

LHCb 2009 Q1 report





2009: DIRAC3 fully put in production

Production activities

- Started in July
- Simulation, reconstruction, stripping
 - P Includes file distribution strategy, failover mechanism
 - P File access using local access protocol (rootd, rfio, (gsi)dcap, xrootd)
 - P Commissioned alternative method: copy to local disk
 - d Drawback: non-guaranteed space, less CPU efficiency, additional network traffic (possibly copied from remote site)
- Failover using VOBOXes
 - File transfers (delegated to FTS)
 - P LFC registration
 - P Internal DIRAC operations (bookkeeping, job monitoring...)

m Analysis

- Started in September
- Ganga available for DIRAC3 in November
- DIRAC2 de-commissioned on January 12th

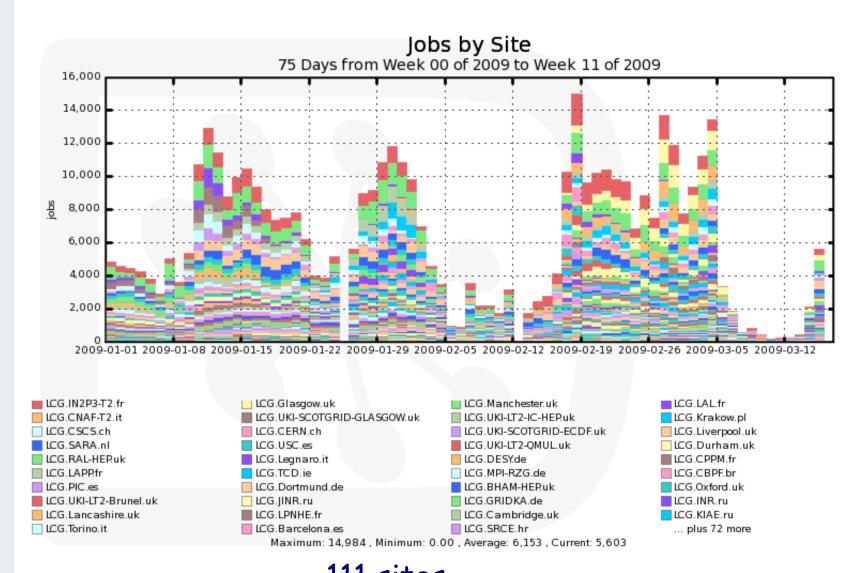
Call me DIRAC now....







2009 DIRAC concurrent jobs

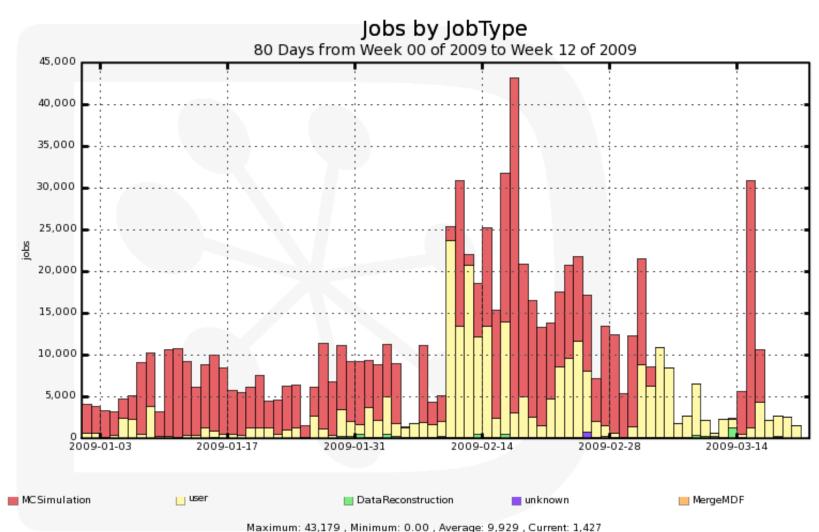




111 sites



DIRAC jobs per day





mum. 43,179 , Minimum. 0.00 , Average. 9,929 , Current. 1,42





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m Mainly functionality tests

- Improving Data Management (testing pinning, debugging with each site)
- Running large simulation productions for certifying the largest possible number of sites
 - Software repository availability
 - P Settings of batch queues, memory limitations
 - P Many GGUS tickets to small sites for fixing configuration
- Final commissioning of the new bookkeeping system
 - P New schema
 - P New user interface
 - P Used also for processing production requests

m Simulation activity

- Certification of applications
 - P New version of Geant4 (bugs found, fixed and reported)
 - P New reconstruction software (performance tests)
- Preparation for a new major release of Gaudi
 - o In collaboration with ATLAS, to be ready in May





Issues and successes in Q1

- As usual data access, storage stability...
 - Several tickets open at Tier1s for storage issues...
 - Configuration of sites
 - P Hardware setup
 - Storageware versions still unstable
 - Still SRM v2.2 is not uniformly implemented
 - P LHCb fully relies on SRM
- m Workload management issues
 - Several outstanding issues with gLite WMS in 2008
 - Were due to be fixed by the "mega patch"
 - P Several were not...
 - Minor impact on LHCb due to pilot jobs
- During Q1, LHCb started to use generic pilots wherever possible
 - Working extremely well
 - Expect the VOMS role=pilot will be implemented everywhere
 - o Missing "time-left" functionality for using filling mode
 - P gLExec was tested on test sites: basic but OK...





Simulation... and its analysis (starting in May)

- Tuning stripping and HLT for 2010 (MC09)
 - P 4/5 TeV, 50 ns (no spillover), 10^{32} cm⁻¹s⁻¹
 - P Benchmark channels for first physics studies (~10 Mevts)
 - d $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$, Γ_s , $B \rightarrow Dh$, $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$, $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$...
 - P Large minimum bias samples (~ 30 mn of LHC running, 109 events)
 - d Estimate 2 to 3 months for simulation
 - P Stripping performance required: ~ 50 Hz for benchmark channels
 - P Tune HLT: efficiency vs retention, optimisation
- Physics studies (MC09-2)
 - Signal and background samples (~500 Mevts)
 - Used for CP-violation performance studies
- Long term physics studies (DC09)
 - P Nominal LHC settings (7 TeV, 25 ns, 2 10³² cm⁻²s⁻¹)
- Preparation for very first physics (if required)
 - P 450 GeV to 2 TeV, low luminosity
 - P Minimum bias sample (108 events)
- Commissioning for 2009-10 data taking (FEST'09)
 - Uses simulated data as LHCb can't take cosmic rays...





SAM jobs and reports

- Meed to report on our view of usability
 - Tests reproduce standard use cases
 - Should run as normal jobs, i.e. not on special clean environment
- m Reserve lcg-admin for software installation
 - Needs dedicated mapping for permissions to repository
- Use normal accounts for running tests
 - Running as "Ultimate Priority" DIRAC jobs
 - Matched by the first pilot job that starts
 - P Scans the WN domain
 - d Often see WN-dependent problems (bad config)
 - Regular environment
 - Should allow for longer periods without report
 - P Queues may be full (which is actually good sign) but then no new job can start!







Outlook

