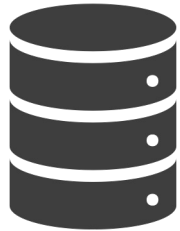




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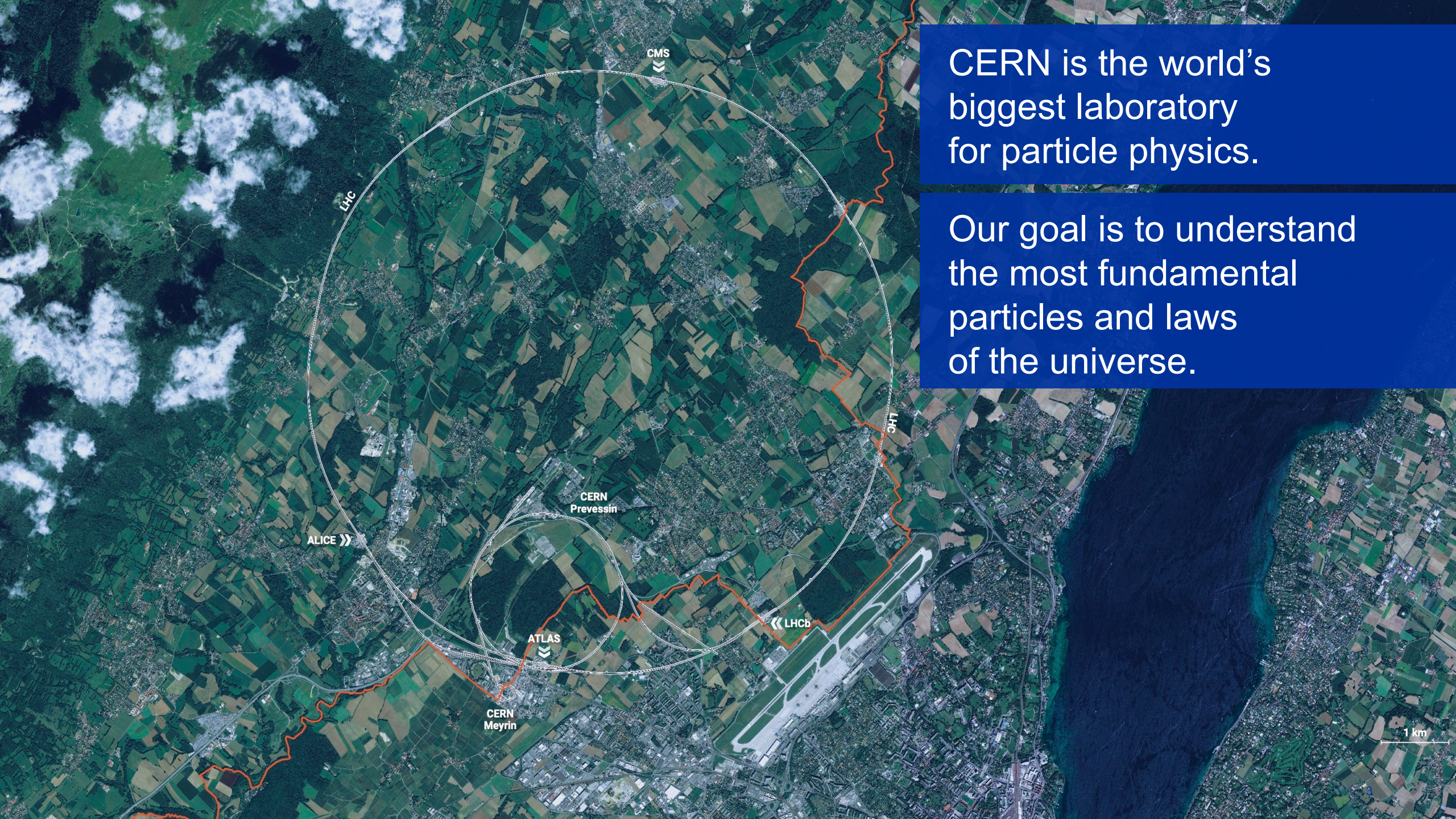


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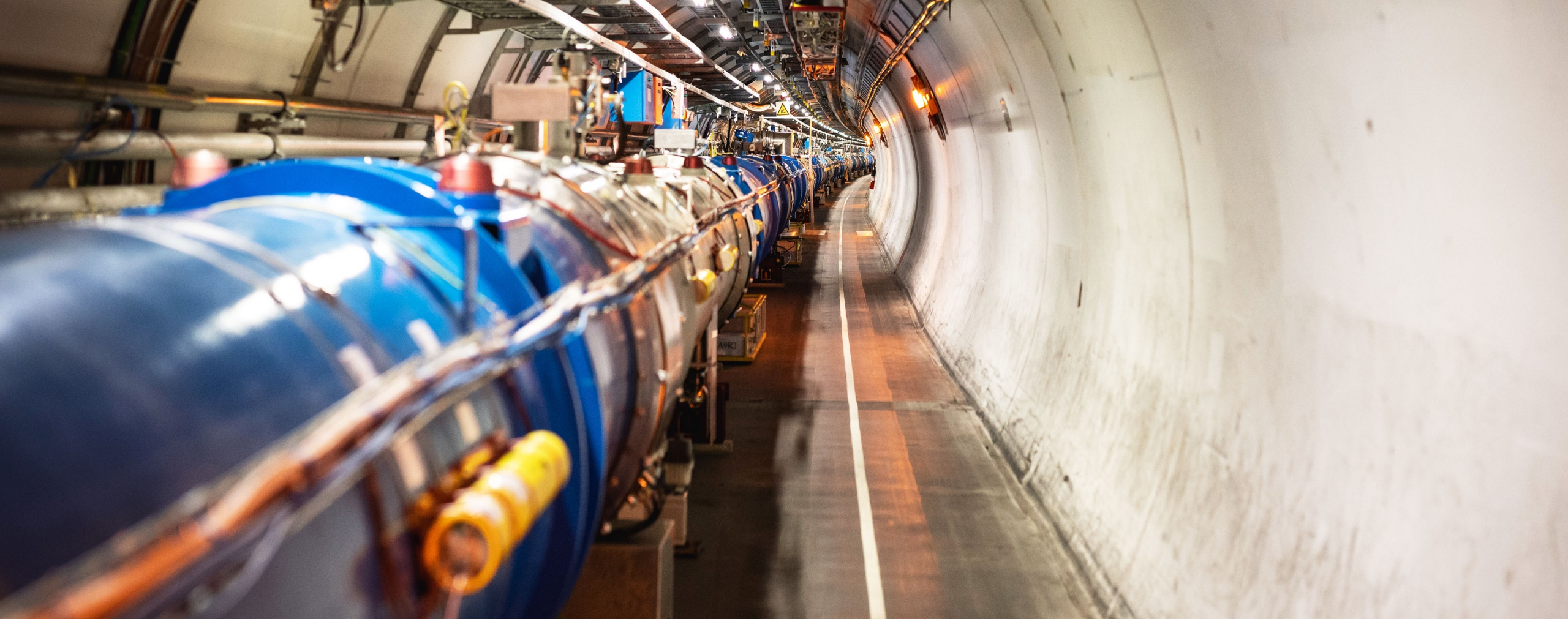


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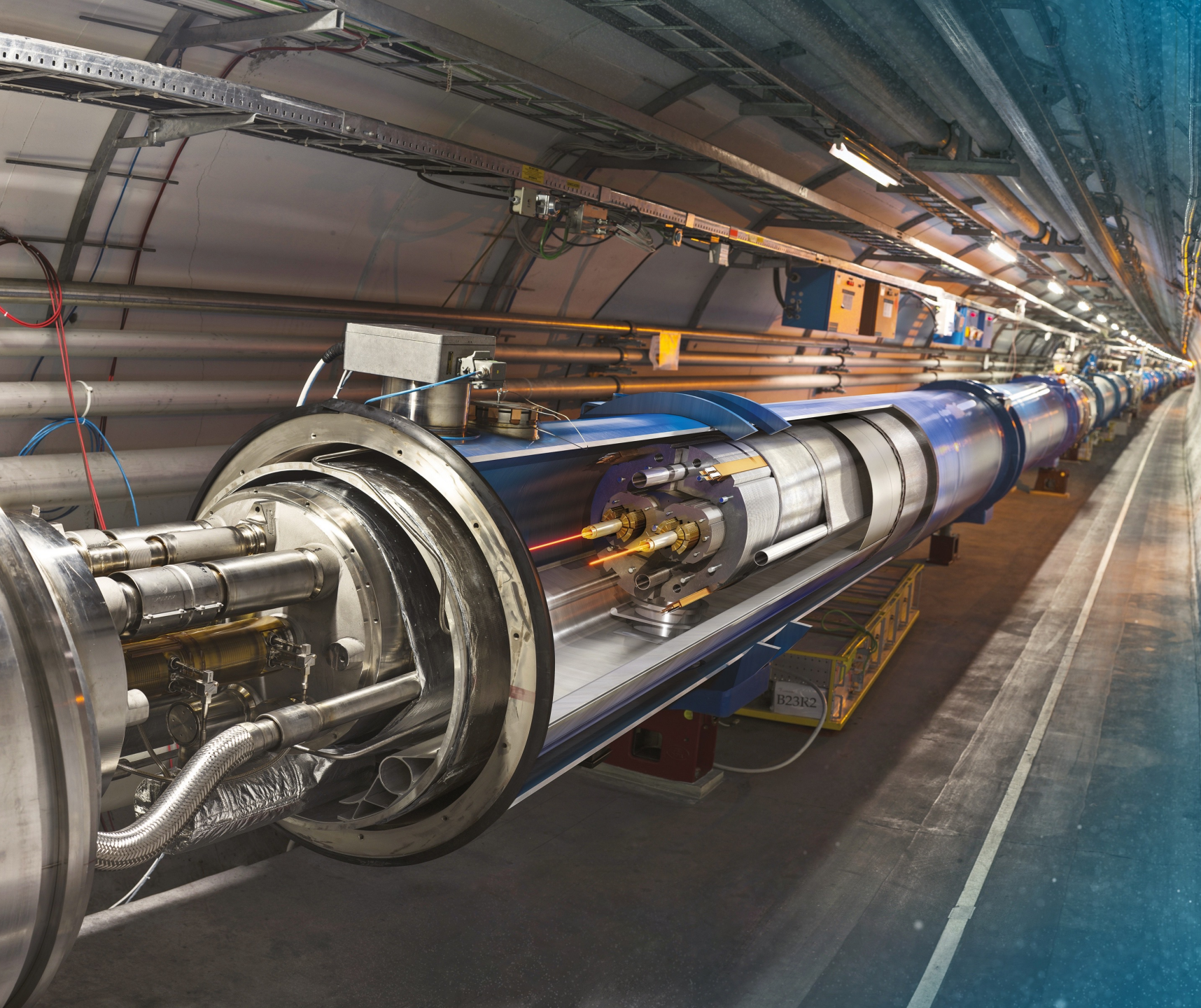
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# Large Hadron Collider (LHC)





# Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km (17 mi) in circumference
- About 100 m (300 ft) underground
- Superconducting magnets steer the particles around the ring
- Particles are accelerated to close to the speed of light





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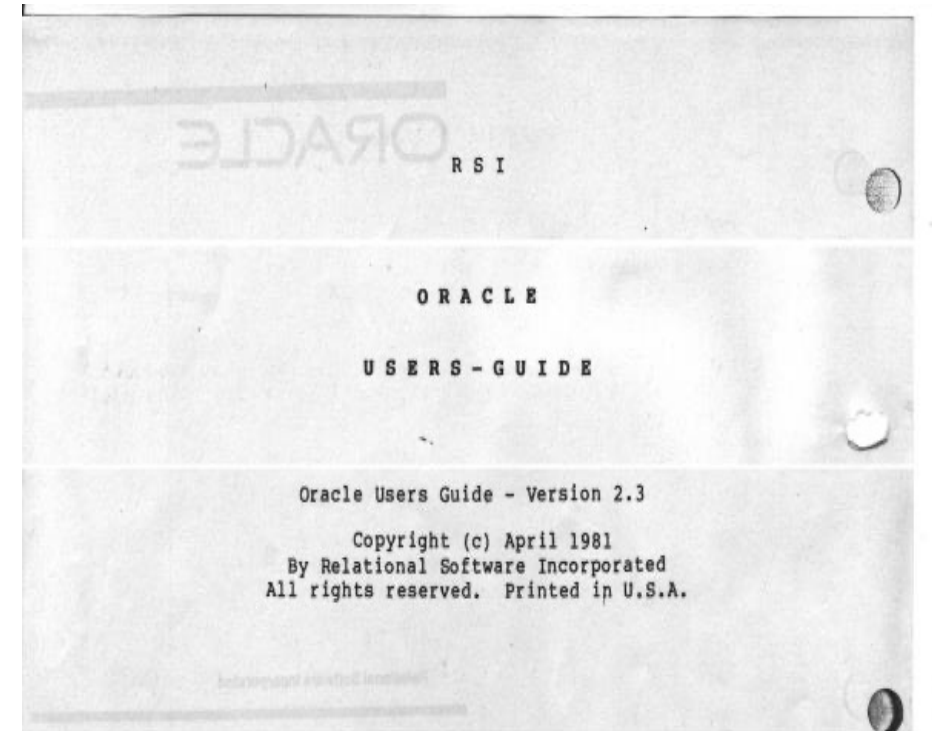
# Databases at CERN

## 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)



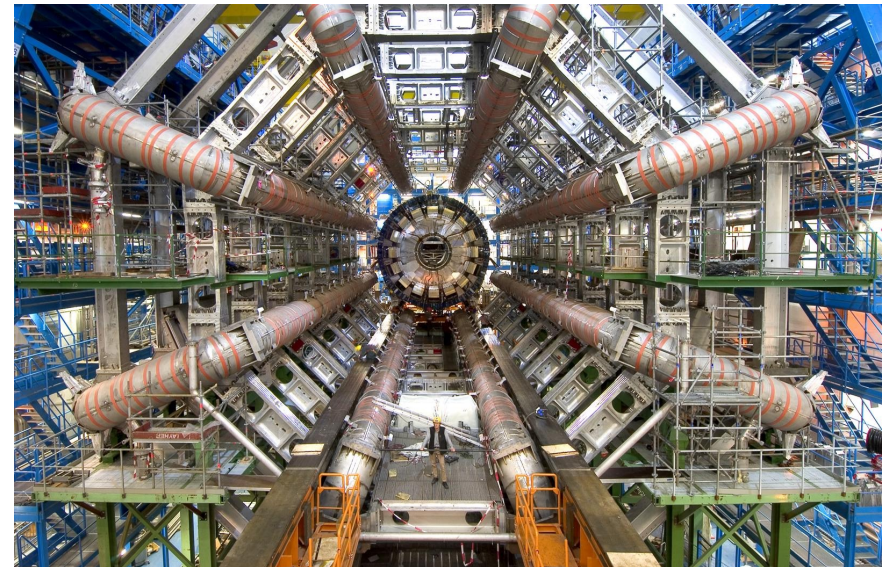
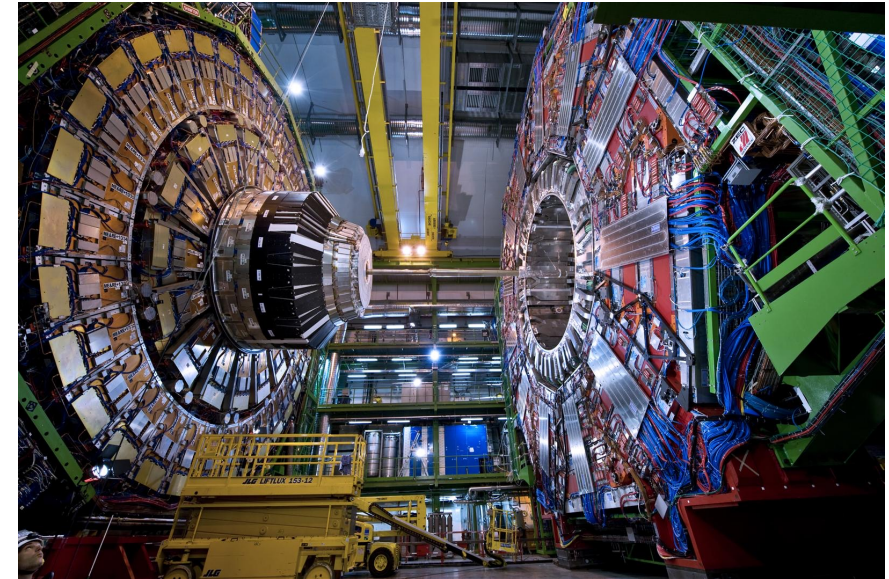
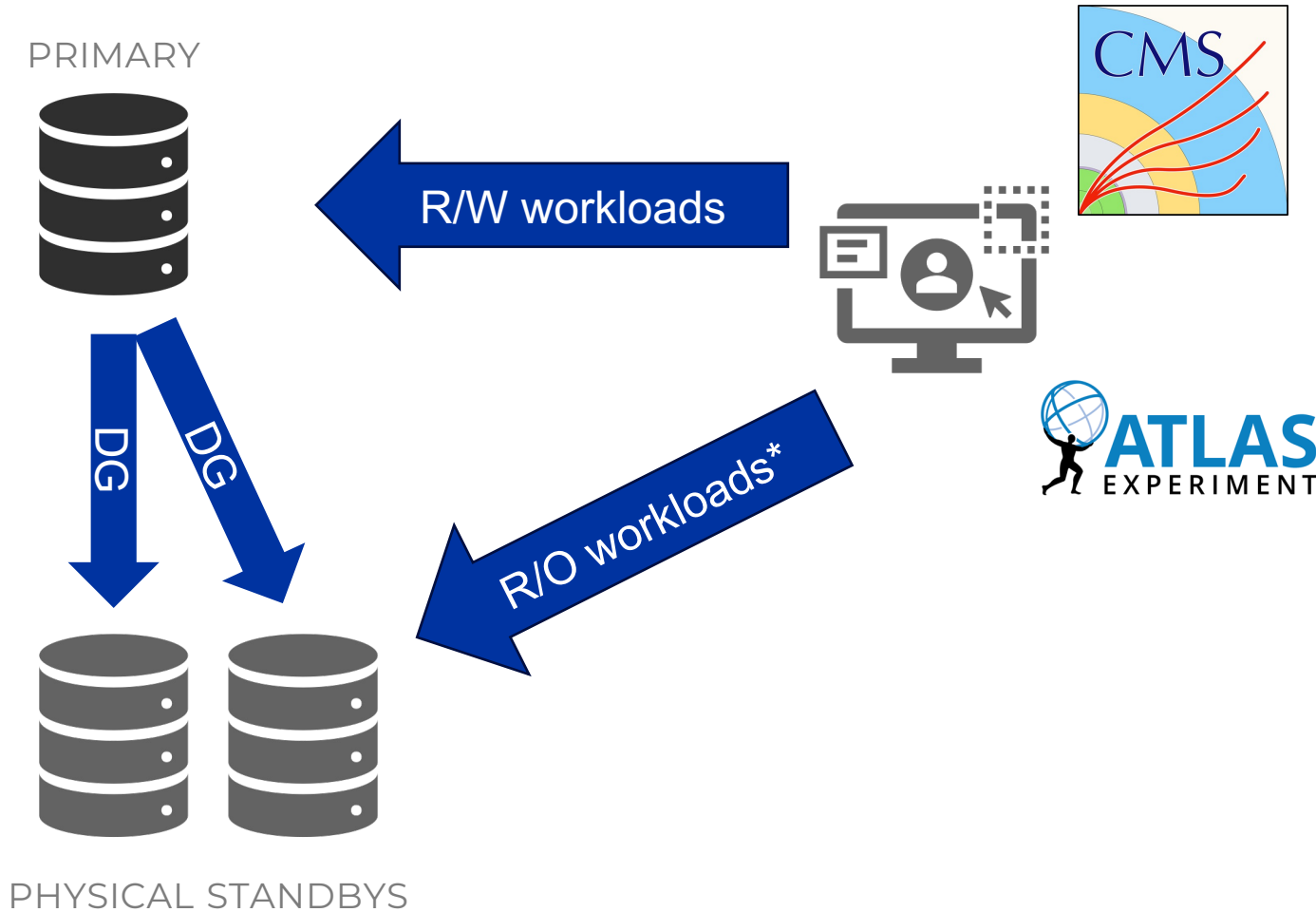


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## Real-Time Query on the Active Data Guard



\* - R/W also possible with `adg_redirect_dml`



# Active Data Guard

## 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

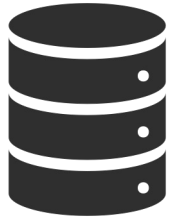




# Backups on the Standby Databases

## 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

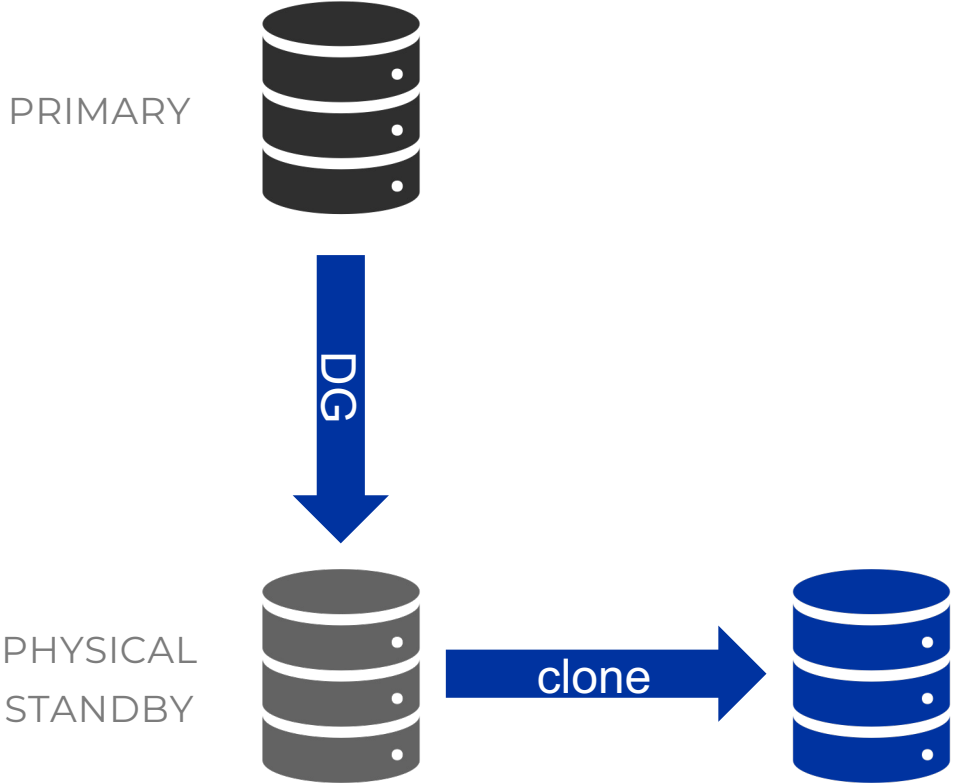


# Database Clones



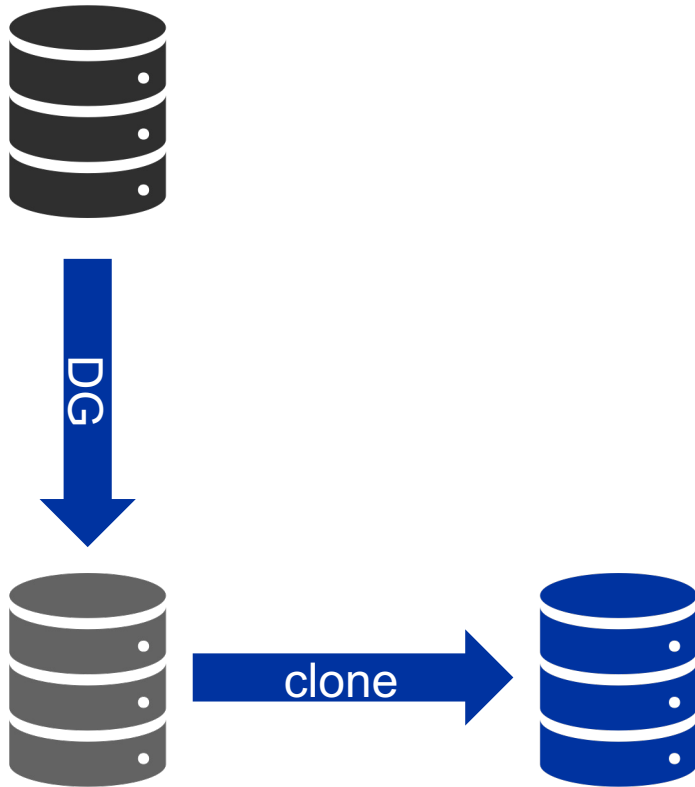
# Database Clones

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



# Database Clones

## Key points

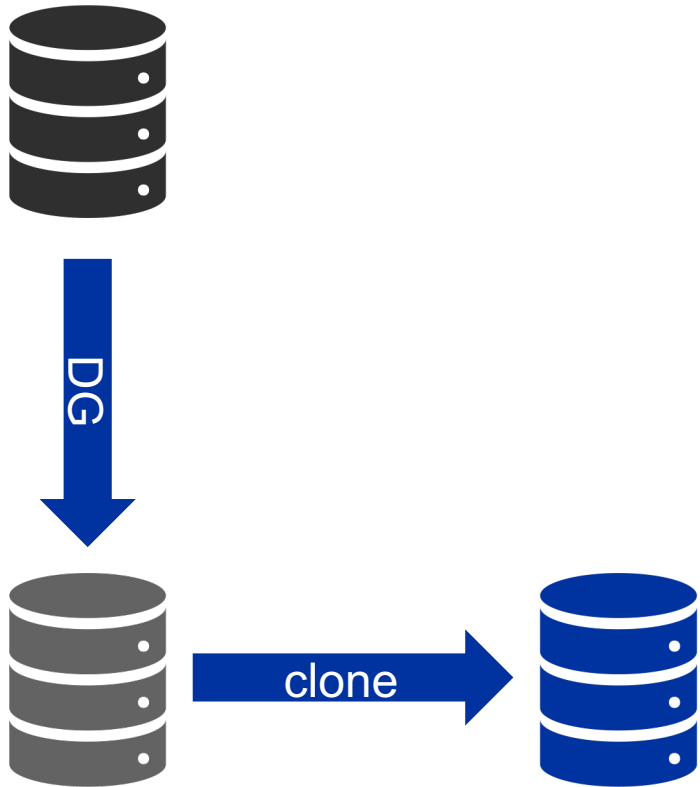


- 4 minutes to create a clone of a 10TB database
- Thin Clones (Copy On Write) using the dNFS snapshots



# 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  
[\(Doc ID 1597027.1\)](#)**



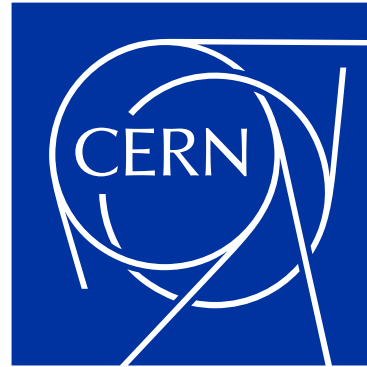
# Waiting for 23c

## 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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