

TaPS: A Performance Evaluation Suite for Task-based Execution Frameworks

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Modern Science Applications are *Task-centric*

- Applications **automate** computational processes to achieve a **scientific goal**
 - ◆ Designed as compositions of **discrete tasks**
 - ◆ Built/executed using a **task executor** (like Parsl or Globus Compute)
- **Diverse ecosystem** of task executor frameworks
 - ◆ Each with different **strengths** and **weaknesses**
 - ◆ Many **open challenges** to work on



Task Execution Frameworks

Manage the execution of tasks in parallel across arbitrary hardware.

Workflow Management Systems

Define, manage, and execute workflows represented by a directed acyclic graph (DAG) of tasks

Explicit

DAG defined via configuration file or domain specific language



Implicit

Task dependencies derived through dynamic evaluation of a procedural script



Concurrent Executors

On-demand asynchronous execution of tasks



How do we **benchmark** and compare *Python* execution frameworks?



The Status Quo

Ad Hoc Benchmarks

- Framework-specific examples/demos
- Custom, single-use evaluation scripts for a publication
- Forks of real science applications

Problems

- Code is **framework-specific**
- Ad-hoc scripts subject to **code rot**
- Porting applications can be **onerous**
- Subtle **errors** in ported applications can lead to **inaccurate comparisons**

SimGrid: a Generic
Large-Scale Distribut

Developing accurate and scalable sim
management systems with WRENCH

Application skeletons: Construction and use in

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WfCommons: A Framework for Enabling Scientific Workflow Research and Development

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WfBench: Automated Generation of
Scientific Workflow Benchmarks

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Prior work focused on **simulations** and **synthetic workloads**



TaPS: Task Performance Suite

A standardized framework for evaluating
task execution frameworks with real scientific workloads



Goals

- Provide reference/standard applications for benchmarking workloads
- Benchmark task executors / data management systems
- Robust and reproducible configuration system



Architecture

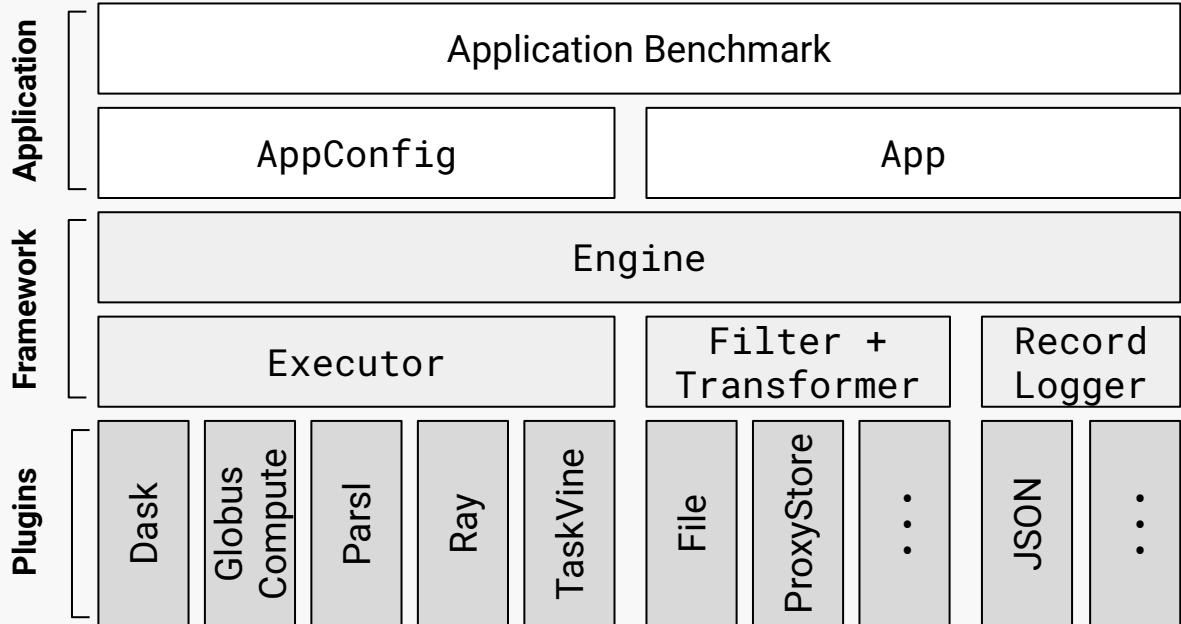
Benchmarking Workloads



Glue between Apps and System Plugins



Choose Plugins to Benchmark



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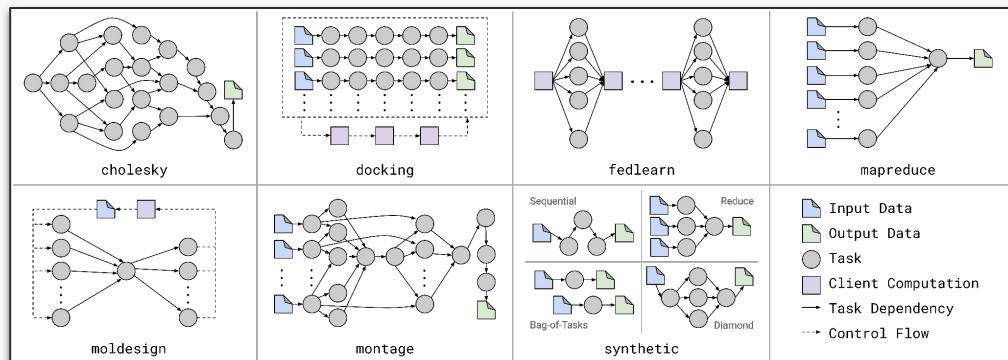


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Applications: *Benchmarking Workloads*

- Six Real Apps
- Two Synthetic
- Diverse Patterns
- Diverse Domains
- Per-App Guides
- Add your own!

Type	Name	Domain	Task Type(s)	Data Type(s)
Real	cholesky	Linear Algebra	Python	In-memory
	docking	Drug Discovery	Executable, Python	File
	fedlearn	Machine Learning	Python	In-memory
	mapreduce	Text Analysis	Python	File, In-memory
	moldesign	Molecular Design	Python	In-memory
	montage	Astronomy	Executable	File
Synthetic	synthetic	—	Python	In-memory
	failures	—	Depends on base app	Depends on base app



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Engine Plugins: *Things You Can Compare*

	Task Execution	Data Management
Purpose	Asynchronously execute functions	Manage task data by filtering and transforming data into/resolve data from intermediate representations
Interfaces	Executor*	Filter + Transformer
Out-of-the-Box Implementations	ThreadPool, ProcessPool, Dask, Globus Compute, Parsl, Ray, TaskVine	Shared File Systems ProxyStore (DAOS, Globus Transfer, Margo, Redis, UCX, ZMQ, ...)

Check out taps.proxystore.dev/latest/guides to add new apps/plugins!

*Requires implicit data flow support via futures. Wrapper provided for implementations that lack this feature.

Using TaPS

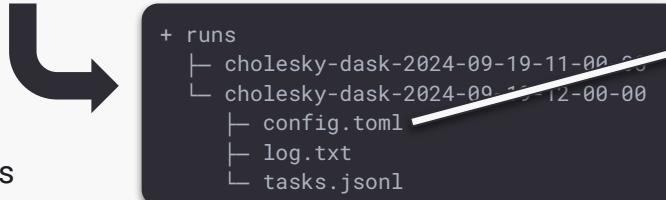
Execute benchmarks with CLI or programmatically via API

```
$ python -m taps.run \
    --app cholesky --app.matrix-size 10000 --app.block-size 1000 \
    --engine.executor parsl-local --engine.executor.workers 16 \
    --engine.transformer proxystore {transformer options} \
    --engine.filter object-size {filter options} \
    ...

[Output Truncated]
RUN  (taps.run) :: Runtime directory: runs/cholesky-dask-2024-09-19-12-00-00
APP  (taps.apps.cholesky) :: Generated input matrix: (10000, 10000)
APP  (taps.apps.cholesky) :: Block size: 1000
APP  (taps.apps.cholesky) :: Output matrix: (10000, 10000)
RUN  (taps.run) :: Finished app (name=cholesky, runtime=13.18s)
```

Run directory:

- Logs for analysis
- Config for reproducibility
- Application outputs



```
[app]
name = "cholesky"
matrix_size = 10000
block_size = 1000

[engine.executor]
name = "dask"
workers = 16

[engine.filter]
name = "object-size"
min_size: 1000

[engine.transformer]
name = "proxystore"
cache_size = 16
extract_target = true
populate_target = true
...

[logging]
level = "INFO"
file_level = "INFO"
file_name = "log.txt"

[run]
dir_format = "runs/{name}-{executor}-{timestamp}"
```

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python -m taps.run --config config.toml
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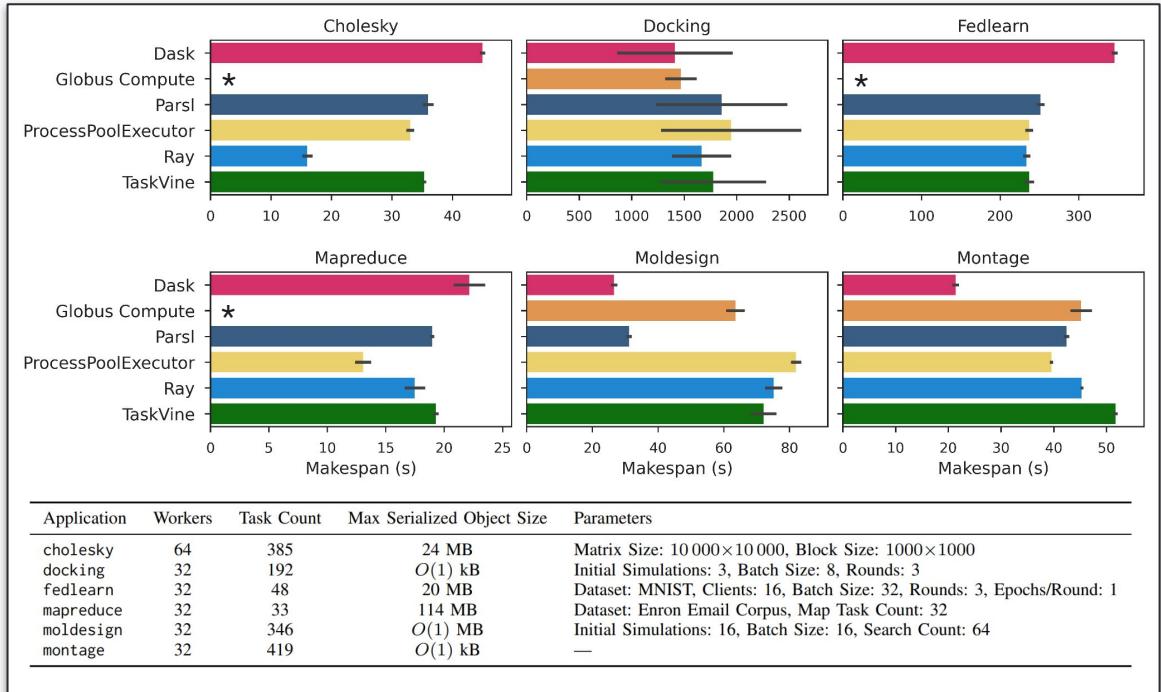
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Application Makespan

- No stand-out executor
- Diverse characteristics across ref. applications
- Highlight strengths and weaknesses across executor frameworks
- High-level investigation raises interesting questions



<https://github.com/proxystore/escience24-taps-analysis>

*Task data exceeds Globus Compute 10 MB payload limit.

Read the Paper!

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Abstract—Task-based execution frameworks, such as parallel programming libraries, computational workflow systems, and function-as-a-service platforms, enable the composition of distinct tasks into a single, unified application designed to achieve a computational goal. Task-based execution frameworks abstract the parallel execution of an application’s tasks on arbitrary hardware. Research into these task executors has accelerated as computational sciences increasingly need to take advantage of parallel compute and/or heterogeneous hardware. However, the lack of evaluation standards makes it challenging to compare and contrast novel systems against existing implementations

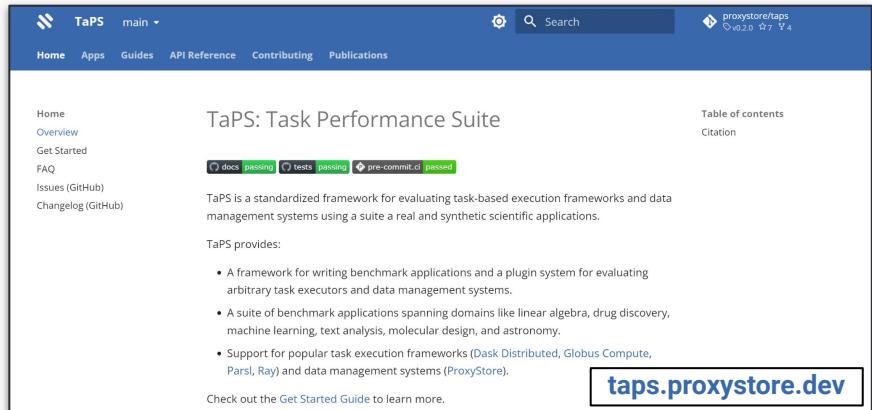
uncover new areas for improvement. Benchmarks facilitate meaningful comparisons between competing approaches—a valuable aspect for researchers, reviewers, and readers alike.

Access to open source benchmarks democratizes research, and many fields have found great success through the creation of standards. LINPACK [4], for example, is used to evaluate the floating point performance of hardware systems. The Transaction Processing Performance Council (TPC) [5] provides a variety of standard benchmarks for database sys-

Good stuff to read in here 

- more evaluation
- app descriptions
- technical details
- and more!

Try out TaPS



The screenshot shows the TaPS website homepage. The header includes the TaPS logo, a main menu with options like Home, Apps, Guides, API Reference, Contributing, and Publications, and a search bar. On the right, there's a GitHub repository link for proxystore/taps and a status indicator showing v0.2.0, 57 commits, and 44 files. The main content area features a section titled "TaPS: Task Performance Suite" with links to Overview, Get Started, FAQ, Issues (GitHub), and Changelog (GitHub). It also displays badge status for docs (passing), tests (passing), and pre-commit.ci (passed). Below this, a summary states: "TaPS is a standardized framework for evaluating task-based execution frameworks and data management systems using a suite of real and synthetic scientific applications." A list titled "TaPS provides:" lists several bullet points about the framework's capabilities. At the bottom, a call to action encourages users to check out the "Get Started Guide to learn more." A prominent blue button at the bottom right says "taps.proxystore.dev".

Want to collaborate? Reach out if you have...

- an app that could be a benchmark
- a new execution framework
- a data management system
- and more!





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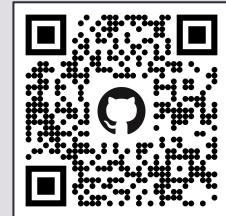
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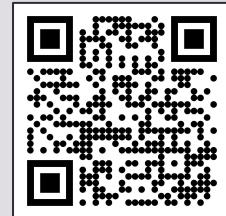
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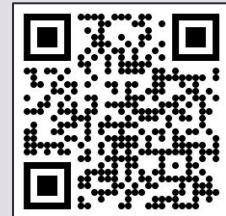
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