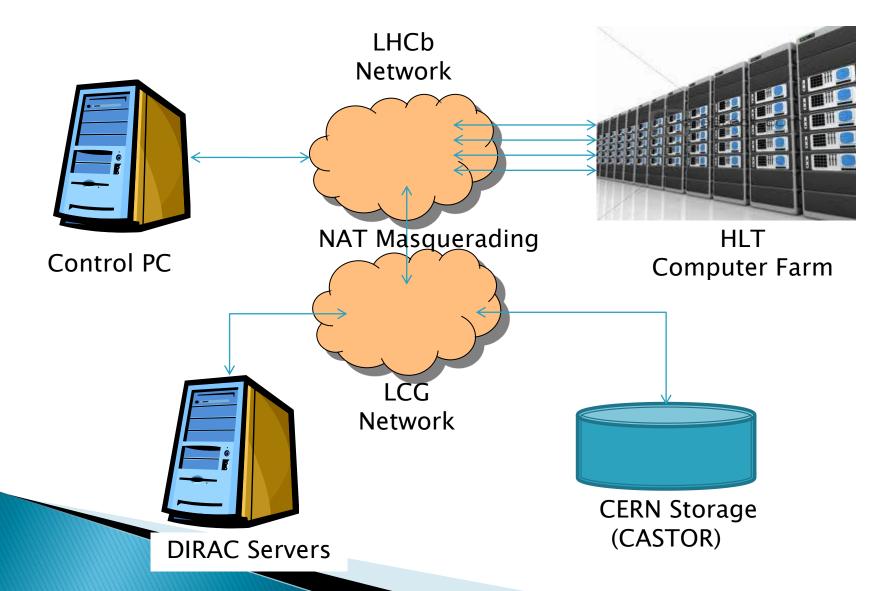
Processing Offline Data in the LHCb HLT Farm

Infrastructure

- Computing infrastructure
 - ~1500 Linux PCs
 - 16000+ cores
- Computing environment
 - LHCb uses the same computing environment to process both HLT data and Offline data
 - No special setup has to be done on the worker nodes
- LHCb has a private network
 - HLT Worker Nodes have private addresses
 - HLT Worker Nodes not accessible from outside LHCb
 - Masquerade NAT, deployed on 4 master nodes, which have access to the LHC Computing Grid (LCG) network
 - With masquerade NAT HLT Nodes are able to access data from DIRAC

Network



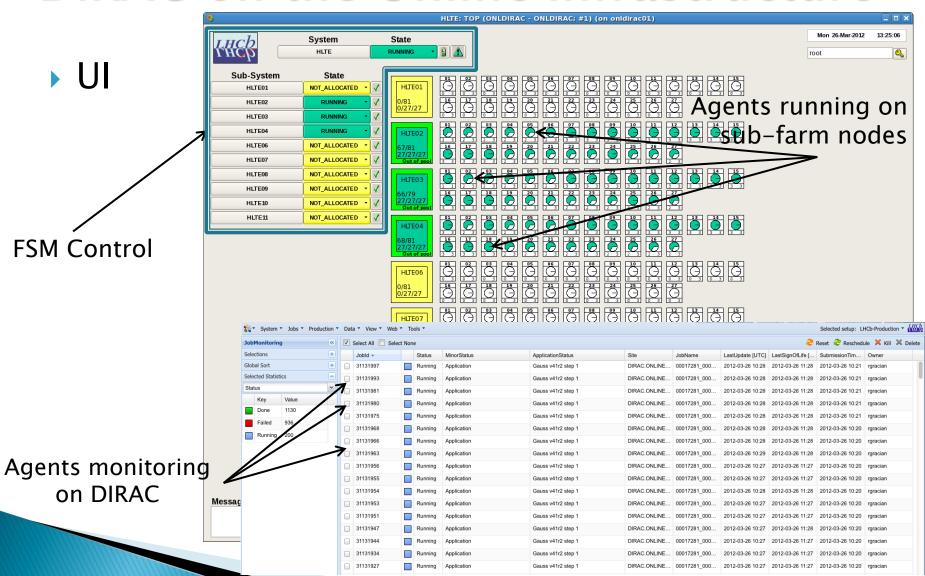
Control System

- Developed in PVSS using CERN standard frameworks
 - FSM toolkit
 - FMC tools
- Maintains the same Look and Feel from the DAQ control system – easier adoption
- LHCb has a unified Run Control to control the DAQ and DCS
 - DIRAC processing is interfaced with DAQ easy coordination according to DAQ needs

Control System

- Features
 - CPU checks
 - Check what type of CPU is available on the node
 - Set max number of processes accordingly
 - Set max number of nodes independently
 - Resource balancing
 - Processing is balanced according to pre-defined rules
 - Information exchange with DIRAC
 - Processing state information available only on the DIRAC system
 - Job availability evaluated by agent process duration

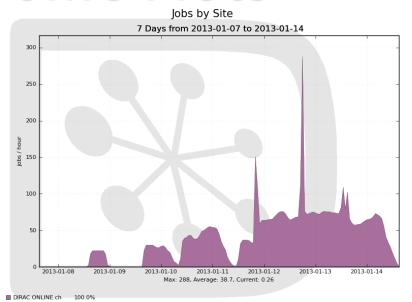
DIRAC on the Online Infrastructure



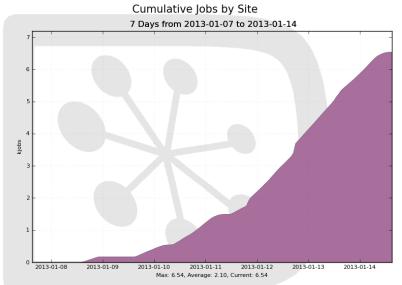
Status and Plans

- We have been running tests for quite some time with success
- Used the system to process data over the Christmas shutdown
 - Unfortunately a bug in the Control System made it stop after 4 days (fixed)
- Being currently used as DAQ needs are reduced
 - Processed ~6500 jobs during the weekend
 - Will continue to process during the Heavy Ion Run
- About VMs
 - At this point we're not thinking about it due to the increased complexity
 - We intend to run some tests on virtualizing the HLT using openstack in 2013

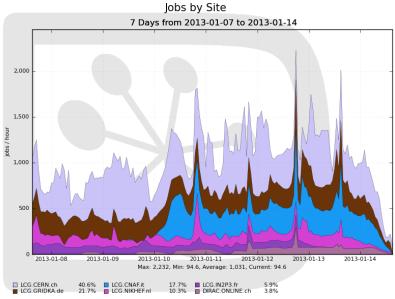
Some Plots



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