MongoDB at CERN CMS

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• Inside the accelerator, two beams of particles travel at close to the speed of light with very high energies before colliding with one another.

• The beams travel in opposite directions in separate beam pipes – two tubes kept at ultrahigh vacuum.

• They are guided around the accelerator ring by a strong magnetic field, achieved using superconducting electromagnets.
CMS
(Compact Muon Solenoid)
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Compact Muon Solenoid

More than 3000 scientists collaborate in CMS, coming from 183 institutes in 38 countries.

The CMS experiment uses a general-purpose detector to investigate a wide range of physics, including

- search for the Higgs Boson (announced 7/4!)
- extra dimensions
- supersymmetry (SUSY)
- particles that could make up dark matter
Approximately:
- 2-6 PB of raw data / year
- 500 GB metadata / year

**mongoDB** stress testing shows:
- 20K docs / sec insert raw
- 10K random reads / sec
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lumidb = luminosity db
phedex = physics experiment data export
sitedb = db of sites
dbs = dataset bookkeeping system - indexes event-data data for the CMS Collaboration.
The primary functionality is to provide cataloging by production and analysis operations and allow for data discovery by CMS physicists.
DAS: Why MongoDB?

• Fast database with plenty of native language drivers
• Storage of JSON documents via BSON (binary JSON)
• Simple querying via flexible Query Language (on par w/ SQL)
• Support multiple indexing
• Data organized in collections (a la databases)
• Replication and sharding (key-range partitioning)
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DAS Core Library

Responsible for data retrieval on demand.

It has the following components:
  • input query validator and parser
  • query analyzer
  • workflow builder
  • execution engine
  • data-service plug-ins
The DAS caching system is used to dynamically fetch and aggregate data upon user requests:

- **DAS cache**
  - store the raw results coming out from data-services
  - expiration timestamps

- **DAS merge**
  - contains aggregated records
DAS Mapping DB

The Mapping DB is used to track services known to DAS and how DAS should interact with them.

- collect information about data-service APIs
- translate API input/output parameters into DAS keys
- map DAS records to their UI representation
DAS Analytics DB

The Analytics DB collects information on user requests:

• users request
• mapping of requests onto data service API’s
• time taken by remote data services to process API calls

Objectives:

• plan pre-fetch strategies for common queries
• identify issues in remote data services
• cross check that DAS resolves requests deterministically
Thank you