

[https://github.com/
ewolff/microservice-dapr](https://github.com/ewolff/microservice-dapr)



Example

Invoicing

Each box is a container

Order Process

Shipping

Feeds

- You can subscribe to feeds, blogs, podcasts etc
- Access through HTTP
- Idea: Provide a feeds of events / orders

```
{  
  "updated": "2022-05-28T18:07:03.931+0000",  
  "orders": [  
    {  
      "id": 1,  
      "link": "http://swaglab.rocks:8080/order/1",  
      "updated": "2022-05-28T18:07:03.931+0000"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

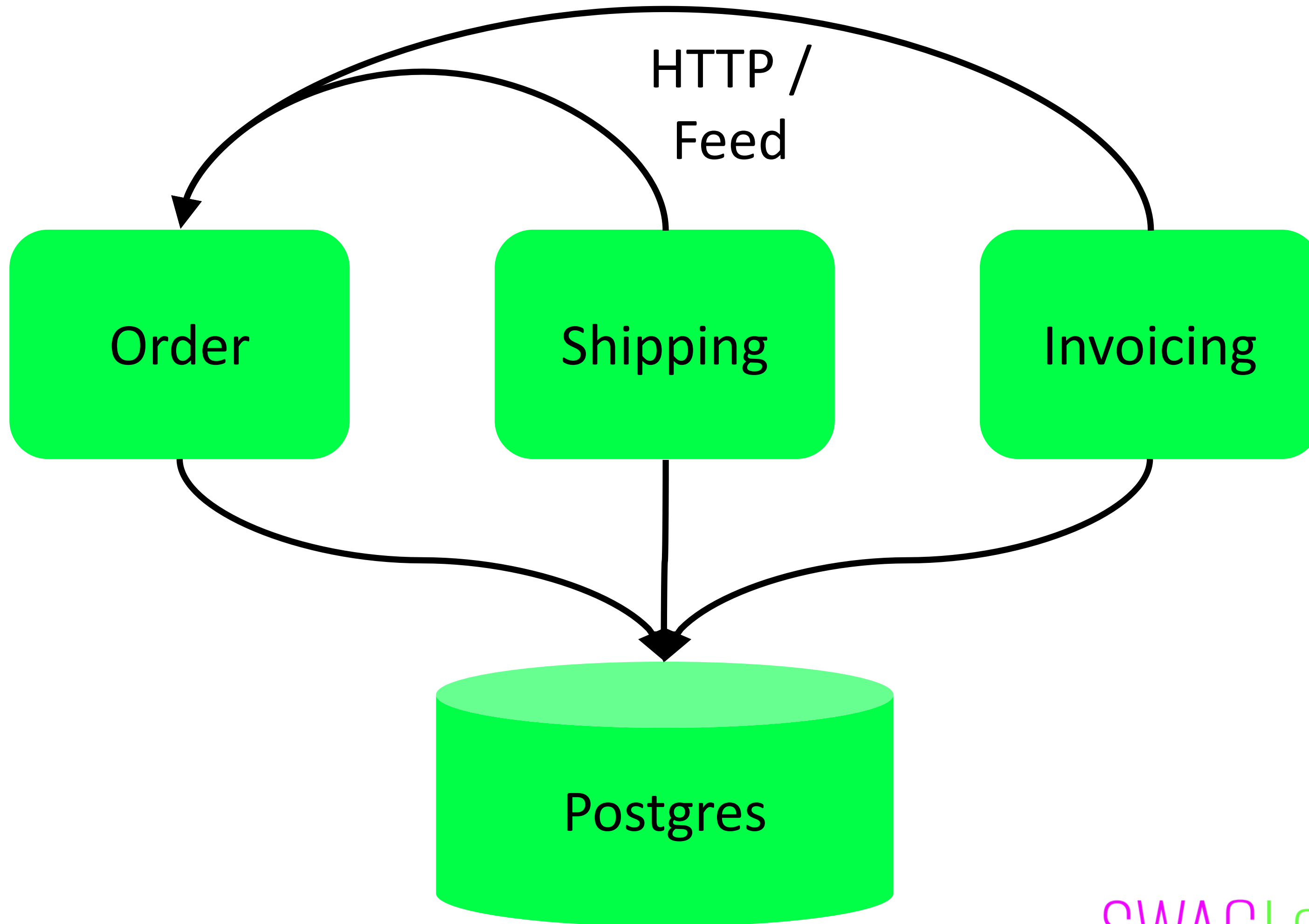
Can use content negotiation
for specific data for e.g.
invoice / delivery (Accept
header)

Subscribing to Feed

- Poll the feed (HTTP GET)
- Client decides when to process new events
- ...but very inefficient
- Lots of unchanged data

HTTP Caching

- Client GETs feed
- Server send data
 - + Last-Modified header
- Client sends GET
 - + If-Modified-Since header
- Server: 304 (Not modified)
...or new data



Dapr



Application code

Microservices written in

Any code or framework...

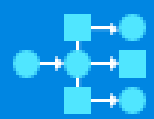


HTTP API

gRPC API



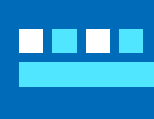
Service Invocation



State Management



Publish and Subscribe



Input/Output Bindings



Actors



Secrets



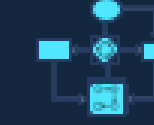
Configuration



Distributed Lock



Workflows



Cryptography



Observability



Security



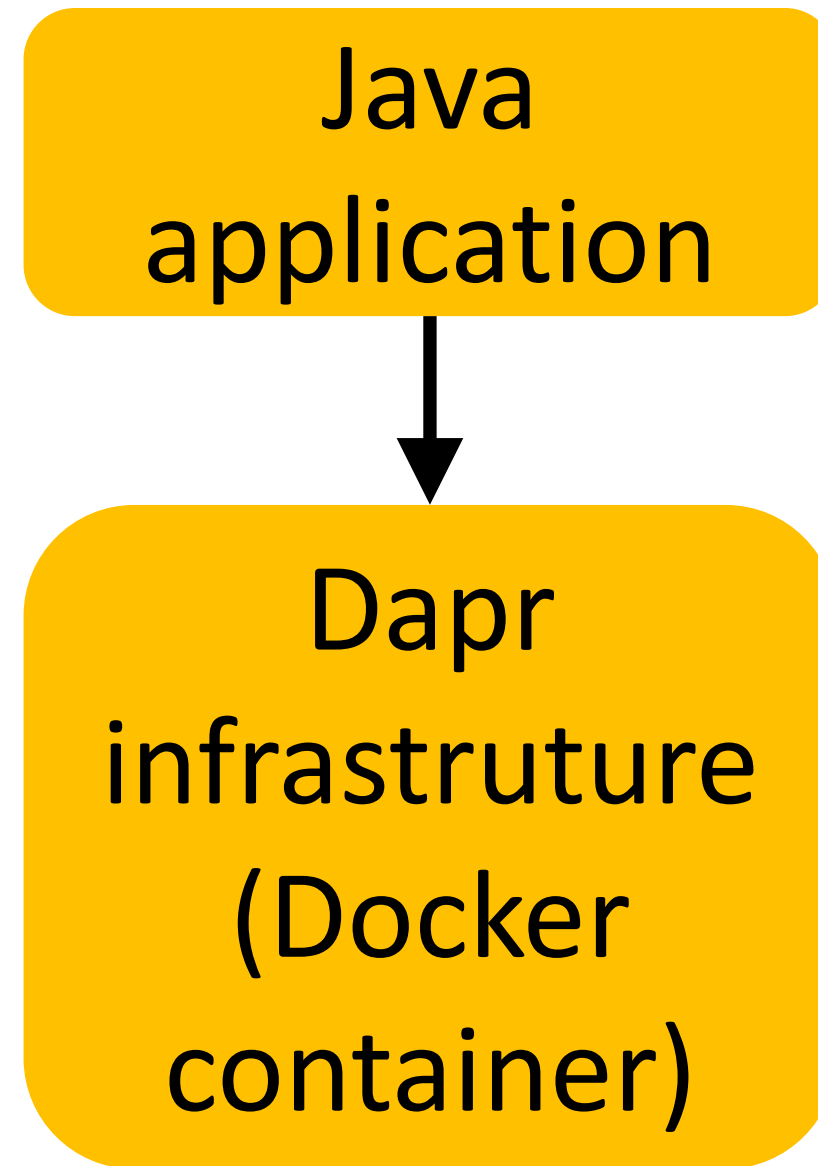
Resiliency

Any cloud or edge infrastructure



virtual or physical machines

Dapr Local for Development



dapr init

Dapr listens on e.g. port 3500 -> <http://localhost:3500>

Dapr: Alternative to Feed

- Might use pubsub abstraction instead of feeds
- Many implementations (Kafka, SQS, ... >40) of varying maturity
- <https://docs.dapr.io/reference/components-reference/supported-pubsub/>

Dapr: Alternative to Feed

- Access via HTTP / sidecar or declarative
- Unified API
- Content-based routing
- Dead letter topics
- Outbox pattern
- At least once
- Consumer groups (for some implementations)...

Dapr: Alternative to Feed

- E.g. RabbitMQ and Kafka are quite different (e.g. backpressure, persistence)
- I'd rather use the specific strength of a specific technology...
- ...than seemingly be able to exchange it.
- You can argue that I did not use Dapr as intended.

Dapr: Alternative to Postgres

- Might use state store instead of Postgres
- Many implementations (Postgres, MySQL, Cassandra ... >25) of varying maturity i.e. least common denominator
- <https://docs.dapr.io/reference/components-reference/supported-state-stores/>

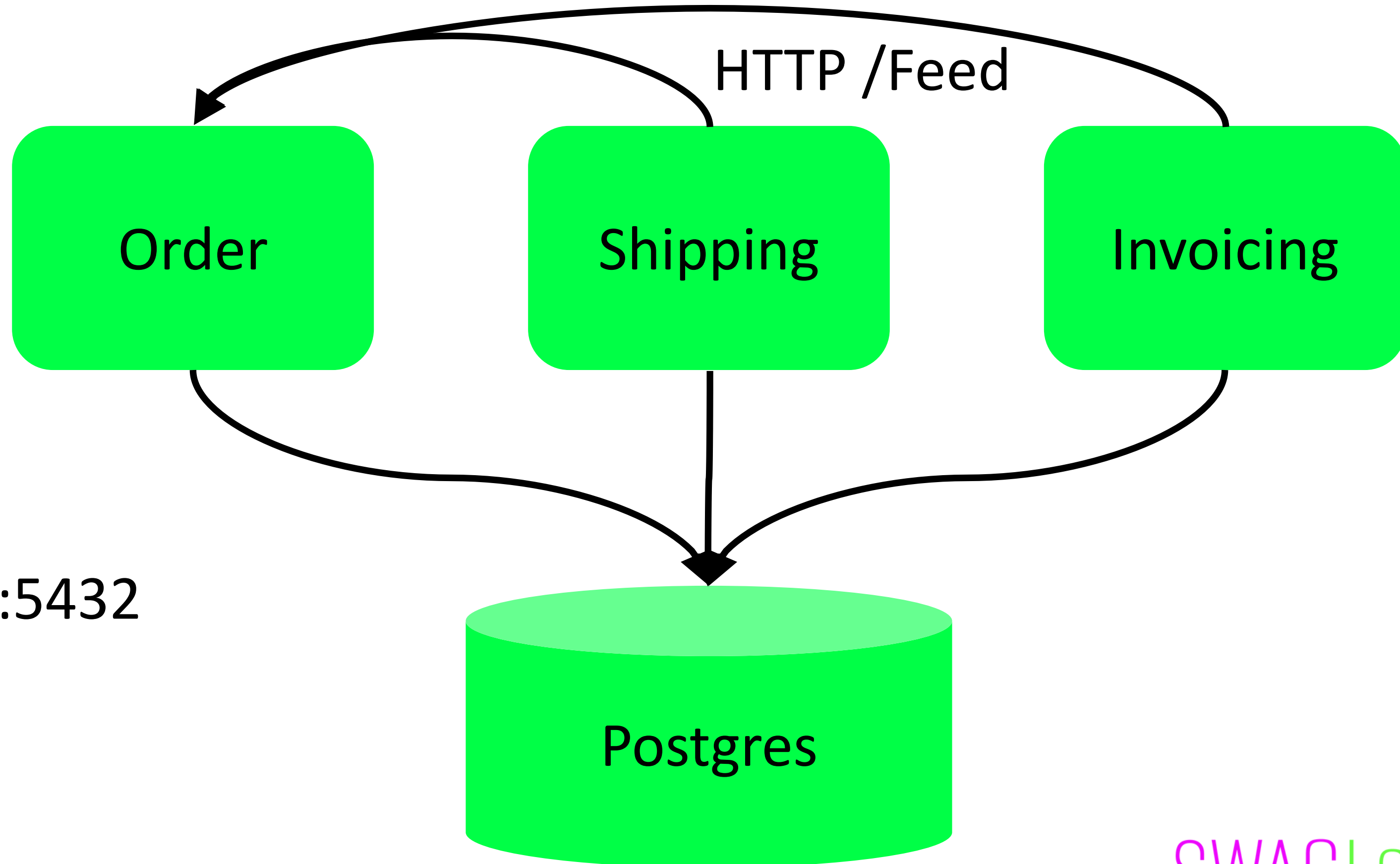
Dapr: Alternative to Postgres

- Access via HTTP / sidecar
- Unified key / value API for JSON data
- Query in alpha
- Transactional outbox with pub / sub
- <https://docs.dapr.io/reference/components-reference/supported-state-stores/>

Dapr: Alternative to Postgres

- Postgres (relational) vs. Redis (key / value in memory) are very different wrt speed etc
- I'd rather use specific strength of a technology...
...than seemingly be able to exchange it.
- You can argue that I did not use Dapr as intended.
- Should persistence be internal to the microservice?
- CORBA services flash back

Sidecar: <http://localhost:3500/v1.0/invoke/order/method/feed>



localhost:5432

Dapr: Service Discovery

- Service discovery via sidecar
- Could have been an HTTP proxy.
- Works only for Dapr services

Demo: Local Dapr



index.html

Order

dapr run -f dapr-order.yaml

Shipping

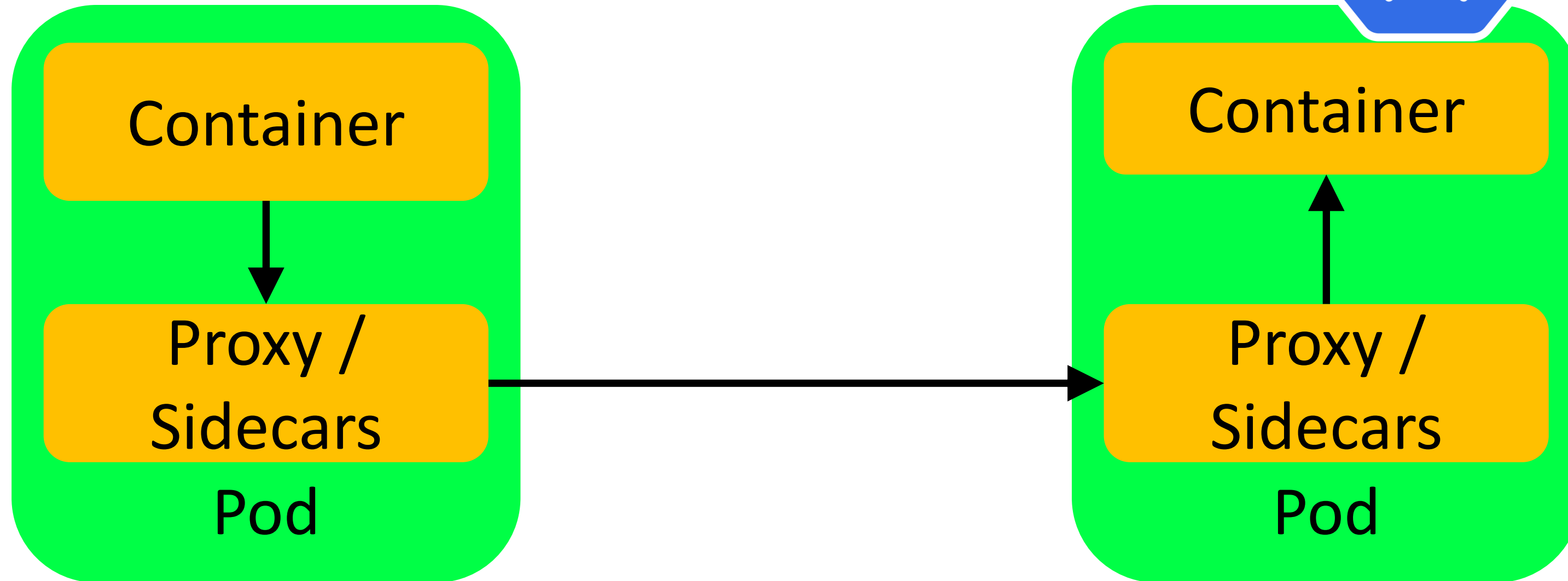
Invoicing

dapr run -f dapr-other.yaml

Docker Compose

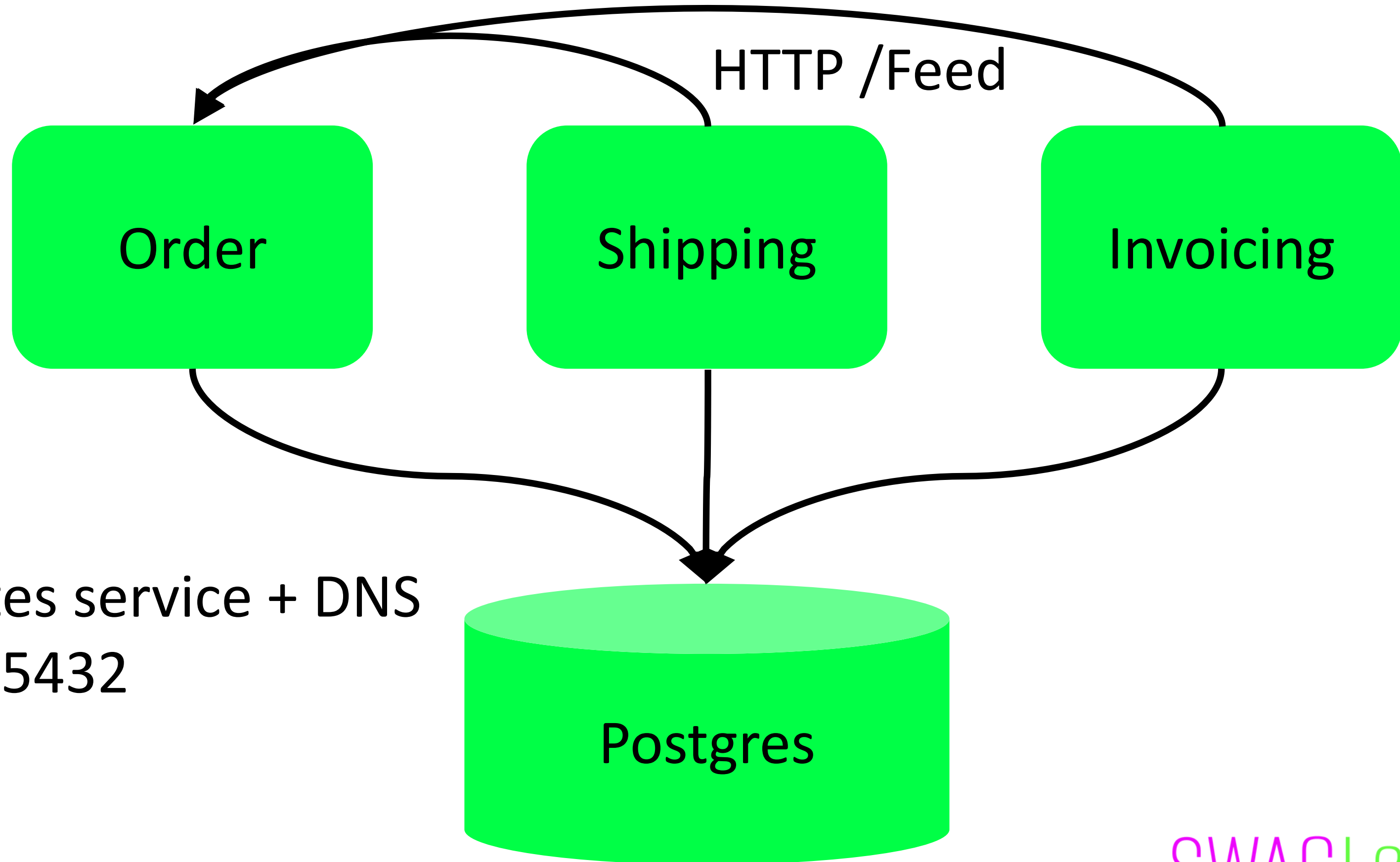
Postgres

Dapr on Kubernetes



Sidecar listens on e.g. port 3500 -> <http://localhost:3500>

Sidecar: <http://localhost:3500/v1.0/invoke/order/method/feed>



Kubernetes service + DNS
postgres:5432

service-proxy.sh

service.yaml

Order

dapr run -k -f
dapr-order.yaml

Shipping

dapr run -k -f dapr-other.yaml

Invoicing

infrastructure.yaml

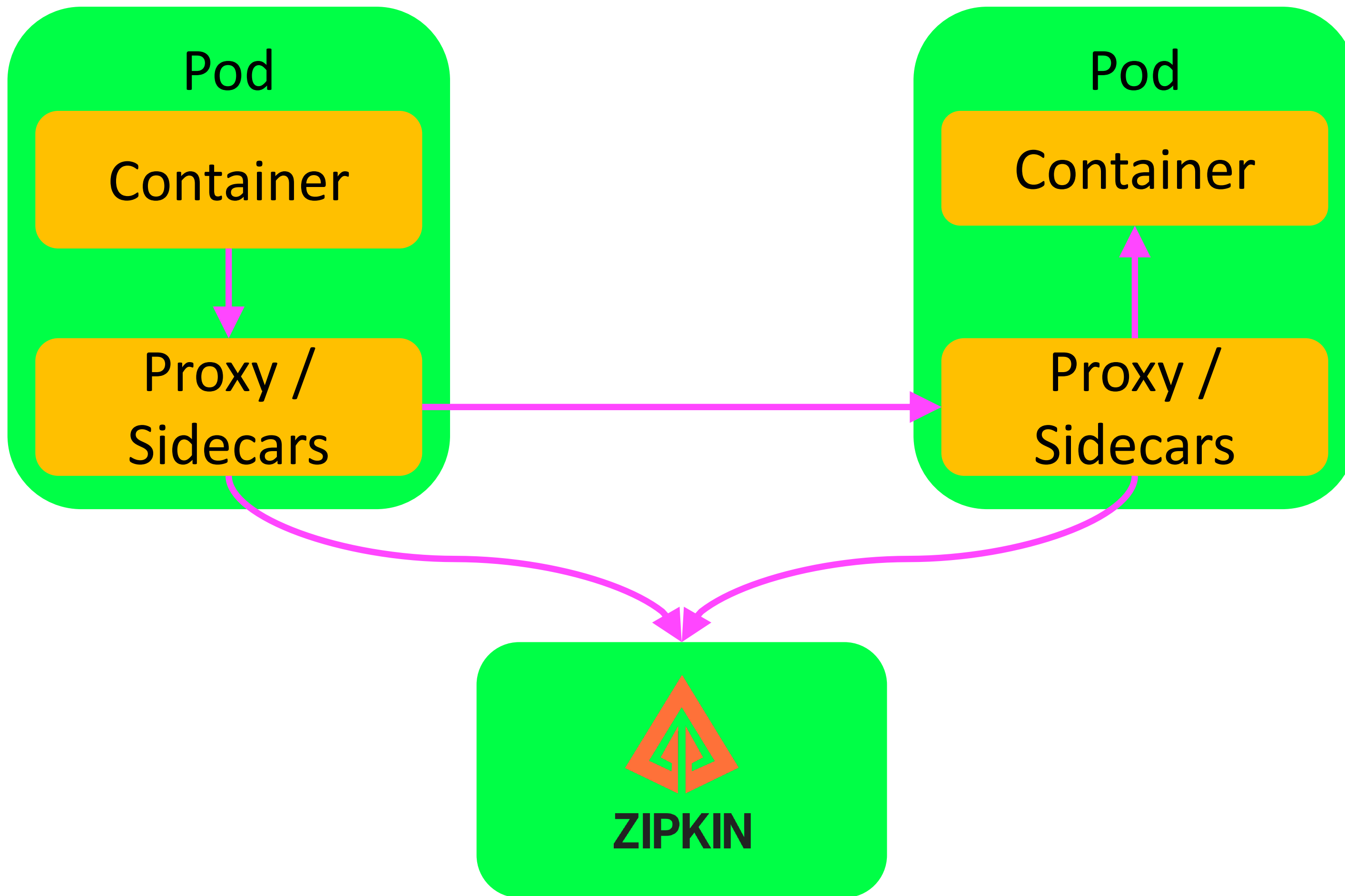
Postgres

Demo: Dapr Deployment



Dapr: Tracing



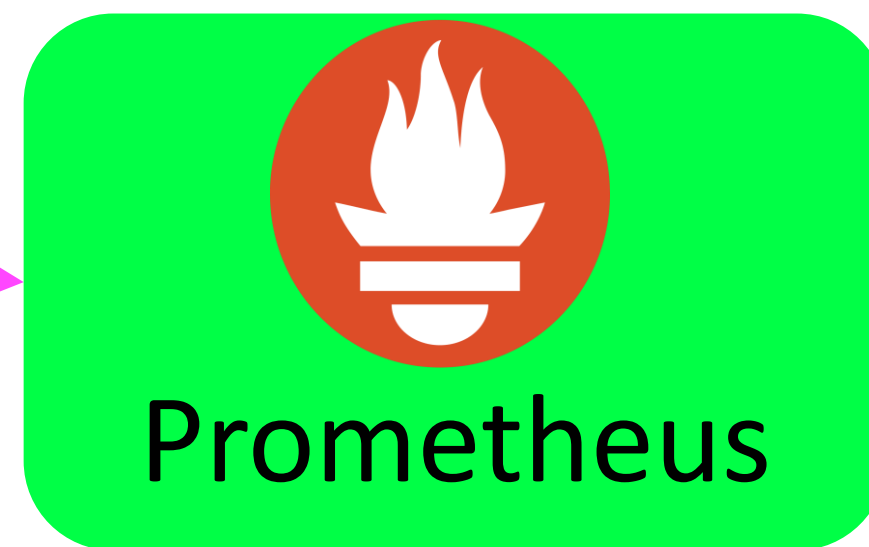
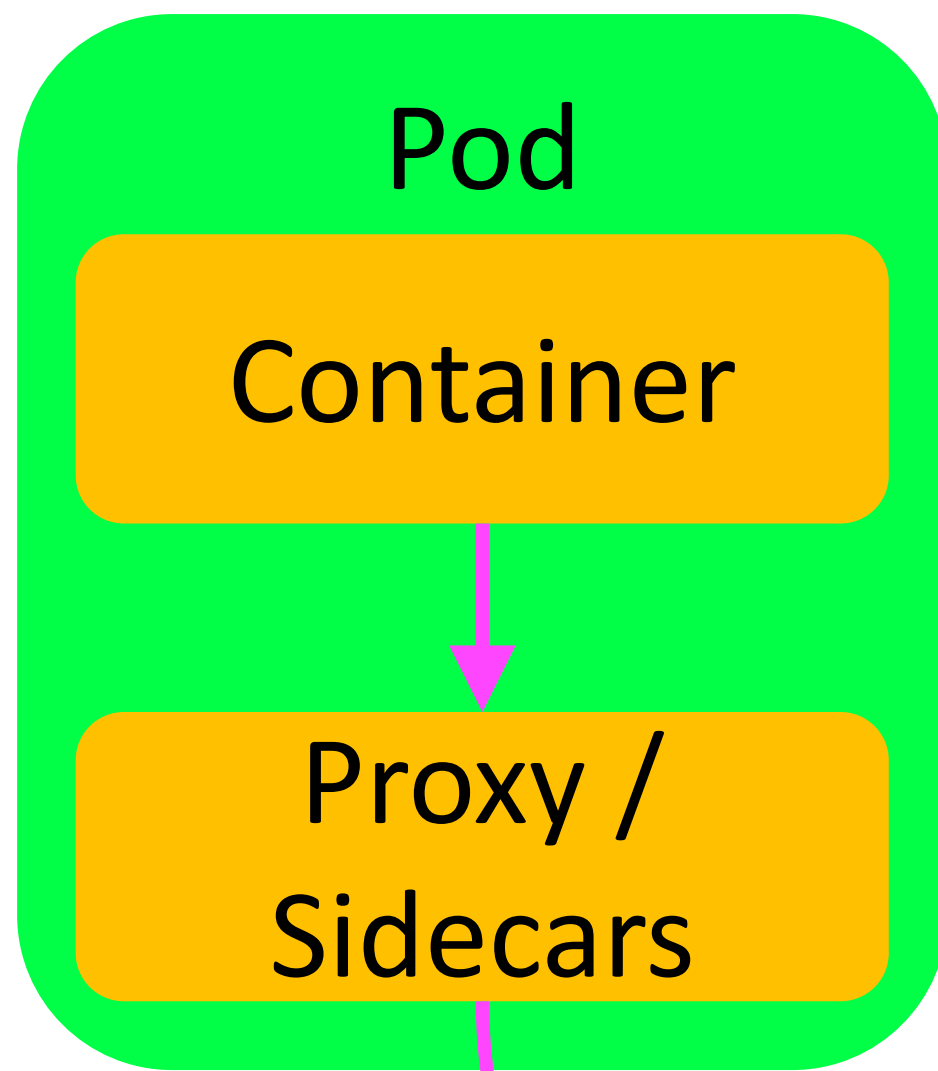


Dapr Monitoring



Monitoring in the Dapr Example

- Proxy / sidecar reports metrics
- Pre-defined Grafana dashboards

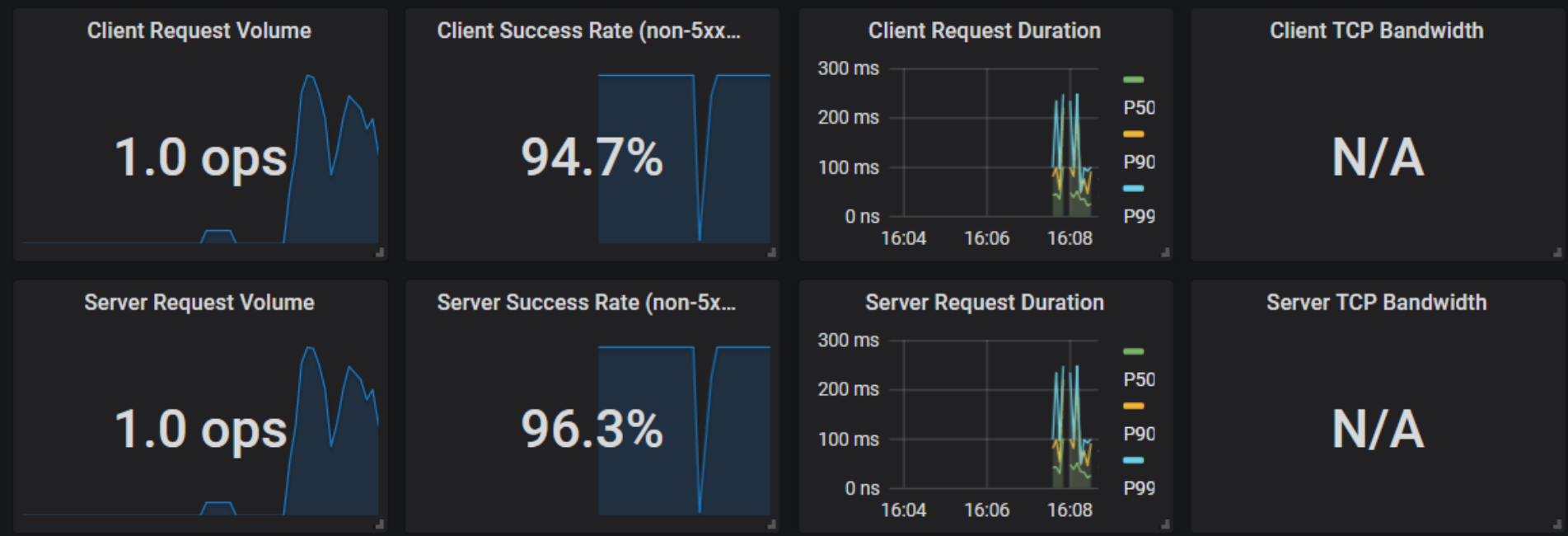


Demo: Dapr Monitoring

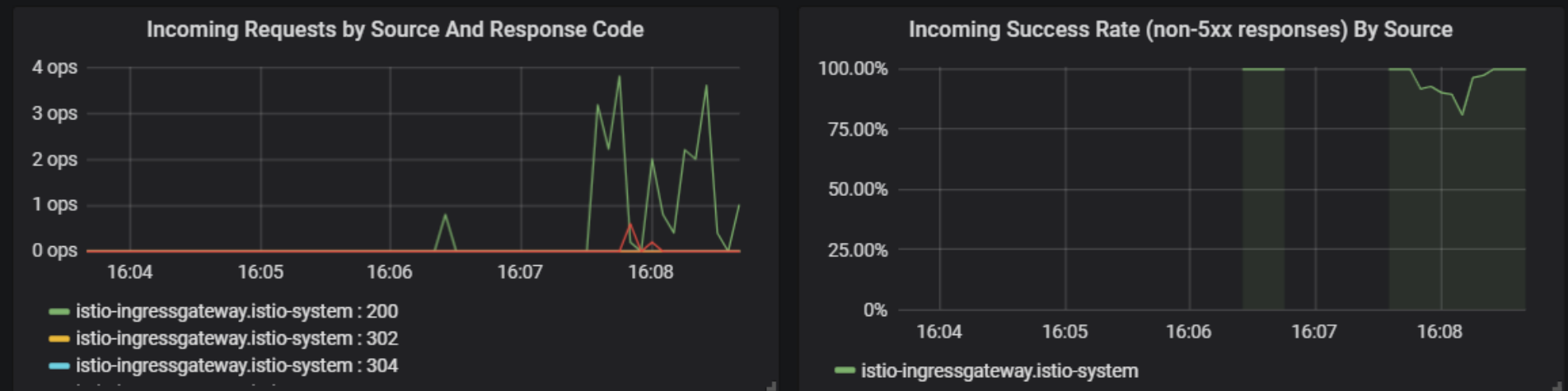


Service: shipping.default.svc.cluster.local | Client Workload Namespace: All | Client Workload: All | Service Workload Namespace: All | Service Workload: All

SERVICE: shipping.default.svc.cluster.local



CLIENT WORKLOADS



Example: Resilience

Resilience

- Example: data becomes outdated
- Synchronous call: What if the other system fails?
- Must be part of the domain logic
- I.e. accept order if stock unknown?

Resilience: Timeout

- If a call takes too long
- ...the thread will wait and block
- If the call takes really long
- ...all thread will end up blocked

- Solution: Add a timeout to operations

Resilience: Retry

- If a call results in 5xx or a connect failure
- Retry!
- Solution: Add retries to operations

Resilience: Circuit Breaker

- Circuit breaker: cut circuit if there's a short circuit
- Idea: Avoid overload by cutting circuit
- Software Circuit Breaker:
- Limit # of waiting requests
- Exclude failed instances

Resilience: Dapr

- Configuration for the sidecar
- Timeout
- Retry
- Circuit Breaker

Resilience: Domain Logic

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More Dapr Building Blocks

- Service invocation (as seen)
- State management
- Publish and subscribe
- Bindings to external sources
- Actors (stateful, long-running objects)
- Secrets management
- Configuration
- Distributed locks
- Workflow
- Cryptography

How to Dig Deeper...

- Try the demo for yourself:

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Learn more about Dapr

<https://docs.dapr.io/#learn-more-about-dapr>

- Read *Microservices Recipes / Practical Guide to Microservices* to understand technology alternatives
- Read *Microservices Primer / Microservice* to understand microservices architecture