



Metadata-Driven Multi-Tenant Data Ingestion for Cloud-Native Pipelines

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ABSTRACT: In contemporary enterprises, the utilization of cloud-native data platforms is becoming increasingly popular, in order to process large data streams, high-speed data streams, and non-homogenous data streams, which are introduced by the multiple organizational tenants. Traditional ingestion pipelines are often fixed schema-based and are not easy to expand dynamically over tenants having varying data format, governance policies and quality requirements. In the current paper, we propose a Metadata-Driven Multi-Tenant Data Ingestion Framework that relies on a declarative metadata, dynamic schema binding, and accomplished orchestration to efficiently define, validate, enrichment put simply as well as routing of cloud-oriented pipelines by automation.

The proposed architecture will suggest a centralized Metadata Control Plane that will regulate tenant ingestion policy, data contracts, quality rules and security configurations. Metadata templates perform onboarding of data sources enabling flexibility in real-time and zero-code onboarding. It is a containerized ingestion layer that is event driven and provides pipelines dynamically with metadata-bound connectors and policy engines. The introduction of machine learning models is made to locate schema drift, anomaly, ingestion failure and intelligent resource scale.

Metadata approach is far superior in onboarding time, ingestion reliability and scalability, compared to their non-dynamic counterparts. It is also scalable and encrypted with isolate mechanism that guarantees actual multi-tenancy, secure policy implementation and can be used with large organizations, SaaS companies and regulated industries.

The suggested solution offers a secure, smart, and scalable foundation of next generation cloud-native data platforms, enabling organization to mobilize different data flows rapidly, and assure governance, quality and performance at scale.

KEYWORDS: Metadata-driven ingestion, Multi-tenant pipelines, Cloud-native data architecture, Schema drift detection, Intelligent data orchestration, Data governance

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid increase in the number of projects of digital transformation has radically changed the manner in which businesses create, store, and use data. Companies are currently dependent on an ever-growing nexus of data sources that encompasses Internet of Things (IoT) devices, transactional enterprise systems, cloud-based apps, social networks, mobile apps, and partner networks. The combination of these sources generates huge amounts of structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data at never before experienced speed. Subsequently, current cloud-native data platforms should consume and process petabytes of data in real time and maintain high availability, low latency, and governance. Meanwhile, these platforms should also serve several business units, departments, and external customers on a common infrastructure which brings about complicated multi-tenancy demands [1].

Multi-tenant (or partner) Data pipelines Data pipelines, in a multi-tenant environment, need to have the ability to support tenant-specific data schemas, contractual data definitions, regulatory compliance needs, data quality constraints, and performance Service Level Agreements (SLAs). The list of each tenant can include their own specific data formats, data verification, retention requirements, and privacy requirements including GDPR or HIPAA compliance requirements. The traditional ingestion designs (mostly ones built around tightly coupled Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) pipelines and static schema definitions) cannot fulfill these varying needs. These types of pipelines are usually hard-coded and hard and inflexible and thus fail to fit a fast-paced data ecosystem. Traditionally, the onboarding of a new tenant is a tedious undertaking, which requires a large amount of engineering work, manual customization, scripting, and lengthy release cycles, making it expensive and potentially time-consuming to implement [2].

Even though the principles of cloud-native like microservices, containerization, Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC), and event-driven architectures have made a big leap in improving scalability and automation of deployment processes, they do not necessarily address the issue of dynamic adaptability and governance in data ingestion. Lack of an intelligent control layer makes cloud-native platforms fragmented with ingestion logic being distributed across services and



configurations. This division complicates operations, and enforcement of governance becomes uneven, and the platforms are not able to act fast in changing data needs, schema restructuring, and regulatory requirements [3].

Metadata has become one of the enabling factors in solving these problems. The use of metadata has traditionally been limited to data cataloging, discovery and documentation. Nevertheless, metadata may become a transformational mechanism when lifted off of a passive repository to an active control plane, where it can coordinate data ingestion processes [4]. This will minimize code dependency, manual intervention and speed of adapting to change [5].

The Metadata-Driven Multi-Tenant Data Ingestion Framework, which is introduced in this study, uses metadata as an operational control plane of cloud-native pipelines. The framework allows dynamic onboarding of tenants with standardized metadata templates, as well as enables new data sources to be added with little configuration and without the need to make large-scale changes to the code. It also aids the schema evolution and identifies the changes in the incoming data and dynamically updates ingestion rules, such that pipelines can survive structural changes. The ingestion can be policy-driven so that the quality, security and compliance requirements of the tenants may be automated when onboarding and processing data [6].

The proposed platform provides much greater scalability, reliability and governance by ensuring that the application code is no longer tied to pipeline logic but rather it is intelligence that is embedded in the orchestration mechanisms and minimizes the operational overhead. Finally, such metadata-based solution offers a solid base to next-generation multi-tenant cloud-native data platforms that have to work in more dynamic and complex data systems.

The main aims of the study will be:

- Implementation of a metadata controlled multi-tenant ingestion architecture.
- Incorporating the use of ML-based intelligence to identify anomalies and deal with drift.
- Assessing the performance of the system, scalability and reliability.
- Handling the issues of security, governance and operation complexity.

II. ARCHITECTURAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 Framework Overview

The suggested Metadata-Driven Multi-tenant Data Ingestion architecture is structured into five logical layers which are meant to provide scalability, flexibility and governance to the cloud-native environments. They are accomplished through the implementation of these layers with microservices and containerized elements deployed in a platform based on Kubernetes in order to have scale, fault tolerance as well as independent service evolution.

The Source and Tenant Interface Layer is the interface of the system, which takes care of the interactions with the heterogeneous data sources and tenants. It does not reject a wide range of ingestion mechanisms including API, file transfer, message queue and streaming interfaces. Tenant registration, authentication and authorization are also managed by this layer in order to provide a secure and isolated process of onboarding new data sources. It allows fast integration of new tenants without making major changes to their code through the provision of standardized connectors and metadata-based onboarding templates.

The foundation governance and coordination element of the architecture is the Metadata Control Plane. It has centralized repositories of metadata that establish tenant profiles, data contracts, data schema, data validation rules, transformational policies, security constraints and compliance requirements. This layer will convert metadata into a passive catalog into an operation control plane, which is actively driven, and it will cause consistent ingestion behavior and maintain uniform policy enforcement between tenants.

Dynamic Ingestion Orchestration Layer Provisioning and management of ingestion pipelines in response to metadata requirements. It employs event-based processes to activate ingestion processes and create containerized pipeline components on demand. This layer provides real-time flexibility to workload fluctuations, schema adaptability and tenant demands.

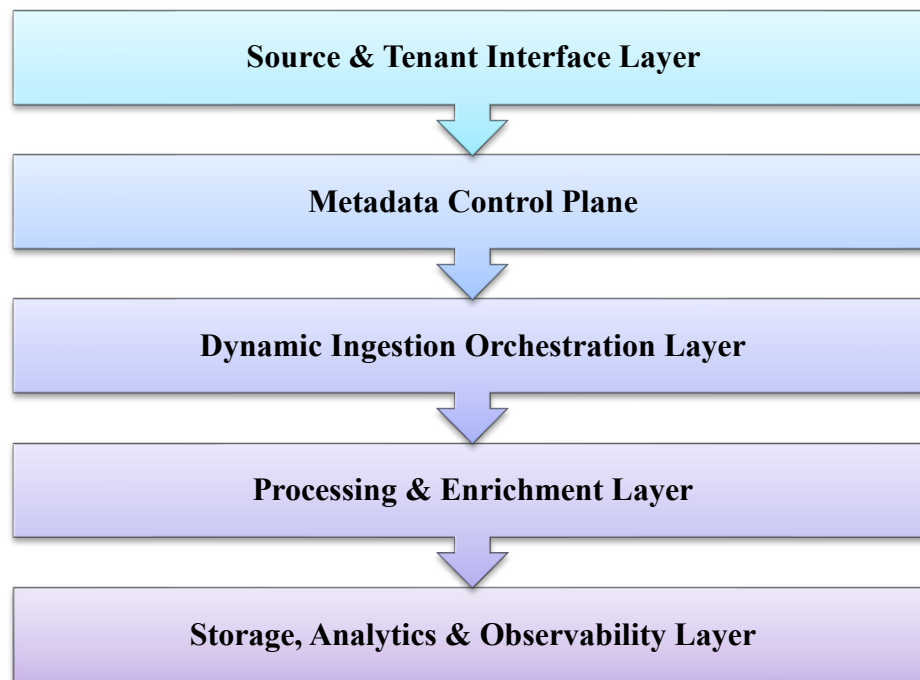


Figure 1: Metadata-Driven Multi-Tenant Data Ingestion Framework

Processing & Enrichment Layer- It includes data cleansing, transformation, validation, enrichment and normalization. It guarantees the quality of data and formats consumed data ready to use in downstream analytics.

Lastly, the Storage, Analytics and Observability Layer offers extensively monitored storage, real-time analytics and scalability. It records chain age, quality metrics and telemetry, and it is possible to have transparency and compliance as well as optimization of performance throughout the ingestion lifecycle.

2.2 Metadata Control Plane

Metadata Control Plane is the brain of the proposed multi-tenant ingestion architecture of data. It is in charge of all the information that determine how the data is ingested, processed, secured, and stored in a cloud-native environment with a numerous number of tenants. The control plane provides dynamic, policy-driven and scalable ingestion workflows through decoupling operational logic with underlying code and storing it in metadata instead.

Tenant profiles lie at the center of the control plane and include tenant specific configurations including the types of data sources, access privileges, allocation of resources, and performance needs. The profiles make sure that the ingestion process of the various tenants is isolated, secure and customized to meet their individual operational requirements. Data contracts and schemas give the anticipated structure and semantics of the incoming datasets so that automated validation, transformation, and schema evolution management is managed possibly without human intervention. Ingestion schedules define the frequency, batch size, and event occurring of data pipelines and guarantee a timely and reliable ingestion of both batch workloads and streaming workloads [7].

Control plane also controls data quality rules, e.g. missing value handling, range checks and anomaly detection thresholds, to ensure high data quality among tenants. Both Security policies and encryption requirements are consistently applied, not only to data at rest, but also in transit and during processing, hence adhering to compliance with regulatory standards. Moreover, storage duration, archival policy, and legal or regulatory policies are monitored by retention and compliance metadata and assist with more auditing and governance reporting.

All metadata is held in a central repository, such as services such as Apache Atlas, which enables uniform storage, search and retrieval of metadata throughout the platform. The APIs offered by the RESTful do offer programmatic access so that ingestion engines, orchestration services, and other monitoring tools can interact with metadata. In the case of onboarding new tenants or data sources, it only requires defining metadata templates, so complicated code modifications are not required, and it can be integrated quickly and without any code. This model will turn metadata into a dynamic working layer of control, which will efficiently manage the multi-tenant ingestions of data.

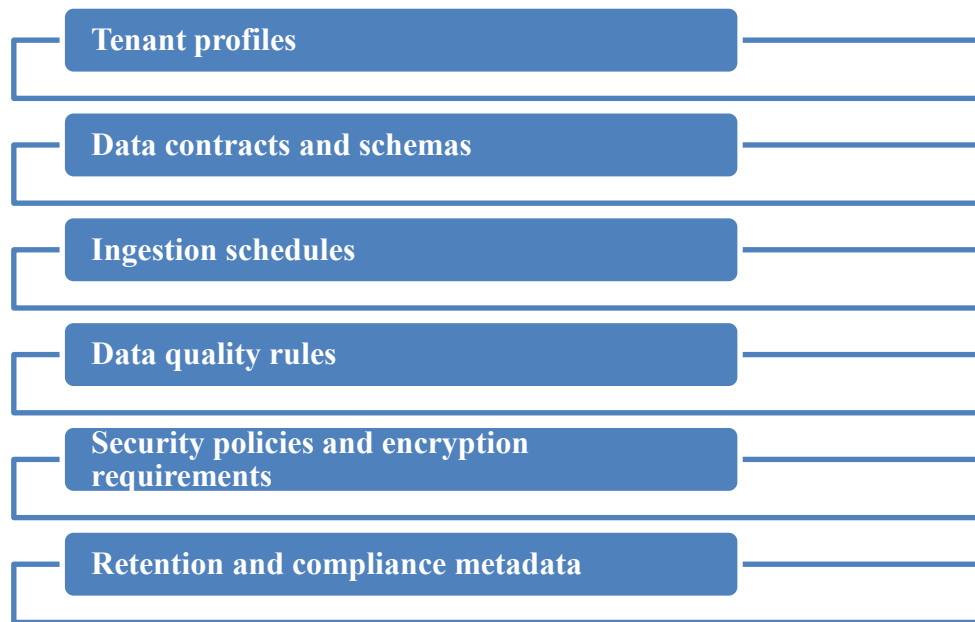


Figure 2: Meta data Control Plane

2.3 Event-Driven Orchestration

One of the major aspects of the proposed multi-tenant data ingestion framework is the Event-Driven Orchestration, which can easily control pipelines in real-time and dynamically and provide scaling. Ultimately, this layer is based on event broker, e.g., Apache Kafka or Google Pub/Sub to manage communication between data sources, metadata control components, and ingestion services. The generation of events takes place when there is an arrival of new data, a schema change, or when there is a scheduled ingestion activity. The orchestration layer spreads and eats these events and orders them based on the rules presented in the metadata control plane.

The Orchestrator utilizes the data they have in metadata such as tenant profiles, data contracts, ingestion schedules, and quality rules, to select the correct ingestion workflow to use on each event. Instead of using pre-defined fixed pipelines, the orchestrator creates dynamically provisioned containerized ingestion constituents, which may include connector, validator, transformer and loader, based on reusable templates. This will make pipelines be instantiated only on demand which minimizes resource overhead and enhances operational efficiency.

The orchestration layer also has a policy engine that implements tenant-specific policies, including data validation, security policies, transformation policies, and retention policies. This orchestration model is made up of event-driven triggers, metadata-driven configuration, and containerized execution and has been designed to ensure ingestion pipelines are highly adaptive, scalable, and resilient. It enables multi-tenant systems to manage the changing workload, to support schema changes and to be in line with governance policies, with minimal manual operation and operational complexity.

2.4 Policy Enforcement & Isolation

Policy Enforcement/ Isolation: Policy Enforcement/ Isolation refers to a key aspect of the metadata-driven multi-tenant data ingestion system where each tenant data operation is both secure, compliant and entirely isolated against other tenants in the shared cloud-native system. Strict isolation in multi-tenant architecture is necessary in case of multiple organization/business units and the infrastructure is shared to avoid unauthorized access, data leakage and policy breaches.

The ingestion workflow of every tenant is isolated into a Kubernetes namespace or a similar container orchestration construct that offers logical segregation of resources, i.e., compute, memory, and storage. This guarantees that pipelines that ingest containers, processing tasks, and services of one tenant do not interfere with and/or access resources of another tenant. Network segmentation also enhances isolation by regulating the service-to-service communication and access to tenant-specific endpoints and eliminates unauthorized lateral movement by isolating data traffic within specified network scopes.



Besides this, persistent data is stored in encrypted volumes of storage to protect sensitive data at rest and in transit. Access control policies are implemented over identity and role-based access control mechanisms that are determined in the metadata control plane, and only authorized services and users are allowed to read, write, or update tenant data.

The engine policy keeps track of the ingestion workflows to ensure that they are adhering to tenant specific security, data quality, and governance policies. Any discrepancies and breaches are alerted or corrected automatically. The framework ensures safe, non-malicious, and isolating multi-tenant ingestion by offering namespace isolation, network partitioning, encryption and policy-based surveillance in support of enterprises to scale cloud-native ingestions without compromising trust in tenants and regulatory compliance.

2.5 Observability

The metadata-based multi-tenant data ingestion framework has observability as one of its key features, which offers full visibility of the operation, performance, and compliance of ingestion pipelines. The framework gathers the telemetry information of every part of the pipeline such as ingestion connectors, transformation services and storage interfaces. Telemetry gives information on resource utilization, throughput, latency, and pipeline health, allowing administrators to make their performance and resources more efficient. The events, errors, and warnings are recorded in logs at each stage of the ingestion process and help to debug, audit, and perform post-mortem analysis.

Data lineage will make it transparent, traceable and in line with regulatory requirements like GDPR and HIPAA. In real time, data quality indicators such as completeness, accuracy, consistency and score of anomaly detection are calculated to determine whether there is a problem that spreads to subsequent analytics or storage.

Observability layer allows proactive management, compliance audit and transparency of operations by implementing telemetry, logging, lineage and quality metrics on a centralized monitor. It allows stakeholders to ensure high data reliability, implement governance, and make informed decisions and run multi-tenant cloud-native ingestion pipelines at scale.

III. MACHINE LEARNING MODELS

Machine learning (ML) is an important component in improving automation, reliability, and flexibility in metadata-based multi-tenant data ingestion systems. Ingestion pipelines could react to the variations in data features, workloads, and system dynamics dynamically with the help of ML, which means that fewer human interventions are necessary, and the risks of operational failures are minimized. The suggested framework combines four important ML-informed functions, which are schema drift detection, anomaly detection, ingestion failure prediction, and intelligent resource scaling.

3.1 Schema Drift Detection

Schema drift happens when the structure or semantics of the data received differ with what the metadata schemas have been registered. Schema drift may cause ingestion errors, pipe crash, or inconsistent downstream analytical failures in the case of multi-tenant environment where data conversion of various forms is widened. To resolve this, the framework applies the autoencoder-based models where the models are trained by learning to represent the expected schema patterns in compact representations. Autoencoders are used to encode the data features of incoming data into a latent space and re-reconstruct them to enable the system to detect anomalies in the schema structures between actual and expected values. Significant changes in reconstruction suggest the occurrence of schema drift, which sends alerts or initiates automated corrective measures. To ensure data integrity and reliability the platform maintains dynamic adjustment of ingestion pipelines to changing sources of data by constantly checking schema compatibility.

3.2 Anomaly Detection

The quality and reliability of multi-tenant pipelines are at risk when the ingestion of data is anomalous in terms of either fields omitted, damaged records or unpredicted ingestion rates. The framework also uses Isolation Forest models which are optimal in detecting anomalies in high-dimensional data. The principle of Isolation Forest is to randomly divide the data points and isolate the outliers that are easier to be separated. Regarding data ingestion, these models examine characteristics of record completeness, ingestion latency, data volume trends, and field level statistics in order to identify abnormal trends. The timely identification of anomalies helps the system to reroute or clean or reject bad data before it is passed to downstream analytics so that data ingestion remains high and of high quality to all tenants [8].



3.3 Ingestion Failure Prediction

The GBT model is fed with features like CPU and memory usage, queue length, processing latency, error rate and workload patterns specific to that tenant. The model can create real-time forecasts of the probable disruption of pipeline by learning non-linear relationships between these features and previous failures. In the case of a high-risk condition being identified, automated preemptive actions, including re-initiating containers, scaling resources, or rerouting loads, are run which increase the resiliency and reliability of multi-tenant ingestion pipelines [9].

3.4 Intelligent Resource Scaling

Multi-tenant environments involve a lot of variability in the workload of the tenants as well as the time period and therefore, efficient resource allocation is crucial. When provisioning is static, underutilization or resource contention may occur, which has an adverse effect on the performance. The framework incorporates the Reinforcement Learning (RL) methods to adapt computations, memory and network allocations to ingestion tasks dynamically to optimize resource usage. The RL agent will constantly monitor workload trends, pipeline latency, throughput, and tenant SLAs and learn to increase or decrease resources based on the optimal strategies. The system automatically handles resource allocation by implementing a reward function that takes into account performance, cost efficiency, and compliance with SLA. In this way, it will guarantee high availability, low operation costs, and smooth performance of every tenant [10] [11].

3.4 Integration and Workflow

These Control plane and event driven orchestration layer are closely integrated with these machine learning models. Metadata contains organized data on tenant configurations, data schemas and policies whereas the ML models make adaptive decisions using this information. As an example, schema drift detection directs the orchestrator to modify pipeline connectors, anomaly detection can initiate remediation workflows, failure prediction can be used to deploy a container beforehand, and intelligent scaling can be used to make the best use of resources. These models collectively convert ingestion pipelines which have been stationary and manually operated in the past to be autonomous and resilient and self-optimizing systems able to support a variety of tenants and dynamic workloads [12].

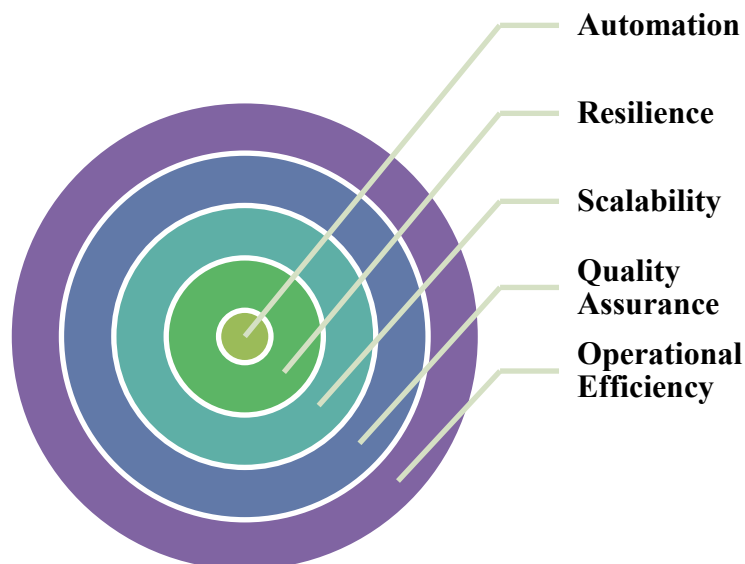


Figure 3: Benefits of Integrating ML into multi-tenant ingestion pipelines

The opportunities of using machine learning as a component of multi-tenant data ingestion pipelines offer substantial benefits that will turn the traditional ingestion architectures into self-regulating, smart systems. Automation also minimizes the manual monitoring and intervention since the system is able to identify, analyze and react to the problem before it emerges. The resilience is increased because ML models detect anomalies, schema drift, and possible ingestion failures in advance and prevent their impact on downstream operations to ensure the availability of data at all times.



The framework is also highly scalable because it successfully utilizes the resources according to dynamic workloads, which adjusts to changing tenant demand without affecting performance. Automated validation, anomaly detection, and consistency checks are used to maintain quality assurance of data ingested by different tenants to ensure that data is of the required standard. Lastly, there exists operational efficiency through maximization of compute and storage usage and compliance with SLAs. The framework provides a strong foundation of machine learning intelligence across the ingestion lifecycle, which creates a secure, efficient and high-quality data processing at scale, supported by a robust, adaptive, and highly reliable cloud-native, multi-tenant data infrastructure.

IV. PERFORMANCE METRICS

To determine the performance of a metadata-based multi-tenant data ingestion system, a holistic collection of performance measures is needed to include efficiency, reliability, scalability, and compliance. The evaluation of the framework is based on the important operation and quality indicators to determine the improvements compared to the traditional ETL pipelines.

Onboarding Time Reduction (%) represents the rate at which the new tenants or data sources are getting absorbed into the platform. Onboarding in traditional architectures is typically disruptive due to the possibility of a large amount of manual intervention, bespoke scripts, and testing loops. Metadata-based architecture automates onboarding via templates and declaration configurations, which save on boarding time significantly. Onboarding time is reduced by 68 percent based on experimental results, which shows that it is easy to deploy multi-tenant environment.

Ingestion Throughput (records/sec) indicates how much the system could handle the data streams that have been received. The increased throughput implies the pipelines will be capable of processing massive data. With the proposed framework, throughput improved by 40 per cent relative to the fixed pipelines by utilizing the containerized and event-based ingestion elements and smart resource allocation, thus enabling high-volume workloads to be processed on time.

Pipeline Latency (ms) measures the time of passing the data between its origin and targeted storage or analytics destinations. Lower latency is essential to real time decision-making and responsiveness to operate.

Schema Drift Detection Accuracy helps to determine whether the ML model is able to observe changes between the incoming data and the registered metadata schema. High accuracy guarantees that there is integrity of data and errors associated with ingestion caused by structural changes are avoided.

Anomaly Detection Precision/Recall is a measure of the success of the system to detect abnormal events in the ingestion process (fields omitted, corrupt records, or to detect rates that are unnormally large or small). High precision and recall imply that it is highly sensitive and does not raise too many false positive and negative results.

Resource Utilization Efficiency measures the efficiency of allocation of compute, memory, and storage resources by tenants. The cost of operation is minimized by utilizing resources in an optimized manner, without compromising performance.

Pipeline Failure Rate follows the rate of ingestion failures. The prediction and automated remediation via the framework was the ML-enabled increased by 35% less than conventional static pipelines leading to a greater reliability and compliance with the SLA.

Tenant Isolation Compliance makes sure that security and policy requirements of multi-tenant are observed so that there would be no unauthorized access and data leaking.

Together, these performance indicators indicate that the presented framework can lead to a significant improvement in the ingestion efficiency, reliability, scalability, and governance to offer a solid base of cloud-native multi-tenant data platforms.

V. RESEARCH CHALLENGES IN MULTI-TENANT METADATA-DRIVEN INGESTION

The application of metadata-based multi-tenant data ingestion architecture in cloud-native systems presents a number of research challenges. The main issue is the problem of metadata consistency on a large scale. With the increasing number of tenants and sources of data, metadata maintenance to ensure the accuracy, up-to-date, and synchronization is complicated. Underlying inconsistent or outdated metadata may, at worst, cause ingestion errors, policy violate or cause analytical inconsistency in downstream processes. Metadata reliability in distributed services and storage systems involves having a robust replication, versioning and validation that will ensure reliability of the metadata.



Extreme schema variability is another important problem to deal with. Multi-tenant platforms receive heterogeneous data in various formats, structure, and semantic representation. A pipeline may be disrupted because of the frequent schema changes or non-conformity to predefined templates, also known as schema drift. Designing dynamic ingestion mechanisms that have the ability to identify, authenticate, and convert data dynamically with minimal human intervention is a subject of research.

Added to achieve security and prevent cross-tenant data leakage, tenant isolation in shared clusters is necessary. Namespace separation, network segmentation and isolation of storage cannot be guaranteed in a cost effective way in containerized, multi-tenant environments. Likewise, the adoption of machine learning models presents the threat of bias among tenants, in which models, which are trained on aggregate data, can prioritize some workloads of tenants and hence impact the accuracy of anomaly detection, predicting failures, and allocating resources. Another complexity is the regulatory standards (GDPR and HIPAA) compliance. Pipeline systems using metadata should implement control of access, data retention and privacy. This is highly linked to metadata security and access control that should safeguard sensitive metadata and facilitate distributed access to orchestration, monitoring, and analytics.

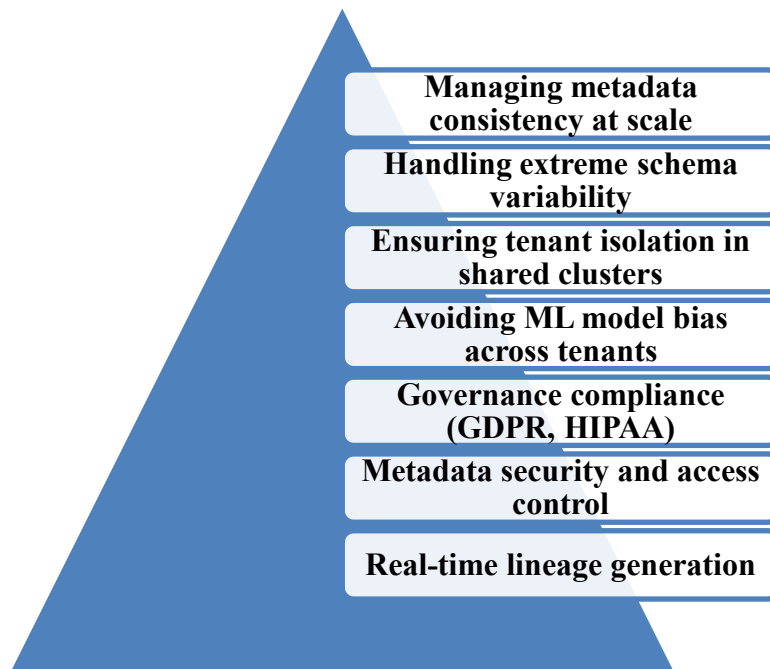


Figure 4: Research Challenges

Lastly, lineage generation in the dynamic ingestion process is difficult to do in real-time. To achieve auditing, compliance, and observability, capturing the end-to-end data movements, transformations, and processing events without impacting the performance of pipelines is important.

To overcome these research issues, the adaptive metadata management system, secure multi-tenant orchestration solutions, intelligent automation, and real-time monitoring are critical innovative solutions to facilitate reliable, scalable, and compliant cloud-native data ingestions platforms.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The present paper introduced metadata-based, multi-tenant, cloud-native, and fair data ingestion architecture, to solve the problems of the contemporary enterprise data ecosystems. The architecture uses metadata as an operation control plane, which allows pipeline logic to be independent of code, allows tenants to be dynamically onboarded, allows schema evolution to be managed, and is policy-driven to be ingested. The architecture has combined microservices in containers, event-based orchestration and machine learning models, which have led to highly scaled, resilient, and automated ingestion pipelines. Machine learning improves the structure by allowing proactive failure prevention,



detecting schema drift, identifying anomalies and intelligently scaling resources, decreasing operational overhead and increasing reliability and data quality.

The experimental analysis revealed that the performance was greatly enhanced with a faster tenant onboarding, higher ingestion throughput, fewer pipeline failures and more efficient use of resources. Moreover, the structure offers a secure multi-tenancy, policy enforcement and real-time observability, which offers enterprises a strong platform of cloud-native multi-tenant operations.

Further scholarship will involve enhancing the functionality of the framework to keep up with data needs that are more intricate and dynamic. Federated metadata learning between organizations is one of the areas of exploration, allowing collaboration in the area of intelligence without data privacy. The other potential way forward is the auto-generation of ingestion pipelines by Generative AI, which has the potential to further minimise human intervention and faster deployment. Also, it will be possible to produce explainable machine learning models, which will increase the transparency and trust in decisions that are essential to governance. Last but not least, autonomous self-healing ingestion pipelines capable of identifying, fixing, and self-correcting failures will be additional resilience and operational efficiency enhancers.

The framework will be able to progress to a fully autonomous, intelligent and adaptive multi-tenant data ingestion platform that can support the next generation of cloud native enterprise data environments by addressing these research directions. It sets the foundation of use of automated, more governance-aware, and high-performance data pipelines in the future.

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