Improvement of AMGA Python Client Library for the Belle II Experiment

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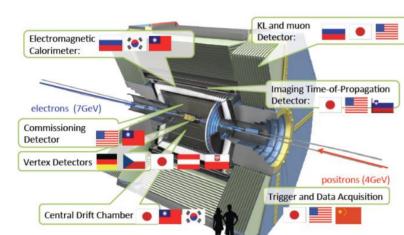
Motivation

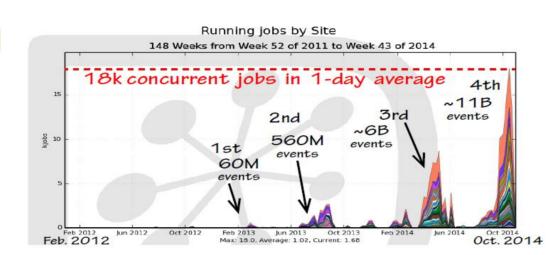
- gBasf2 uses AMGA python client API to access AMGA
- AMGA python client API has a lack of functionalities, compared to C++ client API
- No support for client-side metadata federation
- Developer from the Belle II distributed computing system asks for improvement of AMGA python client API
- Client-side metadata federation support, GSI (python SSL wrapper for DIRAC) support, API refinement

Overview of the Belle II Experiment

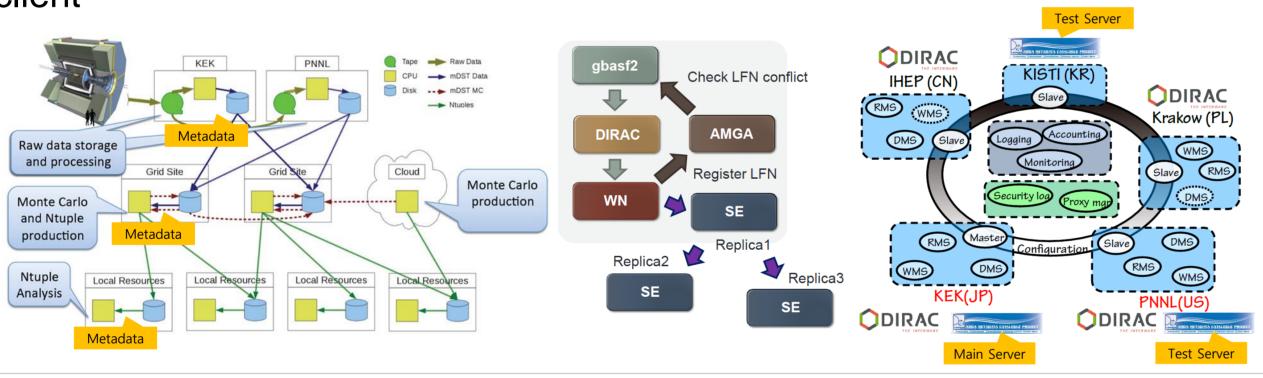
- An upgrade of the B factory experiment Belle at the KEK laboratory in Tsukuba, Japan, investigating CP-violation, which explains why the universe today consists only of matter and no anti-matter
- SuperKEKB accelerator commissioning starts in early 2016
- Phase 2 run (w/o the vertex detector) starts in 2017
- Phase 3 run (w/ the full detector) starts in 2018
- Expected to produce ~100PB (one set of raw data) and another ~100PB (MC/analysis data)
- 1.8GB/s @ Storage
- 10s of millions of files distributed across multiple grid sites





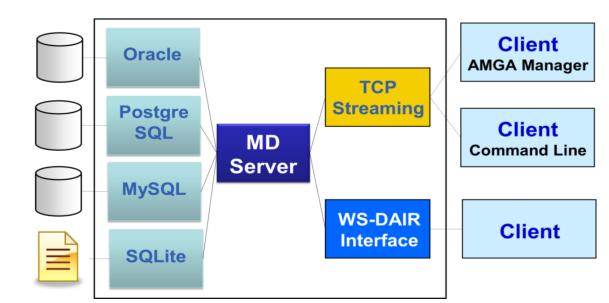


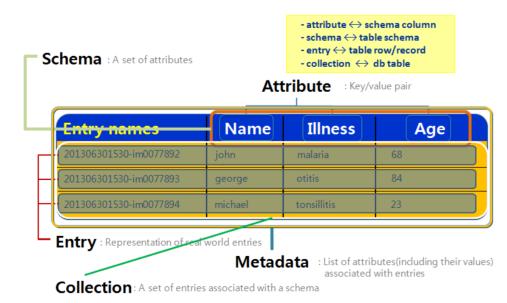
- Belle II Computing Model uses DIRAC for distributed workload management, AMGA for metadata catalog, and gBasf2 for job submission client



AMGA Overview

- Standalone Grid metadata catalog for supporting metadata description, discovery and archive of large-scale scientific data
- Directory-like hierarchical structure
- Various authentication methods (ID/password, VOMS certificate)
- ACL-based authorization
- Heterogeneous DB back-ends (Modular back-end: PostgreSQL, MySQL, Oracle, SQLite)
- Standardized access methods (Modular front-end: TCP Streaming, SOAP WS-DAIR, SSL)
- Multi-process/Multi-thread DB connection
- Pre-existing DB import
- Metadata replication and federation (experimental)
- General-purpose AMGA Manager GUI
- Various programming API (C++, Java, Python)



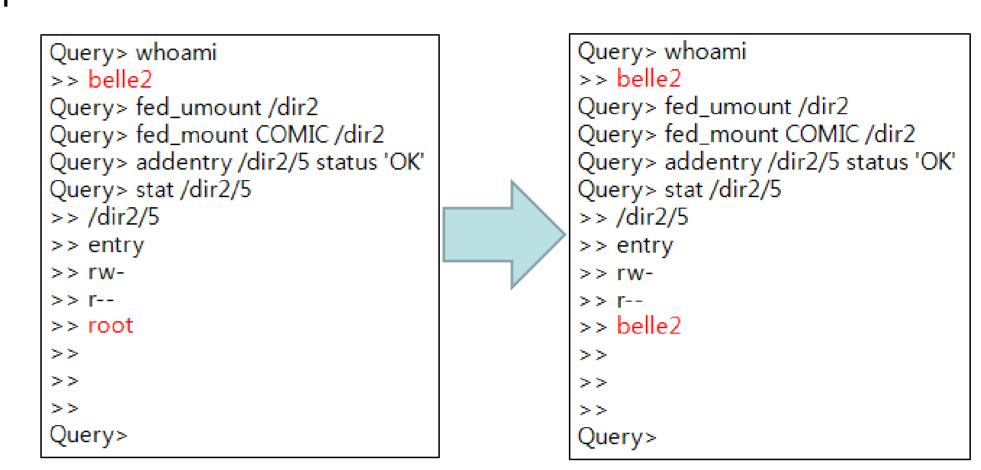


Summary and Future Plans

- Improvement of AMGA python client library, based on requirements from developer of Belle II distributed computing system
- Added support for client-side metadata federation and GSI, along with API refinement
- Investigation of new action items based on the result of the recent MC campaign
- Will continue to maintain AMGA python client library based on requirements

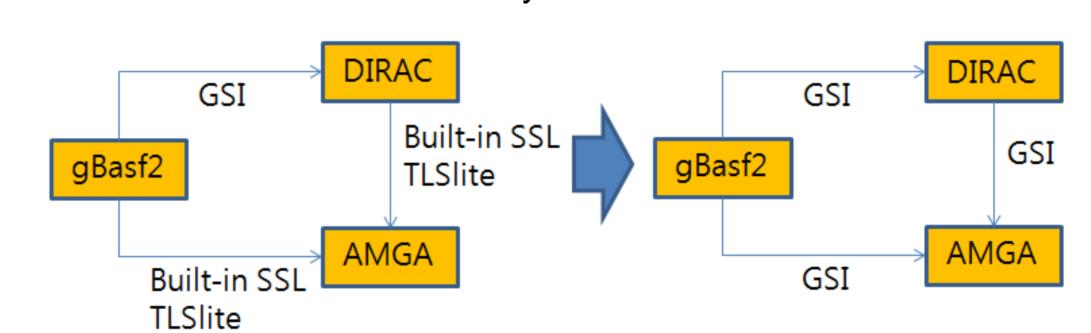
Support for Client-side Metadata Federation

- Limitation of AMGA client-side metadata federation
- Supported by C++ client API only
- Creates entry of root priviledge only, not of user priviledge
- Supports password-based authentication only
- Implemented client-side metadata federation on python client API
- Introduces new module for federation (*mdfed.py*)
- Modifies AMGA python client API (*mdclient.py*) to use new module, transparently to users
- Preserves ownership of the entry created by non-root user
- Supports certificate-based authentication



Support for GSI (python SSL wrapper for DIRAC)

- Use of different SSL libraries between DIRAC and AMGA
- AMGA supports built-in SSL and TLSlite, while DIRAC supports GSI
- Added GSI support to AMGA python client API
- Introduces USE_GSI flag to turn it on
- Could streamline SSL communication scheme for the Belle II distributed computing system
- Could observe increased stability of SSL connection



Refinement of python client API

- Separate API calls between execution and fetch of AMGA command
- Prone to misuse AMGA python client API from gBasf2
- Refined AMGA python client API to hide separation between execution and fetch to user
- Synchronizes execution and fetch of AMGA command by introducing fetch flag to the related python client API
- Modified API: listEntries, selectAttr, getAttr
- New API: selectQuery
- Simplifies use of AMGA python client API











