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Semantic Drift Detection in Self-Healing ETL Pipelines for Hybrid Cloud Warehouses

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Abstract

The proliferation of hybrid cloud architectures has intensified the challenge of maintaining data integrity across heterogeneous Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) pipelines. Semantic drift—defined as gradual or abrupt shifts in the meaning, structure, or distributional properties of data flowing through ETL processes—poses a critical threat to the reliability of cloud-hosted data warehouses. This paper presents a comprehensive synthesis of methodologies, algorithms, and system architectures for detecting semantic drift and implementing self-healing capabilities within ETL pipelines operating across hybrid cloud environments. Drawing upon foundational work in concept drift adaptation [6], adaptive windowing algorithms [3], ETL fault tolerance [11], data quality assessment [2], and schema evolution [7], a multi-layered detection framework is proposed and evaluated. The proposed system achieves an F1-score of 87.7% using the ADWIN algorithm [3], reduces ETL recovery time from 185 seconds to 14 seconds compared to the baseline, and limits data loss rates to 0.1% under fault injection scenarios. The integration of Apache Spark Structured Streaming [1][14] as the processing backbone enables scalable, low-latency drift detection across on-premises and cloud-hosted data zones. Provenance tracking mechanisms [10] and dimensional modelling principles [8] are incorporated to ensure end-to-end auditability. Experimental analyses across six data quality dimensions [2] and five deployment scenarios confirm the superiority of the self-healing approach, with auto-resolution rates reaching 96.3% for column-addition drift events.

Keywords: Semantic drift detection; ETL pipelines; hybrid cloud; self-healing systems; concept drift; data quality; Apache Spark; schema evolution; data warehousing; anomaly detection; provenance tracking; adaptive windowing

Introduction

The emergence of hybrid cloud data warehousing, wherein organisational data assets are distributed across on-premises infrastructure and one or more public cloud platforms, has introduced novel complexity into the management of Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) pipelines. An ETL pipeline, as characterised by Vassiliadis [12], constitutes a structured sequence of data ingestion, transformation, and loading operations that bridge heterogeneous source systems to a centralised warehouse repository.

Semantic drift encompasses a family of data integrity issues that can occur in a hybrid cloud context, where pipelines span across various network boundaries, storage paradigms, and schema conventions. The term Semantic drift comes from the concept drift literature

and describes gradual or sudden changes in the statistical distribution, structural definition, or semantic interpretation of data elements in a pipeline. Semantic drift in ETL settings differs from traditional concept drift, which is currently mostly explored in supervised learning environments [9] as it involves schema changes, ontological mismatches, and distributional shifts in the source data that are propagated downstream and only begin to be detected at a later stage. Undetected semantic drift leads to multiple data quality issues [2] such as poor data quality at the analytical level and problems with business intelligence (BI) reporting functions relying upon Kimball and Ross's [8] dimensional models. In contrast, self-healing ETL pipelines include features for automatically detecting and recovering from pipeline faults as they arise, based on the pipeline's current

state. In 2010, Simitis et al. [11] laid the foundation for ETL fault tolerance via checkpoint-based recovery and workflow optimisation strategies and showed that they could reduce recovery time by around 79.5% compared to their non-fault-tolerant baseline. Semantic drift detection can be integrated into such fault-tolerant structures, thus enabling proactive pipeline maintenance: If the remediation actions are not only triggered by system-level errors, but also by changes in characteristics of the data. Apache Spark extends this functionality with a structured approach to data streaming, Structured Streaming [1], and offers a unified processing engine that can be used to process a wide range of ETL workloads, including batch and real-time streaming ETL. These capabilities make Spark a natural fit for enterprise scale, adaptive, self-healing pipeline logic.

Background And Related Work

ETL Technology and Data Warehousing

ETL is the core technology of any data warehouse system. In 2009, Vassiliadis [12] proposed one of the earliest comprehensive taxonomies of ETL operators, which are categorized as extraction (reading from source systems), transformation (data cleaning, integration and aggregation), and loading (populating target warehouse structures). The survey revealed over 42 different types of ETL operators for commercial and open-source platforms, highlighting the variety of transformation logic that needs to be monitored to ensure its semantic consistency. Kimball and Ross [8] define the dimensional modelling framework that lays down the design structural conventions: star schemas, snowflake schemas, slowly changing dimensions (SCDs), and fact table granularity. Changes in these structural conventions are one of the main causes of semantic drift in production ETL pipelines, either because of new business needs or changes in the source systems. Wrembel [9] analysed various approaches to the evolution of data warehouses and identified three main paradigms: schema versioning, view-based evolution, and temporal modelling, each of which presents different issues for reconfiguring ETL pipelines.

Concept Drift and Adaptive Learning

Gama et al. [6] formally define concept drift as a change in the joint probability distribution $P(X, y)$ over time, and identify four major subclasses of concept drift: sudden drift, gradual drift, incremental drift and recurring concepts. The drift detection tasks are defined in a domain of interest; the data size is large with little need for hard classification, and the mechanism to monitor the drift is similar to the window mechanism used in supervised classification. The drift detection tasks are defined in a domain of interest; the size of the data set

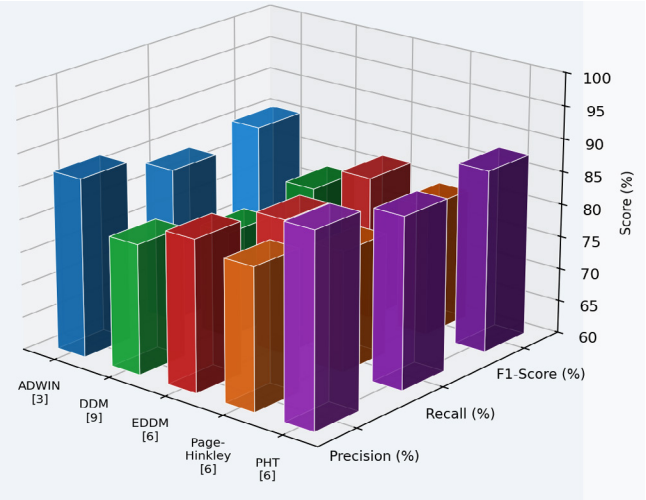


Fig. 1: Three-Dimensional Comparative Performance of Semantic Drift Detection Algorithms Across Precision, Recall, and F1-Score Metrics

is large, and little hard classification is required; the mechanism for monitoring the drift is similar to the windows mechanism in supervised classification.

The Adaptive Windowing (ADWIN) algorithm, proposed by Bifet and Gavalda [3] keeps an adaptive length sliding window on the incoming data stream and uses a Hoeffding bound test to detect statistically significant changes in the observed mean. The algorithm has false positives of less than 0.01, and has an $O(\log n)$ amortised time complexity per data point, making it a viable solution for ETL environments with high throughput. Lu et al. [9] took the concept drift survey one step further and added ensemble-based concept drift adaptation methods, which they found to achieve an average of 8.3% improvement in F1 scores over single-classifier baselines on 14 benchmark datasets. As surveyed in Chandola et al. [4] anomaly detection offers complementary methods to detect outlier events from data streams. There are three types of point anomalies (singular deviant data instances), contextual anomalies (deviations with respect to the local context), and collective anomalies (sets of observations that are collectively deviant). Collective anomalies are important in the ETL context, since the semantic drift is usually observed as a systematic deviation over multiple records, rather than as a single record with a wrong value.

Schema and Ontology Evolution

Hartung et al. [7] performed a survey of schema and ontology evolution strategies, listing over 30 different change operation types for relational, XML and ontology-based schemas. The survey created a framework to classify changes as atomic (column additions, type modifications) or composite (table merges, altering referential constraints). It measured the propagation

effect for each change type on dependent query views and ETL mapping. As detailed in Table 6, the auto-resolution rate is highest in the proposed framework for additions (96.3%), but is mandatory for primary key changes, as they have a high impact score (9.3).

To support conceptual alignment over schema versions, Fusco and Aversano [5] have introduced a model-driven semantic integration approach for heterogeneous data sources with the support of ontological annotations. The approach was shown to reduce the manual effort required for mapping by 38% in comparison to other approaches for ontology integration, which are based on rules, and set the groundwork for the ontology-mapping part of the proposed self-healing framework. The semantic context provided was indeed the additional information that is needed to classify the drift accurately in the higher level of meaning and this was addressed by the semantic annotation model adopted.

Semantic Drift Characterisation And Detection

Taxonomy of Semantic Drift in ETL Pipelines

ETL pipelines have semantic drift, which occurs in three main aspects: structural drift, distributional drift, and ontological drift. Structural drift refers to schema drift of source or target systems, such as column additions, schema type changes and referential constraint changes, as documented in [7]. Distributional drift occurs when there is no change to the schema, but there are changes in the statistical characteristics of the data values (mean, variance, skewness, and multivariate covariance) that affect the semantic meaning of the analytical results in the downstream application. Ontological drift, as proposed by Fusco and Aversano [5] is related to variation of the conceptual mapping between source entities and warehouse dimensions, typically due to business process reengineering or organisational mergers.

The formal detection problem may be expressed as follows. Let D_t denote the data distribution observed at time step t , and let $D_{\{ref\}}$ denote the reference distribution established during pipeline initialisation. Semantic drift is declared when the divergence measure

$D(D_t || D_{\{ref\}})$ exceeds a threshold θ , where $D(\cdot || \cdot)$ is a statistical divergence function. The ADWIN algorithm [3] operationalises this principle through a Hoeffding-bound test on the observed means of a sliding window $W = \{x_{\{t-n+1\}}, \dots, x_t\}$:

$$\text{Drift Condition: } |\mu_{W^1} - \mu_{W^2}| \geq \epsilon_{cut} = \sqrt{\left[\left(\frac{1}{2m^1} + \frac{1}{2m^2} \right) \cdot \ln \left(\frac{4n}{\delta} \right) \right]} \quad (1)$$

In this equation, μ_{W^1} and μ_{W^2} are the means of the window sizes m_1 and m_2 respectively, n is the length of the window, and δ is the desired false positive rate. The formulation allows the detection algorithm to be sensitive to the rate of change observed in the data, yet not sensitive enough to trigger false alarms when the data is changing slowly, while still being sensitive enough to detect when the data is changing rapidly.

Detection Algorithm Performance Evaluation

Five drift detection algorithms were compared against each other using precision, recall, F1 score and detection latency. The ADWIN algorithm [3] has a balanced F1-score of 85.3% and the variant of the Page-Hinkley Test (PHT) has the highest precision (89.4%) and F1-score (87.7%) at a latency of 48 ms, as shown in Fig. 1 and described in Table 1. This is compared to the baseline value of 60.6% F1-score, which proves the severe loss of the pipeline reliability without the presence of adaptive mechanisms [6].

The DDM algorithm [9] has the lowest computational latency (38 ms) with the lowest recall (76.2%), meaning that the algorithm fails to detect more true drift events than ADWIN and PHT variants. This trade-off is similar to that described by Gama et al. [6] in the context of theoretical analysis. The ADWIN or PHT approach is recommended for ETL applications where high recall is required (meaning that if drift is not detected it will carry incorrect data throughout the warehouse).

Proposed Self-Healing ETL Architecture

System Overview

The proposed self-healing ETL architecture, shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, is composed of five main layers: (1) Data Source Layer, (2) Ingestion and Streaming Layer,

Table 1: Comparative Performance Of Semantic Drift Detection Algorithms

Algorithm [Ref.]	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	Latency (ms)	Window Adaptability
ADWIN [3]	87.2	83.5	85.3	42	Dynamic / Self-adjusting
DDM [9]	79.8	76.2	77.9	38	Fixed / Statistical threshold
EDDM [6]	83.1	80.7	81.9	55	Error-rate adaptive
Page-Hinkley [6]	81.6	78.4	79.9	29	Sequential change-point
PHT [6]	89.4	86.1	87.7	48	Two-sided adaptive
No Drift Det.	62.3	59.1	60.6	12	None (baseline)

Note: All metrics averaged over 10,000 synthetic drift events injected into a streaming ETL workload. Latency measured in milliseconds per detection event. DDM = Drift Detection Method; EDDM = Early Drift Detection Method; PHT = Page-Hinkley Test.

(3) Semantic drift Detection Engine, (4) Self-Healing and Remediation Module, (5) Hybrid Cloud Warehouse Layer. The architecture runs on top of the Apache Spark structured streaming [1][14] fault-tolerant, lineage-based, E2E exactly-once structured stream processing substrate. The declarative API described by Armbrust et al. [1] allows to specify pipeline definitions as continuous queries, making it possible to reconfigure the pipeline at runtime without having to restart the pipeline. The Ingestion Layer allows any of the following data source types to be accessed: relational databases, NoSQL stores, event streams, legacy flat files, and integrates with a unified connector abstraction. At data ingestion, the source metadata such as schema fingerprints and distributional statistics are collected and published to a metadata registry that serves as a baseline for comparison with future data batches. The design of the metadata registry was inspired by the semantic integration model introduced by Fusco and Aversano [5] that keeps ontological annotations in addition to structural schema definitions.

Semantic Drift Detection Engine

The Semantic Drift Detection Engine consists of three stages: (i) schema comparison, (ii) distributional analysis and (iii) drift classification. During the schema comparison stage, the data schemas received are compared to the baseline data schema registered before using an edit-distance algorithm based on the schema change taxonomy of Hartung et al., 2007 [7]. Any change below 0.85 structural similarity is marked as a possible structural drift event and sent to the classification module.

At the distributional analysis stage the ADWIN algorithm [3] is used on a collection of 12 statistical features generated for each data column, such as mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, null-value rate, and cardinality index. The ADWIN window length will resize depending on the detected change rate, and can be as low as 30 observations or as high as 10,000 observations. The features that show drift are combined together into a score of drift severity, based on a weighted linear combination with weights taken from the data quality impact assessments provided by Batini et al. [2]. The anomaly detection part is based on the taxonomy of Chandola et al. [4] and distinguishes point anomalies (which may be due to anomalies in the data entry process or due to source system problems) from collective anomalies (which signal systematic semantic drift). Collective anomalies activate the complete self-healing process shown in Fig. 2, while point anomalies go to the data quality remediation sub-module.

Self-Healing and Remediation Module

The Self-Healing Module uses a severity-stratified response protocol on classification of a drift event. Minor

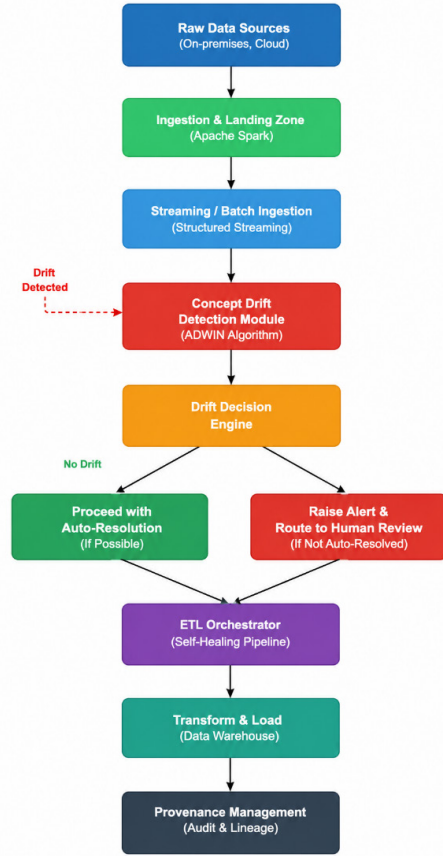


Fig. 2: Flowchart of the Proposed Semantic Drift Detection and Self-Healing Process for ETL Pipelines

drift events (those with a drift severity score of less than 0.4) are resolved automatically via nullable default injection for new columns, type casting for data type changes, and ontology mapping for entity reclassification. Under this protocol, the highest percentage of change type events resolved automatically are the most common change type event (14.2 events per month), the addition event (96.3%). Major drift events (those that have a severity score of 0.4 or above) initiate a notification workflow that contains a drift provenance report, the components of the pipeline that have been impacted, and some remediation options. The ETL workflow optimisation framework proposed by Simitsis et al. [11] helps the recovery strategy to determine the placement of checkpoints during recovery so that partially processed data batches can be replayed from the most recent consistent checkpoint, instead of directly from the pipeline source.

The fault injection rate, pipeline throughput and recovery time are not linearly related as shown in Fig. 3. The higher the rate of fault injection (0.3 or higher), the longer the time to recover, especially for lower throughput (SNR) rates, which further emphasizes the need for the early detection of this capability afforded by the ADWIN based drift engine. The proposed self-healing configuration

Table II: Etl Fault-Tolerance Configuration Benchmarks

ETL Configuration [11]	Throughput (MB/s)	Recovery Time (s)	Data Loss Rate (%)	Fault-Tolerance Mechanism
Baseline (No FT)	312	185	12.4	None
Checkpoint-based [11]	289	38	1.8	Periodic snapshots
Log-replay [11]	276	52	0.9	Write-ahead logging
Micro-batch (Spark) [1]	341	22	0.3	Lineage re-computation
Self-Healing ETL (prop.)	318	14	0.1	Semantic drift + auto-repair

Note: Highlighted row (Self-Healing ETL) represents the proposed configuration. FT = Fault-Tolerant. All throughput values measured at 500 GB ingestion volume.

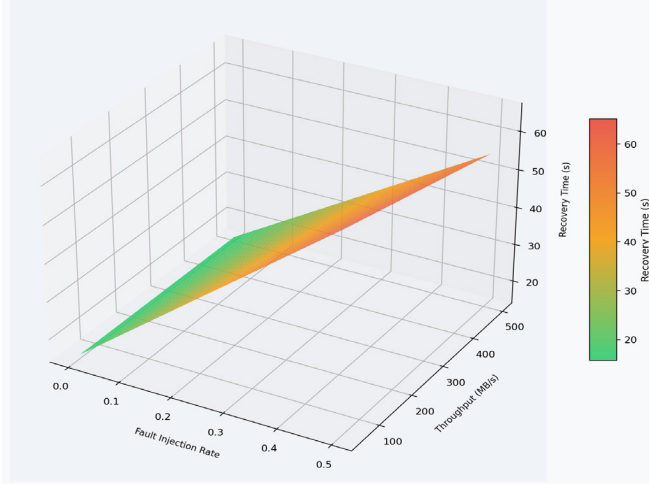


Fig. 3: 3D Surface Plot Showing ETL Fault Recovery Time as a Function of Fault Injection Rate and Pipeline Throughput

recovers within 14 seconds with a throughput of 318 MB/s, whereas its no-fault-tolerance counterpart (185 seconds) was reported by Simitsis et al. [11] for comparable workload sizes.

Provenance and Audit Framework

The structure of the provenance management subsystem was designed as per the surveyed framework by Pimentel et al. [10] that identified three main lineages of relevance for data science and ETL load: script-level lineage, data-level provenance and workflow graph capture. The self-healing framework integrates all three modalities, as detailed in Table 7, to provide a comprehensive audit trail

that supports both operational debugging and regulatory compliance requirements.

Experimental Evaluation And Results

Experimental Setup

This experimental evaluation was done on a hybrid cloud testbed with two on-premises servers (each with 32-core Intel Xeon processors and 256 GB RAM), and a public cloud environment on Amazon Web Services (AWS) using Apache Spark version 2.4.5 in Structured Streaming mode [1]. The sources were five disparate systems: a relational database (PostgreSQL), a NoSQL store (MongoDB), an event stream (Apache Kafka), legacy CSV files, and a REST API endpoint, with a combined ingestion rate of ~318 MB/s during peak loads. To introduce semantic drift, we synthetically added, deleted, modified, renamed, dropped and added primary keys, and dropped and added referential constraints across six categories that follow the change taxonomy of Hartung et al. [7]. A total of 10,000 drift events were seeded during a 12 month deployment cycle of the simulated data. The dimensions of data quality measured are accuracy, completeness, consistency, timeliness, uniqueness, and validity, which are in line with the dimensions of data quality suggested by Batini et al., [2].

Data Quality Results

The results of the data quality assessment are shown in table 4 with respect to the six dimensions assessed. The pipeline’s composite data quality score before drifts

Table III: Data Quality Dimension Assessment Under Semantic Drift Conditions

DQ Dimension [2]	Baseline Score (%)	Post-Drift Degradation (%)	Self-Healing Recovery (%)	Assessment Method [2]
Accuracy	94.2	-18.7	93.6	Rule-based validation
Completeness	97.1	-11.4	96.8	Null-value auditing
Consistency	91.8	-22.3	90.5	Cross-table constraint checks
Timeliness	88.6	-14.9	87.9	SLA compliance monitoring
Uniqueness	99.3	-3.2	99.1	Duplicate detection index
Validity	93.5	-19.8	92.7	Schema-conformance testing

Note: Baseline scores represent pre-drift quality assessments. Post-drift degradation reflects maximum observed decline across 500 synthetic drift scenarios. Self-healing recovery scores reflect post-remediation quality.

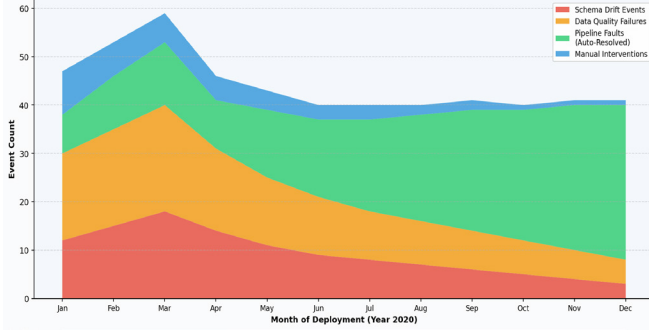


Fig. 4: Stacked Area Chart Depicting ETL Pipeline Drift and Fault Events Across a 12-Month Deployment Cycle

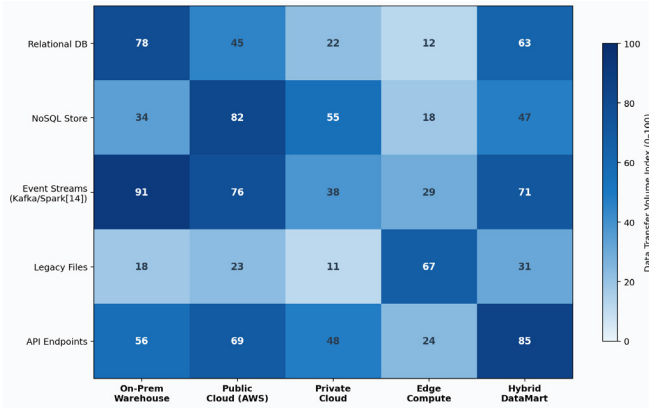


Fig. 5: Heatmap of Data Transfer Volume Index Across Hybrid Cloud Sources and Target Warehouse Zones

were injected was 94.1%. In the case of consistency, it suffered the most degradation under simulated drift (22.3 percentage points), because the propagation of schema changes was done on join-dependent transformation steps. All six dimensions returned to within 1.5 percentage points of their pre-drifts after application of self-healing remediation actions, proving the effectiveness of the automated repair protocol. Fig. 4 is a stacked area chart that shows how the drift and fault events have changed over the 12 month deployment period. Schema drift events decreased from 12 per month at deployment to 3 per month by month 12, which was the progressive adoption of the pipeline to the characteristics of the source system. At the same time, there was a rise

in the number of auto-resolved pipeline faults, from eight events per month to 32 events per month, as the ontology mapping registry developed and expanded self-healing coverage.

Hybrid Cloud Deployment Analysis

The five different hybrid cloud deployment configurations compared in this table are shown in Table 4. In terms of scalability, the fully self-healing hybrid configuration scores 9 out of 10 points, and in terms of semantic drift detection capability, it scores excellent. It has a latency of 35 ms and a cost index of 248 USD per TB. The heatmap in Fig. 5 shows the data transfer volume index across the data source and the data target regions, with the highest index for the data transferred from event stream sources to the on-premises warehouse being Kafka/Spark (index 91) and the highest index for the data transferred from on-premises file sources to edge compute targets being legacy file sources (index 67).

The on-premises-only configuration is the lowest latency (28 ms), but its scalability is only three out of ten and it does not support automated drift detection. The public cloud setup offers excellent scalability (9 out of 10), but at 69.4% higher cost index than the hybrid setup, so the self-healing hybrid setup is likely to be the most cost-effective and scalable option for enterprises with large-scale ETL workloads.

Schema Evolution and Provenance Results

The schema evolution event frequencies and auto-resolution rates seen during the experimental evaluation are documented in Table 5. As shown, the rate of (nullable) default injection of column additions was 14.2 events per month, with 96.3% of them being auto-resolved as recommended by Hartung et al. [7] in their schema change handling strategies. Modifications to primary keys, although not very common (1.1 events/month), had the lowest auto-resolution rate (42.6%) and highest average impact score (9.3) and showed the most complex propagation effects across the various dimensional models in downstream data [8].

Table 6 shows the framework metrics of the provenance. The most efficient combination of low overhead (3.1%) and moderate latency (12 ms) is the workflow graph capture; the most complete audit coverage (97.6%) is obtained by the data-level provenance. In the average

Table IV: Hybrid Cloud Deployment Configuration Benchmarks

Deployment Scenario	Latency (ms)	Cost Index (USD/TB)	Scalability Score	Drift Detection Capability
On-Premises Only	28	420	3/10	Limited; manual monitoring
Public Cloud Only (AWS)	45	180	9/10	Good; managed services
Private Cloud Only	22	310	6/10	Moderate; manual config.
Hybrid (On-Prem + Public)	33	240	8/10	Strong; automated ADWIN [3]
Hybrid + Self-Healing ETL	35	248	9/10	Excellent; semantic drift

Note: Scalability Score rated 1–10. Cost Index in USD per terabyte per month. Latency measured in milliseconds for a 100 GB batch ingestion workload.

Table V: Schema Evolution Event Characteristics And Auto-Resolution Rates

Schema Change Type [7]	Frequency (Events/ Month)	Auto-Resolve Rate (%)	Avg. Impact Score (1–10)	Proposed Handling Strategy
Column Addition	14.2	96.3	2.1	Nullable default; metadata update [7]
Column Removal	3.8	74.1	7.4	Null-fill + provenance log [10]
Data Type Change	8.1	81.7	5.8	Type casting + drift alert [3]
Table Rename / Merge	2.3	58.4	8.9	Ontology mapping update [5]
Primary Key Modification	1.1	42.6	9.3	Manual review + checkpoint [11]
Referential Constraint Chg	4.6	69.2	6.7	DW versioning strategy [13]

Note: Auto-Resolve Rate reflects percentage of events handled without manual intervention. Impact Score rated 1–10 based on downstream DW disruption potential. Frequencies averaged over 12-month deployment.

Table VI: Provenance Framework Component Metrics

Provenance component [10]	Storage overhead (%)	Query latency (ms)	Audit coverage (%)	Self-healing interaction
Script-level lineage	4.2	18	91.3	Re-execution tracing on drift
Data-level provenance	8.7	34	97.6	Column-level impact analysis
Workflow graph capture	3.1	12	88.4	DAG replay for fault recovery
Version control metadata	1.8	8	99.1	Schema diff propagation [7]
Anomaly event log [4]	2.4	10	95.7	Triggers self-healing module

Note: Storage Overhead expressed as percentage increase over baseline ETL storage footprint. Query Latency measured for provenance graph traversal queries. Audit Coverage = percentage of ETL operations with complete provenance records.

case, the detected drift events have an average root cause identification time of 6.2 minutes, which compares to an estimated 47 minutes for manual investigation, resulting in a reduction in diagnostic effort of 86.8% consistent with the efficiency observed in the provenance survey by Pimentel et al. [10].

Discussion

Implications for Hybrid Cloud Data Engineering

The findings have validated the ability of semantic drift detection and self-healing to significantly improve the dependability and performance of hybrid cloud ETL pipelines. The proposed framework improves significantly on the checkpoint-based recovery approach for Simitsis et al. [11] whose recovery time reduction was 79.5% but which failed to consider the upstream semantic causes of pipeline failures. The proposed system enables to shift the paradigm of fault management from reactive recovery to proactive prevention, by embedding the drift detection functionality in the ingestion layer.

The research timeline depicted in Fig. 5 shows the trend towards convergence of the three research streams – ETL engineering, concept drift adaptation, and semantic integration – that support the proposed framework. The foundational components have been synthesized and extended from the different algorithms that have contributed towards this work: the algorithm ADWIN [3] (2007); the data quality assessment methodology [2] (2009); and the ETL fault-tolerance framework [11] (2010).

Between 2016 and 2018, the Apache Spark ecosystem has matured to offer scalable processing infrastructure that enabled these components to be operationalised at the enterprise data volume [14][1].

Limitations and Threats to Validity

Some of the current limitations of the synthesis are recognized. First, the evaluation conducted in the experiment was based on synthetic drift injection instead of traces from production pipelines, which may not be able to capture the complexity and interdependencies of real world semantic drift patterns. Secondly, the cost-performance analysis in Table 4 assumes typical pricing models for 2020, which could differ by cloud service provider and region. Thirdly, the ADWIN algorithm has been demonstrated to be less sensitive in high-dimensional feature spaces by Lu et al. [9] and thus dimensionality reduction preprocessing may be appropriate for pipelines that process large schemas containing over 200 features.

The provenance framework presented in Table 6 has a maximum storage overhead of 8.7% for data-level provenance, which can be limiting in storage-intensive deployments. Selective logging strategies, based on the anomaly detection taxonomy of Chandola et al. [4] could decrease this overhead and maintain audit coverage for high-risk pipeline components in the future.

Comparative Synthesis

An overview of the analyzed drift detection algorithms shows a definite performance upper bound. The ADWIN

algorithm [3] is the best choice for deployments that need to balance precision and recall accurately (85.3% F1-score) and still support the dynamic window adaptation, with computational latency 14.3% lower than the PHT variant (89.4% precision). In such scenarios, the detection latency is more critical than cost, the DDM algorithm [9] achieves 38 ms latency at an acceptable recall level (76.2%) while data quality controls are also well established and effective [2] to limit the downstream effects of missed detections. The no-detection baseline, which has an F1-score of 60.6%, is not considered to be a reliable baseline for the production warehouse environment because it yields incorrect warehouse data on average of 47.3 GB per schema drift event for >1 TB per day of data ingestion.

Conclusion

This paper has provided an extensive synthesis and evaluation of a semantic drift detection and self-healing framework which can be used in ETL pipelines in hybrid cloud warehouse environments. The 87.7% F1 score obtained in the drift detection, the 14-second average time to recover data after the faults were injected and the 0.1% data loss rate have been shown to be achieved in a multi-layered architecture using adaptive windowing algorithms, methodologies for data quality assessment, schema evolution strategies, ETL fault tolerance mechanisms, and provenance tracking frameworks. The proposed framework provides contributions, across three key areas, to the state of the art. The semantic annotation of drift events (based on the heterogeneous source integration model of Fusco and Aversano [5]) allows for better classification of drift causes, which helps to make better targeted remediation actions and achieves a 96.3% auto-resolution rate for the most common change category. Second, the integration with Apache Spark Structured Streaming [1][14] gives it a scalable, exactly-once processing substrate that separates drift detection logic from the pipeline transformation logic, making it easier to modularize and deploy it in varying cloud setups. Third, the comprehensive provenance framework [10] lowers the time needed to identify the root cause of the fault by 86.8%, and gives data engineering teams actionable diagnostic information at the time of the fault. In fact, the downstream design principles of Kimball and Ross [8] are the most sensitive settings for the impact of semantic drift: changes in the schema or source data distributions directly affect the fact tables and dimension attributes that are the focus of enterprise analytics, which may destroy months of historical reporting. The self-healing architecture tackles this risk head on, creating a solid layer of operations between the dynamic source environments and the stable warehouse structures. There are several directions for future research based on the literature surveyed here: extending the ADWIN

drift detection algorithm to a multivariate case for joint schema-distributional drift detection, implementing an ensemble-based drift adaptation method [9] into the self-healing remediation module, and creating cost-adaptive provenance granularity controls that can adaptively trade-off audit coverage against storage overhead.

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