Evolution of HammerCloud to commission CERN Compute resources

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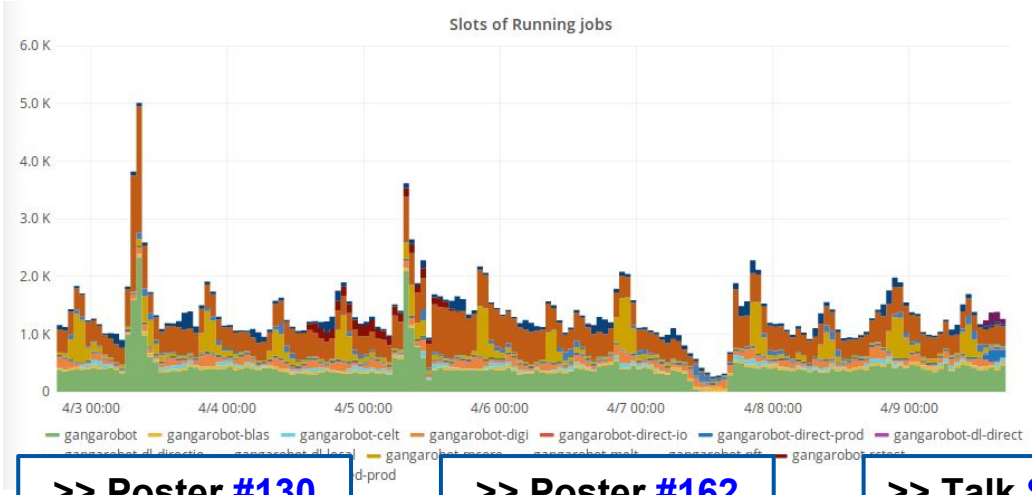
HammerCloud at a glance

- Functional and stress tests of WLCG resources: ATLAS, CMS; Batch
  - **Functional:** steady flow of test jobs
  - **Stress:** on demand tests, configure load intensity
- Part of automation suite of the Experiments
- Testing the **full chain** of an Experiment job
  - Same environment as the “real” analysis/production jobs
- Utilization
  - ATLAS: 80k jobs/day, ~30 tests/day
  - CMS: 39k jobs/day, 36 tests/day
  - Batch: 150-750 jobs/day, ~1-2 tests/day

HammerCloud activities

ATLAS: functional testing & auto-exclusion of resources; ESblacklist; commissioning of new resources; commissioning of new components of distributed computing systems (Pilot, Rucio, new data access protocols, …); FT of services (ObjectStore testing); ALRB smoke testing



CMS: functional testing; commissioning of new resources; commissioning of new components of distributed computing systems

Batch: BEER, external cloud, CI/CD, containers usability, ...

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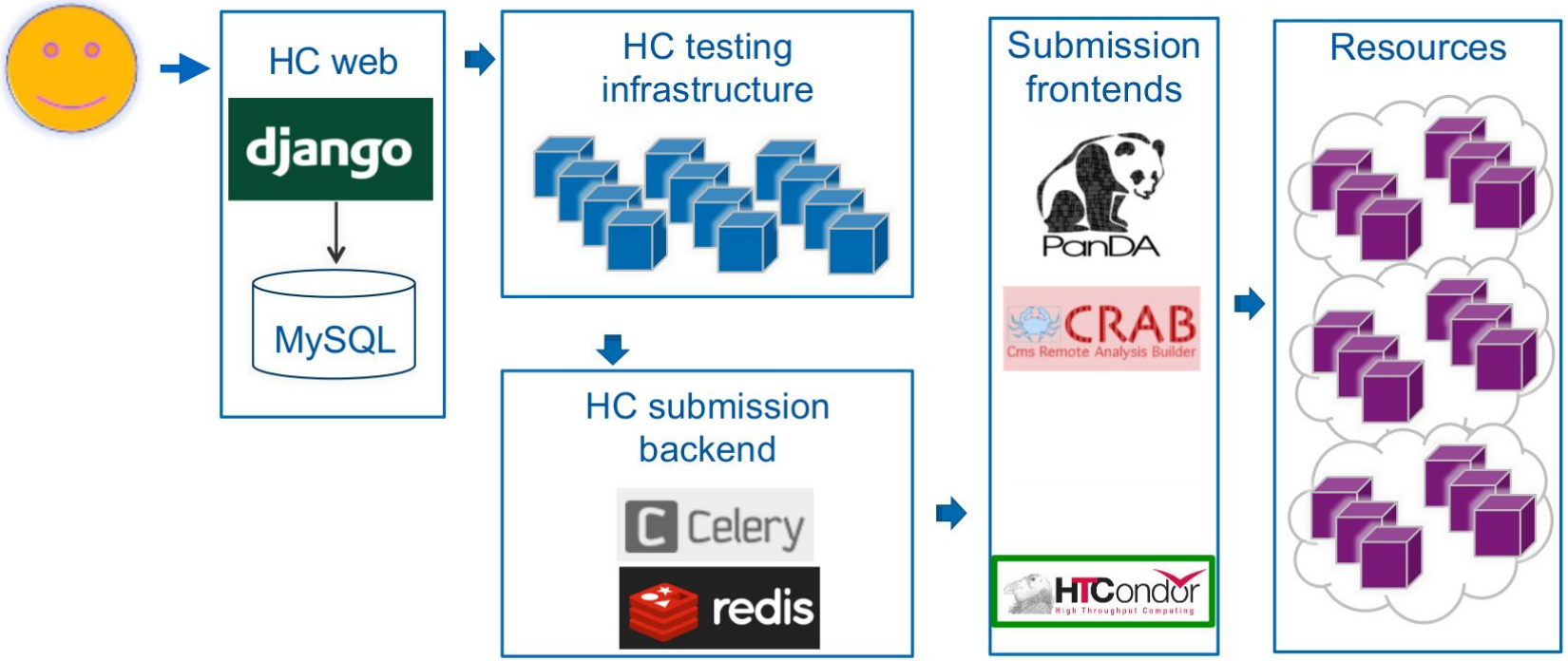
HammerCloud from far away

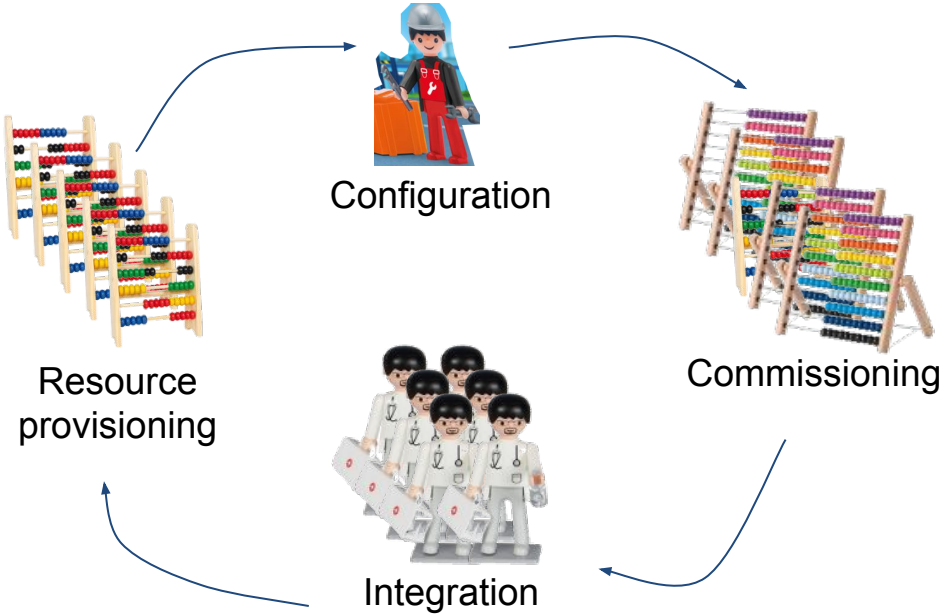


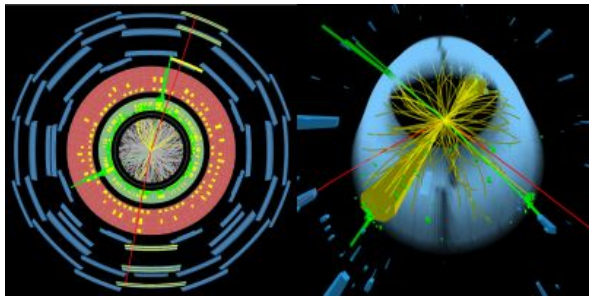
Why new submission backend(s)?

Adding compute resources: get as many CPU cycles as possible ASAP

… a complex task!

distributed, planet-scale computing





Data analysis

Common infrastructure issues

Complex distributed systems

… challenging to spot, debug & address issues

- Networking
  - DNS, firewall, bandwidth, ...
- Access to services essential to run a job
  - Squids & caches, frontier, …
- Experiments jobs suffering in various ways

“Pre-commission” the resources

How?

- we have **experience** with testing with **full-chain jobs**
  - fail early, in a controlled environment

- swap the submission backend from WMS to a batch system
  - but use the same batch resources & environment configuration

    ⇒ test resources and services at a site without the need for the full integration with the Experiment distributed computing systems

⇒ spot infrastructure issues early, and address them early

⇒ happy customers :)

Not only batch

“Pre-commission” the resources

… any resource or service essential to operate Compute activities

- Batch resources: in-house, external (cloud); test VM image readiness
- Containers: commission images and environment configuration
- ObjectStores: service functional testing
- Issuing load of any kind: front-end load testing, DB load testing, ...
- Commission components of complex distributed systems
  - a DDM client component commissioning

- Majority of Batch resources at CERN are available via HTCondor
  - Happy to collaborate to plug in other batch systems

Batch CI/CD

… continuous integration / continuous deployment of Batch VMs

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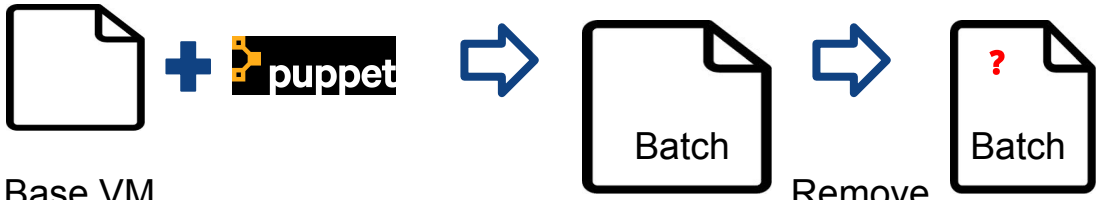
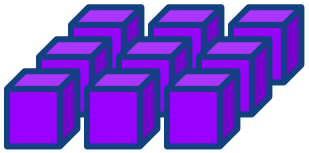
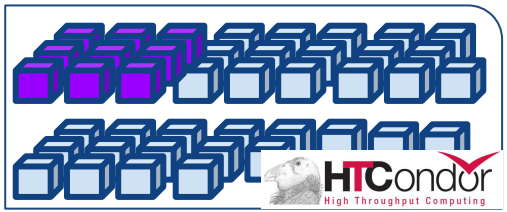


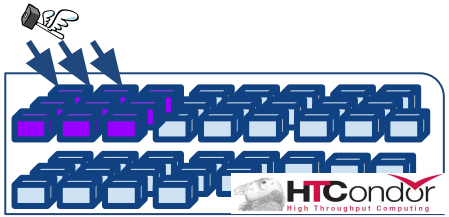
Step 2. Instantiate VM(s) on a test openstack **cluster**



Step 3. Plug the cluster to our HTCondor High Throughput Computing **pool**



Step 4. Smoke-test the cluster with HammerCloud



Step 5. Sign-off the new Batch VM image & deploy

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… to support even more Compute activities:

- “pre-commission” the resources,
- smoke-test builds & images,
- happy to collaborate!
  - Contact: <mailto:Jaroslava.Schovancova@cern.ch>
  - *Test more CEs? Introduce support for more CE flavors? …?*

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