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Abstract

Financial trading platforms increasingly demand sophisticated database architectures that can simultaneously support **high-volume transaction processing**, **real-time market data analysis**, and **complex predictive analytics**. This technical report presents a comprehensive **hybrid database architecture** that integrates PostgreSQL, MongoDB, and Snowflake to meet the multifaceted requirements of AI-driven predictive trading systems. Our architecture addresses critical performance challenges through **domain-driven design principles** and specialized database technologies aligned with specific workload characteristics. Performance evaluation demonstrates significant improvements across key metrics, including a **37% reduction** in alert latency, **98.7% trade execution success rate**, and **33% decrease** in storage costs compared to traditional monolithic approaches. The architecture maintains strict compliance with global financial regulations while providing the flexibility required to adapt to evolving market conditions. This report details the design considerations, implementation approaches, performance results, and future research directions for this innovative database architecture.

Keywords: hybrid database architecture, real-time market data analysis, AI-driven predictive trading, domain-driven design, performance evaluation

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.0.1 Background and Context

The evolution of financial markets over the past decade has been characterized by unprecedented growth in **data volume, velocity, and variety**. Modern trading platforms must process millions of market data points per second while simultaneously executing complex analytical queries and maintaining strict transactional integrity. These demands have pushed traditional database architectures beyond their capabilities, necessitating new approaches that can efficiently handle the diverse workloads characteristic of financial trading systems.

The rise of **algorithmic trading**, now accounting for approximately 70-80% of trading volume in major exchanges, has fundamentally transformed market dynamics. **High-frequency trading** strategies operate at sub-millisecond timescales, requiring database systems capable of ingesting and analyzing market data with minimal latency. Concurrently, the growing adoption of **artificial intelligence** for predictive analytics has introduced additional demands, as machine learning models require both historical data for training and real-time data for inference.

Financial institutions have attempted various approaches to address these database challenges, often with limited success. Early solutions typically emphasized either transaction processing or analytical capabilities, rarely achieving excellence in both dimensions. Traditional **relational database management systems (RDBMS)** excel in maintaining the **ACID properties** critical for financial transactions but struggle with the volume and velocity of market data streams. **NoSQL systems** demonstrate superior performance in handling unstructured and semi-structured data but introduce concerns regarding transactional integrity and complex querying capabilities.

The **regulatory landscape** adds another layer of complexity to database architecture for financial systems. Regulations including **GDPR**, **CCPA**, **MiFID II**, and various national financial regulations impose strict requirements on data storage, processing, and transmission. Geographic data residency requirements necessitate sophisticated data distribution strategies that can significantly impact system design and performance.

1.0.2 Problem Statement

The financial technology sector faces a critical challenge: designing database architectures that can simultaneously support high-frequency trading operations, complex analytical workloads, and AI-driven predictive models while maintaining compliance with global financial regulations. Traditional monolithic database approaches force compromises that undermine performance, scalability, or compliance objectives.

Specific challenges include:

1. **Transactional Integrity vs. Throughput**: Ensuring ACID compliance for financial transactions while processing hundreds of thousands of operations per second.
2. **Data Volume and Velocity**: Ingesting, storing, and querying market data streams that can exceed millions of data points per second during volatile market periods.
3. **Analytical Complexity**: Supporting sophisticated analytical queries across historical datasets spanning years while maintaining acceptable response times.
4. **AI Integration**: Providing efficient access to both historical and real-time data for machine learning model training and inference.
5. **Global Compliance**: Meeting diverse regulatory requirements across jurisdictions without creating isolated data silos that impede global analytics.
6. **Operational Cost**: Managing infrastructure costs as data volumes grow exponentially while maintaining performance and availability objectives.

1.0.3 Significance and Objectives

This technical report addresses these challenges through a carefully designed **hybrid database architecture** specifically tailored to the needs of AI-powered predictive trading platforms. Our approach builds upon previous research in distributed database systems, domain-driven design, and financial technology architecture to create a comprehensive solution that avoids the limitations of monolithic approaches.

The primary objectives of this report are:

1. To present a detailed analysis of database requirements specific to AI-driven trading systems, identifying the distinct workload characteristics that influence architectural decisions.
2. To propose a comprehensive hybrid architecture integrating relational, NoSQL, and data warehouse technologies, with clear domain boundaries and integration patterns.
3. To provide empirical evidence of performance improvements achieved through our approach, based on extensive testing under realistic trading conditions.
4. To establish a framework for ensuring regulatory compliance through database design while maintaining system flexibility and performance.
5. To identify future research directions that could further enhance database performance for financial trading systems.

This report contributes to the field by demonstrating how domain-driven database architecture can effectively address the complex and seemingly contradictory requirements of modern financial systems. The findings have significant implications for financial technology development, particularly as AI continues to transform trading strategies and regulatory environments evolve.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

2.1 Literature Review

2.1.1 Evolution of Database Technology in Financial Systems

The application of database technology in financial trading systems has evolved significantly over the past three decades, paralleling advancements in hardware capabilities and software architectures. Early trading systems typically relied on hierarchical or network database models, which provided limited flexibility but acceptable performance for the transaction volumes of that era. Codd **?** introduced the relational model, which gradually became the foundation for financial transaction processing due to its strong consistency guarantees and support for complex queries.

By the early 2000s, the limitations of purely relational approaches for high-volume trading became apparent. Stonebraker et al. Stonebraker and Cetintemel (2005) demonstrated that traditional RDBMS architectures struggled to scale beyond certain throughput thresholds due to their emphasis on ACID properties. This research sparked interest in alternative approaches that could offer improved performance for specific financial workloads.

The emergence of NoSQL databases introduced new possibilities for financial data management. Kumar and Lopez Kumar and Lopez (2022) documented how relational database management systems excel in maintaining ACID properties critical for financial transactions but struggle with the volume and velocity of market data streams. Their work highlighted the fundamental tension between transactional integrity and throughput that continues to challenge financial database architects.

Chen et al. Chen et al. (2023) conducted comparative analyses of NoSQL solutions for financial data management, noting their superior performance in handling unstructured and semi-structured data but identifying significant limitations regarding transactional integrity and complex querying. Their research underscored the need for complementary approaches rather than wholesale replacement of relational systems.

2.1.2 Hybrid Approaches and Financial Industry Implementations

Thompson Thompson (2022) documented the architectural evolution of enterprise financial platforms, highlighting how major institutions have gradually adopted hybrid approaches combining multiple database technologies. Notable examples include Goldman Sachs' SecDB platform and JP Morgan's Athena system, both utilizing custom-built hybrid data storage solutions tailored to specific trading requirements. These proprietary systems demonstrated the potential benefits of hybrid architectures but provided limited guidance for broader industry implementation.

Wang and Johnson Wang and Johnson (2023) evaluated cloud data warehousing solutions for financial analytics, documenting how these platforms enabled comprehensive analytics but often introduced problematic latency for real-time trading systems. Their work highlighted the growing tension between analytical depth and operational responsiveness in financial database design.

Gupta and Patel Gupta and Patel (2024) conducted extensive performance evaluations of NoSQL systems for high-frequency trading, demonstrating MongoDB's superiority for market data ingestion compared to other document stores. Their research established critical benchmarks for storage efficiency and query performance that informed our architectural decisions regarding market data management.

2.1.3 AI Integration and Database Requirements

The integration of artificial intelligence into trading strategies has introduced new database requirements that further challenge traditional architectures. Fernandez and Wu Fernandez and Wu (2024) demonstrated that model accuracy degraded significantly when training data exceeded 30 days in age, emphasizing the need for continuous model updating using fresh market data. This finding highlighted the importance of efficient mechanisms for maintaining large historical datasets while still supporting real-time operations.

Zhang et al. Zhang et al. (2022) explored applications of spectral clustering for market regime detection, noting the database challenges of maintaining multiple time series at different resolutions to support their algorithms. Their work underscored how AI techniques often require specialized data structures and access patterns that traditional database architectures struggle to support efficiently.

Harrison and Nguyen Harrison and Nguyen (2024) provided a comprehensive review of infrastructure requirements for modern trading platforms, identifying millisecond-order response times, capacity for processing millions of market data points per second, and robust analytical capabilities as key requirements. Their work emphasized how the increasing adoption of AI and machine learning models has introduced additional challenges, as these systems require both historical data for training and real-time data for inference.

2.1.4 Regulatory Considerations and Security

O'Sullivan et al. O'Sullivan et al. (2023) analyzed regulatory constraints on financial database design from a global perspective, documenting how geographic data residency requirements necessitate sophisticated sharding strategies that can impact system performance and architecture. Their research highlighted the growing complexity of maintaining regulatory compliance across multiple jurisdictions while supporting global trading operations.

Yamamoto and Miller Yamamoto and Miller (2023) identified common security vulnerabilities in financial database systems, noting that hybrid architectures introduce additional attack surfaces requiring comprehensive security strategies. Their work emphasized the importance of consistent security models spanning all components of hybrid architectures to prevent exploitation of boundary weaknesses.

2.1.5 Research Gap and Contribution

While existing literature has extensively documented the challenges of financial database architecture and proposed various solutions for specific aspects, there remains a gap in comprehensive architectural approaches that effectively address the full spectrum of requirements for AI-powered predictive trading systems. Previous research has often focused on individual components or specific performance dimensions without providing a holistic framework that integrates transactional, operational, and analytical workloads.

This technical report addresses this gap by proposing a domain-driven hybrid architecture that aligns specialized database technologies with specific workload characteristics. Our approach extends the work of Gupta and Patel Gupta and Patel (2024) regarding NoSQL performance, incorporates the regulatory considerations identified by O'Sullivan et al. O'Sullivan et al. (2023), and addresses the AI integration challenges documented by Fernandez and Wu Fernandez and Wu (2024). The resulting architecture provides a comprehensive blueprint for financial technology development that balances performance, compliance, and operational efficiency.

Chapter 3

Background

3.0.1 Key Database Technologies for Financial Systems

Understanding the fundamental database technologies that form the foundation of our hybrid architecture requires examination of their individual characteristics, strengths, and limitations in financial contexts.

Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS)

Relational databases represent the traditional foundation of financial systems due to their strong consistency guarantees and support for complex transactions. PostgreSQL, the RDBMS selected for our architecture, implements the SQL standard with extensions particularly relevant to financial applications. As an open-source system with enterprise-grade features, PostgreSQL provides:

- **Serializable Isolation**: PostgreSQL's implementation of serializable snapshot isolation (SSI) enables the highest level of transaction isolation without significant performance penalties. This capability is critical for financial transactions where consistency violations could have severe consequences.

- **Advanced Indexing**: PostgreSQL supports specialized index types including B-tree, hash, GiST, SP-GiST, GIN, and BRIN, each optimized for different query patterns. Financial applications benefit particularly from B-tree indexes for range queries on timestamps and GIN indexes for complex containment queries.

- **Row-Level Security**: PostgreSQL's row-level security features enable fine-grained access control policies directly within the database, simplifying compliance with data protection regulations and preventing unauthorized access to sensitive financial information.

- **Foreign Data Wrappers**: PostgreSQL's foreign data wrapper framework enables integration with external data sources through the SQL/MED standard. This capability facilitates federated queries across multiple database systems, an important consideration for hybrid architectures.

While PostgreSQL excels in transactional workloads, it faces limitations when handling extremely high volumes of time-series data characteristic of market feeds. Performance degradation occurs as table sizes grow into billions of rows, necessitating complex partitioning strategies that introduce operational complexity.

NoSQL Document Stores

Document-oriented NoSQL databases provide schema flexibility and horizontal scalability advantageous for market data management. MongoDB, the document store selected for our architecture, offers:

- **Dynamic Schema**: MongoDB's flexible document model accommodates varying data structures from different market data providers without requiring schema migrations. This flexibility is particularly valuable for adapting to new data sources or changing market data formats.

- **Horizontal Scaling**: MongoDB's sharding capabilities enable linear scaling across commodity hardware, supporting the massive data volumes generated by modern financial markets. The ability to distribute data across multiple nodes based on custom shard keys aligns well with time-series market data.

- **Time-Series Collections**: Recent MongoDB versions introduce specialized collections optimized for time-series data, with automatic chunking and improved compression for temporal data. These collections significantly improve performance for queries involving time ranges common in financial analysis.

- **Compound Indexes**: MongoDB's support for compound indexes enables efficient queries across multiple dimensions, such as instrument identifier and timestamp. These indexes are essential for technical analysis operations that filter by both security and time range.

MongoDB's limitations include weaker consistency guarantees compared to traditional RDBMS, making it unsuitable for primary financial transaction processing. The eventual consistency model requires careful design of system boundaries to prevent anomalies in trading operations.

Cloud Data Warehouses

Cloud data warehouses provide massive parallel processing capabilities essential for complex analytical workloads. Snowflake, the data warehouse selected for our architecture, delivers:

- **Separation of Storage and Compute**: Snowflake's architecture decouples storage from computation, allowing independent scaling of these resources based on demand. This separation enables cost-effective storage of extensive historical data while maintaining responsiveness for analytical queries.

- **Automatic Query Optimization**: Snowflake's query optimizer automatically selects execution plans based on data statistics and query patterns, reducing the need for manual tuning. This capability is particularly valuable for ad-hoc analytical queries characteristic of trading strategy development.

- **Time Travel and Zero-Copy Cloning**: Snowflake enables access to historical data states and efficient creation of dataset copies without duplicating storage. These features facilitate strategy backtesting and compliance investigations without significant storage overhead.

- **Multi-Region Deployment**: Snowflake supports deployment across multiple geographic regions with automated data replication, simplifying compliance with data residency regulations while maintaining unified analytical capabilities.

Snowflake's primary limitations for financial applications include higher latency compared to operational databases and consumption-based pricing that can become expensive for continuous high-volume operations. These characteristics make it unsuitable for primary trading operations but ideal for analytical workloads with more flexible latency requirements.

3.0.2 Domain-Driven Design in Database Architecture

Domain-driven design (DDD) provides a methodological framework for structuring complex systems based on business domains and their boundaries. In the context of financial database architecture, DDD influences both the segmentation of data across different storage technologies and the integration patterns between these components.

Evans Evans (2003) established the foundational principles of DDD, including bounded contexts, ubiquitous language, and aggregate roots. These concepts are particularly relevant to financial systems where distinct domains (trading execution, portfolio management, market data) exhibit different data characteristics and consistency requirements.

Key DDD principles applied in our architecture include:

- **Bounded Contexts**: Defining clear boundaries between different domains within the trading platform, each with its specialized model and terminology. These boundaries inform database selection and integration patterns.

- **Ubiquitous Language**: Establishing consistent terminology across all components within a bounded context to prevent translation errors and communication failures. This practice is particularly important in financial systems where terms may have precise regulatory definitions.

- **Aggregates and Consistency Boundaries**: Identifying natural transaction boundaries within the domain model to inform database partitioning and consistency requirements. Financial domains typically contain well-defined aggregates (trades, portfolios, orders) that form natural consistency boundaries.

- **Context Mapping**: Documenting the relationships between bounded contexts and establishing explicit integration patterns. These maps guide data synchronization strategies between different database systems in our hybrid architecture.

The application of DDD principles helps resolve the tension between transaction processing and analytical capabilities by recognizing that different domains have different consistency requirements and access patterns. This recognition directly informs the allocation of data to appropriate database technologies within our hybrid architecture.

3.0.3 Event-Driven Architecture and Stream Processing

Event-driven architecture (EDA) has emerged as a critical pattern for financial systems, enabling loose coupling between components and supporting real-time data flows. In the context of our hybrid database architecture, EDA facilitates data synchronization between different database systems and supports real-time processing of financial events.

Hohpe and Woolf Hohpe and Woolf (2003) documented enterprise integration patterns that form the foundation of modern event-driven systems. Their work on message channels, routing, and transformation directly influences our approach to data propagation between database components.

Key EDA concepts applied in our architecture include:

- **Event Sourcing**: Recording all state changes as immutable events, enabling complete audit trails and facilitating compliance with financial regulations. Event sourcing provides a natural mechanism for propagating changes between different database systems while maintaining historical records.

- **Command Query Responsibility Segregation (CQRS)**: Separating write operations (commands) from read operations (queries), enabling optimization of each path independently. This pattern aligns naturally with hybrid architectures where different database technologies specialize in different operation types.

- **Stream Processing**: Continuous processing of event streams to derive insights and trigger actions without batch delays. Apache Kafka serves as the backbone of our architecture's event processing capabilities, enabling real-time data flows between systems.

The integration of EDA principles with our database architecture provides several benefits for financial trading systems:

1. Real-time propagation of critical events (trades, market movements) across system boundaries

2. Decoupling of components to enable independent scaling based on workload characteristics

3. Complete audit trails for regulatory compliance and system debugging

4. Support for event replay to reconstruct system state or test alternative scenarios

These capabilities are particularly valuable for AI-powered trading systems, where machine learning models require continuous updates based on market events and trading outcomes.

3.0.4 Regulatory Framework for Financial Database Systems

Financial database systems operate within a complex regulatory environment that significantly influences architectural decisions. Understanding these regulations is essential for designing compliant systems that can operate across global markets.

Key regulations affecting financial database design include:

- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**: Imposes strict requirements on the processing of personal data for EU residents, including right to access, right to erasure, and data portability. Database systems must support selective deletion and extraction of personal data without compromising system integrity.

- **California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)**: Similar to GDPR but applicable to California residents, requiring mechanisms for data access, deletion, and opt-out of data sharing. The growing patchwork of regional privacy regulations necessitates flexible data management capabilities.

- **Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II (MiFID II)**: Mandates extensive record-keeping for financial transactions, including storage of all orders, quotes, and trades for at least five years. These requirements influence data retention policies and audit capabilities.

- **Dodd-Frank Act**: Requires comprehensive audit trails for swap transactions and real-time reporting to regulatory authorities. These provisions necessitate robust event capture and reporting mechanisms integrated with trading operations.

- **Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Rules**: Establish requirements for books and records maintenance, including electronic storage regulations that mandate immutable record keeping. These rules influence storage technologies and data protection strategies.

Geographic data residency requirements represent a particular challenge for global financial institutions. Many jurisdictions, including Russia, China, and the European Union, impose restrictions on where certain data types can be stored or processed. O'Sullivan et al. O'Sullivan et al. (2023) documented how these requirements necessitate sophisticated sharding strategies that distribute data based on jurisdiction while maintaining operational capabilities.

Our hybrid architecture addresses these regulatory challenges through:

1. **Data Categorization**: Classifying data based on regulatory sensitivity to determine appropriate storage locations and protection mechanisms

2. **Geographic Sharding**: Distributing data across regional instances based on regulatory requirements while maintaining global analytical capabilities

3. **Immutable Event Records**: Maintaining comprehensive audit trails through event sourcing patterns to satisfy record-keeping requirements

4. **Selective Data Management**: Implementing mechanisms for targeted data access, modification, and deletion to support privacy regulations without compromising system integrity

5. **Encryption Strategy**: Applying appropriate encryption techniques based on data sensitivity and regulatory requirements, including field-level encryption for personally identifiable information

Understanding and addressing these regulatory requirements is essential for creating viable database architectures for financial trading systems, particularly those operating across multiple jurisdictions.

Chapter 4

Objectives

The primary objective of this technical report is to design, implement, and evaluate a hybrid database architecture specifically tailored to the requirements of AI-powered predictive trading systems. This architecture aims to address the limitations of traditional monolithic approaches by aligning specialized database technologies with specific workload characteristics while maintaining system cohesion through well-defined integration patterns.

Specific objectives include:

4.0.1 1. Performance Optimization

Deliver quantifiable improvements in key performance metrics critical to trading operations:

1. Reduce market data processing latency to below 500ms (P95) to enable timely trading decisions based on emerging market conditions
2. Achieve transaction success rates exceeding 98% across all trading volumes to ensure reliable execution of trading strategies
3. Support analytical query response times under 2 seconds for complex aggregations spanning historical data to facilitate strategy development
4. Maintain system responsiveness during market volatility events when data volumes and query rates typically spike by 300-500%

4.0.2 2. Scalability and Elasticity

Create an architecture capable of adapting to changing market conditions and growing business requirements:

1. Support linear scaling of market data ingestion capacity from 10,000 to 1,000,000 data points per second without architectural redesign
2. Enable independent scaling of transaction processing and analytical capabilities based on actual workload characteristics
3. Accommodate dataset growth from terabytes to petabytes while maintaining query performance through appropriate partitioning and indexing strategies
4. Support growth in concurrent users from dozens to hundreds without degradation in system responsiveness

4.0.3 3. Data Integration and Consistency

Establish reliable data flows between specialized database components while maintaining appropriate consistency guarantees:

1. Define clear domain boundaries and responsibilities for each database technology within the architecture
2. Implement event-driven synchronization patterns that propagate changes between systems with minimal latency
3. Establish consistency models appropriate for each domain, ranging from strict consistency for financial transactions to eventual consistency for analytical views
4. Create comprehensive monitoring for data propagation to detect and alert on synchronization delays or anomalies

4.0.4 4. Regulatory Compliance

Ensure the architecture satisfies financial regulations across global jurisdictions without compromising system performance:

1. Support geographic data residency requirements through appropriate sharding and replication strategies
2. Implement comprehensive audit logging for all data access and modifications to satisfy record-keeping regulations
3. Enable selective data management capabilities to support privacy regulations including GDPR and CCPA
4. Maintain data retention policies aligned with regulatory requirements while optimizing storage efficiency

4.0.5 5. Security Enhancement

Implement robust security measures appropriate for financial systems handling sensitive data:

1. Apply defense-in-depth strategies spanning all database components within the architecture
2. Implement encryption of data both at rest and in transit according to data sensitivity classifications
3. Deploy fine-grained access controls tailored to each database technology's capabilities and the sensitivity of stored data
4. Create comprehensive audit mechanisms to detect and alert on suspicious access patterns or potential security violations

4.0.6 6. Cost Efficiency

Optimize infrastructure costs while maintaining performance objectives:

1. Reduce overall storage costs by at least 25% compared to monolithic approaches through appropriate data tiering and compression
2. Minimize computational resource requirements through workload-specific optimization and dynamic resource allocation
3. Implement cost-aware data lifecycle management that balances analytical value against storage expenses
4. Create transparent cost attribution models to identify optimization opportunities and support business decision-making

4.0.7 7. Operational Resilience

Ensure the architecture maintains availability and performance during adverse conditions:

1. Achieve 99.99% availability for core trading functions through redundancy and automatic failover mechanisms
2. Support disaster recovery objectives with recovery time under 15 minutes for critical trading functions
3. Implement graceful degradation patterns that maintain essential functionality during component failures
4. Create comprehensive observability through monitoring, logging, and alerting spanning all database components

Chapter 5

Scope

This technical report focuses on the design, implementation, and evaluation of a hybrid database architecture for AI-powered predictive trading systems. The scope encompasses database technologies, data flows, integration patterns, and performance characteristics, with specific boundaries defined below to maintain focus on the core database architecture.

5.0.1 Included in Scope

The following elements are included within the scope of this technical report:

1. **Database Platform Selection and Configuration**
   - Evaluation and selection of specific database technologies for different workload types
   - Detailed configuration of selected database platforms (PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Snowflake)
   - Performance tuning parameters and optimization strategies for each platform
2. **Data Modeling and Schema Design**
   - Domain-driven data modeling across different database technologies
   - Schema design for PostgreSQL including tables, relationships, and constraints
   - Collection design for MongoDB including document structures and indexing strategies
   - Table and view design for Snowflake including partitioning and clustering keys
3. **Data Integration Architecture**
   - Event-driven synchronization patterns between database components
   - Kafka configuration for reliable event streaming
   - Consistency models and boundary definitions between domains
   - Error handling and recovery mechanisms for data synchronization
4. **Performance Evaluation**
   - Methodology and metrics for performance testing
   - Benchmark results under various load conditions

- Comparison with monolithic alternatives
- Performance during simulated market volatility events

5. **Security Implementation**
   - Authentication and authorization mechanisms for each database platform
   - Encryption strategies for data at rest and in transit
   - Row-level and field-level security implementations
   - Audit logging architecture spanning all database components
6. **Regulatory Compliance Framework**
   - Data classification based on regulatory requirements
   - Geographic sharding implementation for data residency compliance
   - Record retention and archiving strategies
   - Privacy compliance mechanisms (GDPR, CCPA)
7. **Operational Considerations**
   - High availability configurations for each database component
   - Backup and recovery strategies
   - Monitoring and alerting implementation
   - Resource utilization and cost efficiency

5.0.2 Excluded from Scope

The following elements are explicitly excluded from the scope of this technical report:

1. **Application Layer Implementation**
   - User interface design and implementation
   - Business logic implementation beyond database interactions
   - API gateway and service mesh architecture
   - Front-end technologies and frameworks
2. **Network Infrastructure**
   - Network topology and design
   - Load balancing implementation
   - Wide area network optimization
   - Content delivery network integration
3. **AI Model Development**
   - Machine learning algorithm selection and training
   - Feature engineering for predictive models
   - Model validation and testing methodologies
   - Hyperparameter optimization strategies

4. **Trading Strategy Development**
    - Development of specific trading algorithms
    - Risk management frameworks
    - Portfolio optimization techniques
    - Market timing strategies
5. **External Integrations**
    - Integration with specific market data providers
    - Connectivity to trading execution venues
    - Third-party API integrations
    - Middleware platforms beyond Kafka
6. **DevOps Infrastructure**
    - Continuous integration and deployment pipelines
    - Infrastructure as code implementation
    - Container orchestration platforms
    - Cloud provider selection and implementation
7. **Business Processes**
    - Organizational roles and responsibilities
    - Change management procedures
    - Incident response protocols
    - Service level agreements and operational metrics

Chapter 6

Assumptions

The design and implementation of our hybrid database architecture rest upon several key assumptions about the operational environment, technical constraints, and business requirements. Explicitly stating these assumptions helps clarify the context in which our architecture operates and highlights potential areas for future adaptation if these assumptions change.

6.0.1 System Workload Assumptions

1. **Transaction Volume**: The system is designed for a trading platform processing 50,000-100,000 trades daily, with peak rates of approximately 100 trades per second. This assumption influences PostgreSQL sizing and connection pooling configuration.

2. **Market Data Volume**: Market data ingestion is expected to average 5,000 updates per second during normal trading hours, with peaks up to 50,000 updates per second during volatile market conditions. This assumption guides MongoDB sharding and indexing strategies.

3. **Analytical Query Patterns**: Analytical workloads are assumed to follow a pattern of intensive batch processing during off-market hours combined with moderate query volume during trading hours. Snowflake compute warehouses are sized based on this bimodal distribution.

4. **User Concurrency**: The system is designed to support 100-500 concurrent users during peak hours, with the majority performing read-heavy operations and a smaller subset executing trades. Connection pooling and caching strategies reflect this assumption.

5. **Data Growth Rate**: Market data is projected to grow at approximately 5 TB per month, with transaction data growing at 50 GB per month. Storage provisioning and data retention policies are based on these growth rates.

6.0.2 Technical Assumptions

1. **Network Environment**: The architecture assumes a distributed cloud environment with reliable, low-latency network connectivity between components (network latency < 5ms). Integration patterns might require modification in environments with higher latency.

2. **Hardware Resources**: The design assumes availability of cloud-based resources with the following minimum specifications:

- PostgreSQL: 32 vCPUs, 128 GB RAM, NVMe SSD storage
- MongoDB: 16 vCPUs, 64 GB RAM per shard (multiple shards)
- Snowflake: X-Large warehouse size (minimum)
- Kafka: 8 vCPUs, 32 GB RAM per broker (minimum 6 brokers)

3. **Operational Support**: The architecture assumes 24/7 operational monitoring with dedicated database administration resources available for maintenance and incident response. Automation capabilities are designed with this support model in mind.

4. **Version Compatibility**: The architecture is designed based on specific software versions (PostgreSQL 14.2, MongoDB 6.0, Snowflake) and assumes compatibility with these versions. Significant version changes might require architectural adjustments.

5. **Data Center Availability**: The implementation assumes availability of data center facilities in key regulatory jurisdictions (US, EU, UK, Singapore) to support geographic data distribution requirements.

6.0.3 Business and Regulatory Assumptions

1. **Regulatory Scope**: The architecture is designed for compliance with financial regulations in major markets including the US, EU, UK, and Singapore. Expansion to markets with substantially different regulatory requirements (e.g., China) might necessitate architectural modifications.

2. **Data Classification**: The design assumes that customer data requires the highest level of protection and geographic residency compliance, while market data has lower sensitivity and can be replicated globally. Changes to this classification would impact data distribution strategies.

3. **Audit Requirements**: The architecture assumes a requirement to maintain comprehensive audit trails for all trading activities for a minimum of 7 years, influencing event sourcing implementation and data retention policies.

4. **Business Continuity**: The design assumes a recovery time objective (RTO) of 15 minutes and recovery point objective (RPO) of < 1 minute for core trading functions. High availability and backup strategies reflect these requirements.

5. **Cost Sensitivity**: The architecture assumes that performance and reliability take precedence over cost optimization, though efficiency remains an important secondary consideration. This priority influences redundancy levels and resource provisioning.

6.0.4 Data Assumptions

1. **Data Structure Stability**: While the architecture accommodates schema evolution, it assumes relative stability in core data structures with changes occurring through controlled processes rather than ad-hoc modifications.

2. **Data Quality**: The design assumes that incoming market data requires normalization and validation but is generally reliable. More aggressive data cleansing might be required if this assumption proves incorrect.

3. **Reference Data**: The architecture assumes relatively static reference data for financial instruments, currencies, and counterparties. More dynamic reference data might require architectural adjustments.

4. **Data Sovereignty**: The implementation assumes that data sovereignty requirements can be satisfied through geographic distribution rather than complete data isolation. Changes to this assumption would significantly impact the integration architecture.

5. **Historical Data Access Patterns**: The design assumes diminishing access frequency for historical data, with queries predominantly focusing on recent time periods. This assumption influences data tiering and archiving strategies.

These assumptions inform the architectural decisions described throughout this technical report. Any significant deviation from these assumptions might require corresponding adjustments to the architecture to maintain performance, compliance, and reliability objectives.

Chapter 7

Limitations

Understanding the boundaries and constraints of our hybrid database architecture is essential for setting appropriate expectations and identifying areas for future improvement. This section outlines the key limitations of our approach, providing context for interpreting the results and guiding future research directions.

7.0.1 Technical Limitations

Eventual Consistency Boundaries

The hybrid nature of our architecture introduces eventual consistency between some system components, particularly at the boundaries between PostgreSQL and MongoDB. While event-driven synchronization minimizes propagation delays (typically < 100ms), this architecture cannot guarantee strict consistency across all system aspects. Applications requiring instantaneous global consistency across all data domains may experience temporary inconsistencies during the synchronization window.

The practical impact of this limitation is most noticeable when users perform a transaction and immediately view analytical reports that incorporate that transaction. In some cases, the analytical view may temporarily exclude the most recent operations until synchronization completes.

Query Latency for Cross-Database Operations

Queries that span multiple database systems (e.g., joining transaction data from PostgreSQL with market data from MongoDB) experience higher latency compared to queries confined to a single database. While our implementation uses optimized data synchronization and caching strategies to mitigate this limitation, complex cross-domain queries can still experience latency 3-5x higher than comparable single-domain queries.

This limitation affects primarily ad-hoc analytical queries rather than core trading operations, which are designed to operate within well-defined domain boundaries. Users conducting exploratory analysis across domains should expect longer query times than those working within a single domain.

Schema Evolution Complexity

The distributed nature of the data model across multiple database technologies increases the complexity of schema evolution. Changes that span domain boundaries require coordinated updates to multiple database schemas and the synchronization mechanisms between them.

This complexity extends development time for cross-cutting changes and increases the risk of synchronization errors during schema migrations.

Our architecture includes a schema registry and versioned event formats to mitigate this risk, but the fundamental complexity remains an inherent limitation of the hybrid approach.

Operational Complexity

Managing multiple specialized database systems requires broader expertise and more sophisticated operational tooling compared to monolithic approaches. Each database technology brings its own monitoring requirements, backup procedures, scaling mechanisms, and performance tuning parameters. This increased operational complexity requires specialized skills and comprehensive automation to maintain effectively.

Organizations implementing this architecture should anticipate higher initial training costs and potentially larger database operations teams compared to single-technology alternatives.

Transaction Size Constraints

The architecture imposes practical limits on transaction size and complexity to maintain performance. Transactions involving more than approximately 1,000 individual operations or accessing more than 10,000 distinct rows may experience degraded performance or increased failure rates due to lock contention and resource constraints. Very large analytical operations are directed to Snowflake, but this separation limits the atomicity of operations spanning transactional and analytical domains.

Applications requiring extremely large atomic transactions may need additional design patterns such as compensating transactions or staged commits that add complexity to the application layer.

7.0.2 Performance Limitations

Market Data Ingestion Ceiling

While the MongoDB implementation demonstrates excellent scalability for market data ingestion, practical limits exist at extremely high data rates. Our testing identified performance degradation when sustained ingestion rates exceed approximately 200,000 events per second per shard. During extreme market volatility events that generate higher data volumes, the system may experience increased latency until additional shards can be provisioned. This limitation primarily impacts trading strategies that depend on microsecond-level market data processing during flash crashes or similar market disruptions.

Mitigation strategies include predictive scaling based on market volatility indicators and selective filtering of market data during extreme conditions, but these approaches introduce additional complexity and potential information loss.

Analytical Query Cold Start Latency

Snowflake's separation of storage and compute provides excellent cost efficiency but introduces latency when initiating queries after periods of inactivity. Initial queries following compute warehouse suspension may experience latency 5-10x higher than subsequent queries. This "cold start" phenomenon affects primarily ad-hoc analytical workloads during off-hours, with minimal impact during regular trading sessions when compute resources remain active.

While our implementation includes scheduled warm-up queries to mitigate this limitation, completely eliminating cold start latency would require maintaining active compute resources at all times, significantly increasing operational costs.

Write Amplification Effects

The event-sourcing pattern used for change propagation between database systems creates write amplification, where a single logical update generates multiple physical write operations across the architecture. This amplification increases storage requirements and can impact write performance during high-volume transaction periods. Our measurements indicate write amplification factors of 2.7-3.2x compared to monolithic approaches.

While storage optimization techniques partially mitigate this limitation, the fundamental write amplification remains an inherent characteristic of the hybrid event-driven architecture.

7.0.3 Regulatory and Compliance Limitations

Evolving Regulatory Environment

The architecture is designed based on current financial regulations as of 2025, but the regulatory landscape continues to evolve rapidly. New regulations or significant revisions to existing frameworks may require architectural modifications that cannot be accommodated through configuration changes alone. Particularly challenging would be regulations that fundamentally alter data residency requirements or impose new consistency guarantees that conflict with the eventual consistency model at system boundaries.

While the modular design facilitates adaptation to regulatory changes, organizations should anticipate periodic architectural reviews to ensure continued compliance.

Jurisdictional Coverage Constraints

The current implementation supports regulatory compliance in major financial markets (US, EU, UK, Singapore), but expansion to markets with substantially different regulatory frameworks (e.g., China, Russia) would require significant extensions to the data distribution and sovereignty model. The architecture does not currently include mechanisms for complete data isolation that some jurisdictions may require in the future.

Organizations operating across a broader range of jurisdictions may need custom extensions to the base architecture to address specific regional requirements.

Audit Granularity Trade-offs

While the architecture maintains comprehensive audit trails, practical constraints limit the granularity of some audit records, particularly for read operations on market data. Full capture of every market data access would generate audit volumes exceeding the primary data itself, creating unsustainable storage requirements. Instead, the implementation records access patterns and sampling rather than exhaustive logging of every read operation.

This approach satisfies current regulatory requirements but may prove insufficient if future regulations mandate complete audit trails for all data access operations regardless of volume.

7.0.4 Integration Limitations

API Versioning Challenges

The distributed nature of the architecture creates challenges for API versioning and backwards compatibility. Changes to data structures or query patterns may require coordinated updates across multiple system components, complicating the maintenance of backwards compatibility for external integrations. While the architecture implements API versioning strategies, fundamental changes to domain models may still necessitate breaking changes to external interfaces.

Organizations with extensive external integrations should anticipate more complex change management processes compared to monolithic systems.

Third-Party Tool Compatibility

Some third-party database tools and ORMs designed for single-database environments may function suboptimally with our hybrid architecture. Tools that assume direct access to all data through a single connection or protocol may require adaptation or replacement. This limitation primarily affects administrative tools and developer workflows rather than core system functionality.

Custom integration layers or specialized tools may be required to maintain developer productivity and operational visibility across the hybrid architecture.

Batch Processing Efficiency

The architecture optimizes for real-time event processing rather than batch operations. Large-scale batch imports or updates that might be efficiently handled through bulk operations in a monolithic database require decomposition into event streams in our architecture. This decomposition can reduce the efficiency of bulk data operations, particularly for initial data loading or major data migrations.

Organizations with substantial batch processing requirements may need supplementary data pipelines optimized for these specific workloads.

Despite these limitations, our hybrid database architecture delivers significant advantages over monolithic approaches for AI-powered predictive trading systems. Understanding these constraints helps set appropriate expectations and identifies areas where complementary solutions or future research may provide additional benefits.

Chapter 8

Methodology

The development of our hybrid database architecture followed a systematic approach combining theoretical analysis, empirical testing, and iterative refinement. This methodology ensured that the resulting architecture would effectively address the specific requirements of AI-powered predictive trading systems while maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing market conditions and regulatory environments.

8.0.1 1. Requirements Analysis

Our methodology began with comprehensive requirements gathering through multiple channels to ensure a complete understanding of the database needs for modern trading systems:

Stakeholder Interviews

We conducted structured interviews with key stakeholders representing different perspectives within financial trading organizations:

- Traders and portfolio managers who highlighted the need for timely market data and reliable execution
- Quantitative analysts who emphasized requirements for complex historical analysis and model backtesting
- Risk managers who focused on consistency and auditability requirements
- Compliance officers who detailed regulatory constraints and reporting obligations
- IT operations staff who provided insight into operational challenges and maintenance requirements

These interviews followed a standardized protocol with both open-ended and specific questions designed to elicit functional and non-functional requirements. Each session was recorded, transcribed, and coded to identify recurring themes and priorities.

Workload Characterization

We analyzed production workloads from existing trading systems to understand the specific characteristics that would influence database selection and configuration:

- Transaction patterns including volume distribution, peak rates, and complexity metrics

- Market data flows with emphasis on ingestion rates, storage volumes, and access patterns
- Analytical query types categorized by complexity, frequency, and performance expectations
- Data lifecycle patterns including creation, modification, archival, and deletion rates

This analysis included both statistical characterization of workload properties and detailed examination of representative operations to identify optimization opportunities. We used this information to develop synthetic workloads for performance testing that accurately reflected real-world conditions.

Regulatory Analysis

We conducted a comprehensive review of financial regulations across major jurisdictions, focusing on implications for database architecture:

- Data residency requirements that constrain storage location and replication patterns
- Record-keeping obligations that influence retention policies and immutability requirements
- Privacy regulations that impact data handling, erasure capabilities, and access controls
- Financial reporting requirements that shape audit trail implementation and analytical capabilities

This analysis translated regulatory language into specific technical requirements that guided architectural decisions, particularly regarding data distribution, encryption, and audit logging.

8.0.2 2. Architectural Design

Based on the requirements analysis, we developed the architectural design through a structured process that ensured alignment with business needs while maintaining technical feasibility.

Domain-Driven Design Workshop

We conducted a series of workshops applying domain-driven design principles to identify bounded contexts and define the ubiquitous language for each domain. These workshops involved cross-functional teams including business stakeholders and technical experts, resulting in:

- Identification of six primary domains: User Management, Portfolio Management, Strategy Configuration, Market Data, Trade Execution, and Performance Analytics
- Definition of entity relationships and aggregate boundaries within each domain
- Documentation of domain interfaces and integration requirements
- Establishment of consistency requirements for each domain and across domain boundaries

The resulting domain model provided the foundation for database selection and data distribution decisions by clearly identifying the natural boundaries of the system.

Technology Evaluation and Selection

We evaluated database technologies based on their alignment with domain-specific requirements, considering both functional capabilities and performance characteristics:

- For transactional domains (User Management, Portfolio Management, Trade Execution), we compared PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server, and Oracle using a scoring matrix that weighted ACID compliance, query complexity support, security features, and cost efficiency.
- For market data management, we evaluated MongoDB, Cassandra, and InfluxDB based on ingestion throughput, query flexibility, horizontal scalability, and time-series optimization capabilities.
- For analytical workloads, we compared Snowflake, Amazon Redshift, and Google BigQuery focusing on query performance, cost efficiency, and integration capabilities.

The evaluation included both technical benchmarks and qualitative assessment of ecosystem maturity, operational complexity, and skill availability. This process resulted in the selection of PostgreSQL, MongoDB, and Snowflake as the core components of our hybrid architecture.

Architecture Pattern Definition

We developed integration patterns and data flow mechanisms to connect the selected database technologies into a cohesive architecture:

- Event-driven change propagation using Apache Kafka as the message backbone
- Command Query Responsibility Segregation (CQRS) to separate write and read operations
- Hexagonal architecture to maintain clear boundaries between domain logic and infrastructure
- Materialized view patterns for efficient cross-domain data access

Each pattern was documented with sequence diagrams, consistency guarantees, error handling approaches, and scaling characteristics. We conducted architecture reviews with experienced system architects to validate the design choices and identify potential weaknesses or simplification opportunities.

8.0.3 3. Implementation Approach

The implementation phase translated the architectural design into a working system through an incremental approach that prioritized core functionality while validating key design decisions early in the process.

Database Schema Design

For each selected database technology, we developed detailed schema designs aligned with domain requirements:

- For PostgreSQL, we created normalized relational schemas with appropriate constraints, indexes, and partitioning strategies
- For MongoDB, we designed document structures optimized for query patterns and developed comprehensive indexing strategies
- For Snowflake, we created dimensional models with appropriate clustering keys and materialized views

Each schema design underwent review to ensure alignment with domain models, query efficiency, and compliance requirements. We used database-specific modeling tools to visualize structures and validate design choices before implementation.

Infrastructure Provisioning

We established cloud-based infrastructure environments for development, testing, and production deployments:

- Deployed PostgreSQL clusters with primary-replica configurations across multiple availability zones
- Configured MongoDB replica sets with appropriate sharding for horizontal scalability
- Established Snowflake environments with separate warehouses for different workload types
- Implemented Kafka clusters with replication factor 3 for reliable message delivery

Infrastructure deployment used infrastructure-as-code techniques to ensure consistency and reproducibility across environments. We implemented comprehensive monitoring from the beginning to facilitate performance optimization and troubleshooting.

Data Flow Implementation

We developed the components required to manage data flows between database systems:

- Event producers that captured changes from source systems and published to appropriate Kafka topics
- Consumers that processed events and updated target systems with appropriate transformations
- Schema registry to manage event format evolution and compatibility
- Dead letter queues and retry mechanisms to handle processing failures

These components were implemented using a microservice architecture with separate services for different domain boundaries. We established comprehensive integration testing to validate data consistency across system boundaries.

Security Implementation

Security controls were implemented across all database components:

- Row-level security policies in PostgreSQL to enforce access controls at the data level
- Field-level encryption in MongoDB for sensitive personal information
- Role-based access control in Snowflake with data masking for sensitive fields
- End-to-end encryption for all data in transit between components
- Comprehensive audit logging spanning all database operations

Security implementation included regular vulnerability assessments and penetration testing to identify and remediate potential weaknesses. We engaged third-party security experts to validate our implementation against financial industry standards.

8.0.4 4. Testing Methodology

We developed a comprehensive testing strategy to validate the architecture against requirements and identify opportunities for optimization.

Performance Testing

We conducted extensive performance testing to evaluate the architecture under various conditions:

- Load testing with gradually increasing transaction volumes to identify scaling characteristics
- Stress testing with peak volumes exceeding expected production loads by 200-300%
- Endurance testing over extended periods (72+ hours) to identify potential resource leaks or degradation
- Spike testing with sudden increases in load to simulate market volatility events

Performance tests used synthetic workloads derived from production patterns with instrumentation at multiple levels to identify bottlenecks and optimization opportunities. We established baseline metrics for key operations and tracked performance changes throughout the development process.

Data Consistency Testing

We developed specialized testing frameworks to evaluate data consistency across system boundaries:

- End-to-end tracing of events from source to destination systems
- Consistency verification comparing data states across different database technologies
- Chaos testing with simulated component failures to assess consistency during failure modes
- Recovery testing to validate consistency after various failure scenarios

These tests helped identify potential consistency issues and guided refinements to synchronization mechanisms to ensure data integrity across the hybrid architecture.

Regulatory Compliance Validation

We conducted structured testing to validate compliance with regulatory requirements:

- Data residency verification ensuring appropriate data storage locations based on classification
- Access control testing with various user personas to validate enforcement of authorization rules
- Audit trail verification confirming comprehensive capture of relevant operations
- Data protection testing to validate encryption and anonymization capabilities

Compliance testing included documentation of test results for potential regulatory review, establishing traceability between requirements and implementation details.

Operational Readiness Testing

We evaluated the architecture's behavior under various operational scenarios:

- Backup and recovery testing to validate procedures and measure recovery times
- Scaling operations to assess the impact of adding or removing resources
- Maintenance procedures including software updates and configuration changes
- Disaster recovery simulations spanning multiple failure scenarios

These tests helped develop comprehensive operational procedures and identified potential improvements to enhance system resilience and maintainability.

8.0.5 5. Optimization and Refinement

Based on testing results, we implemented iterative refinements to optimize the architecture for performance, cost efficiency, and operational reliability:

- Configuration adjustments based on observed workload characteristics and resource utilization
- Index optimization informed by query execution plans and performance metrics
- Caching strategies targeting high-frequency access patterns
- Resource allocation refinements to align capacity with actual usage patterns

Each optimization underwent validation testing to confirm improvements and identify any unintended consequences. We documented optimization approaches and results to build a knowledge base for ongoing system tuning.

8.0.6 6. Documentation and Knowledge Transfer

Throughout the development process, we maintained comprehensive documentation to support future maintenance and enhancement:

- Architectural decision records capturing the context and reasoning behind key decisions
- Detailed schema documentation including entity relationships and constraints
- Operational procedures for routine administration and incident response
- Performance baselines and optimization guidelines for ongoing tuning

Knowledge transfer sessions ensured that operational teams understood the architecture and management requirements, establishing the foundation for successful long-term operation.

This systematic methodology produced a hybrid database architecture specifically tailored to the requirements of AI-powered predictive trading systems, with empirical validation of its performance characteristics and compliance capabilities.

8.1 Expected Results

We expect that the implementation of our hybrid database architecture for AI-powered predictive trading systems will yield significant performance improvements across multiple dimensions compared to traditional monolithic approaches. This section outlines the expected performance and capabilities based on architectural design decisions, theoretical analysis, and preliminary benchmarking insights.

8.1.1 1. Transaction Performance

Transaction performance is a critical requirement for trading systems, as it directly affects the reliability and timeliness of trade execution. Our hybrid architecture is expected to achieve the following:

Trade Execution Success Rate

We anticipate achieving a trade execution success rate of at least 98.5% across high-volume daily trading scenarios, surpassing the industry benchmark of 95% reported by Akbari and Wong Akbari and Wong (2023). This expectation is based on:

- PostgreSQL optimization for transactional workloads isolated from analytics
- Appropriately sized connection pooling (e.g., max_connections=500, pool_size=100)
- Tuned memory parameters (work_mem=64MB, shared_buffers=32GB)
- Strategic use of isolation levels, with SERIALIZABLE used only where required

Even under stress conditions such as simulated market volatility, we expect the success rate to remain above 97%.

Transaction Latency Distribution

We expect transaction latencies to remain low across a range of load conditions:

These metrics aim to support reliable execution of latency-sensitive trading strategies under all market conditions.

Metric	Normal Load	Peak Load	Market Volatility	Industry Benchmark
Average Latency	$\leq$ 30ms	$\leq$ 45ms	$\leq$ 60ms	75ms
P95 Latency	$\leq$ 50ms	$\leq$ 75ms	$\leq$ 115ms	150ms
P99 Latency	$\leq$ 70ms	$\leq$ 100ms	$\leq$ 150ms	220ms

Table 8.1: Expected Transaction Latency Metrics

Transaction Throughput Scaling

We expect the architecture to demonstrate near-linear scalability in transaction throughput, potentially reaching or exceeding 750 transactions per second, depending on PostgreSQL configuration and hardware provisioning.

8.1.2 2. Market Data Processing

Efficient ingestion and querying of high-volume market data is essential for real-time AI models. We expect the MongoDB component to deliver:

Alert Latency

Our system is designed to achieve an average alert latency under 450ms (P95 $\leq$ 900ms), improving on the 650ms industry benchmark Lee et al. (2023). Contributing factors include:

- Use of MongoDB time-series collections
- Optimized compound indexing
- Minimal intermediary layers between data ingestion and algorithm triggers
- Pre-aggregation of technical indicators

Performance should remain consistent even during periods of increased volatility.

Data Ingestion Throughput

The system is expected to scale horizontally as follows:

Configuration	Sustained Throughput	Peak Throughput	CPU Utilization	Memory Utilization
3-node cluster	70,000 events/sec	110,000 events/sec	$\leq$ 70%	$\leq$ 75%
6-node cluster	140,000 events/sec	220,000 events/sec	$\leq$ 72%	$\leq$ 77%
9-node cluster	210,000 events/sec	330,000 events/sec	$\leq$ 75%	$\leq$ 80%

Table 8.2: Expected Data Ingestion Throughput

We also anticipate an improvement in storage efficiency of at least 15–20% relative to alternative systems.

Query Performance for Technical Analysis

Queries used in technical analysis are expected to respond within milliseconds to enable real-time computation:

Query Type	Expected Avg. Response Time	Expected P95 Time	Target Throughput
Simple moving average	$\leq$ 15ms	$\leq$ 30ms	$\geq$ 500 qps
VWAP calculation	$\leq$ 20ms	$\leq$ 40ms	$\geq$ 350 qps
Bollinger bands	$\leq$ 30ms	$\leq$ 50ms	$\geq$ 275 qps
Multi-instrument correlation	$\leq$ 70ms	$\leq$ 120ms	$\geq$ 100 qps

Table 8.3: Expected Query Performance for Technical Analysis

8.1.3 3. Analytical Performance

For complex analytical queries, we expect Snowflake to provide high performance with minimal impact from concurrent workloads.

Query Response Time

Snowflake is expected to return aggregation queries over 10 million rows in under 1.5 seconds on average (vs. industry 2.5s Zhang and Miller (2024)). Design choices include:

- Columnar data format
- Materialized views
- Independent compute scaling
- Analytical isolation from operational systems

Concurrent Query Scaling

Expected system behavior under concurrent load:

Concurrent Users	Expected Avg. Time	Max Degradation	CPU Utilization
1 (baseline)	1.2s	-	$\leq$ 45%
10	$\leq$ 1.4s	$\leq$ 15%	$\leq$ 60%
25	$\leq$ 1.6s	$\leq$ 30%	$\leq$ 75%
50	$\leq$ 2.0s	$\leq$ 60%	$\leq$ 90%

Table 8.4: Expected Concurrent Query Scaling

Strategy Backtesting Performance

Backtesting performance expectations include:

Strategy Complexity	Data Timespan	Target Execution Time	Expected Improvement
Simple strategy	1 month	$\leq$ 3 minutes	50–60% faster
Moderate strategy	6 months	$\leq$ 15 minutes	60–70% faster
Complex strategy	12 months	$\leq$ 35 minutes	65–70% faster

Table 8.5: Expected Strategy Backtesting Performance

8.1.4 4. Data Synchronization and Consistency

Synchronization Latency

Expected latency between systems is outlined below:

Path	Avg. Latency	P95	P99
PostgreSQL $\rightarrow$ Kafka $\rightarrow$ MongoDB	$\leq$ 40ms	$\leq$ 90ms	$\leq$ 130ms
MongoDB $\rightarrow$ Kafka $\rightarrow$ Snowflake	$\leq$ 220ms	$\leq$ 480ms	$\leq$ 700ms
PostgreSQL $\rightarrow$ Kafka $\rightarrow$ Snowflake	$\leq$ 260ms	$\leq$ 520ms	$\leq$ 750ms

Table 8.6: Expected Synchronization Latency

Consistency Verification

The architecture is expected to guarantee:

- $\geq$99.995% event propagation within 5 seconds
- Zero data loss under normal conditions
- Full recovery from failures via dead-letter queue
- Correct event ordering for causally linked events

8.1.5 5. Storage Efficiency and Cost

Storage Requirements

Anticipated storage needs are outlined below:

Data Category	Daily Volume	Monthly Volume	Annual Volume	Storage Technology
Market data	32 GB	960 GB	11.5 TB	MongoDB
Transaction data	1.2 GB	36 GB	430 GB	PostgreSQL
Analytical data	3.5 GB	105 GB	1.25 TB	Snowflake

Table 8.7: Expected Storage Requirements

These projections assume optimal compression, appropriate TTL policies, and archival strategies aligned with system access patterns.

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