pbdR: Harnessing HPC Research for Parallel Computing with R

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Cores and Co-Processors to Nodes





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Parallel Computing before Multicore

HPC "Beowulf" Clusters before 2005



Software Developments:

MPI is mature, MapReduce emerges

Parallel Libraries: PBLAS, ScaLAPACK, PETSc, etc.

Resource Manager: PBS mature, HADOOP emerges



Multicore Emerges and Clusters become Diskless



Software Developments

OpenMP, CUDA, OpenCL, OpenACC

Libraries: PLASMA, MAGMA, CuBLAS



Cluster Computer Architectures

Adding NVRAM to New HPC Systems



Software Developments

Libraries: DPLASMA, CombBLAS HADOOP fades, Spark emerges



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"Native" Programming Models and Tools





Distributed Programming Works in Shared Memory



R Interfaces to Low-Level Native Tools



R and **pbd**R Interfaces to HPC Libraries



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Data analysis is interactive!

- Data reduction to knowledge
- Iterative process with same data
 - Exploration, model construction
 - Diagnostics of fit and quantification of uncertainty
 - Interpretation
- S (and R) interactive "answer" to batch data analysis
- Efficient use of expensive people

Big platform computing is batch!

- Libraries built for batch computing
- Traditionally data generation by simulation science
- Efficient use of expensive platforms

High-Level Language: Batch and Interactive Distinction Blurred.

- A function is a "batch" script
- R "An interactive environment to use batch scripts"

Ideal solution: Interactive Client with a Batch Server

- Parallel visualization systems (Vislt and ParaView) are client-server (batch on server)
- Current **pbd**R packages address server side (batch)
- pbdCS 0.1-0 released on GitHub
 - Interactive SPMD
 - Based on ZeroMQ distributed messaging (pbdZMQ 0.1-1 on CRAN)
 - Bridge resource manager (pbdSCHED 0.1-0 on GitHub)
 - Site configuration file
 - Manage relationship of big data (server side) to little data (client side)



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Manager-Workers

- A serial program (Manager) divides up work and/or data
- Workers run in parallel without interaction
- Manager collects/combines results from workers
- Divide-Recombine fits this model

MapReduce

- A concept born of a search engine
- Decouples certain coupled problems with an intermediate communication shuffle
- User writes two serial codes: Map and Reduce



MapReduce: a Parallel Search Engine Concept

Search MANY documents

Serve MANY users



Matrix transpose in another language?



Can use different sets of processors





MPI and MapReduce

Both Concepts are about Communication

- One makes communication explicit, gives choices
- The other hides communication, gives one choice (shuffle)



SPMD: Single Program Multiple Data

- The prevalent way of distributed programming
- Can handle tightly coupled parallel computations
- It is designed for batch computing
- There is usually no manager rather, all cooperate
- Prime driver behind MPI specification



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Early SPMD Work in Statistics: Crossproduct (Row-Block)



Fig. 4. Computation of A = XX on an 8-processor hypercube, with final result on processor 0.

FIG. 6. Computation of A = X'X on an 8-processor hypercube, with final result on all processors.

Hypercube: Individual send() and recv() over each dimension

Ostrouchov (1987). Parallel Computing on a Hypercube: An overview of the architecture and some applications. *Proceedings of the 19th Symposium on the Interface of Computer Science and Statistics*, p.27-32.

Simplified with MPI (and further with pbdMPI)



F16. 4. Computation of A = XX on an 8-processor hypercube, with final result on processor 0.

Fig. 6. Computation of $A = X^*X$ on an 8-processor hypercube, with final result on all processors.

Architecture-specific vendor optimizations

- Cray MPT
- SGI MPT



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Programming Models

Data-flow: Parallel Runtime Scheduling and Execution Controller (PaRSEC)



Bosilca, G., Bouteiller, A., Danalis, A., Faverge, M., Herault, T., Dongarra, J. "PaRSEC: Exploiting Heterogeneity to Enhance Scalability," IEEE Computing in Science and Engineering, Vol. 15, No. 6, 36-45, November, 2013.

- Master data-flow controller runs distributed on all cores.
- Dynamic generation of current level in flow graph
- Effectively removes collective synchronizations

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The pbdR Project

pbdR Interfaces to Libraries: Sustainable Path



Why use HPC libraries?

- The libraries represent 30+ years of research by the HPC community
- They're tested. They're fast. They're scalable.
- Many science communities are invested in their API.
- HPC Simulation Science uses much of the same math as data analysis



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pbdMPI: Simplified, Extensible, and Fast Communication Operations

- S4 methods for collective communication: extensible to other R objects.
- Default methods (like Robj in Rmpi) check for data type: safe for general users.
- API is simplified: defaults in control objects.
- Array and matrix methods without serialization: faster than Rmpi.

pbdMPI (S4)	Rmpi
allgather	<pre>mpi.allgather, mpi.allgatherv, mpi.allgather.Robj</pre>
allreduce	mpi.allreduce
bcast	mpi.bcast, mpi.bcast.Robj
gather	<pre>mpi.gather, mpi.gatherv, mpi.gather.Robj</pre>
recv	mpi.recv, mpi.recv.Robj
reduce	mpi.reduce
scatter	mpi.scatter, mpi.scatterv, mpi.scatter.Robj
send	mpi.send, mpi.send.Robj



Integer? Not always obvious in R.







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Single Program (SPMD): Runs Asynchronous Parallel

Rank Query Example

1_rank.r

```
1 library(pbdMPI, quiet = TRUE)
2 init()
3
4 my.rank <- comm.rank()
5 comm.print(my.rank, all.rank=TRUE)
6
7 finalize()</pre>
```





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Mapping a Matrix to Processors

Processor Grid Shapes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) 1×6 (b) 2×3 (c) 3×2 (d) 6×1

Table: Processor Grid Shapes with 6 Processors



 2×3 block-cyclic grid on 6 processors: Global view "ddmatrix" class

	_								-	-
	<i>x</i> ₁₁	<i>x</i> ₁₂	<i>x</i> ₁₃	<i>x</i> ₁₄	<i>x</i> ₁₅	<i>x</i> ₁₆	<i>x</i> ₁₇	<i>x</i> ₁₈	<i>x</i> ₁₉	
x =	<i>x</i> ₂₁	<i>x</i> ₂₂	x ₂₃	<i>x</i> ₂₄	<i>x</i> ₂₅	x ₂₆	x ₂₇	x ₂₈	x ₂₉	
	<i>x</i> ₃₁	<i>x</i> ₃₂	<i>x</i> 33	<i>x</i> ₃₄	<i>x</i> 35	x ₃₆	<i>x</i> ₃₇	<i>x</i> ₃₈	X39	
	<i>x</i> 41	<i>x</i> ₄₂	X43	<i>X</i> 44	X45	<i>x</i> 46	X47	<i>x</i> 48	X49	
	<i>x</i> 51	<i>x</i> 52	<i>x</i> 53	<i>x</i> 54	<i>x</i> 55	x ₅₆	<i>x</i> 57	<i>x</i> 58	<i>X</i> 59	
	<i>x</i> 61	<i>x</i> ₆₂	<i>x</i> 63	<i>x</i> ₆₄	<i>x</i> 65	<i>x</i> 66	<i>x</i> 67	<i>x</i> 68	<i>x</i> 69	
	<i>x</i> ₇₁	x ₇₂	X73	<i>x</i> ₇₄	x ₇₅	x ₇₆	X77	x ₇₈	X79	
	x ₈₁	x ₈₂	x ₈₃	<i>x</i> ₈₄	<i>x</i> 85	x ₈₆	x ₈₇	<i>x</i> 88	X89	
	<i>x</i> 91	<i>x</i> 92	<i>x</i> 93	<i>x</i> 94	<i>x</i> 95	<i>x</i> 96	X97	<i>x</i> 98	<i>X</i> 99	9×9
										/ ` _

Processor grid =
$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} (0,0) & (0,1) & (0,2) \\ (1,0) & (1,1) & (1,2) \end{vmatrix}$$



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 2×3 block-cyclic grid on 6 processors: Local view "ddmatrix" class

Γ	<i>x</i> ₁₁	<i>x</i> ₁₂	<i>x</i> ₁₇	x ₁₈		x ₁₃	<i>x</i> ₁₄	x ₁₉		<i>x</i> ₁₅	x ₁₆]
	<i>x</i> ₂₁	<i>x</i> ₂₂	x ₂₇	<i>x</i> ₂₈		<i>x</i> ₂₃	<i>x</i> ₂₄	<i>x</i> ₂₉		<i>x</i> ₂₅	<i>x</i> ₂₆	
	<i>x</i> ₅₁	<i>x</i> ₅₂	x ₅₇	x ₅₈		<i>x</i> 53	x ₅₄	<i>x</i> 59		x ₅₅	x ₅₆	
	x ₆₁	x ₆₂	x ₆₇	x ₆₈		x ₆₃	x ₆₄	<i>x</i> 69		x ₆₅	x ₆₆	
L	<i>X</i> 91	<i>X</i> 92	<i>X</i> 97	<i>X</i> 98] _{5×4}	<i>X</i> 93	<i>X</i> 94	<i>X</i> 99] _{5×3}	<i>X</i> 95	<i>X</i> 96] _{5×2}
Γ	<i>x</i> ₃₁	<i>x</i> ₃₂	<i>x</i> 37	_{X38}		X33	<i>X</i> 34	X39]	<i>x</i> 35	_{X36}]
	<i>x</i> ₄₁	<i>x</i> ₄₂	x ₄₇	x ₄₈		<i>x</i> ₄₃	<i>x</i> ₄₄	<i>x</i> 49		X45	x ₄₆	
	<i>x</i> ₇₁	x ₇₂	X77	x ₇₈		X73	x ₇₄	X79		x ₇₅	x ₇₆	
L	x ₈₁	<i>x</i> ₈₂	X87	<i>x</i> 88] _{4×4}	x ₈₃	<i>x</i> 84	X89	4×3	<i>x</i> 85	<i>x</i> 86] _{4×2}

Processor grid =
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pbdR Example Syntax

```
1 x <- x[-1, 2:5]
2 x <- log(abs(x) + 1)
3 x.pca <- prcomp(x)
4 xtx <- t(x) %*% x
5 ans <- svd(solve(xtx))</pre>
```

The above (and over 100 other functions) runs on 1 core with R or 10,000 cores with **pbd**R ddmatrix class



```
1 > x <- as.rowblock(x)
2 > x <- as.colblock(x)
3 > x <- redistribute(x, bldim=c(8, 8), ICTXT = 0)</pre>
```

pbdDMAT Scalability Benchmarks

- Default choices throughout (no MKL, ACML, etc.)
- 1 core = 1 MPI process (Kraken: 6-core Opterons)
- Generate random matrix
 - Global Columns: 500, 1000, and 2000
 - Global Rows: fixed per core to make 43.4 MiB
- Measure wall clock time
- "weak scaling" = global problem grows with core count

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pbdDMAT Scalability Benchmarks



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Matrix Exponentiation (pbdDMAT)

- Fitting biogeography models requires many matrix exponentiations
- Benchmark: Matrix exponential of 5000×5000 matrix.
- R 3.1.0, Matrix 1.1-2, rexpokit 0.25, pbdDMAT 0.3-0
- Libs: Cray LibSci, NETLIB ScaLAPACK, Compilers: gnu 4.8.2
- Configuration: 1 thread == 1 MPI rank == 1 physical core









Schmidt and Matzke (2014) Distributed matrix exponentiation, The R User Conference (UseR! 2014), Los Angeles, CA. August 2014

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Randomized truncated SVD¹

PROTOTYPE FOR RANDOMIZED SVD
Given an $m \times n$ matrix A, a target number k of singular vectors, and an
exponent q (say, $q = 1$ or $q = 2$), this procedure computes an approximate
rank-2k factorization $U\Sigma V^*$, where U and V are orthonormal, and Σ is
nonnegative and diagonal.
Stage A:
 Generate an n × 2k Gaussian test matrix Ω.
2 Form Y = (AA [*]) ^q AΩ by multiplying alternately with A and A [*] .
3 Construct a matrix Q whose columns form an orthonormal basis for
the range of Y.
Stage B:
4 Form $B = Q^*A$.
5 Compute an SVD of the small matrix: $B = \tilde{U}\Sigma V^*$.
6 Set $\hat{U} = O\tilde{U}$.
Note: The computation of Y in step 2 is vulnerable to round-off errors.
When high accuracy is required, we must incorporate an orthonormalization
step between each application of A and A^* : see Algorithm 4.4.
1 11 0
Algorithm 4.4: Randomized Subspace Iteration
Given an $m \times n$ matrix A and integers ℓ and q , this algorithm computes an
$m \times \ell$ orthonormal matrix Q whose range approximates the range of A.
 Draw an n × ℓ standard Gaussian matrix Ω.
 Form Y₀ = AΩ and compute its QR factorization Y₀ = Q₀R₀.
3 for $j = 1, 2,, q$
4 Form $\widetilde{Y}_i = A^*Q_{i-1}$ and compute its QR factorization $\widetilde{Y}_i = \widetilde{Q}_i \widetilde{R}_i$.
5 Form $Y_i = A\widetilde{Q}_i$ and compute its QR factorization $Y_i = Q_i R_i$.
6 end
$7 Q = Q_{q_1}$

Serial R

```
randSVD <- function (A, k, q=3)
 1
 2
 3
        ## Stage A
 4
        Omega <- matrix(rnorm(n*2*k),
 5
           nrow=n, ncol=2*k)
 6
        Y <- A %*% Omega
 7
        Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
 8
        At \ll t(A)
9
        for(i in 1:q)
10
11
            Y <- At %*% Q
12
            Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
13
            Y <- A %*% Q
14
            Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
15
          }
16
17
        ## Stage B
18
        B < -t(Q) \% A
19
        U <- La.svd(B)$u
        U <- Q %*% Ù
20
        U[, 1:k]
21
22
```

¹Halko, Martinsson, and Tropp. 2011. Finding structure with randomness: probabilistic algorithms for constructing approximate matrix decompositions *SIAM Review* **53** 217–288



Serial R

```
1
   randSVD <- function (A, k, g=3)
2
3
       ## Stage A
 4
        Omega <- matrix(rnorm(n*2*k),
              nrow=n, ncol=2*k)
       Y <- A %*% Omega
 5
6
       Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
 7
        At \ll t(A)
8
        for(i in 1:q)
9
            Y <- At %*% Q
10
11
            Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
12
            Y <- A %*% Q
13
            Q \ll qr.Q(qr(Y))
14
15
16
       ## Stage B
17
        B < -t(Q) \% A
18
        U <- La.svd(B)$u
19
        U <- Q %*% U
20
        U[, 1:k]
21
```

Parallel pbdR

```
1
   randSVD <- function (A, k, g=3)
 2
 3
        ## Stage A
 4
        Omega <- ddmatrix("rnorm",
 5
           nrow=n, ncol=2*k)
        Y <- A %*% Omega
 6
 7
        Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
 8
        At \ll t(A)
 9
         for(i in 1:q)
10
11
             Y <- At %*% Q
12
             Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
13
             Y <- A %*% Q
14
             Q \leq -qr.Q(qr(Y))
15
16
17
        ## Stage B
        B <- t(Q) %*% A
18
        U <- La. svd (B)$u
19
        U <− Q %*% Ù
20
21
        U[, 1:k]
22
```



From journal to scalable code and scaling data in one day.



Speedup relative to 1 core



RandSVD speedup relative to full SVD





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Letter Recognition Data

Example 1: Letter Recognition data from package **mlbench** (20,000 \times 17)

	1	[,1] lettr capital letter
	2	[,2] x.box horizontal position of box
	3	[,3] y.box vertical position of box
	4	[,4] width width of box
BBWBDBBD TAB	5	[,5] high height of box
	6	[,6] onpix total number of on pixels
	7	[,7] x.bar mean x of on pixels in box
	8	[,8] y.bar mean y of on pixels in box
<u>SHARAFI I FIF</u>	9	[,9] x2bar mean x variance
YKKKKVYV	10	[,10] y2bar mean y variance
MILLIN NAM	11	[,11] xybar mean x y correlation
Sec5555556	12	[,12] x2ybr mean of x^2 y
	13	[,13] xy2br mean of x y^2
XXLXXXXXXX	14	[,14] x.ege mean edge count left to right
	15	[,15] xegvy correlation of x.ege with y
	16	[,16] y.ege mean edge count bottom to top
	17	[,17] yegvx correlation of y.ege with x

P. W. Frey and D. J. Slate (Machine Learning Vol 6/2 March 91): "Letter Recognition Using Holland-style Adaptive Classifiers".

Example 1: Random Forest Algorithm

- Build simple regression trees from random subsets of columns
- O Use model averaging for prediction
- Package randomForest has a combine() function that enables the following parallel approach:
 - Everyone gets the same training data
 - Split regression tree building among processors (randomForest)
 - O Use allgather to bring built predictors to all
 - O Everyone combine predictors
 - Split prediction work by blocks of rows
 - O Use allreduce to assess prediction
- Steps (3) and (4) can be improved with a custom reduce/combine to take advantage of MPI vendor optimizations



Example 1: Random Forest Code (Split learning by blocks of trees. Split prediction by blocks of rows.)

Serial Code 4_rf_s.r

```
1 library(randomForest)
2 library(mlbench)
3
  data(LetterRecognition) # 26 Capital Letters Data 20,000 x 17
4 set.seed(seed=123)
5 n <- nrow(LetterRecognition)
6 n test <- floor(0.2*n)
7 i_test <- sample.int(n, n_test) # Use 1/5 of the data to test
8 train <- LetterRecognition[-i_test, ]</pre>
9 test <- LetterRecognition[i_test, ]</pre>
10
  ## train random forest
11
12 rf.all <- randomForest(lettr ~ ., train, ntree=500,
      norm.votes=FALSE)
13
  ## predict test data
14
  pred <- predict(rf.all, test)</pre>
15
16 correct <- sum(pred == test$lettr)</pre>
17 cat("Proportion Correct:", correct/(n_test), "\n")
```

Example 1: Random Forest Code (Split learning by blocks of trees. Split prediction by blocks of rows.)

Parallel Code 4_rf_p.r

```
1 library(randomForest)
2 library(mlbench)
3
  data(LetterRecognition)
4 comm.set.seed(seed=123, diff=FALSE) # same training data
5 n <- nrow(LetterRecognition)
6 n test <- floor(0.2*n)
7 i_test <- sample.int(n, n_test) # Use 1/5 of the data to test
8 train <- LetterRecognition[-i_test, ]</pre>
9 test <- LetterRecognition[i_test, ][get.jid(n_test), ]</pre>
10
  comm.set.seed(seed=1e6*runif(1), diff=TRUE)
11
12 my.rf <- randomForest(lettr ~ ., train, ntree=500%/%comm.size(),
       norm.votes=FALSE)
13 rf.all <- do.call(combine, allgather(my.rf))</pre>
14
  pred <- predict(rf.all, test)</pre>
15
16 correct <- allreduce(sum(pred == test$lettr))</pre>
17 comm.cat("Proportion Correct:", correct/(n_test), "\n")
```

Runs serial or on any number of cores

```
[beacon-login2 stats] $ time Rscript 4_rf_s.r
1
  Proportion Correct: 0.96725
2
3
  real 0m49.028s user 0m48.626s sys 0m0.335s
4 [beacon-login2 stats] $ time Rscript 4_rf_p.r
  Proportion Correct: 0.96425
5
6 real 0m52.634s user 0m51.914s sys 0m0.598s
7 [beacon-login2 stats] time mpirun -np 2 Rscript 4_rf_p.r
8 Proportion Correct: 0.96425
9 real 0m28.349s user 0m54.570s sys 0m1.070s
10 [beacon-login2 stats] time mpirun -np 4 Rscript 4_rf_p.r
11 Proportion Correct: 0.963
12 real 0m16.380s user 1m1.559s sys 0m1.664s
13 [beacon-login2 stats] time mpirun -np 8 Rscript 4_rf_p.r
14 Proportion Correct: 0.963
15 real Om11.010s user 1m19.301s sys 0m3.421s
16 [beacon-login2 stats] time mpirun -np 16 Rscript 4_rf_p.r
17 Proportion Correct: 0.9635
18 real 0m10.655s user 2m32.508s sys 0m6.624s
19 [beacon-login2 stats] time mpirun -np 32 Rscript 4_rf_p.r
20 Proportion Correct: 0.96325
21 real 0m21.692s user 4m44.114s sys 0m20.179s
```



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fda.usc Package

Profiling min.basis()

1	<pre>> summaryRprof()</pre>					
2	<pre>\$by.total</pre>					
3		total.time	total.pct	<pre>self.time</pre>	self.pct	
4	"min.basis"	12.32	100.00	0.00	0.00	
5	"type.CV"	6.54	53.08	0.02	0.16	
6	"S.basis"	5.76	46.75	0.00	0.00	
7	"drop"	4.20	34.09	0.00	0.00	
8	"norm.fdata"	4.20	34.09	0.00	0.00	
9	"metric"	4.18	33.93	1.04	8.44	
10	"%*%"	3.98	32.31	3.98	32.31	
11	"getbasispenalty"	2.72	22.08	0.02	0.16	
12	"bsplinepen"	2.68	21.75	0.36	2.92	
13	"int.simpson2"	2.54	20.62	1.96	15.91	
14	"t"	2.10	17.05	0.10	0.81	
15	"ppBspline"	1.60	12.99	0.82	6.66	
16						



Example: min.basis() 110 lines

SPMD: Add 5, change 3

```
min.basis <- function(fdataobj, type.CV = GCV.S, . . ., ...)</pre>
1
2
  ſ
3
       . . . 13 lines
       library(pbdMPI)
4
5
       init()
6
       my.k <- get.jid(lenlambda)</pre>
7
       my.gcv <- array(Inf, dim = c(lenbasis, length(my.k)))</pre>
       . . . 36 lines
8
       for (i in 1:lenbasis) {
9
            . . . 3 lines
10
11
            for (k in my.k) {
                 S2 <- S.basis(tt, base, lambda[k])
12
13
                 my.gcv[i, k - my.k[1] + 1] < -
                     type.CV(fdataobj, S = S2, W = W, trim =
14
                          par.CV$trim, draw = par.CV$draw, ...)
            }
15
       }
16
       gcv <- do.call(cbind, allgather(my.gcv))</pre>
17
       finalize()
18
       . . . 48 lines
19
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Future Work

- Second year of a 3 year NSF grant to
 - Bring back interactivity via client/server (pbdCS 0.1-0)
 - Simplify parallel data input
 - Begin DPLASMA integration
 - Outreach to the statistics community
- DOE funding: In-situ or staging use with simulations
 - Machine learning from fusion simulation data
- Collaboration wishlist
 - RDD, HDFS, etc., file readers
 - Communicator integration with SparkR or Spark
 - Communicator integration with Vislt and ParaView
 - pbdCS integration with RStudio IDE
 - Instrumentation of various R packages with pbdR



Where to learn more?

- http://r-pbd.org/
- pbdDEMO vignette
- Googlegroup:RBigDataProgramming

