Scaling Uber Metric System from Elasticsearch to Pinot

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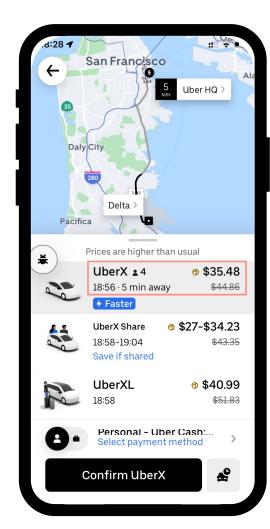
Agenda

- uMetric overview
- Challenges using Elasticsearch
- uMetric over Pinot Challenge and Architecture
- Pinot at Uber
 - Why Pinot
 - Scale@Uber
 - Features contributed
- Future work



Data driven decision making

Capturing a snapshot of the market, and use the data in both real-time and long-retention history for decision-making.





Metric Unification & Standardization



Industry analogs:

Airbnb: Minerva

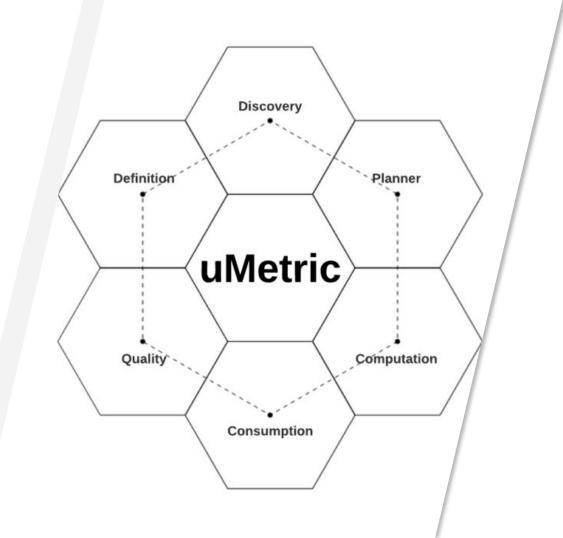
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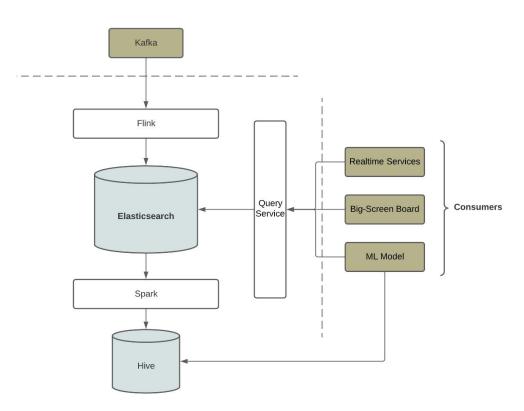
uMetric

uMetric is a unified metric
platform at Uber that
manages the full life cycle
of a metric: definition,
discovery, computation,
verification, and serving



Elasticsearch-Oriented Realtime ArchitectureSince 2014

- Operable by small team
- Support idempotency insert (upsert)
- Support distributed aggregation
- Linearly scalable
- A matured system



Scale

1.5PB

Dataset Size

1.3M/s

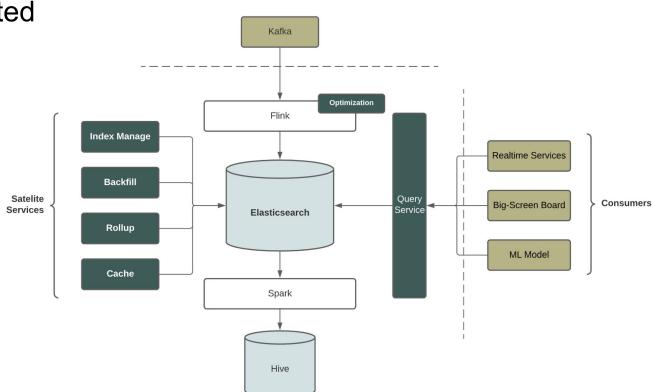
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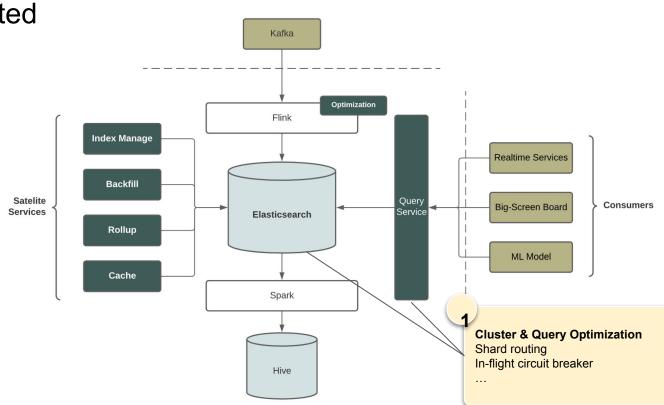
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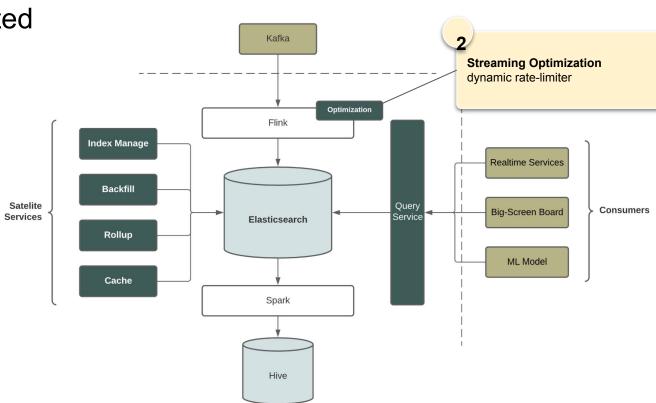
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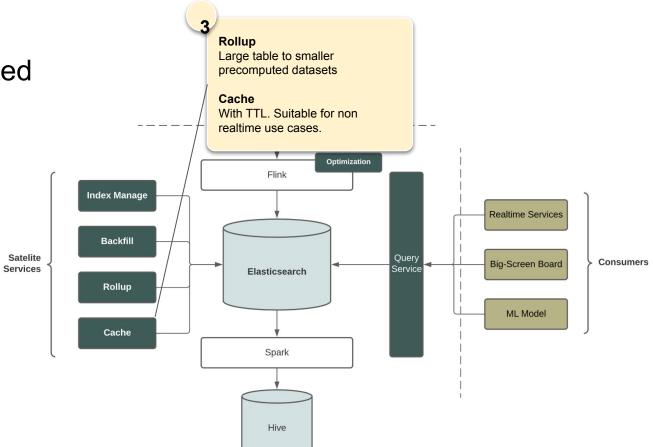
700M/s

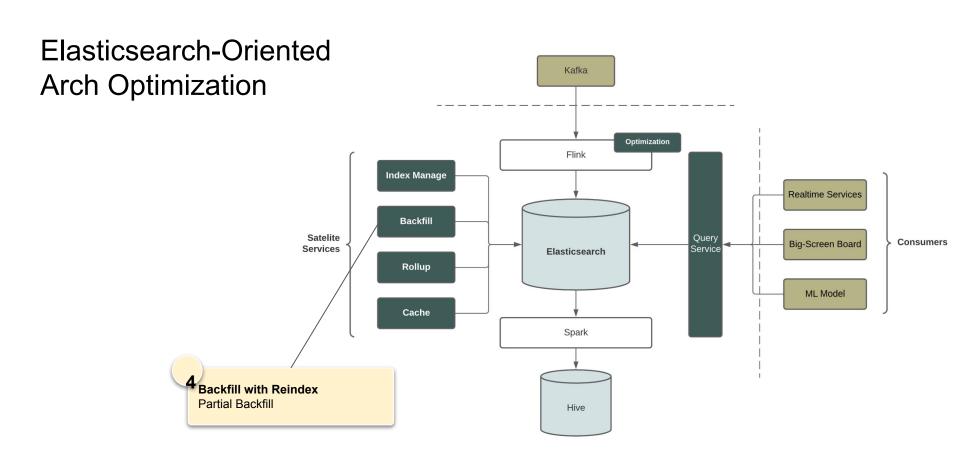
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Challenges on Elasticsearch Stack

Reliability

- Cluster constantly in high load
- Frequent SLA breach
- Frequent minor data-loss
- Lack effective mitigation
- Issue cannot be root-caused

Scalability

- Rapidly growing use cases
- Linearly scale cluster / data node has low ROI, and cause derivative issues

Engineering Cost

- Build optimization systems
- High oncall load

Migration toward Pinot

Feature Gaps

- Upsert
- Backfill
- Spark connector
- Nested col support

Safe Migration

- Perf / DQ / Reliability comparison between Pinot and ES
- Drain traffic by table / metric
 / user / retention / etc.

Performance Tuning

- Multi-cluster by tier
- Dedicated machine spec per cluster
- Fine-tuning per query, with indexes and algorithm optimization

After Migration

Reliability

- Significantly improved overall reliability
- Fine-grained table-level failover

Scalability

- Unblocked new user onboarding
- Scale table up on demand

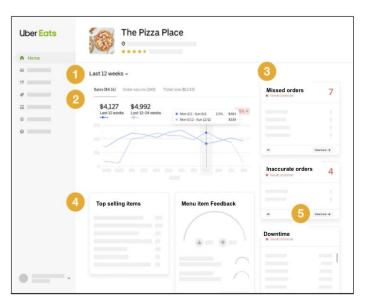
Engineering Cost

- Deprecated 6 customized system
- Reduced oncall load

Pinot @ Uber

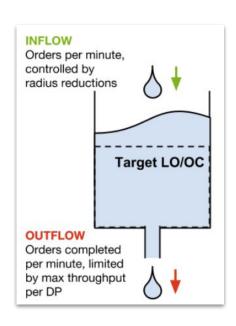
Real-time Analytics at Uber

- Real-time and actionable insights
- 2. Time-sensitive decisions
- 3. User **engagement** growth

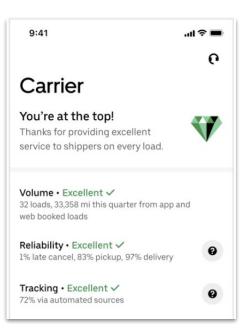


Restaurant Performance View

Fast Access to Fresh Data at Scale



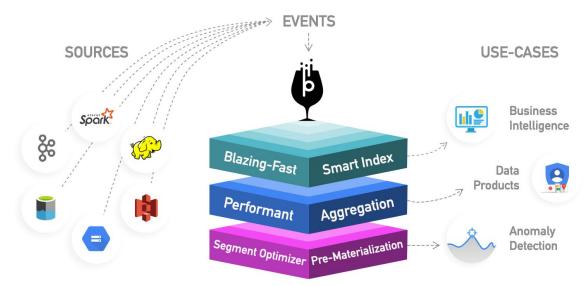
Demand/Supply Management



Freight Carrier Scorecard

Apache Pinot: Fast, Distributed OLAP

- Started by Linkedin for Metrics System
- Highly available
- Horizontally scalable
- Low latency/High throughput
- Immutable data



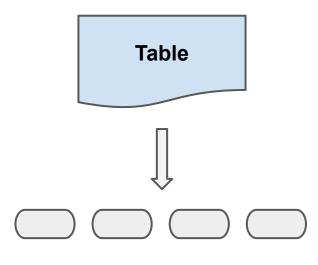
1M+

170k+

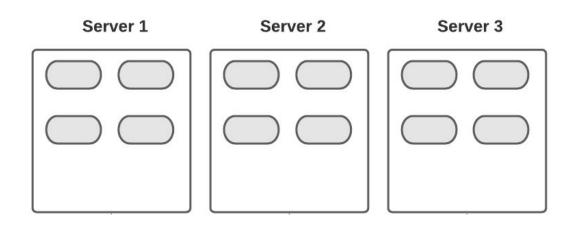
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Query Latency

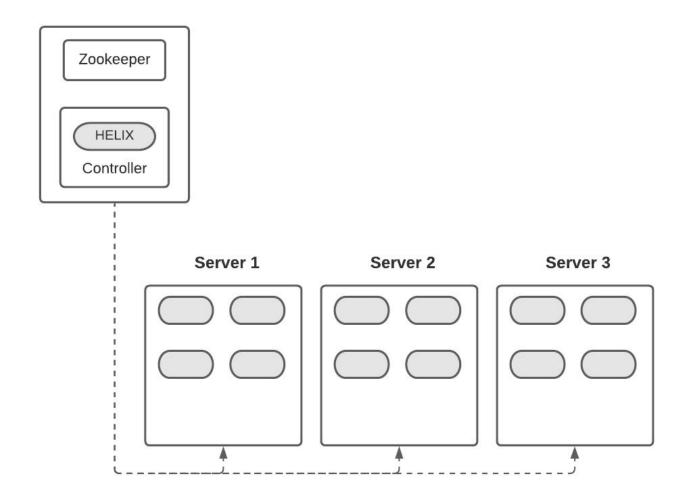
Events/sec

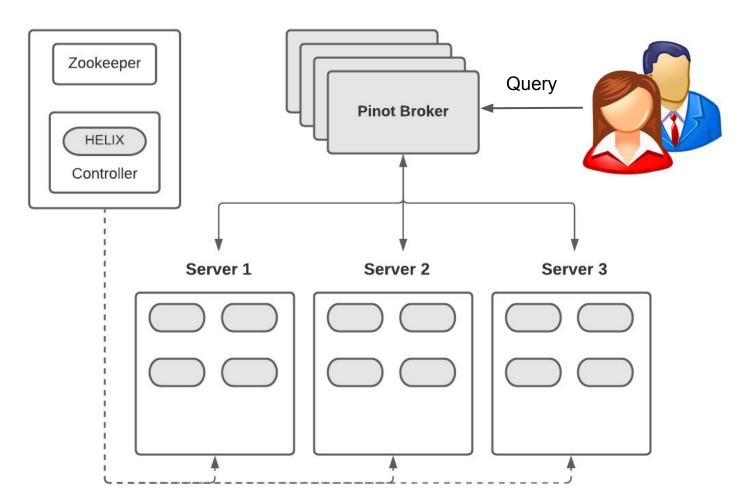
Peak QPS

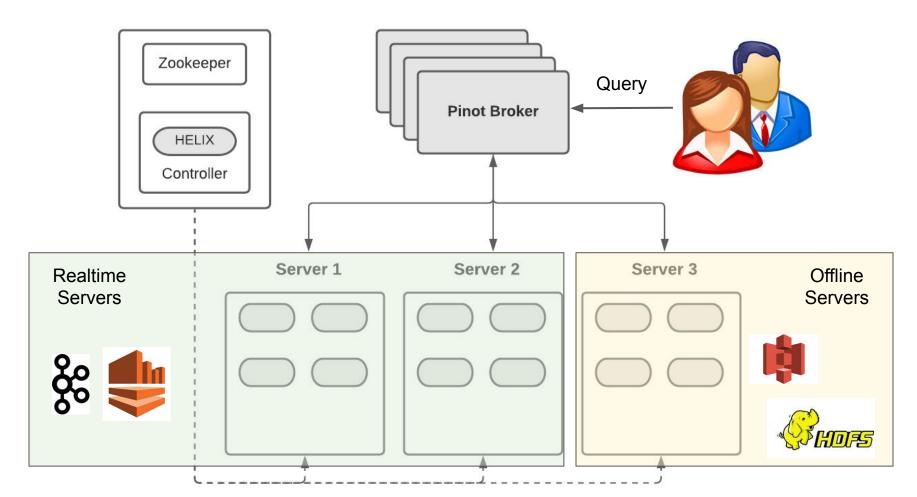


Pinot Data Segments

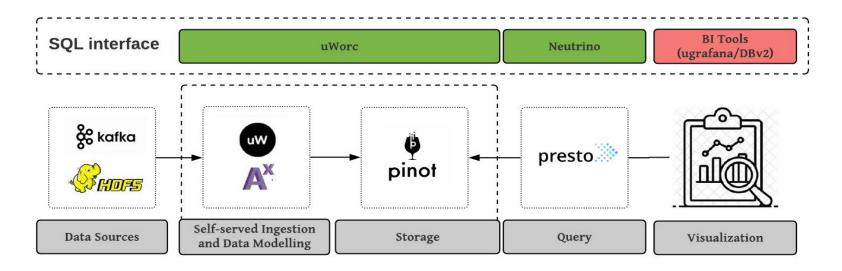








EVA: Building a World-class RTA platform for Uber



Tier 0 platform, 99.99% uptime

Built on top of **Apache Pinot**

Seconds data freshness

Self service Onboarding (via uWorc)

SQL API (via Presto / Neutrino)

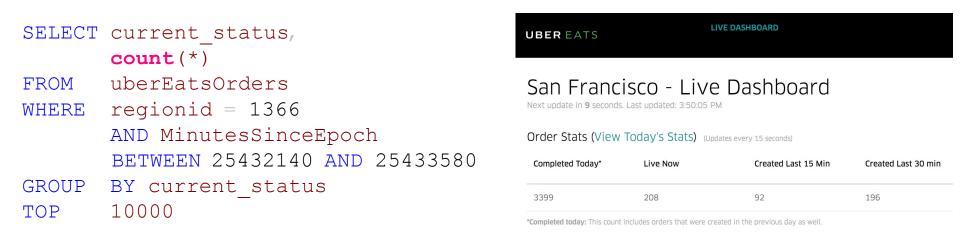
< 100ms @P99 query latency

https://www.uber.com/blog/operating-apache-pinot/

Upserts

- First real-time OLAP to support upsert
- Challenge: data stored as immutable segments
- Data partitioning to share nothing

- Released in Pinot 0.6.0
- Partial upsert



Complex-type (Array, Map) support in Pinot UK

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Released in Pinot 0.8.0

```
▼ object {2}
     rsvp_id: 1869661474
     group {2}
      ▼ group_topics [2]
         ▼ 0
              {2}
              urlkey: paddling
              topic_name : Paddling
         ▼ 1 {2}
              urlkey: hiking
              topic_name : Hiking
        group_id: 28088353
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array [2]
▼ 0 {4}

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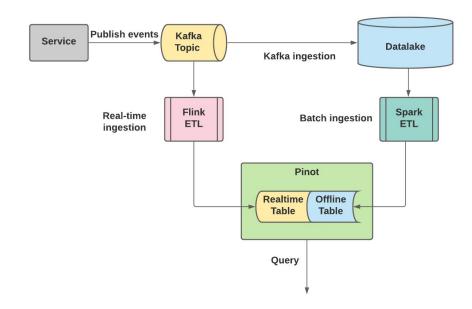
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Spark/Flink connectors with Pinot

- Spark Connector
 - Pinot -> Hive dispersal
 - Perf improvement via GRPC
- Flink Connector
 - Streaming/batch unification for Pinot ingestion
 - Backfill large Pinot Upsert tables



Next

- Leverage StarTree index to replace custom rollup pipelines
- Better cluster isolation and tiering for ease of deployment
- Upsert table compaction / TTL

Q&A

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How upsert works



