DIRAC for IHEP distributed computing

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What is IHEPDIRAC for

- The IHEP Distributed Computing built on DIRAC is used for three experiments
 - JUNO: Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory
 - BESIII: Beijing Spectrometer III at BEPCII
 - CEPC: Circular Electron Positron Collider
- Support Monte Carlo production and data transfer, also for reconstruction and user analysis
 - Most of efforts on JUNO which will start data-taking in 2023 because of limited manpower



BESIII (Beijing Spectrometer III at BEPCII)





CEPC (Circular Electron Positron Collider)

DIRAC set-up in IHEP 1/2

- The current production is v7r1p30
 - Three servers
 - One master server in physical machine
 - Silver 4116(2.10 GHz) with 48 cores, 128GB memory, 4x2T disk
 - OS: CentOS7
 - Hold all the services
 - Two slave servers in virtual machine (in JINR and in IHEP)
 - 8 cores, 16GB memory
 - Configuration server + WebAppDIRAC with Nginx (in IHEP)
 - Configuration server (in JINR)

DIRAC set-up in IHEP 2/2

Plans

- Try to understand and prepare the pressure, especially caused by parallel data replication tasks
 - Already met some performance problems, eg Transformation Manager
 - Worry about the coming Raw data transfers + MC production data transfers together in current setup
- Try to improve monitoring on services and agents to track and predict bottlenecks
- Plan to add one or more physical servers for the setup to duplicate some services if necessary

Migration to python3

- The testbed set up with v7.3.20 in python3
- In migration to python3
 - IHEPDIRAC in python3 is published on pypi
 - Client with version v7r2 is installed
 - Server with version v7r3 is installed
 - Next step is to try with python3 pilot and do the testing

The DIRAC functionalities used (1)

- Most of DIRAC functionalities have been used
 - Workload management system
 - Integrate HTCondorCE, ARCCE, SLURM......
 - Integrate cloud with VMDIRAC
 - Data management system
 - DIRAC File Catalog (DFC) for both metadata and replica catalog
 - 4.6Million replicas, ~700TB files
 - Transformation system
 - MC simulation and raw data reconstruction
 - TS+RMS+FTS3
 - Bulk data replications

The DIRAC functionalities used (2)

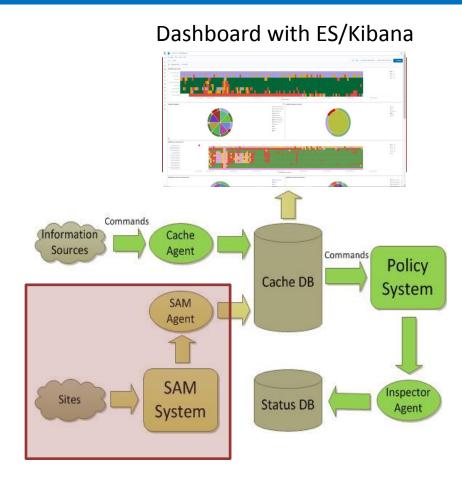
- Monitoring and Accounting system
- Resource Status System with extension to monitor site status and usage
- Multi-VO to support three experiments in one instance
- SingularityCE to give a unique environment for sites
- PoolCE and tag feature to support GPU resource and multi-core jobs
- Still need time to elaborate usage of critical functionalities for real production

DIRAC functionalities not used

- Interested, but lack of time, will have a try after "play" well with functionalities required or add manpower
 - Production System (have own interface)
 - Central Logging System
 - Message Queue System
 - Workflow
- Not needed so far
 - Storage Management System
 - Depend on site choices
 - Currently use dCache, EOS, StORM, not DIRAC SE

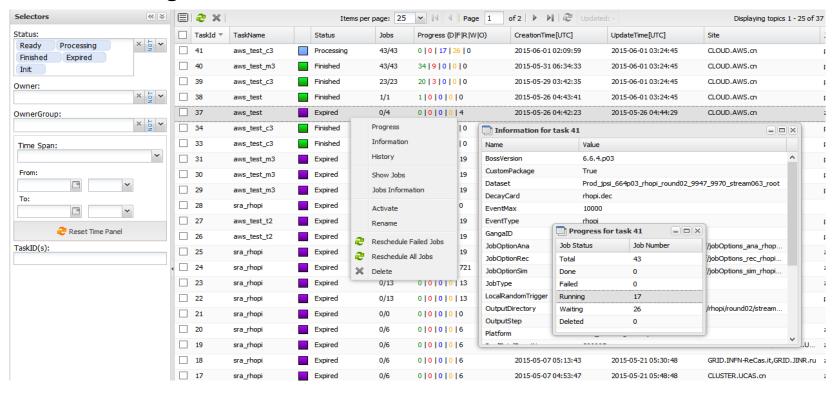
Do you have a DIRAC extension? 1/2

- We have IHEPDIRAC extension, no new things since last workshop
 - IHEP production system
 - Tools and scripts for MC productions and bulk transfers
 - Eg. create production, reset failed, delete intermediate files....
 - Site status monitoring
 - Extension to RSS
 - Add routine SAM tests with experiment standard jobs
 - Use data in DB to establish dashboard with ElasticSearch and kibana



Do you have a DIRAC extension? 2/2

- Monitor, summarize and operate individual user analysis tasks
 - Collect statistic info of use tasks in one page
 - Provide reschedule and delete in one command
 - Be used together with user submission tools



Do you think some of it could become part of the vanilla projects?

- Most are experiment-specific
- Site status monitor can be an additional part of RSS
 - Regularly send SAM tests
 - Dashboard with ElasticSearch+Kibana

What is your biggest frustration with DIRAC?

- Generally happy with DIRAC
- Some desired features on operations
 - Better understand "stalled" or "killed by watchdog" jobs
 - Maybe specification of memory usage of user jobs or more clear reasons in pilot log? more detailed pilot and job monitoring would help?
 - Get warned of or better understand the problems of critical services and agents
 - Not easy to know the problem when an agent get stuck without error in the log
 - Not easy to understand SSL timeout when services looks fine

add one feature to DIRAC, what is it?

- Automatic warning or operation features on the parameters and problems of services and agents
 - Based on analysis of data from DIRAC DBs
 - Eg. establish connection of job or data information with system or service parameters to predict service or system bottleneck or help dynamically tune right parameters

Any notable operations incident in the last year?

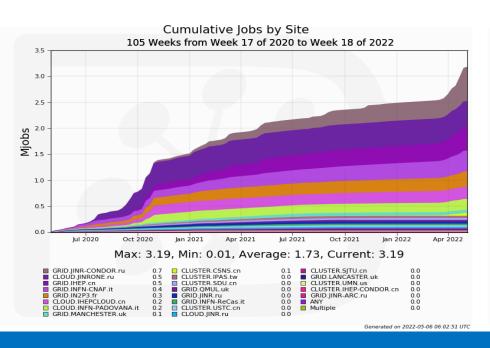
- RequestExecutingAgent got stuck sometimes when some data replication transformations were ongoing
 - No errors found in the log of the agent before stuck
 - Restarting can recover it
 - Not clear what happened

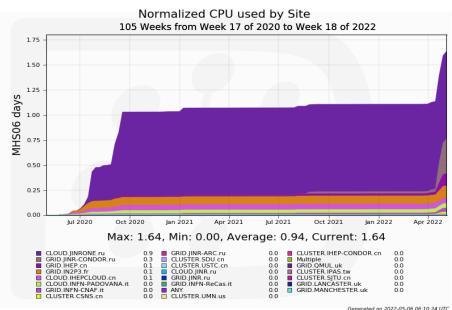
How would you rate the communication?

- Nothing complained with communication
- New forum in Github is good to me, convenient to ask and clear answer
- Try to be in BiLD meeting every time
- Haven't got time to hackathon, but think it is useful
- Suggest to have a convenient place to collect or report on problems or unclear places on documents

DIRAC usage in last two years 1/3

- DIRAC is used in the following activities in the last two years
 - MC production
 - Data transfers from IHEP to outside
- There are ~3M jobs done in DIRAC and Normalized CPU usage is 1.64MHS06 days for the last two years



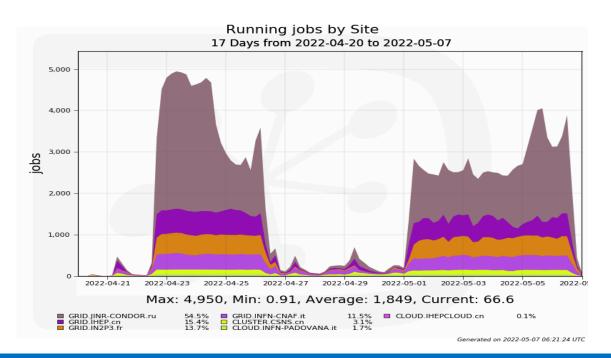


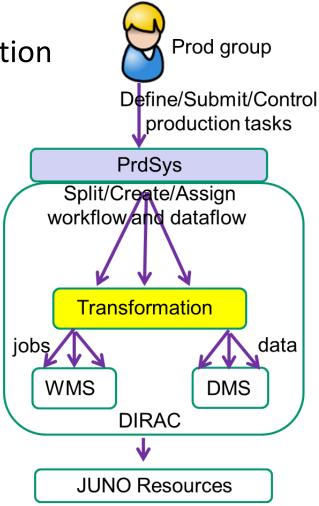
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DIRAC usage in last two years 2/3

 The first MC productions operated by the JUNO production group using transformation started this April

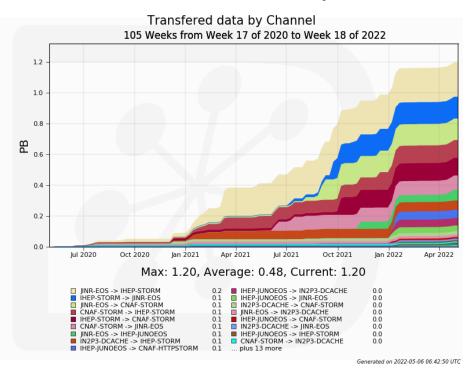
Generally OK besides some performance problems mentioned above

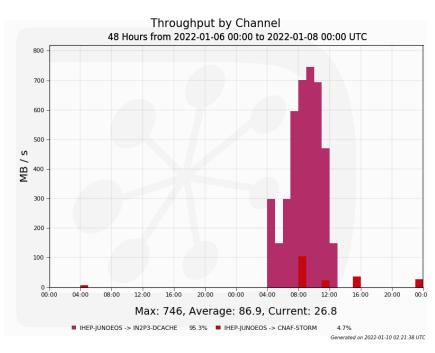




DIRAC usage in last two years 3/3

- Transfers through FTS3 with DIRAC DMS are 1.2PB, which is doubled since last workshop
- The maximum speed can reach 7.5Gb/s





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Summary and plan

- Generally happy with DIRAC functionalities, still need time to explore full capability of them
- With increased resource and usage, will put more efforts on service performance and bottleneck
- Complete migration to python3 and prepare for migration to token authentication
- Thank for help from DIRAC developers and communities!
- Happy to be in the DIRAC family!

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- The annual salary is competitive to Europe
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