

PanDA Integration with the SLAC Pipeline

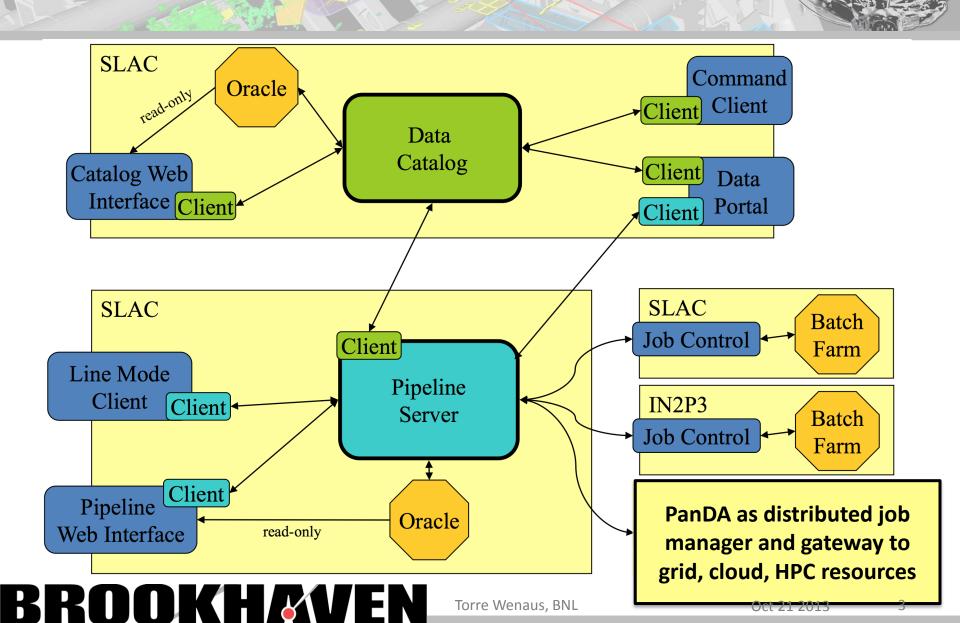
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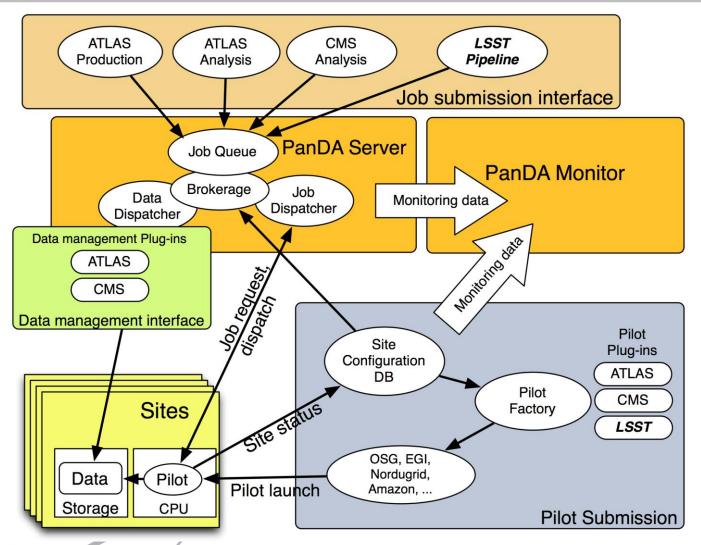
PanDA and LSST/DESC

- Gave a PanDA overview at the January 2013 LSST Dark Energy Sciences Collaboration (DESC) meeting
- Decision made to prototype PanDA as (another) submission engine for Tony Johnson's pipeline workload manager used by Fermi and now DESC (among others)
 - Gain experience in both directions
 - Gain DESC access to more resources via PanDA
 - Evaluate PanDA's usefulness
- In February Tony provided a Java interface to the pipeline for submission engines

SLAC Workflow Pipeline and PanDA Prototype



PanDA System Overview



PanDA and LSST

- Pipeline => PanDA submission working, tested with HelloPanda and a standard DESC simulation workflow (phosim, DM stack)
 - Anyone who can submit a pipeline task can submit to PanDA
- Initial tests used ATLAS PanDA queue at BNL (epsilon level) and CERN based standalone pilot submission (no APF)
 - BNL PanDA instance being set up for non-ATLAS use in US
 - Discussions started with OSG (Miron so far) re: an OSG supported PanDA instance once PanDA is cleanly packaged and (re)ported to MySQL
- Currently borrowing BNL ATLAS resources during testing phase
 - Can submit jobs (pilots) as LSST VO as soon as desirable
- Plenty of US ATLAS resources to be had opportunistically right now; a quiet period (there will regularly be quiet periods like this until 2015)



Pipeline/PanDA integration: Pipeline interface

- Java daemon JobControlClient accepts 3 control commands from the pipeline: submit, status, kill
 - Submit
 - Receive command and arguments
 - Submit the job
 - Job emails the pipeline server on job start and finish
 - Status
 - Report job status to pipeline server
 - Kill
 - Kill job
- PanDA implementation extends the JobControlClient class
 - Communicates with pipeline server via Java RMI
- Tested first with an emulator for the pipeline server (provided so a JobControlClient can be tested standalone) then PanDA daemon was connected to the real pipeline service at SLAC

Pipeline/PanDA integration

- PandaJobControlService implemented supporting the submit, status, cancel functions
- Submit:
 - Service creates and submits a PanDA job configured with the specified command/arguments
 - Job is configured to invoke a DESC-specific transformation (payload script)
 - Following pipeline conventions, the script emails the pipeline server on payload job start/finish. Depends on emailing always working from WNs.
 - Returns PandaID as the ID identifying the job
 - LSST jobs are picked up from the PanDA job queue by standard PanDA production pilots
 - Amazon S3 used as staging area for job files
 - No special provision for data management at present; jobs are on their own in accessing data



Pipeline/PanDA integration (2)

Status:

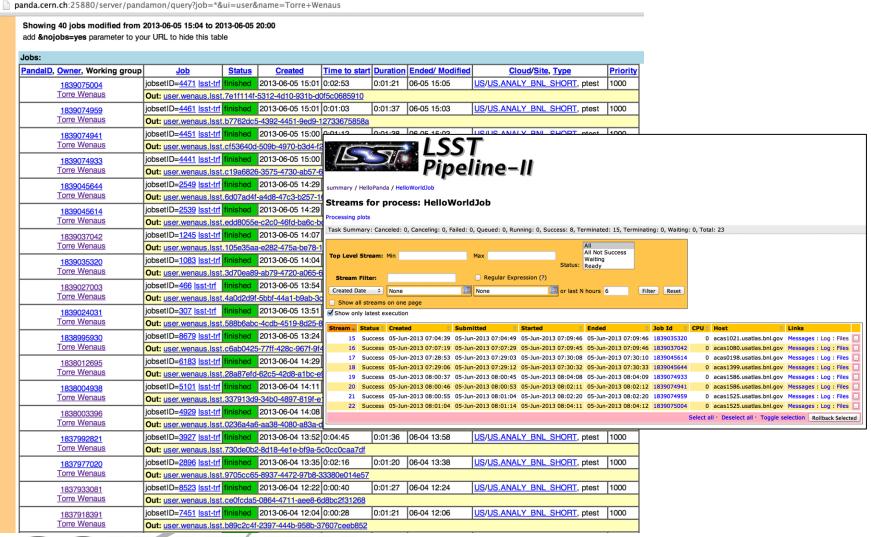
- Service queries PanDA for status of current pipeline jobs
- Programmatic API to the PanDA monitor used to obtain job status (curl query returns json result)
- Service maps PanDA job states, etc. onto pipeline conventions and returns pipeline JobStatus

Cancel:

- Service directs PanDA to cancel the job (request to PanDA server)
- The PanDA server immediately sets the job state to 'cancelled'
- The job itself will initiate self-destruct when it gets its next heartbeat reply (every 30min) that will contain the cancel command

LSST PanDA jobs in pipeline and PanDA monitors (June)





Activities Since June

- Work program established with Open Science Grid (OSG) to move PanDA towards becoming an OSG service
 - US PanDA instance supporting OSG VOs
- Predicated on generalizing PanDA for non-ATLAS use: modularity, packaging, documentation, no Oracle requirement: the program of the BigPanDA project
 - Jarka in particular is working to take up LSST DESC as the first supported BigPanDA VO using the new BigPanDA infrastructure
- Jarka's work program since June:
 - Implement MySQL based PanDA server as a tandem (with Oracle) implementation for OSG and other non-ATLAS use (done)
 - Establish Amazon EC2 based MySQL PanDA service for OSG preproduction and development (done)
 - to be cloned as stable production instance when need arises
 - Establish a VO-neutral PanDA monitor skeleton operating against the EC2 PanDA service for OSG VO PanDA monitoring (in progress)



Current Activities

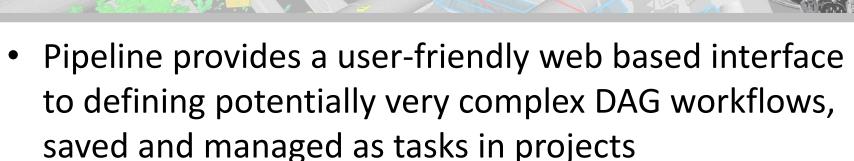
- With the infrastructure now in place for OSG VO support, the next step and present work-in-progress is the LSST VO implementation
- PanDA-pipeline daemon (Tony's pipeline interface) moved from a dev EC2 instance to the PanDA OSG VO server
- Jarka and I working on implementing the pipeline-triggered PanDA job submission on the PanDA OSG VO server
- BNL now supports the LSST VO; a new PanDA site BNL-LSST created for LSST jobs
 - Submission to the BNL-LSST site being debugged

Next Steps

- Finish setting up the BNL-LSST PanDA site to receive real jobs from the pipeline
 - Software installed and DESC expert identified to help with simu workload
- Finish setting up LSST PanDA monitoring alpha version
- Enlist and work with users to get their workloads up and running
 - One or two DESCers at BNL are likely first candidates
- Get LSST user input to tailor LSST PanDA monitoring
- Extend to support opportunistic OSG (or non-OSG PanDA) sites ie sites that don't necessarily have a local LSST person helping out
 - Key issues are software and data availability
 - For software, set up OSG's Oasis service for CVMFS based distribution
 - For data access, xrootd a good candidate
- Integrate the SLAC data catalog
 - The developer presented last week that it is a few months away from the new VO-neutral REST interface being ready



Utility of the pipeline/data catalog for BigPanDA?



- Similar, at least superficially, to what we want from DEFT
 - Could it be useful?
- Data catalog similarly user-friendly, supports datasets and folders, dataset and file based metadata, VOneutral... potentially interesting as a data management offering in association with BigPanDA?