



How Uber Tackled Massive Telemetry

Who am I?

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- **2019 - now: Chronosphere**
 - Co-founder/CEO
- **2015 - 2019: Uber**
 - Co-creator + Technical Lead of M3
 - Manager of M3 teams
- **2013 - 2015: AWS**
 - Technical Lead on EC2
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Agenda



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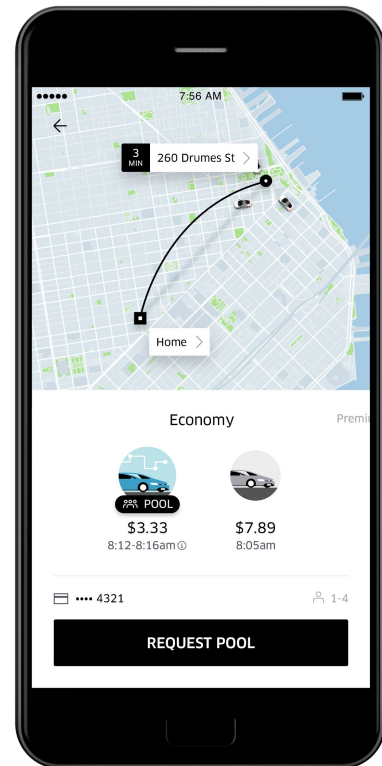
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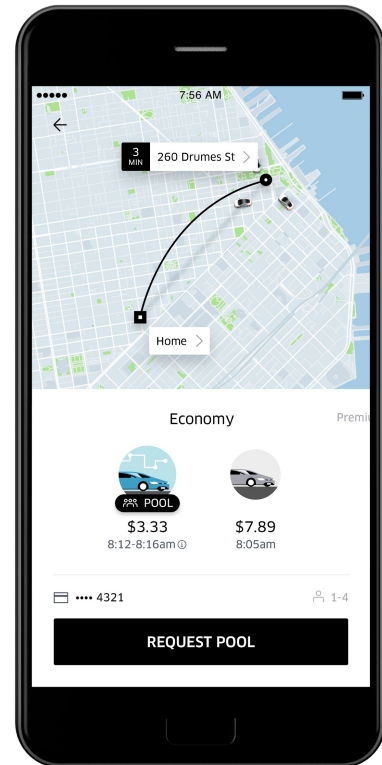


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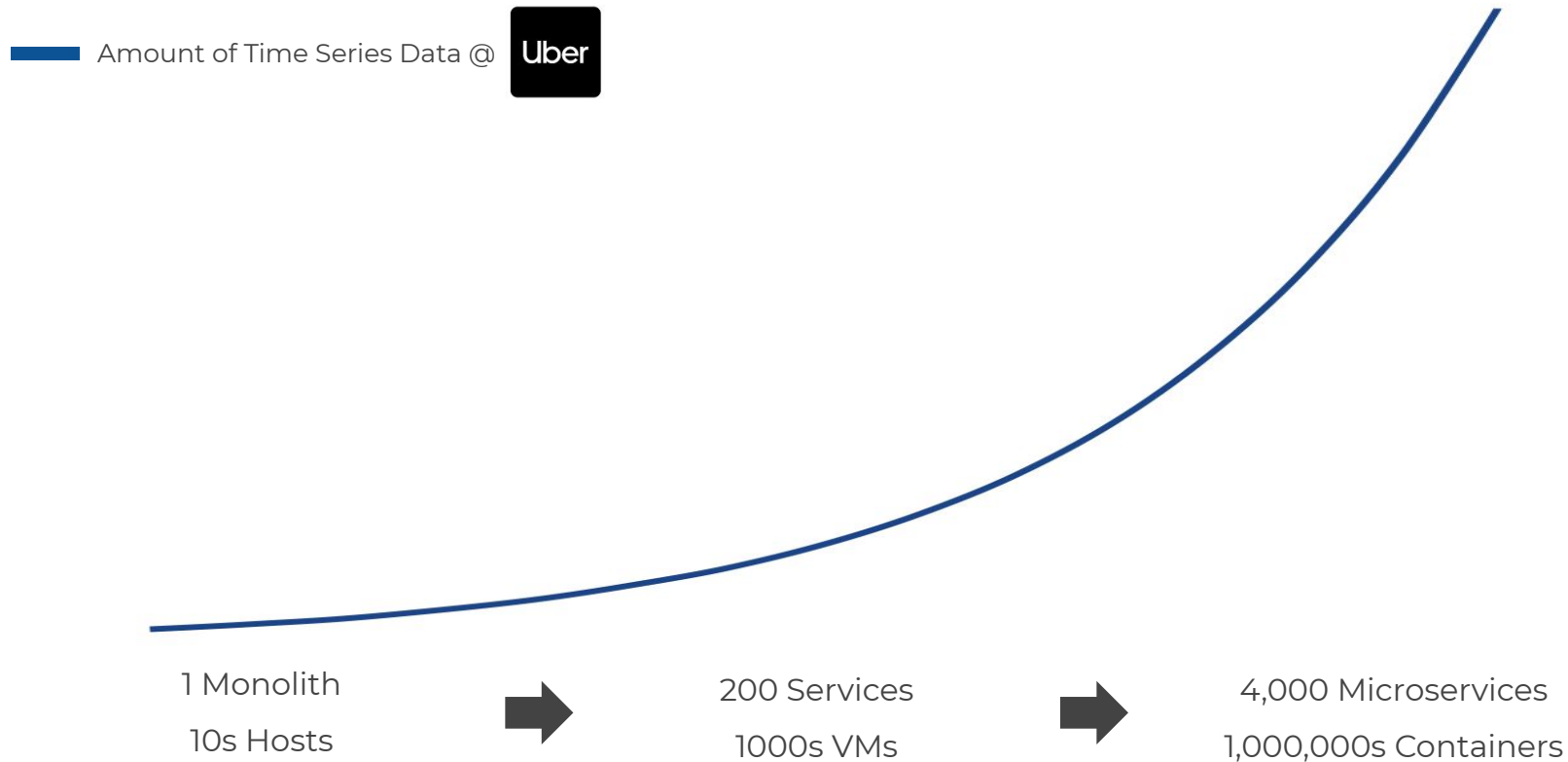
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Single Company Wide Telemetry Platform:


- **System Monitoring:** Container, physical host/system and network.
- **Application Monitoring:** Every microservices' latency, success/error rates plus custom measurements.
- **Business Monitoring:** Every measurement for every product in every city.



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Amount of Time Series Data @ 

- ✓ Great for Physical Infrastructure
- ✓ Out of the box monitoring solution
- ✗ Not Horizontally Scalable
- ✗ Not Highly Reliable

1 Monolith
10s Hosts

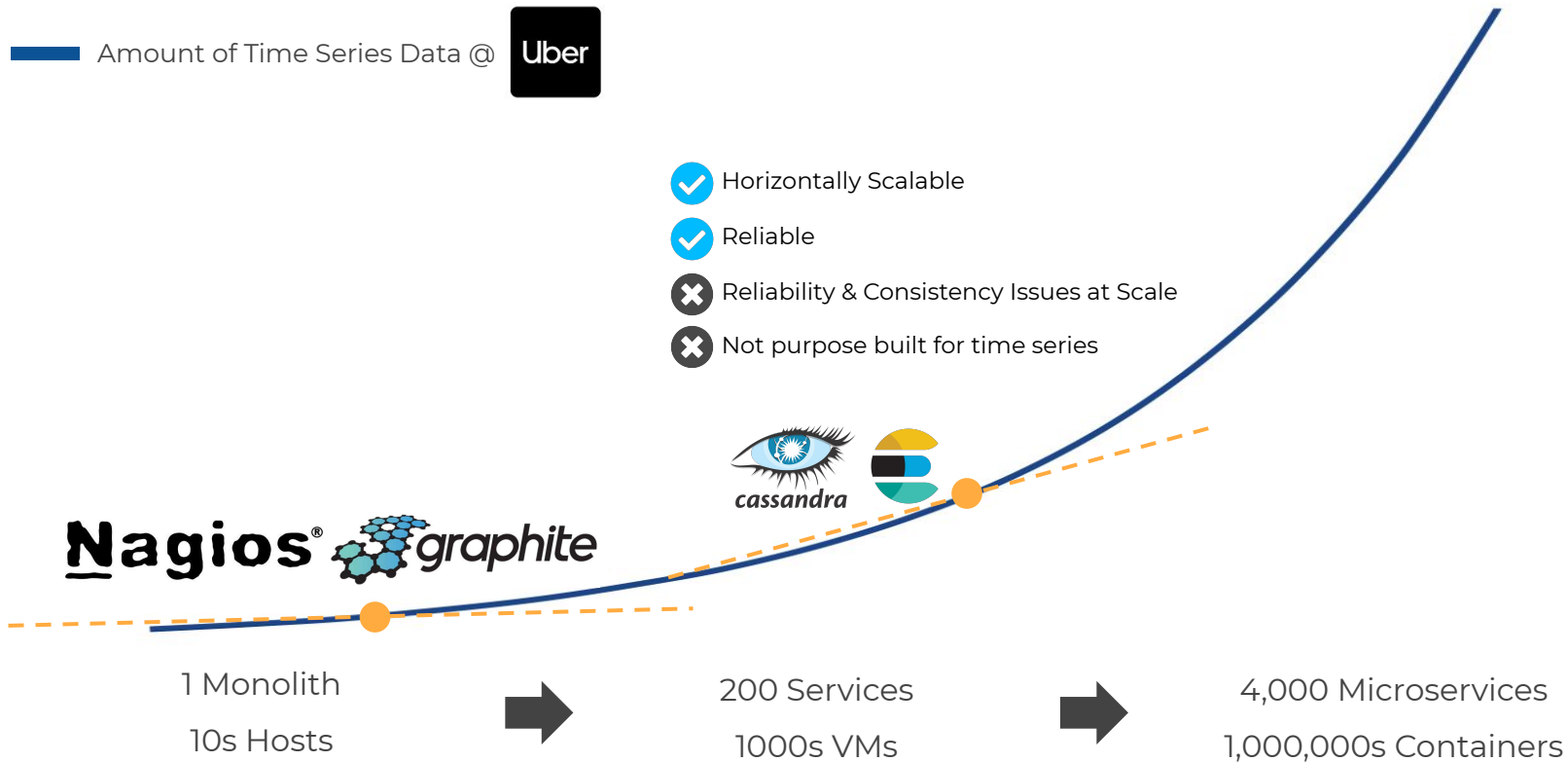


200 Services
1000s VMs

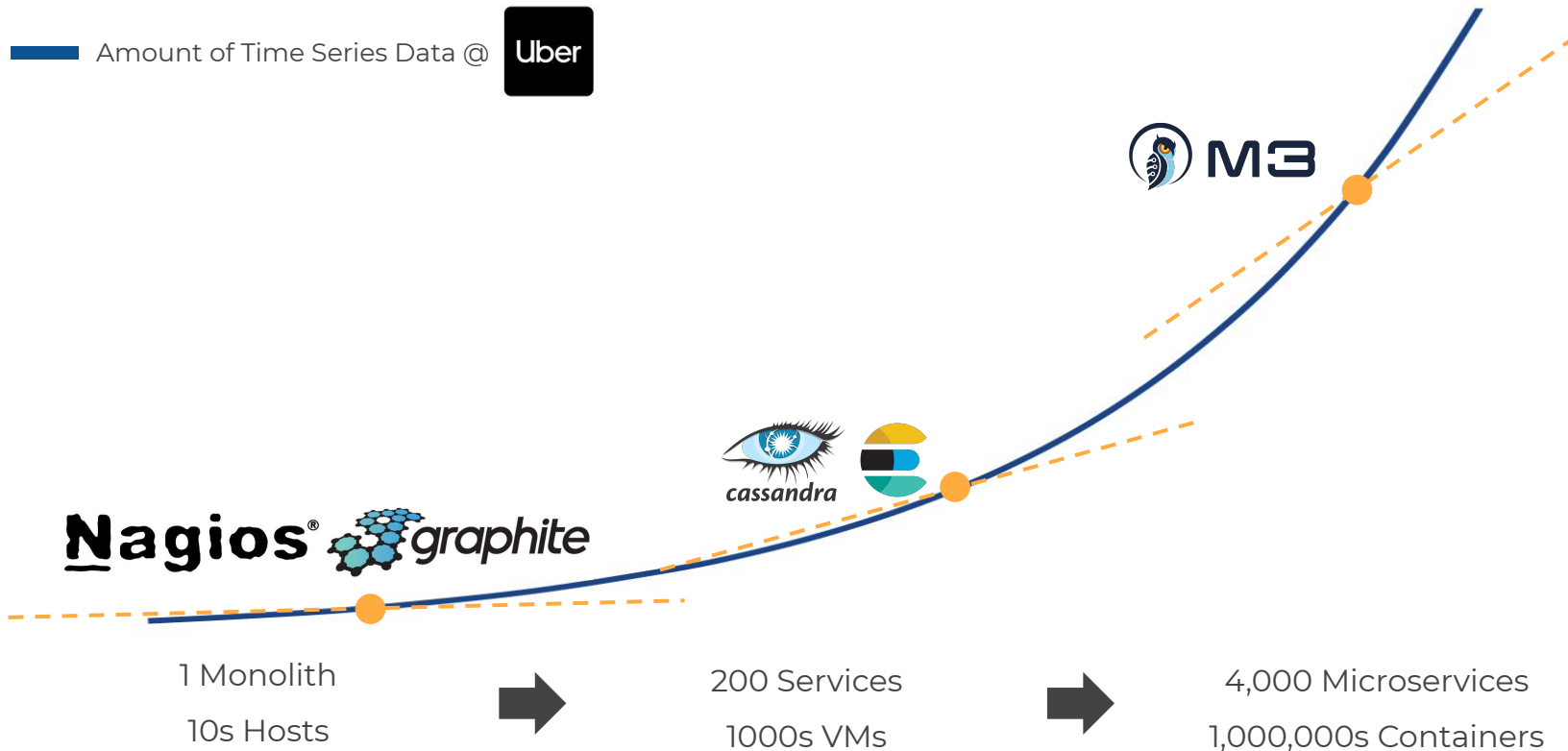


4,000 Microservices
1,000,000s Containers

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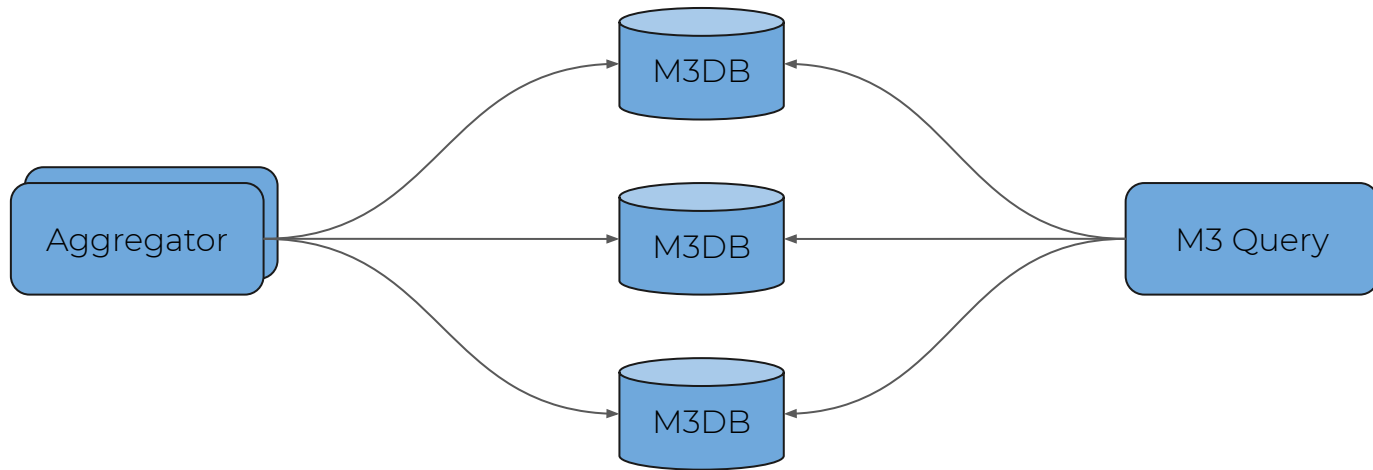
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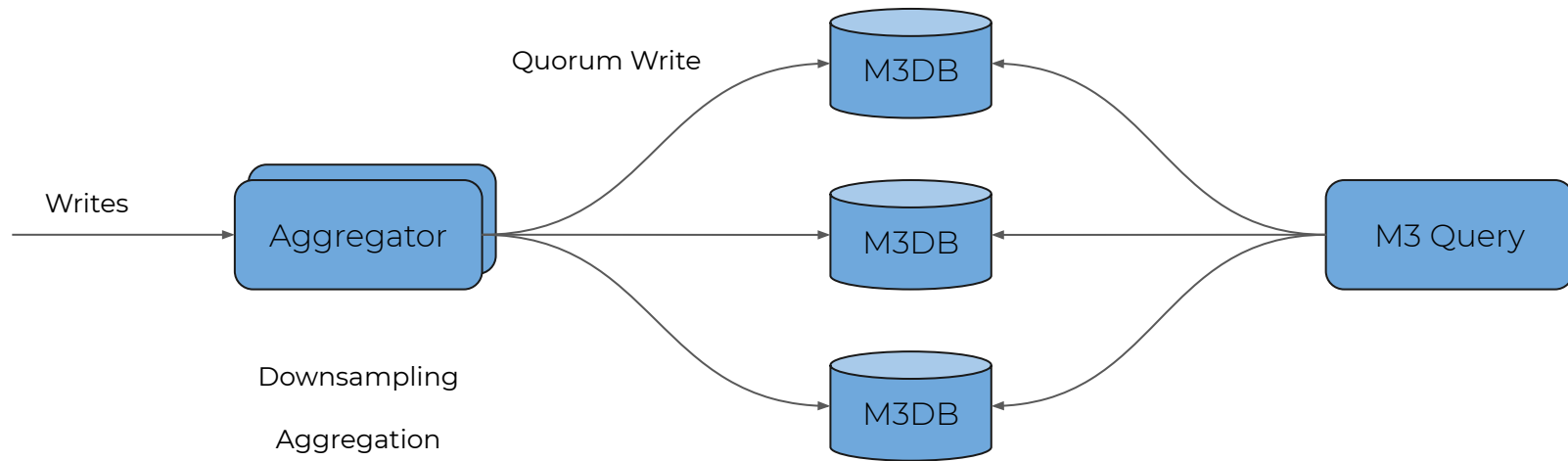
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- Purpose Built & Efficient:
 - Custom built time series database with metric index.
 - Optimized compression algorithm for time series data.
 - Built in downsampling and aggregation.

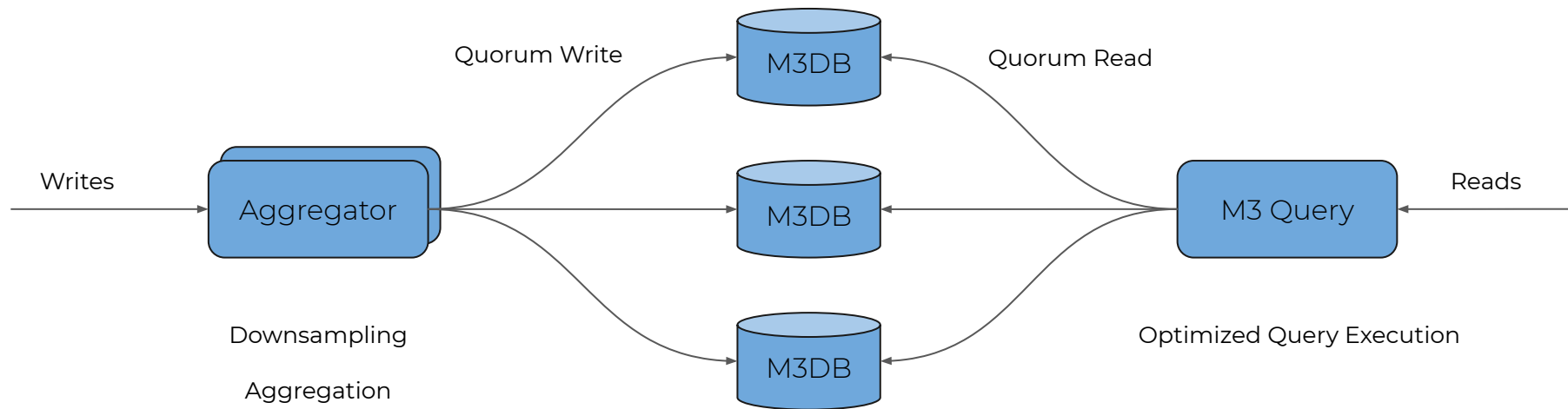
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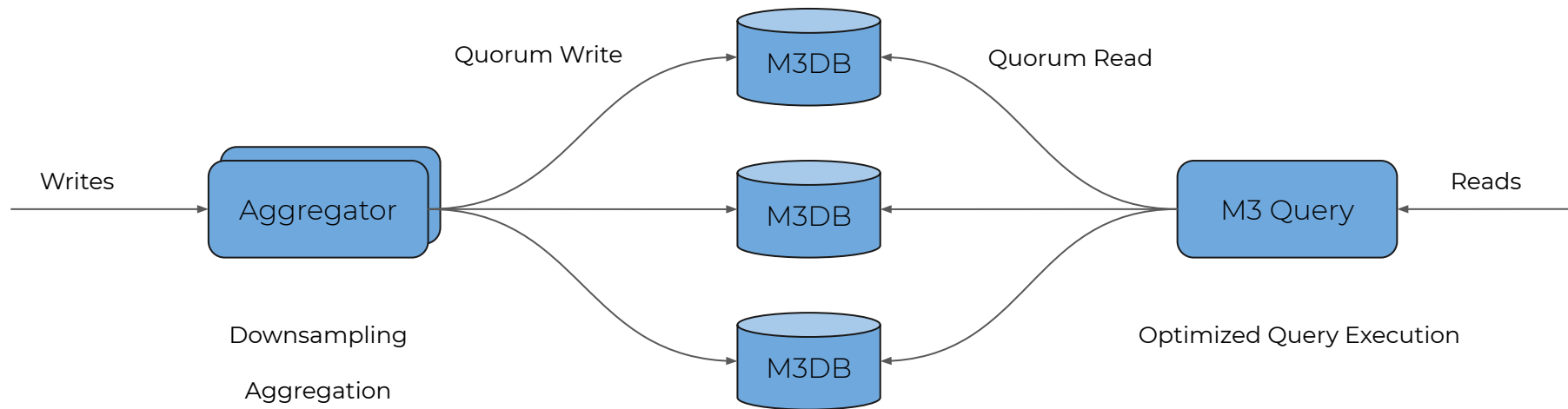
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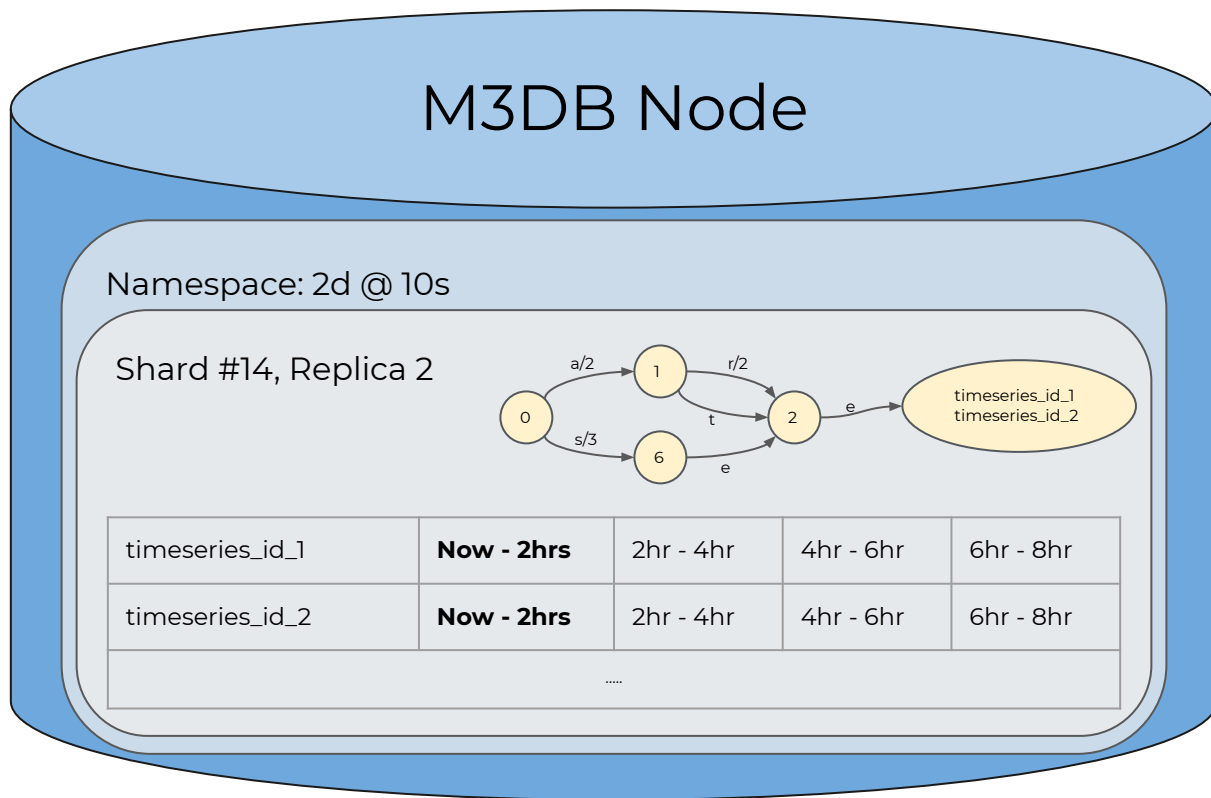
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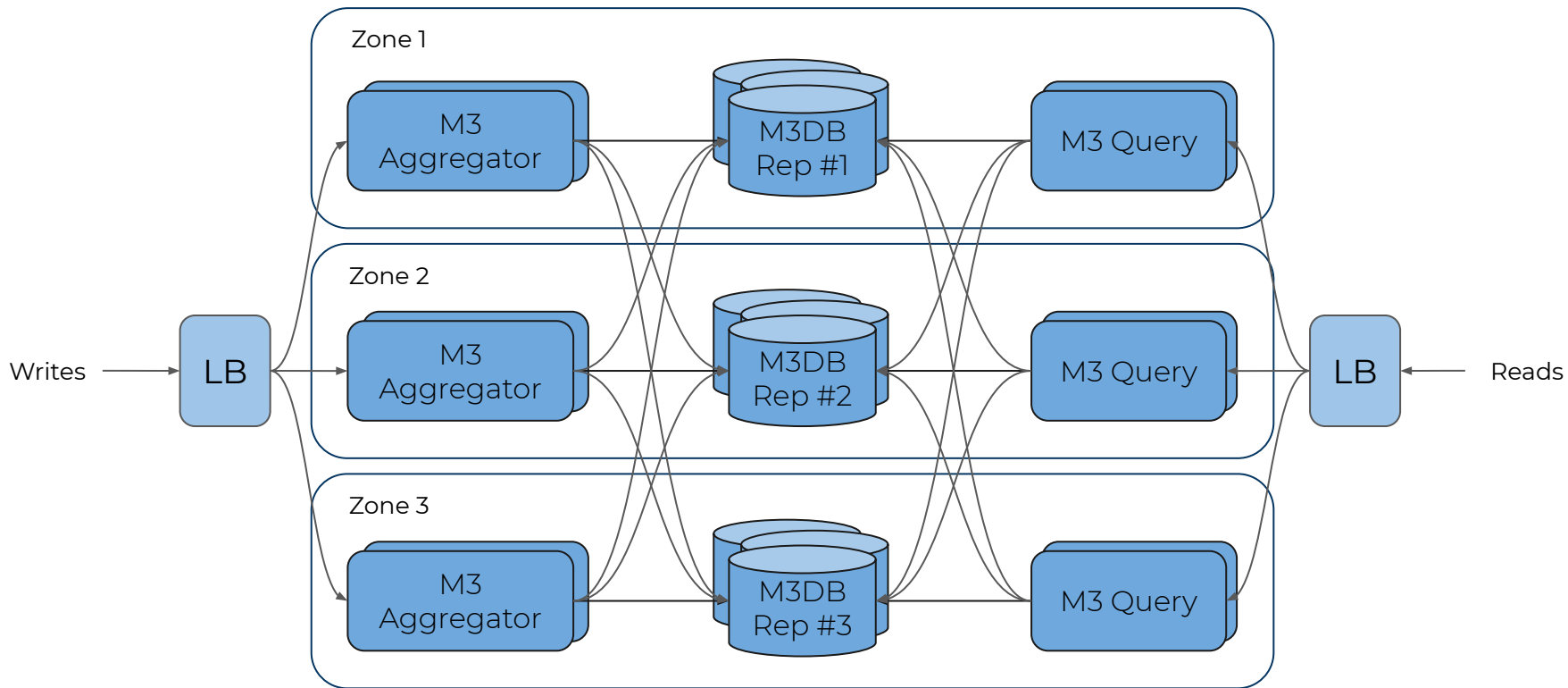
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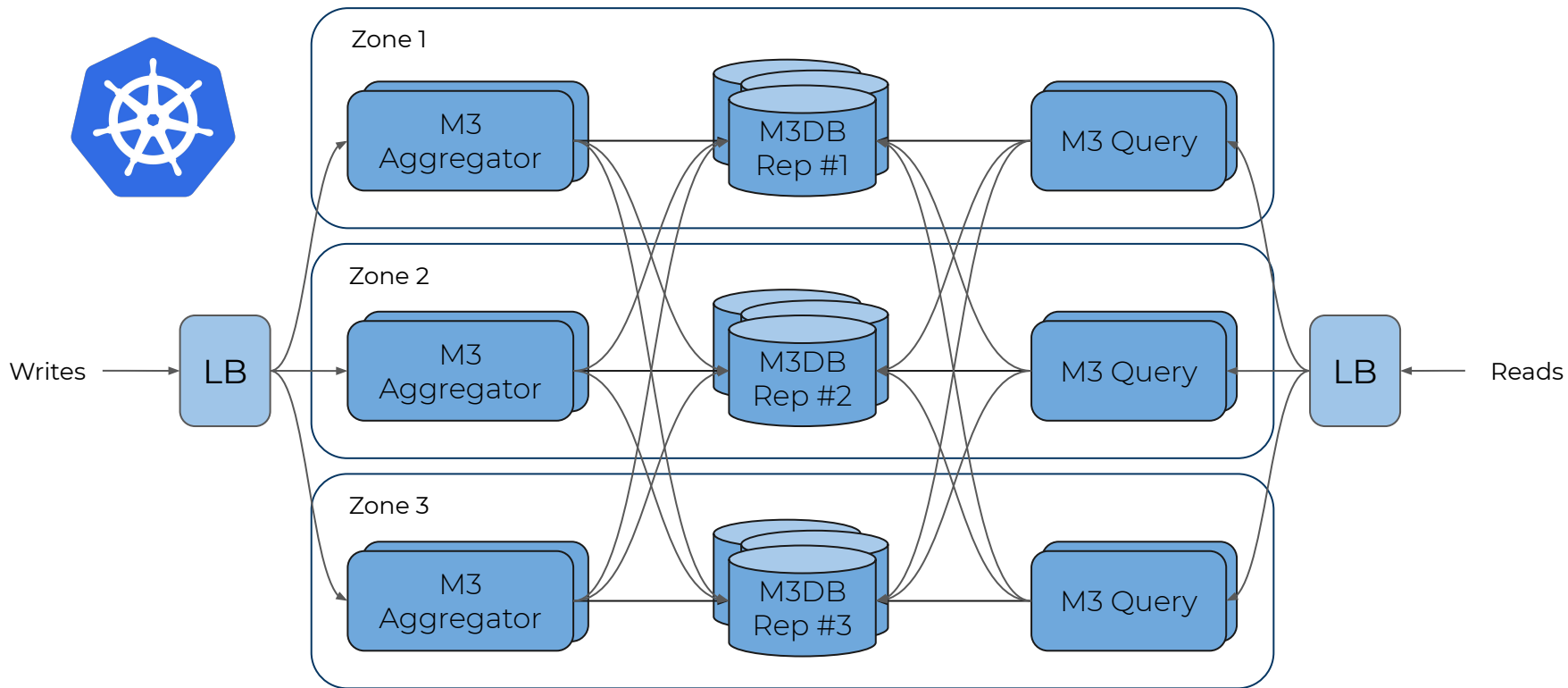
M3DB



M3 Multi-Zone



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M3 Numbers

Not a STAC benchmark



Performance

Datapoints Written &
Read per Second

1.5B+ 3B+

Collected by the platform
and visible within seconds to
serve 500,000 alerts, 4,000
dashboards, anomaly
detection and analytics

Scalability

Total Metric Time Series
Stored

12B+

One of the largest production
telemetry platforms in the
world - similar scale to
Google's in-house platform
Monarch

Efficiency

Cost Savings

10X

Reduction in hardware spend
when compared to previous
version of metrics platform
built on Cassandra

Reliability

System Uptime

99.99%

System was always up as it
was relied upon to monitor
not only the infrastructure
and applications, but
business operations as well

M3 Community & Resources

- Website: <https://m3db.io>
- Slack: <https://bit.ly/m3slack>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/m3db/m3>
- Documentation: <https://docs.m3db.io/>
- Office Hours (every 3rd Thursday, 11-1pm EST): [sign up for slot here](#)
- M3 Community Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/M3-Community/>

Thanks + Q&A
