Distributed and Asynchronous Management of Science Workflows: Data and Computation Across DOE User Facilities

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DOE User Facilities as an Ecosystem
• The United States Department of Energy sponsors 28 user facilities: 4 in ASCR, 12 in BES, 3 in BER, 2 in FES, 3 in HEP, and 4 in NP.
• These facilities should share resources for data and computation to accelerate scientific research, but each facility is different [1].
• Ideally, DOE’s domain science facilities would connect to its data and computing facilities seamlessly as a single “ecosystem”.

Centralized Queueing System and Distributed Orchestration System

Cross-Facility Workflow Efforts
• Some efforts aim to provide specialized APIs for data management across facilities, while others develop common interoperable standards for bridging workflow systems [2].
• One framework for executing cross-facility workflows used two DOE light sources and three DOE supercomputers simultaneously [3].
• Our work targets the development of an ecosystem framework.

An Ecosystem Framework for Cross-Facility Workflows
• Our architectural design (see figure) incorporates a centralized queueing system along with distributed services called “orchestrators” which can:
  – operate autonomously and asynchronously.
  – enact one or more services (e.g., to capture the scientist’s experiment campaign description or manage a local storage or edge computing service).
  – publish tasks representing data, compute, and control operations to be executed by other orchestrators.
• Data task examples: data movement operations, as well as metadata and provenance capture.
• Computing task examples: execution of individual functions or complex large-scale computational workflows.
• Control task examples: service availability, system and task status
• Three main workflow types: Science Campaign workflows, Computational workflows, and Data workflows.
• The design can be used even without federated identity management across the connected facilities.

Cross-Facility Workflow Efforts

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