

Intelligent Power Management over Large Clusters

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Motivation

- Strong desire to power down computers when not in use, to save power (money)
- Latest releases of Condor support remote startup and shutdown of computing resources
 - Condor Rooster
- We want to exploit this
 - But go further to save more power

Motivation

- We have over five years of Condor history to mine

Total Time used by Condor	47 years, 18 days, 4 hours, 45 minutes, 31 seconds
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(Data from main Condor Submit computer – others exist)

- For every 1 second of useful time we require ~3 seconds through Condor

Aims

- Reduce Power Consumption
 - Produce no impact on interactive machine users
 - Produce no impact on Condor users
 - Provide auditing on computing time used
 - On a cycle-scavenging Condor system.
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- All These Things can be done using Condor
 - So What's new?

- Nothing – Condor is “too good”, but...
 - With a good administrator all this can be done
 - With plenty of time this can be done
- Put another way
 - Administrators are busy people
 - They have plenty of other tasks to do other than monitor and tweak Condor which gets along with things just fine
- Most users don't know enough Condor
 - Can't specify preferences over resources
 - Only 3 users had done this at Newcastle – and one got it wrong

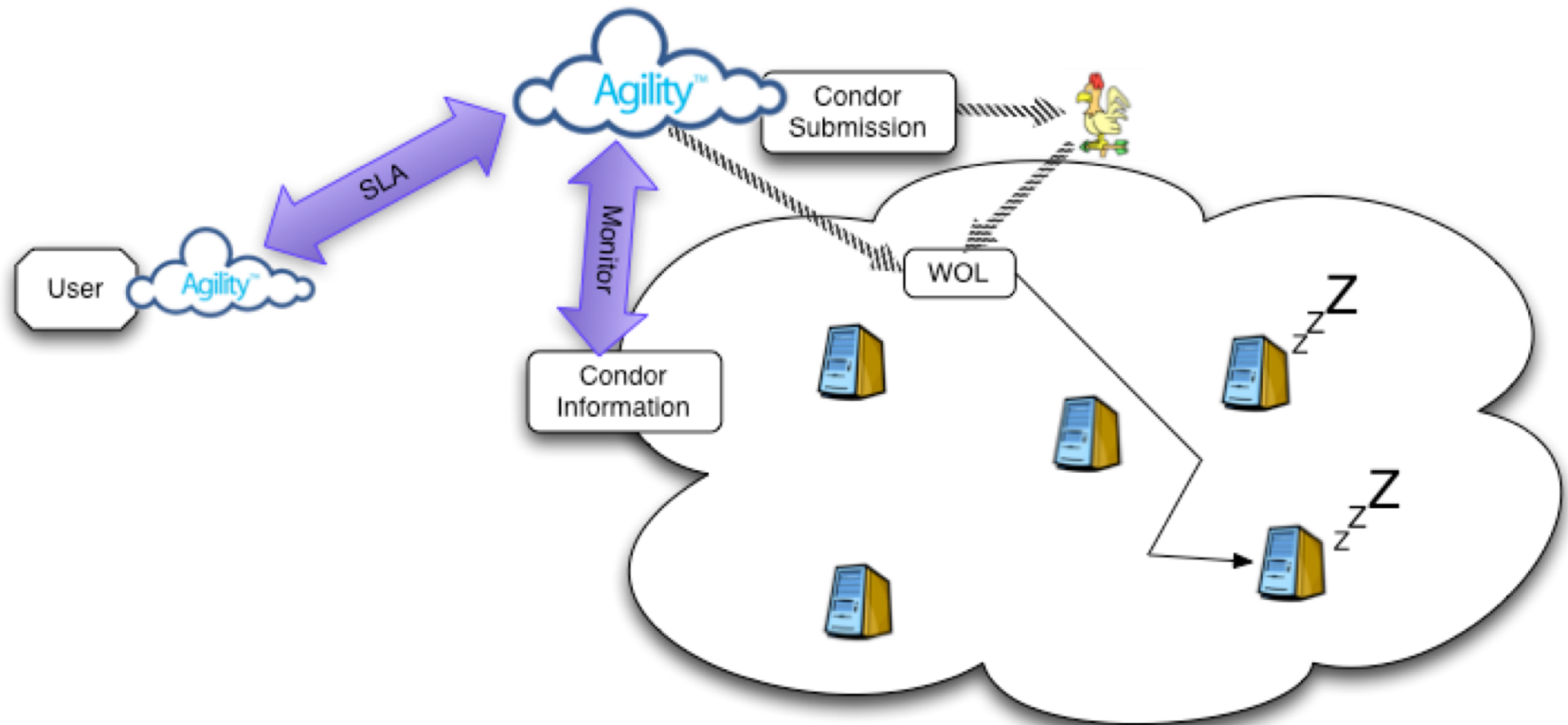
Power Saving in Condor

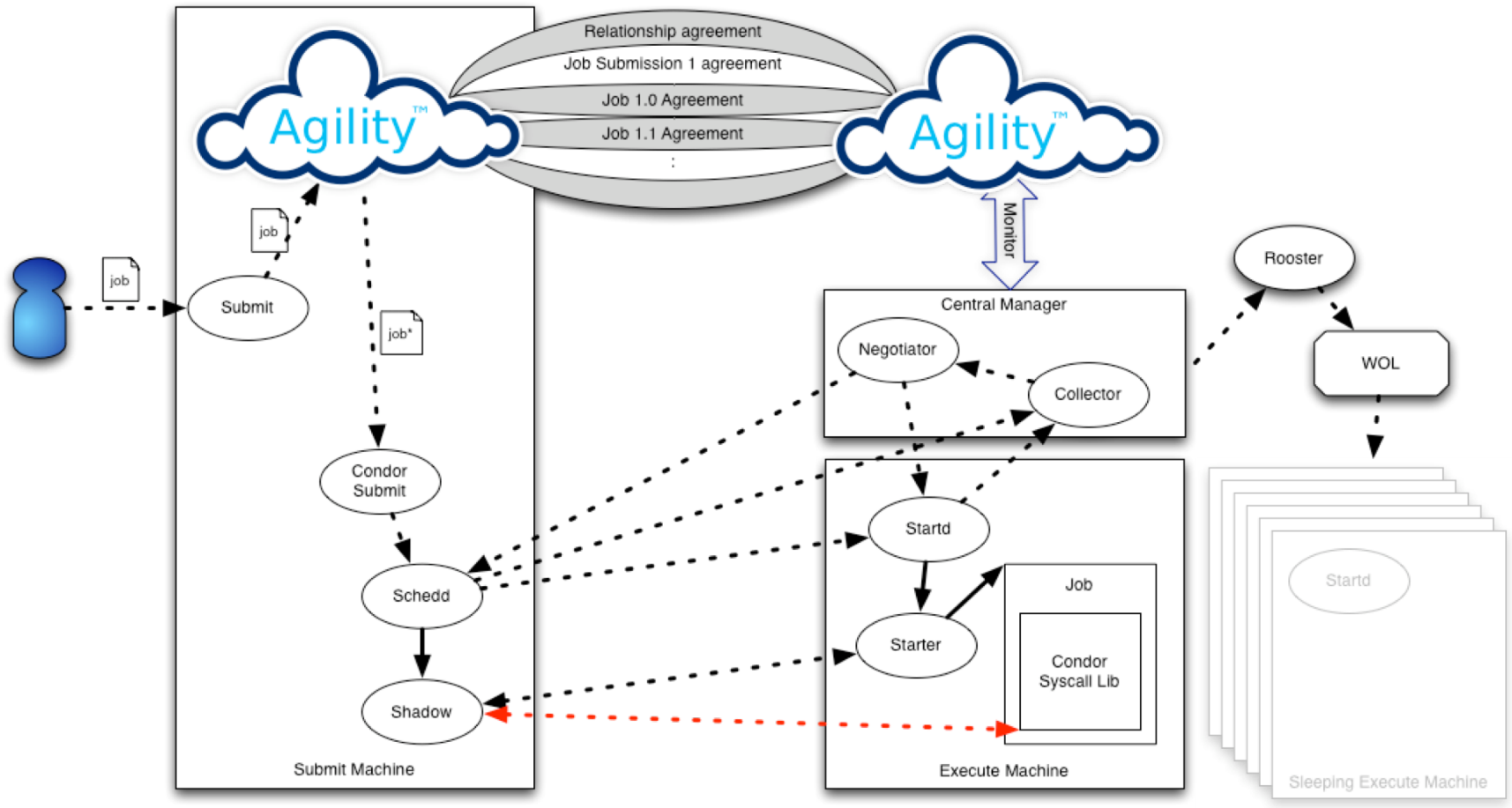
- Each worker is given a power rating (watts) and a PUE value
 - This needs to be added to the worker description
- Can rank computers based on ‘efficiency’
$$\text{Rank} = \text{kflops} / (\text{PUE} * \text{watts})$$
 - This needs to be added into the user submission
 - And merged with their rank if present



- Arjuna's Agility is a Cloud Computing Platform
- Support structuring of the Cloud into federated sub-clouds through Service Agreements
- User configured (or implemented) policies can be installed to manage the interaction via Service Agreements
- Data sharing between entities through authorized routes

- Using Agility to provide intelligent management between parts of Condor
- Adding in Rank
- Deciding if a user has the right to power up computers
- Monitoring activity and looking for anomalous behavior
- Behavior is modified by the addition of new policies
 - A Service Agreement change will be accepted only if no Policy rejects it and at least one Policy accepts it
- Audit individuals' worker usage for potential billing





- Favor Energy efficient computers
 - Unless user states otherwise
- Prioritize submissions
 - Professors over PhD's
- Mark Rogue jobs
 - Jobs that have executed for too long
 - Jobs that have been restarted too many times
 - Jobs incorrectly submitted
- Backlog reduction
 - Modify above policy to deal with backlogs
- Auditing
 - Provide auditing for all jobs (per -user, -group, -school, -faculty, university)

Conclusion

- Condor is good
 - Most users aren't as good
 - They need tooling to automatically monitor and tweak the setup
- This along with preferring power efficient computers and turning off computers can save a lot of energy (and money)