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Challenges and Experience in Prototyping a Multi-Modal Stream Analytic and Monitoring Application on System S

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Outline

Introduction

- System S
- DAC: A Disaster Assistance Claim Monitoring Application

Challenges & Experience in Prototyping DAC

- Workload generation
- Design and Implementation
- Deployment
- A Demo video
- Lessons learned

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Overview of System S

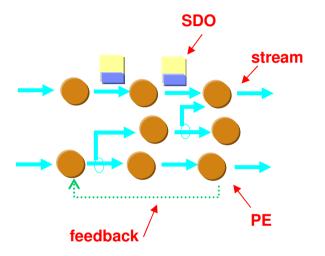
- System S is a high-performance, distributed, computing platform designed to host stream-oriented applications
 - High ingestion rates with continuously adaptive processing
 - Multiple programming models
 - Inquiry service, declarative (StreamSQL-like), PE APIs
 - Advanced and evolving feature sets
 - Scales from very small to large to very large hardware configurations
 - From single machines to a cluster of 200 or so blade nodes, each with 2-4 cores



Overview of System S (continued)

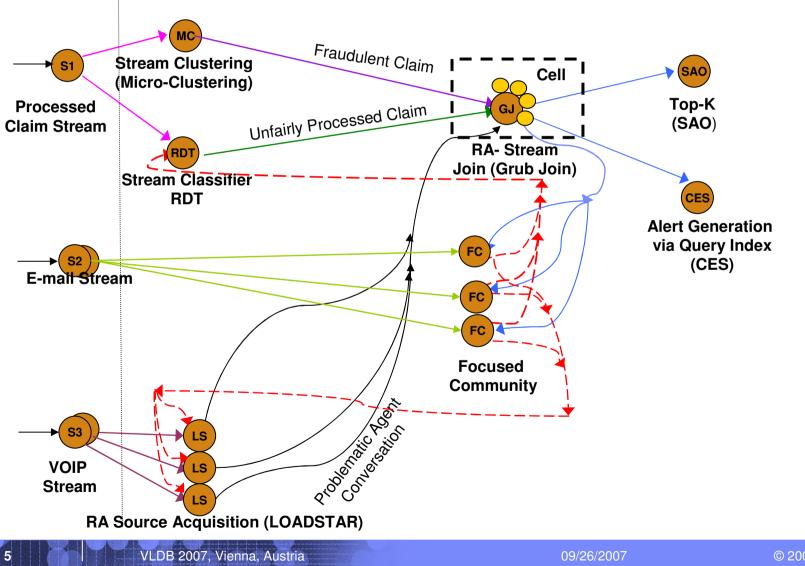
Stream programming model

- "Branching pipeline" computational model
- Stream, PE, Stream Data Object (SDO) and Processing Graph
 - Job configuration, flow specifications and PE templates
- Key components of System S
 - Dataflow graph manager (DGM)
 - Data fabric (DF)
 - Resource manager (RM)/Scheduler (SODA)
 - PE execution container (PEC)



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An example PE processing graph





Example Stream Applications on System S

Dense Info Grinding

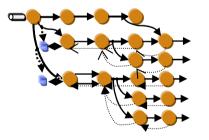
Disaster Assistance Claims

Large Scale

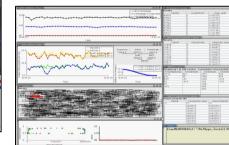
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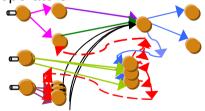
-Broadcast News Analysis -Multi-modal (audio, video, txt) -Just-good-enough analytics



-20 PEs (10 unique)
-4 processing nodes
-20 1-Mbps MPEG transport
-128 hours audio/video
-3 jobs

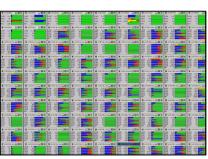


-Real-time processed disaster assistance claim review -Claim documents, email, VoIP -Stream mining and relational operators

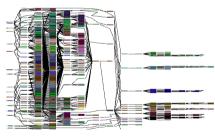


-51 PEs (27 unique) -35 processing nodes

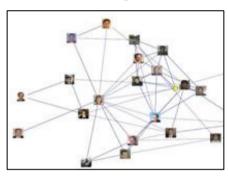
- -3 data sources
- -60Mbps raw data input



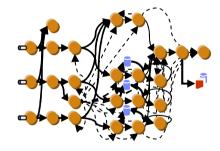
-Multi-application Workload -Network packet analysis -Stress runtime environment



-40-784 PEs -1-100 processing nodes -1-21 data sources -110 jobs



-VoIP Packet Analysis -Noisy, lossy, correlated data -Distributed, adaptive analytics

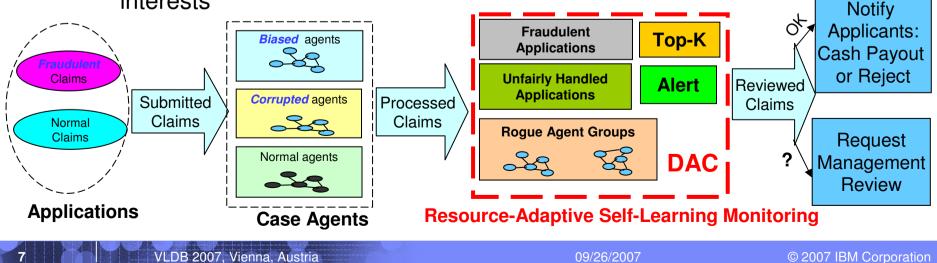


-11-38 PEs (20 unique) -1-14 processing nodes -1-3 data sources -3 jobs -200 concurrent streams



Disaster Assistance Claim (DAC) Monitoring

- In a disaster claim processing center
 - Claims may be fraudulent or unfairly processed
 - Claim processing agents may be engaged in criminal activities to cheat the agency
- Goals of DAC monitoring: real-time reviewing processed claims
 - Identify for management review in real-time the fraudulent or unfairly processed cases before the decisions are conveyed to the applicants
 - Once the money is paid out, it is hard to get it back
 - Identify the problematic processing agents and the potential crime groups
 - Notify the management based on alert profiles and top-k cases of interests





Challenges

Workload generation

 How do we model a claim processing center, specify data distributions for individual streams and implement correlated distributions across streams?

Design and Implementation

- How do we develop individual PEs with stream analytic algorithms to identify fraudulent claims, unfairly processed claims, problematic agents and criminal communities?
- How do we integrate so many different PEs into a complex processing graph?
- Deployment
 - How do deploy PEs so that we could correlate streams with vastly different data rates?

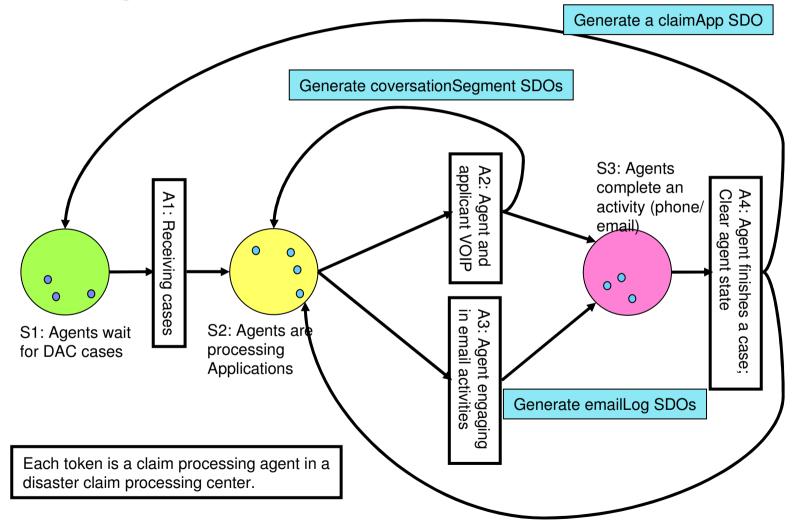


Assumptions on source streams

- Multiple modalities, generated through a workload generator
 - Processed claims: *fraudulent or unfairly treated* ?
 - VOIP packets on the conversations between applicants and processing agents: *agent behavior abnormal?*
 - Agent E-mails: agent community/crime group?
 - Video Surveillance data: agent community/crime group?
 - News event data: disaster information (correlating with fraudulent claims)



Workload generation

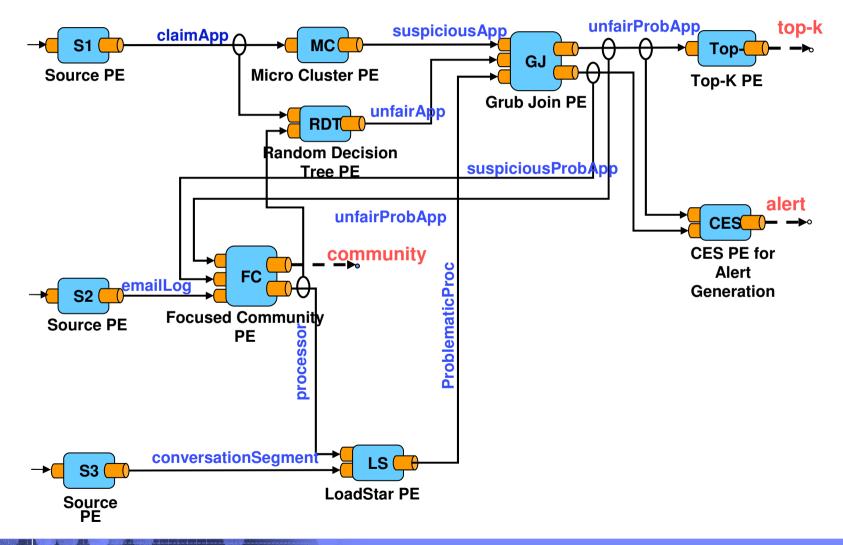


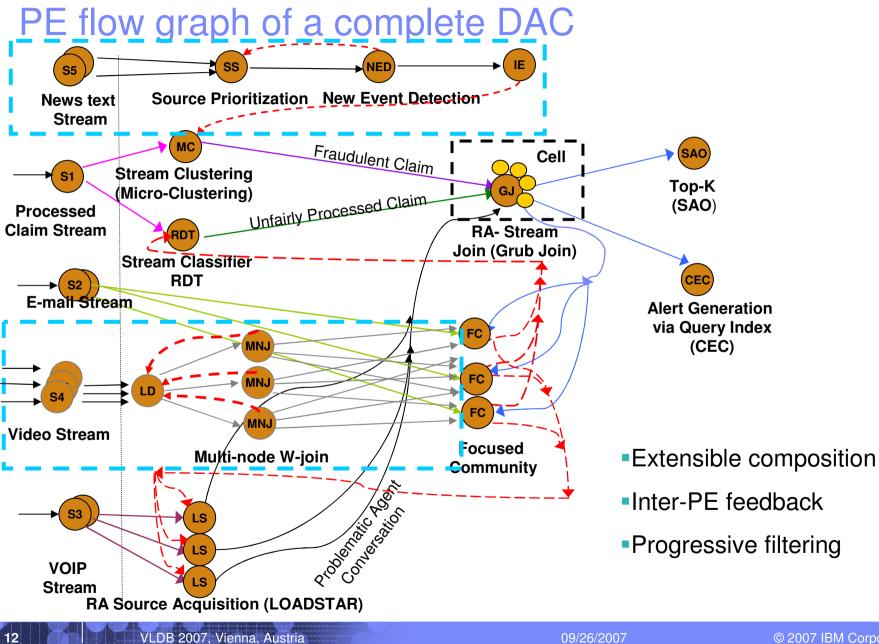
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PE flow graph of a simplified DAC







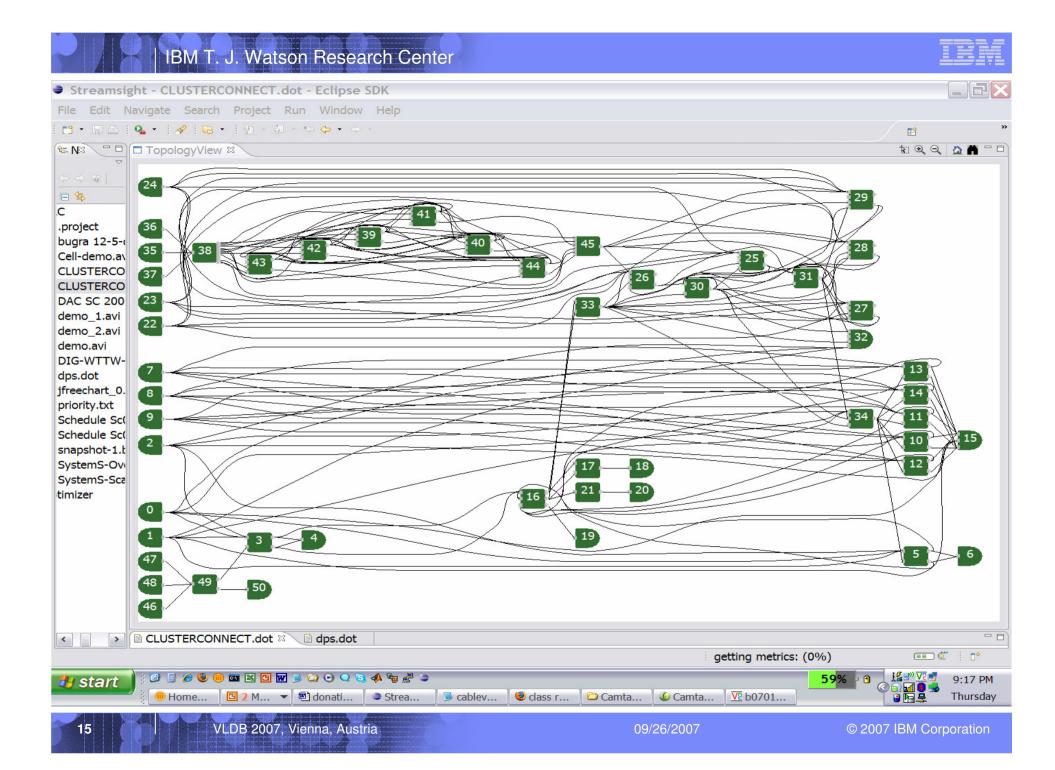
Deployment of DAC

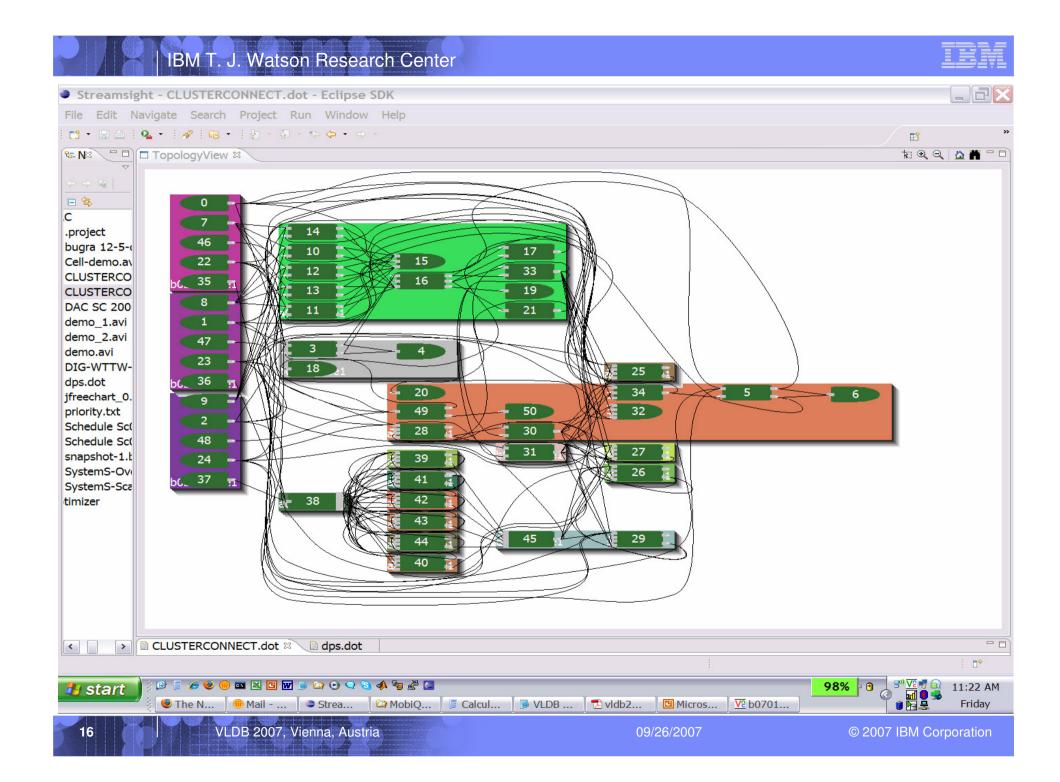
- Mismatch among the stream rates causes mismatch in PE processing load
 - Processed claim (1) : e-mails (50) : conversation segments (100)
 - MC:FC:LoadStar ~ 1:50:100
- Parallelism
 - Multiple FC PEs and LoadStar PEs
 - Flow specifications make it easy to split streams among PEs
- Resource-adaptive computation
 - LoadStar PE and GrubJoin PE employ intelligent load shedding



A DAC Demo

- Individual stream analytics: each PE showcases different stream technologies
 - Self-learning stream mining, parallelizable stream algorithm, resource adaptive computation,, etc.
- Integration of various stream analytics into a comprehensive application
 - Stream speed & processing load mismatch among PEs
 - Multiple stream modalities: Claim application stream, VOIP stream, e-mail stream, video stream, news stream
 - Synergism & cooperation between PEs
 - Inter-PE feedback
 - Progressive filtering
- Load spreading & Parallel Processing
 - Using flowspec, both static as well as dynamic, to spread load among different PEs





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A DAC demo video



Lessons Learned

- Successfully morphed traditional analytic algorithms into stream-based ones
 - Micro-cluster PE and Random Decision Tree PE
- Created resource-adaptive stream algorithms
 - GrubJoin PE and LoadStar PE, New Event Detection PE
- Demonstrated the extensible nature of the system, allowing incremental application design, from simple to truly complicated stream applications
- Effectively handled and correlated five streams of different modalities with vastly different rates and processing requirement
- Programming PEs was made easier without knowing too much about the SPC implementation details

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