Direct I/O support by Athena/AthenaMP and Job Transforms

- In late 2015 it was reported that AthenaMP cannot work with remote inputs
- Two issues here:
 - 1. <u>XRootD</u> access did not work in AthenaMP because **Frontier client was shutting down and cleaning up SSL connections** in the master. As a result workers could not reopen the inputs after fork. **Fixed:** Frontier Client 2.8.18, part of LCG 81e, in 20.7.6.X since July 2016
 - More details on JIRA: ATEAM-226 and FTAPPDEVEL-94
 - 2. DCAP & HTTPS access did not work due to lack of support in Gaudi. Fixed: Simple fix in GaudiMP, available since February 2016
- We are not aware of any other issues related to direct I/O either in Athena/AthenaMP or in Job Transforms
- If something does not work please let us know!

 JIRA ticket in the ATEAM project, or an email to atlas-sw-core@cern.ch