The MPO System for Automatic Workflow Documentation

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This Presentation Builds on Previous Presentations

- M. Greenwald, et al., "A Metadata Catalogue for Organization and Systemization of Fusion Simulation Data", 8th IAEA-TM, San Francisco, CA, June 2011

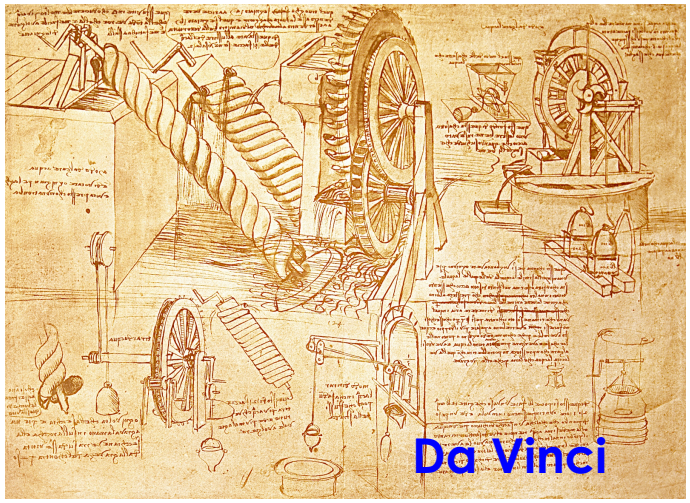
- D.P. Schissel, et al., "Automated Metadata, Provenance Cataloging, Navigable Interfaces: Ensuring the Usefulness of Extreme Scale Data", 9th IAEA-TM, Hefei, China, May 2013

- J.C. Wright, et al., "The MPO API: A Tool for Recording Scientific Workflows", 9th IAEA-TM, Hefei, China, May 2013

Documenting Data and Processes is Important Aspect of Scientific Research Activities

- **Data from research activities is expensive to produce and may be critical for follow-on research**
- **It is not the mere existence of data that is important, but our ability to make use of it**
- **The context and metadata makes the data more usable**
  - Hypotheses
  - Pre-process activities
  - Experiments
  - Computational process
  - Reflections
- **Documenting the process is not an easy task**

Throughout History, Scientists Generated Handwritten Logbooks to Keep Track of Data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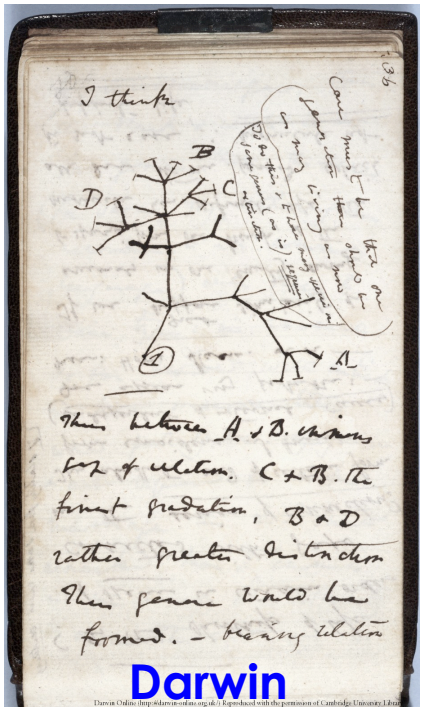
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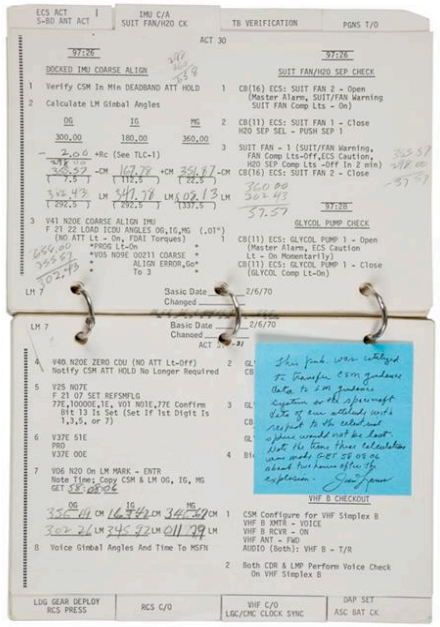
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In the Modern Era Documenting Research Process Made Progress and Met New Challenges

- **Personal computers and mobile devices helped electronic logbooks replace handwritten ones – brought conveniences**
  - Multi-media and hypertext support
  - Store, share and search
- **However, the content creation and log entry remained as a manual activity in the electronic logbooks**
- **As the pace of scientific research accelerated, documenting the process & data became more challenging & time consuming**
  - Increased precision of scientific instruments
  - Rise of exascale computing and arrival of Big Data
  - Result: fragmentation of data, processing, and documentation

Metadata, Provenance and Ontology (MPO) System is for Documenting Scientific Data & Workflow

- **Provenance: Preserve meaning of data by documenting all of the steps taken to produce the data**
  - Automate metadata generation as much as possible
  - Support more systematic management of data used and resulted by analysis and simulation

- **Provide and preserve answers to two key questions:**
  - ***Where did a particular piece of data come from?***
    - Assumptions, inputs, parameters used for calculation
    - The origin of inputs; reasons for assumptions & parameters
  - ***Where was this data used?***
    - Other calculations
    - Publication and presentation
    - Contributions to databases

Potential Use Cases

- **How did I get the data plotted in Fig.6 of my 2014 Phys. Plasmas article?**
- **A calibration error was found in Thomson Scattering data taken during 2011 - the data has now been recalculated.**
  - Where was the old data used?
  - What publications used that data? Were they critical for the published conclusions?
  - Did we contribute that data to a database shared by others?
- **A recently graduated PhD student left behind output from thousands of gyrokinetic simulations**
  - Which of these were used in her thesis?
  - Which might be useful in the future?
  - What were the inputs and parameters used in the interesting runs?

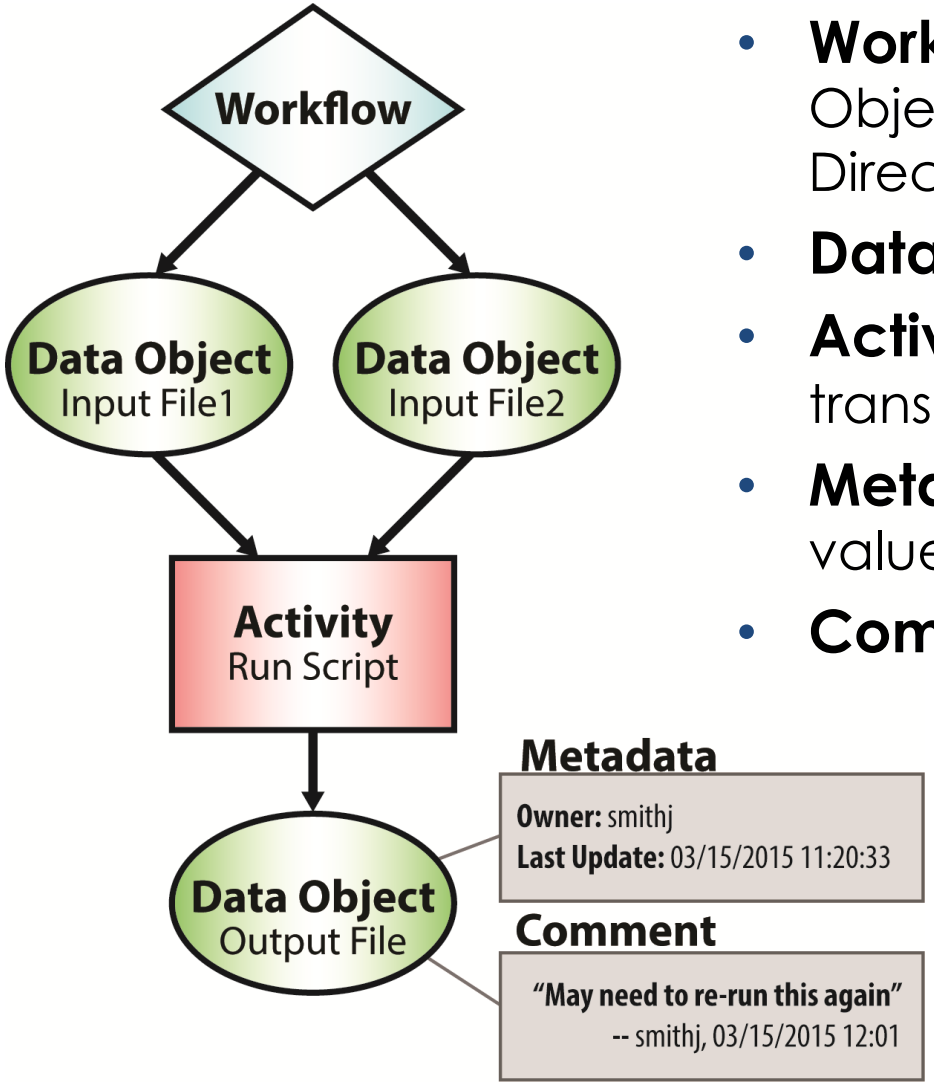
Capabilities of the MPO System

- **Support all types of the scientific workflows – both experimental and computational**

- **Function in a heterogeneous environment and interoperate with workflow tools people are already using**
  - Many different computing platforms – laptop to supercomputer
  - Researchers use many different languages (Shell scripts, Python, IDL, Matlab, etc.) and tools to get their work done
  - Data is stored in different formats (MDSplus, HDF5, NetCDF, ASCII)

- **Once set up, work as automatically as possible**
  - Best suited for scripted rather than one-time use

MPO System Entities and Data Model



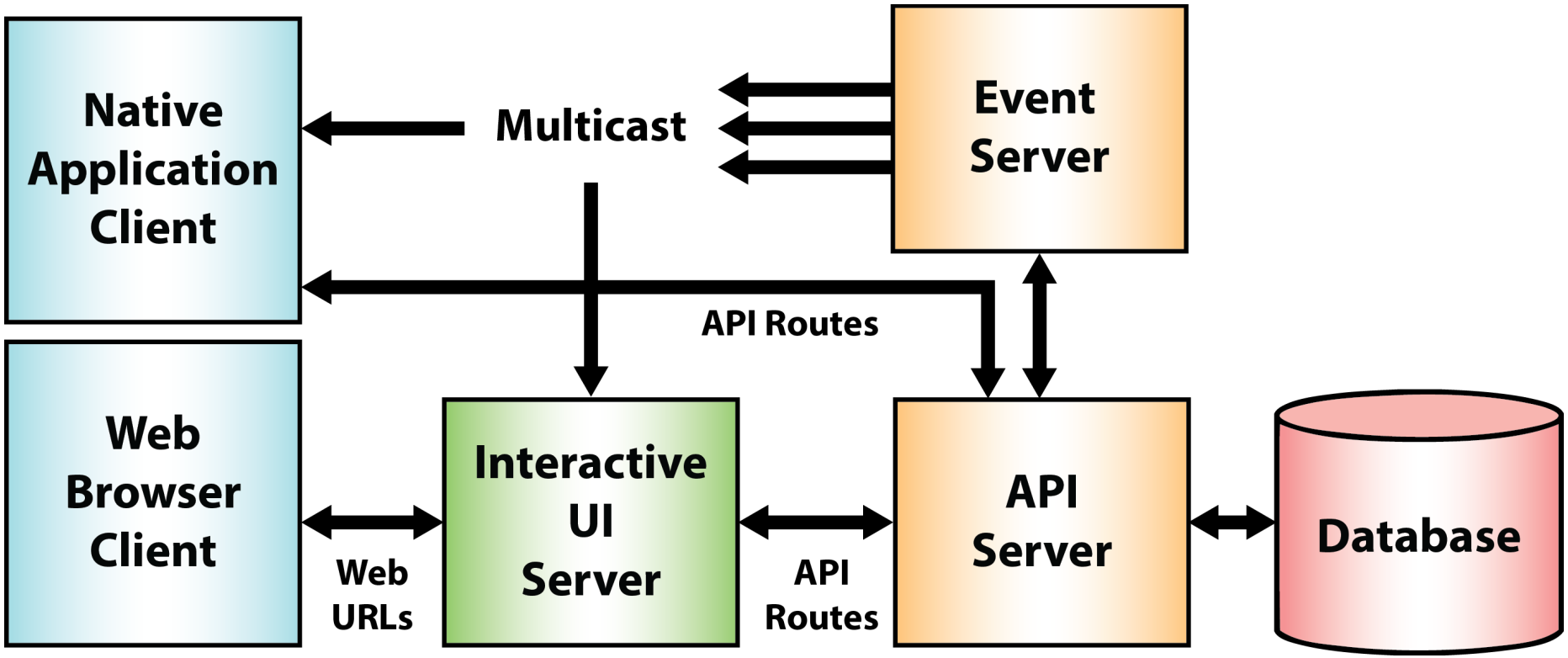
- **Workflow:** A series of connected Data Objects and Activities, organized as a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- **Data Object:** Structured data
- **Activity :** Process that creates, moves or transmutes data to a new form
- **Metadata:** Text-based, arbitrary name-value pairs
- **Comment:** User annotation

- **Connection:** The links between inputs, actions and results
- **Collection:** Group of Data Object, Activity, Workflow, and Collection

MPO Entities Are Uniquely Identified

- **Each MPO entity is given a global unique numerical identifier**
  - UID – Unique ID
  - 128 bit, pseudo random numbers
- **Data object is also identified by a URI (Uniform Resource Identifier)**
  - The URI is the pointer to the data object
  - URI includes the data protocol name and the path to the data
  - Examples: MDSplus server+node path, HDF5 file +data location
- **Workflows also can be identified by composite ID**
  - Examples: doej/EFIT/52, smitha/OMFIT/1002
- **Searching is enhanced by defining a "controlled vocabulary"**
  - User-defined, hierarchical ontology

The MPO System is Based on a Multi-Tier Software Architecture

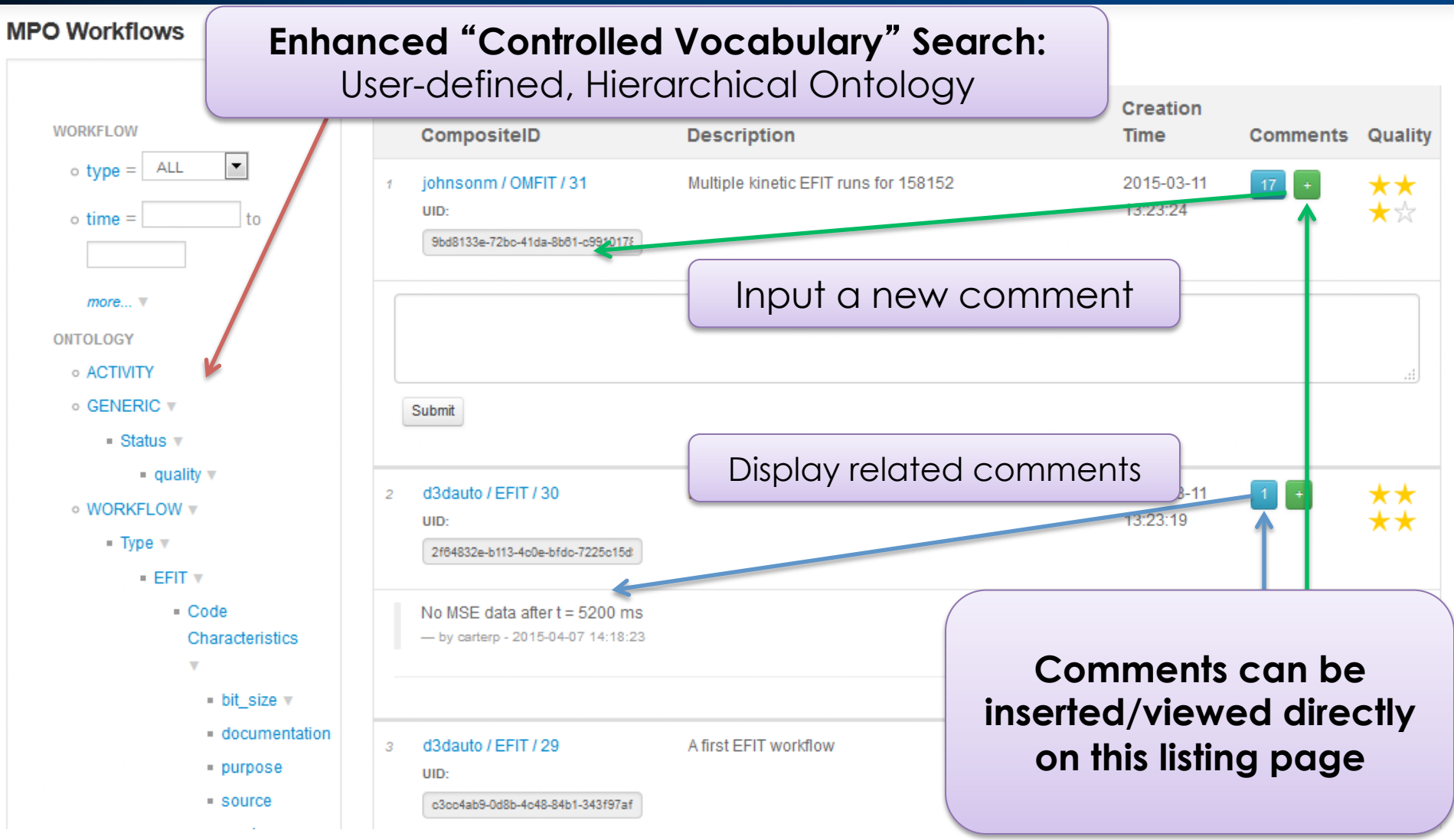


MPO System Is Based on Open-Source Software

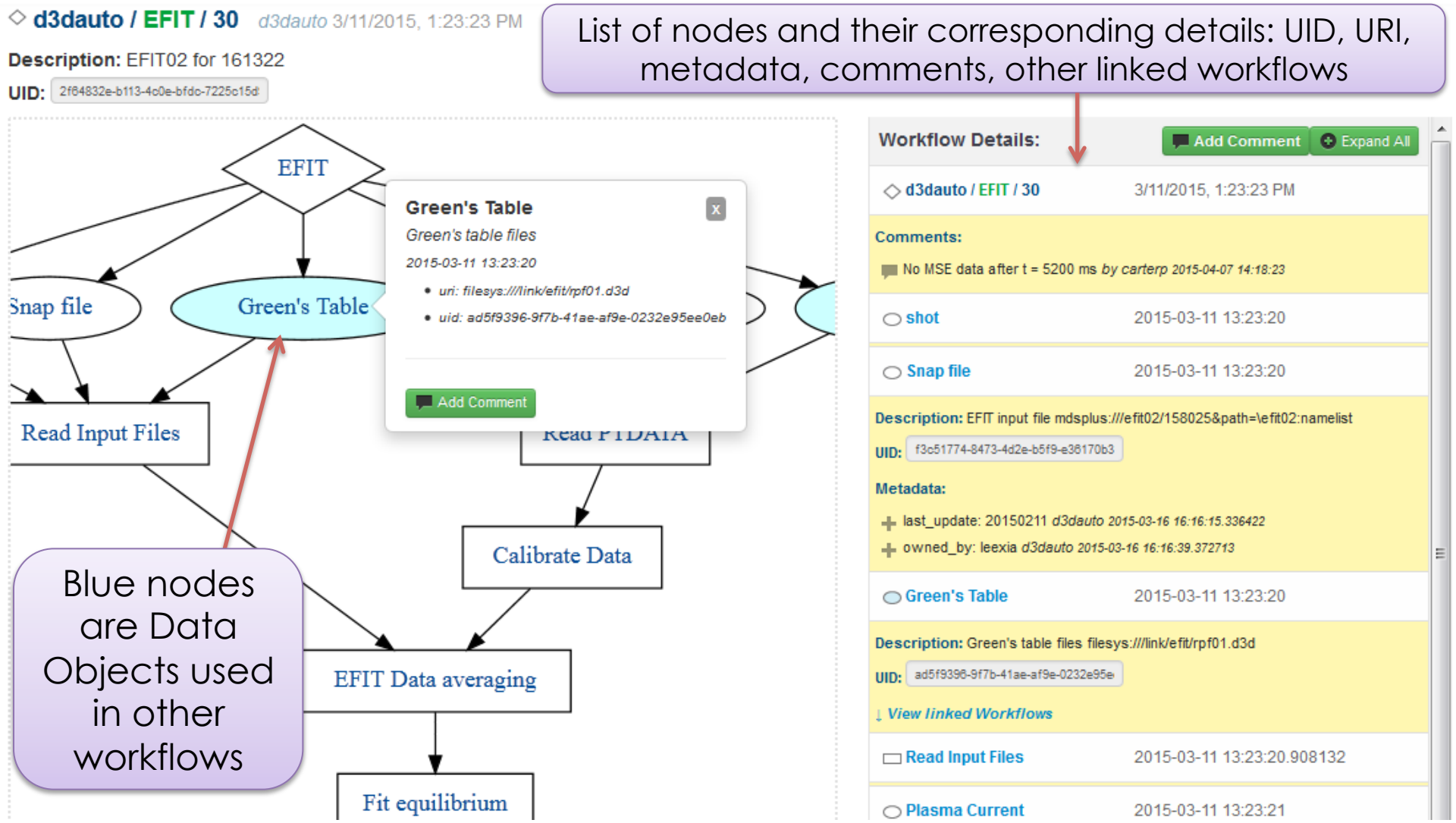
- **MPO Technology Stack**
  - "PostgreSQL" database used for current implementation
  - Both API server and Interactive UI server use "Flask", a lightweight Python web application framework
  - Twitter "Bootstrap" to create standardized Web front-end
  - DAGs rendered by "Graphviz" software
  - Authentication via x.509 certificates (currently support OSG, MIT & MPO certs)
  - MDSplus event services
  - SQLAlchemy for Object Relational Mapping

- **API is based on RESTful abstraction**
  - Services are exposed via RESTful methods (GET, POST) and URIs

Interactive UI Page Example: Workflow List



Interactive UI Page Example: Workflow Details



Interactive UI Page Example: Collections List

MPO Collections

Name	Description	Username	Creation Time
OMFIT kinetic EFIT UID: 3f03306d-37da-4209-955e-fa13c16f	OMFIT kinetic EFIT runs for shots 158634-158640	smitha	2015-03-11 14:25:19.223908
Johnson IAEA talk April 2015 UID: 4454ac1c-7c43-42e3-b67a-357ef27e	Collection of elements referenced in Johnson IAEA talk	johnsonm	2015-03-11 14:25:28.355386
smitha's EFIT runs UID: d18e5096-d4d0-4e40-a5e1-e52d536e	EFIT runs and snap files of interest from 6/2014	smitha	2015-04-07 13:53:37.678777
Collection of snap files UID: fbe6a178-a62c-4896-9043-9dd23e38	EFIT snap files used for 2014 MSE runs	smitha	2015-03-11 14:25:22.843804

Select to view details

Interactive UI Page Example: Collection Details

MPO Collection: smitha's EFIT runs smitha - 2015-04-0

Description: EFIT runs and snap files of interest from 6/2014

Sample collection including multiple workflows, multiple data objects and another collection

Name	Description		
◇ EFIT *smitha / EFIT / 21*	Rerun of EFIT01 for shot 158016 with jta_f snap file UID: dbf692a9-7ea9-43a3-99a4-fce122d8	2015-03-11 13:22:12	1 +
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Current Status

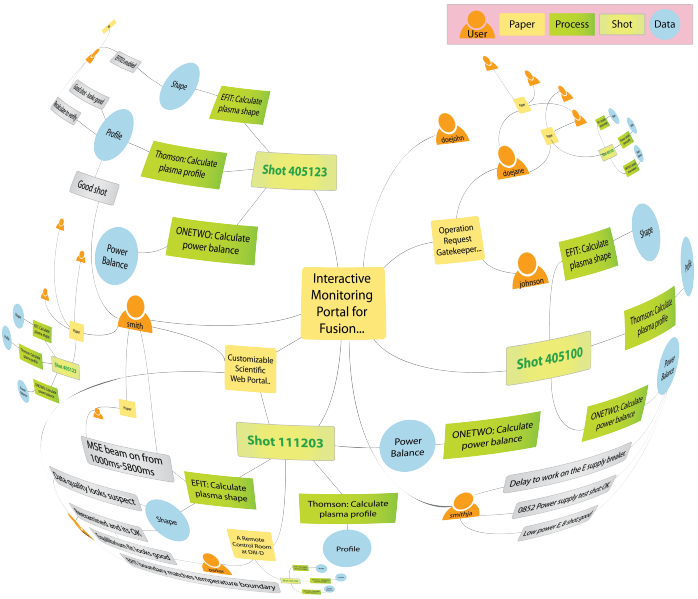
- **The MPO System V1.0 is released**
  - http://mpo.psfc.mit.edu provides detailed information
- **Python, IDL, shell API clients are provided**
  - Used to instrument MPO calls
- **Integration with multiple workflows**
  - DIII-D between-pulse EFIT
  - SWIM (Simulation of RF Wave Interactions with Magnetohydrodynamics)
  - GYRO (Nonlinear tokamak microturbulence software package)
  - AToM (Advanced Tokamak Modeling)
- **Planned Integration with a Climate Modeling Project– Calibrated and Systematic Characterization, Attribution and Detection of Extremes (CASCADE)**

Future Work

- **Expand the reach of MPO framework**
  - Harden the system - ease of adoption, robustness, scalability
  - Reach out to more science domains – including non-fusion

- **Provide data exchange capability between MPO and W3C standard based software (e.g. PROV)**
  - W3C PROV
  - Import and export data

- **Improve user interface and analysis**
  - How to provide better/faster graphical navigation?
  - Additional visualizations and analysis



Summary

- **MPO System is a software for documenting scientific workflows and data**
  - A new type of logbook with automation and analysis capabilities built-in
- **Production workflows have been MPO instrumented**
  - Proven useful
  - Approach is valid and general
- **MPO team seeks partners**
  - Test, deploy and feedback
  - Contribute
  - Contact email: mpo-info@fusion.gat.com

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