# CMS Database Strategy moving from development to operation

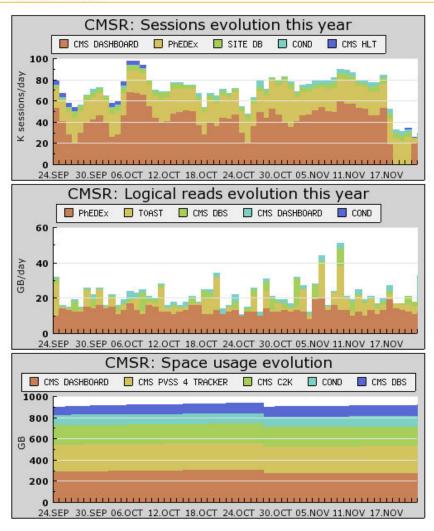
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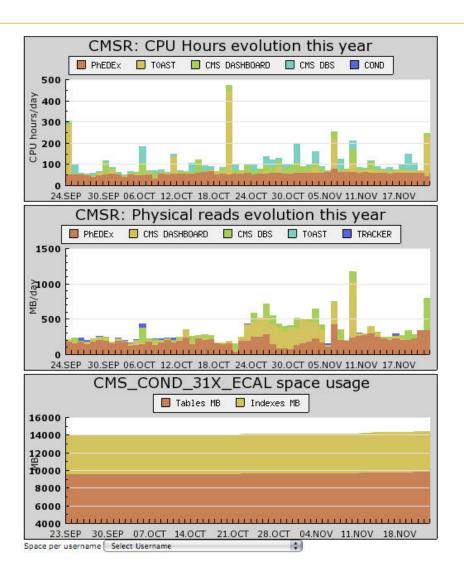
### DataBases in CMS

- Relational Databases are pervasive in CMS software applications
  - Used as strategic and tactical storage in many distributed application for logging, workflow management, configuration management, document storage etc
  - Applications are rather independent of each other
    - no central authority
    - small development teams
    - limited scope
  - Notable exception: Condition Database

### Offline RAC Usage

#### CMS Offline RAC

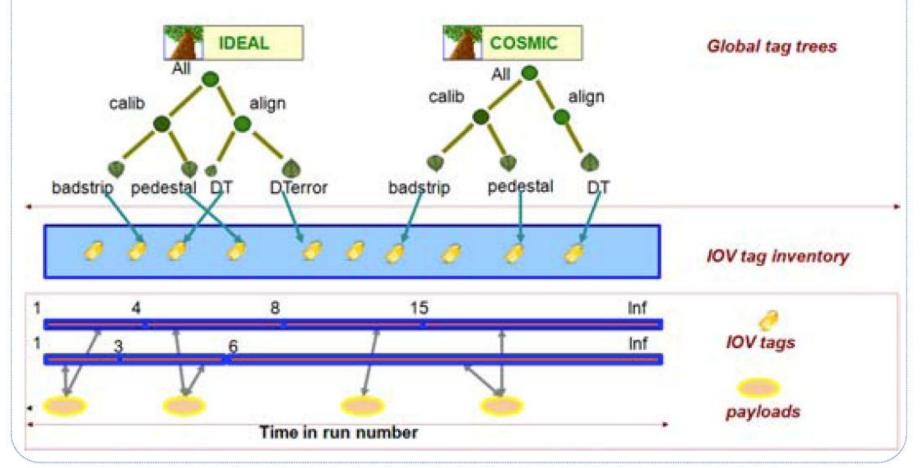




#### **CONDITION DB DESIGN**

### **Condition DB Structure**

2. Conditions DB content: time-variant condition data (calibration and alignment) are stored in the Condition Database together with their sequences versions IOV. IOV sequences are identified by tags (IOV tag) which are organized as trees (tag tree). A tag tree can be traversed from any node (global tag).



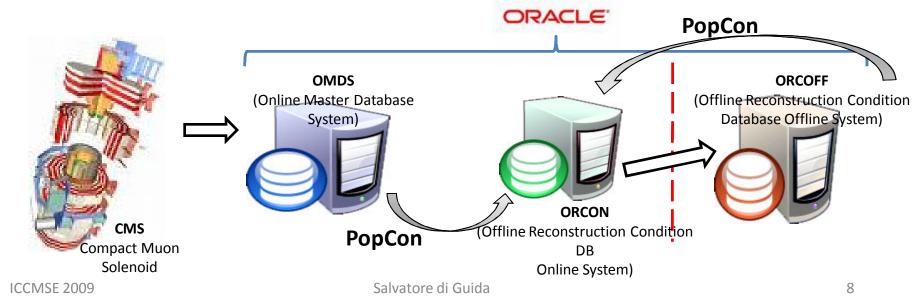
### Relations in conditions

- All relations in conditions DB are purely logical and application specific
  - No RDBMS consistency enforced
  - Full flexibility in copying (deep and shallow) at all level of the structure
  - Simple policy: NO DELETE, NO UPDATE
    - Only the current IOV-Sequence can be extended
  - Payloads implemented as POOL/ORA objects
  - Management through application specific tools

### **POPULATION STRATEGY**

### Condition DataBase Population

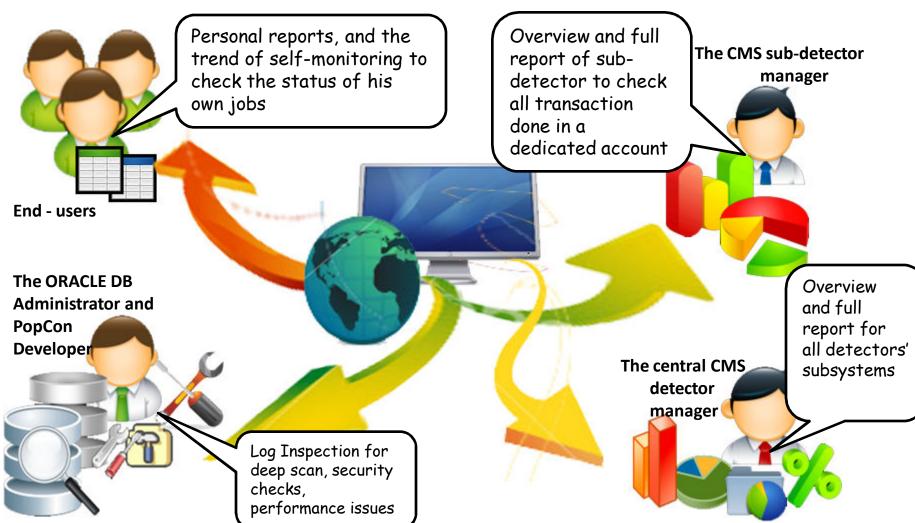
- PopCon (Populator of Condition Objects tool):
  - is an application package fully integrated in the overall CMS framework intended to transfer, store, and retrieve condition data in the Offline Databases;
  - Assigns metadata information (tag and IOV).
- CMS relies on three ORACLE databases for the condition data.



### Centralized Population of Condition Databases

- Two possibilities for each sub-detector:
  - Run automatically the so-called O2O application that reads from any online source, assigns tag and IOV and uploads data in the dedicated ORCON account (condition data);
  - Dropbox (calibration data): users copy data in SQLite format into a dedicated folder, then these data are automatically exported to the sub-detector's ORCON account.
- PopCon transfers data into the DB accounts:
  - Creates log information stored in a DB account.
- Watchdog to monitor automatic jobs' status:
  - Monitoring information stored in the DB.

## Web Monitoring from different users' perspectives



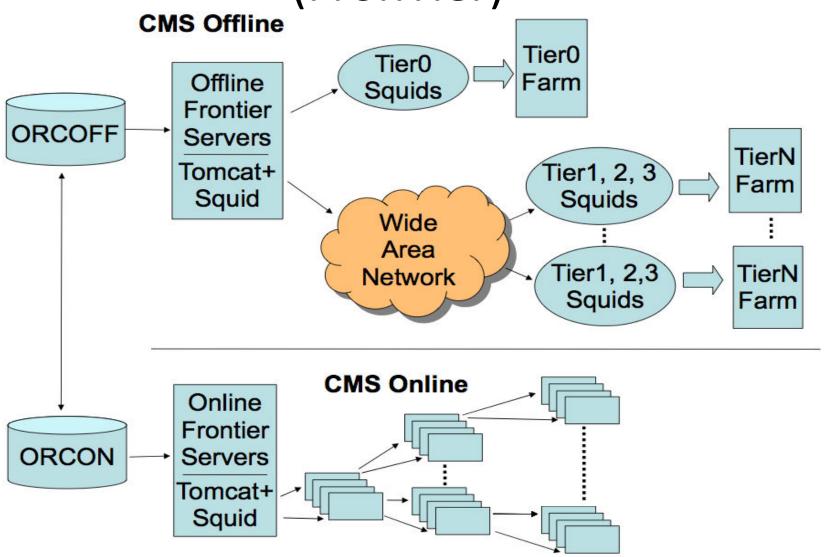
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### **ACCESS STRATEGY**

### Data Access using web caches (FronTier)



### **PHYSICAL LAYOUT**

### "Partitioning Strategy"

- Till now the database has been "partitioned" into accounts following development and deployment criteria
  - Keep separated areas of independent development
    - By sub-detectors, by software release
- Move to "partitioning" by use-cases
  - Keep separated independent use-workflow
    - MonteCarlo: copy all relevant data into a dedicated account
      - Even a single sqlite file!
    - Re-processing at remote Tiers: make a read-only snapshot of the whole condition DB and use that (through FronTier)
    - Prompt processing (reconstruction, calibration, analysis at TO and CAF) keeps using the master DB (updated in real time)

### Open issues

- As the Database grows and applications evolve more "partitioning" issues will show up
  - Manage "schema evolution"
  - Use of oracle partitions
  - Archive and pruning
  - Snapshot frequency
- Add new "dimensions" and/or "abstractions" at the application level

### Summary

- CMS has in production a large number of applications critically relying on DB backends
- Condition Database adds complexity challenges due to its close connection to "physics" applications
- Stable LHC operation will add new challenges and new dimensions to the project
  - Balance between development and production
  - Performance issues
  - Robustness and flexibility issues