Many-task Computing:

Bridging the Gap between High-Throughput Computing and High-Performance Computing

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Distributed Systems Laboratory University of Chicago

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- Lead by Dr. Ian Foster
- Research Areas:
 - Distributed systems
 - Grid middleware
 - Grid applications
 - Designing, implementing, and evaluating systems, protocols, and applications
 - Data-intensive scientific computing
- People:
 - 1 faculty (Dr. lan Foster)
 - 12 students
 - 2 research staff
 - 13 alumnis



Computation Institute University of Chicago

http://www.ci.uchicago.edu/index.php

- People:
 - Director: Ian Foster
 - 70 faculty and scientists
 - 30 full-time professional staff
 - 14 graduate students
- Focus
 - Deep Supercomputing
 - Data Intensive Computing
 - Next Generation Cybertools
- Many high-impact projects
 - Open Science Grid
 - TeraGrid
 - Globus
 - National Microbial Pathogen Research Center
 - Social Informatics Data Grid
 - Chicago Biomedical Consortium



Math and Computer Science Div. Argonne National Laboratory

http://www.mcs.anl.gov/index.php

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productivity in the 21st century by providing

- People:
 - Associate Director: Ian Foster
 - Over 180 staff, researchers, scientists, developers is increasing scientific
- Research Areas
 - Algorithms, Software, and Applications puting sciences
 - Parallel Tools
 - Distributed Systems Research
 - Collaborative and Virtual Environments tics and Computer Science Division
 - Computational Science
- Many high-impact projects
 - TeraGrid (largest national cyber-infrastructure project)^{cal leadership in the}
 - Globus Toolkit (defacto Grid Computing midleware)
 - MPI (synonymous with HPC and Supercomputing)
 - PVFS (scalable and high performance parallel fie system)

Argonne Leadership Computing Facility Argonne National Laboratory

http://www.alcf.anl.gov/

People:

Rack Cabled 8x8x16

- Director: Pete Beckman
- Over 40 staff, researchers, scientists, developers
- Leadership class computing resources to 500TF/s scientific community 64 TB

435 GF/s

64 GB

- Hosts the IBM Blue Gene/P supercomputer
 - -500TF system

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13.6 GF/s 2 GB DDR

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8 MB EDRAM

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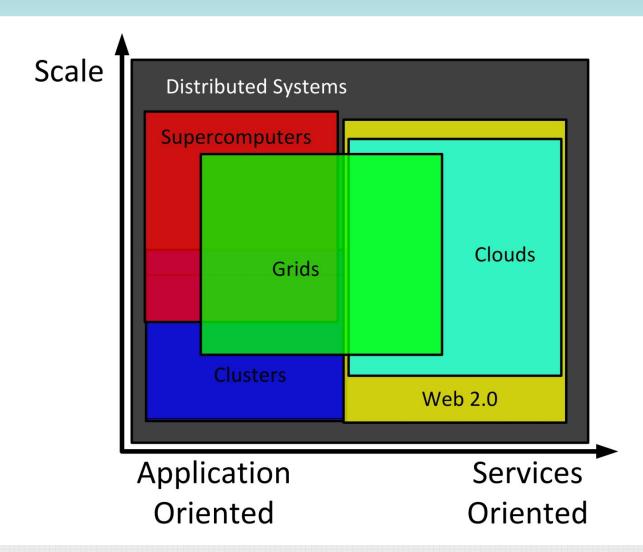
Baseline System

32 Racks

Distributed Resources

- UChicago CS (50+ machines over the UChicago campus)
- UChicago TeraPort (274-cores)
- UC/ANL Cluster (316 processors)
- PlanetLab (912 nodes at 470 sites all over the world)
- UChicago PADS (7TF, 512-cores)
- ANL SiCortex 5832 (6TF, 5832-cores)
- Open Science Grid (43K-cores across 80 institutions in the US)
- IBM Blue Gene/P Supercomputer at ANL (~500TF, 160K-cores)
- TeraGrid (161K-cores across 11 institutions and 22 systems over the US)
 - Includes a Sun Constellation supercomputer (~500TF, 62K-cores)

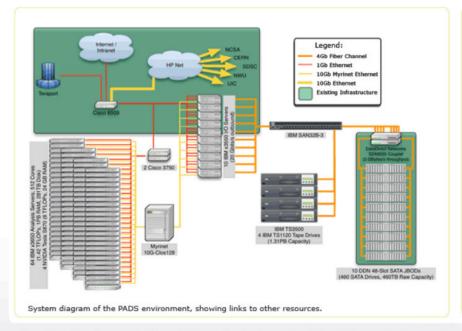
Clusters, Grids, Supercomputers



Cluster Computing: PADS

PADS

Computer clusters using commodity processors, network interconnects, and operating systems.



The PADS project is supported in part by the National Science Foundation under grant OCI-0821678 and by The University of Chicago.

PADS is a petabyte (1015-byte)-scale online storage server capable of sustained multi-gigabyte/s I/O performance, tightly integrated with a 9 teraflop/s computing resource and multi-gigabit/s local and wide area networks. Its hardware and associated software enables the reliable storage of, access to, and analysis of massive datasets by both local users and the national scientific community.

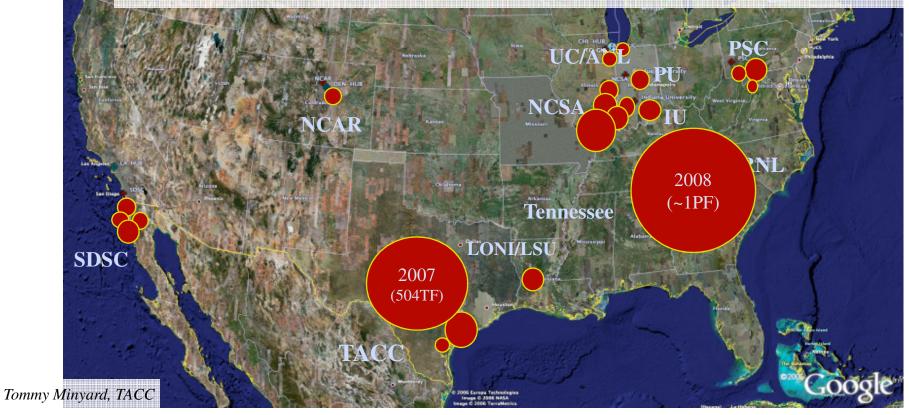
The PADS design results from a study of the storage and analysis requirements of participating groups in astrophysics and astronomy, computer science, economics, evolutionary and organismal biology, geosciences, high-energy physics, linguistics, materials science, neuroscience, psychology, and sociology. For these groups, PADS represents a significant opportunity to look at their data in new ways, enabling new scientific insights. The infrastructure also encourages new collaborations across disciplines. PADS is also a vehicle for computer science research into active data store systems, and provides rich data on which to investigate new techniques. Results will be made available as open source software.

PADSstatus

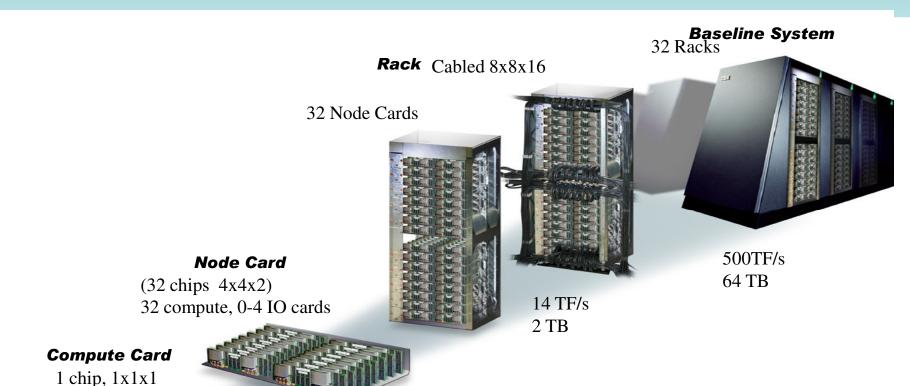
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Grid Computing: TeraGrid

Grids tend to be composed of multiple clusters, and are typically loosely coupled, heterogeneous, and geographically dispersed



Supercomputing: IBM Blue Gene/P



435 GF/s

Highly-tuned computer clusters using commodity

13.6 GF/s processors combined with custom network

8 MB EDRAM interconnects and customized operating system

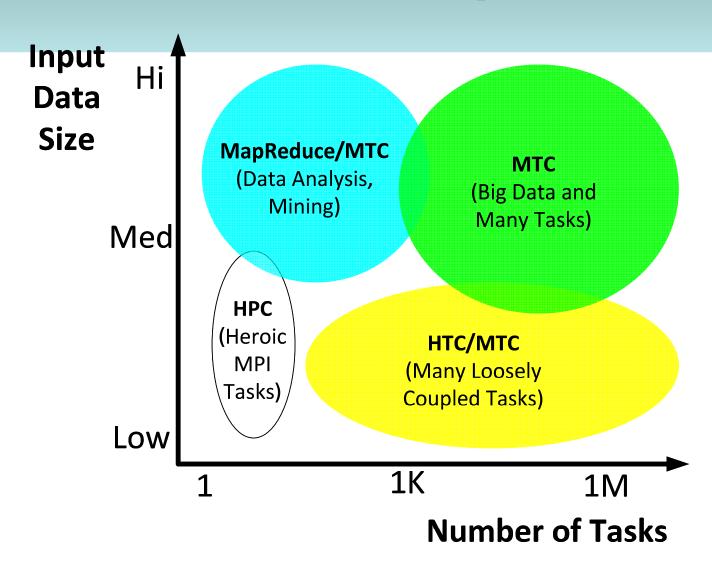
High-Throughput Computing & High-Performance Computing

- HTC: High-Throughput Computing
 - Typically applied in clusters and grids
 - Loosely-coupled applications with sequential jobs
 - Large amounts of computing for long periods of times
 - Measured in operations per month or years
- HPC: High-Performance Computing
 - Synonymous with supercomputing
 - Tightly-coupled applications
 - Implemented using Message Passing Interface (MPI)
 - Large of amounts of computing for short periods of time
 - Usually requires low latency interconnects
 - Measured in FLOPS

MTC: Many-Task Computing

- Bridge the gap between HPC and HTC
- Applied in clusters, grids, and supercomputers
- Loosely coupled apps with HPC orientations
- Many activities coupled by file system ops
- Many resources over short time periods
 - Large number of tasks, large quantity of computing, and large volumes of data

Problem Space



Challenges for MTC

- 1. Slow job dispatch rates
- 2. Long queue times

[UC07] "Harnessing Grid Resources with Data-Centric Task Farms"

3. Poor shared/parallel file system scaling

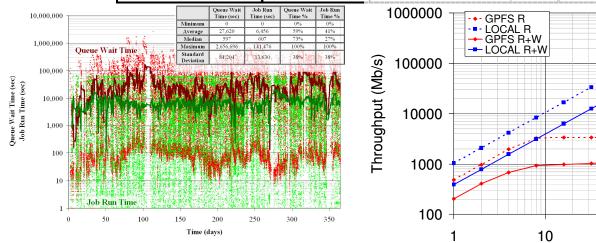
System	Comments	Throughput (tasks/sec)
Condor (v6.7.2) - Production	Dual Xeon 2.4GHz, 4GB	0.49
PBS (v2.1.8) - Production	Dual Xeon 2.4GHz, 4GB	0.45
Condor (v6.7.2) - Production	Quad Xeon 3 GHz, 4GB	2
Condor (v6.8.2) - Production		0.42
Condor (v6.9.3) - Development		11
Condor-J2 - Experimental	Quad Xeon 3 GHz, 4GB	22

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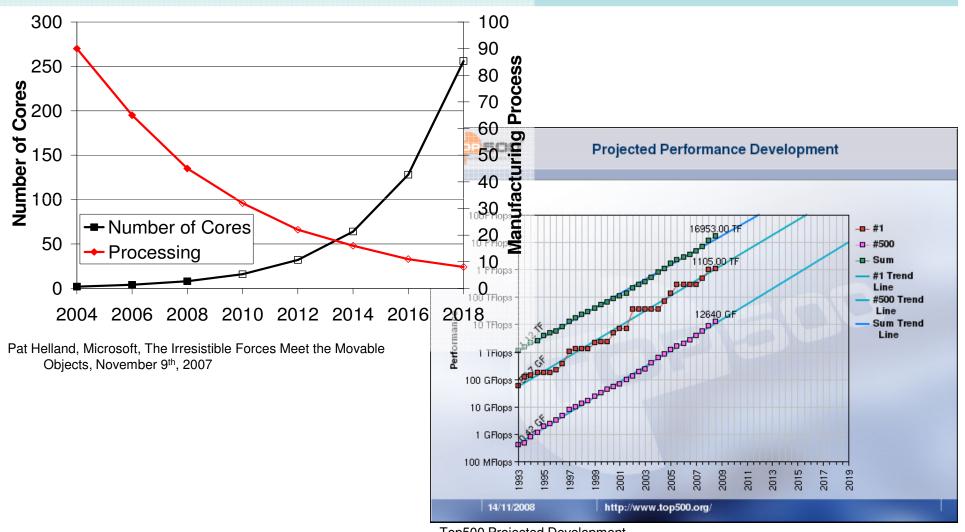
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Number of Nodes



Projected Growth Trends



Top500 Projected Development,

http://www.top500.org/lists/2008/11/performance development

Growing Storage/Compute Gap

Local Disk:

2002-2004: ANL/UC TG Site ¹⁰⁰⁰
 (70GB SCSI)

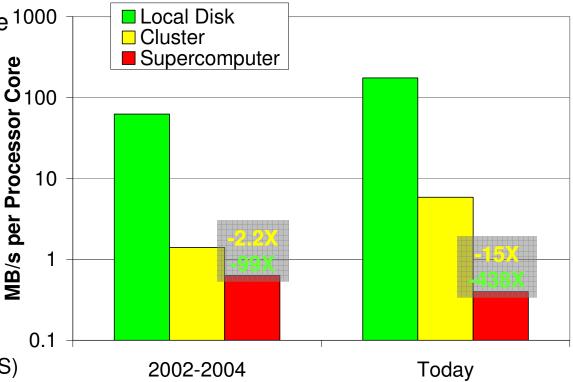
Today: PADS (RAID-0, 6 drives 750GB SATA)

Cluster:

- 2002-2004: ANL/UC TG Site (GPFS, 8 servers, 1Gb/s each)
- Today: PADS (GPFS, SAN)

Supercomputer:

- 2002-2004: IBM Blue Gene/L (GPFS)
- Today: IBM Blue Gene/P (GPFS)



Presentation Focus

- [JS09] "Middleware Support for Many-Task Computing", under preparation
- [HPDC09] "The Quest for Scalable Support of Data Intensive Workloads in Distributed Systems", under review
- [DIDC09] "Towards Data Intensive Many-Task Computing", under review
- [SC08] "Towards Loosely-Coupled Programming on Petascale Systems"
- [MTAGS08 Workshop] Workshop on Many-Task Computing on Grids and Supercomputers
- [MTAGS08] "Many-Task Computing for Grids and Supercomputers"
- [MTAGS08] "Design and Evaluation of a Collective I/O Model for Loosely-coupled Petascale Programming"
- [GCE08] "Cloud Computing and Grid Computing 360-Degree Compared"
- [SWF08] "Scientific Workflow Systems for 21st Century e-Science, New Bottle or New Wine?"
- [DADC08] "Accelerating Large-scale Data Exploration through Data Diffusion"
- [TG08] "Data Intensive Scalable Computing on TeraGrid: A Comparison of MapReduce and Swift"
- [GlobusWorld08] "Managing and Executing Loosely Coupled Large Scale Applications on Clusters, Grids, and Supercomputers"
- [NOVA08] "Realizing Fast, Scalable and Reliable Scientific Computations in Grid Environments"
- [UC07] "Harnessing Grid Resources with Data-Centric Task Farms"
- [Globus07] "Falkon: A Proposal for Project Globus Incubation"
- [SC07] "Falkon: a Fast and Light-weight tasK executiON framework"
- [MSES07] "A Data Diffusion Approach to Large Scale Scientific Exploration"
- [SWF07] "Swift: Fast, Reliable, Loosely Coupled Parallel Computation"
- [TG07] "Dynamic Resource Provisioning in Grid Environments"
- [NASA06-08] "Harnessing Grid Resources to Enable the Dynamic Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets"
- [SC06] "Harnessing Grid Resources to Enable the Dynamic Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets"
- [TG06] "AstroPortal: A Science Gateway for Large-scale Astronomy Data Analysis"
- [NSF06] "The Importance of Data Locality in Distributed Computing Applications"

Techniques to Support MTC

- Streamlined task dispatching
- Dynamic resource provisioning
 - Multi-level scheduling
 - Resources are acquired/released in response to demand
- Data diffusion
 - Data diffuses from archival storage to transient resources
 - Resource "caching" allows faster responses to subsequent requests
 - Co-locate data and computations to optimize performance

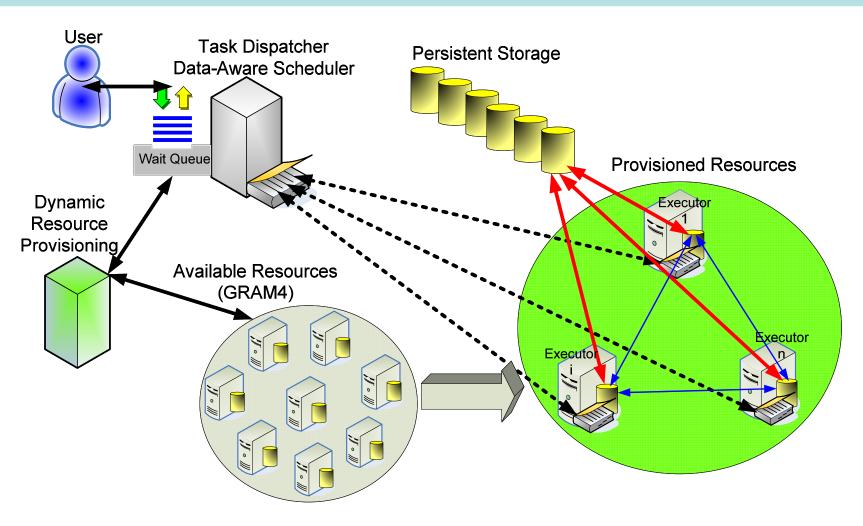
Theoretical and Practical Exploration

- Abstract model
 - Models the efficiency and speedup of entire workloads
 - Captures techniques to support MTC
 - Streamlined task dispatching
 - Dynamic resource provisioning
 - Data diffusion
- Middleware to support MTC
 - Falkon: a fast a light-weight execution framework
 - Reference Implementation of the abstract model

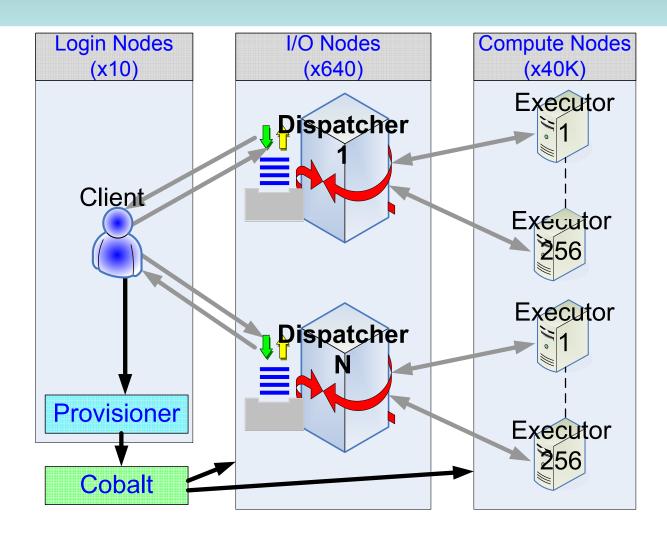
Middleware Support: Falkon

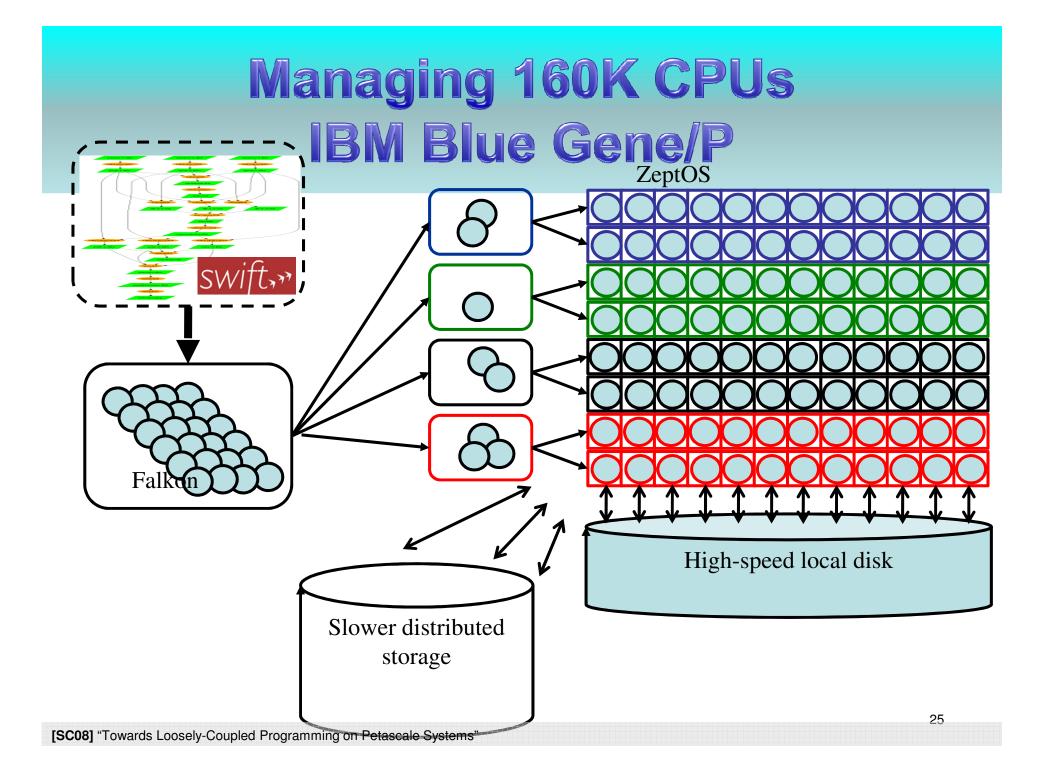
- Goal: enable the rapid and efficient execution of many independent jobs on large compute clusters
- Combines three components:
 - a streamlined task dispatcher
 - resource provisioning through multi-level scheduling techniques
 - data diffusion and data-aware scheduling to leverage the co-located computational and storage resources
- Integration into Swift to leverage many applications
 - Applications cover many domains: astronomy, astro-physics, medicine, chemistry, economics, climate modeling, etc

Falkon Architecture



Distributed Falkon Architecture





Data Diffusion

 Resource acquired in response to demand

 Data diffuse from archival storage to newly acquired transient resources

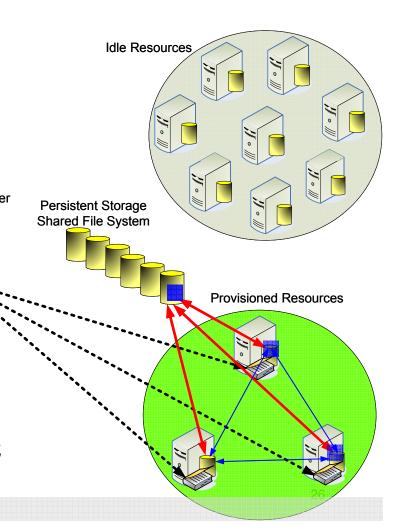
• Resource "caching" allows faster responses to subsequent requestisatcher Data-Aware Scheduler

 Resources are released when demand drops

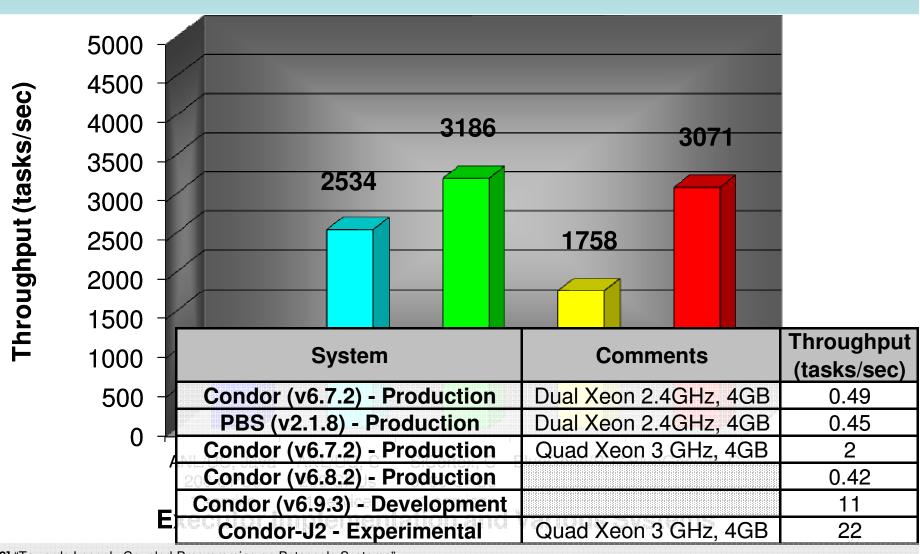
 Optimizes performance by coscheduling data and computations

 Decrease dependency of a shared/parallel file systems

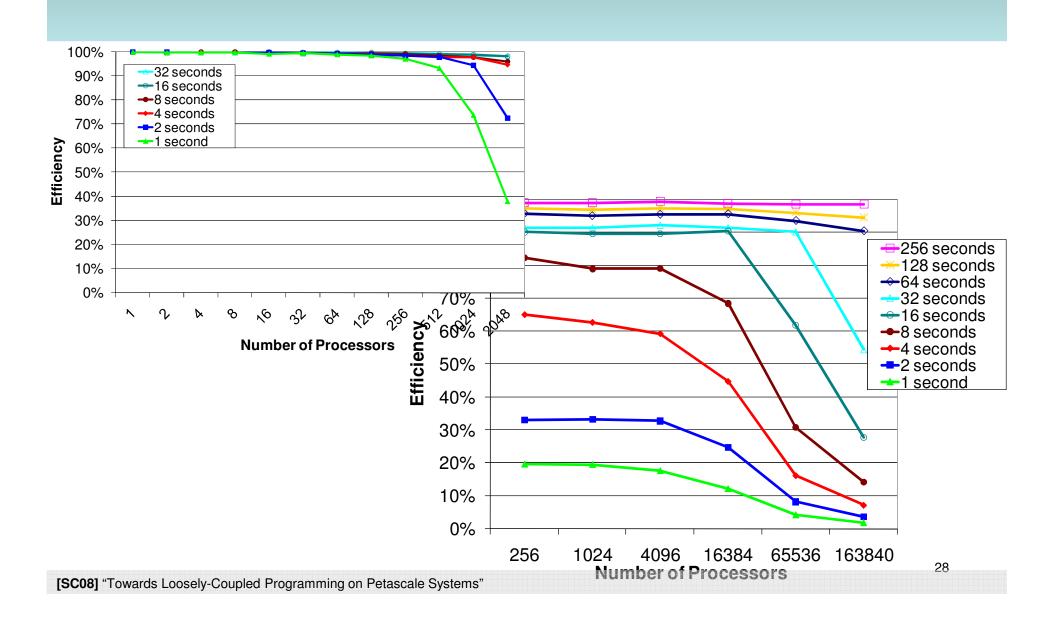
Critical to support data intensive MTC



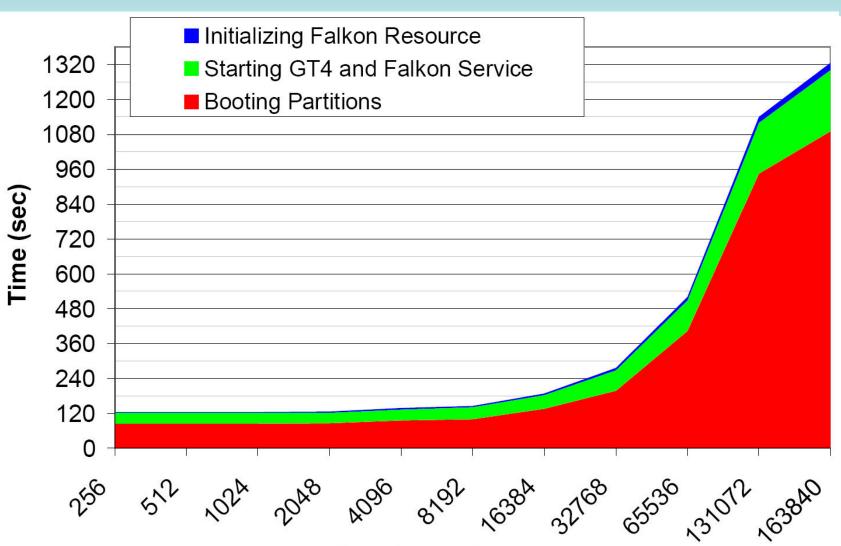
Dispatch Throughput



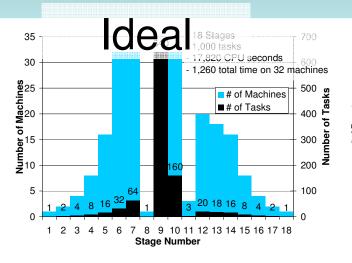
Execution Efficiency

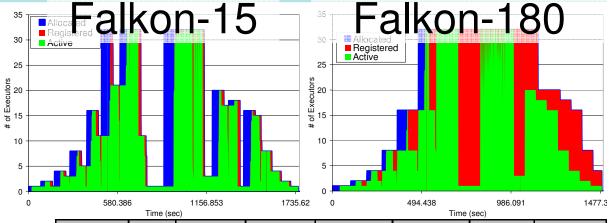


Resource Provisioning Overheads IBM Blue Gene/P



Dynamic Resource Provisioning





- End-to-end execution time:
 - 1260 sec in ideal case
 - 4904 sec → 1276 sec
- Average task queue time:
 - 42.2 sec in ideal case
 - 611 sec \rightarrow 43.5 sec
- Trade-off:
 - Resource Utilization for Execution Efficiency

Time (sec)			Time (sec)				
	GRAM +PBS	Falkon-15	Falkon-60	Falkon-120	Falkon-180	Falkon-∞	Ideal (32 nodes)
Queue Time (sec)	611.1	87.3	83.9	74.7	44.4	43.5	42.2
Execution Time (sec)	56.5	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.8
Execution Time %	8.5%	17.0%	17.6%	19.3%	28.7%	29.2%	29.7%
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complete							
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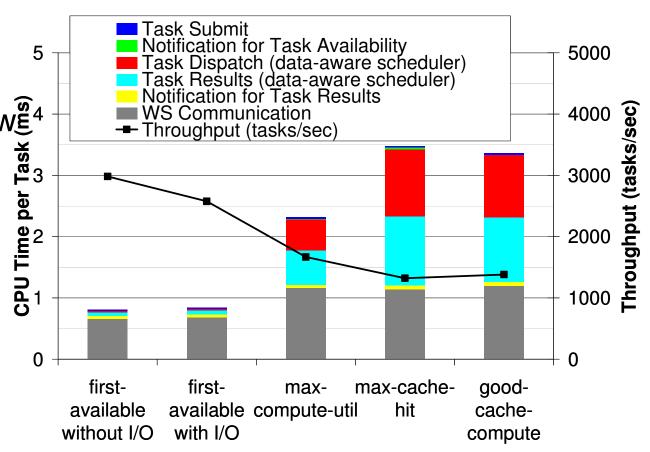
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Scheduling Policies

- FA: first-available
 - simple load balancing
- MCH: max-cache-hit
 - maximize cache hits
- MCU: max-compute-util
 - maximize processor utilization
- GCC: good-cache-compute
 - maximize both cache hit and processor utilization at the same time

Data-Aware Scheduler Profiling

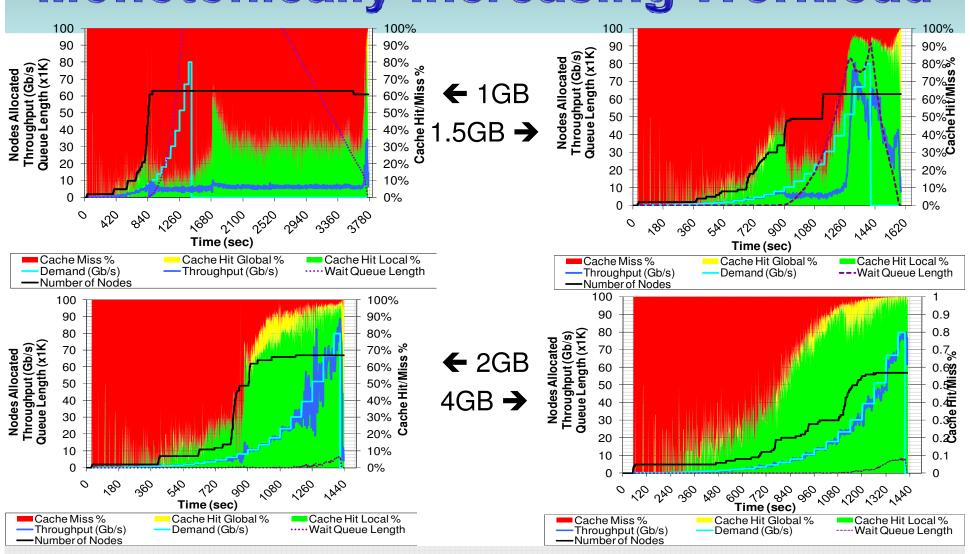
- 3GHz dual CPUs
- ANL/UC TG with 128 processors
- Scheduling windowg⁴
 2500 tasks
- Dataset
 - 100K files
 - 1 byte each
- Tasks
 - Read 1 file
 - Write 1 file



Synthetic Workloads

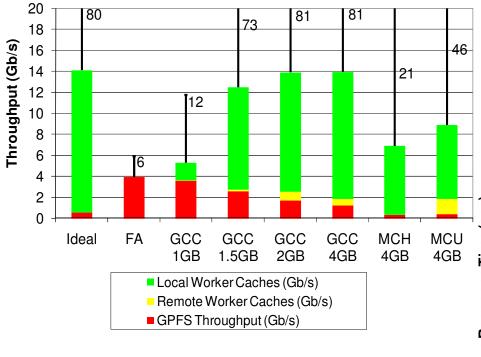
- Monotonically Increasing Workload
 - Emphasizes increasing loads
- Sine-Wave Workload
 - Emphasizes varying loads
- All-Pairs Workload
 - Compare to best case model of active storage
- Image Stacking Workload (Astronomy)
 - Evaluate data diffusion on a real large-scale dataintensive application from astronomy domain

Data Diffusion Monotonically Increasing Workload



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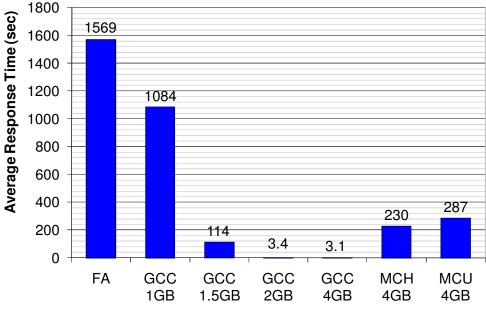
Data Diffusion Monotonically Increasing Workload



←Throughput:

Average: 14Gb/s vs 4Gb/s

- Peak: 81Gb/s vs. 6Gb/s

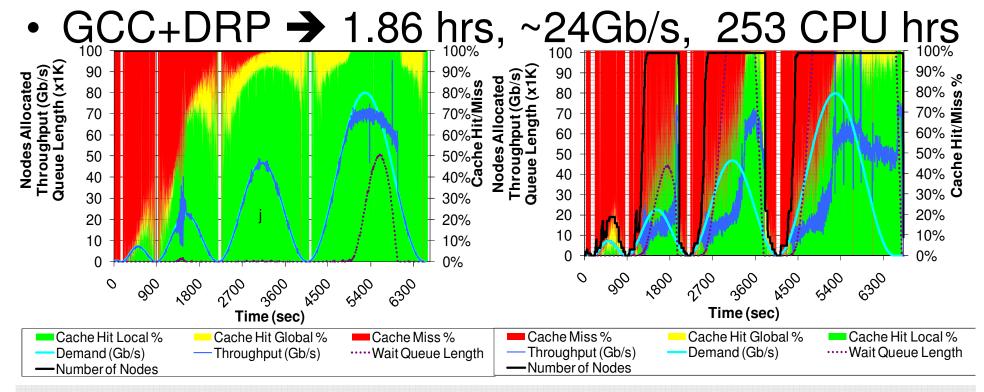


Response Time →

- 3 sec vs 1569 sec → 506X

Data Diffusion Sine-Wave Workload

- GPFS → 5.7 hrs, ~8Gb/s, 1138 CPU hrs
- GCC+SRP → 1.8 hrs, ~25Gb/s, 361 CPU hrs

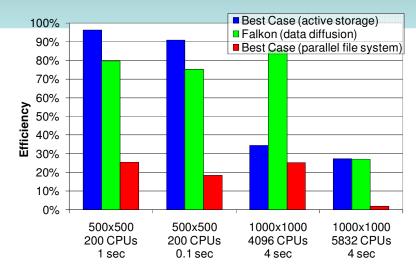


Data Diffusion vs. Active Storage All-Pairs Workload

- Pull vs. Push
 - Data Diffusion
 - Pulls task working set
 - Incremental spanning forest
 - Active Storage:
 - Pushes workload working set to all nodes
 - Static spanning tree

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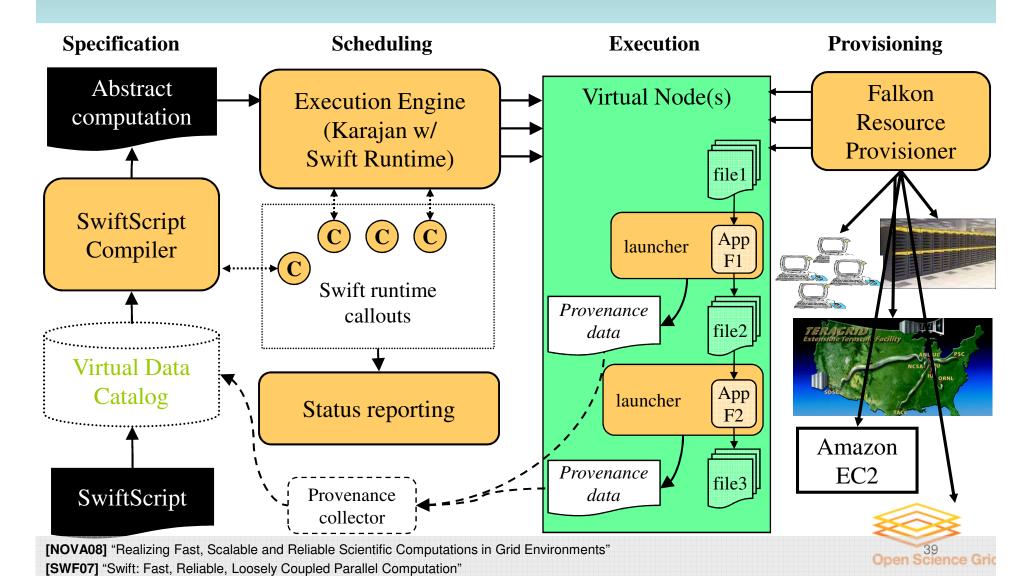


Experiment							
Experiment	Approach	Local Disk/Memory (GB)	Network (node-to-node) (GB)	Shared File System (GB)			
500x500 200 CPUs 1 sec	Best Case (active storage)	6000	1536	12			
	Falkon (data diffusion)	6000	1698	34			
500x500 200 CPUs 0.1 sec	Best Case (active storage)	6000	1536	12			
	Falkon (data diffusion)	6000	1528	62			
1000x1000 4096 CPUs 4 sec	Best Case (active storage)	24000	12288	24			
	Falkon (data diffusion)	24000	4676	384			
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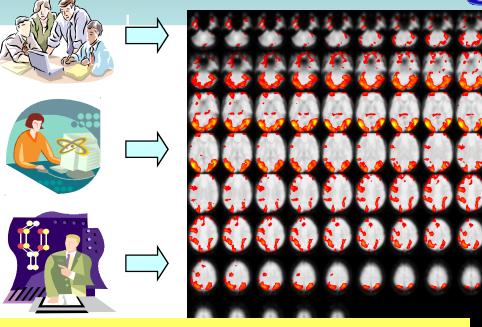
Data Diffusion vs. Active Storage All-Pairs Workload

- Best to use active storage if
 - Slow data source
 - Workload working set fits on local node storage
- Best to use data diffusion if
 - Medium to fast data source
 - Task working set << workload working set
 - Task working set fits on local node storage
- If task working set does not fit on local node storage
 - Use parallel file system (i.e. GPFS, Lustre, PVFS, etc)

Applications Swift Architecture

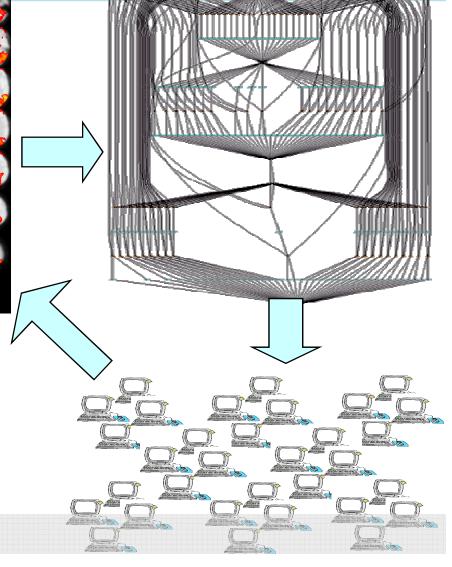


Applications Medical Imaging: fMRI



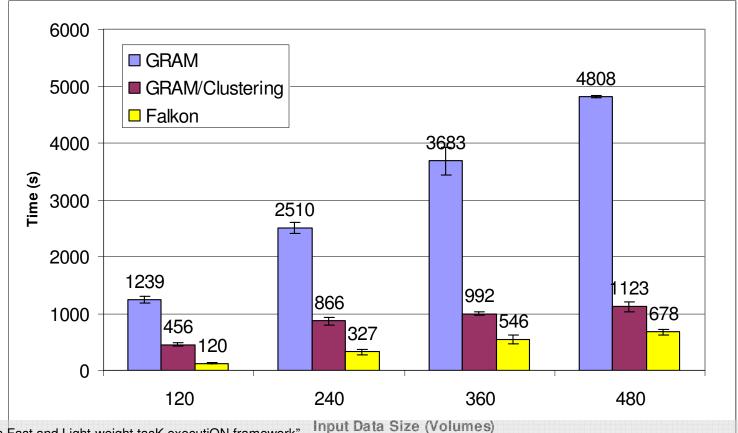
- Wide range of analyses
 - Testing, interactive analysis, production runs
 - Data mining
 - Parameter studies

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Applications Medical Imaging: fMRI

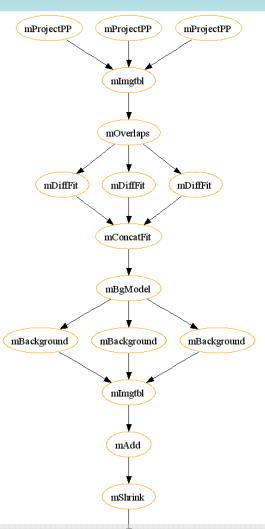
- GRAM vs. Falkon: 85%~90% lower run time
- GRAM/Clustering vs. Falkon: 40%~74% lower run time



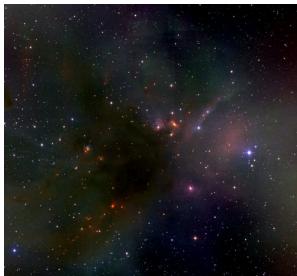
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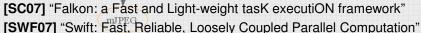
Applications Astronomy: Montage

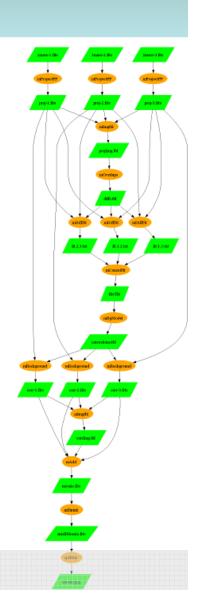






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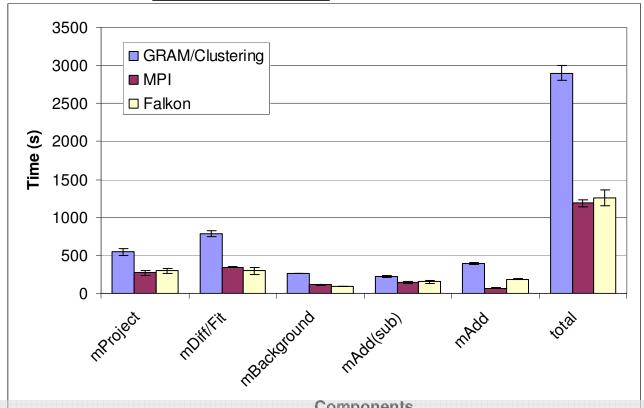


Applications Astronomy: Montage

GRAM/Clustering vs. Falkon: 57% lower application run time

MPI* vs. Falkon: 4% higher application run time

* MPI should be lower bound

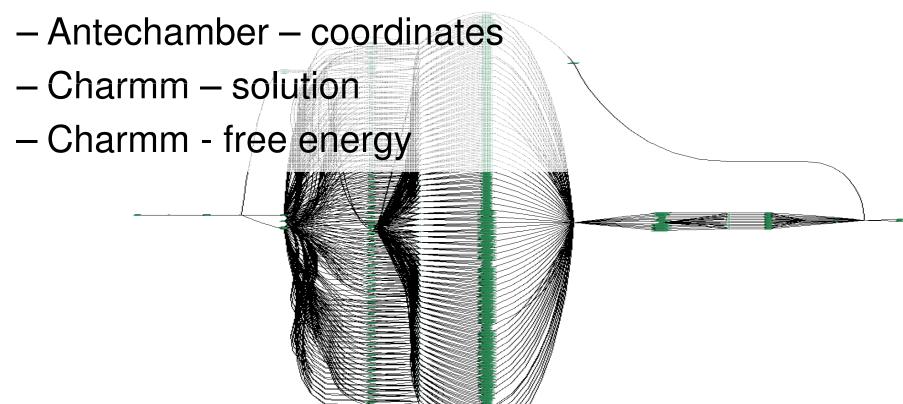


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Applications Molecular Dynamics: MolDyn

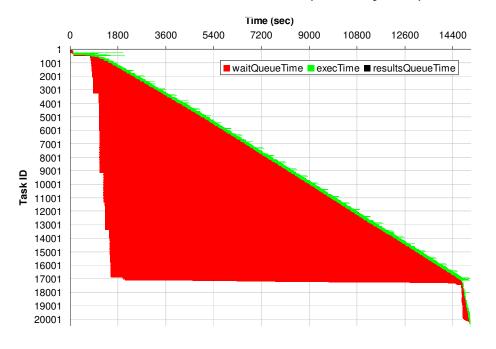
 Determination of free energies in aqueous solution

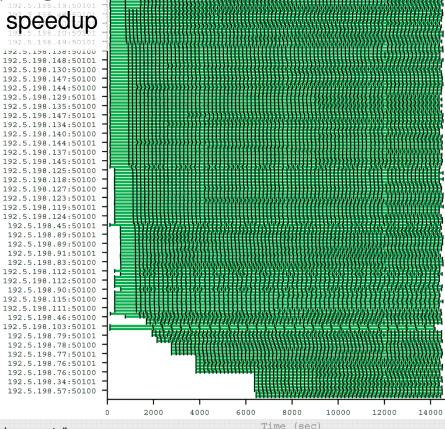
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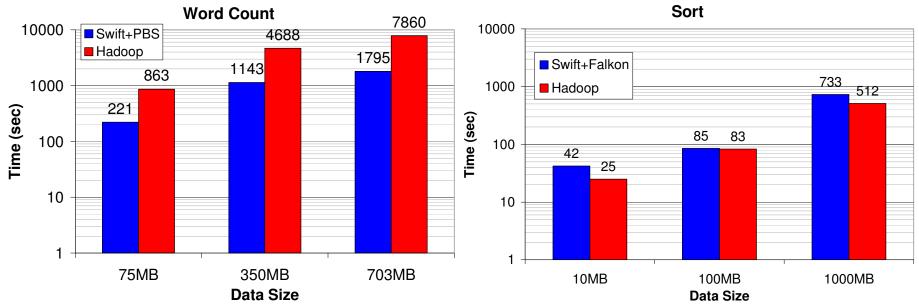
- 244 molecules → 20497 jobs
- 15091 seconds on 216 CPUs → 867.1 CPU hours
- Efficiency: 99.8%
- Speedup: 206.9x → 8.2x faster than GRAM/PBS
- 50 molecules w/ GRAM (4201 jobs) → 25.3 speedup





ApplicationsWord Count and Sort

- Classic benchmarks for MapReduce
 - Word Count
 - Sort
- Swift and Falkon performs similar or better than Hadoop (on 32 processors)



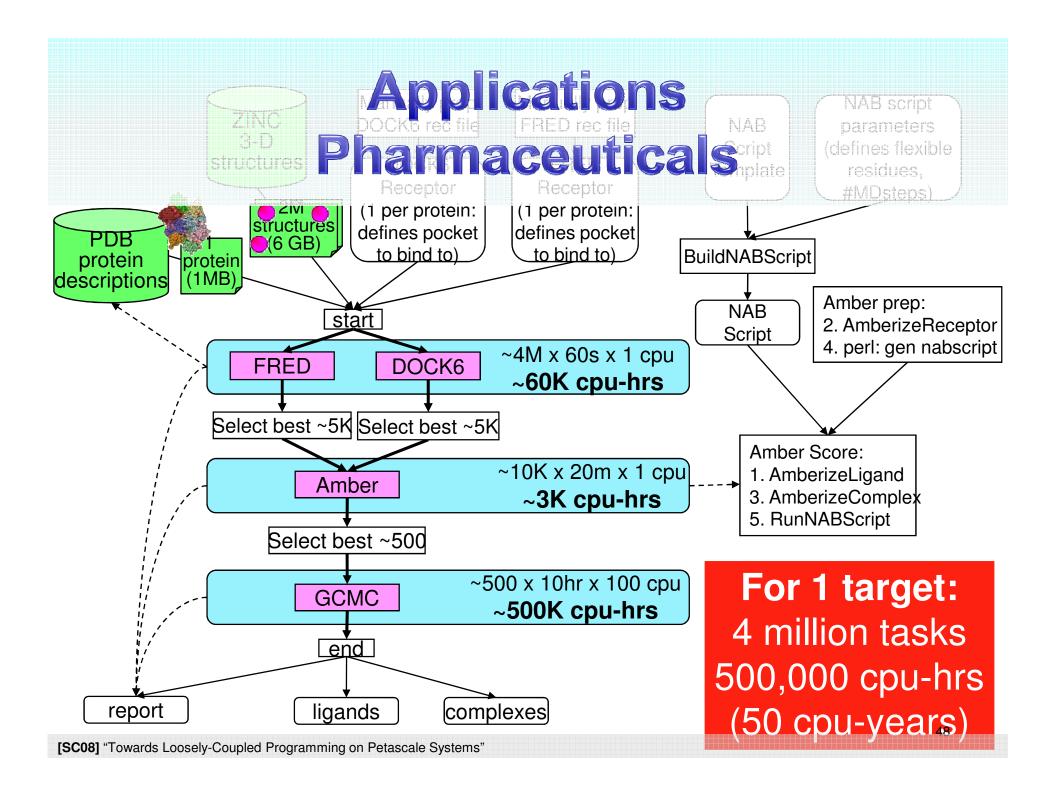
Applications Economic Modeling: MARS

CPU Cores: 130816

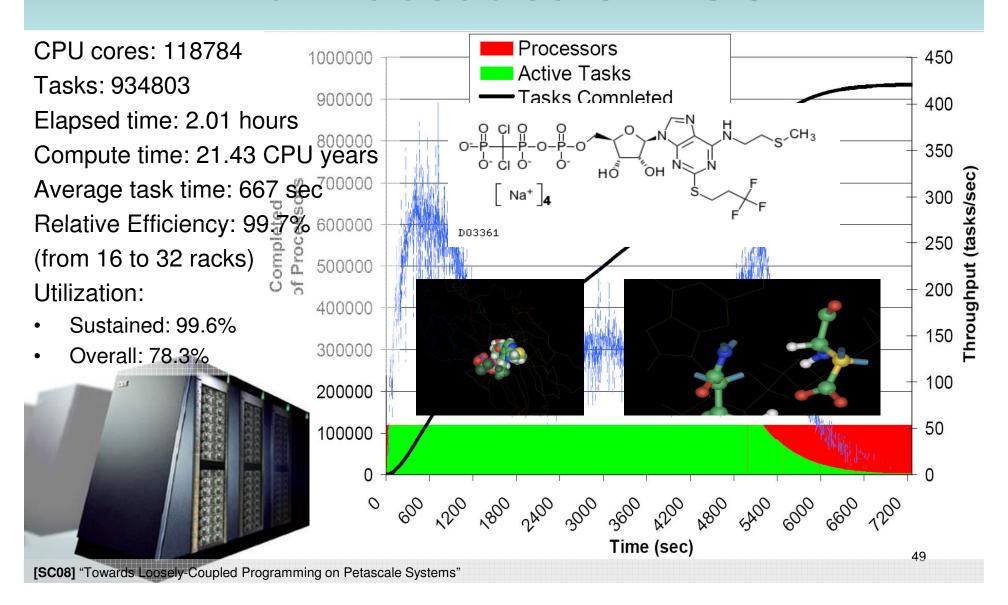
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Tasks: 1048576 **Processors** 5000 Elapsed time: 2483 secs 4500 CPU Years: 9.3 160 4000 140 800000 120 B500 0008 3000 2500 2000 2000 1500 1500 1500 **Tasks Completed** 600000 400000 1000 200000 500 600 200 Time (sec)

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Applications Pharmaceuticals: DOCK



Applications Astronomy: AstroPortal

Purpose

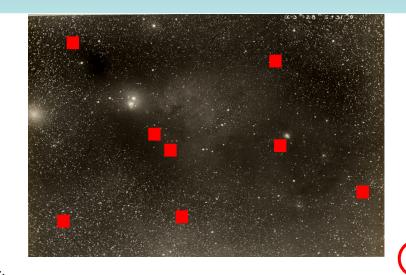
 On-demand "stacks" of random locations within ~10TB dataset

Challenge

- Processing Costs:
 - O(100ms) per object
- Data Intensive:
 - 40MB:1sec
- Rapid access to 10-10K [©]
 "random" files
- Time-varying load

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1.38	154345	11169	99
2	97999	4900	0
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4	76575	1914	.5
5	60590	1212	.0
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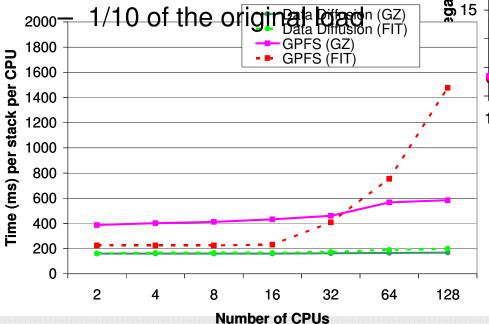
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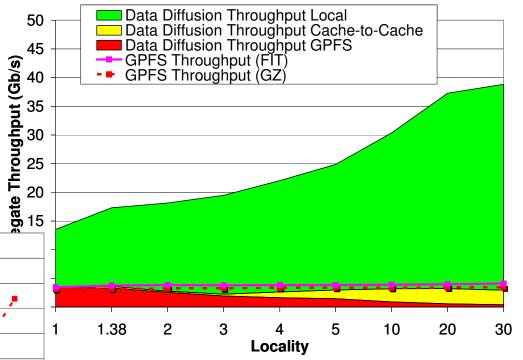
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Applications Astronomy: AstroPortal

- Aggregate throughput:
 - 39Gb/s
 - 10X higher than GPFS
- Reduced load on GPFS
 - 0.49Gb/s





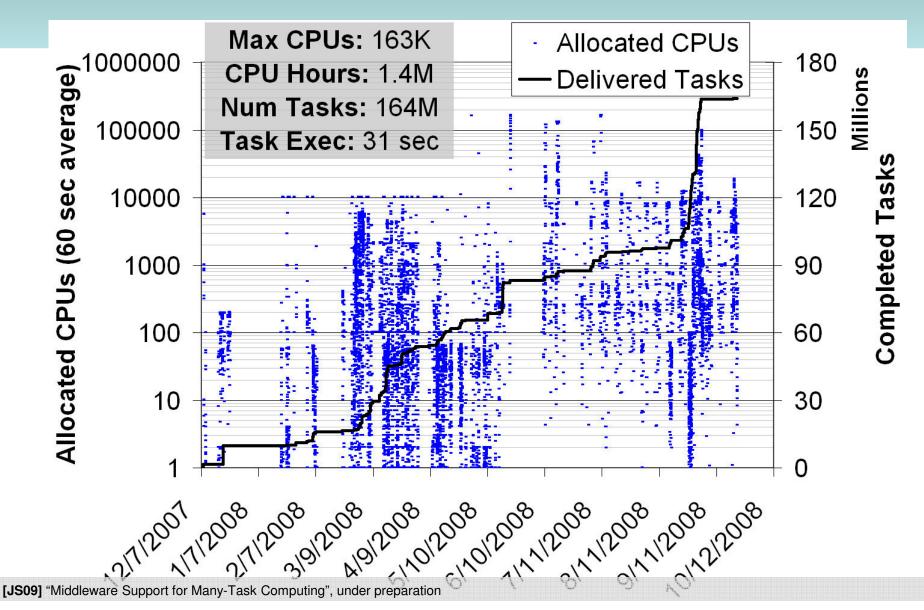
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Near perfect scalability

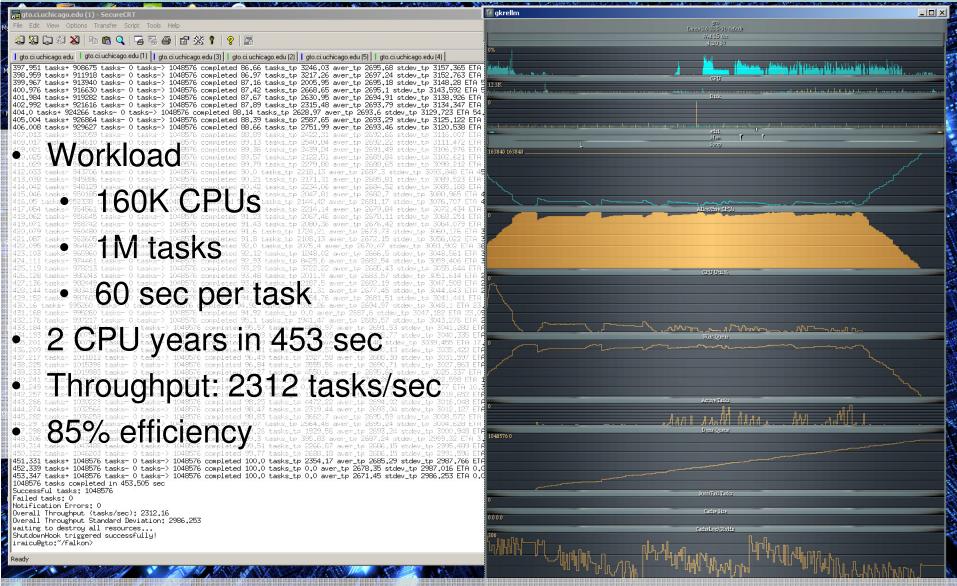
Falkon Project

- Falkon is a real system
 - Late 2005: Initial prototype, AstroPortal
 - January 2007: Falkon v0
 - November 2007: Globus incubator project v0.1
 - http://dev.globus.org/wiki/Incubator/Falkon
 - February 2009: Globus incubator project v0.9
- Implemented in Java (~20K lines) and C (~1K lines)
 - Based on the Globus Toolkit 4.0
 - Open source: svn co https://svn.globus.org/repos/falkon
- Source code contributors (beside myself)
 - Yong Zhao, Zhao Zhang, Ben Clifford, Mihael Hategan, Gabriela Turcu
- Ideas contributors
 - Ian Foster, Mike Wilde, Catalin Dumitrescu, Alex Szalay, Jim Gray, ...

Falkon Activity History (10 months)



Falkon Monitoring



Related Work: Local Resource Management

- [Litzkow88]: Condor
- [Bode00]: Portable Batch System (PBS)
- [Zhou92]: Load Sharing Facility (LSF)
- [Gentzsch01]: Sun Grid Engine (SGE)
- [Anderson04]: BOINC volunteer computing
- [Desai05]: Cobalt

Conclusion:

- Most supported HPC and/or HTC, but due to relatively heavy-weight implementations they are not suitable for MTC
- None addressed data intensive workloads with data-aware schedulers

Related Work: Resource Provisioning

- [Banga99,Stankovic99]: Muliti-Level Scheduling
- [Appleby01]: Oceano SLA Based Management of a Computing Utility
- [Frey02, Mehta06]: Condor glide-ins
- [Walker06]: MyCluster (based on Condor glide-ins)
- [Ramakrishnan06]: Grid Hosting with Adaptive Resource Control
- [Bresnahan06]: Provisioning of bandwidth
- [Singh06]: Simulations

Conclusion: None allowed for dynamic resizing of resource pool (independent of application logic) based on system load

Related Work: Data Management

- [Ghemawat03,Dean04]: MapReduce+GFS
- [Bialecki05]: Hadoop+HDFS
- [Gu06]: Sphere+Sector
- [Tatebe04]: Gfarm
- [Chervenak04]: RLS, DRS
- **[Kosar06]**: Stork

Conclusions

- None focused on the co-location of storage and generic black box computations with data-aware scheduling while operating in a dynamic elastic environment
- Swift + Falkon + Data Diffusion is arguably a more generic and powerful solution than MapReduce

Contributions

- There is more to HPC than tightly coupled MPI, and more to HTC than embarrassingly parallel long jobs
 - MTC: Many-Task Computing
 - Addressed real challenges in resource management in large scale distributed systems to enable MTC
 - Covered many domains (via Swift and Falkon): astronomy, medicine, chemistry, molecular dynamics, economic modelling, and data analytics

Contributions

- Identified that data locality is crucial to the efficient use of large scale distributed systems for data-intensive applications → Data Diffusion
 - Integrated streamlined task dispatching with data aware scheduling policies
 - Heuristics to maximize real world performance
 - Suitable for varying, data-intensive workloads
 - Proof of O(NM) Competitive Caching

Mythbusting

- Embarrassingly Happily parallel apps are trivial to run
 - Logistical problems can be tremendous
- Loosely coupled apps do not require "supercomputers"
 - Total computational requirements can be enormous
 - Workloads frequently involve large amounts of I/O

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 - Costs to run "supercomputers" per FLOP is among than the paymous
- Loosely coupled apps do not require specialized system software
 - Their requirements on the job submission and storage systems can be extremely large
- Shared/parallel file systems are good for all applications
 - They don't scale proportionally with the compute resources
 - Data intensive applications don't perform and scale well
 - Growing compute/storage gap

More Information

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