International Lattice DataGrid (ILDG) / LatFor DataGrid (LDG): Datagrids for Lattice QCD

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Outline

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Introduction

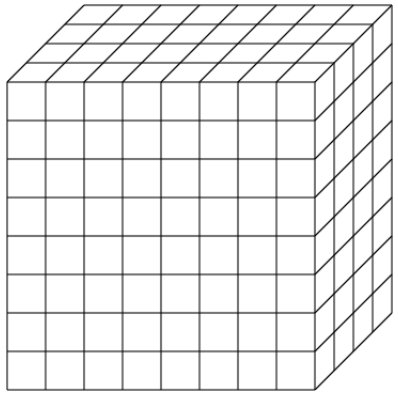
Lattice QCD

Path integral formulation:

$$\langle 0|T\{\phi(x_1)...\phi(x_n)\}|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}}\int(\mathcal{D}\phi)\;\phi(x_1)...\phi(x_n)e^{-\mathcal{S}_{\mathsf{E}}[\phi]}$$

where

$$\int(\mathcal{D}\phi) = \prod_x \int d\phi(x)$$



$$\begin{aligned} x_\mu &\rightarrow x_\mu = a n_\mu \\ \partial_\mu\phi &\rightarrow \frac{1}{a}\left[\phi(x+a\hat{\mu}) - \phi(x)\right] \\ \int d^4x &\rightarrow a^4 \sum_x \end{aligned}$$

☞ **Different discretisations (i.e. actions)**

☞ **Evaluation of integral by Markov chain**

ILDG Initiative

The International Lattice DataGrid was proposed 2001.

Aim: **Longterm storage** and **global sharing** of gauge configurations within a datagrid

☞ **Make more efficient use of expensive data**

☞ Our problem is not handling large amounts of data

Participants: France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA

Working groups:
- ❒ Metadata working group
- ❒ Middleware working group

`http://www.lqcd.org/ildg`

Requirements

Sharing gauge configurations requires

- Semantic data access to worldwide distributed data
- Standardised description of the configuration (=metadata)
  ➔ XML documents which conform to a XML schema
- Standards on binary file format
- Definition of common middleware interfaces
  ➔ ILDG is expected to be a grid-of-grids

Metadata

Metadata Items

1. **Physics**
   Description of action and simulation parameter

2. **Algorithm**
   Information about the used algorithm and algorithmic parameters

3. **Source code**
   actually used code, compile time parameters, compilation software

4. **Machine**
   Machine used to produce the configuration

5. **Data management**
   Information about data handling and checksums

Requirements

Description of the data should be:

1. **unique**
   Avoid situation that action is described in two different ways,
   e.g. Iwasaki gauge action

   $$S = \beta \ (c_0 \, \mathrm{plaquette} + c_1 \, \mathrm{rectangular})$$

   or

   $$S = \tilde{c}_0 \, \mathrm{plaquette} + \tilde{c}_1 \, \mathrm{rectangular}$$

2. **extensible**
   Schema should allow to describe future actions ☞ data procurement

3. **simple**
   At least as simple as possible ...

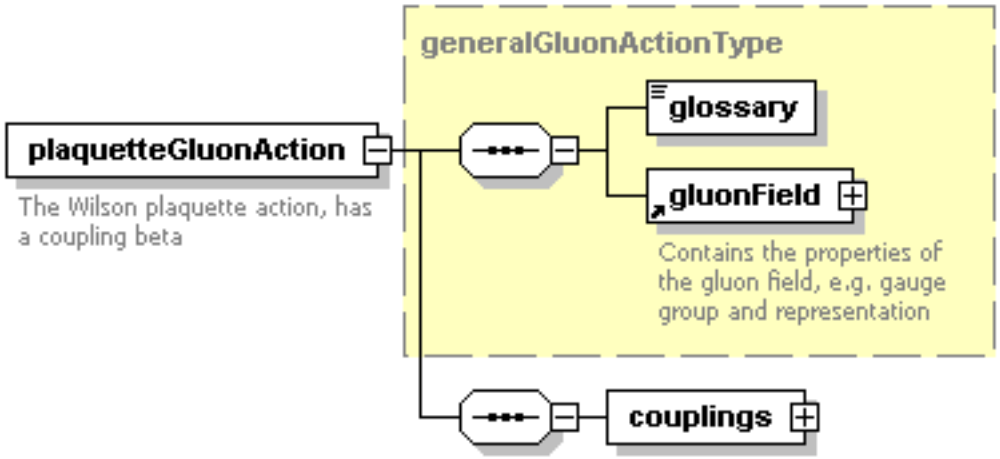
4. **general**
   Allow to describe data other than gauge configurations
   (e.g. propagators, correlators, ...)

Example: Wilson-Plaquette Action

$$S_{\mathrm{G}} = \beta \sum_{\mathrm{plaquette}} \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{Re\ Tr}\,(1 - U_{\mathrm{plaquette}})$$

- Gluon fields U
- Gauge coupling β

Example: Wilson-Plaquette Action (2)

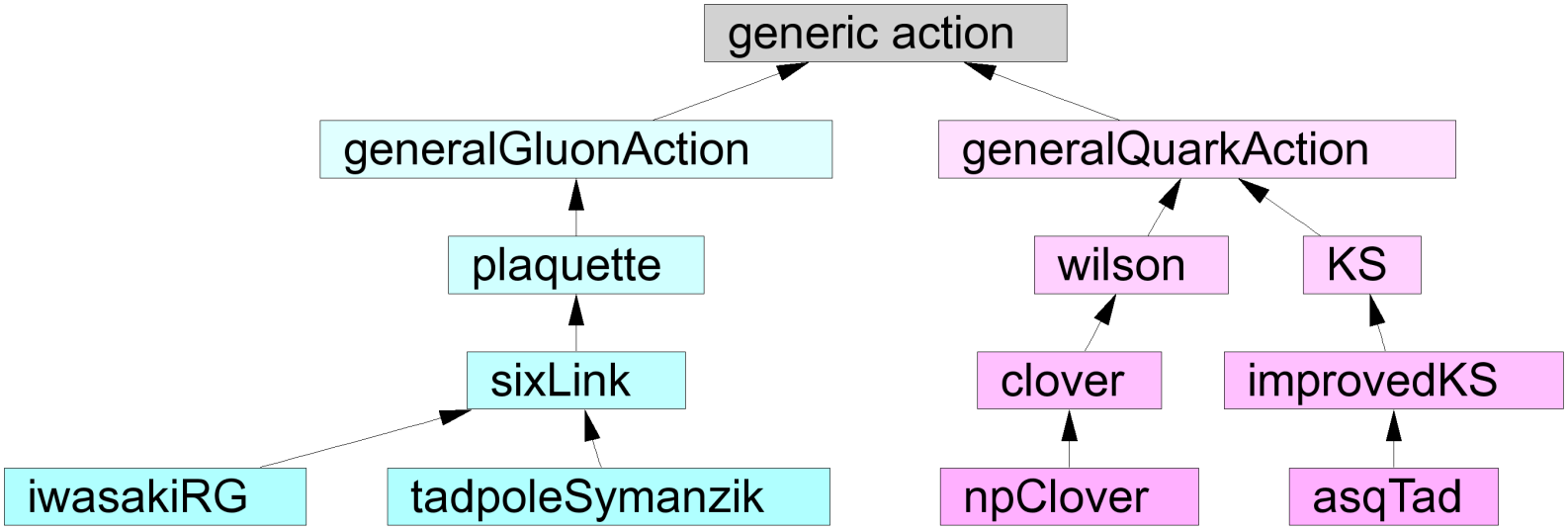



```
<plaquetteGluonAction>
    ...
    <couplings>
        <elem>
            <beta>5.2</beta>
        </elem>
    </couplings>
</plaquetteGluonAction>
```

Action

Description of action parameters most critical to ensure metadata being unique and extensible.

Strategy: hierarchy of actions



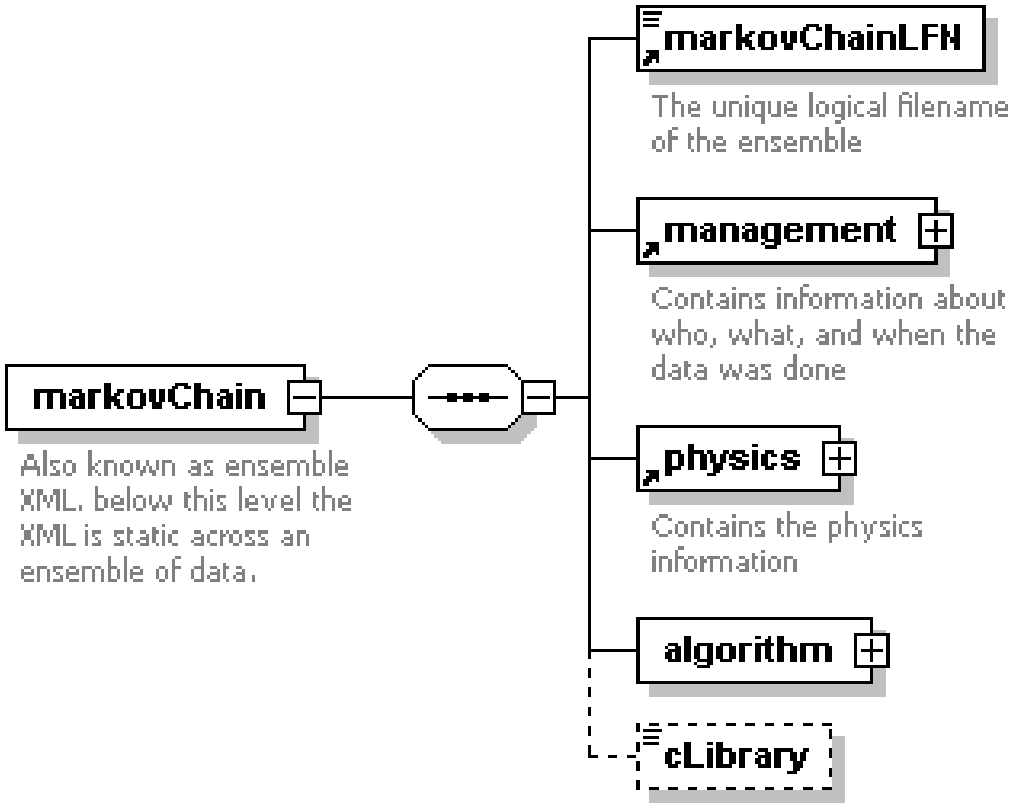
Ensembles and Configurations

Aim: Avoid replication of complicated data structures

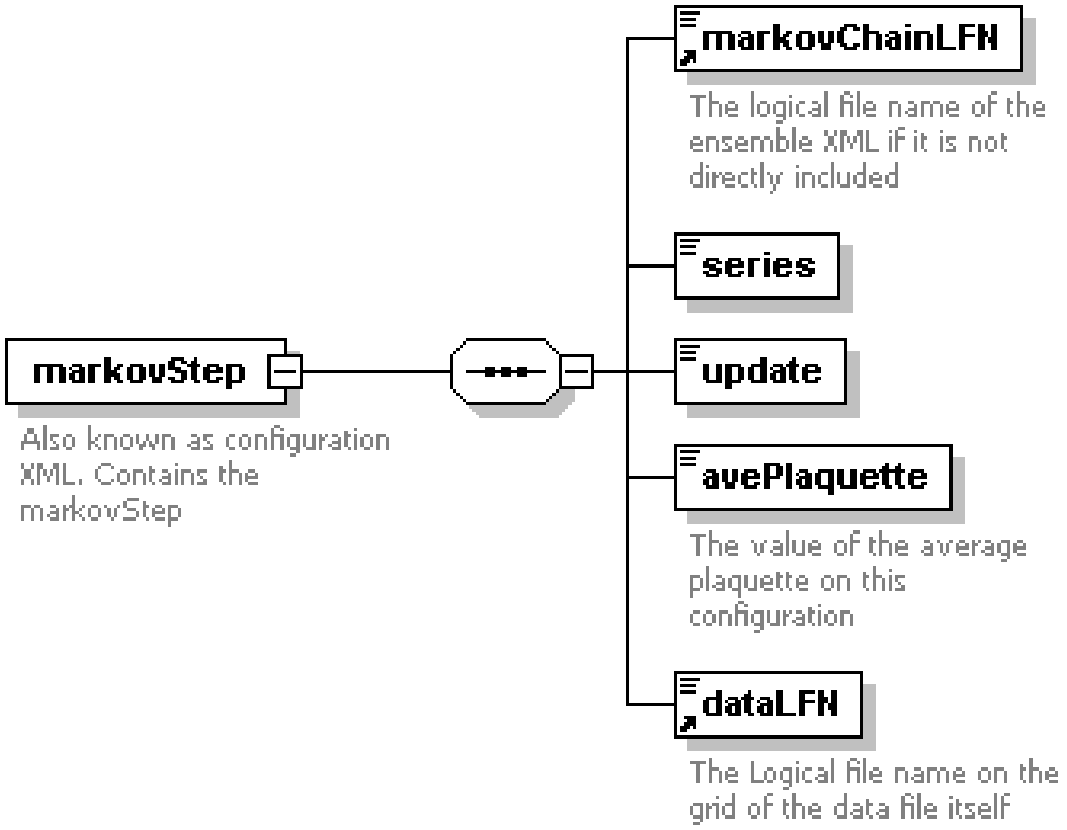
Markov chains are used to generate gauge field configurations

Markov chain	$\leftrightarrow$	Ensemble XML
Markov step	$\leftrightarrow$	Configuration XML

Ensemble XML

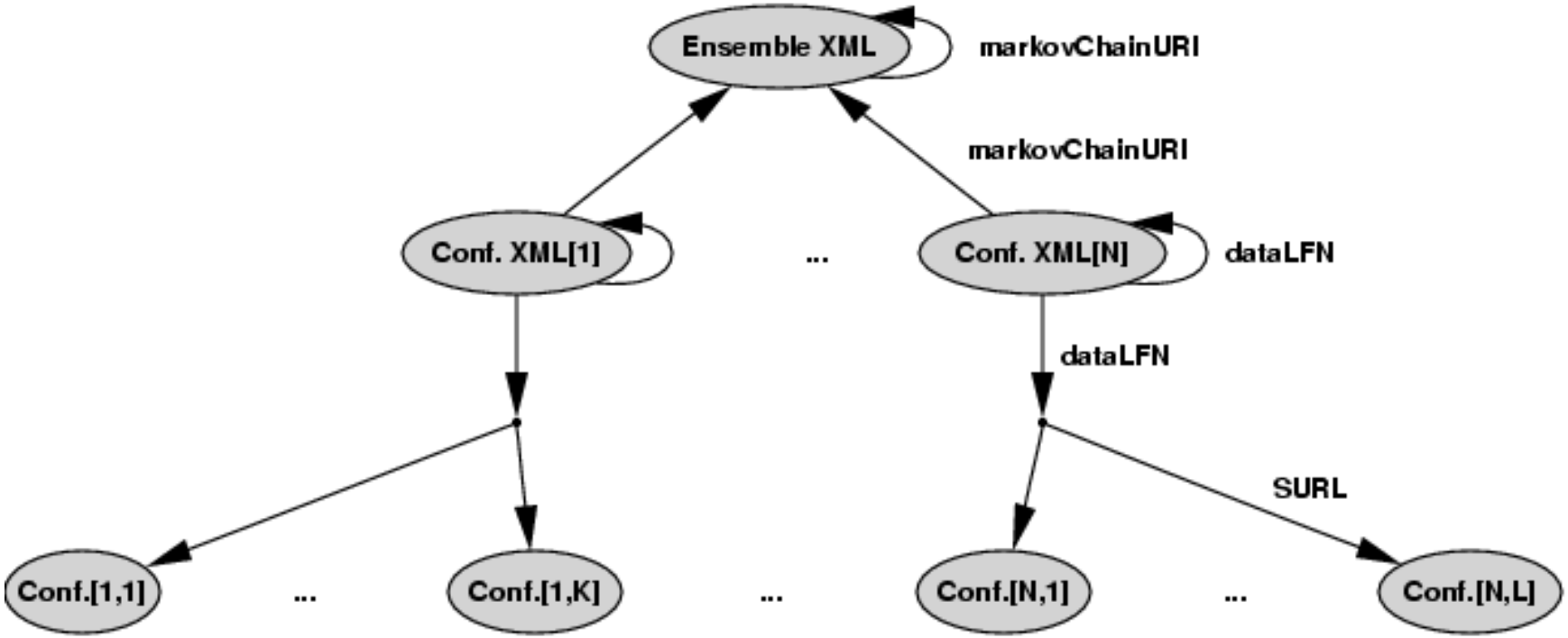


Configuration XML



Linking Metadata and Data

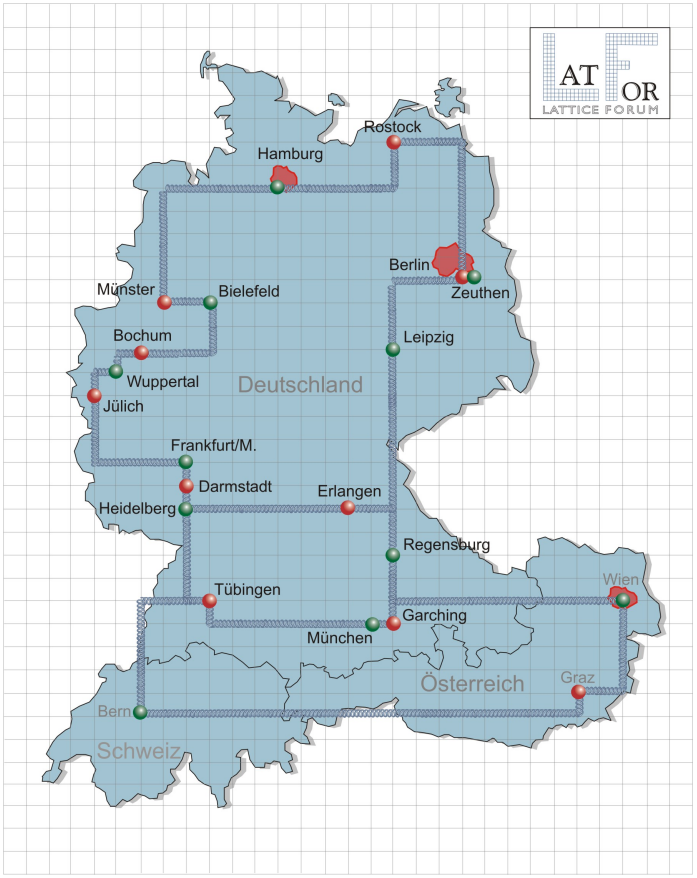
Objects	Links
Ensemble XML document Configuration XML document Binary data file	markovChainURI dataLFN



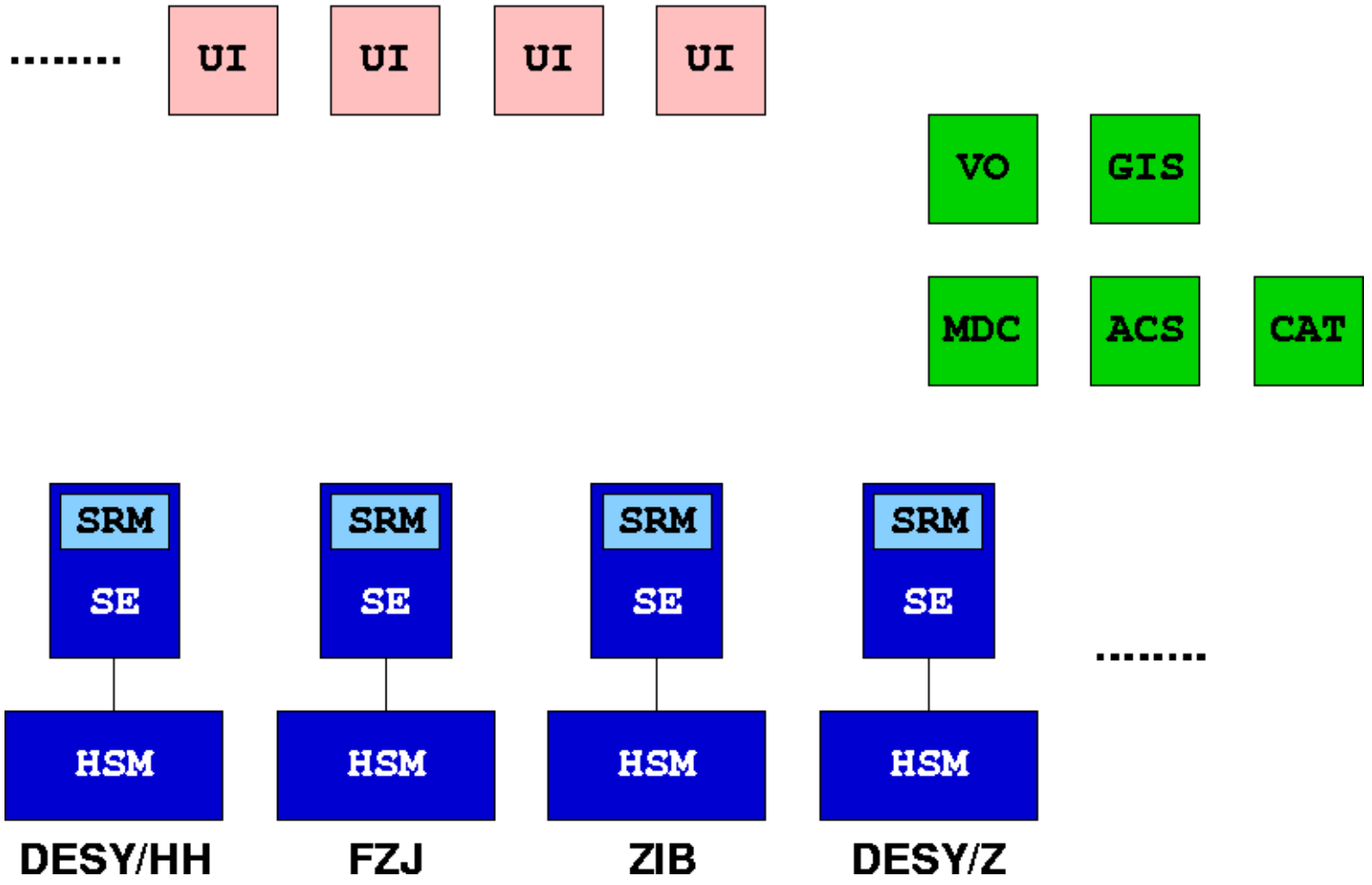
LatFor DataGrid: Implementation and Middleware

Participants

- Germany: LatFor:
  Founded in 2001, >50 member physicists
- Italy: INFN
- France: CNRS



LDG Components



Middleware

[M. Ernst]

- **LCG-2** software is used, e.g.

  - File catalogue
  - Data management client tools
  - Problem: Installation on not(RH|SL) platforms

- Using **dCache** for SE with SRM interfaces

  - Runs on various platforms and supports different HSM systems

- **VO 'ildg'** and **Grid Information System** maintained at DESY/HH

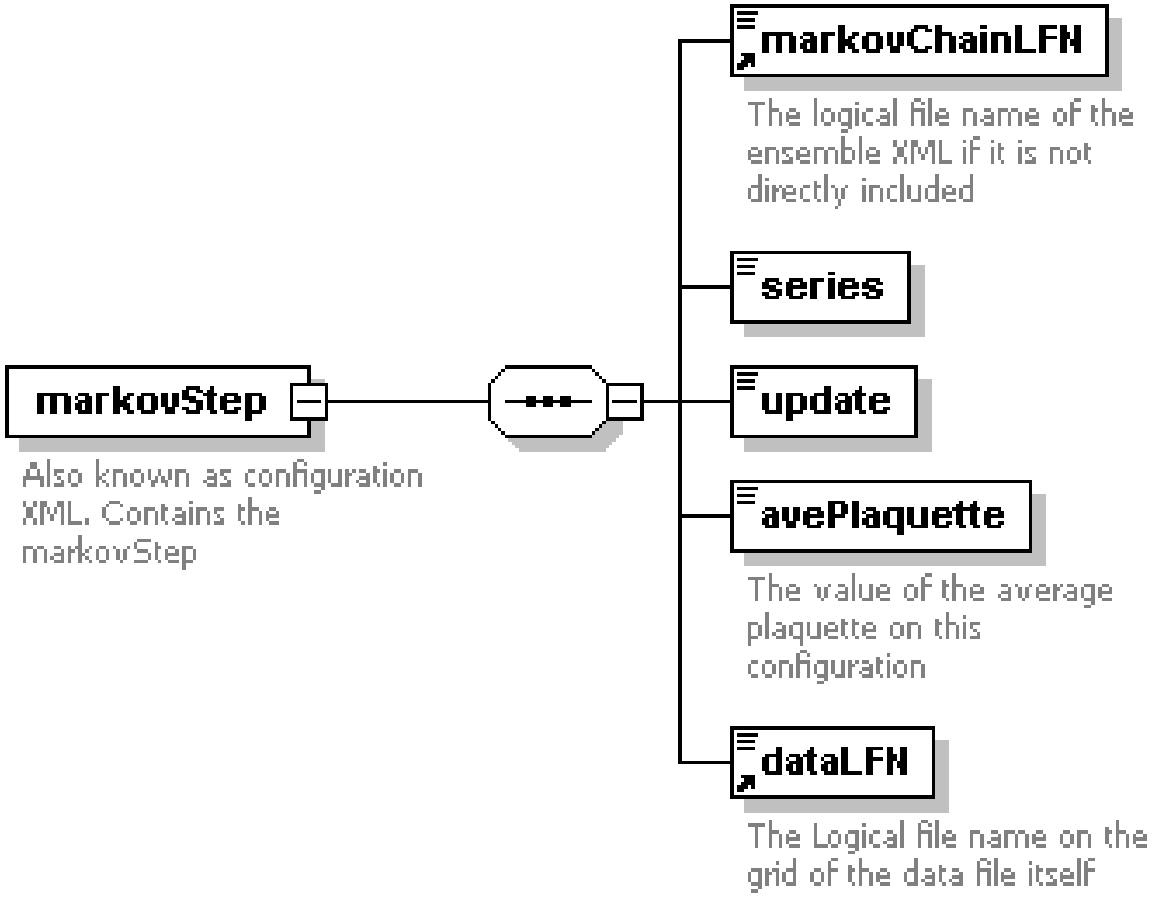
Metadata Catalogue (MDC)

Requirements:
- MDC must be extensible
- Want to use relational database
- Usable beyond ILDG

Solution: [D. Melkumyan]

Advantages:
- Solution as extensible as schemata
- Variety of relational databases supported (we use `mySQL`)
- Usable beyond ILDG (we plan extension to astroparticle physics)
- Easy to install on different platforms

Example from Configuration XML Document



Original XML

```
<markovStep>
  <markovChainURI>
    www.lqcd.org/ildg/qcdsf/b5p40kp13610-24x48
  </markovChainURI>

  <series>561</series>
  <update>1500</update>

  <avePlaquette>0.5612510601</avePlaquette>

  <dataLFN>
    qcdsf_b5p40kp13610-24x48_bqcd.561.1.1.01500.tar
  </dataLFN>
</markovStep>
```

1st Mutation: Java Object

```
public class MarkovStepTypeImpl ...
{
  protected java.lang.String _MarkovChainURI;
  protected boolean has_AvePlaquette;
  protected double _AvePlaquette;
  protected java.lang.String _DataLFN;
  protected java.lang.String _Series;
  protected java.lang.String _UpdateMarkovStep;
  private java.lang.String idInternal;

  ...
}
```

2nd Mutation: Relational Table

MarkovStepType					
Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
idInternal	varchar(32)		PRI		
ildg_markovChainURI	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
ildg_avePlaquette	double	YES		NULL	
ildg_update	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
ildg_dataLFN	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
ildg_series	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	

☞ currently 59 such tables (not all actions included yet)

MDC Implementation Issues

- Not all features of XML schema supported
  - ☞ Use modified (but equivalent) ILDG schemata
- Evaluation of general XPath queries slow
  - ☞ Optimize most relevant use case: query to simple elements

Access to MDC

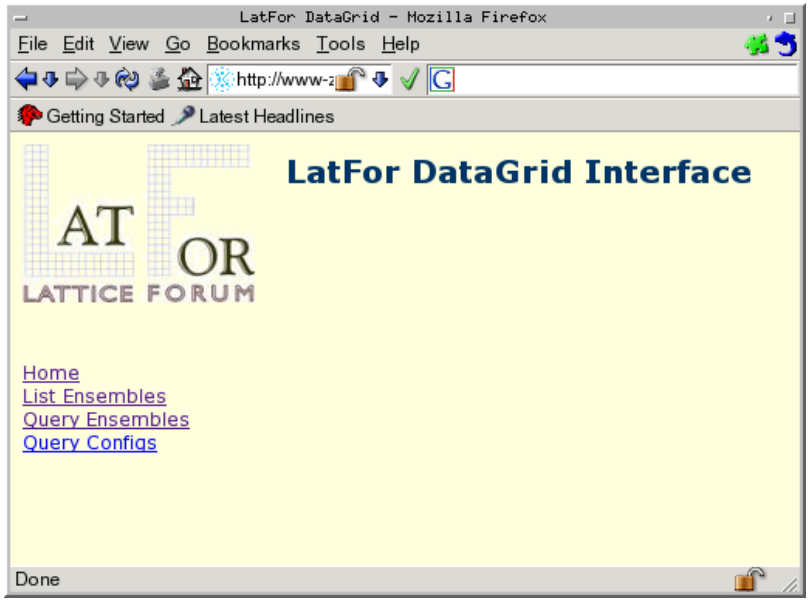
- Access to MDC via web-services
- Modifying operations will require authorisation
  ☞ Use GSI for authentication

Operation	Return
`doEnsembleQuery`	List of `markovChainURI`
`doMetadataQuery`	List of `dataLFN`
`doEnsembleGet`	Ensemble XML document
`doMetadataGet`	Configuration XML document
`doEnsembleUpdate`	
`doMetadataUpdate`	
...	

Searching for Configurations via Web Interface

Query Medata Catalogue:

1. Search for ensemble ➔ **markovChainURI**
2. Download **ensemble XML document**
3. Search corresponding configurations ➔ **dataLFN**
4. Download **configuration XML document**



`http://www-zeuthen.desy.de/latfor/ldg/demo`

User Tools

[S. Wollny/H. Stüben (ZIB)]

Combine access to MDC and SE in command line tools, e.g.:

`lget`	Get a configuration (binary file or metadata)
`lput`	Put a configuration on the Grid (binary file and metadata)
`lls`	List all configurations of an ensemble

Example:

```
# lget qcdsf_b5p40kp13610-24x48_bqcd.561.1.1.00125.tar

 Welcome to the Ltool-command  lget -
 Testing grid-proxy-init
 grid-proxy...ok

 Trying to get binary ...
 Virtual Organisation is ildg
 Executing lcg-cp ...

 Checking nonzero size of downloaded File ...ok.
```

Access Control Service (ACS)

- LDG-MDC will for each ensemble store permissions for
  - modifying metadata
  - inserting/updating/deleting data files (configurations)
  - downloading data files
- Access control information will be forwarded to file catalogue

Status and Outlook

Status

- ✔ ILDG XML schemata defined
- ✔ ILDG binary file format defined
- ✘ ILDG middleware interface details need to be finalised
- ✔ LDG prototype MDC available
- ✔ LDG middleware services running
- ✘ LDG access control not yet implemented
- ✔ O(8) ensembles, O(10,000) configurations marked-up, inserted into MDC, uploaded to SE, registered in catalogue

Next Steps and Future Plans

- ❑ Push LDG to production level
- ❑ Extent LDG to groups in France/Germany/Italy
- ❑ Access to datagrid from production jobs (compute grid?)