

Pegasus WMS: Enabling Large Scale Workflows on National Cyberinfrastructure

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Overview

- Pegasus is a system for mapping and executing abstract application workflows over a range of execution environments.
- The same abstract workflow can, at different times, be mapped different execution environments such as XSEDE, OSG, commercial and academic clouds, campus grids, and clusters.
- Pegasus can easily scale both the size of the workflow, and the resources that the workflow is distributed over. Pegasus runs workflows ranging from just a few computational tasks up to 1 million.
- Pegasus Workflow Management System (WMS) consists of three main components: the Pegasus Mapper, HTCondor DAGMan, and the HTCondor Schedd.
- XSEDE Tutorial <https://sites.google.com/site/xsedeworkflows/pegasus-tutorial>



Workflow Design and Mapping

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from Pegasus.DAX3 import *
import sys
import os

# Create a abstract dag
dax = ADAG("hello_world")

# Add the hello job
hello = Job(namespace="hello_world",
            name="hello", version="1.0")
b = File("f.b")
hello.uses(a, link=Link.INPUT)
hello.uses(b, link=Link.OUTPUT)
dax.addJob(hello)

# Add the world job (depends on the hello job)
world = Job(namespace="hello_world",
            name="world", version="1.0")
c = File("f.c")
world.uses(b, link=Link.INPUT)
world.uses(c, link=Link.OUTPUT)
dax.addJob(world)

# Add control-flow dependencies
dax.addDependency(Dependency(parent=hello,
                             child=world))

# Write the DAX to stdout
dax.writeXML(sys.stdout)
```

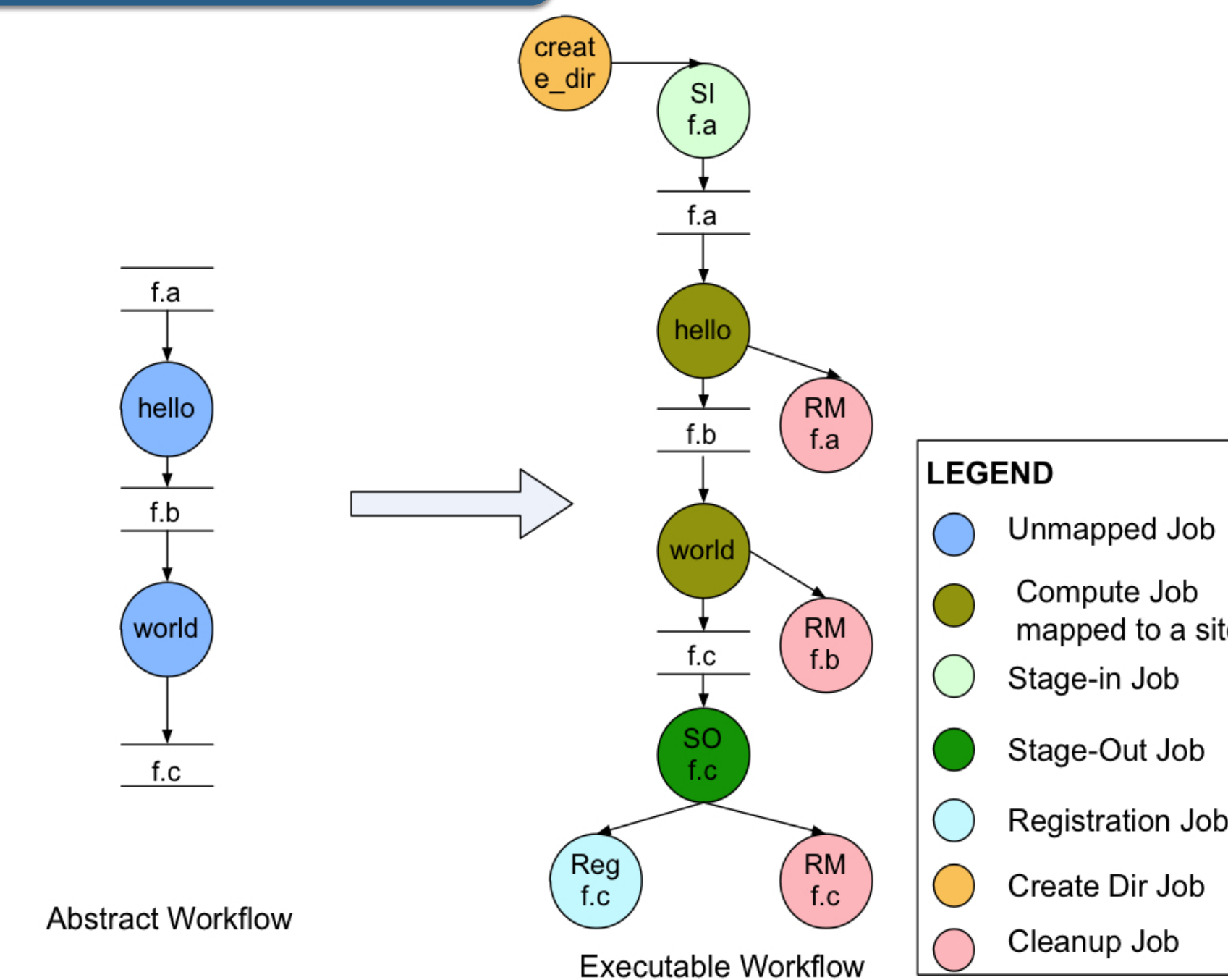
DAX Generator API

Easy to use APIs in Python, Java and Perl to generate an abstract workflow describing the users computation. Above is a simple two node hello world example.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- generator: python -->
<adag xmlns="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX"
      version="3.4" name="hello_world">
  <!-- describe the jobs making
  up the hello world pipeline -->
  <job id="ID000001" namespace="hello_world"
       name="hello" version="1.0">
    <uses name="f.b" link="output"/>
    <uses name="f.a" link="input"/>
  </job>
  <job id="ID000002" namespace="hello_world"
       name="world" version="1.0">
    <uses name="f.b" link="input"/>
    <uses name="f.c" link="output"/>
  </job>
  <!-- describe the edges in the DAG -->
  <child ref="ID000002">
    <parent ref="ID000001"/>
  </child>
</adag>
```

Abstract Workflow (DAX)

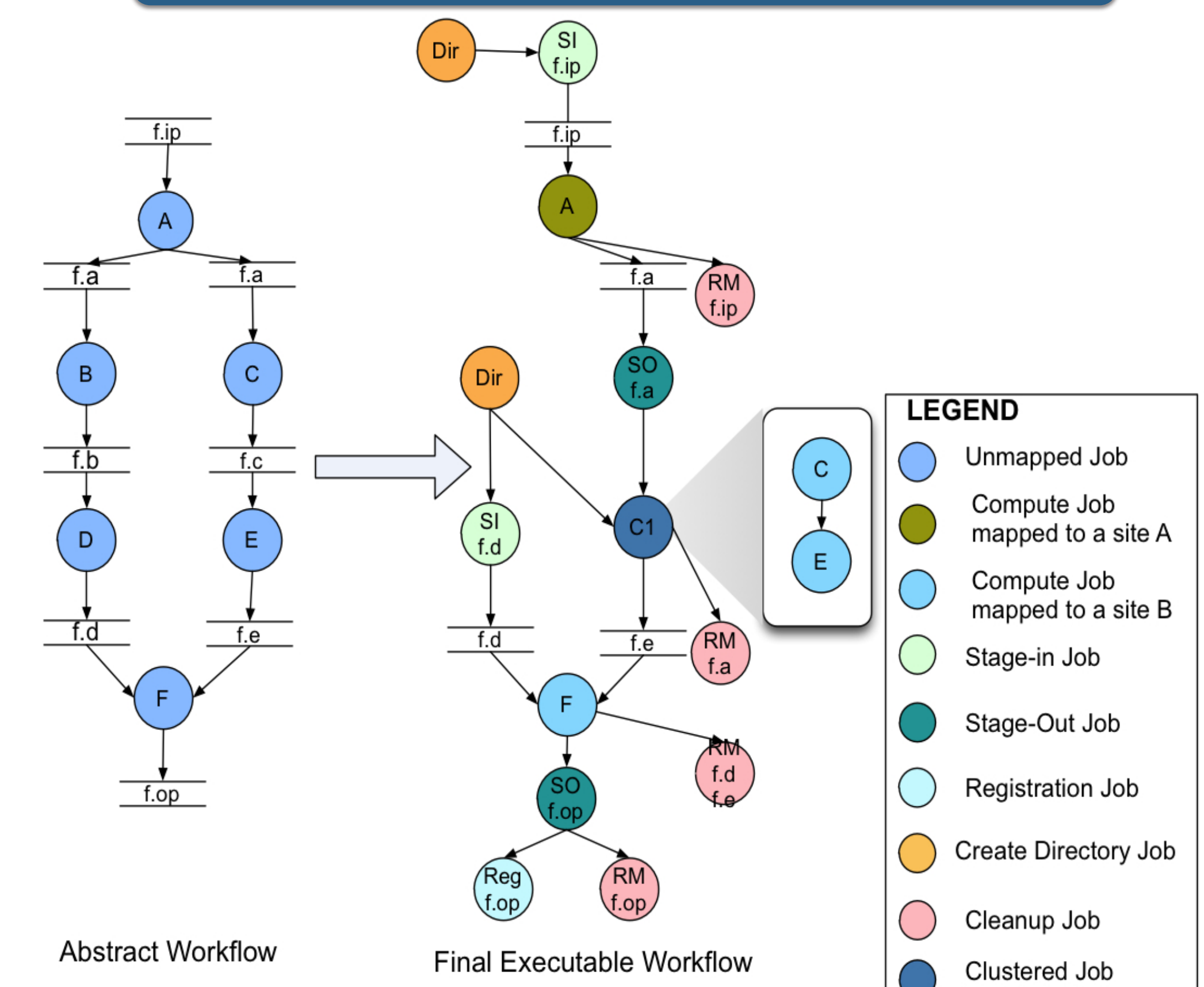
The abstract workflow rendered as XML. It only captures the computations the user wants to do and is devoid of any physical paths. Input and output files are identified by logical identifiers. This representation is portable between different execution environments.



Abstract to Executable Workflow (Condor DAG) Mapping

The DAX is passed to the Pegasus Mapper and it generates a HTCondor DAGMan workflow that can be run on actual resource. The above example highlights addition of **data movement nodes** to staging in the input data and stage out the output data; addition of **data cleanup nodes** to remove data that is no longer required; and **registration nodes** to catalog output data locations for future discovery.

Data Reuse Example

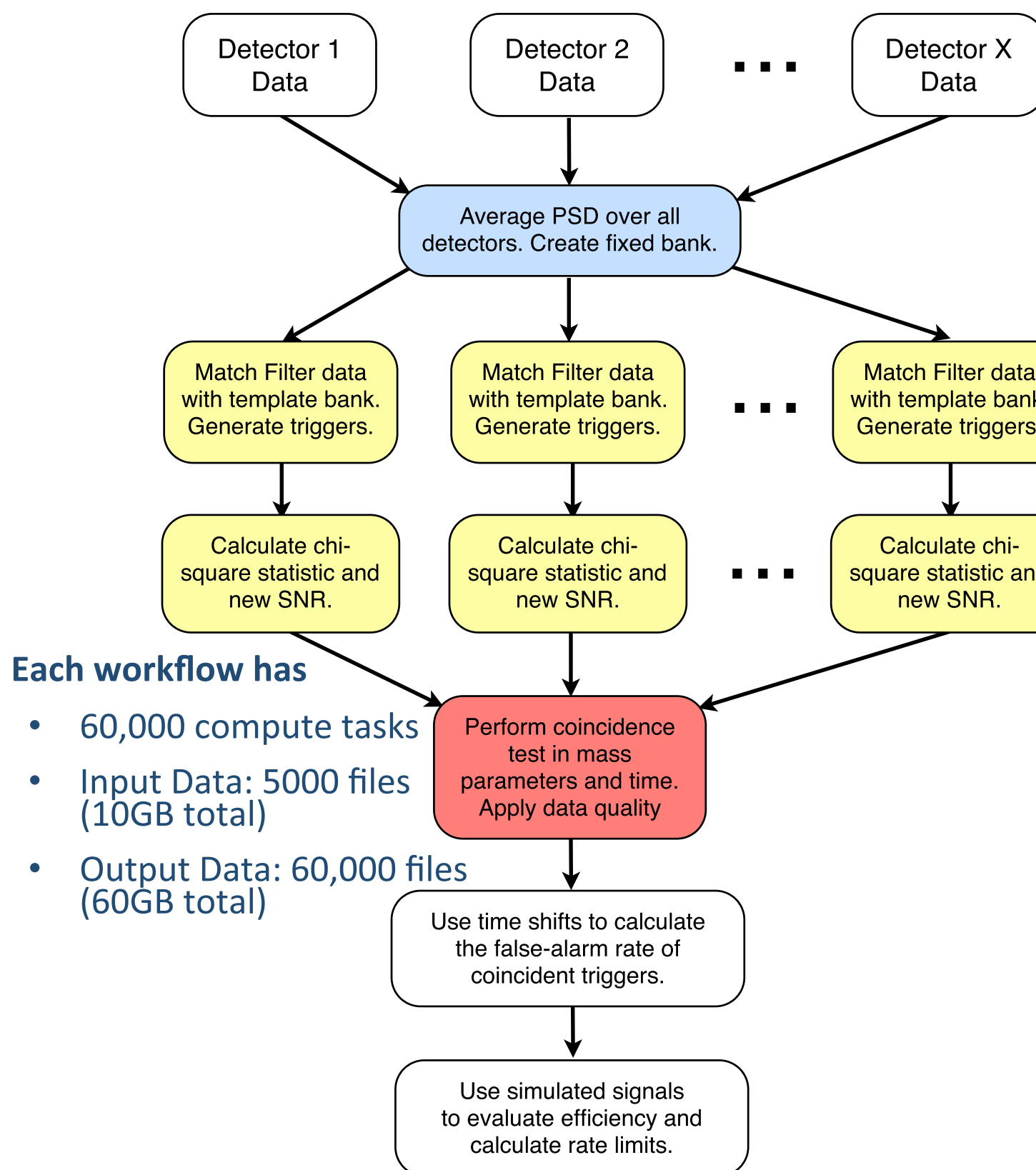


Additional Capabilities Highlighted

- Data Reuse:** Jobs B and D are removed from the workflow as file f.d already exists. The f.d is staged in, instead of regenerating it by executing jobs B and D.
- Job Clustering:** Jobs C and E are clustered together into a single clustered job.
- Cross Site Run:** Single Workflow can be executed on multiple sites, with Pegasus taking care of the data movement between the sites.

Advanced LIGO pyCBC Workflows

Advanced LIGO pyCBC pipeline

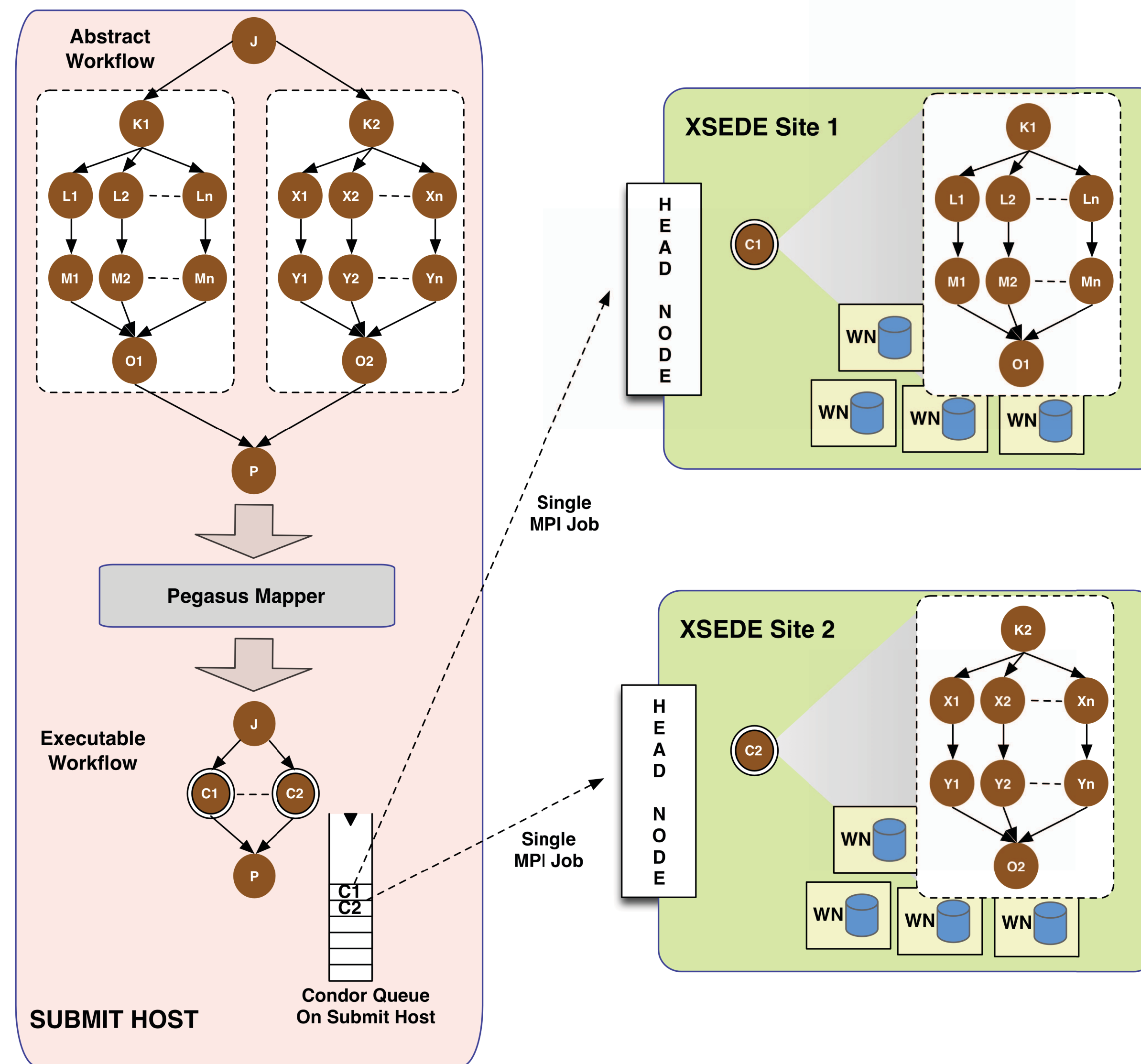


- A single stage pipeline for analyzing data from various LIGO and VIRGO detectors.
- Designed to search for gravitational waves from compact object binaries containing neutron stars and stellar-mass black holes have been performed.
- Actual runs on real data expected to start in September 2015.
- Uses Pegasus WMS to run on XSEDE, LIGO Data Grid and OSG resources.

Test Runs on TACC Stampede with Pegasus:

- Uses Pegasus MPI Cluster to manage parallel FFT jobs into large clusters (using 256, 512 and 1024 cores) submitted to the SLURM batch queue via Globus GRAM.
- Task affinity is set in pegasus-mpi-cluster so that the threads for the FFTs for a single job stay pinned to a single processor to obtain optimal user of the CPU's L3 cache during execution of the FFT.
- Pegasus stages the outputs back to LIGO Data Grid for post processing.

Pegasus Workflows with PMC on XSEDE



XSEDE Challenges

- HPC resources with remote job submission via GRAM, with strict queue limits per user (~50)
- Workflows can have a large number of tasks that cannot be all submitted through remote job submission interface

Solution:

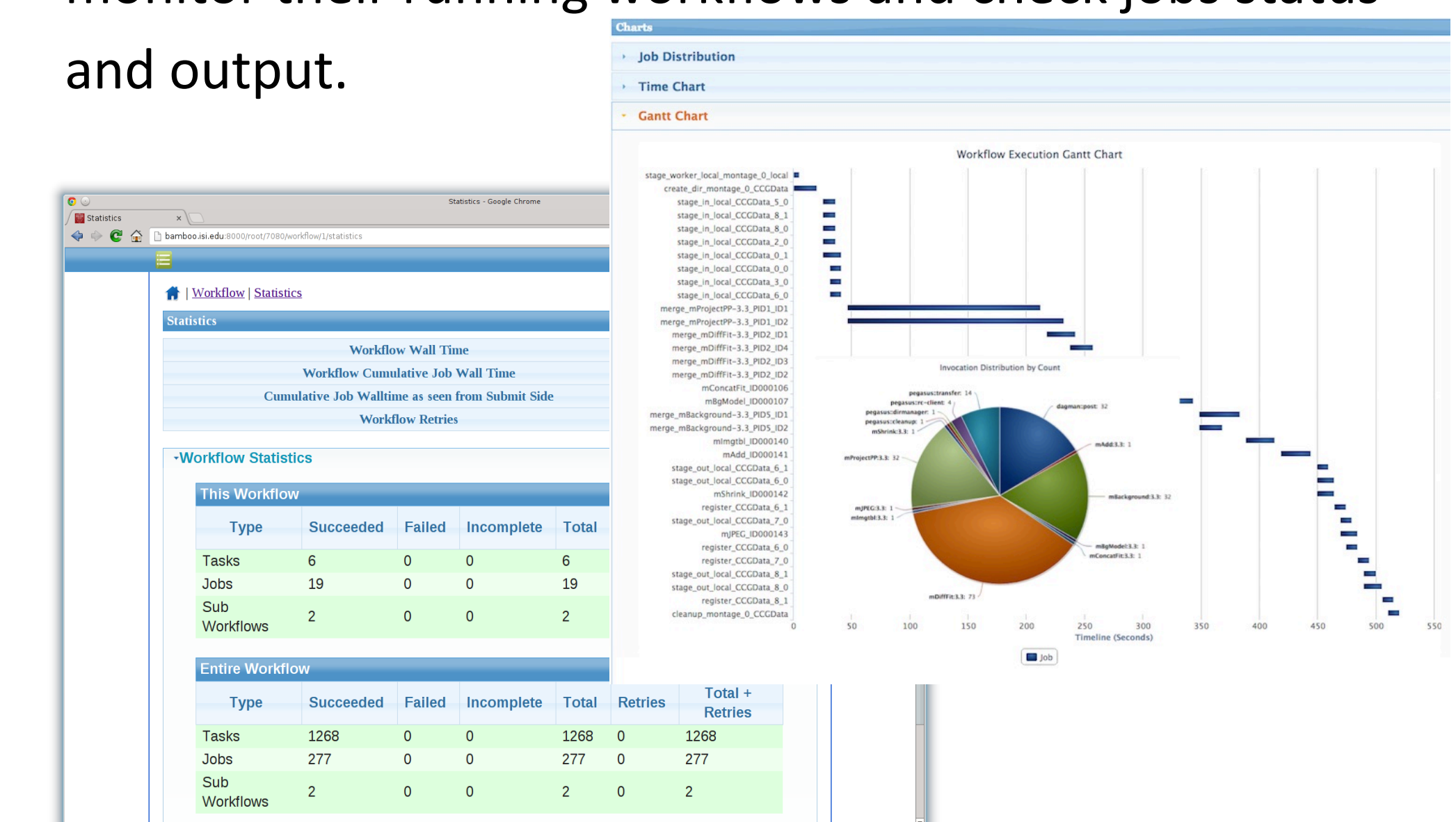
- The workflow is partitioned into independent sub graphs, which are submitted as self-contained Pegasus MPI Cluster (PMC) jobs to the remote sites.
- PMC relies on standard MPI constructs.

A PMC job is expressed as a DAG and PMC uses the MPI master-worker paradigm to farm out individual tasks to worker nodes. PMC acts a scheduler and considers core and memory requirements of the tasks when making scheduling decisions. PMC can be easier to setup than pilot jobs / HTCondor glideins as no special networking is required.

Monitoring and Debugging

At runtime, a database is populated with workflow and task runtime provenance, including which software was used and with what parameters, execution environment, runtime statistics and exit status.

Pegasus comes with command line monitoring and debugging tools. A web dashboard now allows users to monitor their running workflows and check jobs status and output.



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