



# OpenStack at the Sanger Institute - the first 18 months in production

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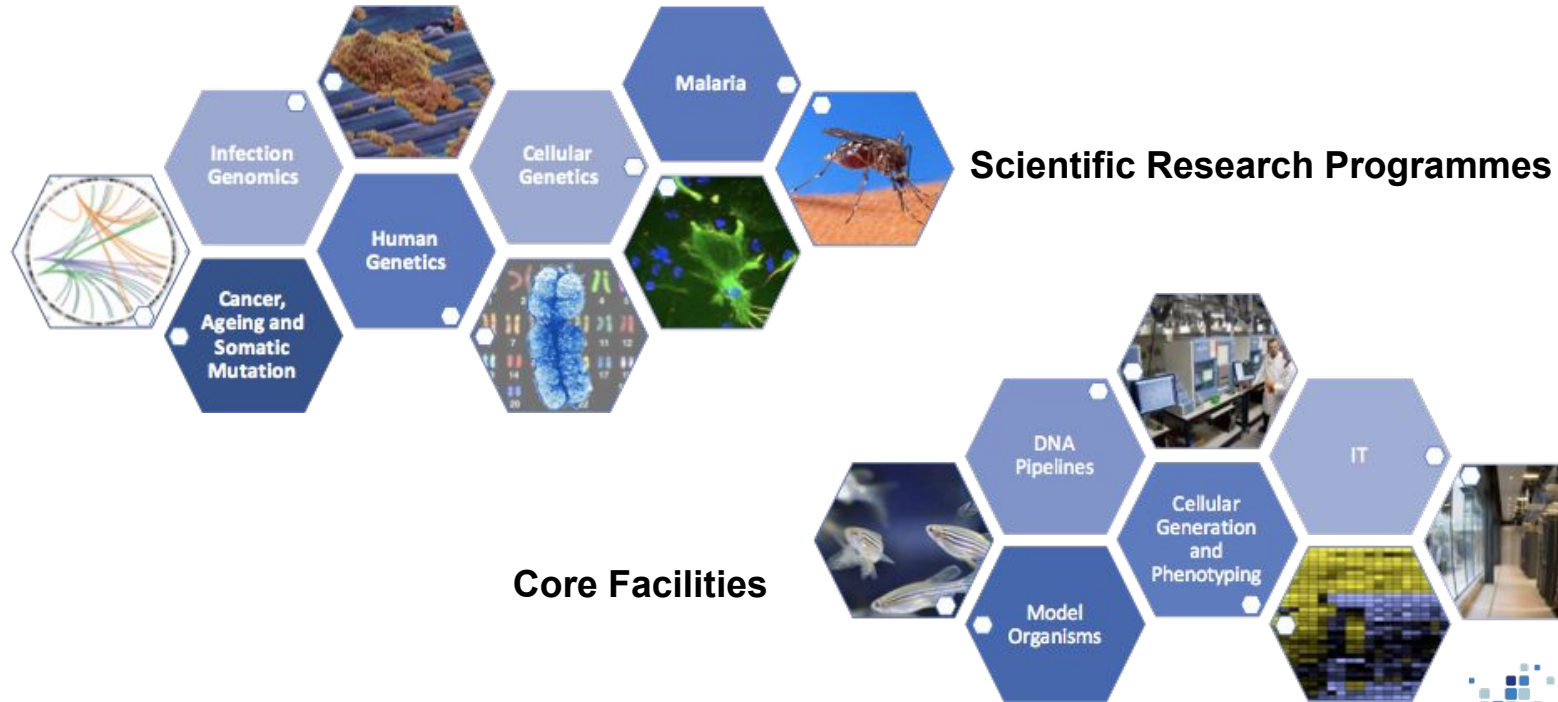


# What I'll talk about

- The Sanger Institute
- Motivations for using OpenStack
- Our journey
- Some decisions we made (and why)
- Some problems we encountered (and how we addressed them)
- Projects that are using OpenStack so far
- Next steps



# Sanger Science





# The Sanger Institute Traditional HPC Environment

LSF 9

~10,000 cores in main compute farm

~10,000 cores across smaller project-specific farms

~15PB Lustre high-performance storage

**Limited security** - “isolation” is based on POSIX file permissions

**Limited flexibility** - no root access, incompatible software dependencies etc

**Pipelines and stacks are complex, and scientific reproducibility is hard**

# HPC and cloud computing are complementary

## Traditional HPC

- Highest possible performance
- A mature and centrally managed compute platform
- High-performance Lustre filesystems for data intensive analysis



## Cloud compute

- Full segregation of projects ensures data security
- Developers no longer tied to a single stack
- Reproducibility through containers / images and infrastructure-as-code

# But there's a catch or two...

- Large number of traditional/legacy pipelines
  - They require a performant shared POSIX filesystem, while cloud workloads support object stores
- We do not always have the source code or expertise to migrate
- We need multi-gigabyte per second performance
- The tenant will have root
  - and could impersonate any user, but Lustre trusts the client's identity assertions, just like NFSv3
- The solution must be simple for the tenant and administrator

# The learning curve

2015

- Training and experiments with RHOSP6 (Juno)
- December: pilot "beta" system on cobbled-together hardware

2016

- Science-as-a-Service service for biotech spin-out customers
- July: Kilo "gamma" system for internal scientists. "Proper" Ceph storage.
- September: full scale hardware installation

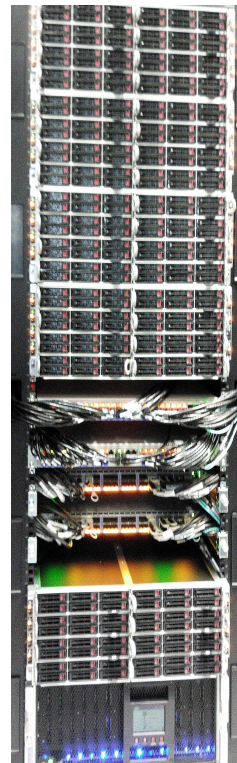
2017

- January: Production "delta" system opened to early adopters (RHOSP8, Liberty)
- February: Sanger Flexible Compute Environment announced
- August: test deployments of next iteration "epsilon" (RHOSP10, Newton)



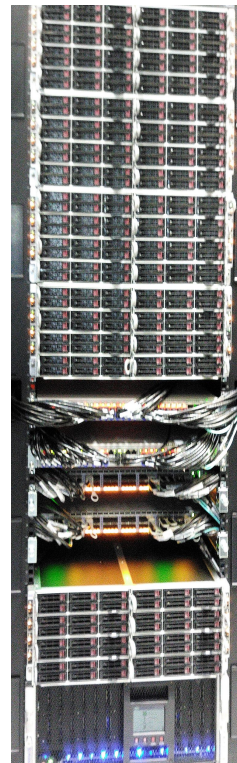
# Production hardware

- 107 Compute nodes (Supermicro) each with:
  - 512GB of RAM, 2x 25Gbit/s network interfaces,
  - 1x 960GB local SSD, 2x Intel E52690v4 (14 cores @ 2.6GHz)
- 6 Control nodes (Supermicro) allows 2 versions side by side
  - 256 GB RAM, 2x 100 Gbit/s network interfaces,
  - 1x 120 GB local SSD, 1x Intel P3600 NVMe (/var)
  - 2x Intel E52690v4 (14 cores @ 2.6GHz)
- Total of 53 TB of RAM, 2996 cores, 5992 with hyperthreading
- Red Hat OSP8 (“Liberty”) deployed with Triple-O



# Ceph

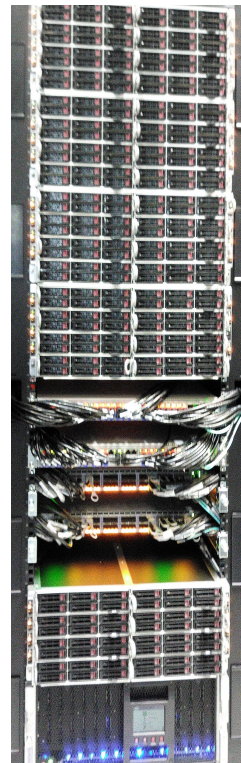
- 9 storage nodes (Supermicro) each with:
  - 512GB of RAM, 2x Intel E52690v4 (14 cores @ 2.6GHz)
  - 2x 100Gbit/s network interfaces,
  - 60x 6TB SAS discs, 2 system SSD, 4TB of Intel P3600 NVMe used for journal.
- Ubuntu Xenial, Ceph “Jewel”
- 3PB of disc space, 1PB usable.
- Single node (1.3 GBytes/sec write, 200 MBytes/sec read)
- Ceph benchmarks imply 7 GBytes/second.
- Rebuild traffic of 20 GBytes/second.

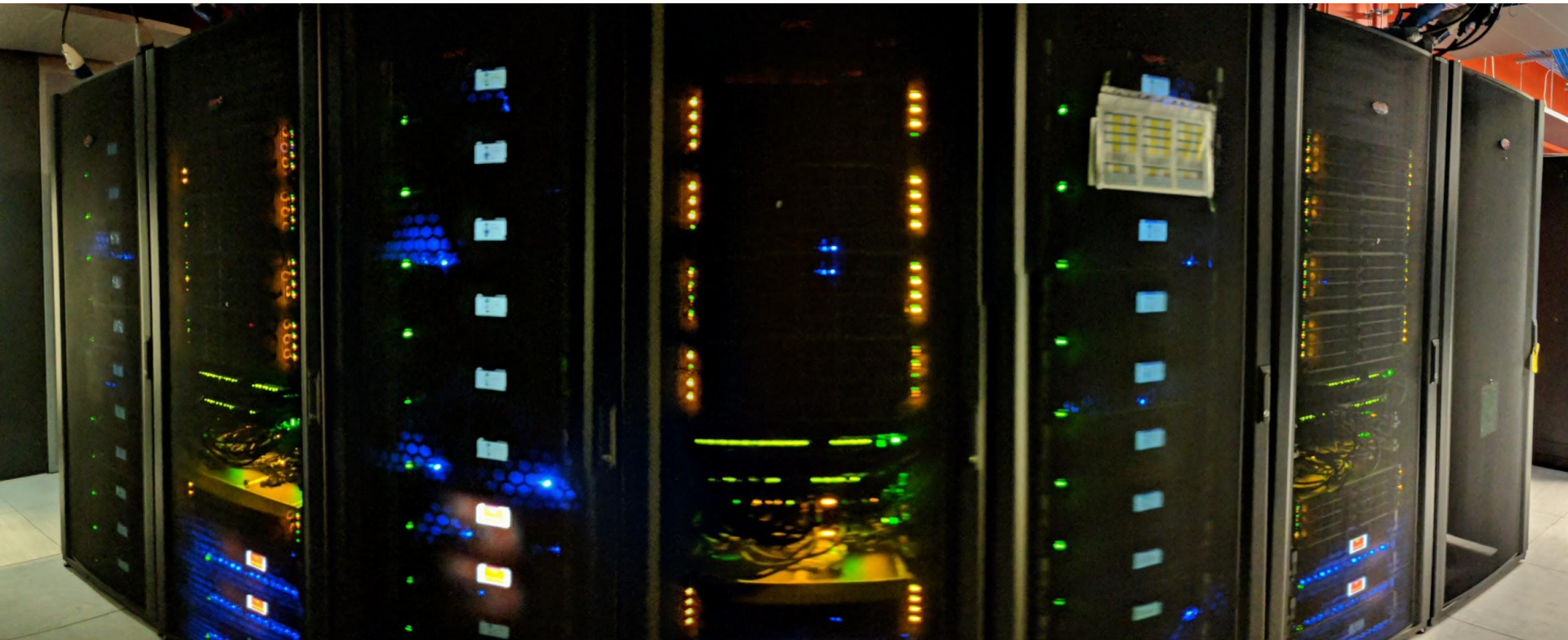


- 10 Arista 7060CX-32S switches.
  - 1U, 32 \* 100Gb/s -> 128 \* 25Gb/s
  - Hardware VXLAN support integrated with OpenStack \*
  - Layer two traffic limited to rack, VXLAN used inter-rack.
  - Layer three between racks and interconnect to legacy systems.
  - All network switch software can be upgraded without disruption.
  - 400 Gb/s from racks to spine, 160 Gb/s from spine to legacy systems.

(\* VXLAN in ml2 plugin not used in first iteration because of software issues)

- 3 racks of equipment, 24 kW load per rack.





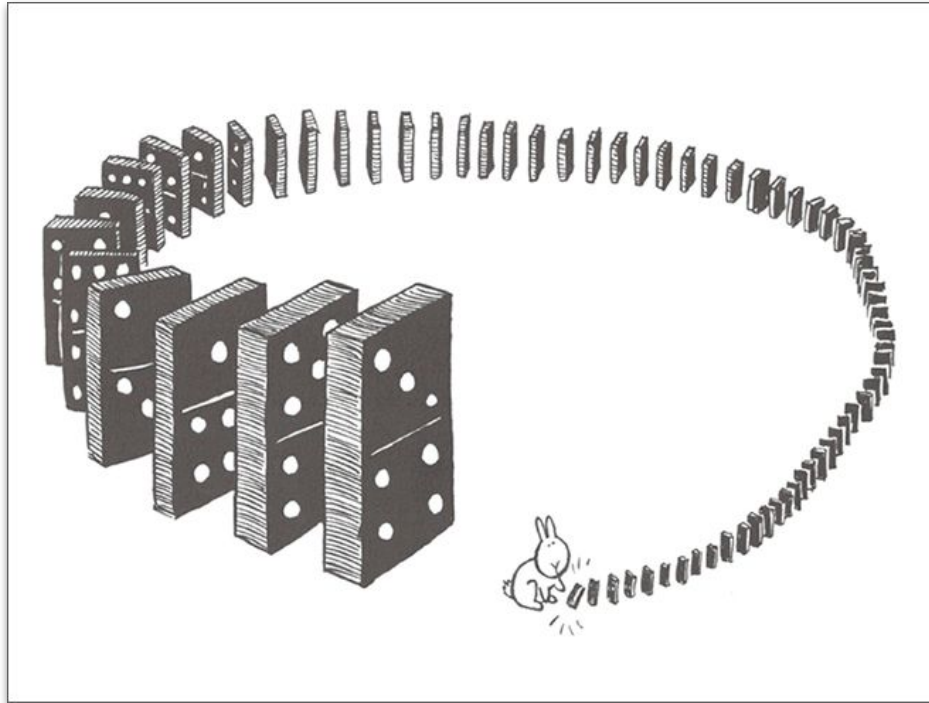
# Technologies



## Liberty (RHOSP8) - “Delta”

- default file descriptor limits for Glance, Cinder, RabbitMQ etc way too low
- NIC hardware acceleration works fine with the correct kernel/driver (thanks to Mellanox)
- races when scheduling many instances; mitigate by directing nova\_osapi to a “primary” server
- faulty fibres caused NIC flaps and RabbitMQ problems

# RabbitMQ



Andy Riley's "Bunny Suicides"



## Liberty (RHOSP8) - “Delta”

- not enough hypervisor memory reserved, neutron-openvswitch-agent fails to allocate memory
- various package upgrades (Glance, Neutron, Dnsmasq etc) for particular bugs encountered or security fixes
- work with Arista on portchannel/LACP instability





# Ceph

- standalone Ceph to support multiple OpenStack deployments
- generally robust in the face of spontaneous machine hangs and rack failures
- OSD start-up race due to single shared lock
- niggles with ceph-ansible

# Ansible for customisation

- scheduler tweaks (stack not spread, CPU/RAM overcommit)
- hypervisor tweaks (instance root disk on Ceph or hypervisor)
- enable SSL for Horizon and API
- change syslog destination
- add “MOTD” to Horizon login page
- change session timeouts
- register systems with RedHat
- and more...



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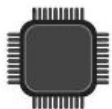
- but deployer's Puppet overwrites some of these

# Monitoring

- evolving from “bare minimum” to customer and engineer views, scorecard/availability report
- custom Nagios scripts, active and passive checks
- Grafana for metrics
- rsyslog and ELK for logging



## Flexible Compute OpenStack (Delta)



### Compute

- ✓ Heat API Health
- ✓ Instance Creation



### User Interfaces

- ✓ Horizon Web Interface
- ✓ CloudForms Web Interface



### Storage





























- ✓ S3 Buckets Status
- ✓ Cinder (Volume Service)
- ✓ Glance (Images)




### Network

- ✓ Neutron API

## HPC Services

 farm3 LSF	 scratch114	 Zeta VM creation	 Zeta controllers
 cgp LSF	 scratch115	 S3 interface	 Zeta compute
 pcs5 LSF	 scratch116	 Cinder (volume)	 Ceph nodes
 sf2 LSF	 scratch117	 Glance (image)	 CloudForms VMs
 vr LSF	 scratch118	 Neutron (network)	 Zeta undercloud
 farm3 login nodes	 scratch119	 Horizon (web UI)	
 iRODS		 CloudForms	
 globus			
 ELK stack			
 UKB seq-stor			

 OK	 Acknowledged/Maintenance
 Warning Threshold Breached	 No Data Available
 Critical Threshold Breached	

↓ Host	↑ Service	↓ Status	↑ Duration	↓ Attempt	↑ Last Check	↑ Status Information
zeta.internal.sanger.ac.uk  	Cinder API Health 	Ok	3d 15h 48m 50s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:21:55	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 754 bytes in 0.196 second response time
	Glance-API and Glance-Registry API Health 	Ok	3d 15h 49m 30s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:22:47	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 22609 bytes in 0.244 second response time
	HAProxy Health 	Ok	3d 15h 51m 31s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:20:57	HAPROXY OK - nova_placement (Active: 3/3) glance_api (Active: 3/3) heat_cfn (Active: 3/3) gnocchi (Active: 3/3) nova_novncproxy (Active: 3/3) nova_metadata (Active: 3/3) redis (Active: 1/3) keystone_admin (Active: 3/3) panko (Active: 1/3) heat_api (Activ
	Heat API Health 	Ok	3d 15h 50m 26s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:24:11	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 223 bytes in 0.274 second response time
	Horizon Web GUI Health 	Ok	3d 15h 50m 35s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:21:55	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 9690 bytes in 0.036 second response time
	Instance Creation  	Ok	3d 3h 3m 58s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:20:43	OK success - test duration 40.253437289 seconds
	Keystone-Public-SSL API Health 	Ok	3d 15h 52m 3s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:21:23	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 513 bytes in 0.010 second response time
	Neutron agent status  	Ok	3d 15h 50m 36s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:25:03	OK
	Neutron API Health 	Ok	3d 15h 48m 7s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:24:09	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 265 bytes in 0.008 second response time
	Nova service status  	Ok	3d 15h 50m 36s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:25:03	OK
	OpenStack database backup status	Ok	10d 2h 52m 12s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:24:35	OK latest backup overcloud_db_zeta-ctrl0_20181109_010001.tar.bz2 is 11 hours old
	Ping 	Ok	3d 15h 52m 46s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:24:54	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.16 ms
	SSH 	Ok	3d 15h 54m 27s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:21:16	SSH OK - OpenSSH_7.4 (protocol 2.0)
	SSL Certificate	Ok	3d 15h 52m 53s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:24:32	OK - Certificate '*.internal.sanger.ac.uk' will expire on Sat 18 Jan 2020 11:11:00 GMT.

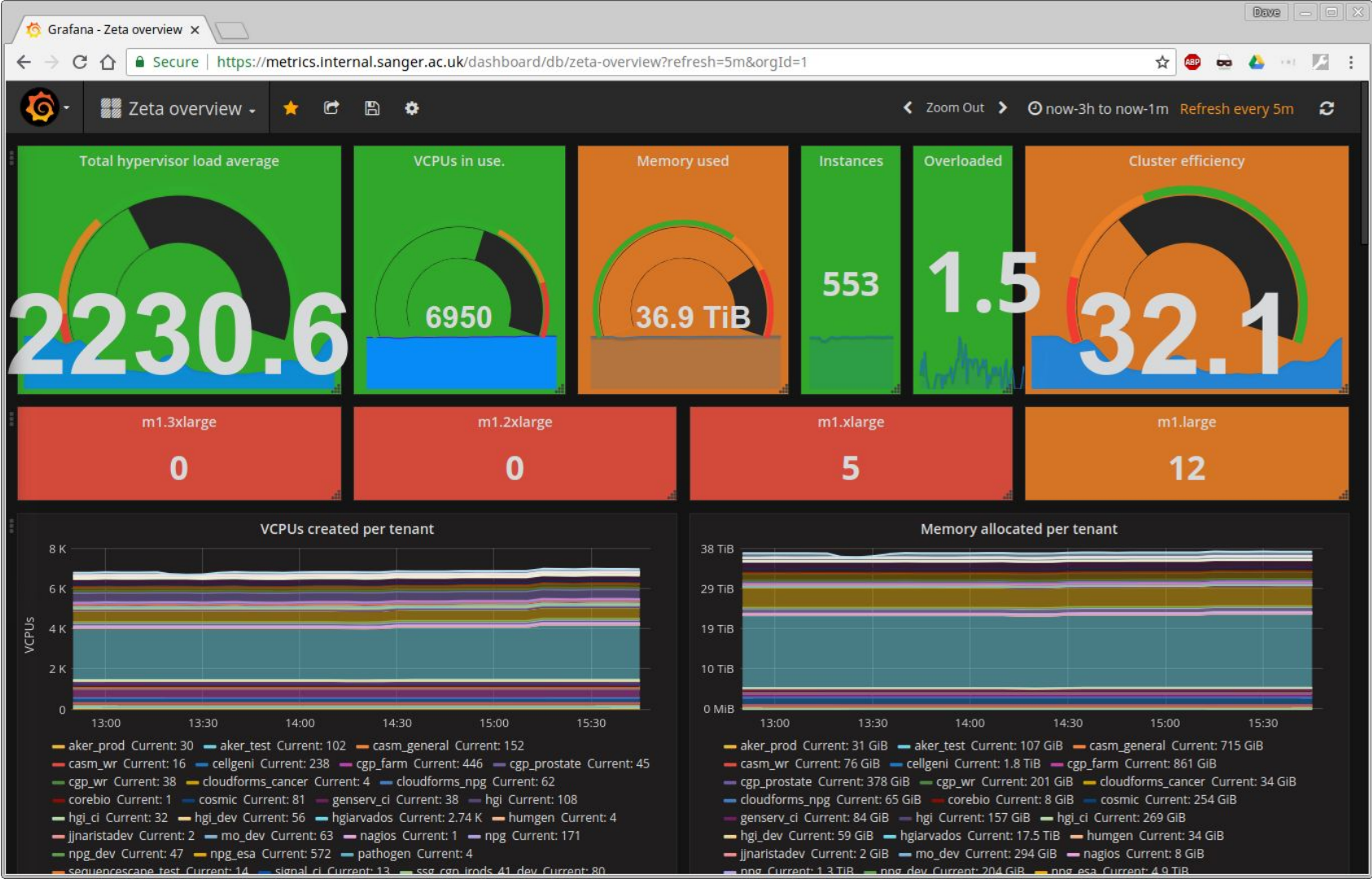


Host	Service	Status	Duration	Attempt	Last Check	Status Information
zeta-ctrl0	/ Disk Usage	Ok	3d 16h 7m 54s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:37:10	/: 12%used(13284MB/113940MB) (<80%) : OK
	/var Disk Usage	Ok	3d 16h 7m 40s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:37:22	/var: 14%used(135162MB/938763MB) (<80%) : OK
	Galera status	Ok	3d 16h 2m 15s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:37:12	HTTP OK: Status line output matched "HTTP/1.1 200 OK" - 116 bytes in 0.114 second response time
	Neutron agent status	Ok	3d 15h 57m 50s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:35:10	DHCP agent OK. L3 agent OK. Open vSwitch agent OK. Loadbalancerv2 agent OK. Metadata agent OK.
	Nova service status	Ok	3d 16h 52m 46s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:35:13	nova-scheduler OK. nova-conductor OK. nova-consoleauth OK.
	Pacemaker status	Ok	3d 16h 2m 58s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:35:01	OK no problems found
	Ping	Ok	3d 16h 7m 32s	1/2	09/11/2018 12:37:04	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.18 ms
	RabbitMQ status	Ok	2d 0h 42m 53s	1/1	09/11/2018 12:35:07	OK everything looks OK
	SSH	Ok	3d 16h 4m 41s	1/5	09/11/2018 12:37:22	SSH OK - OpenSSH_7.4 (protocol 2.0)

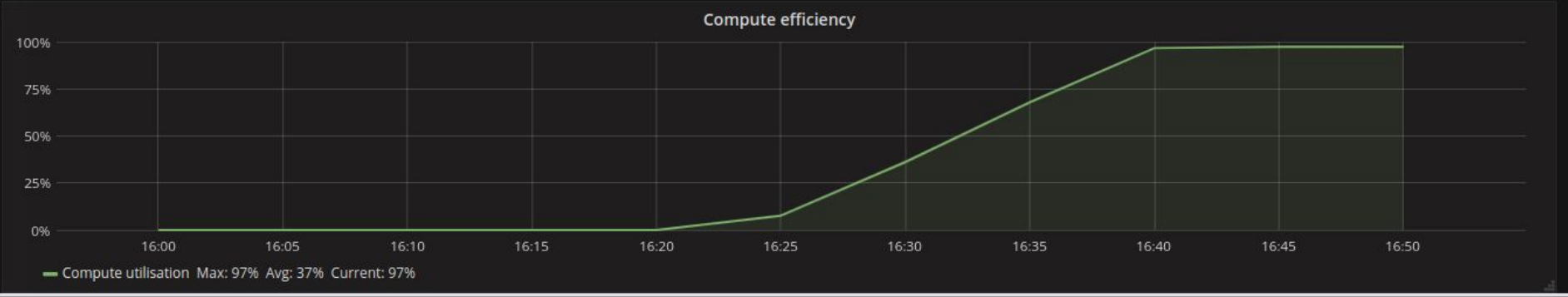
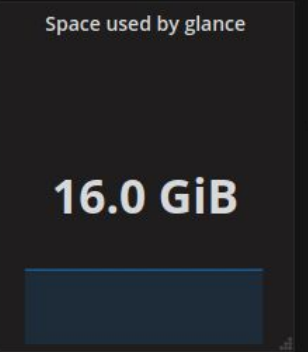
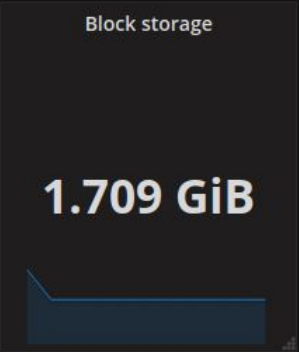
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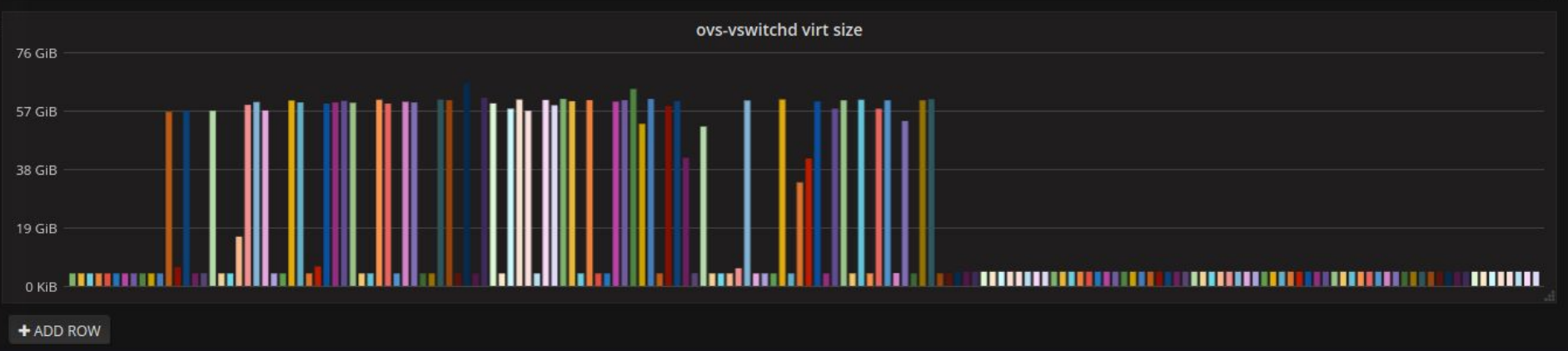
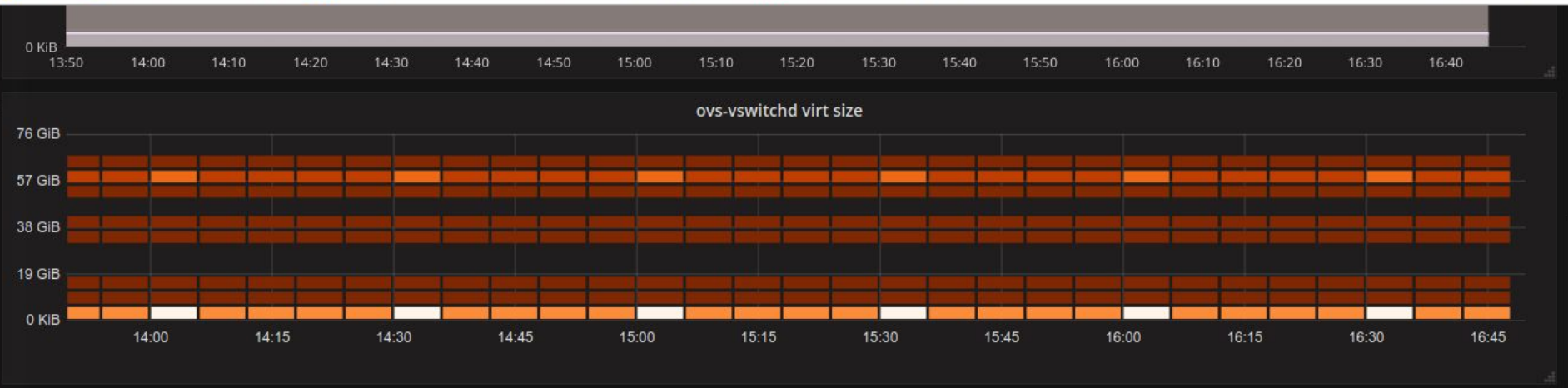
- collectd + libvirtd + Python graphitesend
- custom scripts to aggregate CPU use for efficiency “score”
- need to scale up number of carbon-cache processes
- Grafana dashboards





project ssg\_lsg





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Metric type: Interfaces

### Viewing 4 metrics for 1 interface

Metric view: Graphs grouped by interface

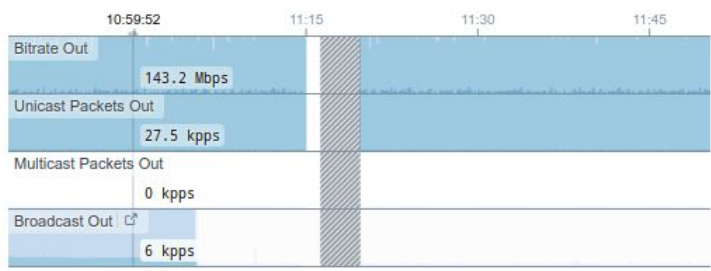
#### Metrics

- Metric or group
- Multicast Packets In
  - Broadcast In
  - Tx Traffic Rate
    - Bitrate Out
    - Unicast Packets Out
    - Multicast Packets Out
    - Broadcast Out

#### Interfaces

- Device or interface
- Ethernet16/3
  - Ethernet16/4
  - Ethernet17/1
  - Ethernet17/2
  - Ethernet17/3
  - Ethernet17/4
  - Ethernet18/1

#### Ethernet17/1 on leaf-3-1



# Upgrades and expansions

# Newton (RHOSP10) - “Epsilon”



- experiment for experience of “sidegrade”
- not released beyond guinea pigs

# Pike (RHOSP12) - “Zeta”

- current production system
- many of our original customisations and fixes no longer necessary
- side-by-side upgrade was time-consuming (live migration not working in Liberty)



## Pike (RHOSP12) - “Zeta”

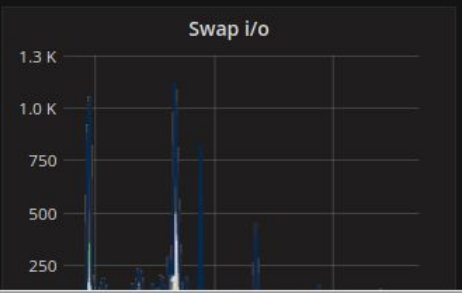
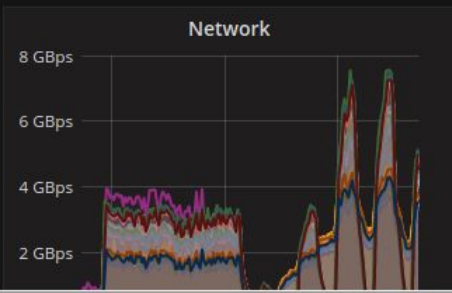
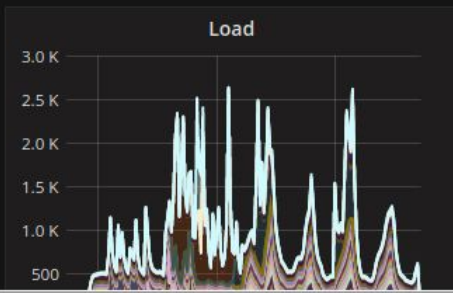
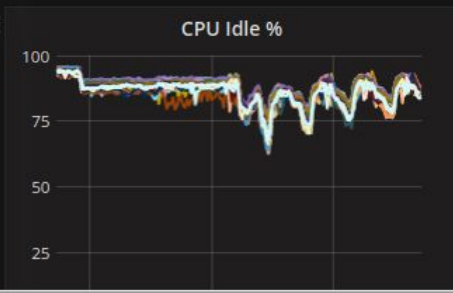
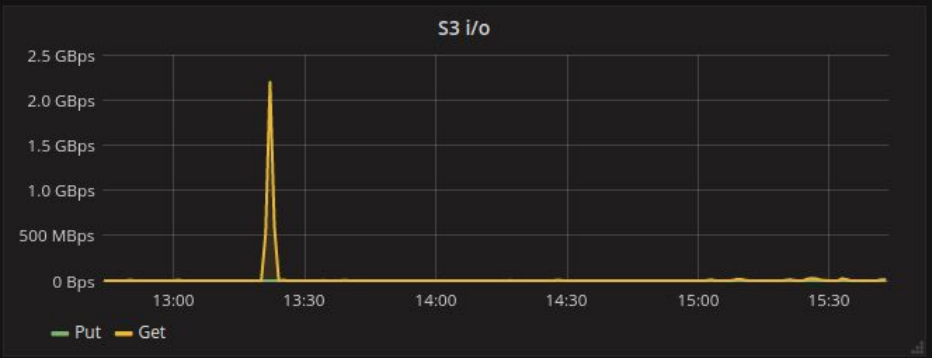
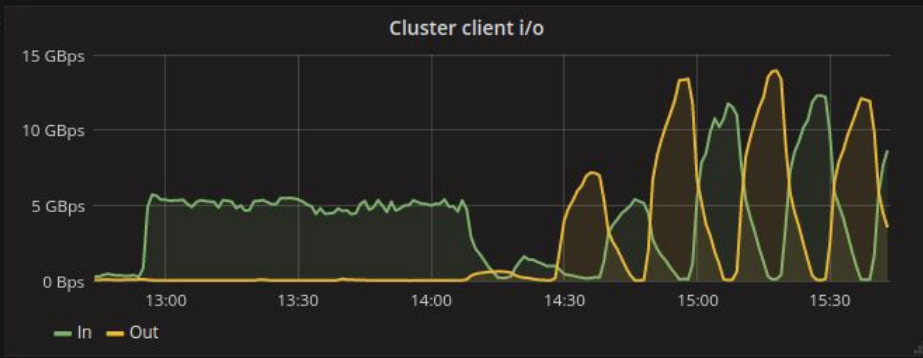
- containerised overcloud services mean different ways of managing/customising services
- tenant networks can be VLAN via Arista ml2 plugin (but still VXLAN by default)
- enabled CPU overcommit, 8x, “o1.\*” flavours
- enabled jumbo frames
- instance live migration works out of the box

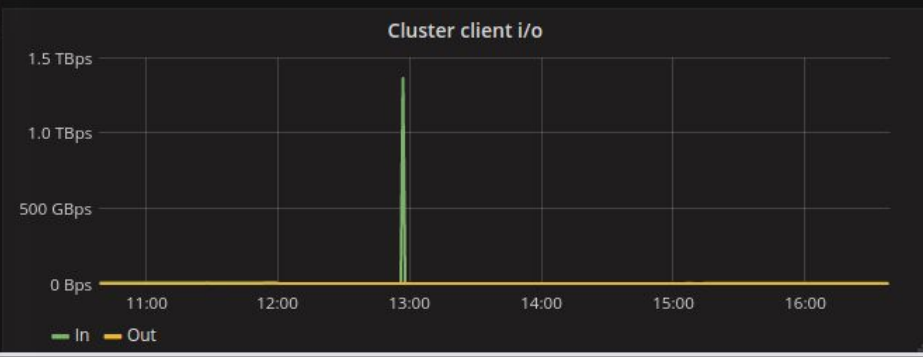
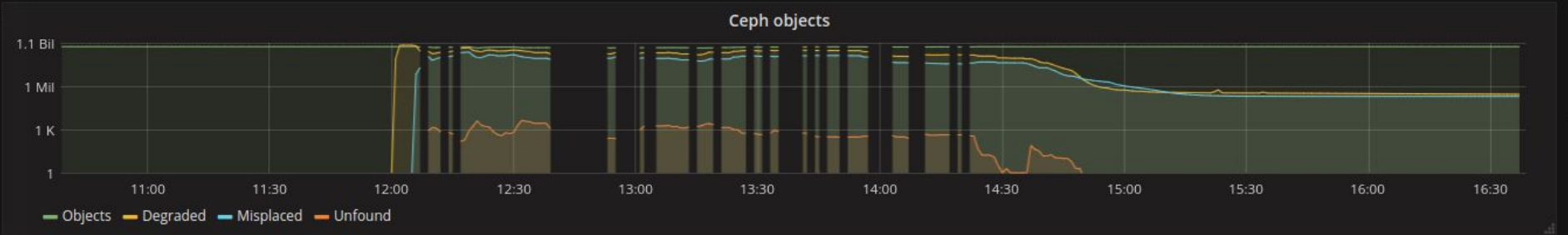




# Ceph growth

- expansion: 1PB → 4.5PB usable  
9 servers → 51 servers  
540 OSDs → 3060 OSDs
- current use: 1.3PB as S3 objects, 800TB as Cinder volumes





# Expansion and growth

- entire system physically relocated in July 2018 due to power requirements
- 67 compute nodes added during September and October 2018, another 32 to add shortly





# Enhancements

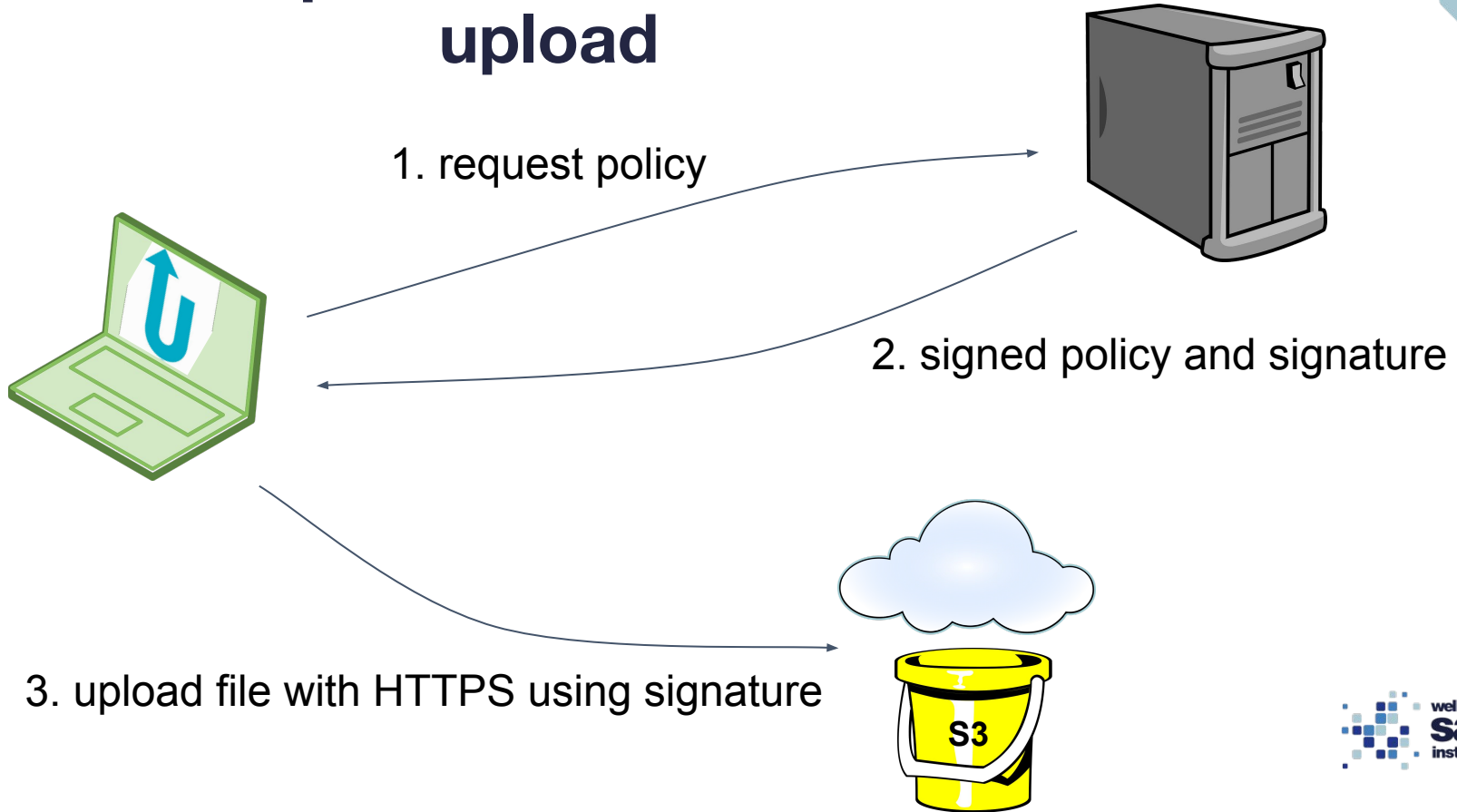


# Ceph

- radosgw S3 pre-signed URLs as a stand-in for bucket policies
- FineUploader JavaScript framework
- radosgw bug (presence of Content-Type in upload policy) through ceph-users, ceph-devel, Red Hat support, to release



# Ceph/S3 - secure file upload



# Ceph

- automated radosgw/S3 public bucket scan

```
From: ssg-isg@sanger.ac.uk
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2018 00:01:26 +0100
To: dh3@sanger.ac.uk
Subject: S3 public-readable bucket warning
```

Hello dh3,

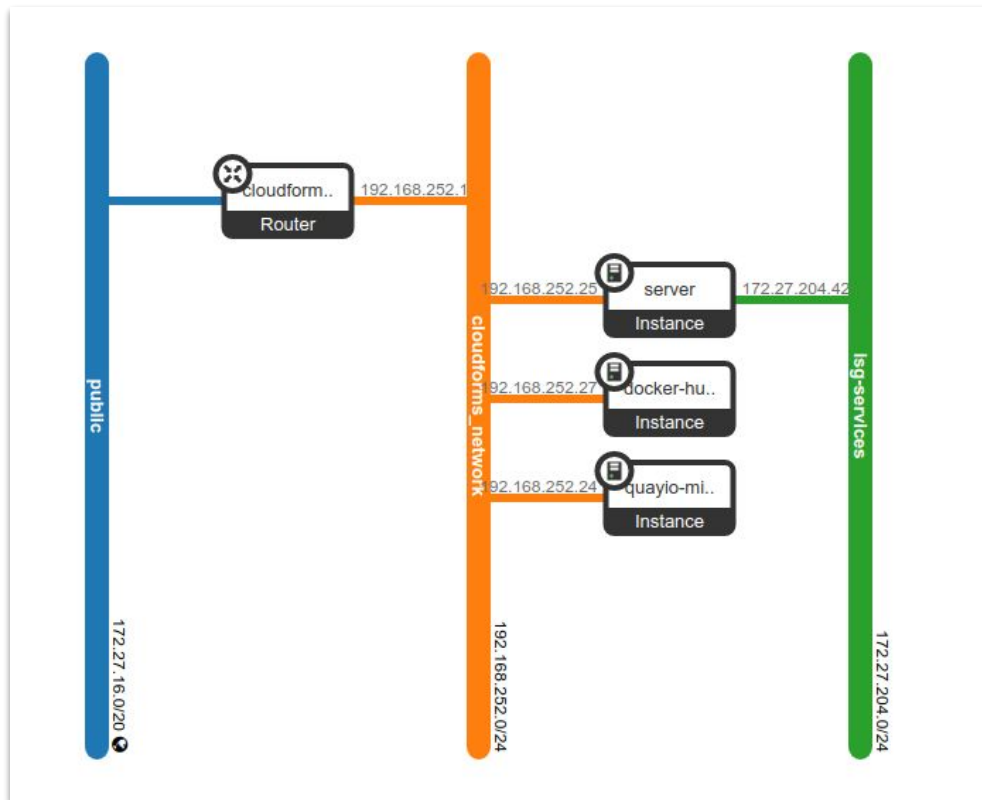
A recent review showed that you have public-readable rgw/S3 bucket(s):

frobnitz public

This means that the contents are accessible by anyone on the Internet, without authentication. If this is not your intention, please address this URGENTLY, e.g. with both these commands:

```
s3cmd setacl s3://bucketname --acl-private
s3cmd setacl s3://bucketname --acl-private -r
```

# Provider networks





# Provider networks

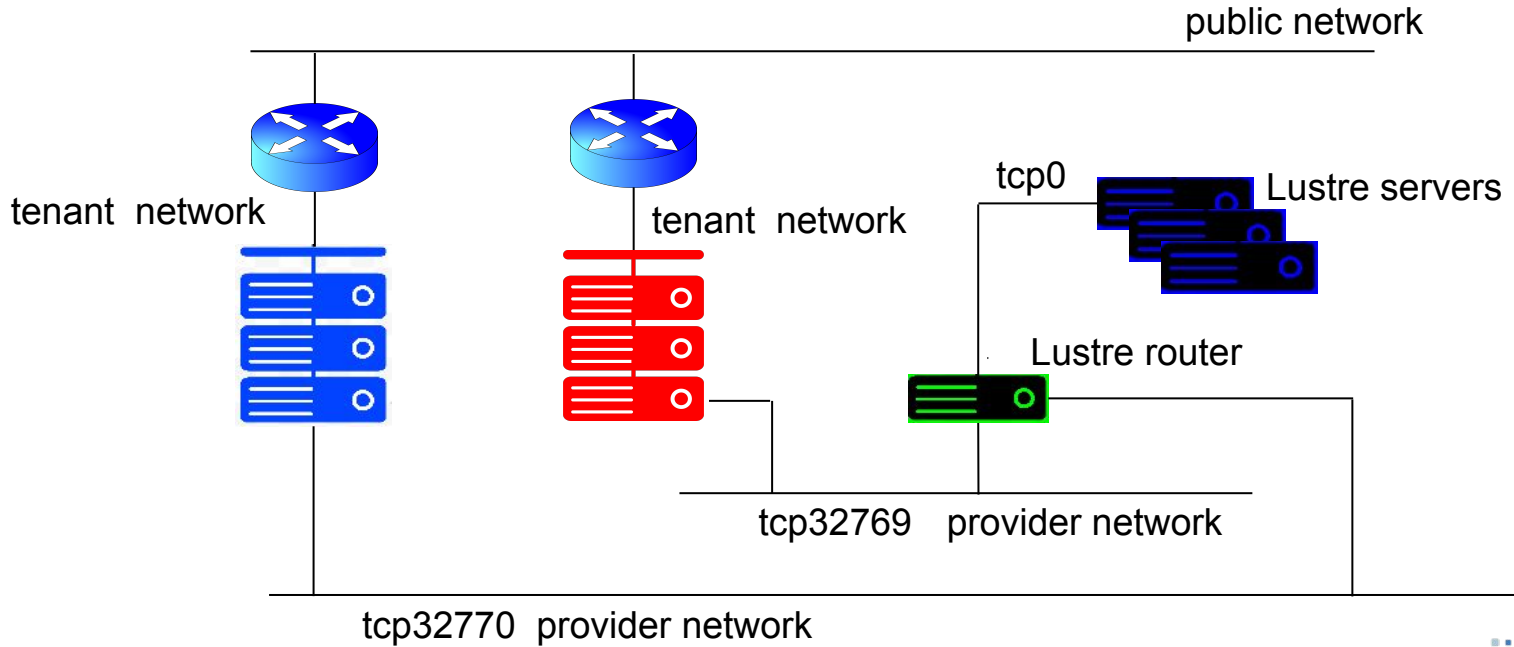
- “Secure Lustre” - multi-tenant
- scientific instruments
- farm4
- niggles with security groups
- “a hammer for all screws”? e.g. faster S3 access

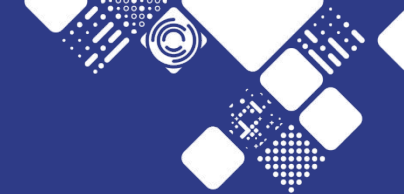


# “Secure Lustre”

- strong tenant isolation for a POSIX filesystem
- presented at LAD’17, SC’17, London OpenStack Day
- published in “The Crossroads of Cloud and HPC”

# “Secure Lustre”





**“But what’s it all for?”**

# Services and applications implemented on OpenStack

- Mutational Signatures
- HGI Arvados
- Gitlab CI runners
- farm4 (extending LSF into OpenStack)
- Mattermost
- CellphoneDB
- CloudForms
- ...



### test

 Filter out kataegis mutations

Submitted

2018-3-27 at 11:53

Status

Complete

Reference build

GRCh37

Filename

test.vcf.gz

Mutation type

SUBSTITUTION

Signature source type

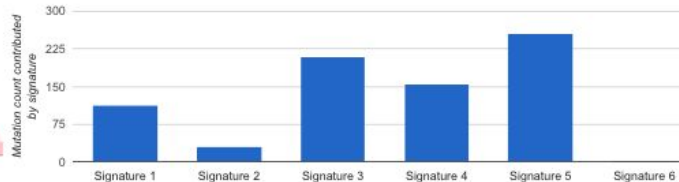
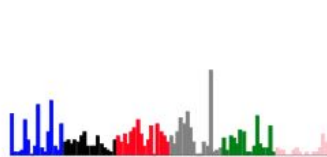
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### Sample

NORMAL

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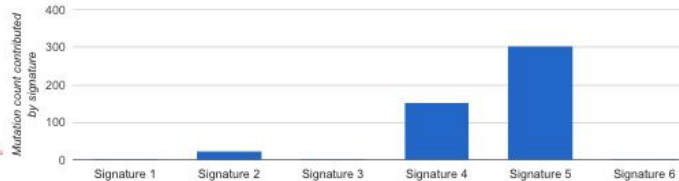
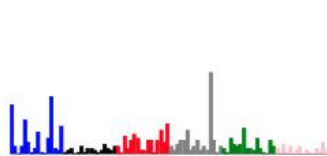
TUMOUR

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MSK0.4\_NORMAL

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MSK0.4\_TUMOUR

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You, a day ago | 2 authors (Anton Khodak and others)

```

1 proxy:
2   secretToken:
3     c65b057a6ba96ee5562f4ea7d78f949d3539
4 auth:
5   admin:
6     users:
7       - ak27
8       - vk6
9       - svd
10  type: ldap
11  ldap:
12    server:
13      address: ldap-ro.internal.sanger.ac.uk
14      dn:
15        templates:
16          - 'uid={username},ou=people,dc=sanger.ac.uk'
17  ingress:
18    enabled: false
19    hosts:
20      - jupyter.cellgeni.sanger.ac.uk
21      - jupyter.cellgeni.internal.sanger.ac.uk
22  singleuser:
23    defaultUrl: "/lab"
24    memory:
25      limit: 20G
26      guarantee: 16G
27    cpu:
28      limit: 4
29      guarantee: 2
30  image:
31    name: quay.io/cellgeni/cellgeni-jupyter
32    tag: v0.2.8
33  lifecycleHooks:
34    postStart:
35      exec:
36        command: ["bash", "/poststart.sh"]

```

The screenshot shows a JupyterLab interface. The top browser window displays the URL `https://jupyter.cellgeni.sanger.ac.uk/user/vk6/lab?`. The interface includes a file browser on the left showing a list of notebooks:

Name	Last Modified
10X-scanpy.ipynb	5 minutes ago
bbknn-pancreas.ip...	8 hours ago
10X-Seurat.Rmd	8 hours ago

The terminal window shows the execution of the following code:

```
[31]: sc.pl.tsne(adata, color='louvain')
```

The output is a tSNE plot titled "louvain" showing clusters of cells colored according to Louvain clustering. The plot axes are labeled "tSNE1" and "tSNE2". A legend on the right indicates the cluster colors:

- 0 (Blue)
- 1 (Orange)
- 2 (Green)
- 3 (Red)
- 4 (Purple)
- 5 (Brown)
- 6 (Pink)

Text above the plot reads: "Plot the data with tSNE. Coloring according to clustering. Clusters agree quite well with the result of Seurat."

# Science-as-a-service

- on-premise cloud for less technical users
- OpenStack and VMware with CloudForms orchestration
- pilot implementation well received

# UK Biobank Vanguard



- 50,000 whole genome sequences over 18 months
- NovaSeq 6000:  
6Tb/sequencer/2 days



HPCwire, 12 November 2018

## Best Use of HPC in the Cloud

**Readers' Choice: The Wellcome Sanger Institute** using a private **OpenStack** cloud enhances IT environment necessary to sequence and assemble 100 complete human genomes per day.

# Compare and contrast



First draft of the human genome (Nature, 15 February 2001)

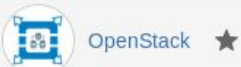
- took 10 years
- cost \$2.7billion

# Education/training

- Hashicorp products
- Ceph (for sysadmins)
- bespoke end-user training (OCF)



ceph



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# OpenStack

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## More advanced topics

[Tracking your resource use](#)

[Customising your instances](#)

[Sending email from OpenStack instances](#)

[Using affinity and anti-affinity groups](#)

[Loadbalancer as a service](#)

[Distributed applications: links and resources](#)

[Guidance for running Docker within flexible compute environments](#)



# The Sanger community

- user engagement
- Slack
- coffee mornings



# The wider community

- OpenStack summits
- Scientific SIG
- openstack-operators mailing list (soon to be openstack-discuss)



# The future



# Queens (RHOSP13)

- want to follow Red Hat LTS releases
- test deployments are underway
- will sideways-upgrade again
- dedicated networking nodes - composable roles
- move customizations from Ansible into deployment templates where possible



# New features

Driven by user demand

- Barbican - enabling encrypted volumes
- ~~Manila~~
- Octavia
- Sahara?



# Ceph upgrades

- version 10 (Jewel) to 12 (Luminous)
  - for bug fixes and features
- backend storage format: FileStore to BlueStore
  - for performance
- in-place upgrade is planned; testing is underway

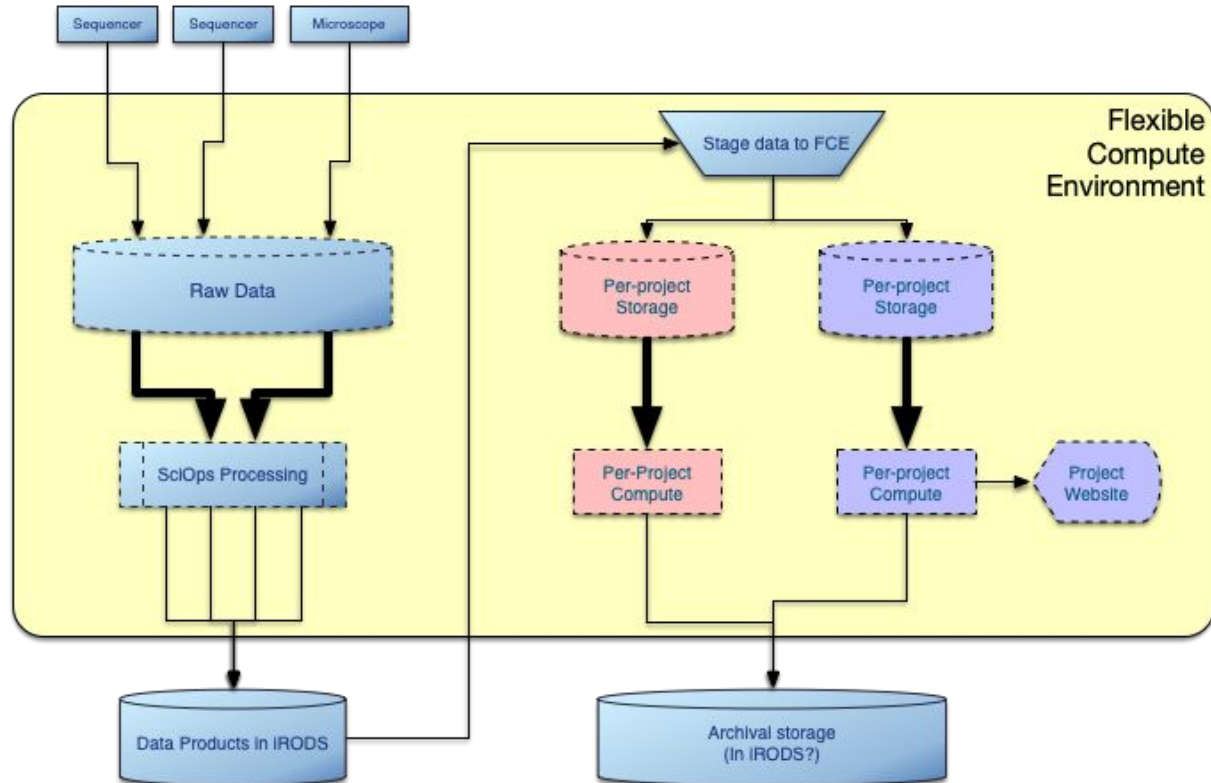


## Offsite DR/BCP



- small OpenStack and Ceph clusters at JSDC
- currently investigating global load-balancing options
- open questions about user federation/identity management
- need to investigate Ceph replication

# Data flow model

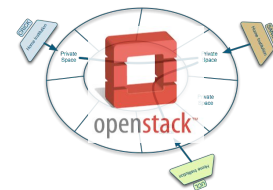
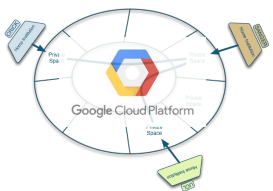




# Evolution and federation

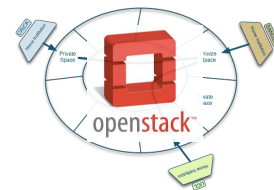


**Public clouds**

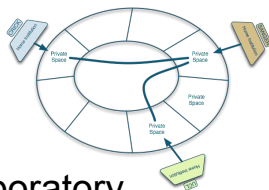


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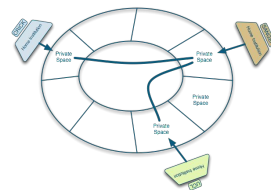
**Private clouds**



Sanger  
Flexible  
Compute



OICR  
Collaboratory



GDC Cloud  
(Genomic Data Commons)



# Cancer analysis pipelines

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

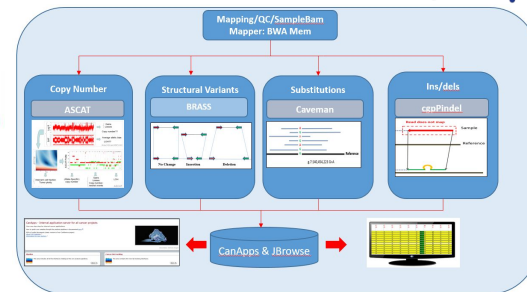
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## ICGC/TCGA Project

- Analyse 2,800 WGS Cancers
- 3 Analysis Pipelines (Broad, Sanger & DKFZ)
- Need to use multiple Data Centres

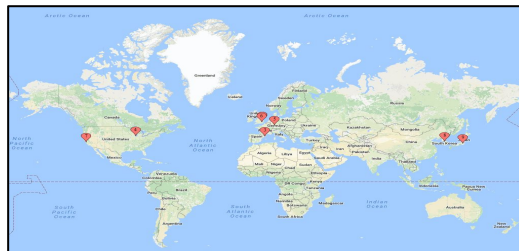
**Problem:** analysis pipelines NOT portable

**Software Go To Data:**  
Analysis Pipeline available in multiple Data Centres

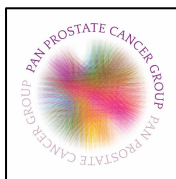


## Science Advancements

Large Collaborative Projects 



## IT Advancements



happy scientists

# Summary



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