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How Anthropic uses Google  
Kubernetes Engine to run  
inference for Claude



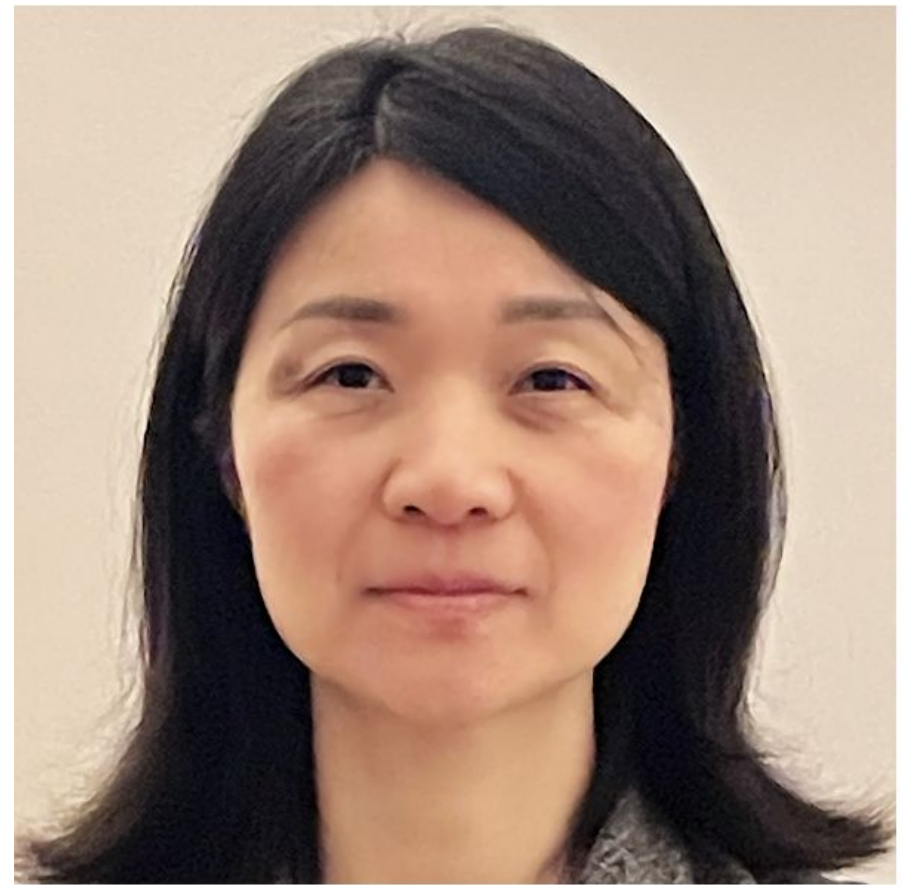
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# Agenda

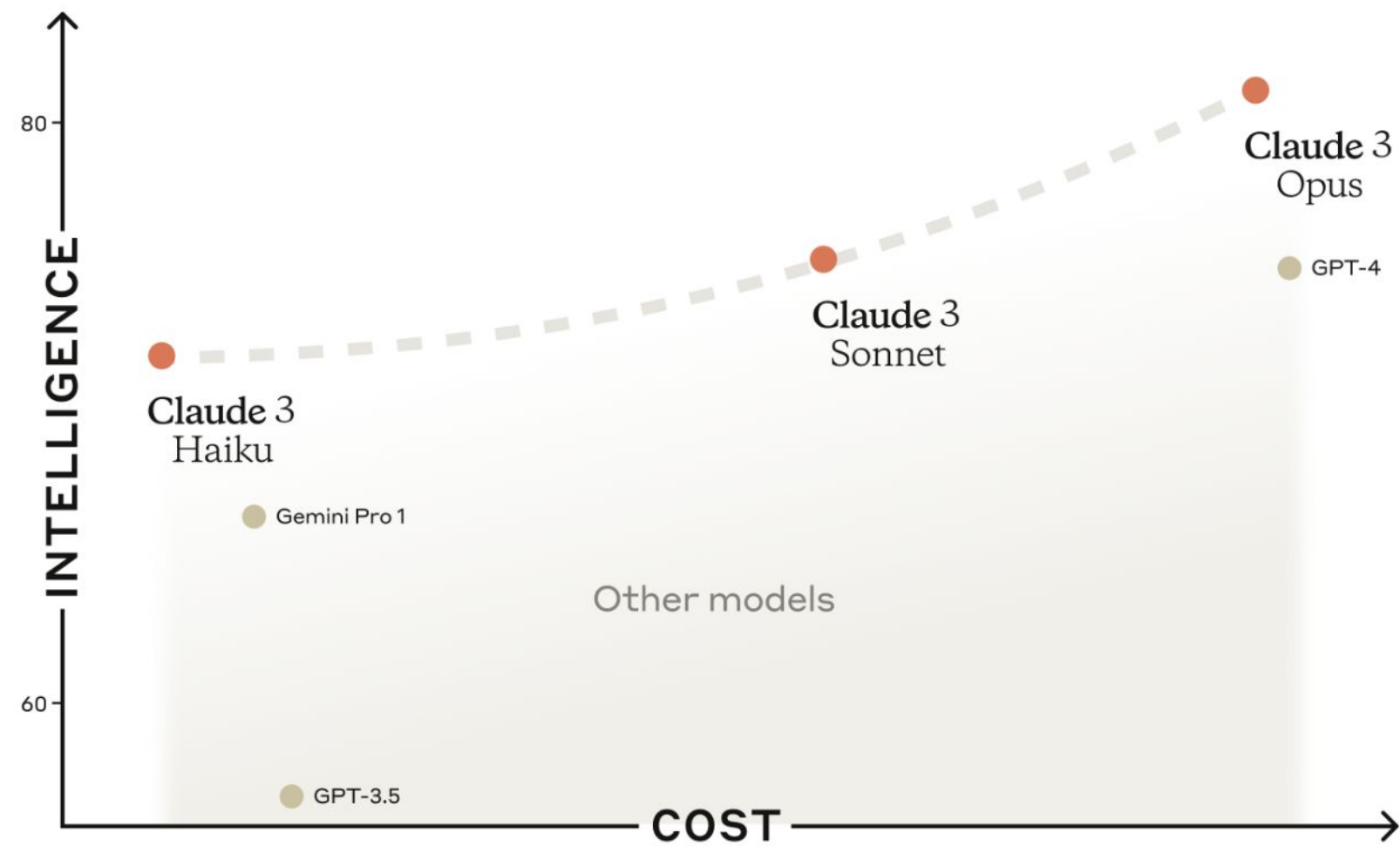


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# Anthropic Serving Claude

AWS is Anthropic's primary cloud provider

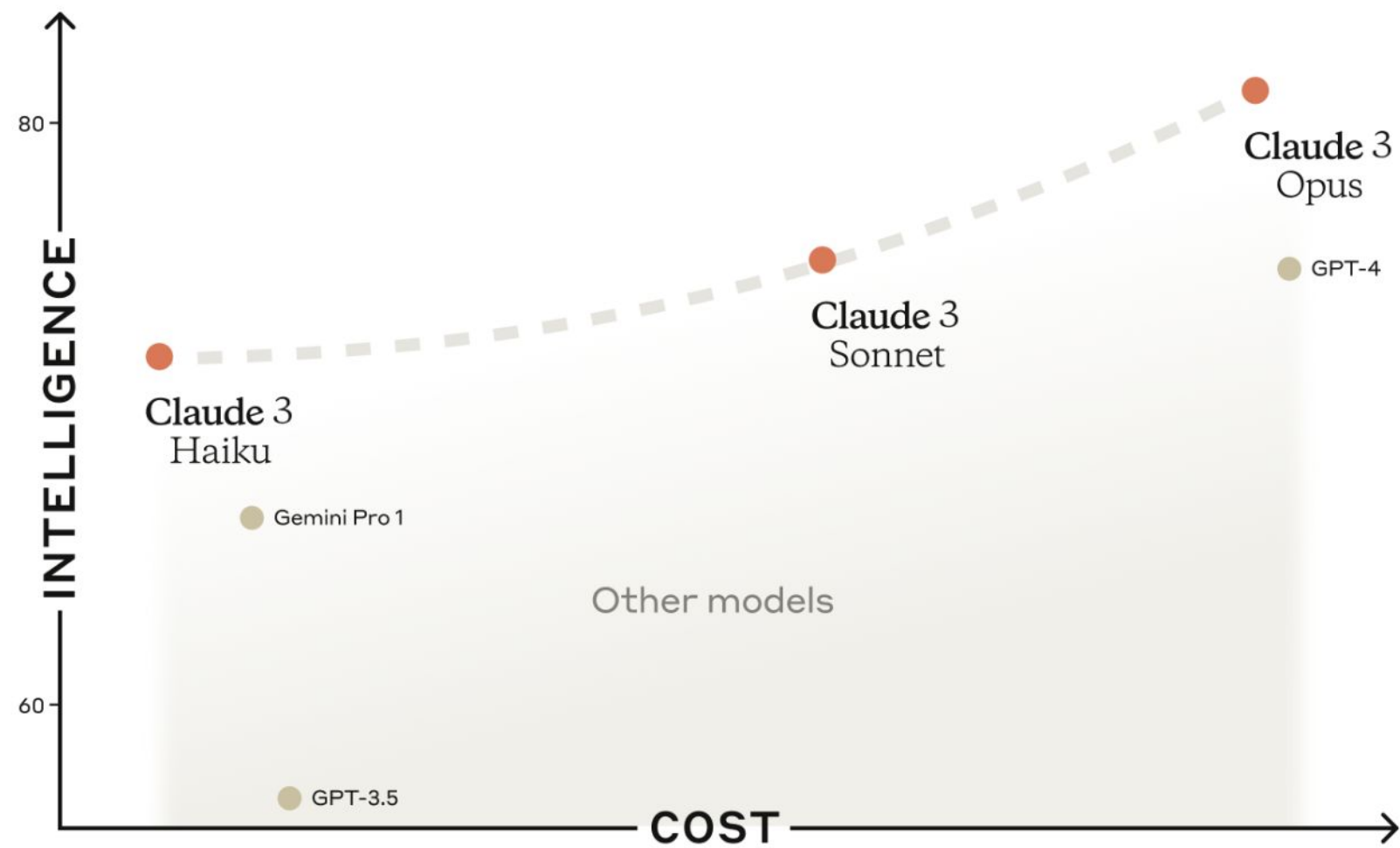
# Anthropic



- Anthropic is an AI safety and research company founded in 2021, building reliable, interpretable, and steerable AI systems
- We develop large language models like the Claude 3 family, now available on Vertex

# Anthropic: Mission

Our mission is to ensure AI helps people and society flourish by building frontier systems, studying their behaviors, working to responsibly deploy them, and regularly sharing our safety insights



# Anthropic: Claude

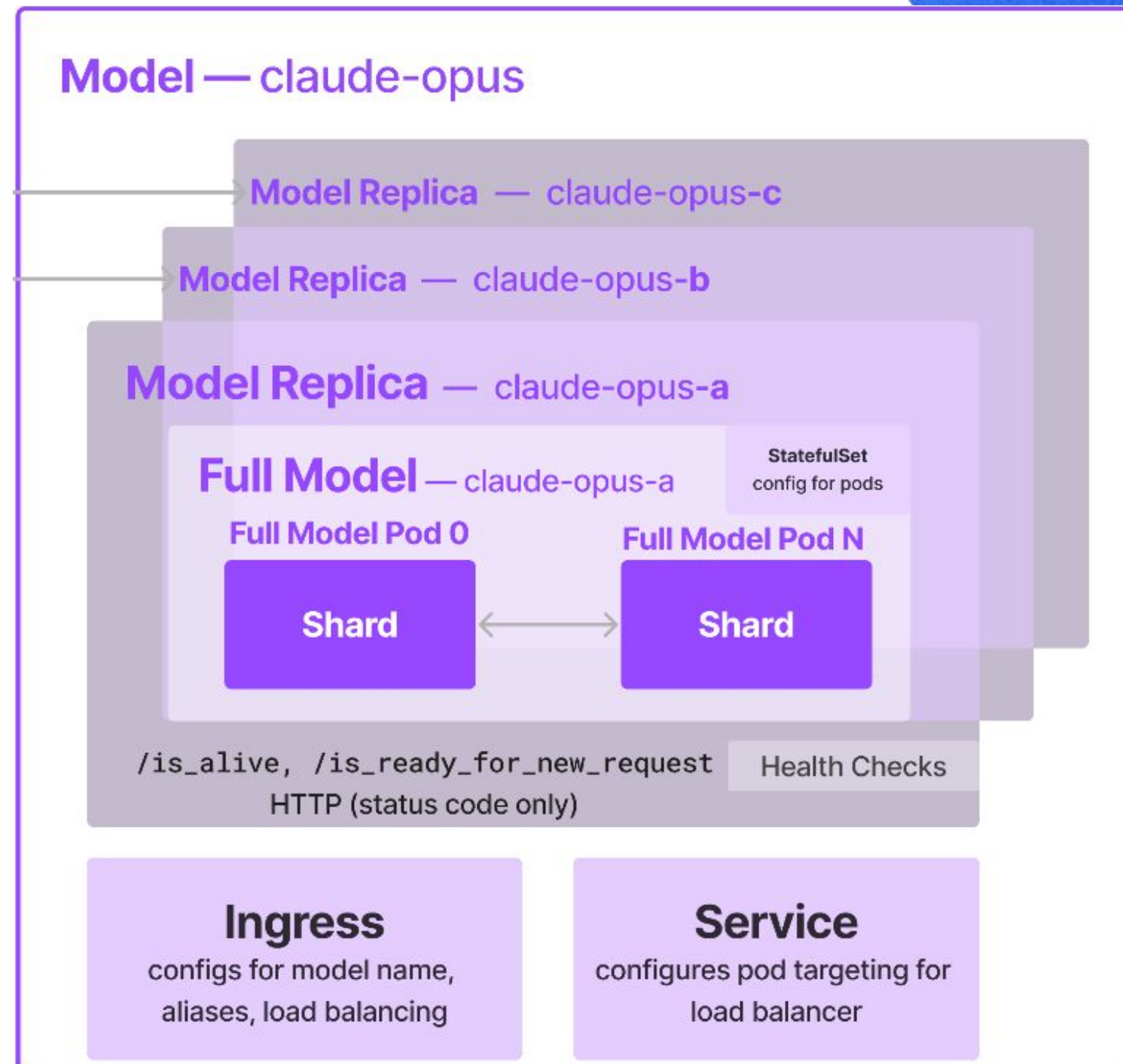
	Claude 3 Opus	Claude 3 Sonnet	Claude 3 Haiku	GPT-4	GPT-3.5	Gemini 1.0 Ultra
Undergraduate level knowledge <i>MMLU</i>	<b>86.8%</b> 5 shot	<b>79.0%</b> 5-shot	<b>75.2%</b> 5-shot	<b>86.4%</b> 5-shot	<b>70.0%</b> 5-shot	<b>83.7%</b> 5-shot
Graduate level reasoning <i>GPQA, Diamond</i>	<b>50.4%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>40.4%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>33.3%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>35.7%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>28.1%</b> 0-shot CoT	—
Grade school math <i>GSM8K</i>	<b>95.0%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>92.3%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>88.9%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>92.0%</b> 5-shot CoT	<b>57.1%</b> 5-shot	<b>94.4%</b> Maj1@32
Math problem-solving <i>MATH</i>	<b>60.1%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>43.1%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>38.9%</b> 0-shot CoT	<b>52.9%</b> 4-shot	<b>34.1%</b> 4-shot	<b>53.2%</b> 4-shot
Multilingual math <i>MGSM</i>	<b>90.7%</b> 0-shot	<b>83.5%</b> 0-shot	<b>75.1%</b> 0-shot	<b>74.5%</b> 8-shot	—	<b>79.0%</b> 8-shot
Code <i>HumanEval</i>	<b>84.9%</b> 0-shot	<b>73.0%</b> 0-shot	<b>75.9%</b> 0-shot	<b>67.0%</b> 0-shot	<b>48.1%</b> 0-shot	<b>74.4%</b> 0-shot

## The Claude 3 family

- Haiku - fast
- Sonnet - balanced
- Opus - powerful

# MLOps at Scale

- Reliability challenges for individual servers
  - Host maintenance APIs
  - **PodDisruptionBudgets**
- **LeaderWorkerSet**

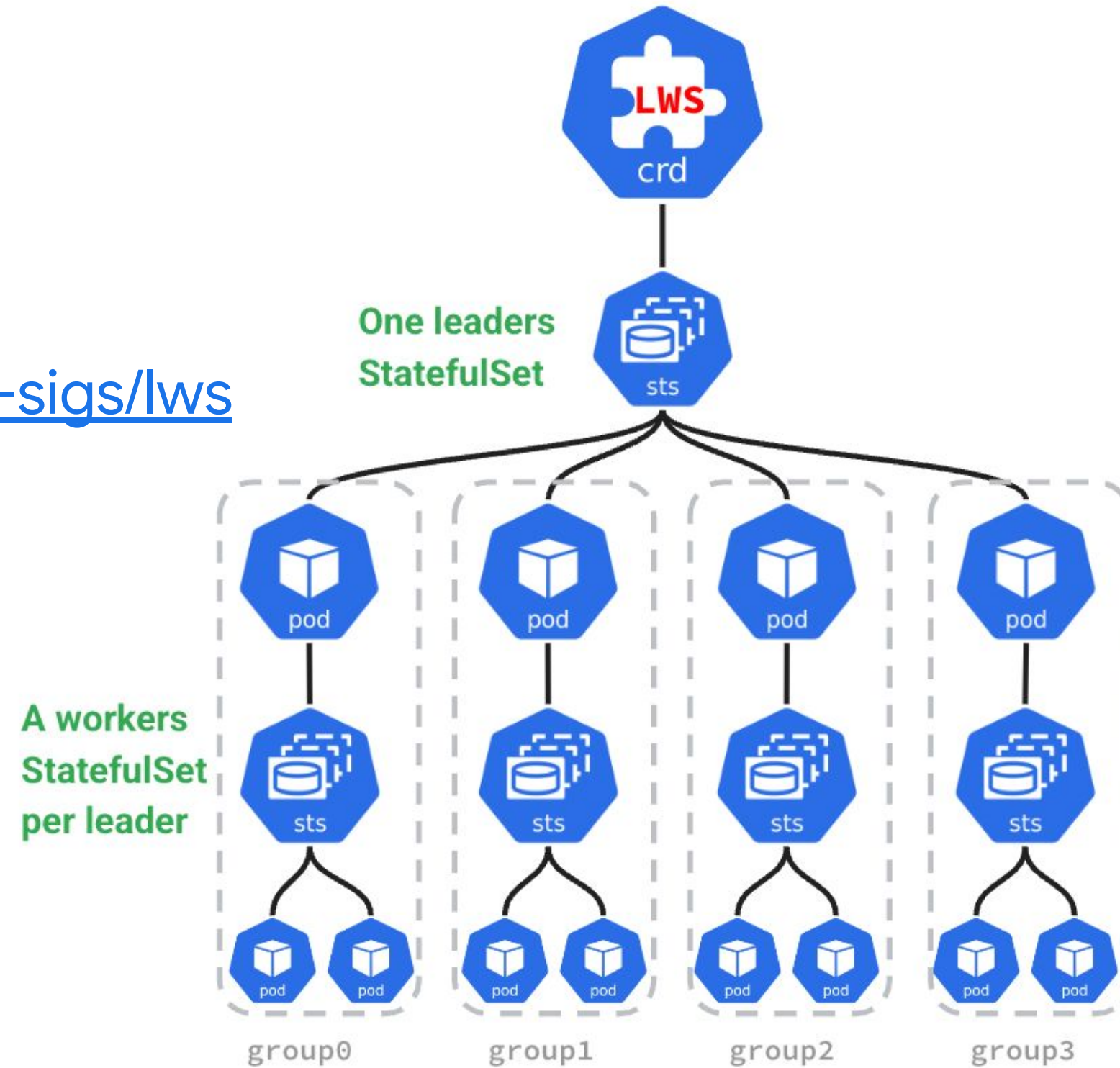




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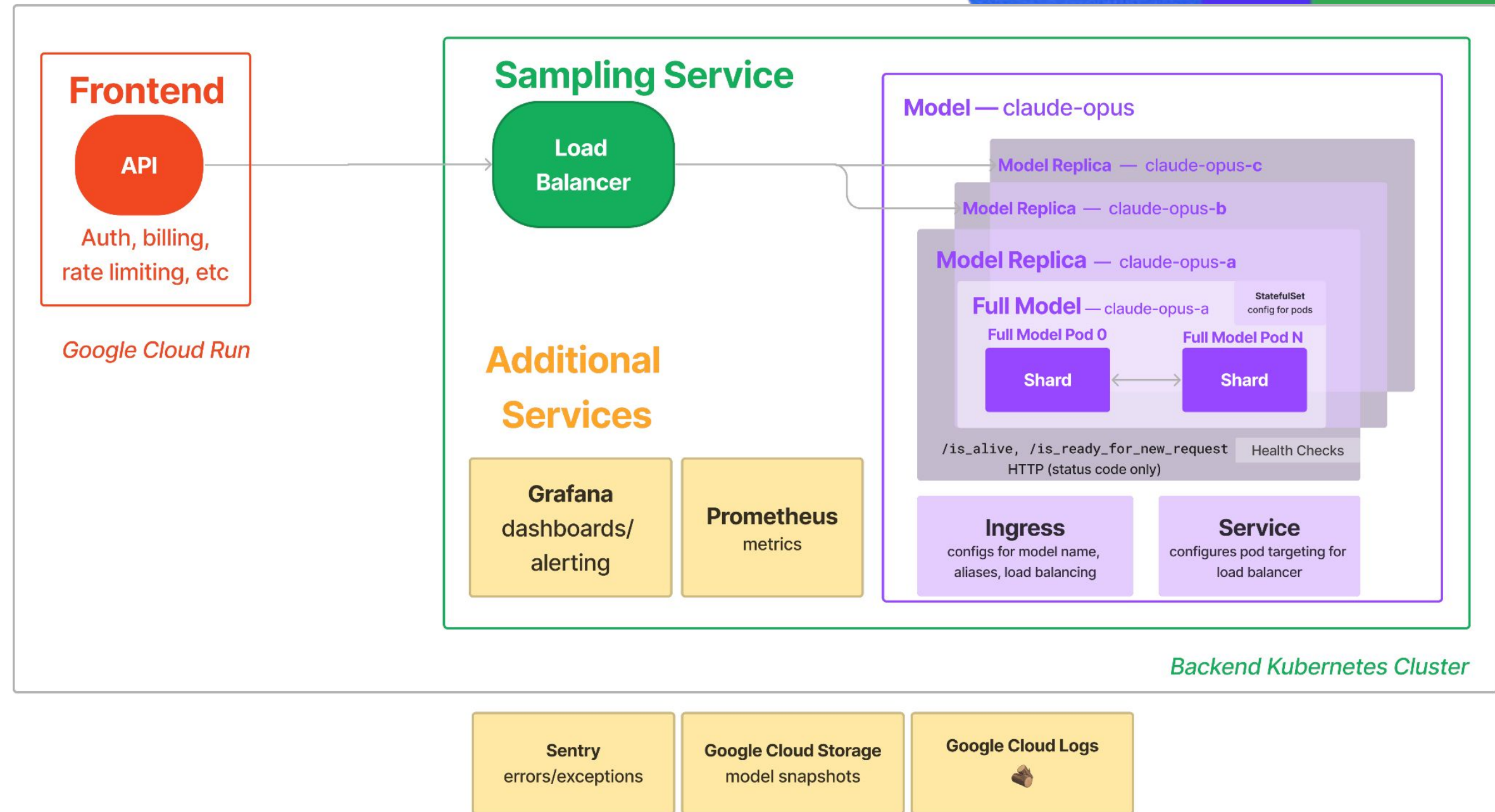
- LeaderWorkerSet

More at <https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/lws>

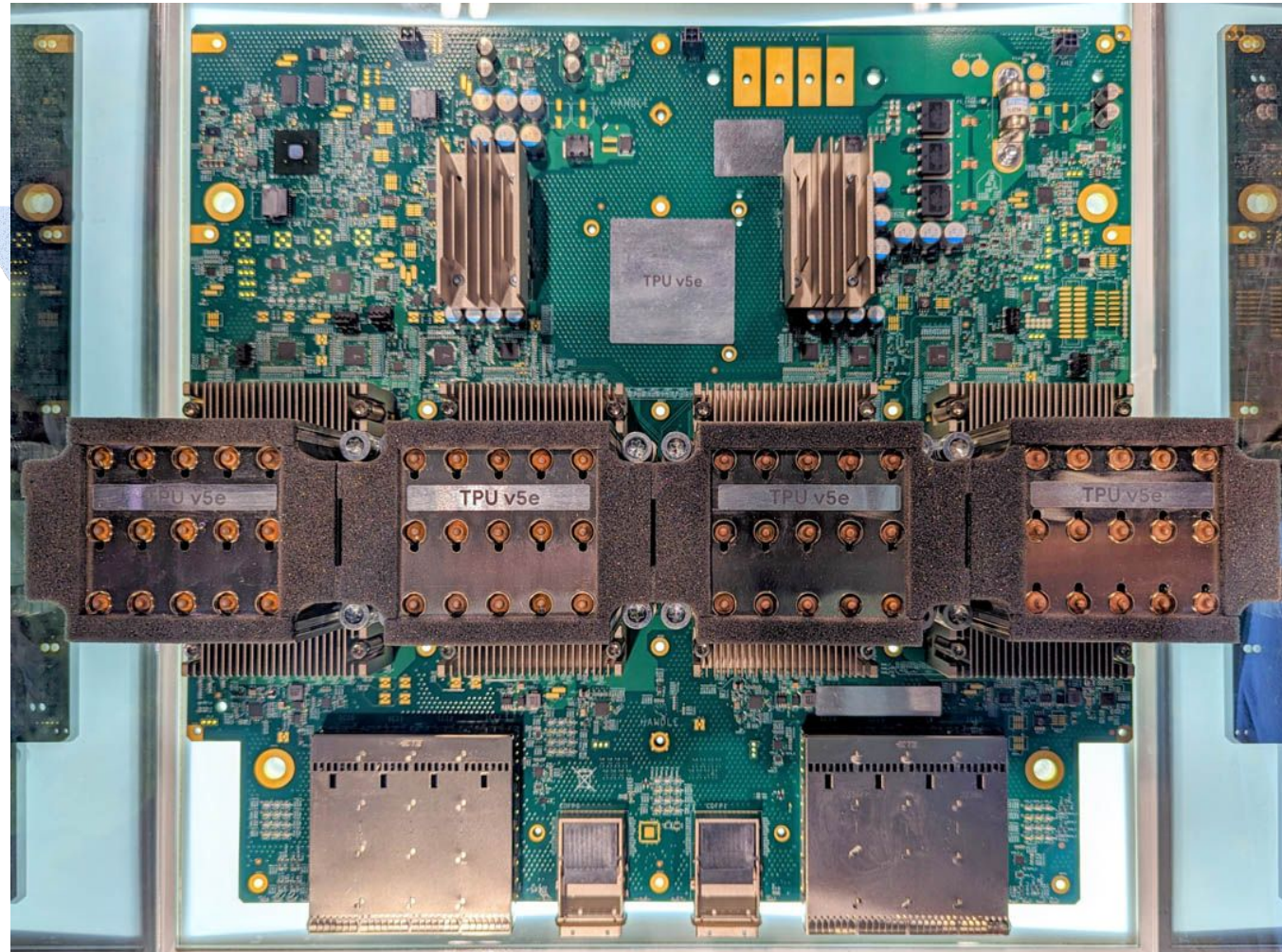


# Kubernetes for Claude

- Kubernetes helps services communicate smoothly
- Optimizing utilization is easier with pods as an abstraction
- Pod Scheduling Readiness
- Multi-accelerator world



# TPU v5e



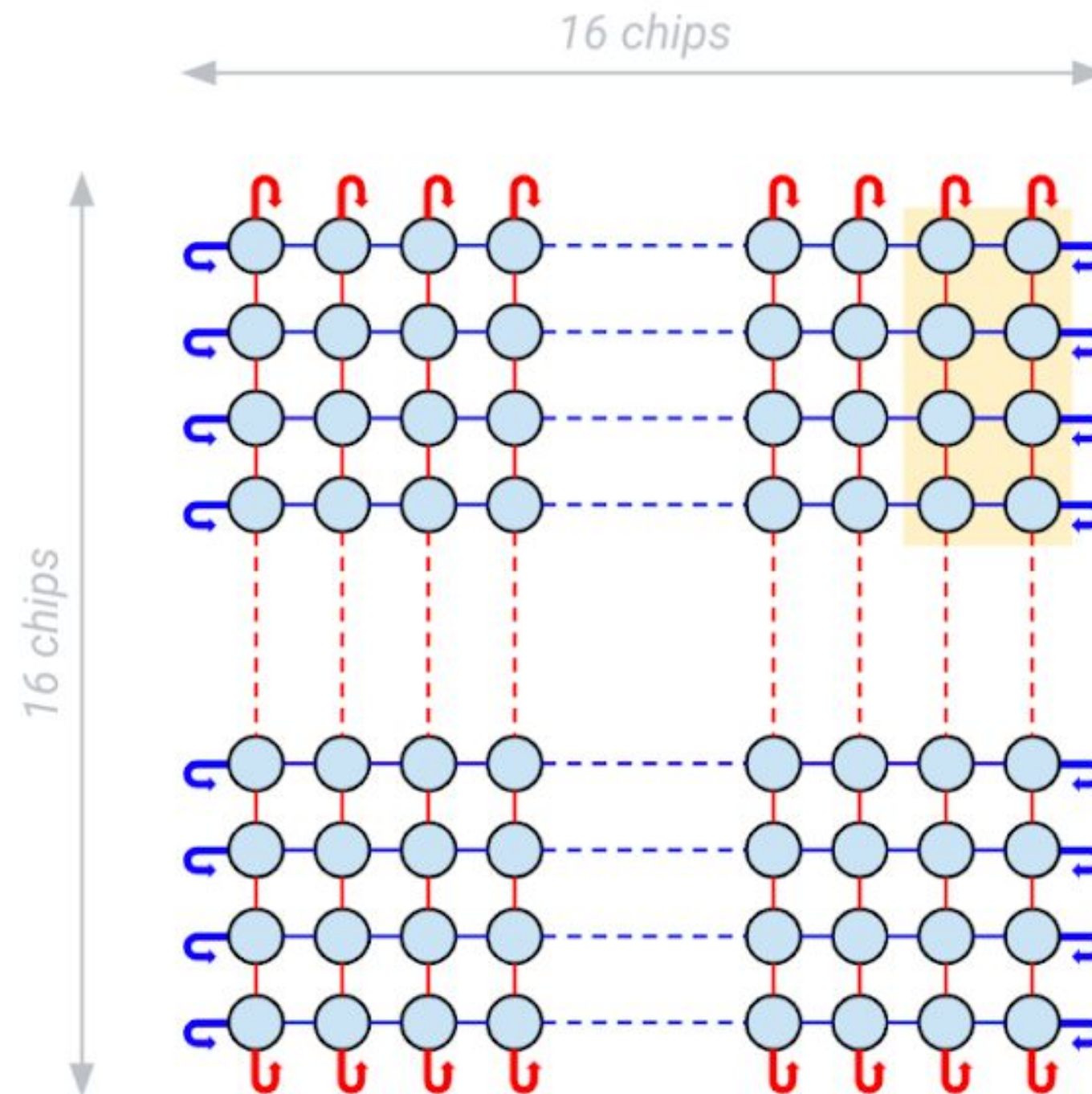
Each of these chips  
computes

**393 teraops.  
per second.**

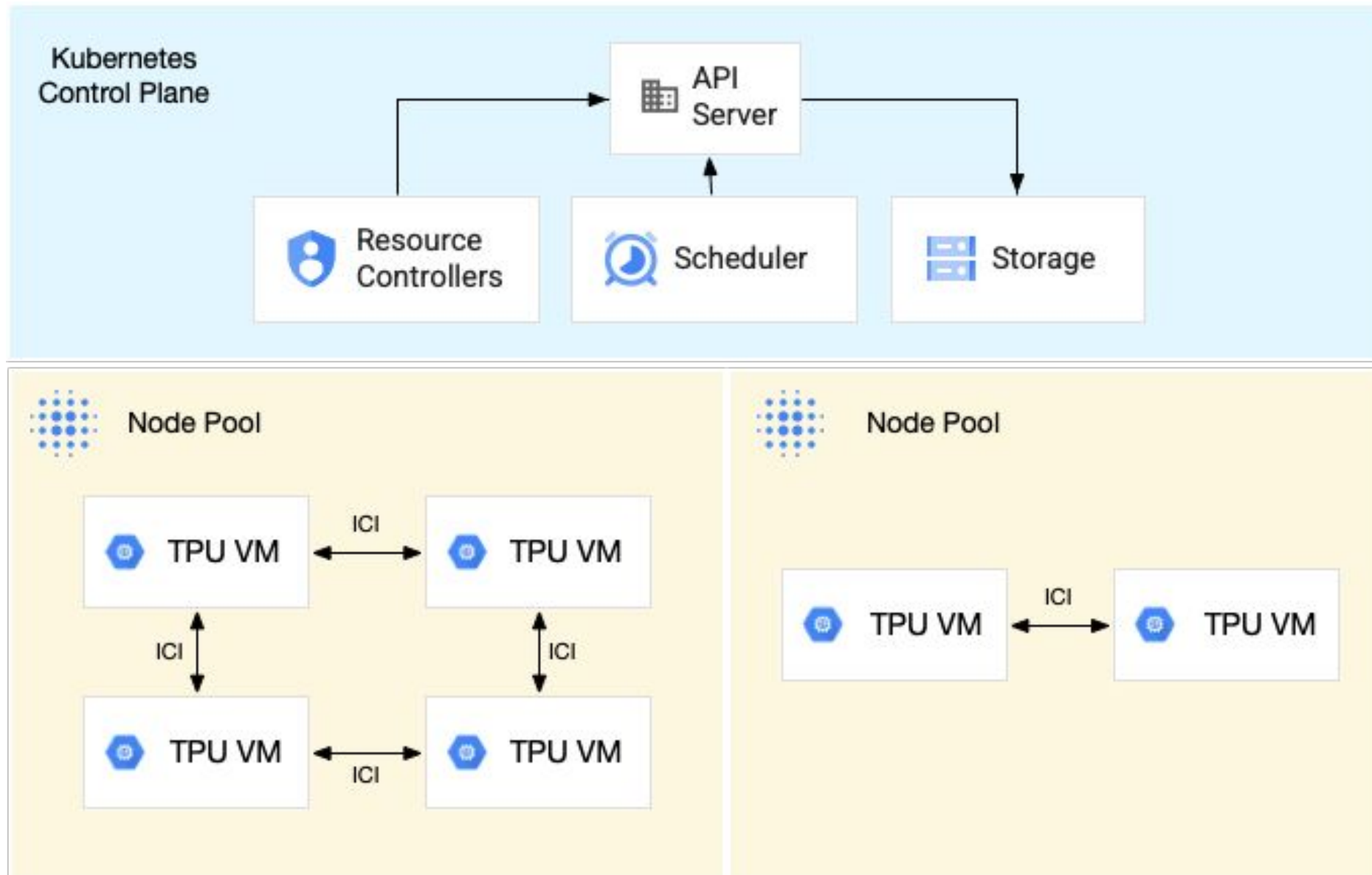
Int8 performance

# Benefits of TPUs

- JAX speeds up model productionization
- ICI provides a performance boost for TPUs
- Cost-effective and scalable



# GKE + TPU



ICI = inter chip connection



I find TPU optimization even more fun than GPU optimization. The architecture is simpler and more like a puzzle than a mystery box.”

Tristan Hume  
Performance Lead

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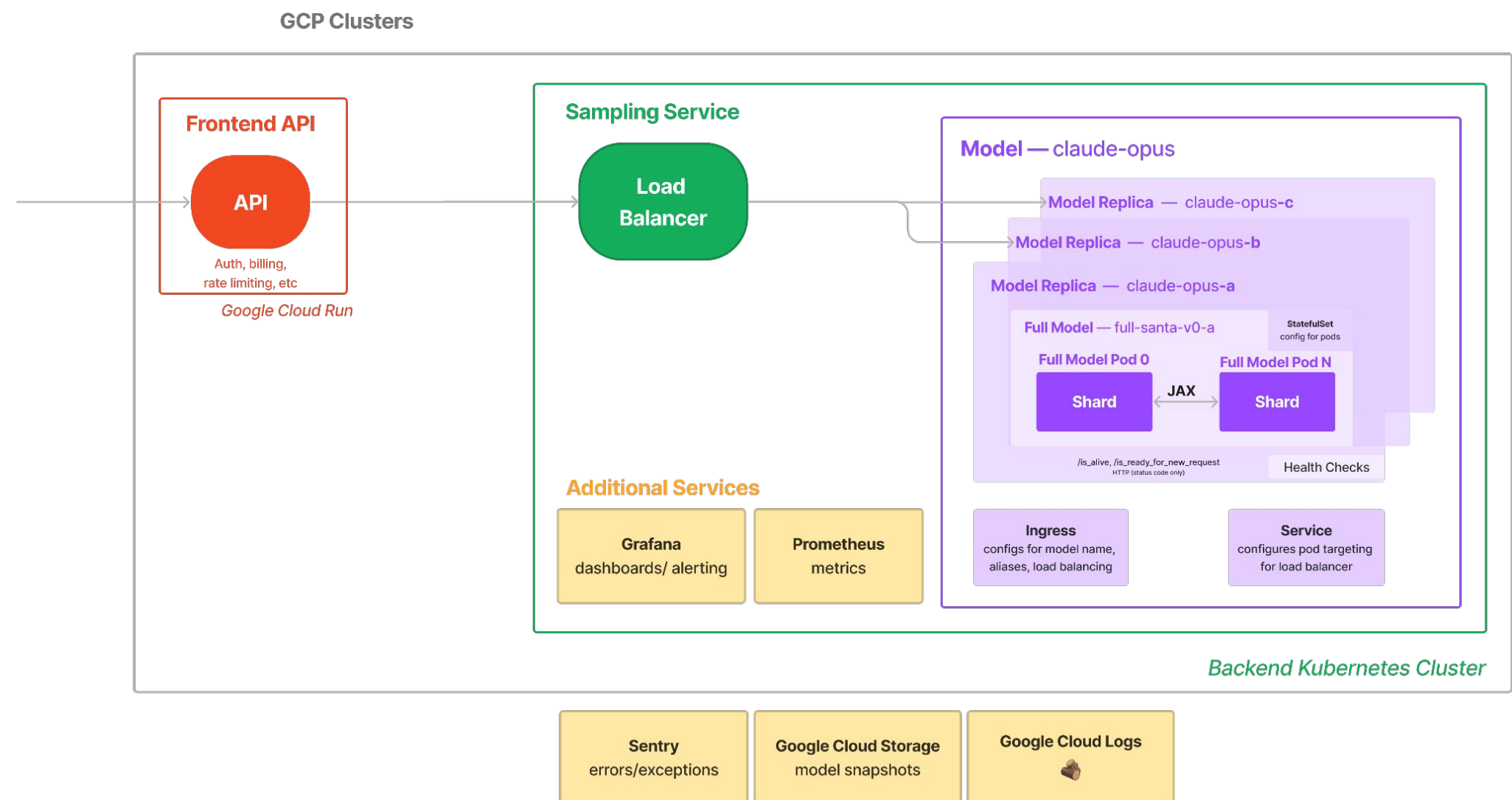
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# Scalable Infrastructure, fast.

- Terraform for IaC makes managing capacity simple
- GKE gets our TPUs (and GPUs) serving customers *faster*



# GKE Enables Large-Scale, Cost-Effective Inference

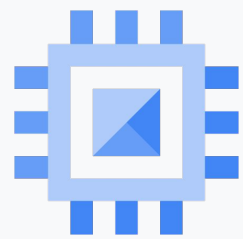


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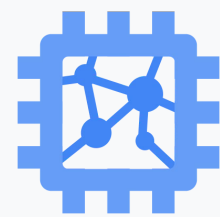
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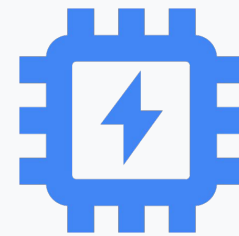
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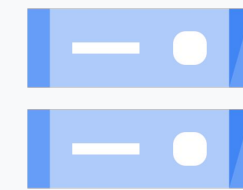
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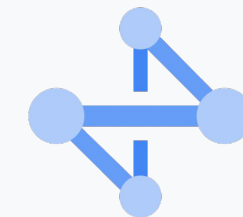
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GPU



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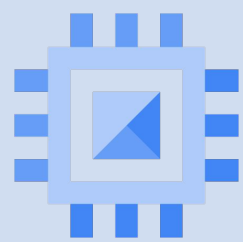
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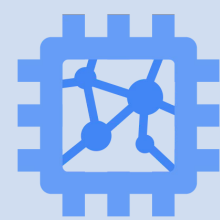
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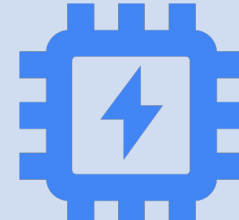
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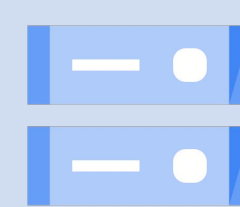
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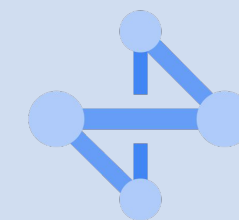
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# TPU v5e for inference

## Efficient

up to

**2.7x**

higher inference  
performance per dollar vs.  
TPU v4

## Fast

up to

**1.7x**

latency speedup for LLMs  
vs. TPU v4

## Scalable

**Multihost**

distributed serving supports  
large ML models



Cloud TPU v5e consistently delivered up to 4X greater performance per dollar than comparable solutions in the market for running inference on our production ASR model.”

Domenic Donato  
VP of Technology, AssemblyAI



# G2 VMs with L4 GPUs

**Fast**

up to

**4x**

better performance than T4

**Affordable**

up to

**40%**

infrastructure cost savings  
relative to A10G

**Global**

**Widespread**

footprint across  
numerous regions



AppLovin is able to achieve nearly 2x improved price/performance compared with industry alternatives and support the company's AI techniques.”

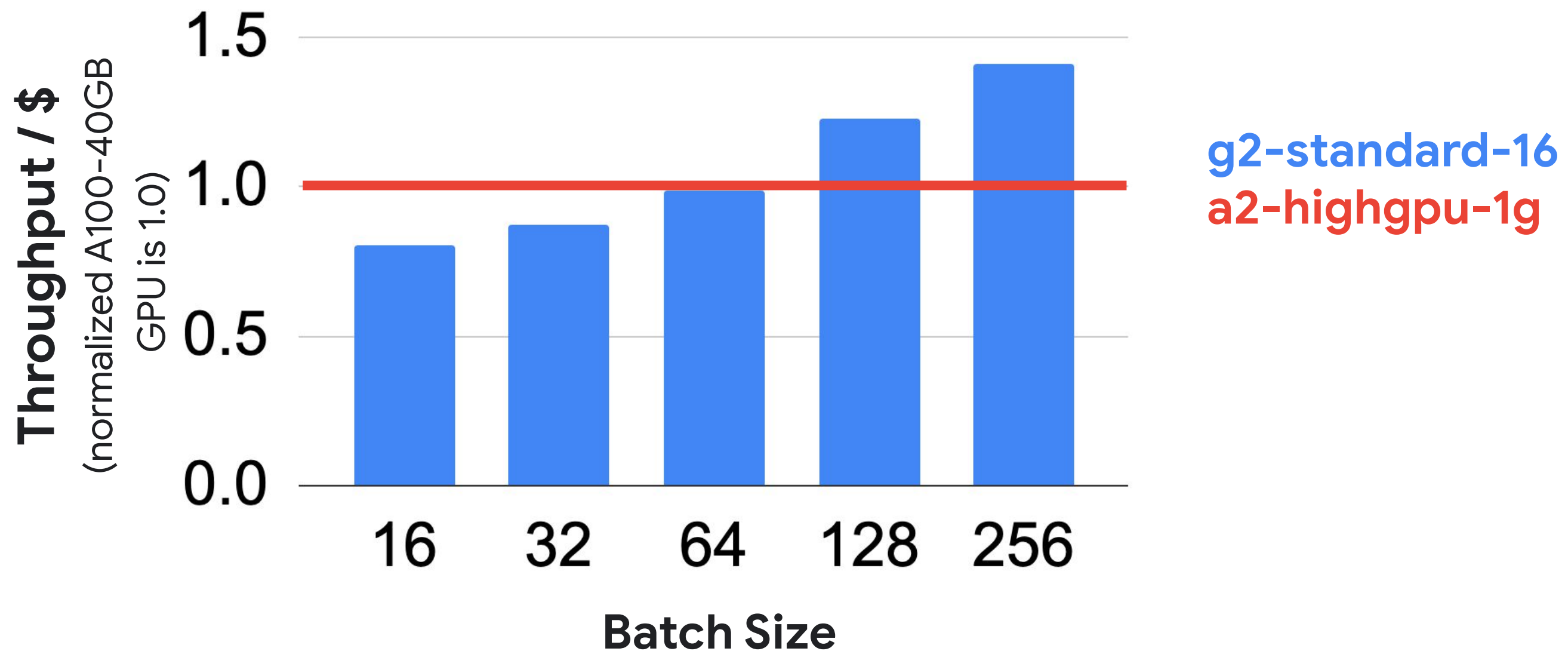
Omer Hasan

Vice President of Operations, AppLovin



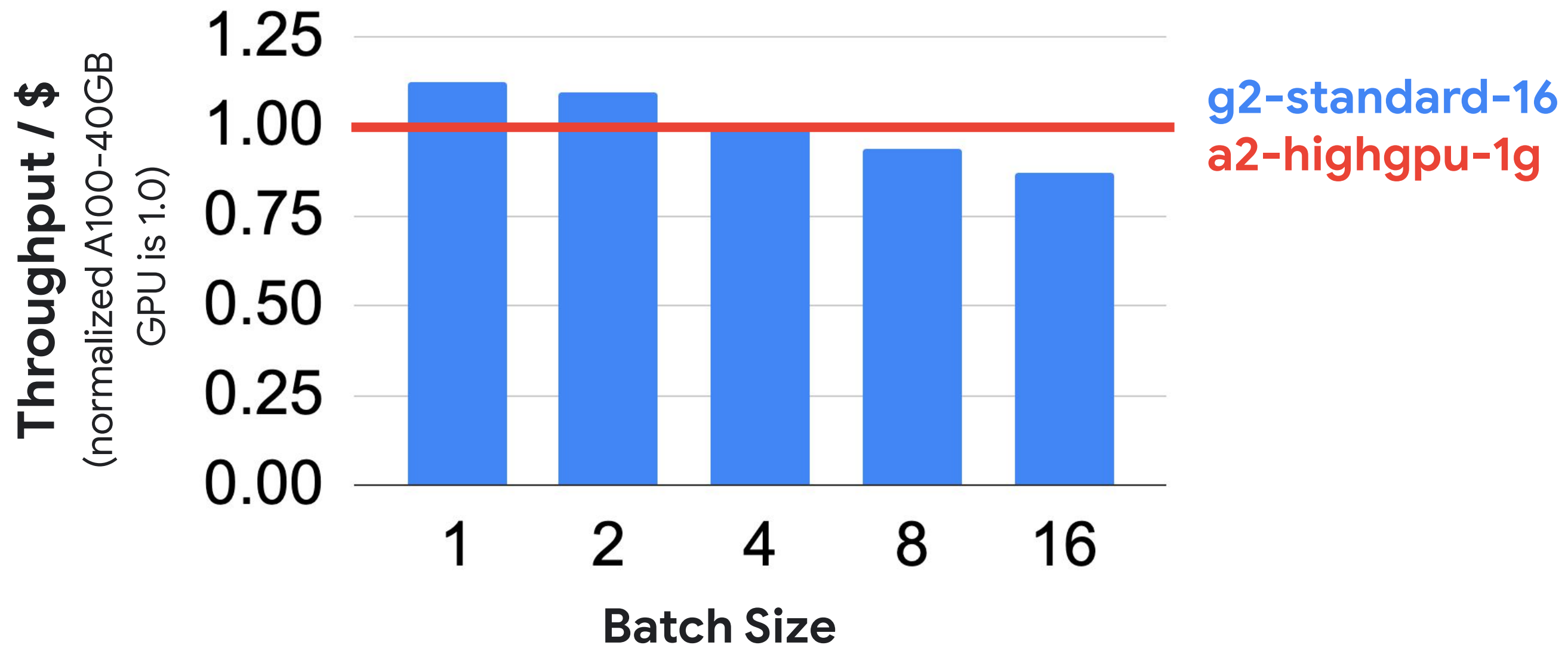
# Optimize Throughput / \$

When serving Llama 2 7B, which fits on a single L4 GPU, one **L4 GPU** provides better throughput per \$ than one **A100-40GB GPU** at larger batch sizes.



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When serving Llama 2 70B, which requires many L4 GPUs, one **A100-40GB GPU** provides better throughput per \$ than one **L4 GPU** at larger batch sizes.





## Recommendation

**Among GPUs, choose L4 GPUs for smaller models and A100 GPUs for larger models.**

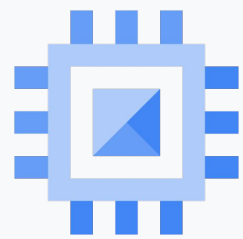


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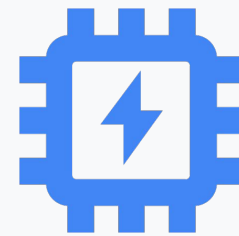
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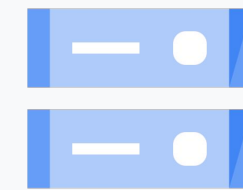
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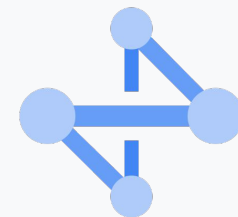
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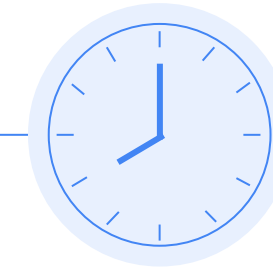
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Networking

# Fast Workload Startup

- **Pain point:** AI/ML container images can be very large (20GB+), making them very slow to load.
- **Solution:** Preload the container image on a secondary boot disk.
- **Also works** to cache data such as ML models, weights, etc.
- **Near-constant** latency even at massive scale.
- **In GKE**, enable with a single flag:  
`--secondary-boot-disk`



up to

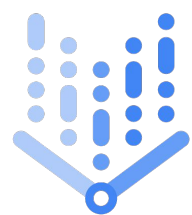
**29x**

faster time to mount a  
16GB container into  
*Running* status



**Within Vertex AI's prediction service, some of our container images can be quite large. After we enabled GKE container image preloading, our 16GB container images were pulled up to 29x faster in our tests.”**

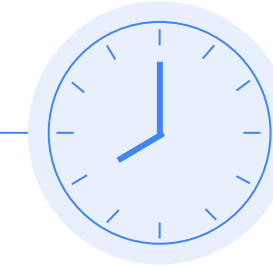
Shawn Ma  
Software Engineer



**Vertex AI**

# Cloud Storage FUSE

- **Pain point:** Reading data from Cloud Storage can add latency before a workload is ready to handle traffic.
- **Solution:** Data is streamed from Cloud Storage, allowing ML jobs to start much faster.
- **Also benefits** ML training thanks to read caching.
- **Portability** across clouds is an additional benefit; no code changes needed.



up to

**3.3x**

faster model load time



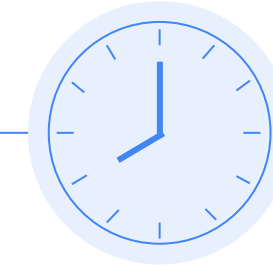
Using Cloud Storage Fuse with the GKE CSI driver has resulted not only in vastly simplified configuration for our applications, but has also reduced the pod startup time by up to 40%.”

Mark Chodos  
Staff Engineer



# GPU Time-Sharing

- **Pain point:** GPUs are very expensive, but most workloads don't fully utilize a GPU.
- **Solution:** Time-slice a single GPU so multiple containers can share it.
- **Perfect** for workloads with variable demand like inference and notebooks.
- **In GKE**, enable with a single flag:  
`gpu-sharing-strategy=time-sharing`



up to

**66%**

cost savings reported by  
customers



**We use GPU time-sharing between pods — increasing our average GPU utilization by 1.6x and lowering our costs by 66%.”**

Ronald Griffin  
Chief Technology Officer

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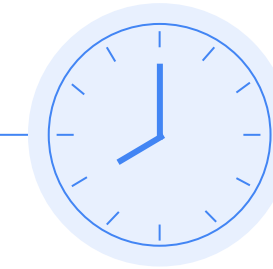


# Multi-Process Service

- **Pain point:** Time-sharing adds latency and overhead of full context switching between containers.
- **Solution:** NVIDIA Multi-Process Service (MPS) lets containers share a GPU in parallel with logical partitioning.
- **Perfect** for small to medium sized workloads, enabling greater GPU throughput.
- **In GKE**, enable with a single flag:  
`gpu-sharing-strategy=mps`

# GPU & TPU on Autopilot

- **Pain point:** Managing infrastructure takes time away from growing your business.
- **Solution:** Autopilot supports all the latest GPUs (H100, A100, L4, T4) and TPUs (v4, v5e, and v5p).
- **Solution:** Autopilot supports existing GCE reservations and committed use discounts (CUDs) for GPUs and TPUs.
- **In GKE,** add a label to your workload such as:  
`cloud.google.com/gke-accelerator:  
nvidia-h100-80gb`



## SLA

at the Pod level, backed  
by Google SREs



**With GKE Autopilot, we can easily scale our pods, optimize our resource utilization, and ensure the security and availability of our nodes. We are excited to use GKE Autopilot to power Contextual Language Models while saving us money and improving our performance.”**

Soumitr Pandey  
Member of Technical Staff



# GKE Serving Gemma

# Kubernetes is the foundation

GKE is the most scalable leading Kubernetes service available in the industry today.

## Accelerator Framework Inference Stack

Cloud GPU

PyTorch

vLLM,  
Hugging Face TGI,  
Triton +  
TensorRT-LLM

Cloud TPU

JAX  
PyTorch

JetStream

# Gemma on GKE

## Integration

- Hugging Face
- Vertex Model Garden
- Google Colab Enterprise Notebook
- Kaggle

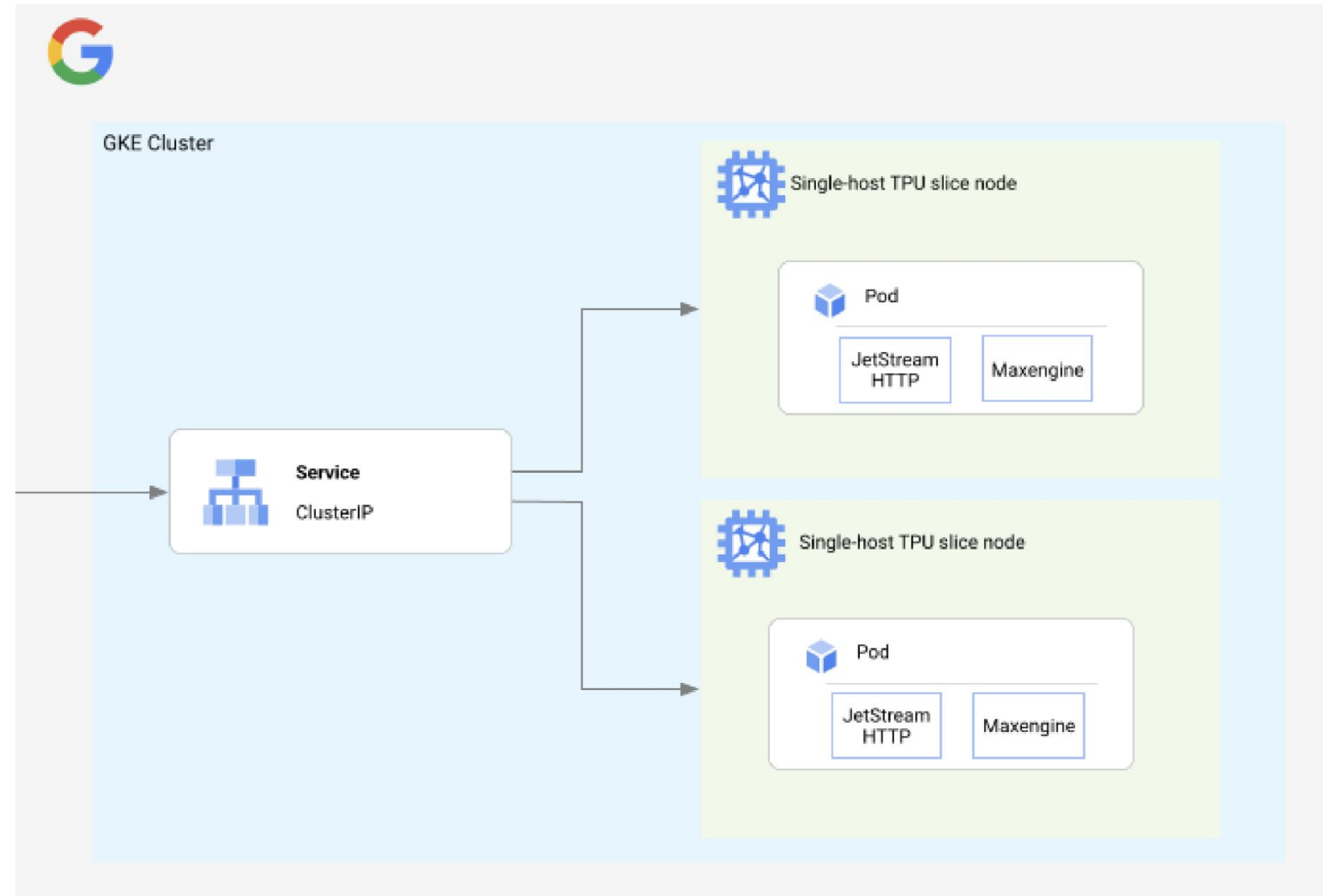
## Serving Stack

- JetStream
- Nvidia TensorRT-LLM & NIM
- vLLM
- Hugging Face TGI

# JetStream on GKE

- An open-source, high-performance, cost-efficient LLM Inference for JAX and PyTorch/XLA.

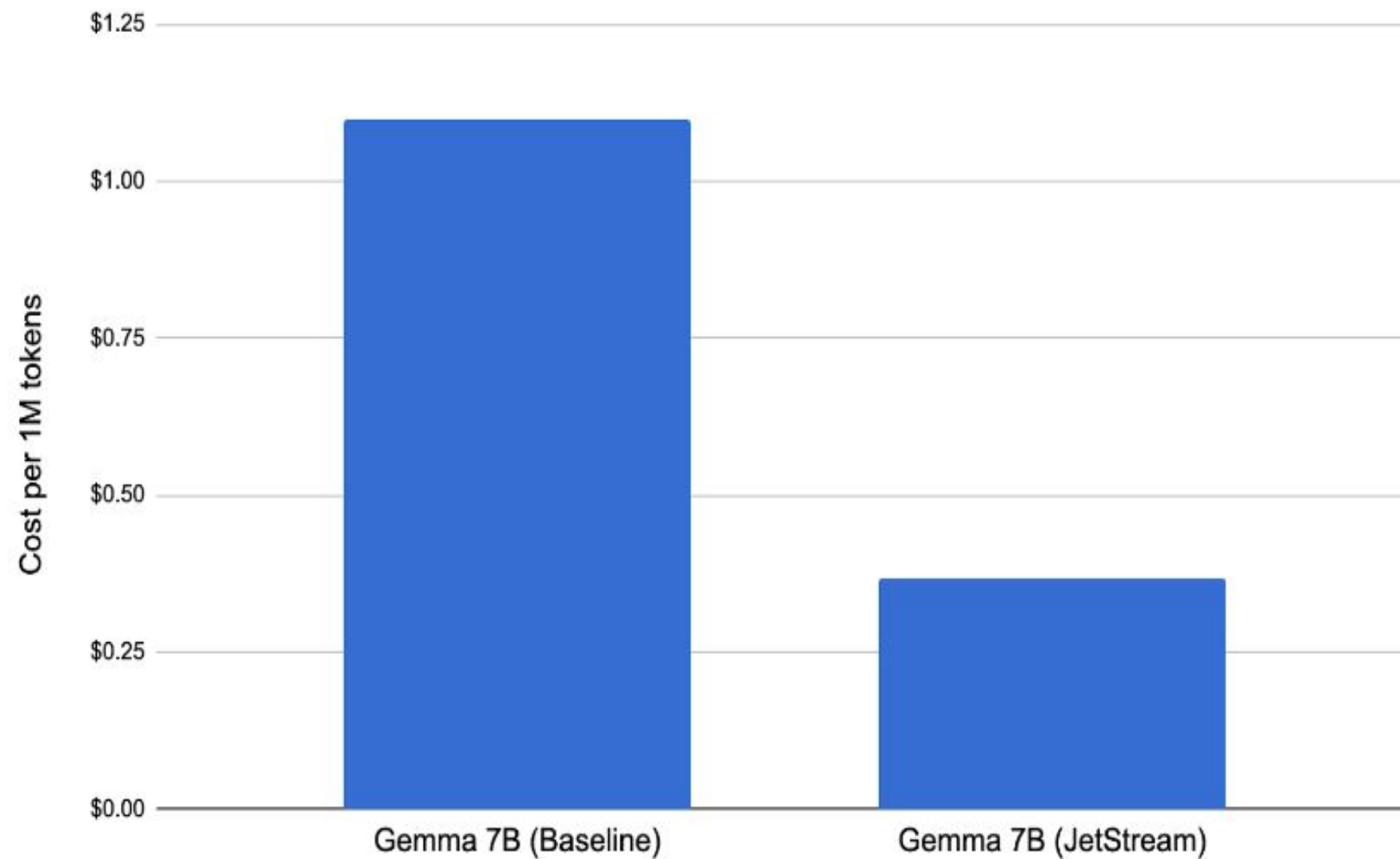
<https://github.com/google/JetStream>



<https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/tutorials/serve-gemma-tpu-jetstream>

# Gemma+JetStream on GKE

Gemma 7B TPU Inference Performance : Relative Cost per million-tokens



Google internal data. Measured using Gemma 7B (MaxText) on TPU v5e-8. Input length 1024, output length 1024 for a specific request rate and batch size. Continuous batching, int8 quantization for weights, activations, KV cache. As of April, 2024.

up to  
**~3x**  
Reduction in cost per 1M  
tokens

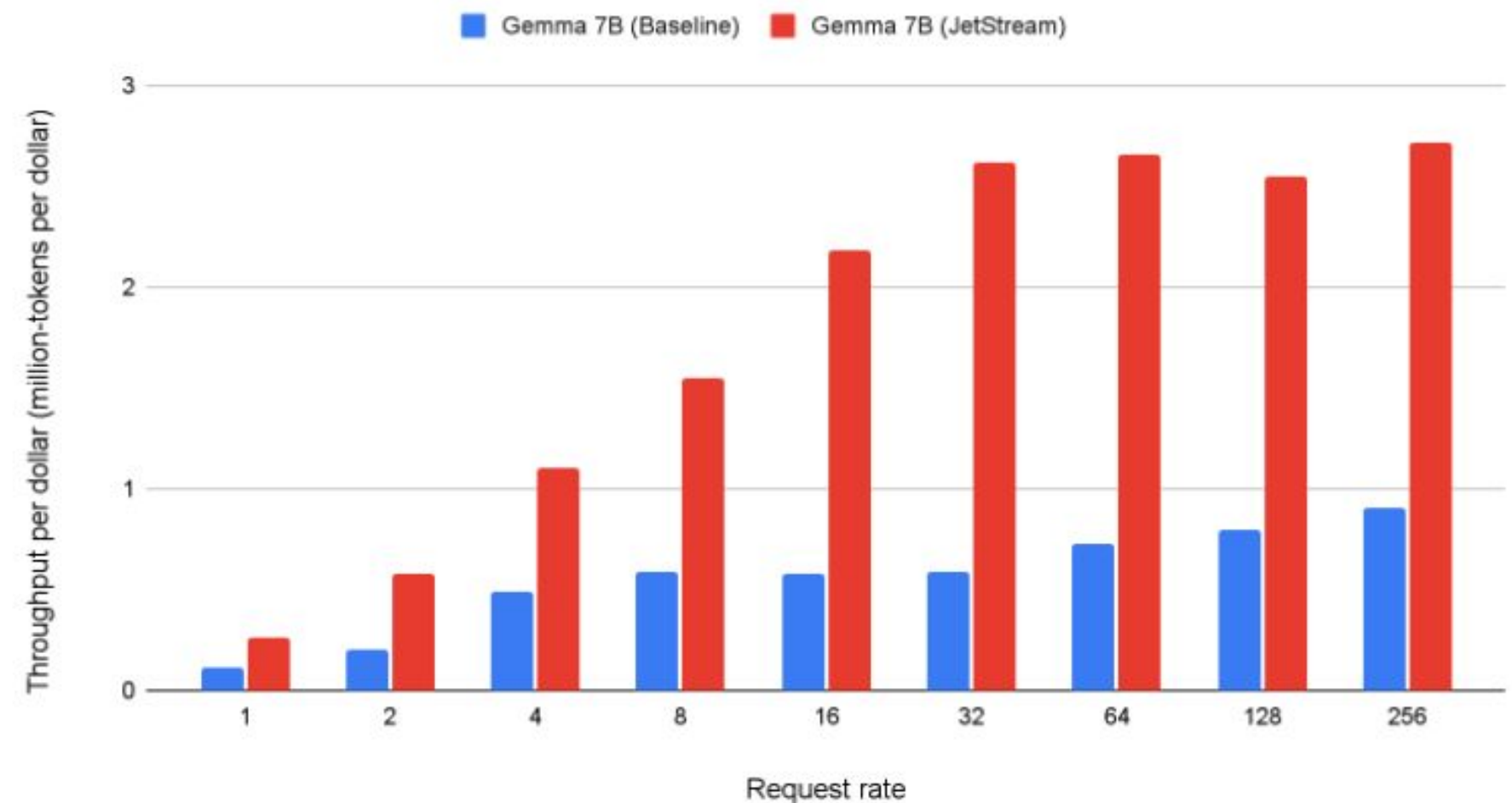


# Gemma + JetStream on GKE

- Throughput per dollar for serving on JetStream is consistently higher than baseline, even for higher request rates.



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# GKE AI Benchmarking

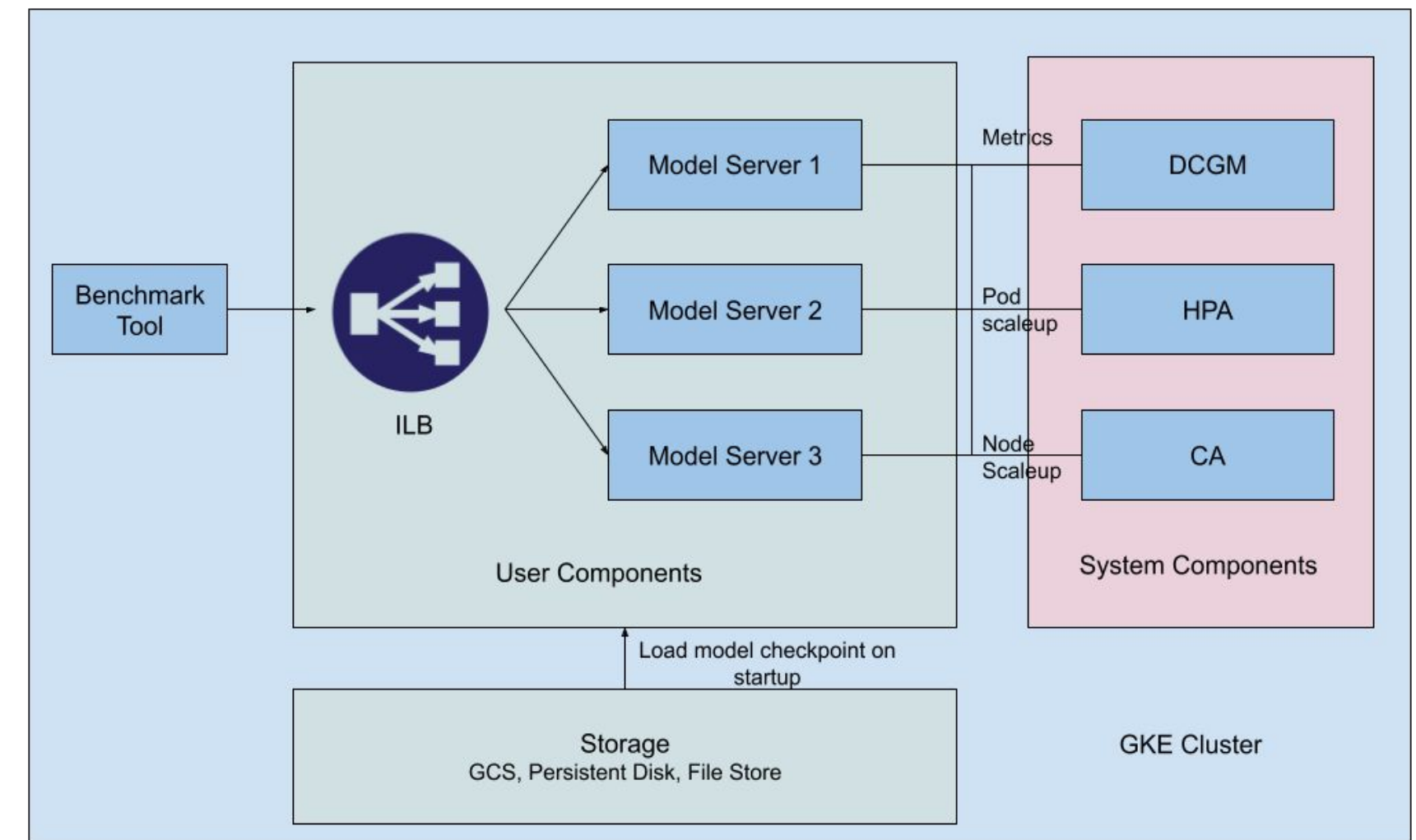
## Blogs

<https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/containers-kubernetes/serving-gemma-on-google-kubernetes-engine-deep-dive>

<https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/ai-machine-learning/performance-deepdive-of-gemma-on-google-cloud>

## Try it out!

<https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/ai-on-gke/tree/main/benchmarks>



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GKE/Serverless PM or  
UX researcher.**





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## turns 10!

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**Tomorrow at 10:15am**

**OPS209**

From RAG to autonomous apps with Weaviate and Gemini on Google Kubernetes Engine

2

**Tomorrow at 11:30am**

**OPS302**

Maximize machine learning productivity at scale

3

**Tomorrow at 12:15pm**

**DEV309**

Run large-scale AI training and inference for Llama 2 on Cloud Accelerators

Thank you