Managing large-scale workflows with Pegasus

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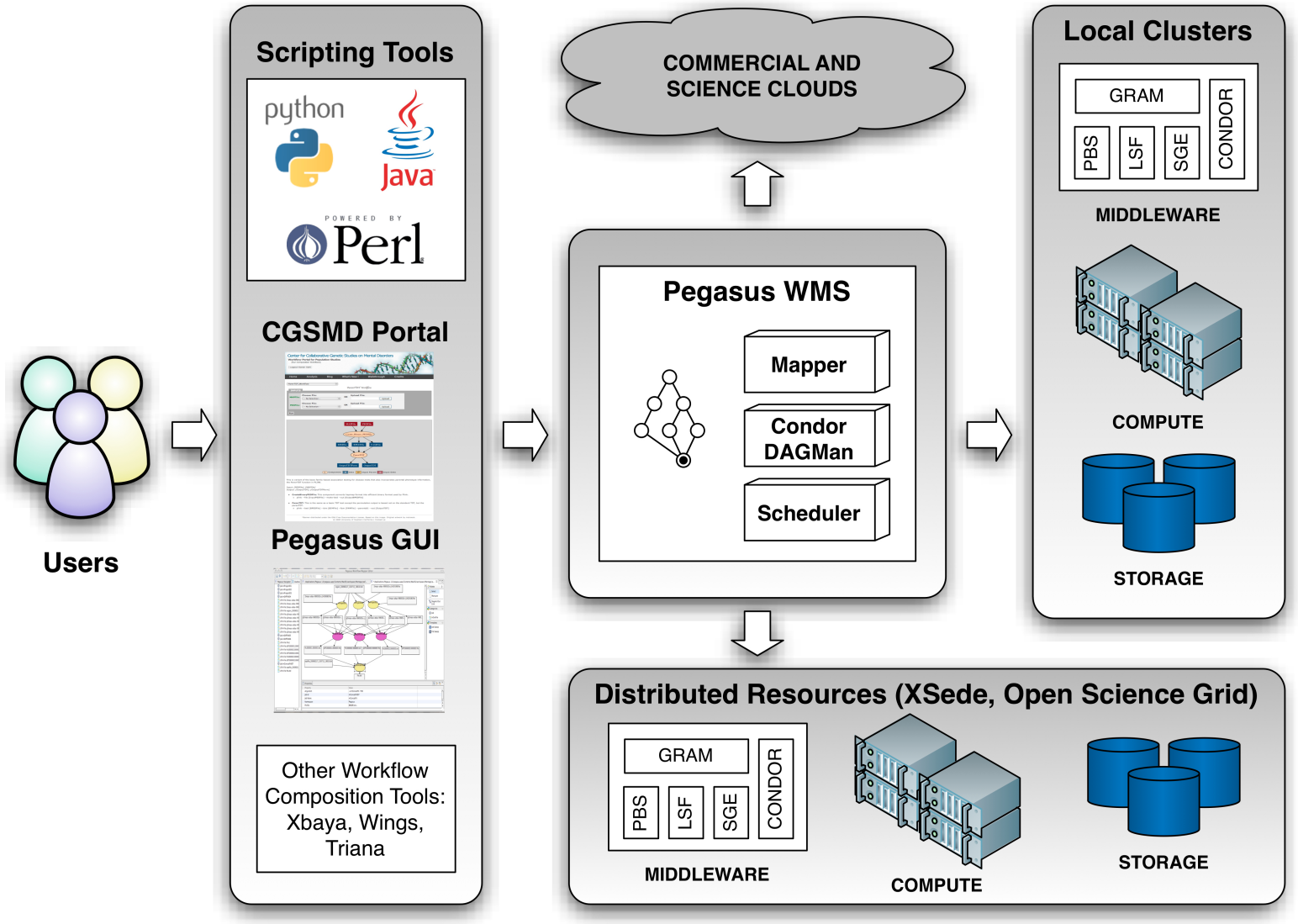
Pegasus Workflow Management System

- Takes in a workflow description and can map and execute it on wide variety of environments
  - Local desktop
  - Local Condor Pool
  - Local Campus Cluster
  - Grid
  - Commercial or Academic Clouds

Pegasus Workflow Management System

- NSF funded Project and developed since 2001
- A collaboration between USC and the Condor Team at UW Madison (includes DAGMan)
- Used by a number of applications in a variety of domains
- Builds on top of Condor DAGMan.
  - Provides reliability—can retry computations from the point of failure
  - Provides scalability—can handle many computations (1- 10^6 tasks)
- Automatically captures provenance information
- Can handle large amounts of data (order of Terabytes)
- Provides workflow monitoring and debugging tools to allow users to debug large workflows

Pegasus WMS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Scripting Tools
python
Java
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Pegasus GUI
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COMMERCIAL AND SCIENCE CLOUDS
Pegasus WMS
Mapper
Condor DAGMan
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Local Clusters
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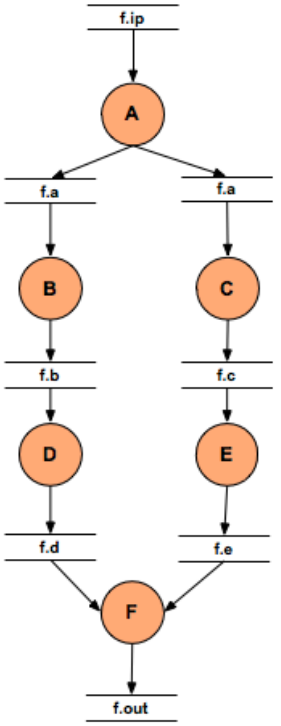
Abstract Workflow (DAX)

- Pegasus Input Workflow description—DAX
  - workflow "high-level language"
  - devoid of resource descriptions
  - devoid of data locations
  - refers to codes as logical transformations
  - refers to data as logical files
- You can use Java, Perl, Python APIs to generate DAXes

Comparison of DAX and Condor DAG



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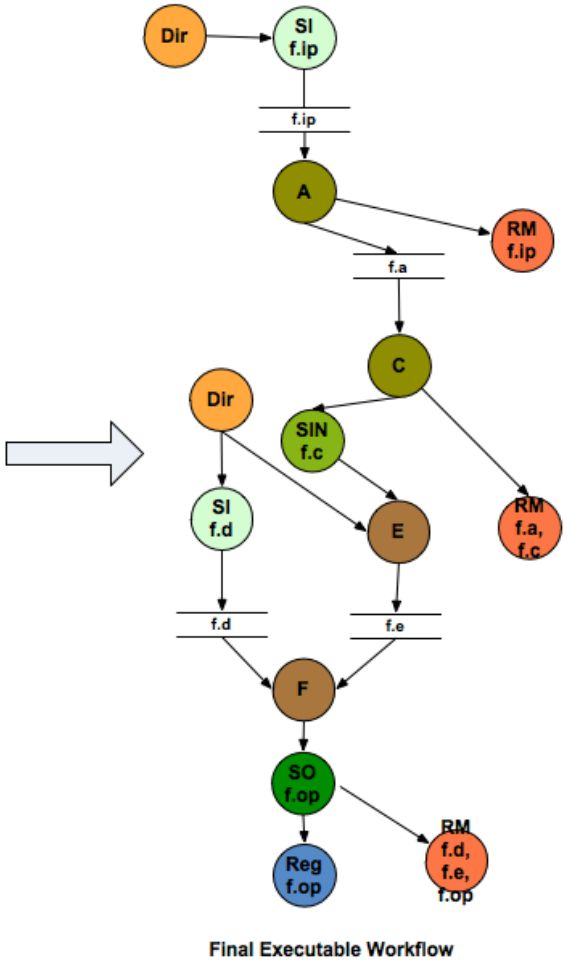
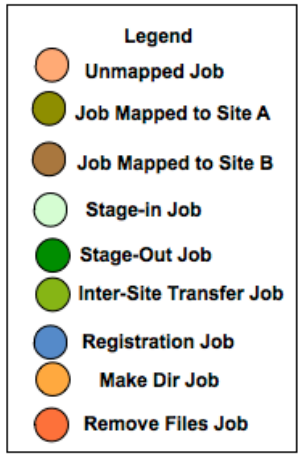


Final Executable Workflow



- Abstraction provides
  - **Ease of Use** (do not need to worry about low-level execution details)
  - **Portability** (can use the same workflow description to run on a number of resources and/or across them)
  - **Gives opportunities for optimization** and fault tolerance
    - automatically restructure the workflow
    - automatically provide fault recovery (retry,choose different resource)

Issues for Large Scale Workflows

- Debug and Monitor Workflows
  - Users need automated tools to go through the log files
  - Need to Correlate Data across lots of log files
  - Need to know what host a job ran on and how it was invoked ?
- Data Management
  - How do you ship in the large amounts data required by the workflows?
- Restructure Workflows for Improved Performance
  - Can have lots of short running jobs
  - Leverage MPI

Workflow Monitoring - Stampede

- Leverage Stampede Monitoring framework with DB backend
  - Separates DB loading infrastructure and log representation
  - Populates data at runtime. A background daemon monitors the logs files and populates information about the workflow to a database
  - Supports SQLite or MySQL
  - Python API to query the framework
  - Stores workflow structure, and runtime stats for each task.

- Tools for querying the Monitoring framework
  - pegasus-status
    - Status of the workflow
  - pegasus-statistics
    - Detailed statistics about your workflow
  - pegasus-plots
    - Visualization of your workflow execution

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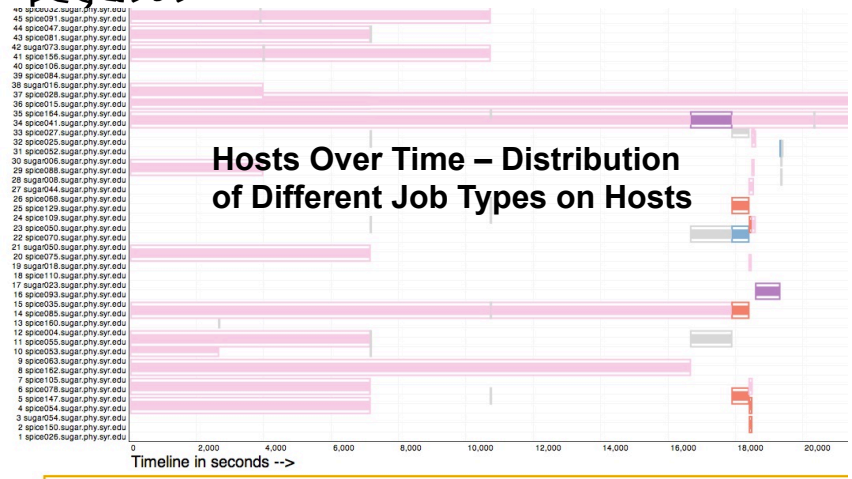
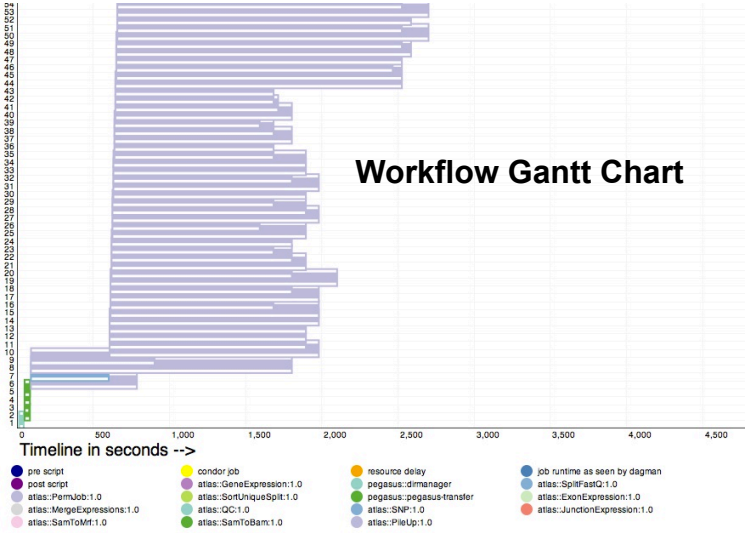
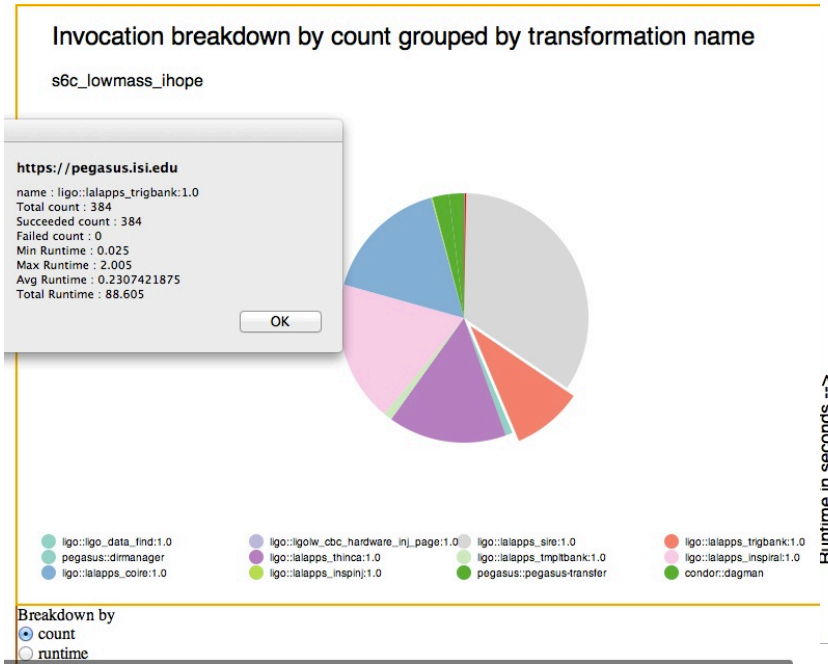
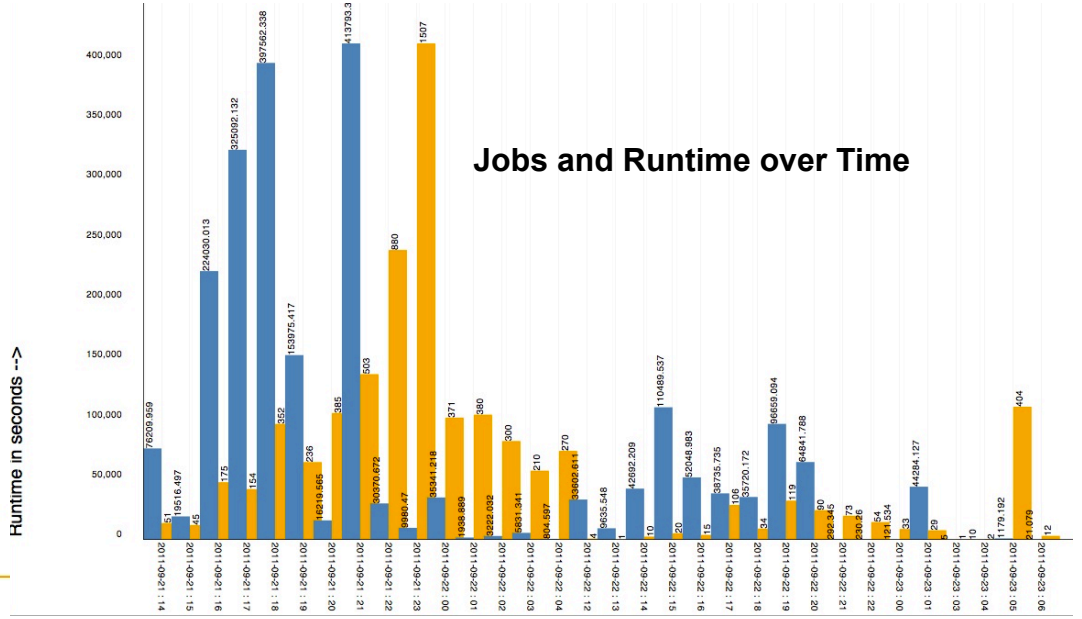








Workflow Debugging Through Pegasus

- After a workflow has completed, we can run **pegasus-analyzer** to analyze the workflow and provide a summary of the run
- pegasus-analyzer's output contains
  - a brief summary section
    - showing how many jobs have succeeded
    - and how many have failed.
  - For each failed job
    - showing its last known state
    - exitcode
    - working directory
    - the location of its submit, output, and error files.
    - any stdout and stderr from the job.

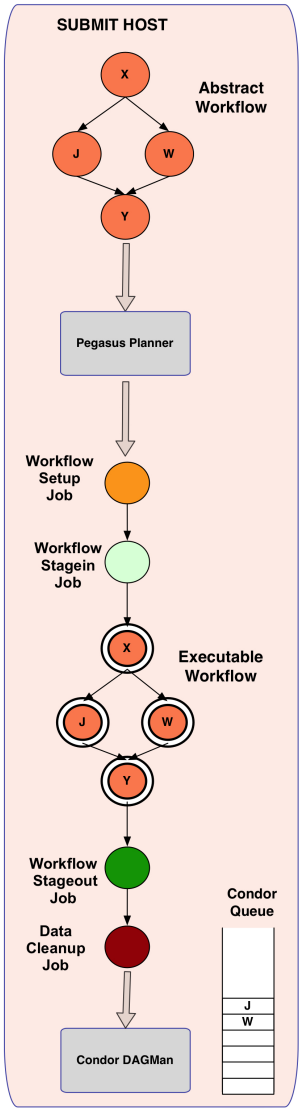
Workflow and Task Notifications

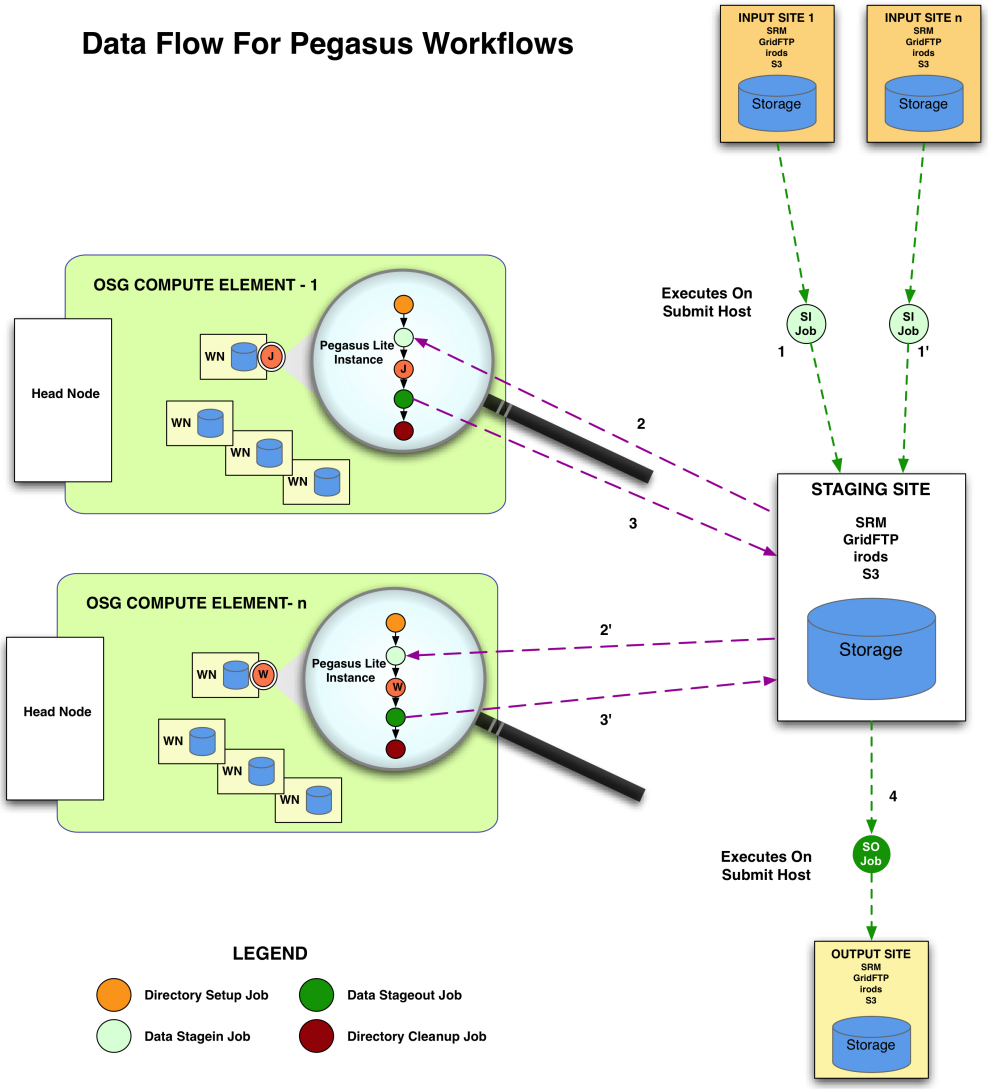
- Users want to be notified at certain points in the workflow or on certain events.
- Support for adding Notification to Workflow and Tasks
  - Event based callouts
    - On Start, On End, On Failure, On Success
  - Provided with email and jabber notification scripts
  - Can run any user provided script as notification.
  - Defined in the DAX.

Supported Data Staging Configurations

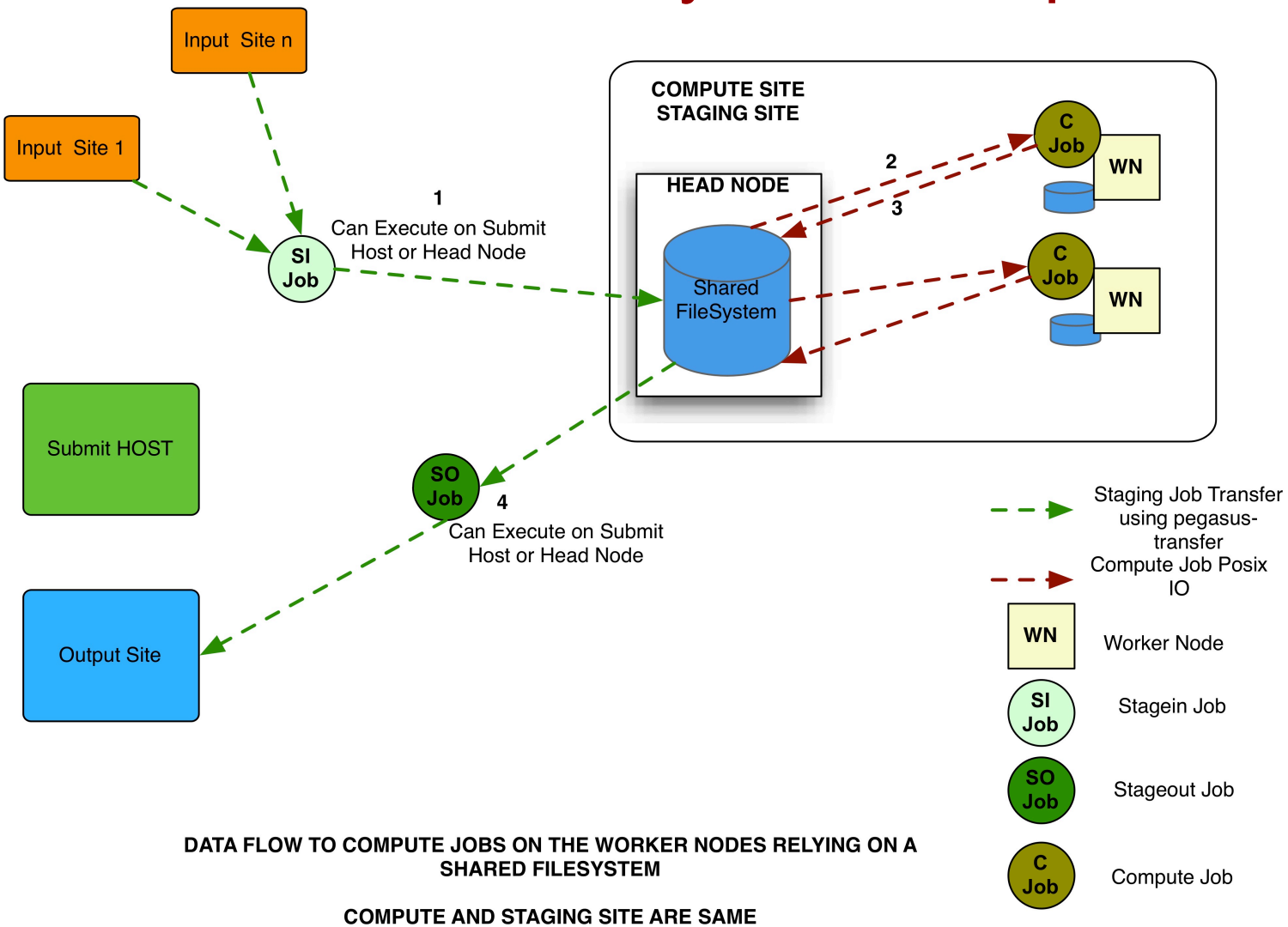
- Three General Configurations Supported
  - Shared Filesystem setup (Typical of Xsede sites)
    - Worker nodes and the Head Node have a shared filesystem.
    - Can leverage symlinking against existing datasets
  - NonShared Filesystem setup with a staging site (Typical of OSG or Campus Condor Pools)
    - Worker Nodes don't share a filesystem.
    - Data is pulled from an external staging site.
  - Condor IO
    - Worker Nodes don't share a filesystem
    - Data is pulled from the submit host.

Data Flow For Pegasus Workflows





Shared Filesystem Setup

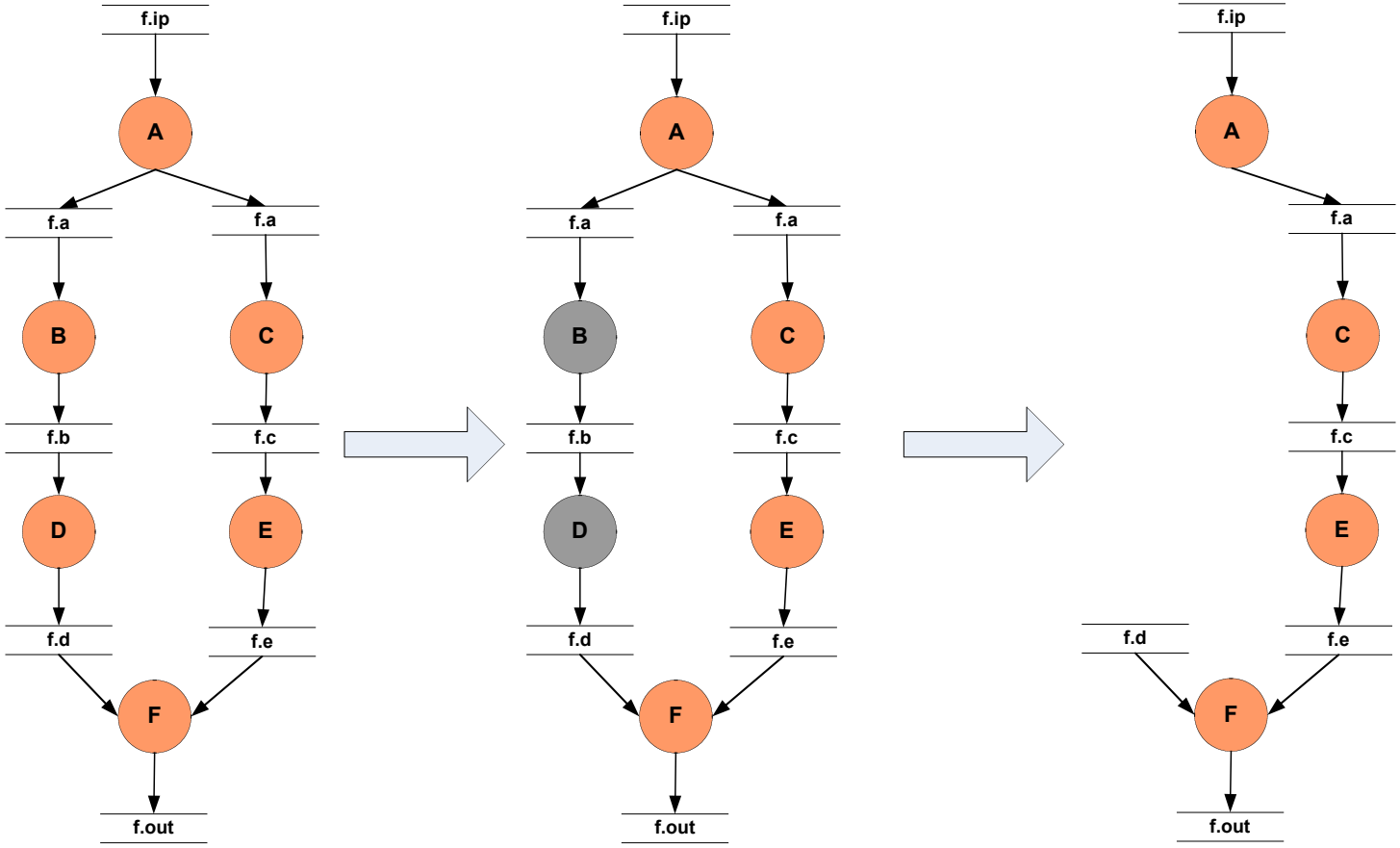


DATA FLOW TO COMPUTE JOBS ON THE WORKER NODES RELYING ON A SHARED FILESYSTEM

COMPUTE AND STAGING SITE ARE SAME

Tip: Set pegasus.data.configuration = sharedfs

WF Reduction (Data Reuse)



Abstract Workflow

File f.d exists somewhere.
Reuse it.
Mark Jobs D and B to delete

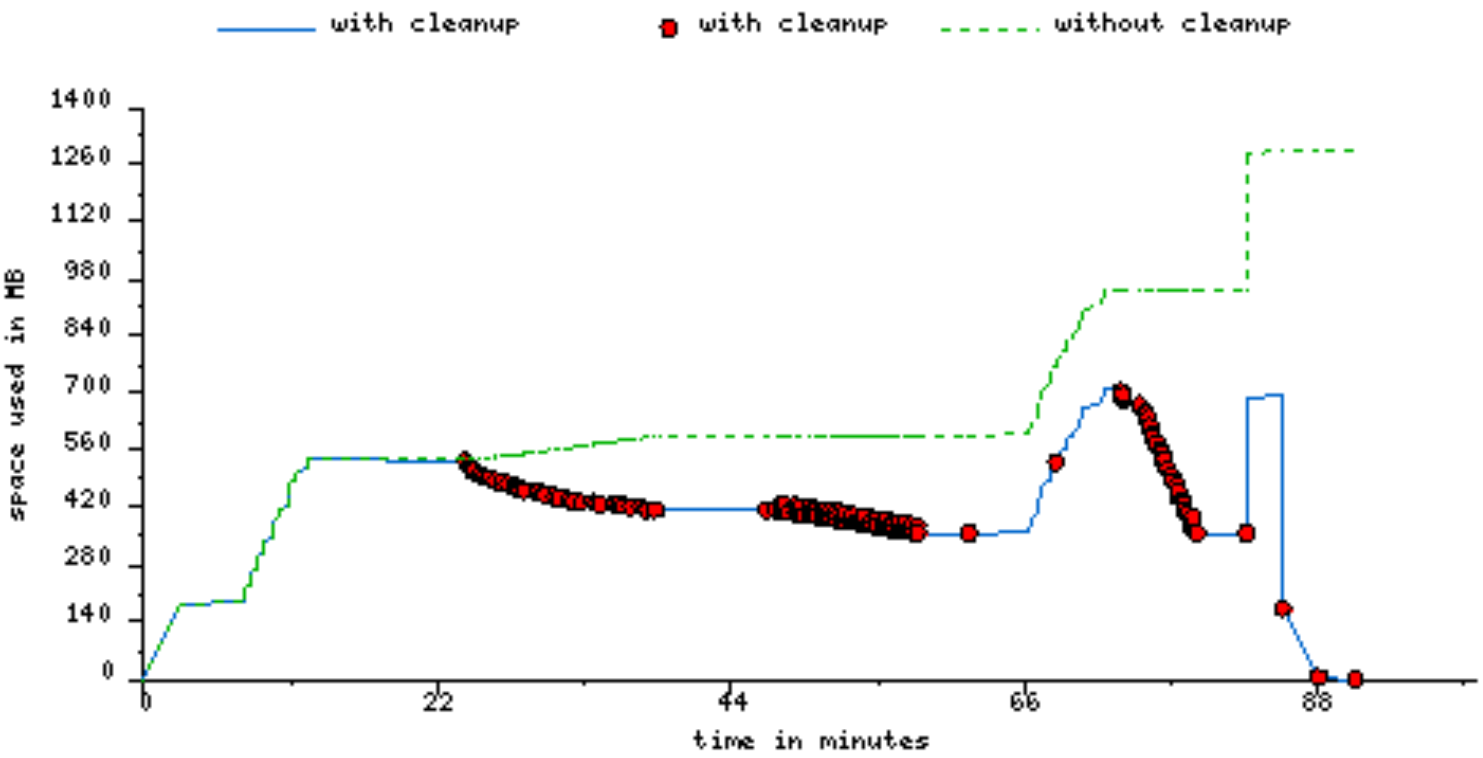
Delete Job D and Job B

Users can use this to move their computations to a different cluster in case of failure

File cleanup

- Problem: Running out of space on shared scratch
  - In OSG scratch space is limited to 30Gb for all users
- Why does it occur
  - Workflows bring in huge amounts of data
  - Data is generated during workflow execution
  - Users don't worry about cleaning up after they are done
- Solution
  - Do cleanup after workflows finish
    - Does not work as the scratch may get filled much before during execution
  - Interleave cleanup automatically during workflow execution.
    - Requires an analysis of the workflow to determine, when a file is no longer required

Storage Improvement for Montage Workflows

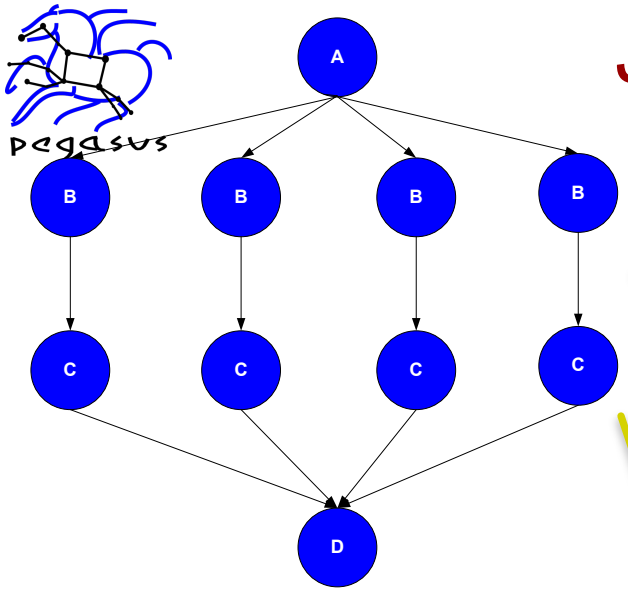


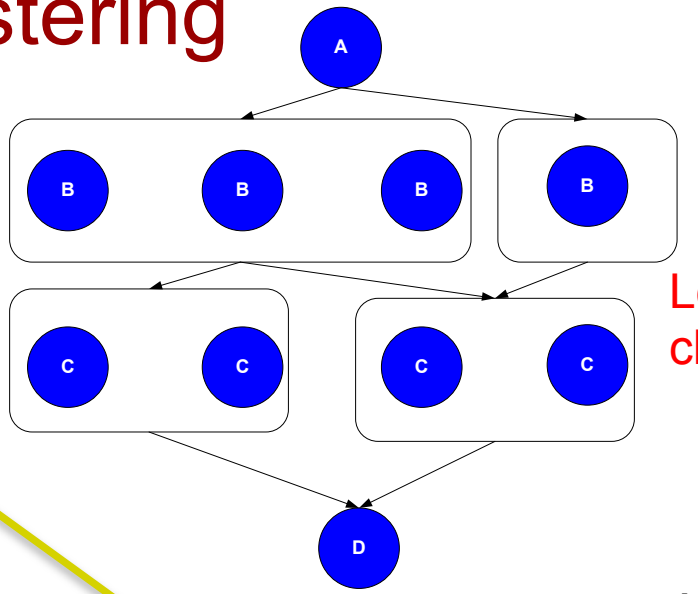
Montage 1 degree workflow run with cleanup on OSG-PSU

Workflow Restructuring to improve Application Performance

- Cluster small running jobs together to achieve better performance
- Why?
  - Each job has scheduling overhead
  - Need to make this overhead worthwhile
  - Ideally users should run a job on the grid that takes at least 10 minutes to execute

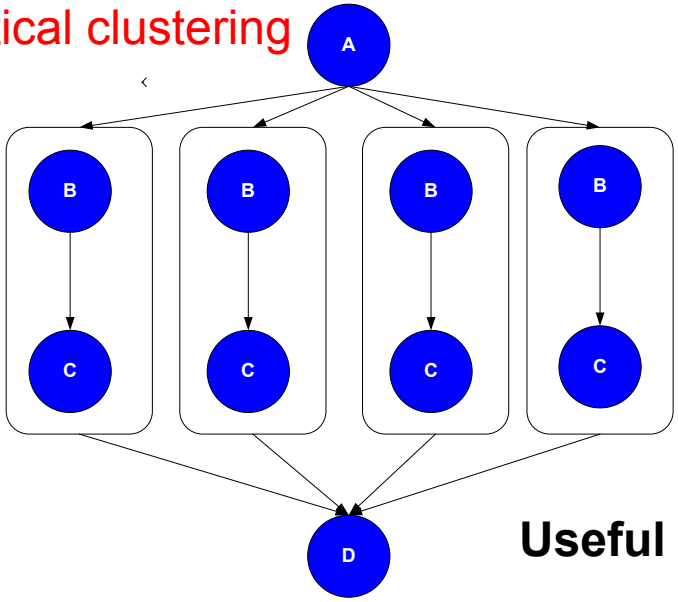
Job Clustering



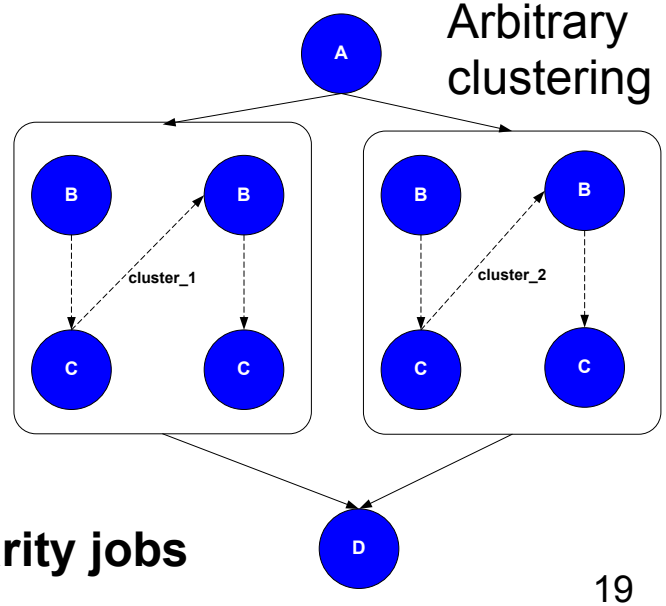


Level-based clustering

Vertical clustering



Arbitrary clustering

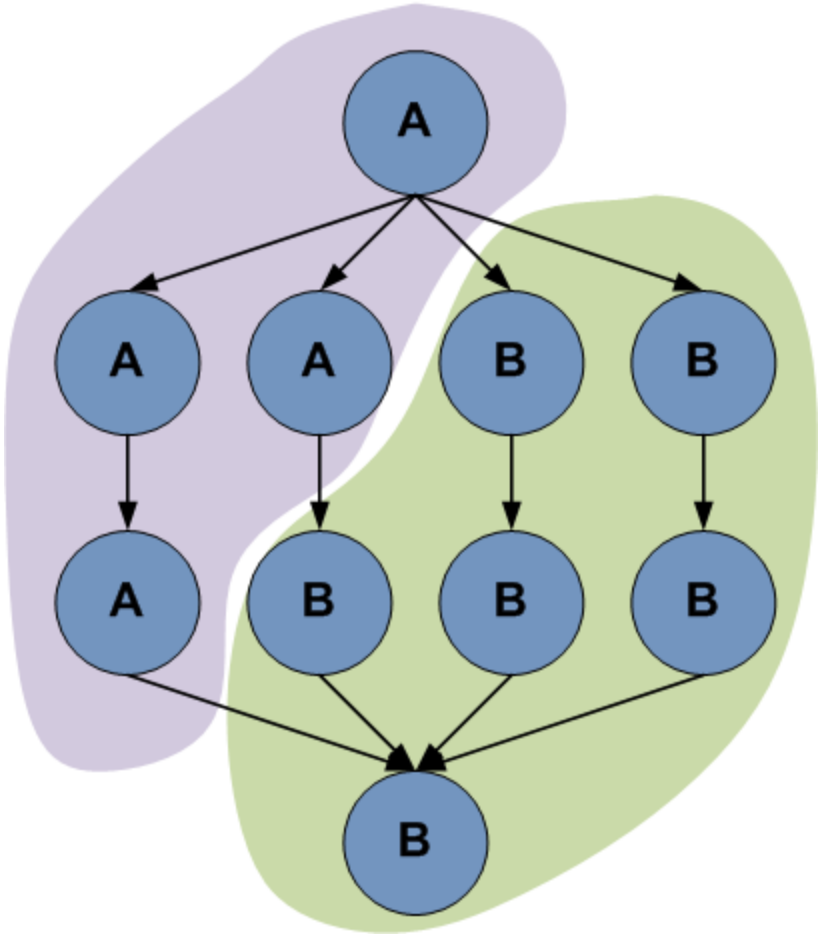


Useful for small granularity jobs

Previous solution : Glideins

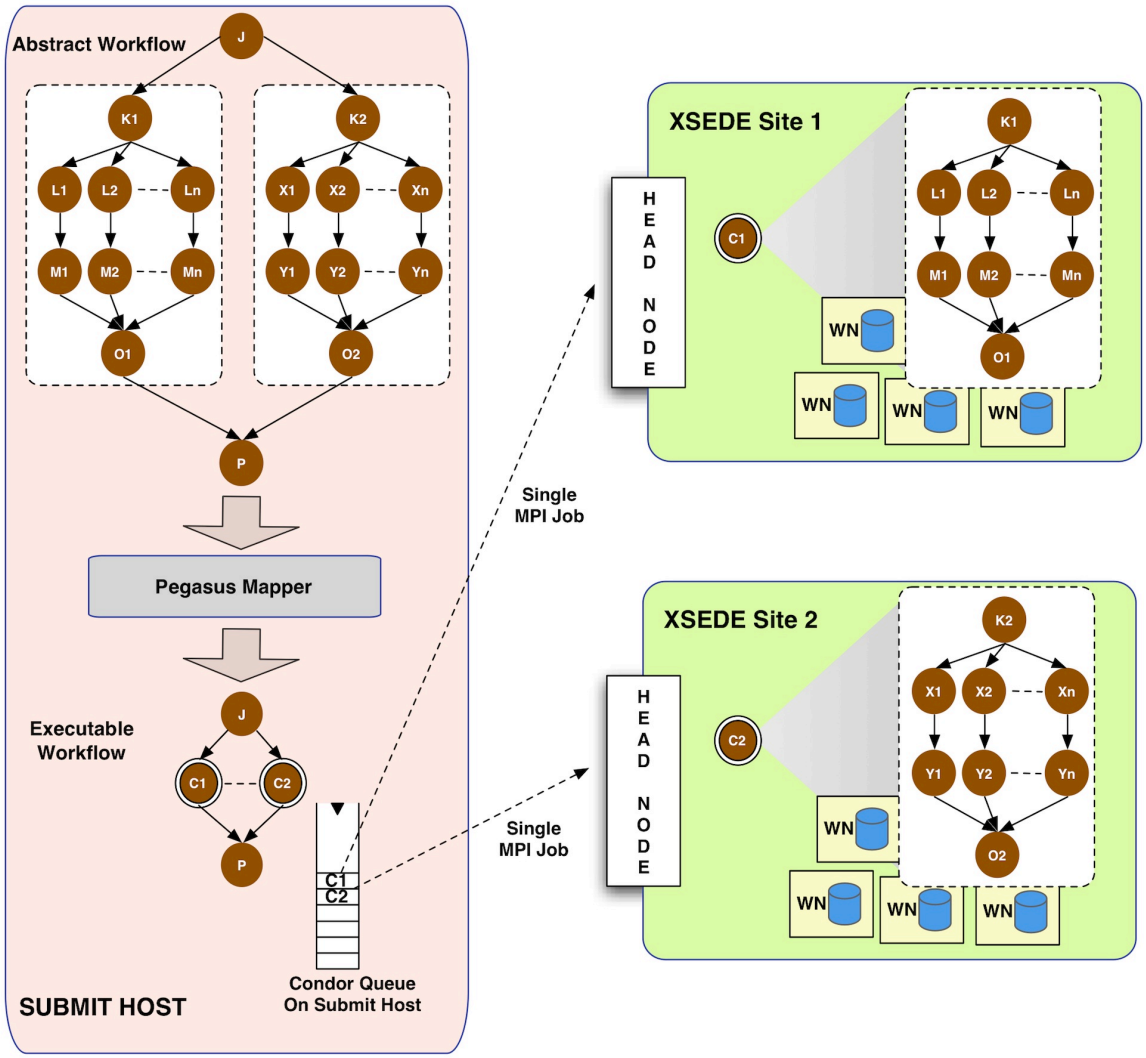
- Pegasus clusters the jobs in a workflow and runs these jobs on a dynamic Condor pool
  - Pool is grown by submitting condor_startd daemons to remote cluster
- Works great on "regular" clusters
  - XSEDE: Ranger, …
  - OSG
- Not so great on some newer Cray/IBM/… architectures
  - Problem 1: no/limited networking on compute nodes
  - Problem 2: queuing system optimized for large jobs

pegasus-mpi-cluster



- Planner creates subgraph based on user assigned labels
- Subgraph is expressed as DAG (simplified Condor DAGMan format)
- Submitted to remote resource (usually GRAM and CondorG)
- Executed with MPI master/ worker DAG engine

Large Workflows on Xsede using PMC



Summary – What Does Pegasus provide an Application - I

- **All the great features that DAGMan has!**
  - Scalability - Hierarchal Workflows. Pegasus runs workflows ranging from few computational tasks upto 1 million
  - Retries in case of failure.
- **Portability / Reuse**
  - User created workflows can easily be run in different environments without alteration.
- **Performance**
  - The Pegasus mapper can reorder, group, and prioritize tasks in order to increase the overall workflow performance.

Summary – What Does Pegasus provide an Application - II

- **Provenance**
  - provenance data is collected in a database, and the data can be summaries with tools such as **pegasus-statistics**, **pegasus-plots**, or directly with SQL queries.
- **Data Management**
  - Pegasus handles replica selection, data transfers and output registrations in data catalogs. These tasks are added to a workflow as auxilliary jobs by the Pegasus planner.
- **Reliability and Debugging Tools**
  - Jobs and data transfers are automatically retried in case of failures. Debugging tools such as **pegasus-analyzer** helps the user to debug the workflow in case of non-recoverable failures.
- **Error Recovery**
  - Reuse existing output products to prune the workflow and move computation to another site.

Some Applications using Pegasus

- **Astronomy**
  - Montage , Galactic Plane, Periodograms
- **Bio Informatics**
  - Brain Span, RNA Seq, SIPHT, Epigenomics, Seqware
- **Earthquake Science**
  - Cybershake, Broadband from Southern California Earthquake Center
- **Physics**
  - LIGO

Complete Listing: *http://pegasus.isi.edu/applications*

Relevant Links

- Pegasus WMS: http://pegasus.isi.edu/wms
- Tutorial and VM : http://pegasus.isi.edu/tutorial/
- Ask not what you can do for Pegasus, but what Pegasus can do for you : pegasus@isi.edu

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