



LHCb Production System

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Overview

- What's this
- DIRAC workflows
- LHCbDirac Bookkeeping
- Application Steps and Production Requests
- Transformation System
 - LHCb extensions
- Production system in action
- Issues, Limitations, ToDo





What's this

- The LHCb "Production system" is a large part of LHCbDirac
- Handles different types of productions:
 - MonteCarlo Simulations (MC)
 - Reconstruction (and Reprocessing)
 - Stripping (Selection of Physics events)
 - Merging
 - Working Groups analysis
- Not only an extension of the Transformation System





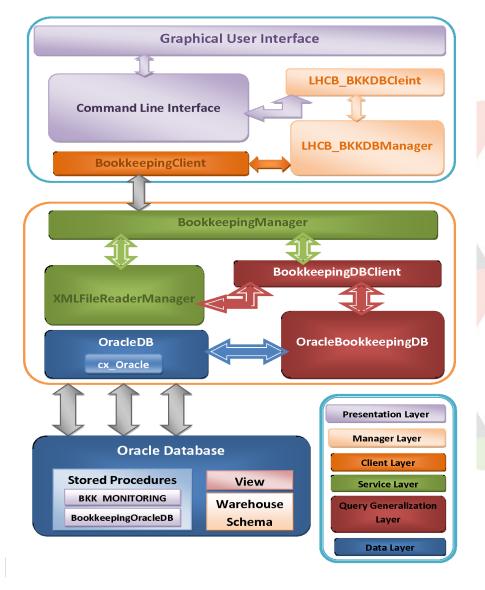
Bookkeeping

- Data provenance and dataset retrieval
- Not necessarily a tool for distributed computing
- Retrieving datasets for:
 - users (for analysis) and production system
 - Conditions (data taking, simulation)
 - Processing (applications, detector condition parameters)
 - Event type
 - File type
- Integrated in LHCbDIRAC as a "Catalog" (LHCbDIRAC.Resources.Catalog)
- Oracle backend (DIRAC.Core.Utilities.OracleDB)





BKK: design



Layered design

Focus on scalability

One independent GUI, and a page integrated in the web portal



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DIRAC Workflows

DIRAC user meeting 2011 (click!)

- Xml ↔python dict
- A workflow connects steps together
- dirac-jobexec aWorkflow.xml

Job App Step 2 description Finalization Step

Jdl:

- Executable = "\$DIRACROOT/scripts/dirac-jobexec";
- Arguments = "jobDescription.xml -o LogLevel=verbose";



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production > Step manage

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- Application Managers defines
 application steps
- "What to run" to go from X to Y
 - LHCb application
- A step "translates" in a workflow application step

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Steps are combined in production requests (e.g. MC, or **Reconstruction**)

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Production Request System /3

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- Production requests are submitted using production templates
 - e.g.: priority, which plugin, where the outputs are stored, DIRAC CPU, etc.
- Each production is created using the Production API





LHCbDirac TS

- Extension of the DIRAC TS, mostly for interacting with the BKK
 - DB:
 - Physics RUNs information
 - BKK queries (supersedes TransformationInputDataQuery)
 - Service and clients extended for the DB extension





LHCbDirac TS /2

Agents

- BookkeepingWatchAgent
 - Looks for BKK queries, and fills the TransformationFiles table
 - Threaded, uses pickle file for caching
- DataRecoveryAgent
 - Resets input files in "Unused" status, in case the jobs failed
 - A counter is kept, with a maximum of re-trials
- Extensions for cleaning, and closing productions



LHCbDirac TS /3

Plugins

- (LHCbDIRAC.TransformationSystem.Agent.Tra nsformationPlugins)
- Many LHCb plugins coded
 - e.g. ByRun, AtomicRun, with flushing...
 - This is where you want to extend
- TaskManager
 - Extended to handle the inputs the LHCb way



LHCb Transformation Monitor Web

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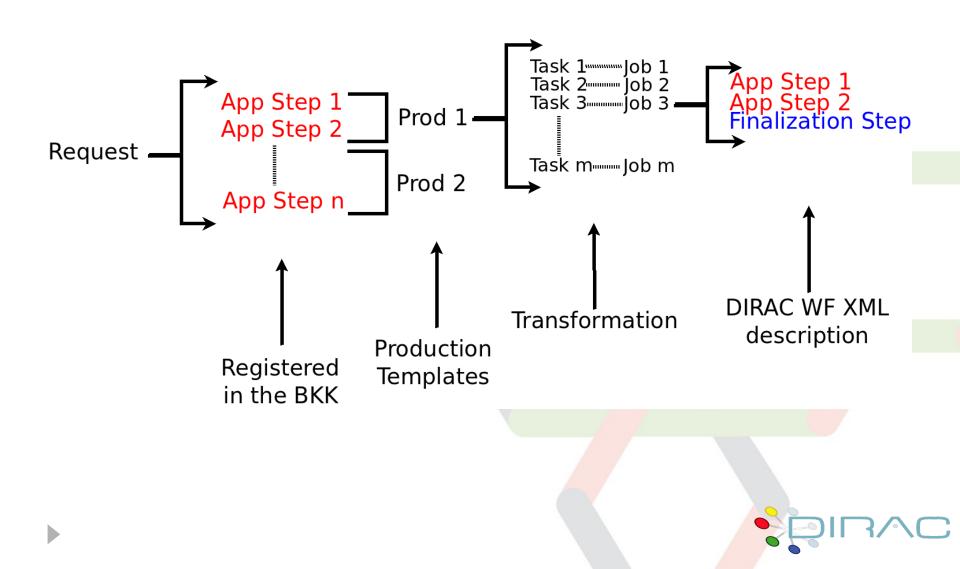


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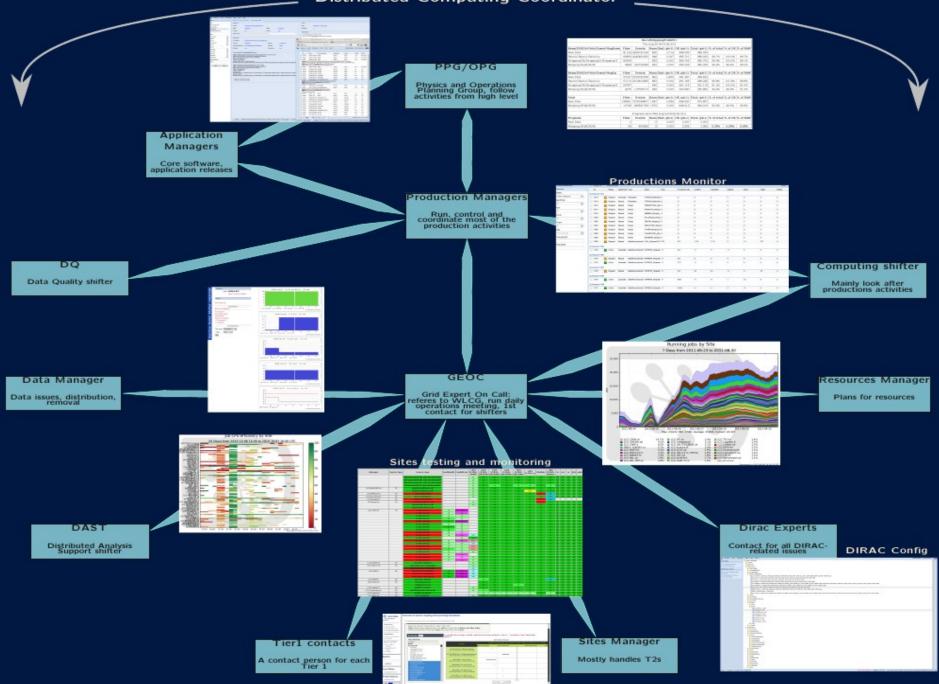
- Expose functionalities to connect together TS, BKK and Production Request System
- Use LHCbJob.py (extension of DIRAC.Interfaces.API.Job.py) to create a DIRAC workflow, whose xml is uploaded to the Transformation DB
- python modules are run within the workflow, grouped within steps. Application steps and Finalization steps are present



Putting concepts together



Distributed Computing Coordinator





The system in Action

Taking the LHCb Reprocessing 2012 as example

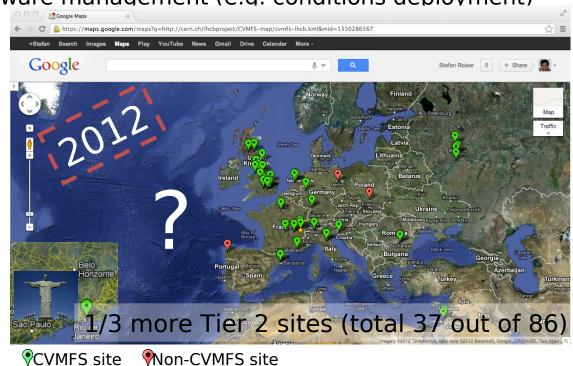


The Plan (source: Stefan Roiser)

- Reprocessing from mid Sep until Xmas break
 - In this time process all 2012 data up to Sep TS
 - Using a simplified workflow, only 1 output file of reco
- Operations on T1 sites + 20 % attached T2s (as in 2011)
- First pass processing at CERN + 2 T2s

Let's think **BIG** (source: Stefan Roiser)

- Can we expand this model by using more Tier2s?
 - Preferably choose CVFMS sites
 - Because of easier software management (e.g. conditions deployment)
 - No preference on "site power"
 - Questions
 - Will the T1
 storage
 sustain
 the load?
 - Network congestions?





How?

- We "attached" T2s to T1s:
 - (output): /Resources/Sites/<yourSite>/AssociatedSEs
 - (input): /Operations/SiteLocalSEMapping

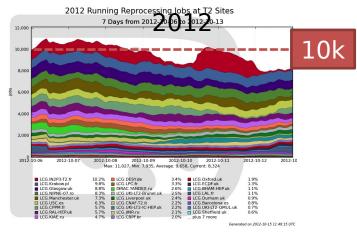
(some mix between Resources and Operations)

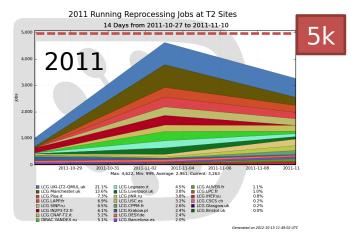
For scheduling we intervene on:

- /Operations/JobScheduling/MatchingDelay
- /Operations/JobScheduling/RunningDelay

Current Status (source: Stefan Running reconstruction jobs at Roiser)

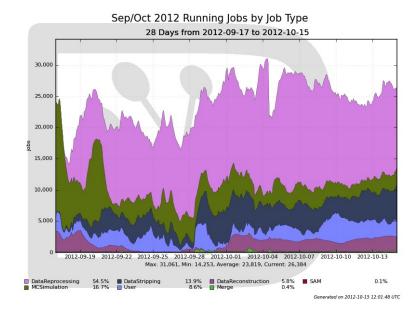
T2s during 2011 and 2012 reprocessing





All grid activities since start of the reprocessing campaign

- Running at "full steam"
- Enough room for user jobs
- Less Simulation jobs
- Peaks of 30k running jobs (usual 25k)



Problems (source: Stefan Roiser)

- It's not all singing and dancing
 - Mostly scaling issues both at (LHCb)Dirac and sites
 - Because of high load, comparable to data post LS1
- Data moving is >just< following at some sites
 Staging of tape data, moving between storages
- Several adjustments to Dirac to handle huge productions
 - Several module changes needed to speedup for handling large amount of jobs in a short period
 - Scaling also by multiplying data handling agents
- Production priorities didn't really seem to work!



Handling the scalability issues

- e.g. productions with ~400k input files
- 2 TransformationManager and 2 BookkeepingManager (services) running in parallel on different machines
- The TransformationClient splits large queries in peaces.
- Large use of caching in TransformationAgent and BookkeepingWatchAgent



From Barcelona 2011: shopping list! (what's remaining?)

- Core, Framework
 - Use MySQL Transactions? SQLAlchemy?
- Request System
 - Complete review started... maybe using the executors framework?
 - Few steps made for the monitoring
- Scripts
- Still feeling like if there is a little mess... review?
- Testing and Certification
 - Made some steps in LHCb, adoption in DIRAC (jenkins)?
 - Documentation, documentation, documentation...





Questions





Setups

- DIRAC setups:
- Development, Certification, Production
- LHCbDirac Production setup:
 - 1 machine for agents
 - 1 machine for security services
 - 2 machines for services
 - 1 for DIRAC SEs (logs, and Sandboxes)
 - 2 web servers (1 at CERN, 1 in Barcelona)
 - 6 MySQL DB machines (3 for accounting)
 - An Oracle DB maintained by CERN IT
 - 1 machine for special needs

