



Enabling Grids for E-science

# JRA1

## Middleware Re-engineering

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- **Processes and Releases**
- **Subsystems**
  - Features
  - Deployment Status
  - Short Term Plans
- **Testing Status**
- **Metrics**
- **Summary**

- **Architecture Definition**
  - Based on Design Team work
  - Associated implementation work plan
  - Design description of Service defined in the Architecture document
    - Really is a definition of interfaces
  - Yearly cycle
  
- **Implementation Work plan**
  - Prototype testbed deployment for early feedback
  - Progress tracked monthly at the EMT
  
- **EMT defines release contents**
  - Based on work plan progress
  - Based on essential items
    - So far mainly for HTCondor and BioMed
  - Decide on target sites
    - Taking into account enough time for integration
  
- **Integration produces Release Candidate based on received tags**
  - Smoke Test, Deployment Modules, Configuration
  - Iterate with developers

- **Testing Team**
  - Test Release candidates on a distributed testbed (CERN, RRZN, Hannover, Imperial College)
  - Raise Critical bugs
  - Iterate with developers
- **Once Release Candidate passed functions**
  - Team produces documentation, releases and final packaging
  - Announce the release on the glite Web site and the glite-discuss mailing list.

The focus has been on essential (simple) services and defect fixing – e.g. FTS, R-GMA, VOMS

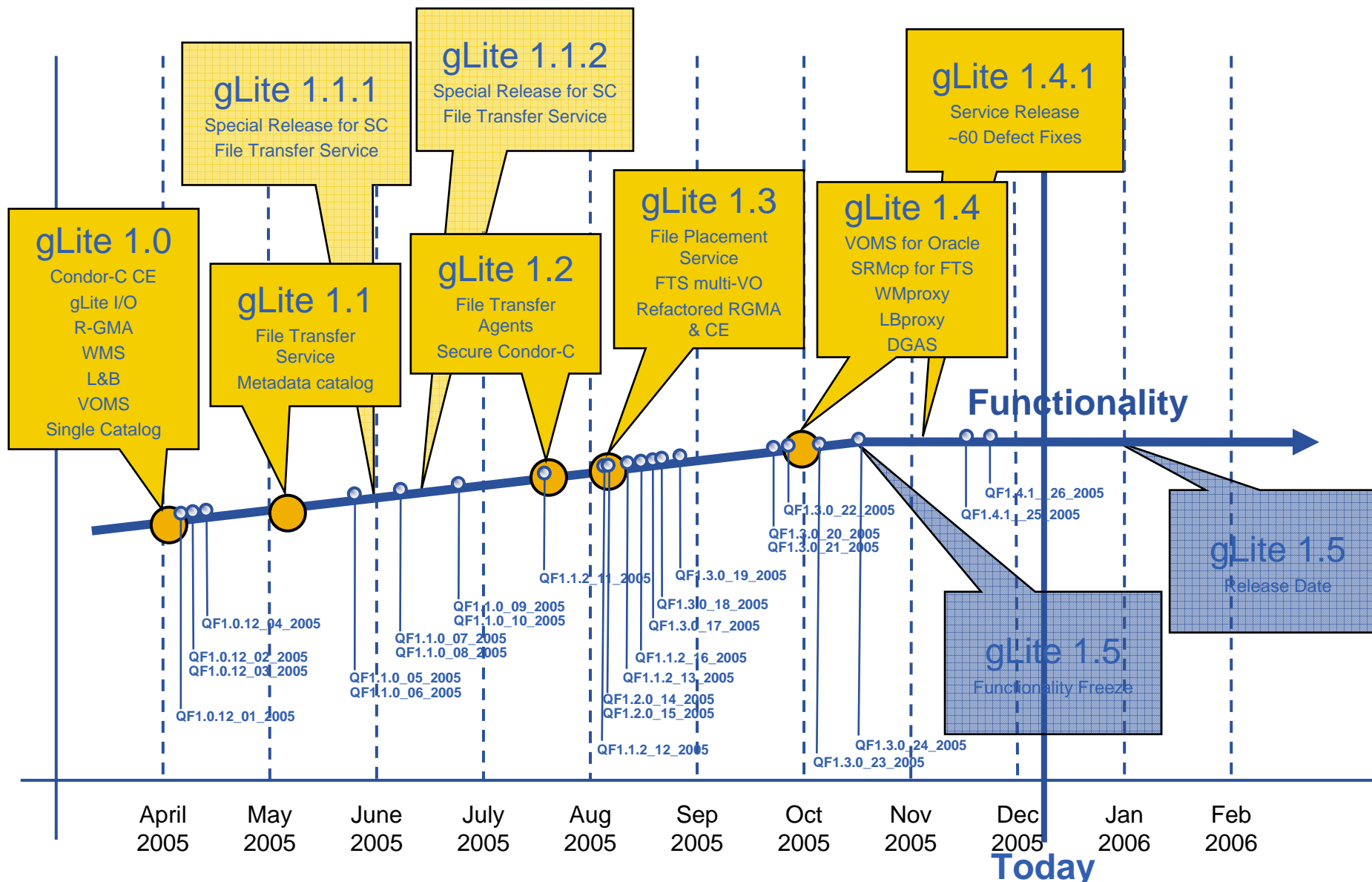
## Deployment on Pre-production Service and/or Service Challenges

- Feedback from larger number of sites and different level of competence
- Raise Critical bugs as needed
- Critical bugs fixed with Quick Fixes when possible

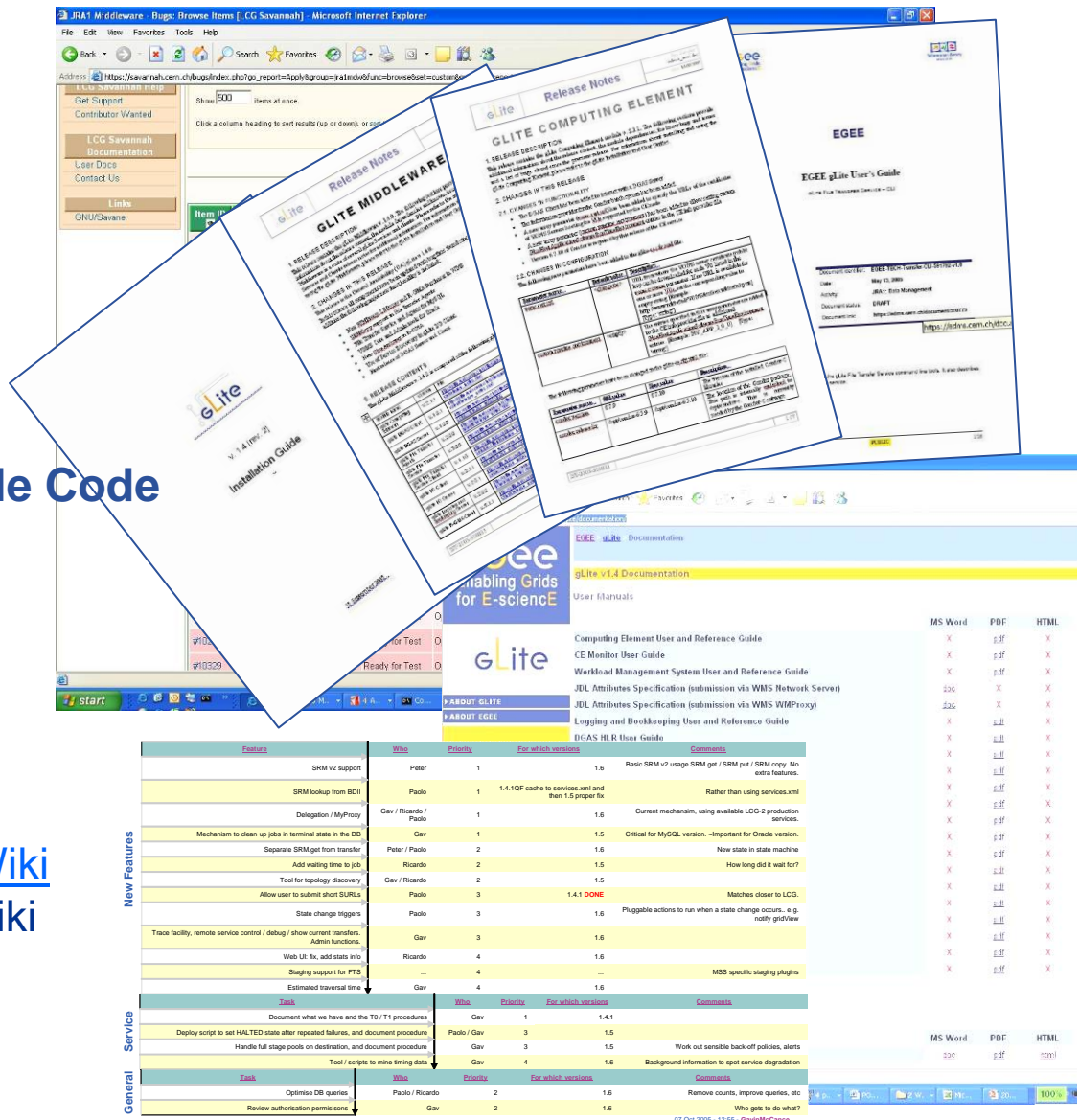
## Deployment on Production of selected set of Services

- Based on the needs (deployment, applications)
- Today FTS clients, R-GMA, VOMS

# gLite Releases and Planning



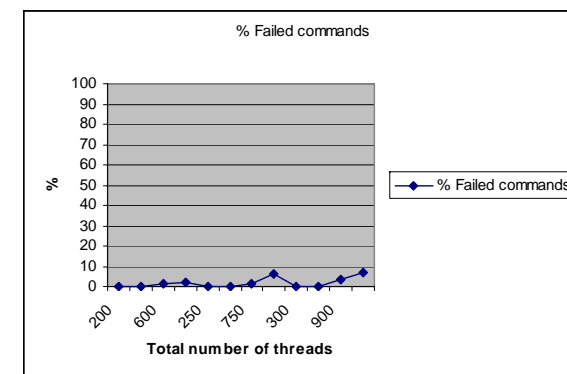
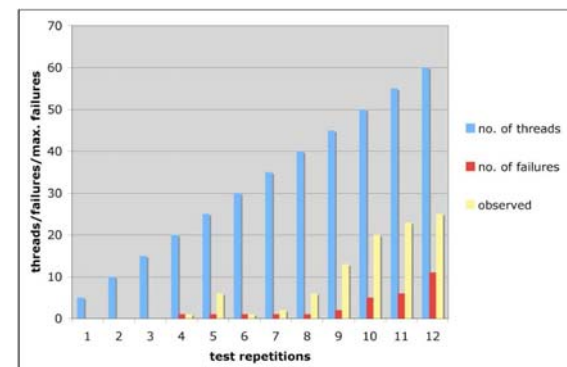
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  - [Pre-Production Services Wiki](#)
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Task	Who	Priority	For which versions	Comments
SRM v2 support	Peter	1	1.6	Basic SRM v2 usage SRM get / SRM put / SRM copy. No extra features.
SRM lookup from BDI	Paolo	1	1.4.10Q cache to services.xml and then 1.5 proper fix	Rather than using services.xml
Delegation / MyProxy	Gav / Ricardo / Paolo	1	1.6	Current mechanism, using available LCG-2 production services.
Mechanism to clean up jobs in terminal state in the DB	Gav	1	1.5	Critical for MySQL version. -Important for Oracle version.
Separate SRM get from transfer	Peter / Paolo	2	1.6	New state in state machine
Add waiting time to job	Ricardo	2	1.5	How long did it wait for?
Tool for topology discovery	Gav / Ricardo	2	1.5	
Allow user to submit short SURLS	Paolo	3	1.4.1 DONE	Matches closer to LCG.
State change triggers	Paolo	3	1.6	Pluggable actions to run when a state change occurs. e.g notify gridview
Trace facility, remote service control / debug / show current transfers, Admin functions	Gav	3	1.6	
Web UI: fix, add stats info	Ricardo	4	1.6	
Staging support for FTS	—	4	—	MSS specific staging plugins
Estimated traversal time	Gav	4	1.6	
Document what we have and the T0 / T1 procedures	Gav	1	1.4.1	
Deploy script to set HALTED state after repeated failures, and document procedure	Paolo / Gav	3	1.5	
Handle full stage pools on destination, and document procedure	Gav	3	1.5	Work out sensible back-off policies, alerts
Tool / scripts to mine timing data	Gav	4	1.6	Background information to spot service degradation
Optimise DB queries	Paolo / Ricardo	2	1.6	Remove counts, improve queries, etc
Review authorisation permissions	Gav	2	1.6	Who gets to do what?

- **Different strategies depending on potential users**
  - FTS
    - Working directly with (part of) Service Challenges team
    - Daily meetings
  - R-GMA
    - Daily reports for Job Monitoring/GridFTP log monitoring
    - Weekly meetings
  - HEP Task Forces
    - Helping experiments to use gLite from their frameworks
    - Assessing functionality performance of the components they are interested in
    - Sometimes evaluating unreleased/new components/features
      - *From developments environments*
    - Weekly (mostly) meetings
  - BioMedical applications
    - Focused Data Management exercise
    - Weekly phone calls
    - Respective developers working hand-in-hand
  - DILIGENT project
    - Relatively loose coupling
    - 10 meetings, but very effective collaboration
    - Results reported at and the EGEE 4<sup>th</sup> conference
  - Operations/PPS
    - Weekly meeting to address most critical defects
- **Side effects**
  - Sometimes the bypass of the formal process
    - E.g. install rpm's instead of using configuration scripts and following installation guide/release notes
    - Example: FTS
      - <https://uimon.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LCG/FtsServerInstall13>
      - Does not always help improving the installation but helps in deploying quickly
        - *Defects are usually reported upon deployment on the PPS*
  - Unreleased components are sometimes exposed as fully functional
    - While having only been installed in one place
    - Potentially causing frustration for early users
    - However helps in defining useful functionality and improve performance
      - *E.g. factor of 12 in improving matchmaking has been identified*
  - Costs significant efforts in JRA1

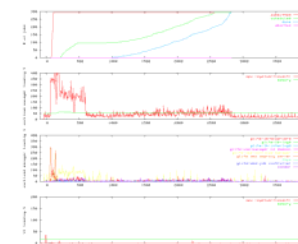
- **Most Services rely on GSI and MyProxy**
  - Still using well understood GT2 implementation
  - Authentication can be expensive
    - Several subsystems provide bulk operations
  
- **VOMS**
  - Manages VO Membership
  - Provides support for Groups and Roles
  - Support for MySQL and Oracle DB backend
  - Included in the VDT
  - Support for many other clients than SLC3
  
- **VOMS Admin**
  - Support for Oracle and MySQL back ends
    - VOMS ADMIN (Oracle) still problematic
    - Support issues clarified
  
- **Deployed on the Production Infrastructure**
  - Interfaced with OSG's VOMSRS



- **Logging and Bookkeeping**
  - Tracks jobs during their lifetime (in terms of events)
  - LB Proxy
    - Provides faster, synchronous and more efficient access to LB services to WMS services
  - Support for “CE reputability ranking”
    - Maintains recent statistics of job failures at CE’s
    - Feeds back to WMS to aid planning
  - Considered to be included in the VDT
  
- **CE**
  - Service representing a computing resource
  - CE moving towards a VO based local scheduler
  - BLAH
    - More efficient parsing of log files (these can be left residing on a remote machine)
    - Support for hold and resume in BLAH
      - To be used e.g. to put a job on hold, waiting for e.g. the staging of the input data
  - Condor-C GSI enabled
  - CEMon
    - Major reengineering of this service
      - Better support for the pull mode; More efficient handling of CEMon reporting
      - Security support
      - Possibility to handle also other data
        - E.g. a GridIce plugin for CEMon implemented
      - Included in VDT and used in OSG for resource selection
  
- **GPbox**
  - XACML-based policy maintainer, parser and enforcer.
  - Can be used for authorisation checks at various levels.

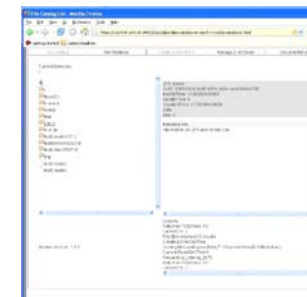


- **WMS**
  - Backward compatibility with LCG-2
  - WMPProxy
    - Web service interface to the WMS
    - Allows support of bulk submissions and jobs with shared sandboxes
  - Support for shallow resubmission
    - Resubmission happens in case of failure only when the job didn't start running - Only one instance of the user job can run.
  - Support for MPI job even if the file system is not shared between CE and WNs
  - Support of R-GMA as resource information repository to be used in the matchmaking besides bdII and CEMon
  - Support for DLI and StorageIndex Data management interfaces
  - Support for execution of all DAG nodes within a single CE - chosen by user or by the WMS matchmaker
  - Support for file peeking to access files during the execution of the job
  - Initial integration with G-Pbox - considering simple AuthZ policies
  - Initial support for pilot job
    - Pilot job which "prepare" the execution environment and then get and execute the actual user job
- **DGAS Accounting**
  - Accumulates Grid accounting information about the usage of Grid resources by users / groups (e.g. VO) for billing and scheduling policies
  - CEs can be instrumented with proper sensors to measure the resources used
- **Job provenance**
  - Long term job information storage
  - Useful for debugging, post-mortem analysis, comparison of job executions in different environments
  - Useful for statistical analysis
- **WMS, CE, LB, DGAS are considered for inclusion in the next LCG-2 release**
  - Currently deployed on the Pre-production service and DILIGENT testbed
  - Tested on many private instances



- **FiReMan catalog**

- Resolves logical filenames (LFN) to physical location of files (URL understood by SRM) and storage elements
- Oracle and MySQL versions available
- Secure services, using VOMS groups, ACL support for DNs
- Full set of Command Line tools
- Simple API for C/C++ wrapping a lot of the complexity for easy usage
- Attribute support
- Symbolic link support
- Exposing ServiceIndex and DLI (for matchmaking)
- **Separate catalog available as a keystore for data encryption ('Hydra')**
- Deployed on the Pre-Production Service and DILIGENT testbed

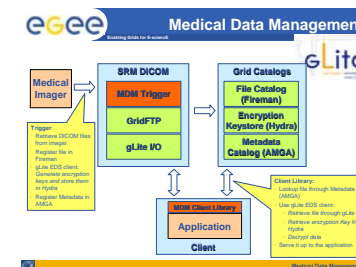


- **gLite I/O**

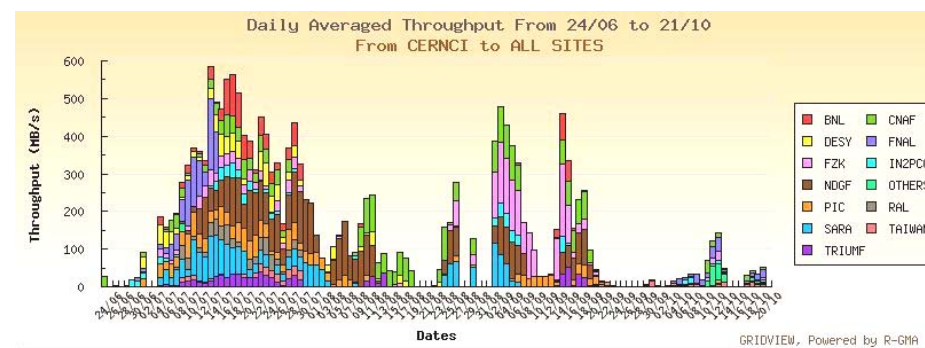
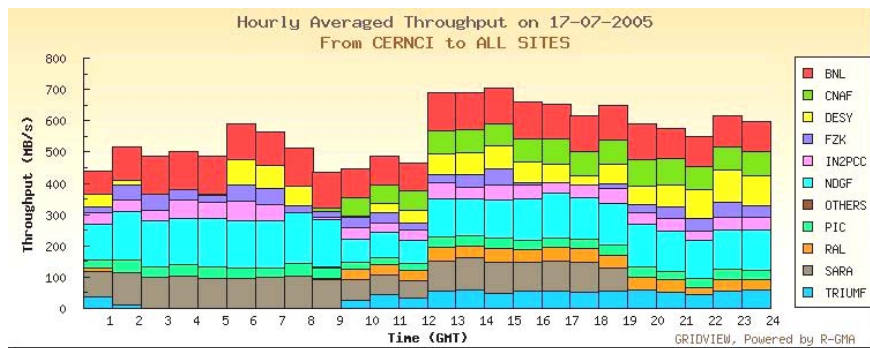
- Posix-like access to Grid files
- Castor, dCache and DPM support
- Added a remove method to be able to delete files
- Changed the configuration to match all other CLI configuration to service-discovery
- Improved error reporting
- Has been used for the BioMedical Demo
  - **Encryption and DICOM SRM**
- Deployed on the Pre-Production Service and the DILIGENT testbed

- **AMGA MetaData Catalog**

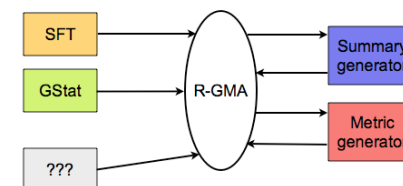
- NA4 contribution
  - Result of JRA1 & NA4 prototyping together with PTF assessment
  - Used by the LHCb experiment
  - Has been used for the BioMedical Demo



- **Reliable file transfer**
- **Full scalable implementation**
  - Java Web Service front-end, C++ Agents, Oracle or MySQL database support
  - Support for Channel, Site and VO management
  - Interfaces for management and statistics monitoring
  - Gsiftp, SRM and SRM-copy support
- **Has been in use by the Service Challenges for the last 5 months.**
  - Evolved together with the Service Challenges Team
  - Daily meetings
- **FTS evolved over summer to include**
  - Support for MySQL and Oracle
  - Multi-VO support
  - GridFTP and SRM copy support
  - MyProxy server as a CLI argument
  - Many small changes/optimizations revealed by SC3 usage
- **FTS workshop with LHC experiments on November 16**
  - Issues, Feedback and short term plans

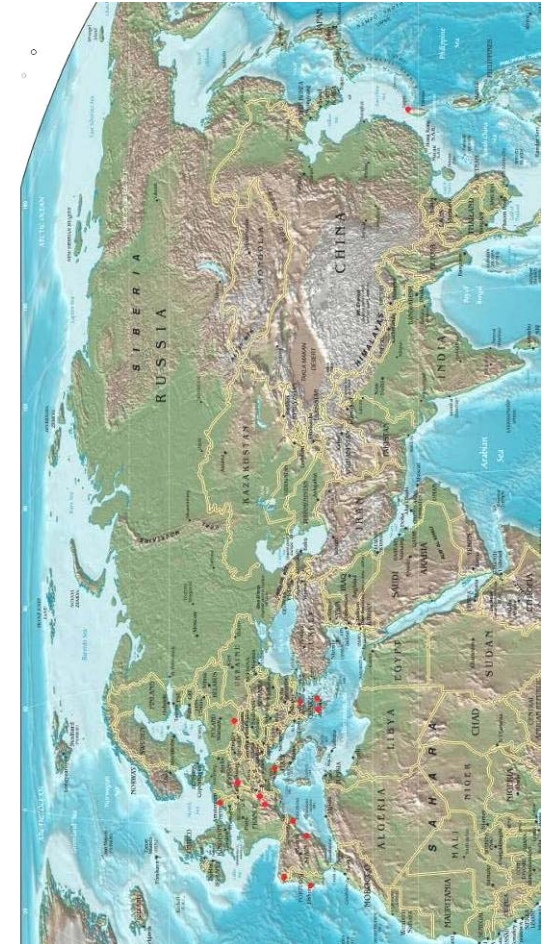


- **R-GMA**
  - Essentially bug fixes & consolidation
  - Merging LCG & gLite code base
  - Secure version
- **Used in production as monitoring data aggregator**
  - Job status published from L&B every 5 minutes
- **Interfaced from the WMS ISM**
- **Service Discovery**
  - Was not part of gLite 1.0
  - An interface has been defined and implemented for 3 back-ends
    - R-GMA
    - BDII
    - Configuration File
  - Command Line tool end users
  - Used by WMS and Data Management clients
- **Services still using BDII as the Information System**
  - Pre-Production Service has started to use R-GMA



- **Computing Element**
  - Gatekeeper, WSS (Globus)
  - Condor-C (Condor)
  - CE Monitor (EGEE)
  - Local batch system (PBS, LSF, Condor, SGE, BQS)
  - DGAS (EDG/EGEE)
- **Workload Management**
  - WMS (EDG/EGEE)
  - Logging and bookkeeping (EDG/EGEE)
  - Condor-C (Condor)
  - BLAH (EGEE)
  - Job Provenance (EGEE)
- **Storage Element**
  - File Transfer/Placement (EGEE)
  - glite-I/O (AliEn)
  - GridFTP (Globus)
  - SRM: Castor (CERN), dCache (FNAL, DESY), DPM (CERN), other SRMs
- **Catalog**
  - File and Replica Catalog (EGEE)
  - Metadata Catalog (EGEE/NA4)
- **Information and Monitoring**
  - R-GMA (EDG/EGEE)
  - Service Discovery (EGEE)
  - BDII
- **Security**
  - VOMS (DataTAG, EDG/EGEE)
  - GSI (Globus)
  - LCAS/LCMAPS (EDG/EGEE)
  - Authorization for C and Java based (web) services (EDG/EGEE/Globus)
  - GPBox (EGEE)
  - WSS (Globus)
- **UI (Various)**

- **Production**
  - FTS
  - R-GMA (Monitoring & Accounting Data Aggregation)
  - VOMS/VOMS Admin
- **Preproduction Service**
  - 14 sites
  - CERN, CNAF, PIC CE's are connected to the production worker nodes
  - ~ 1M Jobs submitted
  - FTS, WMS/LB/CE, FireMan, gLite I/O (DPM, Castor), R-GMA
- **Others**
  - DILIGENT has deployed a number of those services as well



- **Revision of the Architecture, Design and Work plan documents**
  - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/594698/>
  - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/573493/>
  - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/606574/>
- **Advanced Reservation**
  - Architecture defined
    - <https://edms.cern.ch/file/508055/2-2/EGEE-JRA1-AR-508055-v2-2.pdf>
  - Integration with WMS prototyped
    - <http://agenda.cern.ch/askArchive.php?base=agenda&categ=a052420&id=a052420s3t5/transparencies>
- **OMII evaluation**
  - <where is the URL>
- **GT4 evaluation**
  - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/672123/>
- **Interfacing of ProActive to gLite**
  - Demonstrated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grid [PlugTests event](#)
  - Hands on with gLite
    - <http://agenda.cern.ch/askArchive.php?base=agenda&categ=a055911&id=a055911s1t9/transparencies>
- **Development of a new Web Services based CE**
  - CREAM: <http://grid.pd.infn.it/cream/field.php>
- **Tutorials and Schools**
  - gLite Installation & Certification Training Event (CERN, Switzerland)
    - <http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a053710>
  - GRID'05 EGEE Summer School (Budapest, Hungary)
    - <http://www.egee.hu/grid05/>
  - GGF International Grid Summer School
    - <http://www.dma.unina.it/~murli/GridSummerSchool2005/>
  - CERN School of Computing 2005
    - Grid Track
    - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/605400/1>
- **WSS**
  - Prototype of the integration of the Globus Works Space Services
  - Joint Globus/Condor/EGEE paper submitted at <Erwin please help>
- **glogin**
  - CrossGrid's glogin has been demonstrated with gLite
- **PGrade**
  - PGrade Portal interfaced to gLite
- **Continously managed Prototype testbed**

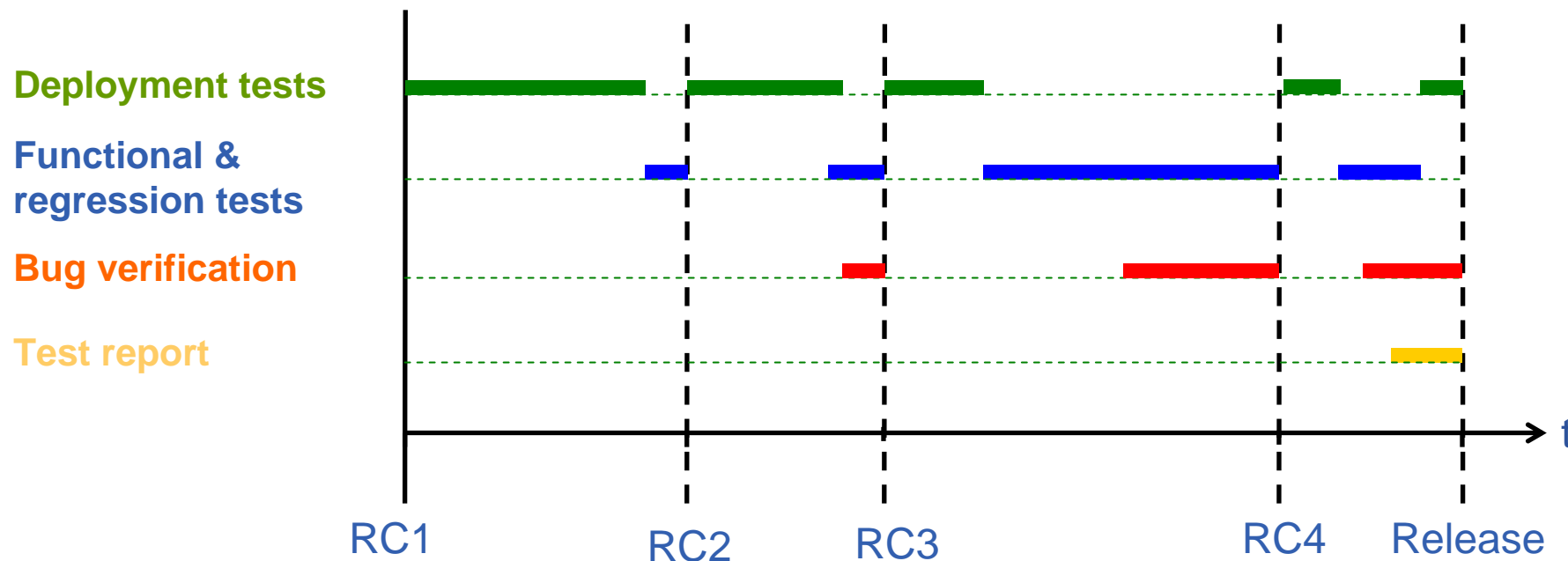
- **Distributed testbed: 3 sites**

- CERN
- Imperial College
- RRZN Uni Hannover
- (RAL and NIKHEF stopped contributing)



Imperial College  
London

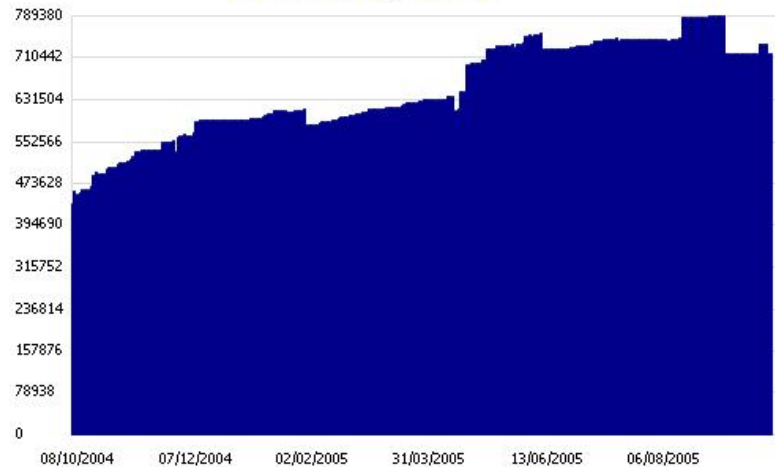
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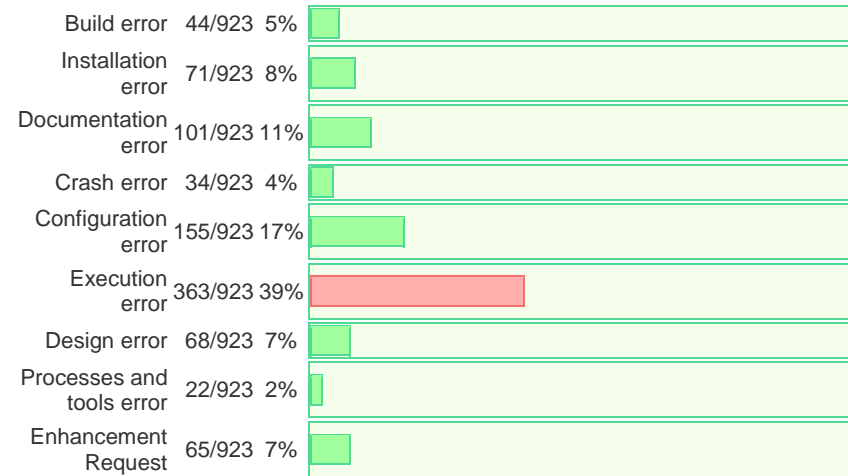


	Deployment	Test suite	Stress	Bug verification	Test report
CE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DGAS	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Fireman	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
FTS	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
I/O	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LB	✓	in preparation	✗	✗	✗
R-GMA	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
SD	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
VOMS	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
WMS	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓

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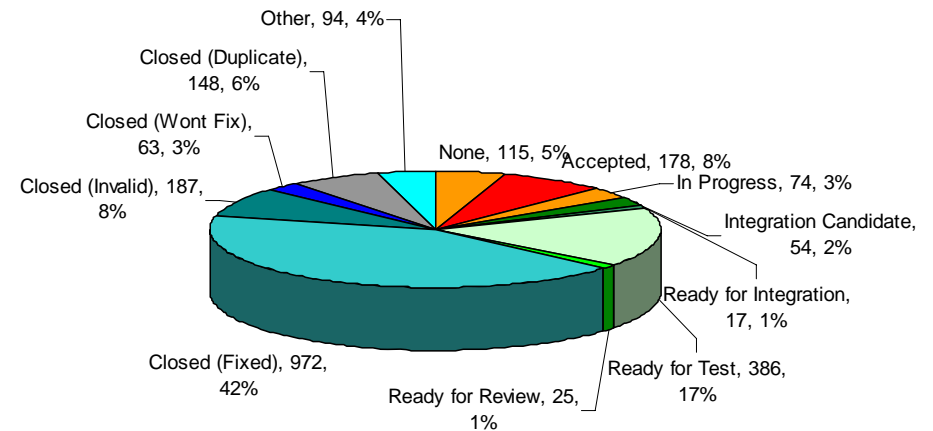
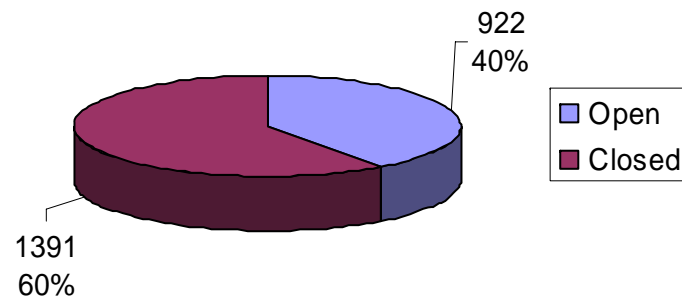


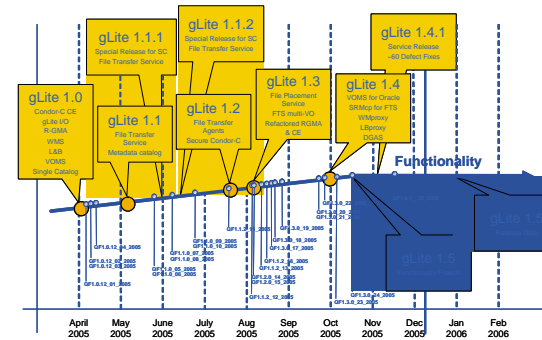
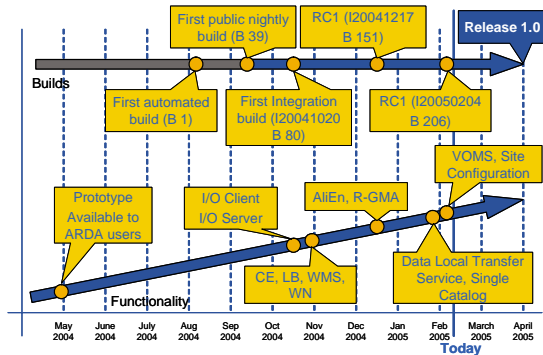
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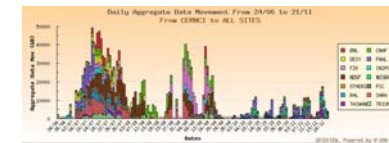
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- Total complete builds done: 208
- Number of subsystems: 12
- Number of CVS modules: 343
- FTS: Preview in Release 1.0
- Simple Metadata Catalog
- VOMS on MySQL
- Re-engineered WMS
- Manual component Testing

- Total complete builds: 641, 236 (HEAD)
- Number of subsystems: 21
- Number of CVS modules: 454



- FTS
- AMGA Catalog agreed by PTF
- VOMS on Oracle
- Web Services bulk job submission
- Testing semi-automated, reports

- **Design Team**
  - Small international group of competent people understanding each other
  - Task Queue, Condor-C integration in WMS, Storage Index, Data & Job Management security models, WSS, future VO scheduler, etc...
- **VDT**
  - VOMS, LB, CEMon are in or scheduled (using NMI processes)
- **Collaboration in particular with University of Wisconsin/Madison**
  - Not only Condor, also NMI, relations with OSG, etc..
  - Significant (not reported) manpower dedicated to gLite related issues
  - Has been instrumental in the ETICS project proposal

Standardisation Body	Area	Working Group	Contributor	Role
GGF	Architecture	OGSA-WG, Resource Management Design Team	Sergio Androozzi	External contributor
GGF	Architecture	OGSA-WG	Abdeslem Djaoui	Member
DMTF	Resource Information Modeling	Core and Devices WG	Sergio Androozzi	External contributor
		CRM	Massimo Sgaravatto, Luigi Zangrando, Erwin Laure, Miron Livny, Ian Foster,...	Members
GGF	Management	UR-WG and GESA-WG	Andrea Guarise, Rosario Piro	External contributors
GGF	Security	OGSA-AUTH	Vincenzo Ciaschini	External contributor
GGF	Data	GSM-WG	Peter Kunszt	Chair
GGF	Data	OGSA-D-WG	Peter Kunszt	Member
GGF	Data	OREP-WG	Peter Kunszt	External contributor
GGF	Data	INFOD-WG	Abdeslem Djaoui	Member
GGF	Data	INFOD-WG	Steve Fisher	Secretary

## Accomplishments

- **gLite “brand name”**
- **Services offering significant (basic) functionalities required by Applications**
  - Components included in VDT
- **Collaboration with DILIGENT**
- **Collaboration with US**
- **First ever storage encryption solution for BioMedical demonstrated**

## Issues

- **Complex software suite**
  - Many fixes and patches
- **Integration & Testing understaffed**
- **Multi-platform support**
- **Multiple reporting lines**
- **Integration & Testing perceived as slowing down the process**

- **Continue Defect fixing as required**
- **Complete gLite 1.5 release**
  - Including Documentation, Installation Guide, Release Notes, Testing reports
  - Forming DJRA1.6 deliverable
- **Converge with SA1 the LCG and gLite middleware releases to a single distribution called gLite**
  - Being discussed with Operations
  - EGEE-II startup timeframe
  - Tentatively named gLite 3.0

- **Reviewers comments on**
  - gLite should be a stepping stone towards more robust standards based Grid infrastructure; Collaboration with other M/W R&D initiative to select additional components
    - Continuous participation in GGF, collaboration with OSG, NorduGrid, CRM Initiative
    - gLite use many external dependencies coming from other Middleware initiatives
    - Collaboration on interoperation of Condor-C and GT4
    - Prototype of interoperation of the CE and Globus WSS
    - gLite make use of SRM's developed by other initiatives
    - JRA1 has proposed Unicore and Shibboleth interoperation in EGEE-II
  - Co-scheduling timetable should be announced, but no implementation before end of EGEE
    - This is still pretty much R&D
    - JRA1 has proposed an Architecture for Advanced Reservation
    - JRA1 has prototyped Advanced Reservation of Storage and Network Resources



- **gLite releases have been produced**
  - Tested, Documented, with Installation and Release notes
  - Subsystems used on
    - Service Challenges
    - Pre-Production Services
    - Production Service
  - Some components included in the VDT
  - And by other communities (e.g. DILIGENT)
  - Special effort for helping early adopters in place
- **gLite processes are in place**
  - Closely monitored by various bodies
  - Hiding many technical problems to the end user
- **gLite is more than just software, it also about**
  - Processes, Tools and Documentation
  - International Collaboration



Lightweight Middleware for  
Grid Computing

[www.glite.org](http://www.glite.org)