Future Laboratory Computing

WORKING GROUP - GOALS AND STATUS

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National Laboratory Research Computing Group (NLRCG) – Initiated Spring 2017

The mission of the National Laboratory Research Computing Group (NLRCG) is **to** *improve the National Laboratories abilities, both independently and collectively, to effectively support research computing* now and into the future. In addition, the NLRCG aims to *collaborate with the SC to jointly address future research computing support challenges*.

The NLRCG is charged by the National Laboratories NLCIO and CRO working groups, and ASCR. The NLRCG will periodically report out to these stakeholders to keep them apprised of progress.

Members of the NLRCG will be made up of researchers, scientists, technologists, and other domain experts from within the DOE Lab complex. A lead POC will be appointed by each Lab's CIO and/or CRO.

The NLRCG will hold regular meetings and may bring in outside experts to obtain the information needed to complete its tasks.

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Four defined thrusts for labs to work together:

- Economies of Scale
- Blockers to Collaboration
- Scientific Data Management
- Future Laboratory Computing DOE SC Interest

Future Lab Computing Thrust

The Future Lab Computing Thrust (FLC) will identify best practices and research challenges leading to the creation and operation of a DOE/SC wide federated Distributed Computing and Data Ecosystem (DCDE).

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Steward: Richard Carlson (ASCR)

Charge – Part I

The National Laboratory Research Computing Group (NLRCG) and the Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) program office jointly establish the Future Lab Computing Working Group (FLC-WG) thrust to identify best practices and research challenges leading to the creation and operation of a DOE/SC wide federated Distributed Computing & Data Ecosystem (DCDE). The FLC-WG will accomplish this by:

- Reviewing past ASCR research activities
- Reviewing current lab, scientific community, academic, and commercial solutions
- Synthesizing past and current technical activities into a set of best practice documents
- Identify current and future challenges that need to be addressed
- Determine the activities needed to pilot an operational deployment of a DCDE

Charge – Part II

•The outcome of the FLC-WG will be a report describing the current state of lab computing, a set of research challenges, and plans for achieving a federated DCDE.

•The FLC-WG will hold regular meetings and may bring in outside experts to obtain the information needed to complete its tasks.

•The NLRCG FLC-WG thrust will coordinate its activities with other NLRCG thrust working groups to obtain relevant background information and to ensure SC wide integration of the practices and recommendations

Future Lab Computing Thrust

Plans – Initiated Summer 2017

• Near term

- Assemble working group members
- Circulate questionnaire including key topics in the area of DCDE
 - Distributed resource management, Workflow/workload management, Interactive access, Surge computing, Virtualization/Containers, Streaming Data, User Model, Data Storage
- Assemble list of experts and PIs on topics for DCDE

• Mid term

- Analyze and summarize survey / questionnaire responses, and synthesize past and current technical activities into review of state-of-the-art
- Invite and set up talks by guest speakers and PIs

• Report phase

- Face-to-face meeting at Supercomputing 2017
- Determine gaps and activities needed to pilot an operational deployment of a DCDE
- Incorporate content and best practices from guest speakers and findings into report

Capabilities and Background Reviewed

- Science Use Case
 - NWChemEX Theresa Windus
 - LCLS Amedeo Perazzo
- Facilities
 - OLCF Jack Wells
 - NERSC David Skinner
 - EMSL Dave Cowley
 - ESNET Eli Dart
 - JLAB Amber Boehnlein
 - CADES@ORNL Arjun Shankar
 - Data@BNL Eric Lancon
 - LCRC@ANL Ray Bair

- Middlewares/Tools
 - Swift Michael Wilde
 - HEPCloud- Panagiotis Spentzouris
 - Pegasus Ewa Deelman
 - NSF Collaborative Shantenu Jha
- Data and Data Movement
 - RUCIO Vincent Garonne
 - IRODS Jason Coposky
- Security
 - Authentication and Authorization and ID Management - Von Welch



DCDE Benefits and Challenge

- Right compute resources available to DOE researchers regardless of location
- Data accessible from anywhere
- Data can be moved easily
- Unified seamless computing environment with information technology hurdles
- Challenges
 - Enable self-support
 - Enable platforms as service abstraction
 - Improve protocols for enabling growing number of workflows
 - Create on-the-fly intelligent data access and data management

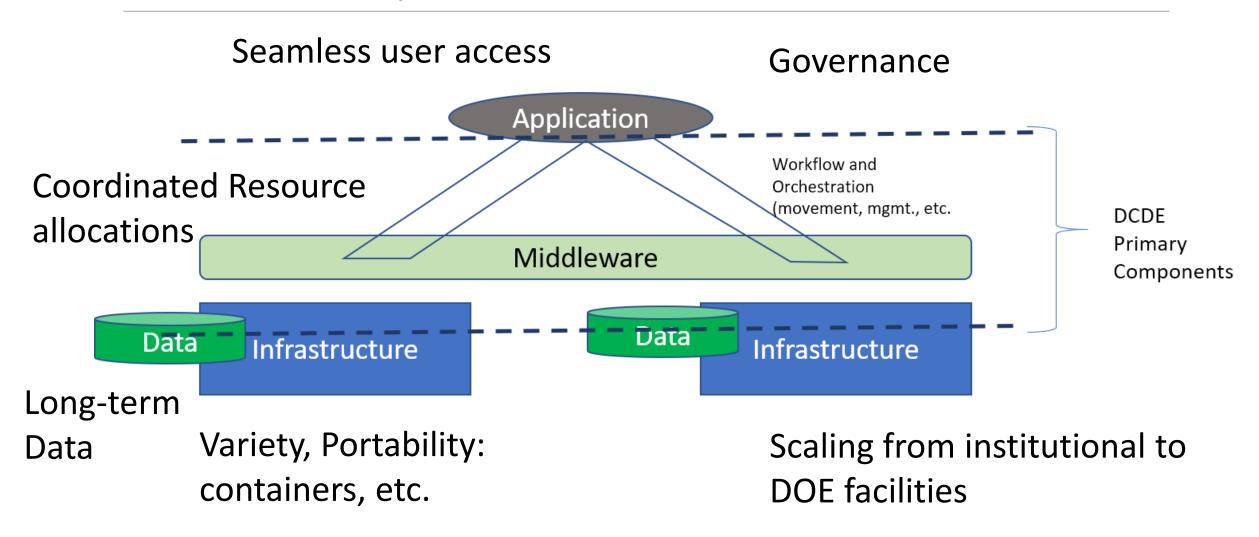
Recurring themes

- Make the SC complex computing look like a coherent whole
- Combine capabilities surge instead of planning for peaks
- Growing scientific collaborations and a forthcoming deluge of data
- Need to collaborate with other thrust areas
 - Data management
 - Federated ID (primarily not a technical issue)
- Easier access to data at different facilities
- Consistent levels of services across providers and facilities (Labs, universities, networks,...)
- Mid-scale facilities required for development, tests, glue across facilities
- Machine-Learning
- Containers for portability

FLC-WG Preliminary recommendations

- Establish pilot(s) that implement all (most?) of following items/topics
- ID management
- Allocation & accounting
- Ease of use
- Variety of use
- Long-term data management
- Governance mechanisms

DCDE Components



Thank you!

Questions?