





DIRAC Infrastructure For Distributed Analysis





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from DIRAC.Client.Dirac import *

job.setApplication('DaVinci', 'v12r11')

jobid = dirac.submit(job,verbose=1)
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job.setInputSandbox(['Application_DaVinci_v12r11/DV_Pi0Cali

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job.setOutputSandbox(['pi0calibr.hbook', 'pi0histos.hbook'])

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- Distributed Analysis in LHCb
- Introduction to DIRAC
 - DIRAC API
 - Workload Management System
- WMS Strategies & Performance
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Distributed Analysis in LHCb



- Stripping is centrally managed analysis run as a production
 - Reduces analysis datasets to a size of 10^6 to 10^7 events per year
- The user analysis is performed on stripped data throughout the year
 - User analysis will take place at all LHCb Tier 1 centres
 - All stripped data will be disk resident and replicated to all sites
- No direct submission to LCG for LHCb Analysis jobs
 - Instead submit via DIRAC



Introduction to DIRAC

- The DIRAC Workload & Data Management System (WMS) is made up of Central Services and Distributed Agents
 - Realizes PULL scheduling paradigm
 - Agents are requesting jobs whenever the corresponding resource is available
 - Execution environment is checked before job is delivered to WN
 - Service Oriented Architecture masks underlying complexity



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The DIRAC API

- The DIRAC API provides a transparent way for users to submit production or analysis jobs to LCG
 - Can be single application or complicated DAGs



DIRAC API also serves as the interface for the GANGA Grid front-end to perform distributed user analysis for LHCb LHCb DIRAC Monitoring

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DIRAC Workload Management System

- DIRAC API interfaces with the client securely
 - Uses DISET Framework
- Data Optimizer queries the LCG File Catalogue (LFC) to determine suitable sites for job execution
- Agent Director and Agent Monitor services handle submission to LCG
 - Pilot Agents go through the LCG Resource Broker as normal jobs



DIRAC Agent on WN



 Dynamically creates Job Wrapper

- Handles Input/Output Sandboxes
- Transfers and registers Output Data as required, according to LHCb conventions
- Sends accounting and site specific information back to DIRAC WMS
- Runs a Watchdog process in parallel to the application
 - Provides 'heartbeat' for DIRAC Monitoring
- Provides access to any requested Input Data

Comparison of DIRAC Modes

- A study was performed to compare the possible WMS strategies for analysis jobs
 - We know DIRAC can deal with long production jobs, what about the other extreme?
- Consider shortest possible 'useful' job
 - Analysis of 500 Events
- These short jobs are of high priority since results must be back as soon as possible

DIRAC WMS Pilot Agent Strategies

- There are several ways to use the DIRAC infrastructure but the end goal is to minimise the start time of user analysis jobs
 - The following explores some of the possibilities
- DIRAC Modes of submission
 - 'Resubmission'
 - Pilot Agent submission to LCG with monitoring
 - Multiple Pilot Agents may be sent in case of LCG failures
 - 'Filling Mode'
 - Pilot Agents may request several jobs from the same user, one after the other
 - 'Multi-Threaded'
 - Same as 'Filling' Mode above except two jobs can be run in parallel on the Worker Node



- Short (5 Mins) analysis jobs running at Tier 1 Centres
- Jobs for different modes were intermixed in order to ensure the same Grid 'weather'
- Submission of jobs was at the pace of the Resource Broker
- Job start time is defined as the time between submission and the application starting on the WN
- For each experiment 3 Users submitted 100 jobs
 - Each user submitted jobs for one of the three different modes described above
- These experiments were repeated several times to see if results are reproducible



Start Times for 10 Experiments, 30 Users





- All 3000 jobs successfully completed within ~40 Mins of starting
- Can see clear improvement on start times for Multi-Threaded and Filling modes
 - Even when LCG performance is optimal, see significant reduction
 - A factor of 3 to 4 fewer LCG jobs need to be sent
 - These modes therefore reduce the load on LCG
- Optimization of workload is performed for each user independently
 - Here each user submitted 100 jobs
 - This can be further improved by optimizing the workload on the level of the Virtual Organisation (VO)

Added Value of DIRAC for Users

- DIRAC masks the inefficiencies of LCG
 - In these tests LCG performed well, this is not always the case...
 - Can execute LHCb VO policy in one central place for the benefit of all users
 - e.g. troublesome LCG sites can be banned for all users at once
- DIRAC WMS currently demonstrated ~2Hz throughput for analysis jobs
 - Actual throughput limited by available LCG resources and capacity of Resource Broker



- The DIRAC API provides a simple yet powerful tool for users
 - Access to LCG resources is provided in a simple and transparent way
- DIRAC Multi-Threaded and Filling modes show significant reductions on the job start times
 - Also reduce the load on LCG
- Workload management on the level of the user is effective
 - Can be more powerful on the level of the VO
- DIRAC infrastructure for distributed analysis is in place
 - Now have real users

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Comparison of 1 and 10 Users for Multi-Threaded Mode



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Backup Slide - Analysis of Results

- There are clear gains in efficiency when the number of users is reduced
- Thus, workload optimization per user is effective but less effective than optimization per Virtual Organisation could be

