

# Antagonist

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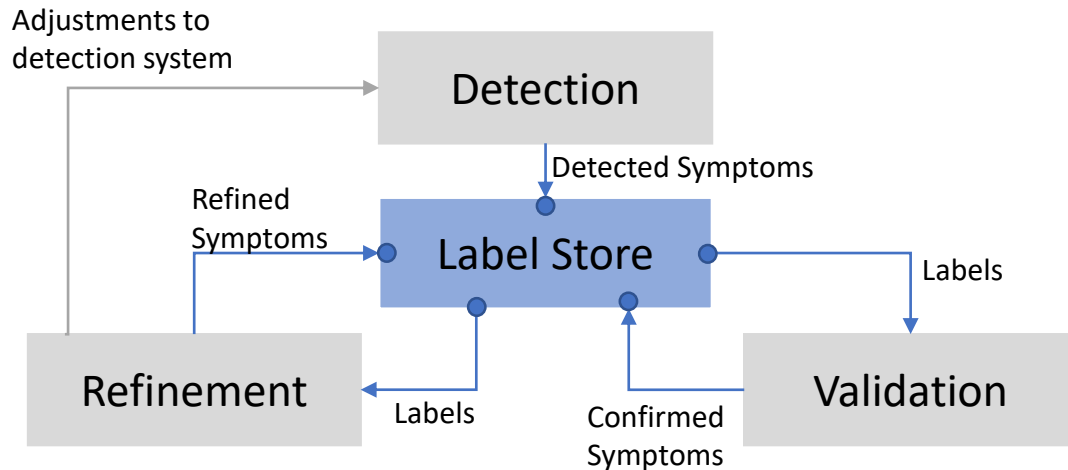
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# Antagonist – ANomaly TAGging ON hISTorical data

- Antagonist is a **Label Store for network anomaly detection** (<https://github.com/vriccobene/antagonist>)
- It addresses two main challenges in the network anomaly detection domain:
  - The **creation of labelled datasets** to train and evaluate anomaly detection algorithms and technologies
  - The **support for the human-in-the-loop paradigm** for what concerns the automated anomaly detection process.



**Detection:** Continuous monitoring of the network through Network Telemetry [RFC9232] and runtime identification of symptoms.

**Validation:** Verify if the detected symptoms are actually associated to a network incident or issue.

**Refinement:** Adjustment of the detection mechanism, to improve accuracy. This can include: update of the symptom expressions for SAIN, and retraining AI-based Network Anomaly Detection models

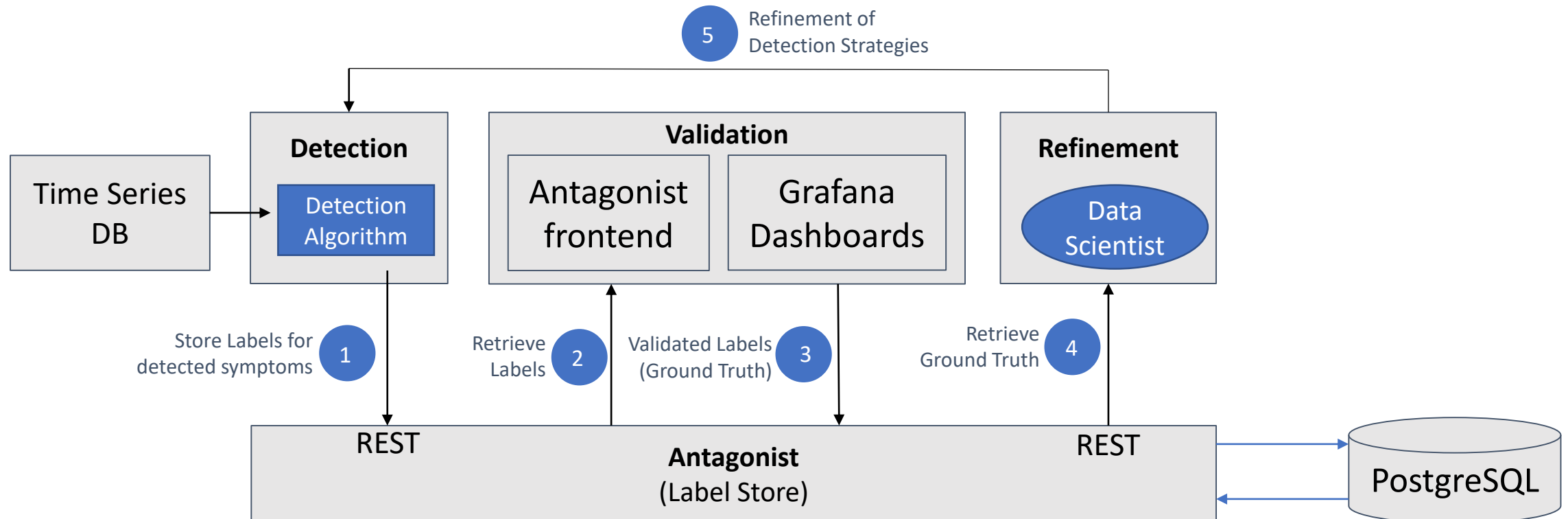
## Goals of the project

- Define and validate suitable data models for label exchange between different actors and detection stages (API of the label store)
- Validate the data model in a wide set of use case scenarios
- Validate the data model with real network data

# Work previously done on Antagonist

## Antagonist – Development of Backend and Frontend to enable network experts to provide labels

- ✓ Implement Anomaly Label persistency and retrieval on PostgreSQL
- ✓ Implement REST API
- ✓ Integrate with timeseries data (via plugin mechanism)
- ✓ Implement Frontend GUI for data exploration, validation and refinement
- ✓ Implement automatic dashboard generation



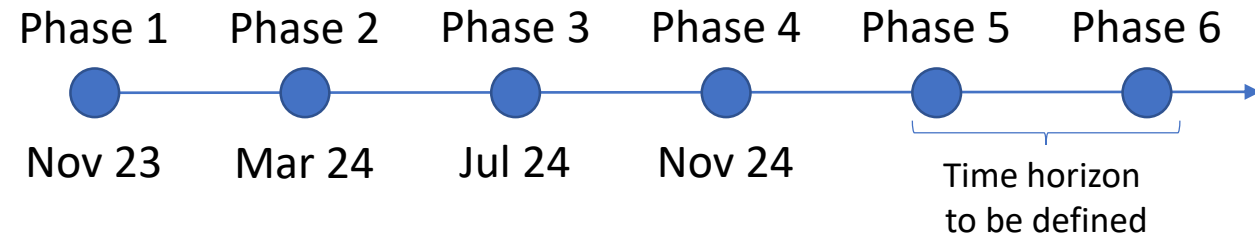
# Experiment Roadmap

## Types of detection algorithms

- ✓ Validation of Human label management
- ✓ Validation of ML-based anomaly detection
- ✓ **Validation of rule-based anomaly detection**
- ✓ **Formalize connection between metrics and symptoms**
- ✓ **Improve YANG data model**
- ☐ Integrate Antagonist in Swisscom lab

## Roadmap

- ✓ Phase 1: Implement very basic PoC for data retrieval, API exposure and GUI (based on Grafana)
- ✓ Phase 2: Enhance GUI and extend API
- ✓ Phase 3: Validate the PoC with AIOps related data and a ML-based anomaly detector
- ✓ **Phase 4: Finalize validation of the PoC with SAIN [RFC 9417-9418] (as a rule-based anomaly detector)**
- ☐ Phase 5: Integrate with Swisscom Lab
- ☐ Phase 6: Finalize YANG data model



# What was done for this hackathon iteration

- ✓ Review YANG data models for the Label Store REST API
- ✓ Created a new YANG data model for the notification of relevant states
- ✓ Extended YANG main data model by mean of augmentation to support the different analysed use cases

# What we learned

- The validation of the data model for SAIN [RFC 9418] (rule-based) detection system has been finalized.
- Taking into account all the experiments, it has been realized that there is a need to **make the semantic “pluggable”** in the data model, as different anomaly detection approaches might have different semantics.
- This has led to some significant changes to both the code and the drafts:
  - a clearer decoupling between the lifecycle and the semantic documents has been introduced
  - The API of the Label Store has been re-designed to allow integration of “pluggable” semantic
  - Identification of the need to open up the schema (which will require some more refactoring of the persistency layer).
- Also, the need for a clear indication of the monitored entity (service) was identified and addressed by using the same pluggable mechanism.

Extensions to the basic relevant-state data model are provided in the form of augmentation of the “symptom” and “service” containers

```
module: ietf-relevant-state
+--rw relevant-state
  +--rw id                yang:uuid
  +--rw description?     string
  +--rw start-time       yang:date-and-time
  +--rw end-time?        yang:date-and-time
  +--rw anomalies* [id version]
    +--rw id                yang:uuid
    +--rw version           yang:counter32
    +--rw state             identityref
    +--rw description?     string
    +--rw start-time       yang:date-and-time
    +--rw end-time?        yang:date-and-time
    +--rw confidence-score score
    +--rw (pattern)?
      +--:(drop)
      | +--rw drop?                empty
      +--:(spike)
      | +--rw spike?              empty
      +--:(mean-shift)
      | +--rw mean-shift?         empty
      +--:(seasonality-shift)
      | +--rw seasonality-shift?  empty
      +--:(trend)
      | +--rw trend?              empty
      +--:(other)
      | +--rw other?              string
    +--rw annotator!
      +--rw name                string
      +--rw (annotator-type)?
      | +--:(human)
      | | +--rw human?          empty
      | +--:(algorithm)
      | | +--rw algorithm?      empty
    +--rw symptom!
      +--rw id                yang:uuid
      +--rw concern-score     score
    +--rw service!
      +--rw id                yang:uuid
```

Presence containers

# Example of semantics

## Cosmos Bright Lights Detector

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:symptom:
  +--rw action?          string
  +--rw reason?          string
  +--rw cause?           string
  +--rw (plane)?
    +--:(forwarding)
      | +--rw forwarding?  empty
    +--:(control)
      | +--rw control?     empty
    +--:(management)
      +--rw management?   empty
```

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:service:
  +--rw vpn-service-container
    +--rw vpn-service* [vpn-id]
      +--rw vpn-id      string
      +--rw vpn-name?   string
      +--rw site-ids*   string
```

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:service:
  +--rw vpn-node-termination-container
    +--rw vpn-node-termination* [hostname route-distinguisher]
      +--rw hostname      inet:host
      +--rw route-distinguisher string
      +--rw peer-ip*      inet:ip-address
      +--rw next-hop*     inet:ip-address
      +--rw interface-id* int32
```

## SAIN (RFC 9418) Detector

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:symptom:
  +--rw symptom-name?      string
  +--rw relevant-metrics* [name]
    +--rw name             string
augment /rsn:relevant-state-notification/rsn:anomalies/rsn:symptom:
  +-- symptom-name?        string
  +-- relevant-metrics* [name]
    +-- name               string
```

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:service:
  +--rw subservice-id?     yang:uuid
  +--rw subservice-type?   string
augment /rsn:relevant-state-notification/rsn:anomalies/rsn:service:
  +-- subservice-id?       yang:uuid
  +-- subservice-type?     string
```

## ML-based Detector

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:symptom:
  +--rw (behaviour)?
    +--:(too-high)
      | +--rw too-high?      empty
    +--:(too-low)
      | +--rw too-low?       empty
    +--:(missing-value)
      +--rw missing-value?   empty
```

```
augment /rsn:relevant-state/rsn:anomalies/rsn:service:
  +--rw metric-id?         yang:uuid
  +--rw hostname?         string
```

# Discussion Points

## Next steps:

- Refactor API Implementation based on new version of the data model
- Extend Persistency layer to accommodate flexibility of the models
- Integrate with Swisscom Lab

## Open Questions:

- We are looking for feedback:
  - **Do you see anything that would require further extension based on your post-mortem or detection internal processes?**
- We are looking for cooperation:
  - **We are looking for more operators that want to validate anomaly detection. Want to work with us?**
  - **Is there any use case scenario that you would like to test / integrate with Antagonist (maybe at the next hackathon)?**