



Tools, results and future requirements for the energy assessment of virtualized IT systems and Datacenters and the EKT case study

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- Measure and control efficiency of IT systems
 - Including energy, environmental, technological assessment
- Tools
 - for the energy assessment of virtualized IT systems and Datacenters in different levels
- Results
 - EKT case study
 - & future requirements





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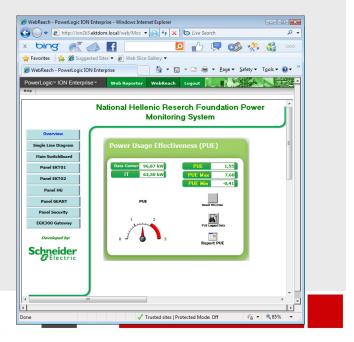


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- EKT Hosts:
 - EKT IT infrastructure &
 - Hellas Grid HG-06
- Features: 100m2, 291KVA UPS power, 550KVA backup generator, Access Control, FM200 fire suppression, VESDA, etc.
- Green IT initiatives:
 - Virtualisation and virtualisation energy gains estimation (2007)
 - Cold Isle Containment (2012)
 - Full energy monitoring and <u>live</u> PUE reporting (2012):
 - live PUE reporting by APC ION tool and purpose built EKT s/w
 - <u>http://epset.gr/Nisrt/GreenIT</u>











Measure and control efficiency:

- Virtualisation: how we measure, evaluate and asses its energy gains? (Q.1)
 - arisen very early (2007)
- Datacenter Green IT: how we measure, evaluate and asses energy efficiency? (Q.2)
- And what about beyond energy: environmental impact and cost? (Q.3)
- Cost: how we can easily measure, evaluate and asses <u>actual</u> energy costs
 - in an environment where you have neutral collocation of multiple entities (NHRF, EKT and Hellas Grid)





Custom built tools where already available did not exist + already available tools

- Scripting languages and rapid prototyping
- Release them as open source
- e-vigr: EKT's virtual infrastructure Green Meter
 - First version (2010) http://hdl.handle.net/10442/8360
 - Real time virtualisation energy gains: measure VM platform energy footprint VS projected physical footprint:
 - 1. Measure in real time the consumption of virtualisation platform (server ILOM SNMP)
 - 2. Grab VMs names (ESX 5.1 and KVM SNMP)
 - 3. Grab the load from each VM (SNMP)
 - 4. Calculate projected load
 - 5. Energy gain: subtrack projected energy consumption from actually measured
 - 6. visualise and publish!
- In real time (DEMO) available as http://code.google.com/p/e-vigr/)
- Main issue: No <u>standard</u> energy ILOM for servers even after BIOS updates



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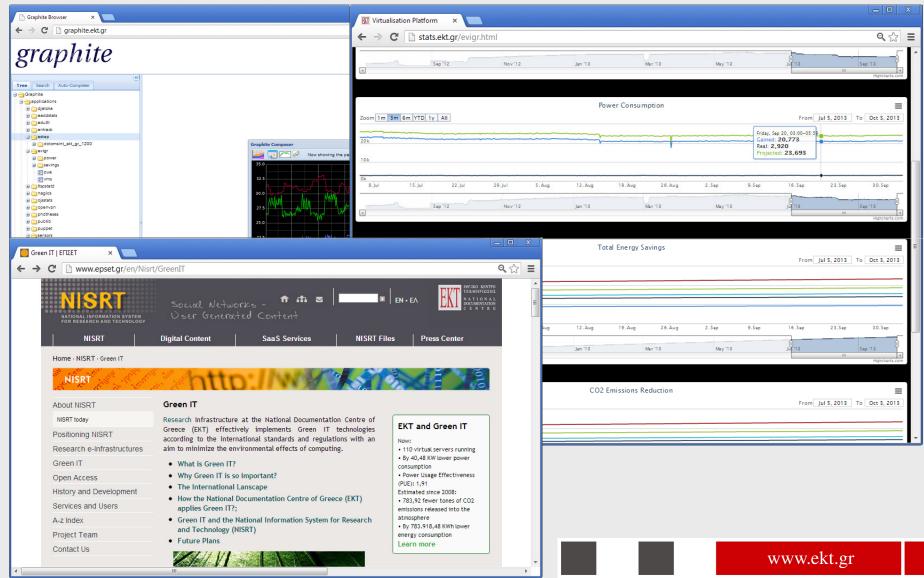




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Demo and tools: calculation, storage, presentation





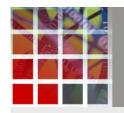


Results: estimated energy gains from virtualization platform



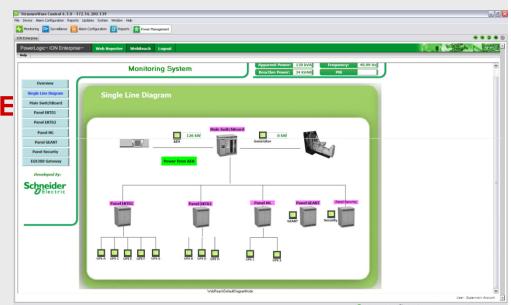
- 783.918,48Kwh (from 2008 to present)
 - Only from utilizing virtualization
 - And an estimated (?) 783 CO2 tons less and a rough estimation of 80KEuros
- Main issues:
 - No reliable and easily accessed data (OR API) for
 - Actual energy costs VS energy consumption profile
 - Actual environmental impact (CO2) to energy mapping
 - A future requirement for:
 - Reliable, local, **APIs** and **data** for correlating costs, energy, power and CO2 emmitions
 - Industry? Goverments/NGOs?

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- Installation of a full energy monitoring system
 - >14 energy meters
 - ION Scheider
 - Energy and Power based PUE metering
- Developed tools for
 - live PUE reporting
 - <u>Storage</u> (graphite)
 - Visualisation
- epset.gr/en/Nisrt/GreenIT







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• Results, PUE /year:

- 2012: 1.67
- 2013: 1.58 (7/2013)
- Daily reporting of EKT's PUE
 - not done in any <u>formal</u>
 Data/API specification
 - Repeating(?) issue:
 - How to estimate energy/costs/CO2 benefits from PUE improvement
 - APIs/Data seem (?) to be missing



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- Collocation of 3 different organisations (EKT,NHRF,HG)
- Based on actual costs not a standard fee
- Approach: measure/store energy values reading and emulate costs calculation
 - Not a trivial task to accurately calculate costs over this environment
- Thus again we seem to lack an API/Service for cost/data calculation



Future requirements and conclusions



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- EKT is a Datacenter operator (supporting open access, open data and open APIs)
 - Employs Green IT principles
 - We have developed some tools and reused others for presenting, storing and calculating data for PUE/power gain/virtualisation power gains
- Based on our experience what is missing and needed is Public APIs/Web Services and Open Data for:
 - Energy to Cost calculation
 - Energy to CO2 emissions (and environmental impact)
 - And other second level metrics

Conclusion: We believe that **open APIs**, **services** and **specifications** are a better solution than tightly integrated monolithic solutions



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