

# CS 744: SNOWFLAKE

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# ADMINISTRIVIA

- Assignment 1 grades out!
- Assignment 2 by mid-week
- Midterm on Thursday! Seating layout?



SparkSQL/Scope: Given a query how do you run it efficiently?

Snowflake: How do you build an elastic data warehouse?

# CLOUD COMPUTING STACK

Machine Learning

SQL

Computational Engines

Scalable Storage Systems

# SNOWFLAKE: GOALS

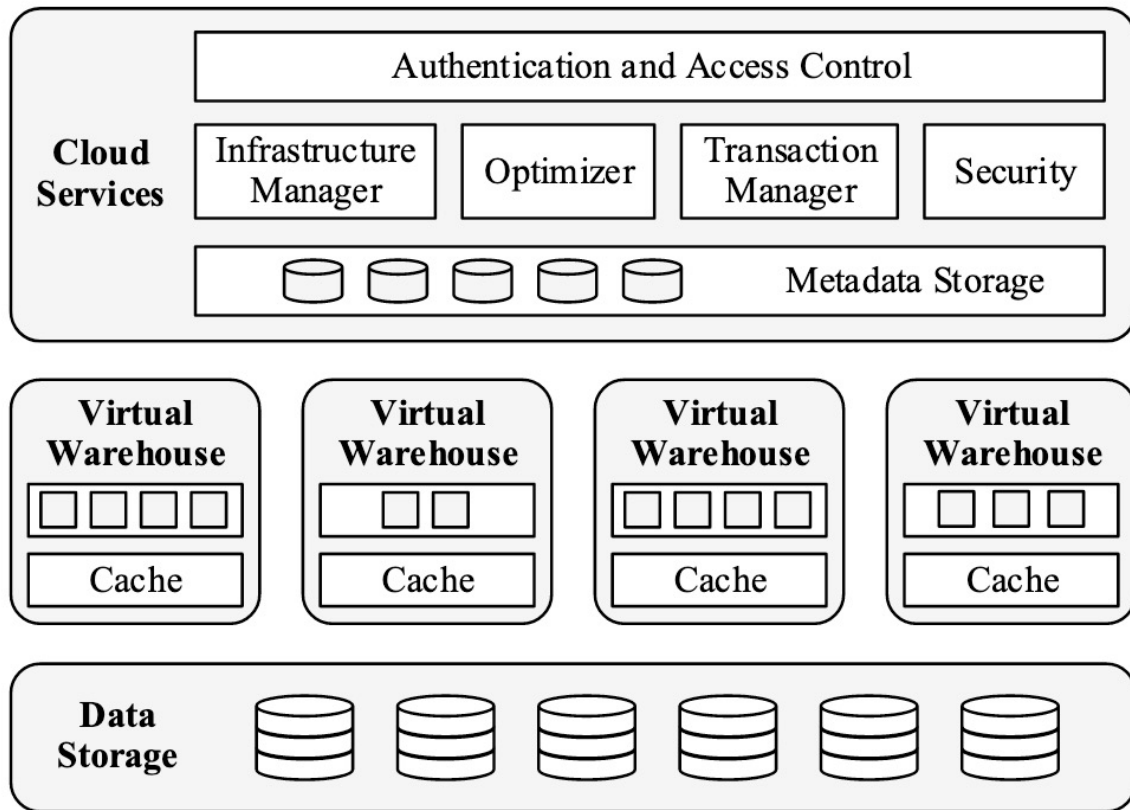
Software-as-a-Service

Elastic

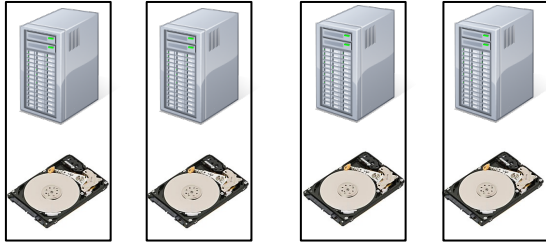
Highly Available

Semi-Structured Data

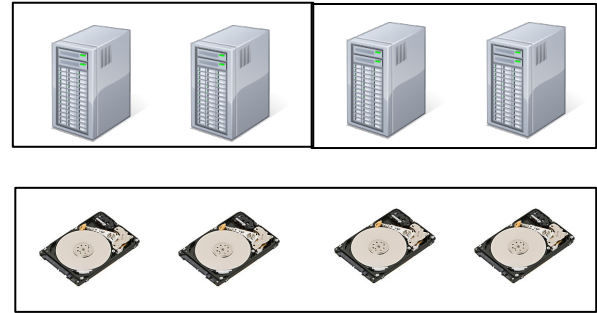
# SNOWFLAKE DESIGN



# STORAGE VS COMPUTE



Shared Nothing



Multi Cluster, Shared Data

# STORAGE: HYBRID COLUMNAR

Alice	32
Bob	22
Eve	24
Victor	27

Alice,32,Bob,22

Eve,24,Victor,27

Row-oriented

Alice, Bob, 32,22

Eve,Victor,24,27

Hybrid Columnar

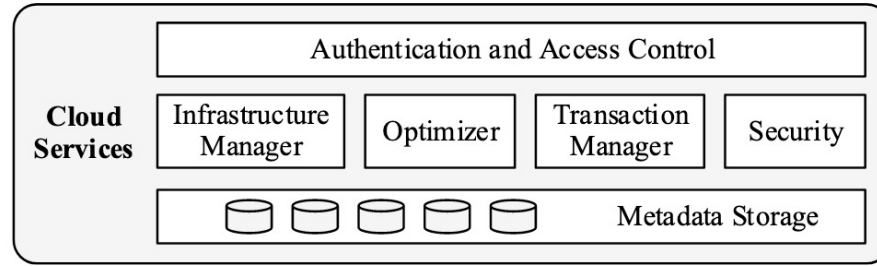


# VIRTUAL WAREHOUSES

Elasticity, Isolation

Local caching, Stragglers

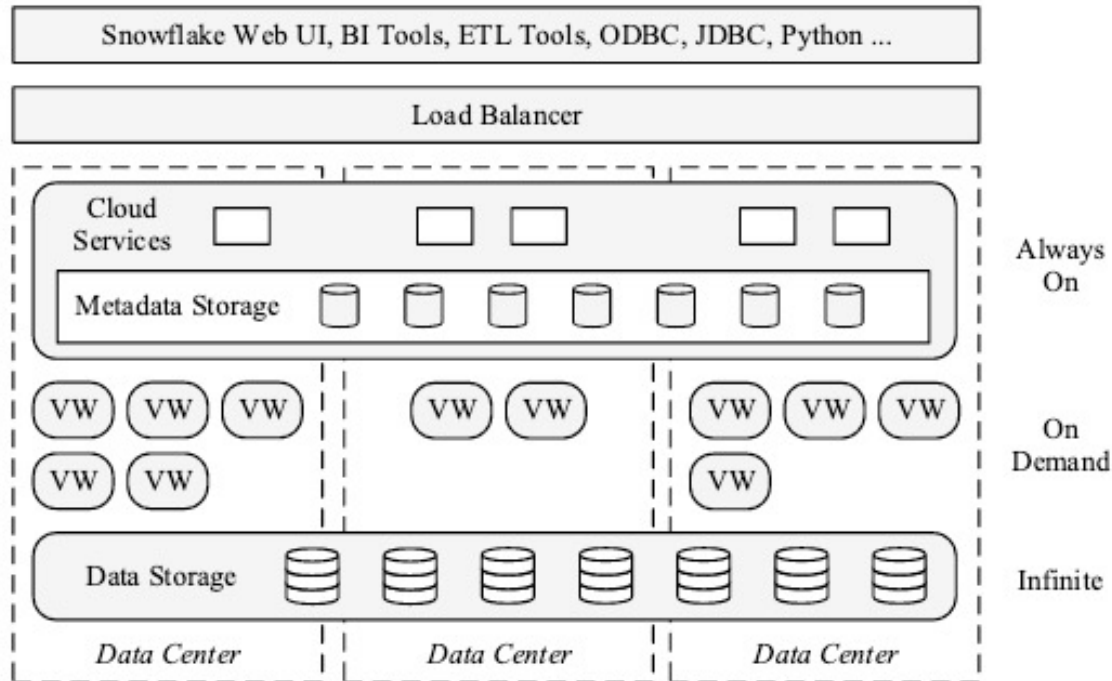
# CLOUD SERVICES



Concurrency Control

Pruning

# FAULT TOLERANCE



# SEMI STRUCTURED DATA

{ first_name: "john", last_name: "doe", order_id: "1234", }	Extraction operation
{ { first_name: "bucky", last_name: "badger", order_id: "52342", order_date: "3/3/2020", } }	Flattening
	Infer types, Pruning

# TIME TRAVEL?

```
SELECT * FROM my_table AT(TIMESTAMP =>
    'Mon, 01 May 2015 16:20:00 -0700'::timestamp);
SELECT * FROM my_table AT(OFFSET => -60*5); -- 5 min ago
SELECT * FROM my_table BEFORE(STATEMENT =>
    '8e5d0ca9-005e-44e6-b858-a8f5b37c5726');
```

Multiple versions of table (MVCC)

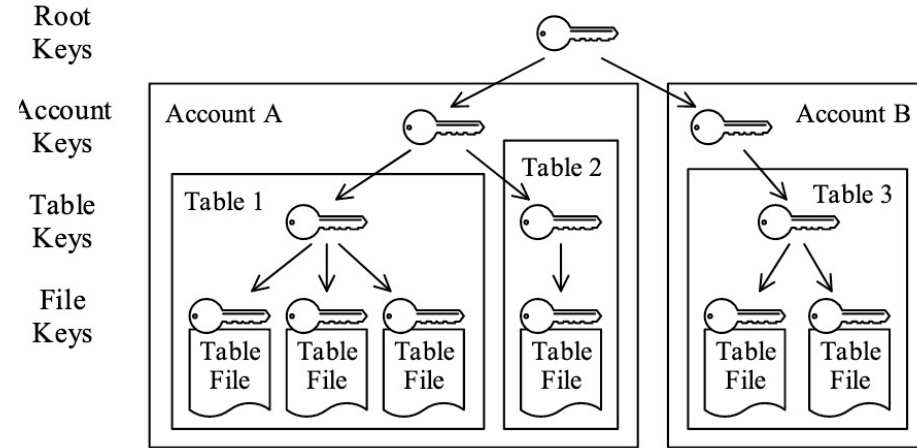
Undo accidental deletes

Cheap to clone / snapshot a table

# SECURITY

## Hierarchical key management

## Key rotation, re-keying



# SUMMARY, TAKEAWAYS

## Snowflake

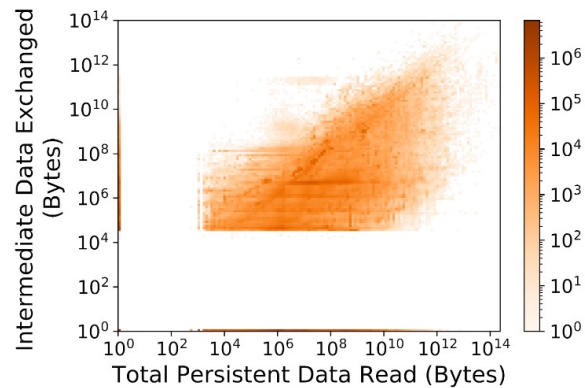
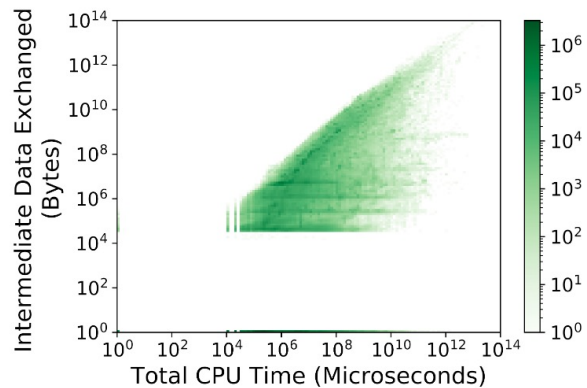
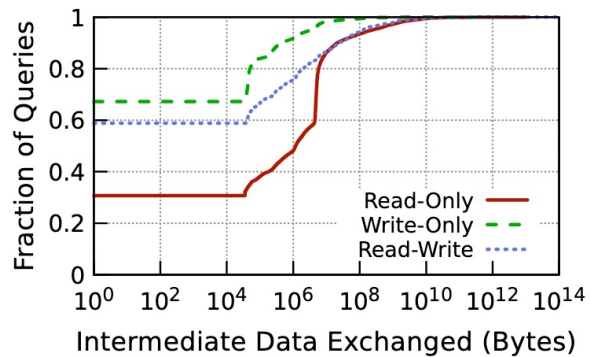
- Cloud computing → Elastic data warehouse
- Key idea: Separation of compute and storage!
- Hybrid columnar storage format
- Elastic compute with virtual warehouses
- Pruning, semi-structured optimizations, fault tolerant

# DISCUSSION

<https://forms.gle/buUDM9nRs6Gg9tURA>



We see how Snowflake leads to the design of an elastic data warehouse. If we were to similarly design an Elastic PyTorch for training how would the design look? What are some design trade-offs compared to existing PyTorch?



# NEXT STEPS

Next class: Midterm!