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Developing and testing of a flexible and scalable High Throughput Data Analysis platform

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High throughput data analysis platform

Goal: to provide the users with an infrastructure that represents a tradeoff between deployment speed-flexibility, resource efficiency and service performance

Solution being tested: the use of container technology (via Docker 20.10) that runs the applications and the Kubernetes tool for orchestration

Outline of the talk

- ✓ Kubernetes test infrastructure overview
- ✓ Tools for installing and managing the Kubernetes infrastructure
- ✓ Tools and metrics adopted to test the high throughput data analysis performance

16:55 Developing and testing of a flexible and scalable high rate analysis platform

Speaker: Gianluca Sabella (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

17:05 Benchmark interactive analysis at future colliders

Speaker: Adelina D'Onofrio (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

17:15 Quasi interactive analysis of big data with high throughput - Initial steps and future perspectives

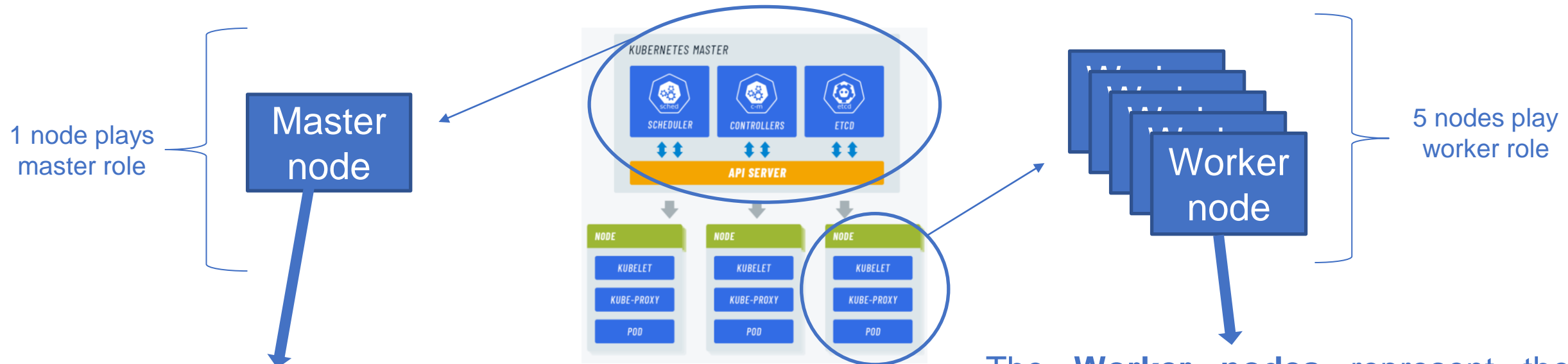
Speakers: Francesco Giuseppe Gravili (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Tommaso Diotallevi (Università e INFN, Bologna)

09:50 Evolving High Rate Analysis infrastructure with seamless offloading on different type of providers

Speaker: Tommaso Tedeschi (Università e INFN Perugia)

Architecture of the testbed infrastructure

Local testbed infrastructure provides 6 nodes, orchestrated via **Kubernetes (1.26.3)**:



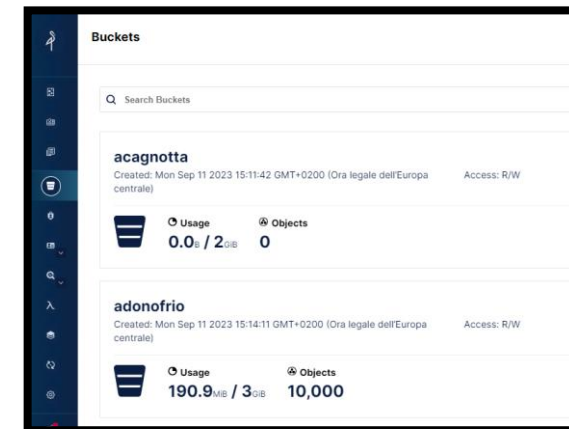
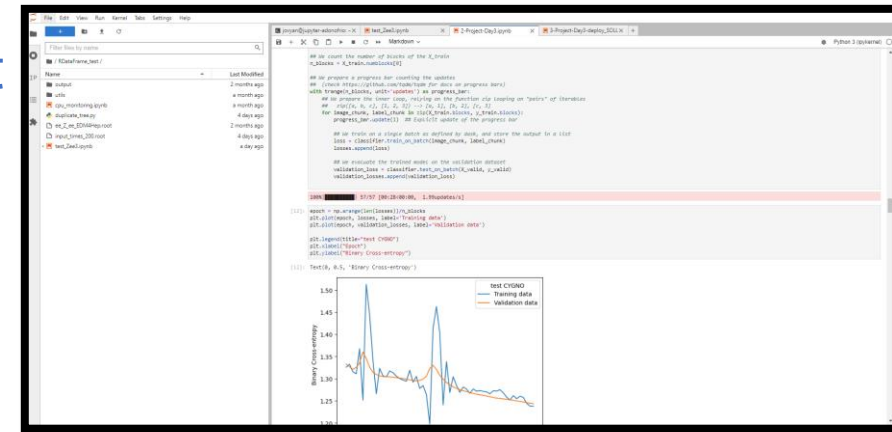
The **Master node** coordinates and manages the entire Kubernetes infrastructure. It includes the API Server, the Controller Manager, the Scheduler, and etcd.

The **Worker nodes** represent the nodes of the cluster where containers are executed. Each one hosts the Kubelet, Kube-proxy and the containers, providing the actual computational capacity of the cluster.

Tools for the high throughput data analysis

Through the Kubernetes infrastructure created, we set up a prototype to respond to previous requests, offering the user computing resources. The tools used were:

- ✓ **Jupyter Hub/Lab:** interactive, web-based development environment capable of managing multiple accesses
- ✓ **DASK:** Open-source and flexible Python library for parallel computing that can use the most popular batch systems (SLURM, HTCondor, etc. ...) or is provided with a native scheduler if necessary (our choice)
- ✓ **S3:** Object Storage designed to be deployed anywhere: public or private cloud, bare metal infrastructure, orchestrated environments and edge infrastructures.



User experience

We provided support to supply users with the tools they needed (ROOT, editors, etc. ...)

The infrastructure was tested using several realistic high energy physics workflows:

- The overall execution time is the metric chosen to evaluate and compare the performance of the standard "serial" model and the parallel approach to data analysis, based on the new infrastructure
- Preliminary feasibility studies show that the execution time improves significantly exploiting the DASK distributed approach on the analysis platform

More in [Adele's talk](#)

Conclusions and Outlooks

In conclusion, we are working to provide computing services to users in a rapid and scalable way and ensure the portability of applications between different environments and their management on different infrastructures.

Next steps:

- In this prototypal development the recipe is constantly improving
- The near-term goal of the activity is to automate the high throughput data analysis deployment exploiting the ICSC computing resources

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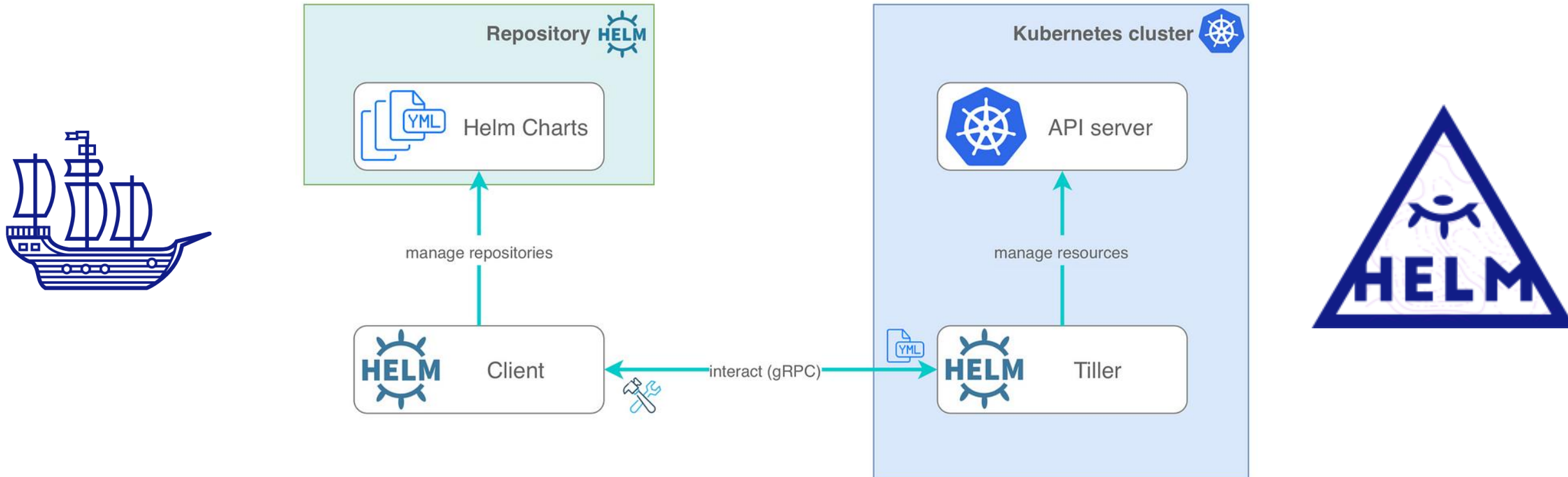
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Backup

Tools used (1): HELM Client - The package manager for Kubernetes

Helm is a packet manager that facilitates the management of Kubernetes applications by defining, installing and managing packages called charts.



Helm charts are pre-configured packages that contain all the resources needed to run an application on Kubernetes, including services, deployments, inputs, configurations, variables, etc. ...

Tools used (2): Rancher Kubernetes Engine (RKE)



RKE is a certified Kubernetes distribution that runs entirely inside Docker containers.

It addresses the complexity of installing with Kubernetes by removing most host dependencies and presenting a stable path for deployment, updates, and rollbacks.

Requirement: use of a tool for
interacting with the Kubernetes cluster



**The Kubectl
command line tool**

Kubernetes infrastructure generation: RKE + YAML



YAML is a plain-readable programming language for data serialization that is often used for writing configuration files.

The configuration of the Kubernetes infrastructure setup via YAML file (.yml or .yaml), used by RKE for cluster generation (`$ rke up`)

```
cluster_name: mycluster
kubernetes_version: v1.23.7-rancher1-1

resolv-conf: /etc/resolv.conf
kube-apiserver-arg:
  - kubelet-preferred-address-types=InternalIP

network:
  plugin: calico

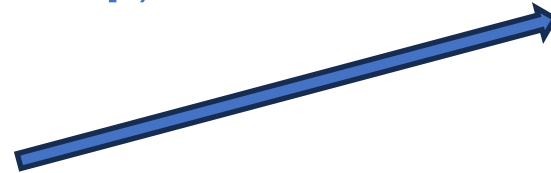
services:
  kube-controller:
    extra_args:
      cluster-signing-cert-file: /etc/kubernetes/ssl/kube-ca.pem
      cluster-signing-key-file: /etc/kubernetes/ssl/kube-ca-key.pem
  kubelet:
    extra_binds:
      - /var/openebs/local:/var/openebs/local

addon_job_timeout: 300

ingress:
  provider: none

nodes:
  - address: [redacted]
    user: almalinux
    role:
      - controlplane
      - etcd
      - worker
  - address: [redacted]
    user: rke
    role:
      - worker
  - address: [redacted]
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      - worker
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    role:
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  - address: [redacted]
    user: rke
    role:
      - worker
```

HELM charts are also in yaml format



```
helm install -n nginx --create-namespace nginx ingress-nginx/ingress-nginx --values ./manifests/helm/nginx-values.yaml
```

nginx

NGINX: Open-source web server also used as a reverse proxy, HTTP cache, and load balancer.