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# Building a logging pipeline with Open Source tools

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- RIPE NCC
  - RIR for *Europe, the Middle East, parts of Central Asia*
  - IP and ASN allocation, registration
  - RIPE DB
  - DNS
  - Routing Information Service
  - RIPE Stat
  - RIPE Atlas



*v1 & v2: Lantronix XPort  
Pro*



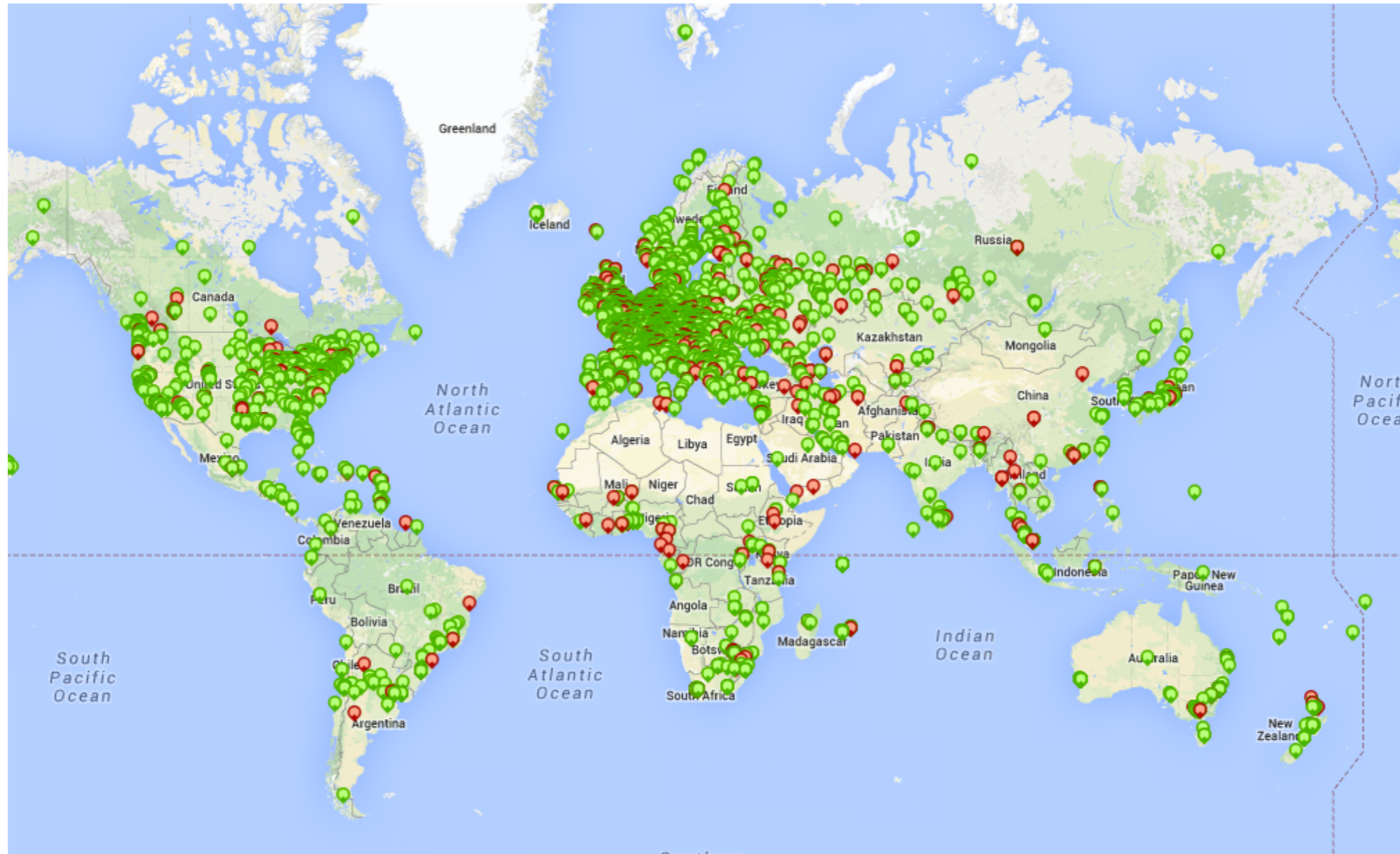
*v3: TP-Link TL-MR3020*



*RIPE Atlas anchor: Soekris  
net6501-70*

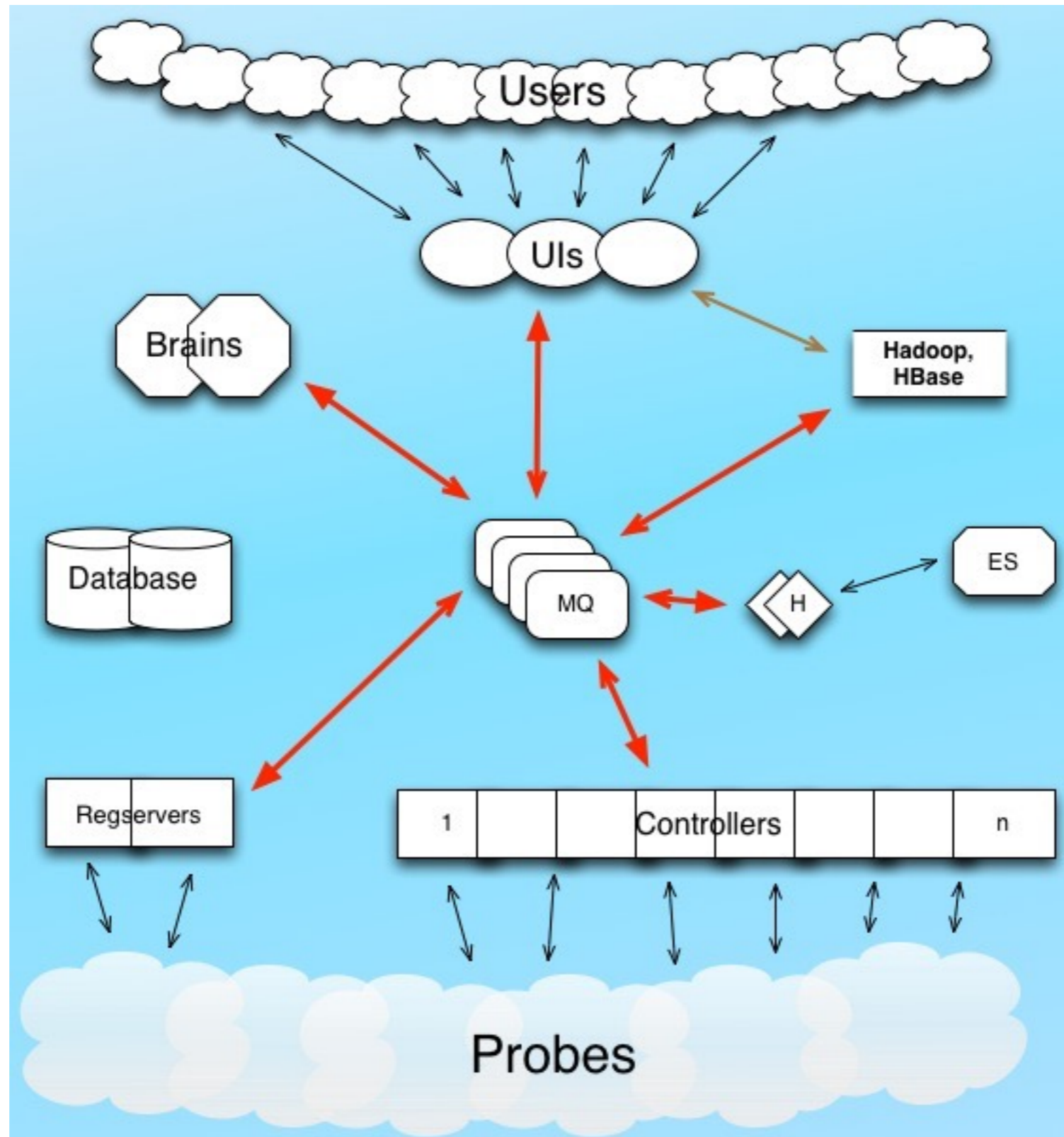
Largest active measurement network

<https://atlas.ripe.net>



- ~8200 probes online
- ~21000 users
- ~7800 ongoing measurements
  - ~250 built-ins
  - ~7550 user defined measurements
- ~2300 results per second
- ~40 servers





- RIPE Atlas httpd access logs
- RIPE Atlas Software (warning, error, critical)
- Hadoop, HBase, zookeeper, Thrift
- Other:
  - Syslog
  - Custom scripts



- Production
- Collection
- Transport
- Queueing, buffering
- Massaging
- Storage
- Search and analysis



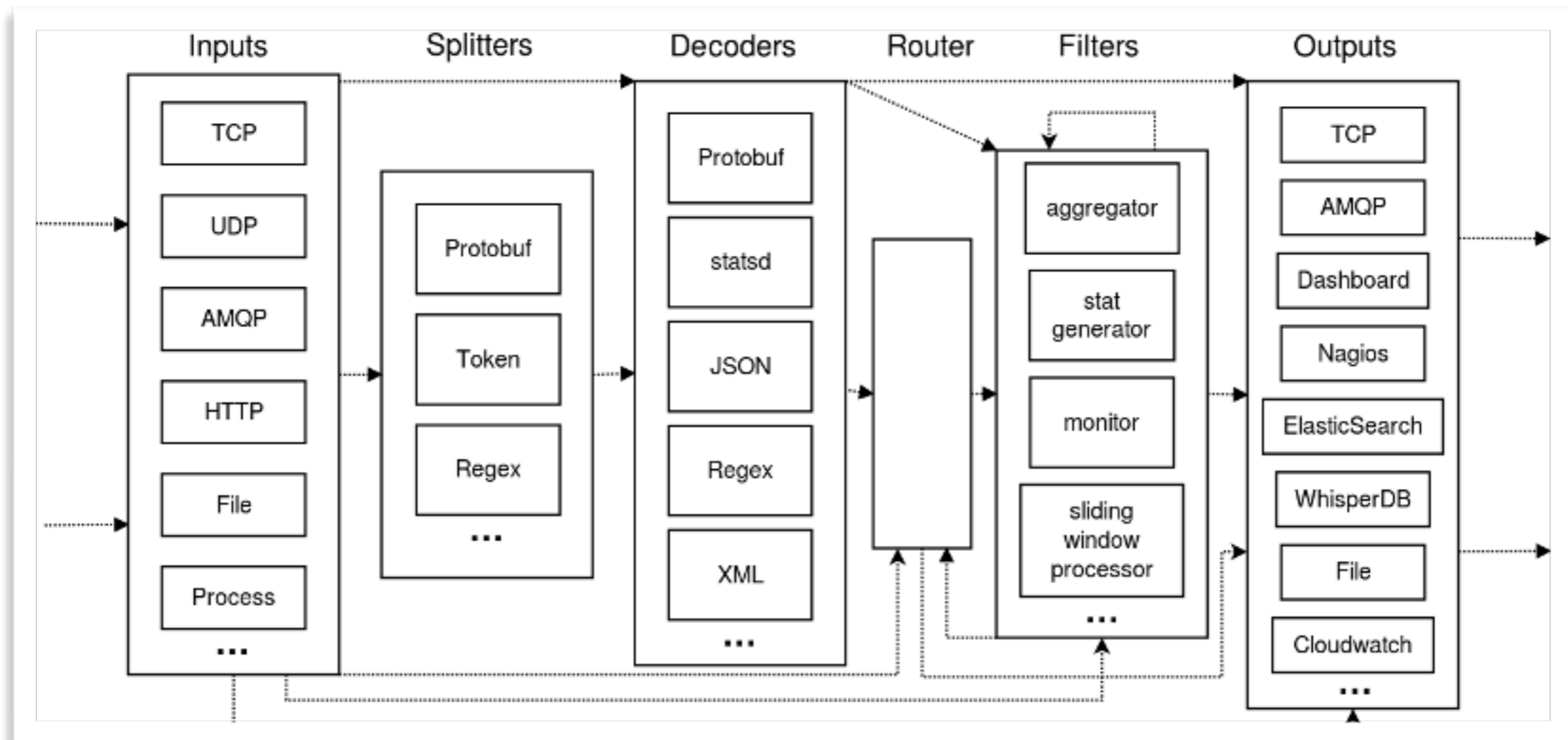
- Timestamps: ns since epoch, RFC3339
- Structured information
- Common representation and semantics across the board
- Robust, scalable, stateless pipeline for events and metrics
- *One stop shop* for logs and metrics

- Servers publish events to message brokers
- Workers consume events from queues
  - Perform arbitrary data transformation on *raw* data
  - Store events
- Logging backend supports:
  - Log search
  - Log analysis and visualisation
  - Monitoring dashboards

- Heka
  - Collect, transport, enhance, output events
- RabbitMQ
  - Decouple producers from consumers
- Elasticsearch
  - Distributed event store and search
- Kibana
  - UI for search, analysis, dashboards
- Ansible and Git
  - Version control and configuration management

- Written in go
- Small footprint
- Performant
- Uses protobuf
- Sandboxed execution of custom LUA scripts
- TOML config files
- Sensible internal pipeline

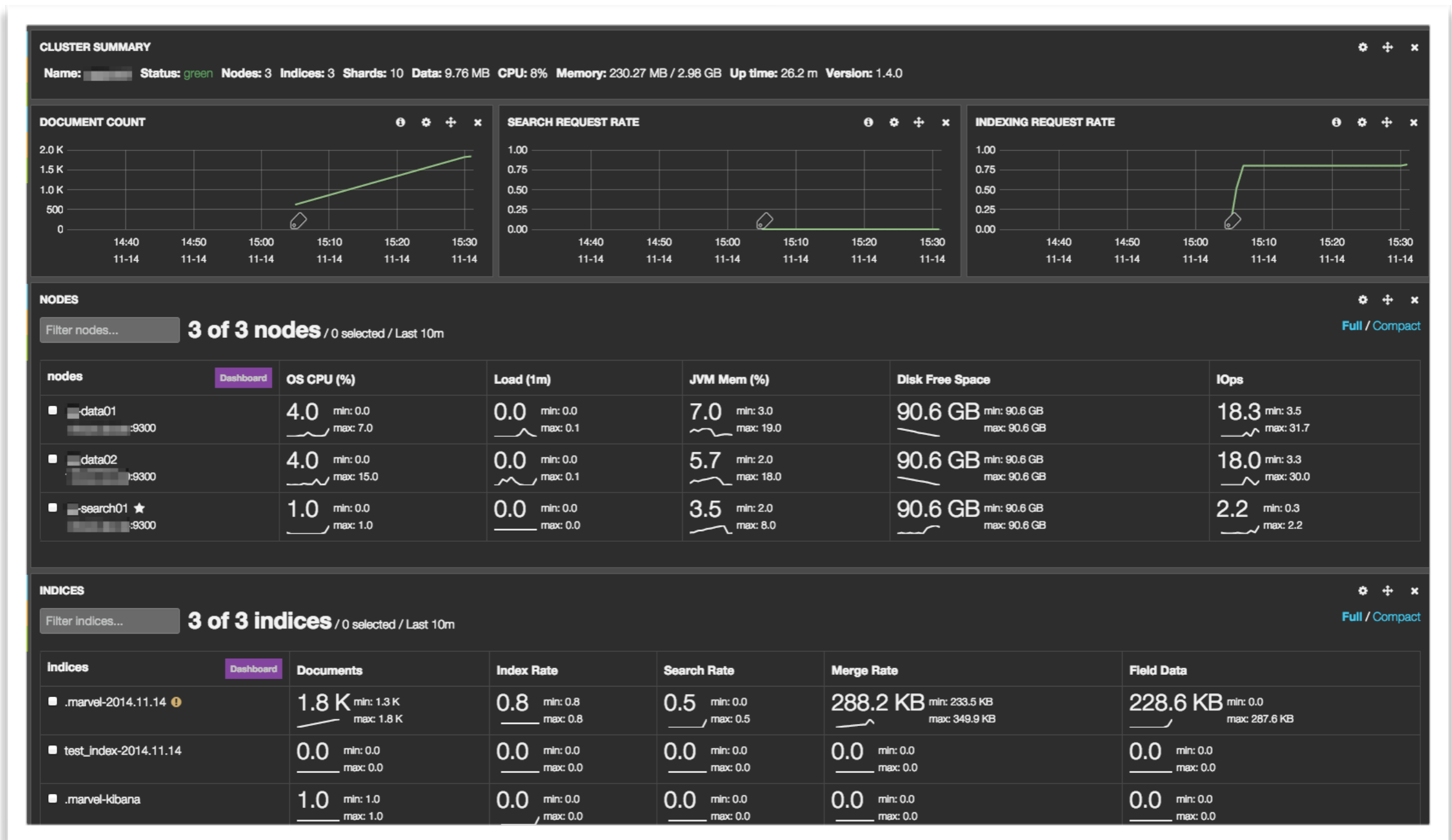


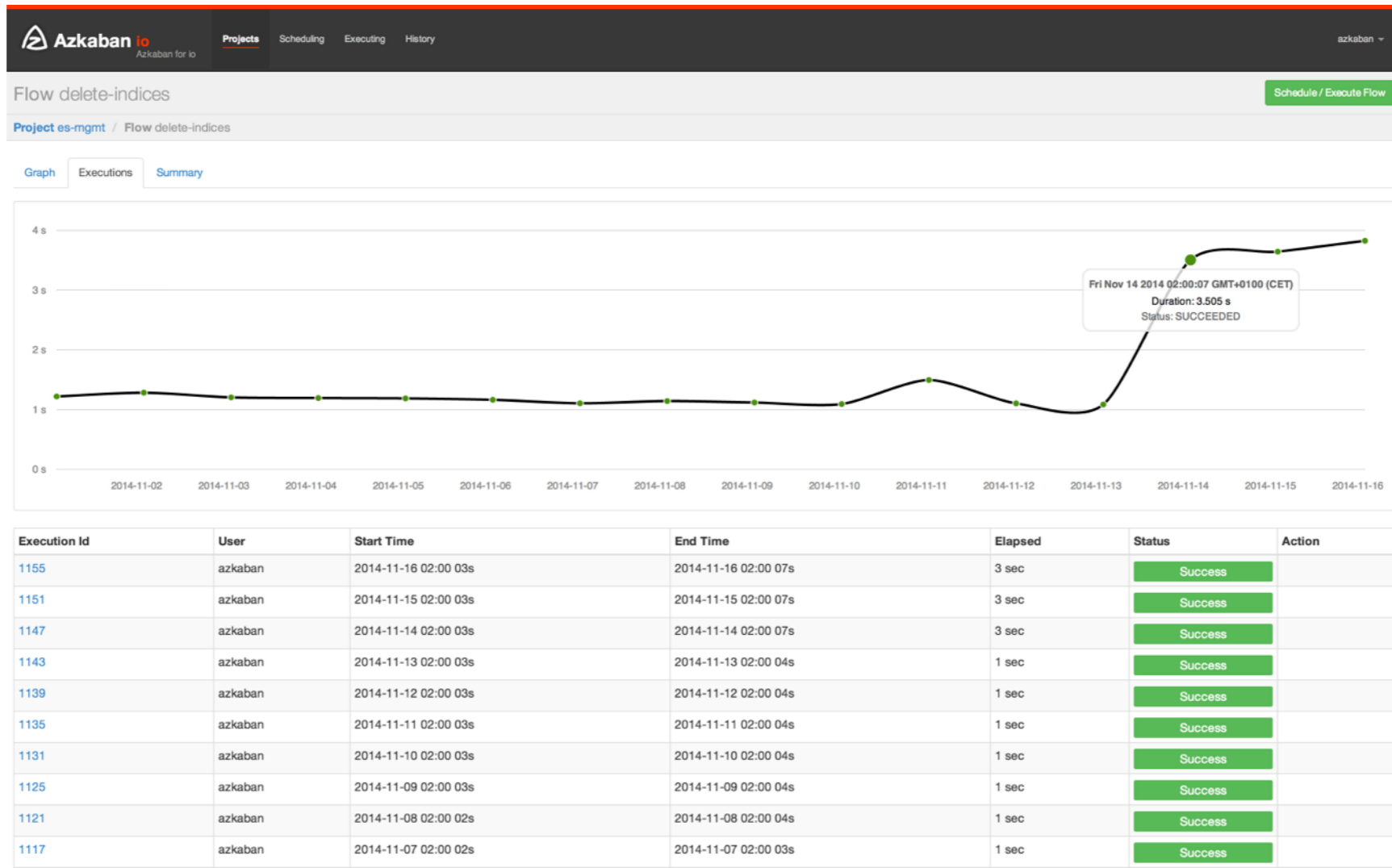


- Written in erlang
- Dedicated vhost/exchange/queue per *user*
- Acknowledged messages, persistent when required
- Standalone instances behind LB pool
- Nice flow control features
- ~250 concurrent connections
- ~550 channels
- 8 exchanges
- 12 queues

- Distributed free text search engine
- Apache Lucene
- Scalable, fast
- Aggregations (*facets*)
- Battle-tested at GitHub, ebay, The Guardian, bol.com...
- Powerful Query DSL
- Backup and restore (NFS, HDFS)
- Sensible defaults

- ~1B docs, 90+ indices, 550+ shards, ~1K events/sec
- 3x dedicated servers (Dell PowerEdge C5000 chassis)
  - 4x 1TB disks (7.2K RPM), 32GB of RAM
- No dedicated master node
- Dedicated standalone cluster for monitoring and index management
- PXE booted, RAM based root FS





Flow Execution 686 **SUCCEEDED** Submit User azkaban  
Duration 10 sec  
Start Time 2014-11-03 01:00 02s  
End Time 2014-11-03 01:00 13s

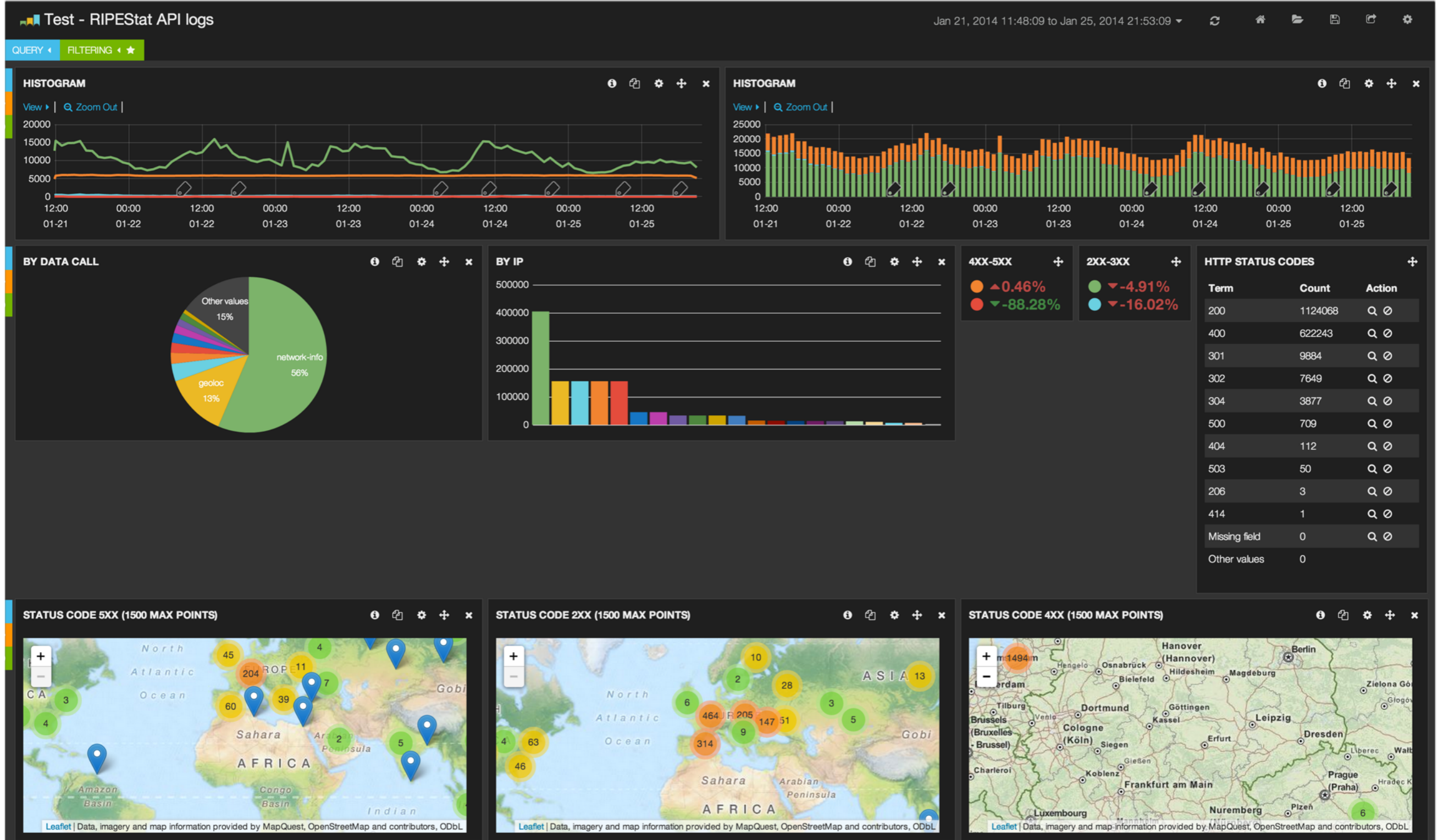
Project es-mgmt / Flow update-hdp-canis / Execution 686

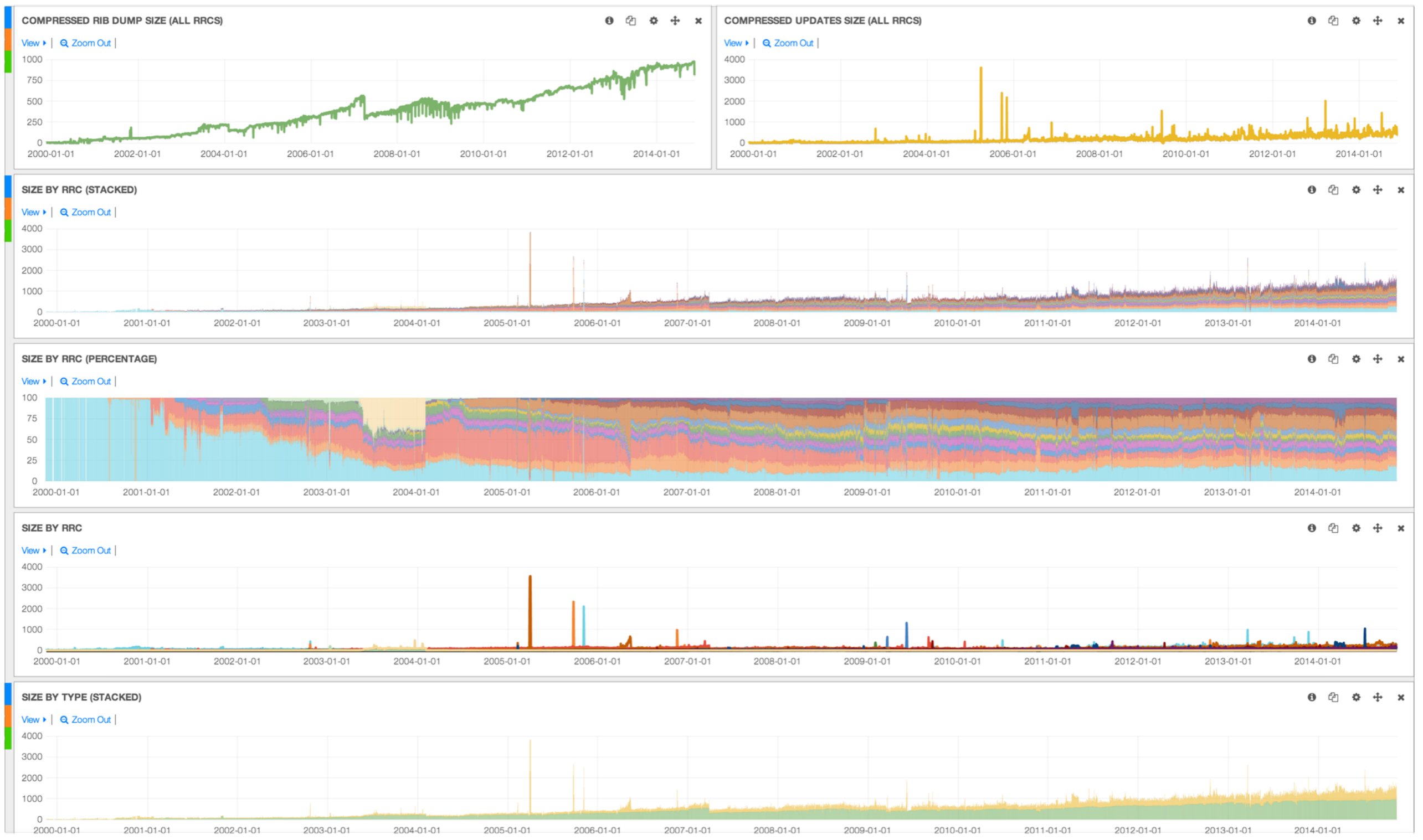
Graph Job List Flow Log Stats Prepare Execution

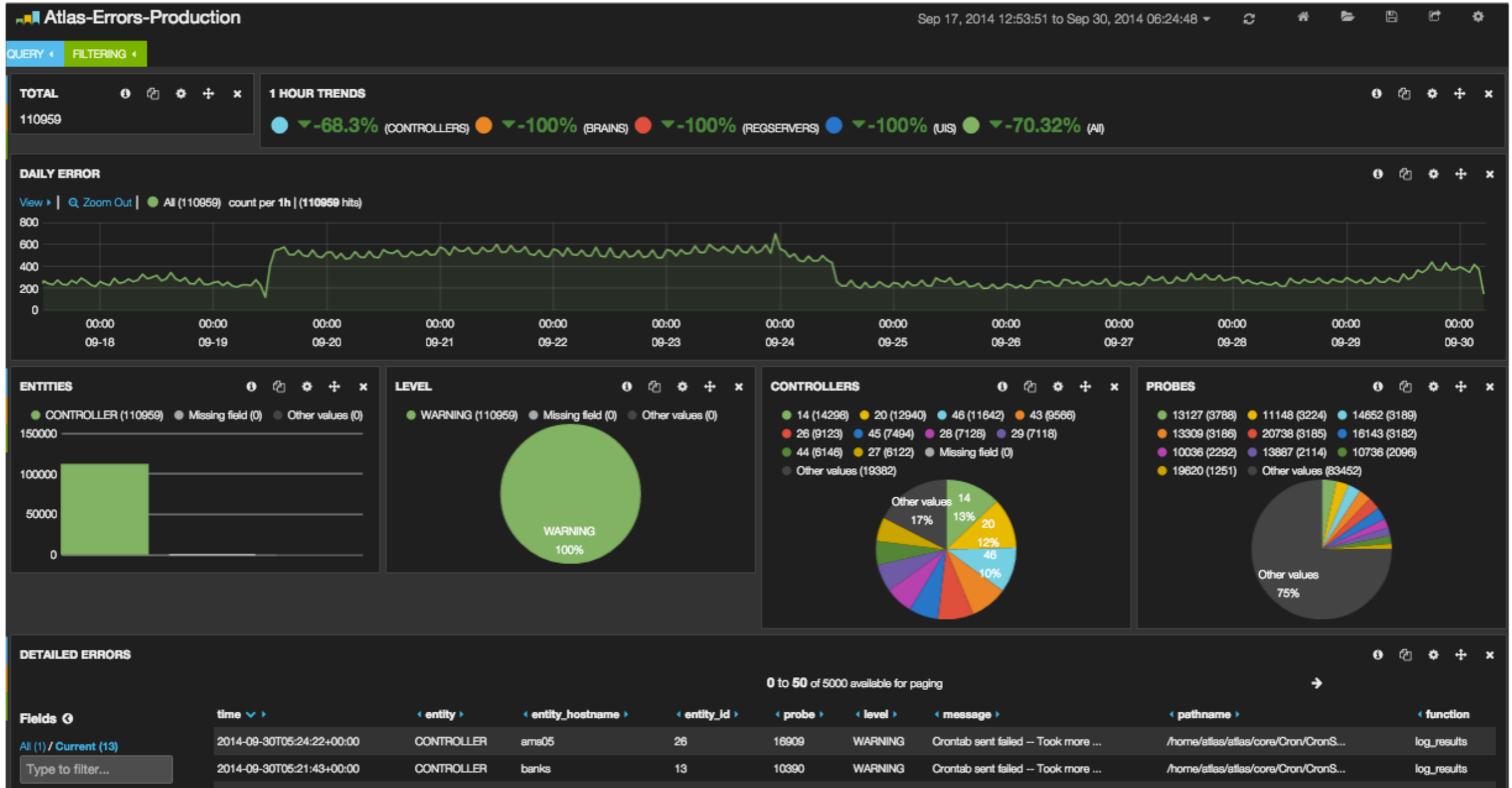
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update-hdp-canis	command	<div style="width: 50%; background-color: green;"></div>	2014-11-03 01:00 07s	2014-11-03 01:00 13s	5 sec	Success	Details



- Webapp for analytics and visualisation
- Intuitive for most
- Easy sharing capabilities
- Pretty graphs!
  - Which *may* melt your cluster :-)







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- Kibana4
  - Operational simplicity
  - Superior capabilities and UX
  - Migrate all dashboards
  - Encourage data exploration
- Kafka
  - “*Stateless*” broker
  - Superior performance (backlog ingestion)
  - Unified pipeline
- Data quality checks



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