ModSim Challenges for a Scientist's Use of Workflows

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Per image we would have ~ 2005 - σ detections. We would require 2 independent detections.

Typically only 50-200 images taken per night - 4 sq. deg. of sky.







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Cuts were made based on shape, motion, etc., and a scanner would have to look at ~5 candidates per image.

Pain begins.....

NEAT Search Facilities



Intelligent Optical Network Infrastructure



FEDEx Networking: Do not underestimate the bandwidth of a station wagon filled with DAT tapes... achieved 200 kB/s





Intelligent Optical Network Infrastructure

PTF (2009-2012), iPTF(2013-2016)

CFH12k camera on the Palomar Oschin Schmidt telescope

- 7.8 sq deg field of view, 1" pixels
- 60s exposures with 15-20s readout in r, g and H-alpha
- First light Nov. 24, 2008.
- First useful science images on Jan 13th, 2009.
- 2 Cadences (Mar. Nov.) 2009-2011
 - Nightly (35% of time) on nearby galaxies and clusters (g/r)

 Every 3 nights (65% of time) on SDSS fields with minimum coverage of 2500 sq deg. (r) to 20th mag 10-sigma

H-alpha during bright time (full +/-2 days)

Nov-Feb, minute cadences on select fields.

Supernovae circa 2009 Discovery and Follow-up



design, first results	Law, Kulkarni, Dekany et al. 2009 PASP 121 1395L
Science plans	Rau, Kulkarni, Law et al. 2009 PASP 121 1334R
2010 survey status	Law et al. 2010 SPIE 7735



PTF Camera



92 Mpixels, 1" resolution, R=21 in 60s

PTF Science

PTF Key Projects				
Various SNe	Dwarf novae			
Transients in nearby galaxies	Core collapse SNe			
RR Lyrae	Solar system objects			
CVs	AGN			
AM CVn	Blazars			
Galactic dynamics	LIGO & Neutrino transients			
Flare stars	Hostless transients			
Nearby star kinematics	Orphan GRB afterglows			
Type Ia Supernovae	Eclipsing stars and planets			
Tidal events	H-alpha ½ sky survey			

The power of PTF resides in its diverse science goals and follow-up.

PTF Science

▼ Detected transients will be followed up using a wide variety of optical and IR, photometric and spectroscopic followup facilities.







Hubble Space Telescope



P200



PARITEL











Wise 1m



Liverpool Telescope



Swift Space Telescope

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UH/S



Real or Bogus – Machine Learning Analysis



4096 X 2048 CCD images - over 3000 per night – producing 1.5M bogus detections, 50k known astrophysical objects and only 1-2 new astrophysical transients of interest every night. Machine learning is used to wade through this sea of garbage. ModSim 2016

PTF Database

	R-band	g-band
images	1.82M	305k
subtractions	1.52M	146k
references	29.2k	6.3k
Candidates	890M	197M
Transients	42945	3120

All in 851 nights from 2009-2012. An image is an individual chip (~0.7 sq. deg.) The database is now 1 TB. Now doubled in size from iPTF from 2013-2016.



PTF Turn-around



What does "real-time" subtractions really mean?

For 95% of the nights all images are processed, subtractions are run, candidates are put into the database and the local universe script is run in < I hr after observation.

Median turn-around is 30m.

iPTF turn-around



Due to the X-SWAP project (Extreme-Scale Scientific Workflow Analysis and Prediction), funded through the ASCR LAB-1088 call (Analytical Modeling for Extreme-Scale Computing Environments), we have been able to understand and eliminate a lot of our inefficiencies and decrease the turn-around by an order of magnitude!

Better use of the Lustre filesystem (for everything), better use of OpenMP in all codes, reserved nodes, etc.

iPTF turn-around



Yi Cao's Caltech thesis May 3, 2016. This fall will become an eScience Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Washington. ModSim 2016 We made major changes to the old pipeline.

- Pipeline completely instrumented for timings.
- Identified and fixed python load time on Edison (15min to 5 sec).
- Moved all I/O in processing to Lustre /scratch filesystem
- Now optimizing db access

Typical turnaround is now < 5 minutes for 95% of the data!

Instrumented Pipeline with 39 Checkpoints

Covers everything from:

- Pulling the data from the telescope
- I/O on scracth
- Subtraction software
- Running ML algorithms
- Loading the db with discoveries
- Performing difficult geometric queries to match with known stars, asteroids, previous discoveries, etc.
- Copying data from scratch to project

For 8 hours every night, we now know more about the NERSC center than they do in real-time.



DB Access



I/O time on Cori



PTF Sky Coverage

To date:

- 2338 Spectroscopically typed supernovae
- 10⁶ Galactic Transients
- 10⁴ Transients in M31

139 publications, 6 in *Nature* and 2 in *Science* since late 2009



GW150914 GW150914

Signals in synchrony

When shifted by 0.007 seconds, the signal from LIGO's observatory in Washington (red) neatly matches the signal from the one in Louisiana (blue).

LIGO Hanford data (shifted) LIGO Livingston data



GW150914

Going to have to be able to sift through a lot of stuff, and react quickly with followup, to get on the optical companion for a GW trigger.









Zwicky Transient Facility



ZTF will survey an order of magnitude faster than PTF.

	PTF	ZTF
Active Area	7.26 deg ²	47 deg ²
Overhead Time	46 sec	<15 sec
Optimal Exposure Time	60 sec	30 sec
Relative Areal Survey Rate	1x	15.0x
Relative Volumetric Survey Rate	1x	12.3x

3750 deg²/hour
⇒ 3π survey in 8 hours
>250 observations/field/year for uniform survey

New ZTF camera: 16 6k x 6k e2v CCDs

Existing PTF camera MOSAIC 12k

Future





LSST - 15TB data/night Only one 30-m telescope *How many triggers can we handle???*