

Epics on K8s for a Control as a Service

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Control systems for scientific installations









Plant = many devices

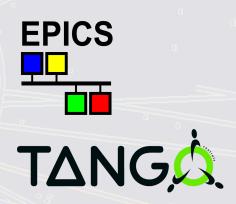


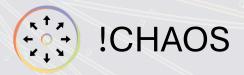
Features

- Actuation
- Monitoring
- User friendly interface
- Data logging & retrieval
- Openness to external apps

Accelerators
Detectors (slow control)
Telescope arrays
Experimental setups

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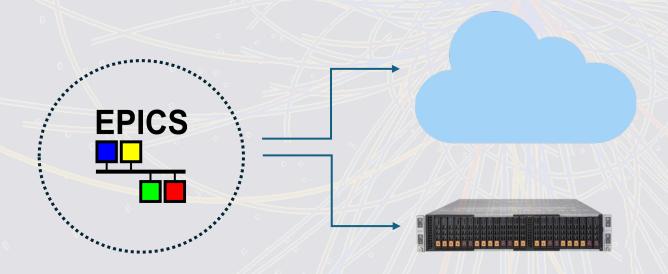
Many other custom solutions...





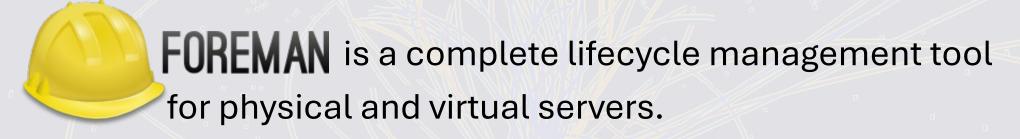
Why not to provide a CaaS (Control as a Service)?

- It fully meets the INFN mission;
- There is a large catchment area completely disregarded;
- We have already done a pilot project of it (!CHAOS INFN flagship project, funded by MIUR);
- !CHAOS is running on K8s (Really! Right now!) on some LNF facilities;
- We are using this approach for the SSRIP project in Romania (formerly ELI-NP).





Provisioning K8s on Bare Metal



PXE, DHPC and KICKSTAR file

4 X Server con Rocky Linux 9





K8s Cluster configuration

puppet is a software configuration management tool which includes its own declarative language to describe system configuration.

Module using from puppet-forge:

puppetlabs-kubernetes version 8.0.0 puppetlabs-helm version 4.0.0 (Patched in baltig)

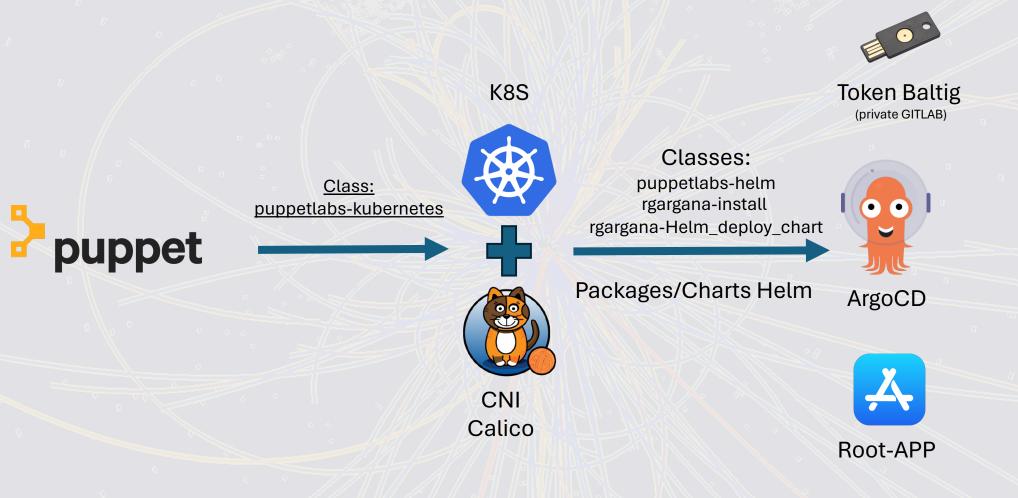
Module create purpose:

rgargana-helm_deploy_chart (in baltig) rgargana-installer (in baltig)





Workflow deploy Infrastructure





ArgoCD



Baltig Token access



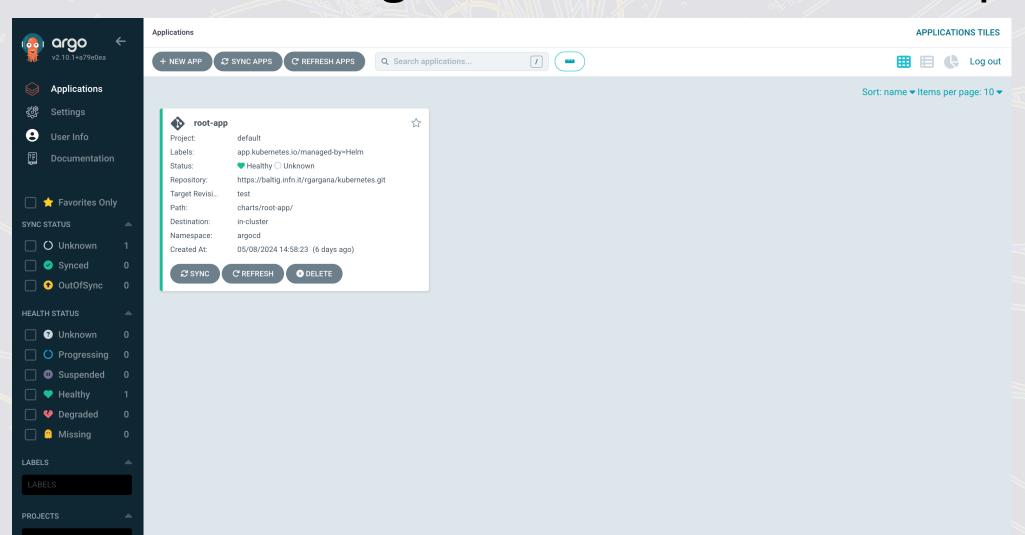
Argo CD is a declarative, GitOps continuous delivery tool for Kubernetes.



Root-APP is ArgoCD application, is used to automatically deploy other services included in the owner's Git/Baltig repository.

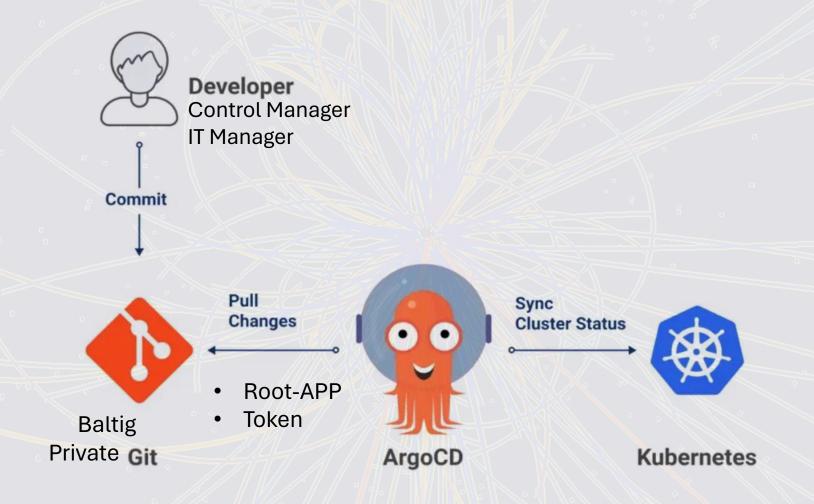


ArgoCD Dashboard after deploy





ArgoCD App-of-App - GitOps Approach





Root-APP deploy

Name	Last commit	Last update
NFS-subdir-external-provisioner.yaml	Remove default storage class to nfs	2 months ago
argo-cd.yaml	Fix dex on argood files	1 month ago
epik8-backend.yaml	fix Typo	2 hours ago
haproxy-ingress.yaml	Add longhorn ingress. fix creation ns for other services	2 months ago
longhorn.yaml	Change longhorn app	2 months ago
≜ metallb.yaml	Add longhorn ingress. fix creation ns for other services	2 months ago
Proot-app-kustomize.yaml	Fix new Typo	46 minutes ago
≧ root-app.yaml	Fix namespace application	2 months ago
sparc-console.yaml	Change privileg to null	2 months ago

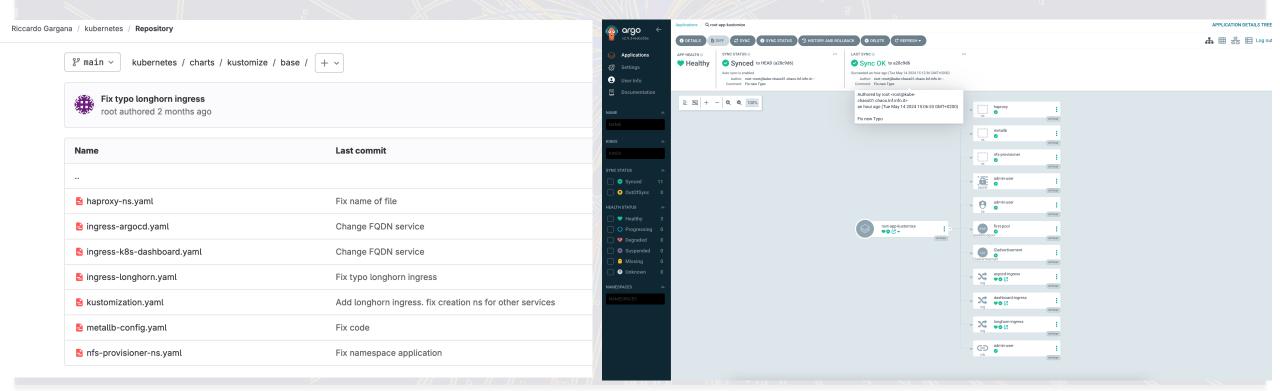




Kustomize into ArgoCD

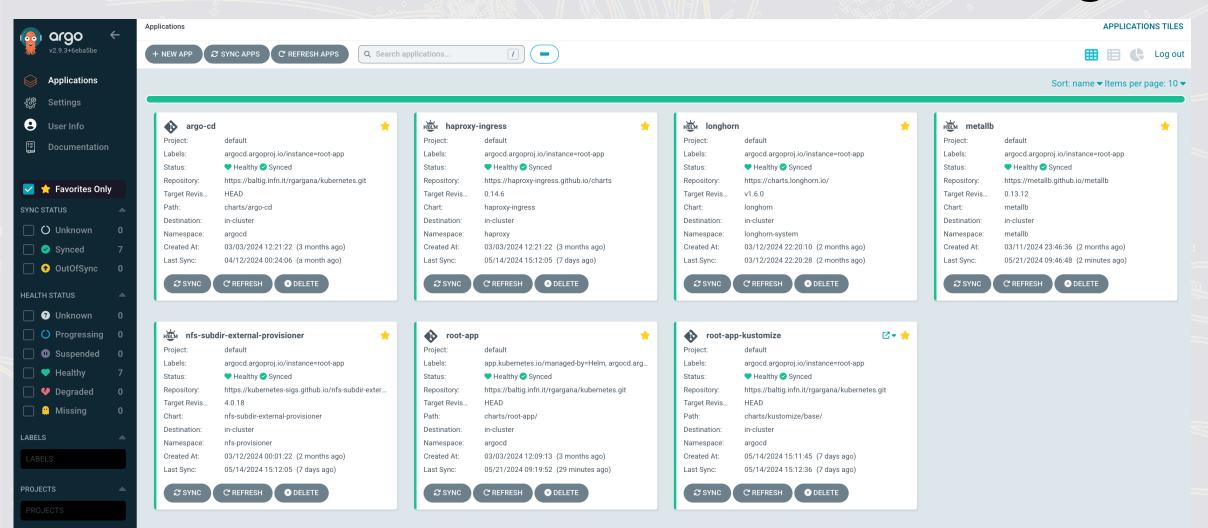
Kubernetes native configuration management

Kustomize introduces a template-free way to customize application configuration that simplifies the use of off-the-shelf applications.





Overview Dashboard ArgoCD







Provisioning OKD on vSphere

by Ramon Orrù



Terraform (Infrastructure as code) creates bastion host & service account privileges

Ansible sets up bastion host and compiles install config





OKD installer brings up whole cluster

Installation takes approx. 45 mins





OKD Cluster configuration



Kustomize allows maintaining a cluster configuration efficiently

vSphere storage drivers support PVs dynamic allocation out of the box, even with CSI compliance





ArgoCD enables gitops features and keeps apps in sync





Why OKD?

IPI/UPI automated installer

- OTA updates
- CNI drivers
- CSI drivers
- Complete dashboard
- Ingress
- Monitoring platform
- Log ingestion
- Alerting
- Registry
- Auth connectors
- Operators marketplace
- KubeVirt (VMs)

Out of the box









K8s in INFN Cloud + ArgoCD





Docker compose



Run docker



Kubernetes cluster

INDIGO IAM as a Service



Spark + Jupyter cluster

Elasticsearch and Kibana























HTCondor mini



Jupyter with persistence for



Notebooks







EPIK8s app

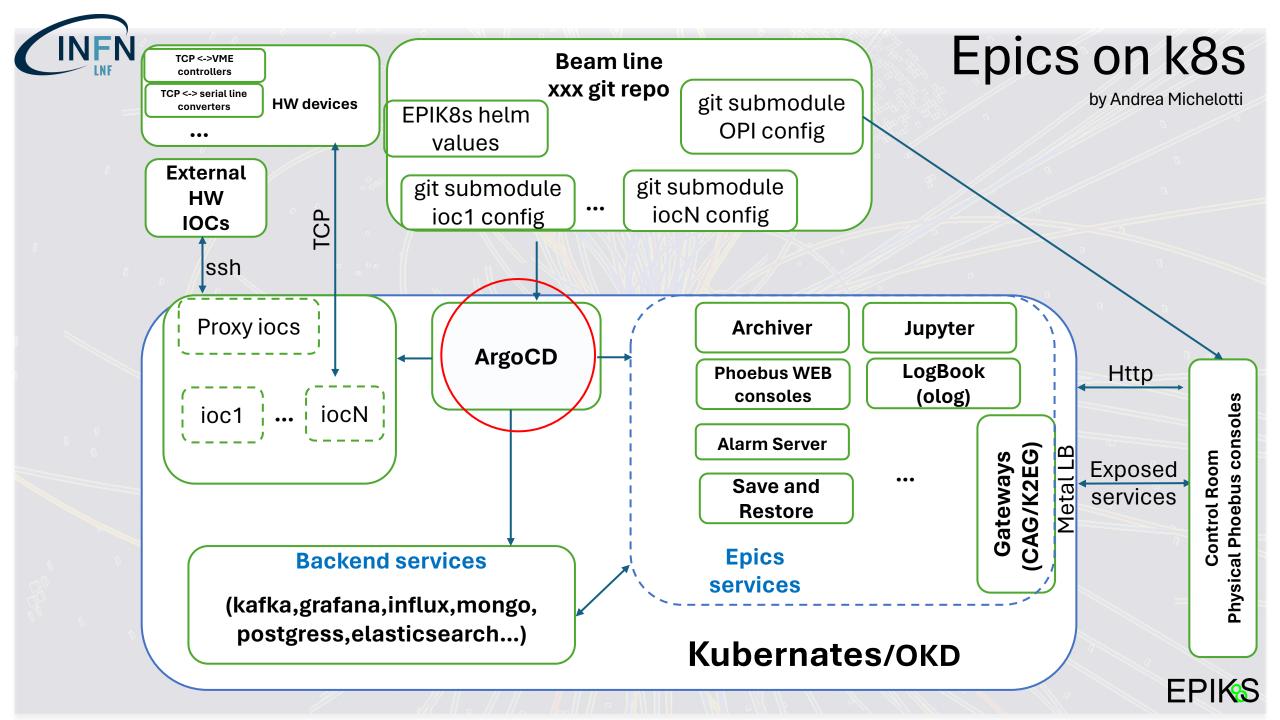
Jupyter + Matlab (with persistence for Notebooks)



Sync&Share aaS

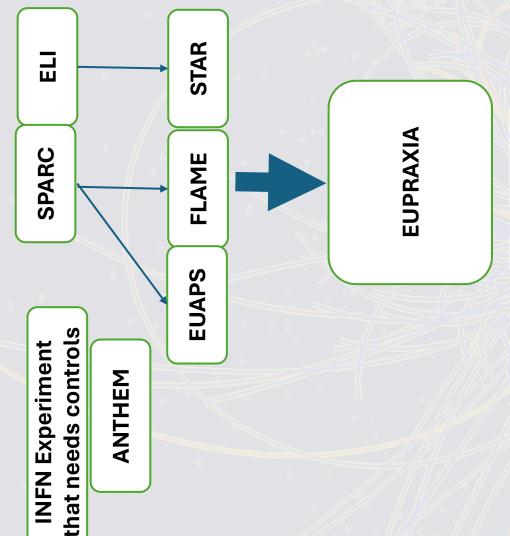








EPIK8s a common platform for INFN experiments that needs EPICS controls

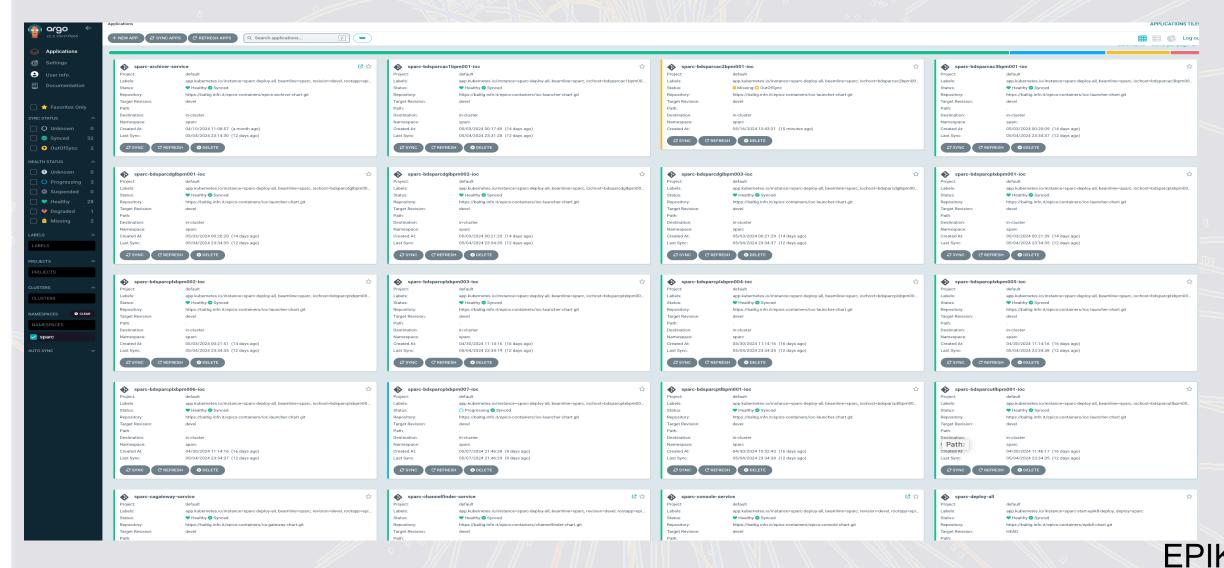


With standardized workflows and tools provided by a predefined platform, a database of controls, interfaces, and common procedures will be established. This platform will gradually become more comprehensive and refined, simplifying the installation of full-featured EPICS controls in our experiments.

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ArgoCD control application lifecycle dashboard (LNF SPARC facility)





Collaborative environment



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