







Advancements in Monitoring Infrastructure at INFN-TO Computing Centre

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Outline

- Computing resources in Turin
- Monitoring infrastructure
- Dashboard design
- Machines database
- Future developments









Computing resources & project synergy

CTLab (Computing Technology Lab):

- 4×Dell PowerEdge R7525:
 - o 2×(AMD EPYC 7313 3.0 GHz 16 cores)
 - 1TB RDIMM, 3200 MT/s
 - 2×(AMD MI100, 32GB)
 - 1×(NVIDIA A16, 4×16GB)
 - 2×(NVIDIA A5000, 24GB)
- 3×Lenovo SR675v3:
 - o 2×(AMD EPYC 9124 3.0 GHz 16 cores)
 - 1TB RAM (expandable)
 - 2×(NVIDIA L40S, 48GB)
- 1×NVIDIA GraceHopper superchip, evaluation system by E4:
 - CPU+GPU coherent memory model
 - o 900 GB/s interface NVLink-C2C
- Connectivity: InfiniBand + NVIDIA ConnectX-7 400 Gb/s

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- 6×Lenovo SR665v3:
 - o 2×(AMD EPYC 9654 96-Core Processor)
 - o 1,5 TB RAM
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 - 4×(NVIDIA H100 80GB)
 - NVIDIA ConnectX-7 400 Gb/s
- 1×InfiniBand switch 400 Gb/s
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Synergic and consistent management computing resources









Monitoring infrastructure design

Machines and resources catalog:

• PostgreSQL (the database)

Metrics collection:

- Redfish
- SNMP

Time series database:

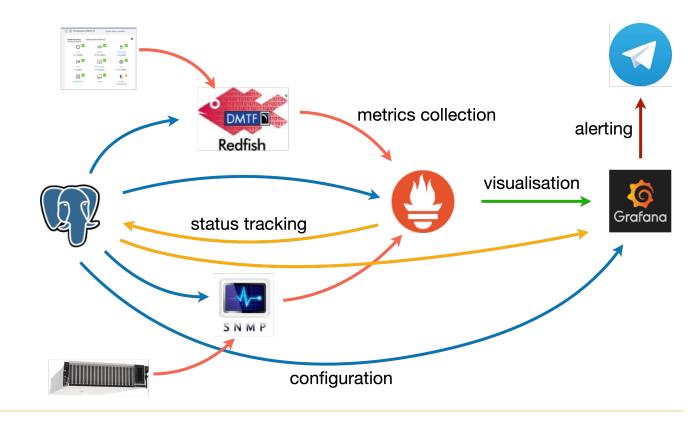
Prometheus

Data visualization:

• Grafana

Alerting:

• Currently, Grafana + Telegram











What we had last year

- Basic metrics of machines: CPU, RAM, disk usage and power metrics.
- For HTCondor nodes, correlation between power consumption and number of jobs.



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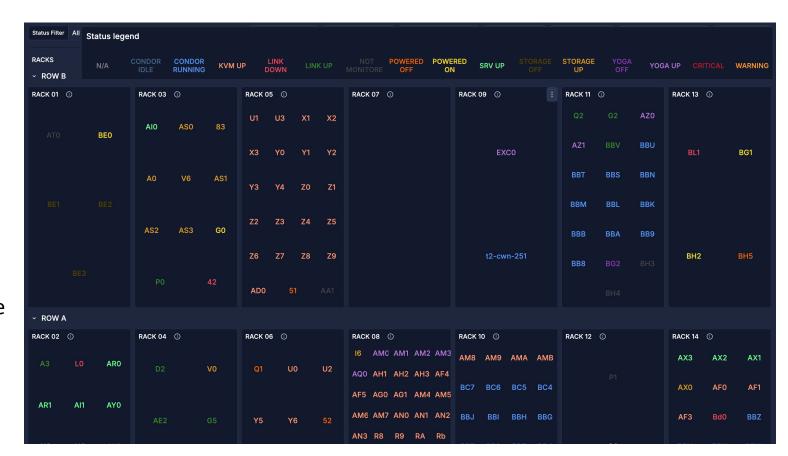








- Visualise machines in their location.
- Node identification.
- Color codes for synthetic status display: role & status.
- States, categories, and codes are configured in the database.
- Monitoring status: ping, power state, HTCondor



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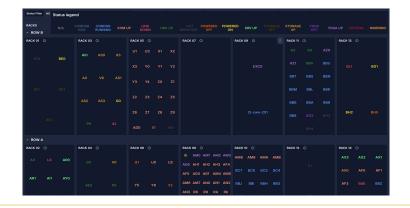


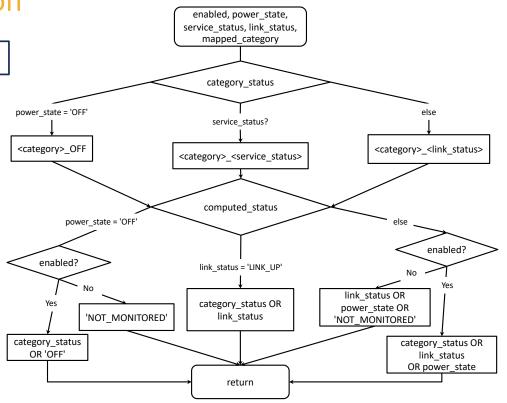
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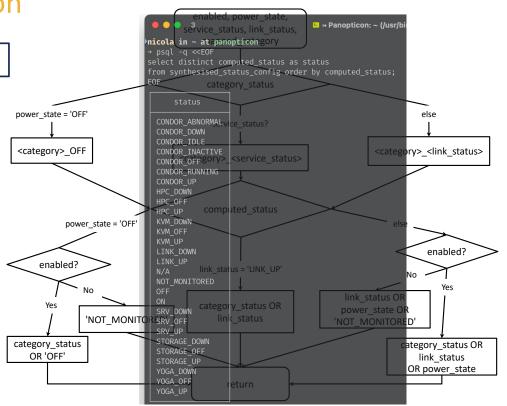
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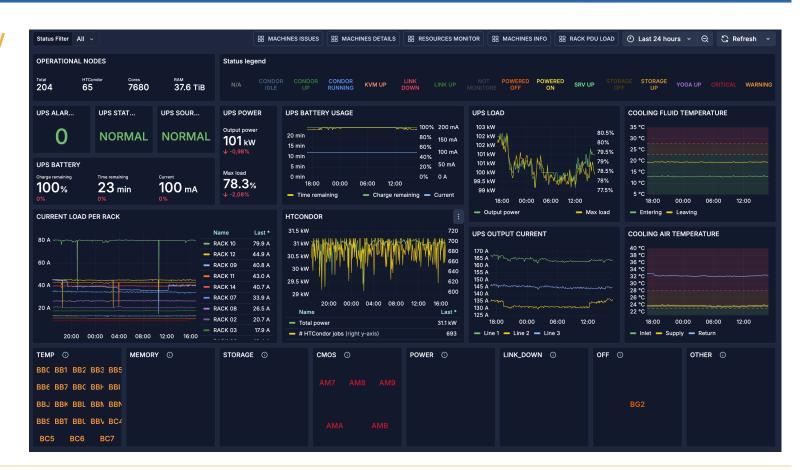








- General status overview
- Resource usage
- Health issues detection



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Dashboard design with Grafonnet

- Grafonnet: Jsonnet library for generating Grafana dashboards.
- Jsonnet:
 - Configuration language that transpiles to JSON (source to source translation, same abstraction level).
 - Functional style (no side-effects).
- Fit into pipeline for provisioning of dashboards and easier (wrt. JSON) versioning.
- All well and good, but... double the effort!
 - Grafonnet lags behind GUI features.
 - Need to rewrite GUI-generated dashboard to Jsonnet code.





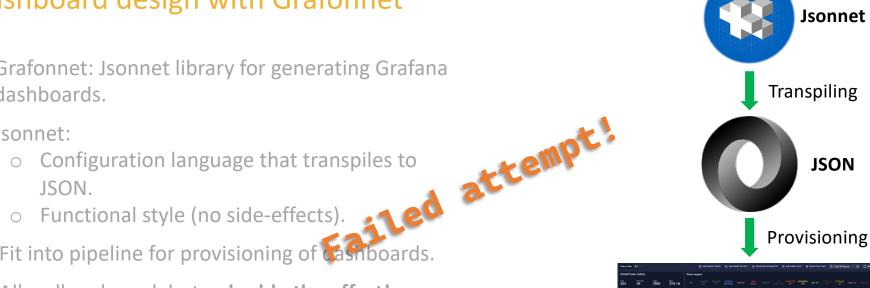






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- Develop dashboards with GUI.
- Take JSON source.
- Provisioning pipeline.











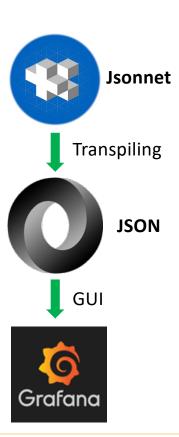
Dashboard design with Grafonnet: Initial development

- Develop complex logic with Jsonnet.
- Take JSON source to define new dashboard in Grafana.
- Continue development with GUI.

Jsonnet machinery useful for initial development!



Static generation of complex layouts



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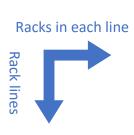


Dashboard design with Grafonnet: Initial development

- Hard to deal with simultaneously-varying, correlated variables in Grafana GUI.
- There is no support (yet) for variables defined at row level.



Use Jsonnet to create multiple variables depending on configuration, defined in the database.





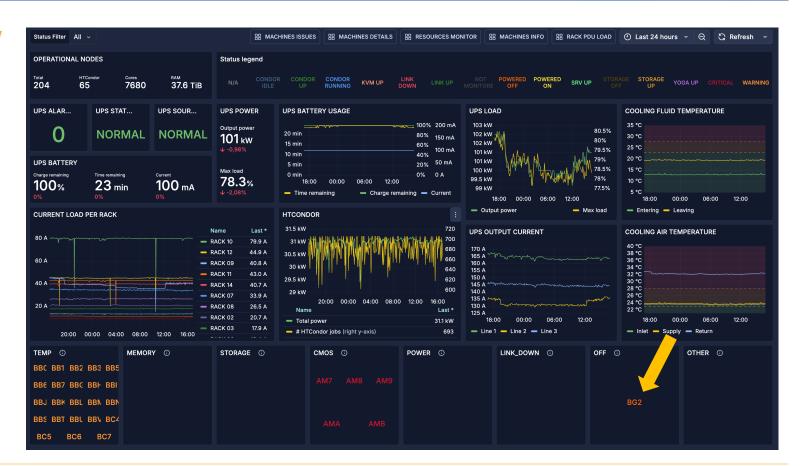








Machine reported as powered-off: click to open the detailed view...



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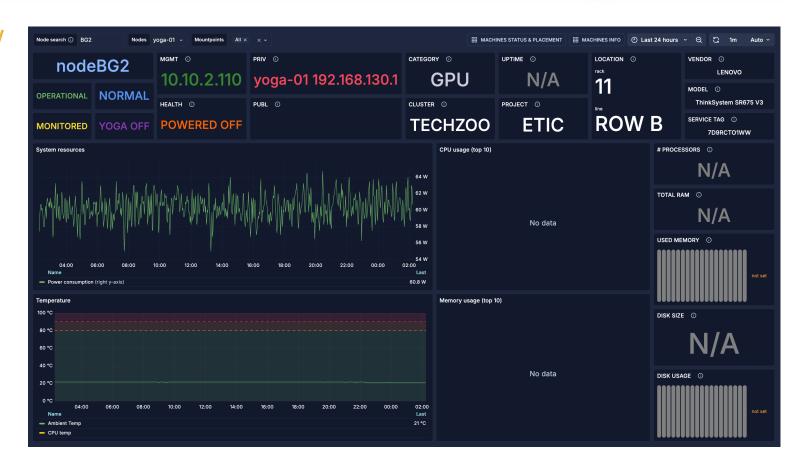






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- Resource usage.
- Power and temperature metrics.
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- Link to BMC page.



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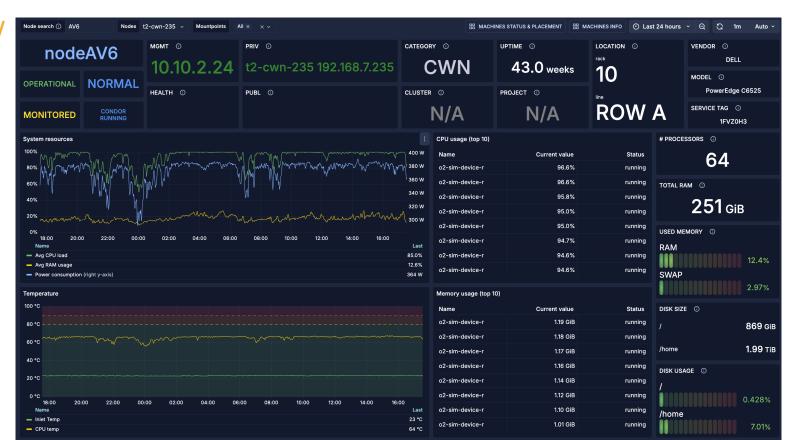






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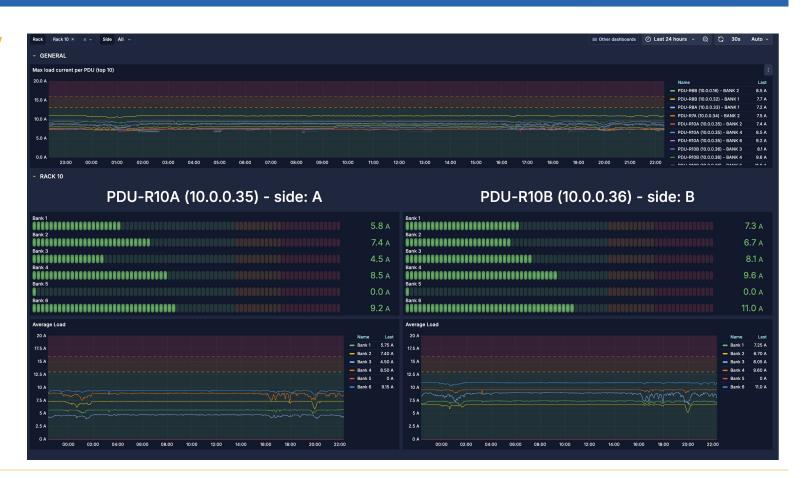






Power supply load per-rack

- Power supply monitoring.
- Load distribution per rack.
- Alerting based on parameters configured in the database.



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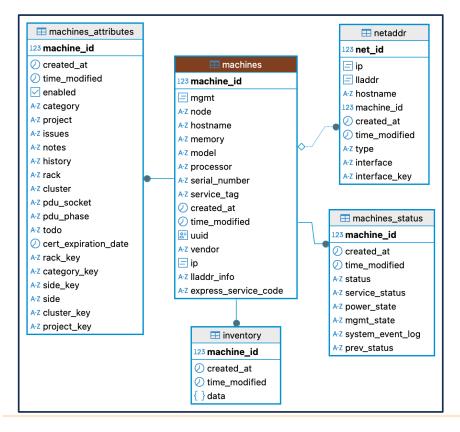


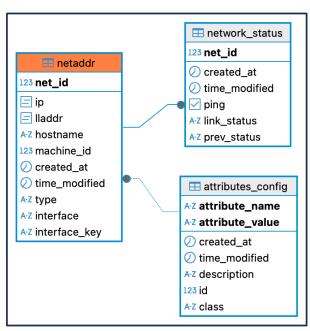


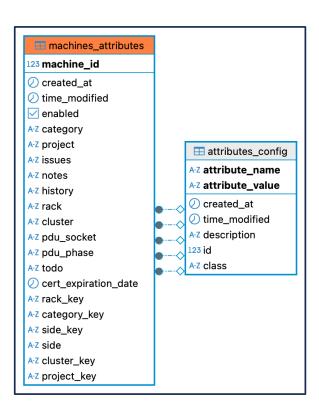




Machines database







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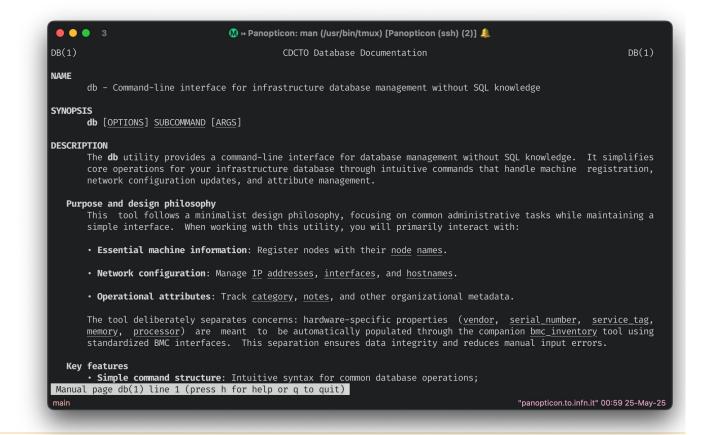






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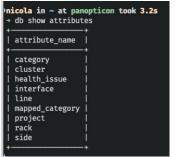


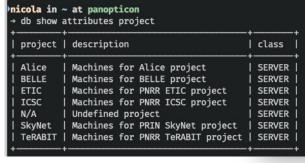


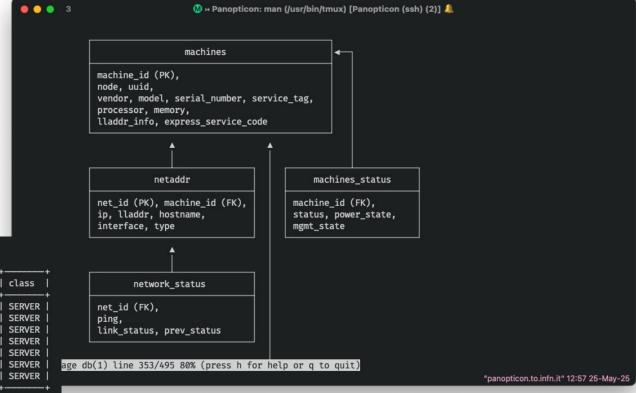


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https://github.com/bb-Ricardo/check_redfish









Future developments

- Analysis of aggregated data over a long period of time.
- Long term storage of relevant metrics.



Aggregate metrics and statistics:

- Thanos
- Cortex
- o Mimir
- VictoriaMetrics

Native Prometheus support

TimescaleDB + PostgreSQL

Long term goals for the monitoring:

- Additional infrastructural components: Cooling systems and incident response.
- Higher abstraction layers: Integrate monitoring of cloud and orchestration layers (e.g. OpenNebula).
- Monitoring of the application layer (e.g. JupyterHub/JupyterLab).









Conclusions



- Monitoring infrastructure: PostgreSQL for machines catalog, Redfish and SNMP for metrics collection, Prometheus for metrics ingestion, Grafana for visualization.
- CLI interface for simplified database management.
- Provisioning pipeline of datasources and dashboards in Grafana.
- Future development: Storage devices are not yet in the database, long term storage of relevant metrics; enhance monitoring coverage to infrastructural components (like cooling appliances), cloud and orchestration layer (OpenNebula), and applications layer.









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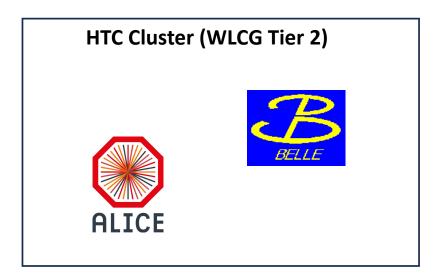


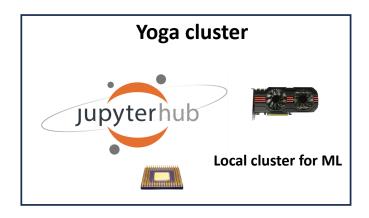


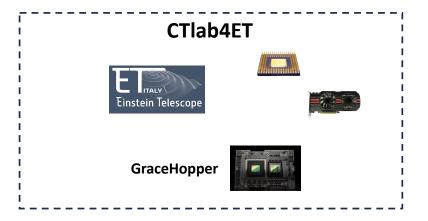




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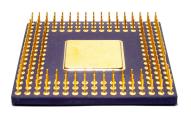


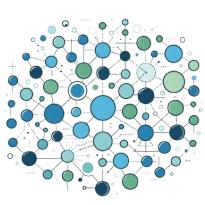






Monitoring a computing infrastructure









Resources:

- Computing nodes
- Network devices
- Storage
- Appliances



- Availability
- Resource optimization
- Issue detection



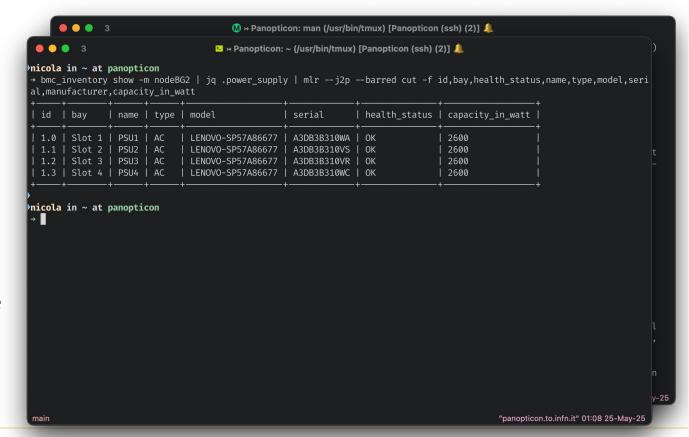






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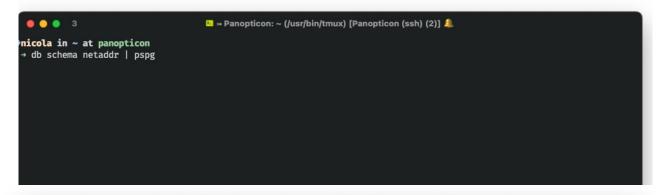


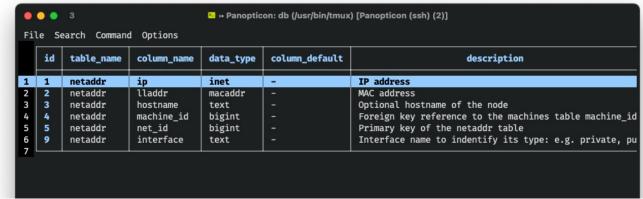




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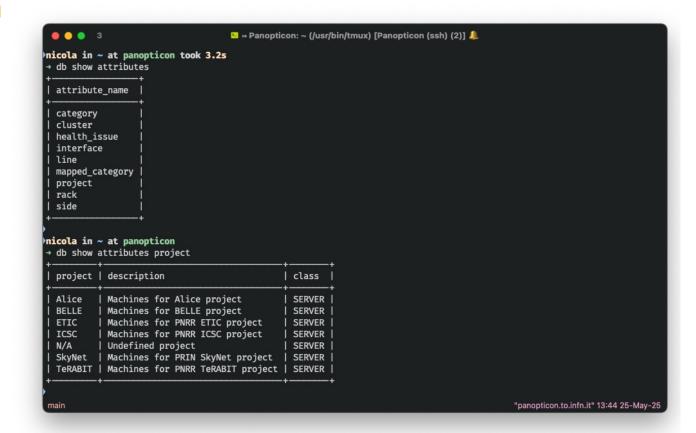






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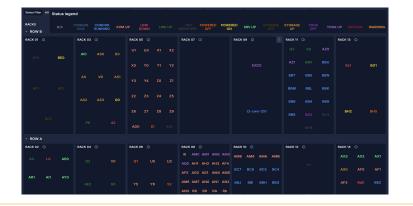


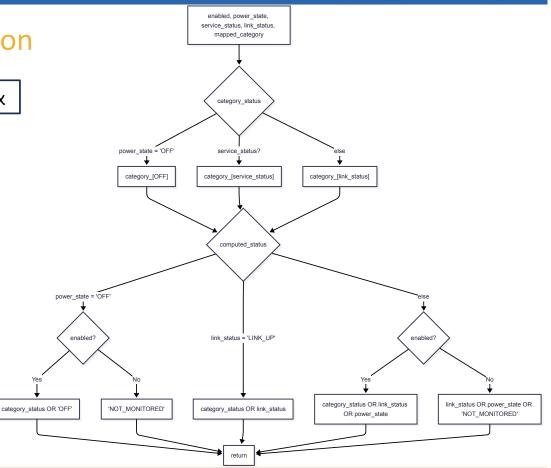
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Yoga cluster

- Prototype for the resources that we intend to provide to the local community.
- It should be combined with INFN Cloud.
- Kubernetes cluster for ML applications.
- JupyterHub interface.
- CPU and GPU resources.
- Monitoring based on Prometheus and Grafana running in kubernetes nodes.



















SNMP

- Open standard specification
- Agent-less
- RESTful API
- JSON-based schema
- Features: management, provisioning, monitoring
- Monitoring hardware health: temperature, power, disk I/O
- Logs collection

- Industry standard protocol
- Manager-agent architecture
- Based on MIBs (Management Information Bases)
- Monitoring network devices, CPU/RAM usage, storage
- Real-time alerts for network faults and errors
- Mature and widely adopted in the industry













- Time-series database
- Collection of data over HTTP (through exporters)
- Widely adopted for reliability and scalability



- Open source platform for creating interactive dashboards
- Supports several data sources
- Notification when alerts are raised in Prometheus









Use case: Monitoring HTCondor jobs, CPU load, and power consumption

- SNMP tool installed on nodes to collect hardware metrics: CPU, disk, RAM; collect metrics about HTCondor jobs.
- Custom Redfish exporter to collect metrics about about power consumption and temperature.
- Data collected by Prometheus and displayed in Grafana: show correlation between power, CPU load, and number of jobs.



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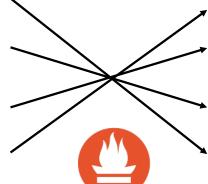




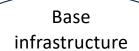


















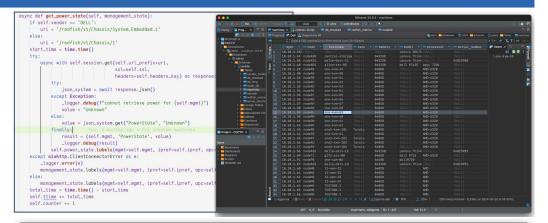






Future goals and development:

- Under development Python script for (semi)automatic discovery of metrics paths in Redfish.
- Metrics configuration stored in (Postgres) database.
- Configuration information processed by Julia scripts and loaded into the database.
- Redfish used to retrieve logs and collected by the ELK stack.



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Computing infrastructure

CTLab (Computing Technology Lab):

- New cluster dedicated to ET (TechZoo).
- Evaluate new technologies.
- Dedicated heterogeneous computing power on demand.

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- Network for academic research.
- Upgrade current network to Tb/s.
- Infiniband connection high-bandwidth/lowlatency.
- HPC bubbles: HPC resources available close to the user.











What do we have in Turin?

TeRABIT:

- 6xCPU nodes
 - o 112-192 cores
 - o RAM 8GB(DDR5) minimum/core
 - o InfiniBand NDR 400Gbps
- 6xGPU nodes
 - o 80GB minimum
 - HBM2e memory per node
- 1xInfiniBand switch 400 Gb/s





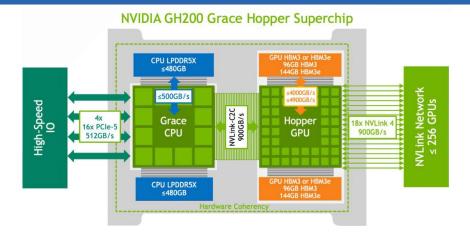


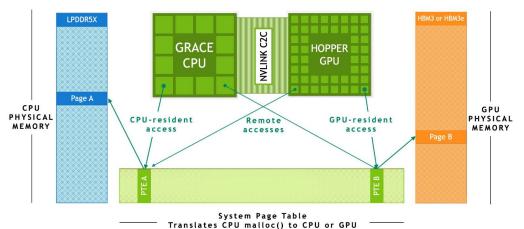


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Evaluation system, funded by ETIC grant:

- 1×NVIDIA Grace Hopper Superchip
 - o CPU+GPU coherent memory model
 - 900 GB/s coherent interface NVLink-C2C
 - Adopted also in Alps Supercomputer@ CSCS
 - 7x higher than x16 PCle Gen5 bandwidth lanes





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Redfish and Snmp

- Benefits of Redfish and SNMP
- Scalability: Redfish and SNMP support monitoring of largescale infrastructures with ease.
- Interoperability: Both protocols are widely supported by hardware vendors, ensuring compatibility across different devices and platforms.
- Real-time Monitoring: Redfish and SNMP provide real-time insights into hardware and network performance, enabling proactive issue resolution.
- **Standardization**: Redfish and SNMP adhere to industry standards, simplifying integration and automation in infrastructure monitoring workflows.





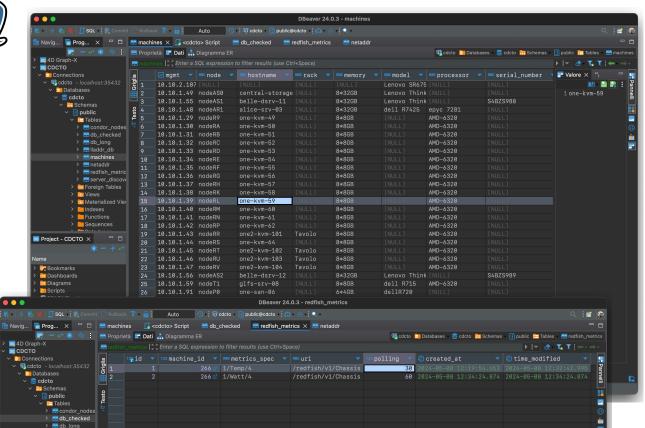




Redfish configuration development



- Database initially built from preexisting sources, processing the information with Julia scripts.
- Julia script to verify the initial information.
- At this stage data is imported manually into the database.
- Prometheus configured by exporting the configuration via a script.



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Redfish used to retrieve logs and collected by the ELK stack.

```
async def get_power_state(self, management_state):
if self.vendor == 'DELL':
    uri = '/redfish/v1/Chassis/System.Embedded.1'
    uri = '/redfish/v1/Chassis/1'
start_time = time.time()
    async with self.session.get(self.url_prefix+uri,
                                ssl=self.ssl,
                                headers=self.headers_key) as response:
        try:
           json_system = await response.json()
        except Exception:
            _logger.debug(f"cannot retrieve power for {self.mgmt}")
            value = "Unknown"
            value = json_system.get("PowerState", "Unknown")
        finally:
            result = (self.mgmt, 'PowerState', value)
            _logger.debug(result)
        self.power_state.labels(mgmt=self.mgmt, ipref=self.ipref, apc=self.apc).state(result[2])
except aiohttp.ClientConnectorError as e:
    _logger.error(e)
    management_state.labels(mgmt=self.mgmt, ipref=self.ipref, apc=self.apc).state("DOWN")
    management_state.labels(mgmt=self.mgmt, ipref=self.ipref, apc=self.apc).state("UP")
total_time = time.time() - start_time
self.ttime += total_time
self.counter += 1
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Monitoring a Computing Infrastructure

- Ensure availability
- Performance optimization
- Detect issues early
- Security











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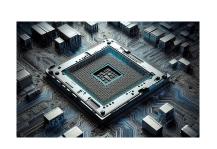


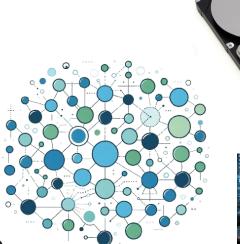






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Resource optimization

