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# Deep dive into Amazon Neptune Serverless

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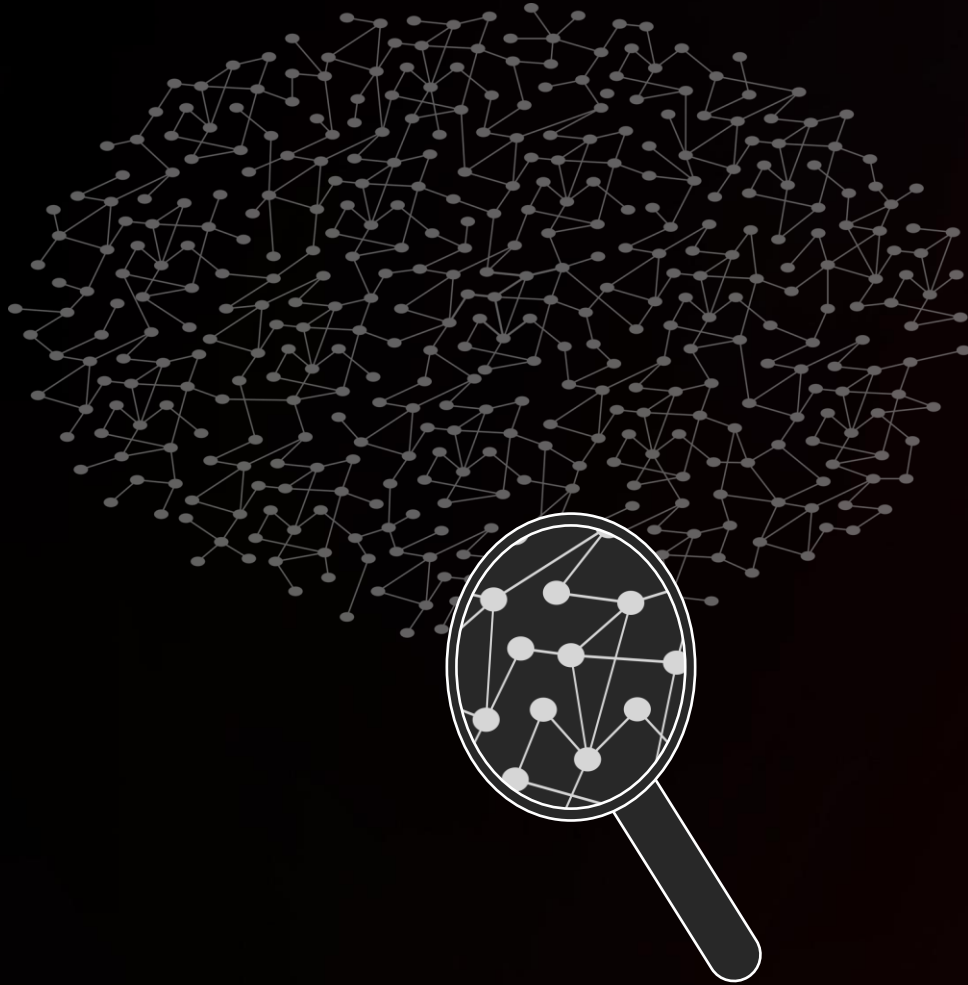
# Agenda



**Amazon Neptune**

- Quick review of graphs and use cases
- Understand how recent Neptune features work
- Understand how Neptune Serverless optimizes CPU and memory
- Show you a Global Serverless Graph Database Cluster
- Take questions!

# Graphs are awesome!



1. Model data based on relationships
2. Applications explore connections and patterns in connected data
3. Processing graphs is hard due to random data access
4. Generalized graph operations require purpose-built processing

# Amazon Neptune (Now Serverless and Global too!)

FULLY MANAGED, PURPOSE-BUILT GRAPH DATABASE IN THE CLOUD



Cost-effective



No hardware  
management



Instant  
provisioning



Security and  
compliance



Serverless



Global

- Optimized to **store and map billions of relationships**
- Enables **real-time navigation of connections with millisecond query** response time
- Supports **open standard query languages** openCypher, Gremlin, and SPARQL

# Every day thousands of customers use Neptune



## Amazon Neptune

Customers across different verticals and use cases use Amazon Neptune in production today

WIZ

FINRA

SIEMENS

AstraZeneca

JupiterOne

freshworks

amazon alexa

intuit

FACTSET

SAMSUNG

Blackfynn

Rappi

Uber ATG

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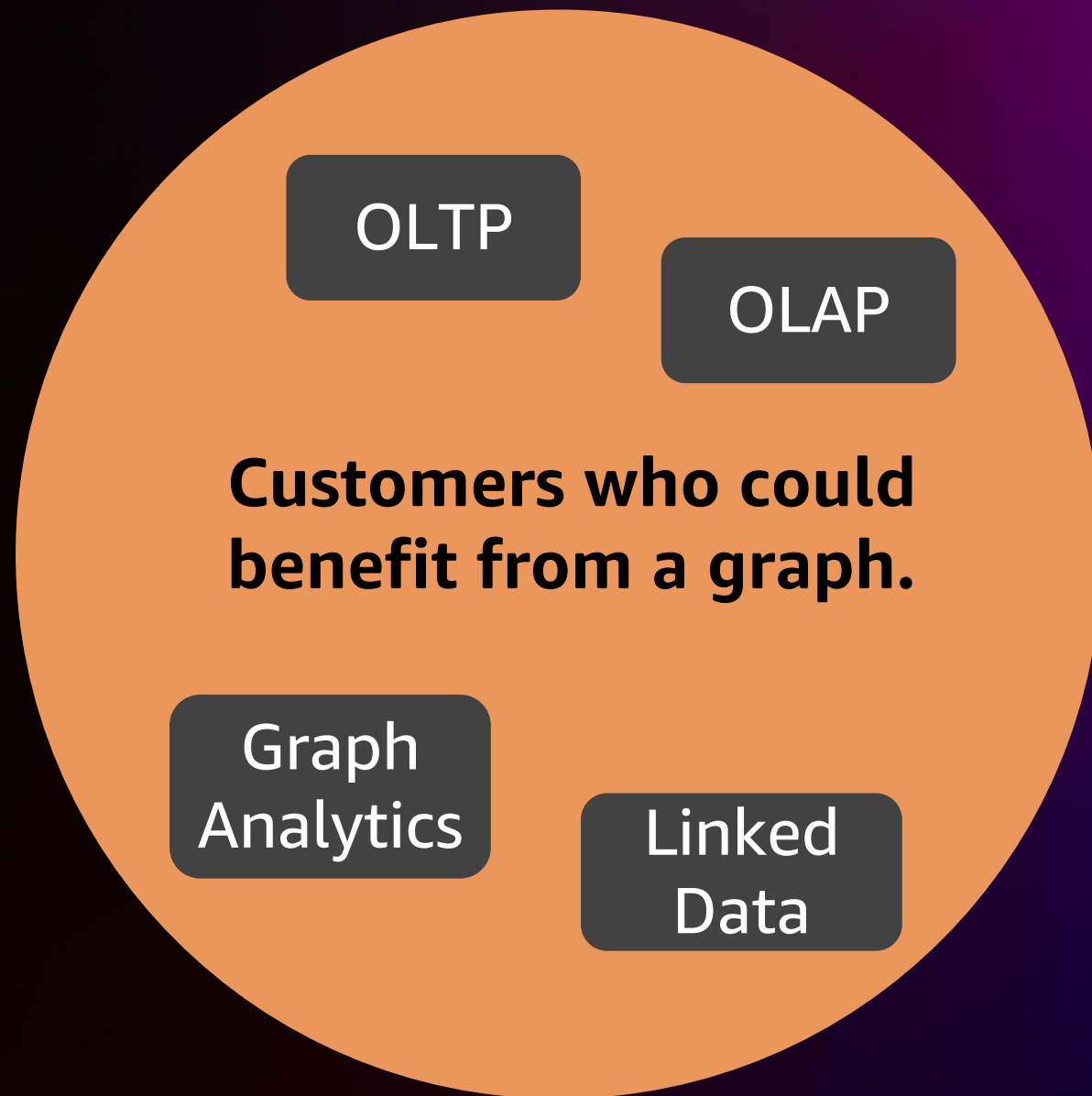
Case studies: <https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/?customer-references-cards.q=neptune>



# It's still Day 1 for graphs

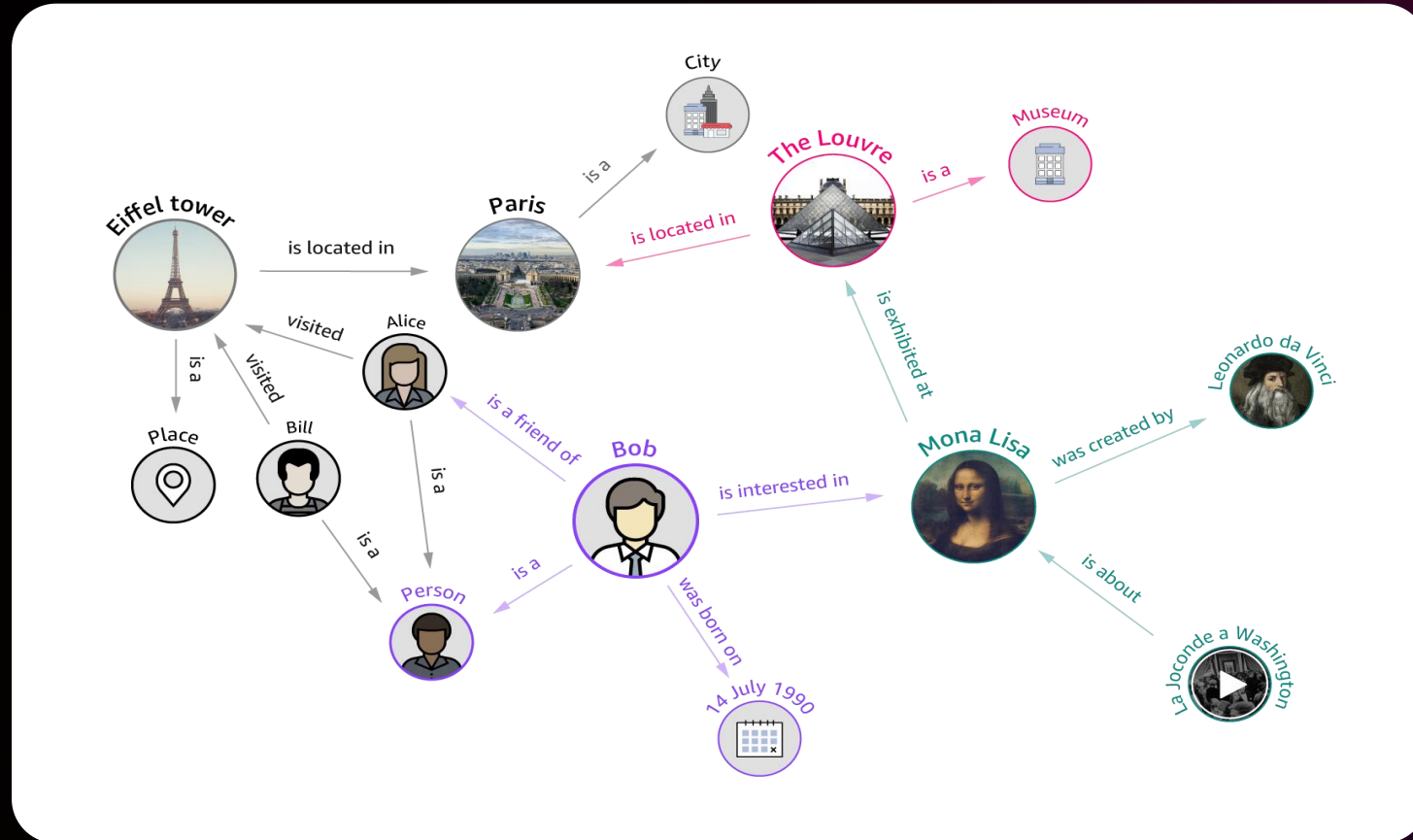


**Customers who  
know they want a  
graph database.**



# Knowledge graphs

UNDERSTANDING THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE



<https://aws.amazon.com/neptune/knowledge-graphs-on-aws/>



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# SIEMENS

*Ingenuity for life*

Siemens is a global powerhouse focusing on the areas of electrification, automation, and digitalization

## Challenge:

They were faced with isolated data silos from different departments that resulted in data inaccessibility, inefficient workflows, and low data quality

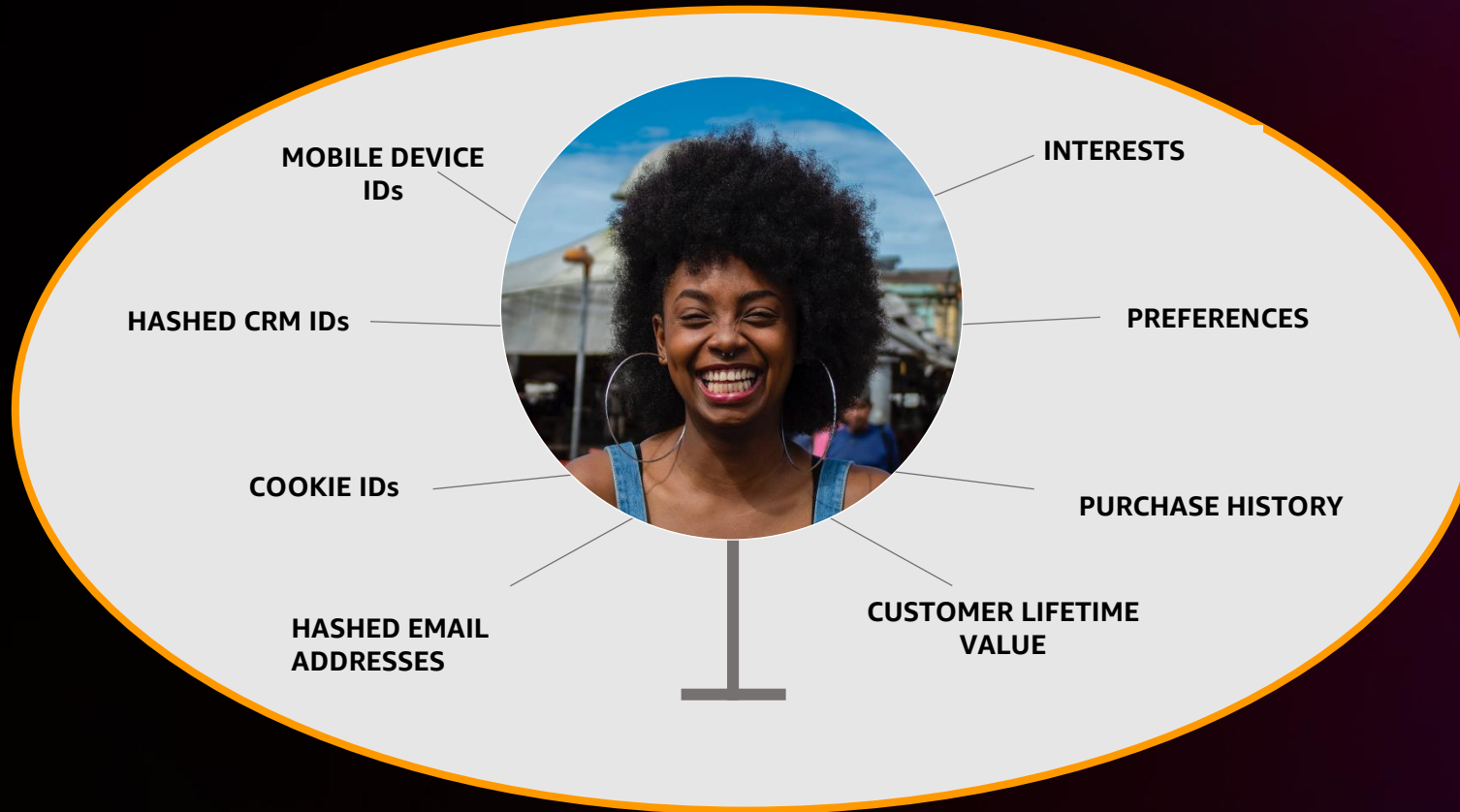
## Solution:

- Industrial knowledge graphs for capturing Siemens Domain Knowledge
- Providing knowledge graphs as a service



# Identity graphs

UNIFIED 360° VIEW OF THE CUSTOMER



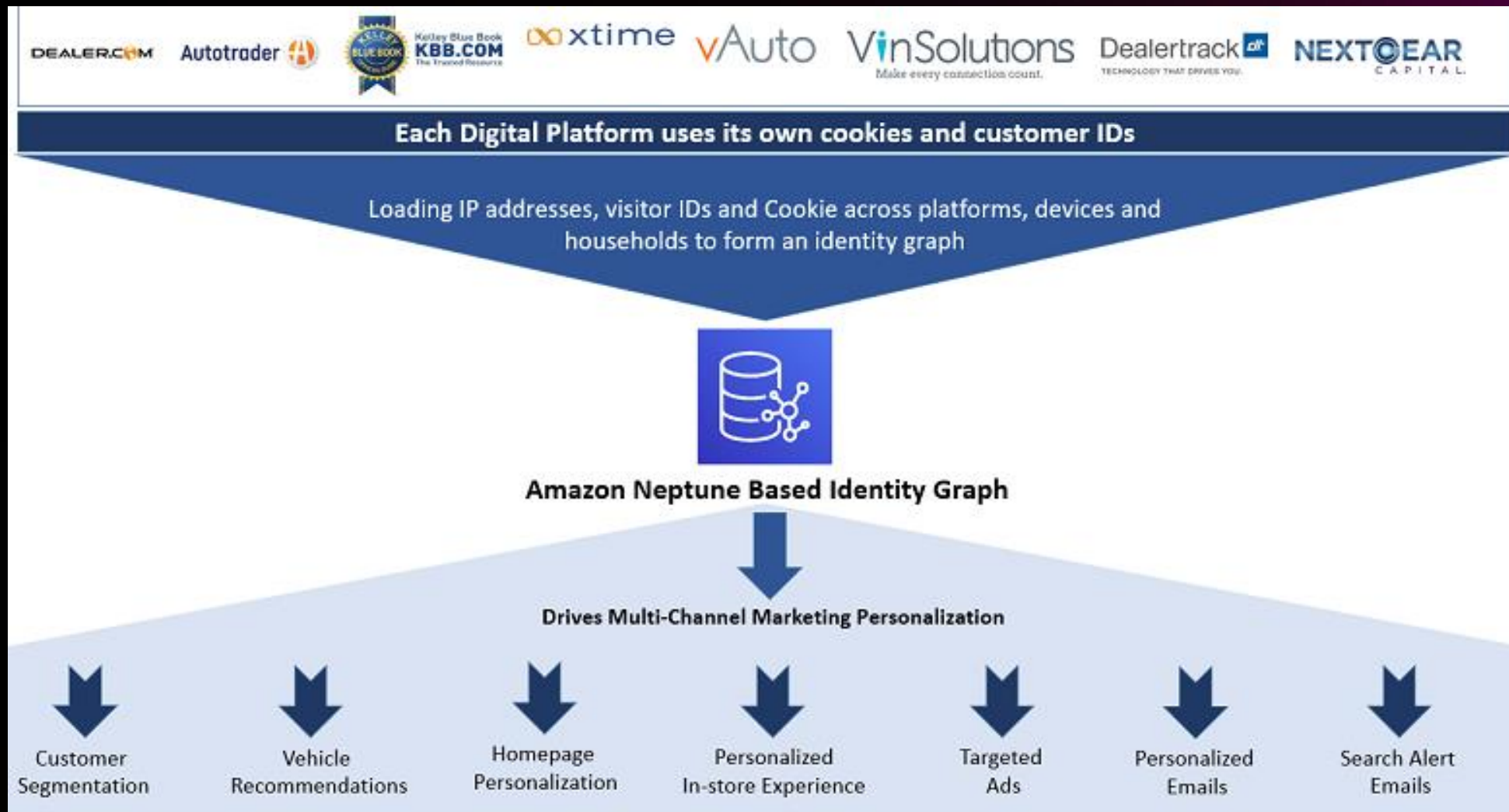
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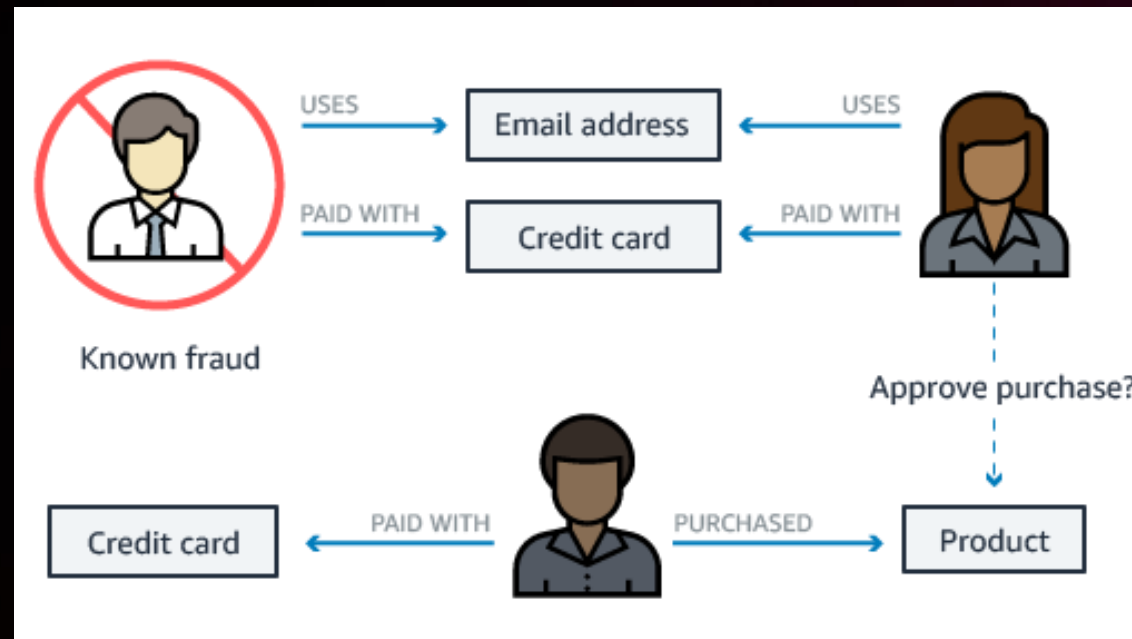
# Identity graph with Amazon Neptune

COX AUTOMOTIVE MAKES BUYING, SELLING, OWNING, AND USING CARS EASIER FOR EVERYONE



# Fraud graphs

DETECTING FRAUD AS IT HAPPENS USING RELATIONSHIPS



<https://aws.amazon.com/neptune/fraud-graphs-on-aws/>







As India's leading gaming company, Games24x7 is known for its flagship products like RummyCircle, which offers online rummy, and My11Circle, which offers fantasy sports.

### Challenge:

As the game of Rummy involves real money, Games24x7 has to stay vigilant to prevent fraud and collusion during tournaments.

### Solution:

It uses the Amazon Neptune graph database to detect if two players in a game are colluding to beat the other four players. This is accomplished by assigning a table in the database to each player when they log in.

<https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/games24x7/>



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# Security graphs

UNDERSTAND SECURITY VULNERABILITIES ACROSS LAYERS



**1. Cloud Security Posture Management**

**2. Data Flow/Exfiltration**

**3. Identity and Access Management**



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# Wiz security graphs: Detecting critical risks

## Workload context

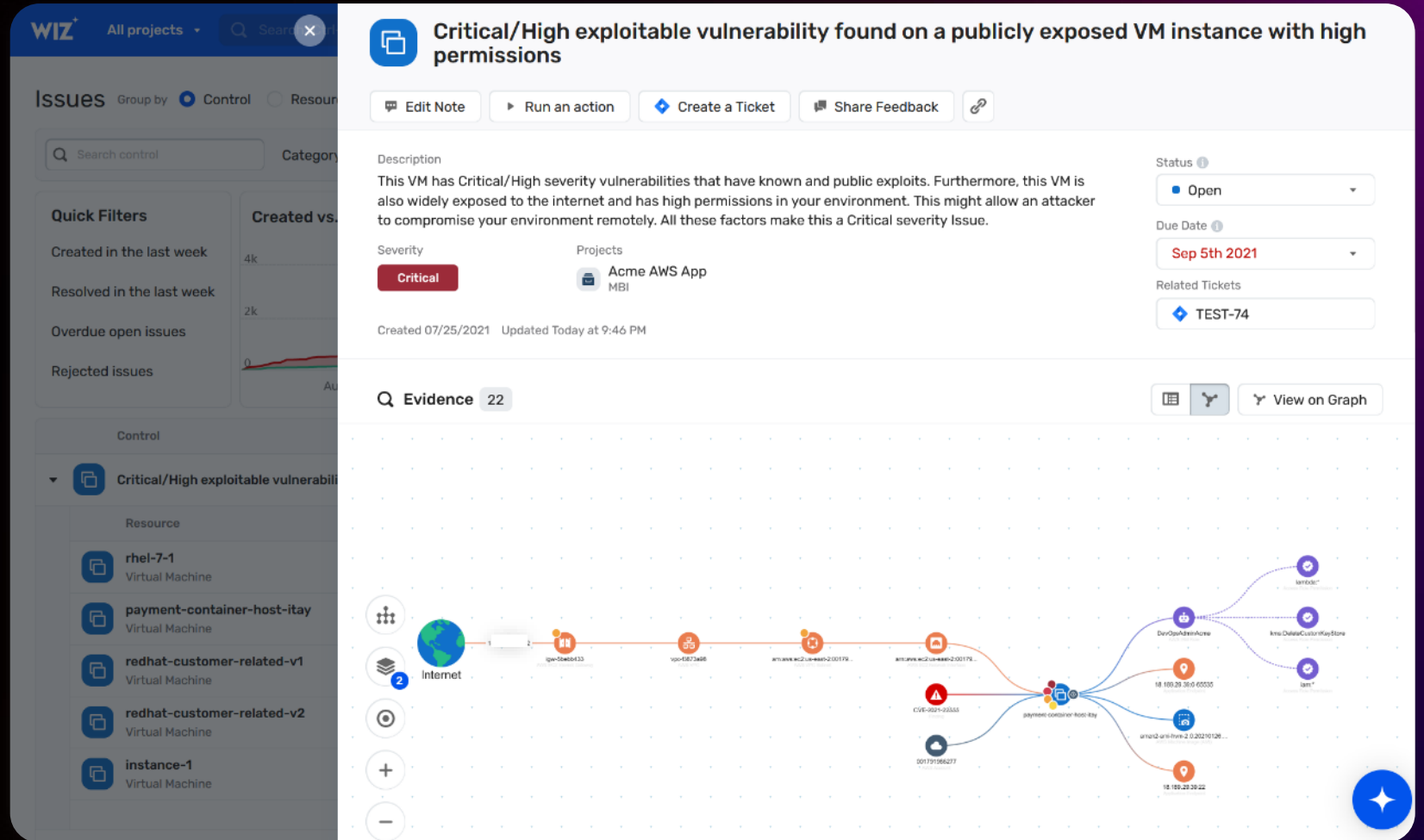
- Vulnerabilities
- Inventory
- Exposed secrets

## Cloud context

- Resource configuration
- Networking
- Identities

## Business context

- Tags
- Environment
- Business team



# Launched this year

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



Neptune ML  
Inductive  
Inference



openCypher GA



Global Database



Serverless

Plus 14 engine releases year-to-date to improve performance, features, reliability, and availability...



**Customers said they  
wanted an easy way to  
explore their graph data**

**n**  
the

Entity type: Movie

Movie (100)

- Fantômas: The Dead Man... Movie
- Fantomas: The Man in Bla... Movie
- Germinal; or, The Toll of L... Movie
- Smith's Knockabout Thea... Movie
- The \$5,000,000 Counterf... Movie
- The Active Life of Dolly of... Movie
- The Adventures of a Diplo... Movie
- The Adventures of Andy ... Movie

Search returned 100 results of 501,77k

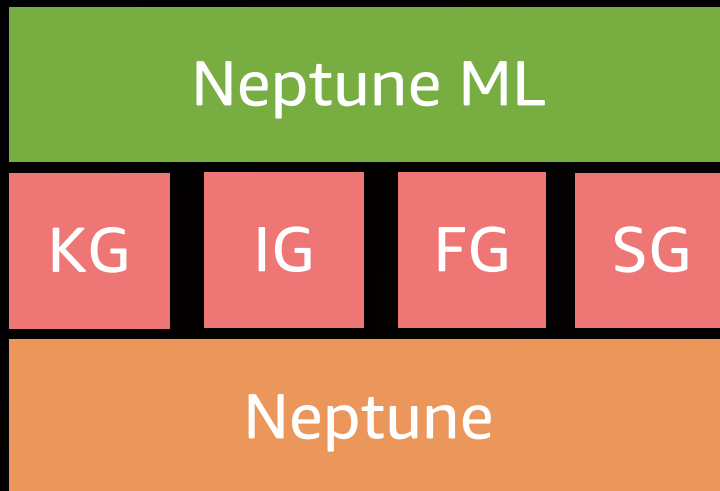
The graph visualization displays a network of relationships between movies and actors. The central node is 'The \$5,000,000 Counterfeiting Plot' (pink star icon). It is connected to several actors (blue circle icons) and other movies (pink star icons). The actors include John Sharkey, Joseph Sullivan, George G. Nathan, William Cavanaugh, Hector Dion, Theo Frenkel, Cliff Saum, The Tortured Heart, William J. Burns, Carnille, The Straight Way, Romeo and Juliet, The War Bride's Secret, Her Greatest Love, Heart and Soul, The Flaming Sword, The Seats of the Mighty, Bertram Harrison, Charles E. Graham, and Glen White. The movies include 'The \$5,000,000 Counterfeiting Plot', 'The Tortured Heart', 'The War Bride's Secret', 'Her Greatest Love', 'Heart and Soul', 'The Flaming Sword', 'The Seats of the Mighty', 'The Active Life of Dolly of...', 'The Adventures of Andy ...', 'The Adventures of a Diplo...', 'The Active Life of Dolly of...', 'The \$5,000,000 Counterf...', 'Smith's Knockabout Thea...', 'Germinal; or, The Toll of L...', 'Fantomas: The Man in Bla...', and 'Fantômas: The Dead Man...'. The graph shows a complex web of connections, with some actors appearing in multiple movies and some movies having multiple actors. The nodes are labeled with their names and the relationships are indicated by lines connecting them.

- Start exploring using faceted search
- Click to expand and customize visualizations
- Supports RDF and property graph data
- Will be available under an Apache 2 license in December 2022

# Amazon Neptune ML: Fast and accurate predictions on graphs

New!

*Easy, fast, and accurate predictions on graphs with graph neural networks (GNNs), powered by the Deep Graph Library (DGL) and Amazon SageMaker*



## Now supports Online Inductive Inference (OII) for dynamic graph predictions

- With inductive inference, the GNN model applies data processing and model evaluation in real time.
- Expands Neptune ML to use cases like fraud and recommendations that require predictions based on the current state of the graph.
- Available in Engine Versions 1.2.0.2+



<https://aws.amazon.com/neptune/machine-learning/>



# openCypher for Amazon Neptune

*Developers can now use openCypher, a popular graph query language, with Amazon Neptune, providing them the most choice to build or migrate graph applications*

Generally Available



openCypher

## A declarative query language for property graph data

- openCypher allows customers to draw on their SQL knowledge to help power their businesses with graph applications

## Data interoperability

- Customers can use the openCypher and Apache TinkerPop Gremlin query languages over the same property graph data

## Compatible with Bolt Protocol

- Allows customers to leverage familiar and existing tooling to migrate workloads

## Avoid expensive commercial licensing



# Comparing Gremlin and openCypher

	openCypher	Gremlin
Style	Declarative	Imperative
Syntax	Pattern matching  <pre>MATCH p=(a)-[:route]-&gt;(d) WHERE a.code='ANC' RETURN p</pre>	Traversal based  <pre>g.V().has('code', 'ANC'). out('route').path(). by(elementMap())</pre>
Ease of use	Easy to learn, SQL-inspired readable by non-programmers	Steeper learning curve, similar to stream processing languages
Flexibility	Low	High
Query support	String based queries	String based queries or programmatic based GLVs
Clients	HTTPS and Bolt	HTTPS and Websockets

# openCypher tips and roadmap

- We're iterating rapidly – keep your engine version up-to-date.
- Last week's 1.2.0.2 release included significant performance improvements for variable length path (VLP) queries
- New features (user-specified IDs)
- Don't be a stranger – we can help!
  - Let us know how openCypher is working for you.
  - Check out the latest documentation for tips and best practices.

Throughput	
1.2.0.2 IAD	Positive is Better
req/s	% Difference from 1.1.0.0
112	44%
167	102%
198	25%
159	7%
188	124%
98	22%
62	6%
208	20%
198	19%
56	16%
90	12%
62	-1%
209	20%
199	21%
56	16%

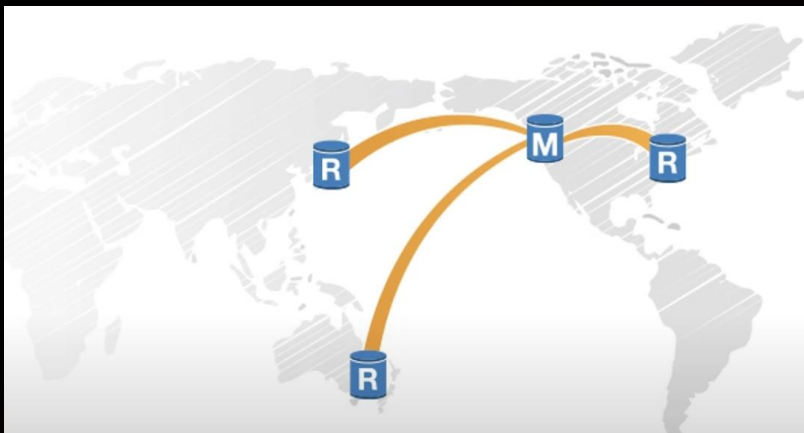
Latency	
1.2.0.2 IAD	Negative is Better
req/s	% Difference from 1.1.0.0
90	-51%
58	-103%
53	-26%
55	-25%
52	-124%
205	-33%
308	-9%
105	-21%
109	-22%
345	-21%
488	-7%
596	-1%
193	-18%
197	-20%
642	-20%



# Amazon Neptune Global Database

*Deploy Neptune clusters across multiple AWS Regions for fast cross-region disaster recovery and low-latency global reads*

Generally Available



## Disaster recovery

- Maintain business continuity in the event of regional outages with fast global failover to secondary AWS Regions

## Low latency reads

- Connect to the Neptune cluster closest to your applications

## Fast cross-Region migrations

- Migrate primary clusters to new AWS Region

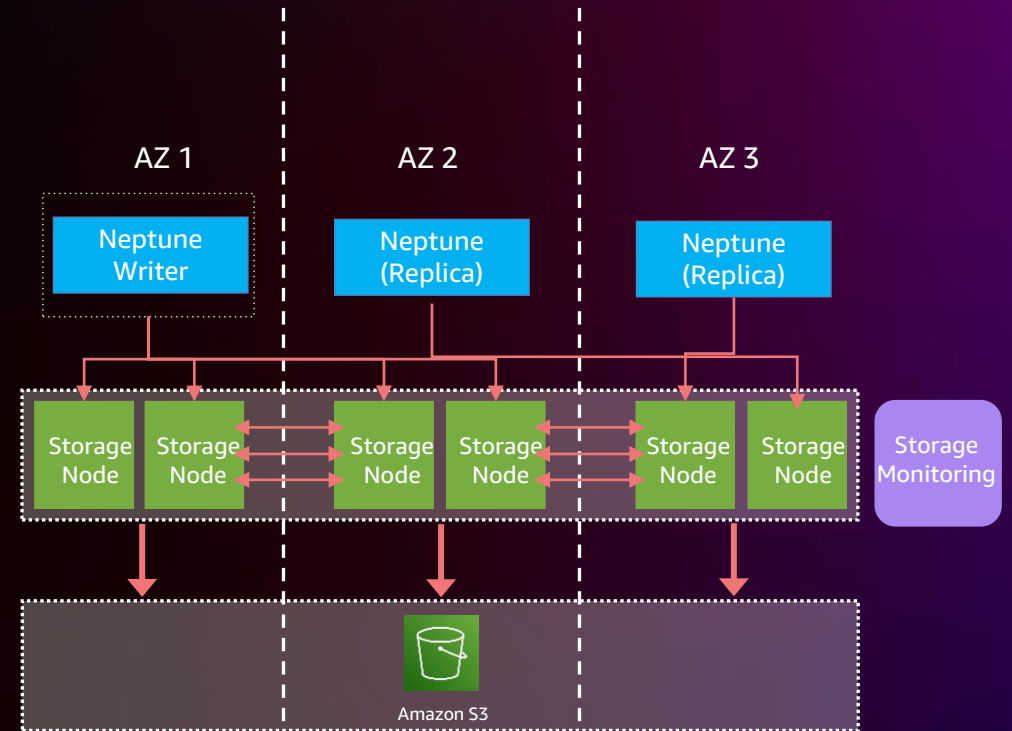
## Low replication lag

- Fast replication between AWS Regions



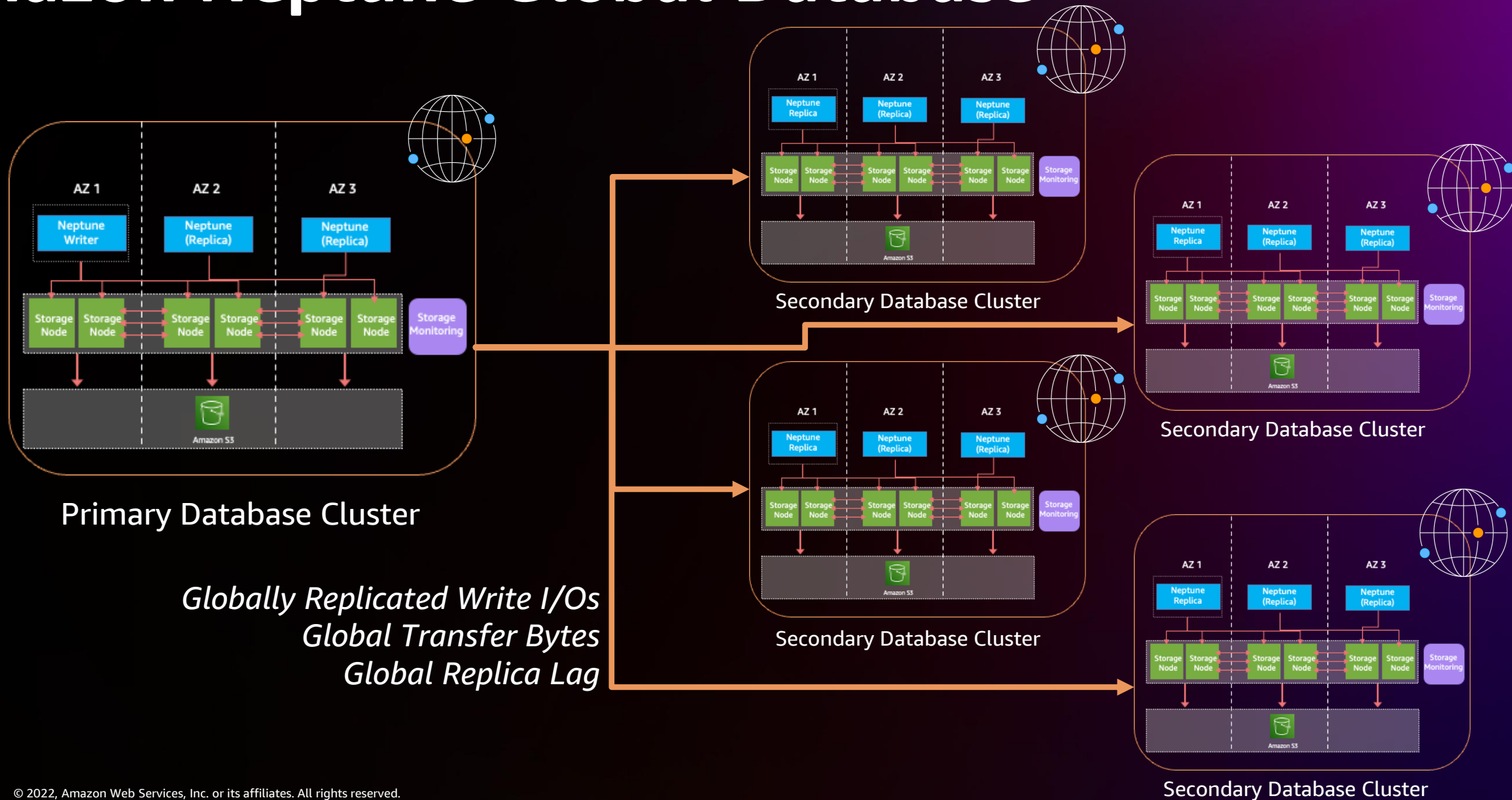
# Amazon Neptune clusters – A quick review!

- Scale up query evaluation
  - 1 Writer; Up to 15 replicas
- Scale out storage
- **Storage volume automatically grows up to 128 TiB (new in 2022!)**
- Data is replicated 6 times across 3 AZs
- Continuous monitoring of nodes and disks
- 10 GB segments as unit of repair or hotspot rebalance
- Quorum system for read/write; latency tolerant
- Quorum membership changes do not stall writes
- Continuous backup to Amazon S3
  - *Built for 11 9s durability*



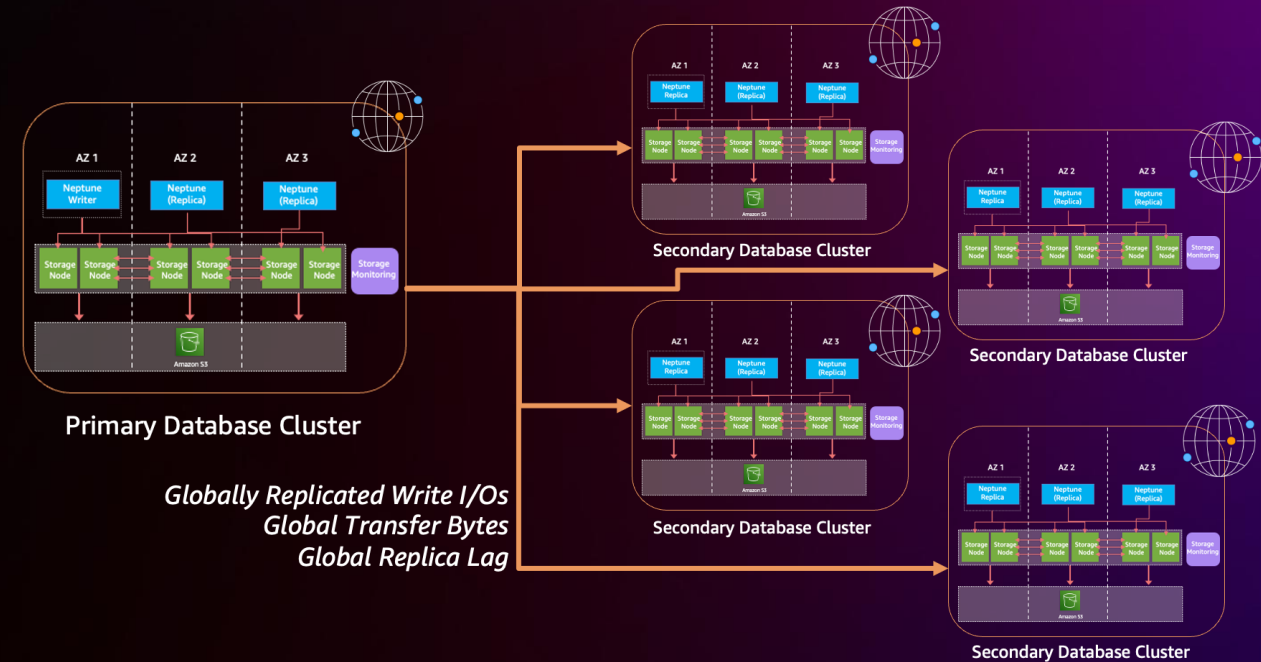


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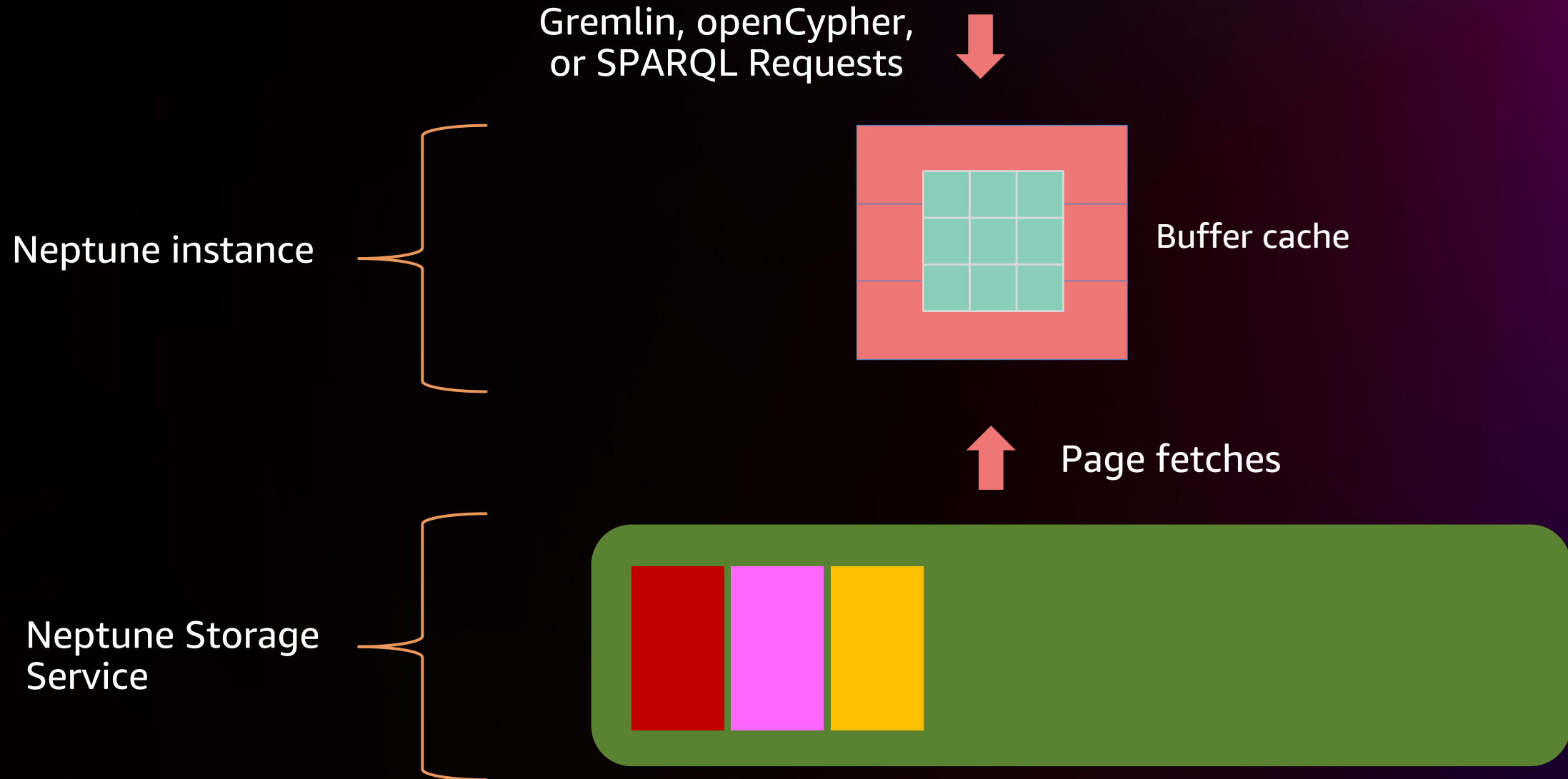


# Amazon Neptune Global Database

- Up to 5 Secondary Clusters in supported AWS Regions
- Each secondary DB cluster is like a read-replica
- Supports planned and unplanned failover modes
- Detach and promote (unplanned)
- Managed planned failover
- Engine Release 1.2.0.0+
- 7 AWS Regions: US East (N. Virginia), US East (Ohio), US West (N. California), US West (Oregon), Europe (Ireland), Europe (London), and Asia Pacific (Tokyo)



# Evaluating queries on Neptune: Buffer cache

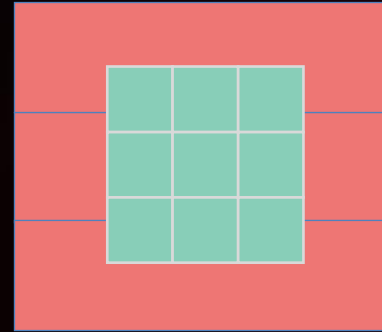
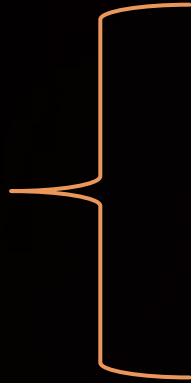


# Buffer cache: Cache miss

Gremlin, openCypher,  
or SPARQL Requests



Neptune instance

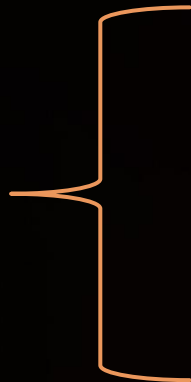


Evict



When pages need to be retrieved  
from the storage service, there is  
a higher latency

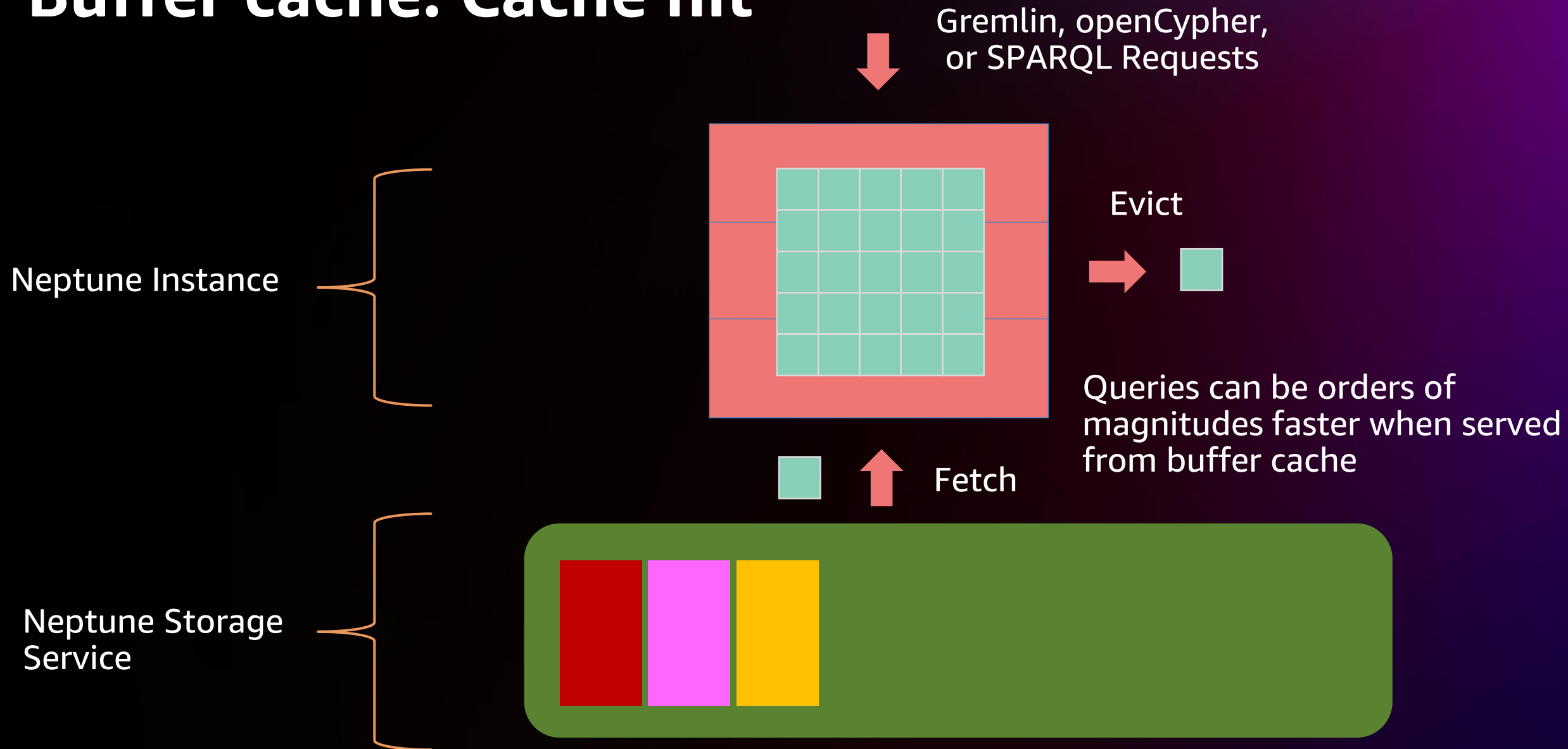
Neptune Storage  
Service



Fetch

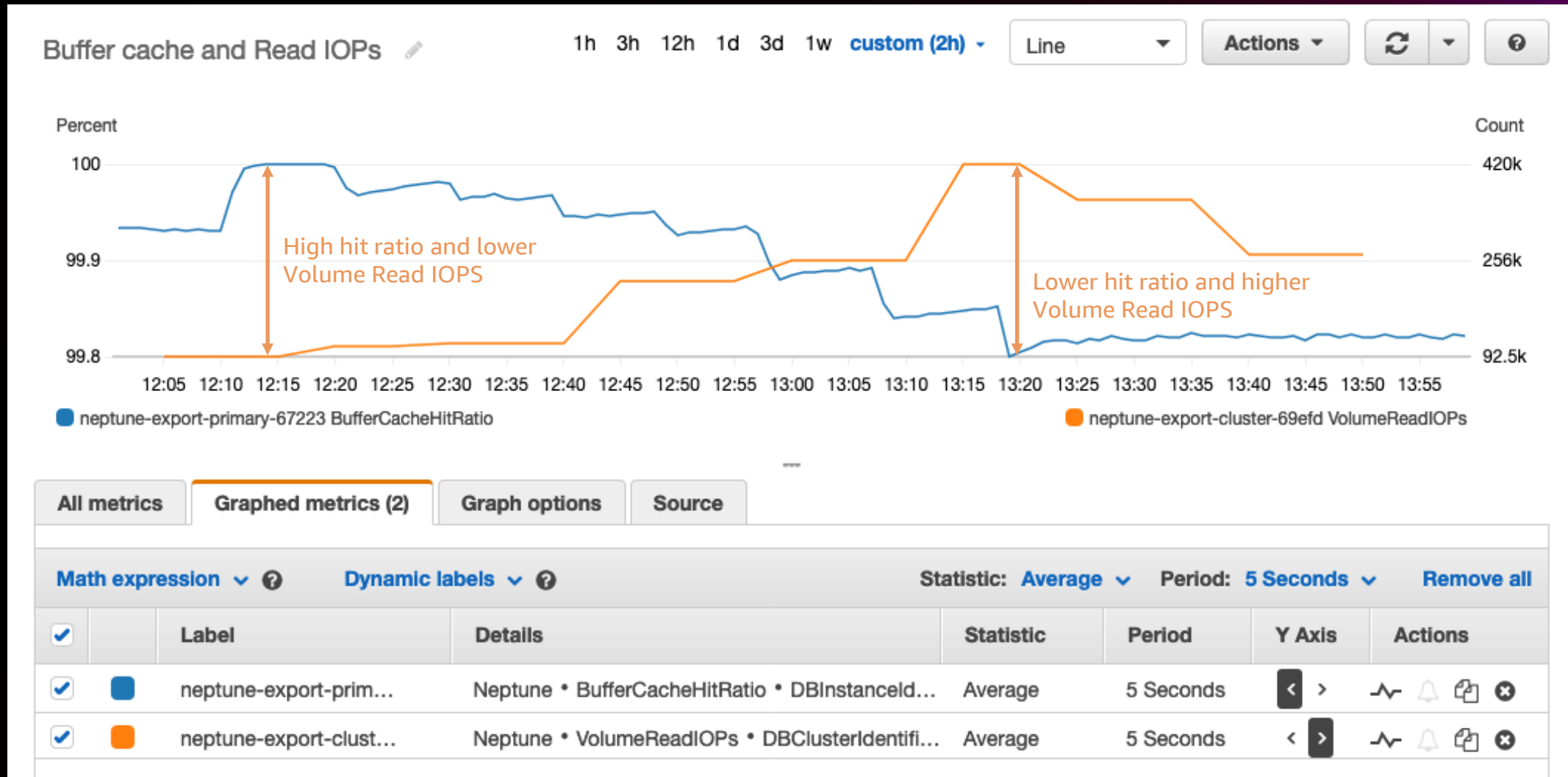


# Buffer cache: Cache hit



# Using the BufferCacheHitRatio for Scaling

If the cache hit ratio is below 99.9%, more memory may improve performance, e.g., larger instance.



**We heard from customers  
that managing capacity  
was hard**

# Amazon Neptune Serverless

*The first serverless graph database that automatically scales database capacity up or down to optimize cost and performance.*



Amazon  
Neptune  
Serverless

## Scale Instantly

- Instantly scale capacity in a fraction of a second to meet workload demands.

## Optimize performance for demanding workloads

- Scales capacity in fine-grained increments. Eliminate the complexity of configuring capacity for unpredictable or variable workloads.

## Save up to 90% on database costs

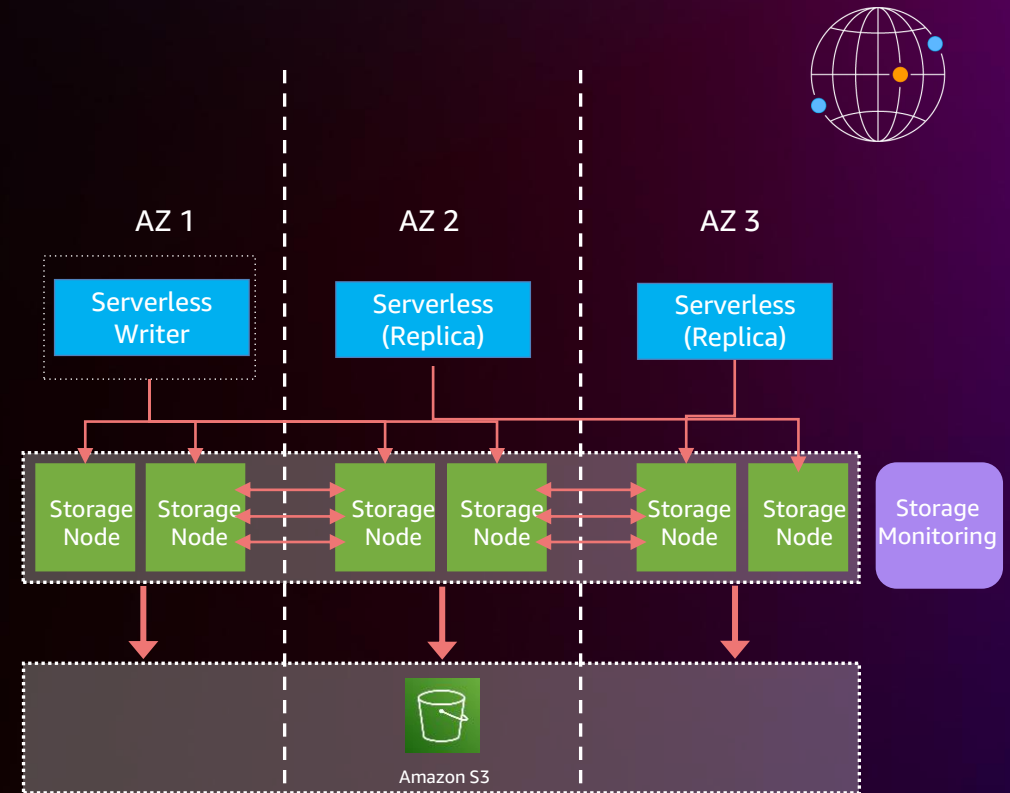
- Reduce costs by up to 90% compared to provisioning for maximum database capacity.



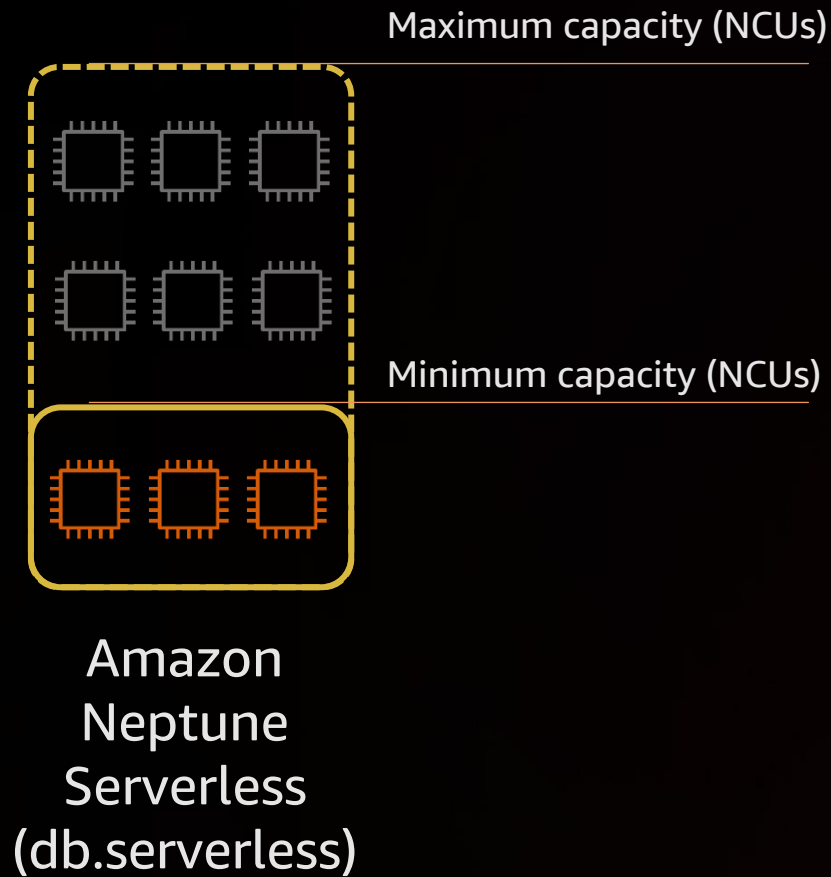


# Serverless scaling and availability

- Amazon Neptune Serverless has the same query, loading, availability, and scalability features
  - Add a db.serverless instances to your cluster
  - When using a Serverless Writer, Serverless replicas in Tier 0 or Tier 1 scale with the writer to be available as fail-over targets
  - You can combine serverless and non-serverless instances in the same cluster
  - Serverless instances can be part of Neptune Global Database clusters



# How is Serverless capacity managed?



- A Neptune Capacity Unit (NCU) is the measure of scaling
  - 1 NCU = 2GB RAM of capacity and proportionate CPU and network bandwidth
  - User specified min. and max.
  - System min = 2.5 NCU and max = 128 NCU (equiv. r6g.8xlarge)
- Minimum capacity determines the starting capacity of the instance
- Maximum capacity is a budget control

# How does Neptune Serverless scale capacity?

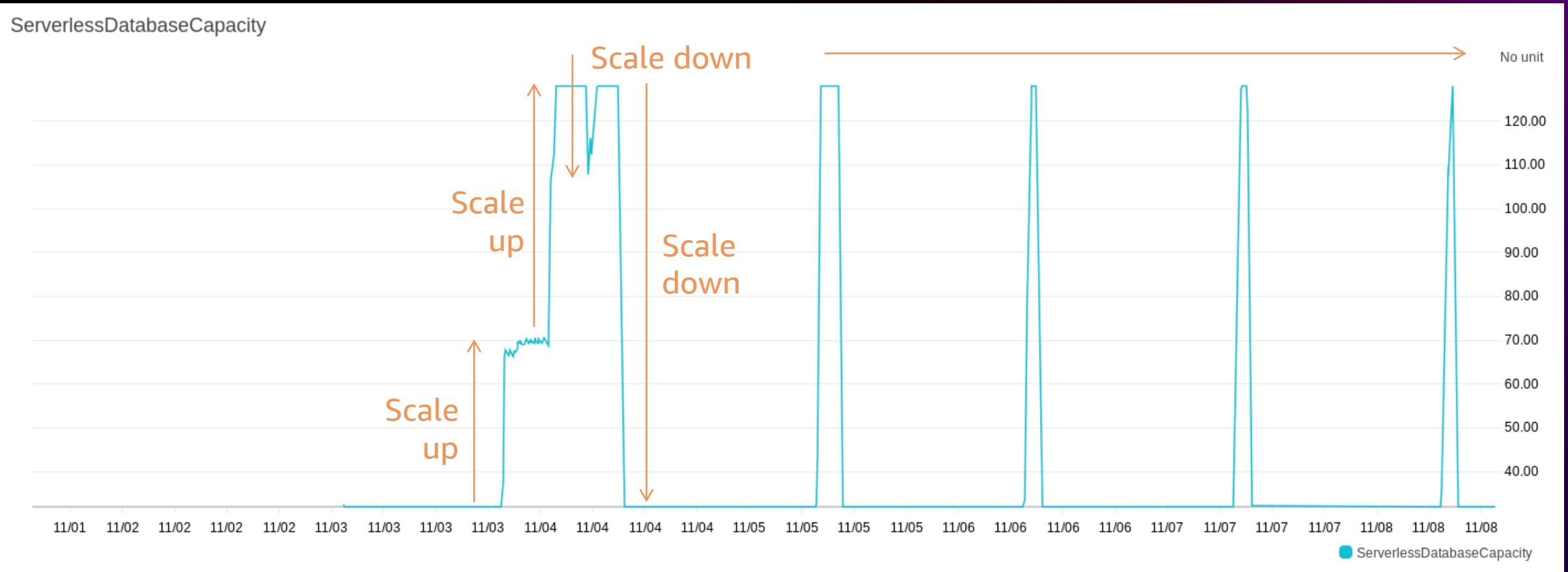


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Neptune  
Serverless  
(db.serverless)

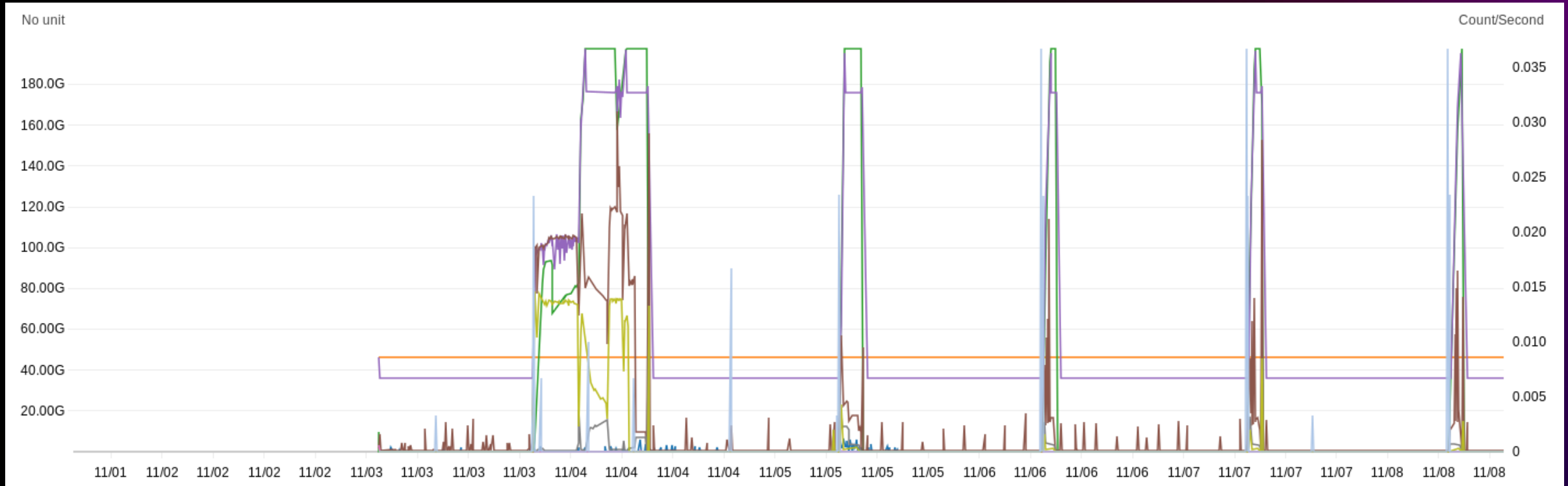
- CPU utilization of both foreground and background processes
- Memory utilization of internal data structures (e.g., buffer pool)
- Network throughput is proportional to capacity – capacity is scaled to match network throughput needs
- Scale-up rate is predictable and proportional to current capacity – larger instances scale up faster

# Neptune Serverless customer scaling behavior

Scaling over time saving costs  
vs. peak provisioning



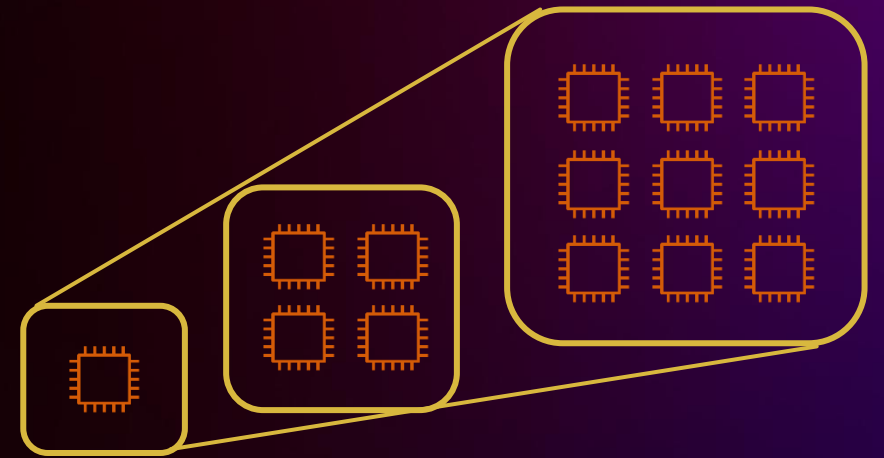
# How do we know when and how to scale?



Colored lines represent different decision making processes that are monitoring memory, CPU, network utilization, min/max NCU.

# A few more things on Serverless...

- When is Serverless not a good fit?
  - Memory intensive workloads that require more RAM than available in 128 NCUs / r6g.8xlarge
  - Have a highly predictable, steady-state workloads and don't need the ability to scale based on demand
- On the horizon...
  - AWS Cloudformation and AWS Cloud Development Kit (CDK) support is coming very soon!
  - Support for lower minimum NCUs
  - Expanded Regional availability
  - And more... let us know how you're using Serverless



# Demo: Global Serverless Graph Database Cluster!

us-east-1

Load Generator



AWS Lambda

Amazon Neptune Global Database

Writer



Reader

Primary  
Cluster

Storage

Amazon Neptune



Neptune Notebook



Graph Explorer

eu-west-2

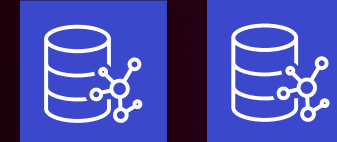
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DAT302	How Wiz uses graphs to gain security insights with Amazon Neptune	11/30 – MGM Grand – 13:00 – 14:00

# Additional resources



Neptune Serverless



Neptune Developer Resources



Neptune openCypher



Neptune Release Notes – Latest Features & Improvements



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