

Towards a unified CA and BSREAD archiver

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Multiple archivers in use:

- EPICS channel archiver: (SLS machine and beamline)
- EPICS archiver appliance: (SwissFEL)
- SF-Databuffer BSREAD (beam-sync.):
- (SwissFEL) - SF-Databuffer Channel Access:
- (HIPA, Proscan, Cryo, ESI, TWLHA, ...)

Issues with current setup:

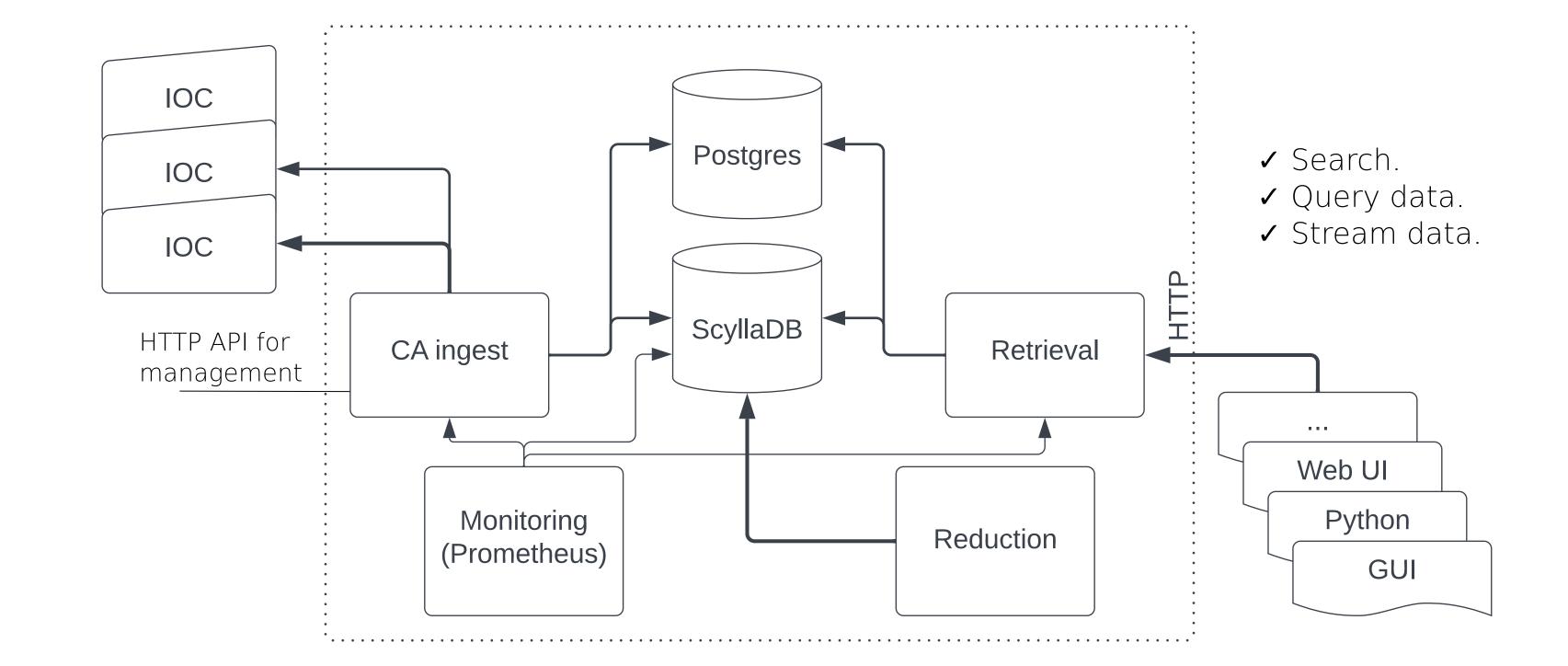
- Overlap in functionality.
- Large maintenance burden.
- Not enough personnel to support all.
- Many underlying custom file formats.
- Missing expertise in sensitive areas (storage engine).
- EPICS channel archiver deprecated.
- Not enough insights into operational issues.

Wishlist:

- Modularity, interfaces, contracts.
- Factor into:
- Data store engine.
- IOC / source communication (ingest).
- Aggregations and transforms.
- Retention.
- Retrieval of data.
- Metrics, monitoring, alerting.
- Ingest data from Channel Access, BSREAD, etc.

ScyllaDB as data store:

- Deployed in industry.
- Open source with paid enterprise support.
- Distributed, typed key-value store.
- Scalable, highly available.
- No single point of failure.
- Tunable redundancy.
- Hot scaling and decommissioning.
- Solid management tools.
- Existing product off the shelf.
- Clearly defined access and formats.
- Suits time-series, but also more general workloads.



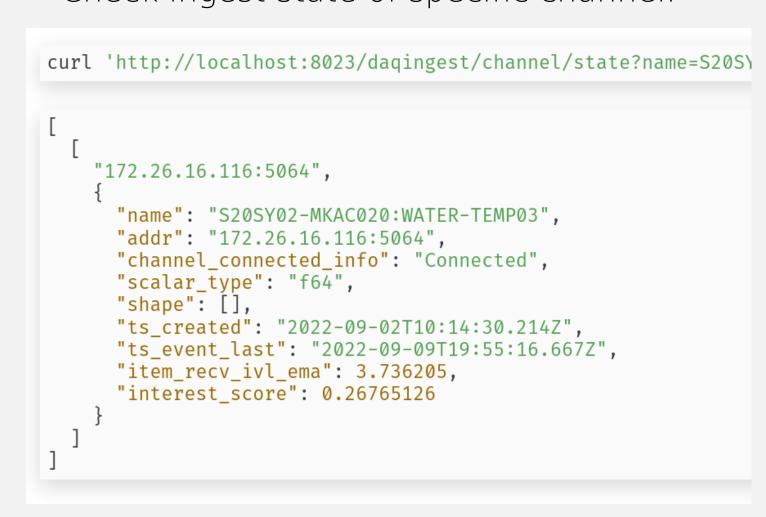
Channel Access Ingest:

- Adapter between Channel Access and ScyllaDB.
- Open and monitor channels.
- Detect broken connections.
- Record details about TCP and channel status.
- Support configuration changes at runtime.
- Protect against free running sources.
- Monitor clock offsets between ingest service and source.
- Offer metrics for Prometheus.
- Make detailed status and config available via http api.

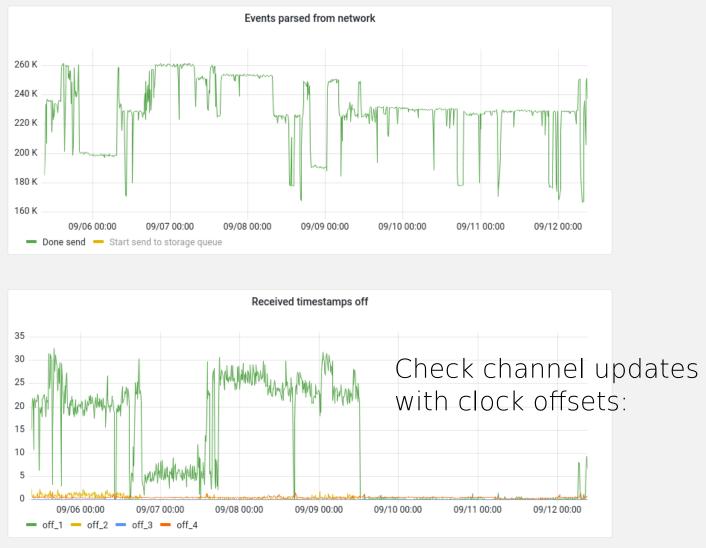
Configure ingest:

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backend: scylla
api_bind: 0.0.0.0:3011
channels:
    - CHANNEL-1:A
   - CHANNEL-1:B
    - CHANNEL-2:A
search:
   - 172.26.0.255
   - 172.26.2.255
postgresql:
   host: host.psi.ch
    port: 5432
   user: USER
   pass: PASS
   name: NAME
scylla:
   hosts:
        - sf-nube-11:19042
       - sf-nube-12:19042
   keyspace: ks1
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Check ingest state of specific channel:



Monitor using Prometheus + Grafana:



Data Retrieval:

- Access recorded data via http api.
- Search through list of recorded channels.
- Query aggregated events for easier plotting.

- Fetch channel updates in a time range.

- Time-weighted and unweighted binning. - Aggregation accounts for channel connection status.

"tsAnchor": 1662733800, "tsMs": 125, 324, 525 "tsNs": [174507, 997264,

119155 "values": [0.01536537054926157, 0.01577814482152462, 0.01731603406369686

Fetch channel events

Splitted timestamps

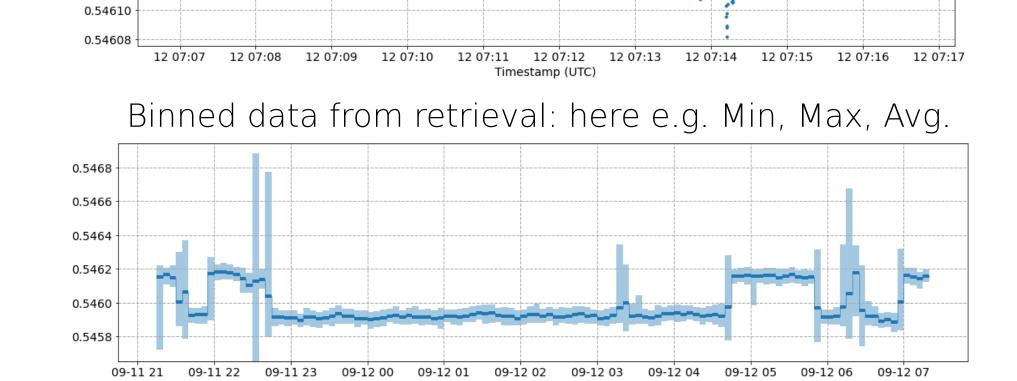
always uses f64 which

leads to precision issues.

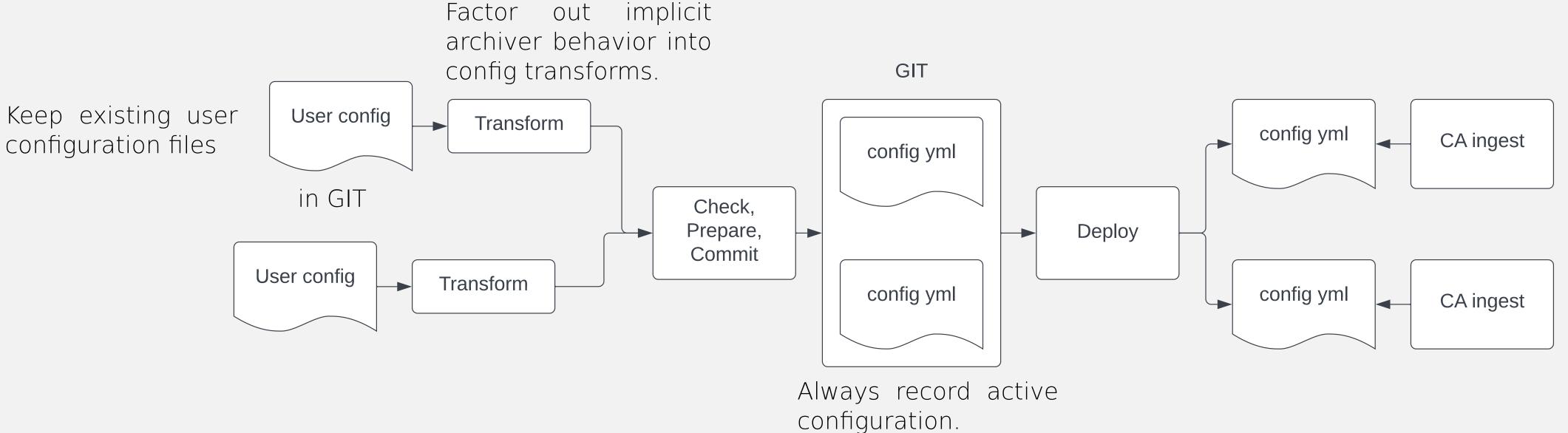
because javascript

from retrieval:

Plain events via http api in json format from the retrieval: 0.54618 0.54616 0.54614 0.54612



Configuration



BSREAD Ingest

- Similar to CA ingest for beam-synchronous data.
- Early testing phase.

Outlook

- Continue testing of Channel Access ingest at SwissFEL.
- Plan for having Channel Access ingest for user testing in 2022.
- Commission production hardware.
- Finish support for BSREAD. - Add caching for aggregated (e.g. binned) data.