

# WLCG 3D Workshop Summary

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WLCG Service Challenge Technical Meeting  
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- Full Production Milestone approaching
- For October all Tier 1 sites will provide Database and Frontier installations
  - According to requirements by experiments and agreed in last Oct GDB/MB
- The 7 sites from the first phase are already available and included in experiment test activities
- 4 Additional sites will need to join now
  - NDGF, NIKHEF/SARA, PIC, TRIUMF



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- Summarize the status and remaining problems at all sites
  - Help new sites to join quickly
- Review status of experiment / project replication tests
  - ATLAS, CMS, LHCb and LFC
- Review service procedures and integrate with existing LCG operations infrastructure
- Review/adjust experiment database / frontier resource requests for production in the next 6 month
- Target: Experiments and sites agree on what is (can be) expected during the next 6 month
  - Sites are notified about experiment plans and any requests for database/frontier resource extensions
- Agenda with more detail
  - <http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a063213>



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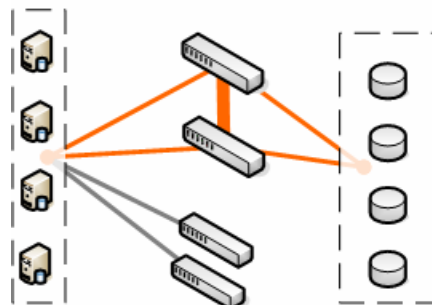
- License Requirements collected and acquired
  - All sites have Oracle s/w and support according to current experiment and project requests
- Database administrator training
  - One week course held with 14 new Oracle administrators from experiments and sites
  - OCP training being setup for November
- Streams through put tests between CERN and T1 sites
  - 10 - 100 MB/min reached (typical 30 MB/min)
  - WAN replication running at ~50% of LAN rates
  - Sufficient for planned use with conditions data
    - Working with Oracle on rate improvement
- Experiments now taking over T1 setups for their replication / client access tests
  - Getting close to full online-offline-T1 chain



## Oracle RAC on Linux project, CERN-IT-PSS

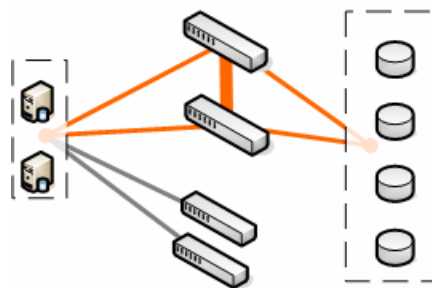
100 CPUs, 200GB RAM, 200TB disk

### PRODUCTION



ATLR  
CMSR  
LCGR  
LHCBR  
COMPR

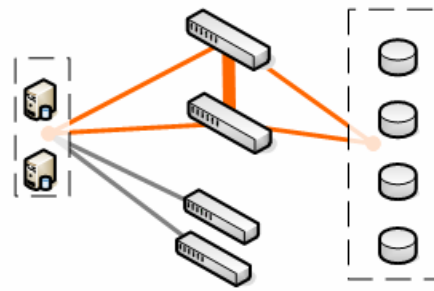
ATLAS  
CMS  
Grid applications  
LHCb  
Compass



PDBR  
D3R

Other physics apps  
3D project

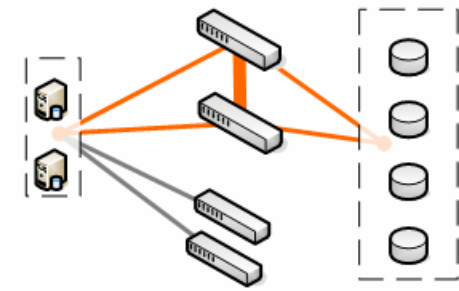
### VALIDATION



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INT2R  
INT3R  
INT4R  
INT5R

ATLAS validation  
CMS validation  
Grid validation  
LHCb validation  
PVSS tests

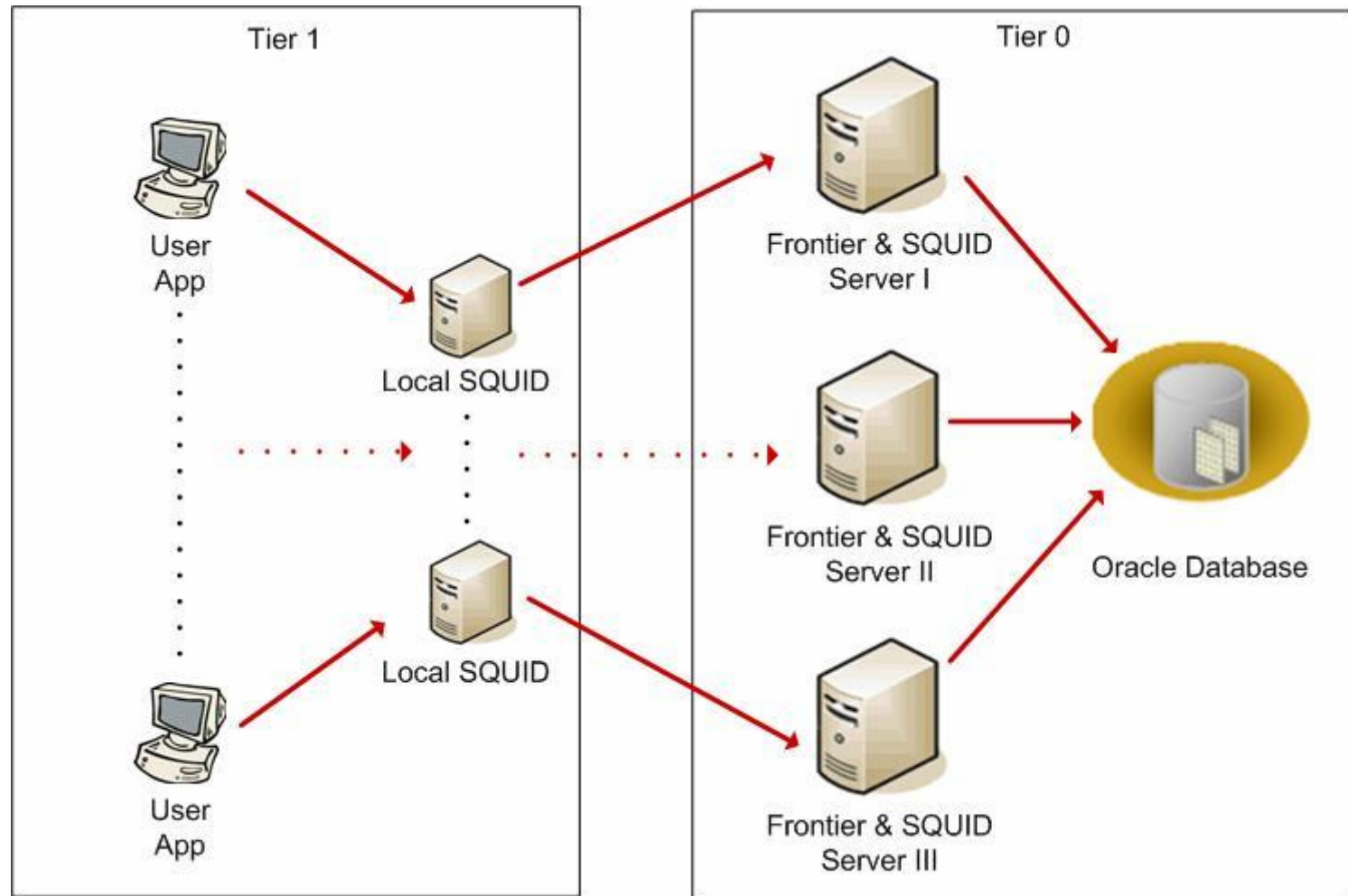
### TEST



TEST1      Tests







- Service fully based on Oracle RAC/Linux
  - Positive experience
  - Managing many more resources with same team
- The FroNtier servers have been installed and tested
  - Service currently provided by IT-FIO and CMS
- Database service for Tier0 is ready for distributed deployment



- Phase 1 sites are up and running
  - All sites involved in experiment tests (ASCG is back)
  - Consolidation plans: RAC also grid databases
  - Remaining issues: completion of monitoring and backup setup at some sites
- Attendance still mainly phase 1 sites and TRIUMF
  - NIKHEF/SARA: h/w available, waiting for SAN connection
  - NDG: waiting for h/w arrival, DBA
  - PIC: external company for RAC setup
- New sites need to increase participation in 3D meetings
  - Have to expect delays for those sites wrt October milestone





- New web based monitoring pages
  - Show experiment database (online, offline and T1) and replication status in between
  - Database availability, throughput, latency wrt to Tier 0
- Information will be included in ATLAS dashboard
- Integration with SAME availability framework



- Each T1 site is responsible for installation and maintenance of the DB and Frontier servers according to experiment and project request
  - Requests/updates will be collected by 3D and presented to LCG GDB/MB for approval every 6 month
- The sites are responsible for
  - h/w server selection, acquisition, installation and monitoring as well as related network setup
  - s/w installation and upgrade according to the agreed evolution defined
  - regular application of security patches according to site policy
- Tier 0 is responsible for defining the streams setup in agreement with the experiments/grid deployment
- 3D will collect and distribute experience and configuration examples from all sites
  - Including proposals for patch and security upgrades



- In case of h/w problems of the squid setup sites are required to replace unavailable nodes, but not the cached data.
  - No cache backup is required
- In case the squid cache becomes inconsistent (eg after a power failure) sites may clear the cache (following procedures defined by CMS)
- The Frontier production setup at T0 is operated by FIO (box level) and the FNAL Frontier team (tomcat & squid)
  - Do we need to review this?



- The sites are responsible for recovery from unavailability/inconsistency caused by power or h/w problems
  - Worst case: re-import from T0 and streams resync of one site
  - Need to exercise this at each site!
- The application owners are responsible for recovering from logical corruption caused by their s/w packages
  - Worst case: point-in-time recovery and re-sync on all affected sites
  - Need to schedule a full size recovery test to estimate the unavailability caused by this.





- Each site is responsible to setup database backup and recovery infrastructure via Oracle RMAN
  - This may include on-disk backups and should include tape backups and associated media
- Backups should be performed online and with a retention period which is compatible with the time window for point-in-time recovery required by the experiments
  - Eg 1 month or 3 month?
- This is required to allow for a standard recovery procedure including streams re-synchronisation
- The T1 sites are responsible for performing
  - Standard database recovery (eg after media faults)
  - Point-in-time recovery within the agreed time window in case of logical data corruption
- Tier 0 is responsible for the streams re-synchronisation after the site is locally consistent



- Database Recovery with Streams
- Collected DB / streams recovery scenarios
  - Recovery after T1 data loss - OK
    - RAL recovered and re-synchronised
    - Replication CENR to CNAF continued unaffected
  - Recovery after T0 data loss - OK
  - Next: coordinated point-in-time recovery
    - Procedure defined, will validate asap
- Service procedure documented on 3D wiki
- Planning local and 3D wide recovery exercise as soon as all sites have backup system in place



- The sites are responsible for staffing their support teams to meet the problem response time and availability numbers defined by the LCG MoU
  - Work split between DBA and other support staff should be organised by each site
- Availability numbers there are only defined indirectly
  - eg for high level application types
  - need to correlate service and database availability monitoring to understand required DB availability
- If application code does not implement DB retry/failover then the DB availability requirements significantly grow.
  - Are there experiment or grid s/w policies ?



- Security monitoring and patching is entirely site responsibility
  - Each site needs to monitor for security incidents and apply security patches according to site policy
  - This includes emergency interventions like change of compromised admin credentials
- 3D will make information about content and schedule of security patches available and collect experience with their application at the sites
  - But their selection and application is with the sites
- The application of security patches does not require agreement of experiments / software provider
  - It is the responsibility of s/w owners to adapt their applications in case issues with security patches are detected.





- Should use as much as possible the established reporting channels
- Each site should now join the GGUS support setup
  - Expect that all service users will report problems via this channel
- Each site should pre-announce service changes/outage
  - [grid-service-databases@cern.ch](mailto:grid-service-databases@cern.ch)  
(new list for any 3D service related discussions)
  - EGEE broadcast and other LCG lists (gmod)
- Integration with operations meetings
  - Either: All sites database team are represented via their grid teams
  - Or: LCG 3D is represented by one person (eg a rotating database manager on duty - dbmod)



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- Resource Review for next 6 month (Oct - Mar)
  - Tier 1 database and squid resources are adequate for ATLAS, CMS and LHCb
- Significant increase in medium term expected eg by ATLAS (some 10 TB/y)
- Will review regularly - eg every 6 month
  - Approval of new requests via LCG GDB/MB

