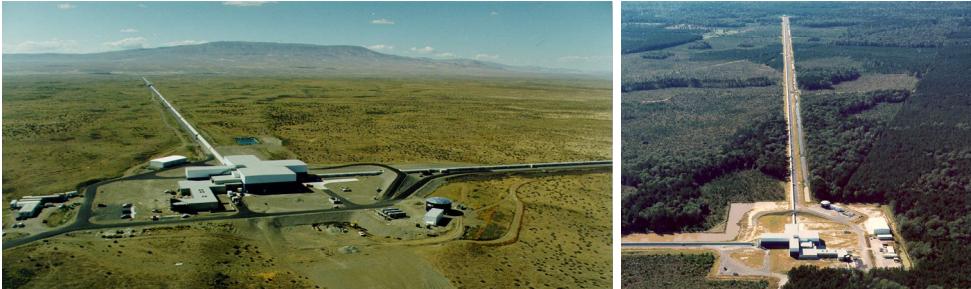


Grid Enabled LIGO Data Monitoring

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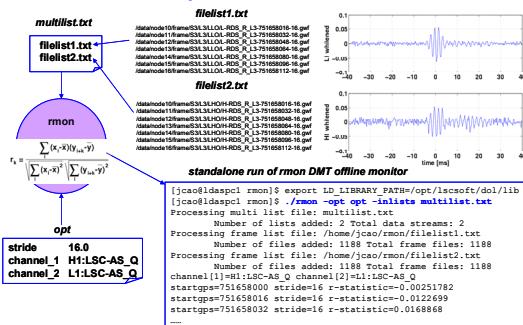
LIGO: Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory

- The LIGO project aims to make the first direct detection of gravitational waves as predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.
- LIGO manages and operates two national observatories for gravitational waves, located at Hanford, WA and Livingston, LA.
- The LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) consists of nearly 400 scientists from about 40 institutions worldwide.



The Data Monitoring Toolkit (DMT)

- DMT defines tools and environments necessary to support continuous data monitoring of LIGO interferometers.
- While DMT is essentially a production-level software package being used in LIGO control rooms, researchers find the enrichment of DMT libraries make it an ideal environment for offline LIGO data analysis.

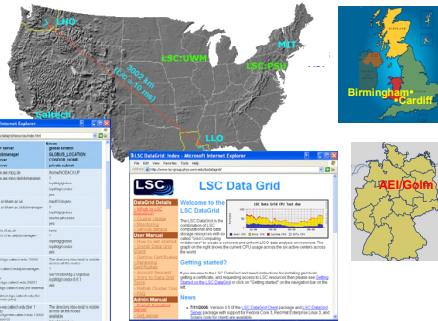


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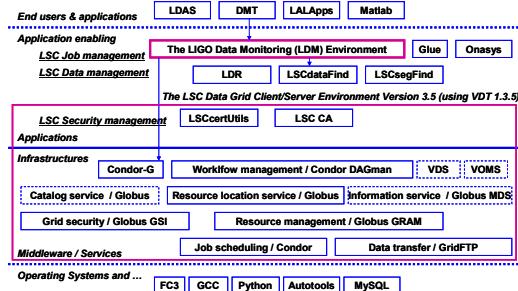
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The LSC Data Grid (LDG)

- In the LSC, a grid computing infrastructure is utilized for LIGO data analysis and monitoring with thousands of CPUs and terabytes of data storage capabilities distributed over 10 sites in the USA and Europe.

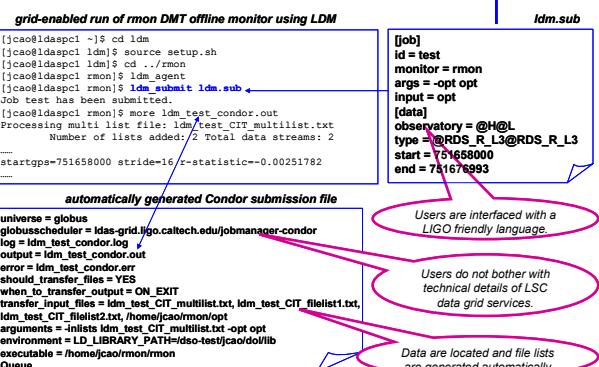
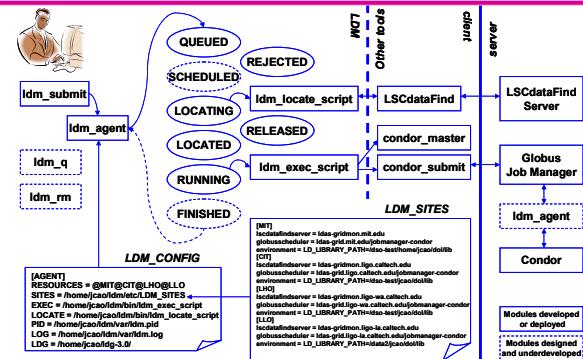


- The LSC Data Grid (LDG) client/server environment is built on top of the Virtual Data Toolkit (VDT).



The LIGO Data Monitoring (LDM) Environment

- LDM interfaces users with a LIGO friendly language instead of the more CS flavor Condor language.
- Technical details of grid computing are hidden from end users (mostly gravitational wave physicists in the LSC).
- The experience gained in this work will be applied for future deployment of the Open Science Grid (OSG) infrastructure for LIGO applications.



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