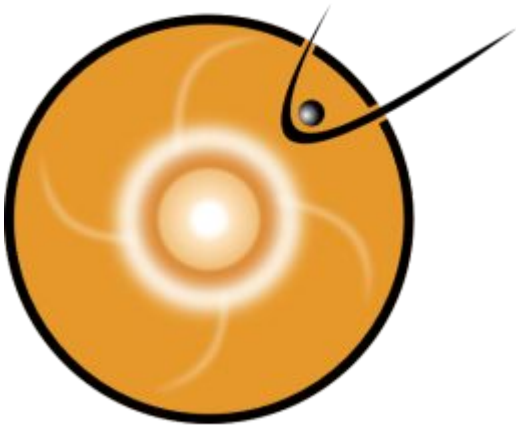


# Streamlining Data Management and Operations with Airflow for Heliophysics Research and Space Weather Forecasting

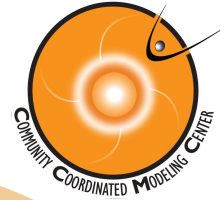
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## Multi-agency strategic investment in US space weather program

### 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

SWMF.SC+EEGGL+CME

AWSoM EEGGL SRPM

PFSS.Petrie ANMHD

PFSS.Macneice FLAMPA  
PFSS.Luhman

n MagPy

MAG4 UMASEP SPRINTS-SEP

ASAP ASSA AMOS

WSA NLFFF GSU All Clear

MAGIC SNB3GEO FISM2

GCR BON NOVICE

NAIRAS CARI-7

WSA-ENLIL

WSA-ENLIL+Cone

WSA-ENLIL+EPREM

WSA-ENLIL+SEPMOD

HESPERIA RELEASE

PREDICCS EMMREM

SEPSTER

iPATH ZEUS+iPATH

SAWS-ASPECS

CORHEL

CORHEL- CME

Heltomo IPS

GAMERA/Helio

DBM SEPSTER2D

SWMF.SH

DIPS

Heliosphere

MAGE/GAMERA+REMIX+RCM

LFM-MIX GIC

OpenGGCM+CTIM

SWMF+RCM+deltaB

SWMF+RCM

SWMF+RCM+RBE

SWMF+RCM+CRCM

LFM-MIX-TIEGCM

WINDMI LANLstar

IGRF Tsyganenko

PS VP Weigel-deltaB

AACGM Apex

AMPS GUMICS

VPIC

PAMHD

PIC-Hesse

Local Physics

WACCM-X WAM-IPE

SAMI3/WACCM-X

NCAR DART

GMAT CTIPe

DTM2020 IDA4D

TIE-GCM USU-GAIM

SAM SWACI-TEC

ABBYNormal

NRLMSISE

SAMI-3 GITM

PBMOD

WBMOD

Weimer IE

Weimer-deltaB

IRI JB2008

IMPACT

COSGROVE-PF

Ovation Prime

TRIPL-DA

Ionosphere/  
Thermosphere

Inner  
Magnetosphere

## 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.



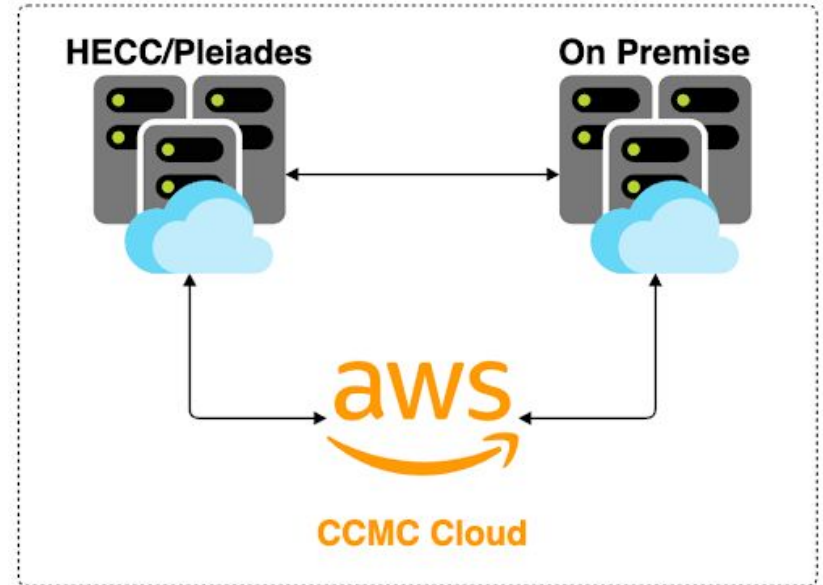
### Instant Run

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?



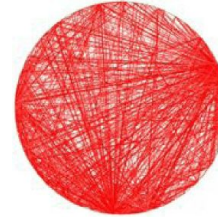
# Data and Operational Challenges

## 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.

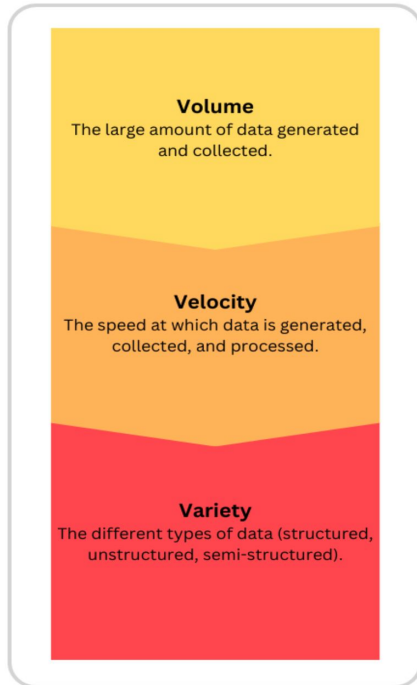


Big Ball of Mud of Pipelines  
Look Familiar?

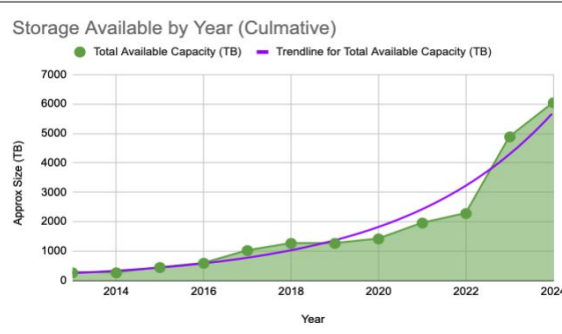
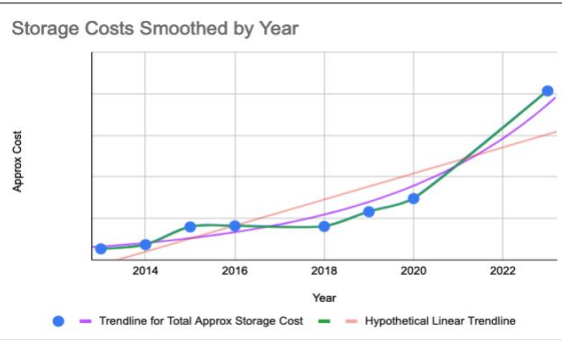


# Future Challenges: The Reality of Big Data

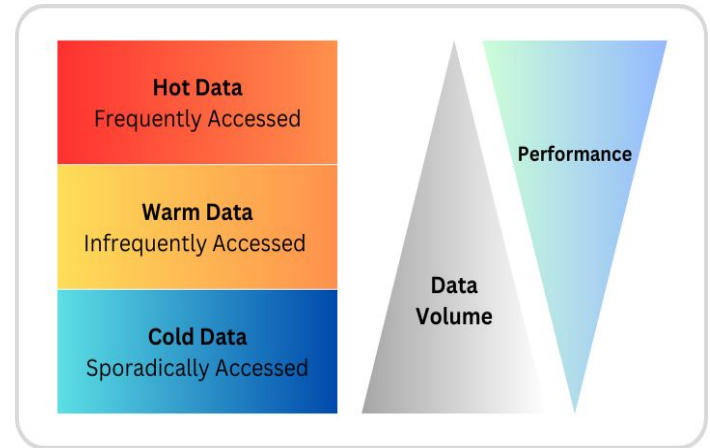
## Big Data



## More Data, More Costs



## Data Tiering

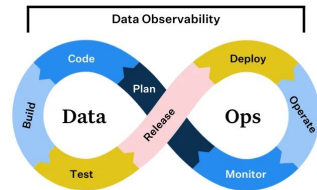


# Role of Apache Airflow

## 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.

*Different Roles for Different Folks*



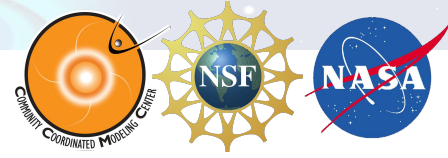
The screenshot shows the Apache Airflow web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for DAGs, Cluster Activity, Datasets, Security, Browse, Admin, and Docs. The main area displays a list of DAGs with columns for DAG name, Owner, Runs, Schedule, Last Run, Next Run, and Recent Tasks. Below this, a detailed view of the 'downloader' DAG is shown, including a Gantt chart and a summary table.

DAG	Owner	Runs	Schedule	Last Run	Next Run	Recent Tasks	Actions
downloader	CCMC	10000	10000	2024-04-04, 19:00:00	2024-04-04, 20:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]
taskwatcher	airflow	10000	10000	2024-04-04, 19:00:00	2024-04-04, 20:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]
process_data_dag	airflow	1 day, 00:00:00	1 day, 00:00:00	2024-04-04, 17:33:24	2023-01-01, 00:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]
processing	CCMC	10000	10000	2024-04-04, 00:00:00	2024-04-04, 00:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]
refresh_dags	airflow	10000	10000	2024-04-04, 19:00:00	2024-04-04, 20:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]
test_logging_dag	airflow	10000	10000	2024-04-04, 19:00:00	2024-04-04, 19:00:00	[Task Status Icons]	[Start/Stop/Refresh]

DAG Runs Summary	
Total Runs Displayed	21
Total Success	19
Total Failed	2
First Run Start	2024-04-04, 18:28:56 UTC
Last Run Start	2024-04-04, 20:01:48 UTC





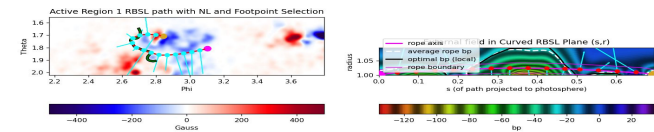
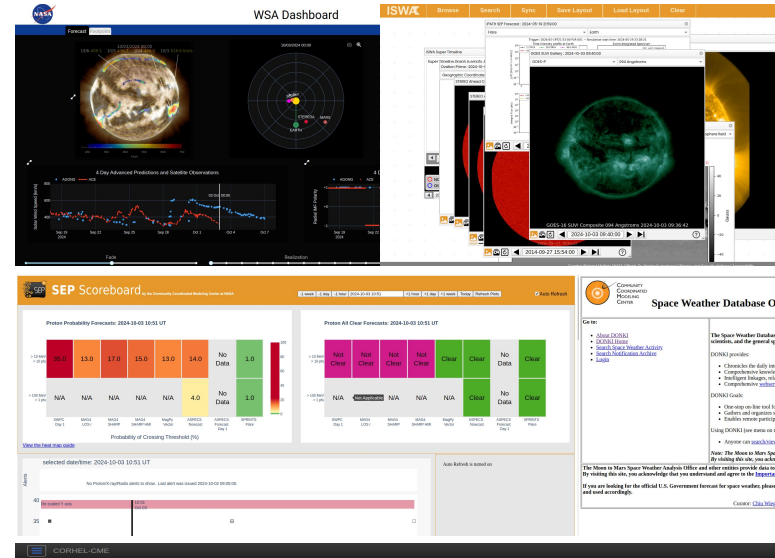
# CCMC Implementation of Airflow Demo

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Airflow login page. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'airflow.ccmc.smce.nasa.gov/login/?next\_url=http%3A%2F%2Fairflow.ccmc.smce.nasa.gov%2Fhome'. The page features the Airflow logo in the top left and the text '14:07 UTC' and 'Log In' in the top right. A central 'Sign In' box contains a blue button labeled 'Sign In with KeyCloak'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with a temperature of 56°F, the date 5/24/2024, and the time 3:07 PM.



# 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.



Current Model: 0		Close Confinement: 0		RBSL Optimization: 0	
Magnetic Flux Info		Magnetic Flux Info		Magnetic Flux Info	
Total flux of the selected active region: 0	Negative flux (10 <sup>22</sup> Mx)	Positive flux (10 <sup>22</sup> Mx)	Proton flux (10 <sup>22</sup> Mx)	Average Potential (kV)	Average Potential (kV)
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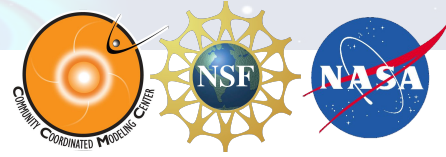
## Leading Open Science at NASA: CCMC's Commitment

- 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!



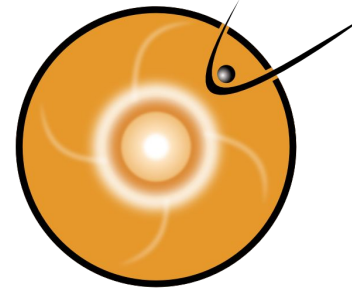


## Future Outlook and Conclusion

- 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?



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