Automated Validation System for CEPC

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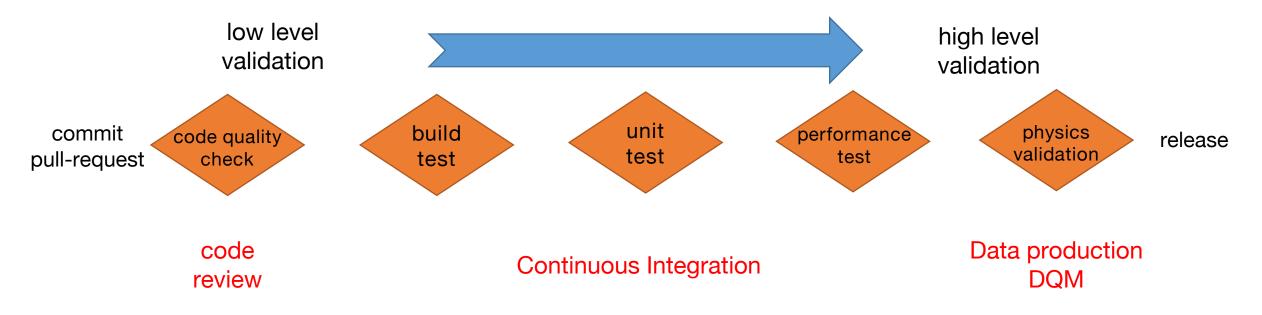
Outline

- HEP software validation toolkit
- Modern CI/CD system
- Proposed validation system for CEPC

Software Validation

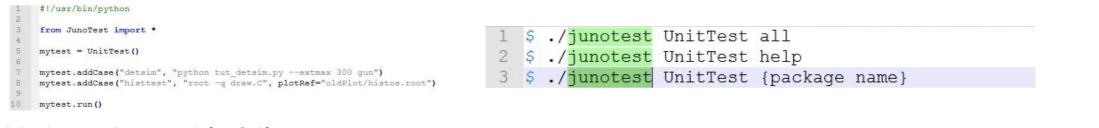
Software validation

- Software validation is critical for HEP experiments
 - Long lifecycle, complex, radical changing software
 - Locale issues timely and automatically
- HEP software validation is sophisticated

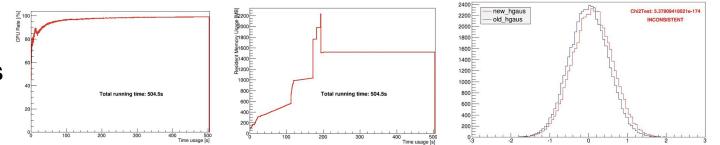


Development of Validation Toolkit

- Large experiments usually develop their own validation toolkits
 - ATLAS (ATN, RTT, FCT); CMS; LHCb (SimDQ)
 - Similar functionalities, different focus
- A powerful toolkit was developed for JUNO for software validation and data production
 - Provide interfaces to define and run unit tests:

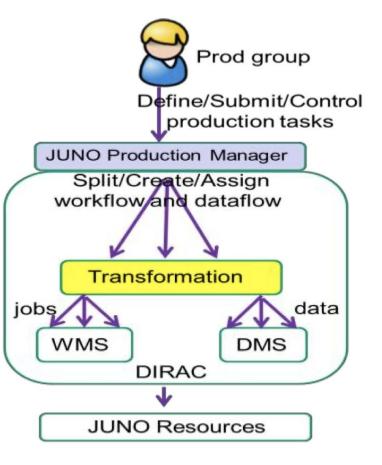


- Various detectable failures
- Performance profiling
- Validation on physics distributions



Development of Validation Toolkit

- Physics validation based on massive data production
 - Flexible production definition based on steering files (.ini)
 - Chained production workflow
 - Automatic job generation, monitoring and physics validation
 - Integrated with the distributed computing system (DIRAC transformation system)



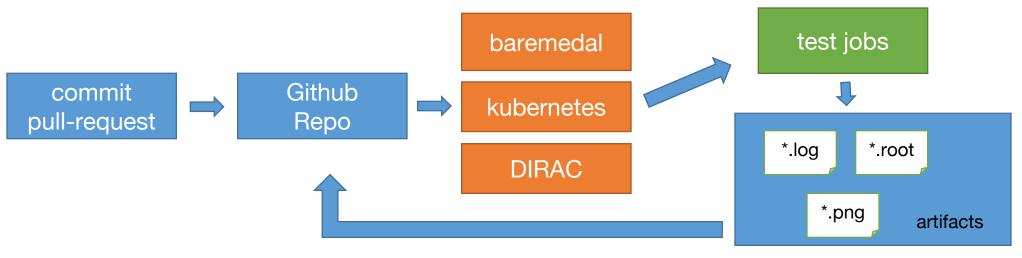
Future Development Plan

- Unit test and performance test: CMake and Catch2
 - Catch2 is a modern unit testing framework
 - Support various features to build flexible unit tests, performance benchmarking etc.
 - Could be easily integrated with CI system
- Data production and physics validation
 - Design workflow definition tool based on yaml files
 - Better integration with DIRAC transformation system
 - Intergrate with modern CI system

Automated Continuous Integration

Github Action System

- Github Action is a modern CI (Continuous Integration)/ CD (Continuous Deployment) system released in 2019
 - Continuously build and test triggered by commit/pull request
 - Defined in yaml files as workflow: checkout --> build --> unit test --> performance test
 - Test jobs are executed on Github, or self-hosted runner machines



An example: LHCb validation system

- LHCb software validation consists of:
 - A nightly test system

Test whether the code could be built on different platforms

- Standard/Customized Gitlab CI tests
 - Check for code formatting and copyright notices
 - Unit tests for all core software packages
 - Analysis jobs
- See slides from Chris Burr
 - <u>https://indico.ihep.ac.cn/event/11444/session/12/contribution/173/material/slides/0.pdf</u>

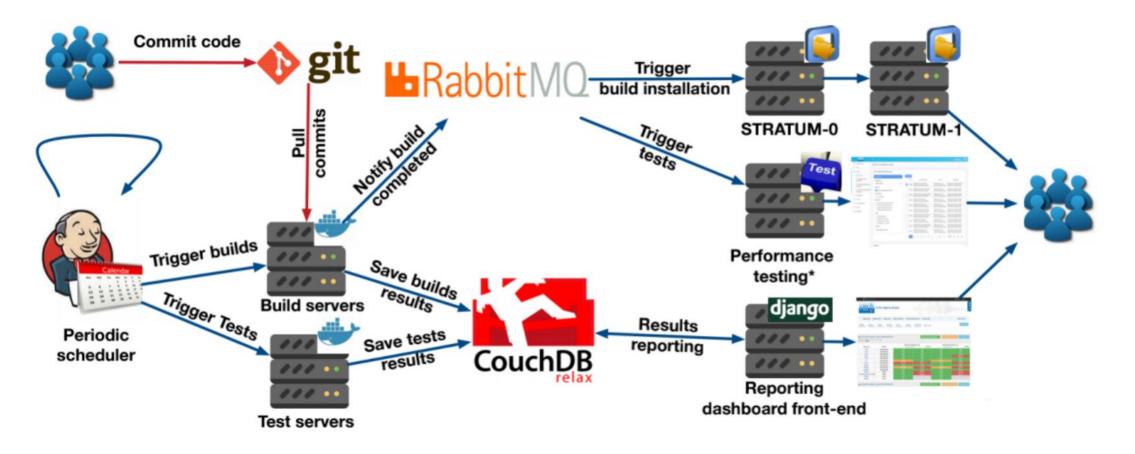
LHCb nightly test

- Run nightly builds and tests for all Physics applications
 - Script based system built on CouchDB and CouchAPP
 - Test large matrix of projects, platforms and branches
 - Thousands of jobs are ran each day

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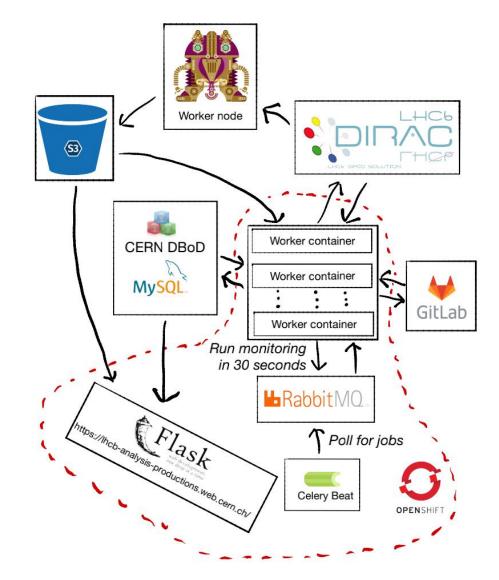
LHCb nightly test

LHCb nightly test is moving a new solution



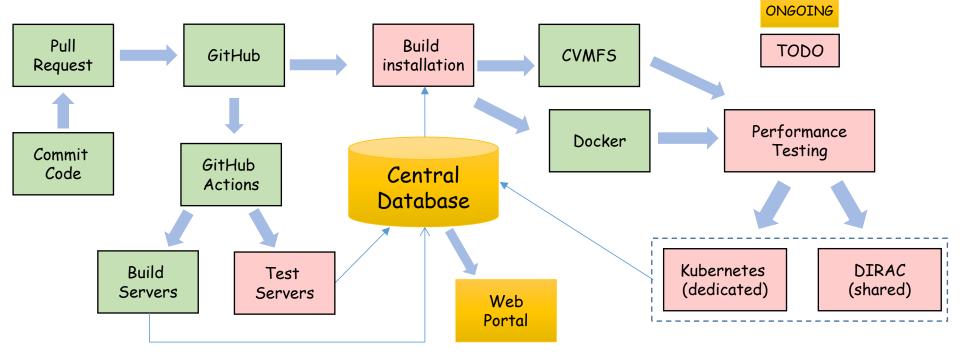
Customized CI for physics validation

- For 'Analysis Productions', use customized Gitlab CI to send jobs to DIRAC with the help of transformation system
 - Generate CI jobs based on job options
 - CI jobs call DIRAC to submit jobs to the grid
- Use Celery and RabbitMQ for managing long-running jobs
- Summary is sent to the GitLab CI log
- Simple flask front-end for exposing detailed results



Proposed validation system

- Validation system proposed for CEPC
 - Based on the Github Action system
 - Re-use ideas/functionalities of LHCb
 - · Some parts were already implemented/tested



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Main features

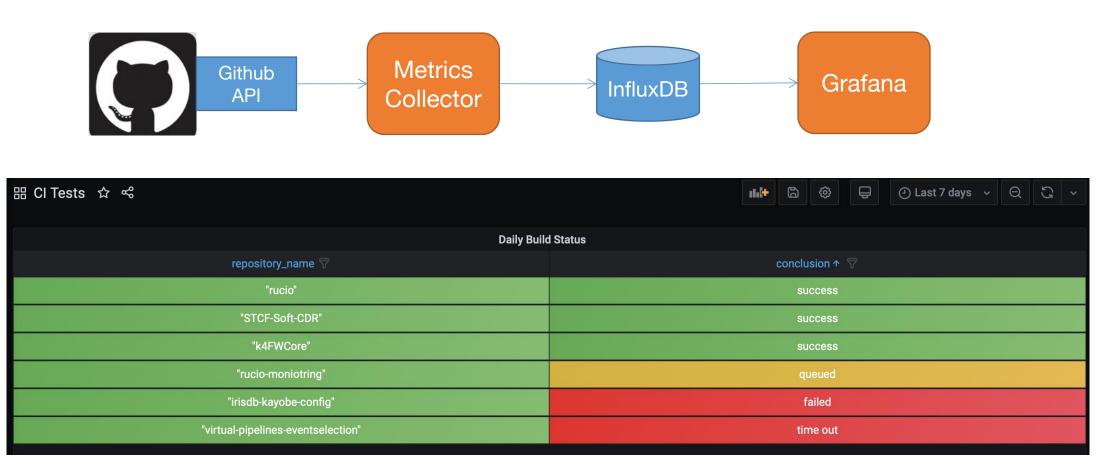
- Could be easily integrated with the software validation system
 - Include build/unit tests, performance test and data production
 - Testing log and key distribution uploaded as test artifacts
 - Tests could be triggered on demand or regularly
- Task definition within yaml files
 - Test workflow: check out --> external libs --> build --> tests --> ...
 - What kind of tests should run on a daily/weekly/monthly basis
 - More flexible way of defining data production

Main features

- Tests are run on self-hosted runners:
 - kubernetes (within containers), DIRAC (grid resource)
 - Be able to support test matrix (various platforms)
- Messaging components for long jobs
 - Break with the Github limits for analysis jobs
- Automatic delopyment:
 - CVMFS
 - Container
 - Web,

Main features

CI test dashboard is being developed for easy monioring



Summary

- Validation toolkit for JUNO is introduced
 - Planing to redisign with new technology based on CEPC's needs
- Recent CI/CD ideas were inspired by LHCb
- A CI/CD system is proposed for CEPC
 - Most are raw ideas, feel free to comment
- Timeline:
 - Prototype this year
 - Fully functioning in 2022

Thanks for listening