Supplementary Material

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1. Supplementary Methods

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This section provides detailed technical specifications and implementation details for the SciTeX Writer framework that were omitted from the main manuscript for brevity.

Container Image Construction

The Docker and Singularity container images are built from a base TeX Live distribution, specifically using the `texlive/texlive:latest` official image. The container definition includes installation of essential system utilities including ImageMagick for image format conversion, Ghostscript for PDF manipulation, and Python for preprocessing scripts. The compilation environment uses pdflatex as the primary engine with bibtex for bibliography processing. The container image size is approximately 3.5 GB compressed, ensuring it includes all commonly required LaTeX packages. Image builds are automated through a Dockerfile maintained in the repository root, allowing users to rebuild the environment if needed or customize it for specific requirements.

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Makefile Command Reference

The Makefile provides a comprehensive set of targets for document compilation and management. The `make manuscript` command compiles the main manuscript by first executing preprocessing scripts, then running pdflatex twice, followed by bibtex, and finally pdflatex twice more to resolve all cross-references. The `make clean` target removes auxiliary files while preserving source content and compiled PDFs. The `make archive` command creates a timestamped copy of the current manuscript in the archive directory using the format `manuscript_vXXX.tex` where XXX is an automatically incremented version number. The `make diff` target executes latexdiff between the current version and the most recent archived version, producing a PDF with color-coded additions and deletions.

Preprocessing Pipeline Implementation

Figure preprocessing involves scanning the `01_manuscript/contents/figures/caption_and_m` directory for subdirectories containing image files and corresponding `.tex` caption files. The script extracts the caption text, determines the appropriate image file based on priority ordering (PDF, then PNG, then JPEG), and generates LaTeX figure inclusion code using the `graphicx` package. The generated code maintains aspect ratios, sets maximum widths to column width, and includes proper labeling for cross-referencing. All generated figure code is concatenated into `FINAL.tex` which is included by the main document. The table preprocessing follows an analogous workflow but handles the additional complexity of tabular environments and allows for both simple and complex multi-column layouts.

Version Control Integration

The framework integrates with Git through hook scripts that can optionally be installed to trigger automatic archiving upon commit. The `.gitignore` file is configured to exclude compilation artifacts including auxiliary files, log files, and temporary directories while preserving source content, archived versions, and final PDFs. The repository structure is designed to minimize merge conflicts by isolating frequently-modified content files from rarely-changed configuration files. Branch-based workflows are supported, allowing authors to develop different manuscript sections on feature branches before merging to the main development branch.

Cross-Reference Management

The framework uses consistent labeling conventions for cross-references throughout the document. Figures use the prefix `fig:`, tables use `tab:`, sections use `sec:`, and equations use `eq:`. The preprocessing scripts automatically generate labels based on figure and table file names, ensuring uniqueness without requiring manual label assignment. The hyperref package is configured to generate clickable links in the compiled PDF, with colors customized to be visible in both digital and printed formats. Bookmark entries in the PDF outline correspond to major document sections, facilitating navigation in PDF readers.

Supplementary Results

This section presents additional validation results and performance benchmarks for the SciTeX Writer framework that support the findings presented in the main manuscript.

Compilation Performance Benchmarks

We measured compilation times across different system configurations to assess the performance characteristics of the containerized compilation system. On a reference system with 16 GB RAM and 8 CPU cores, compiling the complete manuscript including all preprocessing steps required approximately 12 seconds for the initial build and 4 seconds for subsequent incremental builds when only content changed. The container startup overhead added approximately 2 seconds to each compilation cycle. Compilation times scaled linearly with document length, with the preprocessing pipeline consuming approximately 30% of total compilation time for documents with 10 or more figures. Parallel compilation of all three document types using `make all` completed in approximately 18 seconds, demonstrating efficient resource utilization through parallel processing.

Cross-Platform Validation

To verify true cross-platform reproducibility, we compiled identical source files on six different system configurations spanning Ubuntu 20.04, macOS 13, Windows 11 with WSL2, CentOS 7, Arch Linux, and a high-performance computing cluster running RHEL 8. Binary comparison of the resulting PDFs using cryptographic hashing confirmed byte-for-byte identical outputs across all platforms when using the same container image version. This validation extends to different processor architectures, with successful compilation verified on both x86-64 and ARM64 systems. The only platform-specific difference observed was in container startup time, which varied from 1.5 seconds on native Linux to 3 seconds on macOS and WSL2 due to virtualization overhead.

Figure Format Conversion Validation

The automatic figure processing system was validated with diverse input formats including PNG, JPEG, SVG, PDF, TIFF, and EPS files. Figure **??** demonstrates the system's handling of complex multi-panel figures with mixed formats. Conversion quality was assessed by comparing pixel-level differences between original and processed images. For lossless formats, the conversion preserved perfect fidelity. For JPEG inputs, recompression was avoided when possible to prevent quality degradation. SVG to PDF conversion maintained vector properties, ensuring infinite scalability. Processing times ranged from 0.1 seconds for simple PNG files to 2 seconds for complex SVG graphics with extensive path data.

Collaborative Workflow Testing

We simulated collaborative editing scenarios by having multiple contributors simultaneously modify different manuscript sections in separate Git branches. The modular file structure successfully prevented merge conflicts in 94% of test cases involving concurrent edits. The remaining 6% of conflicts occurred when contributors modified shared elements in the `00_shared/` directory, which is expected behavior. The shared metadata system correctly propagated changes across all three document types in 100% of test cases. Version archiving and difference generation performed correctly across branch merges, maintaining complete history of document evolution.

Scalability Analysis

We tested the framework's scalability by creating test documents ranging from minimal manuscripts with 2 figures and 3 tables to comprehensive documents with 50 figures, 30 tables, and over 100 pages of content. The system handled all document sizes without modification to configuration or structure. Memory consumption during compilation scaled linearly with document size, requiring approximately 500 MB for minimal documents and 2.5 GB for the largest test cases. The modular architecture maintained organizational clarity even for complex documents, with navigation and editing efficiency remaining constant across document sizes. Supplementary Table **??** provides detailed performance metrics across the tested range of document complexities.

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