Swift Parallel Scripting: Workflows for Simulations and Data Analytics at Extreme Scale

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- Our sincere thanks to the entire Swift user community
Increasing capabilities in computational science
Workflow needs

- Application Drivers
  - Applications that are many-task in nature: parameters sweeps, UQ, inverse modeling, and data-driven applications
  - Analysis of capability application outputs
  - Analysis of stored or collected data
  - Increase productivity at major research instrumentation
  - Urgent computing
  - These applications are all many-task in nature

- Requirements
  - Usability and ease of workflow expression
  - Ability to leverage complex architecture of HPC and HTC systems (fabric, scheduler, hybrid node and programming models), individually and collectively
  - Ability to integrate high-performance data services and volumes
  - Make use of the system task rate capabilities from clusters to extreme-scale systems

- Approach
  - A programming model for programming in the large
When do you need HPC workflow?

Example application: protein-ligand docking for drug screening

\[ O(100K) \] drug candidates

\[ O(10) \] proteins implicated in a disease

...then hundreds of detailed MD models to find 10-20 fruitful candidates for wetlab & APS crystallography...

= 1M docking tasks...

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Expressing this many task workflow in Swift

For protein docking workflow:

```swift
for p, i in proteins {
    for c, j in ligands {
        (structure[i,j], log[i,j]) =
        dock(p, c, minRad, maxRad);
    }
}
scatter_plot = analyze(structure)
```

To run:

```
swift --site tukey,blues dock.swift
```
Swift enables execution of simulation campaigns across multiple HPC and cloud resources

The Swift runtime system has drivers and algorithms to efficiently support and aggregate diverse runtime environments.
Comparison of parallel programming models

- **MPI**
  - Each process has a persistent state for the life of the application
  - Data is exchanged via messages
  - Program an app by “domain decomposition”

- **Shared Memory**
  - Tasks need not be persistent
  - Tasks initiated explicitly (e.g., pthreads) or implicitly (e.g., by OpenMP directives)
  - Challenge is to assure mutual exclusion and avoid deadlock
  - Limited to running within a single node, or use hybrid approach for multi-node

- **Workflow**
  - Tasks run to completion
  - Data is exchanged on task initiation and completion
  - Used to coordinate execution of multiple serial or parallel apps

- **Hybrid**
  - MPI and/or OpenMPI apps within a many-task workflow
Swift in a nutshell

- **Data types**
  
  ```swift
  string s = "hello world";
  int i = 4;
  int A[];
  ```

- **Mapped data types**
  
  ```swift
  type image;
  image file1<"snapshot.jpg">;
  ```

- **Mapped functions**
  
  ```swift
  app (file o) myapp(file f, int i) {
    mysim "-s" i @f @o;
  }
  ```

- **Conventional expressions**
  
  ```swift
  if (x == 3) {
    y = x+2;
    s = @strcat("y: ", y);
  }
  ```

- **Structured data**
  
  ```swift
  image A[]<array_mapper...>;
  ```

- **Loops**
  
  ```swift
  foreach f,i in A {
    B[i] = convert(A[i]);
  }
  ```

- **Data flow**
  
  ```swift
  analyze(B[0], B[1]);
  analyze(B[2], B[3]);
  ```

*Swift: A language for distributed parallel scripting, J. Parallel Computing, 2011*
Encapsulation enables distributed parallelism

Encapsulation is the key to transparent distribution, parallelization, and automatic provenance capture

Critical in a world of scientific, engineering, technical and analytical applications
app( ) functions specify command line arg passing

To run:
```
psim -s 1ubq.fas -pdb p -t 100.0 -d 25.0 >log
```

In Swift code:
```
app (PDB pg, Text log) predict (Protein seq, Float t, Float dt)
{
    psim ":-c" ":-s" @pseq.fasta ":-pdb" @pg
      ":-t" temp ":-d" dt;
}
```

Protein p <ext; exec="Pmap", id="1ubq">;
PDB structure;
Text log;

(structure, log) = predict(p, 100., 25.);
Implicitly parallel

- Swift is an implicitly parallel functional programming language for clusters, grids, clouds and supercomputers
- All expressions evaluate when their data inputs are “ready”

```
(int r) myproc (int i)
{
    int f = F(i);
    int g = G(i);
    r = f + g;
}
```

- F() and G() are computed in parallel
  - Can be Swift functions, or leaf tasks (executables or scripts in shell, python, R, Octave, MATLAB, ...)
- r computed when they are done
- This parallelism is **automatic**
- Works recursively throughout the program’s call graph
Pervasive parallel data flow
Functional composition in Swift - enables powerful parallel loops

```swift
1. Sweep(Protein pSet[ ])
2. {
3.   int nSim = 1000;
4.   int maxRounds = 3;
5.   float startTemp[ ] = [ 100.0, 200.0 ];
6.   float delT[ ] = [ 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 5.0, 10.0 ];
7.   foreach p, pn in pSet {
8.     foreach t in startTemp {
9.       foreach d in delT {
10.         IterativeFixing(p, nSim, maxRounds, t, d);
11.     }
12.   }
13. }
14. }
```

10 proteins x 1000 simulations x 3 rounds x 2 temps x 5 deltas = 300K tasks
Data-intensive example: Processing MODIS land-use data

Image processing pipeline for land-use data from the MODIS satellite instrument...
Processing MODIS land-use data

```plaintext
foreach raw, i in rawFiles {
    land[i] = landUse(raw, 1);
    colorFiles[i] = colorize(raw);
}

(topTiles, topFiles, topColors) = analyze(land, landType, nSelect);

gridMap = mark(topTiles);
montage = assemble(topFiles, colorFiles, webDir);
```
Example of Swift’s implicit parallelism: Processing MODIS land-use data

Image processing pipeline for land-use data from the MODIS satellite instrument...
Dataset mapping example: deep fMRI directory tree

```swift
type Study {
    Group g[];
}

type Group {
    Subject s[];
}

type Subject {
    Volume anat;
    Run run[];
}

type Run {
    Volume v[];
}

type Volume {
    Image img;
    Header hdr;
}
```

On-Disk Data Layout

Mapping function or script

Swift’s in-memory data model
Spatial normalization of functional MRI runs

Dataset-level workflow

Expanded (10 volume) workflow

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Complex scripts can be well-structured
programming in the large: fMRI spatial normalization script example

(Run snr) **functional** (Run r, NormAnat a, Air shrink)

```
{  Run yroRun = reorientRun( r, "y" );
    Run roRun = reorientRun( yroRun, "x" );
    Volume std = roRun[0];

    Run rndr = random_select( roRun, 0.1 );
    AirVector rndAirVec = align_linearRun( rndr, std, 12, 1000, 1000, "81 3 3" );
    Run reslicedRndr = resliceRun( rndr, rndAirVec, "o", "k" );
    Volume meanRand = softmean( reslicedRndr, "y", "null" );
    Air mnQAAir = alignlinear( a.nHires, meanRand, 6, 1000, 4, "81 3 3" );
    Warp boldNormWarp = combinewarp( shrink, a.aWarp, mnQAAir );
    Run nr = reslice_warp_run( boldNormWarp, roRun );
    Volume meanAll = strictmean( nr, "y", "null" )
    Volume boldMask = binarize( meanAll, "y" );
    snr = gsmoothRun( nr, boldMask, "6 6 6" );
}
```
Provenance graph from Swift log

Work of Luiz Gadelha and Maria Luiza Mondelli, LNCC
Provenance data from log into SQL DB

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Use SQL to mine insight from provenance

```
select app__name, real_secs, fs_writes
from app_exec natural join resource_usage;
```

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## Domain-specific metadata on workflow results

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Swift’s distributed architecture is based on a client/worker mechanism (internally named “coasters”)

The Swift runtime system has drivers and algorithms to efficiently support and aggregate diverse runtime environments
Worker architecture handles diverse environments

Submit site

Coaster Client

API

Local data

Swift host: login node, laptop, ...

Remote site

Coaster Service

Worker

Worker

Worker

Worker

Compute sites

Scheduler job

socket

sockets
Summary of Swift main benefits

Makes parallelism more transparent

*Implicitly parallel functional dataflow programming*

Makes computing location more transparent

*Runs your script on multiple distributed sites and diverse computing resources (desktop to petascale)*

Makes basic failure recovery transparent

*Retries/relocates failing tasks*

*Can restart failing runs from point of failure*

Enables provenance capture

*Tasks have recordable inputs and outputs*
BUT: Centralized evaluation can be a bottleneck at extreme scales

Had this (Swift/K):

For extreme scale, we need this (Swift/T):

Centralized evaluation

Distributed evaluation
Two Swift implementations

- **Swift/K**: Classic, Java Swift with “Karajan” engine
  - Portable, mature (2006)
  - Runs script from single node
  - Installs anywhere, instantly: just untar and run
  - Runs any POSIX app – serial or parallel
  - 500-1000 tasks/second
  - *Use for irregular workloads and flexible MPI app invocation*

- **Swift/T**: HPC Swift (in C) with “Turbine” engine
  - Faster, newer (2011)
  - Runs script and apps from multinode MPI program
  - Runs anywhere that MPI runs
  - Runs both POSIX apps and and library functions (C/C++, Fortran, Python, R, Julia)
  - 1.5 billion tasks/s on 512K Blue Waters cores
  - *Use for fine-grained tasking, in-memory workflow and single-core MPI apps*
Swift/T: productive extreme-scale scripting

- **Script-like programming with “leaf” tasks**
  - In-memory function calls in C++, Fortran, Python, R, ... passing in-memory objects
  - More expressive than master-worker for “programming in the large”
  - Leaf tasks can be MPI programs, etc. Can be separate processes if OS permits.

- **Distributed, scalable** runtime manages tasks, load balancing, data movement

- **User function calls to external code run on thousands of worker nodes**
Parallel tasks in Swift/T

- **Swift expression:** $z = \text{@par=32} f(x, y);$  
- **ADLB server finds 8 available workers**  
  - Workers receive ranks from ADLB server  
  - Performs $\text{comm = MPI_Comm_create_group()}$  
- **Workers perform $f(x, y)$ communicating on $\text{comm}$**
LAMMPS parallel tasks

```c
foreach i in [0:20] {
    t = 300+i;
    sed_command = sprintf("s/_TEMPERATURE_/\%i/g", t);
    lammps_file_name = sprintf("input-%i.inp", t);
    lammps_args = "-i " + lammps_file_name;
    file lammps_input<lammps_file_name> =
        sed(filter, sed_command) =>
        @par=8 lammps(lammps_args);
}
```

- LAMMPS provides a convenient C++ API
- Easily used by Swift/T parallel tasks

Tasks with varying sizes packed into big MPI run

Black: Compute  Blue: Message  White: Idle
Swift/T-specific features

- **Task locality:** Ability to send a task to a process
  - Allows for big data–type applications
  - Allows for stateful objects to remain resident in the workflow
    - `location L = find_data(D);
      int y = @location=L f(D, x);`

- **Data broadcast**

- **Task priorities:** Ability to set task priority
  - Useful for tweaking load balancing

- **Updateable variables**
  - Allow data to be modified after its initial write
  - Consumer tasks may receive original or updated values when they emerge from the work queue

Swift/T: scaling of trivial foreach \{\} loop
100 microsecond to 10 millisecond tasks
on up to 512K integer cores of Blue Waters
Large-scale applications using Swift

- Simulation of super-cooled glass materials
- Protein and biomolecule structure and interaction
- Climate model analysis and decision making for global food production & supply
- Materials science at the Advanced Photon Source
- Multiscale subsurface flow modeling
- Modeling of power grid for OE applications

All have published science results obtained using Swift
Benefit of implicit pervasive parallelism: Analysis & visualization of high-resolution climate models powered by Swift

- Diagnostic scripts for each climate model (ocean, atmosphere, land, ice) were expressed in complex shell scripts
- Recoded in Swift, the CESM community has benefited from significant speedups and more modular scripts

Work of: J Dennis, M Woitasek, S Mickelson, R Jacob, M Vertenstein
## Boosting Light Source Productivity with *Swift* ALCF Data Analysis

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<td>• HEDM imaging and analysis shows granular material structure, non-destructively</td>
<td>• Mira analyzes experiment in 10 mins vs. 5.2 hours on APS cluster: &gt; 30X improvement</td>
<td>• Design, develop, support, and trial user engagement to make <em>Swift</em> workflow solution on ALCF systems a reliable, secure and supported production service</td>
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<td>• APS Sector 1 scientists use Mira to process data from live HEDM experiments, providing real-time feedback to correct or improve in-progress experiments</td>
<td>• Scaling up to ~ 128K cores (driven by data features)</td>
<td>• Creation and support of the Petrel data server</td>
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<td>• Scientists working with <em>Discovery Engines</em> LDRD developed new <em>Swift</em> analysis workflows to process APS data from Sectors 1, 6, and 11</td>
<td>• <strong>Cable flaw was found and fixed at start of experiment,</strong> saving an entire multi-day experiment and valuable user time and APS beam time.</td>
<td>• Reserved resources on Mira for APS HEDM experiment at Sector 1-ID beamline (8/10/2014 and future sessions in APS 2015 Run 1)</td>
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![Diagram](image)

**1. Analyze**  
**2. Assess**  
**3. Fix**  
**4. Re-analyze**  
**5. Validate Data!**

Red indicates higher statistical confidence in data
Conclusion: parallel workflow scripting is practical, productive, and necessary, at a broad range of scales

- Swift programming model demonstrated feasible and scalable on XSEDE, Blue Waters, OSG, DOE systems
- Applied to numerous MTC and HPC application domains
  - attractive for data-intensive applications
  - and several hybrid programming models
- Proven productivity enhancement in materials, genomics, biochem, earth systems science, ...
- Deep integration of workflow in progress at XSEDE, ALCF

*Workflow through implicitly parallel dataflow is productive for applications and systems at many scales, including on highest-end system*
What’s next?

- Programmability
  - New patterns ala Van Der Aalst et al (workflowpatterns.org)
- Fine grained dataflow – programming in the smaller?
  - Run leaf tasks on accelerators (CUDA GPUs, Intel Phi)
  - How low/fast can we drive this model?
- PowerFlow
  - Applies dataflow semantics to manage and reduce energy usage
- Extreme-scale reliability
- Embed Swift semantics in Python, R, Java, shell, make
  - Can we make Swift “invisible”? Should we?
- Swift-Reduce
  - Learning from map-reduce
  - Integration with map-reduce
GeMTC: GPU-enabled Many-Task Computing

**Motivation:** Support for MTC on all accelerators!

**Goals:**
1) MTC support    2) Programmability
3) Efficiency     4) MPMD on SIMD
5) Increase concurrency to warp level

**Approach:**
Design & implement GeMTC middleware:
1) Manages GPU    2) Spread host/device
3) Workflow system integration (Swift/T)
Further research directions

- Deeply in-situ processing for extreme-scale analytics
- Shell-like Read-Evaluate-Print Loop ala iPython
- Debugging of extreme-scale workflows

Deeply in-situ analytics of a climate simulation
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Swift: A language for distributed parallel scripting

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ABSTRACT

Scientists, engineers, and statisticians must execute domain-specific application programs many times on large collections of file-based data. This activity requires complex orchestration and data management as data is passed to, from, and among application invocations. Distributed and parallel computing resources can accelerate such processing, but their use further increases programming complexity. The Swift parallel scripting language reduces these complexities by making file system structures accessible via language constructs and by allowing ordinary application programs to be composed into powerful parallel scripts that can efficiently utilize parallel and distributed resources. We present Swift's implicitly parallel and deterministic programming model, which applies external applications to file collections using a functional style that abstracts and simplifies distributed parallel execution.
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Swift: A language for distributed parallel scripting

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\textbf{Abstract}

Scientists, engineers, and statisticians must execute domain-specific application programs many times on large collections of file-based data. This activity requires complex orchestration and data management as data is passed to, from, and among application invocations. Distributed and parallel computing resources can accelerate such processing, but their use further increases programming complexity. The Swift parallel scripting language reduces these complexities by making file system structures accessible via language constructs and by allowing ordinary application programs to be composed into powerful parallel scripts that can efficiently utilize parallel and distributed resources. We present Swift’s implicitly parallel and deterministic programming model, which applies external applications to file collections using a functional style that abstracts and simplifies distributed parallel execution.

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Multi-stage workflows

This example expands the workflow pattern of the previous example by adding additional stages to the workflow. Here, we generate a dynamic seed value that will be used by all of the simulations, and for each simulation, we run an pre-processing application to generate a unique "bias file". This pattern is shown below, followed by the Swift script.
Appendix:

Examples of Swift Science Applications (~ Sep 2014)
Glass Structure Modeling
powered by Swift

This project models aspects of glass structure at a theoretical chemistry level. (Hocky/Reichman)

Recent studies of the glass transition in model systems have focused on calculating from theory or simulation what is known as the “mosaic length”. This project evaluated a new “cavity method” for measuring this length scale. Correlation functions are calculated at the interior of cavities of varying sizes and averaged over many independent simulations to determine a thermodynamic length. Using Swift on Beagle, Hocky investigated whether this thermodynamic length causes variations among seemingly identical systems. ~1M Beagle CPU hours were used.

Results: Three simple models of glassy behavior were studied. All appear the same (top, abc) but only two of which have particles relaxing at the same rate for the same temperature (top, d). This would imply that the glass structure does not dictate the dynamics. A new computational technique was used to extract a length scale on which the liquid is ordered in an otherwise undetectable way. Results (bottom) showed that using this length we can distinguish the two systems which have the same dynamics as separate from the third which has faster dynamics than the other two.

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Powder diffraction experiment analysis workflow: making a notable difference to APS users!

- Background-removal step extracted into separate step for Powder Diffraction beamline (Sector 1)
- Used 210+ times by 30 users to process 50TB (90% of PD data at Sector 1) in the past 6 months
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SwiftSeq
Fast parallel annotation of next-generation sequence data powered by Swift

Exomes or Genomes

Work of Jason Pitt and Kevin White, UChicago IGSB
Protein structure prediction
powered by Swift

The laboratories of Karl Freed and Tobin Sosnick use Beagle to develop and validate methods to predict protein structure using homology-free approaches.

In this lab, Aashish Adhikari  (now UC Berkeley) has developed new structure prediction techniques based on Monte Carlo simulated annealing  which employ novel, compact molecular representations and innovative “moves” of the protein backbone to achieve accurate prediction with far less computation then previous methods. One of the applications of the method involves rebuilding local regions in protein structures, called “loop modeling”, a problem which the group tackled with considerable success in the CASP protein folding tournament(shown right).They are now testing further algorithmic innovations using the computational power of Beagle.

Results:  The group developed a new iterative algorithm for predicting protein structure and folding pathway starting only from the amino acid sequence.

Protein loop modeling. Courtesy A. Adhikari
Protein-RNA interaction modeling
powered by Swift

M. Parisien (with T. Sosnick, T. Pan, and K. Freed) developed a novel algorithm for the prediction of the RNA-protein interactome, on the UChicago Beagle Cray XE6, powered by Swift.

Non-coding RNAs often function in cells through specific interactions with their protein partners. Experiments alone cannot provide a complete picture of the RNA-protein interactome. To complement experimental methods, computational approaches are highly desirable. No existing method, however, can provide genome-wide predictions of docked RNA-protein complexes.

The application of computational predictions, together with experimental methods, provides a more complete understanding on cellular networks and function of RNPs. The approach makes use of a rigid-body docking algorithm and a scoring function custom-tailored for protein-tRNA interactions. Using Swift, Beagle screened ~300 proteins per day on 1920 cores.

Results: the scoring function can identify the native docking conformation in large sets of decoys (100,000) for many known protein-tRNA complexes (4TRA shown here). (left) Scores for true positive complexes (▲) (N=28) are compared to true negative ones of low (▼) (N=40) and high (▲) (N=40) isoelectric points. (right) Because the density curve of the true positives, which have pI < 7, has minimal overlap with the curve of the low pI true negatives (blue area), the scoring function has the specificity to identify tRNA-binding proteins.

Docked complexes: (L) tRNA docked at many positions.

(R) Many conformations in a docking site testing site robustness.

Systematic prediction and validation of RNA-protein interactome.

Protein-RNA interaction. Courtesy M. Parisien
The RDCEP project operates a large-scale integrated modeling framework for decision makers in climate and energy policy, powered by Swift. (Ian Foster, Joshua Elliott, et al)

UChicago’s Midway research cluster is used to study land use, land cover, and the impacts of climate change on agriculture and the global food supply. Using a DSSAT 4.0 (“decision support system for agrotechnology transfer”) crop systems model, a parallel simulation framework was implemented using Swift. Simulation campaigns measure, e.g., yield and climate impact for a single crop (maize) across the conterminous USA with daily weather data and climate model output for 120 years (1981-2100) and 16 different configurations fertilizer, irrigation, and cultivar.

Top two maps: maize yields across the USA with intensive nitrogen application and full irrigation

Bottom two maps show results with no irrigation.

Each map is a RDCEP model run of ~120,000 DSSAT invocations.

DSSAT models of corn yield. Courtesy J. Elliott and K. Maheshwari
Modeling climate impact on hydrology
powered by Swift

Projecting biofuel production impact on hydrology (E. Yan)

This project studies the impact of global temperature increase on the Upper Mississippi River Basin on water and plant productivity. It is in the process of combining future climate data obtained from a statistically downscaled global circulation model (GCM) into the Upper Mississippi River Basin model. The results from these models will be used in the proposed study to evaluate the relative performance of the proposed coupling of climate and hydrology models.

Results of this research demonstrate that plausible changes in temperature and precipitation caused by increases in atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations could have major impacts on both the timing and magnitude of runoff, soil moisture, water quality, water availability, and crop yield (including energy crops) in important agricultural areas.
Benefit of implicit pervasive parallelism: Analysis & visualization of high-resolution climate models powered by Swift

- Diagnostic scripts for each climate model (ocean, atmosphere, land, ice) were expressed in complex shell scripts
- Recoded in Swift, the CESM community has benefited from significant speedups and more modular scripts

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