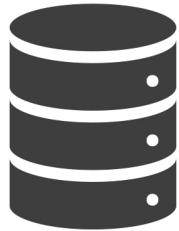






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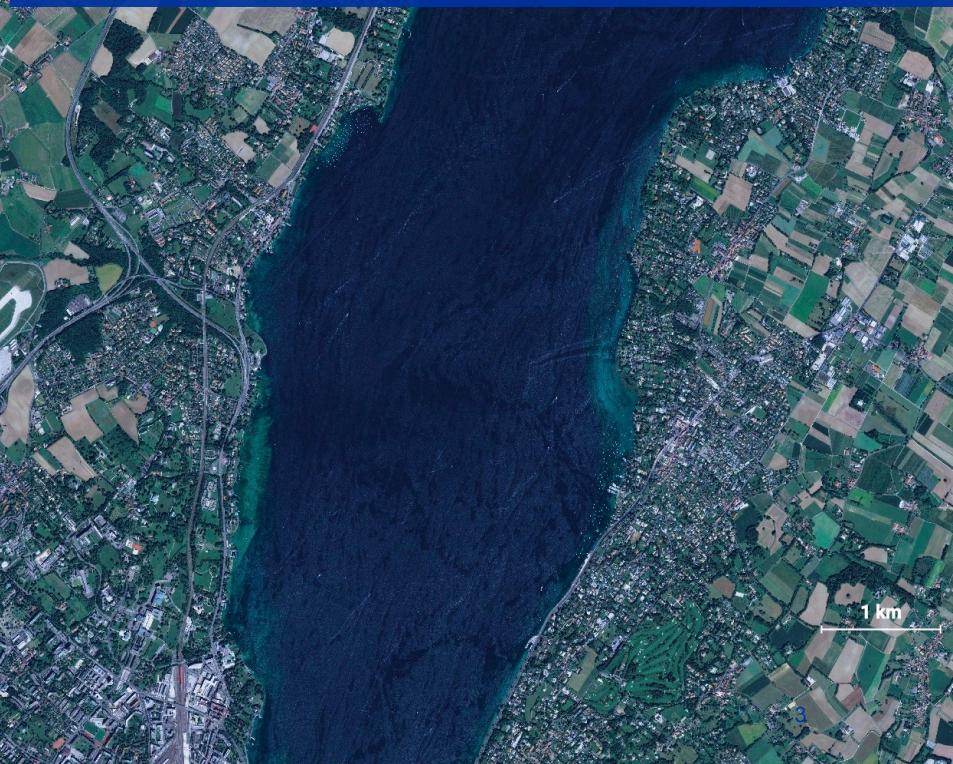
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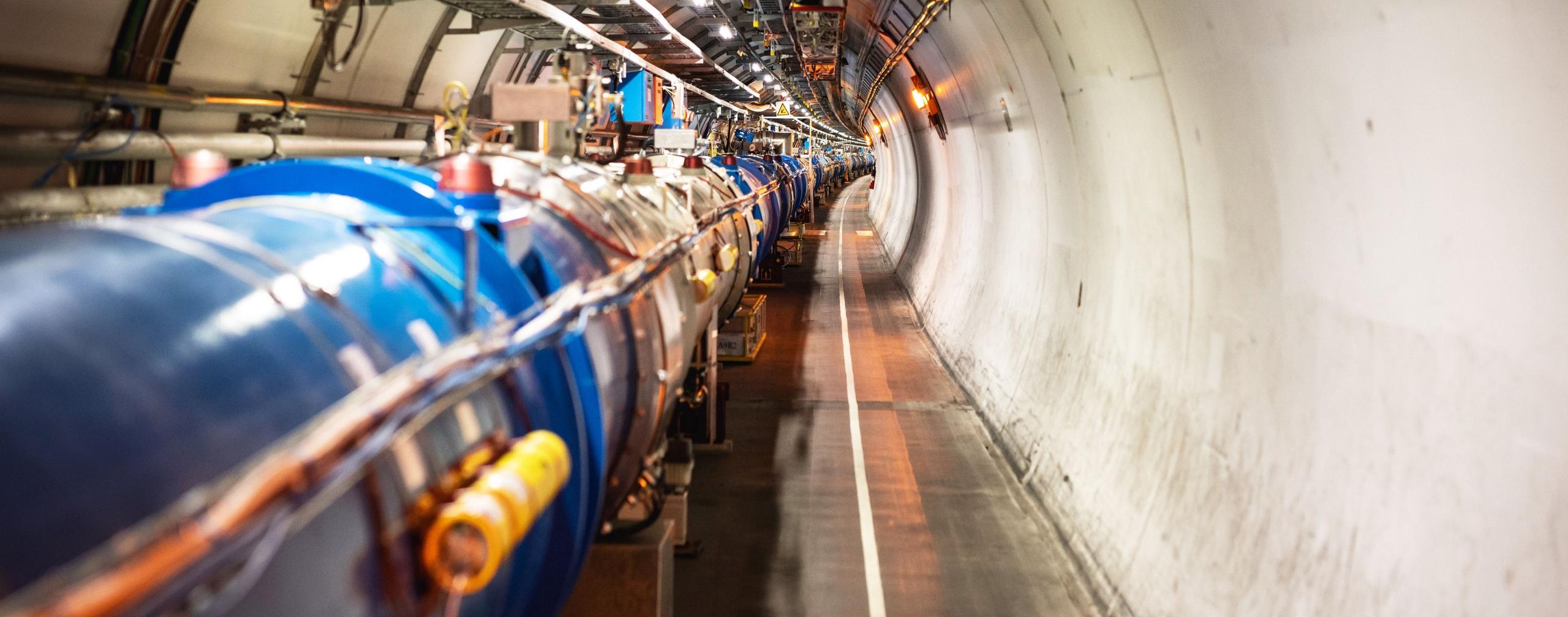


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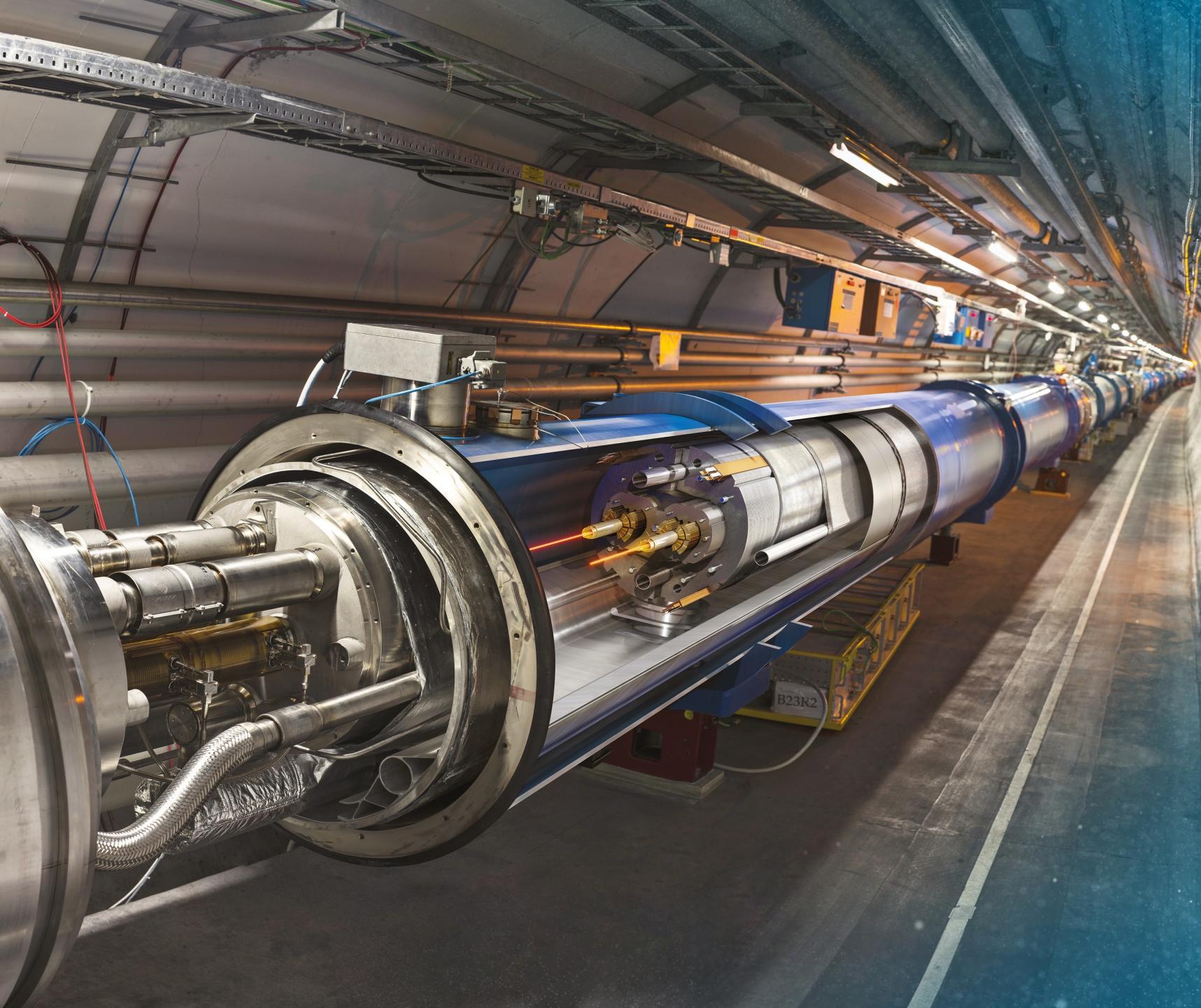


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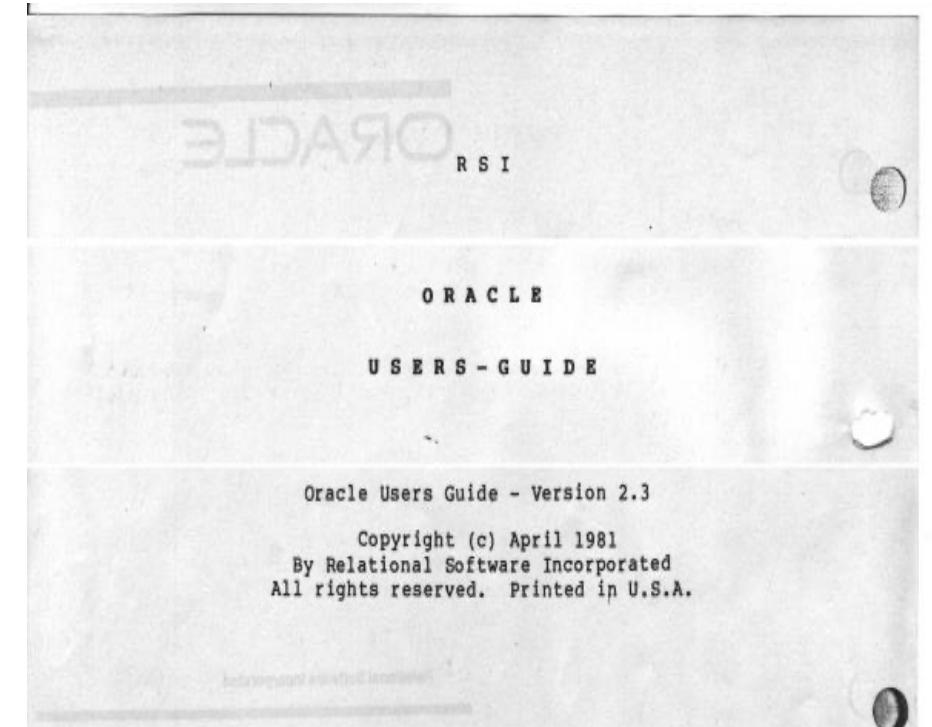
Databases at CERN

Oracle since 1982

- 105 Oracle databases, more than 11.800 Oracle accounts
- RAC, Active Data Guard, GoldenGate, OEM, RMAN, Cloud, ...
- Complex environment

Database on Demand (DBoD) since 2011

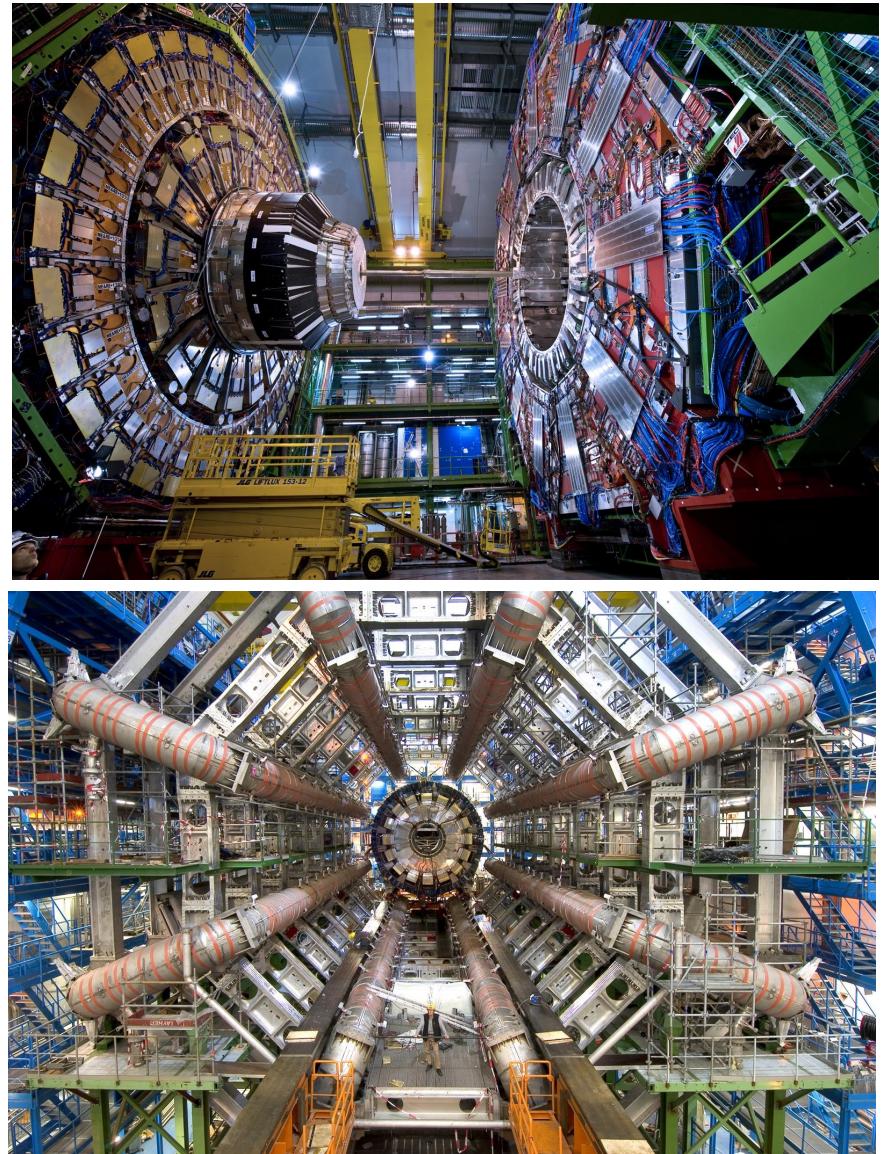
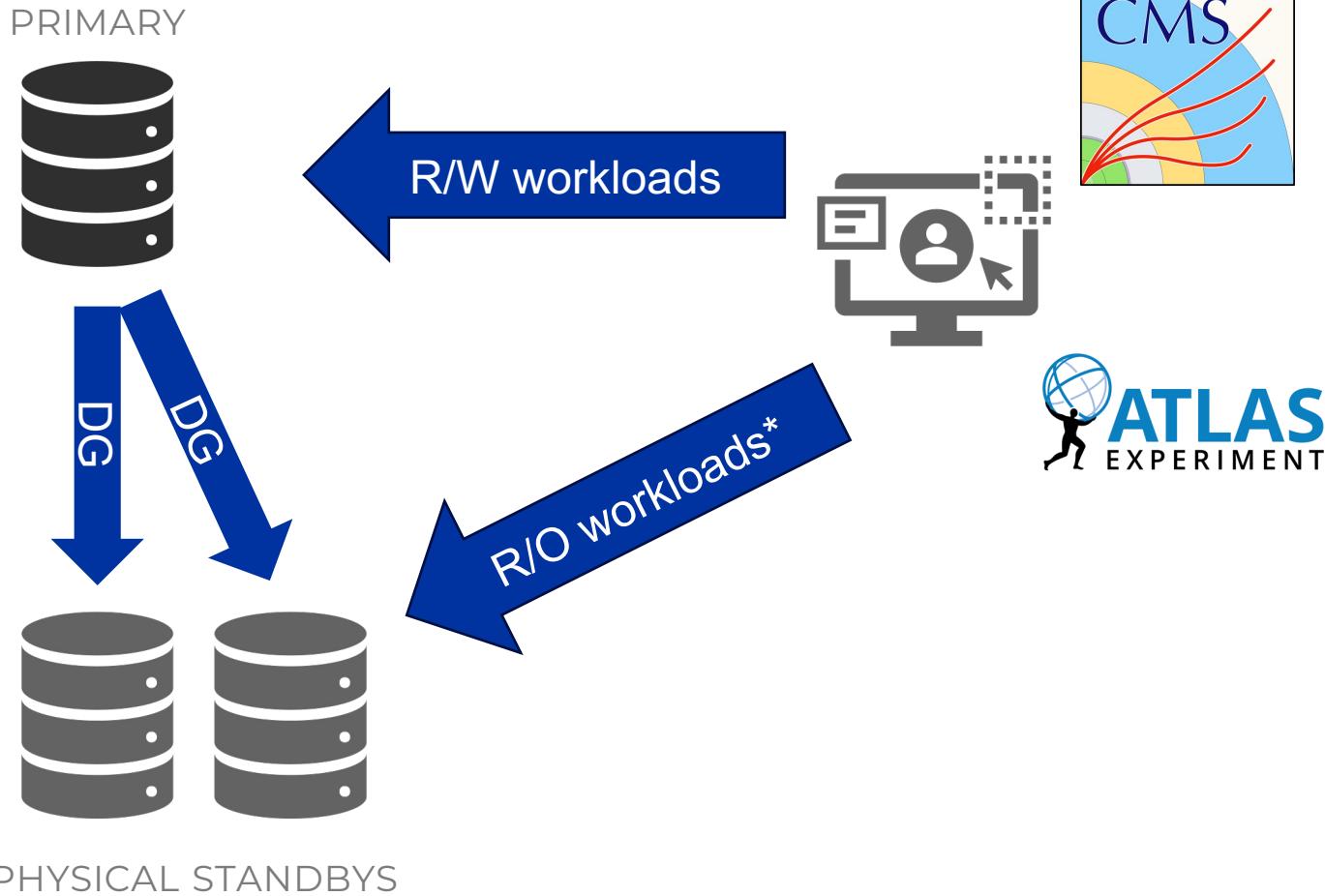
- MySQL, PostgreSQL, InfluxDB
- Automated backup and recovery services, monitoring, clones, replicas
- HA MySQL clusters (Proxy + primary replica)



Active Data Guard

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Real-Time Query on the Active Data Guard



* - R/W also possible with *adg_redirect_dml*

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Real-Time Query on the Active Data Guard

Reasons:

- Better scaling, higher total performance
- Allow more „analytical” queries in an OLTP environment

Our recommendations:

- Keep your DB patched
- Test your queries
- Prepare a fallback mechanism on the app side (due to maintenance of standby)

Backups on the Standby Databases

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Summary:

- ~3 PB of backups (arch + datafile) stored on disks
- ~2 PB of backup data written monthly to disks
- On top of that, $\frac{1}{4}$ is written to tapes

Backup distribution per type:

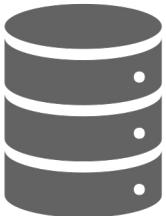
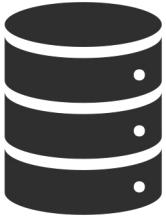
- 750 TB of archivelogs
- 2 PB of datafile backups



Backups on the Standby Databases

Offloading the backup operations to the standby

PRIMARY



PHYSICAL STANDBY

Primary:

- archivelog backups

Benefits:

- Off-load I/O from the primary
- 3x less backup I/O on the primary

Physical Standbys:

- datafile backups

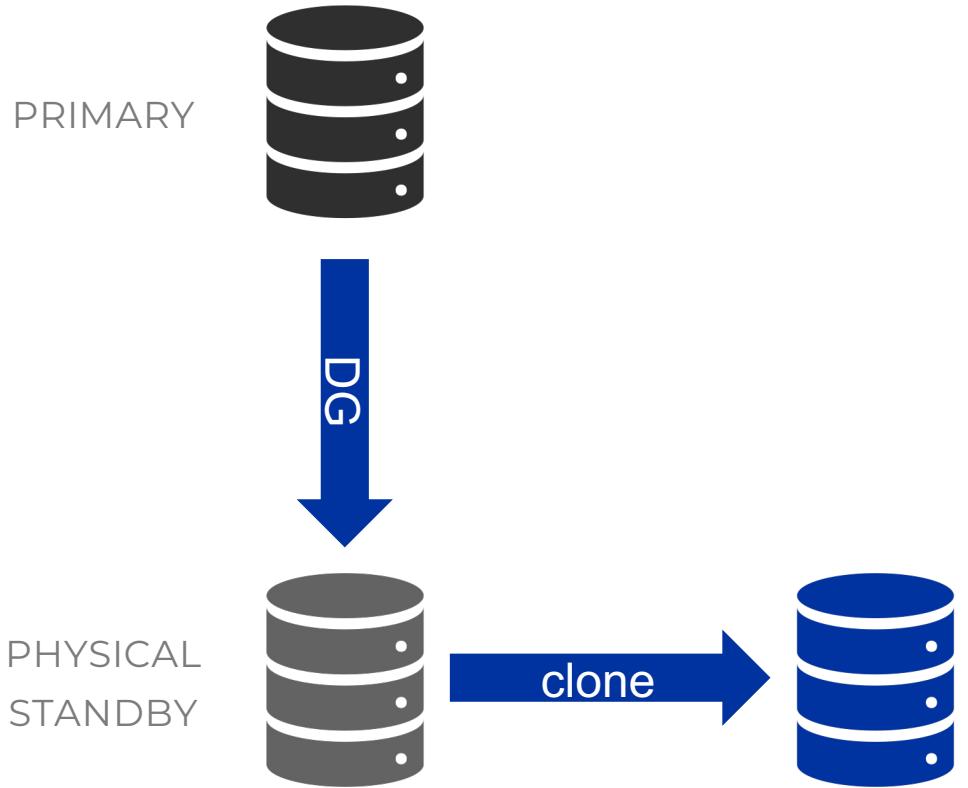
Recommendations:

- Use the block change tracking for fast backups
- Use the RMAN catalog
- Monitor the Data Guard lag

Database Clones

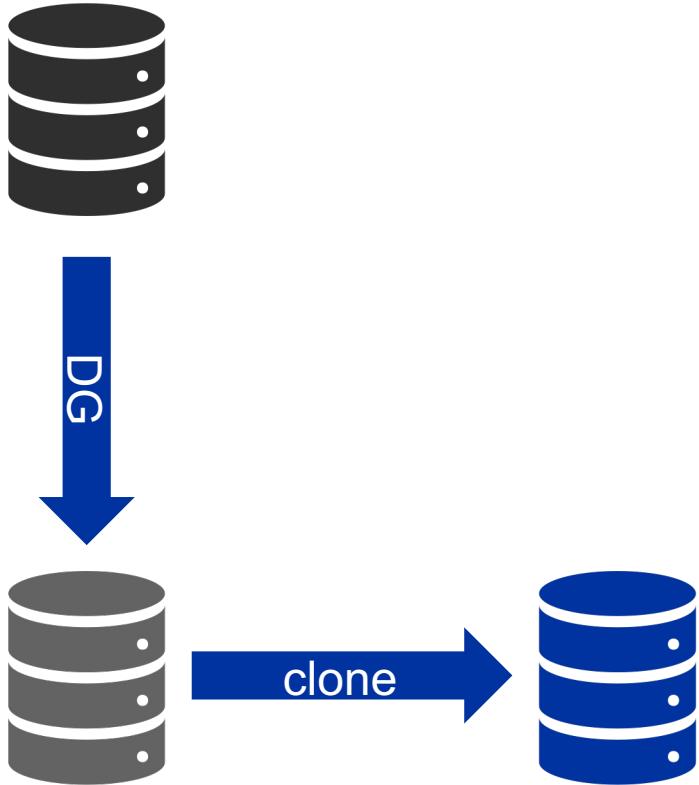
Database Clones

Using Physical Standby as a source of consistent datafiles for Thin Clones



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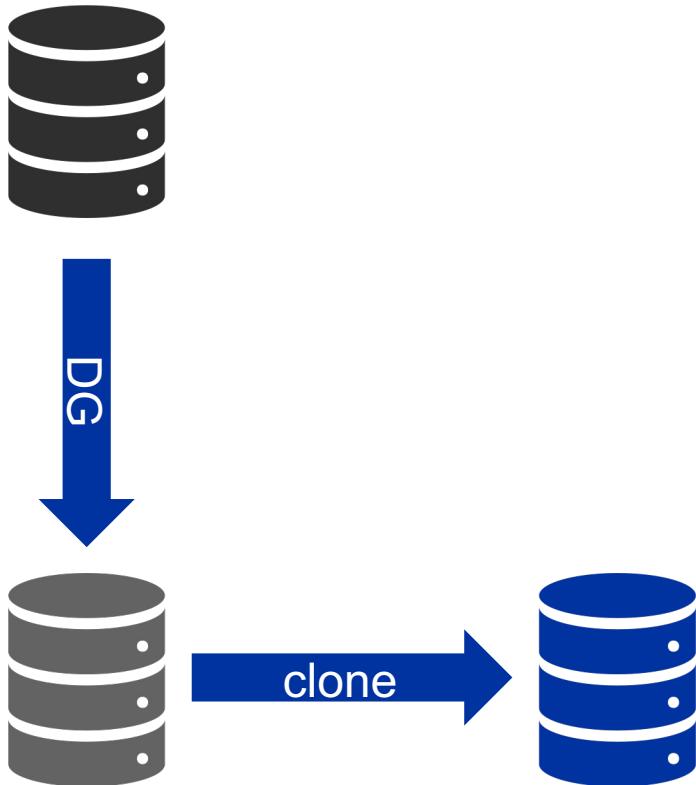
Key points



- 4 minutes to create a clone of a 10TB database
- Thin Clones (Copy On Write)
using the dNFS snapshots

Database Clones

Step by step:



1. Stop physical standby apply to have consistent datafiles
2. Create a read-only storage snapshot
3. Resume the apply on physical standby
4. Use the clonedb.pl script to prepare the clone
5. dbms_dnfs.clonedb_renamefile
6. Open the clone of the database

Database Clones (alternative solution)

**Oracle Multitenant Pluggable Database Snapshot Cloning:
Use Cases and Supported Platforms
[\(Doc ID 1597027.1\)](#)**

Waiting for 23c

DBMS_DG PL/SQL improvements

Currently, we invoke dgmgrl commands from a bash script to automate the setup of the standby databases.

In 23c, it will be possible to do that from PL/SQL calls.

Thank you !



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