



Ganglia & Nagios

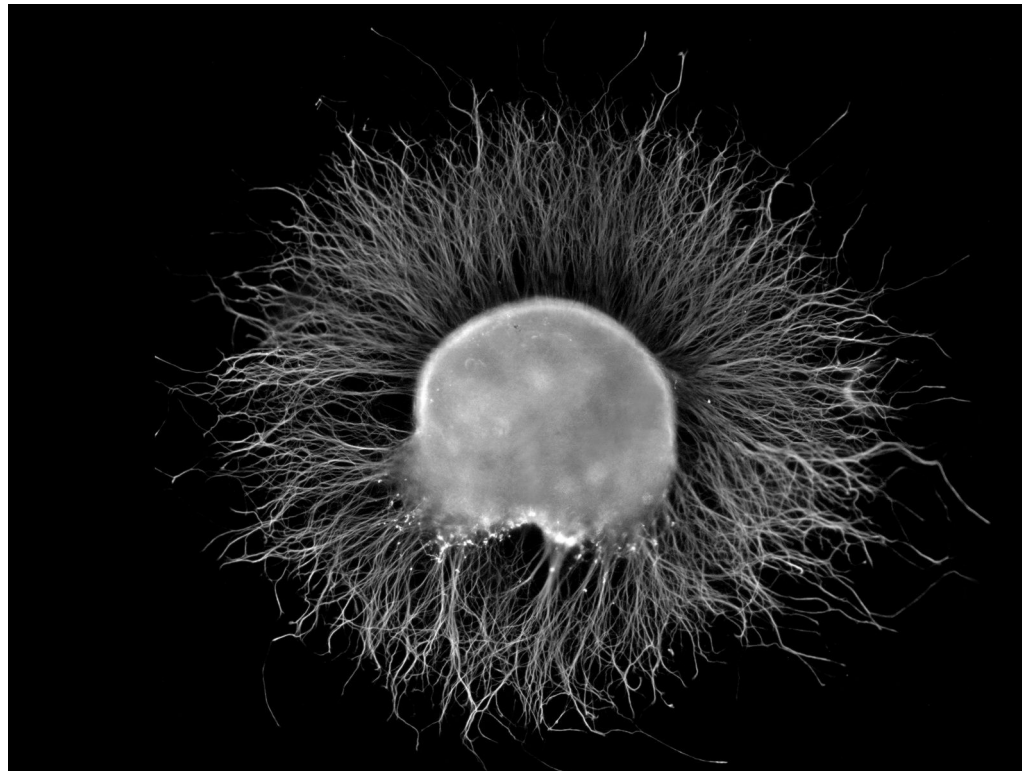
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Ganglia.. what?

Ganglia – cluster / group of neurons found outside the central nervous system



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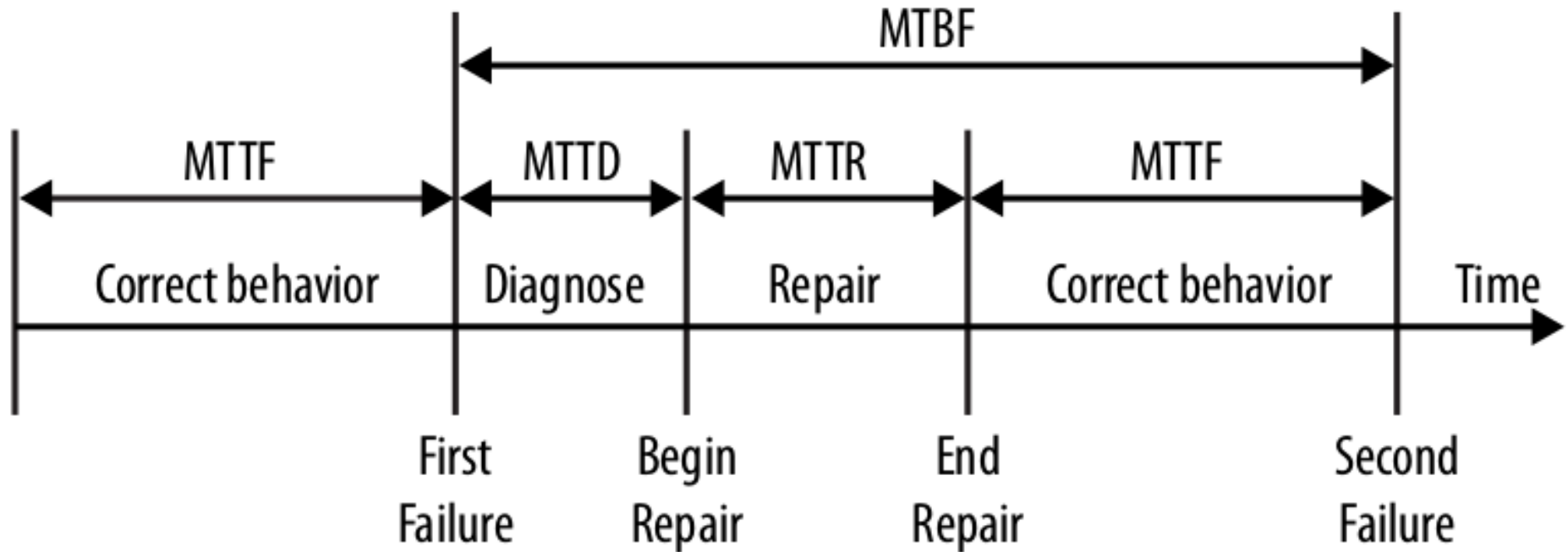
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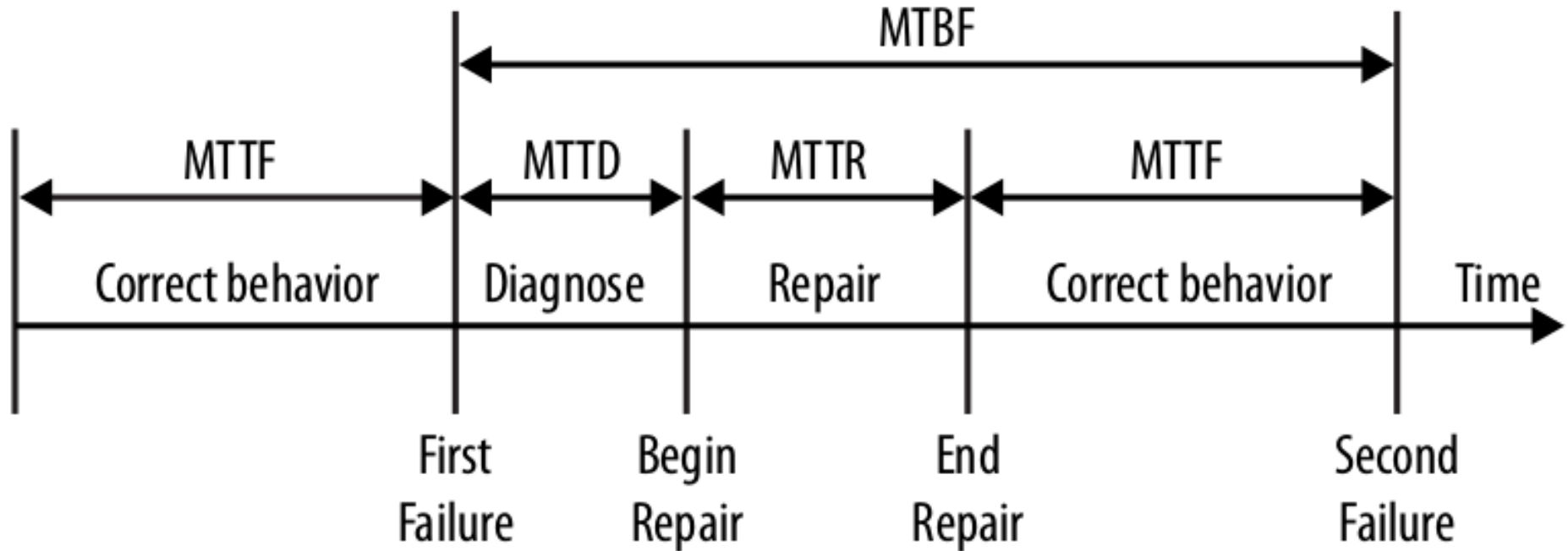
MTBF (Mean Time Between Failures)

The average time between different failures of the service

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- What if cell is offline or someone is out?

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Last but not least...

“Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?”

(Who will guard the guards?)



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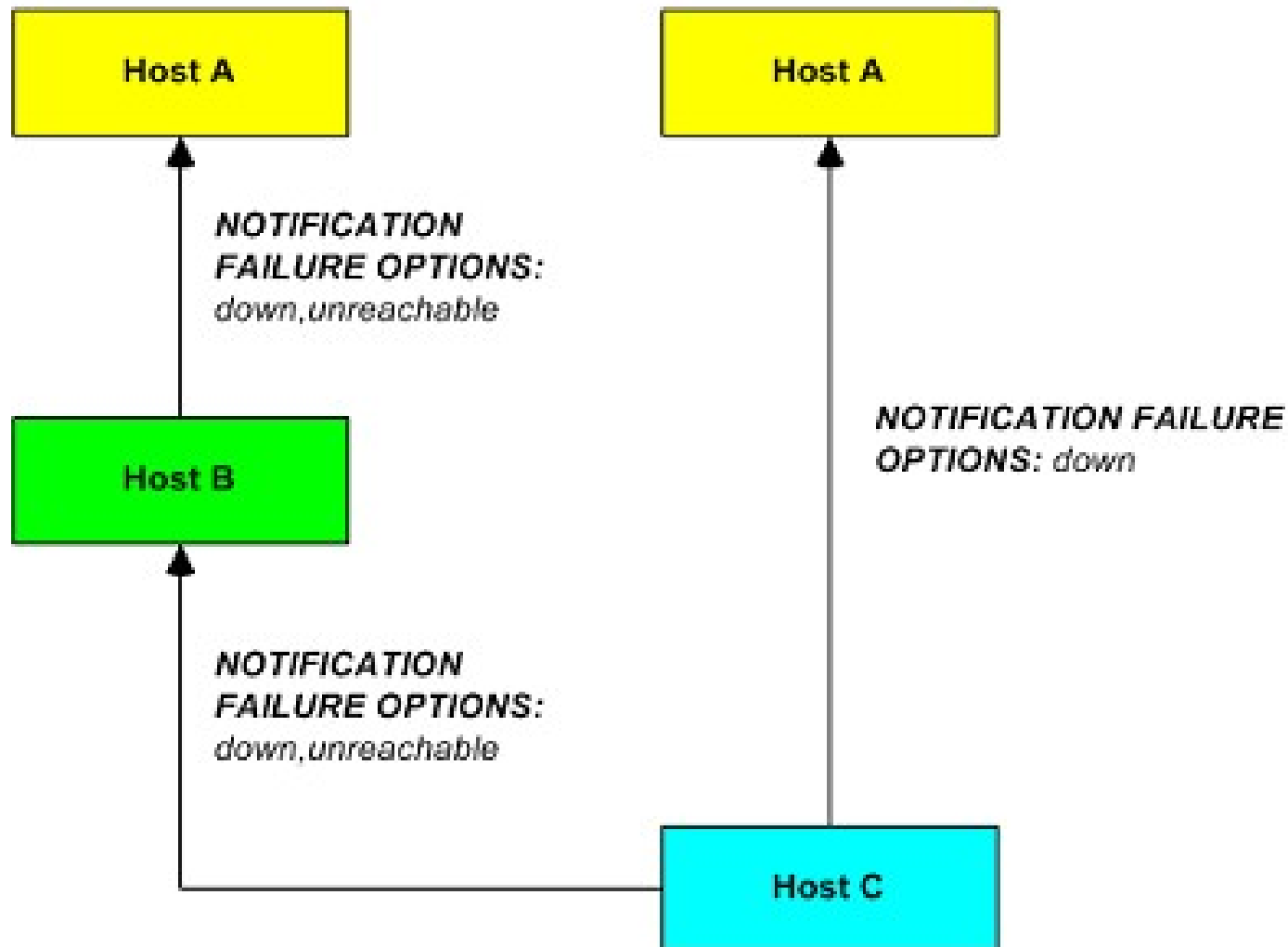
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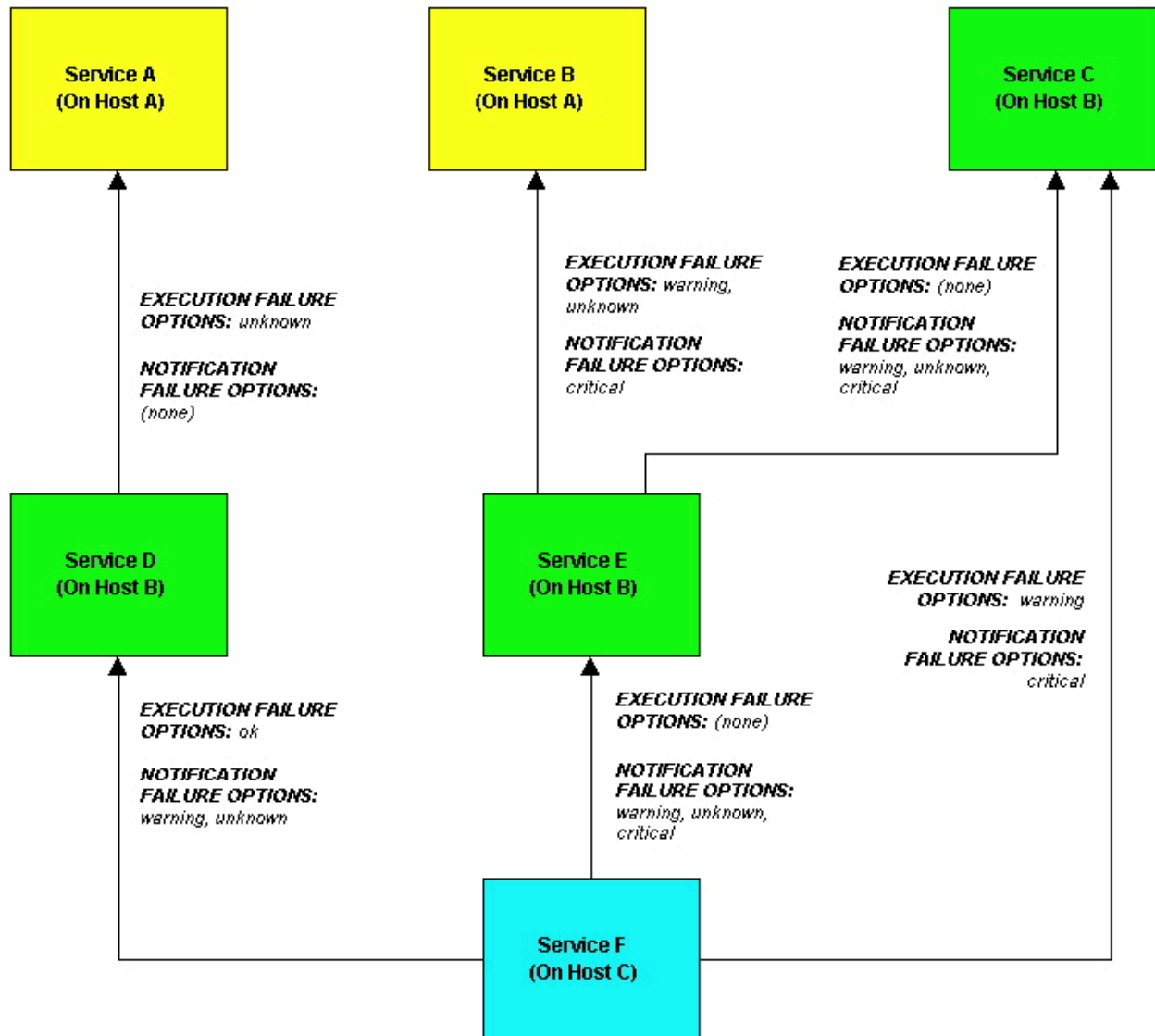
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Host Dependencies



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Service Dependencies



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Checks and states

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Monitoring remotes

- NRPE daemons
- checks via SSH

Nagios recap

Web interface – tactical overview

Network Outages

0 Outages

Hosts

1 Down

0 Unreachable

8 Up

0 Pending

1 Unhandled
Problems

Services

0 Critical

0 Warning

0 Unknown

1 Ok

0 Pending

Monitoring Features

Flap Detection



All Services
Enabled

No Services
Flapping

All Hosts Enabled

6 Hosts Flapping

Notifications



All Services
Enabled

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Event Handlers



All Services
Enabled

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Active Checks



All Services
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Passive Checks



All Services
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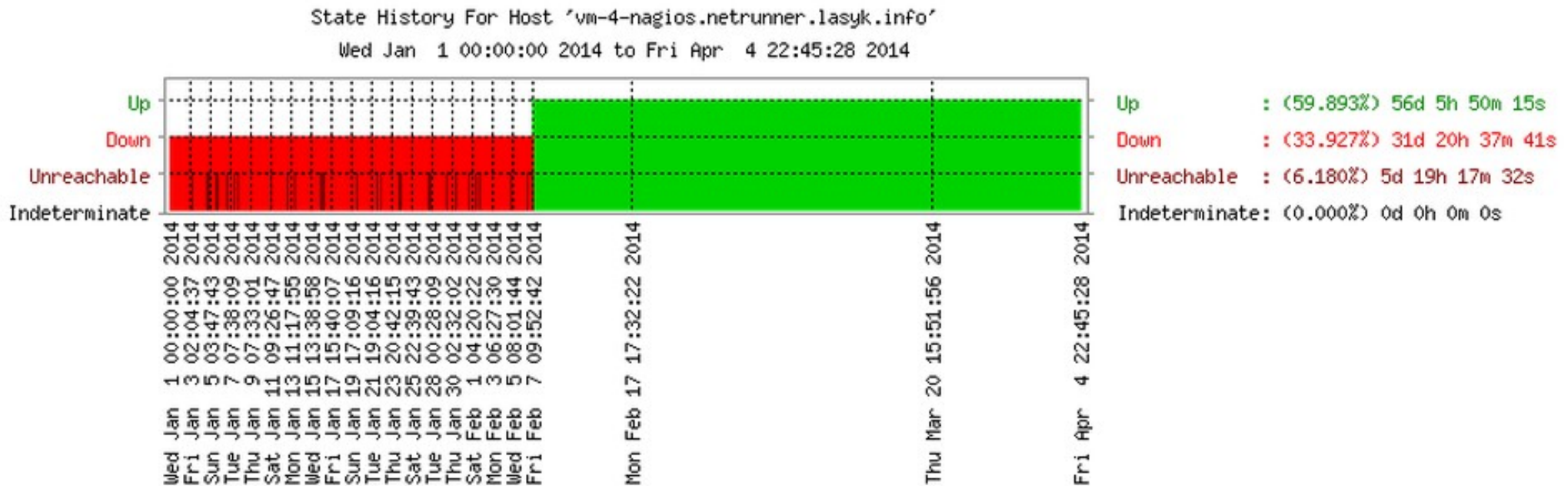
Web interface – availability reports

Host State Breakdowns:

Host	% Time Up	% Time Down	% Time Unreachable	% Time Undetermined
cubryna.la-tech.eu	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
docent.la-tech.eu	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
host.netrunner.lasyk.info	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
r1.netrunner.lasyk.info	99.377% (99.377%)	0.623% (0.623%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
vm-2-repo.netrunner.lasyk.info	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
vm-3-ganglia.netrunner.lasyk.info	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
vm-4-nagios.netrunner.lasyk.info	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
vm-6-sec.netrunner.lasyk.info	100.000% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000%
vm-7-unsec.netrunner.lasyk.info	40.971% (40.971%)	52.877% (52.877%)	6.152% (6.152%)	0.000%
Average	93.372% (93.372%)	5.944% (5.944%)	0.684% (0.684%)	0.000%

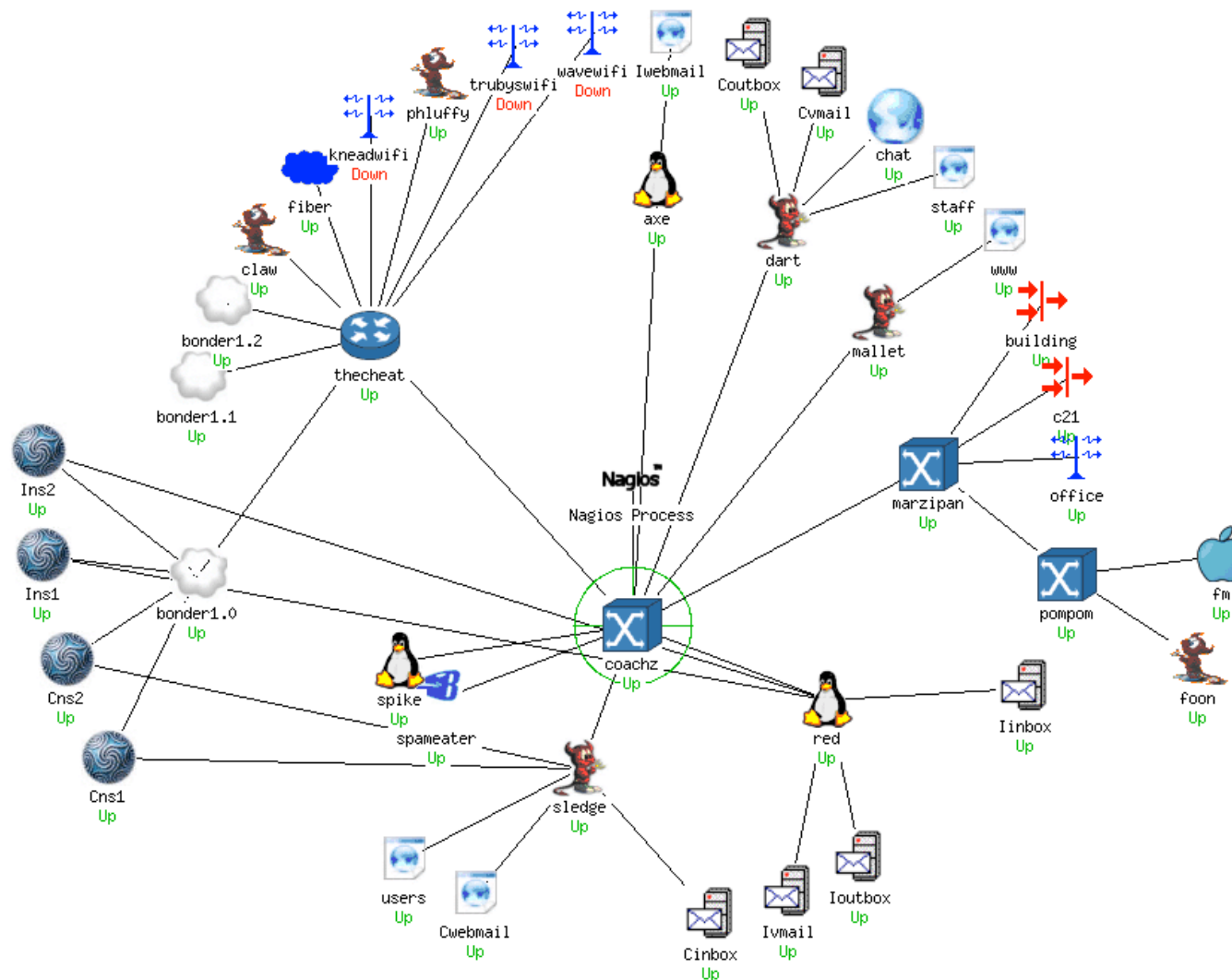
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Web interface – trends



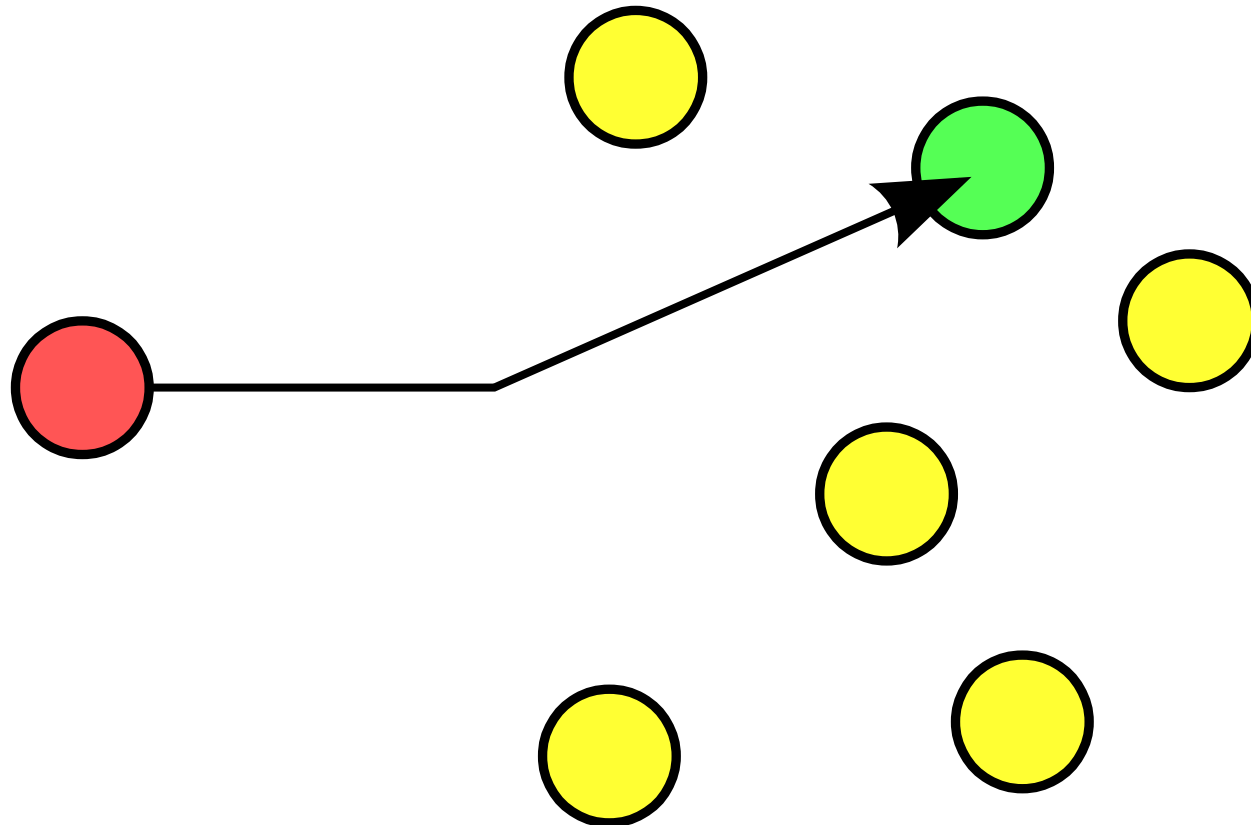
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Web interface - network maps



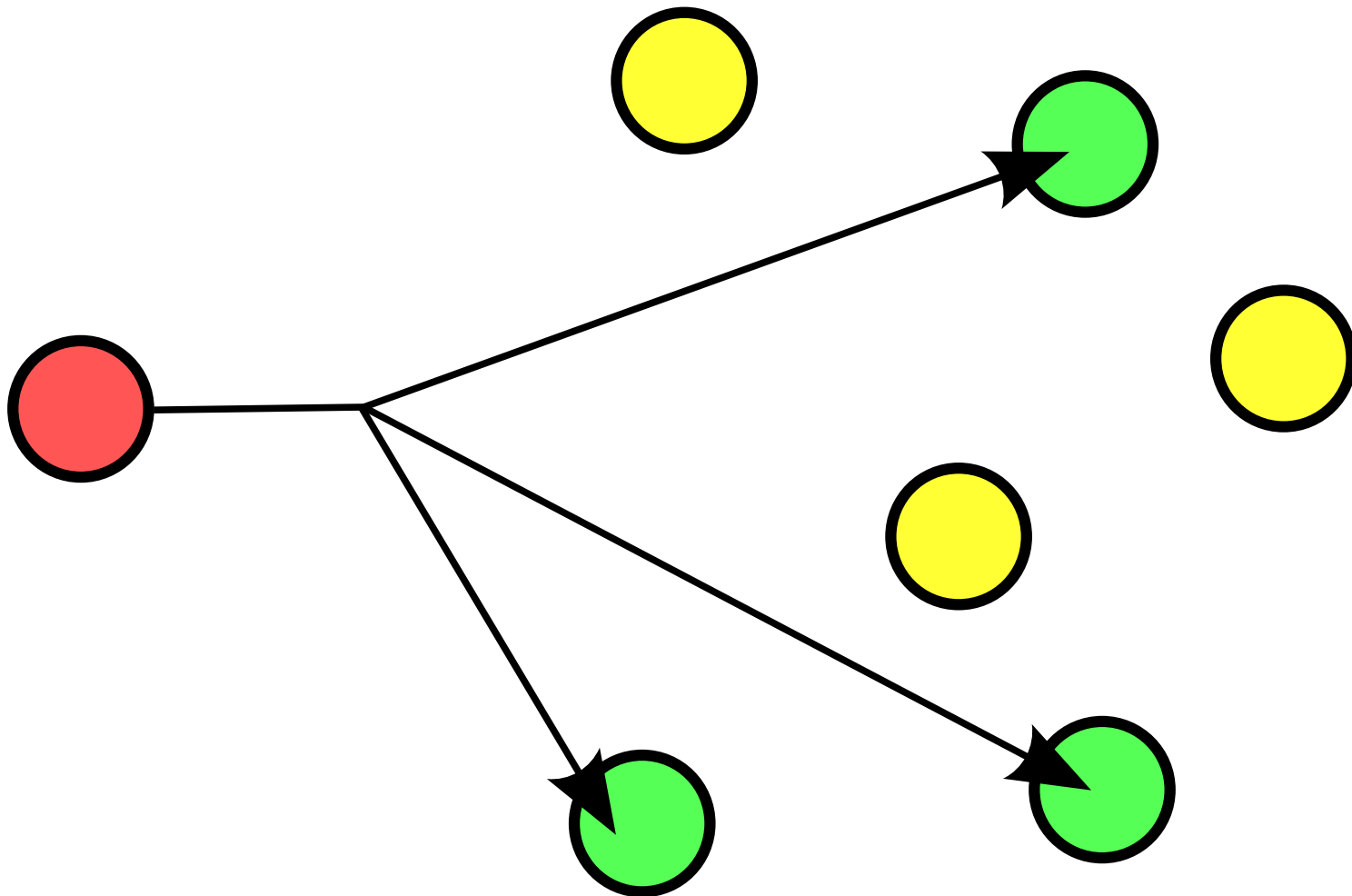
Networking recap

Unicast



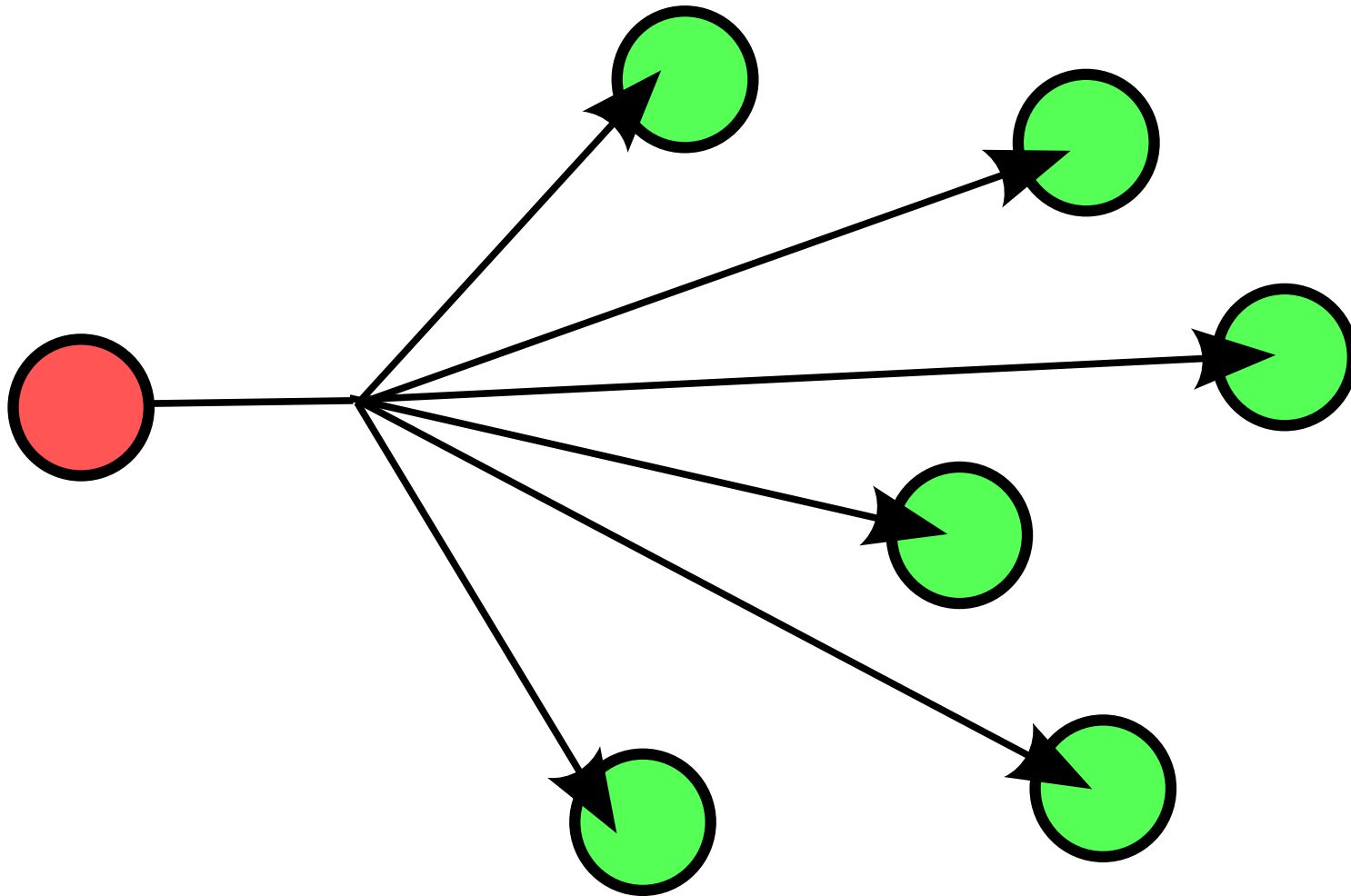
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Multicast



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Broadcast



Ganglia – what is it?

Problems of big scale:

20k hosts with **zylion** metrics probed every **10** seconds

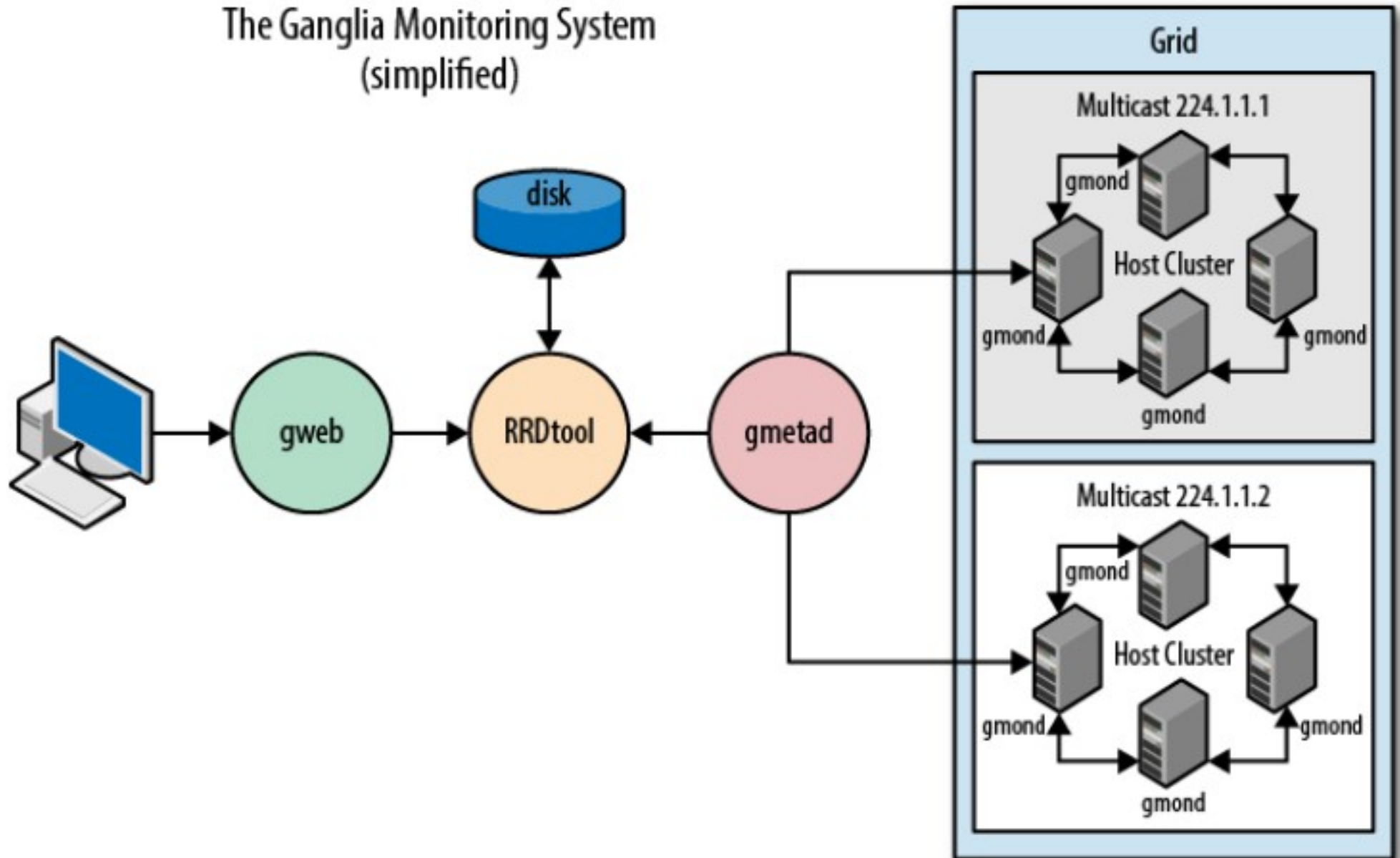
It is fully redundant (until you spoil it)

It is very scalable

Regex searches and creating of views – adhoc :)

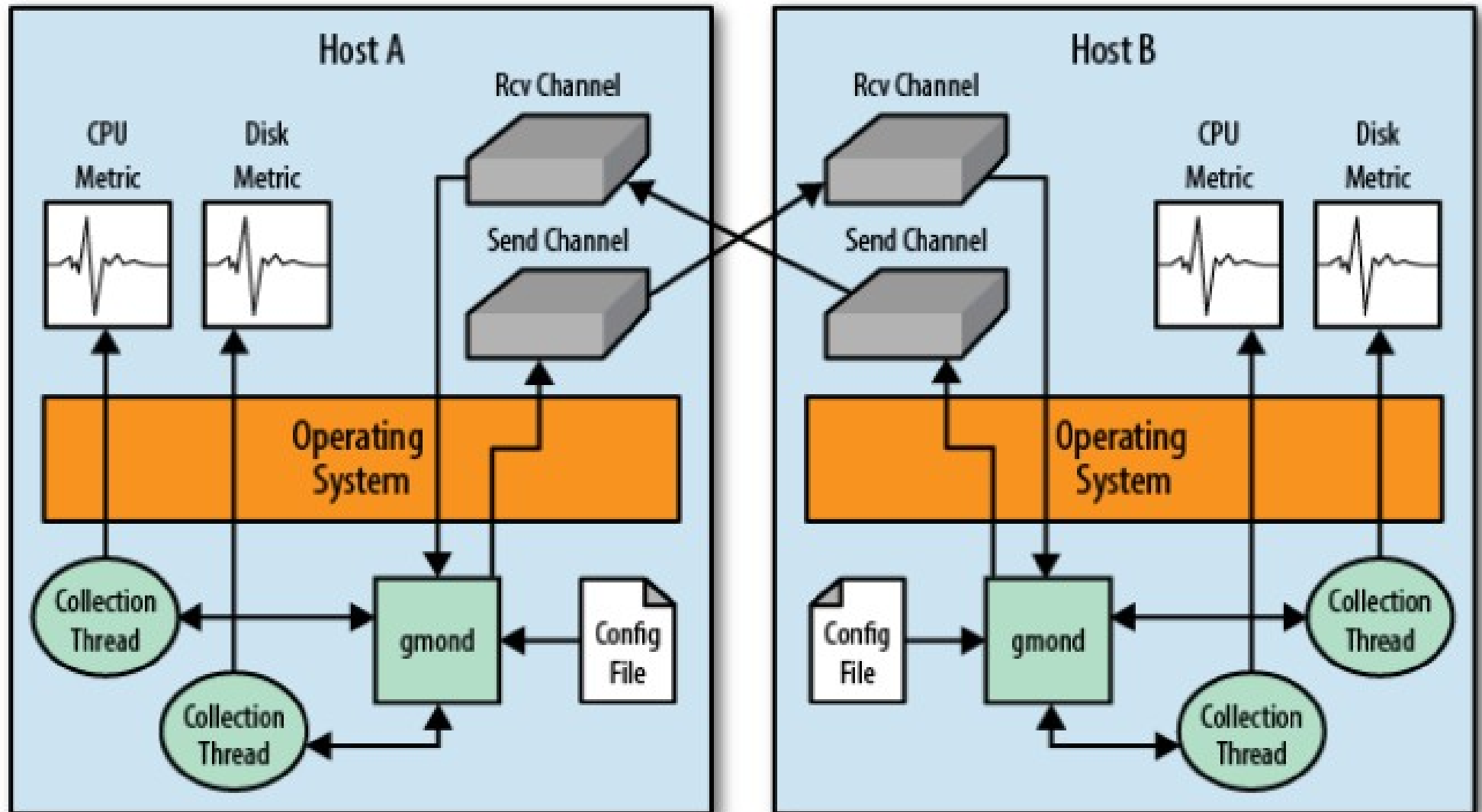
Ganglia – architecture

The Ganglia Monitoring System
(simplified)

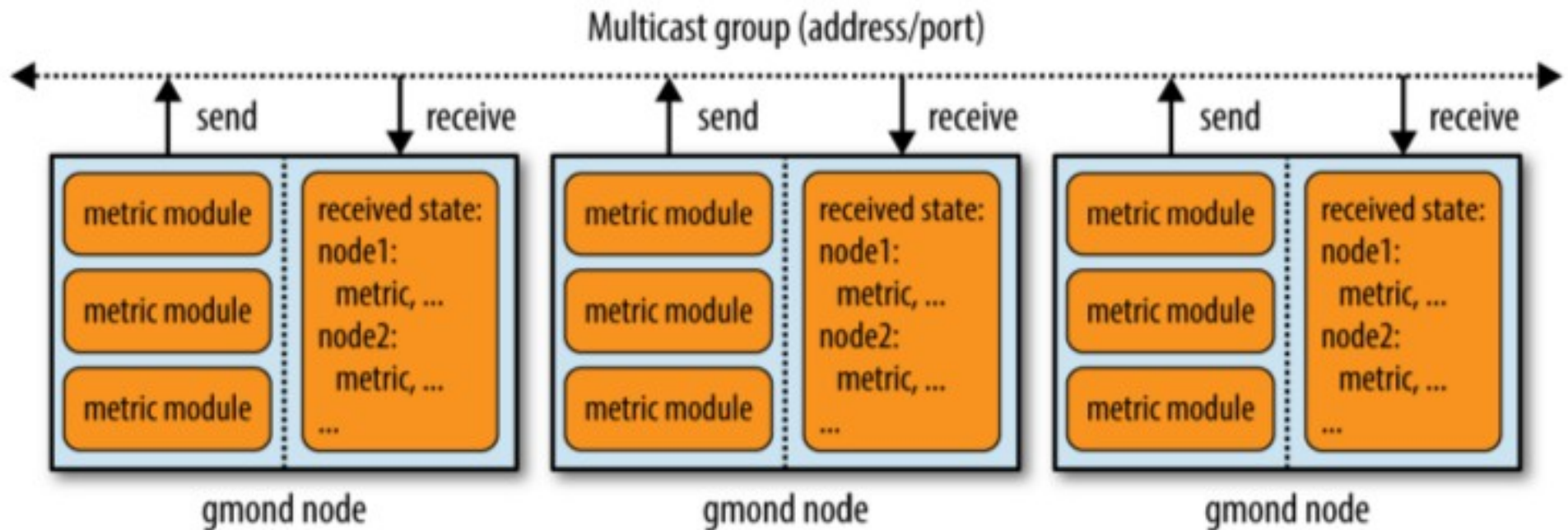


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A Two-Host gmond Cluster

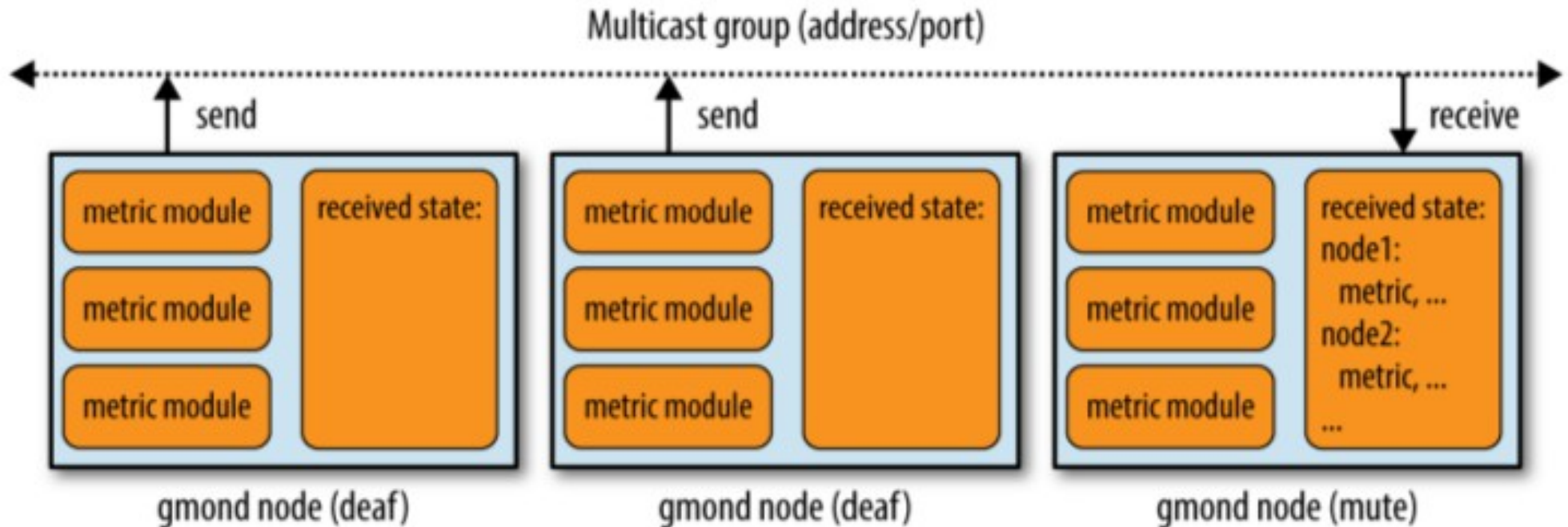


Ganglia – topologies



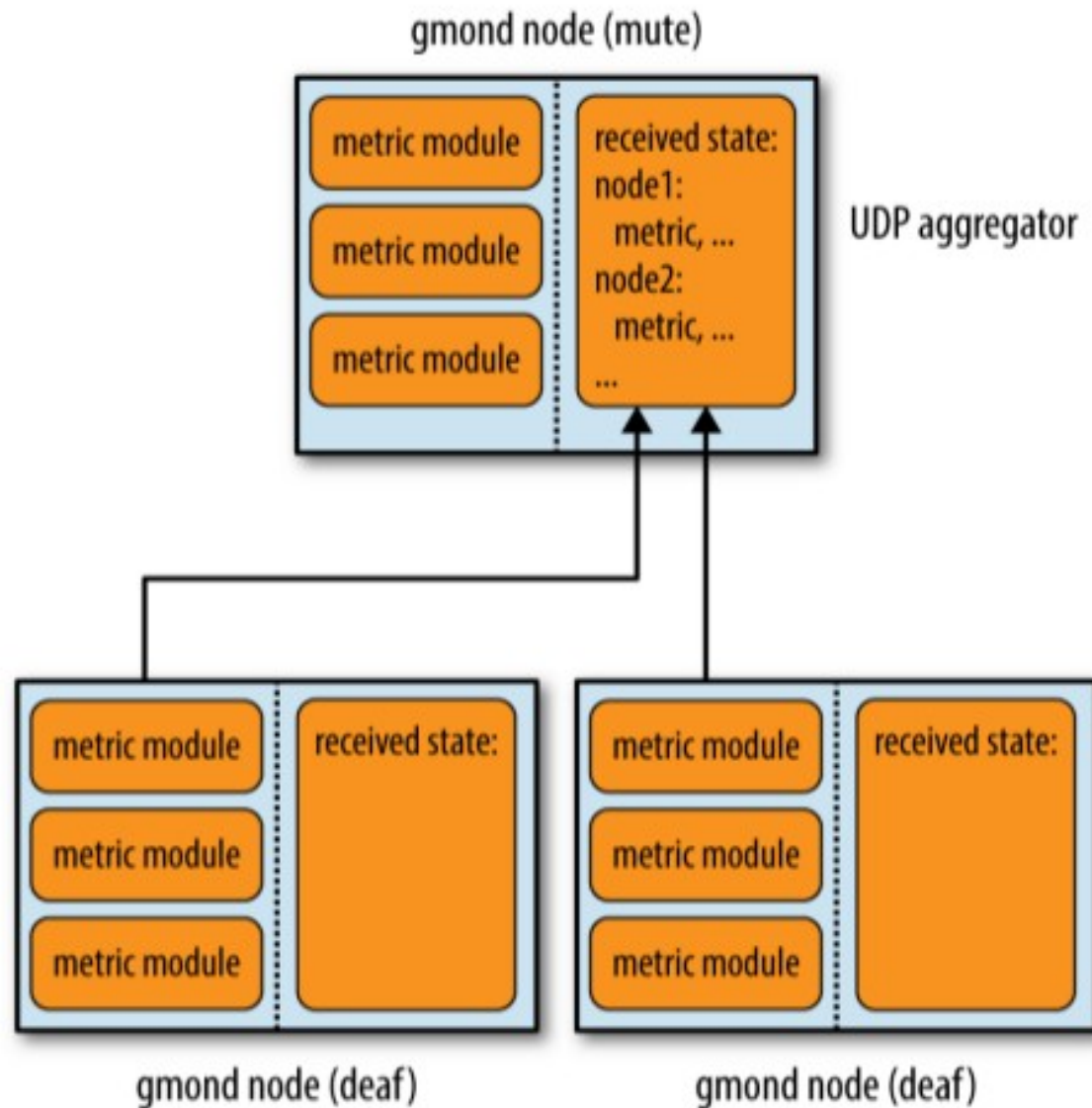
Default multicast topology

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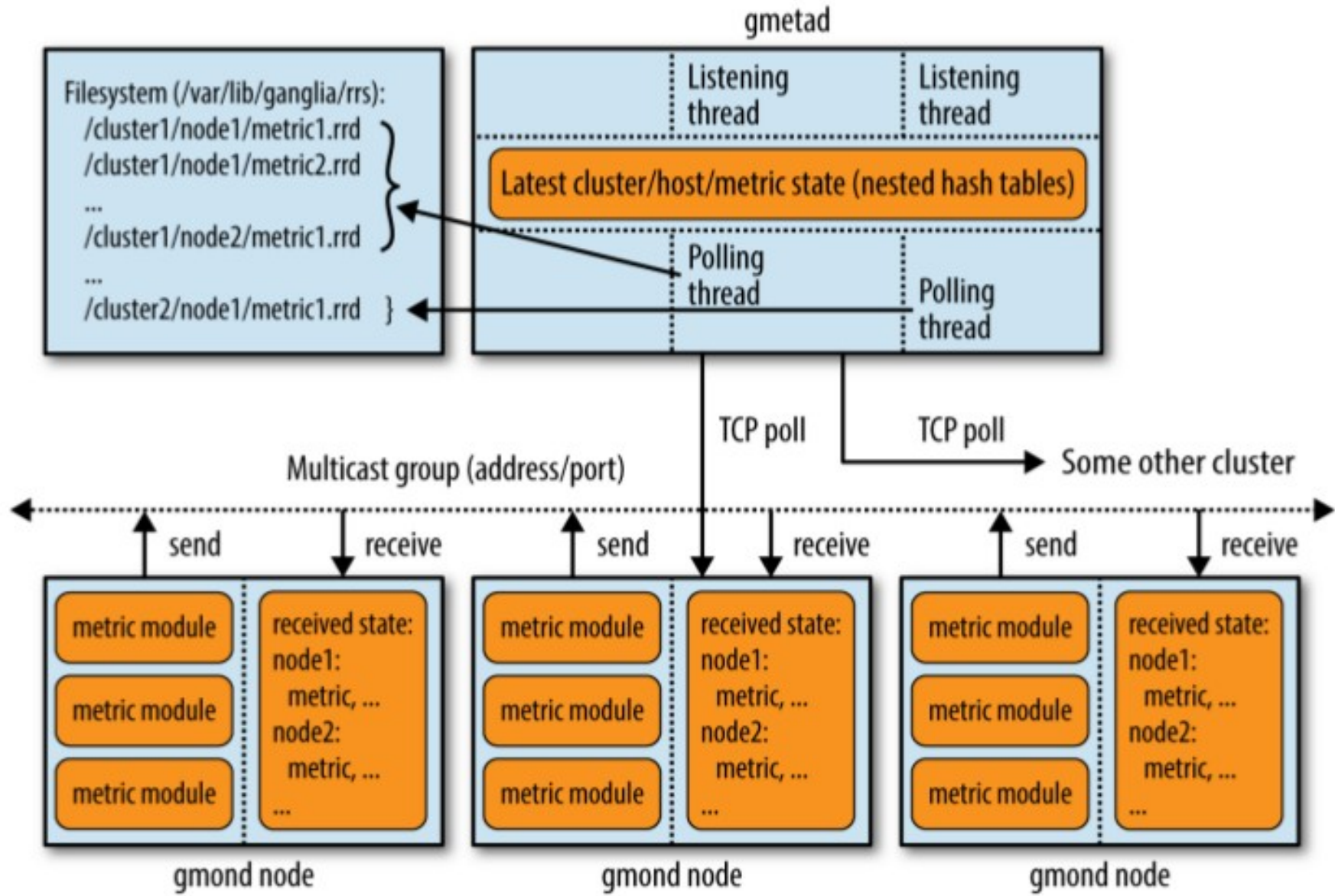
Deaf / mute multicast topology

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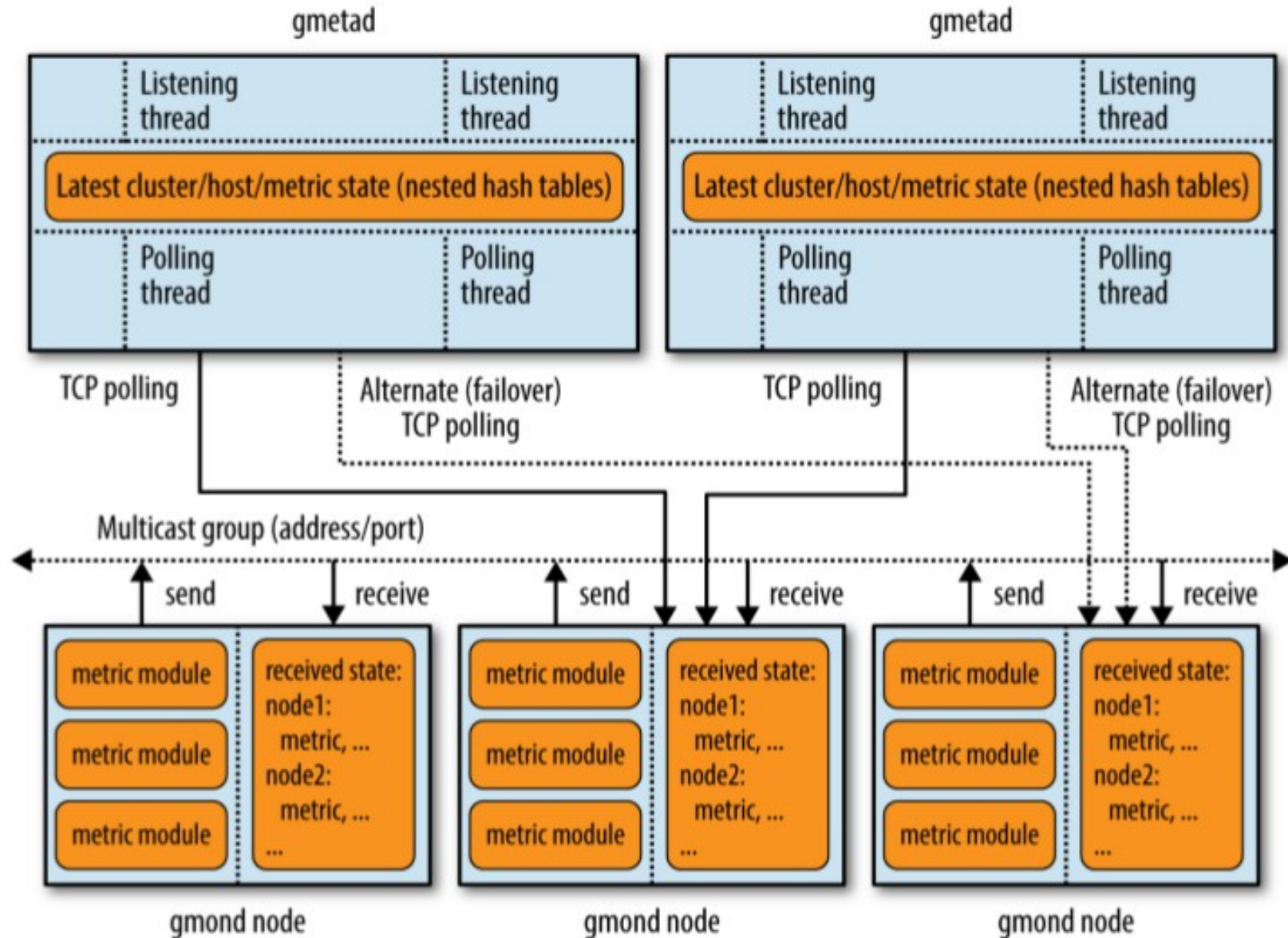
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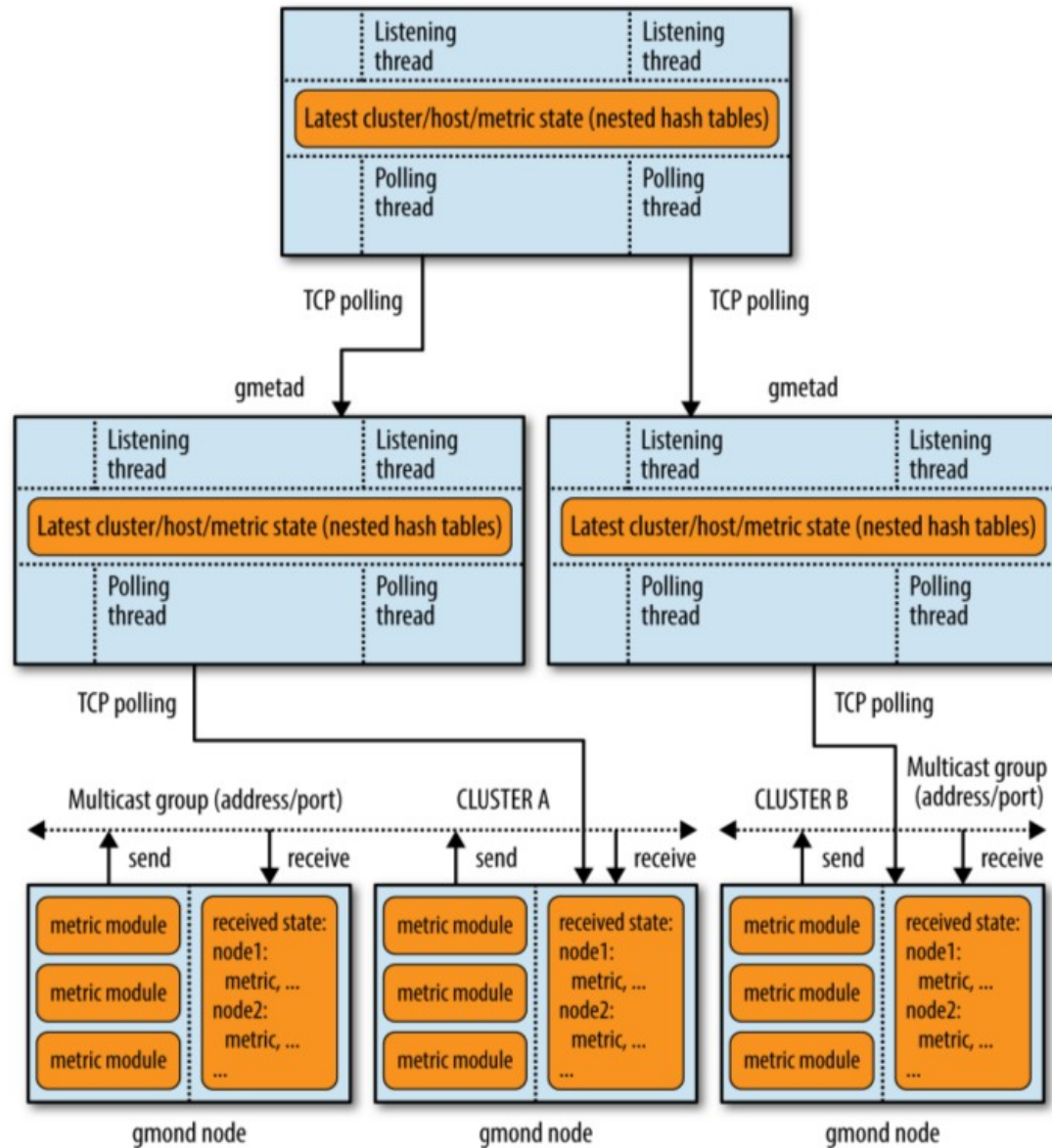
Gmetad topology

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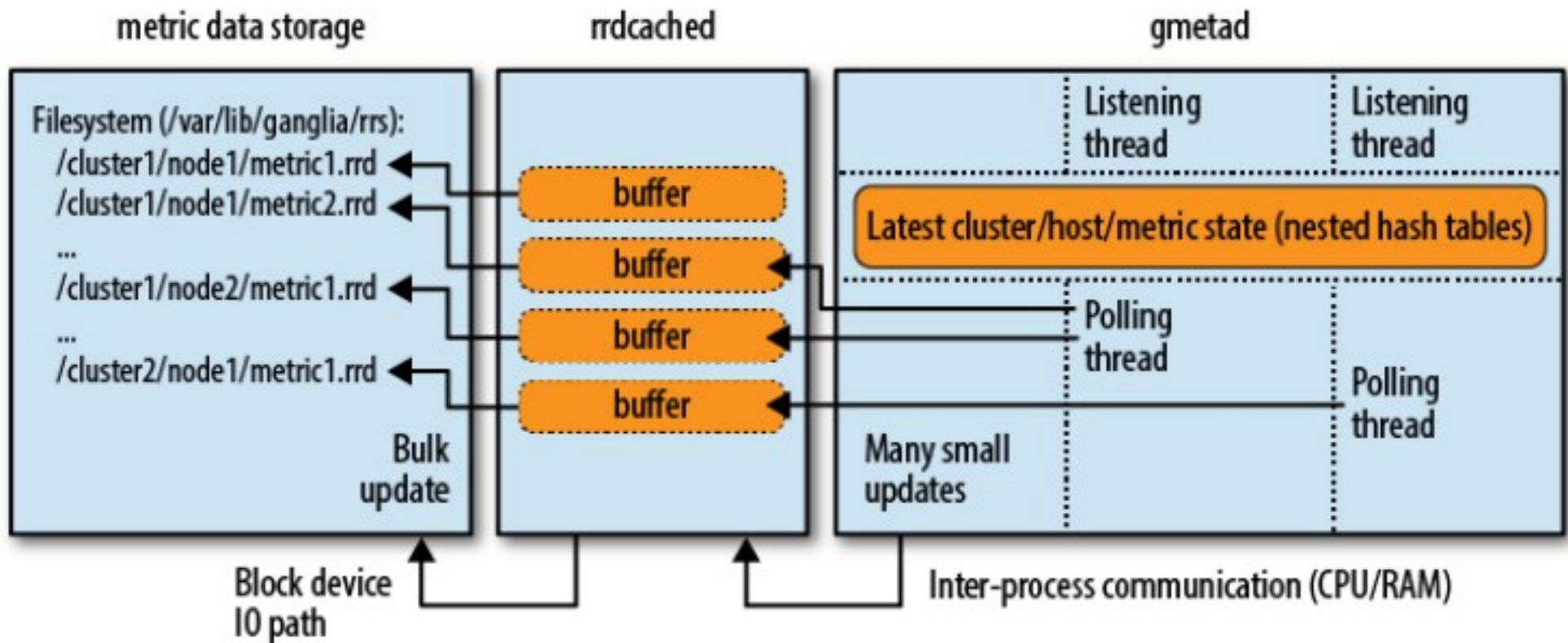
Gmetad HA topology (active - active)

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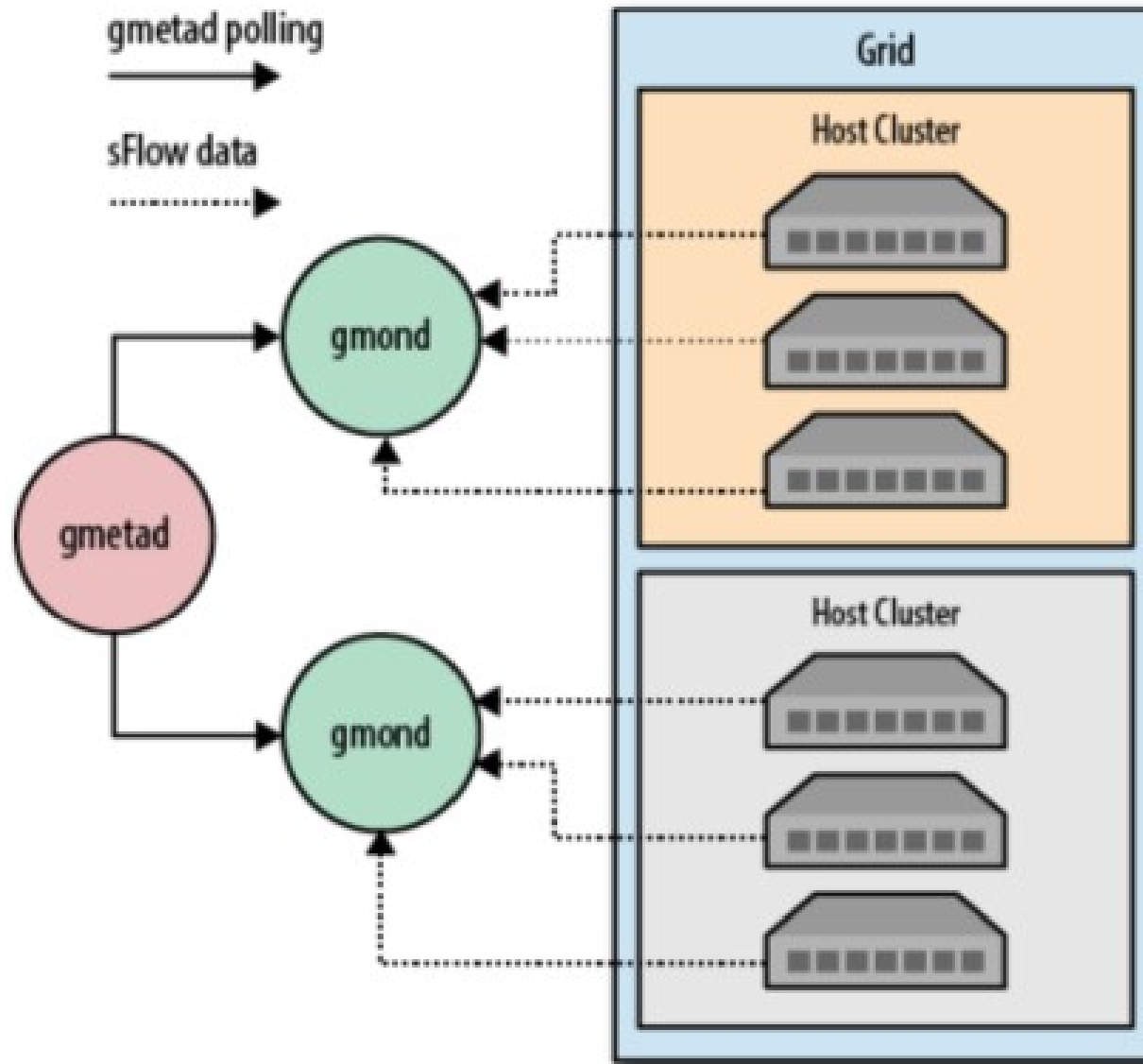


Gmetad hierarchical topology

Ganglia – RRDcached



Ganglia – sFlow

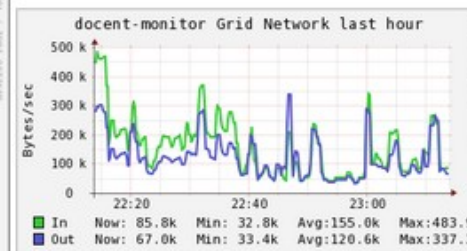
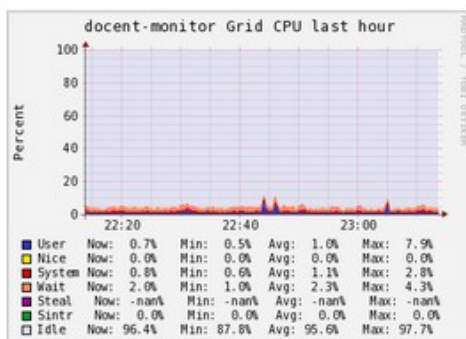
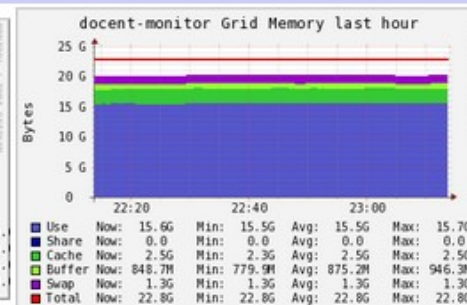
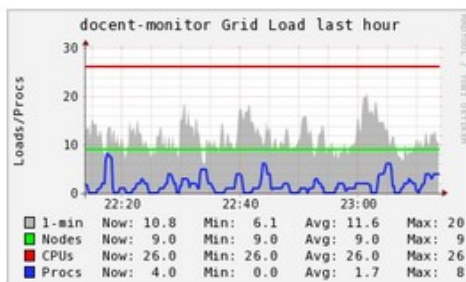


Ganglia – web (grid view)

docent-monitor Grid (3 sources) (tree view)

CPU's Total: 26
Hosts up: 9
Hosts down: 1

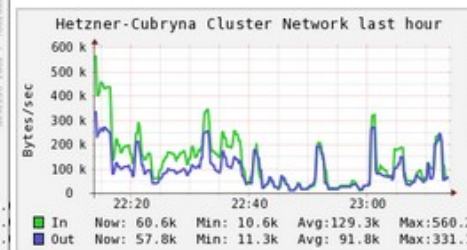
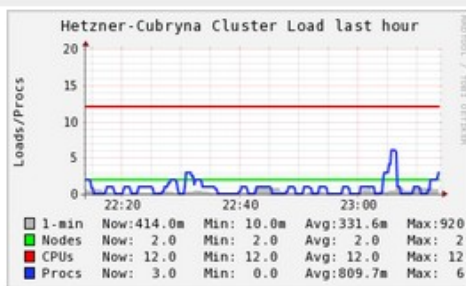
Current Load Avg (15, 5, 1m):
42%, 41%, 46%
Avg Utilization (last hour):
44%
Localtime:
2014-04-04 23:13



Hetzner-Cubryna (physical view)

CPU's Total: 12
Hosts up: 2
Hosts down: 0

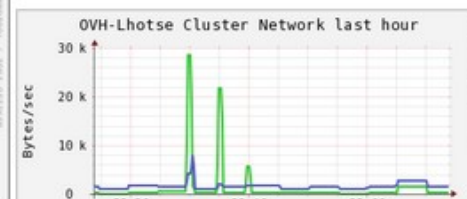
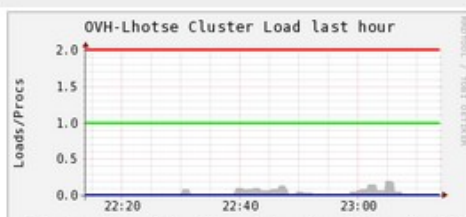
Current Load Avg (15, 5, 1m):
3%, 4%, 2%
Avg Utilization (last hour):
3%
Localtime:
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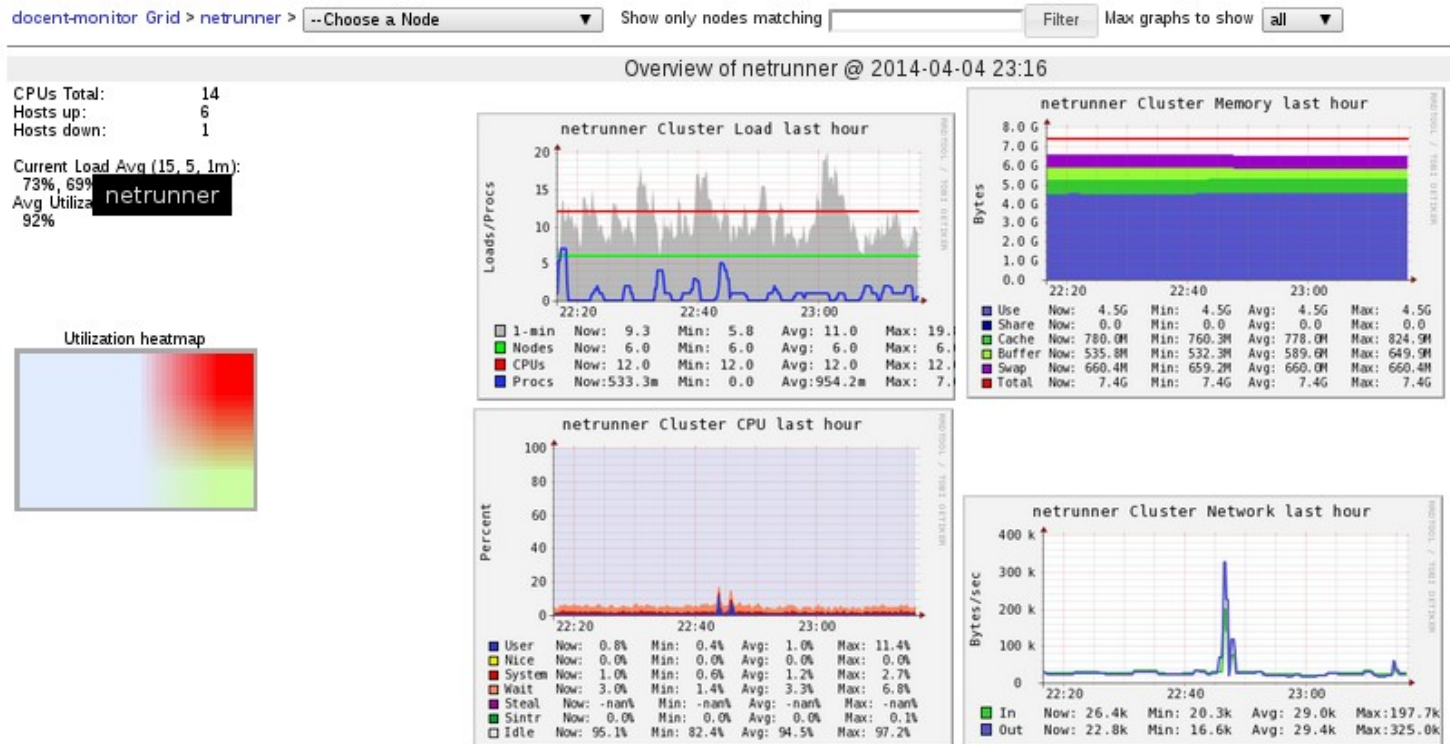
OVH-Lhotse (physical view)

CPU's Total: 2
Hosts up: 1
Hosts down: 0

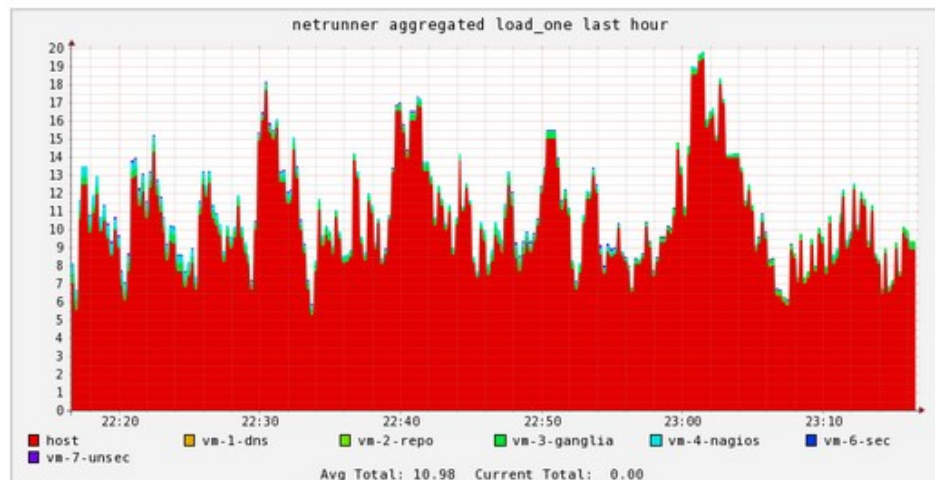
Current Load Avg (15, 5, 1m):
0%, 0%, 0%
Avg Utilization (last hour):
2%
Localtime:
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Ganglia – web (cluster view)



Stacked Graph - load_one



Ganglia – web (physical view)

docent-monitor Grid > netrunner > --Choose a Node ▼

netrunner cluster - Physical View | Columns 4 ▼

Verbosity level (Lower is more compact):
3 ● 2 ● 1 ●

Total CPUs: 14
Total Memory: 7.5 GB

Total Disk: 1240.8 GB
Most Full Disk: [vm-2-repo.netrunner.lasyk.info](#)
(79.7% Used)

vm-1-dns.netrunner.lasyk.info	0.10
vm-3-ganglia.netrunner.lasyk.info	0.42
cpu: 3.11 G (2) mem: 0.48 G	
vm-7-unsec.netrunner.lasyk.info	0.00
cpu: 3.11 G (2) mem: 0.23 G	
vm-2-repo.netrunner.lasyk.info	0.00
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host.netrunner.lasyk.info	2.89
cpu: 3.11 G (2) mem: 5.47 G	
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Legend

Node Name 1-min load
cpu: CPU clock (GHz) (num CPUs)
mem: Total Memory (GB)

Ganglia – web (host view)



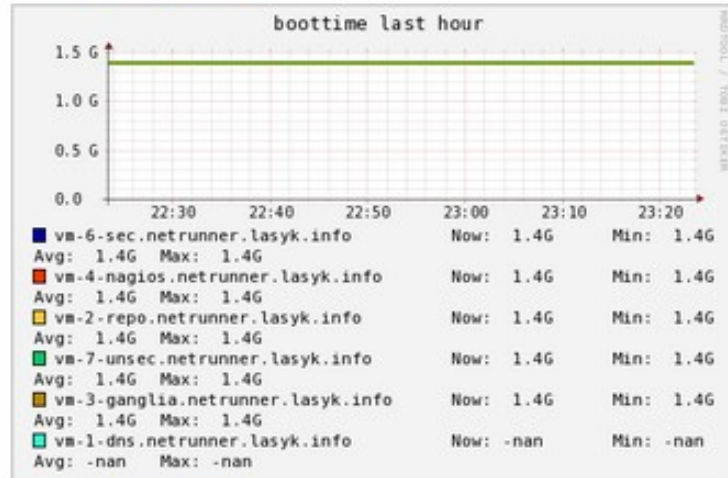
Ganglia – web (compare hosts)

Compare Hosts for Fri, 04 Apr 2014 23:23:19 +0200

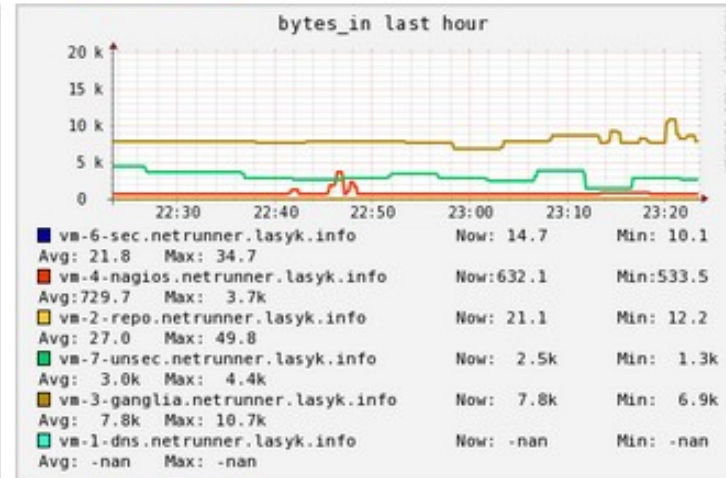
Last or from to

Enter host regular expression:

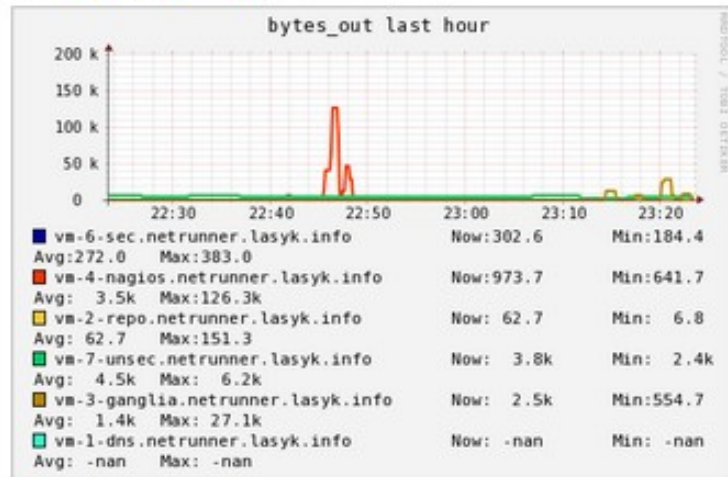
boottime



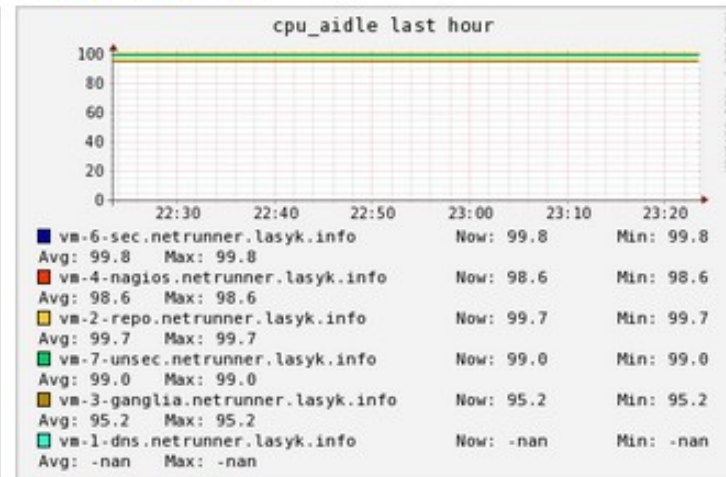
bytes_in



bytes_out



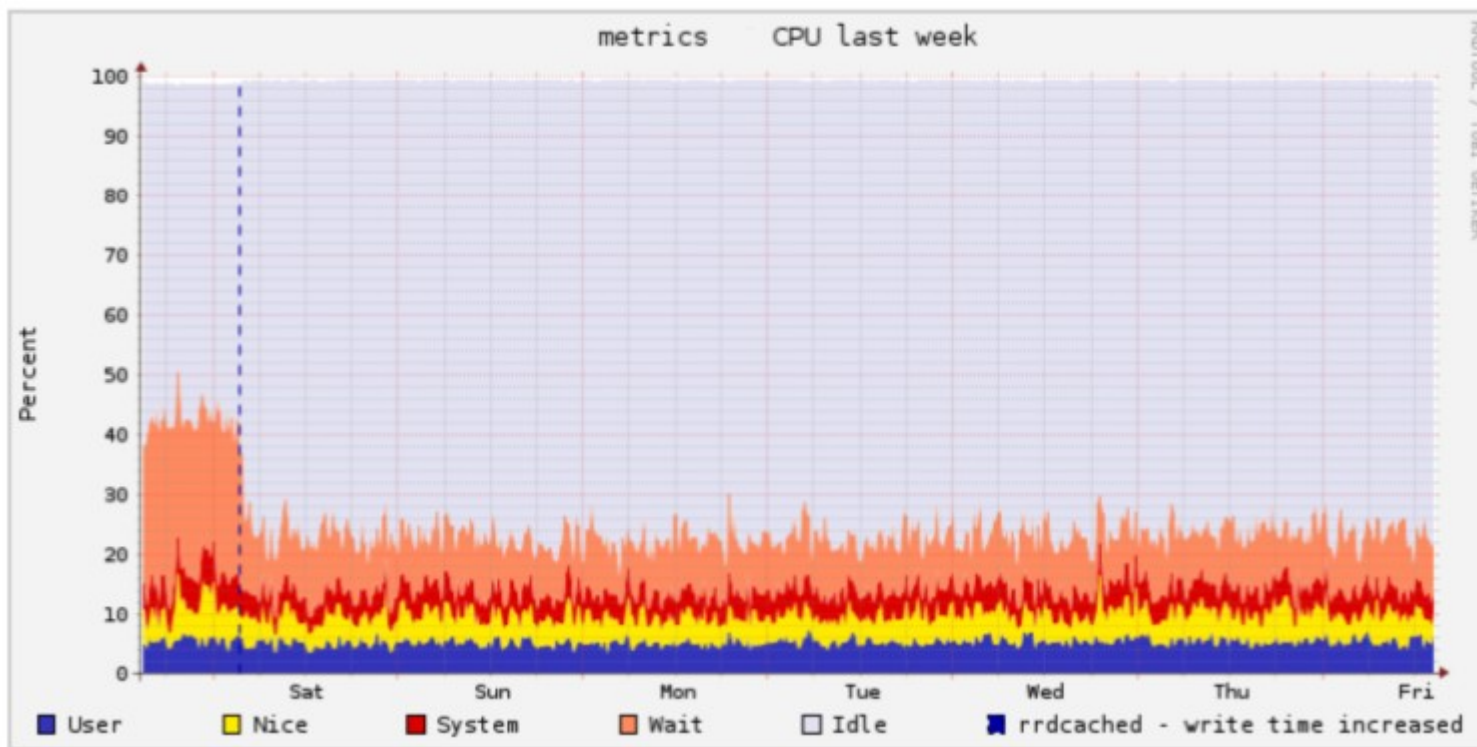
cpu_idle



cpu_idle

cpu_nice

Ganglia – web (events)



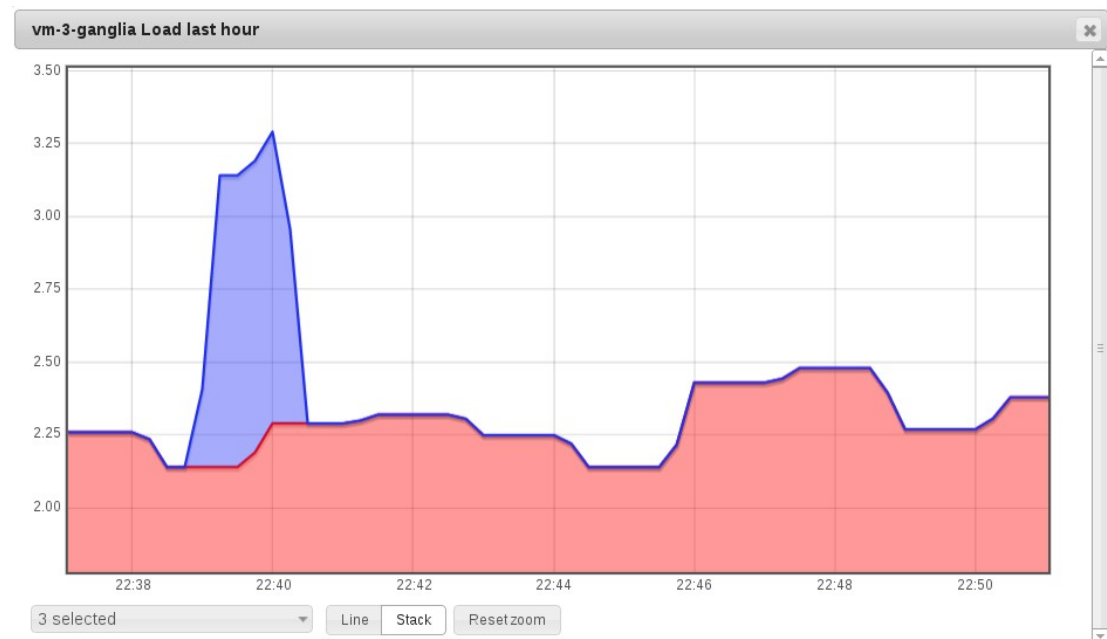
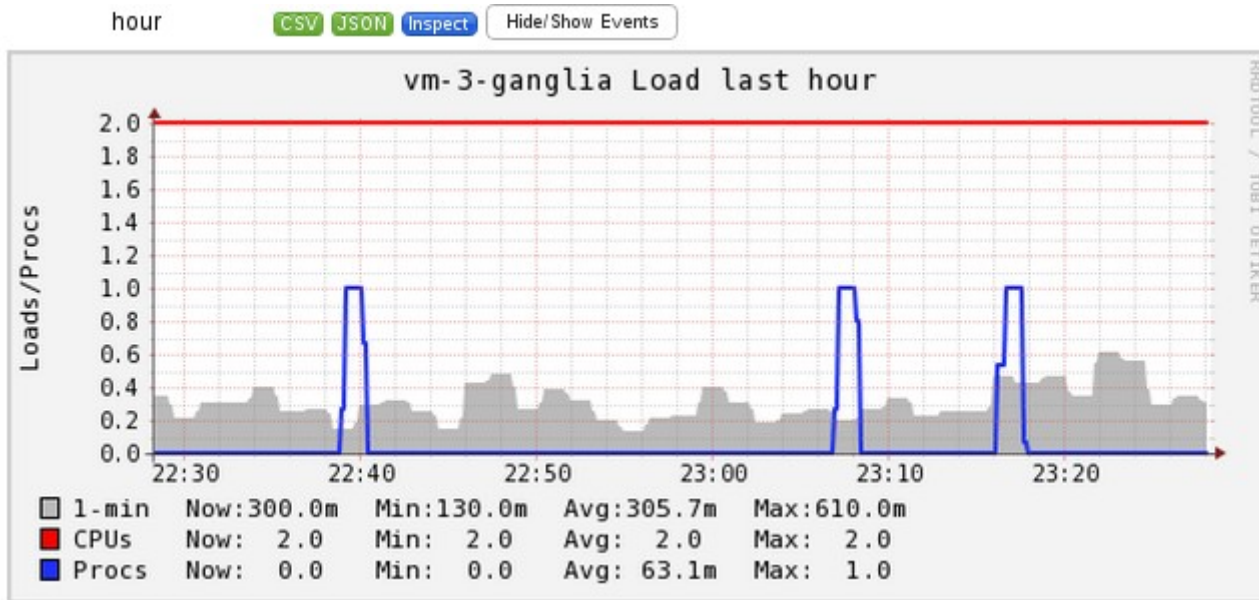
Events have API json based

Think – integration with whatever app :)

Ganglia – web (dashboards)

- Create view -> apply as dashboard
- Create dashboard from XML
- Generate graphs and add to views

Ganglia – web (graphs)



Ganglia – metrics

- base / extended metrics
- own modules
- c / c++
- mod_python
- spoofing
- gmetric
- gmetric4j / java
- Which to choose? gmetric / python / c/c++?

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Ganglia and logfiles?

ganglia-logtailer

- <https://bitbucket.org/maplebed/ganglia-logtailer>
- parser logfiles (realtime)
- pushes data to ganglia (via gmetric)
- yup – based on specific log formats
- yet still – open source so poke around ;)

So... Nagios + Ganglia!

3 ways of integration:

- ganglia-web/nagios (PHP & bash based)

<https://github.com/ganglia/ganglia-web>

- ganglia-nagios-bridge (Python & cron based)

<https://github.com/ganglia/ganglia-nagios-bridge>

- check-ganglia-metric (Python)

https://github.com/ganglia/ganglia_contrib

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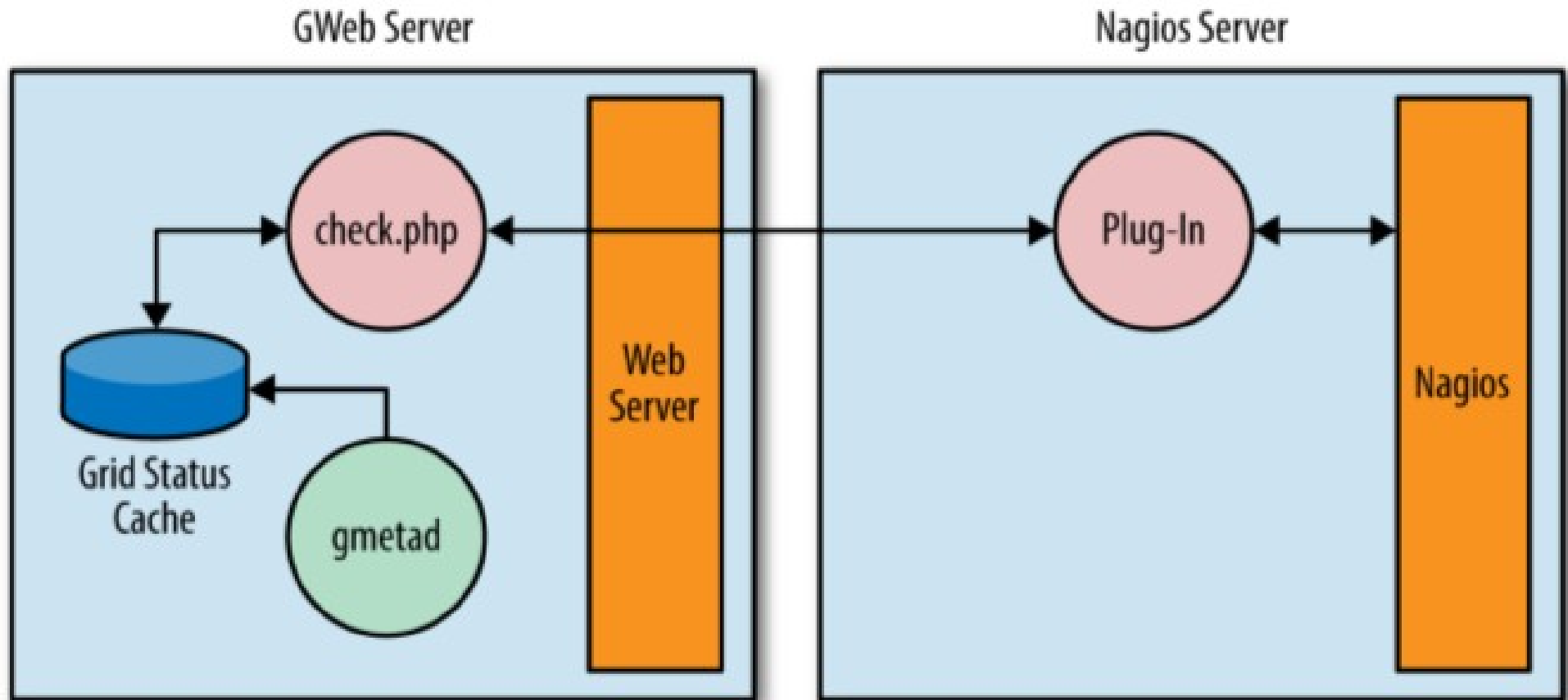
Sending Nagios Data to Ganglia

`service_perfdata_command`

Or replace Nagios checks with Ganglia!

- Check heartbeat.
- Check a single metric on a specific host.
- Check multiple metrics on a specific host.
- Check multiple metrics across a regex-defined range of hosts

Nagios + Ganglia: ganglia-web/nagios



Nagios pulls info from Ganglia via HTTP

Nagios + Ganglia: ganglia-nagios-bridge

- <https://github.com/ganglia/ganglia-nagios-bridge>
- Python script run in e.g. in crontab
- pulls data from Ganglia XML via sockets
- parses XML
- send data to Nagios
- Nagios commits only passive checks

Nagios + Ganglia: check_ganglia_metric

- https://pypi.python.org/pypi/check_ganglia_metric/
- basically Nagios plugin
- pulls data from Ganglia XML via sockets
- `check_ganglia_metric.py \`
 - `--gmetad_host=gmetad-server.example.com \`
 - `--metric_host=host.example.com --metric_name=cpu_idle`

Nagios + Ganglia

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Seriously – try yourself and test



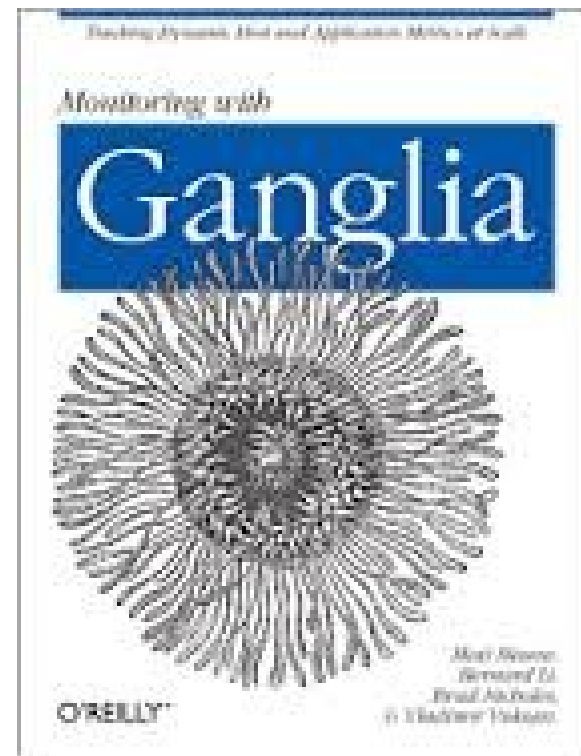
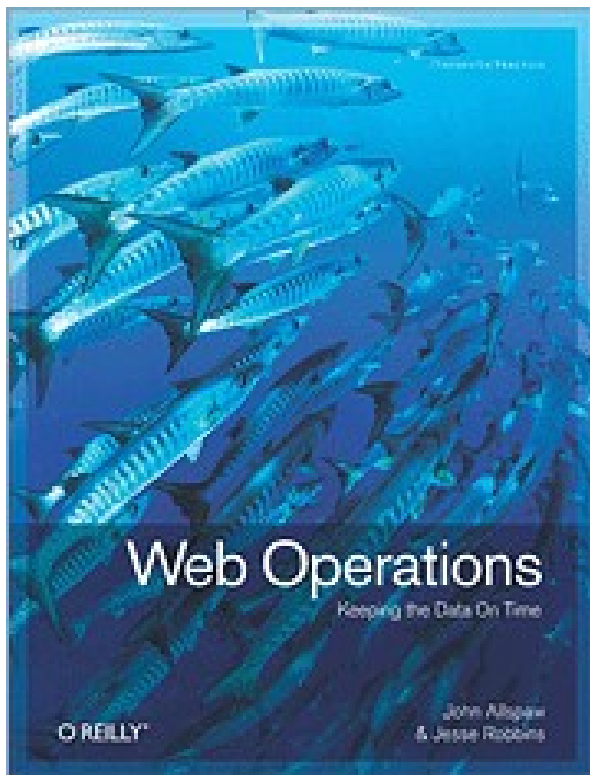
✚ WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Freenode #ganglia

<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/ganglia-general>

sources?

- “Monitoring with Ganglia” book
- also nagios.org
- and “Web Operations” book
- plus some experience ;)



Thank you :)

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