



# C(ERN) BACK(UP)

Consolidated multi-petabyte backup solution for heterogenous storages

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- \* Backup orchestration tool developed at CERN
- \* Creates daily snapshots for all CERNBox users and projects and some services cephfs based
- \* Based on restic
  - \* fast
  - \* easy
  - repository/snapshot based
  - deduplication
  - \* encryption
  - \* compression
  - \* prune old snapshots





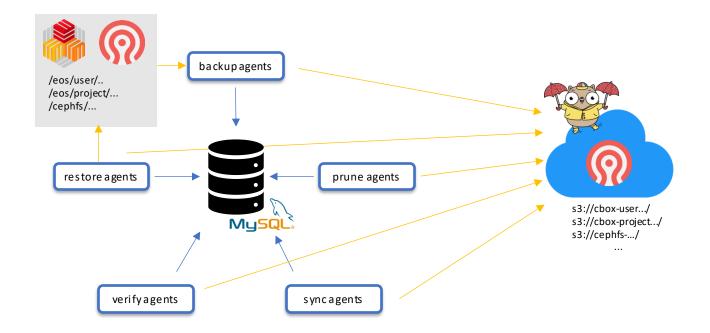


- \* Data stored in an other geographical location in the CERN campus
- \* +850M of files processed every day
- \*+5.3PB of files backed up
- \* ~40k backup job
- \*Support for different sources
  - **#** EOS
  - CephFS
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- \* Composed by **stateless** agents (backup, restore, prune, verify and sync)
- \* State (i.e. the jobs to run) shared in a central database





- \* Agents pick a random job from a **pending queue** and run it (asynchronous)
- The operator can run a job synchronously
- After successfully run a job, the agent enqueues it in a completed queue
- \* A **switch agent** move a job from the completed to the pending queue periodically
  - For example every 24h after the job finished to run



- Used to backup several sources:
  - ♦ CERNBox (EOS)
  - Manila shares (CephFS)
  - Gitlab (CephFS)







- \* Having different instances of cback is *expensive*:
  - \* **Resources**: different machines per service means replication of resources, that in some cases could not be fully exploited.
  - Managing: an update of cback requires an update in all the instances. Different configurations are spread into different machines.



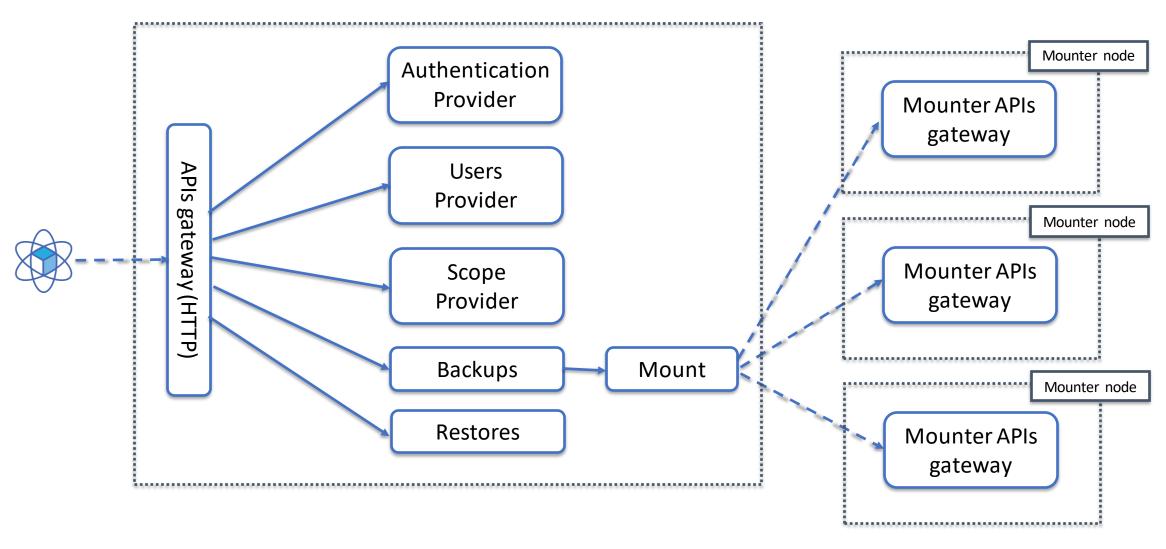
- cback introduces the concept of groups
  - \* Every group has its own configuration
  - ♣ Different source filesystems (EOS, CephFS, ...)
  - Different sets of s3 credentials/endpoints
  - ♣ Different restic secrets
  - ♣ Different schedules
- \* CERNBox, manila shares and gitlab are backed up by the same cback cluster

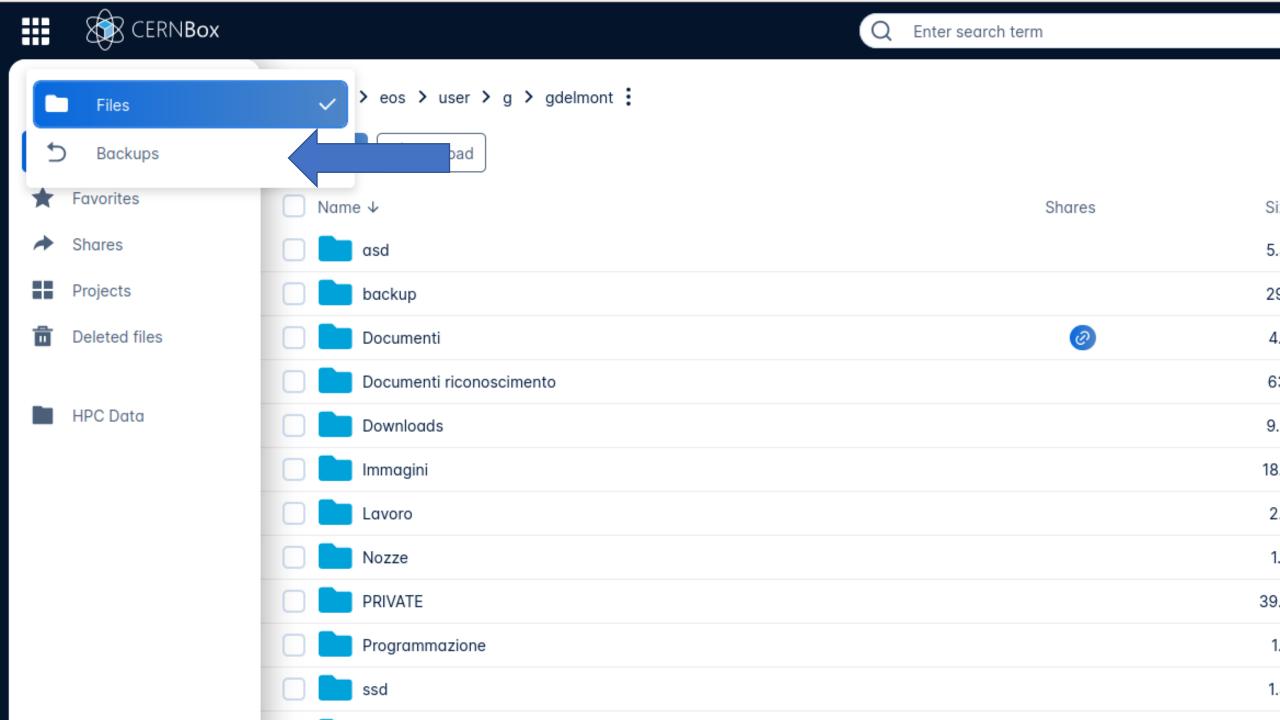


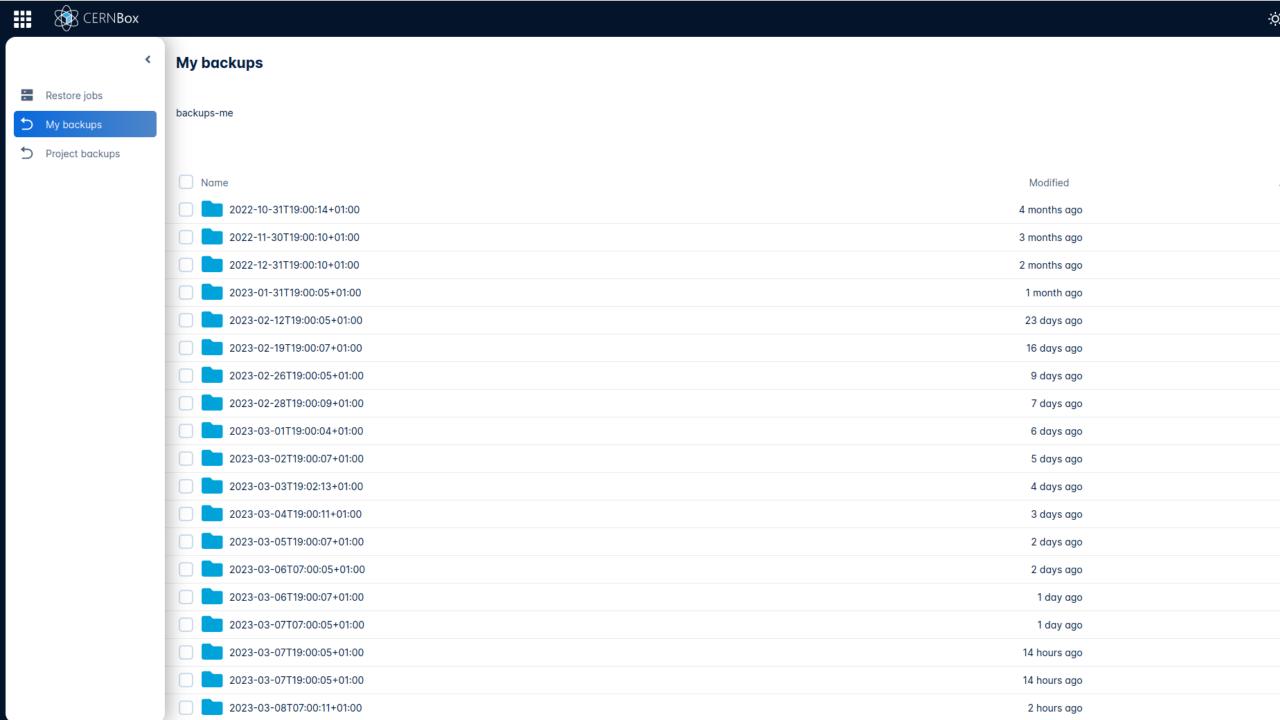
- **Expose** to CERNBox users their daily snapshots
- Self-service restore
- Expose other backups to service admins
  - Without sharing internal restic secrets













Restore jobs

My backups

Project backups

My backups

backups-me > cback > eos > user > g > gdelmont > 2022-10-31T19:00:14+01:00 :

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PRIVATE	5 months ago	⇒ Restore	
Downloads	1 year ago		
Immagini	5 months ago		
gatto.jpg	6 months ago	⇒ Restore	
New file.pptx	4 months ago	⇒ Restore	
Programmazione	2 years ago	⇒ Restore	
Università	11 months ago	⇒ Restore	
backup	5 months ago	⇒ Restore	
ssd	1 year ago	⇒ Restore	
test	5 months ago	⇒ Restore	
Fronalpstock_big.jpg	7 months ago	⇒ Restore	
Lavoro	1 year ago	⇒ Restore	
Nozze	6 months ago		
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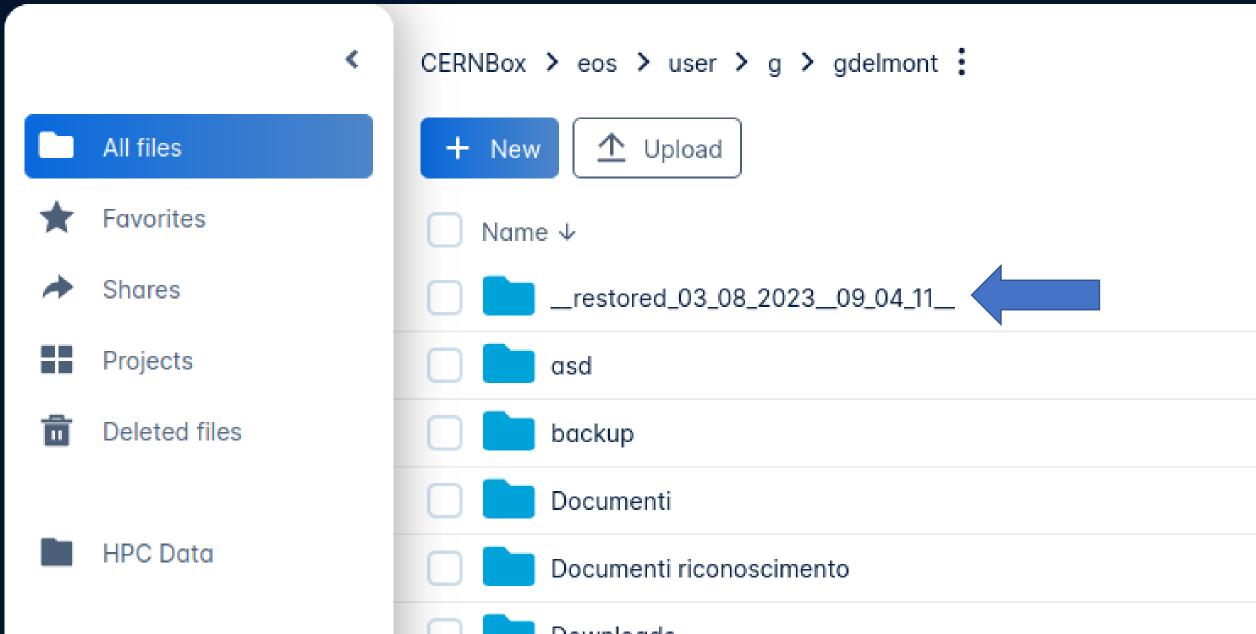
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## CERNBox integration

- notification, when restore is done\*
- search in backups
- compare versions of a file from different backups
- Tape integration
  - restic metadata are included in the packed data
  - reduce read access to tapes as much as possible
  - need a copy of metadata in hot storage to create a restore plan





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