QoS-Oriented Grid Workflow Engine

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The emerging e-Research paradigm enables researchers from different disciplines and organisations to engage in collaborative scientific investigation. They need to share geographically distributed resources owned by different organisations. e-Research applications need to negotiate with resource providers for guarantees on access time, duration and level of quality of service (QoS). To meet QoS requirements of e-Research application workflows, this project aims to develop Grid technologies that support (a) QoS-based scheduling of e-Research application workflows on distributed resources, (b) mechanisms for formulating, negotiating and establishing service level agreements (SLA) with resource providers and (c) SLA-based allocation and management of resources. Specifically, the project aims to:

- Define an architectural framework and principles for the development of QoS-based workflow management and SLA-based resource allocation systems,
- Develop QoS-based algorithms for scheduling e-Research workflow applications,
- Develop SLA-based negotiation protocols and resource allocation algorithms,
- Implement a prototype system by incorporating the algorithms and policies developed above, and
- Develop real world demonstrators in various scientific domains such as life sciences.


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Fig. 1: Architecture of QoS-based workflow management and resource allocation system.