

LbMCSsubmit: A new flexible and scalable request submission system for LHCb simulation

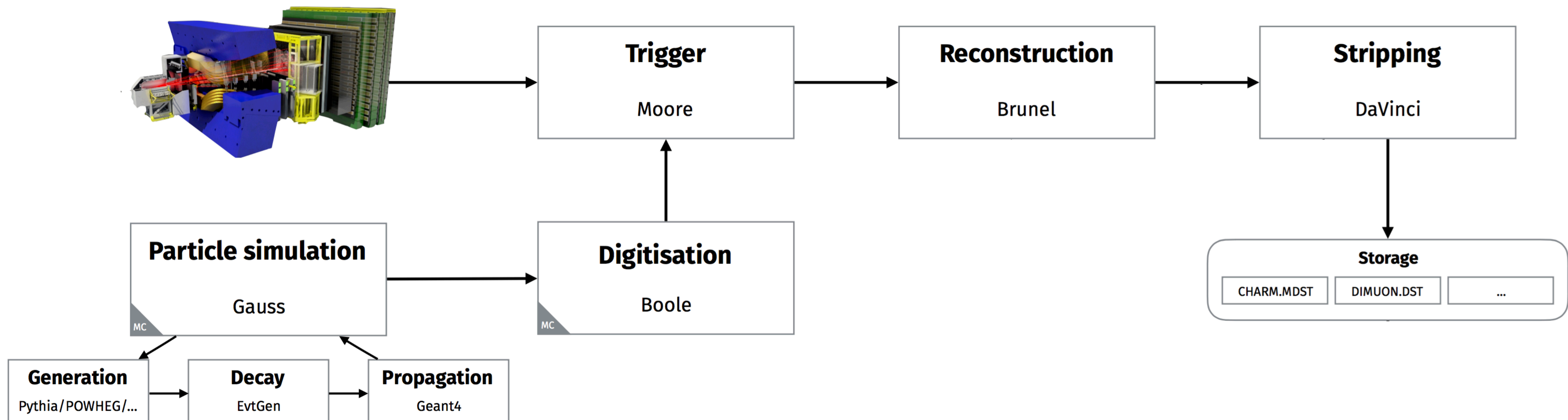


Chris Burr on behalf of the LHCb Computing and Simulation projects
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- Current simulation requests have to span from 2011 to future upgrades
- Wide variety of needs - varied physics program and detector studies
 - Flavour physics analyses typically need many specific samples
 - Typically not much overlap between analyses
- Massive compute requirements
 - An increasing number of “fast” simulation options available
- Thousands of “basic” configurations (without considering decays)
 - Multiply by many thousands of “event types”
 - Effectively infinite possible customisations

How can we handle this complexity without making things complicated?

- Simulated LHCb data is typically processed by the full processing chain
 - Typically ~8 separate applications to run
 - Lots of commonality but not trivial to isolate



Representative of Run 1+2 proton-proton running, exact dataflow varies by year and analyst needs

See CHEP 2015: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2013233>

- Web application for submitting productions
 - Based around “models” which are prepared by experts
 - A model is made up of a series of “steps” (correspond to a executable + arguments)
 - Liaisons* clone the model and make small edits for specific productions
- Worked well for many years but shows problems
 - Large maintenance burden on already busy experts
 - Lack of frontend developer expertise for improvements

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Name: Digi14c for 2016+spillover

Processing pass: Digi14c

Application: Boole v30r4

System config:

MC TCK:

Option files: \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/Default.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/EnableSpillover.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/DataType-2015.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/DataType-2015.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/DataType-2015.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/DataType-2015.py

Options format:

Multicore: No

Extra packages: AppConfig.v3r414

Runtime project: Select Runtime Project if desired

CondDB: fromPreviousStep

DDDB: fromPreviousStep

DQTag: fromPreviousStep

Visible: No

Usable: Obsolete

File types:

Input

File type: select file type Add

File type

SIM

Output

File type: select file type Add

File type

DIGI

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Request (108165)

Name: Sim10b Model for 2022 - MD - Pythia8

Type: Simulation Priority: 2b

State: New Author: kreps

Inform also: List of DIRAC users and/or mail addresses

MC Config: 2022

WG: Select a working group

StartingDate: 2030-04-29

FinalizationDate: 2030-12-31

RetentionRate: 1

Fast Simulation Type: None

Simulation Conditions(ID: 434981)

Description: Beam6800GeV-2022-MagDown-NoUT-Nu2.1-25ns-Pythia8 Customize

Beam: beta*~2m, zpv=0.65mm, xAngl Beam energy: 6800 GeV

Generator: Pythia8 G4 settings: specified in sim step

Magnetic field: -1 Detector: 2022, Velo partially clo

Luminosity: pp collisions nu = 2.1, 25ns spi

Processing Pass (Sim10b/Digi16/hlt1_pp_no_gec_no_ut/HLT2-pp-commissioning)

Step 1 Sim10b - 2022 MD - nominal lumi, spillover 25 ns - no UT(163706/Sim10b) : Gauss-v56r3
System config: x86_64_v2-centos7-gcc11-opt MC TCK: NULL
Options: \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Gauss/Beam6800GeV-md100-2022-nu2.1.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Gauss/EnableSpillover-25ns.py;\$DECFILEROOT/options/[@{eventType}],py;\$LBPYTHIA8ROOT/options/Pythia8.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Gauss/Run3-detector-NoUT.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Gauss/DataType-2022.py;\$APPCONFIGOPTS/Gauss/G4PL_FTFP_BERT_EmOpt2.py Options format: Multicore: N
DDDB: dddb-20221004 Condition DB: sim-20221220-vc-md100 DQTag:
Extra: AppConfig.v3r412;Gen/DecFiles.v3r3 Runtime projects:
Visible: Y Usable:Yes
Input file types: Output file types: SIM

Step 2 Digi16 for Run 3 with spillover - digi(163954/Digi16) : Boole-v44r0
System config: MC TCK: NULL

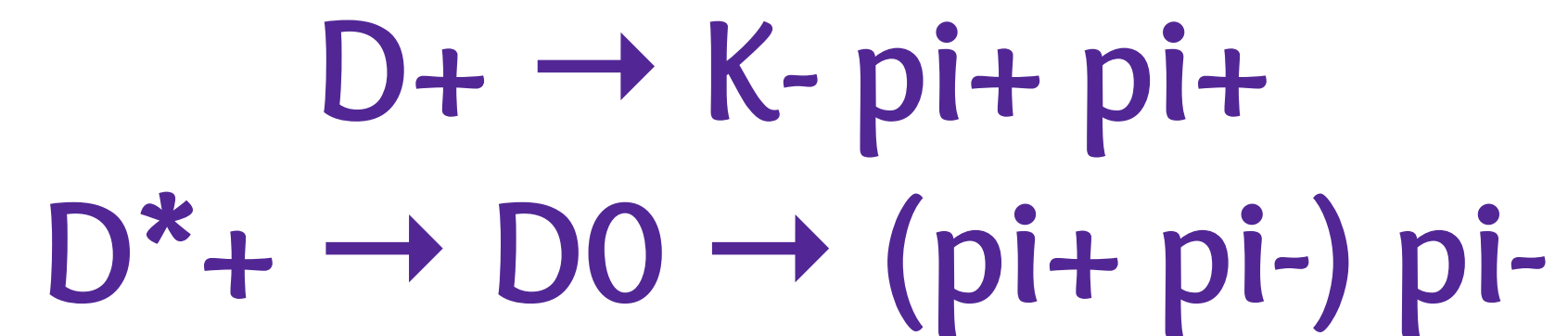
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*Human contact between the simulation project and a specific area of the LHCb physics programme

- 95%+ of simulation requests can be summarised in a few words:

I want 100,000 events per magnet polarity of



in 2012 and 2016 proton-proton conditions

- Should result in 8 requests being created in LHCbDIRAC (the LHCb grid middleware)
 - 2 magnet polarities × 2 data taking years × 2 event types
- What does LHCbDIRAC actually need to know?

- That's a lot...
- Undesirable to move abstractions into LHCbDIRAC itself
 - Experts regularly need to manually provide that information for the O(%) special cases
 - LHCbDIRAC developers are disjoint from the Simulation experts
- LHCbDIRAC and Simulation are very small teams (<10 people), enables:
 - Simulation experts to focus on simulation
 - LHCbDIRAC experts to focus on grid/production activities
 - Analysts to focus on analysis
- Instead, start from a minimal YAML file which can be written by anyone

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sim-version: 09
name: Ds2KKpi
inform:
  - auser
  - firstname.surname@cern.ch
WG: Charm

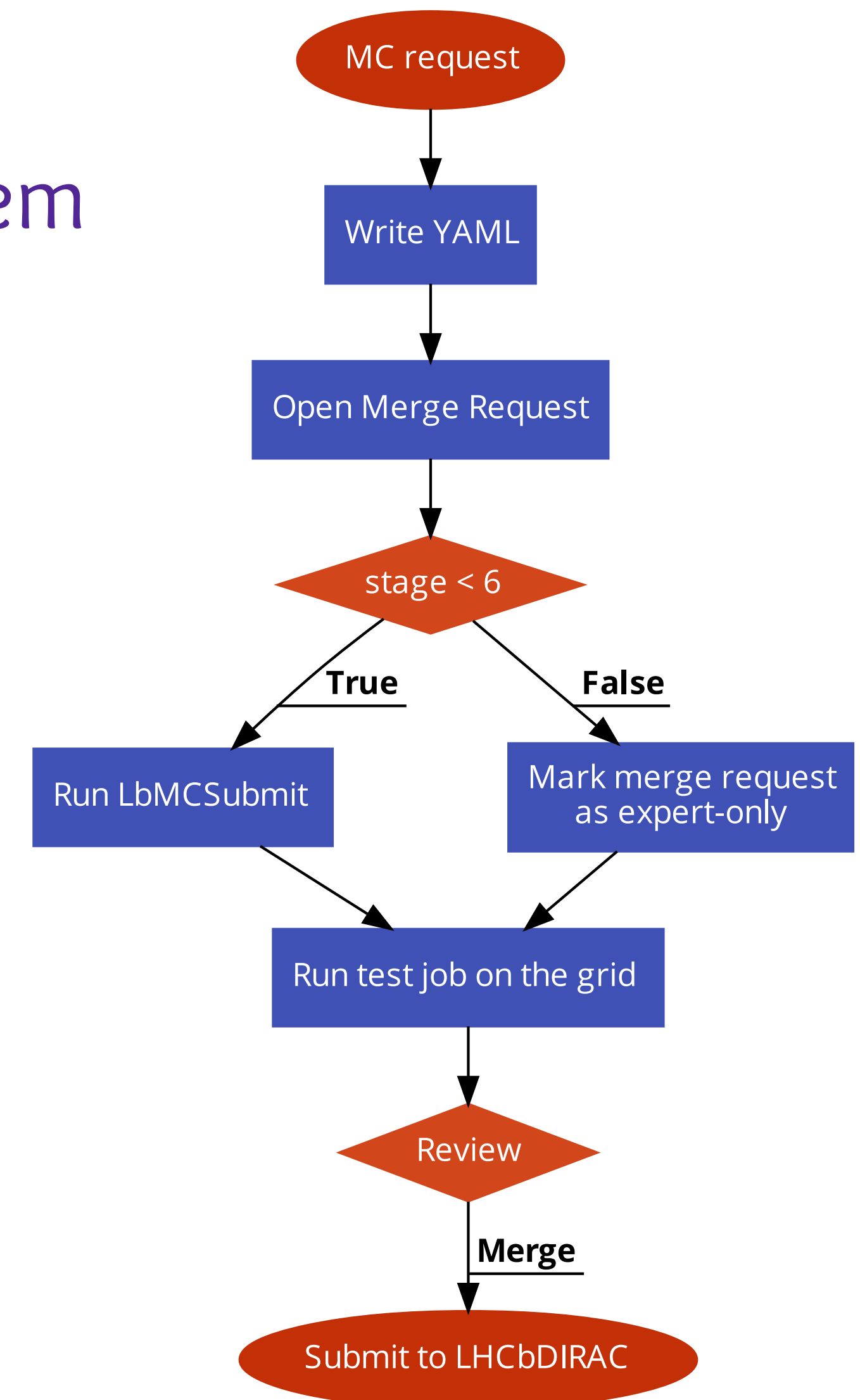
samples:
  - event-types:
    - 23103005
    - 23103006
  data-types:
    - 2012
    - 2016
  num-events: 100_000
```

- Previous YAML file is “stage 0”
- Apply a series of transformations to add more information at each stage
- Eventually get “stage 6” which can be directly executed/submitted
- Transformation between stages is performed using a Python package (`LbMCSubmit`)
- Benefits:
 - **Safe:** Non-expert users can only modify things which are deemed suitable
 - **Maintainable:** Python expertise common in LHCb
 - **Flexible:** Experts can **edit any stage** directly to handle special requests

- Very LHCb specific, targeted around how LHCb evolved in the last 15 years
- At a high level:
 1. Include defaults for optional parameters
 2. Convert to a list of requests
 3. Flatten each request into the final list of distinct requests
 4. Apply conditions specific information (beam info, geometry, trigger config)
 5. Apply special fixes and sanity checks
 6. Convert the high level configuration into a format LHCbDIRAC can execute

Actual example: <https://gitlab.cern.ch/lhcb-simulation/lbmcsuubmit/-/blob/main/docs/transformations.md>

- At this point the request is the same as the legacy system
 - Can we do better? - Take inspiration from LHCb's Analysis Productions*
- Use GitLab to submit the request to LHCbDIRAC
 - CI can run test jobs for each production
 - **Catch bugs before submission**
 - Opportunity for **review prior to submission**
 - Expose estimated resource usage to requesters
- Complements the existing testing procedure
 1. CI checks if the configuration works prior to submission
 2. LHCbDIRAC testing phase generates more events to catch rarer issues
 3. Full production launches



**Analysis Productions: A declarative approach to ntupling (9 May 2023, 17:45)*

Overall summary

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12 jobs triggered by [rihender](#) tested at commit `bc77783d` for `lhcb-simulation/mc-requests!50`

Change event type, keeping same conditions as last Bc2pimumu request.

Looks good!
12 jobs completed successfully.

Jobs (12 total) Retry Failed/Cancelled Cancel Running

Status	Job Name	Test job statistics			Production resource usage			CPU years (Gauss)
		Generated	Stored	Size	Requested	Generate	Disk	
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2018 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.3 MB	500,000	500,000	114.87 GB	23
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2018 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	2.66 MB	500,000	500,000	133.01 GB	22
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2017 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.53 MB	500,000	500,000	126.6 GB	22
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2017 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	2.59 MB	500,000	500,000	129.5 GB	22
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2016 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.38 MB	500,000	500,000	119.16 GB	27
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2016 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	2.84 MB	500,000	500,000	141.94 GB	20
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2015 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.19 MB	500,000	500,000	109.54 GB	22
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2015 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	2.45 MB	500,000	500,000	122.27 GB	22
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2012 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.77 MB	500,000	500,000	138.47 GB	19
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2012 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	3.01 MB	500,000	500,000	150.51 GB	10
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2011 pp MagUp:14113400	10	10	2.07 MB	500,000	500,000	103.28 GB	5
SUCCESS	request.yaml:Bc2pimumu 2011 pp MagDown:14113400	10	10	1.73 MB	500,000	500,000	86.52 GB	17

Configuration

Full Stage 6 [request.yaml](#)

Can view detailed information about each test

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500,000 events requested for RD
There have been 1 attempts to run this job.

Looks good!
Ran for 10 events in `dirac:740737716`
Production was submitted as 112557.

Steps

No.	Application	Data packages	DB tags	Options	ProcPass	Visible	Test info
1	Gauss/Gauss (x86_64-slc6-gcc48-opt)	AppConfig.v3r414 Gen/DecFiles.v30r90	DDDB: dddb-20170721-3 CondDB: sim-20190430-vc-mu100	ⓘ	Sim09I	✓	ⓘ
2	Boole/v30r4	AppConfig.v3r414	—	ⓘ	Digi14c	×	ⓘ
3	Moore/v28r3p1	AppConfig.v3r414	—	ⓘ	L0Trig0x18a4	×	ⓘ
4	Moore/v28r3p1	AppConfig.v3r414	—	ⓘ	Trig0x517a18a4	×	ⓘ
5	Moore/v28r3p1	AppConfig.v3r414	—	ⓘ	Trig0x617d18a4	✓	ⓘ
6	Brunei/v54r4	AppConfig.v3r414 Det/SQLDDDB.v7r10	—	ⓘ	Reco18	✓	ⓘ
7	DaVinci/v44r7	AppConfig.v3r414 TurboStreamProd.v4r2p10	—	ⓘ	Turbo05-WithTurcal	✓	ⓘ
8	DaVinci/v44r11p1	AppConfig.v3r414 TMVAWeights.v1r17	—	ⓘ	Stripping34r0p2NoPrescalingFlagged	✓	ⓘ

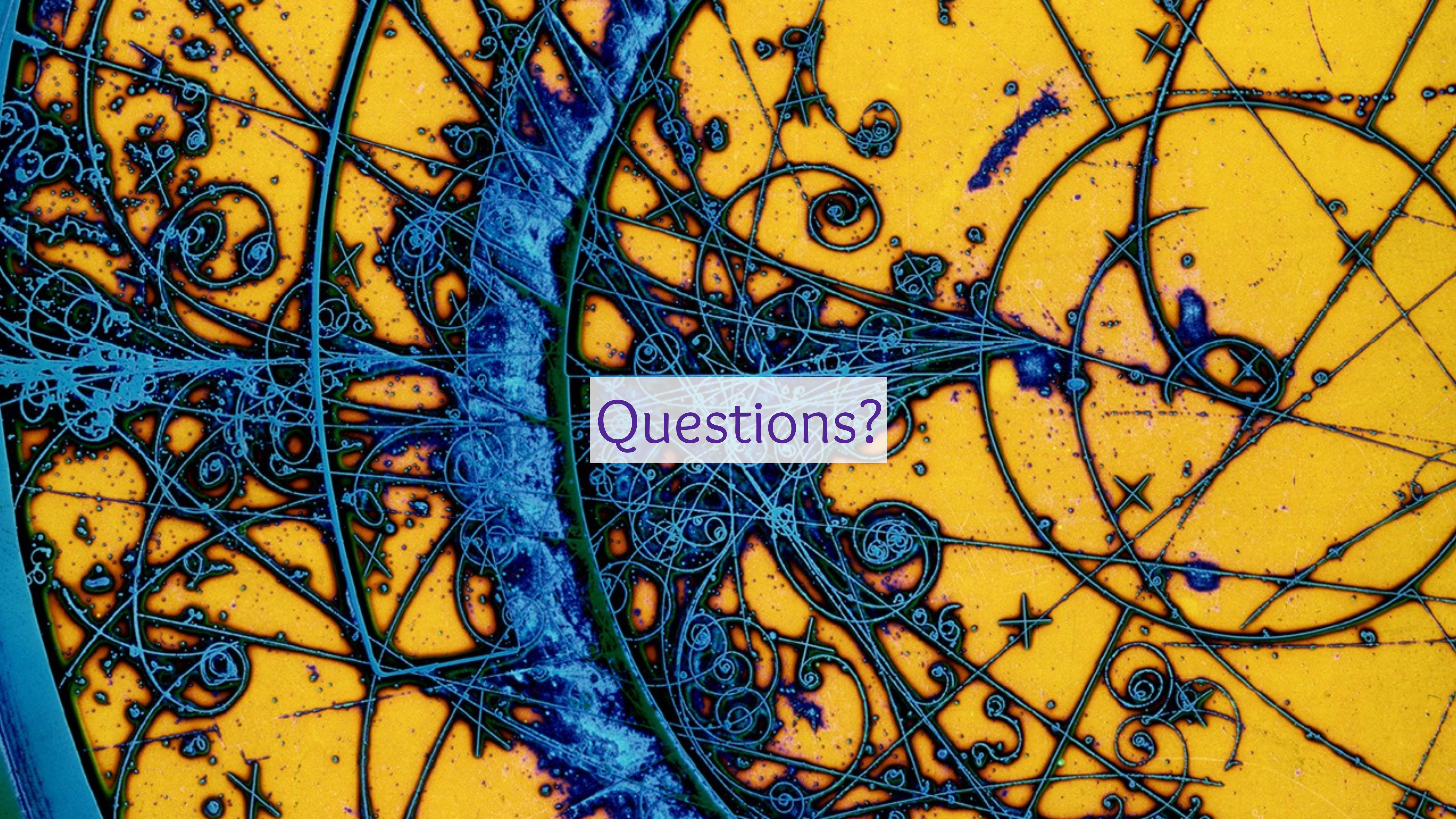
Resource Consumption

	Maximum	Average	Largest Increase [per 30s]
Resident Set Size	3.06 GB	1.11 GB	484.06 MB at 42 min
Proportional Set Size	3.05 GB	1.06 GB	484.26 MB at 42 min
Swap	—	—	— at 0 min

Logs

[Gauss_1.log](#) [prodConf_Gauss_1.json](#) [Boole_2.log](#) [prodConf_Boole_2.json](#) [Moore_3.log](#) [prodConf_Moore_3.json](#)
[Moore_4.log](#) [prodConf_Moore_4.json](#) [Moore_5.log](#) [prodConf_Moore_5.json](#) [Brunei_6.log](#) [prodConf_Brunel_6.json](#)
[DaVinci_7.log](#) [prodConf_DaVinci_7.json](#) [DaVinci_8.log](#) [prodConf_DaVinci_8.json](#) [DIRAC.log](#) [prmon.txt](#)

- Recently replaced the LHCb Simulation requests system
- Essential to manage the complexity of supporting over a decade of data taking
 - Frees up expert time so they can focus on more impactful work
- Especially valuable non-mainstream areas of the physics programme
 - No need to prioritise which request “models” get updated frequency
- Simpler, safer, more flexible - pick three!



Questions?