Monitoring Large-Scale dCache Installations with Kafka streams

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Mass-Storage for Different Communities

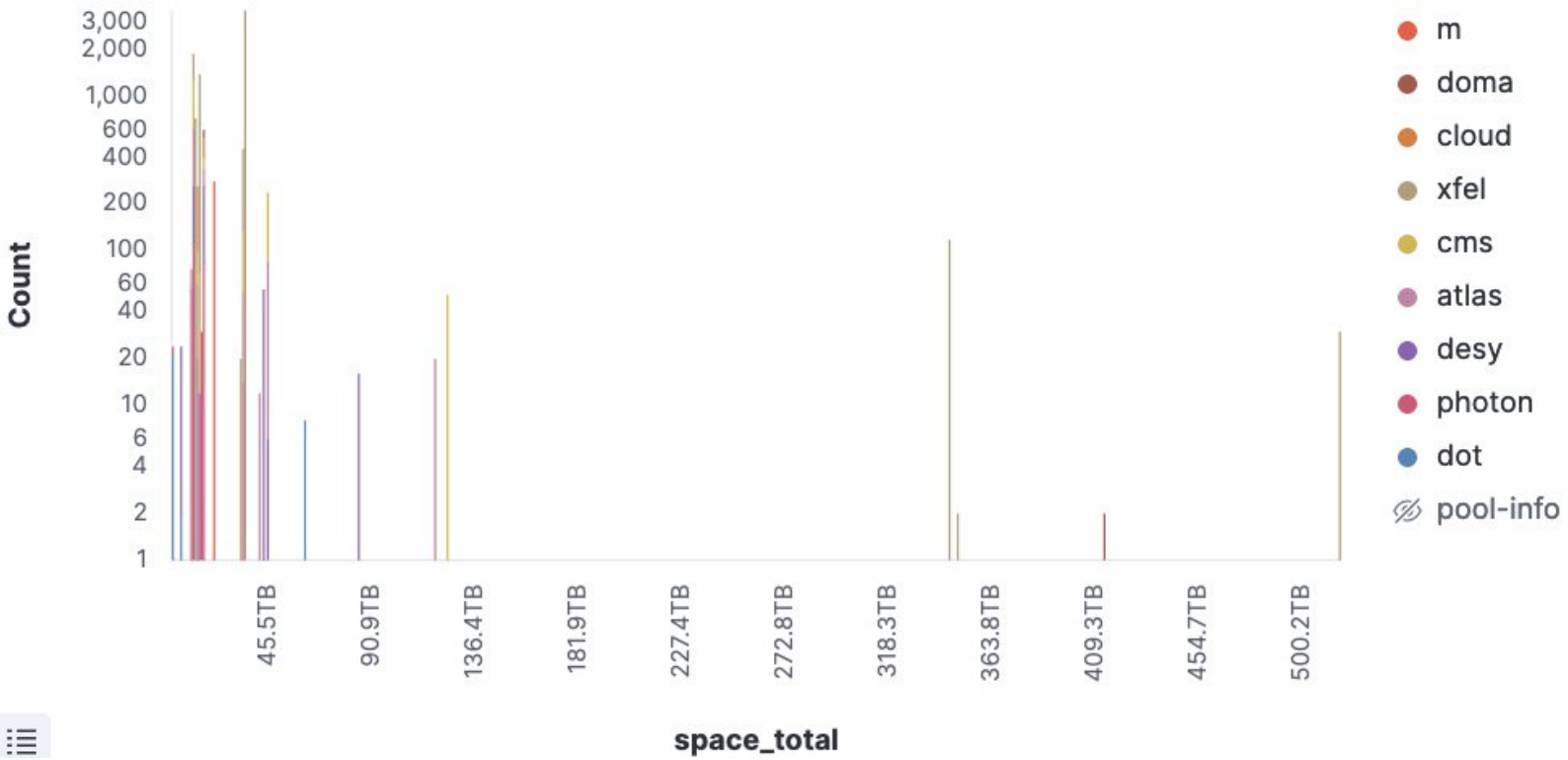
dCache as Central Mass Storage

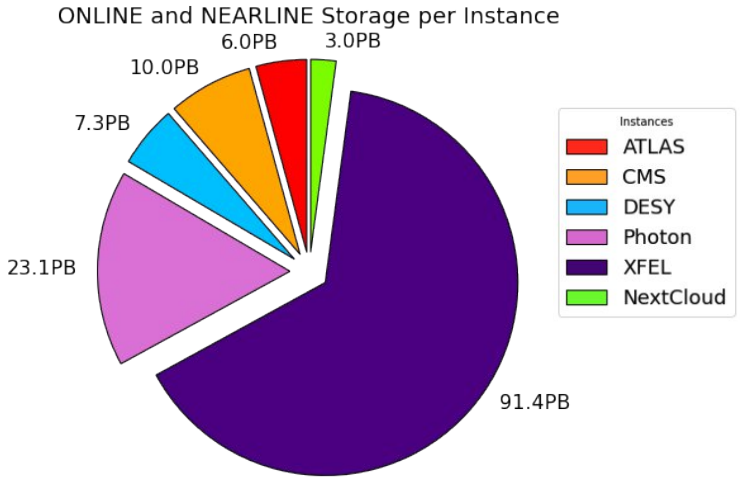
- Central element in overall storage strategy
- Collaborative development under open source licence by
  - DESY
  - Fermilab
  - Nordic E-Infrastructure Collaboration (inoffically NDGF)
- Particle Physics in general
  - In production at 9 of 13 WLCG Tier-1 centres
  - In use at over 60 Tier-2 sites world wide
  - 75% of all remote LHC data stored on dCache
  - In addition: Tevatron and HERA data
  - All smaller DESY experiments store data in dCache
- Photon Science
  - Raw-Data for all DESY light sources
  - Long-term archival
  - Large cache for machine division

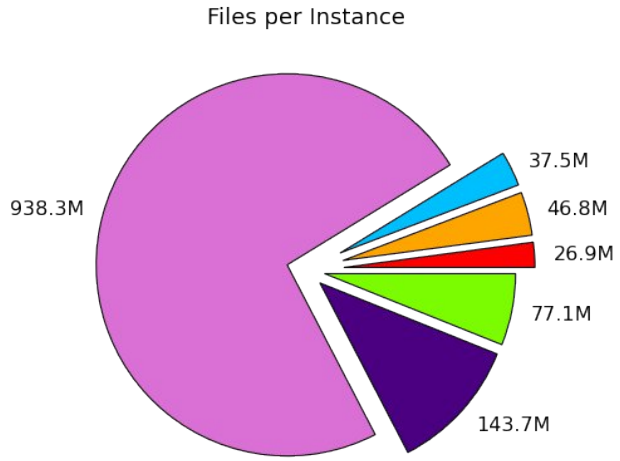
Overview of our Instances at DESY-HH

Number of Hosts and Stored Data

- Eight large dCache instances with about 700 pool Nodes and 5500 pools
- One pre-production instance for dCache Operations for testing and development



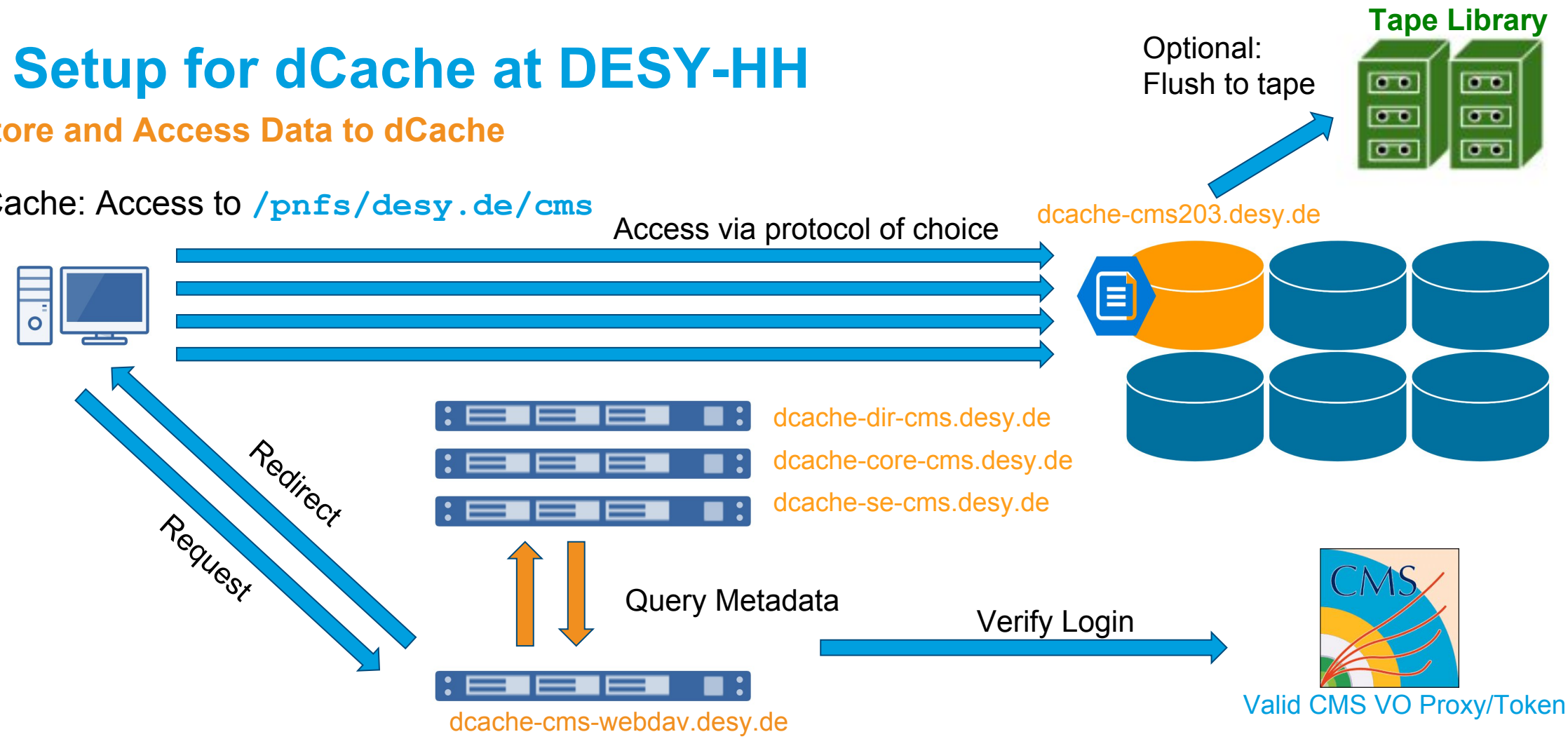




Basic Setup for dCache at DESY-HH

How to Store and Access Data to dCache

- Use dCache: Access to `/pnfs/desy.de/cms`



- Files are stored as a single copy on a storage server (replication used only used for Sync&Share/HIFIS)
- Storage nodes currently are RAID-6 setups with multiple virtual disks mapping to dCache pools
- Pool nodes are very heterogenic ➜ 200TiB 14 disk systems to 700TiB 96 disk systems, current: 520TiB 28 disk systems
- Pool size and pool number very heterogenic ➜ 10 small pools per node (DESY dCache) to single 520TiB pools for XFEL

Classical Monitoring for dCache at DESY-HH

Probes and Log-Files

- Split monitoring between three groups
  - Monitoring of the storage hardware: Operational team in the computing centre (based on tools provided by the hardware manufacturer, `Icinga`, `Grafana`)
  - Monitoring of the Linux services: Linux team for services like `SSH` or `Puppet` (Tools like `Icinga` and ELK stack)
  - **Monitoring of dCache services: dCache Operations Team**

Monitoring dCache:

- Log files from dCache services (transitioned to `SystemD` with dCache 6.2)
- Information available in the dCache admin-domain/REST-API
- Billing files for active traffic (replaced by a Kafka-stream in dCache 4.2)
- Access-log still stored in files (non-transfer access)

Multiple Sources all with different Characteristics to Collect into a Single View

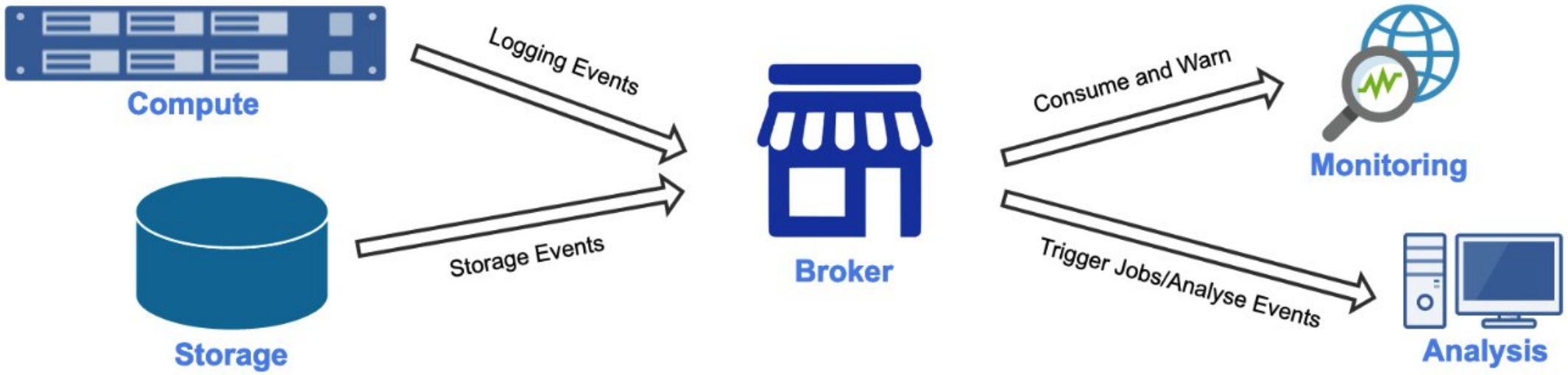
Monitoring for dCache Using Kafka

Introduction to Kafka

- Kafka is a message broker system allowing services to send and receive messages
- Central element is a message broker ensuring load balancing and resilience
- Widely used tool in the IT industry and thus scales very well
  ➜ We produce about 10-20M messages a day; our brokers have a load of 0.05
- Wide usage means a lot of other tools speak Kafka natively
- APIs well supported through C/C++, Python and more

kafka

- **Message Producer – Broker – Consumer Model**



From dCache to Analysis

Connecting dCache with Monitoring Infrastructure

- Apache Kafka common IT tool → a lot of services can subscribe and consume Kafka messages

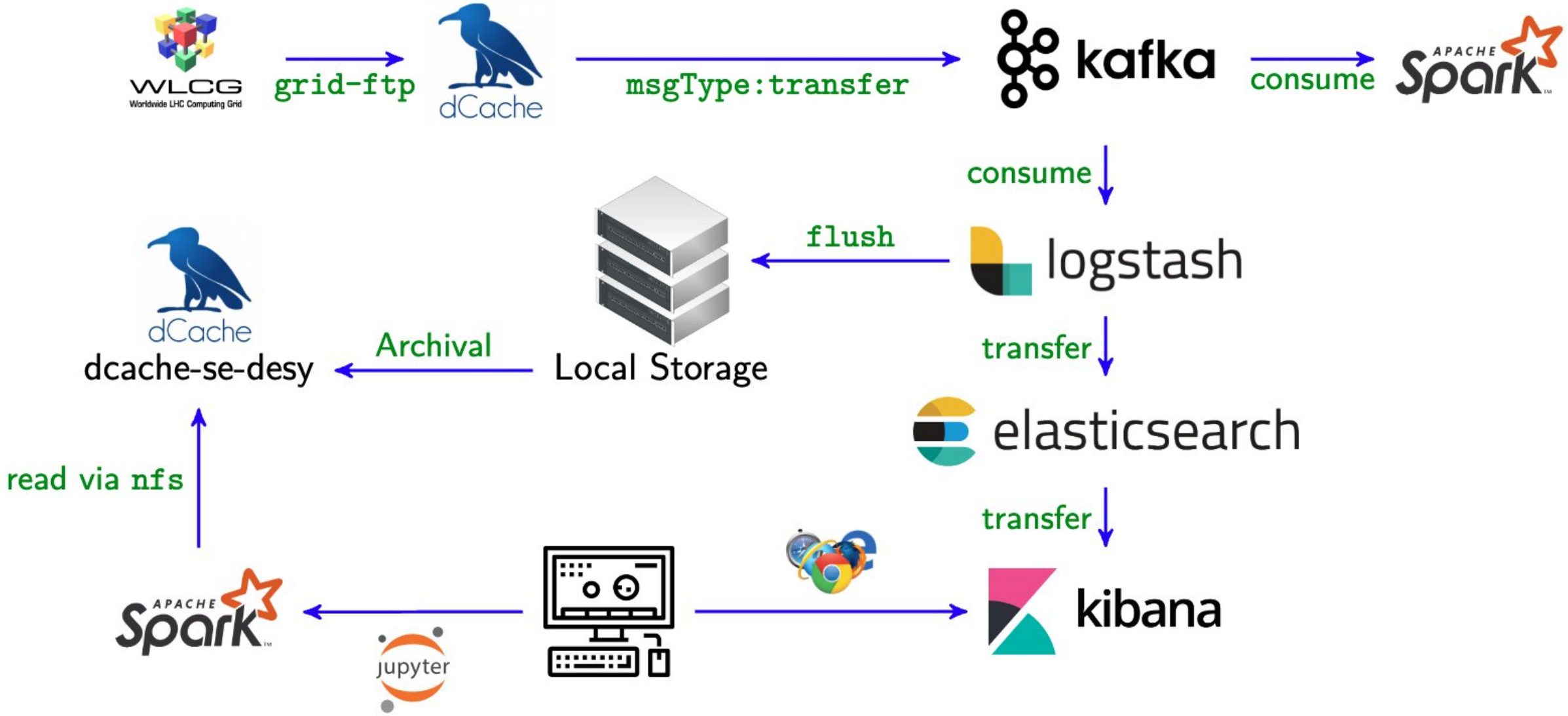
- Beats can easily push JournalD, Syslog, local files, … into Kafka
- DESY-IT provides dedicated ELK infrastructure
- Logstash and ElasticSearch accepts Kafka streams → direct in ingest and visualisation with Elastic tool box (classic monitoring)

Benefit of Plugging Kafka in Between?

- Uniform data format and infrastructure behind Kafka; only the producer needs to be provided
- Kafka allows **push** rather then **pull** monitoring as e.g. with Icinga Probes
- Have operations triggered on Kafka messages → Listen passively rather than search actively
- Often have well known signatures in billing/logging → introduce an automatic response (alarm or fix)
- Have a number of lightweight python based consumers in operation listening for specific patterns
- Complex analysis frameworks can consume Kafka events at scale using a sliding time window

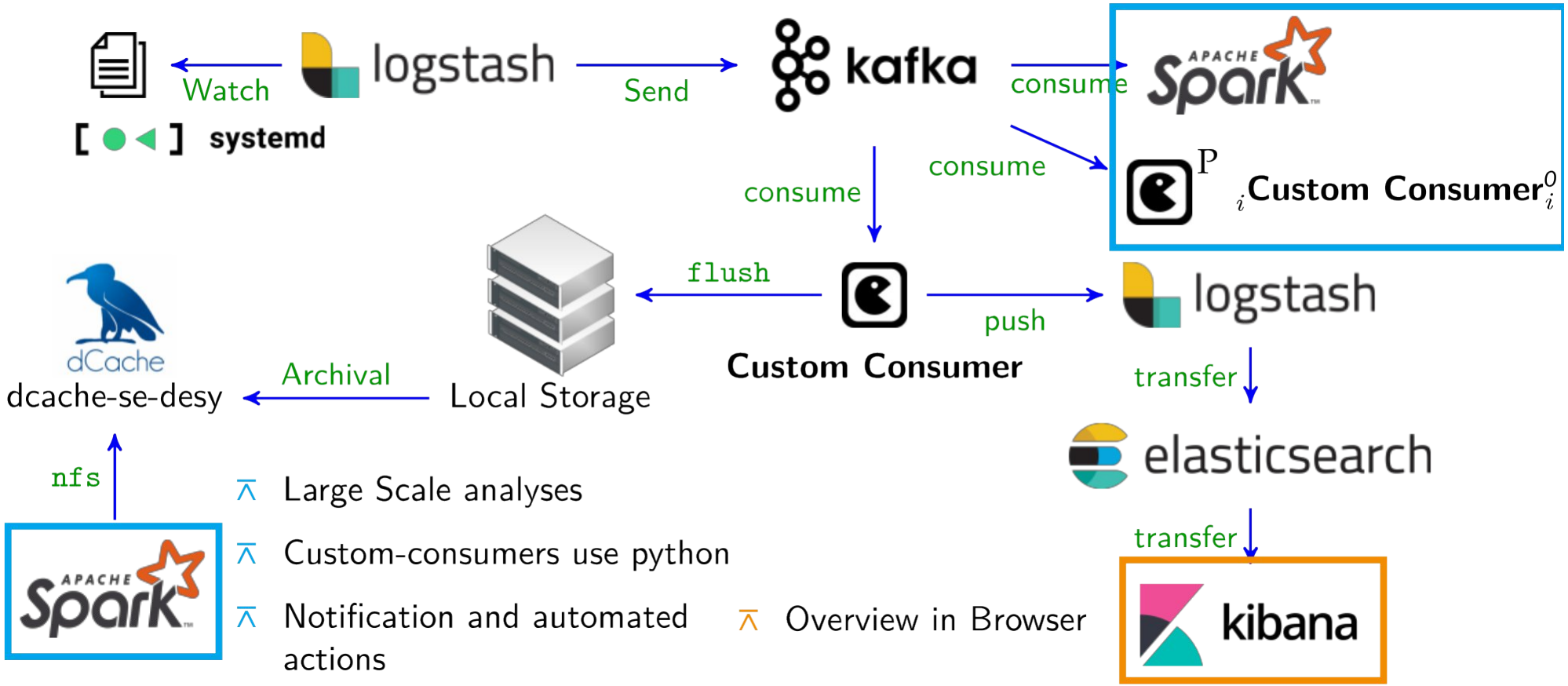
Step 1: Kafka Billing Stream Workflow

Native Kafka Event Stream Provided by dCache



Step 2: dCache Logging Workflow

Example for Loggings Stream



Example for Custom Consumers

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- Check each message if the message contains e.g. ‘pool mode changed to disabled’
- Generate an email to admins and enter entry to database ➜ Trigger automated restarts of dCache pools
- Notify if pool recovers and remove entry in database

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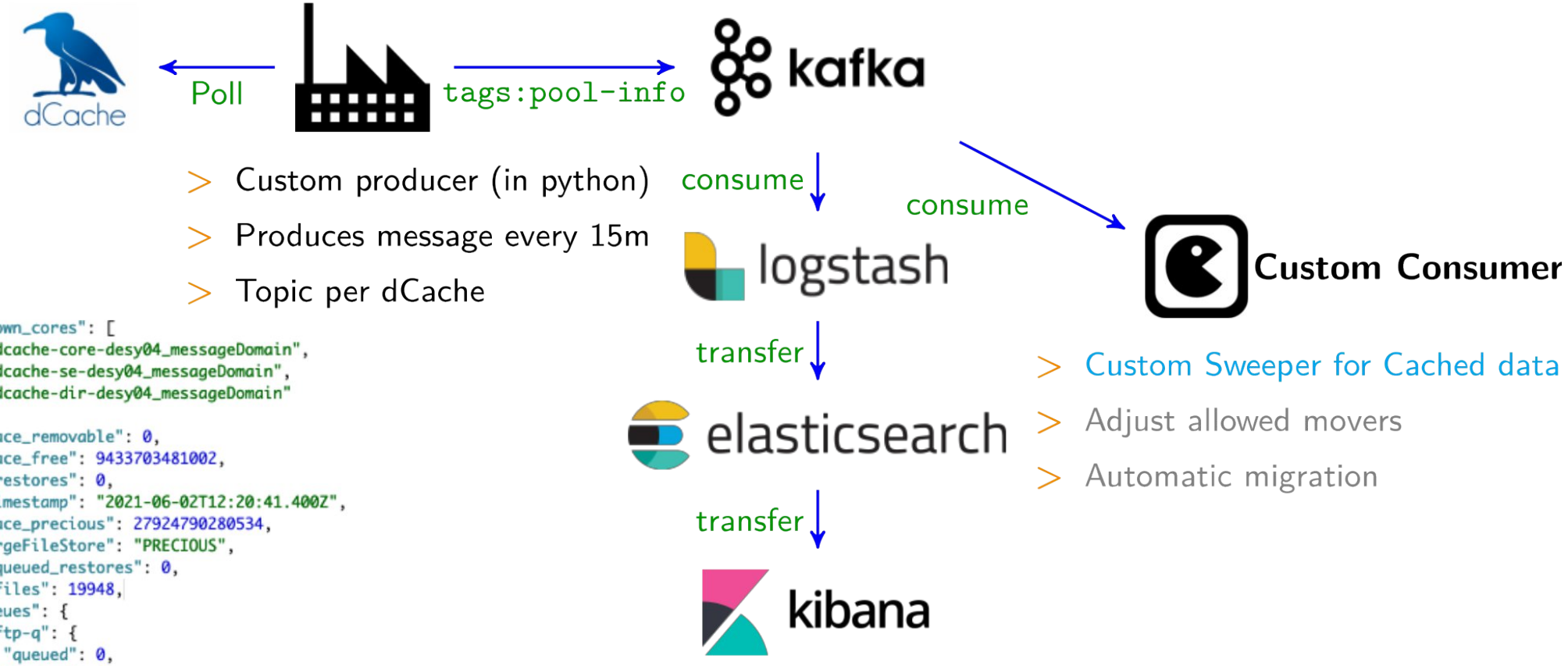
Step 3: Custom Data Stream

Collect Data for Each Pool Every 15min

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"known_cores": [
  "dcache-core-desy04_messageDomain",
  "dcache-se-desy04_messageDomain",
  "dcache-dir-desy04_messageDomain"
],
"space_removable": 0,
"space_free": 9433703481002,
"n_restores": 0,
"@timestamp": "2021-06-02T12:20:41.400Z",
"space_precious": 27924790280534,
"LargeFileStore": "PRECIOUS",
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"n_files": 19948,
"queues": {
  "ftp-q": {
    "queued": 0,
    "active": 0
  },
```


- Pool plot shown earlier based on this stream
- Also archived on dCache → allows forensics on which pool belonged where in the past

dCache Data Analytics

How to Process Large amounts of Data

- Apache Kafka Streams are archived to dCache ➜ Can be analysed at scale using e.g. Apache Spark on our National Analysis Facility
- Use Spark to analyse up to 20 TiB of our billing archive ➜ Treasure trove for ML (collaborate with BNL)

Spark Master at spark://htc-it02.desy.de:3000

URL: spark://htc-it02.desy.de:3000
Alive Workers: 28
Cores in use: 112 Total, 112 Used
Memory in use: 448.0 GiB Total, 448.0 GiB Used
Resources in use:
Applications: 1 Running, 1 Completed
Drivers: 0 Running, 0 Completed
Status: ALIVE

Workers (28)

Worker Id	Address	State	Cores	Memory	Resources
worker-20240606144752-batch1554.desy.de-4048	batch1554.desy.de:4048	ALIVE	4 (4 Used)	16.0 GiB (16.0 GiB Used)	
worker-20240606144752-batch1554.desy.de-4058	batch1554.desy.de:4058	ALIVE	4 (4 Used)	16.0 GiB (16.0 GiB Used)	
worker-20240606144752-batch1554.desy.de-4063	batch1554.desy.de:4063	ALIVE	4 (4 Used)	16.0 GiB (16.0 GiB Used)	
worker-20240606144752-batch1554.desy.de-4068	batch1554.desy.de:4068	ALIVE	4 (4 Used)	16.0 GiB (16.0 GiB Used)	

- Investigating on how to use Spark as a Kafka consumer
- New APIs not really easy to set up
- Apply training to sliding window

```
Analysing cms billing for 2019-06
+----------------+
|Data            |
+----------------+
|1801640603785806|
+----------------+

Analysing cms billing for 2019-07
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|Data          |
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|34751126730552|
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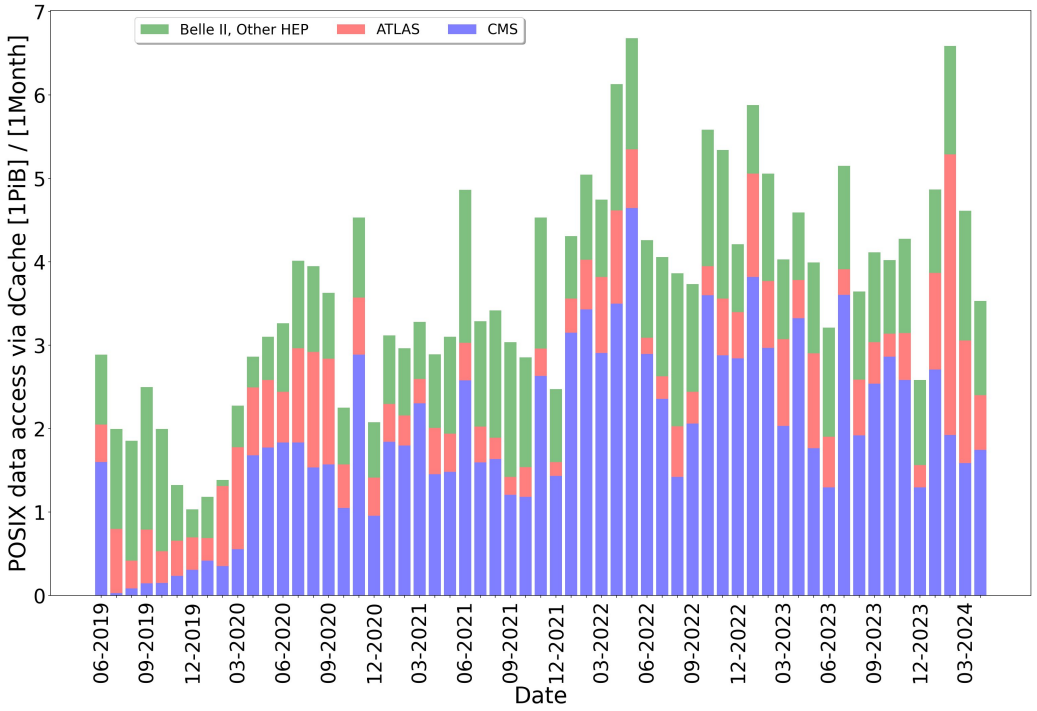
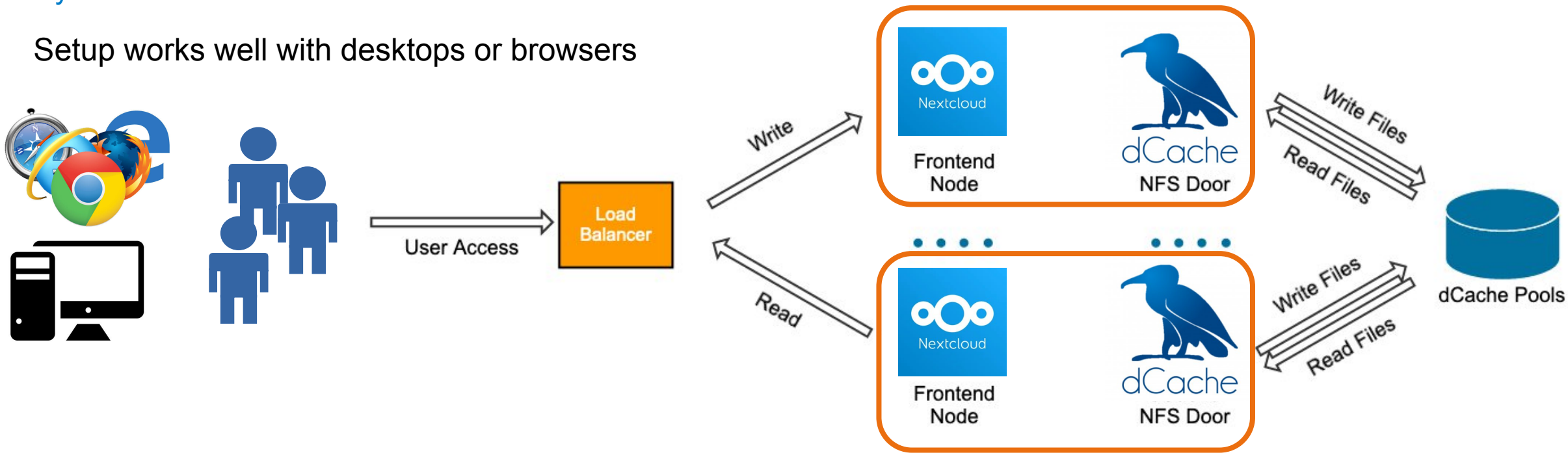


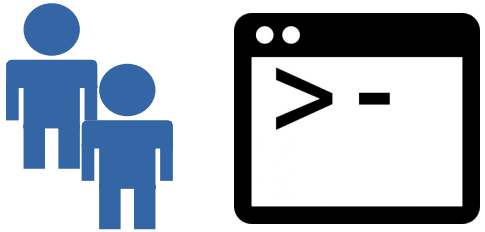
Improving Other Serviced: Example DESY Sync&Share

Service Overview

- Sync&Share service based on NextCloud and dCache
- Setup works well with desktops or browsers



- How to fit in access from compute clusters?



Issue: Files need to be registered in NextCloud

- Write data through dCache produces dark data in NextCloud
- Possible to do file-scans to register but cron-jobs and full scans insufficient
- Use dCache related Kafka events

Make Our Sync&Share Event-Aware

Trigger the NextCloud File-Scan whenever a File is Written

Message Producer

dCache

Notify

File written, (re)moved, Directory created

Message Broker

kafka

Consume &

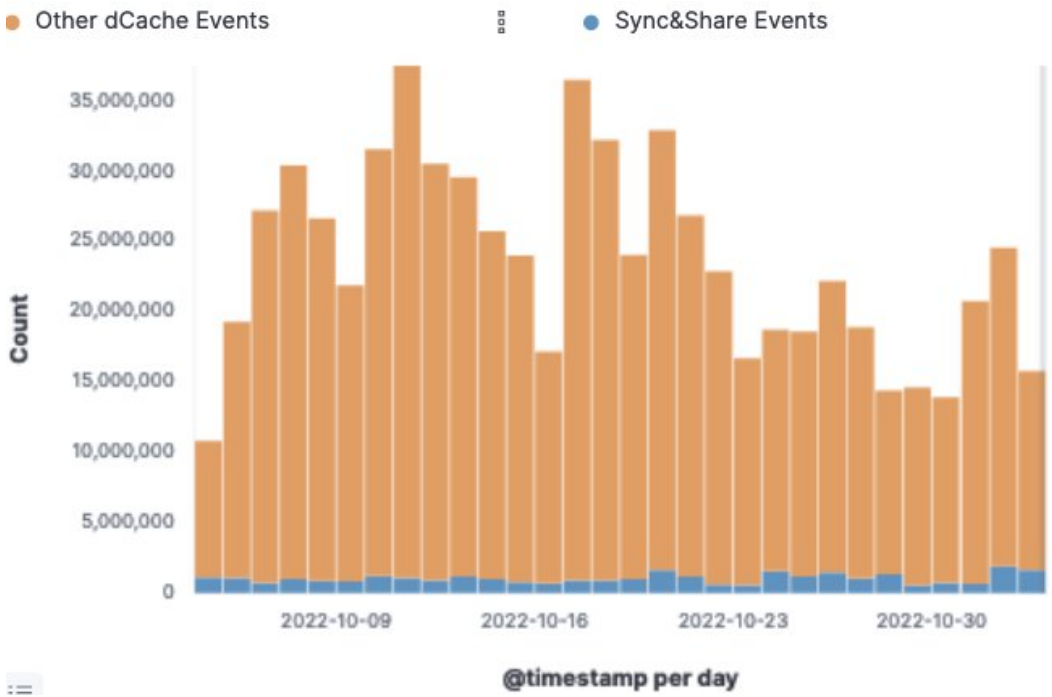
Scan dCache

Message Consumer

Nextcloud

- Offers a message stream by default
  → no need to develop a message producer
- Message stream is Kafka based
- But the Billing stream is not sufficient → need access logs
- Access logs pushed into Kafka through file-beat

beats logstash



- Unfortunately not message aware
  → need to develop a Kafka consumer to register files in NextCloud

Custom Consumer

Adding the Consumer

Use Kafka Bindings to Trigger the Scans

- NextCloud cannot evaluate the storage events → write a custom consumer
- Use the python bindings (easy to install via pip)
- Depends on Kafka-wrapper classes written by us
- Pluggable Kafka-consumer using a object of type `DOTKafkaMessageAnalyser`
- Deploy as SystemD-service on management node (due to necessary permissions)

Execute for every event

Filter selection

Trigger the scan

```
class ScanOnArrival(DOTKafkaMessageAnalyser):
    def __init__(self, instance = '', listenPath = '/', verbose = False) :
        self.instance = instance
        self.listenPath = listenPath
        self.verbose = verbose

    def execute_shell(self, command=''):
        systemcall = subprocess.Popen(command, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE, shell=True)
        log, logerr = systemcall.communicate()
        return log

    def execute(self, message):
        message_data = message.value

        if message_data.get('msgType', None) == 'request' and \
           message_data.get('client',None) != '127.0.0.1' and \
           message_data.get('moverInfo',{}).get('isP2p', None) == False and \
           message_data.get('moverInfo', {}).get('isWrite', None) == 'write' and \
           message_data.get('moverInfo', {}).get('status',{}).get('code', None) == 0 and \
           self.listenPath in  message_data.get('transferPath',None):
            print("File: {} - written from {}; requires file-scan in NextCloud)".format(message_data.get('transferPath',None),
                                                                                        message_data.get('client', None)
                                                                                        ))
            file_scan_cmd = 'sudo -u apache php /var/www/nextcloud/occ files:scan --path "{}"'.format(scan_path)
            scan_log = self.execute_shell(command=file_scan_cmd)

            if self.verbose :
                print(scan_log)
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Summary

dCache Operations at DESY-HH

- DESY-HH offers about 150PiB of disk space on 700 nodes with 5500 pools

- Our monitoring is all based aroung Kafka and ElasticSearch/Kibana
- We use Kafka to monitor
  - dCache transfers, (re)stores to tape, removal of files from pools
  - dCache internal logging for all domains
  - Poll dCache for additional data to receive a fuller picture

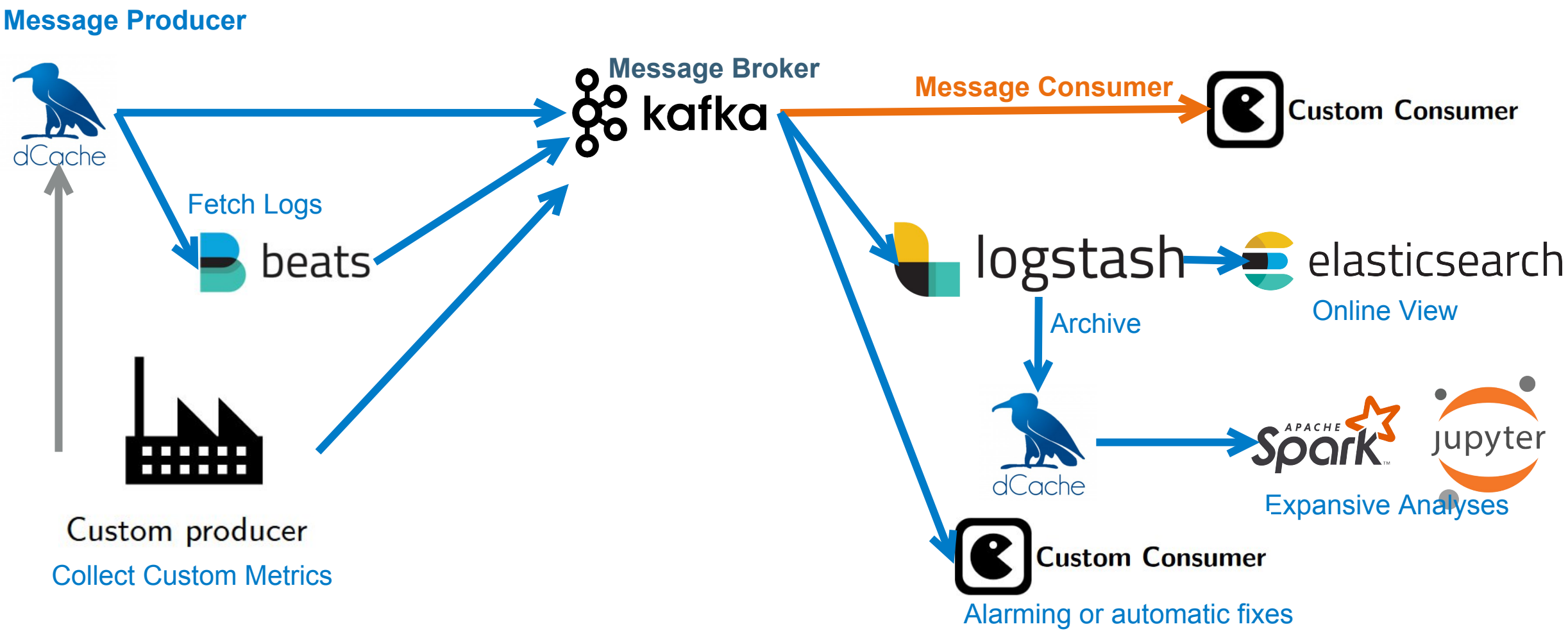
- Use archived Kafka data as source for extensive data analysis
- Our tool of choice for data analysis is Apache Spark

- We lack manpower to experiment with the full AI/ML ICBM-Toolsets
- Teamed up with BNL: They have the ML expertise, we have the infrastructure for easy data aquisition

Thank you, any Questions

The Larger Picture – Connecting to Other dCache Consumers

Context to Other Active Consumers of dCache Storage Events



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Custom Kafka Consumers

An Example for dCache Kafka Data

- Apache Kafka Stream-API allows an easy development e.g. in Python
- Kafka JSON structures makes handling with data structures convenient and easy
- Python makes also further actions easy to develop down to employing ML/AI methods

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