

MONIT Monitoring CERN Data Centres and WLCG Infrastructure

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History

Widely-used monitoring use cases at CERN had own solutions and teams

LEMON and SLS for Data Centres and IT services

- Hardware, operating system, and services
- Data Centres equipment (PDUs, temperature sensors, etc.)

WLCG Monitoring dashboards and tools

- Jobs information, data transfers and sites availability
- Used by WLCG, experiments, sites and users



Mission

Provide a Unified Monitoring as a Service (MONIT)

- CERN Data Centres and the WLCG collaboration
- Dashboards, Alarms, Search, Archive

Collect, transport, store and process metrics and logs for services, applications and infrastructure

Migrate data, users and features to a new Monitoring infrastructure



Change Technologies



- Moving to established open source technologies
- Reduce in-house components when possible
- Collaboration with open source projects:
 - Popular/trendy inside our community
 - Development, send bug reports...



















MONIT Architecture

Data Sources Storage **Transport** ~3TB/day 100 types 72h buffer 5M doc/min compressed separate topics **FTS Xrootd** Rucio Batch **AMQ** (A) influxdb Grafana Panda **VOfeed** 🎇 kafka **JDBC** Condor **AGIS OpenStack** HTTP Data Network Centre **AVRO** Puppet Logs Spark elasticsearch **Metrics** kibana Alarms



Processing 20 jobs

Kafka and Spark

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Apache Kafka as rock-solid core data pipeline

- Distributed message broker
- Enables stream processing
- 72h retention policy, replica factor: 3

kafka



Apache Spark for stream and batch data processing

- Enrichment: join information from several sources (e.g. network topology)
- Aggregation: over time (e.g. summary statistics for a time bin) or other dimensions (e.g. cumulative metric for a same service)
- Correlation: detect anomalies and failures correlating multiple sources
- Batch processing: reprocessing, compression, historical data, periodic reports



Storage

elasticsearch

ES for data exploration and discovery

- 2 large instances: 30 nodes
- Raw data, including metrics and logs
- Data kept for 1 month

InfluxDB for time-series dashboards



- > 20 instances, from 8GB to 128GB memory per instance
- Data kept for ~5y, down-sampling
- Aggregated (1w/raw, 1M/10m, 5Y/1h)

HDFS for long-term archive

- Compressed JSON or Parquet
- Raw data, metrics and logs





Visualization and Access

Grafana for dashboards

- Open-source platform for dashboards
- Support multiple back ends: ES / InfluxDB
- Templates, ad-hoc filters, auto-completion
- Advanced queries, organizations, ACLs, Alarms
- Users can create and admin their own dashboards

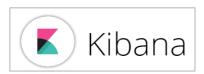
Kibana for raw data exploration

Data discovery and logs search

Swan for analytics (notebooks)

Use data in HDFS and run on the Spark infrastructure









Monitoring the WLCG Infrastructure

Monitoring of WLCG services at CERN

- Transfers (FTS and Xrootd) and Distributed Data Management
- Job Monitoring and Accounting
- Sites Availability
- + new sources or fields (LHCOPN network, IPV6 info, etc.)

Data from the WLCG and Experiments

- Same data sources of old WLCG Dashboards, without exceptions and hard-coded fixes
- Normalize, enrich and aggregate data (same naming, added topology, hourly bins, etc.)
- Model changed to have users and experts able to develop dashboards and reports

Same technology and dataflow for all WLCG and Experiment sources

- Data collected, transported and stored for search, plots and reports
- Standard dashboards, alarms and processing
- Dashboards by default, can be changed for specific roles/tasks (shifters, experts, sites, etc.)



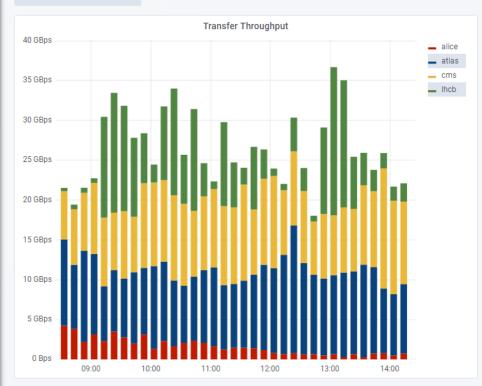


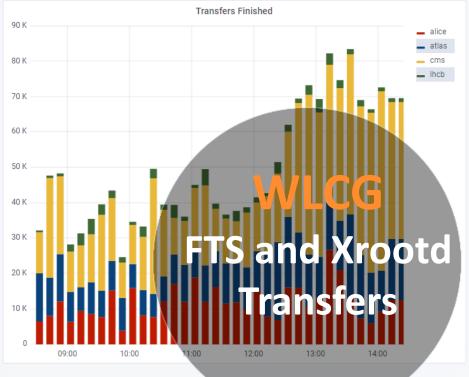


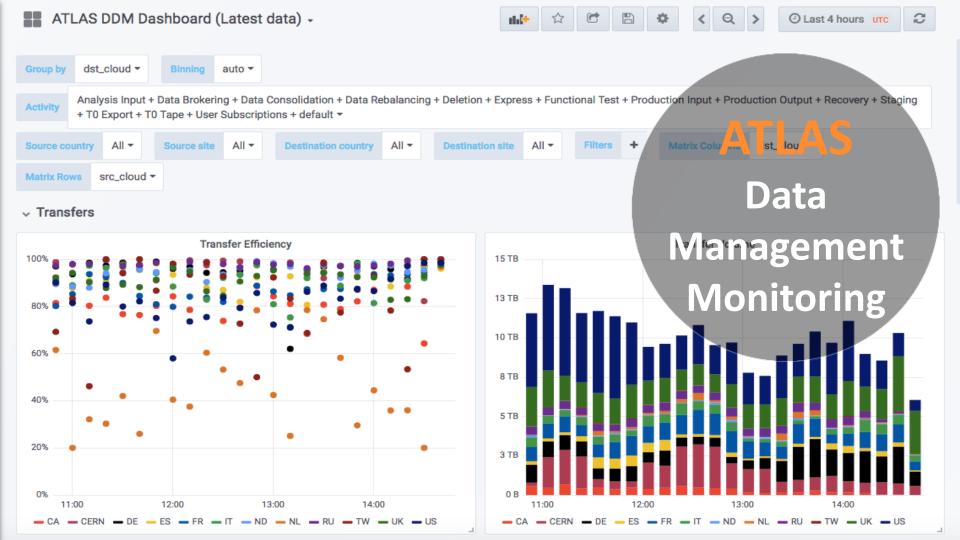


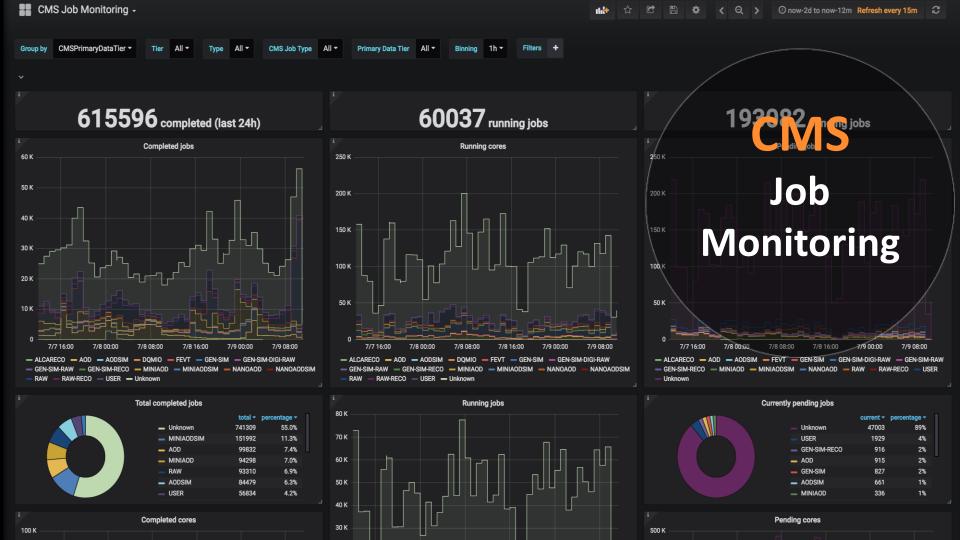


☑ WLCG Transfers (5 Years)













Monitoring Data Centres



Pre-configured data flow for IT Service Managers

- Data transported and stored
- Standard alarms and processing
- Dashboard for host and services metrics

Collectd deployment for CERN Data Centres

- Core technology chosen for all DC metrics
- Installed on all "puppetized" hosts and VMs of the DC
- Service Manager add/develop plugins

Monitoring of IT services at CERN

- Support for custom metrics and logs
- Used to monitor main IT services
 e.g. batch, cloud, storage

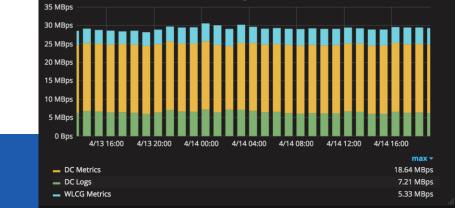


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DC Logs
DC Metrics:

- OS metrics
- Hardware metrics
- Application metrics
- > 38k machines
- > 80kHz rate

Monitoring Data Rate





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② Last 7 days

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Average Number of Jobs Running Concurrently

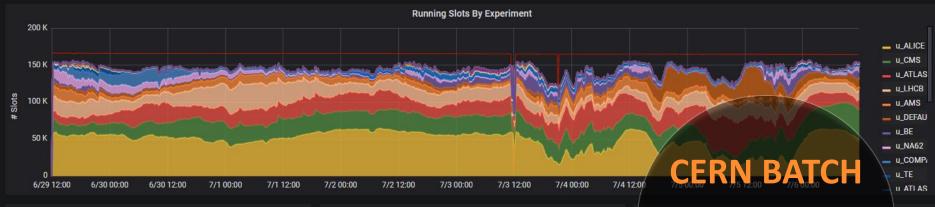
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Total Job Runtime (Last Week)

2876 years

Average Efficiency (Last week)

81%



CPU Delta (7 days)

190

Memory Delta (7 days)

978 GiB

Disk Delta (7 days)

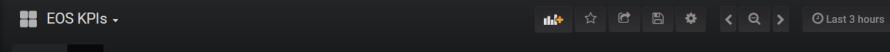
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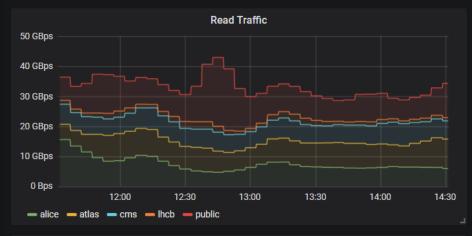
Efficiencies b	v DataCentre	Last Week)

Metric ▼	Min	Max	Avg	
wigner	55.85%	86.39%	74.37%	77.32%
meyrin	61.28%	87.41%	81.05%	82.57%





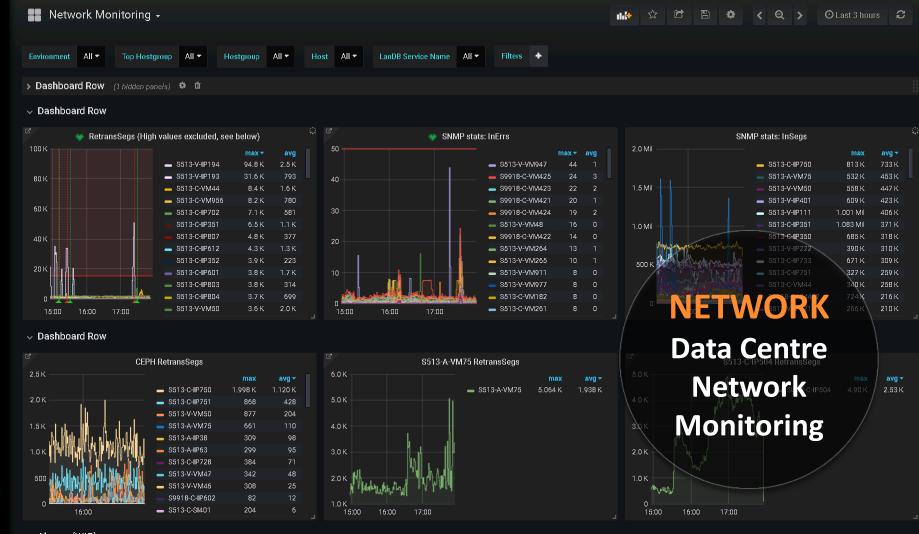




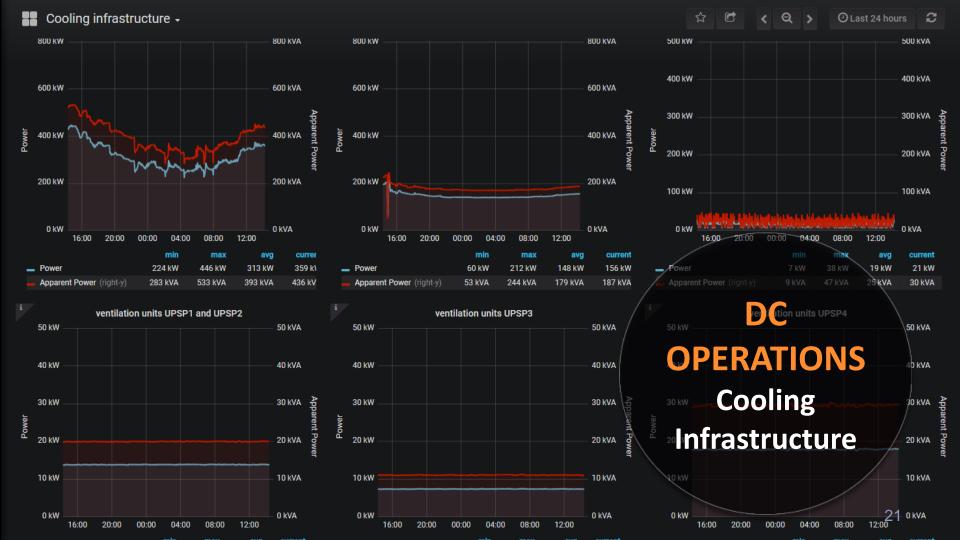


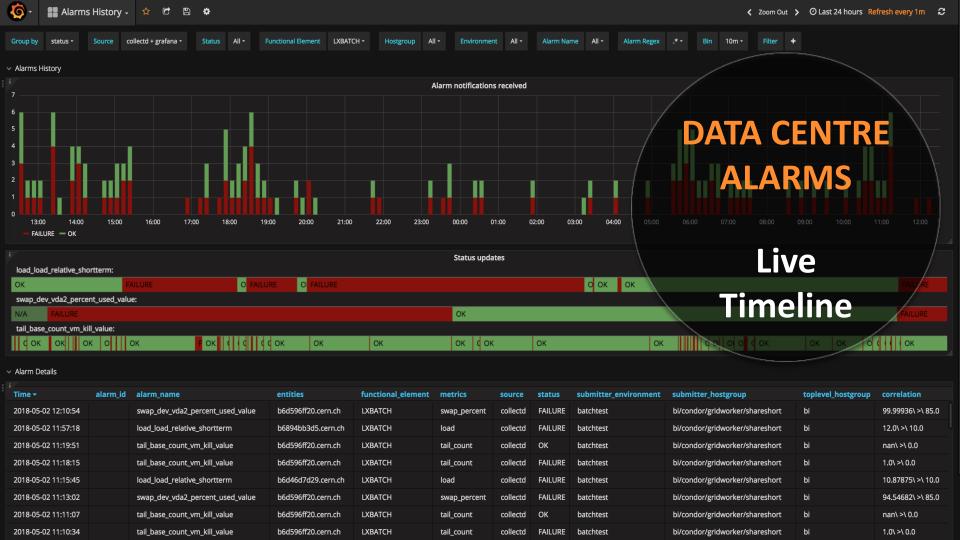














Lessons Learned

Migration to open source technologies

- Robust products, easier to find resources, to support users and share knowledge
- Requires adapting our requirements and leaving custom and tailored solutions
- Well-known in the community and outside

Building a reliable data pipeline

- Decouple producers from back ends, and have a lot of buffers
- Rely on technologies that scale (Kafka, Spark, HDFS, etc.)

Need several storage systems, for different use cases

- InfluxDB: only time-series data, SQL-like language, built-in aggregations, care with high cardinality in number of series, needs some schema design
- Elasticsearch: Good for discovery and search of logs, complex engine that requires special care with configuration
- HDFS: For batch or high latency scenarios, reports and analytics



Summary

CERN IT moving to common monitoring infrastructure (MONIT)

- CERN Data Centres, hardware and service monitoring
- WLCG transfers, job monitoring, sites availability

Adopted established open source technologies

Processing and Aggregation Spark, InfluxDB

Storage and Search ES, HDFS, InfluxDB 3 TB/day

Visualization and Access
 Grafana, Kibana, Swan
 1500 registered users

Providing a solid standard monitoring dataflow

- Very easy to add data sources, dashboards and alarms
- Support infrastructure, coaching, tutorials for IT service managers & Experiment experts
- Used beyond the DC and WLCG migration ex. IPV6 WG, perfSonar, AMS (see talk later)



Reference and Contact

Contact
cern.ch/monit-support
Documentation
cern.ch/monit-docs

Dashboards (CERN SSO login) cern.ch/monit



Backup Slides



MONIT Operations

Standard CERN IT Service

- Based on Openstack VMs (CentOS7)
- Puppet for service configuration
- Separate production/QA clusters

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- Collectd for infrastructure metrics
- MONIT alarms







Data Centre

IT SERVICES OVERVIEW

HOST SYSLOG (WITHIN CERN ONLY)

HOST METRICS ALARMS HISTORY

LHCOPN

MONIT

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WLCG

WLCG TRANSFERS 30 DAYS

WLCG TRANSFERS 5 YEARS

> T0 - T1 TRANSFERS

FTS TRANSFERS

XROOTD TRANSFERS

T1 - T2 TRANSFERS

ATLAS

CMS

Services



MONIT-GRAFANA

Use Grafana for plotting time series metrics coming from



MONIT-TIMBER

Use Timber to explore logs stored in Elasticsearch and



MONIT-KIBANA

Use Kibana to explore metrics stored in Elasticsearch and

