Fault Tolerance and Recovery of Scientific Workflows on Computational Grids

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Virtual Grid Application Development Software Project

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- Fault tolerance and recovery service
- Algorithms
 - migration, over-provisioning
- Evaluation with LEAD
- Conclusion





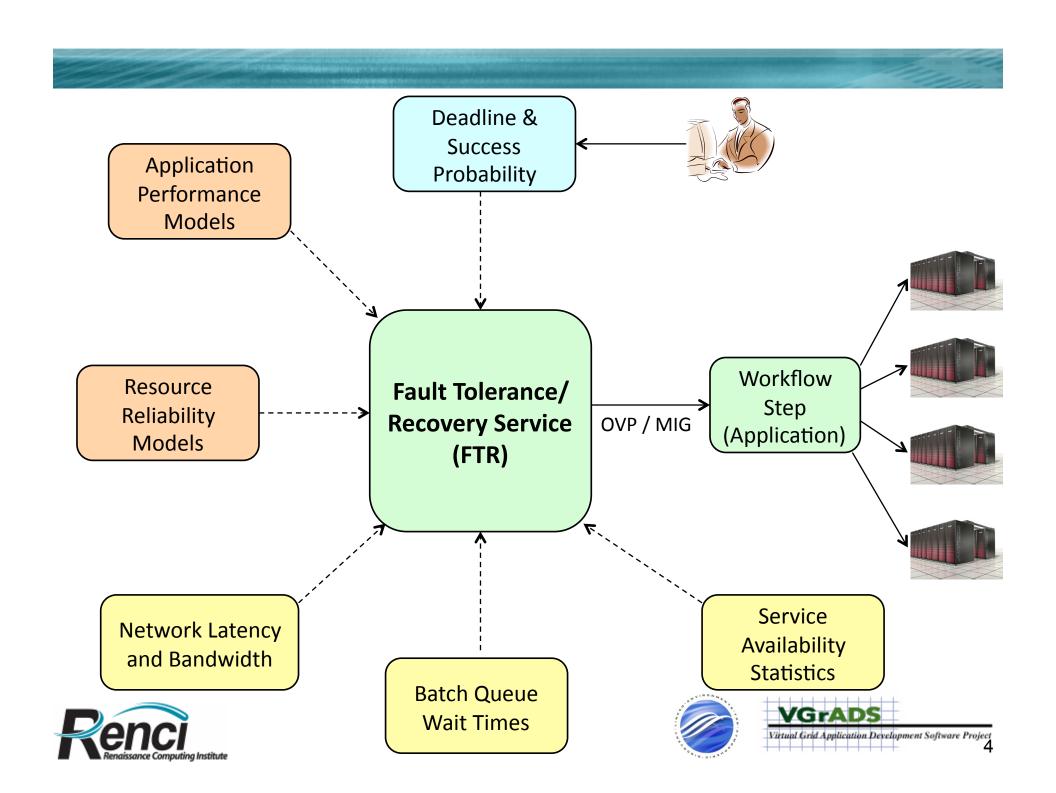


Motivation

- Reliability and performance are related
 - failure is the limiting case of poor performance
 - both involve measures of behavior over time
- Large, complex workflows are sensitive to failures
 - faults are the norm, rather than exceptions
 - distributed systems, services and resources
 - completion "guarantees" are problematic
 - workflow completion is probabilistic in the presence of faults
- Many time-critical workflows are deadline driven
 - severe weather events, disaster response, …







FTR Service

- Resource models
 - MDS for static resource characteristics
 - NWS for network latency and bandwidth between resources
 - QBETS for batch queue wait time prediction on resources
 - simple reliability models
- Application models
 - based on simple parametric historical performance models
- Deadline of workflow steps
- Success probability
 - expected probabilistic completion guarantee
- Grid services' availability
 - core middleware services like WS-GRAM, GridFTP





FTR Algorithms

Notation

- p_i : failure probability of resource *i* (eg. 1 hr. failure probability)
- *h_i* : expected execution cost of application on resource *i*
 - expected queue wait time
 - expected computation time
 - expected communication time
- x : required success probability
- d : required deadline

m_i : failure probability of application (based on reliability model)

- **Resource** *i* represents (queue, #nodes) combinations •
- Use a simple reliability model
 - assumption : resource failures are independent over time
 - resource failures follow a binomial distribution





Over Provisioning

- Find
 - degree and resources for over-provisioning
- Number of application copies
 - meet a deadline *d* with a success probability *x*
- Solve the following optimization problem

For given [1..M] resources, find a partition
$$P = \{s_1, s_2 \dots s_n\}$$
 of [1..M] such that
 $1 - m_{s1} * m_{s2} * \dots m_{sn} \ge x \land |P|$ is minimum $\land max \{h_{s1} \dots h_{sn}\} \le d$

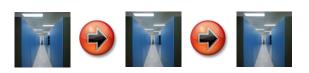
Probability of failure Minimum number of resources meeting deadline







Migration



- Find the best migration path
 - Best resource chain
- Solve the following optimization problem

For given [1..M] resources, find a partition $P = \{s_1, s_2 \dots s_n\}$ such that

 $1 - m_{s1} * m_{s2} * \dots m_{sn} \ge x \land |P|$ is minimum $\land sum(h_{s1} + \dots h_{sn}) \le d$,





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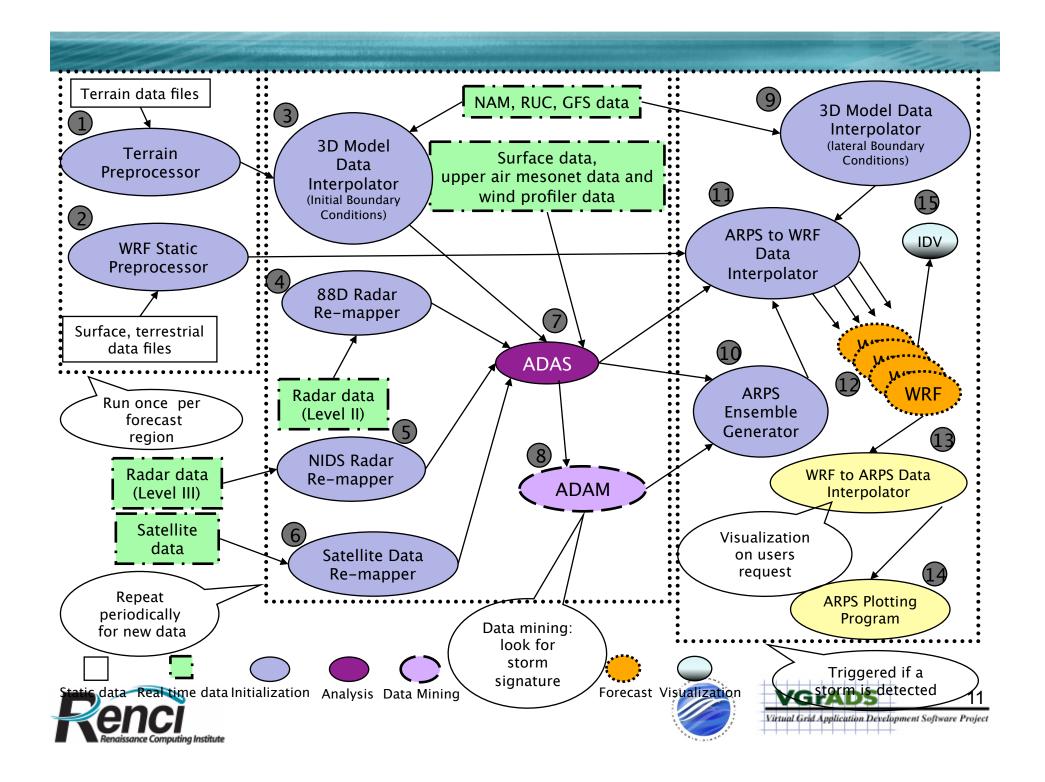


LEAD – Linked Environment and Atmospheric Discovery

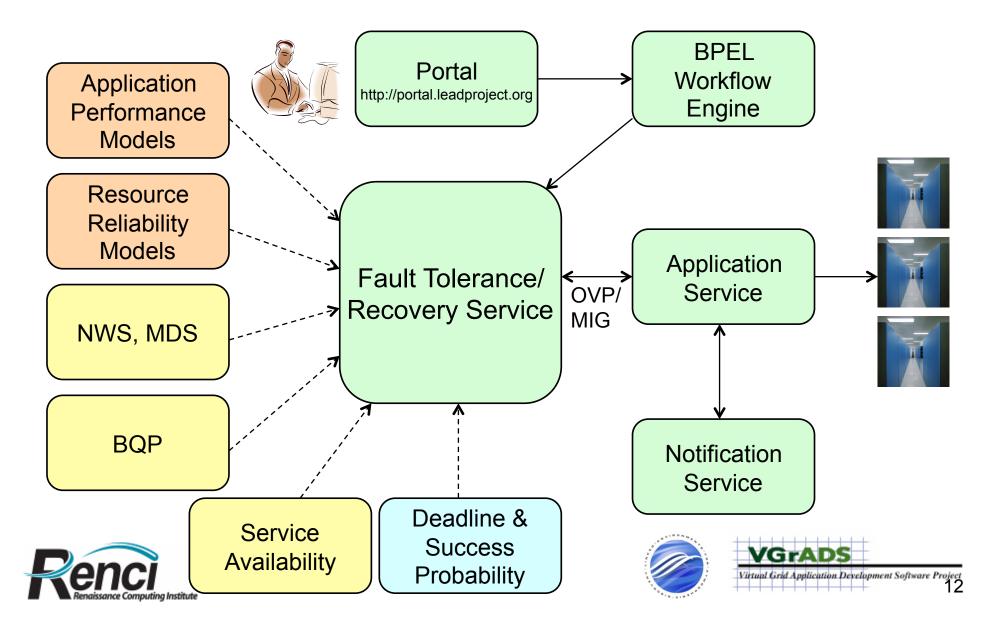
- Integrated scalable framework for dynamic and adaptive meso-scale weather prediction
 - computations continually steered by new weather data
 - responds to decision-driven inputs from users
 - steers remote observing technologies to optimize data collection for problem at hand
 - consists of analysis, visualization and data-mining tools
- Framework consists of
 - Teragrid resources at NCSA, UC and IU
 - weather data repositories (static and dynamic)
 - web portal for user interaction
 - http://portal.leadproject.org







Simplified Architecture: LEAD



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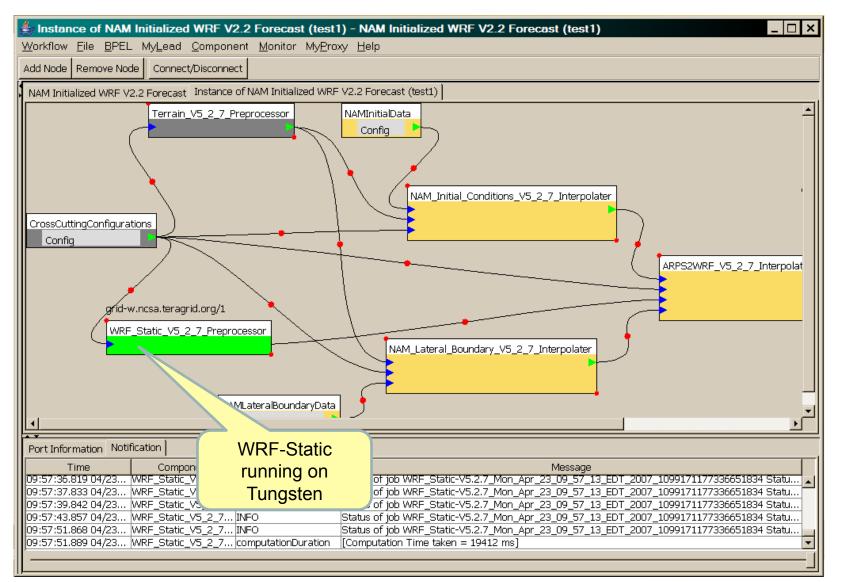
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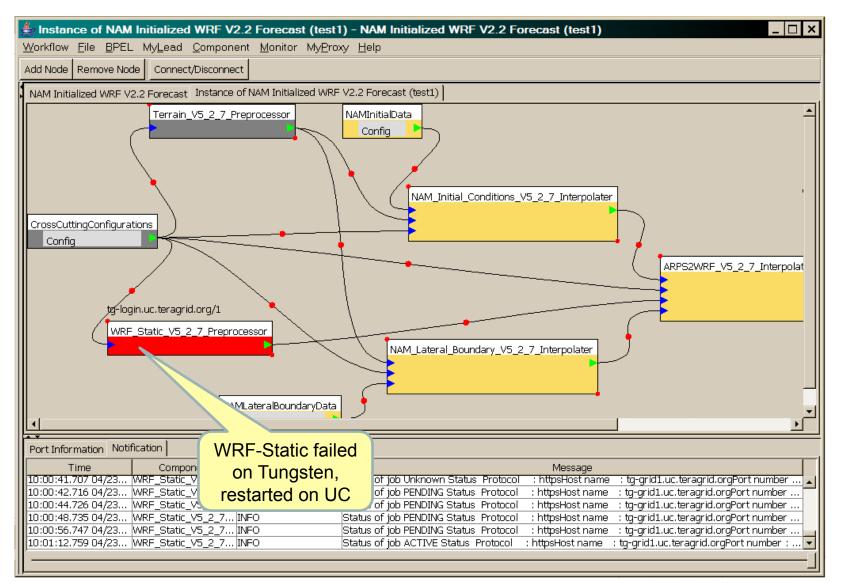






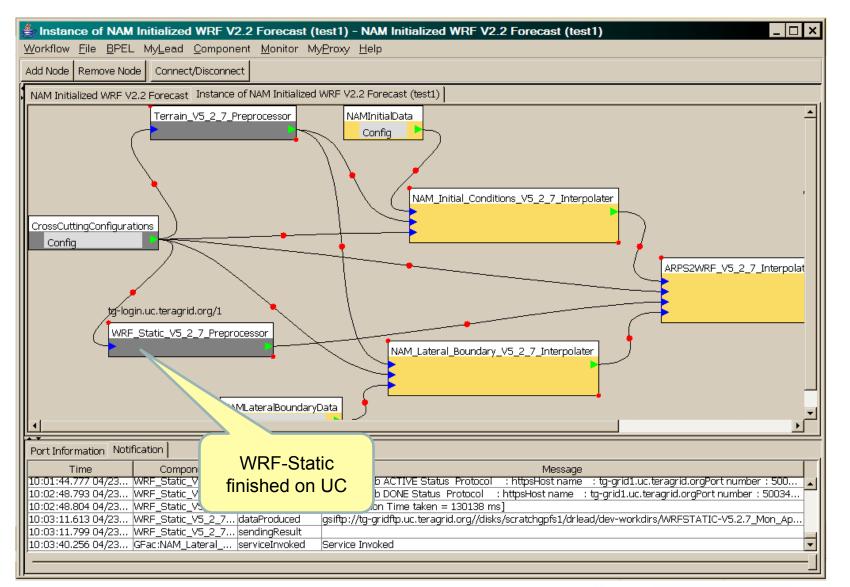






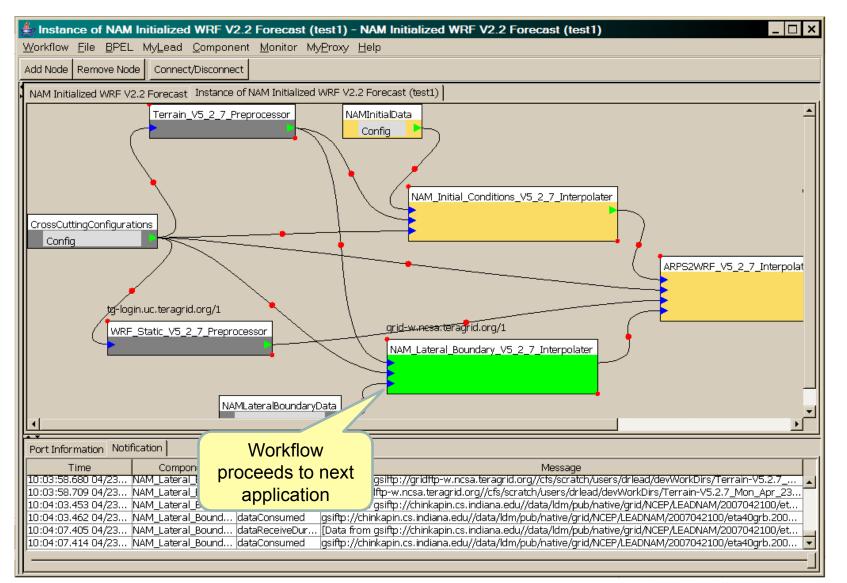






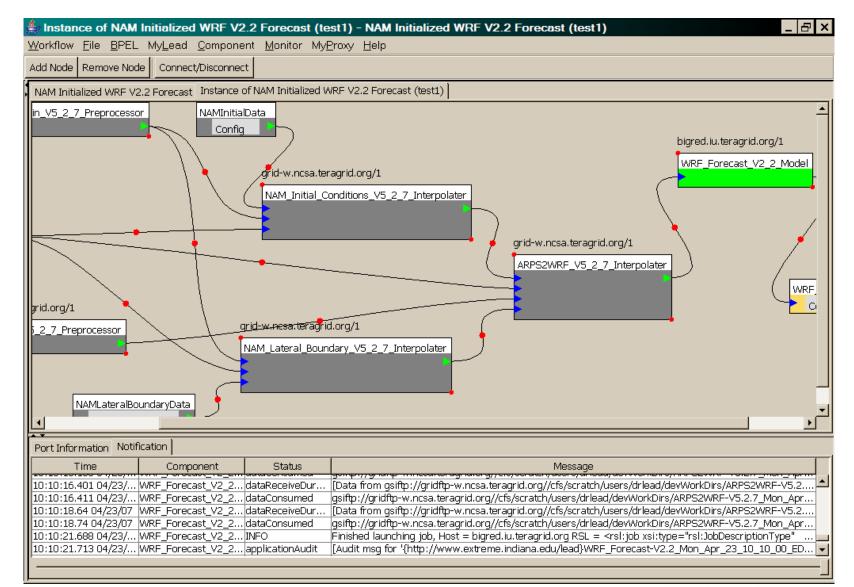








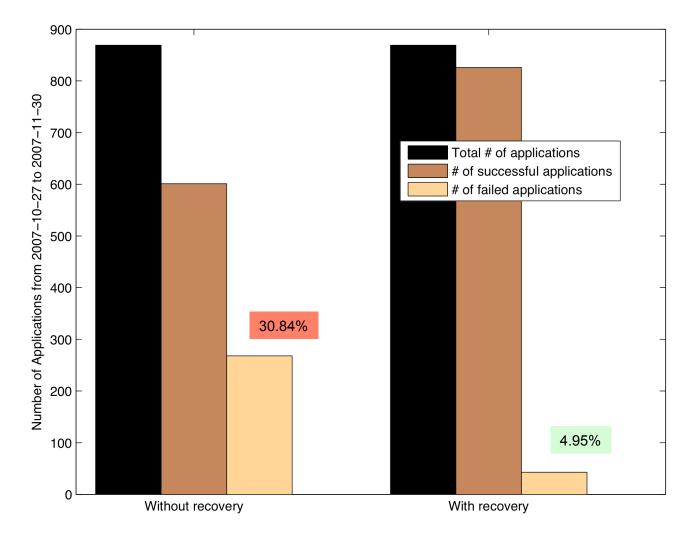








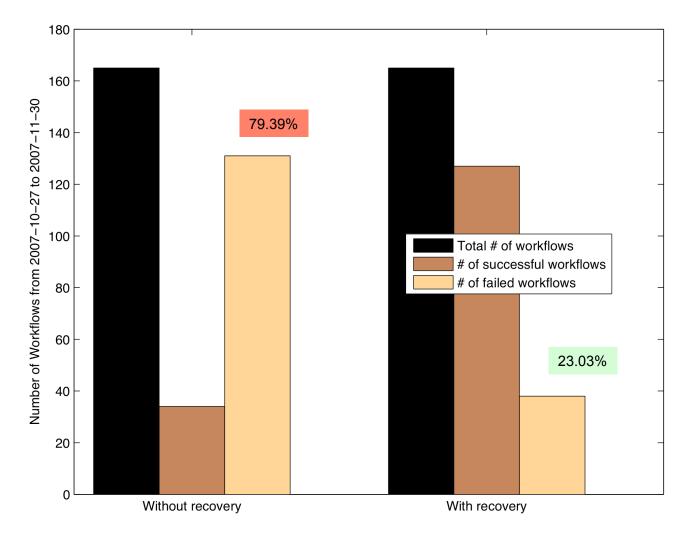
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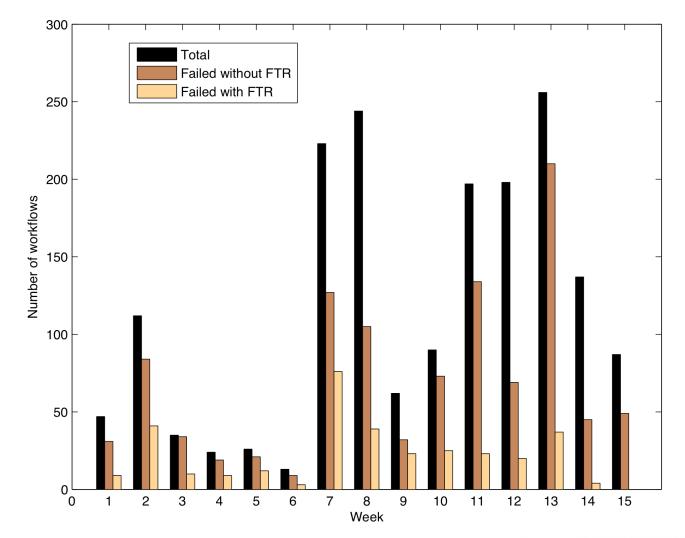
Results: Workflow Failure Rate







Weekly Statistics (past 5 months)







Conclusions

- Developed a fault tolerance and recovery (FTR) service
 - delivers reliable execution of workflows on grids
 - under deadline and success probability constraints
 - uses migration and over-provisioning techniques
- Deployed FTR with LEAD production infrastructure
 - transparent to users
- Results from LEAD workflows show
 - Reduction of application failure rate from 31% to 5%
 - Reduction of workflow failure rate from 80% to 23%
- Future work
 - accurate reliability estimates of resources
 - other fault-tolerance techniques for different workflow types





Questions?







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