

Cyberinfrastructure-Enabled Machine Learning Summer Institute

CIML SI25 - Day 2

June 24, 2025

Logistics and Introductions
HPC, Parallel Concepts

What is CIML?

- NSF CyberTraining Grant: *Developing a Best Practices Training Program in Cyberinfrastructure-Enabled Machine Learning Research (CIML)*
- Objectives: Scalable Machine Learning
 - To create generalized machine learning training and project materials that run on large-scale NSF funded cyberinfrastructure resources such as XSEDE
 - Targeted towards researchers and educators who are using machine learning (ML) and big data analytics methods for their domain specific applications or instructional material
 - To develop a community of machine learning and data analytics CI Users (CIU) and Contributors (CIC) who actively contribute to the training material repository and incorporate the materials into their projects and courses.
 - Synthesize the training material into a domain independent CIML workflow system that can be used for creating applications that run on the NSF HPC ecosystem.

Welcome to the **FIFTH** CIML Summer Institute!

- Focus is on scalable machine learning.
- GitHub: <https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2024>
- Please be on time so we can stay on schedule.

Day 2 Agenda: *HPC, Parallel Concepts*

Tuesday, June 24 - *HPC/Parallel Concepts (in person)*

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Light Breakfast & Check-in Location: SDSC Auditorium
8:30 am - 9:30 am	2.1 Welcome and Introductions Mary Thomas, Computational Data Scientist & Director of the CIML Summer Institute
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am - 10:45 am	2.2 Parallel Computing Concepts Robert Sinkovits, Director of Education and Training <i>We will cover supercomputer architectures, the differences between threads and processes, implementations of parallelism (e.g., OpenMP and MPI), strong and weak scaling, limitations on scalability (Amdahl's and Gustafson's Laws) and benchmarking.</i>
10:45 am - 11:45 am	2.3 Getting Started with Batch Job Scheduling Marty Kandes, Computational and Data Science Research Specialist <i>Batch job schedulers are used to manage and fairly distribute the shared resource high-performance computing (HPC) systems. Learning how to interact with them and compose your jobs is essential to becoming an effective HPC user.</i>

11:45 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch @ Pines Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	2.4 Data Management and File Systems Marty Kandes, Computational and Data Science Research Specialist <i>Managing data efficiently on a supercomputer is important from both users' and system's perspectives. We will cover a few basic data management techniques and I/O best practices in the context of the Expanse system at SDSC.</i>
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	2.5 GPU Computing - Hardware architecture and software infrastructure Andreas Goetz, Research Scientist & Principal Investigator <i>Brief overview of the massively parallel GPU architecture that enables large-scale deep learning applications, access and use of GPUs on SDSC Expanse for ML applications</i>
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	2.6 Software Containers for Scientific and High-Performance Computing Marty Kandes, Computational and Data Science Research Specialist <i>Singularity is an open-source container engine designed to bring operating system-level virtualization to scientific and high-performance computing. With Singularity you can package complex computational workflows --- software applications, libraries, and data --- in a simple, portable, and reproducible way, which can then be run almost anywhere.</i>
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Q&A, Wrap-up
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Evening Reception - UC San Diego, Seventh College, 15th Floor	

Basic Information

- Today is Day 1: Welcome-Orientation Day:
 - https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2025/tree/main/1.1_welcome_and_orientation
- Check out the 0_Prep doc – contains important information:
 - https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2025/tree/main/0_preparation
- Expanse User Guide:
 - https://www.sdsc.edu/support/user_guides/expanse.html
- You need to have an Expanse account in order to access the system. There are a few ways to do this:
 - You have been assigned a training accounts: they expire, save your data.
 - Request an Expanse trial account, send email to consult@sdsc.edu
 - Reach out to a PI with an active allocation can add you to their allocation.
 - Submit a proposal through the ACCESS allocation request system. <https://allocations.access-ci.org>
- Online Expanse training repo and information:
 - <https://github.com/sdsc-hpc-training-org/expanse-101>
 - <https://hpc-training.sdsc.edu/expanse-101/>

Other Resources

- GitHub Repo for this webinar: clone code examples for this tutorial – clone example code:
 - <https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2025>
- SDSC Training Resources
 - https://www.sdsc.edu/support/user_guides/expanse.html
 - <https://education.sdsc.edu/training/interactive/>
 - <https://www.sdsc.edu/events/index.html>
 - <https://github.com/sdsc-hpc-training-org/hpctr-examples>
- ACCESS Training Resources
 - <https://support.access-ci.org/events>

CIML Instructors



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Let's get to know each other

1. Name
2. Institution/Company & Department
3. How do you like to spend your time when not at work?
4. What have you binged watched or read?

**We hope you all
have a great
workshop!**