FROM A STREAM OF RELATIONAL QUERIES TO DISTRIBUTED STREAM PROCESSING

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Motivation from Applications

SSMF represents a category of applications, their characteristics are:
- Most of time is spent on database operations
- Infrequently modified rules/models/data
- Tolerate out-of-date data

Breakdown for query:
- Query execution
- Disk IO
- Locking
- Logging and Transaction

High throughput and low latency are required
- >6GB data, 50 queries/sec, latency < 0.1sec
- Disk IO/Locking/Logging in database are burdens

How to remove them?
Traditional Solution – DB Cache

✓ Using in-memory database as a database cache
  ✓ still has costs like locking, transactions and logging
  ✓ performance of distributed in-memory databases is not good yet

![Diagram]

- Applications
- Queries (read & write)
- Database Cache
- In-memory Database
- Synchronization
- Database
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Example Application – Spam Short Message Filtering

Vertex: Mobile phone user.  
Edge: two users know each other.

In a normal case, the short messages from a particular user are sent to a group of people who know each other.
Example Application – Spam Short Message Filtering

In a case of spam short message, the messages from a particular user are sent to a group of people who rarely know each other.
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Our Solution: Stream-Based DB Cache

- Using stream computing system as a database cache
  - High performance (provide only query processing).
  - Transparency (few modification to application source code)
  - Scalability (naturally parallel execution)

![Diagram of stream-based database cache]
Step 1: Identify critical queries

Step 1: Profile the application and identify critical queries – queries that account for the bulk of the application execution time.

1) Collect timing information regarding each ODBC call.
2) Aggregate time information for each query.
3) Rank the queries based on the time.
Step 2: Replace ODBC driver

- In a Java/C++/C program, we only need change JDBC/ODBC driver name for the whole program.

![Diagram showing the process of data flow from applications through a Proxy ODBC Driver to the Database Cache, with periodic synchronization.](image-url)
The Graph and Query

The graph stored in relational database

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>src</th>
<th>dst</th>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
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To know how many of User1’s neighbors know each other

```sql
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM graph
WHERE src IN (SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = 1)
AND dst IN (SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = 1)
```

1. To select out User1’s neighbors

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Neighbors ← SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = 1
```

2. To select out the sub-graph by User1’s neighbors

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SELECT * FROM graph WHERE src IN Neighbors AND dst IN Neighbors
```
Step 3: Generate stream program: SQL->CQL

O1 ← SELECT * FROM graph WHERE src = 1

O2 ← SELECT dst FROM O1

O3 ← SELECT graph.src, graph.dst FROM graph WHERE graph.src = O2.dst

O4 ← SELECT O3.src, O3.dst FROM O3, O2 WHERE O3.dst = O2.dst

O5 ← SELECT Count(*) FROM O4

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM graph
WHERE src IN { SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = 1 }
AND dst IN { SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = 1 }
Step 3: Generate stream program: CQL->Stream

CQL query

\[ \sigma \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \gamma \]

Continuous query (stream)

\[ \gamma \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \sigma \]

Compilation

O1 \leftarrow \text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } \text{param} \text{ [Now]}

O2 \leftarrow \text{SELECT graph.src, graph.dst FROM graph WHERE graph.src }= \text{ O1.id}

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM graph
WHERE src IN { SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = \text{param} }
AND dst IN { SELECT dst FROM graph WHERE src = \text{param} }
Step 4: Partition the data set

Partition the dataset and load data into stream program.

After partitioning portions of the graph into multiple replicas, the stream query becomes complex. The compiler handles all the complexity.
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The Other Two Applications

✓ **Trajectory mapping**: To resolve the shortest path problem with additional constraints. Incompleteness of GPS data is a problem for trajectory mapping. Shortest path is a reasonable criterion to speculate the missing points. Usually road conditions can be extra constraints.

✓ **Market Intelligence Portal**: A search engine system for market information. The collected data are stored in a relational database server. The repository is then mined and the resulting information can be mapped onto predefined taxonomies.

✓ **Common Characteristics**:
  ✓ Originally using database (large data volume)
  ✓ Having streaming paradigm in nature
  ✓ Tolerate slightly-stale data (No ACID is required)
Performance Evaluation – Throughput (1)

Throughput by varying the dataset size

(a) Trajectory mapping.  (b) Market intelligence portal.  (c) Spam short message filtering.

Throughput vs. data set size for critical queries, on one cluster node.

System S achieves 3 to 10 fold speedup over base DB2, 1.5 to 2 fold speedup to SolidDB-RO
Performance Evaluation – Throughput (2)

Throughput by varying the number of cluster nodes

- Trajectory mapping.
- Market intelligence portal.
- Spam short message filtering.

Throughput vs. number of nodes, with 8GB data set for each application.

Scaling almost linearly with increase of computational resources.
Performance Evaluation -- Latency

Latency by varying the dataset size

(a) Trajectory mapping.  (b) Market intelligence portal.  (c) Spam short message filtering.

Normalized latency vs. data set size for critical queries, on one cluster node.

System S achieves 8 to 15-fold speedup to base DB2
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Conclusion

✓ We proposed a mechanism for converting a DB-based data analysis application into a streaming application.

✓ A category of applications would benefit and gain performance improvements from this mechanism.

✓ The properties of them are:
  ✓ Streaming Paradigm
  ✓ Tolerate slightly-stale data
  ✓ Large volume of data
  ✓ Partitionable datasets
Thank You!
Some Questions

✓ Can database cache be faster than database?
  ✓ Unlike hardware cache, the performance gain of database cache usually comes from its simplicity and saving more data in memory.

✓ Is stream-based database cache different from other database cache?
  ✓ Only cache read-only data, support periodic modification in batch. No burden of maintain synchronization between cache and database.
  ✓ Pre-specify what queries are to be executed in the cache.

✓ Will data be inconsistent in cache and database?
  ✓ Yes. The application is required to tolerate this side-effect.

✓ Is it only usable for a very limited applications?
  ✓ We have showcased three real-world applications in the paper. We believe a reasonable range of applications can benefit from this solution.