Monitoring and visualization of InfiniBand Fabries

InfiniBand Radar – InfiniBand Monitoring Tool

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About DESY

- Research institution
- ~2300 employees
- Over 3000 guest scientists yearly
- Research topics
 - Accelerator development
 - Photon science
 - Particle physics
 - Astroparticle physics
- 2 Sites
 - Hamburg
 - Zeuthen



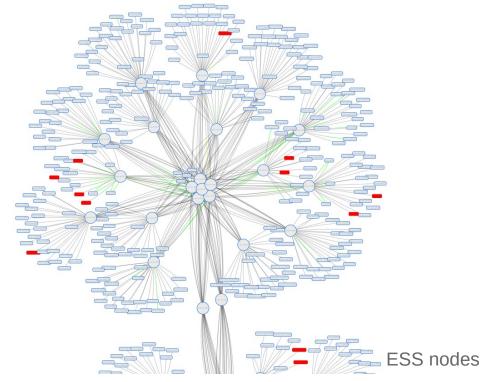
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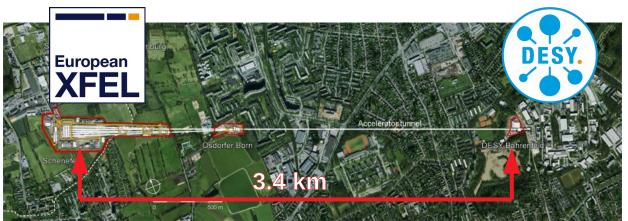


Zeuthen

Our GPFS/InfiniBand environment

- Using the GPFS since 2014
- Over 22 PB total storage capacity
- Only ESS Building blocks used (32 for 8 clusters)
- Metadata stored on SSDs
- GPFS is only available through InfiniBand
- Connected to over 900 individual server
- Some servers have access to two fabrics at once
- long-haul link to XFEL (MetroX)
- Deal with other traffic (MPI, BeeGFS)





Existing monitoring tools

Mellanox: Managed Switch Interface

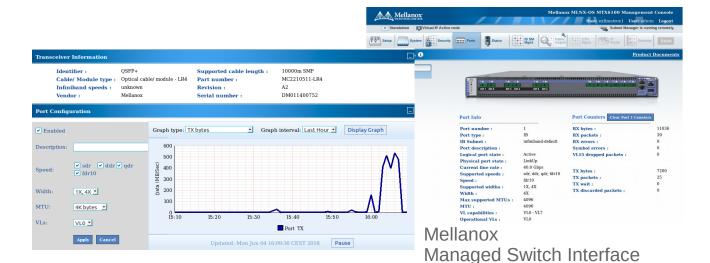
- Tracks a single system
- For proprietary hardware

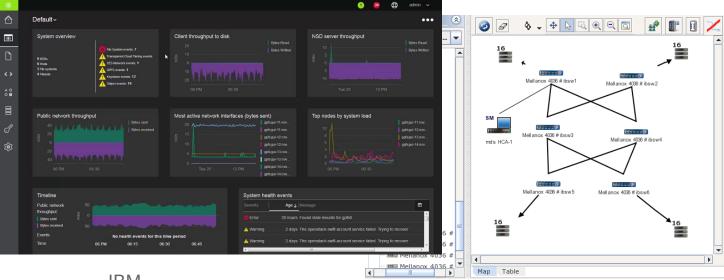
Mellanox: UFM

- Fabric wide monitoring
- Automatic fabric congestion detection

IBM: Spectrum Scale GUI

- Detailed information and management of Spectrum Scale clusters
- Only for Spectrum Scale



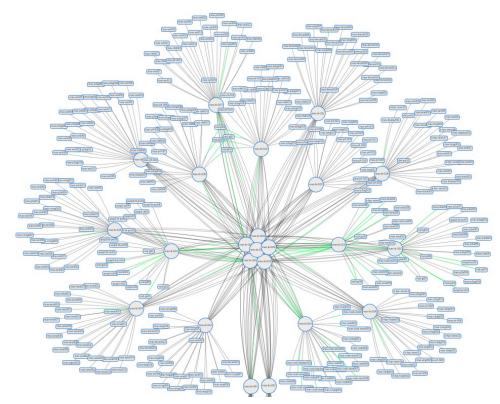


IBM Spectrum Scale GUI

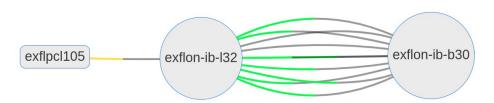
Mellanox Unified Fabric Manager

Features

- No proprietary hardware/software required
- Supports multiple fabrics at once
- Automatically detects topologies
- Web-based user interface
- Visualization via interactive map
- Traffic flow indicators
- Topology change detection



Fabric visualization

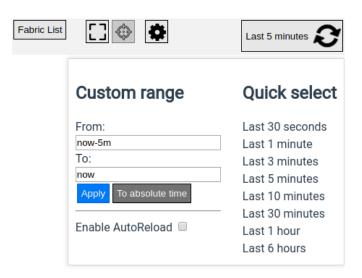


Traffic flow. Data send from left to right.

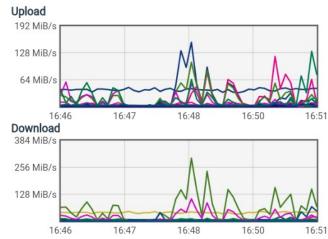
Green = low-, Yellow = medium-, Red = high-load

Features

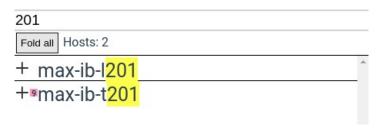
- Diagrams of network utilization (Backed by a TSDB for history data)
- Detailed port information (Link speed, peer and CA-Name)
- Node search bar (Hostname, GUID or link speed)
- Search by tags
 (SM state or empty ports)



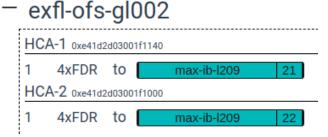
Time range picker



Network utilization



Search

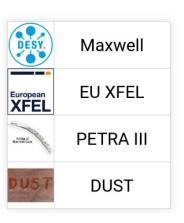


Link selection

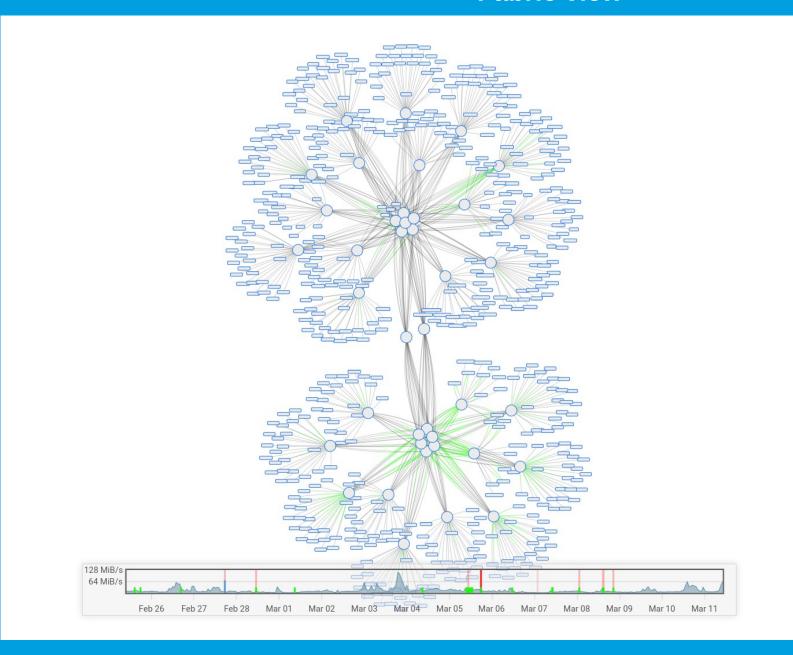
SM = Subnet Manager TSDB = Time Series Database

Demo

Fabric selection

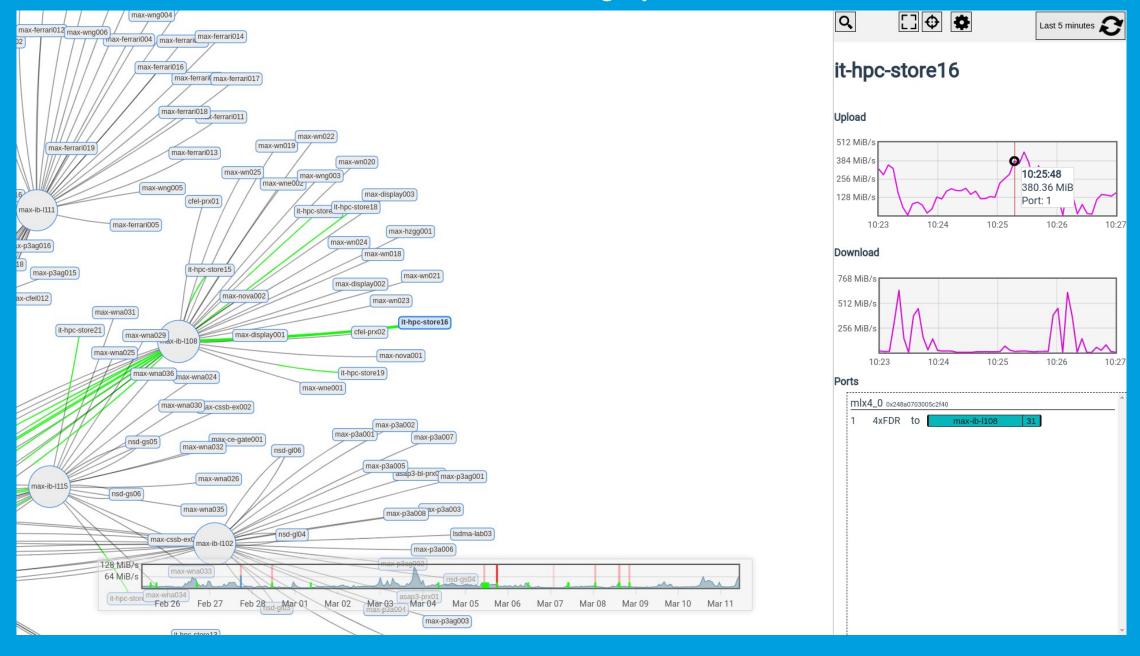


Fabric view

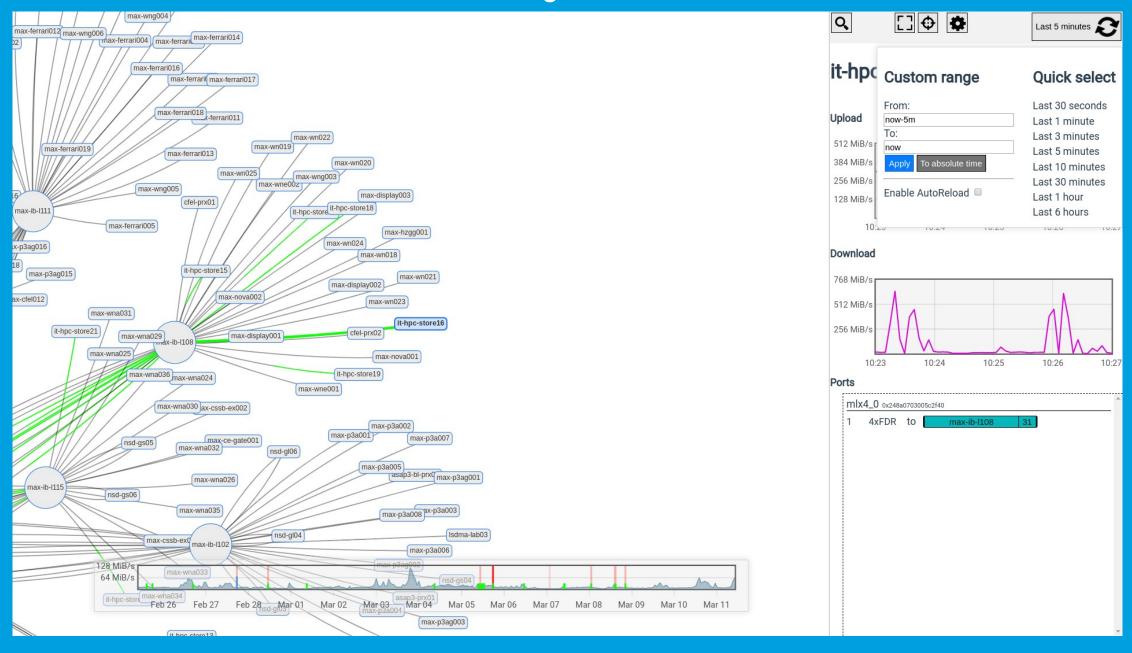


Fabric List 🔲 🐞	Last 5 minutes	S
Hostname, GUID, SM State		
Fold all Hosts: 607		
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+ asap3-bl-prx02		
+ asap3-bl-prx03		
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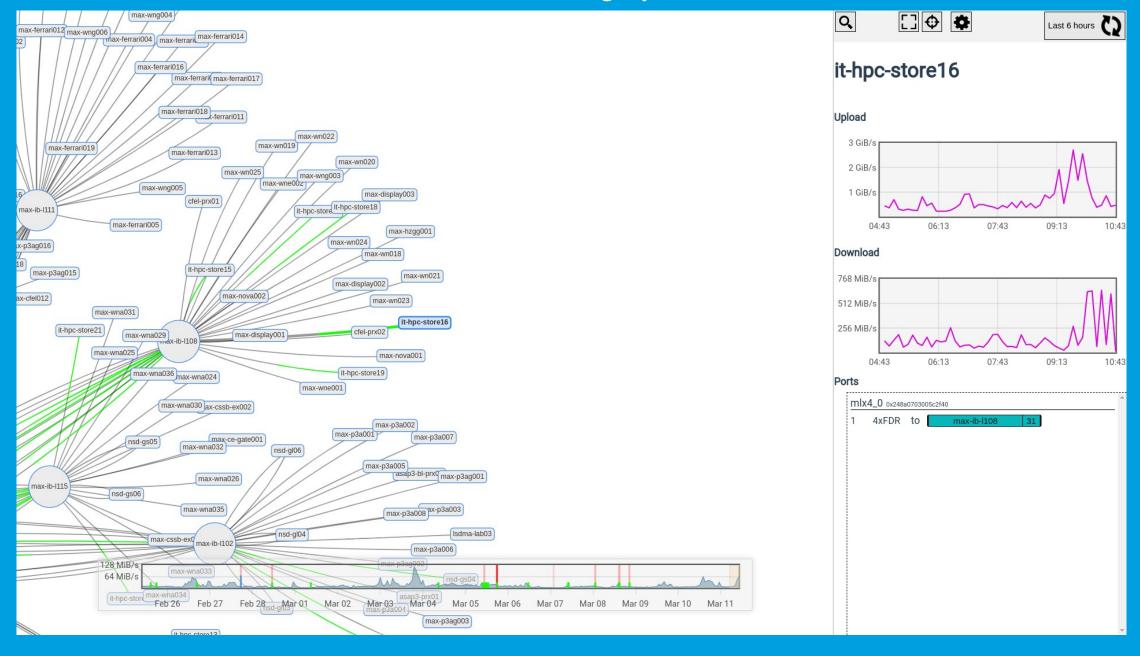
Utilization graph



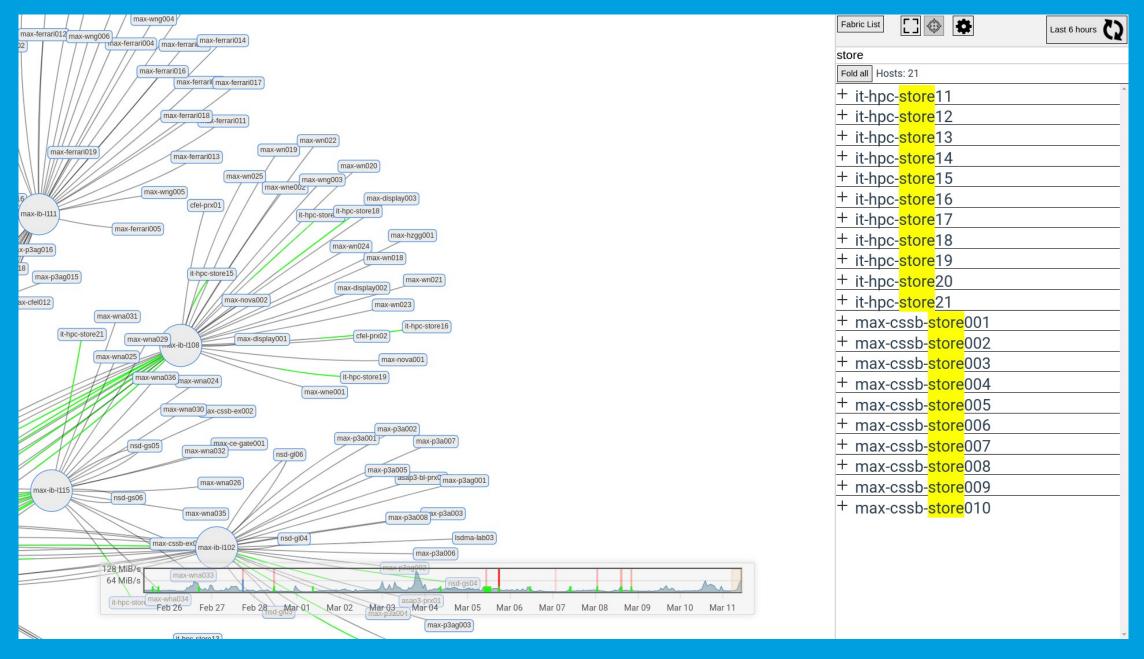
Time range selection



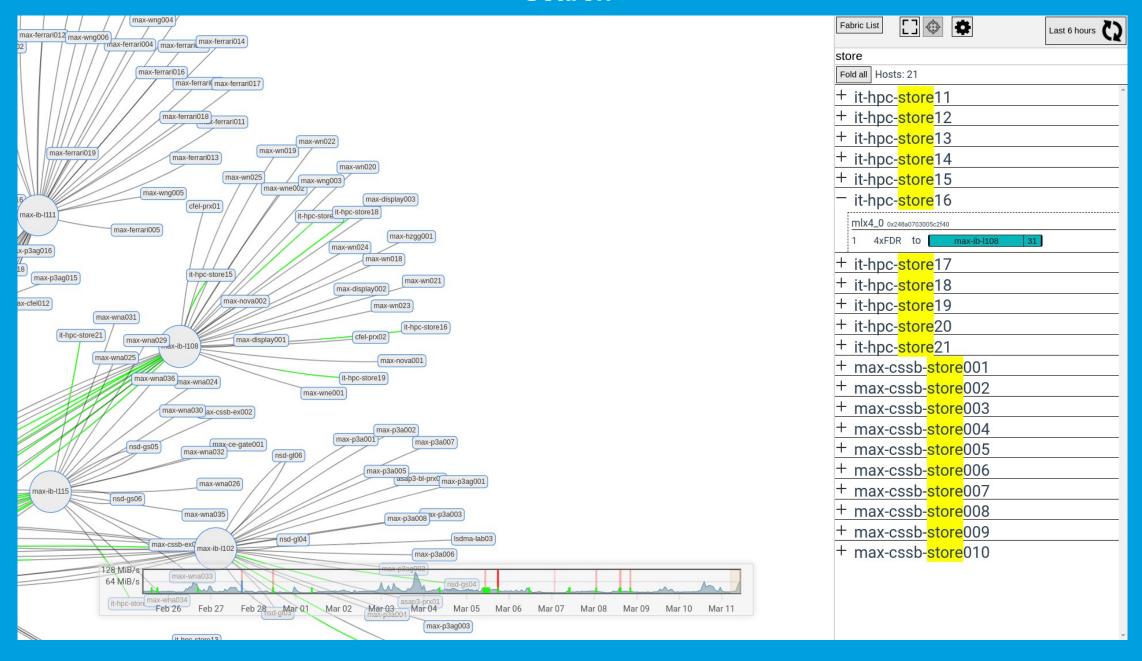
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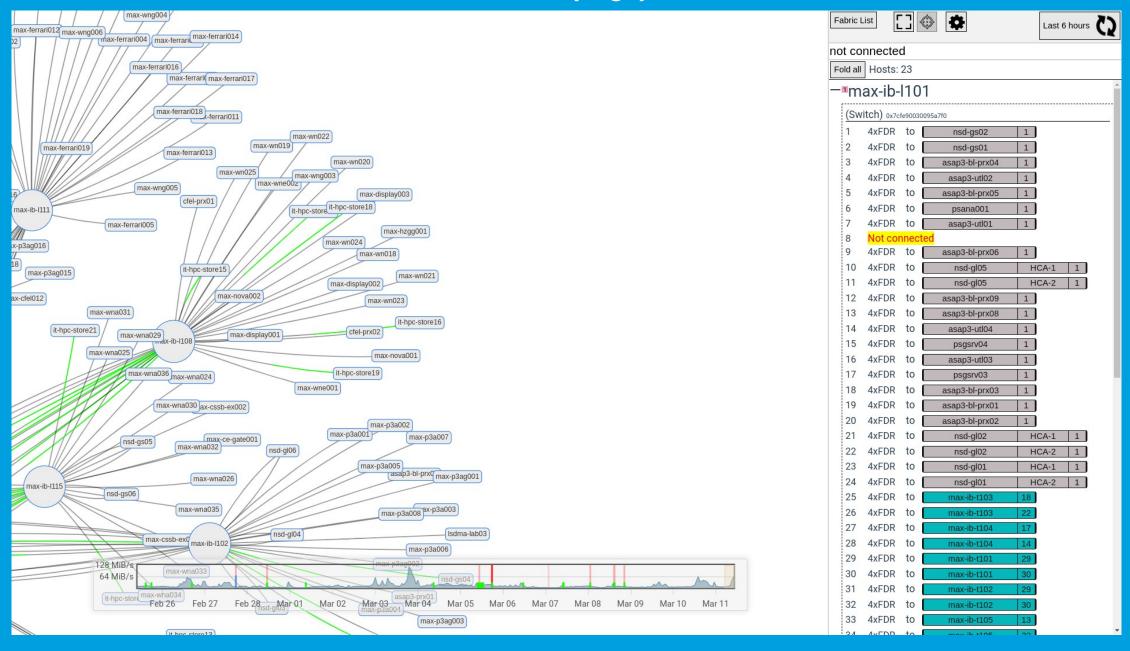
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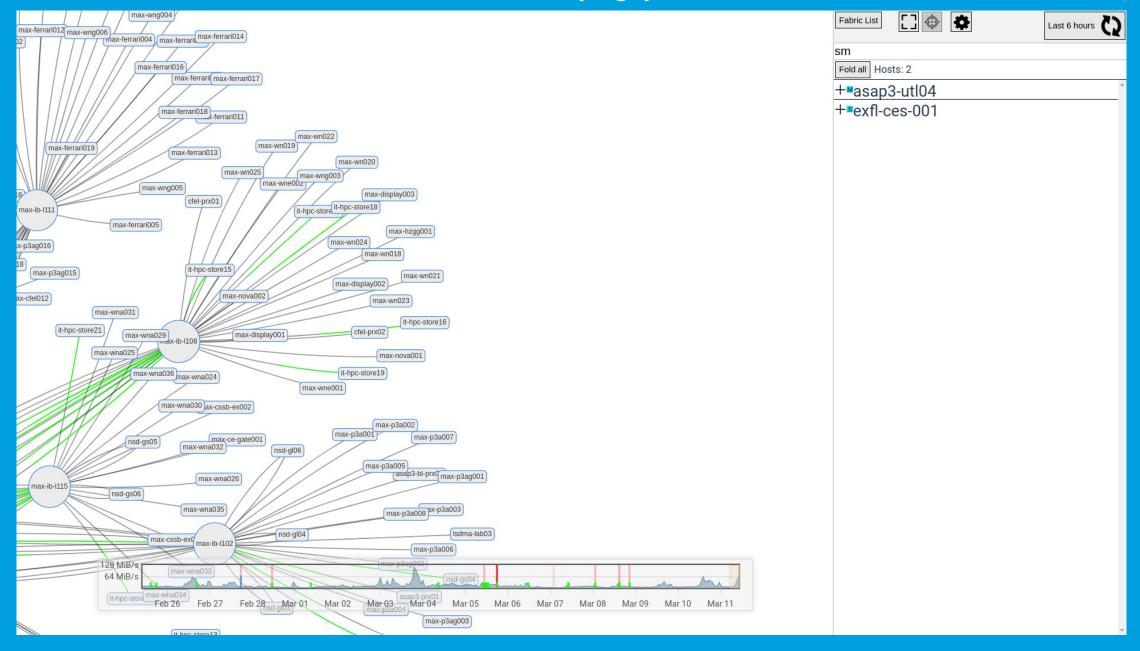
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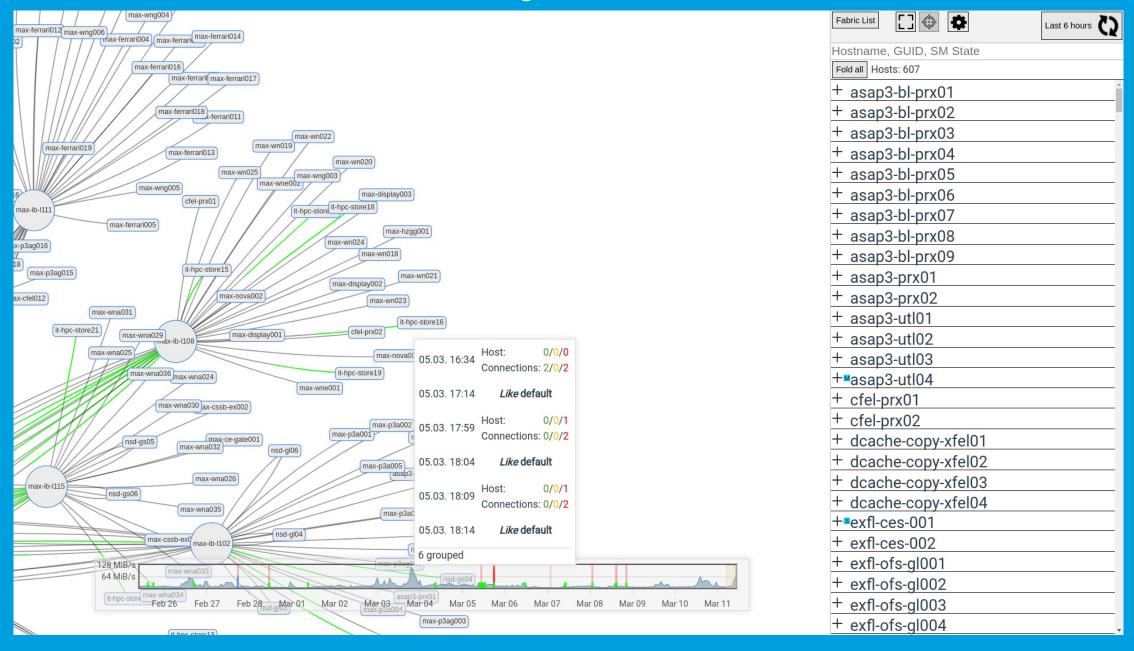
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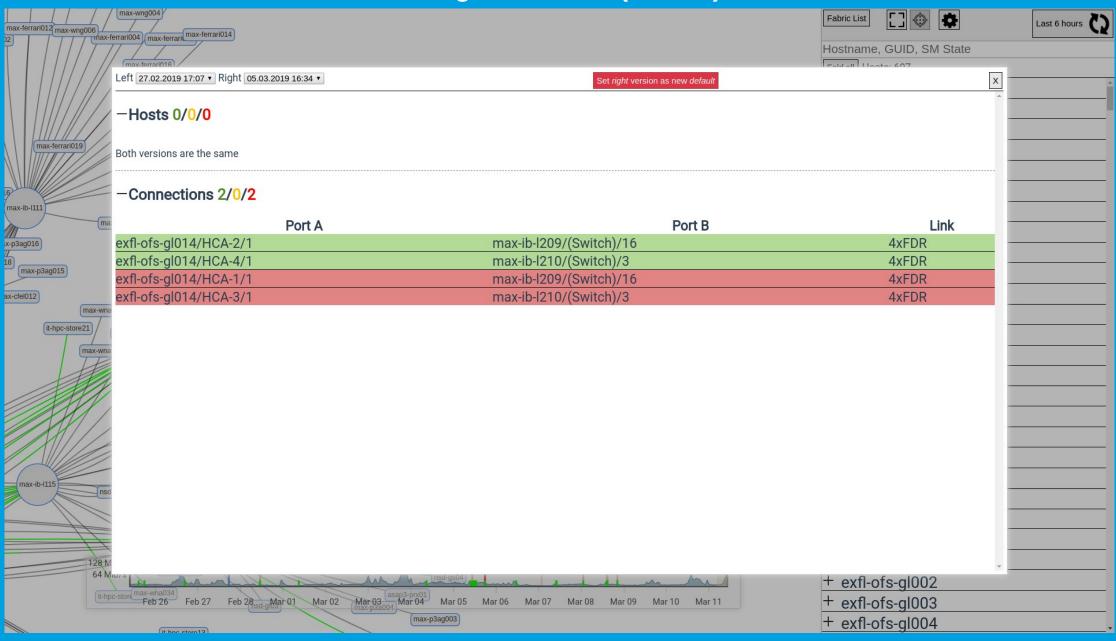
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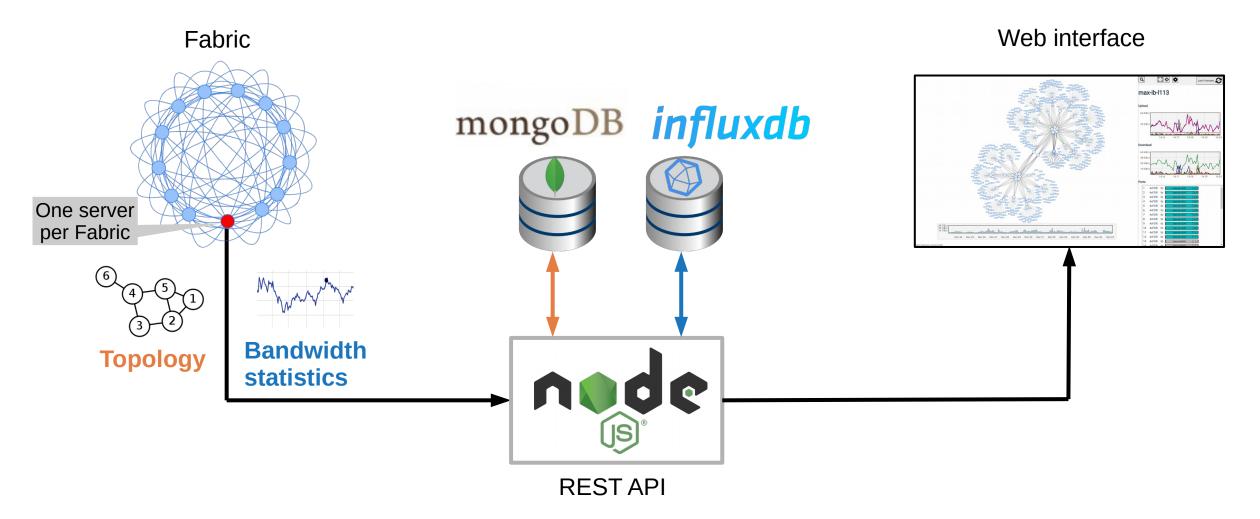
Change detection



Change detection (details)



Architecture



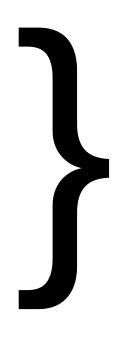
Analyze the fabric

ibnetdiscover

Collects fabric topology

perfquery

Query performance counters



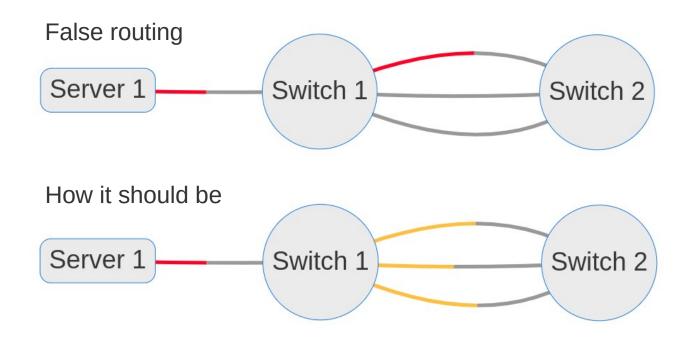
Combined into a single executable

- Sends data automatically
- In-house developed
- OFED libraries used

Successful stories

Balancing/Routing issue

- The traffic was not evenly distributed
- Caused by a miss configured SM



Invalid link state

- Lower link speed then expected (or the connection was not even established)
- Caused by broken cable / invalid handshake

-Connections 0/1/18

Port A	Port B	ı	Link	
exflon-ib-I12/(Switch)/24	exflfpcl01/mlx5_0/1		4xEDR=>4xFDR	
exflon-ib-I15/(Switch)/21	exfl-ons-gs106/HCA-3/1		4xEDR	
exflon-ib-l15/(Switch)/23	exfl-ons-gs106/HCA-1/1		4xEDR	

Easy installation



Complete source available:

https://github.com/infiniband-radar

API Server

```
1 vim ./config/apiServer.json
2
3 docker-compose up -d
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Fabric Daemon

```
1 yum localinstall infiniband-radar-daemon.rpm
2
3 vim /etc/infiniband-radar/config.<FabricId>.json
4
5 systemctl enable infiniband-radar@<FabricId>
6 systemctl start infiniband-radar@<FabricId>
```

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