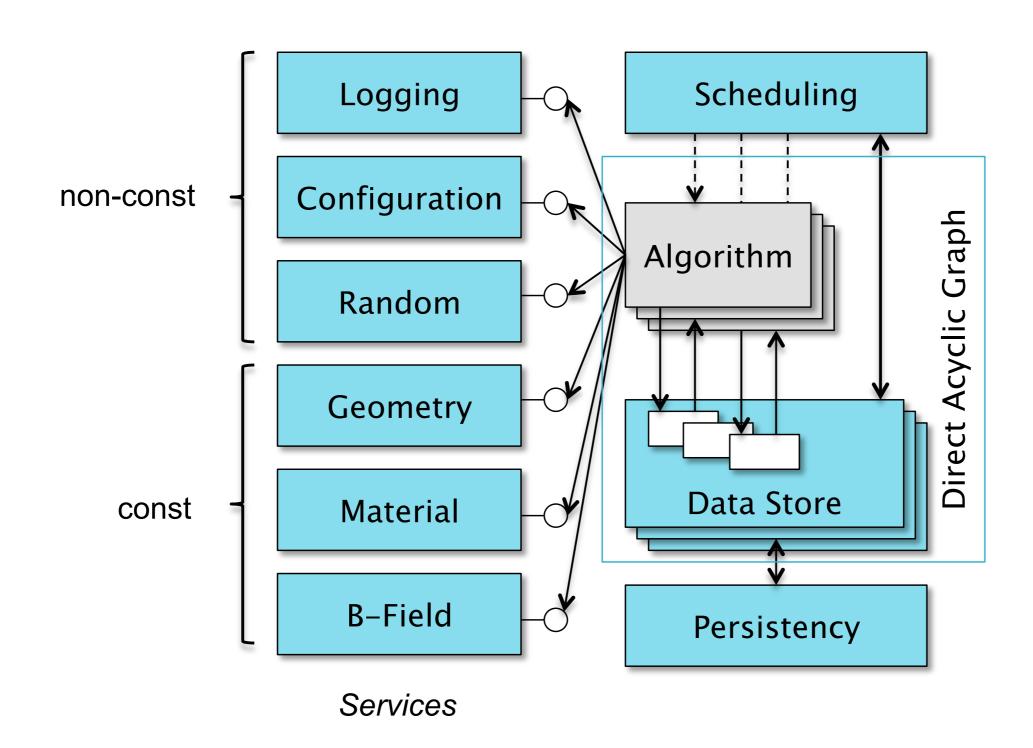
Concurrent Whiteboard Demonstrator Plans

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Framework Services



Defining a single memory model essential for a parallel application

- Knowing the dependencies of algorithms (i.e. data transformations) determines when things can be scheduled without conflicts
- Coding for state integrity
 - move all states out of algorithms
 - provide context (*) at each call
 - make data transformations atomic
- This can be realized by a concurrent whiteboard

Design considerations

Requirements to concurrent whiteboard

- Multi-event data store
- Data items are identified by type, an id and the *context*
- Allowed transactions could be get, put <u>and</u> update

Requirements to algorithms

- Re-entrant w.r.t. to different contexts
- To be carried out transactions and their dependencies declared upfront

Requirements to scheduler

- The concurrent whiteboard contents + declared data dependencies + knowledge about reentrancy should be sufficient to know when an algorithm can be run
- Details of actual execution could be left to e.g. libdispatch

Demonstrator plan until April

- Lay out a full API covering the proposed design concepts
- Implement this API and combine it with prototypes of Markus Frank
- Use common tests and metrics from "Evaluation of Frameworks" demonstrator