Elastic Observability Overview

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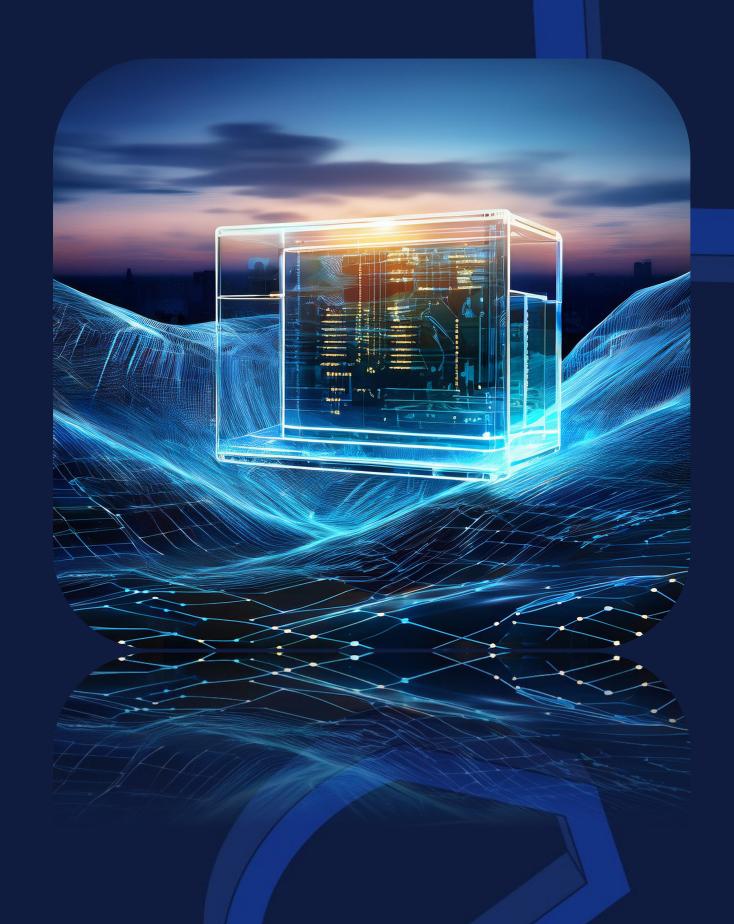
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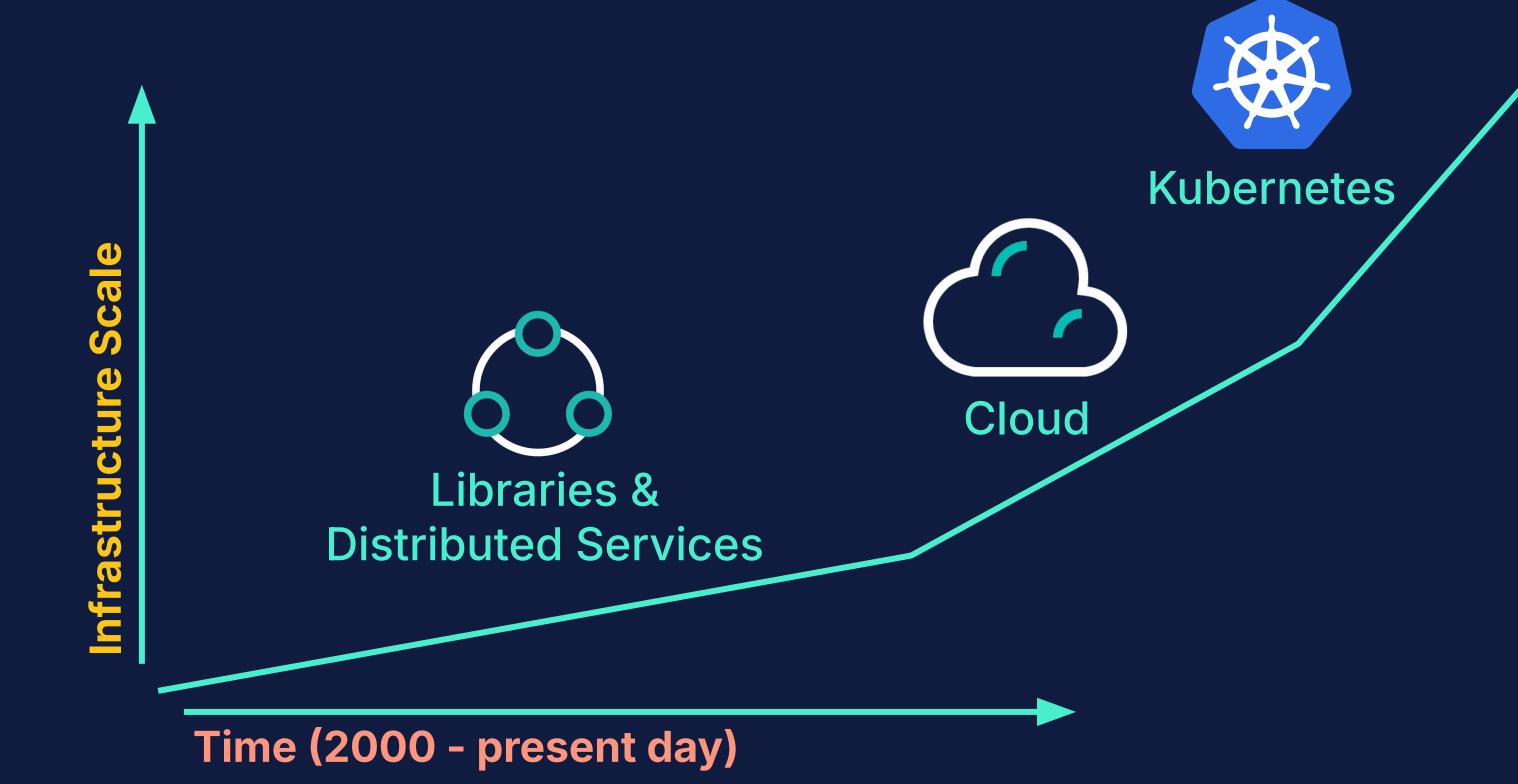


Over the last decade, the business demands of IT have outpaced human reach



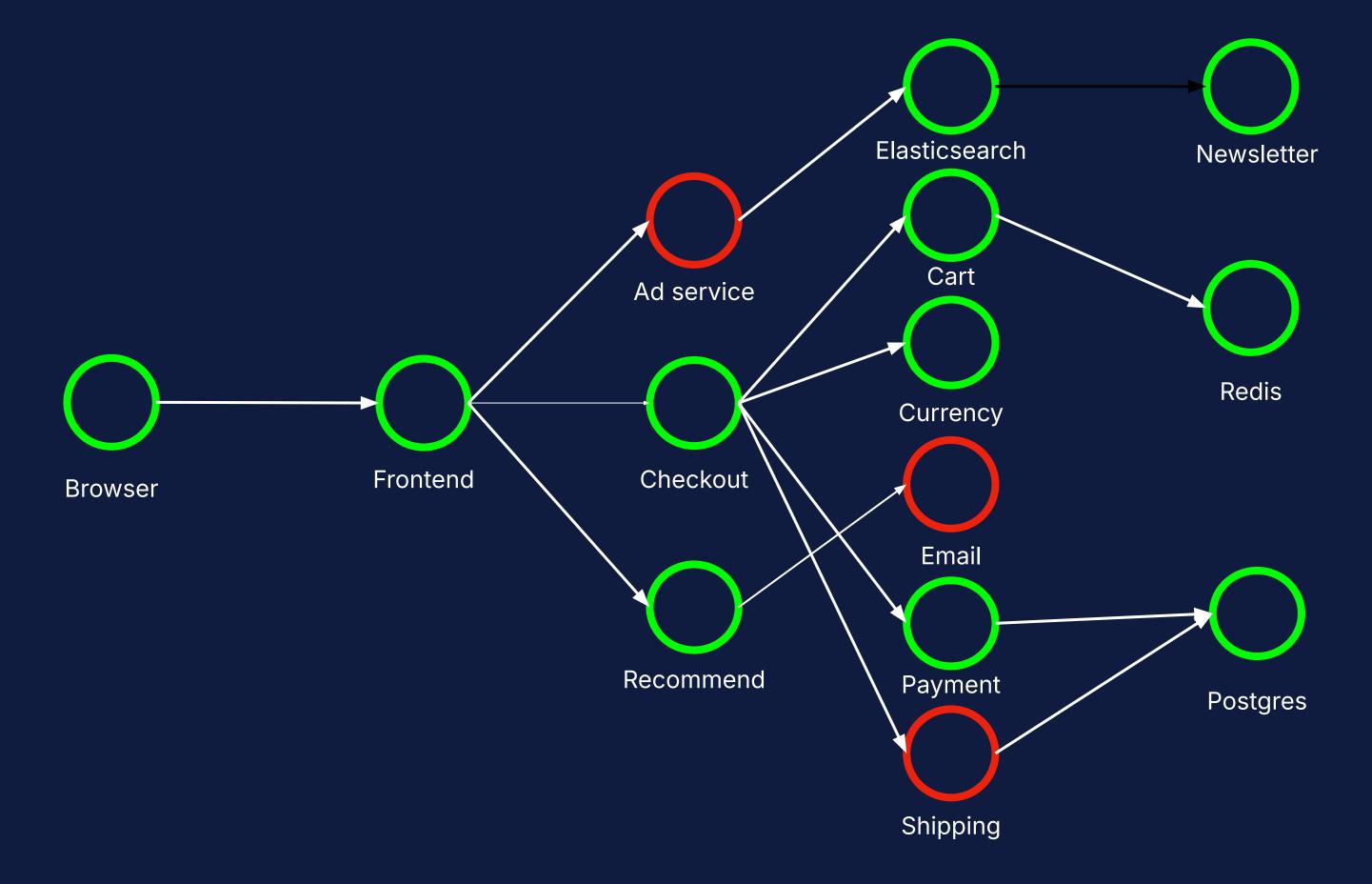


So we built systems to scale





Now your applications are complex

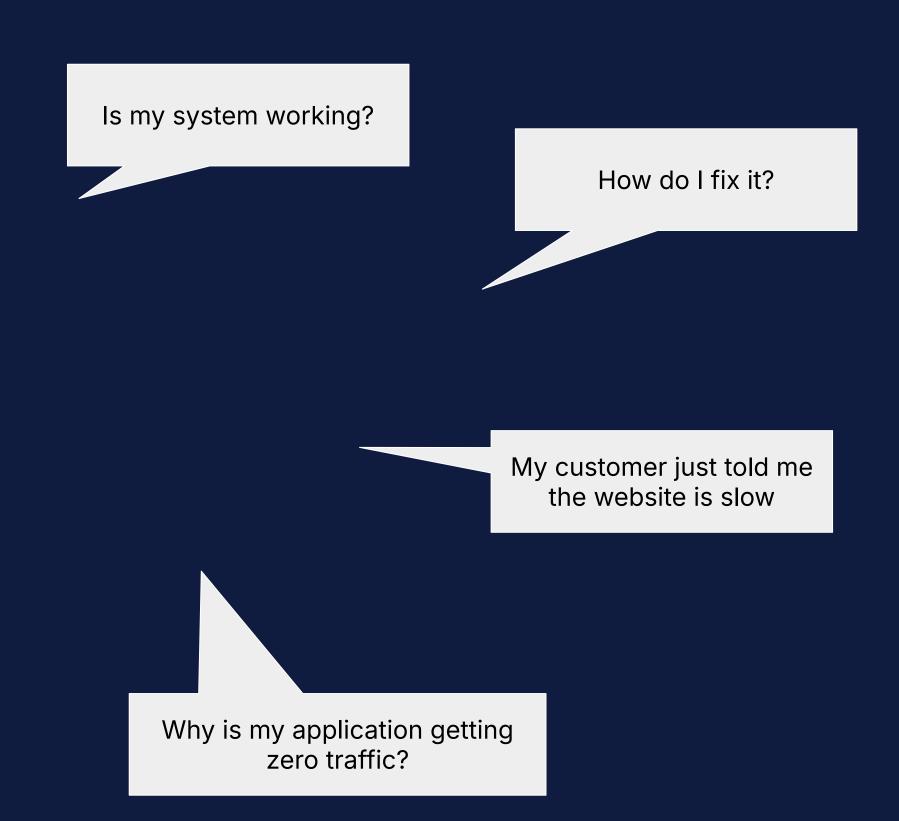




Simple questions have become hard to answer

Who was impacted and how much money have we lost?

Who added that column to the database?





Towards Al-Driven Open Source Observability

MONITORING - 2000s

Health Monitoring

- Focus on health visibility
- Monitoring "known unknowns"
- Alerting engines
- Manual processes for triage

Legacy

OBSERVABILITY - MID 2010s

Siloed Observability

Tools

- Added focus on triage and investigations
- High emphasis on instrumentation
- Black-box tools for apps and infra
- Multi-signal support as an after-thought

Current

OBSERVABILITY REDEFINED - 2024+

Generative Al and OpenTelemetry

- Solid foundation in logs/wide events
- Low instrumentation w/ OTel and Al
- Convergence with Data Lakes
- Al-driven investigations and insights

Future

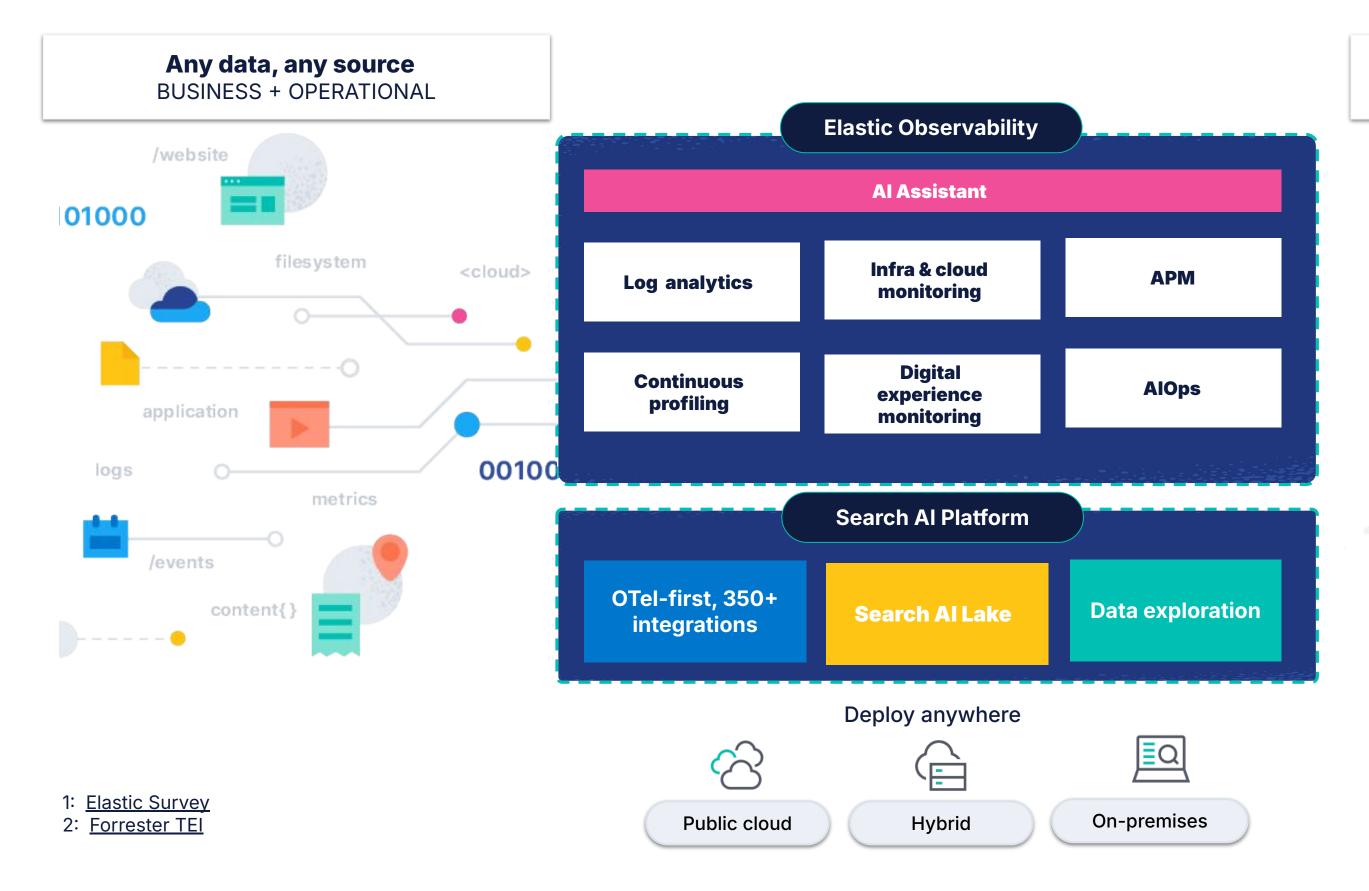


Elastic Observability makes it easy for organisations to keep up with rapidly changing applications and expectations



Elastic Observability

Powered by Search Al

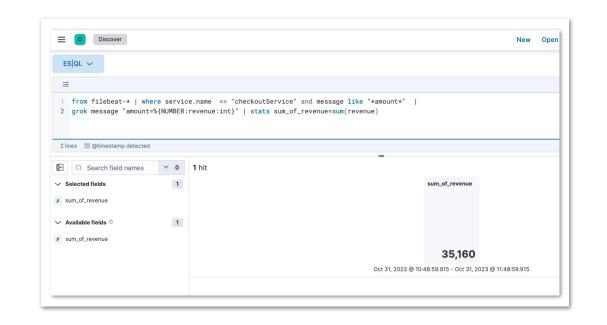


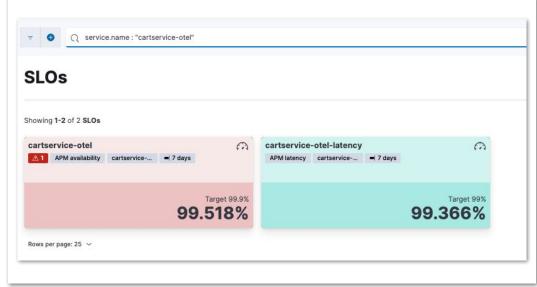
Business outcomes for everyone

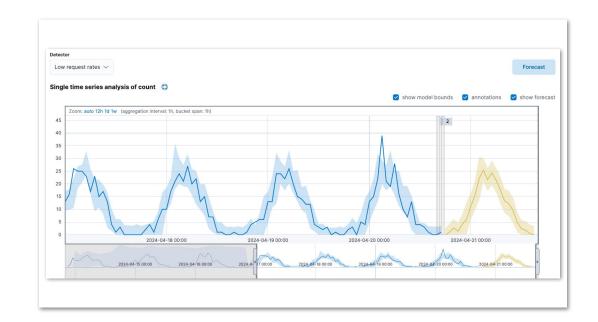




The unified observability journey starts with logs







Business insights from logs

Understand total revenue from successful checkouts

Customer Experience monitoring using logs

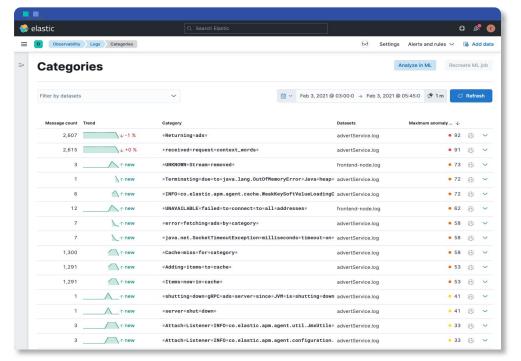
Any availability issues with checkout service?

Proactive log analysis

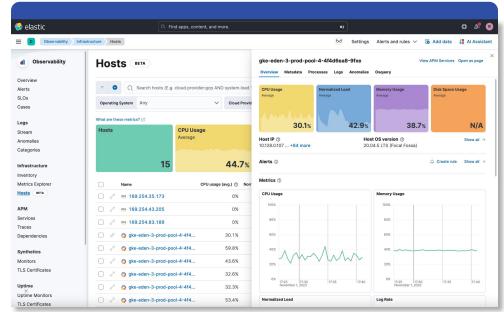
Will we see potential spike in failed transactions?



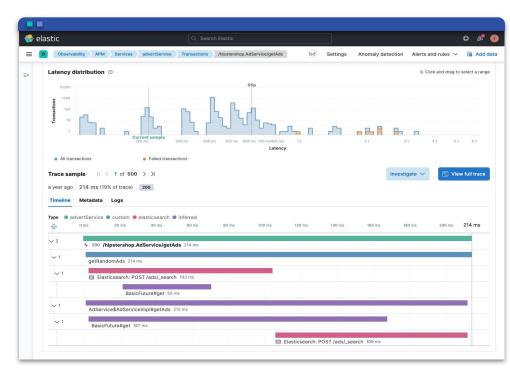
But we need to go beyond logs



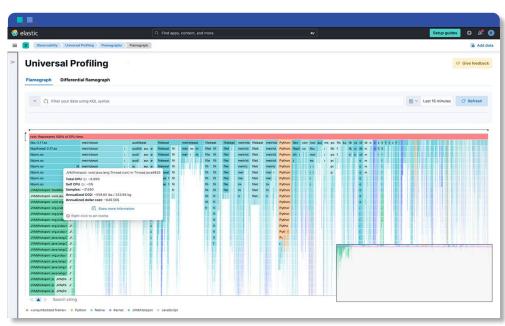
Logging



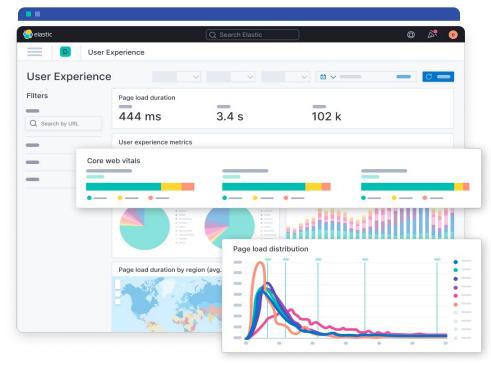
Infra metrics



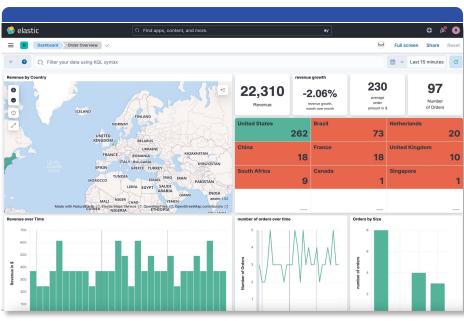
Tracing



Profiling



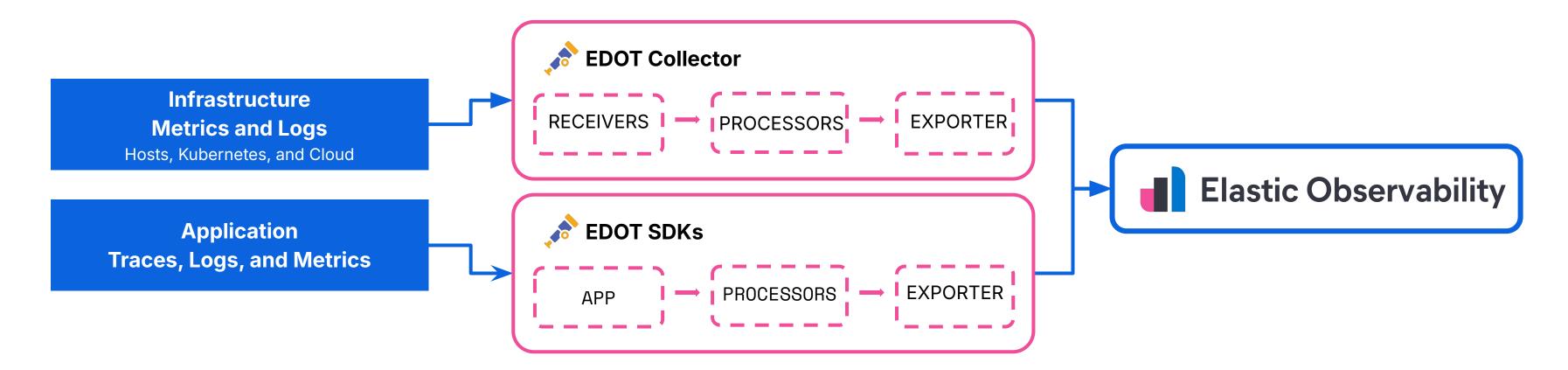
RUM



KPI metrics



OpenTelemetry makes data collection easier



ECS becomes OTel Semantic Conventions

- Elastic donated Elastic Common Schema (ECS) to OTel
- ECS is now OTel Semantic Conventions
- Significant Schema overlap means data feels familiar

Elastic Distribution of OpenTelemetry (EDOT)

- Elastic distributions of OTel SDK Libraries for Java, Python, Node.js, .NET, iOS/Android
- Elastic distribution of OTel Collector for edge collection
- Fully compatible with OTel Kubernetes Helm Chart and Operator

OpenTelemetry-NativeArchitecture

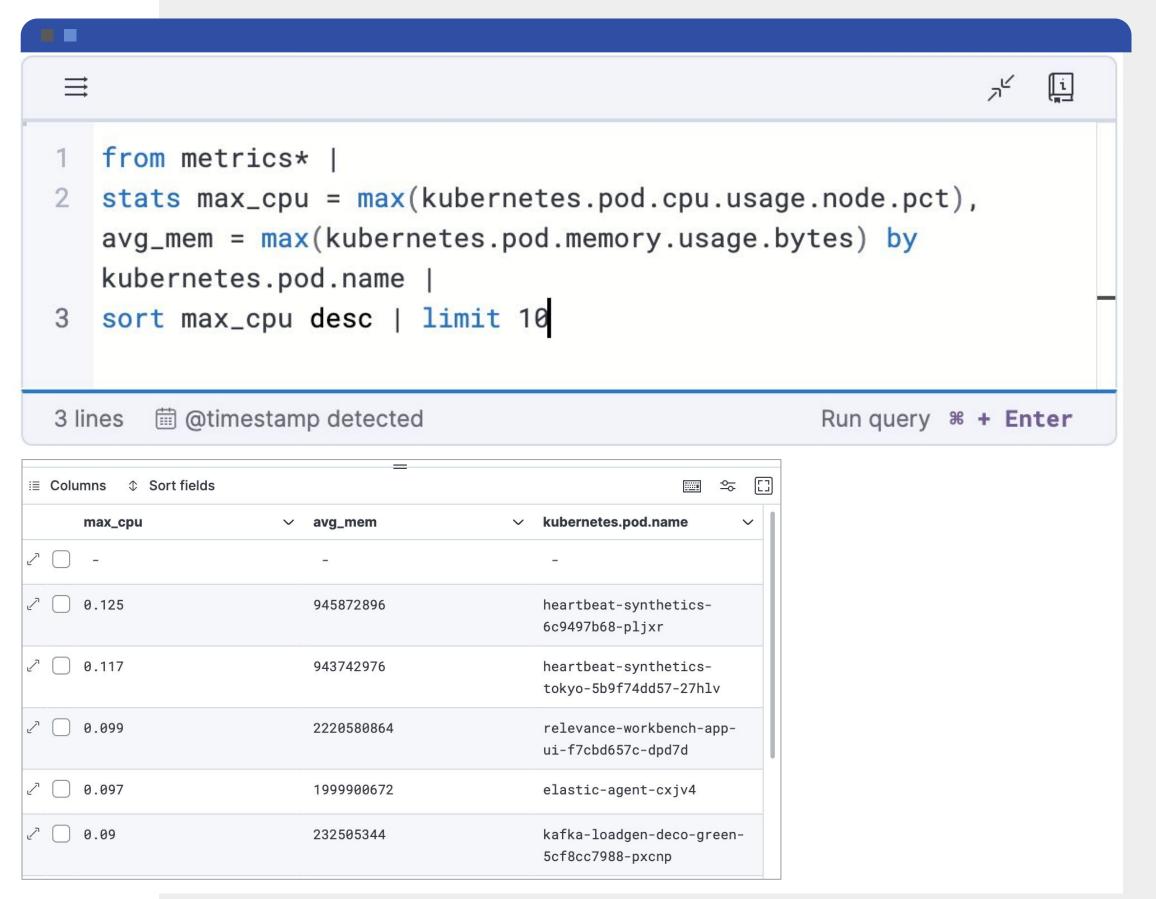
- First-class experience with OpenTelemetry
- OTel data is instantly actionable
- Easy retrieval of data in original OTel form
- Portable queries/rules and dashboards



ES|QL makes querying easier

Lightning fast piped queries

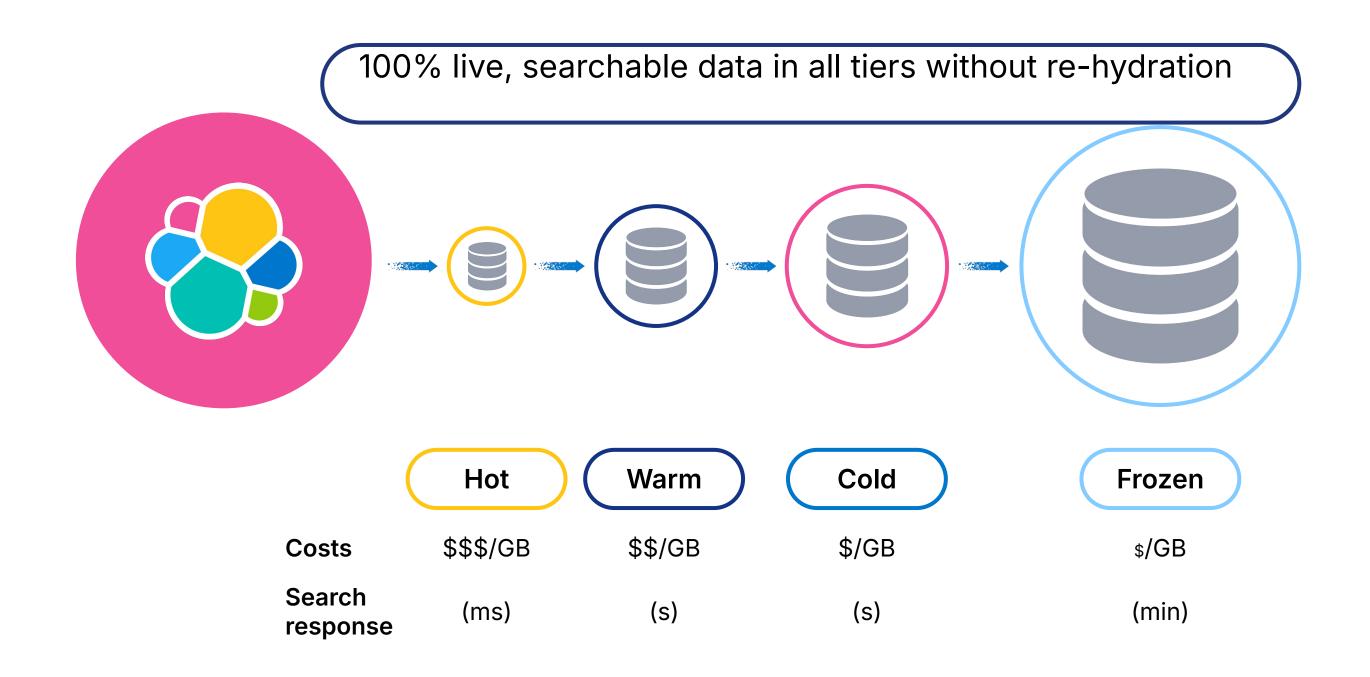
- New query engine and query language offering greater speed and flexibility
- Single interface simplifies multi-signal analysis across logs, metrics, and traces
- Define fields on the fly, enrich data with lookups, and process multiple queries concurrently





Data tiers make data retention more cost efficient

Balanced visibility, retention, performance & budget

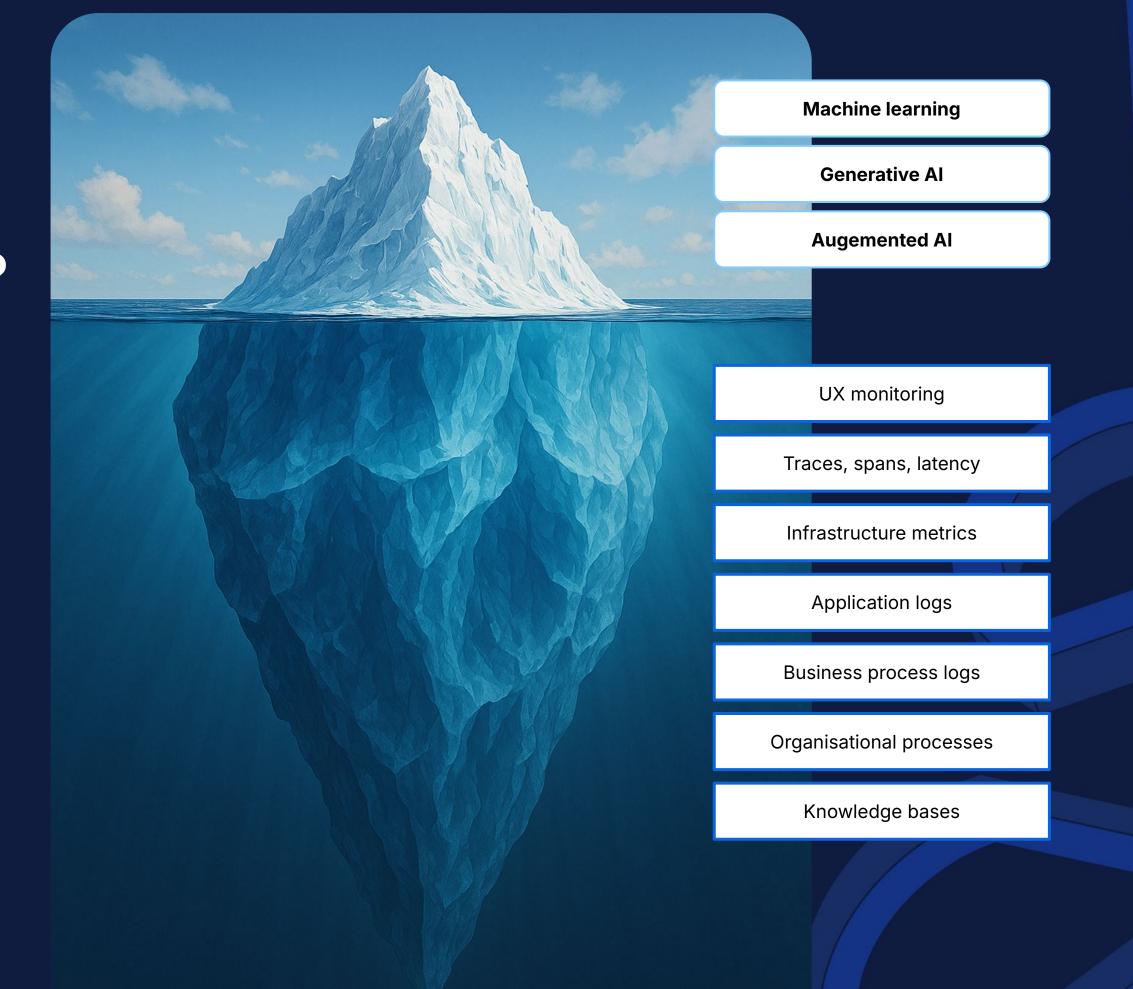


Elastic provides automated data lifecycle management (ILM) to manage budget



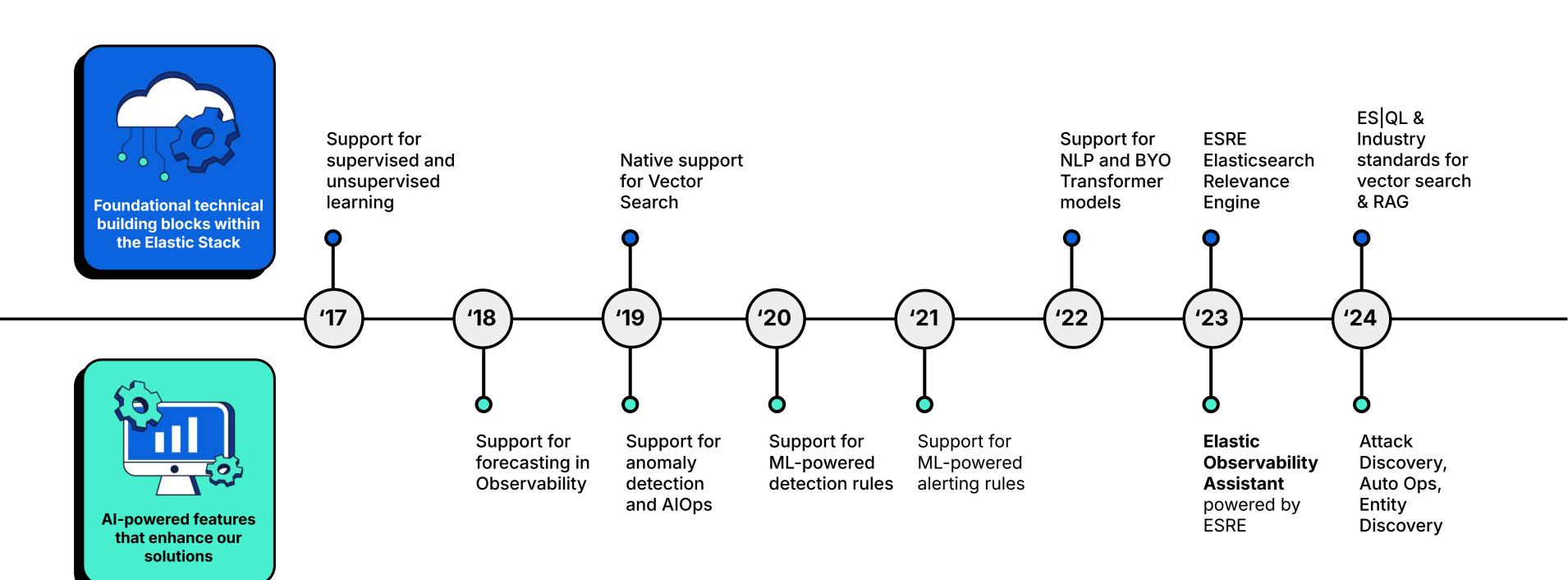
What about Al?

Al depends on data, Elastic makes it easy to bring them together



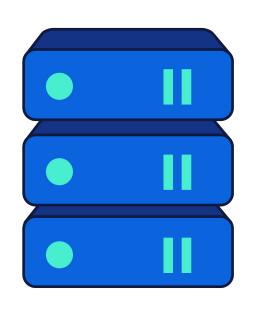


History of Al at Elastic





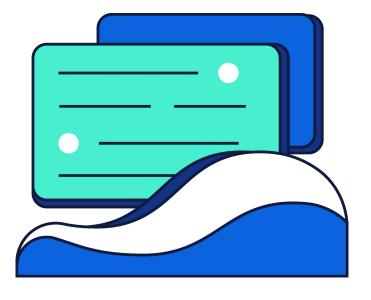
The Search Al Platform features a **novel data architecture**



Data Warehouse

Response time:

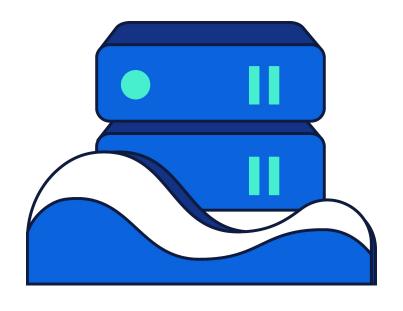
10s of Seconds



Data Lake

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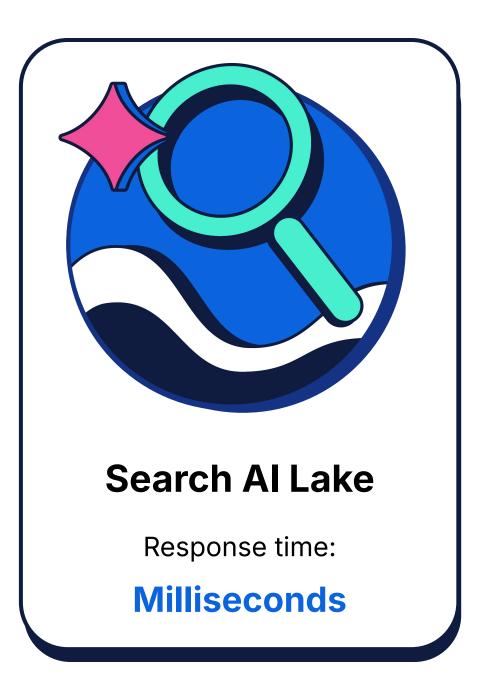
Minutes



Lakehouse

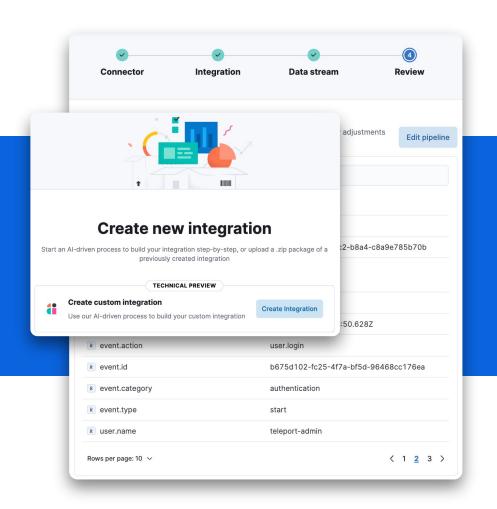
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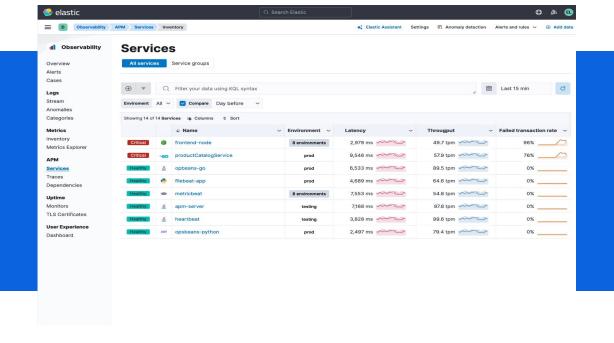
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Streamline SRE Teams with Al





ACCELERATE DATA ONBOARDING

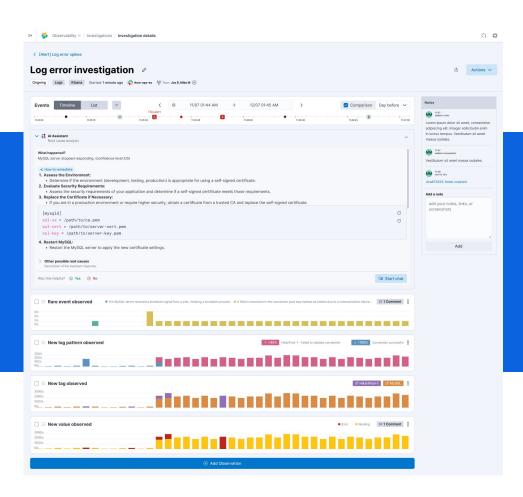
Automatic Import

- Create custom data integrations in minutes, not days
- Extend visibility beyond Elastic's 400+ prebuilt data integrations

BOOST SRE TEAMS

Al Assistant

- Make every user a power user w/ insights and guidance
- Guide SREs through rule creation, triage and investigation
- GA today with EIS (out of the box LLM), local LLM support and privacy controls, next - support for custom dashboards



AUTOMATE TRIAGE

Al Investigations (Future)

- Harness multiple events and alerts associated with an entity to get to root cause faster
- Get guidance on what to do next, ask follow-up questions, and take action



Minimal config - high value

Driving faster RCA: Al-powered zero-config features

Complete set of AlOps features

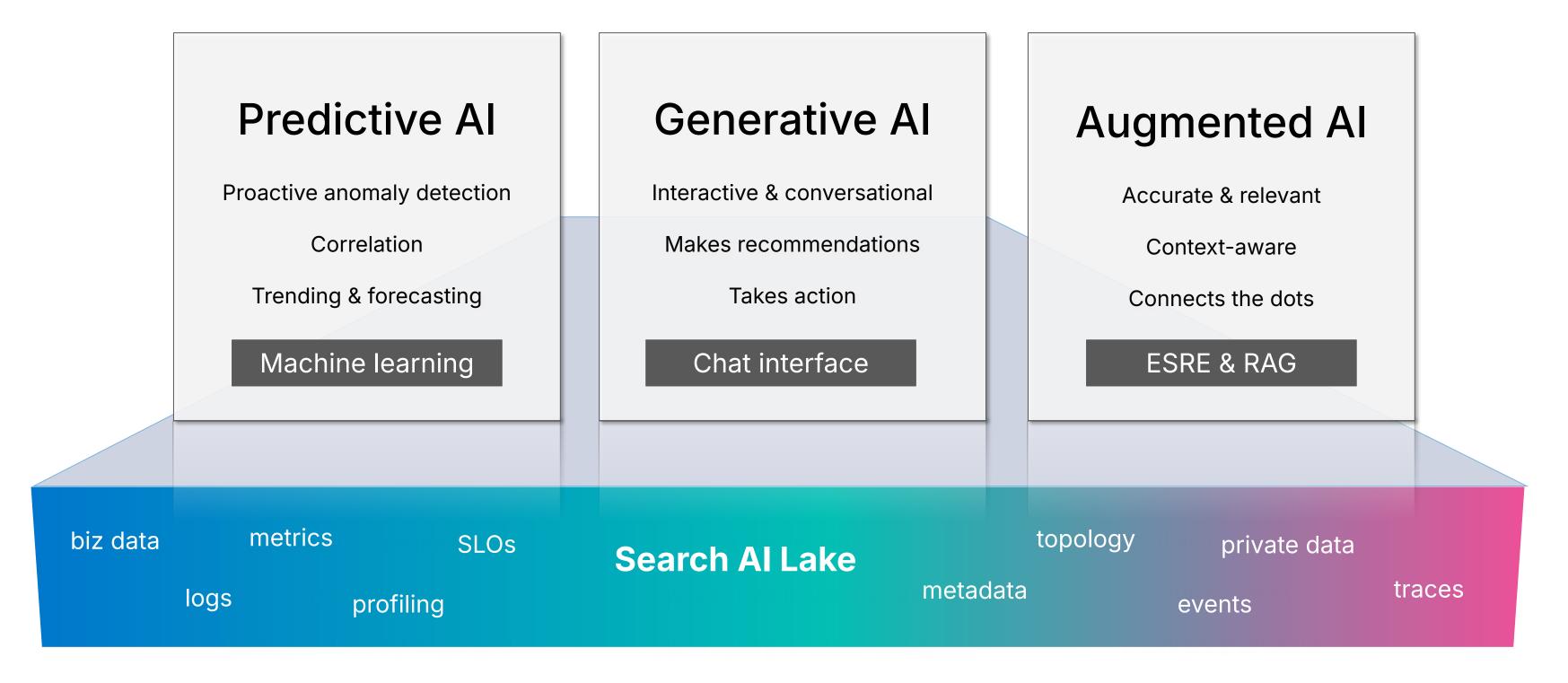
Log categorization & anomaly detection Al makes sense of billions of logs Log rate analysis Al analysis of deviations in logs Metrics anomaly detection & correlation Al makes sense of billions of metrics Al analyzes logs, metrics, traces, & Multi-signal anomaly detection more Trace analysis (latency & failure Al finds the cause of latency and correlation) failures

- Al-driven
- Zero-config
- All signals
- Baseline capability
- Easy to turn on



Elastic Multimodal Search Al

Prevent downtime & improve SRE productivity





Where are we going?



Open standards, efficient onboarding

- Store more data and stay on budget with efficient storage and downsampling
- Al-assisted OpenTelemetry-first onboarding
- Streamlined data onboarding with automated parsing and partitioning



Automated resource and signal insights

- Comprehensive observability with investments in logs, metrics, traces
- Leverage "significant events" detected via Streams to automatically detect problems and notable events



Detect and resolve issues faster

- Act before issues become critical with advanced querying and visualizations
- Identify and resolve issues using advanced AI capabilities with alert groups, correlations and investigations



Elastic Observability Platform

- Logs
- Streams

- Metrics
- APM
- Dashboards and Discover
- ES|QL



Thank You

