

Reliable RT processing @ Spotify

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Spotify



Spotify

- the right music for every moment
- over **6 million paying customers**
- over **24 million active users** each month
- over **20 million songs**
- over **1.5 billion playlists** created so far
- available in **55 markets**

i/o tribe



responsible for building the awesome infrastructure that supports the Spotify experience

Our goal

this looks easy









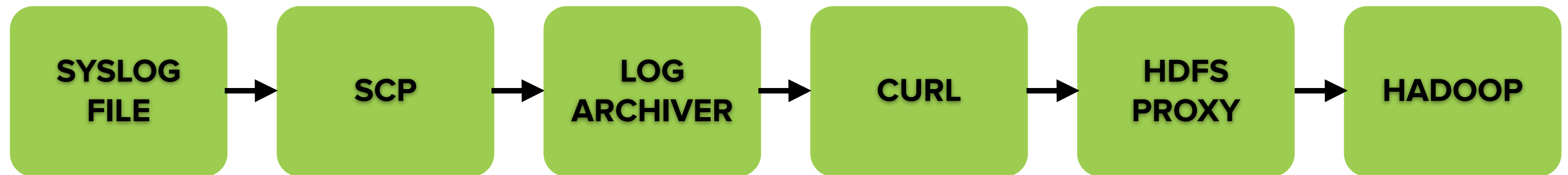


easy

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but we have a problem...

Naïve approach (tm)



SCP

CURL

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Scalability

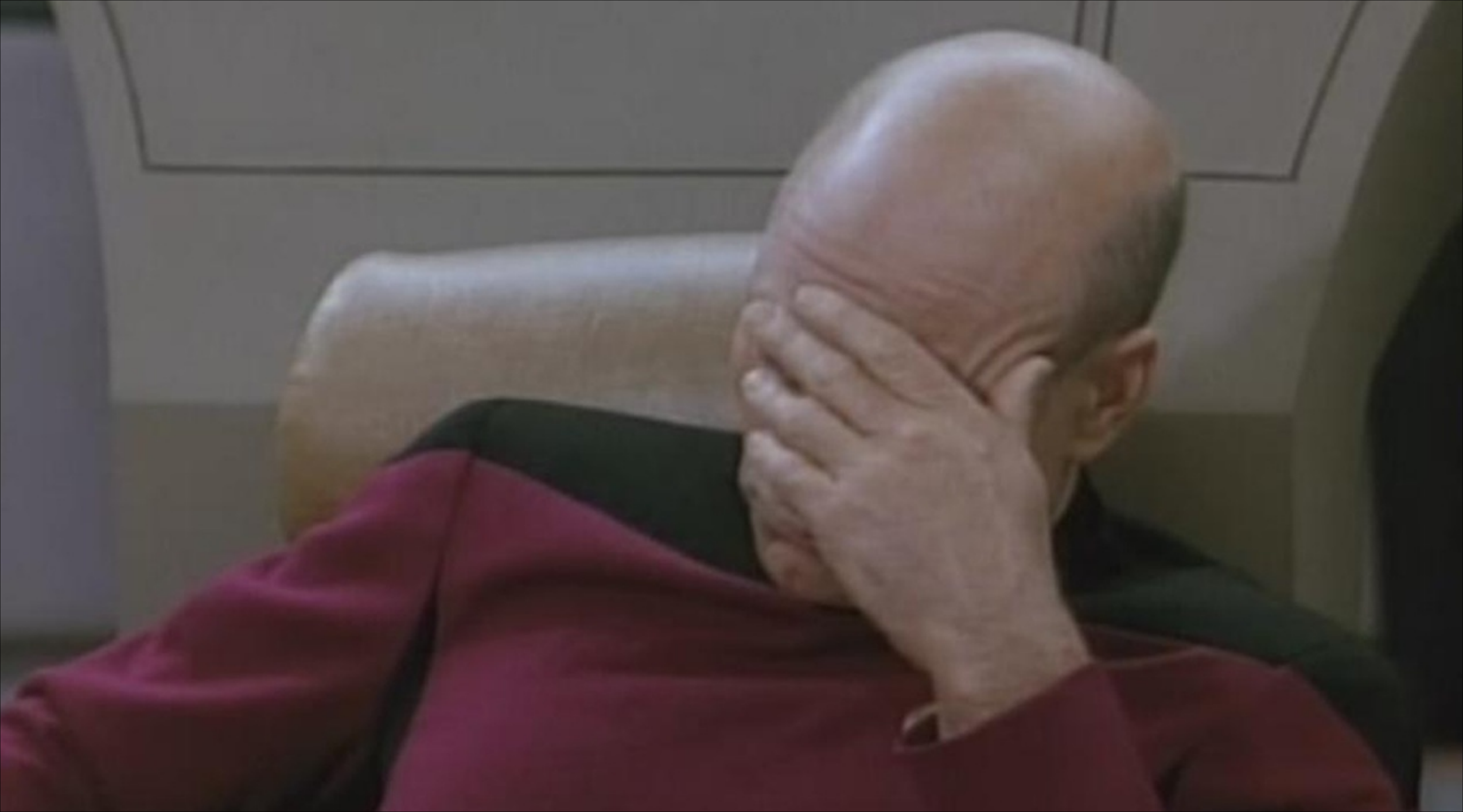
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CURL

Scalability

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thousands of servers
several data centres
millions of users

10 TB

each day!

Our Needs

- reliable delivery
- fast data transfer
- per-service subscription
- low cpu overhead



Other options

- active mq/rabbit mq
- flume/flume-ng
- others: scribe, chukwa, bookkeeper

Apache Kafka

distributed pub/sub system



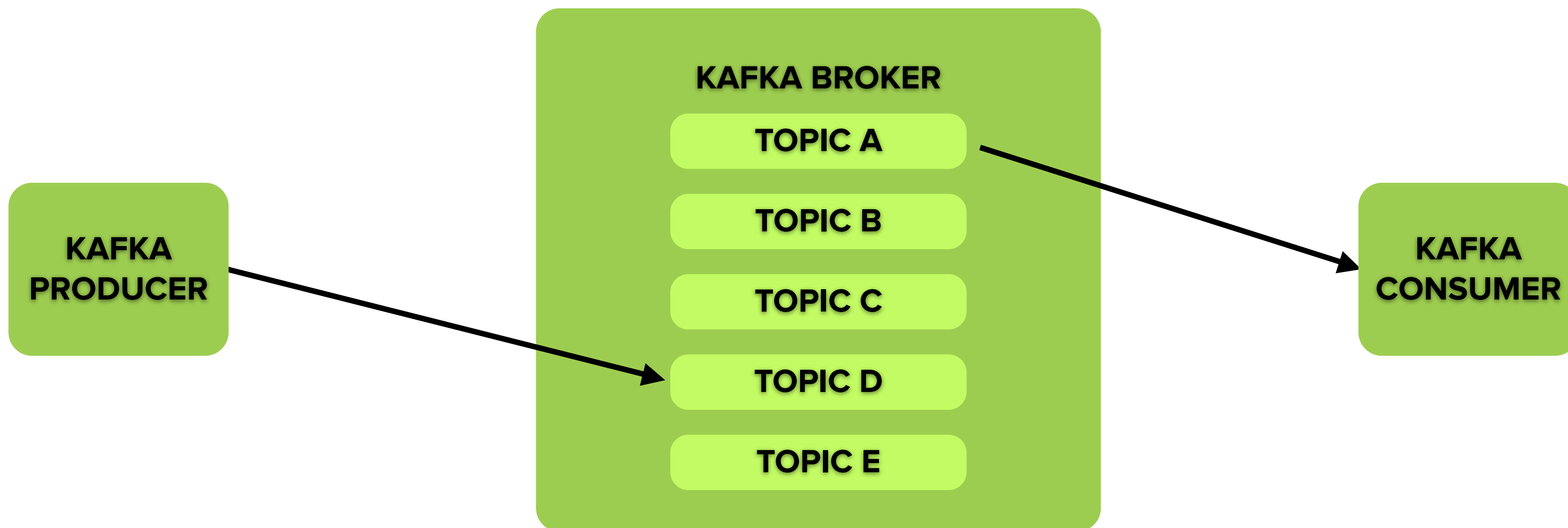
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Kafka coolness

- at least once read
- $O(1)$
- network bounded

Kafka architecture



Cons

- no reliability
- no replication
- manual tuning

Spotify <3 Kafka

running in production!



Kafka at Spotify

- key component of our log delivery system
- kafka 0.7.1
- java 7

Custom extensions

- end-to-end reliable delivery
- compression/encryption service



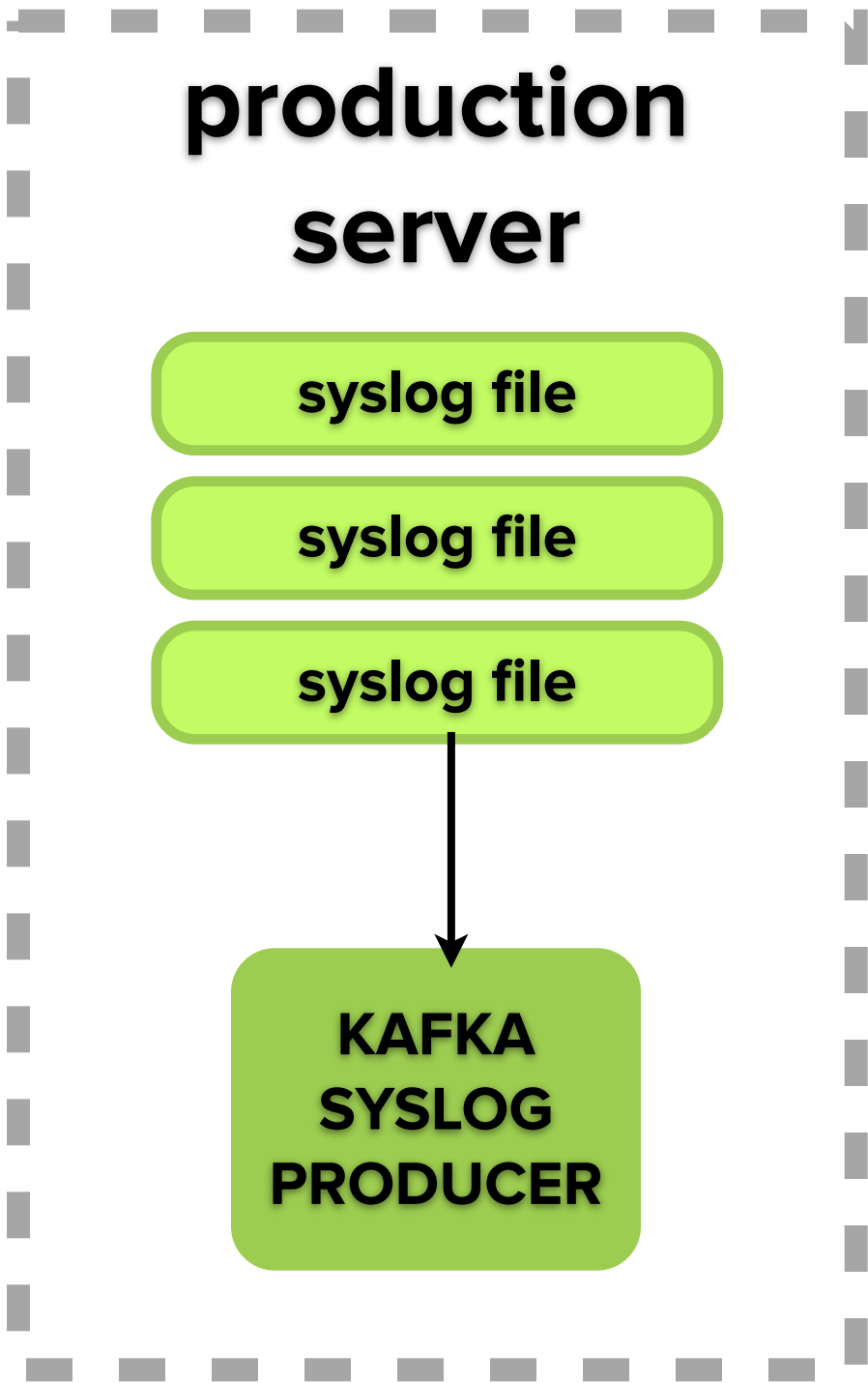
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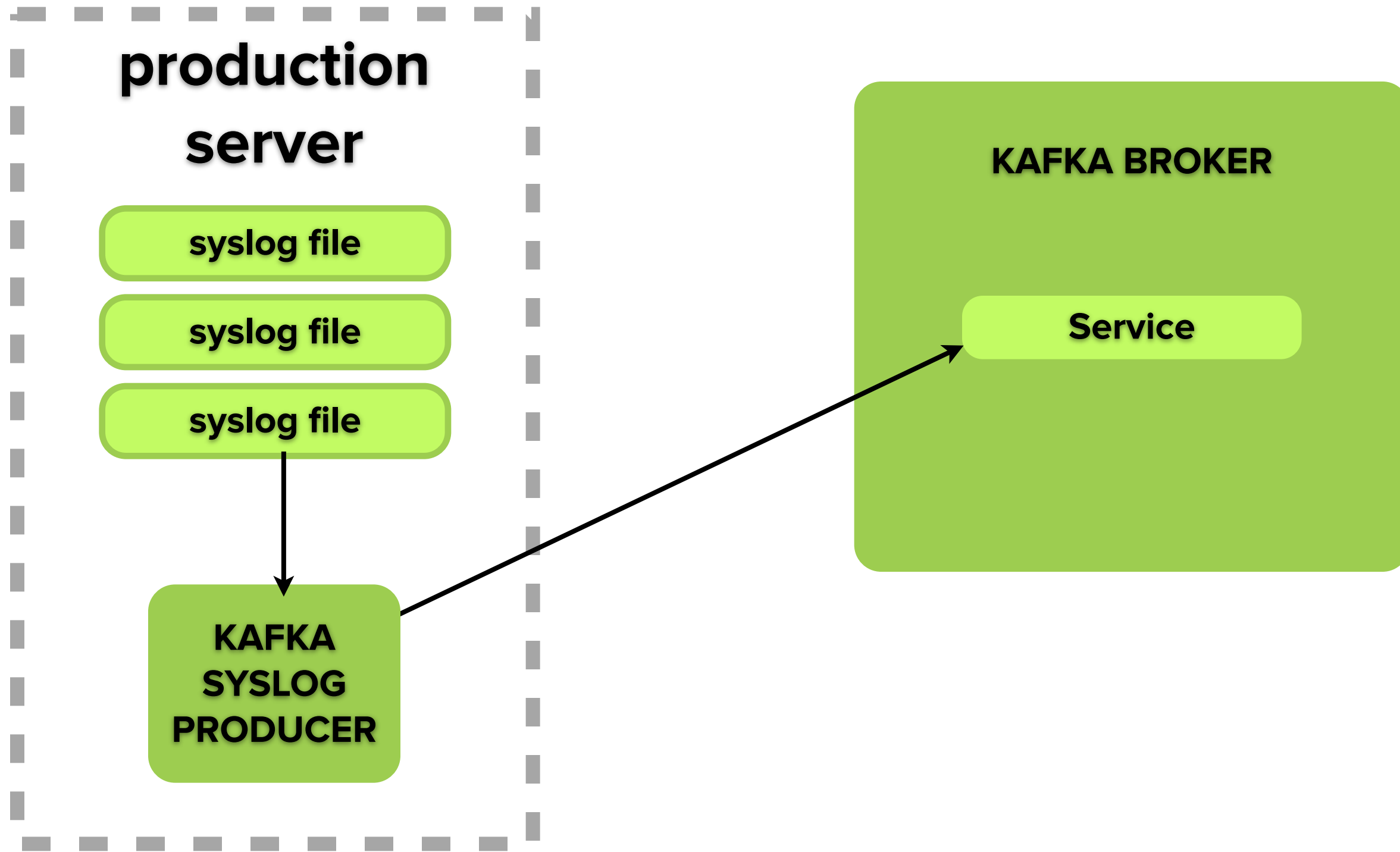
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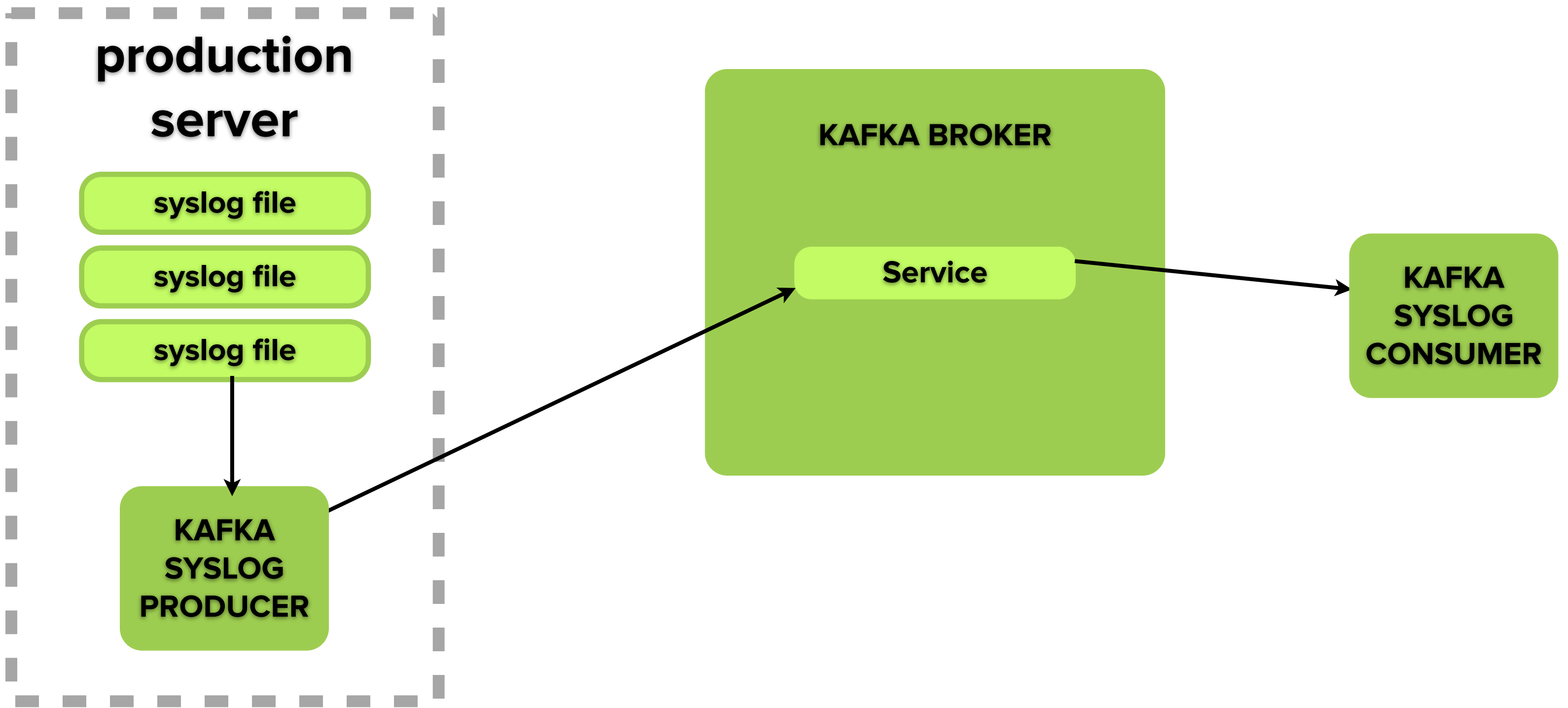
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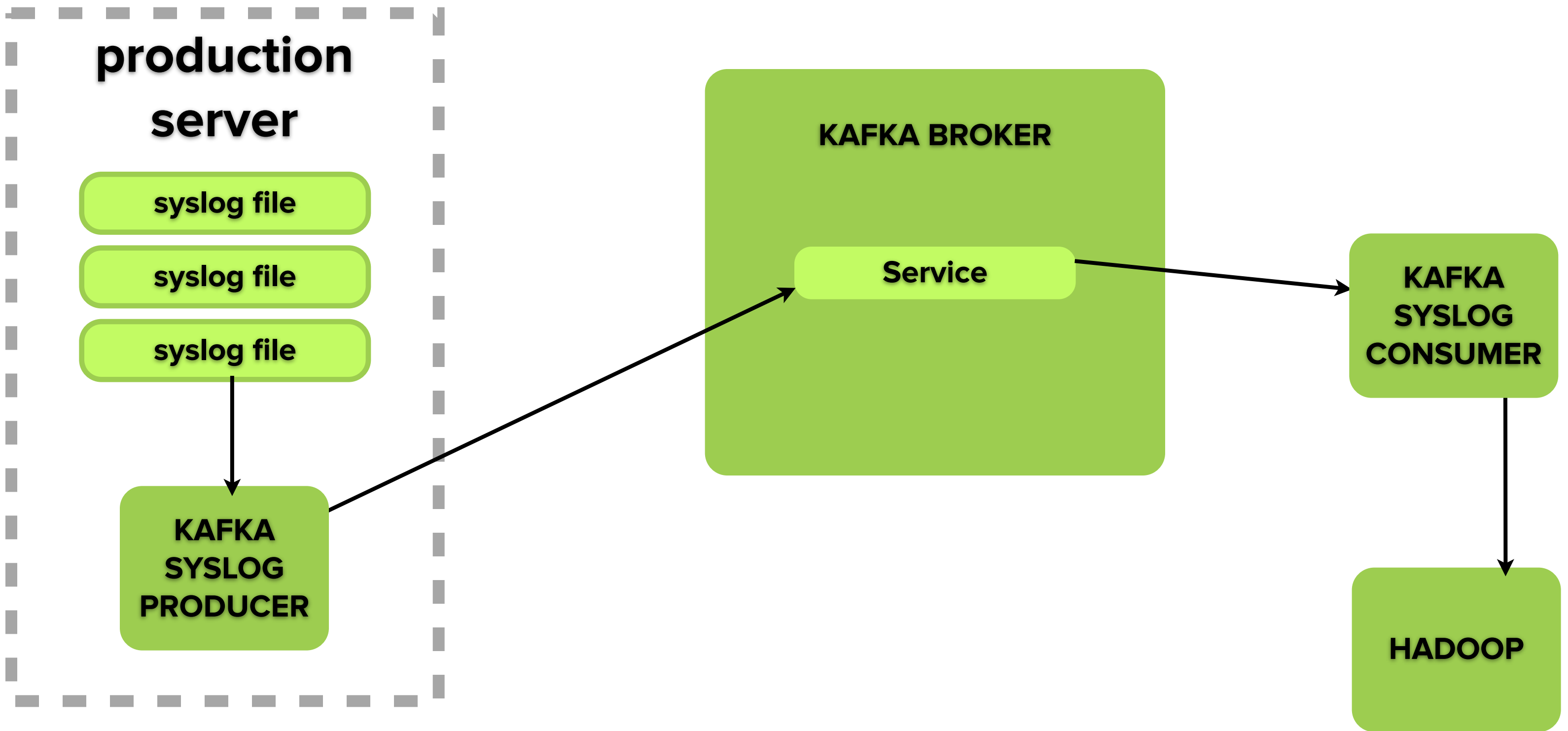
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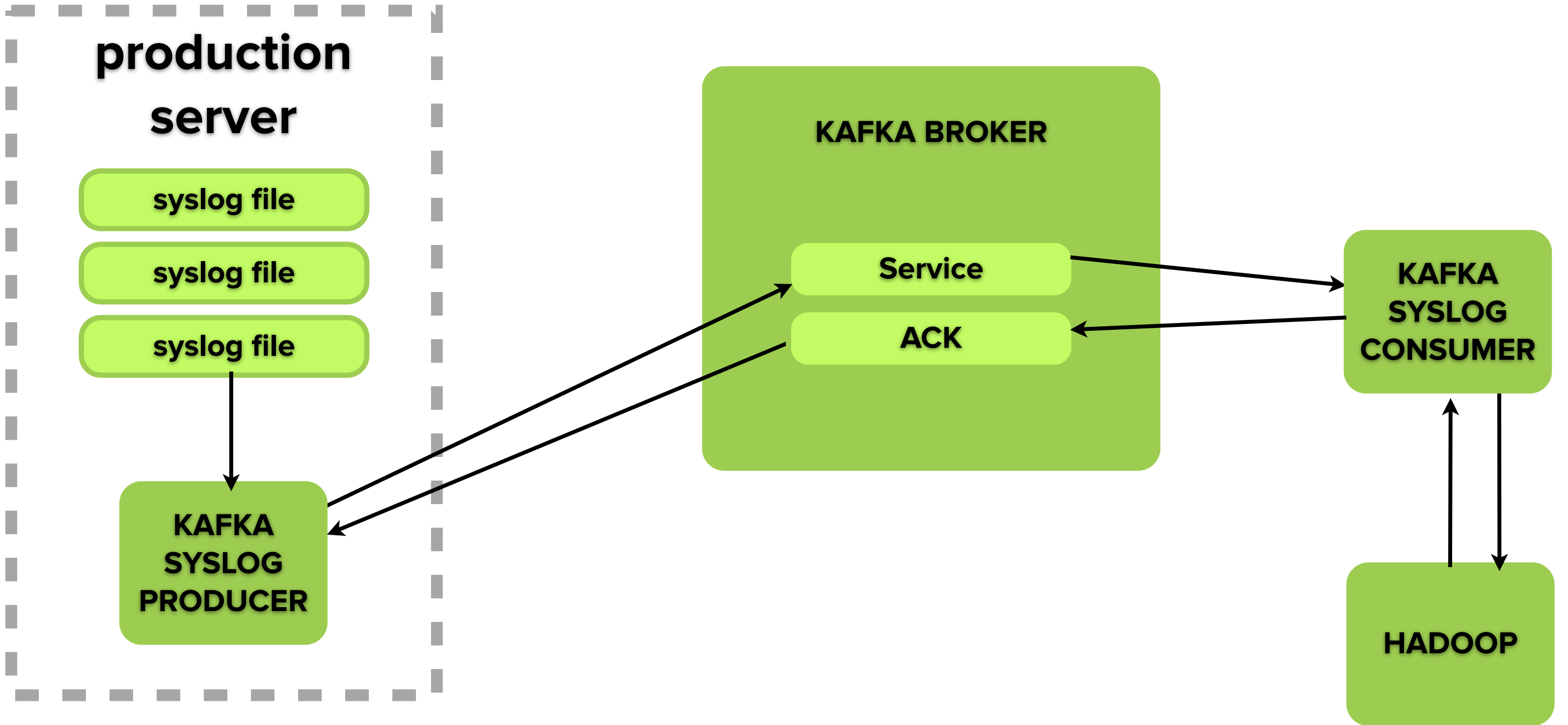
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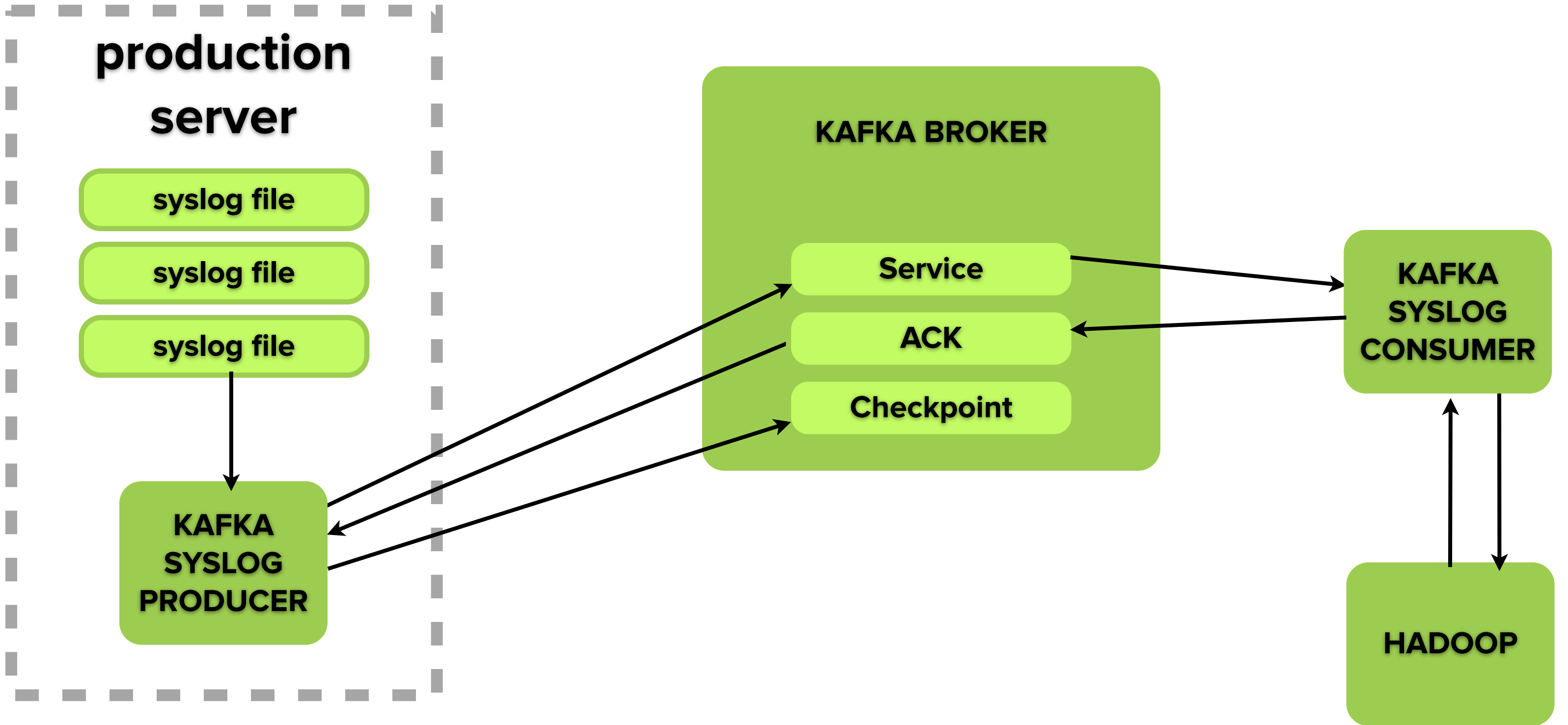












is that all?



Piece of cake

right?

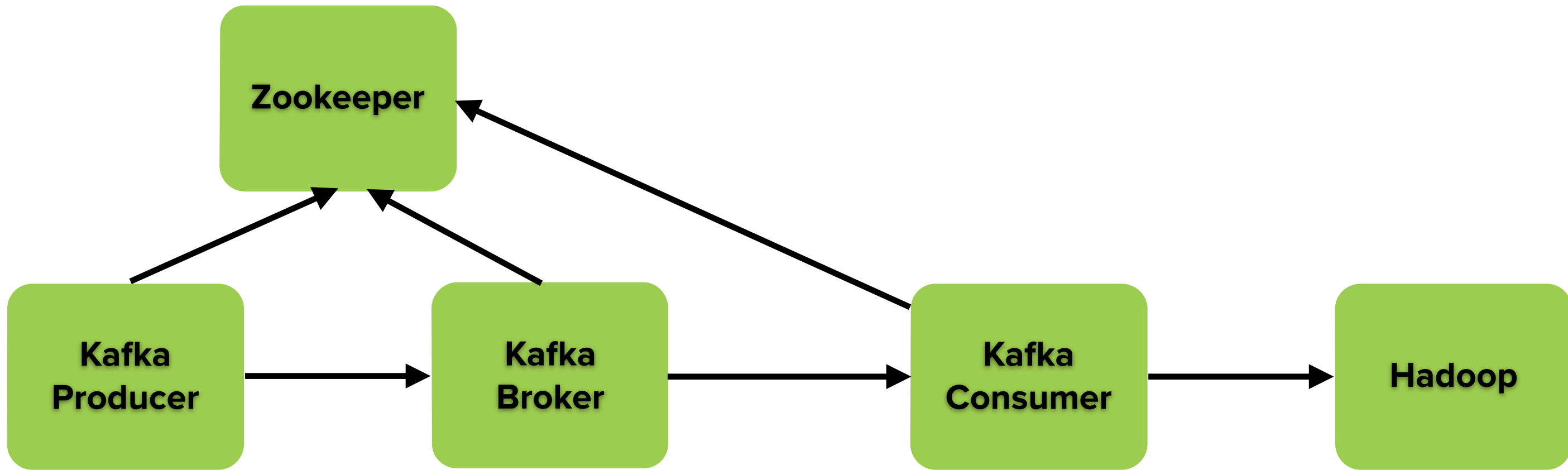


INSTALLED MY NEW KAFKA

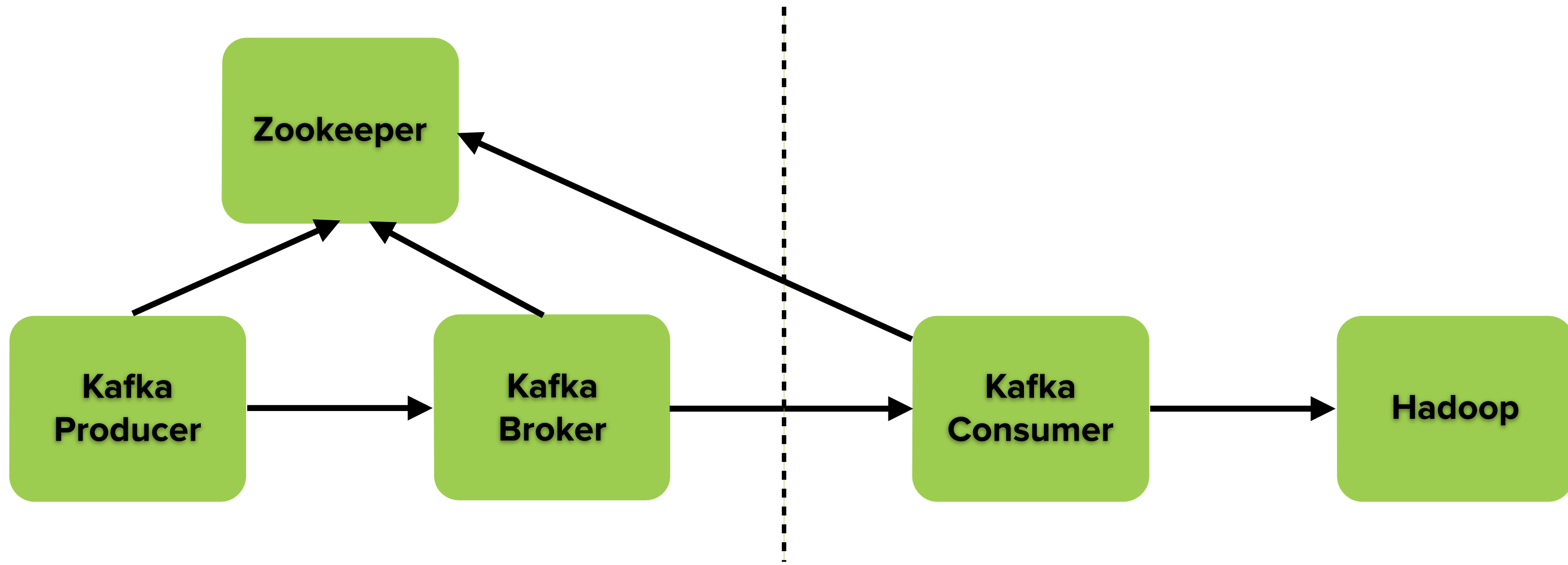
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**IT DIDN'T WORK AS
EXPECTED**



Cross-site problems

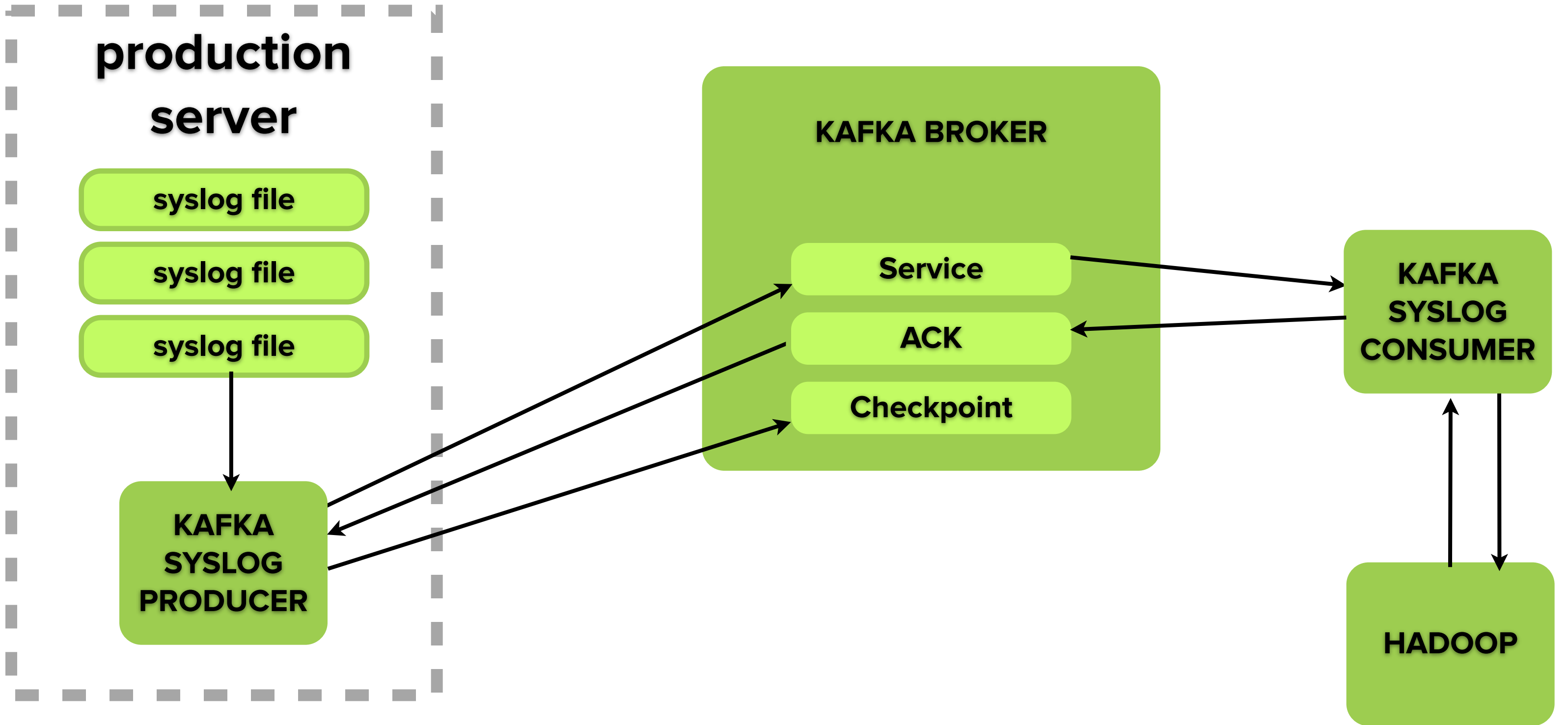


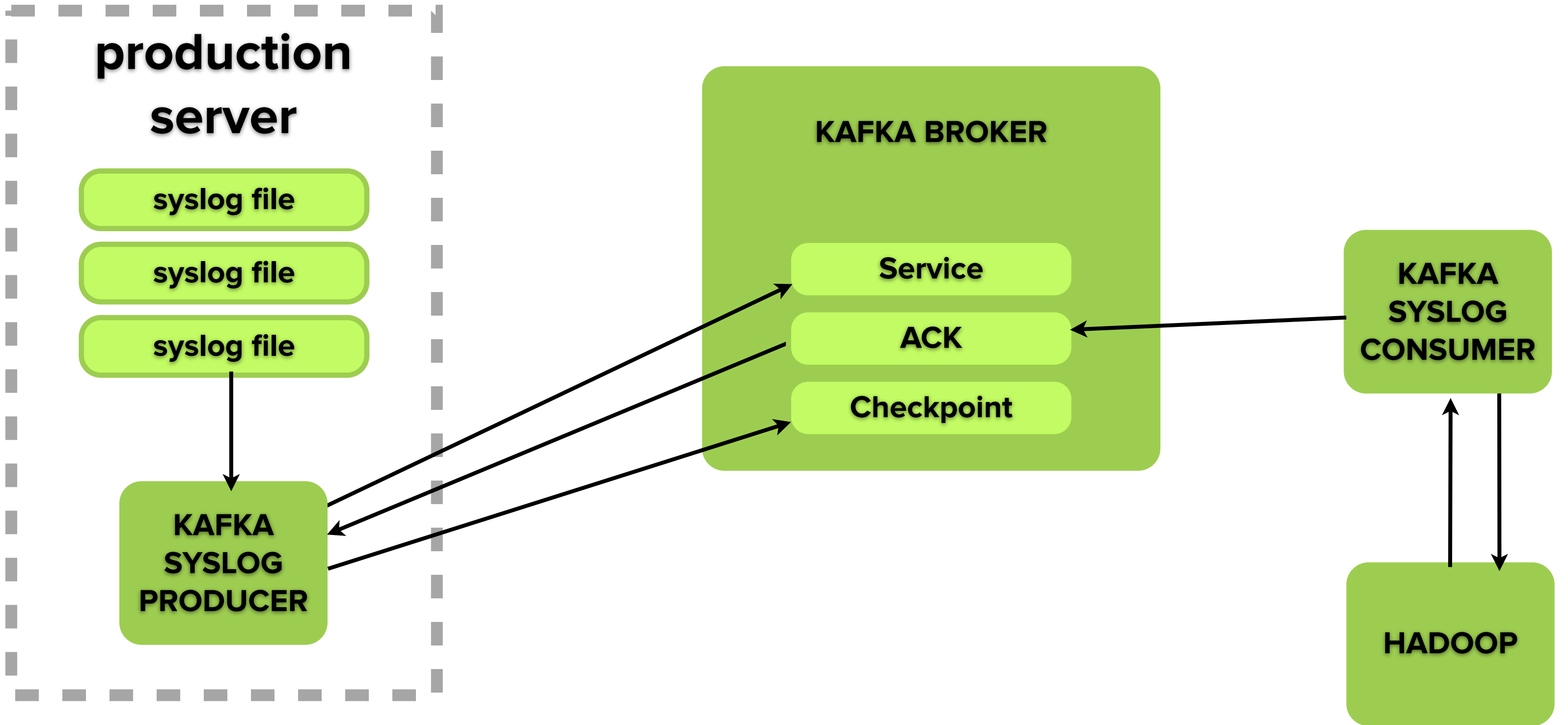
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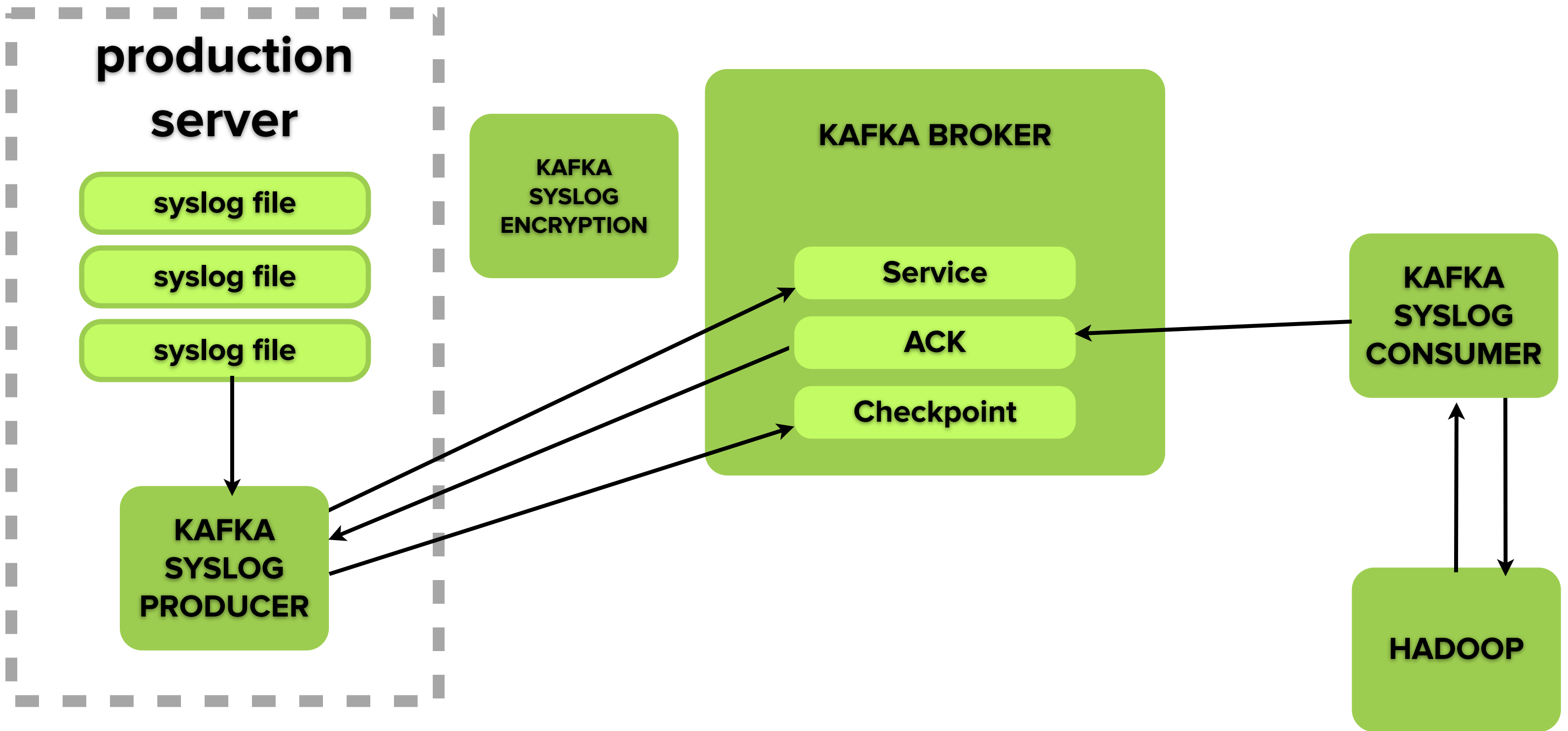
- TCP parameters for big latency
- linux TCP scaling algorithm

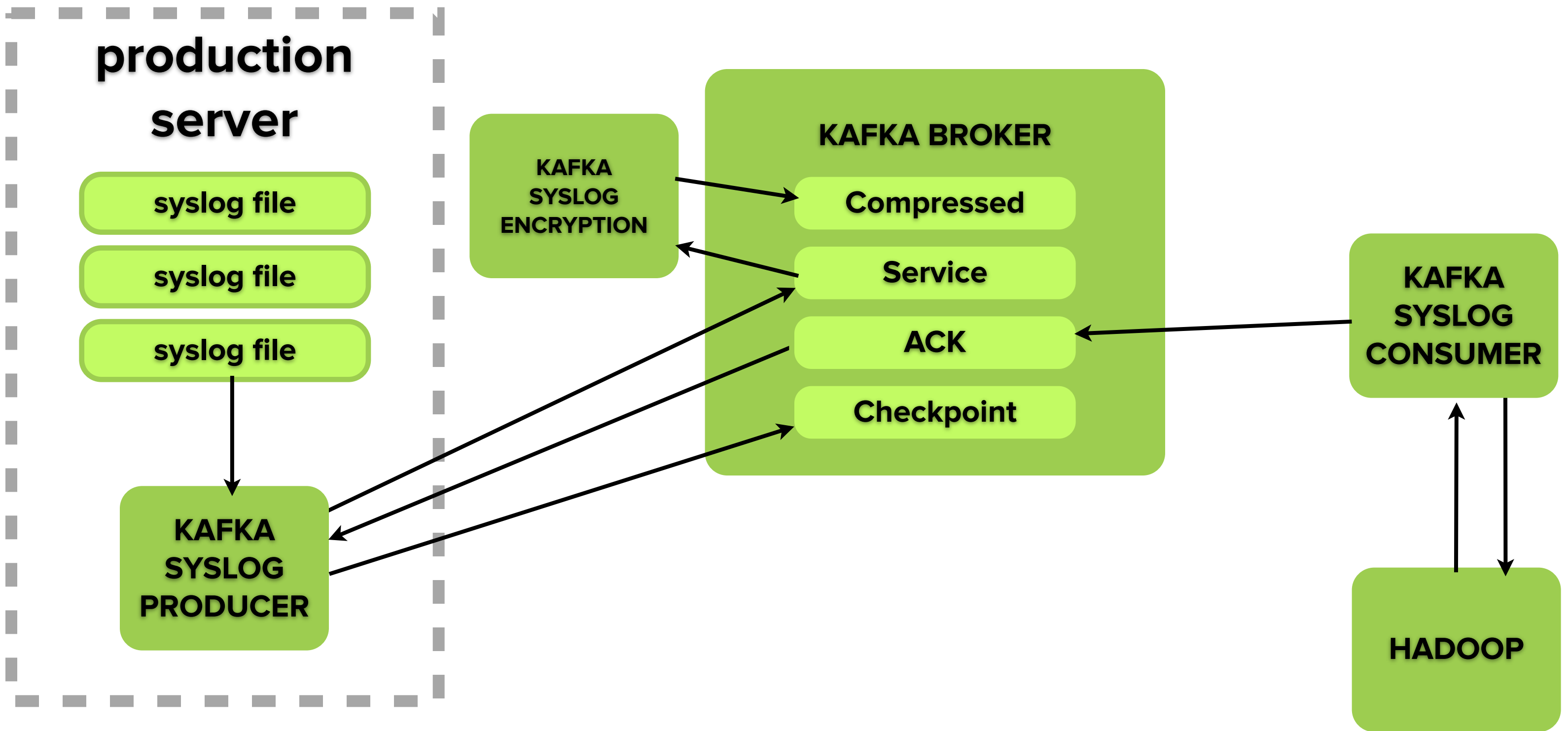
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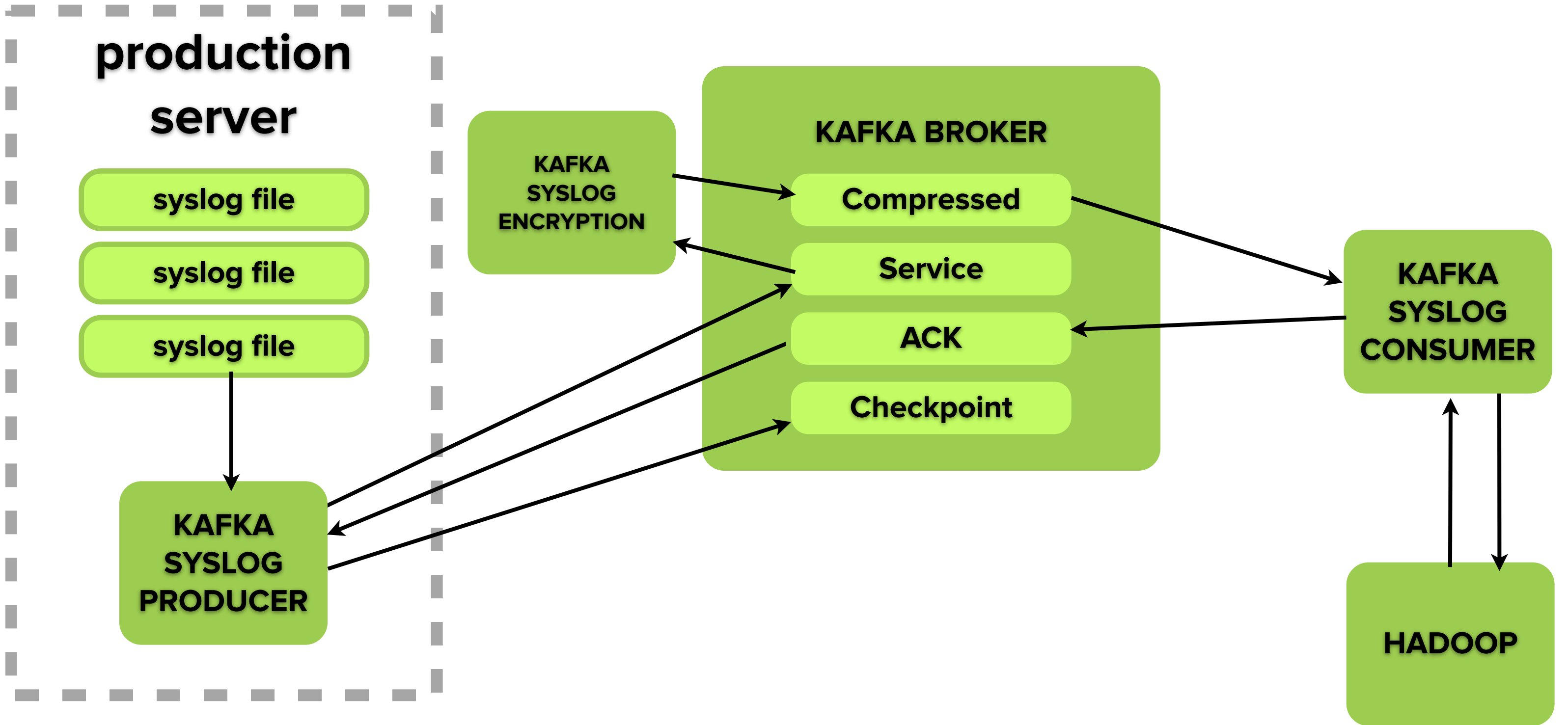
- linux IPSEC + firewall is slow
- major drop in throughput
- can not tweak it at app level











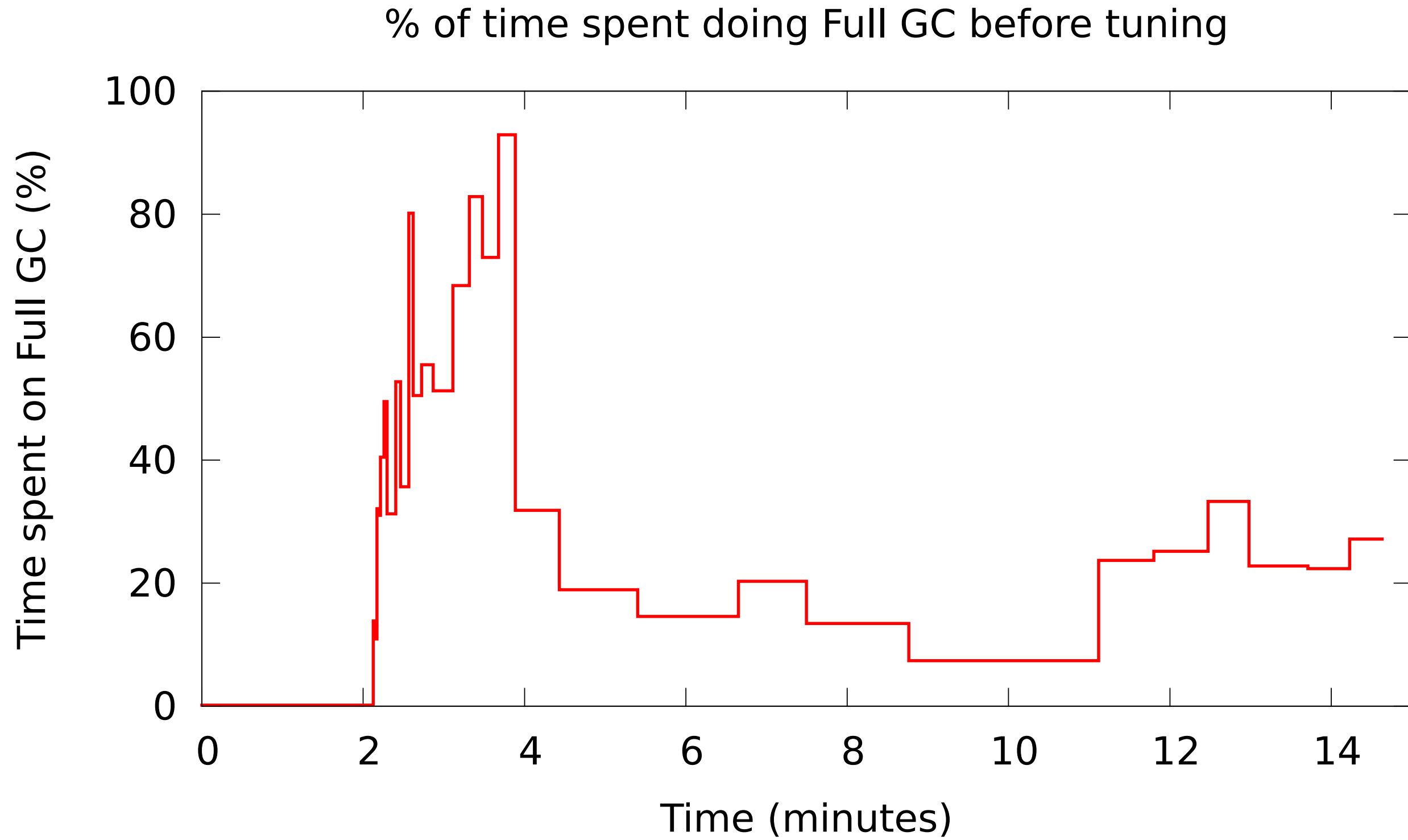
**I DON'T ALWAYS TEST MY
CODE**



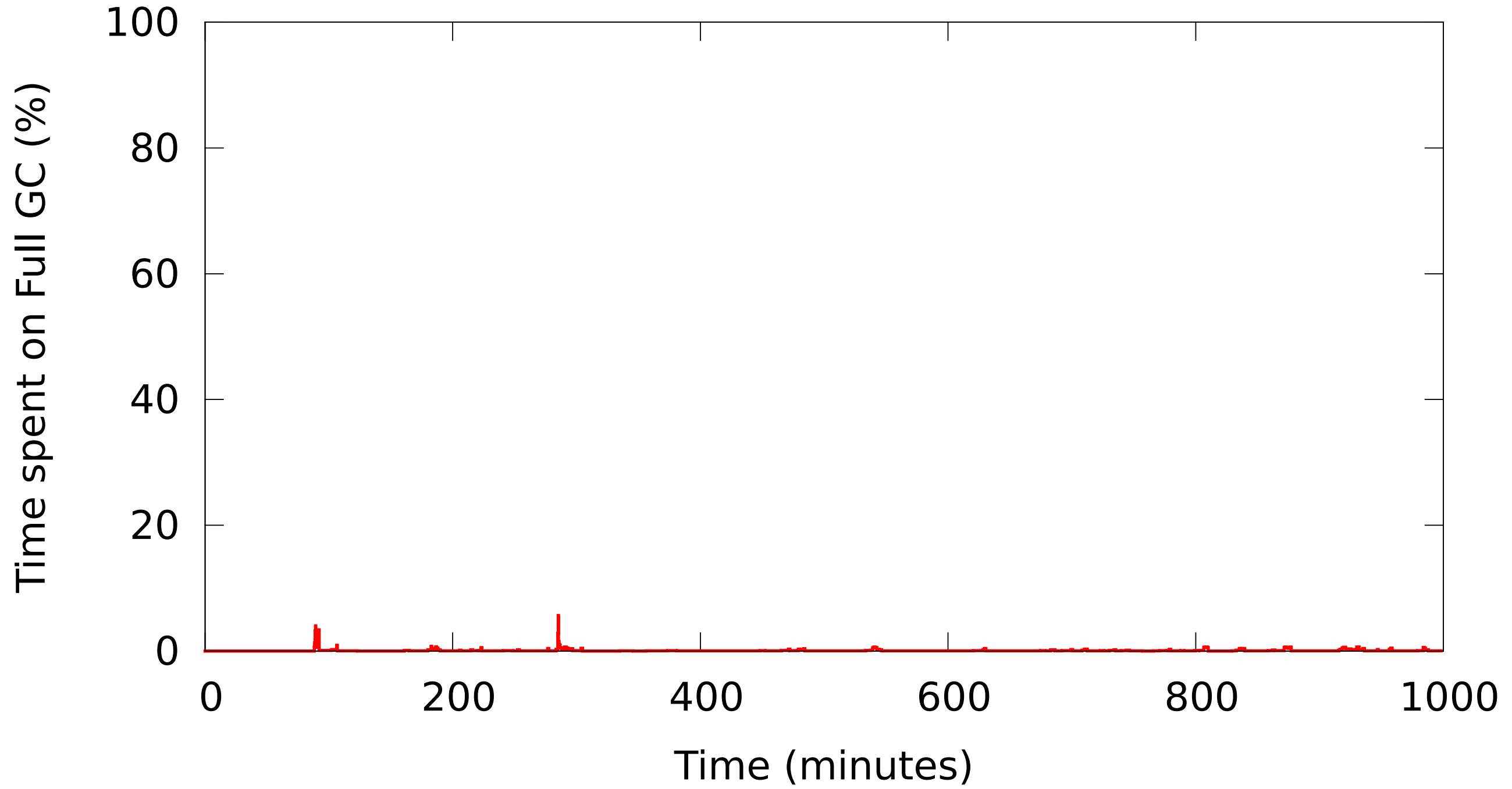
**BUT WHEN I DO I DO IT IN
PRODUCTION**

Garbage collector

- 50% of performance drop
- 25% of cpu time
- young generation tuning



% of time spent doing Full GC after tuning



Hadoop replication factor

- stochastic failure mode
- no real ack from Hadoop
- files open for a long time



**KEEP
CALM
AND
TRANSFER
DATA**

Apache Storm

distributed computation
framework

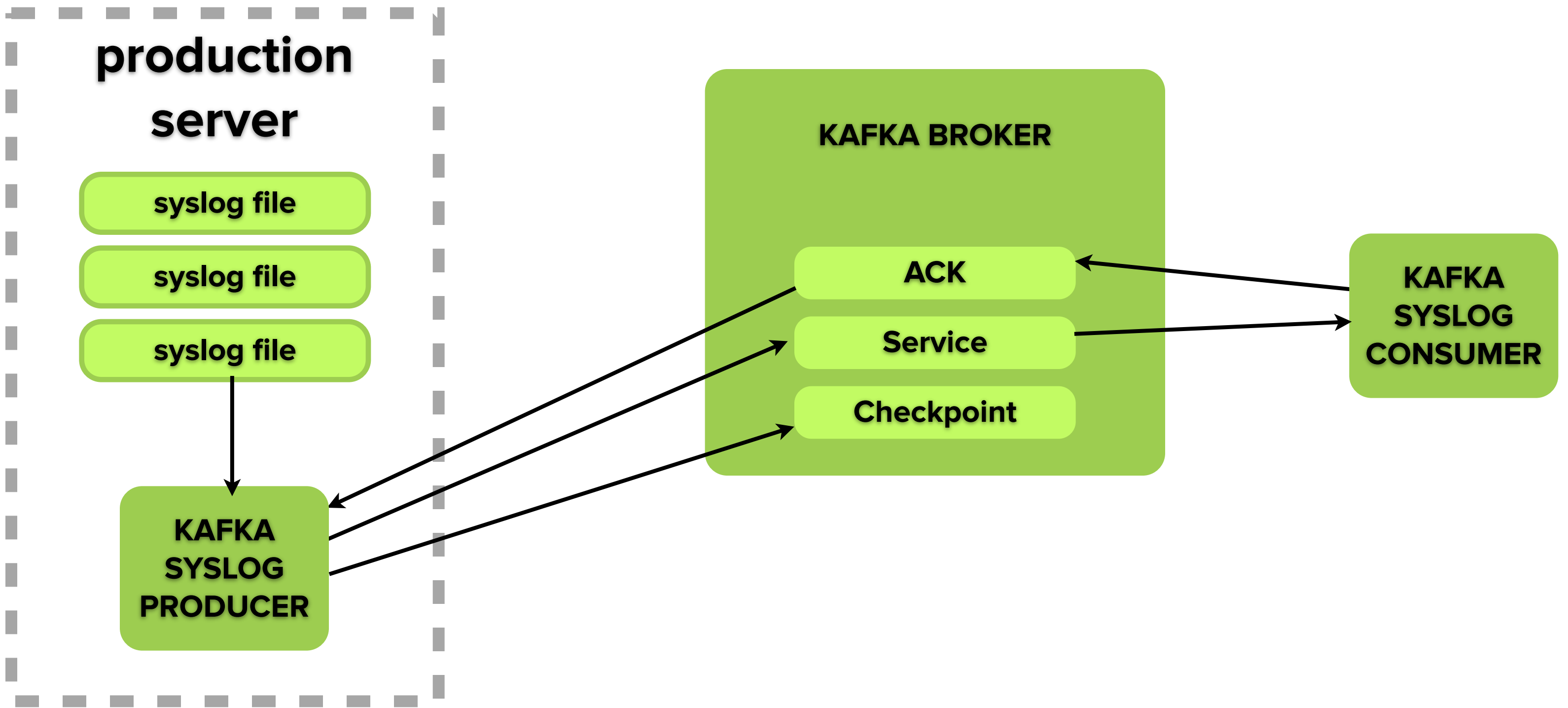


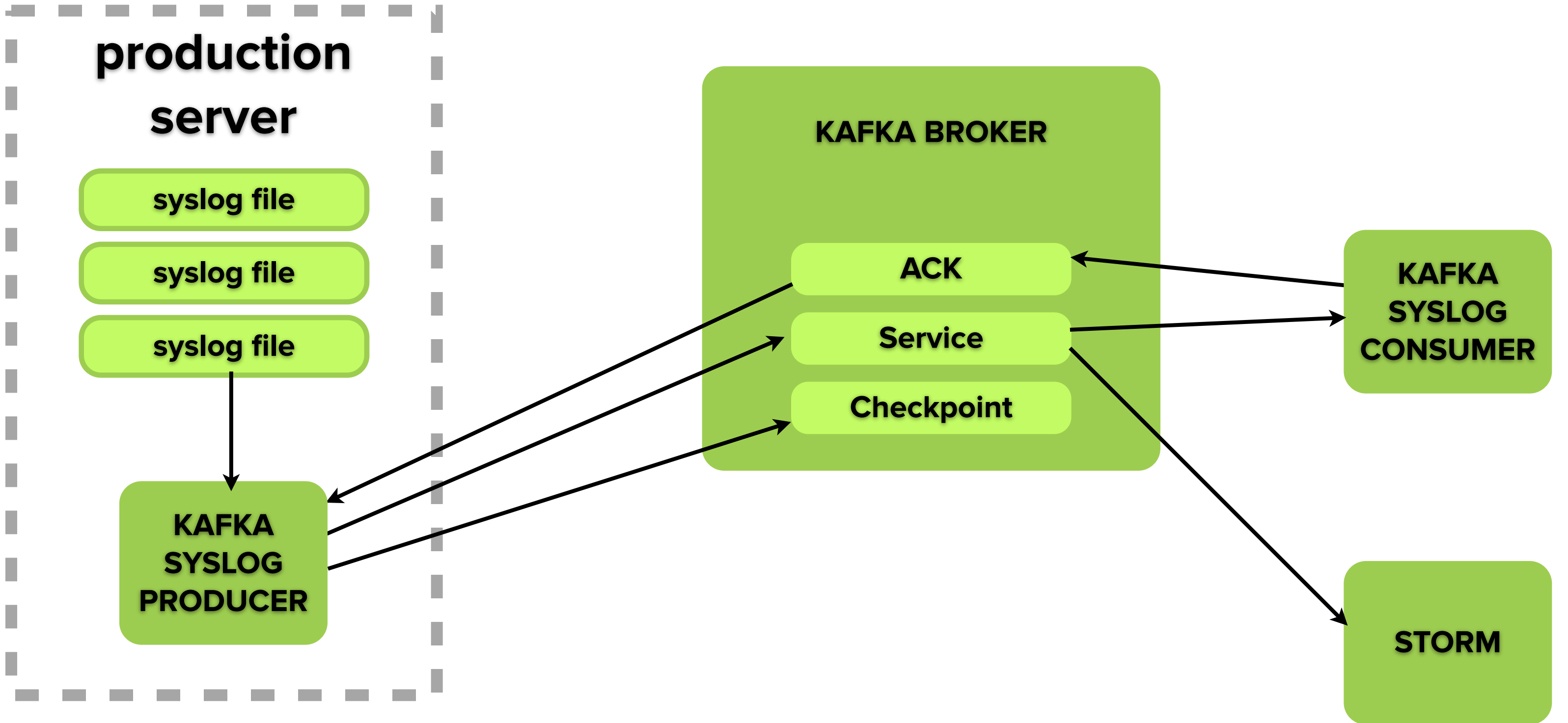
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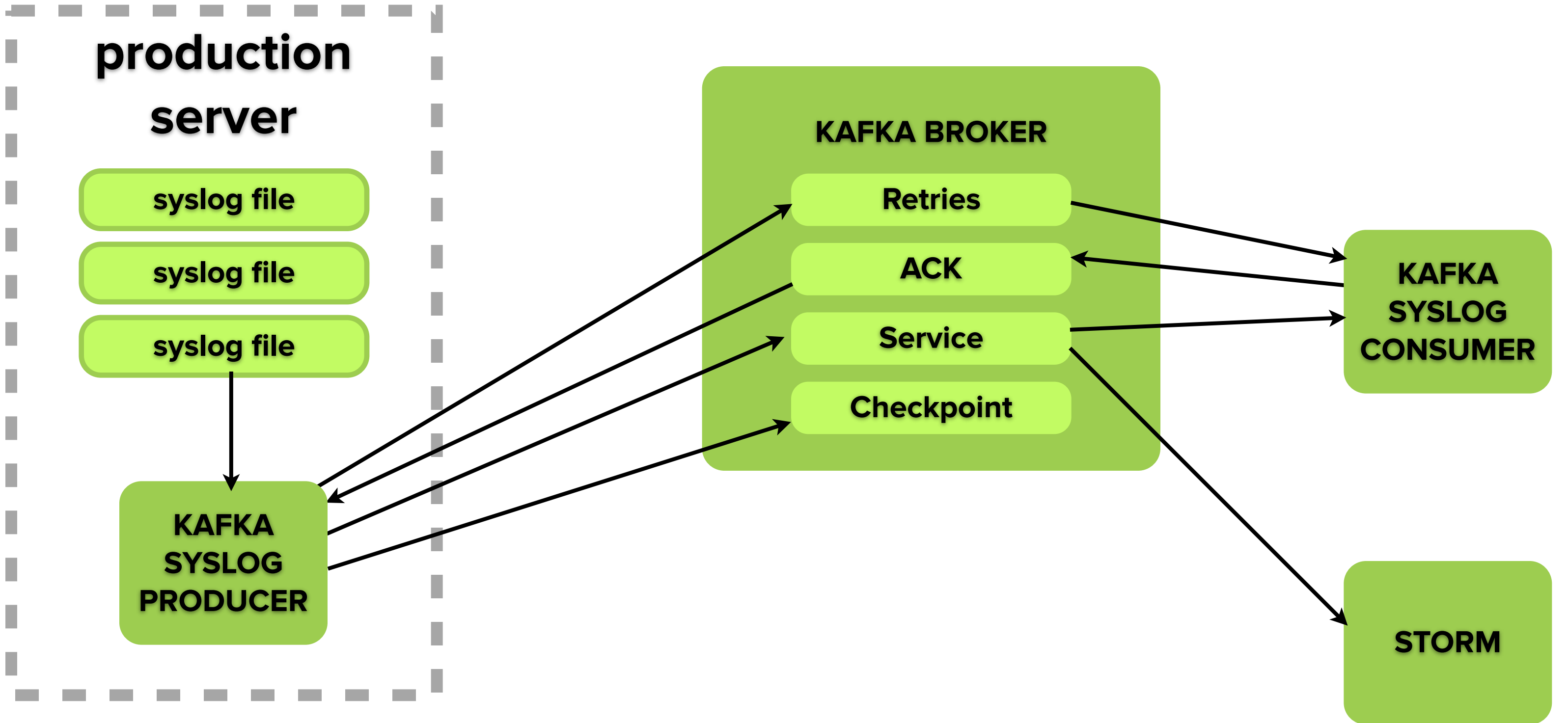
- abstractions: topology, bolt, stream, tuple, grouping
- great community
- ack + retries
- but not for reliable apps
 - use Hadoop instead

Kafka integration

- reliable data for reporting
- low latency data for RT







RT apps



ash

accalia UA 4451	afton UA 9853	agnes UA 4875	ahava UA 7205	ainara UA 8322	akana UA 4283	alesti UA 8018	alma UA 7688	ambika UA 5883	anamika UA 124	andromache UA 7802	anemone UA 7739
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cauvery UA 7307	chaitra UA 199	claudine UA 4804	clementine UA 6799	clemmie UA 7410	cleva UA 5168	consuelo UA 10576	cordelia UA 10561	corinne UA 8752	cyrena UA 7030	daryl UA 8686	dayana UA 13706
debbie UA 15011	deborah UA 7628	dietlinde UA 6620	drisana UA 5879	erica UA 2599	estelle UA 2857	fallon UA 6405	felice UA 7411	frankie UA 8551	fumiko UA 102	gladys UA 6622	gypsy UA 4630
haifa UA 4786	hanane UA 9414	helvetia UA 35	herlinda UA 8704	ilisapesi UA 5427	iria UA 4579	kajal UA 5575	kenyatta UA 6102	kismet UA 8267	laurinda UA 10179	lotta UA 4877	lysandra UA 8685
nediva UA 5043	neeharika UA 6362	nieves UA 8065	Pauline UA 90	rishbha UA 125	rosevear UA 8964	samatha UA 9883	samicah UA 7999	sampriti UA 122	shradhdha UA 6031	shulamit UA 3860	stacia UA 8483
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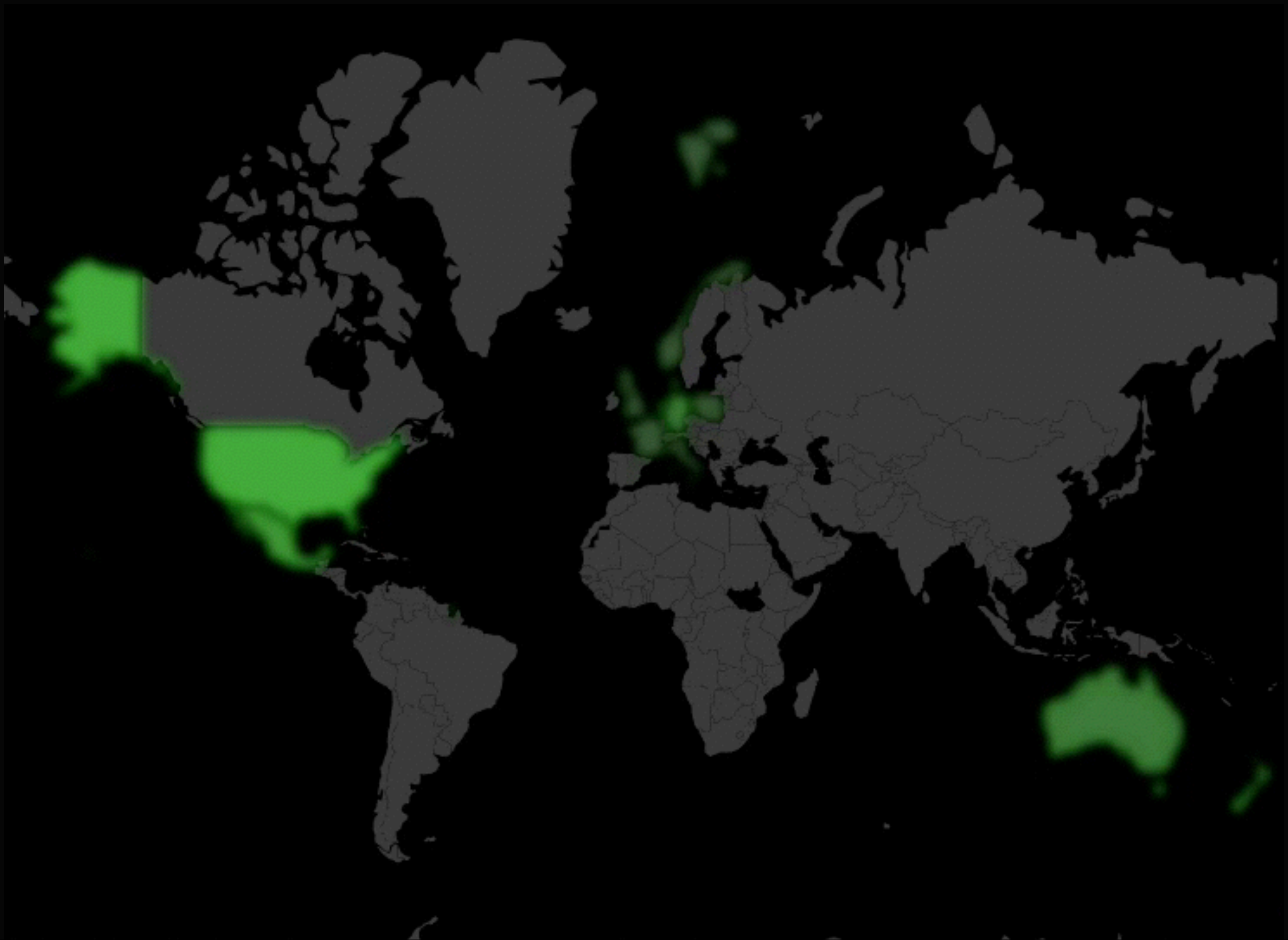
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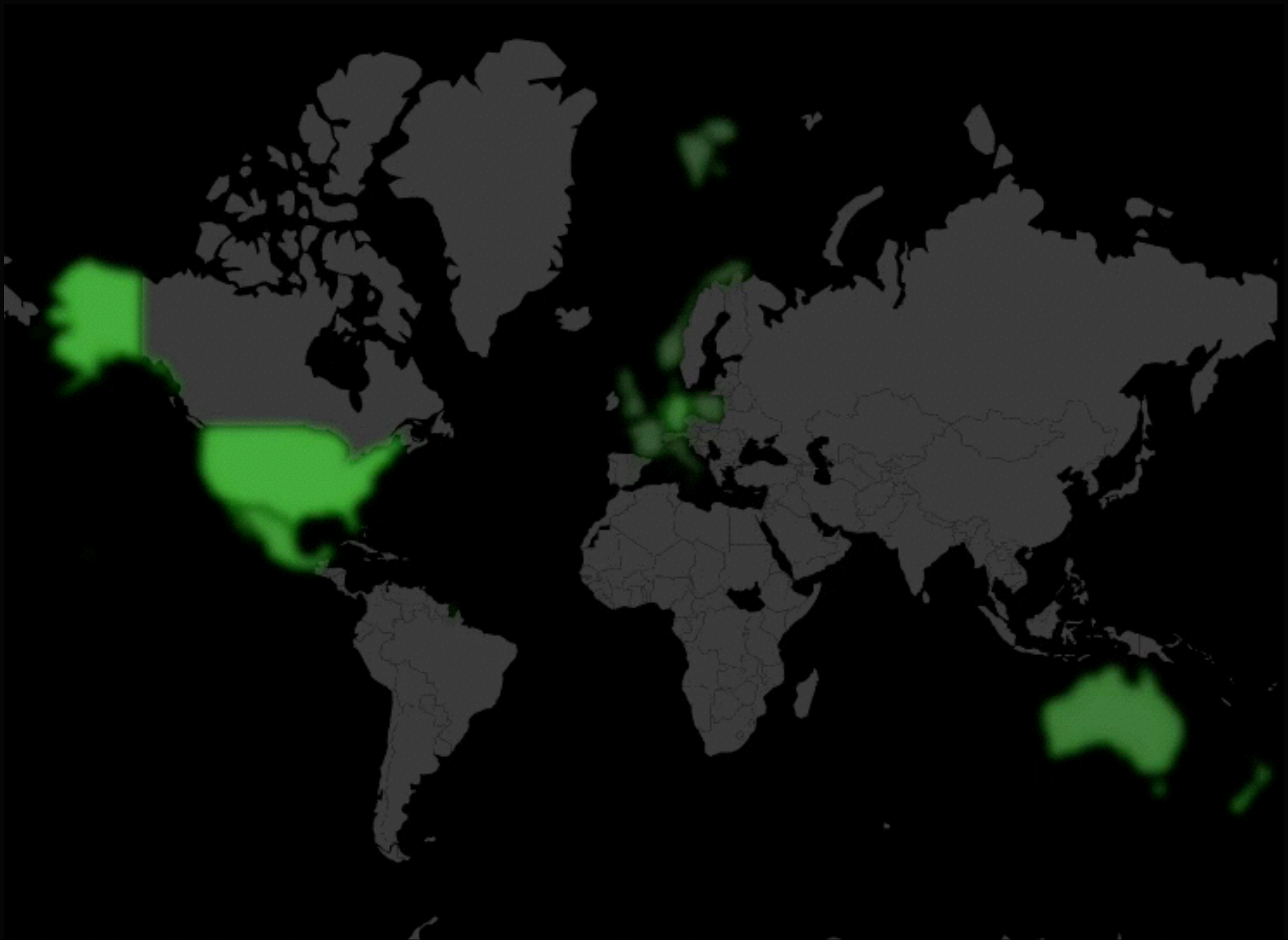
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