

Streamlining Data Management and Operations with Airflow for Heliophysics Research and Space Weather Forecasting

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Multi-agency strategic investment in US space weather program

CCMC Goals



Facilitate space weather & space science research & model development

Support transition of advances in research to space weather operations

Established in 2000

Original team: Michael Hesse (founding director), Masha Kuznetsova (deputy), Lutz Rastaetter First equipment: 3 Sun Workstations First model: SWMF (U. Michigan)



Models at CCMC

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Services at the CCMC

We offer a range of run services that contribute to building a network of simulation services and run result archives. Our services support forecasting, model validation, education, and space science research.

We provide multiple different ways to perform model runs:



Runs-on-Request

Long running simulations by request. Submit a request and get notified when the results are ready.



Continuous Run

Continuously running models. View the latest results of several models without a separate request.



Instant Run

Instantly executing models. Select a model and see the results instantly in your browser.



CCMC's Hybrid Environment

We utilize a Hybrid architecture to help manage all of the different services we help support.

But how do we manage all of the data?







Data and Operational Challenges

Current Challenges

- Manage multiple file transfer pipelines and syncs across environments.
- Improve visibility for scattered cron jobs to ensure proper execution.
- Increase overall reliability for users and data archives.

What's the Impact?

 Inefficient operations and delays in delivering critical data to the services that might need them.



Big Ball of Mud of Pipelines Look Familiar?





Future Challenges: The Reality of Big Data

Big Data

More Data, More Costs

Volume The large amount of data generated Cost and collected. XO Velocity The speed at which data is generated, collected, and processed. (IB) Variety The different types of data (structured, Siz unstructured, semi-structured).



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Data Tiering





Role of Apache Airflow

Key Benefits

- Distributed workflow orchestration tool used by many organizations like AirBnb, Uber, Department of Energy Labs.
- Agents can run within servers and containers.
- Centralizes and schedules jobs across environments, which can typically be Python but supports other types depending on the Operator used.
- Efficient detection and alerting for pipeline failures.
- Allows non-airflow experts to manage, start, and restart the pipelines they own.

Data Observability

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Different Roles for Different Folks

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CCMC Implementation of Airflow Demo

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Improves our interconnected networks of simulation services and run result archives

- Enhanced **monitoring and error detection** for improved reliability.
- Standardized metadata capture to build a metadata database for tiering and improved DataOps.
- Support for complex workflows and data transformations.
- Improved data reliability and accessibility for researchers and forecasters for all of the services we offer.







Leading Open Science at NASA: CCMC's Commitment

- Pioneering the use of AWS since 2019 to build collaborative, distributed systems.
- Open-sourcing tools like **Kamodo** via NASA's open science initiative.
- Actively contributing to global open-source projects such as **OpenSpace**.

With this in mind, we're looking at how to share our distributed Airflow setup to help others facing similar challenges.

Reach out to us if interested!





Future Outlook and Conclusion

- Continue migrating more jobs and file transfers to Airflow; collaborate with researchers to help them create and manage their own workflows.
- Develop a metadata database to enhance data captured through Airflow.
- Explore additional ways to improve the setup; Airflow remains a flexible tool within a centralized distributed workflow management system.
- Overall, Airflow has met our needs at CCMC and will be a key component in developing interconnected networks of simulation services and run result archives.



Thank you for your time! Any Questions?



Community Coordinated Modeling Center

For more information on CCMC, please visit our website:



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