“Embracing Big Data using Scalable Workflows”
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Abstract: The amount of potentially valuable information buried in Big Data is of interest to many data science applications ranging from natural sciences to marketing research. An important aspect of Big Data applications is that these applications typically involve many phases, such as data ingestion, preparation, integration, analysis, visualization and dissemination. In this talk, I will first explain the challenges on usability/programmability at front end —and execution optimization at back end for these Big Data applications. Then, I will present an easy-to-use, workflow-based approach to build and execute two types of applications: Big Batch Data applications and Big Stream Data applications. I will use real-world applications and experiments to show the results of the approach.

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