

Ideas for supporting theorists on the (alliance part of) the Grid

and some other ideas

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General context and content



- Meeting on 19.12.08, initiated among others by Thomas
 - Grid Tools
 - New communities on the Grid (e.g. theory)
- Main subject (theory on the Grid) only on last slides :-)

Outcome meeting 19.12.08



- Interest in Grid Tools by different people
 - Consensus among all participants that GridKA-School best place for "knowing more about Grid tools"
 - Christopher Jung and YK in contact, already some ideas how to get discussion about Grid tools organized in optimal way during '09 GridKA school

New communities

- It is seen that the LHC experiments have well established Grid workflows
- Other/New communities in the Alliance (and elsewhere) need to get acquainted with Grid and define their workflows
- Also here, consensus that GridKA School is a good location for discussion
- HGF Alliance partner of '09 GridKA School
 - GridKa School has general training sessions, and also dedicated parallel sessions

Ideas for theory@Grid (1)



- No formal proposal, but collection of ideas from Peter Uwer and YK
 - Idea: Test the Grid before formulating "hard" request to PB/MB
 - Main use case in mind: Computation with direct relevance for experiment analysis (e.g. LHC NLO-MC)
- Job profile of some theorists (ideal for Grid):
 - Small input / output files
 - Memory consumption < 2GB/job
 - Mainly CPU ("1 job=1 core")
- Prerequisites
 - Certificate: Via GridKA. Question: Does every theory group have acces to a local "Registration Authority"?
 - Membership in a virtual organisation
 - For testing purpose: GHEP (hosted by DESY) or DGTEST (D-GRID VO)??

Ideas for theory@Grid (2)



- Possible future steps (even on short-term scale):
 - Come up with a proposal for PB/MB: Job profile, job volume, people organization, storage,...
 - Create own VO
 - More than computing power: Data storage
 - Storage concept & Access rights
 - Need for high level Grid tools?
- (Some) potential problems:
 - 48 CPU/72 WALL configuration might be limiting in the long term
 - Different job profile e.g. multi-threaded
- Available resources (in the context of the Alliance)
 - NAF resources in different sites. Fairshare t.b.d. with PB/MB/NUC
 - Other resources?