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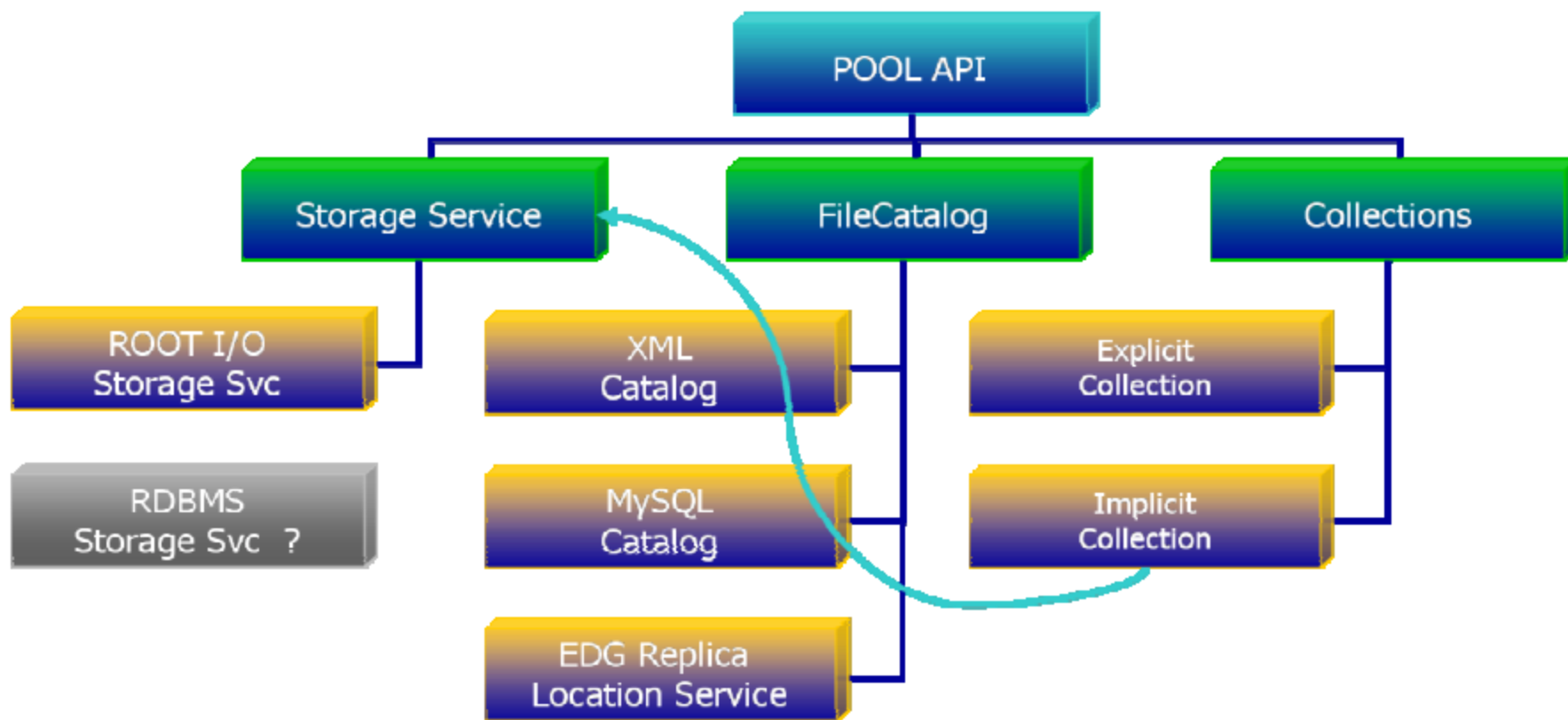
# POOL

Overview of usage in ATLAS and LHCb

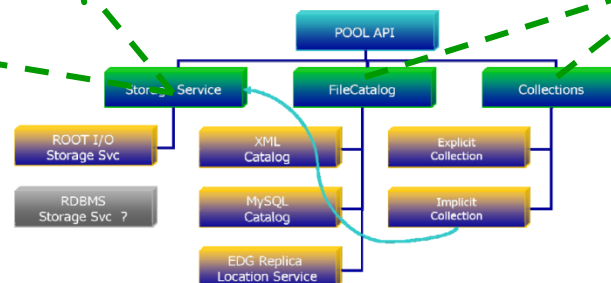
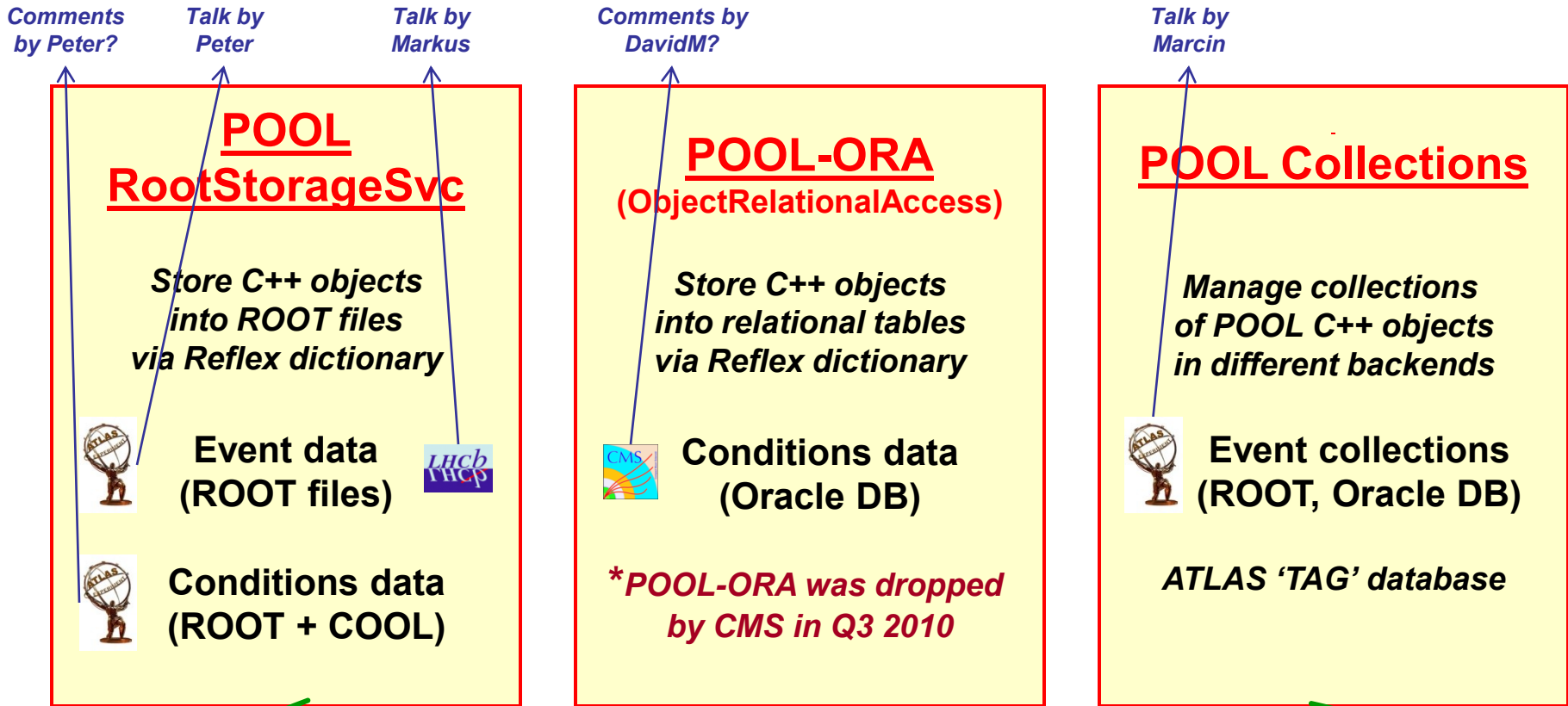
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*ATLAS and LHCb discussion about POOL,  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2010*

The minutes of the last two POOL meetings  
in August 2008 and September 2009 are attached to the agenda.



Until recently, three\* sets of packages were used by the experiments



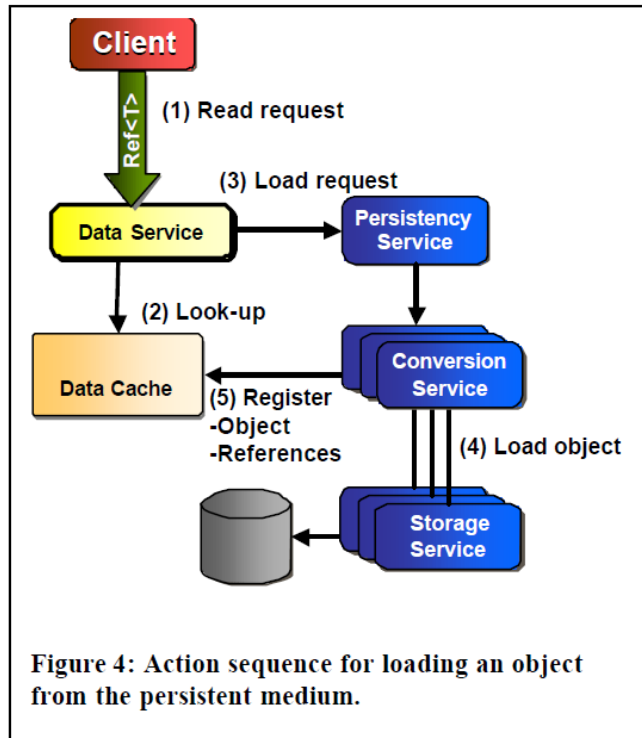


Figure 4: Action sequence for loading an object from the persistent medium.

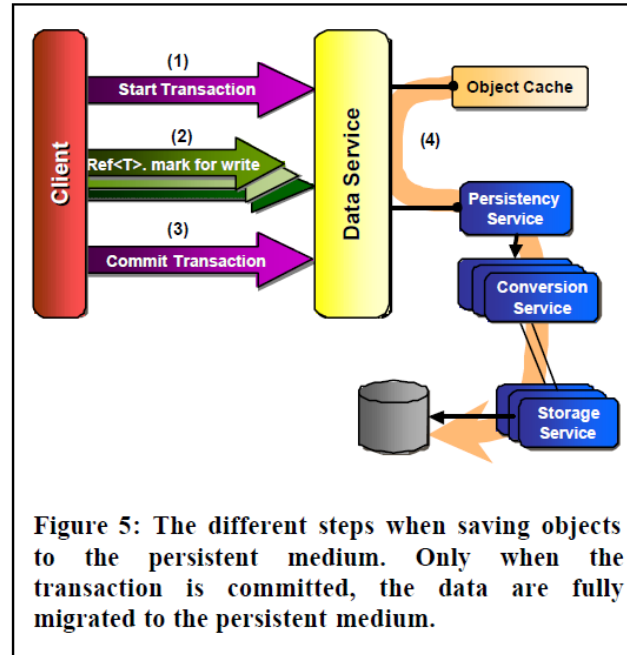


Figure 5: The different steps when saving objects to the persistent medium. Only when the transaction is committed, the data are fully migrated to the persistent medium.

**DataSvc**  
*(object cache)*

**PersistencySvc**  
*(technology switch)*










**RootStorageSvc**  
*(read/write using dictionary)*

**ROOT**

Several of the functionalities in POOL duplicate those already present in the experiment frameworks (e.g. DataService cache in Gaudi)

# Evolution in RootStorageSvc usage

(for event data)

	~2003?	~2010?	Future?
DataSvc	  		
Persistency Svc			
RootStorage Svc			 
ROOT			

- **DataSvc**

- *“DataSvc is used only by CMS.” [October 2009]*
- Is anyone still using it? Can we drop this?

- **FileCatalog**

- *“Used by ATLAS. [...] ATLAS could possibly adapt the LHCb solution of having the catalogue within Gaudi/Athena, so POOL file catalogue could be dropped.” [October 2009]*
- Is this used in ATLAS only via the collections packages?

- **RelationalStorageSvc**

- Is it ok for ATLAS to drop this (or else take ownership)?



- **AttributeList/** not used?
- **cmt/** common (all)
- **Collection/** collections (ATLAS)
- **CollectionBase/** collections (ATLAS)
- **CollectionUtilities/** collections (ATLAS)
- **config/** common (all)
- **DataSvc/** (was CMS)
- **FileCatalog/** collections (ATLAS)
- **ImplicitCollection/** collections (ATLAS)
- **LFCCatalog/** not used?
- **ObjectRelationalAccess/** (was CMS)
- **PersistencySvc/** ROOT storage svc (ATLAS only?)
- **POOLCore/** common (all)
- **RelationalCollection/** collections (ATLAS)
- **RelationalFileCatalog/** not used?
- **RelationalStorageService/** (was CMS)
- **RootCollection/** collections (ATLAS)
- **RootStorageSvc/** ROOT storage svc (ATLAS + LHCb)
- **RulesFileCatalog/** not used?
- **StorageSvc/** ROOT storage svc (ATLAS + LHCb)
- **Tests/** common (all)
- **XMLCatalog/** collections (ATLAS)



- **Fast file merge?**
  - Is this still an issue or is it solved?
- **Using time-order in POOL GUID's for DDM?**
  - This question had been raised [*Simone Campana et al.*]
- **Storing collections and data in same ROOT files?**
  - [*From a discussion with Peter*]
- **Bypass the PersistencySvc?**
  - Probably one of the most discussed issues today...



- **We should eventually converge on a long term sustainability plan for the maintenance of POOL**
  - Role of IT (part of the funding is currently from EGI Inspire)
  - Role of the experiments
  - Possible integration with Gaudi
- **Common components?**
  - Storage service (ROOT storage service)
  - Persistency service?
- **Experiment-specific (ATLAS) components?**
  - Collection packages
  - File catalog