Scientific Visualization for the SRCs

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"If you don't reveal some insights soon, I'm going to be forced to slice, dice, and drill!"

Data Scientist for Astronomy @ EPFL

PhD in computational Astronomy

(Thesis: Formation of Supermassive Black Holes in the Early Universe)

40% @ Orange SRC team

Visualization of SKA data with high volume of users and high amount of data.

Objectives for 2022 :

- Identify deliveries and roadmap
- Create backlog
- Identify visualization tools that could be used for SKA data
- Test and compare for SKA data size and scalability
- Test on the federated data network and adapt
- Put code in the common repository
- Create deployable entities

40% @ Tangerine SRC team

Data processing Notebooks and Distribution of software, tools and services

20% @ EPFL/SCITAS

Replace the MeasurementSet and processing infrastructure of CASA with GPUs (Nvidia Rapid libraries)







Yukon Territory, Canada





Kyrgyzstan











Pacific Northwest, USA







British Columbia, Canada





Death Valley NP, USA



ParaView / High-Performance Post-Processing

- Open-source, multi-platform, data analysis and visualization application
- Analysis of extremely large datasets using distributed memory computing resources
- Over 20 years of development
- Contributions from over 270 developers
- Over 1.6 million lines of code
- Over 150k yearly downloads
- www.paraview.org











ParaView Server

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Batch mode (ParaView Python)



ParaView Client







An in-situ framework embedded with ParaView

in-situ analysis: uses ParaView analysis capabilities
live visualization: uses ParaView to connect to the simulation
easy configuration: uses ParaView to generate scripts
open source



• Make it easy to develop

- No need to understand VTK
- No data conversion
- Make it easy to deploy
 - Several catalyst implementations deployment
 - Not link to specific ParaView version
- Make it easy to build
 - Few dependencies using catalyst-stub
 - No CMake
- Make it easy to maintain and upgrade
 - Stable C API/ABI
 - No need to rebuild simulation for new ParaView version

Catalyst 2:



- Avoid need to understand VTK data model
- Provide mechanism to provide data with zerocopy & meta-data to interpret it



Other visualization packages into consideration

- IT SRC: VisIVO framework
- ZA SRC: Carta
- FR SRC: Aladin, Aladin Lite, HiPS, MOC, TMOC

