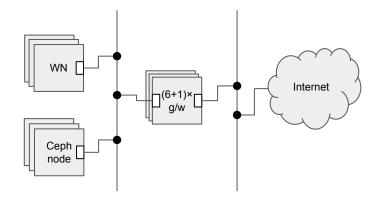
XRootD Monitoring at Lancaster

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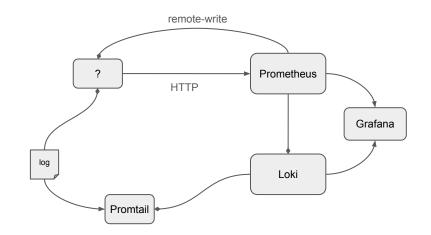
XRootD/Storage architecture at Lancs

- Ceph storage
 - ~30 storage nodes
 - o ~30×24 discs ≈ 11PiB
 - CephFS interface
 - 2 metadata servers
- XRootD
 - 1 redirector
 - 6 gateways
 - CephFS mounts on each host
 - Internal NICs
 - Ceph traffic
 - Local jobs
 - Separate external NICs
- WNs
 - o Read-only CephFS mounts on each host



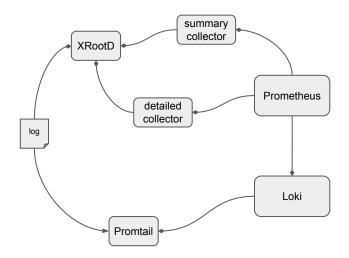
Monitoring infrastructure at Lancs

- Prometheus
 - stores metrics
 - scrapes (pulls) periodically
 - pushable to (remote-write)
 - evaluates PromQL queries on demand
 - Results feed Grafana dashboard
- Loki
 - stores logs
 - pushed from Promtail
 - evaluates LogQL queries on demand
 - Results feed Grafana dashboard
 - Periodic evaluation generates metrics (recordings) pushed to Prometheus



XRootD monitoring options

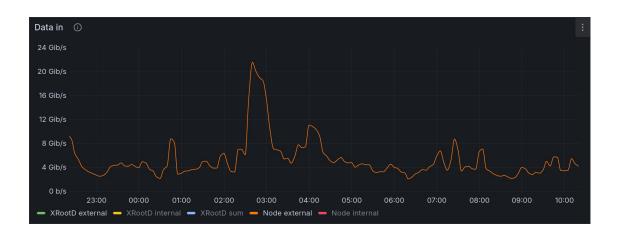
- xrd.report (summary monitoring)
 - periodic XML/UDP summary
 - Custom Python collector converts to Prometheus remote-write message
- xrootd.monitor (detailed monitoring)
 - ad hoc 'binary'/UDP transfer details
 - (as used by shoveler)
 - Another custom Python collector aggregates, and turns into more detailed metrics (remote-written) and synthetic log
- Logs
 - promtail watches, and pushes to Loki
 - Loki generates metrics to write into Prometheus
- Also node exporters



Detailed reporting – I/O discrepancy

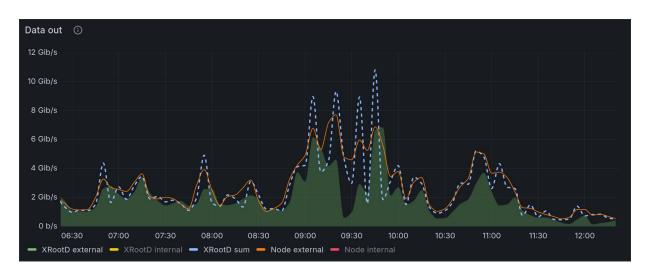
- External input mismatch
 - Node metrics show multi-Gib/s on external interface
 - Sum of detailed reporting for non-local clients shows almost nothing
 - Where's the green line?

- Most external data arrives by TPC pulls
 - Call to xrdcp contacting remote site?
 - Activity not directly seen by XRootD?
 - Stats not fed back to parent process?
 - But how does still get into the TPC g-stream?



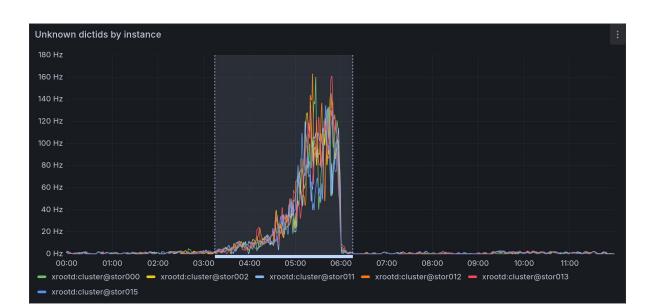
Summary reporting – separate I/O by interface?

- Summary I/O doesn't distinguish between internal and external traffic
- Some output correlation with external (graph)
 - Needs detailed monitoring to obtain that
- Could also help to distinguish internal XRootD traffic from Ceph traffic
- (Also of interest to Glasgow)



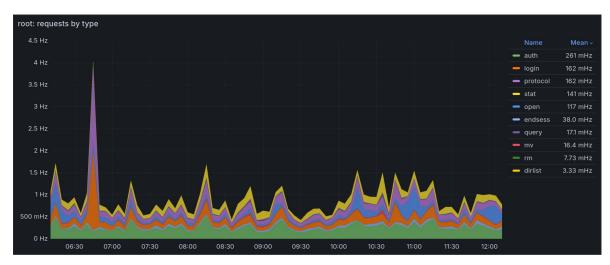
Detailed reporting – unresolved dictids

- Expect some unresolved dictids when collector starts
- Still, a low rate (<2Hz) of unresolved dictids present later
- Graph shows an increase during a rare burst of internal XRootD reads



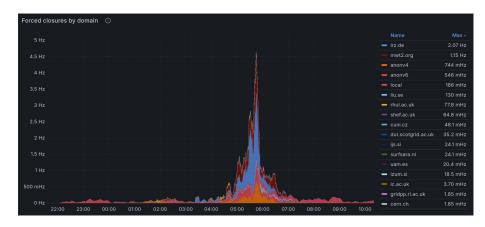
Log recordings

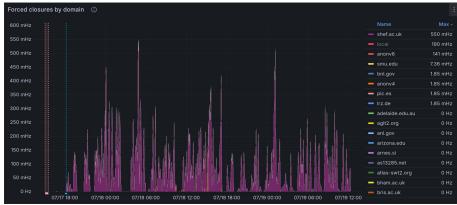
- Loki challenged by ad hoc queries
 - (We need to give it more resources)
- Recordings are periodic queries
 - Results are metrics pushed into Prometheus
 - Domain names need to be folded to prevent high cardinality
 - Derived metrics can be used in same queries as regular ones
 - Regex parsing
- Loki has several structured parsers
 - e.g., json, logfmt, ...
 - What would be most interoperable, more generally?



Forced closures

- Detailed monitoring provides a 'forced' flag with each closure
- We can distinguish local problems from those at other sites
 - (top) local issue (slow ops on Ceph) affecting many sites
 - o (bottom) issue at one remote site
- Could we get more information on why the closure was forced?
- (Also of interest to RAL)





Wishlist

- Separate summary metrics by interface
- Increase log machine-readability
- More detail in logging
 - But not too much!
 - EWOULDBLOCK: What are you waiting for?
 - o forced closures: why?
- More deletion info (volume and count)
 - Or operations in general?
- Not monitoring-related:
 - On-the-fly checksums

Thanks