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# HPC workflow orchestration using the ipython notebook platform

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# Motivation

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Simplify the orchestration of complex workflows



Present a new onboarding experience, “download, develop, and deploy”



Adaptable and flexible environment



Standard-based platform



Leverage off-the-shelf components



Framework-as-a-Service



Curated marketplace of scientific/data workflows

# Vision

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## Environment

Easily consumed workflows

- Core components
  - A marketplace of workflows (workloads, applications, data)
  - Workflow templates
  - Developer support (Visual Studio, environments, debug, and deploy)

## Frameworks

Orchestration of applications

- Core components
  - Application catalogs (pre-built, optimized for the platform)
  - Development environments (pre-built or customizable)
  - Choice of execution environments, and orchestrators

## Bring your own

Download, develop, and deploy

- Core components
  - Templates
  - Framework-as-a-service
  - Workflow marketplace

# Workflow Requirements

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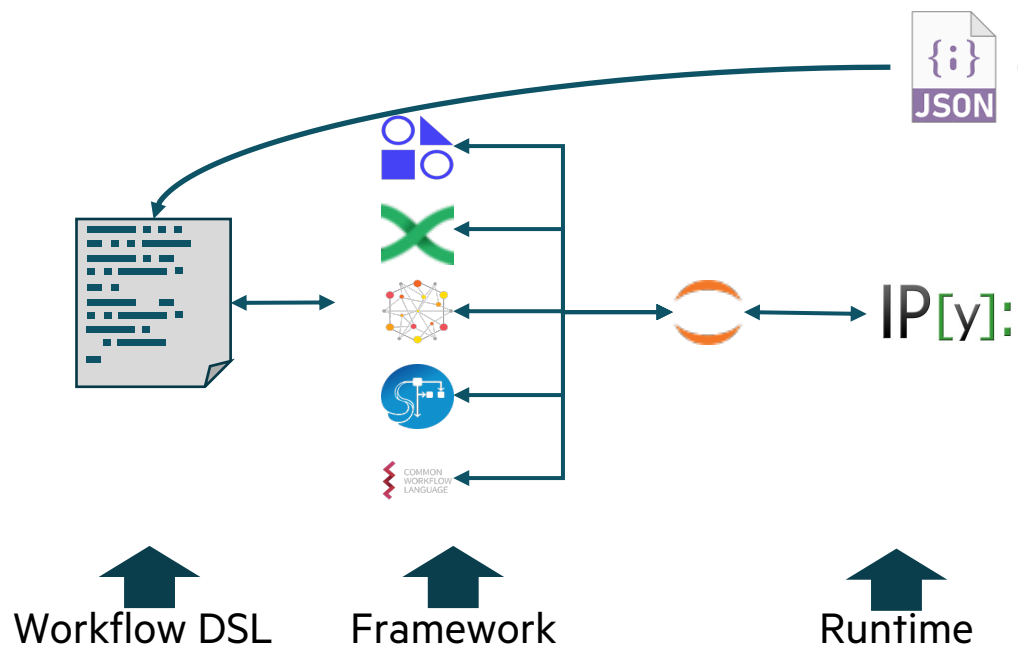
- Language – job abstraction, good semantics
- Machine-independent (as much as possible), infrastructure agnostic – portable
- Flexible resources models – local, remote execution (edge/core/cloud)
- Multi-language support – polyglot (application-specific DSL/interfacing)
- Consumable – containers, registries, repositories



# Workflow System

- **Workflow** Interface, description, DSL

- **Framework** provides the runtime, such as Nextflow, ExaWorks, Streamflow CWL, etc.



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"org.hpe.staxs.framework": "nextflow",  
"org.hpe.staxs.gpu": "none",  
"org.hpe.staxs.kabi": "2.28",  
"org.hpe.staxs.mpi": "mpich",  
"org.hpe.staxs.network": "none",  
"org.hpe.staxs.os": "Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.7 (Ootpa)",  
"org.hpe.staxs.platform": "jupyter",
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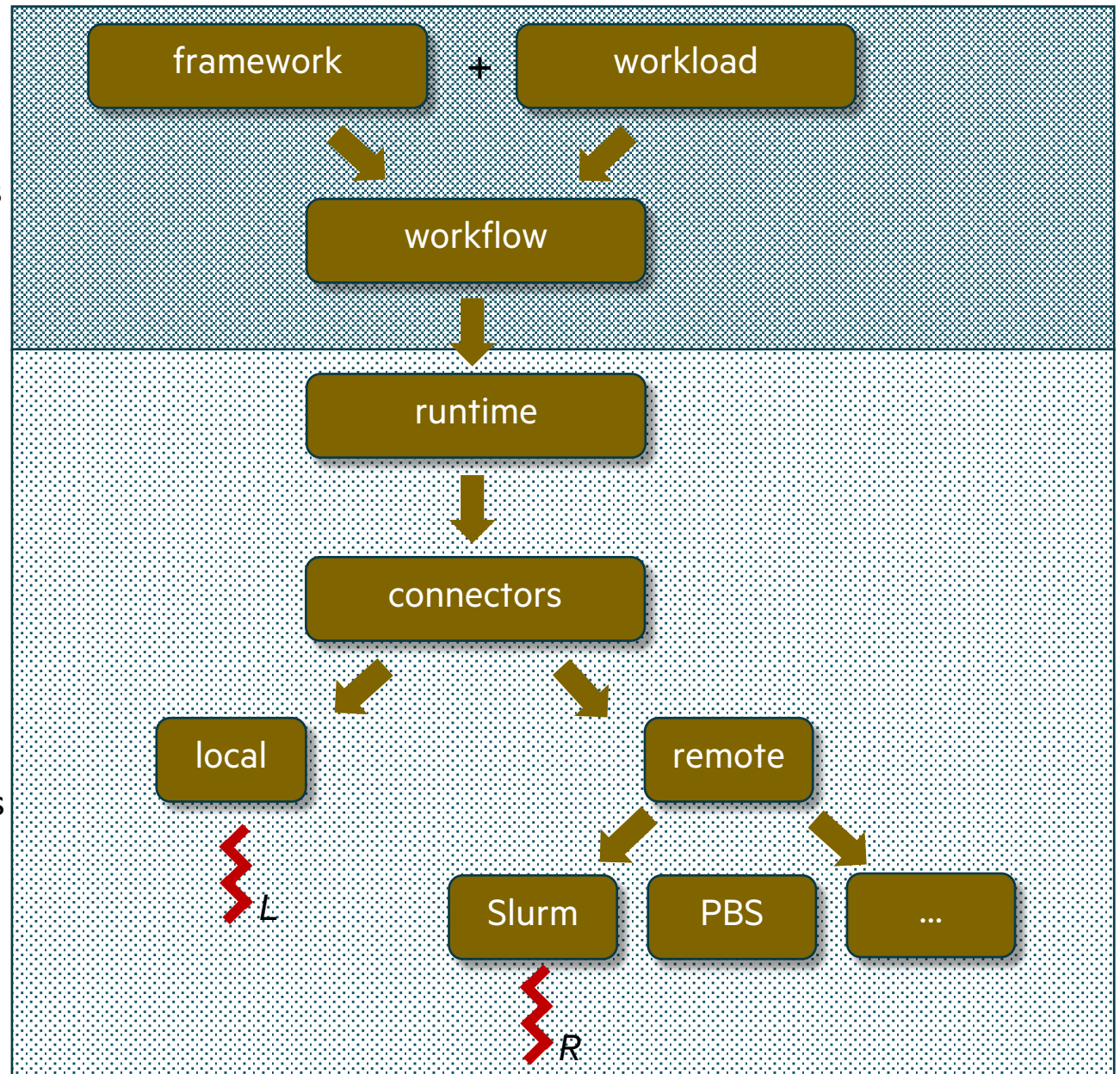
# Workflows & Frameworks

Workflow

Framework provides the computational environment

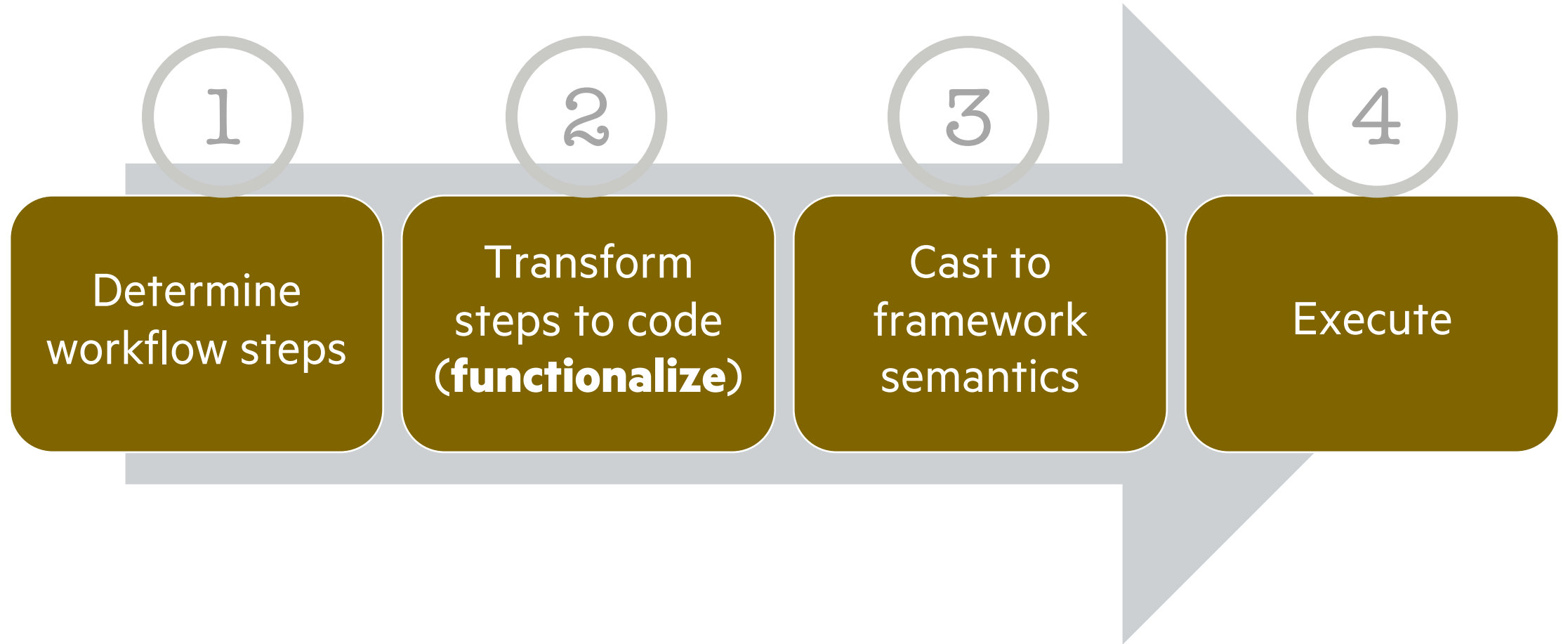
Workflows

Frameworks



# Workflow Development

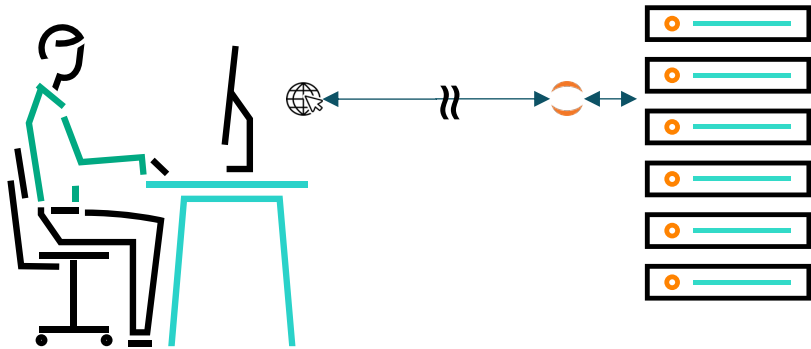
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# Use Case 1 – ExaWorks NWChem

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- Framework: ExaWorks
- Application/workflow: nwChem





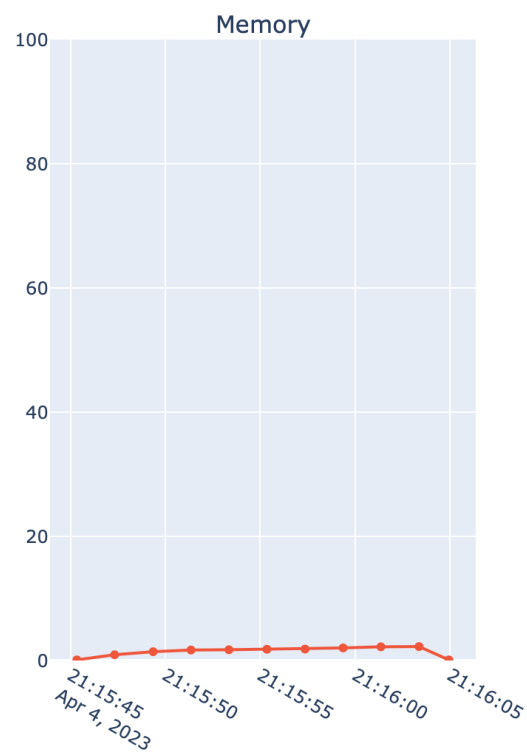
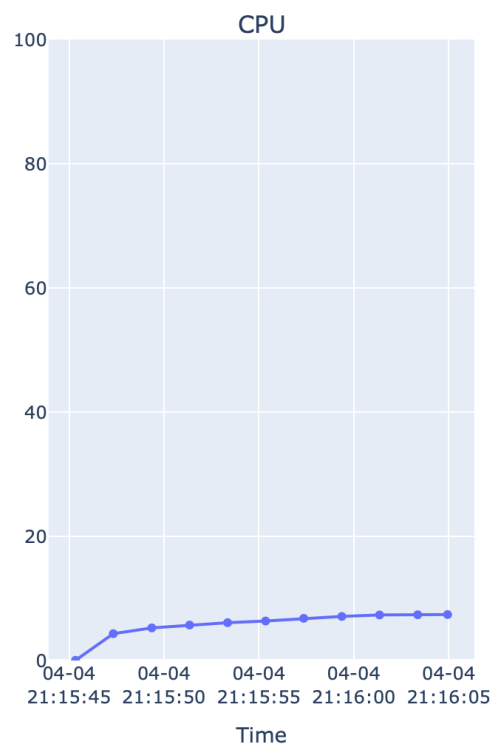
# Use Case 1 – ExaWorks NWChem

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)

xaxis = dict(tickformat='%m-%d\n%H:%M:%S', autorange=True, title='Time')
yaxis = dict(title="Utilization (X)")

fig.update_layout(height=600, width=800, xaxis=xaxis, showlegend=False)
fig.update_yaxes(range=[0, 100])

fig.show()
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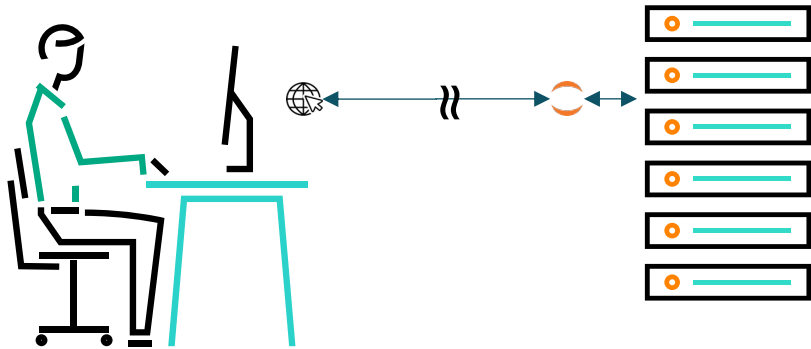
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## Use Case 2 – notebook OpenFOAM

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- Framework: ipython & CWL
- Application/workflow: OpenFOAM



# Use Case 2 – Notebook OpenFOAM

## Step 4. Reconstruct the mesh

```
In [ ]: cp $FOAM_TUTORIALS/resources/geometry/motorBike.obj.gz constant/triSurface/  
surfaceFeatures  
blockMesh  
snappyHexMesh -overwrite
```

## Step 4. Run decomposePar

```
In [ ]: decomposePar -copyZero -force -case .
```

## Step 5. Run potentialFoam in parallel

```
In [1]: OMPI_MCA_plm_rsh_agent=sh mpirun -n 4 potentialFoam -case .  
bash: mpirun: command not found
```

## Step 6. Run potentialFoam

```
In [ ]: OMPI_MCA_plm_rsh_agent=sh mpirun -n 4 potentialFoam -case .
```

## Step 7. Run simpleFoam

```
In [ ]: OMPI_MCA_plm_rsh_agent=sh mpirun -n 4 simpleFoam -case .
```








## Step 8. Verify the model output

```
In [ ]: ls -ltr
```

```
object      decomposeParDict;  
}  
numberOfSubdomains 4;  
method       scotch;  
EOF
```

## Use Case 3 – CWL OpenFOAM

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-  prep.cwl
-  blockMesh.cwl
-  decompsePar.cwl
-  potentialFoam.cwl
-  simpeFoam.cwl
-  snappyHexMesh.cwl
-  surfaceFeatures.cwl



```
cwlVersion: v1.1
class: CommandLineTool
baseCommand: ["blockMesh"]
stdout: blockMesh.out
inputs:
  surfaceFeatures:
    type: File
  casedir:
    type: Directory
    doc: |
      OpenFOAM case directory
  inputBinding:
    position: 1
    prefix: -case
outputs:
  blockMesh_out:
    type: stdout
```



# Use Case 3 – CWL OpenFOAM

Workflow declaration

```
#!/usr/bin/env cwl-runner
cwlVersion: v1.2
class: Workflow
# Workflow inputs.
inputs: casedir: Directory
outputs: []
# Workflow steps.
# Typically, these are all in sequence, one after the other...
steps:
  ...
  potentialFoam:
    run: of/potentialFoam.cwl
    in: casedir: casedir
    decomposePar:
      source: decomposePar/decomposePar_out
    out: [potentialFoam_out]
  simpleFoam:
    run: of/simpleFoam.cwl
    in:
      casedir: casedir
      potentialFoam:
        source: potentialFoam/potentialFoam_out
    out: [simpleFoam_out]
```

Workflow steps

# Wrap up

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- A growing interest in HPC/AI workflows and marketplaces
- Modeling a workflow using a selected DSL requires attention
- Annotated workflows are easier to understand
- No clear leader – portals, community frameworks – no standards



# Thank you

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