Oracle Global Research Strategy Meeting

Bob Jones Head of CERN openlab





CERN openlab in a nutshell

- A science industry partnership to drive R&D and innovation with over a decade of success
- Evaluate state-of-the-art technologies in a challenging environment and improve them
- Test in a research environment today what will be used in many business sectors tomorrow
- Train next generation of engineers/employees
- Disseminate results and outreach to new audiences



PARTNERS







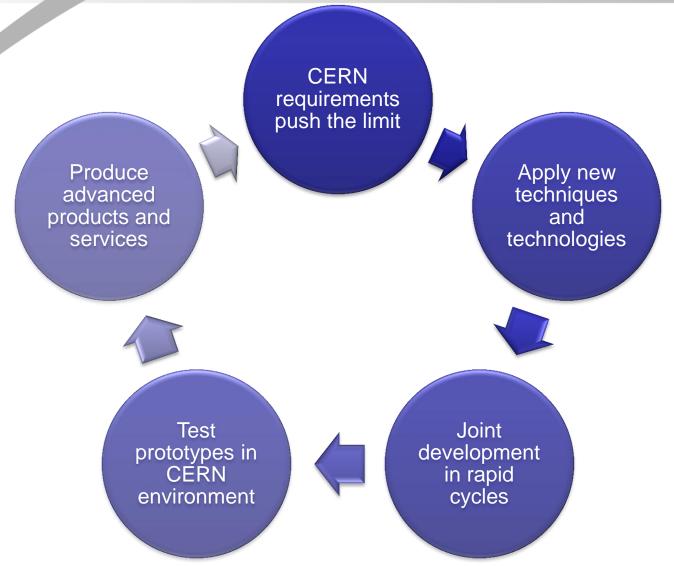


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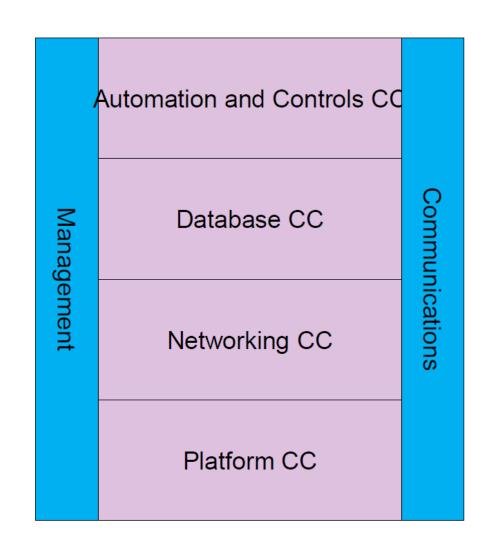
Virtuous Cycle



A public-private partnership between the research community and industry



openlab structure





Communication

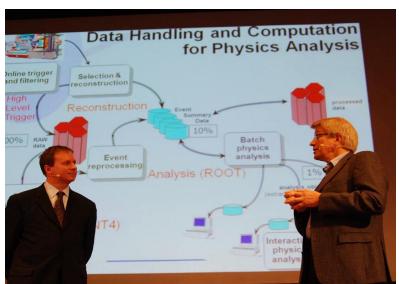
Intel Developer Forum, San Francisco, Sept. 2011



Oracle Open World, San Francisco, Oct 2011

International Super Computing, Hamburg, May 2011





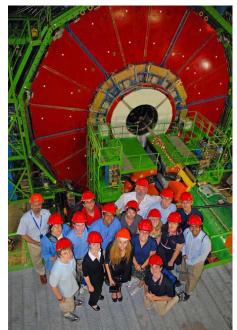


Training

Summer student programme







Intel ISEF students



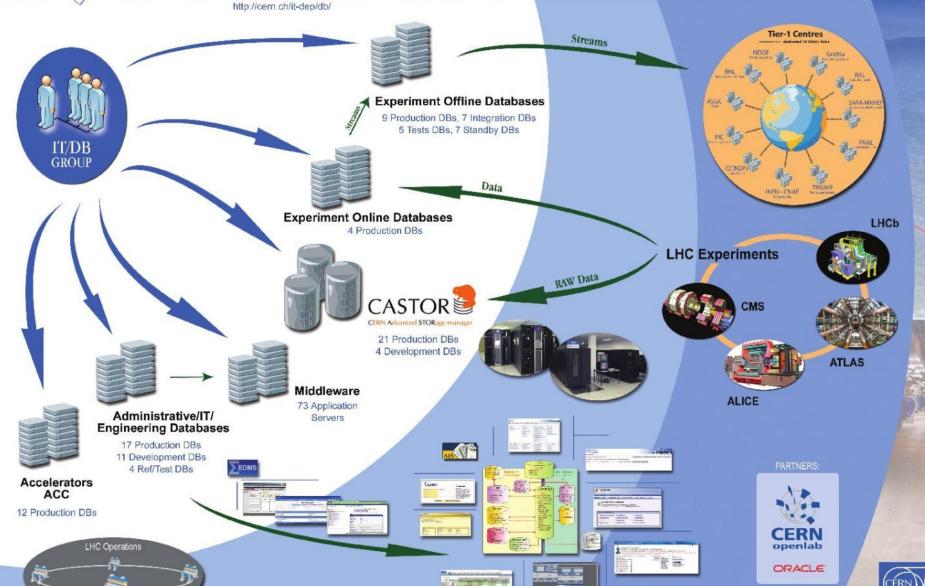
openlab recipe – key ingredients

- The extreme demands from CERN's scientific programme
- The alignment of goals between partners
- Trust
- Young researchers with their talents, expertise and energy
- Efficient and lightweight structure
- Regular checkpoints/reviews
- Outreach/communications



At the heart of CERN, LHC and Experiment Operations

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Some recent openlab highlights

Wireless Infrastructure Network Deployment Virtual Services In Openflow Networks

RAC stability and performance Data Replication Enterprise/Cloud Management New Functionality

Scalable Cloud Storage Solution

ICS security PVSS Archiving Large Systems Management

Intel "Knights"-family co-processor Software Suite: 2012 edition Xeon EP and EX server evaluations openlab workshops and teaching

openlab III (2009-2011)

Fellows: 4

Summer Students: 6

Publications: 37

Presentations: 41

Reference Activities: over 15

Product enhancements: on 8 product lines

Inter-partner collaborations: 2



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REAL APPLICATION CLUSTERS



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openlab IV / Oracle challenges

- Focus on solving problems and not technology
 - Physics analysis with Oracle technologies
 - Data Mining for LHC and monitoring
- Using a wide set of Oracle technologies
 - "clouds" and virtualisation
 - Active Data Guard
 - Replication with Active DG, GoldenGate, grids of databases
 - Enterprise Manager
 - Security for authentication to the database
 - 12c: Real Application Testing, pluggable database, RAC transaction failover, etc.

Maaike Limper

Physics Analysis in an ORACLE Database

LHC physics analysis analysis objects

(extracted per physics topic)



ntuple2

ntupleN

interactive physics analysis (thousands of users!) Physics Analysis at LHC is currently done by analyzing information stored in centrally produced ROOT-ntuples (ROOT: a dedicated C++ analysis framework)

Each physics group determines their ntuple-content based on physics objects and level of detail needed for their analysis (thousands of variables stored per event)

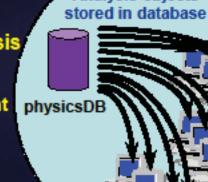
~1000 physics events per ntuple-file, many files need to be processed for each physics analysis, users store files locally or send ROOT-macro to grid

Physics Analysis DB: radically different approach to file-based analysis. Separate tables by physics object type (jets, muons, electrons etc.) Can decide for each physics topic which tables/columns are relevant Each user can send their own SQL-query to the physicsDB using PL/SQL functions for specific analysis tasks

A true BIG DATA challenge:

Billions of events, thousands of physics variables, interactive physics analysis by thousands of users

Opportunity to test database tools for optimizing the performance of storing and analyzing complex data



Analysis objects



More information available on website

www.cern.ch/openlab

