



Evolution of the Building Management System in the INFN CNAF Tier-1 datacenter facility

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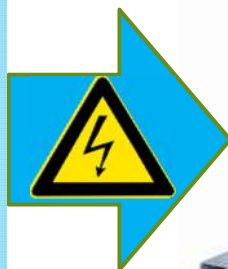
Summary

- ▶ The INFN CNAF Tier-1 resources: Infrastructure and IT
- ▶ Development of a new Building Management System (BMS): requirements and primary objectives
- ▶ The StruxureWare™ Building Operation software (SBO) architecture
- ▶ The Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) and other relevant metrics
- ▶ Integration with Open Standard (Web Services) and the Tier-1 Monitoring tool
- ▶ Future development and conclusion

INFN CNAF Tier-1 resources



- **1 Dedicated electrical line** from energy distribution network
- **15,000 V** Voltage
- Up to **4.0 MW** Power

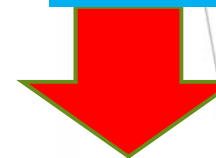


- **3 Transformers** (2 in production, 1 reserve)
- **2.5 MVA** each
- **15,000 V** => **400 V**
- **2 separated 4000 A** electrical distribution lines (RED & GREEN)

- **6 EMERSON Chiller**
- **300 KW** each of cooling capacity
- Periodic auto-rotation of active vs standby (N+2 redundancy)
- Integrated freecooling



- **2 EuroDiesel Rotary diesel UPS**
- **1700 KVA** each (1340 KW Real Power with a $\sim 0.8 \cos\phi$)
- 3-5 days autonomy
- +
- **1 Standard diesel generator** (no UPS)
- **1250 KVA** can be used for emergency power or not-IT equipment (e.g. chillers)



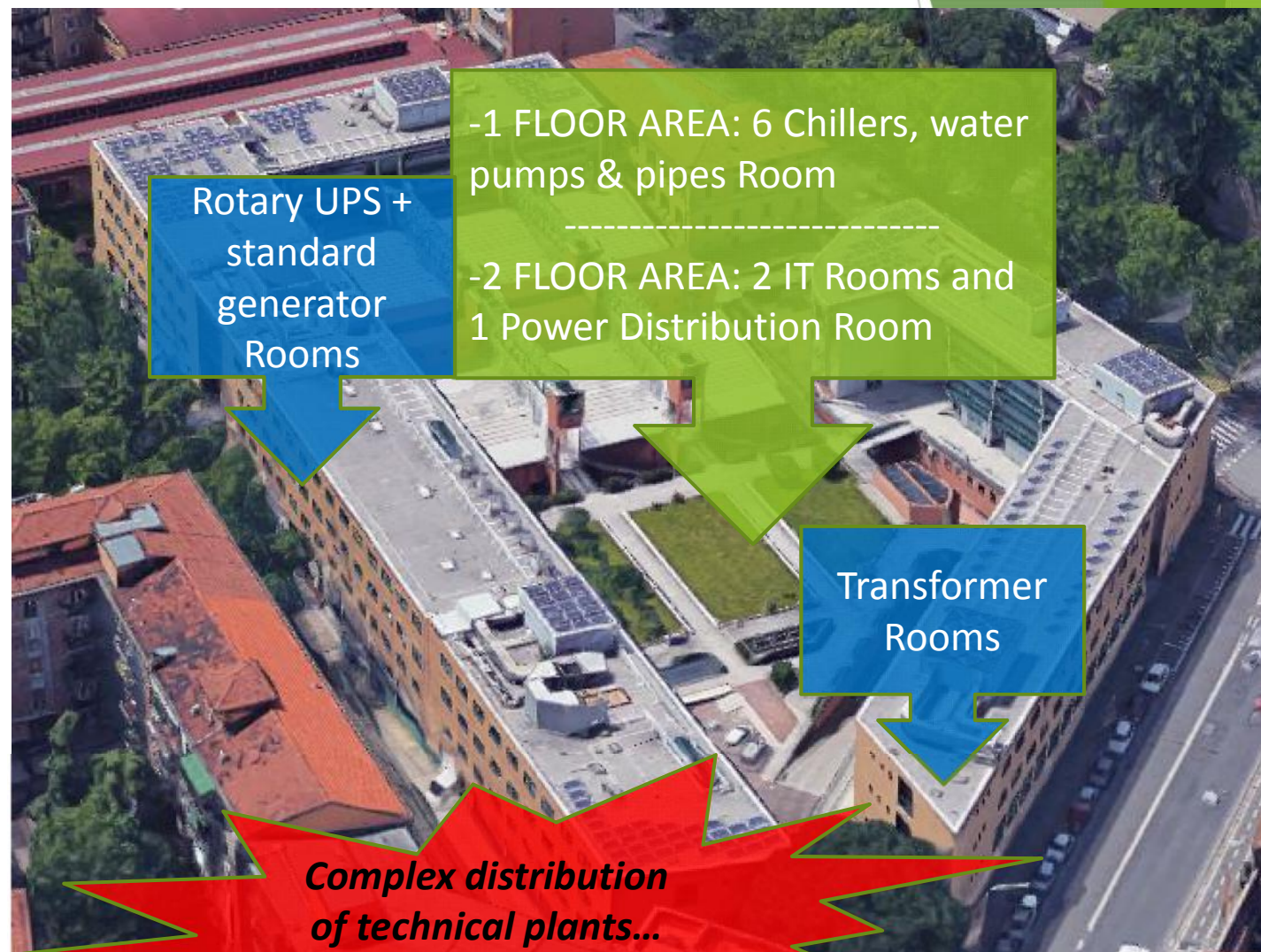
**IT
RESOURCES**



INFN CNAF Tier-1 resources rooms

- ▶ The INFN CNAF Tier1 is hosted in a complex university building ☹
- ▶ Installation used all available space in 2009
- ▶ A total of 1950 m² is used for:

- 2 IT Resources Rooms (250 m² + 350 m²)
- 4 Additional locations:
 - . Transformers Room
 - . UPS Room
 - . Chiller Room
 - . Power Room

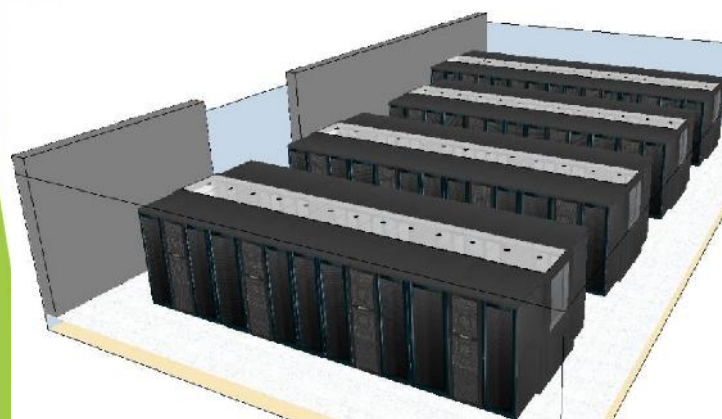


**Complex distribution
of technical plants...**

=> DETAILED BMS!

INFN CNAF Tier-1 IT rooms

- ▶ **44 APC InRow RP (IRP)** Precision Cooling with 2-ways valves, 3 Fans and humidity control. (Cold water provided by chillers)
- ▶ 50 KW of cooling capacity each IRP => **1600 KW** with N+2 redundancy in 6 "Aisle" over 2 different rooms
- ▶ **48 Racks** for IT equipment with a 10KW cooling capacity (Room 1=> 2-Aisle)
76 Racks for IT equipment with a 20KW cooling capacity (Room 2=> 4-Aisle)
- ▶ Hot Aisle containment (without floating floor) with environmental sensors (T&H) in HOT and COLD corridor



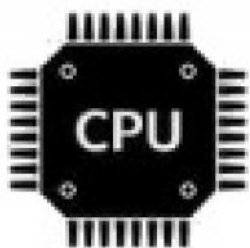
ROOM 2 (4-Aisle)

- **Water Setpoint:**
(chillers): 15°C /20°C
- **Air T & Humidity Setpoint:** (IRP group control): 24°C & 45%/60%
- **Cold/Hot detected Air T:** 24°C/31°C



INFN CNAF Tier-1 IT resources

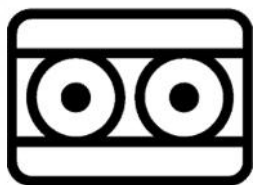
Tier-1 for all LHC experiments (Alice, Atlas, CMS, LHCb) and ~20 others non-LHC (including Astroparticle Physics)



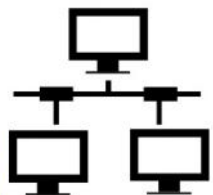
- ▶ Tier-1 cluster computing power:
205,000 HEP-SPEC06
provided by 22,000 CPU cores



- ▶ Tier-1 disk space capacity:



- ▶ Tier-1 tape space capacity:
1 Tape library with 10,000 slot capacity (Oracle SL8500)



- ▶ Tier-1 network facility:

A new BMS => Objectives:



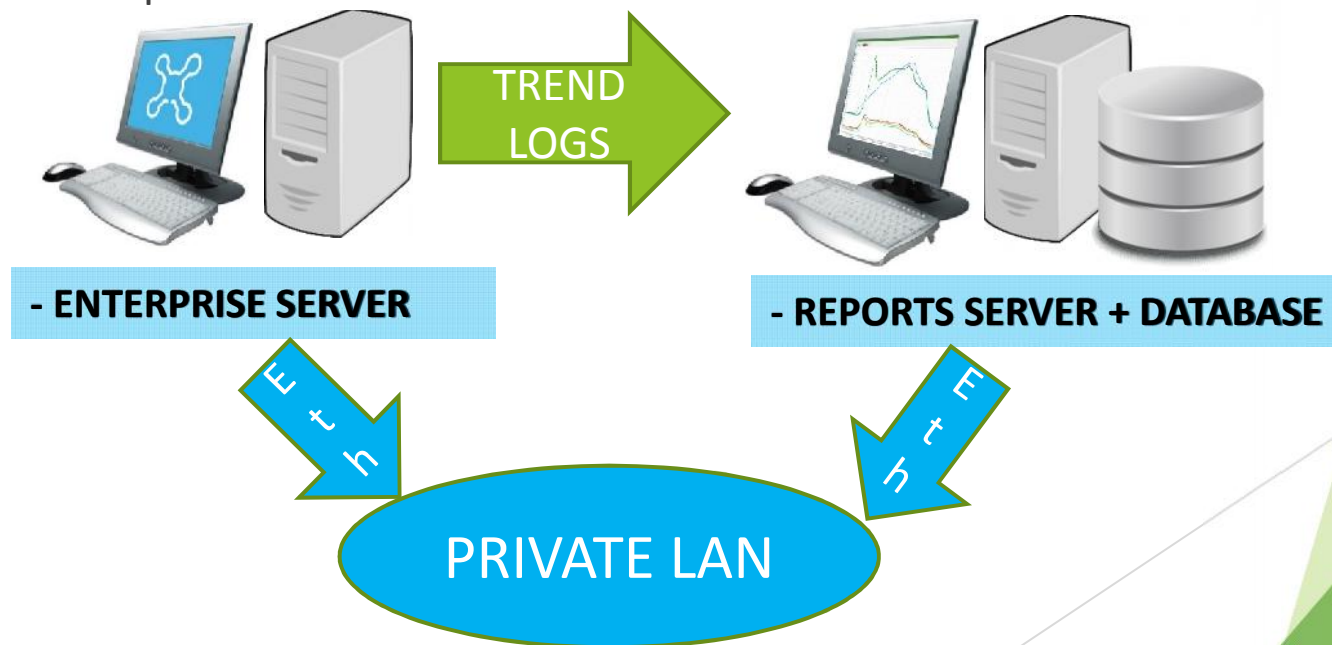
- ▶ The old BMS system was the TAC VISTA software:
 - currently phasing out... ☹
 - Many "cons" (difficult to edit, no compatibility with open protocols, GUI based on Java etc...)
- ▶ We need a more flexible system that could re-use the "sensors" and "collectors" hardware (to limit the hardware cost of the migration) and improve user-friendly management
- ▶ The "natural" choice is the **Schneider StruxureWare™ Building Operation software (SBO)** architecture:
 - Full compatible with Modbus protocol (TCP/IP and serial)
 - Full compatible with the TAC VISTA Lonworks network (re-use cabling&HW)
 - The webstation GUI user interface just need a standard browser (no Java or other plugin needed); works directly on mobile devices! ☺
 - Open to standard protocols (e.g. webservices serve&consume)
 - Migration from TAC VISTA was easily split into 3 phases over 8 weeks period:
 - 1) TCP Modbus "aisles" & "PLCs" => can run both on VISTA and SBO (6 weeks test phase)
 - 2) Serial Modbus => OUT on VISTA & IN only on SBO (2 weeks "critical")
 - 3) Lonworks Network & ALL alarms/trends => ONLY SBO ACTIVE! (2 weeks for finalize)



The Schneider SBO architecture



- ▶ The core of the software management, web user interface and archiving is based on 2 servers:
 - ▶ **Enterprise software server:** runs the core software for management & backup of the configuration.
 - ▶ **Report Server:** used for archiving the long-term trends (Microsoft SQL Server) and adds advanced reporting options.



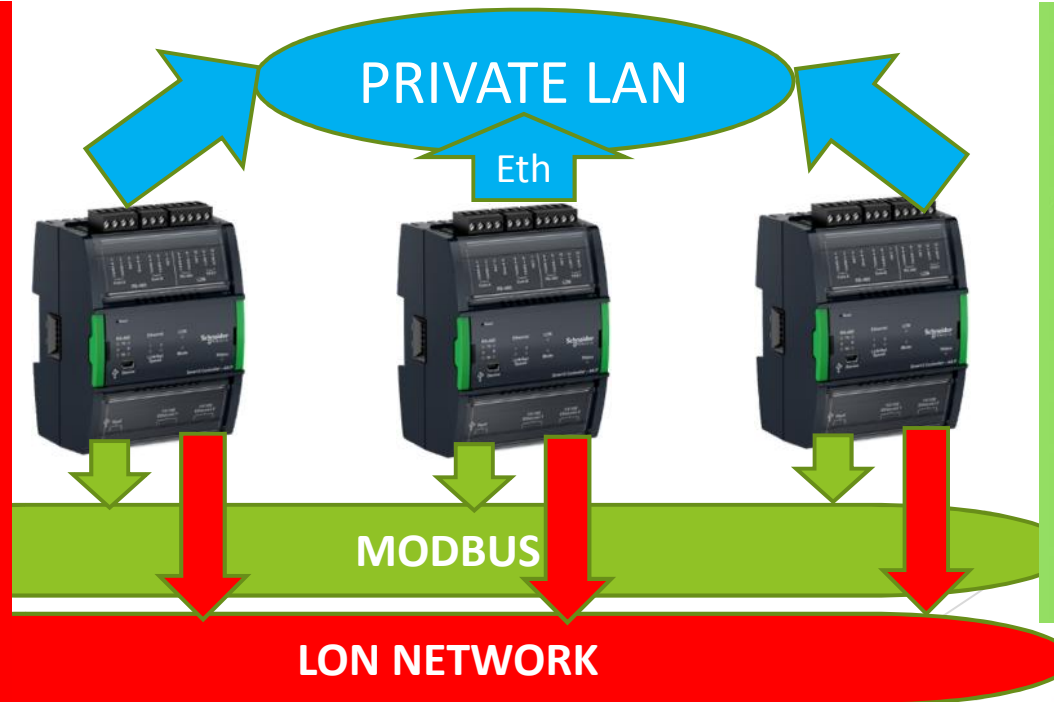
The Schneider SBO architecture



- ▶ **3 Automation Servers** provide the "engines" for the **BMS system**, in 3 "strategic" physical locations (-1 Floor Area, Power Distribution Room & Tranformer Room):
 - ▶ Runs stands-alone
 - ▶ Collect data directly from the Lonwork Network, Modbus Serial and Modbus TCP (PLCs) and provides control logic

LON NETWORK

~30 "Xenta Family" programmable modules (reused from TAC)
~300 "Points" (variables or states)
2 separated bus
Implements control logic (e.g. chiller rotation)



MODBUS NETWORK

Use both Serial (rs484/rs232) and TCP/IP
~4500 "Points" (variables or states)
Connection to 6 reduntand PLCs (PLCs are used for electrical switch logic & electric measuring instrument)

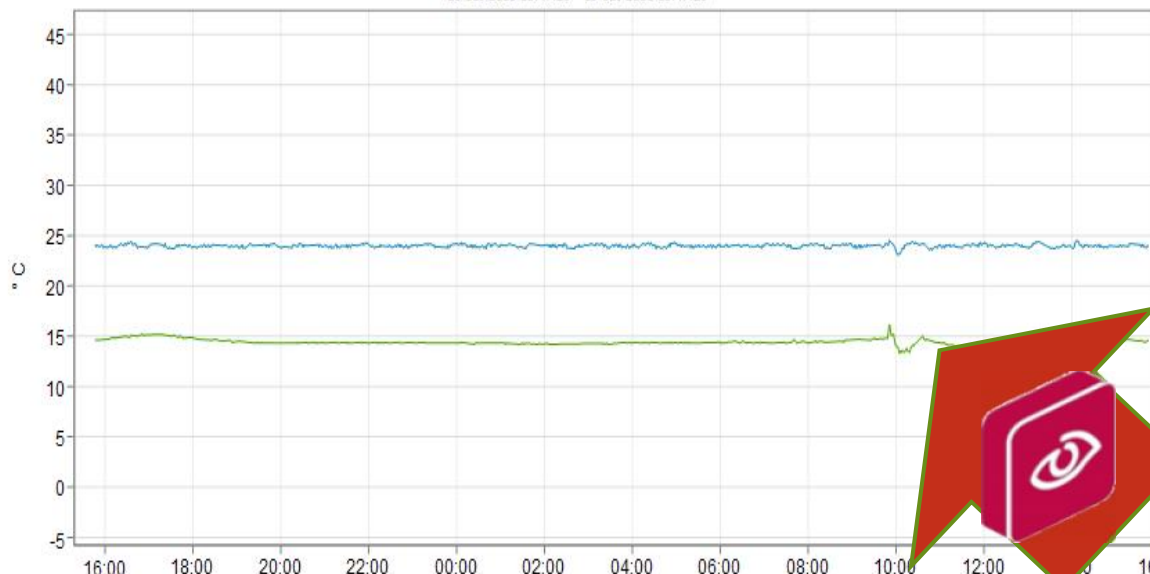
The Data Center Expert



- ▶ The Tier-1 BMS is integrated by another Schneider (formerly APC) software package: **The StruXureware Data Center Expert (DCE)**
- ▶ Fine monitoring, tuning and notification over the Datacenter "Aisles" components and Metered Power Distribution Units (PDUs)
- ▶ With the MODBUS TCP Output Module => **DIRECT INTEGRATION IN SBO**

TEMPERATURE

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Totale sensori:11

Colore	Dispositivo monitorato	Sensore	Unità	Ultimo val...	Valore mi...	Valore ma...
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ROOM 2 AISLE 4



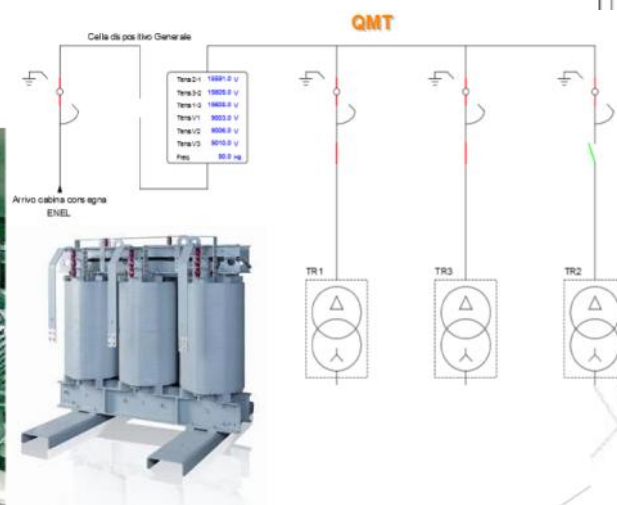
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The INFN CNAF Tier-1 BMS

- ▶ Power Switch state, Electrical values, Temperature & Humidity values, Fan states etc...
- ▶ Mail alarms notification fully customizable
- ▶ User-friendly Grafic Pages for HVAC (Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning), Electrical circuit diagrams, Mechanical Pages, Fire prevention system, Flooding&Water Leaking (-2 Floor) etc...

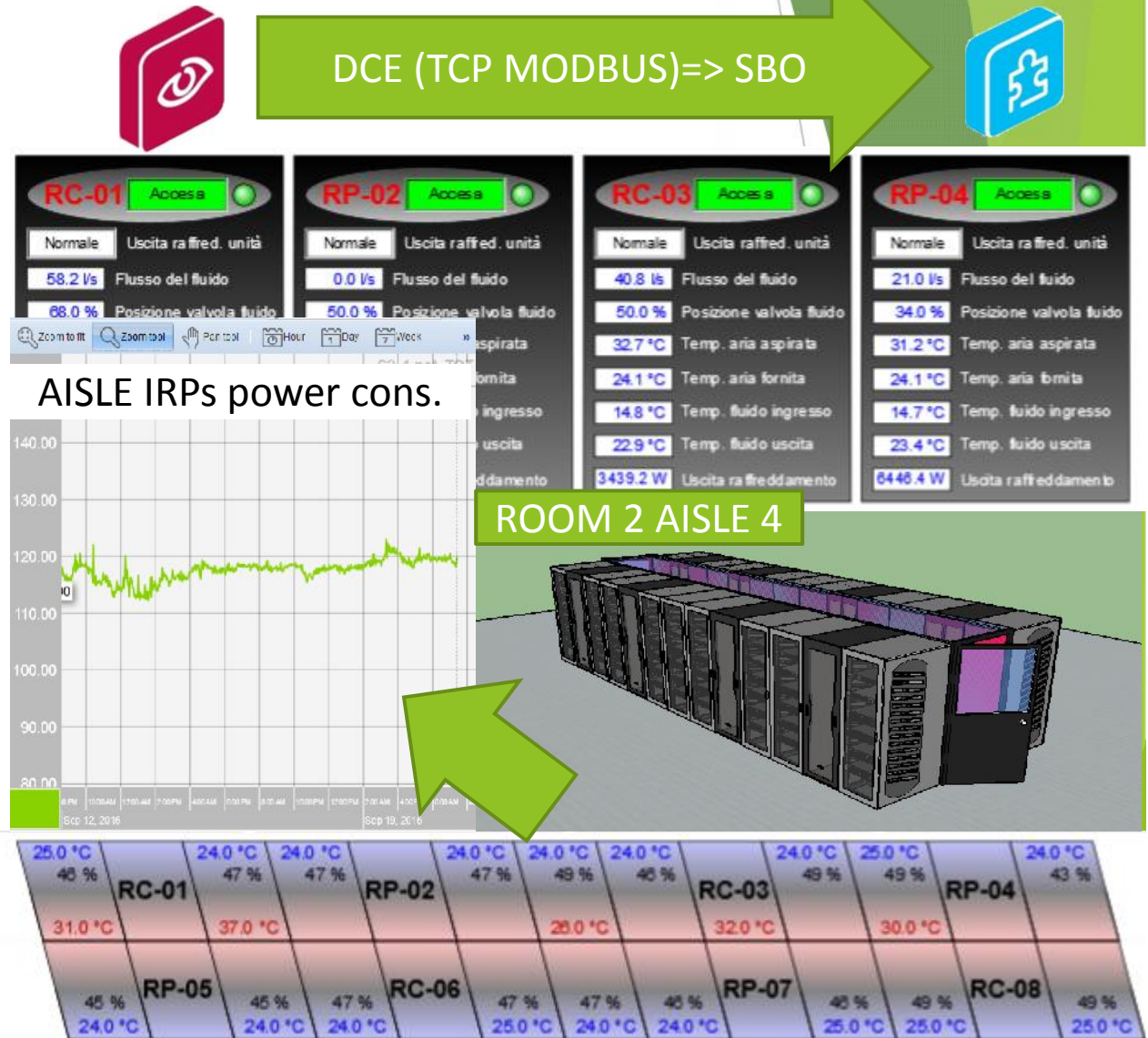
WATER PUMPS






The INFN CNAF Tier-1 BMS

- ▶ Information from the DCE software are integrated in SBO

SBO is the
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"entry point" for
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Tier1
BMS!

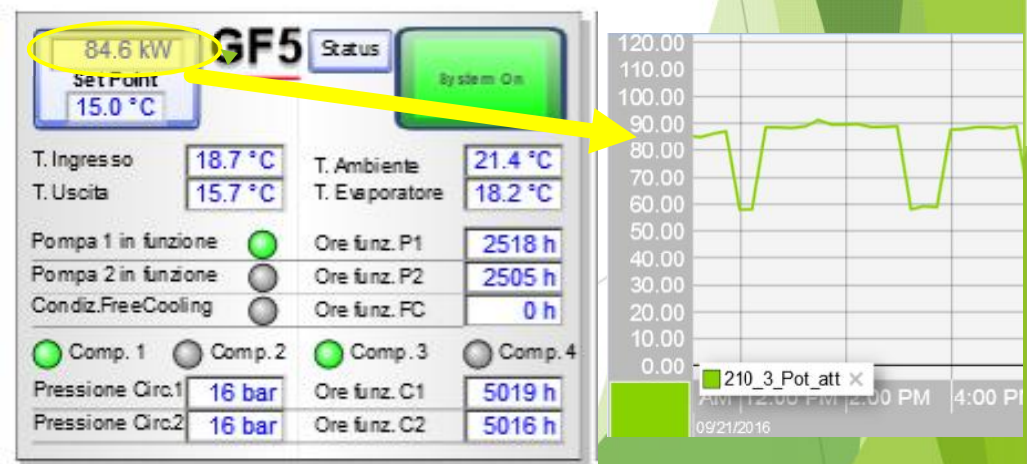
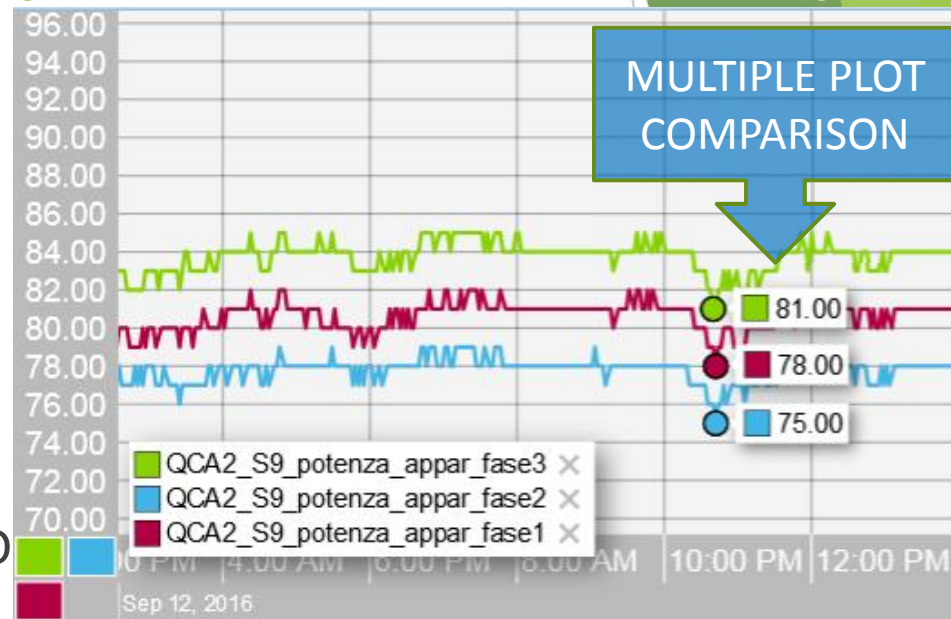


BMS METRICS (LOGS & TRENDS)

- ▶ The **metrics** (*state and variable* values) are one of the most important features of an optimal **BMS**.
- ▶ LOGS & TRENDS represents the "history" of the physical quantities in the technical plants & datacenter rooms.
- ▶ Essential for:
 - ▶ Identification of periodic "hot spots" or critical area
 - ▶ Datacenter HVAC/Power optimization  
 - ▶ Reverse engineering of specific conditions
 - ▶ Data center Power/HVAC outage or major failure (fire)  analysis

BMS METRICS (LOGS & TRENDS)

- ▶ The SBO architecture has increased the number of metrics we are collecting and the archiving duration (=> Report Server & database)
 - ▶ Over 2500 LOGS & TRENDS collected! => HIGH DETAILS
 - ▶ Intuitive system GUI => TREND
 - ▶ 15 minutes granularity
 - ▶ Optimized for variable state (e.g. a power switch condition is logged only when a change occurs)
 - ▶ Over 10 years of history possible (but it is just started 😊!)



BMS METRICS (PUE and pPUE)

From Wikipedia => "Power usage effectiveness (PUE) is a measure of how efficiently a computer data center uses energy; specifically, how much energy is used by the computing equipment (in contrast to cooling and other overhead)."

- Increasing cost of Electrical Power => PUE reduction is fundamental!!!

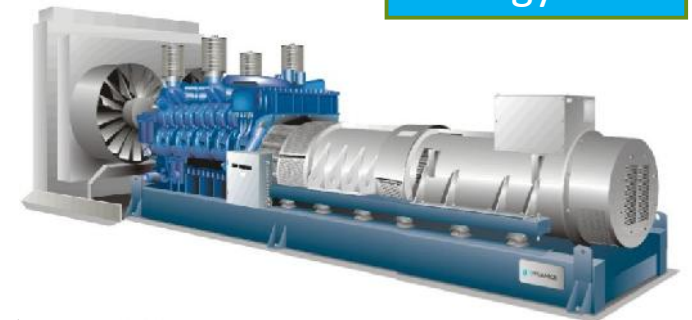
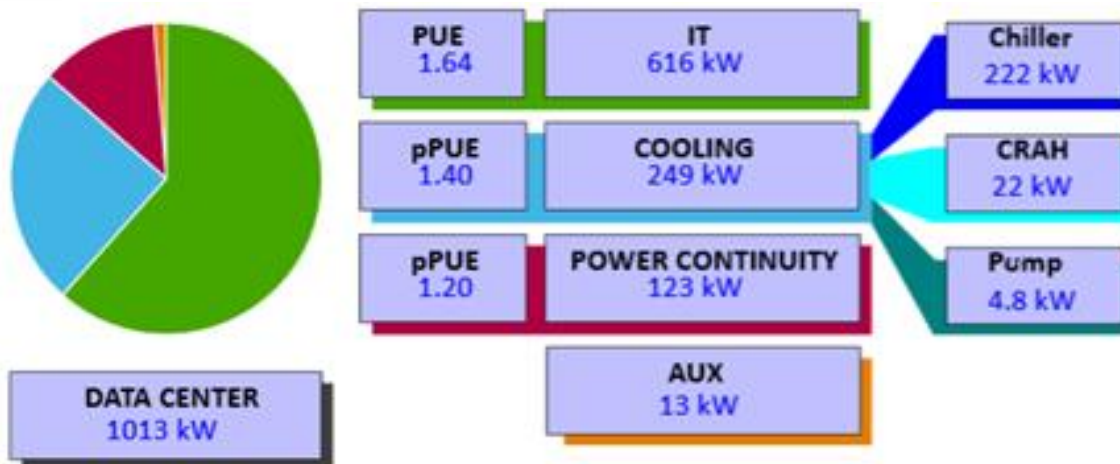
$$PUE = \frac{\text{Total Energy}}{\text{IT Energy}}$$

- We also introduce the partialPUE (pPUE) in order to monitor the power demands specific area of the infrastructure and optimize them

e.g. POWER CONTINUITY $pPUE = \frac{\text{UPS Energy} + \text{IT Energy}}{\text{IT Energy}}$

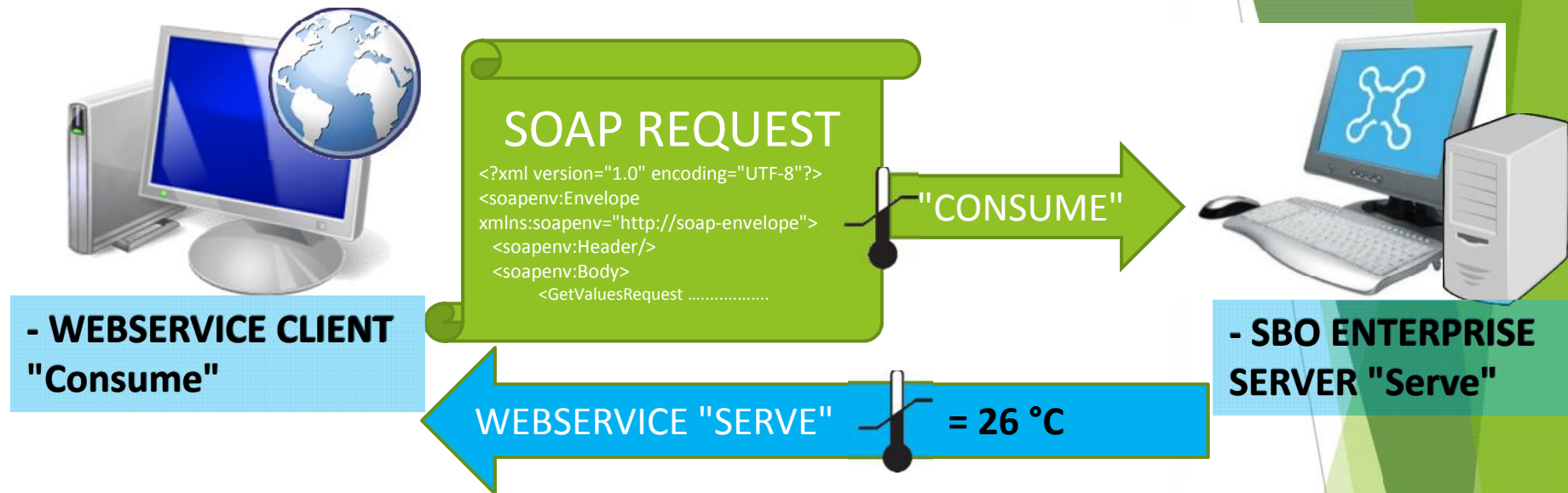


Indicator of
the Rotary
Diesel Power
Continuity
Energy Loss



TR1 On 451 kW TR2 Off 0 kW TR3 On 555 kW

BMS open standards (Web Services)



- ▶ **Serve & Consume** Web Services capability of the SBO software
- ▶ **SOAP** request using standard code
- ▶ NDA Agreement signed with Schneider for the Web Services **Serve** of "strategic" variables
- ▶ Access to the "current value" of BMS variables from the INFN CNAF Tier-1 Monitoring Infrastructure (*see next slide*)
- ▶ Future implementation for the Web Services SBO **Consume** e.g. connecting to external weather forecast => Automatic adjust of HVAC scheduling

Tier-1 Monitoring Infrastructure

- ▶ Monitoring made with Opensource components:

Backend

- ▶ Metrics: Sensu for standard metric measurements + custom python scripts (implementation of SOAP requests)
- ▶ Data Storage: InfluxDB, Whisper

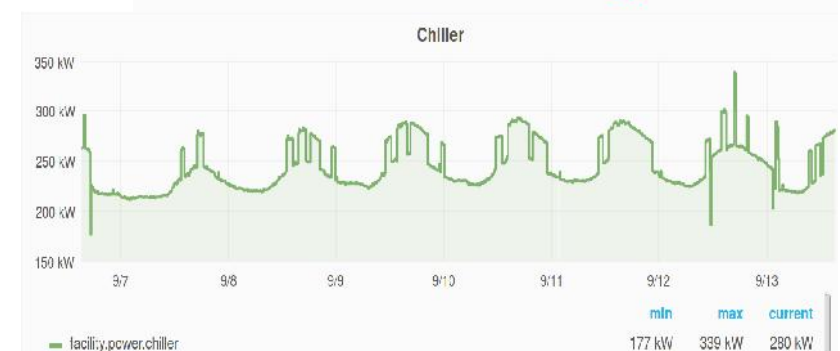
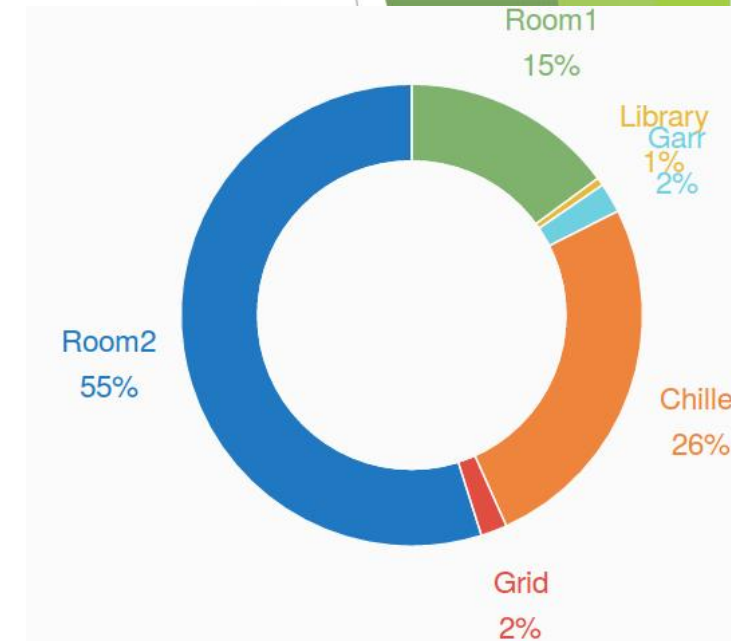
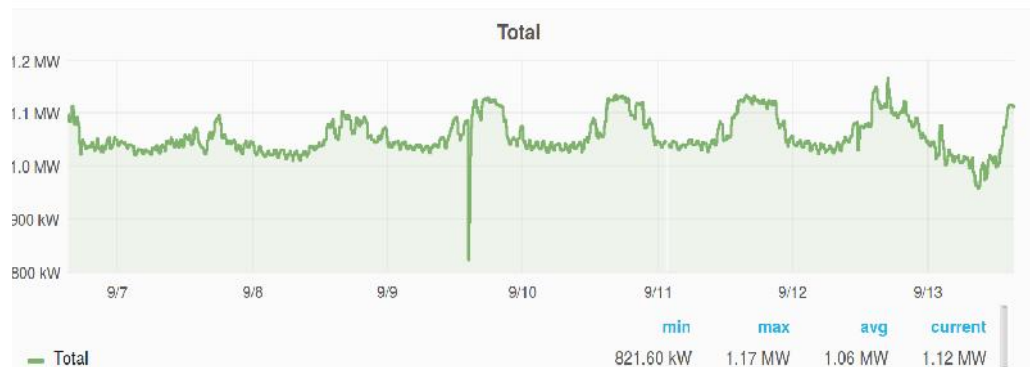
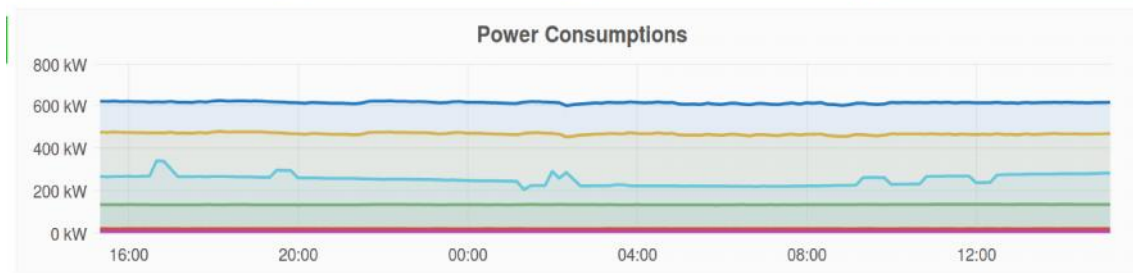
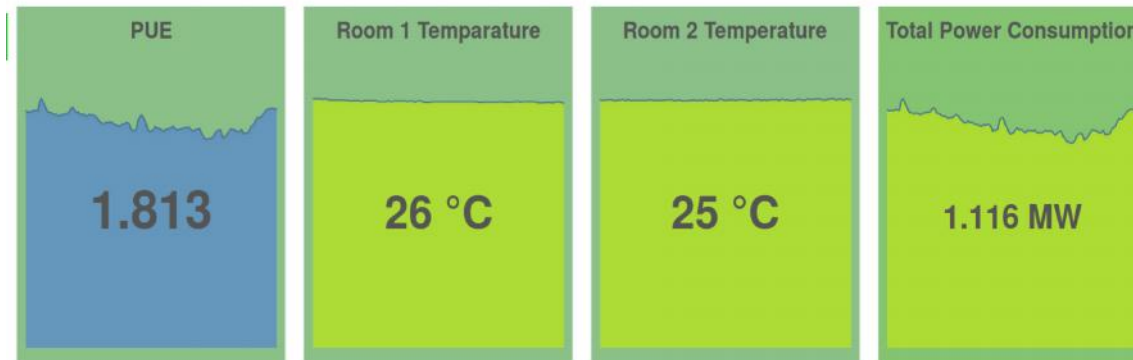


Frontend

- ▶ Uchiwa for notifications and status
- ▶ Grafana for charting

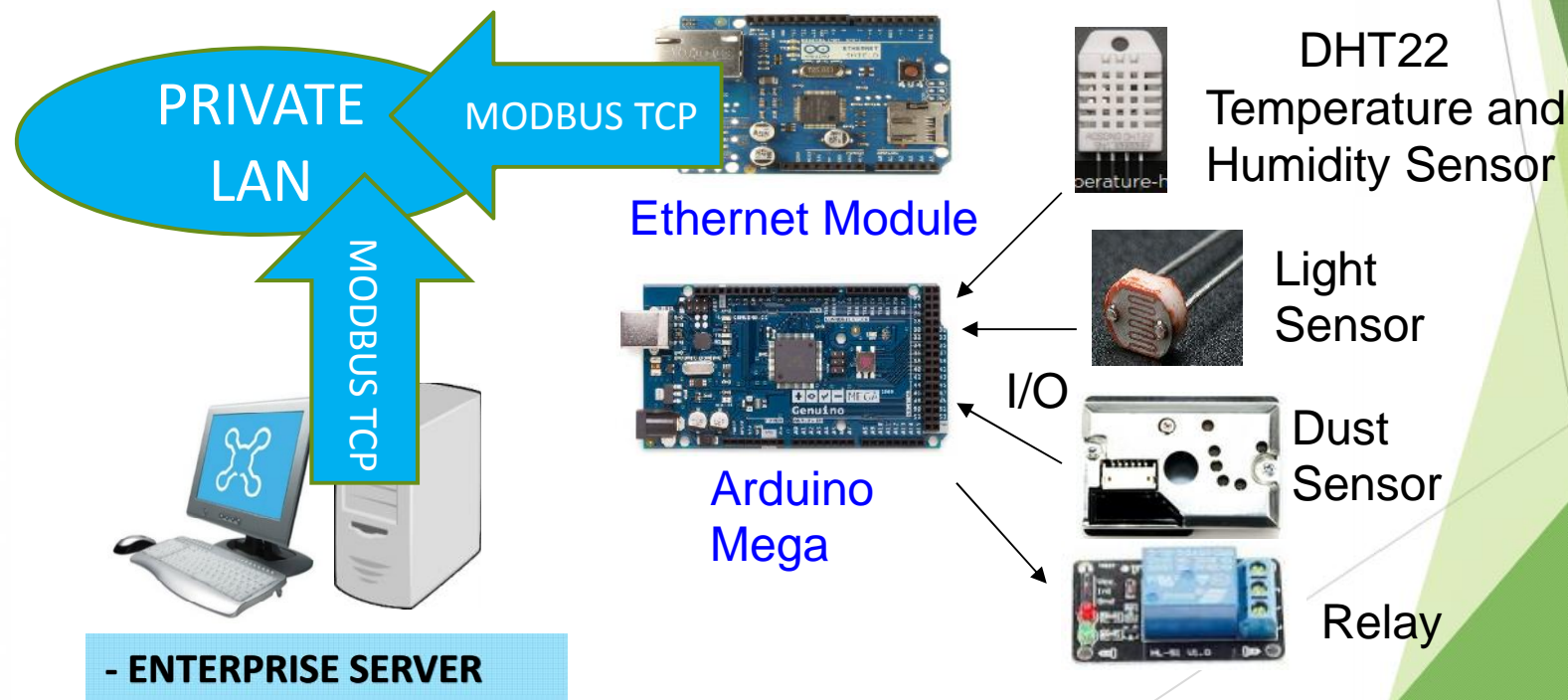


Tier-1 Facility Dashboard



TCP MODBUS sensors expansions

- ▶ A study for using low-cost platforms (Arduino with specific modules) as Modbus compatible sensors collector is under way...
- ▶ Could be used for additional/redundant monitoring with a minimum economical effort.
- ▶ Could help providing very "custom" sensors (e.g. "home made" dust sensor)



Conclusion

- ▶ The BMS choice for the DCE/SBO software for migration was successful
=> Good reliability and Great compatibility!
- ▶ Our PUE and pPUE analysis show we need big improvement!
 - Increase chiller efficiency => project for a chiller tech refresh
 - Fine granularity of rack power consumption => increase the number of metered PDUs
 - Rotary UPS power loss => big issue ☹️
- ▶ The SBO compatibility with open standard (WEB SERVICES) improve our BMS integration and "open-mindedness"
- ▶ Standardization of communication (MODBUS) => Possibility to integrate different platforms (e.g. the Arduino tests)



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