

Migrating from CREAM-CE/LSF to HTCondor-CE/HTCondor

BY STEFANO DAL PRA



CHEP2019, Nov 07

Email: stefano.dalpra@cnaf.infn.it

INFN-T1, Current Status (Production)

- ~ 400 KHS06, 35000 slots, 850 physical hosts
- $5 \times$ CREAM – CE/LSF 9.1.3
- ~ 40 User groups: 24 Grid VOs, ~ 25 local

Moving to HTC-CE/HTC

We have two HTC clusters right now

Testbed (HTC-CE 3.2.2, HTC 8.8.4)

- $1 \times$ HTC-CE, 1 SN + $1 \times$ CM, $3 \times$ WN, 16 slot each
- Run pilots from the 4 LHC experiments (Sep. 2018)
- Testing configurations / script / tools / manegement

Production (HTC-CE 3.2.2, HTC 8.8.4)

- $(2 + 1) \times$ HTC-CE, $1 \times$ CM, $68 \times$ WN, 16 slot each (1088 slots, 1.1 KHS06)
- One more WN, with $2 \times$ K-40 GPUs (to test Grid access through HTC-CE)
- $1 \times$ SN for Remote Submission (from local UI, FS_REMOTE)

started on May 2019. Gradually moving WNs from LSF to HTCCondor.

Local users “only” should convert `bsub` to `condor_submit` from their UI.

1. LHC VOs: **Ready**
2. Grid VOs using a WMS (i.e. Dirac): **Ready**
3. Other VOs: **In progress**
4. Local submitters: **In progress**

Experience with HTC-CE

Early installations (Apr 2018) a bit tricky (rpm and docs OSG oriented, no automated setup). Help and assistance provided by the HTCondor mailing list and developers.

Now: improved docs and rpms (for non osg people)

- <https://htcondor-ce.org>
- [htcondor-ce-*](#) RPMs from the same repository of HTCondor
- https://github.com/cernops/puppet-htcondor_ce. Puppet modules from CERN

Troubleshooting and quirks

- `ui-htc ~]$ condor_ce_trace --debug ce01-htc` (Most frequent: GSI)
- Puppet modules not directly compliant with our puppet/foreman system

On first setup, main issues to deal with were about GSI auth* and, later, GIP.

Note: Mostly because the CE setup was done manually (manual CREAM setup wouldn't have been any easier)

voms. The same as with CREAM-CE, except for default name and location of a few files (voms-mapfile, x509 host certificates)

condor-mapfile. Adding regexp to map allowed certs at your site

After this, the CE should be able to deal with first job submissions

Argus. Set up one or configure an existing one. (Note: no support for TLS1.2)

bdii. two configuration files from [htcondor-ce-bdii](#) rpm

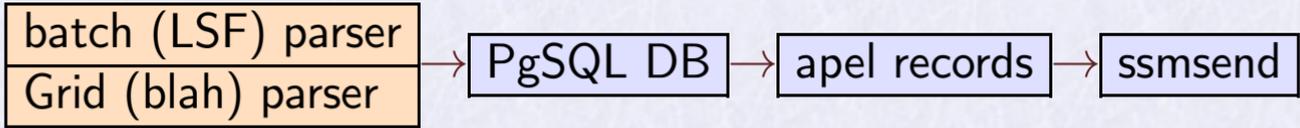
Note: they are in the condor config dir, not condor-ce. Glue2 only.

Notes collected for interested INFN sites: <http://wiki.infn.it/progetti/htcondor-tf/home>

Accounting

We use a custom accounting system for CREAM-CE/LSF (no APEL). We did some work to adapt it

Accounting with LSF

- 

```
graph LR; A["batch (LSF) parser  
Grid (blah) parser"] --> B["PgSQL DB"]; B --> C["apel records"]; C --> D["ssmsend"]
```

 - User DN and FQAN are the main Grid-side info collected from Blah.
 - We collect a few more data for internal use: job exit status, WN name (this is then mapped to HS06 of the node), job exit status,...
 - We need to collect the same data from HTC-CE, then we can re-use the other components.

Accounting with HTC-CE

Initially: `python bindings` to query HTC for job history. It works, but a few timeouts were experienced. Defining `PER_JOB_HISTORY_DIR` turns out to be a safer choice.

- `PER_JOB_HISTORY_DIR=/var/lib/gratia/data/`
- One accounting text file per job, `history.<jobid>` with `<key> = <value>` pairs, one per line.
- Each file is *complete* (have both grid and batch data: no need for blah records, no need to lookup for matches between sets of grid and batch records).
- python: `jobfile2dict(fn)` read a log file into a python dict. We transform the wanted ones and INSERT INTO our accounting DB. We collect the same set of keys that the apel HTCCondor parser collects, and a few more for internal use.
- After parse & insert, the file is *archived* to a backup directory (prevents double counting, enable further and deeper inspection, in case of doubts).

Apel records obtained as a SQL VIEW:

```
acct=> select * from apelhtjob where "Processors "=8 limit 1;
```

```
+-----  
Site | INFN-T1  
SubmitHost | ce02-htc.cr.cnaf.infn.it#7737.0#1555345220  
MachineName | htc-2.cr.cnaf.infn.it  
Queue | cms  
LocalJobId | 7737  
LocalUserId | pilcms006  
GlobalUserName | /[...]CN=cmspilot04/vocms080.cern.ch  
FQAN | /cms/Role=pilot/Capability=NULL  
VO | cms  
VOGroup | /cms  
VORole | Role=pilot  
WallDuration | 41848  
CpuDuration | 40549  
Processors | 8  
NodeCount | 1  
StartTime | 1555345239  
EndTime | 1555350470  
InfrastructureDescription | APEL-HTC-CE  
InfrastructureType | grid  
ServiceLevelType | HEPSPEC  
ServiceLevel | 10.000
```

Enabling GPU access to Grid users

Successful usage tests from ATLAS and VIRGO

At client side: In the condor submit file:

```
request_GPUs = 1
requirements = (target.CUDACapability >= 1.2) &&\
(target.CUDADeviceName =?= "Tesla K40m") &&\
$(requirements:True)
```

HTC-CE side: In the HTCondor-CE `JOB_ROUTER_ENTRIES`:

```
[name = "condor_pool_atlas_cuda";
  TargetUniverse = 5;
  Requirements = (...) && (target.queue =?= "atlas_cuda");
  eval_set_WantGPU = true;
  set_requirements = (target.HasGPU =?= true);
...]
```

Accounting GPU usage

there are keys in the job history file:

```
AssignedGPUs = "CUDA0"  
GPUsProvisioned=1
```

Tracking these (or newer) keys

```
acct=> SELECT COUNT(*) AS "N", sum(runtime) as "WCT", username, execests  
acct-> FROM htjob WHERE gpu=1 GROUP BY username,execests;
```

Which yields:

N	WCT	username	execests
5	4	atlas220	hpc-200-06-07
5	5	dteam039	hpc-200-06-07
3	3	sdalpra	hpc-200-06-07
17	28	virgo050	hpc-200-06-07

Managing HTCondor

- [LSF](#): configure everything on a small set of files
- [Puppet + Foreman](#): provisioning and main setup. Good for semi-static *known to work* configurations. Not easy to achieve a desired level of flexibility (example: temporarily excluding a VO from working on an arbitrary set of WNs)
- [htconf.py](#): simple tool to override puppet settings and provide granularity. Makes use of a shared filesystem across machines in the pool.

`/shared/fs/htconf.py` declared in a main HTCondor config file. It injects a set of knobs to the machine running it, depending on the *role*, *group* and *name* of the machine.

- More similar to the way LSF is configured (a small set of config files)
- several different configurations can be tested and compared quickly
- Example: temporarily adding a classAd to an arbitrary set of WNs is a matter of defining the hostnames in a file and the classad in a related file

Command line tools

- `condor_status`, `condor_q` extremely powerful to inspect job and pool status, yet easy to get cumbersome. Most frequent LSF commands are being emulated using `python bindings`:

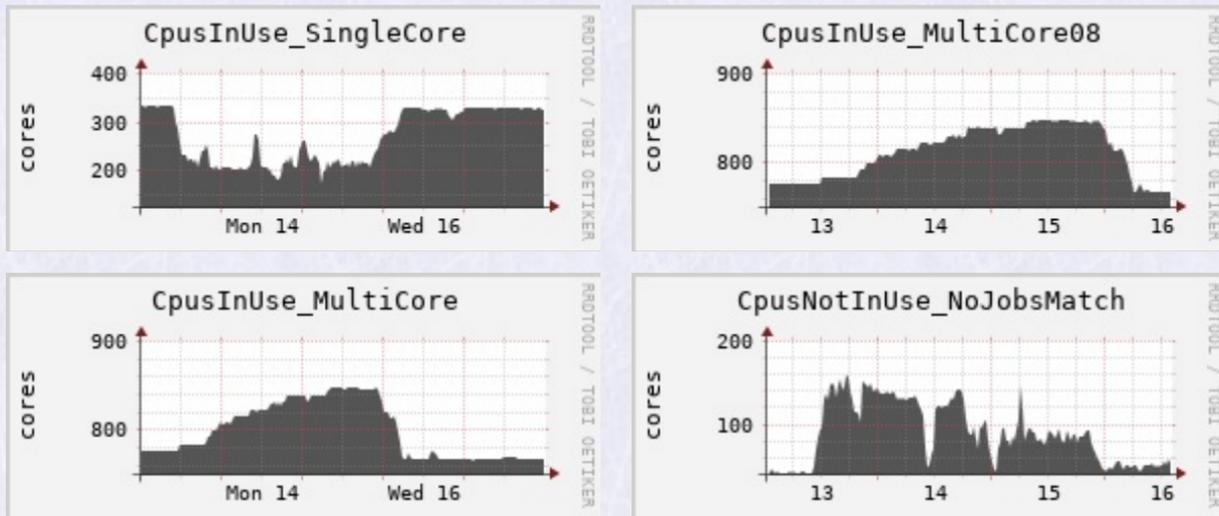
LSF	HTC
<code>bjobs</code>	<code>hjobs</code>
<code>bqueues</code>	<code>hqueues</code>
<code>bhosts</code>	<code>hhosts</code>

```
[root@htc-2 ~]# hjobs.py
```

```
JobId RemoteOwner fromhost JobStart Cpus Machine TotalCpus CPUsUsage  
25571.0 pagnes sn-01 2019-10-31:03:32:29 1 wn-201-07-15-01-a 16.0 0.99  
25764.0 pagnes sn-01 2019-10-31:03:42:55 1 wn-201-07-37-04-a 16.0 0.97
```

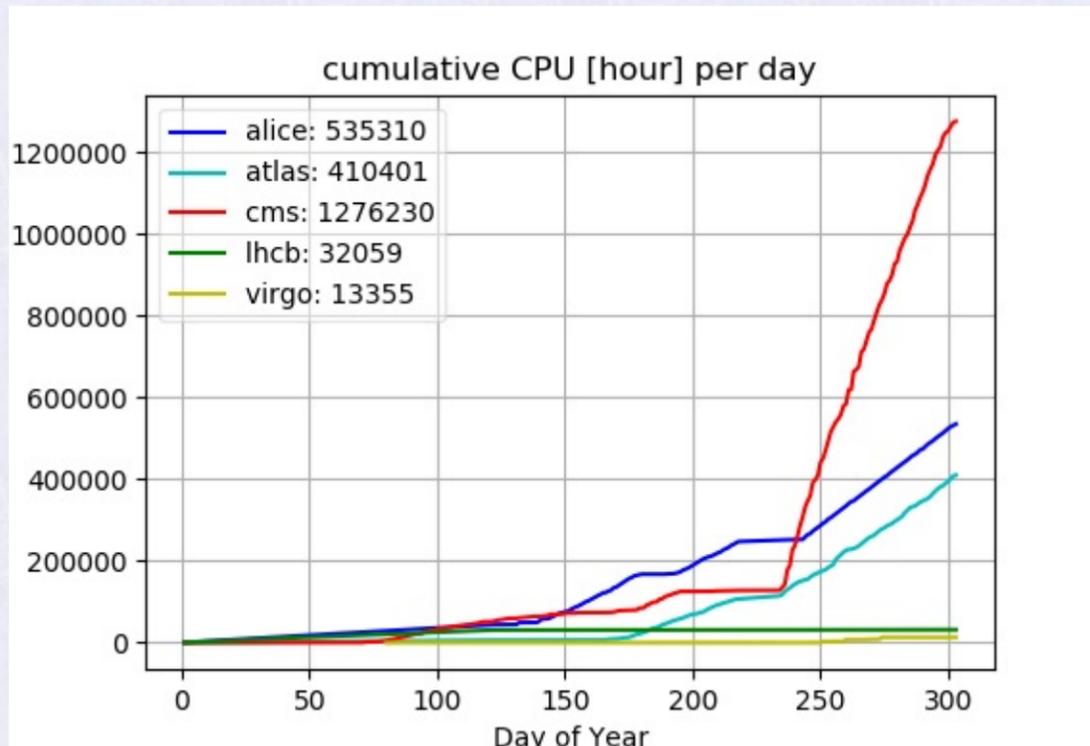
- `dump_htc_shares.py` injects `GROUP_QUOTA_DYNAMIC_group_<name>` values in the HTC conf. based on HS06 pledges of the user groups.

Monitoring (Ganglia)



- metrics defined in `/etc/condor/ganglia.d/` and collected by [gmetad](#) in the CM.
- In progress: integrate these data with our Monitoring System (Graphana / Sensu)
- HTCondor-CE comes with a small web tool (CEView) providing a simple interface for monitoring its activity.

JOBS so far...



Going to move more WNs soon and enable more VOs

Userland

- [user-support](#) group to assist local users to convert their [bsub](#) based scripts to use [condor_submit](#).
- One common schedd for all local submissions ($\sim 10\%$ of total)

Extension to remote/heterogenous/dynamic resources

- Dynamic Extension of INFN-T1 to opportunistic resources from several Cloud providers was realized over the past years using LSF [[ISGC-2016, vol 13, nr. 18](#)]
- A HTC-CE instance was setup recently and proved succesfull at interfacing with HPC resources (SLURM) to run typical HEP/LHC payloads (cfr. [indi.to/Qn4Gf](#))
- Integration with dynamically provided HTC and HPC resources has also been exploited and is progressing (cfr. [ndi.to/rpfVf](#))

Conclusion

- Gradually migrating most of our WNs from LSF to HTC (allow small groups to take their time).
- Testbed cluster precious to validate operations or troubleshoot problems.
- Monitoring enough for admin purposes. Some more effort required (→grafana).
- HTC-CE proved versatility. We can migrate our usecases whilst delivering new ones (Grid access to GPUs, HPC clusters, ...).
- Custom accounting can track usage of “new” resources (GPUs)
- More HTC-CEs being added as workload grows