Scientific Workflow Management

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Outline

- ADIOS.
- Workflow.
 - What is a workflow
 - What advantages over python.
 - Monitoring workflow.

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- Coupling workflow.
- Movie.
- Marriage of ADIOS + workflow.
- Napkin drawing of climate workflow.

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- Dashboard.
- Conclusions.

End to End Computing at ORNL

- Combines
 - Petascale Applications.
 - Petascale I/O techniques.
 - Workflow Automation.

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Provenance capturing system.



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 Dashboards for real-time monitoring/controlling of simulations, and creating social spaces for scientists.

Approach: place highly annotated, fast, easy-to-use I/O methods in the code, which can be monitored and controlled, have a workflow engine record all of the information, visualize this on a dashboard, move desired data to user's site, and have everything reported to a database.

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ADIOS Overview – Design Goals

- ADIOS is an I/O componentization, which allows us to
 - Abstract the API from the IO implementation.
 - Switch from synchronous to asynchronous I/O at runtime.
 - Change from real-time visualization to fast I/O at runtime.
- Combines.
 - Fast I/O routines.
 - Easy to use.
 - Scalable architecture (100s cores) millions of procs.
 - QoS.
 - Metadata rich output.
 - Visualization applied during simulations.

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- Analysis, compression techniques applied during simulations.

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- Provenance tracking.

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ADIOS Overview

- Overview
 - Allows plug-ins for different I/O implementations.
 - Abstracts the API from the method used for I/O.
- Simple API, almost as easy as F90 write statement.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous transports supported without code changes.
- Scientific Codes External Metadata (XML file) **ADIOS API** buffering feedback schedule MPI-CIO Viz Others MPI-IO pHDF-5 pnetCDF POSIX IC LIVE/Data Engines (plug-in) Та σ

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- Best practices/optimize IO routines for all supported transports "for free"
- Componentization.
 - Don't worry about IO implementation.

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- Components for IO transport methods, buffering, scheduling, and eventually feedback mechanisms.
- Change I/O method by changing XML file only, with metadata inside.
- Will support strong-coupling (code-code) in the future using a shared global memory address space

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Initial ADIOS performance.

MPI-I/O method.

- GTC and GTS codes have achieved over 25 GB/sec on Cray XT at ORNL.
 - 30GB diagnostic files every 3 minutes, 1.2 TB restart files every 30 minutes, 300MB other diagnostic files every 3 minutes.

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- Chimera code speed up by 6.5% (overall time).

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- DART: <2% overhead for writing 2 TB/hour with XGC code.
- DataTap vs. Posix
 - 1 file per process (Posix).
 - 5 secs for GTC computation.
 - ~25 seconds for Posix I/O
 - ~4 seconds with DataTap

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EFFIS is a marriage between Keplerand ADIOS and the dashboard.

- ADIOS is being modified to send the I/O (and coupling) metadata from the compute nodes over to Kepler.
 - We send the file information(including the path).
 - We send the metadata that is contained.
 - Variables, + other annotations.

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- We can send commands to inform Kepler what to do.
- The information is NOT sent if there is no one listening; i.e. not dependent on Kepler).

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The information is saved in a database.

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What is the Kepler Workflow Framework?

Kepler is a proven DOE technology from the SDM center for orchestrating scientific workflows, which aid construction and automation of scientific problem-solving processes.

• Kepler workflow framework

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- Captures provenance information for
 - Data provenance (Where did my data come from?)
 - Data movement and data replication (*e.g.*, during code coupling)
 - Tar files stored on HPSS (at NERSC or ORNL)
 - Workflow actions saved in log files for user debugging
- Is more powerful than Python scripts
 - Allows pipeline-parallel processing with ease
 - Allows work to continue even if some scripts/components fail
 - Allows checkpoint/restart of the workflow
 - Easy to modify workflow for a continuously changing group of scientists

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- Provides an excellent connection to databases
 - Allows for easy queries of shots from coupled simulations
 - Large SDM effort to save provenance data into database

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Workflow automation needs in Center for Plasma Edge Simulation



Workflows for monitoring a simulation

- NetCDF files
 - Transfer files to e2e system on-the-fly
 - Generateimages using grace library
 - ArchiveNetCDF files at the end of simulation
- Binary files from ADIOS
 - Transfer to e2e system using bbcp
 - Convert to HDF5 format
 - Generateimages with AVS/Express (running as service)
 - Archive HDF5 files in large chunks to HPSS
- Record Provenance information for everything!





Coupling Fusion codes for Full ELM, multi-cycles

- Run XGC until ELMS are unstable
- M3D coupling data from XGC
 - Transfer to end-to-end system
 - Execute M3D: compute new equilibrium
 - Transfer back the new equilibrium to XGC
 - Execute ELITE: compute growth rate, test linear stability
 - Execute M3D-MPP: to study unstable states (ELM crash)





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Climate workflow



Running CCSM cases

- Run an ensemble of several cases at once
 - ✓ one case consists of many jobs executed repetitively
- Run jobs at NCCS and other resource
 - ✓ one-time-password access from outside
- Archive output on the fly to HPSS while the job is running
- Make images from diagnostic output on the fly and put on the dashboard
 - ✓ to monitor the current status of each case

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Design Criteria for the Dashboard

- Goal: provide users an easy way over the web to dynamically monitor simulation progress, to view images and movies, to perform basic analysis, and to move files to their site
- New design criteria for FSP codes on leadership class computers
 - Must support very large and small data, in a scalable fashion
- New security with One Time Passwords
 - Unrealistic to think that we can monitor jobs via one type of data output
 - Unrealistic to think that we can move data from a large parallel disk to user space

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- Data management must be incorporated into the design
 - Database back-end is as important as front-end
 - Provenance display is very important to monitor long-running jobs
- Must be able to monitor computers/jobs from all resources
- Need to plug-in new visualization routines into the display
- Need to plug-in new analysis routines into the system
- Need to collaborate via shared space

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• Make it robust by using enterprise web-2 technologies

Dashboard: Simulation Monitoring

- A basic browser-based visualization tool
- Local interaction for graphs/visualizations
- Server used for data manipulation, extraction
- Server used for more complex analysis
- Allows for pan and zoom locally
- Asynchronously queries

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MySQL for database support

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Dashboard: Job Monitoring

Monitors machines, simulations and DB

- Secure login with OTP
- Job submission and kill
- Search old jobs
- See collaborators jobs
- Annotations/Notes
- Text display/movies

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Dashboard movie





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VisTrails on Dashboard



Collaborative Analysis Features

- Basic analysis on dashboard will feature
 - Calculator for simple math, done in Python
 - Hooks into "R" for pre-set functions
 - Ability to save the analysis into a new function
 - 2d and time history plots (initial version)
 - Full 3d plots (in future version)
- Advanced analysis will contain
 - Parallel backend to VisIT server, VisTrails, Parallel R, and custom MPI/C/F90 code
 - We will allow users to place executable code into the dashboard

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• In progress: a portable dashboard!

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Conclusions

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- ADIOS is an I/O componentization.
 - ADIOS is being integrated integrated into Kepler.
 - Achieved over 20 GB/sec for several codes on Jaguar.
 - Used daily by CPES researchers.
 - Can change IO implementations at runtime.
 - Metadata is contained in XML file.
- Kepler is used daily for

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- Monitoring CPES simulations on Jaguar/Franklin/ewok.
- Runs with 24 hour jobs, on large number of processors.

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• Dashboard uses enterprise (LAMP) technology.

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