Running BaBar jobs on the grid using gsub and AliBaBa

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- BaBar job life-cycle
- gsub to submit to the grid
- alibaba to monitor the submissions and help the user
- morgiana to look pretty
- bfgrits to test the grid nodes
- afs suitability
- open issues and future directions

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Venue



submitting BaBar jobs to local farms

- start in directory which is mounted on the farm
- check out code
 - CVS repository somewhere
- write more code
- set up environment, compile and link code
- find data and create index
 - skimData --blah --otherblah
- set up environment and qsub executable
 - Job runs locally, finds local data and saves files locally
- results returned to files on local file system
- grid?
 - globus/dg-globus, SRB, Dump, Software hard to use hard to install
 - gsub, SkimData portal follows scheme familiar to user

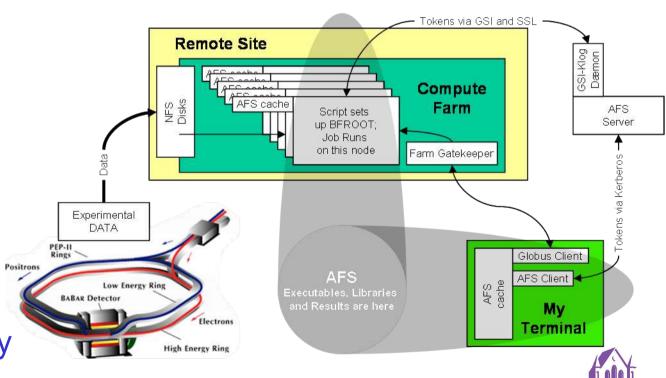


Submitting jobs to BaBar Farms with gsub

- compute farms are distributed throughout GB
- large datasets which are located only at specific farms
- executables with client
- results wanted by client
- maybe write a complex resource broker and use complicated middleware to transfer data

~or~

- distributed file system
 moves user data and
 executables transparently
- data reduces RB task



Submitting jobs to BaBar Farms

what gsub does

- 1) checks lots of things
- 2) gets the current list of gatekeepers etc
- 3) creates a script (to wrap the executable on farm PC)
 - 1) sets up a normal environment
 - 2) notifies alibaba
 - 3) gets (pag separated) AFS credentials using gsi klog
 - 4) creates BFROOT BaBar environment
 - 5) changes to directory submitted from
 - 6) starts a shepherd process
 - 1) this will look after job's grid stuff and talk to alibaba
 - 7) runs user's executable (script or binary)
 - 8) unlogs
- 4) uses globus to stage and submit the script to a queue on a local/remote machine
- 5) uses curl over ssl to tell a website the status of the job (alibaba)



gsub [Options] command args...

AFS related:

[{-a|-afs} <user@cell>]
[{+a|+afs} <extra user@cell>]+
[{-c|-cell} <cell>]
[{-p|-principal} <principal>]

If not specified by one method above, gsub will try to guess principal and realm.

Globus related:

[{-g|-gate} <gatekeeper>]
[{-j|-jobman} <jobmanager>]
[{-x|-proxy} <non-standard proxy location>]

local machines related:

[{-bf|-bfroot} <local BFROOT>] [{-d|-display} <DISPLAY>]

remote machine related:

[{-S|-site} <BABAR-SITE>]

[{-s|-source} <RemoteSourceFile1> [{-s|-source} <File2>] ...]

[{-rb|-rbfroot} <Path to Remote BFROOT on Remote Machine>]

[-nb]

[-t|-tmp]

[{-CA|-capath} <path to CA's>]

[{-queue|-q} <queuename>]

user interaction related:

[-i|-int [-e|-err <errorfile>] [-o|-out <outfile>]]
[-l] [-v|-verbose] [-vv|-vverbose] [-D|-dump] [-T|-dry] [-C|-cat]
[-h|-?|-help] [-u|-usage] [-V|-version]

etc.



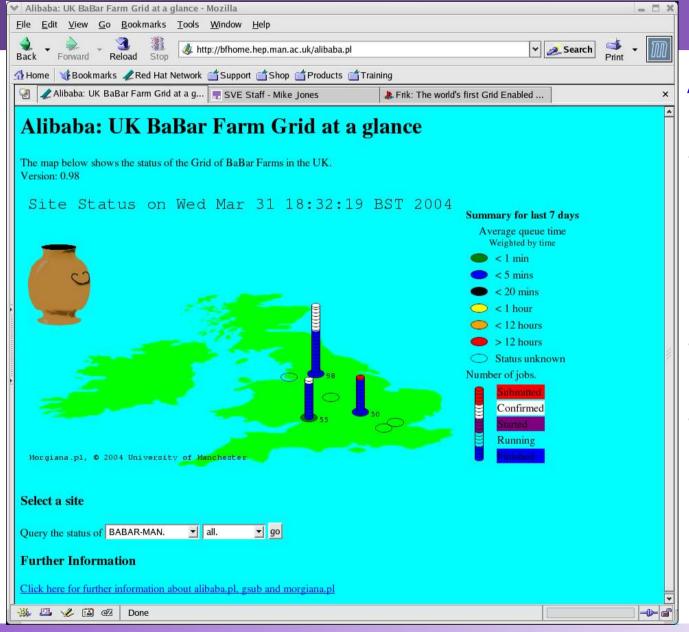
alibaba

http://bfhome.hep.man.ac.uk/alibaba.pl

- is a CGI perl script
- is hosted by a Gridsite 1.0+
- takes several variables in get method
 - Default returns a web page with status map
 - Links to specific sites' statuses
 - Methods for running jobs to upload their statuses securely
 - Methods for using the server to retrieve globus status and output
- records job statuses
- draws pretty pictures



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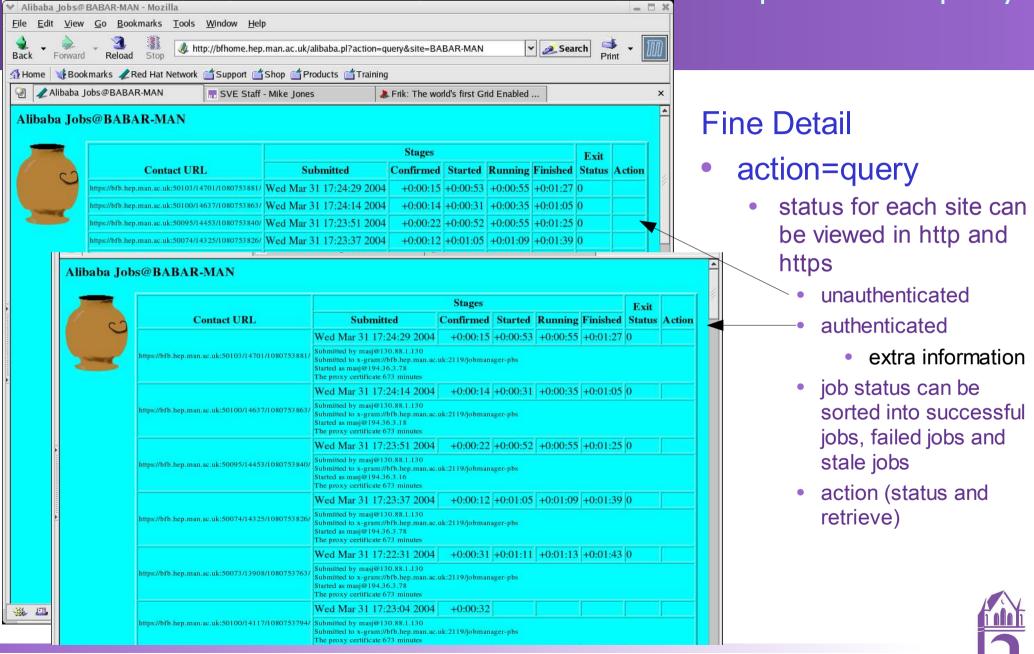


AliBaBa front page

- site queue status
 - jobs submitted
 - jobs running
 - jobs finished
- image not cached
- links to more details



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alibaba http://bfhome.hep.man.ac.uk/alibaba.pl

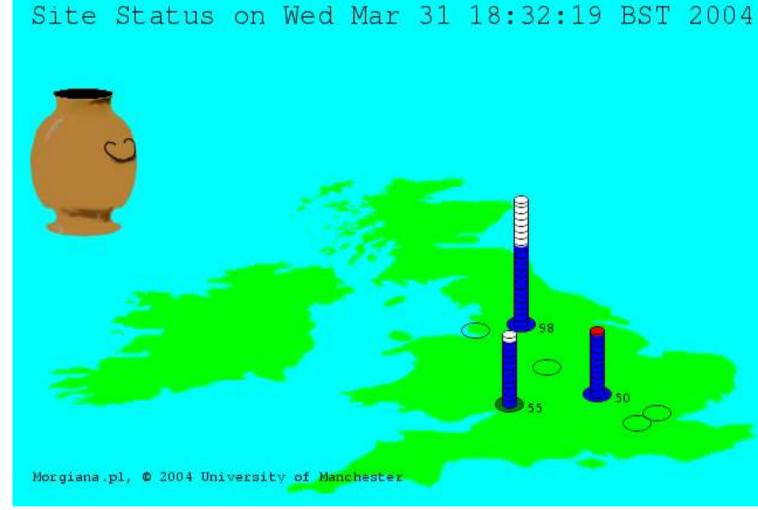
- action=submitted | confirmed | started | running | update | finished
 - must be authenticated https (a GSI proxy will do)
 - designed for gsub to use not for user!
 - allows uploading of job's progress
 - stored in individual job xmls file on web server
 - status data only accessible to owner of the GSI credential



the status map morgiana.pl

Status Map

- image updated on server every time state changes
- site blob colour
 - time jobs spend in queue
 - weighted by age of result
- extremely easy to add a new sites
 - add directory on server
 - create xml file with xy position of site!

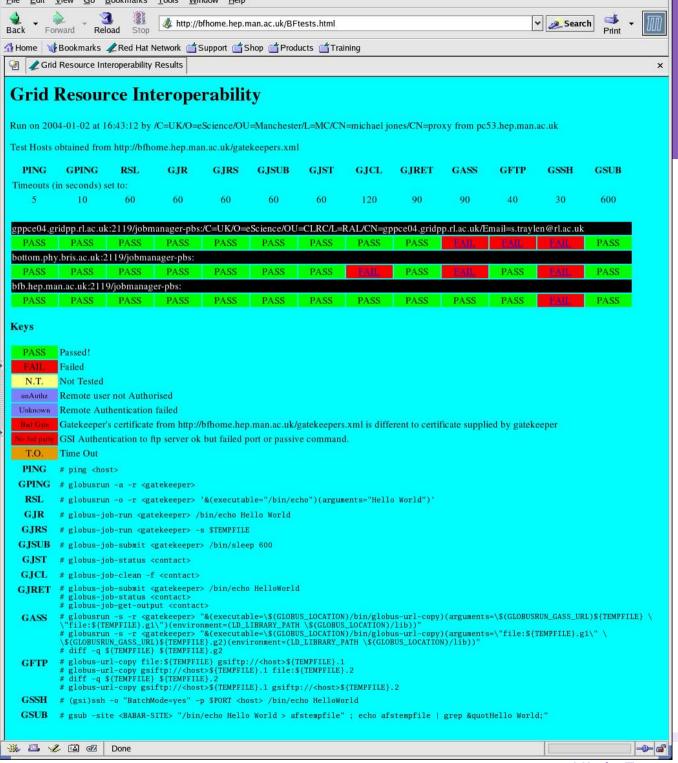




Interoperability Tests

- based on the UK eScience GITS
 - which are based on teragrid's original tests
- bash (or ksh) cf perl for job control reasons
- GIIS centric
- contains extra test for gsub
- writes results in text to stdout, in html and xml to files
 - xml files are compatible with UK eScience GITS database
- Is wrapped in a script: bftests
 - uses gatekeepers.xml rather than GIIS
 - writes xml and html to BFtests.(xml|html) on bfhome if run by authorised user





BFgits web page



afs read write and append tests

is AFS slow?

- not really
- BaBar jobs seem to run (if they get through the queue)

what does AFS do?

- transfers files
 - list file, read file, write file, create file, delete file, lock file, dir admin
- time consuming components
 - actual transfer
 - obtaining locks
- cache

script to test AFS speed

- tests use gsub, script measures times:
 - read ~ 250-500KB/s small files ~ 2-10MB/s large files
 - write ~ 50-100 KB/s small files ~ 1-3MB/s large files
 - append ~ 1-3 KB/s small files ~ 1-3MB/s large files



Open Issues and Future Directions

gsiklog/gssklog

- move to gssklog
- expand gssklogd take-up

more automated data discovery

- skimData grid service (OGSI-LITE) or web service
- LDAP or new BaBar computing thing

resource discovery

- in-house, LDAP, GIIS/MDS, RGMA, BDII
- grid credential movement
 - user push: globusrun -refreshproxy / Job pull: MyProxy

SRB and data movement

- AFS stuff fine for small (<1GB) transactions
- what if I want to run at any grid enabled farm
 - Data must be present or moved
 - GridFTP, Bit Torrent, MBNG, ...

