LCG Monte-Carlo Events Data Base

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Motivation for this talk:

- Explain main ideas of this project
- Attract potential users
- Provide short instruction how to use it

Overview of MCDB Project

- Main Purposes of LCG MCDB
 - facilitates communication between MC experts and users in experimental collaborations
 - Share sophisticate MC samples between different groups
 - Better validation of MC samples
- It provides:
 - Web Interface for the authors of MC samples easily document new samples, storage for the event samples and communication interfaces with users of these samples
 - Web interface for the users who interest in new MC samples to search available MC, read documentation of the events, download the events and communicate with author and other users on the matter of this particular sample.

Documentation of the Project

- CMS MCDB [hep-ph/0403100] http://cmsdoc.cern.ch/cms/generators/mcdb/
 - Only parton level files; AFS storage;
 Only phonetic search; No SQL
- LCG MCDB [hep-ph/0404241] http://mcdb.cern.ch
 - Core software supported by LCG Software Project Infrastructure
 - MySQL; CASTOR (RFIO); CGI; Perl; Apache

Terminology

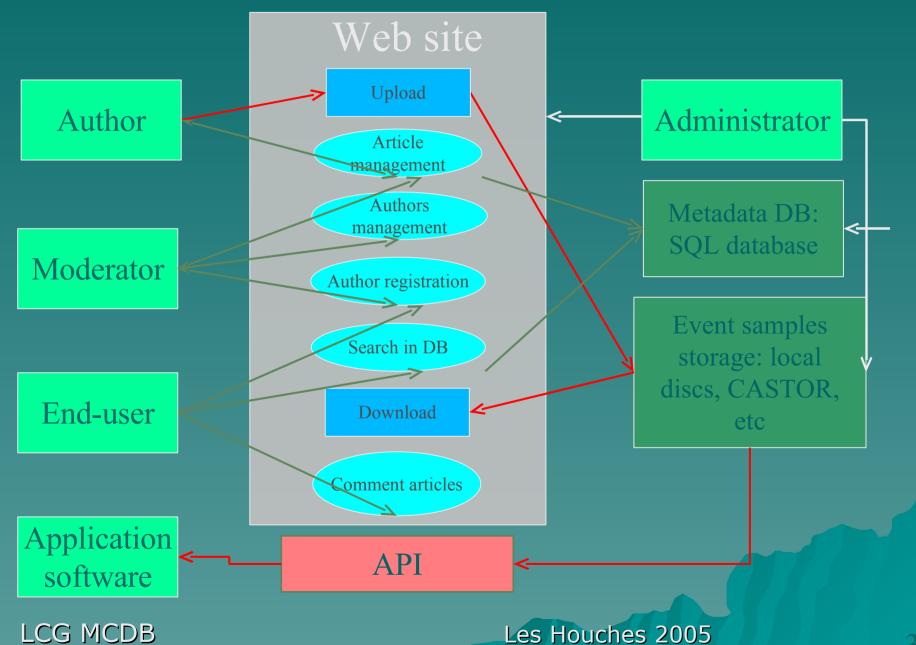
Article – a document describing a set of event samples. The documents are the main Web content of MCDB

Category – a class of articles and physics models concerned a particular type of physical processes. It corresponds to leaves in MCDB Web catalog

Author – an expert in Monte-Carlo generators. (S)he can upload new event samples to MCDB and describe them in corresponding articles

Moderator – a person who has privileges to manage author profiles and moderate any information in the database

MCDB Scheme



Short MCDB Status

Articles Management (done)

Event Files management (done)

Authors management (done)

Users comments management (done)

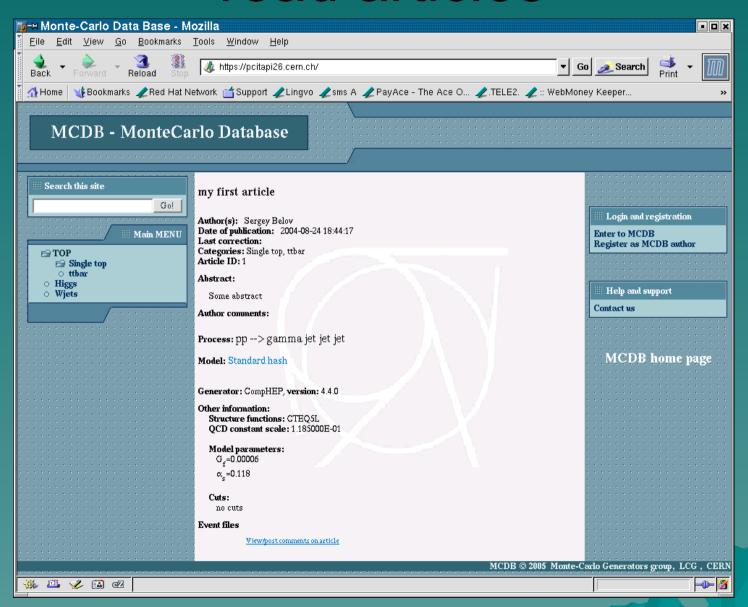
Authorization block (done 95%)

Search engine (done 30%)

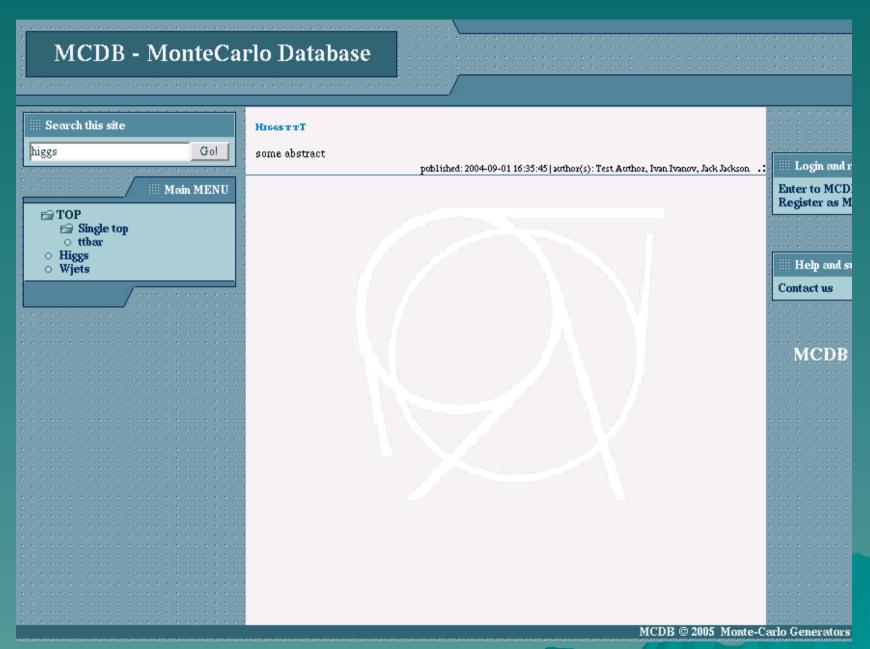
Documentation (done 20%)

Ready for use by new authors and users

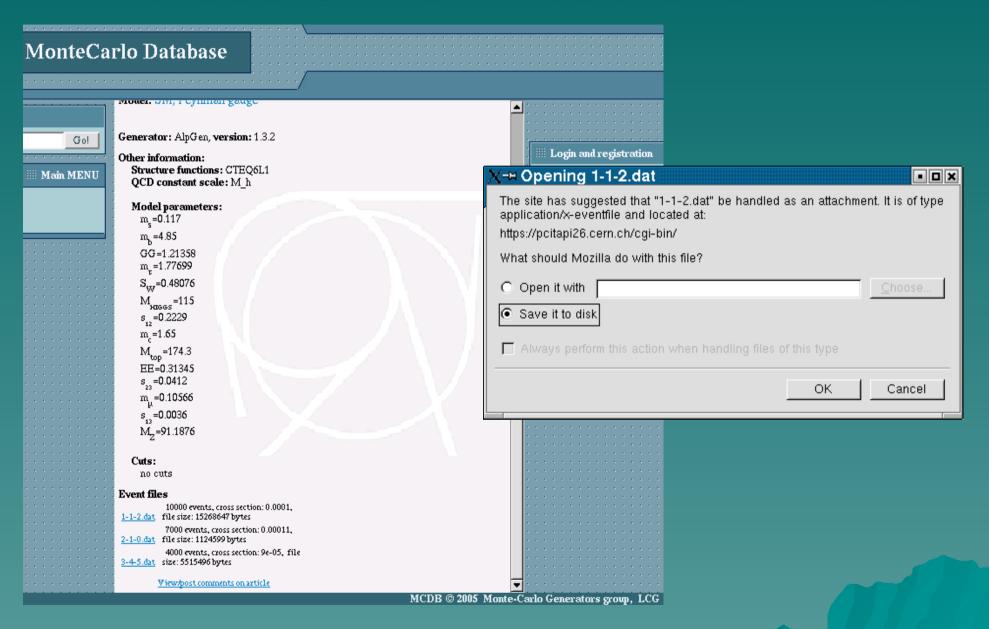
End-users: browse catalogs, read articles



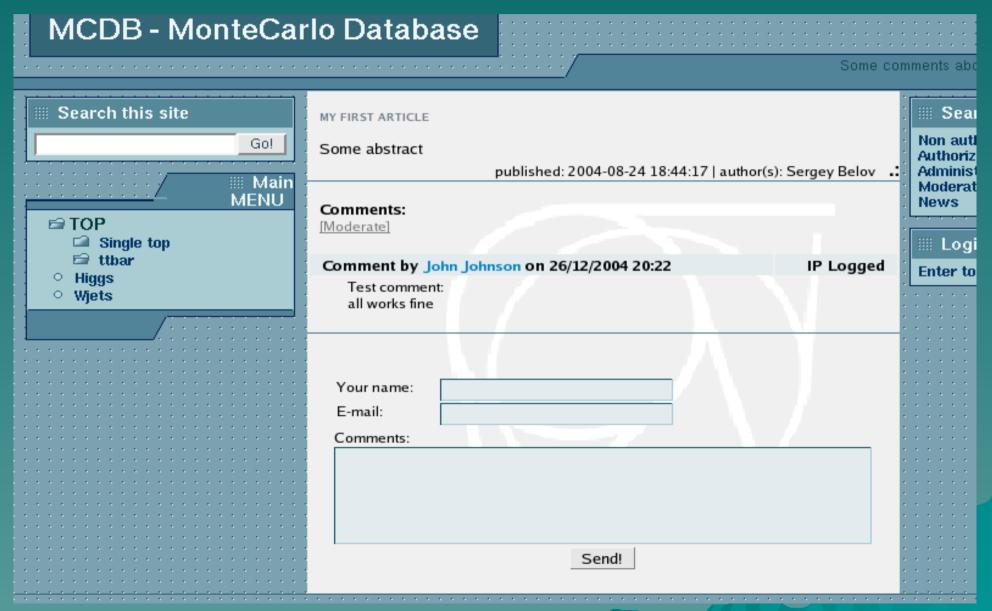
End-users: Search for articles



End-users: Download event files



End-user: leave comments on articles



Author authentication and access control system

Based on CERN AFS passwords

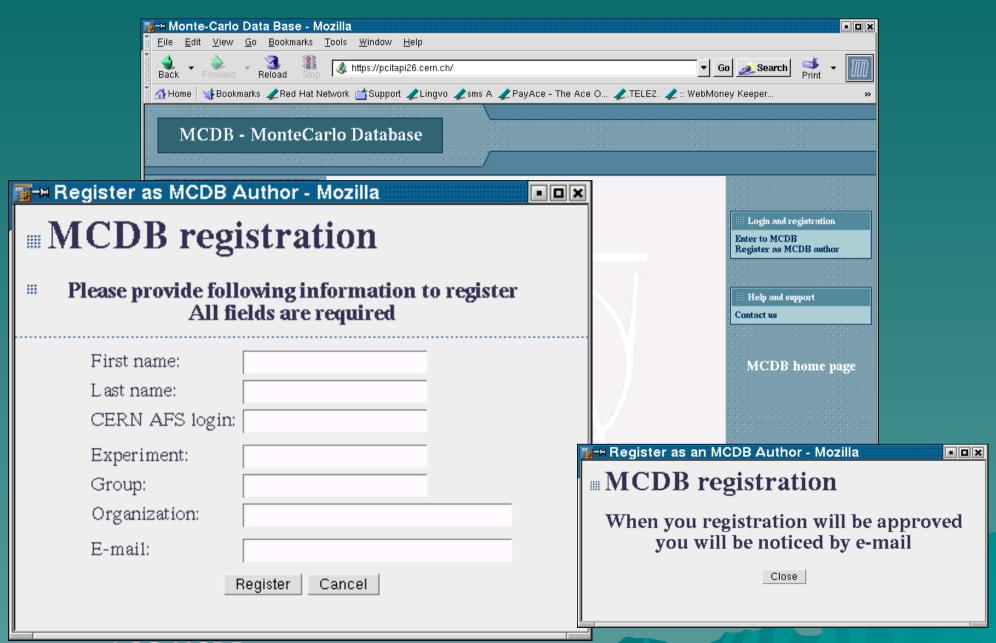
Checks whether author is registered in system and user's privilege (author/moderator)

Moderator is able to block author accounts if necessary

* Grid-certificates based authorization: in the future

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Registration as MCDB author



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Les Houches 2005

Article management

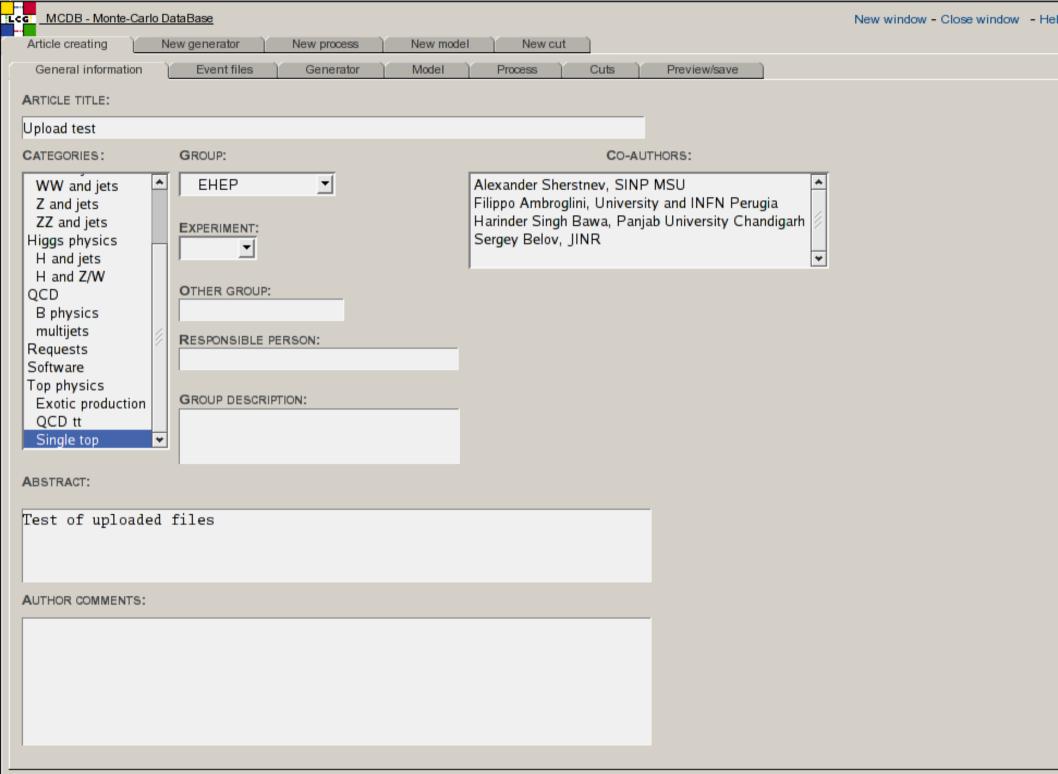
The article management system provides a clear Web interface to document event samples

Allows to use pre-entered information (templates) to describe MC generators, physics models, cuts, etc. in each article

Permits to edit previously created articles

Preview and then publishing documents to the Web

Articles are presented in a very structured way



Event Files Management

Event files are stored on CASTOR

Upload and download are realized through the Web

MCDB uses server local discs for files cashing (to/from CASTOR)

GRID and API interfaces (in the future)

Summary

LCG MCDB is ready for authors/users

- Deployed at http://mcdb.cern.ch
- Basic functionality is done
- Event files stored on Castor

Feedback is welcome, interface is provided at the main web page

Future plans

Documentation (end-users, developers)
Model conception refining (physical models, generator models, variable parameters, etc.), based on feedback
Application Package Interface

- API for collaborations software
- Grid interfaces (POOL, Grid users' certificates)

Development uniform event format (HEPML realization, based on XML)