



Planning for 2019 In Situ Data Management (ISDM) Workshop

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Washington DC area

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Workshop Planning

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Abstract

This workshop seeks community input on the development of in situ capabilities for managing the execution and data flow among a wide variety of coordinated tasks for scientific computing.

The workshop considers ISDM beyond the traditional roles of accelerating simulation I/O and visualizing simulation results, to more broadly support future scientific computing needs. In particular, the convergence of simulation, data analysis, and artificial intelligence will require machine learning, data manipulation, creation of data products, assimilation of experimental and observational data, analysis across ensemble members, and, eventually the incorporation of tasks on non-von Neumann architecture.

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Logistics

Date	Location
Feb. 2019	D.C. area

Definition of In Situ

“In situ data management (ISDM) is the **coordination** of **heterogeneous applications**, executing **simultaneously** in an **HPC system**, cooperating toward a **common objective**.” – ISDM planning document

Coordination:

Scheduling, launching, controlling, monitoring, communicating

Heterogeneous applications:

Parallel executables (large tasks), different authors, languages, programming/data models, runtimes

Simultaneous execution:

Part of the same “job” or scheduled concurrently, as opposed to post hoc (sometime later)

HPC system:

Co-located machines (supercomputer + vis cluster), accelerators, coprocessors in the same facility

Common objective:

Intentional, not coincidental coordination

Strict in situ (“in place”), in transit, online, run-time, co-processing, time partitioning, space partitioning \subseteq in situ.

Postprocessing, post hoc, distributed area $\not\subseteq$ in situ.

Crosscutting Themes

- **Uses beyond visualization and I/O**
 - E.g., multiphysics, ensembles, EOD streaming data, AI, ML, Big Data, workflows
- **Unconventional tasks, data, and hardware**
 - E.g., finding correlations between simulations and experiments using deep neural networks on classical CPUs/GPUs accelerated by neuromorphic processors
- **Modularity and interoperability**
 - Within and outside of ISDM
- **Software productivity and sustainability**
 - Why isn't anyone using my software? Why do users roll their own code?
- **Assumptions and dependencies (A&D) on other parts of the system**
 - E.g., distributed workflow management, system software and services

Topic Areas (= Workshop Sessions)

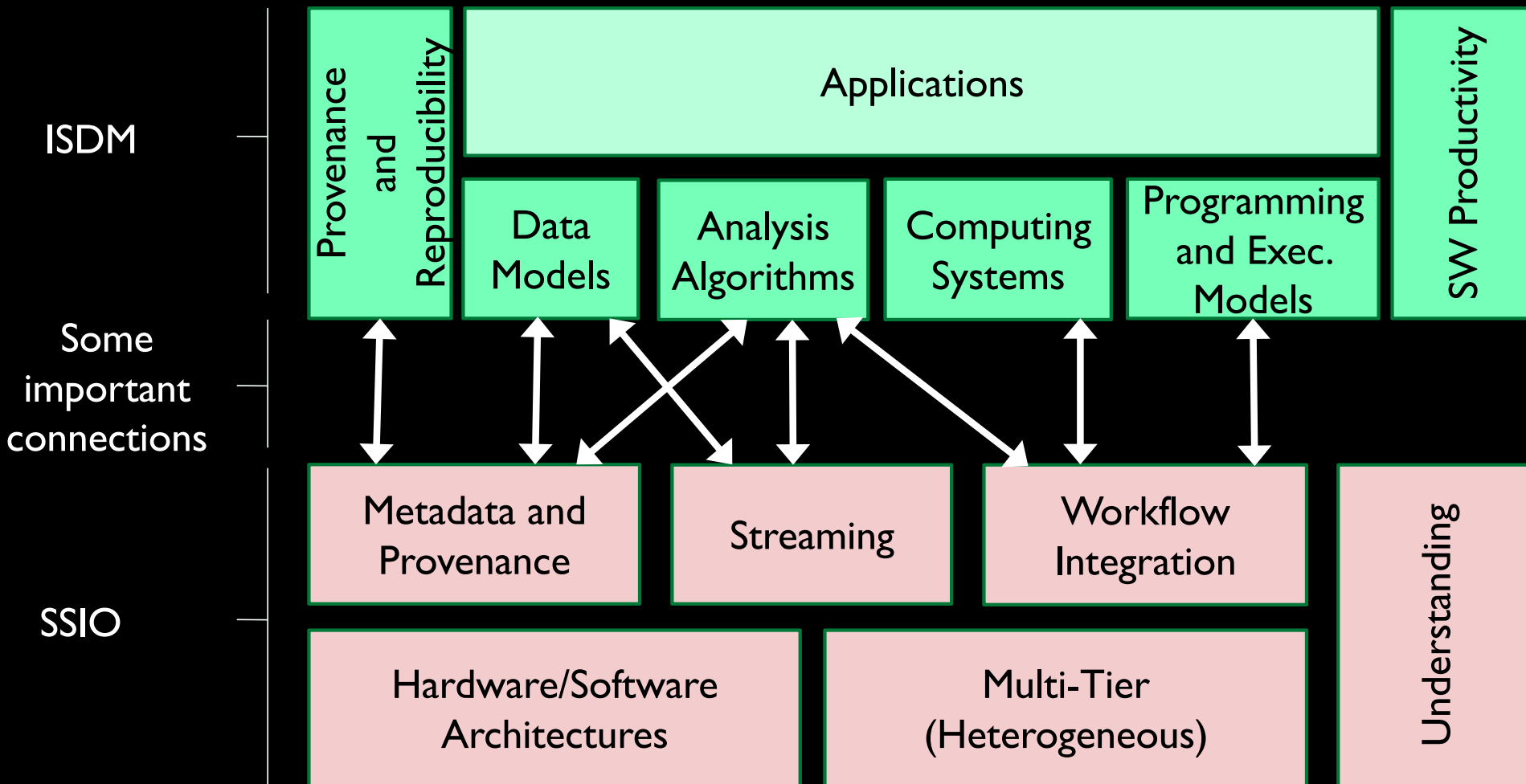
- **Science applications**
 - Interface to applications and science workflows given user needs and current solutions
- **Computing systems**
 - Interface to hardware and system software stacks and design of ISDM for future platforms
- **Data models**
 - Managing the structure and semantics of in situ data given disparate models of constituent data
- **Programming and execution models**
 - Programming and executing an ISDM framework given disparate models of constituent tasks
- **Provenance and reproducibility**
 - Collecting performance data and validating scientific data in order to achieve reproducibility
- **Analysis algorithms**
 - Developing portable, high-performance algorithms that can be used in situ and elsewhere
- **Software productivity**
 - Designing software that can be built, deployed, sustained, and used to support DOE science

SSIO Coordination

Observations

- Common drivers
 - DOE mission needs
 - Emerging systems
- SSIO
 - More system-focused
 - More about mechanisms (less about policy)
- ISDM
 - More application-focused
 - Influences policies that drive SSIO mechanisms
- Examples
 - SSIO provenance support might focus on system- and service-level information, while ISDM provenance support focuses on workflow and application data
 - ISDM data models might build on SSIO metadata capabilities (e.g., indexing, distributed data services)

Connections



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