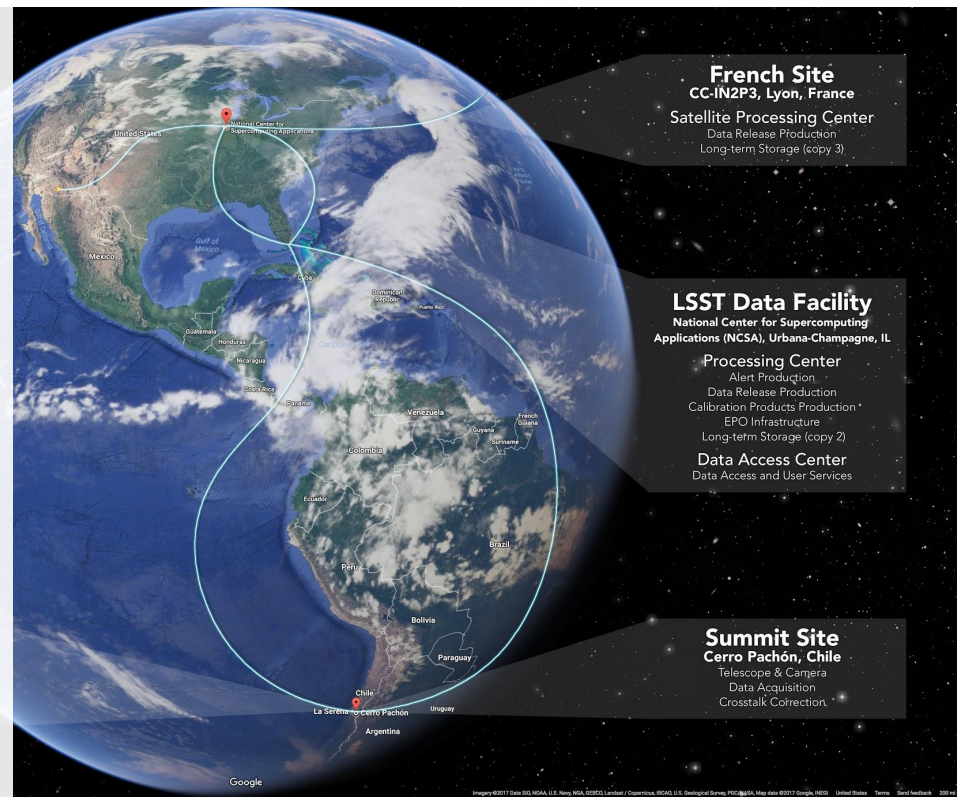
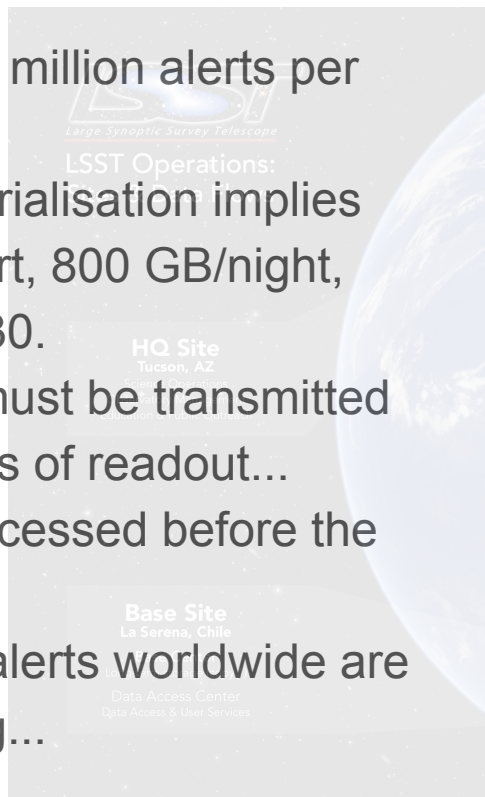
Opportunity to discuss science modules more broadly

LSST Broker landscape

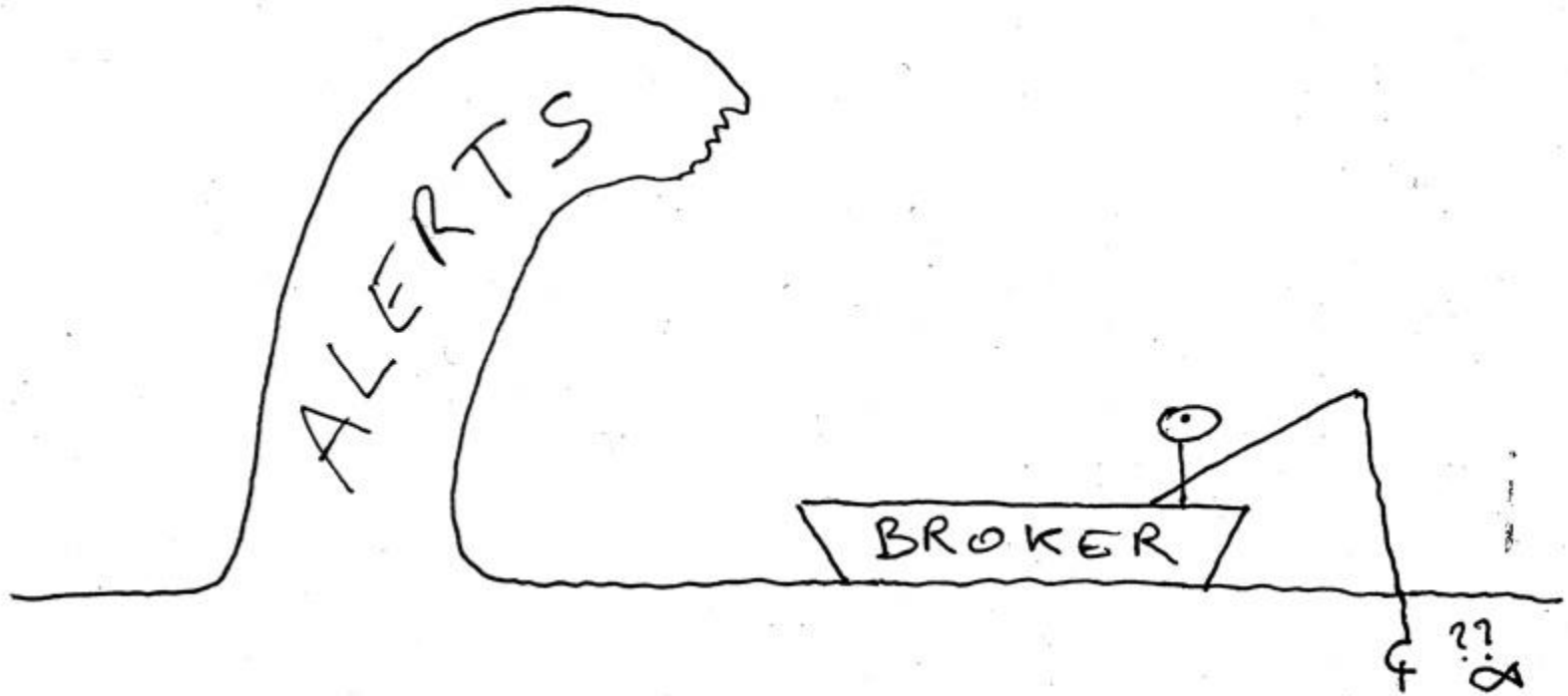


Some Data Challenges...

- Forecasted: 10 million alerts per night...
 - Current serialisation implies ~82KB/alert, 800 GB/night, 3PB in 2030.
- 98% of alerts must be transmitted with 60 seconds of readout...
 - ... and processed before the next night!
- Wires to send alerts worldwide are not infinitely big...



Concretely...



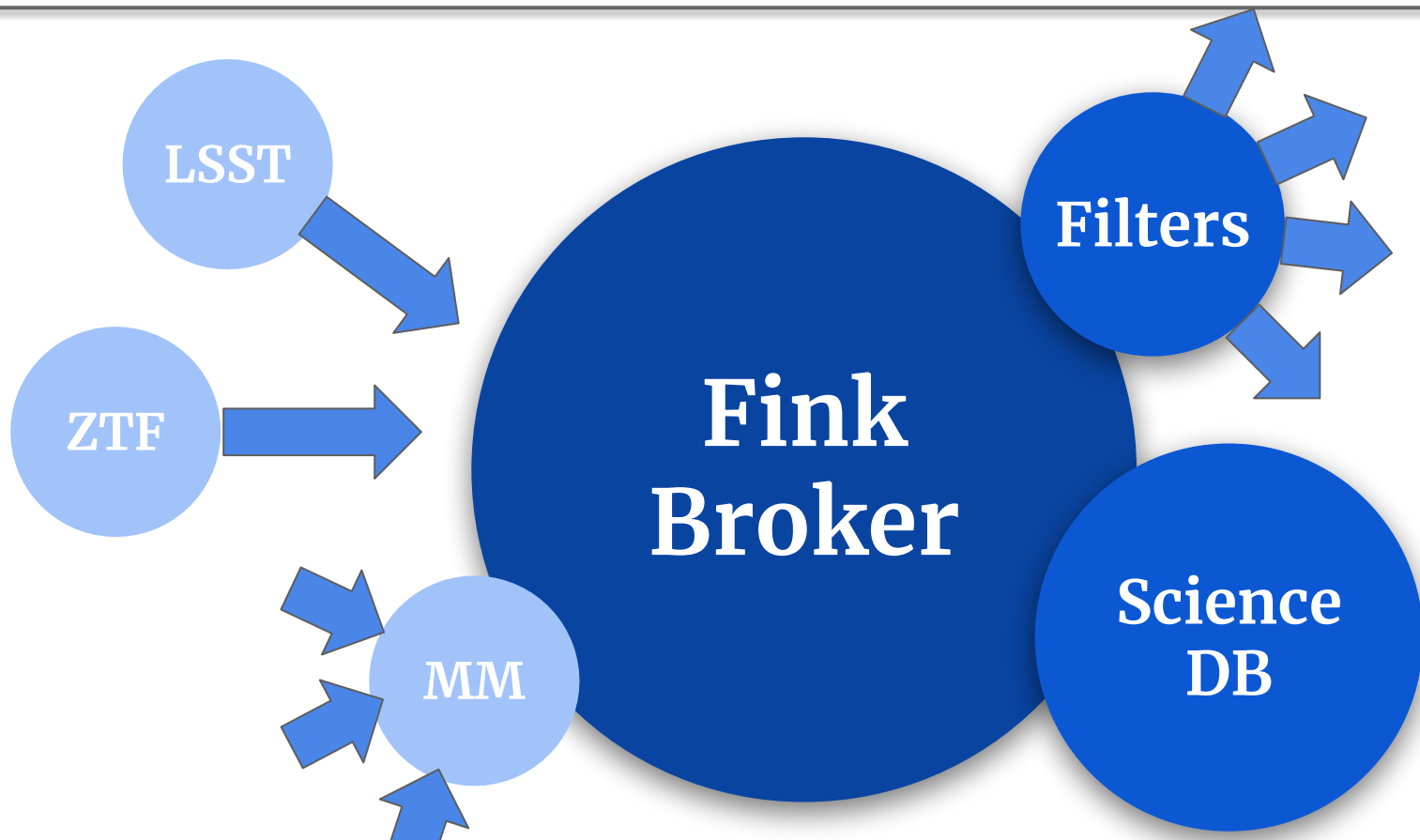
Fink challenges & design

Fink's design is driven by:

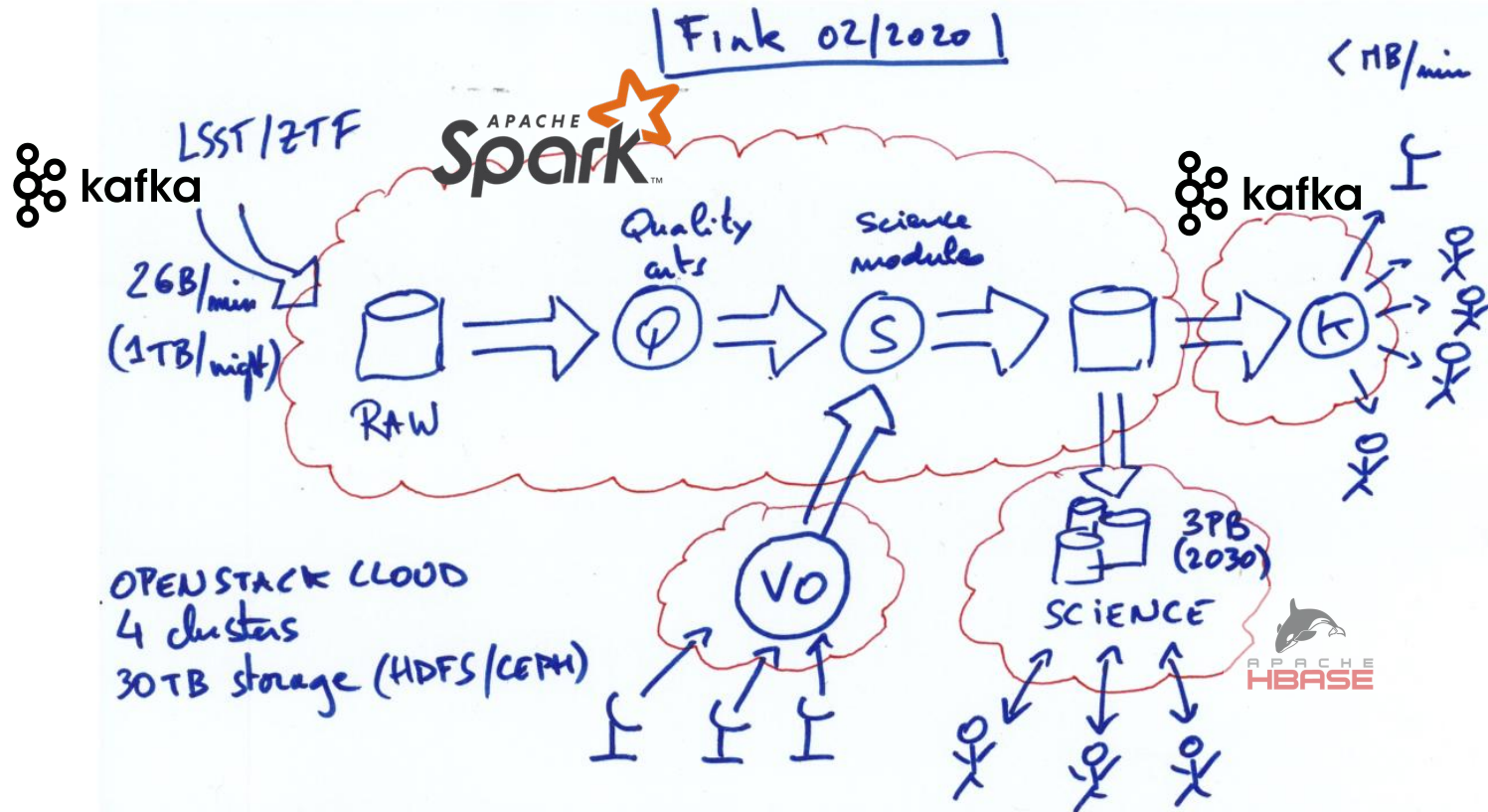
- Maximizing the scientific return on LSST and related experiments over the next decade: SVOM, CTA, Integral, KM3NET, ...
- Working efficiently at scales: real time and post-processing.
- Having a good integration with the current ecosystem: we are not alone!



Alert processing in Fink



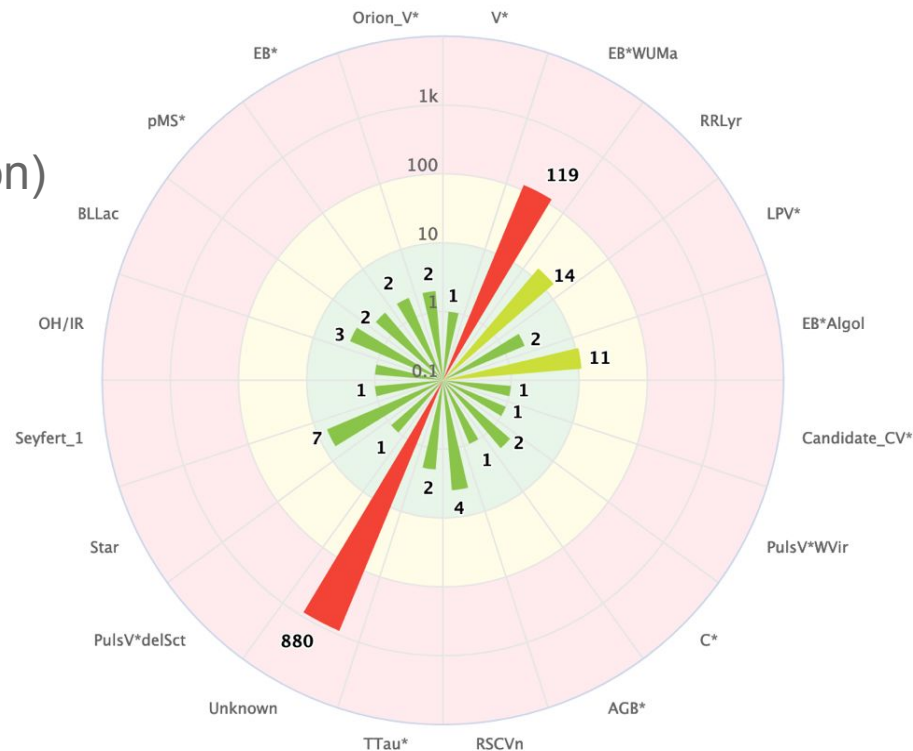
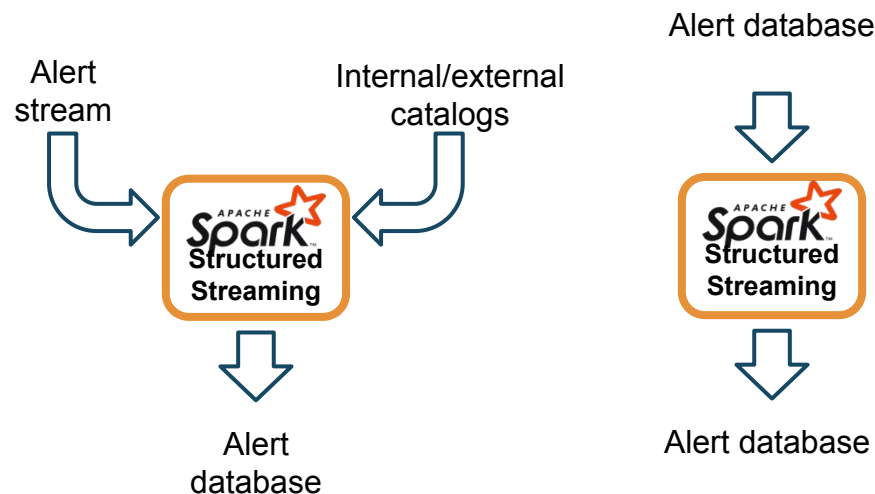
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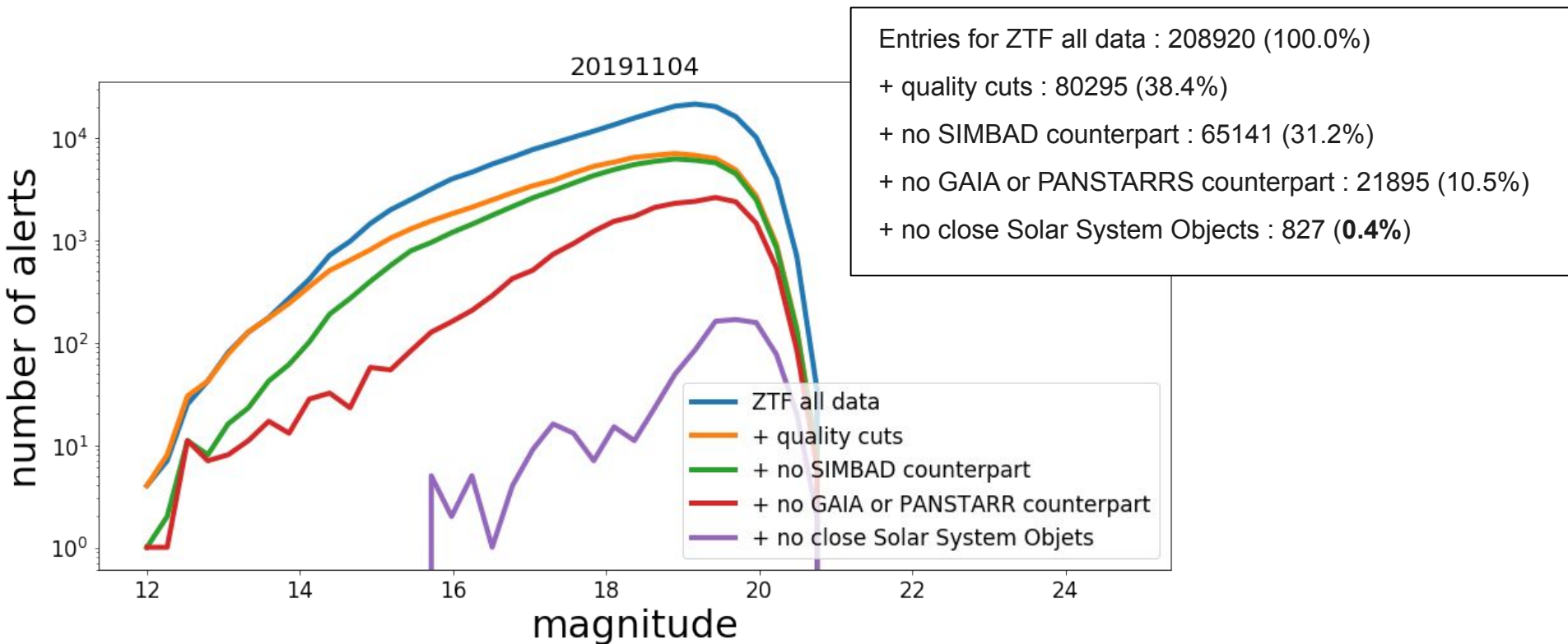
Science modules

Add values to the raw alerts

- Broker services (e.g. cross-match)
- User-defined modules (e.g. classification)



Filters and data reduction



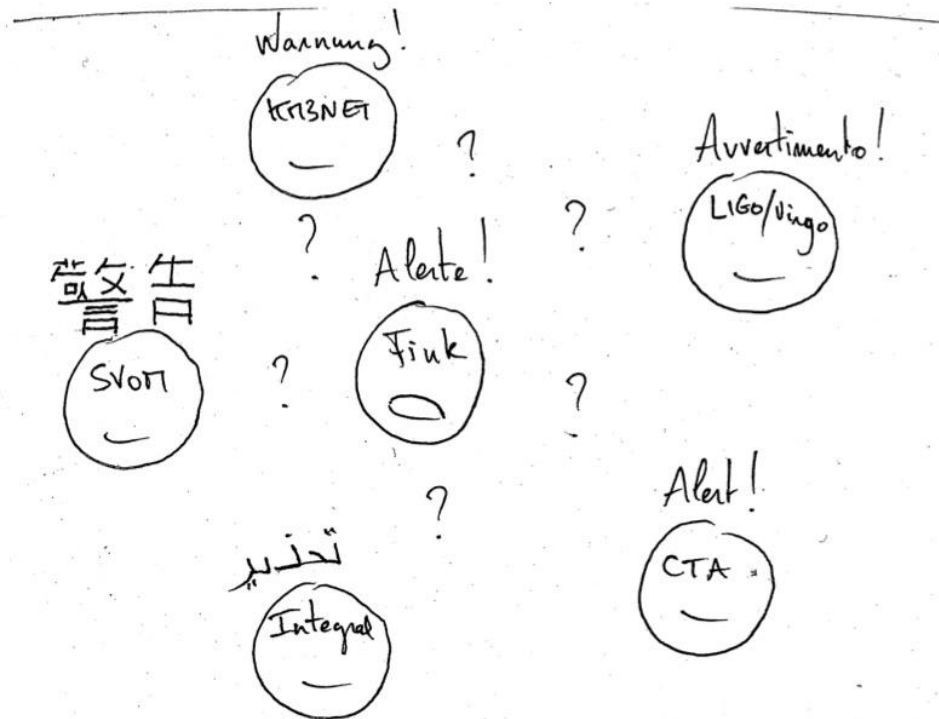
Joining information

Challenge: different data formats,
different communication protocols.

Current solution:

- Use Comet to receive VOEvents
- Convert on-the-fly into a Fink-friendly stream
- Perform coincidence using a temporal window of few minutes

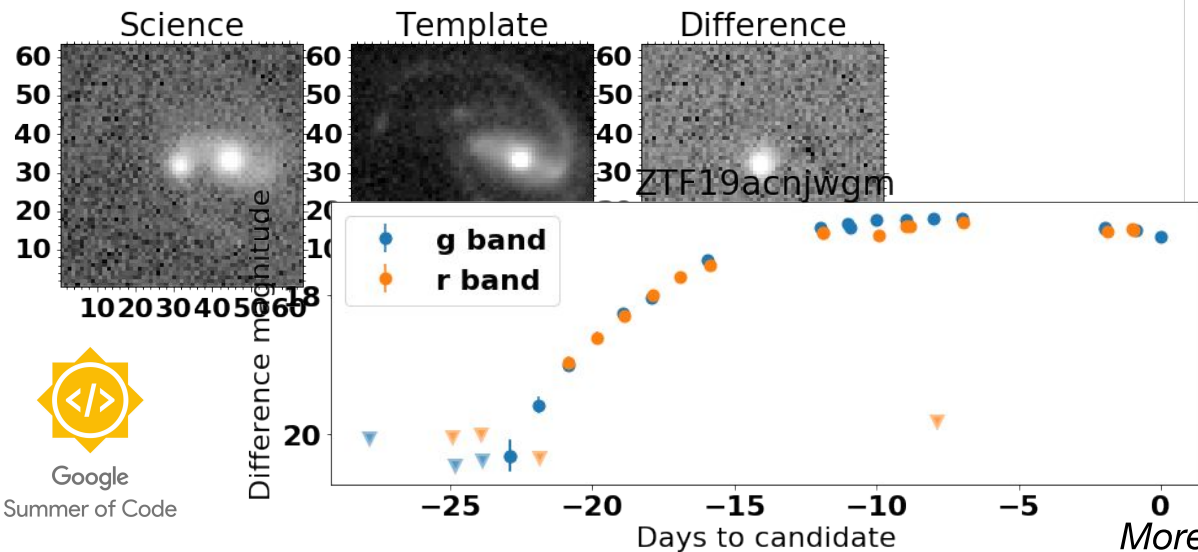
Status: (largely) experimental.



User interface(s)

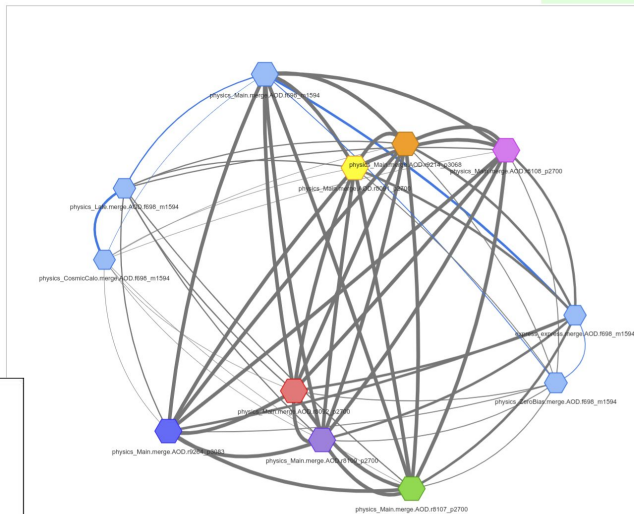
Two entry points for users:

- Fink streams: Fink workshop on Thursday!
- Science DB: Graph oriented DB (J. Hrivnac).



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overlap thresholds:
tag level: 1 target: filter: AOD.



J. Hrivnac, ATLAS

More at the Fink Workshop on Thursday²²

Prototype status

Deployed broker instance for R&D in the VirtualData Cloud (UPSaclay)

- **Communication:** Apache Kafka cluster (5 machines, 20 cores)
- **Processing:** Apache Spark cluster (11 machines, ~200 cores)
- **Science DB:** Apache HBase (1 machine, 6 cores).

Science storage: O(10)TB distributed storage (HDFS, Ceph + s3)

Tests in near-real condition with good scalability:

- **LSST rate:** 10,000 alerts / 30 seconds (tested up to 10x this with margins).
- **LSST science content:** Alerts coming from ZTF (LSST pathfinder).
- **Science filters:** CDS xmatch, SN Ia like, ...

More information on the Calcul session.



Monitoring performances



Fink R&D projects

Continuous R&D projects to explore the outside world, e.g.

- Improving storage layer to enforce data integrity (C. Arnault)
- Introducing Graph DB for visualising data at Petascale (J. Hrivnac)
- Distributed Machine Learning to classify objects faster than light
- ...

Towards the full proposal...

Recent milestones: MoU with ZTF

- Fink joins AMPEL, ANTARES, ALeRCE, Lasair, ...

Keep developing the client and the science DB access

- Improve your experience
- How to explore and visualise efficiently PB of data?

Keep integrating science modules

- Ongoing work with SN, GRB, ...

Improve Fink integration within the current networks and communities

Deploy the production version at CC-IN2P3