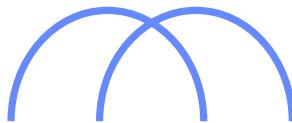


# Leveraging Norwegian AI Cloud (NAIC) for High Performance Visualization

An Introduction to using ParaView



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# Norwegian AI Cloud (NAIC)

## Establishing powerful AI/ML infrastructure in Norway

The NAIC provides access to High-Performance Computing (HPC) resources and support to researchers, PhD students, educators, entrepreneurs, startups, and SMEs interested in exploring AI methodologies, as well as developing advanced AI models and algorithms.[1]



**NORA.ai**



**simula**



[1] Please visit <https://www.naic.no/> for more details

# Outline

Introduction to ParaView

Python Scripting in ParaView

Extending ParaView

ParaView under NAIC

Advanced Topics

# High Performance Computing

## User Requirements

"The data don't fit in my memory. Even if it did, the computations would still take months if I used my local resources."

NAIC User Survey 2023

- "I think it is hard to speed up the computations, and I also don't care whether running my code takes 14 hours or 15 hours. What is crucial for me is to easily check the results once the computations are finished. To do so, I often need to **display images, open files etc.** This slows me down considerably, as I always need to set up a workaround to solve the issue" - **User needs solution to display/render data** without copying it back to the client.

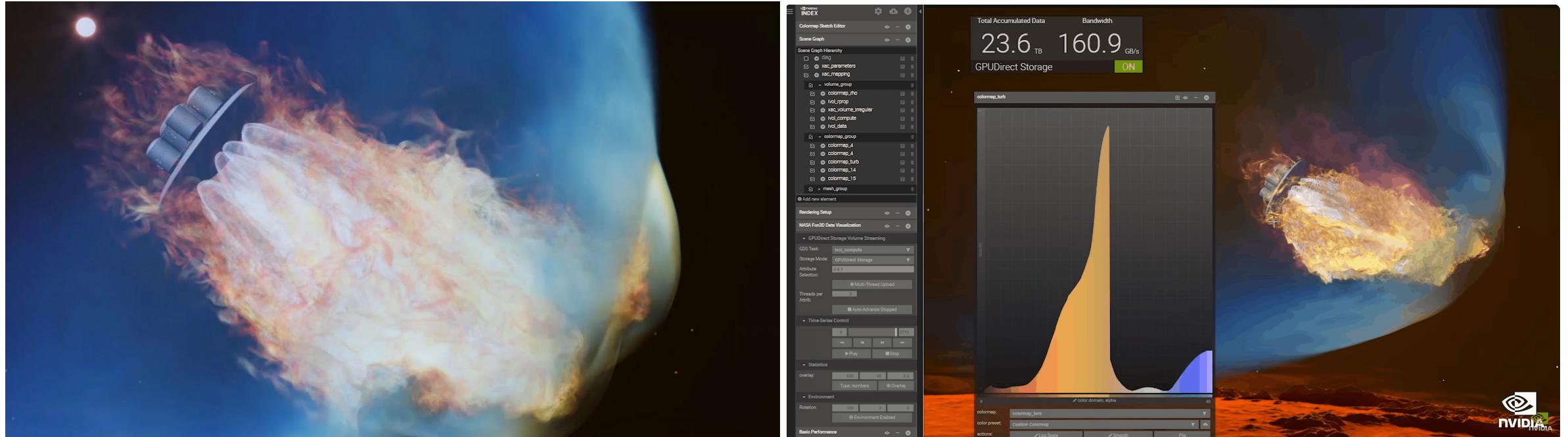
What will the user do if is image is toooooooooooooo big to open?

# High Performance Visualization

## Relevance of HPC in Visualization Tasks

### How NASA Is Helping Humans Reach the Red Planet, Using GPUs and 3D Visualization

Each Simulation producing 200 TB (and thousands of these representing possible conditions)  
Using Summit HPC, simulation runtime reduced from months to a single week.  
Interactive Visualizations were developed to study the simulation data.



**Original article:**

<https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/isc20-featured-demo-visualizing-150-terabytes-of-data/>

**Video Source:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAZP1NcdWMo>

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# ParaView

## About the tool

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Gmsh	OpenDX	ParaView	Glumpy
Blender	Cinema	VisIt	MayaVI

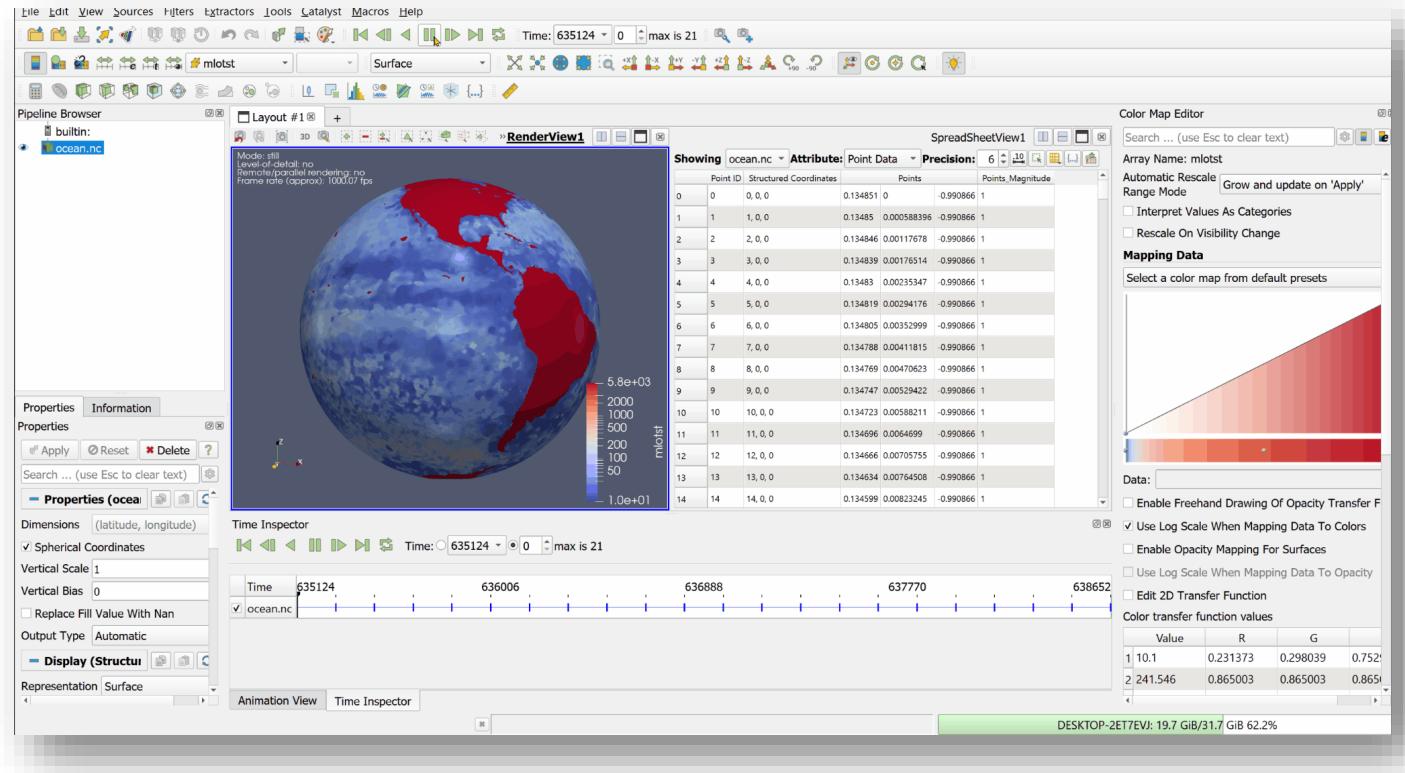
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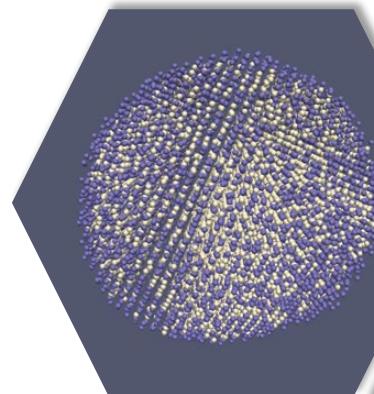
An open-source visualization **application** and **architecture** for visual analysis of massive scientific datasets.

Open-source and multiplatform  
Frontend to VTK+Qt  
User Interface  
Cross Platform Compatibility  
Large data handling  
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Community and Support

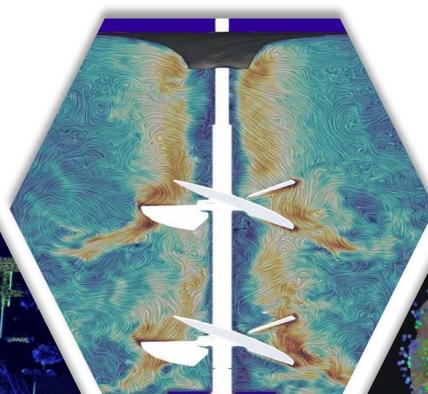
# ParaView

## Application Areas

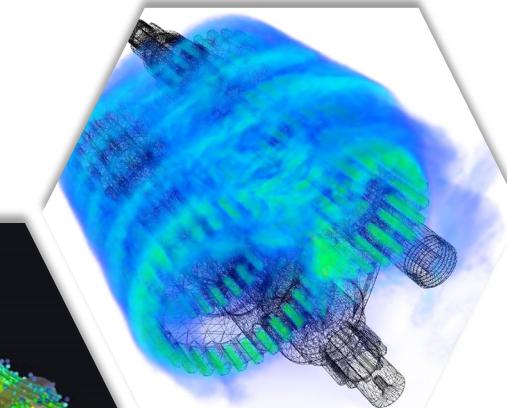
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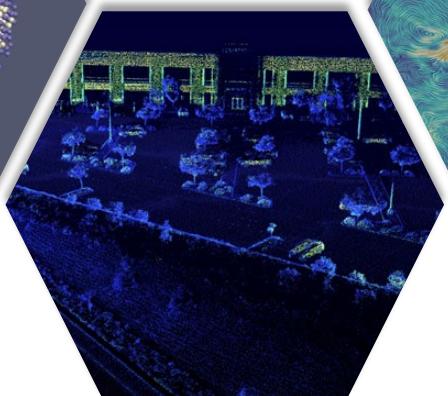
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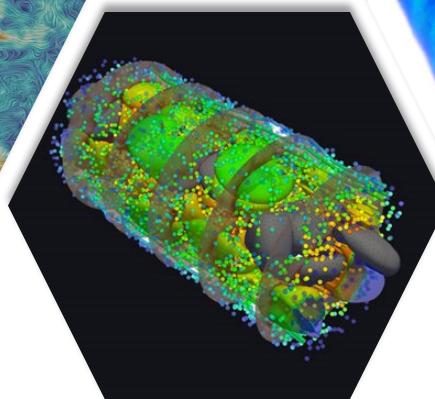
Engineering



Sensor Data



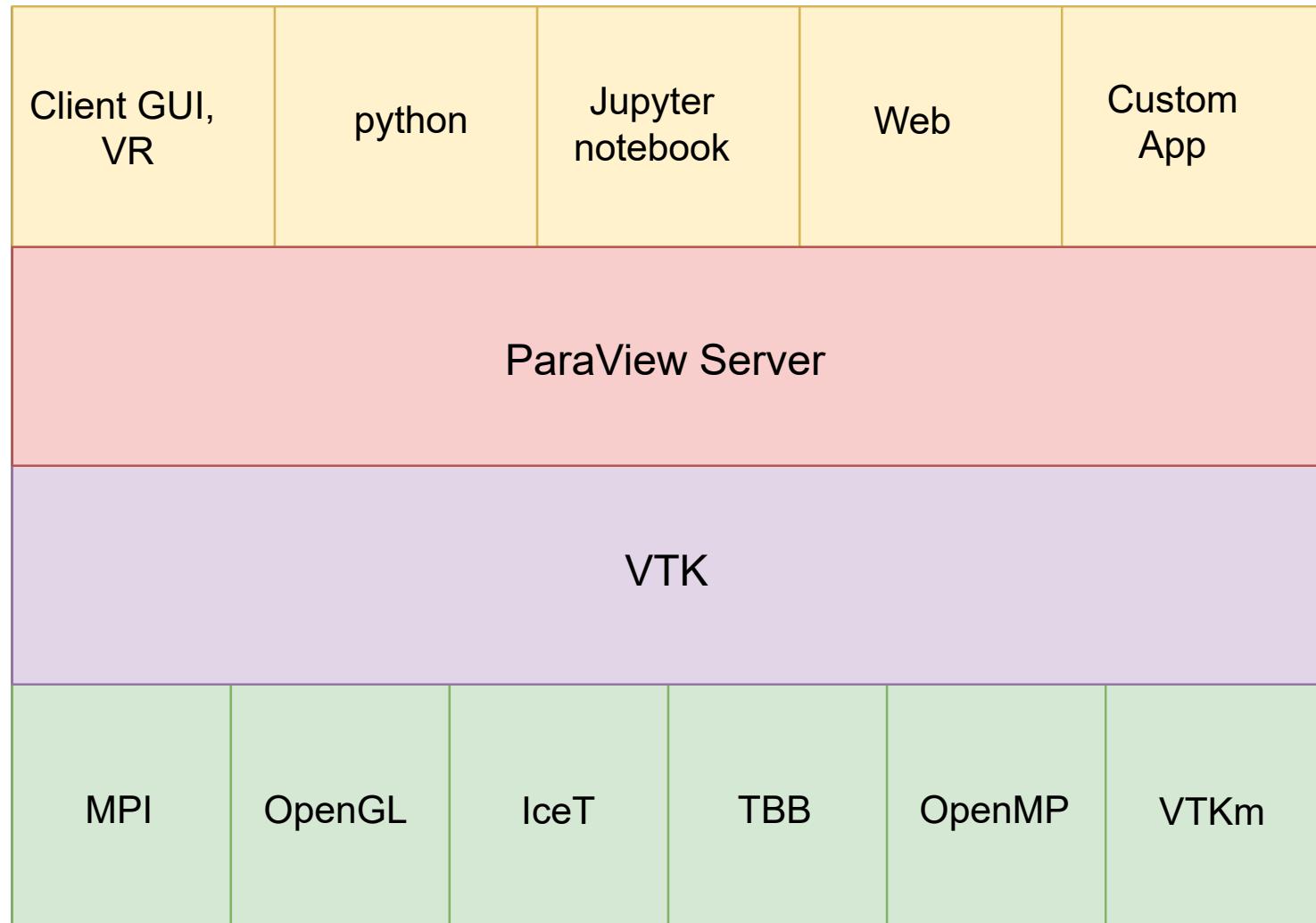
Medical Science



etc.  
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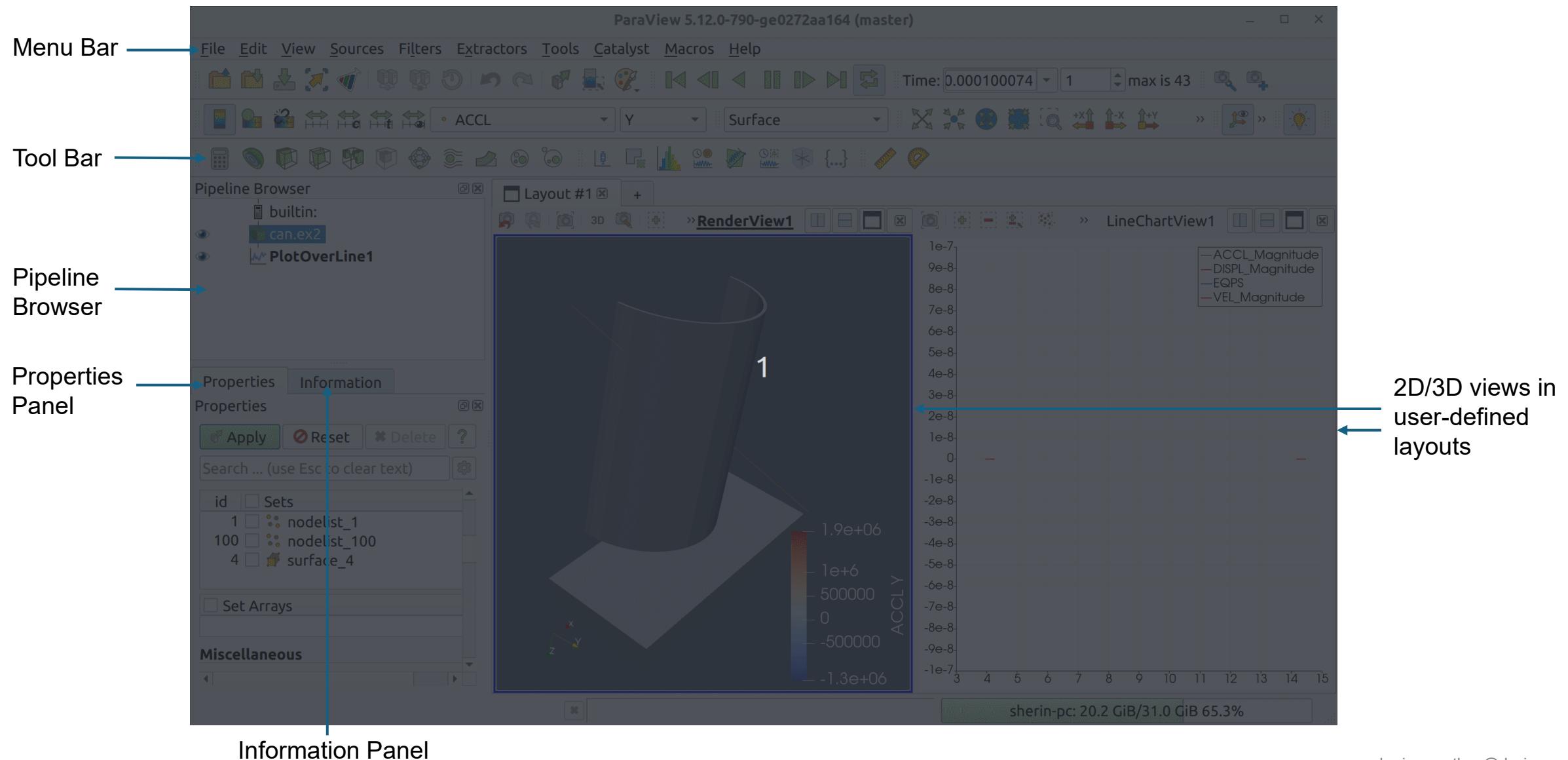
# ParaView

## Application Architecture



# Basic Usage of ParaView

## The User Interface



# Basic Usage of ParaView

## Data Formats

ParaView Data (.pvd)  
VTK (.vti, .vtu, .vtr, .vtm, .vtmb, .vtmg, .vthd, .vthb)  
VTK Legacy (.vtk)  
Partitioned VTK (.pvtu, .pvti, .pvti, .pvtv)  
ADAPT (.nc, .cdf, .elev, .ncd)  
ANALYZE (.img, .hdr)  
ANSYS (.inp)  
AVS UCD (.inp)  
BOV (.bov)  
BYU (.g)  
CAM NetCDF (.nc, .ncdf)  
CCSM MTSD (.nc, .cdf, .elev, .ncd)  
CCSM STSD (.nc, .cdf, .elev, .ncd)  
CEAucd (.ucd, .inp)  
CGNS (.cgns)  
CMAT (.cmat)  
CML (.cml)  
CTRL (.ctrl)  
Chombo (.hdf5, .h5)  
Claw (.claw)  
Comma Separated Values (.csv)  
Cosmology Files (.cosmo, .gadget2)  
Curve2D (.curve, .ultra, .ult, .u)  
DDCMD (.ddcmd)  
Digital Elevation Map (.dem)  
Dyna3D (.dyn)  
EnSight (.case, .sos)  
Enzo boundary and hierarchy  
ExodusII (.g, .e, .exe, .ex2, .ex2v, .etc)  
ExtrudedVol (.exvol)  
FVCOM (MTMD, MTSD, Particle, STSD)  
Facet Polygonal Data  
Flash multiblock files  
Fluent Case Files (.cas)

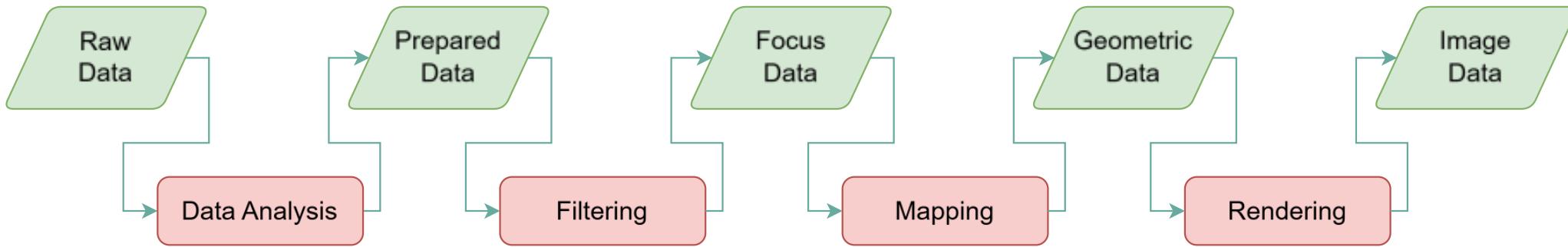
GGCM (.3df, .mer)  
GTC (.h5)  
GULP (.trg)  
Gadget (.gadget)  
Gaussian Cube File (.cube)  
JPEG Image (.jpg, .jpeg)  
LAMMPS Dump (.dump)  
LAMMPS Structure Files  
LODI (.nc, .cdf, .elev, .ncd)  
LODI Particle (.nc, .cdf, .elev, .ncd)  
LS-DYNA (.k, .lsdyna, .d3plot, d3plot)  
M3DCI (.h5)  
MFIX Unstructured Grid (.RES)  
MM5 (.mm5)  
MPAS NetCDF (.nc, .ncdf)  
Meta Image (.mhd, .mha)  
Miranda (.mir, .raw)  
Multilevel 3d Plasma (.m3d, .h5)  
NASTRAN (.nas, .f06)  
Nek5000 Files  
Nrrd Raw Image (.nrrd, .nhdr)  
OpenFOAM Files (.foam)  
PATRAN (.neu)  
PFLOTRAN (.h5)  
PLOT2D (.p2d)  
PLOT3D (.xyz, .q, .x, .vp3d)  
PLY Polygonal File Format  
PNG Image Files  
POP Ocean Files  
ParaDIS Files  
Phasta Files (.pht)  
Pixie Files (.h5)  
ProSTAR (.cel, .vrt)  
Protein Data Bank (.pdb, .ent, .pdb)

Raw Image Files  
Raw NRRD image files (.nrrd)  
SAMRAI (.samrai)  
SAR (.SAR, .sar)  
SAS (.sasgeom, .sas, .sasdata)  
SESAME Tables  
SLAC netCDF mesh and mode data  
SLAC netCDF particle data  
Silo (.silo, .pdb)  
Spherical (.spherical, .sv)  
SpyPlot CTH  
SpyPlot (.case)  
SpyPlot History (.hscth)  
Stereo Lithography (.stl)  
TFT Files  
TIFF Image Files  
TSurf Files  
Tecplot ASCII (.tec, .tp)  
Tecplot Binary (.plt)  
Tetrad (.hdf5, .h5)  
UNIC (.h5)  
VASP CHGCA (.CHG)  
VASP OUT (.OUT)  
VASP POSTCAR (.POS)  
VPIC (.vpc)  
VRML (.wrl)  
Velodyne (.vld, .rst)  
VizSchema (.h5, .vsh5)  
Wavefront Polygonal Data (.obj)  
WindBlade (.wind)  
XDMF and hdf5 (.xmf, .xdmf)  
XMol Molecule

+ any custom datasets loaded through custom sources/plugins

# Basic Usage of ParaView

## The Visualization Pipeline

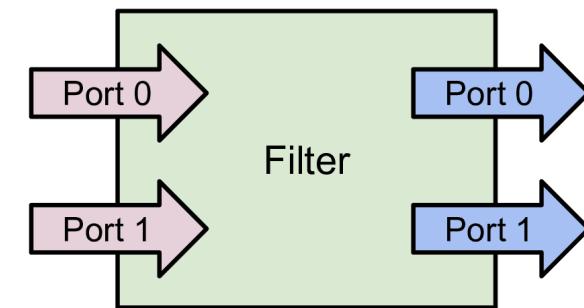


# ParaView

## Building Visual Representations

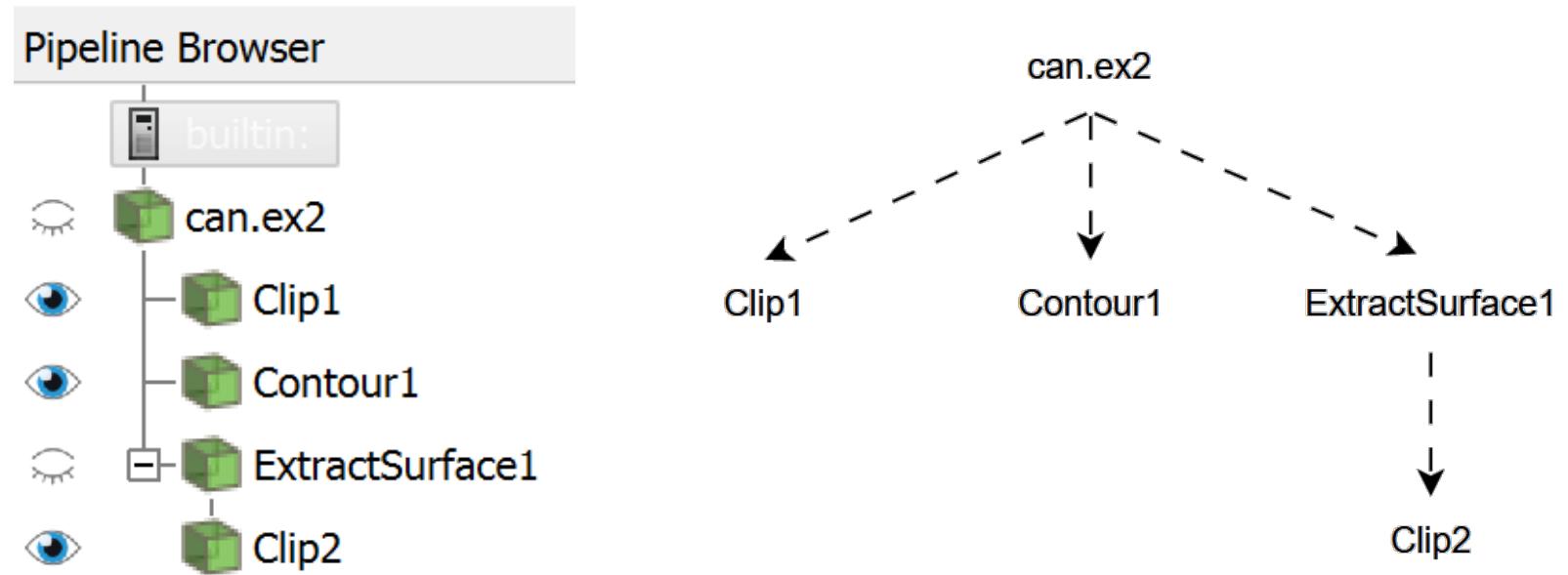
Filters **transform input data and produce results** on their outputs.

- Each filter has a **fixed number of input and output ports**.
- **Input ports accept data for specific roles within the filter.**
  - Example: "Resample With Dataset" filter has two input ports:
    - "Input" for the dataset providing attributes to interpolate.
    - "Source" for the dataset used as the mesh for re-sampling.
- **Each input port can optionally accept multiple input connections.**
  - Example: "Append Datasets" filter has one input port (named "Input") that can accept multiple dataset connections.
- Filters define whether an input port can accept one or many input connections.
- **Filter properties allow control over the filtering algorithm.**
- Available properties depend on the specific filter.



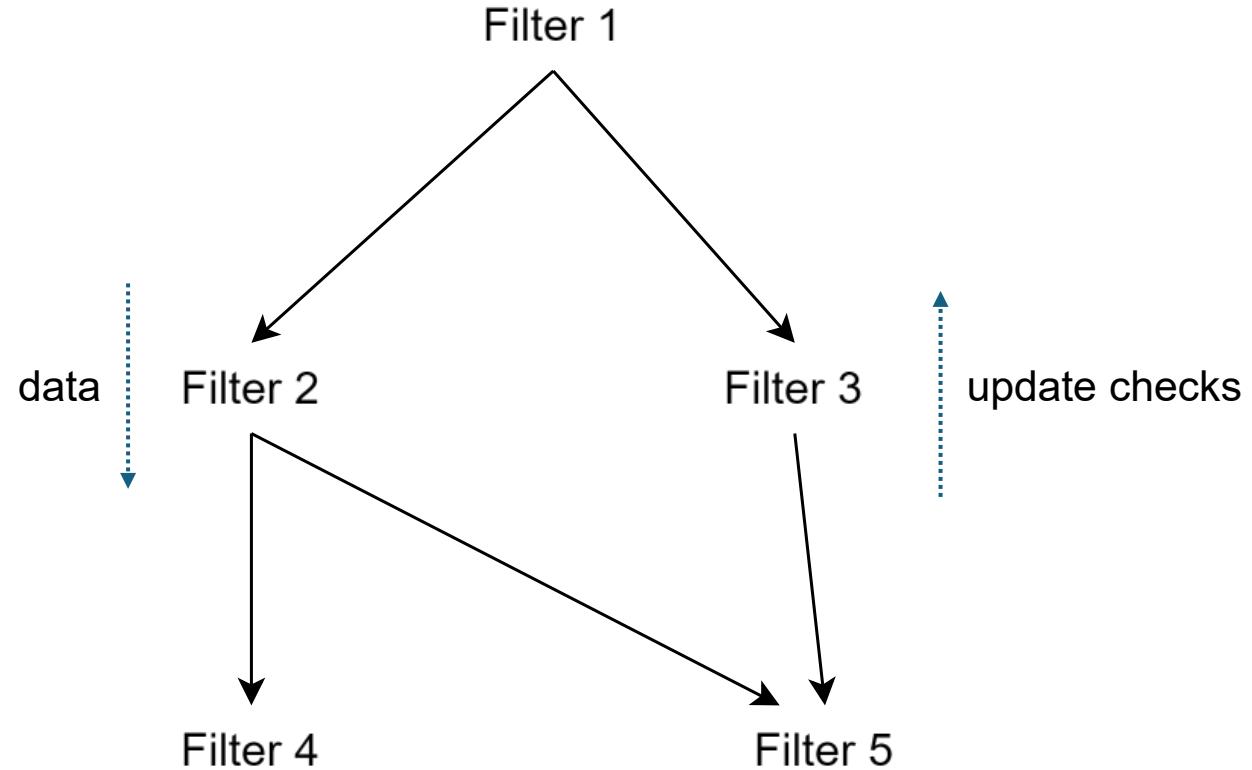
# ParaView

## Building Visual Representations



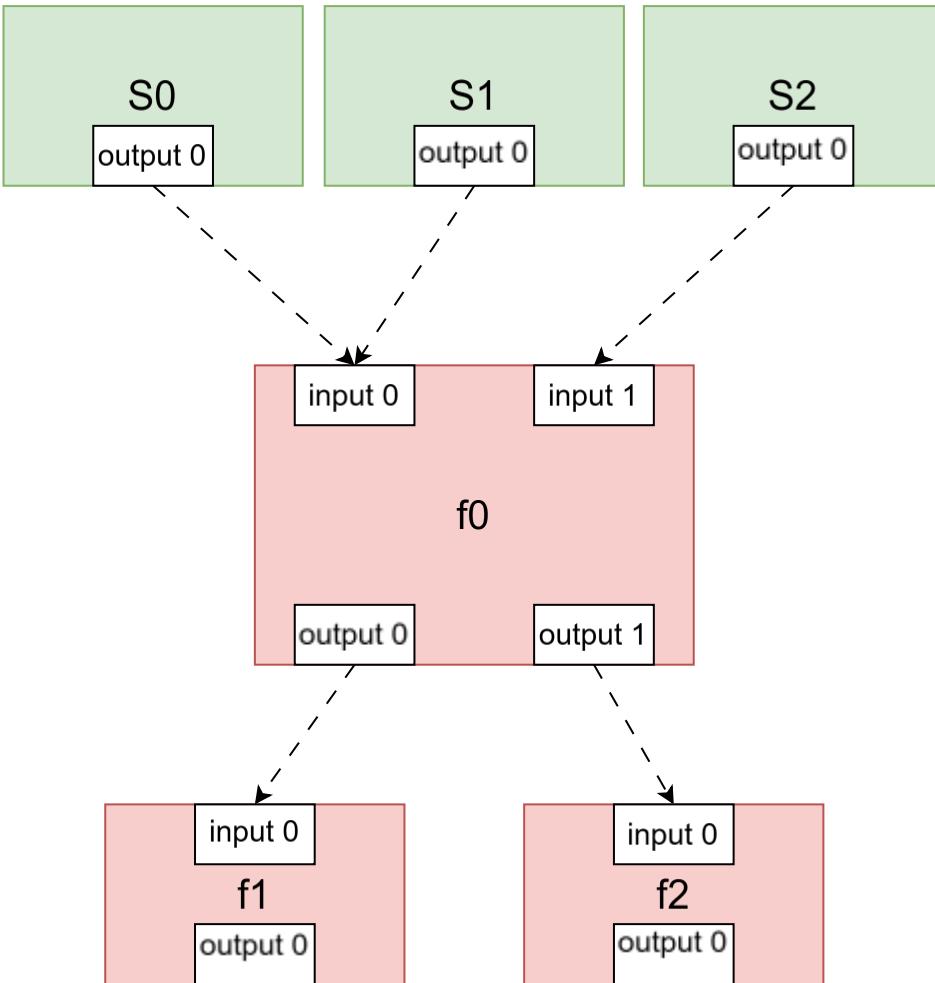
# ParaView

## Building Visual Representations



# ParaView

## Building Visual Representations



```
s0 = Source()
s1 = Source()
s2 = Source()

f0 = Filter0()
f0.AddInputConnection(0, s0.GetOutputPort())
f0.AddInputConnection(0, s1.GetOutputPort())
f0.SetInputConnection(1, s2.GetOutputPort())

f1 = Filter1()
f1.SetInputConnection(f0.GetOutputPort(0))

f2 = Filter1()
f2.SetInputConnection(f0.GetOutputPort(1))
```

# Basic Usage of ParaView

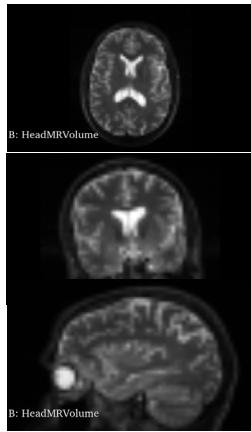
## A quick walkthrough



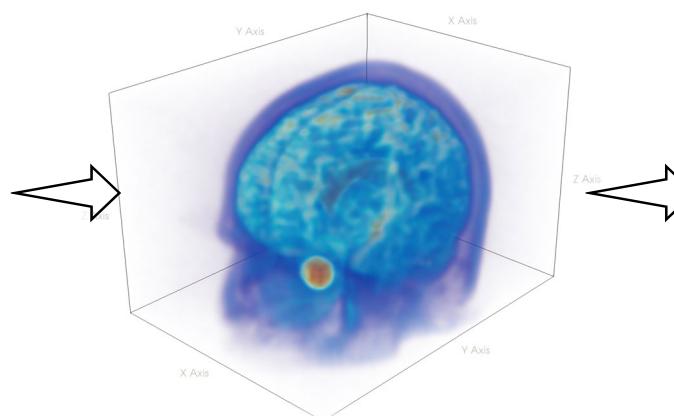
# Basic Usage of ParaView

## Example: Medical Datasets

Metalimage



3D grid



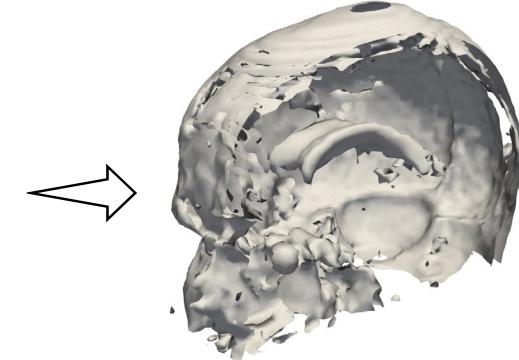
Polygon data



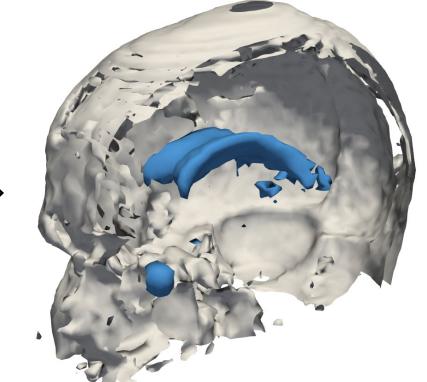
Contour

Clip

Polygon data



Mapping + Render



Image

MetaFileSeriesReader

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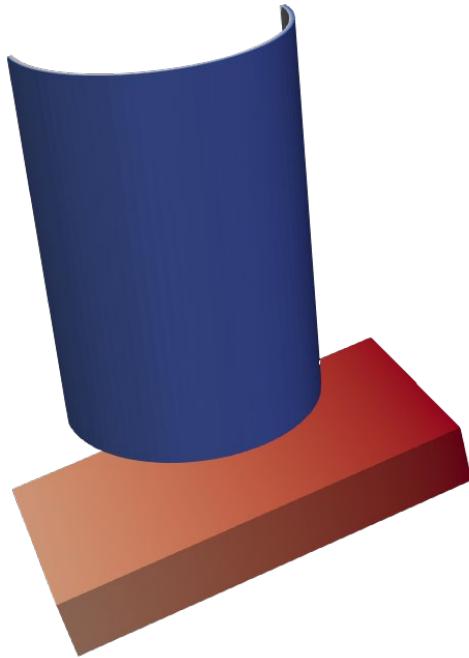
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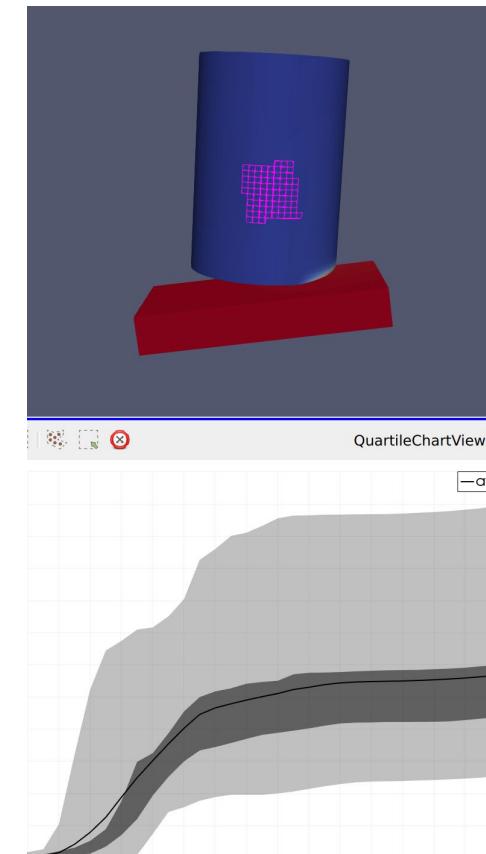
# Basic Usage of ParaView

## Example: Finite Element Analysis

ExodusIIReader



Plot Selection Over Time



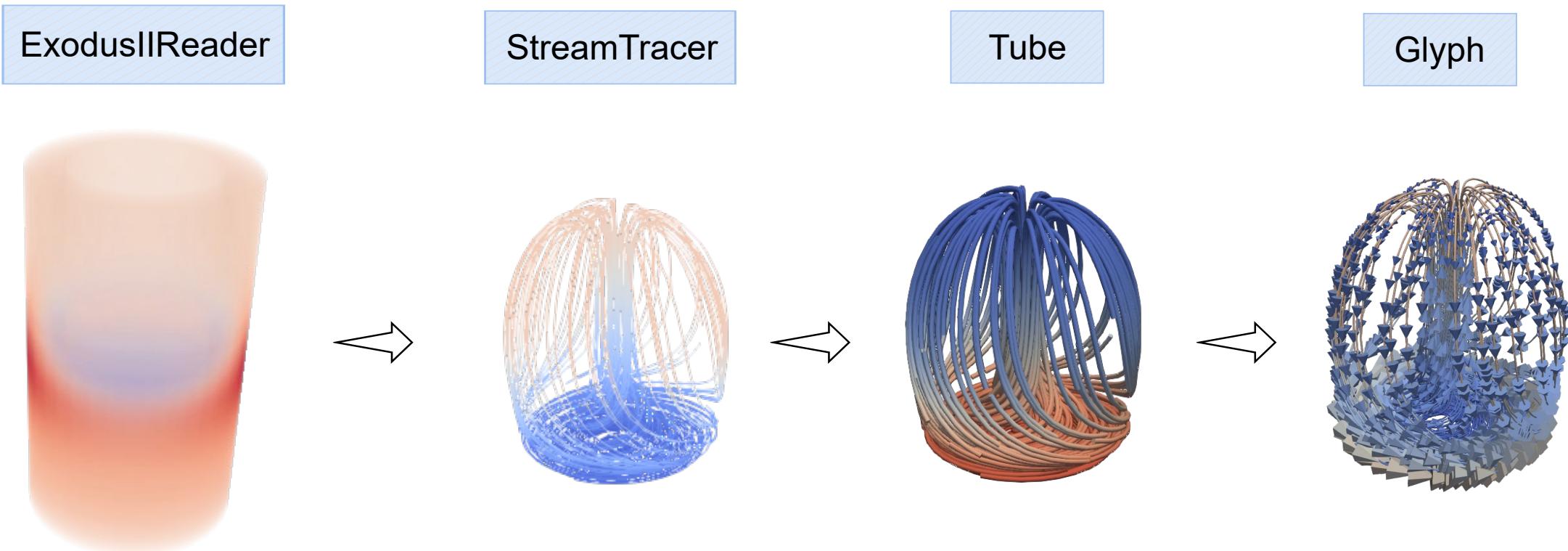
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# Basic Usage of Preview

## Example: StreamTracing



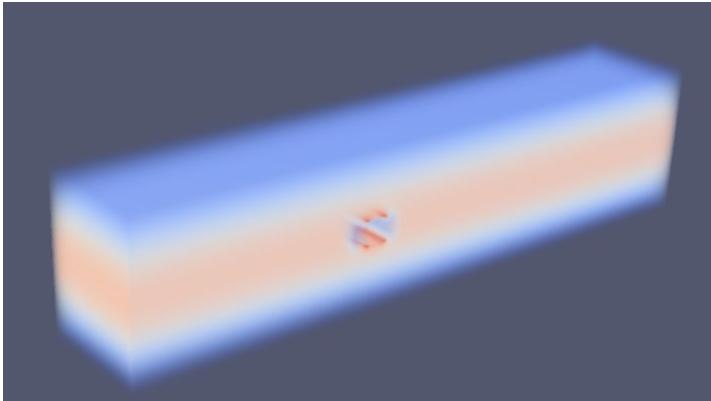
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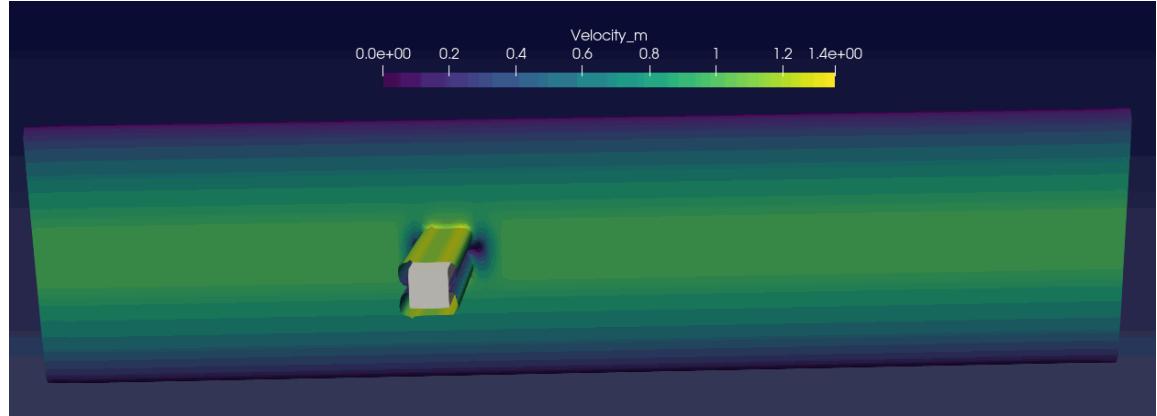
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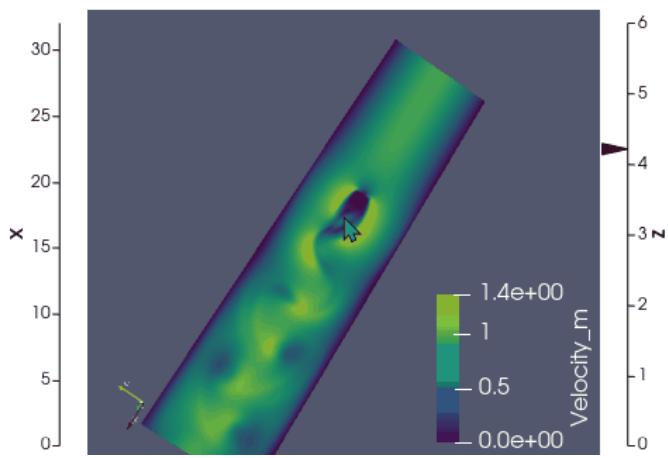
## Example: Flow Visualization



Y  
0 2 4 6



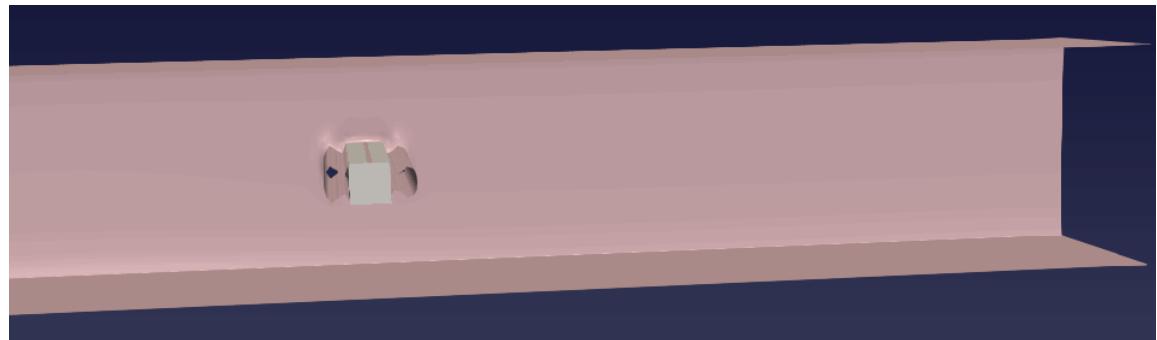
Velocity\_m  
0.0e+00 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 1.2 1.4e+00



X

30 25 20 15 10 5 0

Velocity\_m  
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z  
6 5 4 3 2 1 0

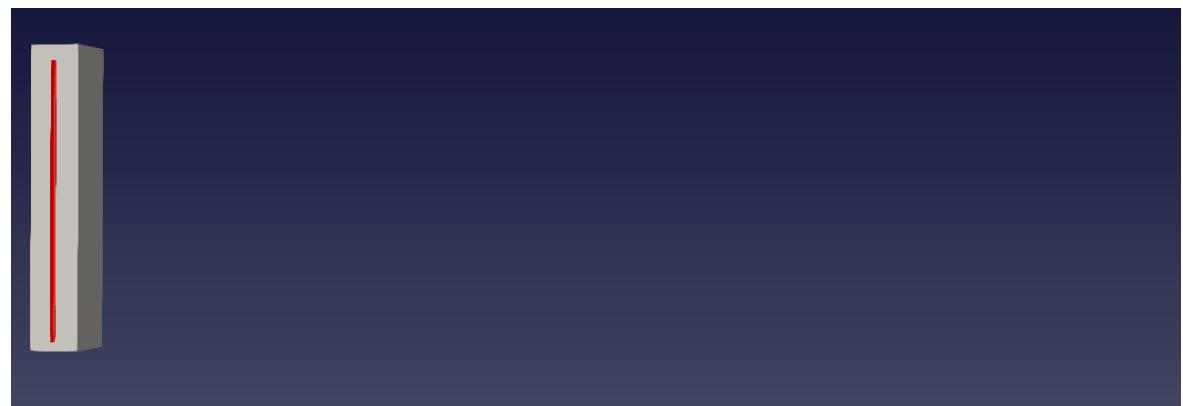
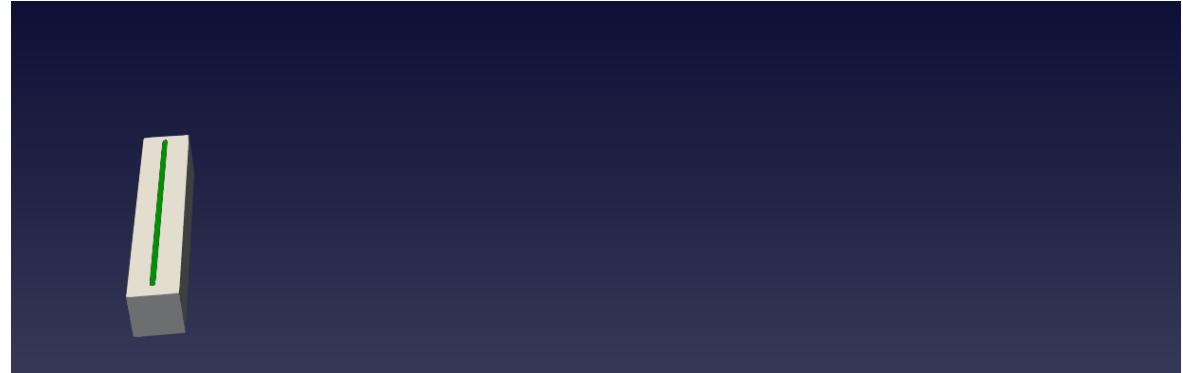
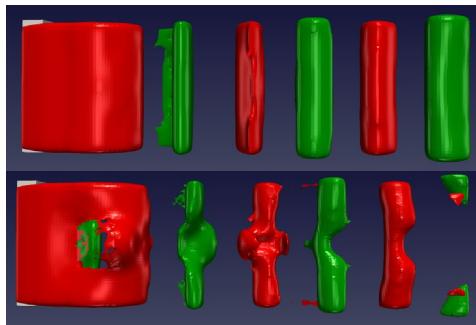
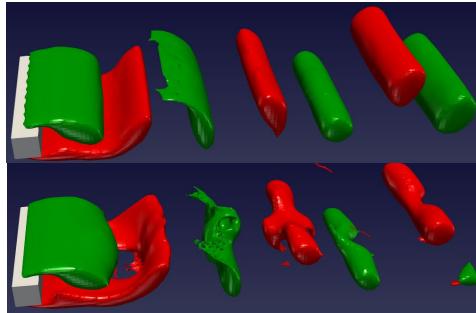
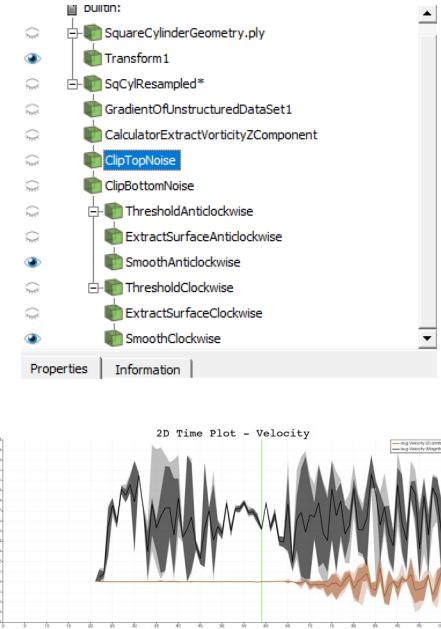
Flow dataset can be downloaded from:

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# Basic Usage of ParaView

## Example: Flow Visualization



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# Basic Usage of ParaView

## Compatibility of Filters

AMR Connectivity	Convert AMR dataset to Multi-block	Feature Edges	Median	Rectilinear Data to Point Set	Tessellate
AMR Contour	Convert Into Molecule	Field Data to Attribute	Merge Blocks	Rectilinear Grid Connectivity	Tetrahedralize
AMR Dual Clip	Convert Polyhedral Cells	Finite Element Field Distributor	Merge Time	Redistribute DataSet	Texture Map to Cylinder
AMR Fragment Integration	Convert To Cell Grid	Force Time	Merge Vector Components	Reflect	Texture Map to Plane
AMR Fragments Filter	Convert To MultiBlock	Gaussian Resampling	Mesh Quality	Remove Ghost Information	Texture Map to Sphere
Adaptive Resample To Image	Convert To PartitionedDataSetCollection	Generate Global Ids	Molecule To Lines	RenameArrays	Threshold
Add Field Arrays	Convert To Point Cloud	Generate Ids	Multicorrelative Statistics	Resample AMR	Threshold Table
Aggregate Dataset	Count Cell Faces	Generate Process Ids	Normal Glyphs	Resample To Image	Time Step Progress Bar
Align Image Origins	Count Cell Vertices	Generate Quadrature Points	OME TIFF Channel Calculator	Resample To Line	Transform
Angular Periodic Filter	Curvature	Generate Quadrature Scheme Dictionary	OcTree Image to PointSet	Resample With Dataset	Transpose Table
Animate Modes	D3	Generate Spatio Temporal Harmonics	Outline	Reverse Sense	Triangle Strips
Annotate Attribute Data	Date To Numeric	Generate Surface Normals	Outline Curvilinear DataSet	Ribbon	Triangulate
Annotate Global Data	Decimate	Generate Surface Tangents	Overlapping Cells Detector	Rotational Extrusion	Tube
Annotate Selection	Decimate Polyline	Generate Time Steps	PCA Normal Estimation	SPH Dataset Interpolator	Validate Cells
Annotate Time Filter	Deflect Normals	Ghost Cells Generator	Particle Path	SPH Line Interpolator	Volume Of Revolution
Append Arc-Length	Delaunay 2D	Glyph	Particle Tracer	SPH Plane Interpolator	Vortex Cores
Append Attributes	Delaunay 3D	Glyph With Custom Source	Partition Balancer	SPH Volume Interpolator	Warp By Scalar
Append Datasets	Descriptive Statistics	Gradient	Pass Arrays	Scatter Plot	Warp By Vector
Append Geometry	Distribute Points	Group Datasets	Perlin Noise	Shrink	Yield Criteria
Append Location Attributes	Elevation	Group Time Steps	Plot Data	Slice	Youngs Material Interface
Append Molecule	Environment Annotation	Histogram	Plot Data Over Time	Slice Along PolyLine	
Append Reduce	Equalizer Filter	Histogram 2D	Plot Global Variables Over Time	Slice Generic Dataset	
Block Scalars	Evenly Spaced Streamlines 2D	HyperTreeGrid Axis Reflection	Plot On Intersection Curves	Slice With Plane	
Boundary Mesh Quality	Extract AMR Blocks	HyperTreeGrid Cell Centers	Plot On Sorted Lines	Smooth	
Bounding Ruler	Extract Block	HyperTreeGrid Depth Limiter	Plot Over Line	Streak Line	
Calculator	Extract CTH Parts	HyperTreeGrid Evaluate Coarse	Plot Over Lines From Custom Source	Stream Tracer	
Cell Centers	Extract Cells Along Line	HyperTreeGrid Geometry Filter	Plot Selection Over Time	Stream Tracer For Generic Datasets	
Cell Data to Point Data	Extract Cells Along Lines Custom Source	HyperTreeGrid Ghost Cells Generator	Point Data to Cell Data	Stream Tracer With Custom Source	
Cell Size	Extract Cells By Region	HyperTreeGrid To Dual Grid	Point Dataset Interpolator	Subdivide	
Clean	Extract Cells By Type	HyperTreeGrid To UnstructuredGrid	Point Line Interpolator	Surface Flow	
Clean Cells to Grid	Extract Component	Image Data To AMR	Point Plane Interpolator	Surface Vectors	
Clean to Grid	Extract Edges	Image Data To Uniform Grid	Point Volume Interpolator	Synchronize Time	
Clip	Extract Enclosed Points	Image Data To Point Set	PointSet To Octree Image	Table FFT	
Clip Closed Surface	Extract Generic Dataset Surface	Integrate Variables	Principal Component Analysis	Table To Points	
Clip Generic Dataset	Extract Ghost Cells	Interpolate to Quadrature Points	Probe Location	Table To Structured Grid	
Compute Connected Surface Properties	Extract Location	Intersect Fragments	Process Id Scalars	Temporal Array Operator	
Compute Derivatives	Extract Particles Over Time	Iso Volume	Programmable Annotation	Temporal Cache	
Compute Molecule Bonds	Extract Region Surface	K Means	Programmable Filter	Temporal Interpolator	
Compute Quartiles	Extract Selection	Level Scalars(Overlapping AMR)	Python Annotation	Temporal Particles To Pathlines	
Compute Surface Sides	Extract Subset	Linear Cell Extrusion	Python Calculator	Temporal Shift Scale	
Connectivity	Extract Subset With Seed	Linear Extrusion	Quadratic Clustering	Temporal Snap-to-Time-Step	
Contingency Statistics	Extract Surface	Loop Subdivision	Random Attributes	Temporal Statistics	
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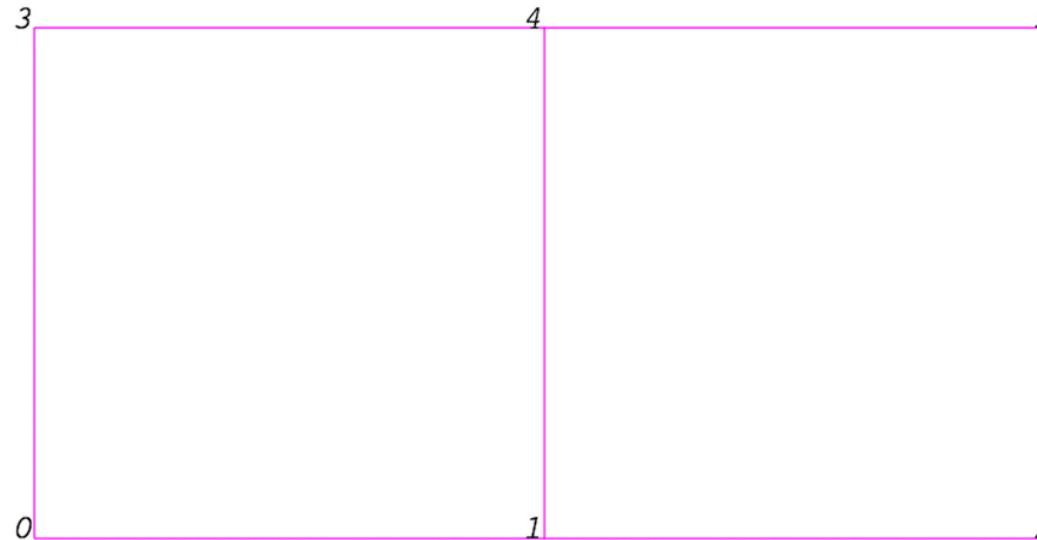
# Understanding Data

## The VTK data model

**Points** are the coordinates in space that represent vertices.

**Cells** are the topological elements that define shapes using these points.

**Attributes** can be associated with both points and cells for additional data representation.



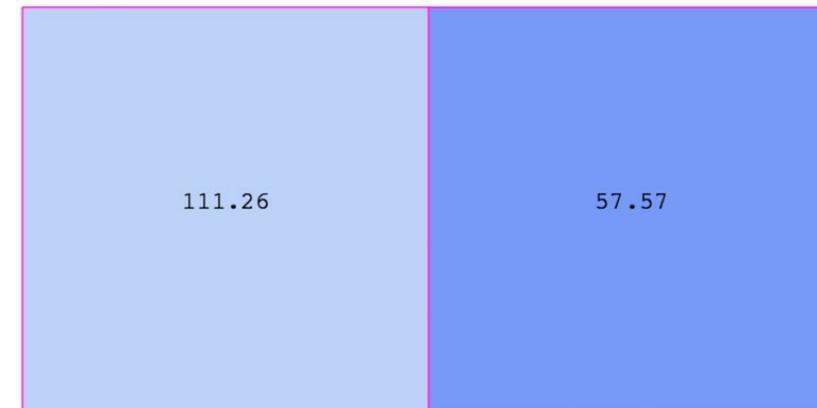
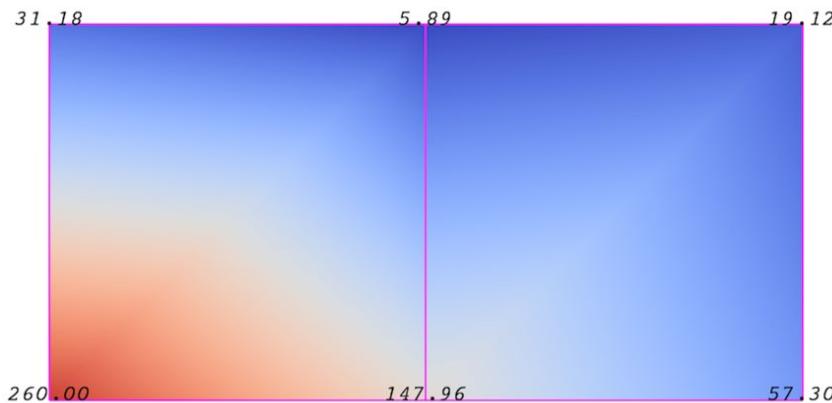
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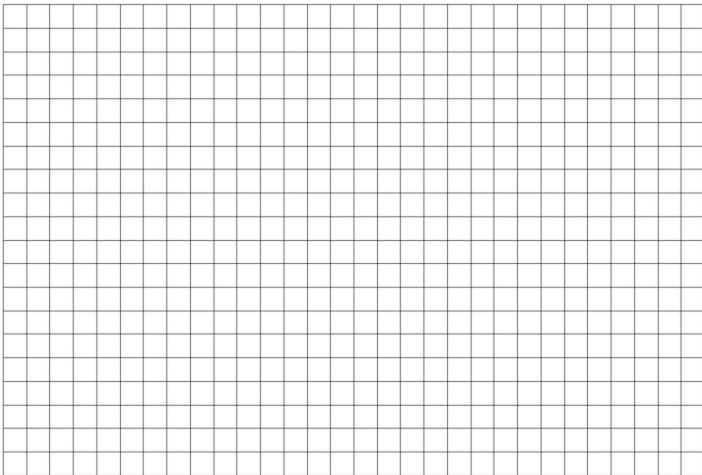
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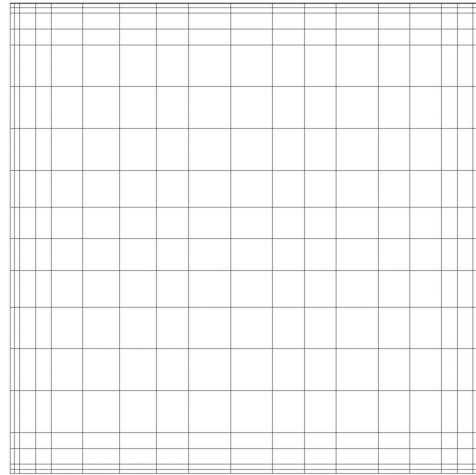


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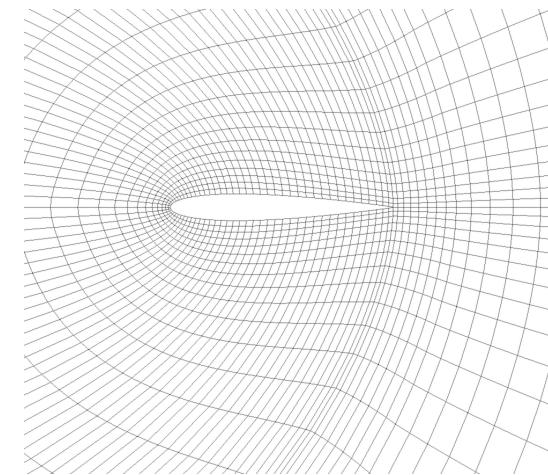
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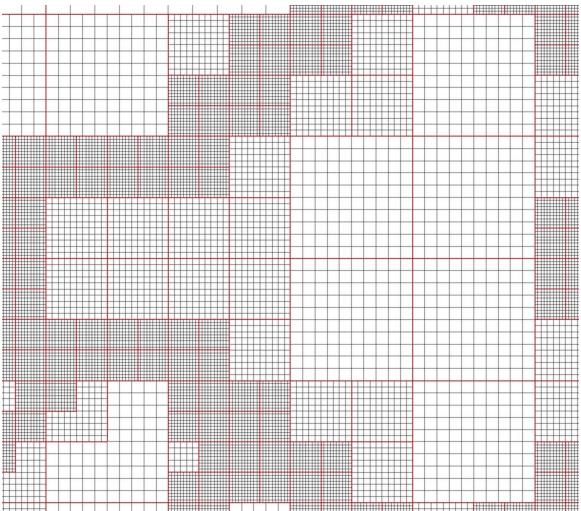
Uniform rectilinear grid



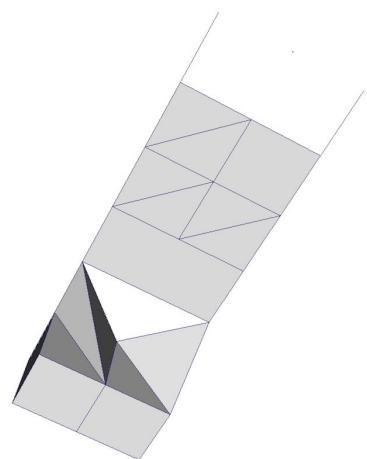
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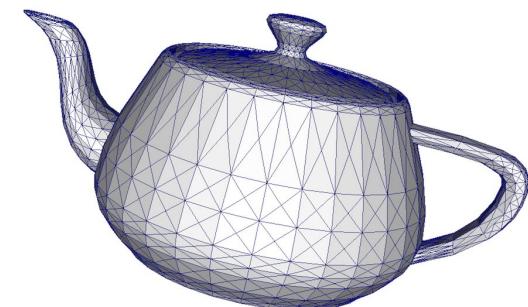
Curvilinear grid



AMR dataset



Unstructured grid



Polygonal grid

# Python Scripting in ParaView

## Why use Python in ParaView?

Automate repetitive tasks.

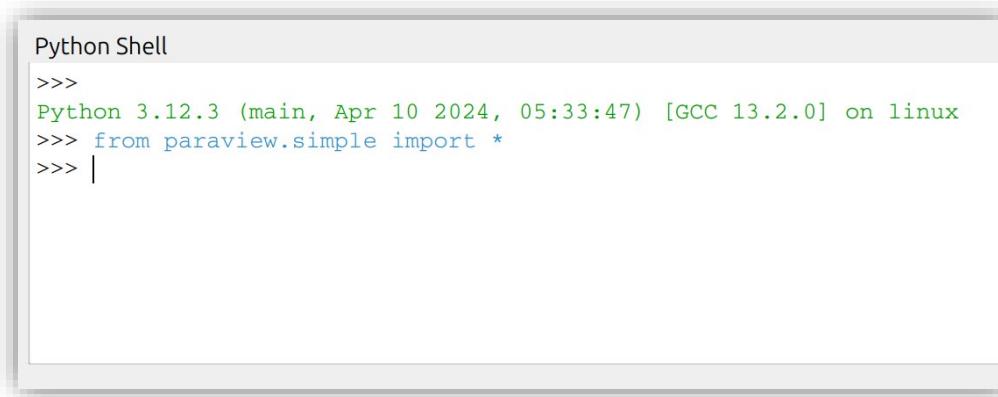
Customize and extend functionality.

Integrate ParaView with other python libraries.

# Python Scripting in ParaView

## Leveraging Python for Automation

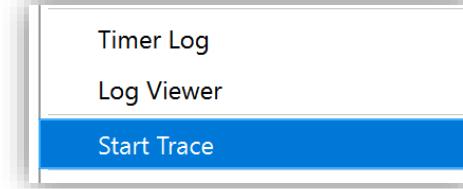
### Built-in python shell



```
Python Shell
>>>
Python 3.12.3 (main, Apr 10 2024, 05:33:47) [GCC 13.2.0] on linux
>>> from paraview.simple import *
>>> |
```

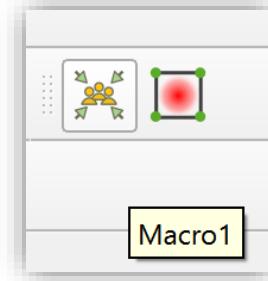
View → Python Shell

### Trace Recorder



Tools → Start Trace  
Tools → Stop Trace

### Macros



Tools → Python Script Editor

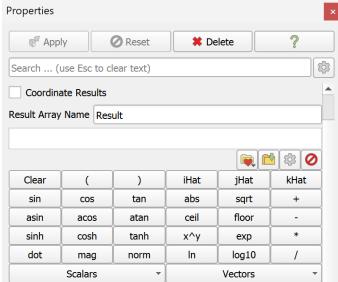


# Python Scripting in ParaView

## Leveraging Python for Automation

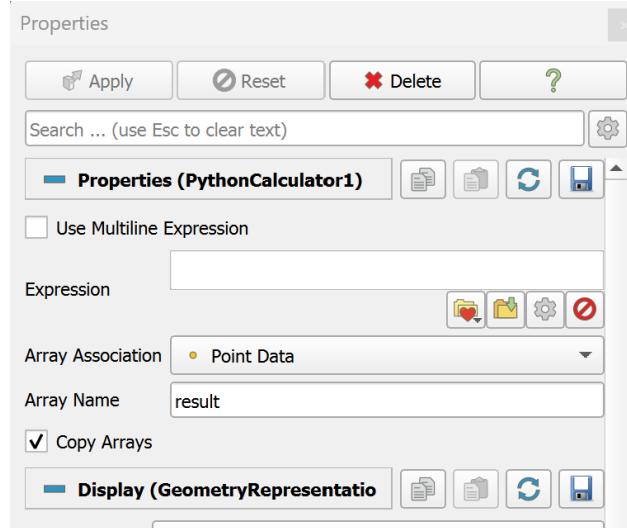
### Calculator

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asin, acos, atan, sinh,  
cosh, tanh, min, max,  $x^y$ ,  
sqrt, exp, ln, log10, ceil,  
floor, abs, dot, cross,  
mag, norm



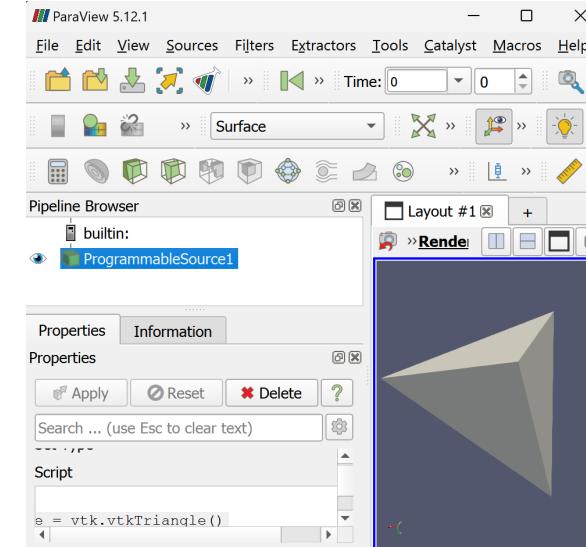
Python support  
not available here

### PythonCalculator



Calculator + support for Python  
based expressions

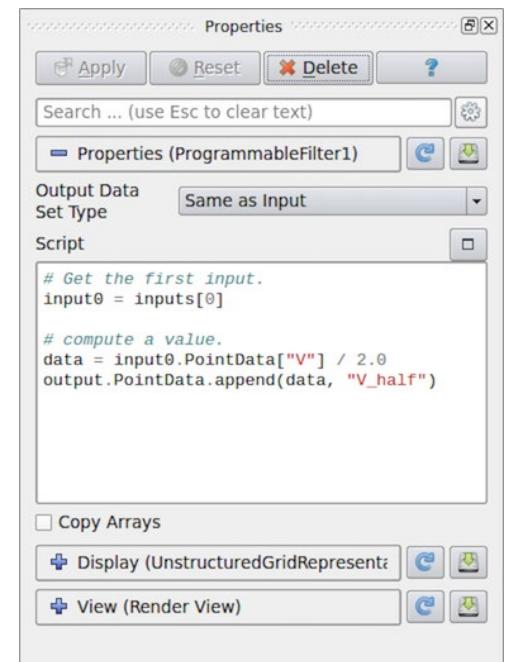
### ProgrammableSource



generate custom data from scratch  
using Python scripting



### ProgrammableFilter



enables users to manipulate and  
process existing data using Python  
scripts

#### Example ProgrammableSource script:

workshop\_2024/solution/programmable\_source\_example/script.txt

#### ParaView's Python documentation at:

<https://kitware.github.io/paraview-docs/latest/python/paraview.simple.Calculator.html>

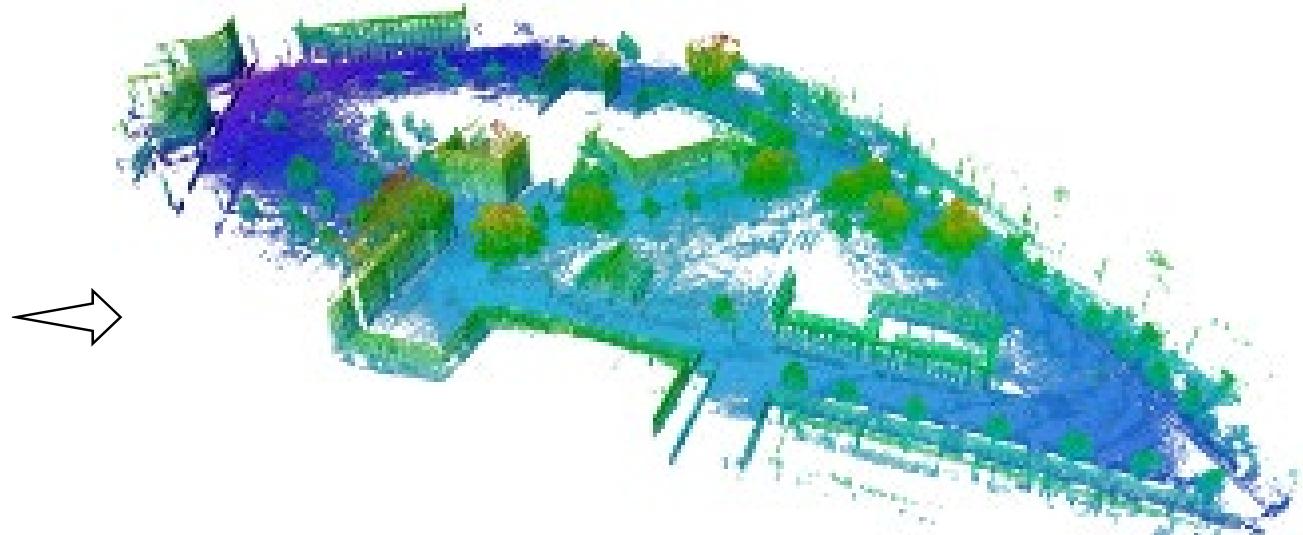
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# Python Scripting in ParaView

## Loading your custom datasets

Task: Create a ProgrammableSource and load the provided custom dataset in ParaView

	scan_001_points.dat						
1	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-10.276	5.891	0.646	
2	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-10.677	5.928	0.505	
3	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-10.181	5.474	0.384	
4	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-9.984	5.194	0.264	
5	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-8.932	4.496	0.199	
6	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-8.025	3.906	0.150	
7	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-7.674	3.606	0.080	
8	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-6.844	3.103	0.064	
9	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-6.130	2.680	0.055	
10	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-5.508	2.318	0.054	
11	0.217	-0.074	0.713	-5.072	2.052	0.043	



**Relevant files are named:**

scan\_001\_points.dat,  
scan\_002\_points.dat,  
scans\_003\_points.dat, ...

**Use dataset from location:**

workshop\_2024/exercise/custom\_dataset/freiburgCampus360\_3D

**Script to be used inside ProgrammableSource:**

workshop\_2024/solution/programmable\_source\_example/script.txt

**Original dataset:**

recorded by B. Steder, University of Freiburg. ([link](#))

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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## What?

ParaView's functionality can be expanded with plugins. These plugins are compiled code libraries that can be loaded into ParaView as needed.

# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Plugin Types



XML Plugins



Python Plugins



C++ Plugins

# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## XML Plugins

### When?

Expose a new VTK filter (because ParaView expose a subset of VTK)

Changing Existing VTK filter configuration to match your specific needs.

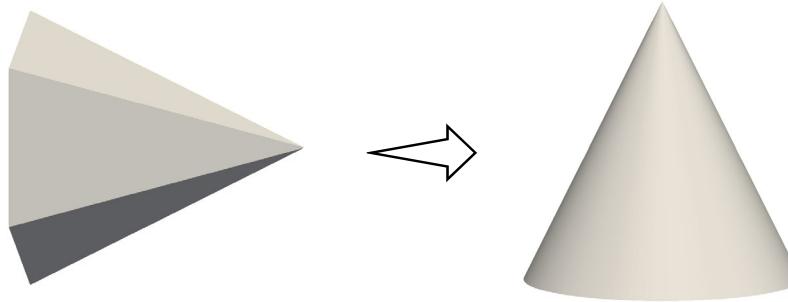
### How to write an XML Plugin?

1. Copy paste existing readers/filters/sources/... from `Remoting/Application/Resources/*.xml`
2. Encapsulate in `<ServerManagerConfiguration>` and `<ProxyGroup>` elements.
3. Modify name and make other relevant changes in xml.
4. Load the plugin. (Tools → Manage Plugins...)

# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## XML Plugins

### Exercise



Change default cone resolution.

Change default cone orientation.

Remove unwanted properties.



**Refer ParaView source file:**

Remoting/Application/Resources/sources\_filtersources.xml

**Use xml exercise file at:**

workshop\_2024/exercise/xml\_plugin/MyCone.xml

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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins

### When?

Add your own computation script.

### How to write a Python Plugin?

1. Use Python class inherited from `<VTKPythonAlgorithmBase>`
2. Implement `__init__()` and `RequestData()`
3. Advanced users can also implement

```
RequestInformation()  
RequestUpdateExtent()  
FillInputPortInformation(),  
...  
...
```

# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins



```
@smproxy.filter (name="MyPythonFilter" )
@smproperty.input (name="Input", port_index ="0")
@smdomain.datatype (dataTypes =["vtkPointSet"])
class MyPythonFilter (VTKPythonAlgorithmBase ):
    def __init__ (self):
        VTKPythonAlgorithmBase. __init__ (self,
            nInputPorts =1, nOutputPorts =1, outputType ='vtkPolyData')

    @smproperty.doublevector (name="Thickness" ,default_values =0.3)
    @smdomain.doublerange (min=1e-24, max=1.0)
    def SetThickness (self, x):
        self.Thickness = x
        self.Modified()

    def RequestData (self, request, inInfo, outInfo):
        # do work
        return 1
```

More Examples at:

<https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview/paraview/-/blob/master/Examples/Plugins/PythonAlgorithm/PythonAlgorithmExamples.py>

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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins



The diagram illustrates the relationship between the ParaView API decorators and their implementation. A callout arrow points from a box containing the decorators `@smproxy.source`, `@smproxy.filter`, `@smproxy.reader`, and `@smproxy.writer` to a code snippet.

```
    @smproxy.source
    @smproxy.filter
    @smproxy.reader
    @smproxy.writer
```

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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins

```
@smproperty.xml  
@smproperty.intvector  
@smproperty.doublevector  
@smproperty.stringvector  
@smproperty.proxy  
@smproperty.input  
@smproperty.dataarrayselection
```

```
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@smproxy.filter (name="MyPythonFilter" )  
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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins

```
@smdomain.xml  
@smdomain.intrange  
@smdomain.doublerange  
@smdomain.filelist  
@smdomain.datatype
```

```
● ● ●  
  
@smproxy.filter (name="MyPythonFilter" )  
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        def RequestData (self, request, inInfo, outInfo):  
            # do work  
            return 1
```

More Examples at:

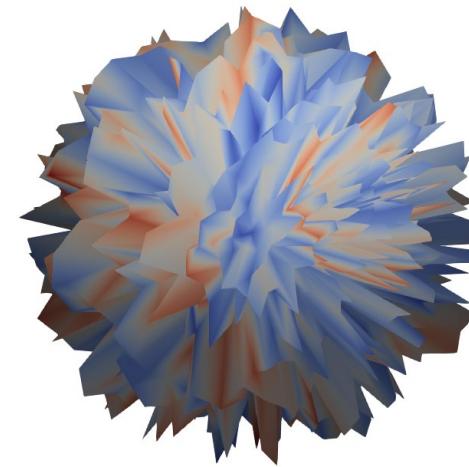
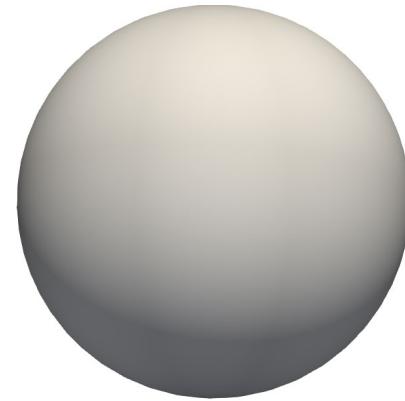
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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## Python Plugins

Exercise



Apply random distortion to a sphere

**Use source file from location:**

workshop\_2024/exercise\_data/python\_plugin/MyRandomWarp.py

**More Examples at:**

<https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview/paraview/-/blob/master/Examples/Plugins/PythonAlgorithm/PythonAlgorithmExamples.py>

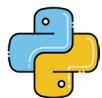
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# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## C++ Plugins



**XML Plugins** are simple to use but can only use existing VTK/ParaView filters. You cannot add your own computation scripts directly.



**Python Plugins** allows you to write your own Python code as in a Programmable filter. Automatically generated GUI.  
Not geared towards performance.



**C++ Plugins** provides more flexibility and performance. Can directly access VTK/ParaView internals. Manual GUI development.  
Requires to know C++ and you need to build ParaView

# Extending ParaView with Plugins

## C++ Plugins



Detailed documentation on writing ParaView plugins available at

[https://www.paraview.org/Wiki/ParaView/Plugin\\_HowTo](https://www.paraview.org/Wiki/ParaView/Plugin_HowTo)

# Python Scripting in ParaView

## Using virtual environments inside ParaView (pvpython)

### Setting up your environment

```
> python -m virtualenv venv  
> myvenv\Scripts\activate  
> pip install numpy
```

### Testing Inside ParaView

```
>>> activate_this = "C:/pv/workshop_2024/custom_envs/myvenv/Scripts/activate_this.py"  
>>> exec(open(activate_this).read(), {'__file__': activate_this})  
>>> import numpy as np
```



# ParaView in HPC Environments

## Visualization Approaches

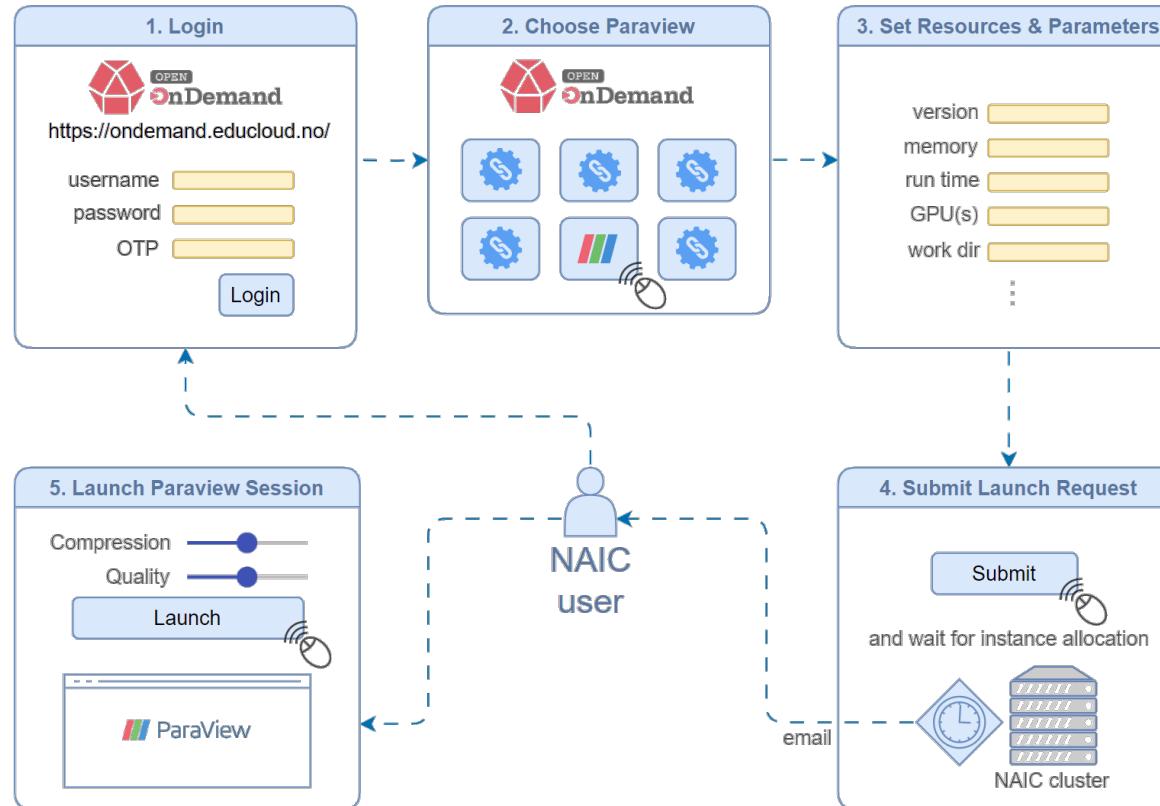
Batch based Visualization

In-situ Visualization

Exploratory Visualization

# ParaView in HPC Environments

## How? - User Workflow Under NAIC



# ParaView in HPC Environments

## Using EduCloud OnDemand

1  
Login

Educloud

Log into Educloud

Educloud username: ec-janedoe

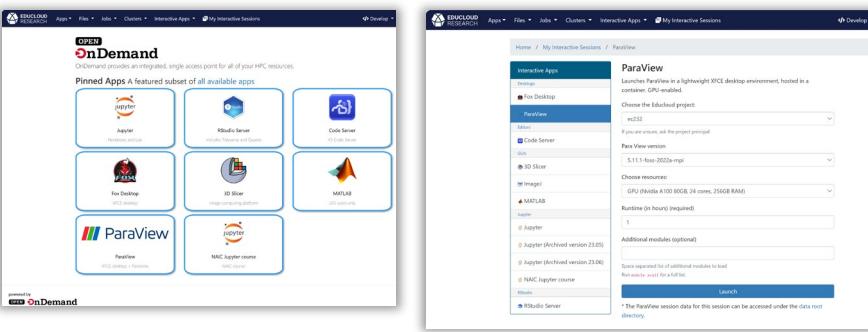
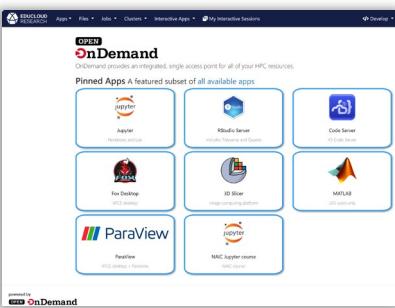
Password:

Reset password

One-time passcode (OTP):  
From Google Authenticator  
123456

Reset OTP

Log In



2  
Request

Active interactive sessions view all (1)

ParaView (380284) Queued

Created at: 2023-12-01 15:37:51 CET

Time Requested: 1 hour

Session ID: 6a02901f-0a70-493b-b6ba-a97c9ec153ba

Please be patient as your job currently sits in queue. The wait time depends on the number of cores as well as time requested.

Launch

ParaView (380780) 1 node | 24 cores | Running

Host: >\_gpu\_2.fbx

Created at: 2023-12-02 11:42:57 CET

Time Remaining: 59 minutes

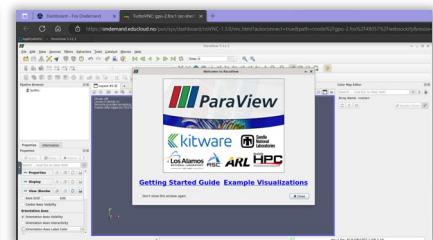
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Image Quality: 0 (low) to 9 (high)

Launch ParaView

View Only (Share-able Link)



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Use

# ParaView in HPC Environments

## Using EduCloud OnDemand

The image is a collage of screenshots illustrating the process of running ParaView in an HPC environment via EduCloud OnDemand. It is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A screenshot of the EduCloud OnDemand interface showing a grid of pinned apps, including ParaView.
- Top Center:** A large central window titled "Log into Educloud". It features a red EduCloud logo and the word "Research". The main area contains fields for "Educloud username" (with "ec-janedoe" entered), "Password" (an empty field), and "One-time passcode (OTP)" (with "123456" entered). It also includes "Reset password" and "Reset OTP" links, and a "Log In" button at the bottom.
- Top Right:** A screenshot of the EduCloud OnDemand interface showing a session named "ParaView (380780)". It displays session details like Host, Created at, Time Remaining, Session ID, Compression, and Image Quality settings, along with "Launch ParaView" and "View Only (Share-able Link)" buttons.
- Bottom Right:** A screenshot of the ParaView application window, showing a visualization interface with various panels and data sources.

# ParaView in HPC Environments

## Using EduCloud OnDemand

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Request

The screenshot shows the EduCloud OnDemand interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Apps, Files, Jobs, Clusters, Interactive Apps, My Interactive Sessions, and Develop. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder "Search". A sidebar on the left includes a "Log into EduCloud" section with fields for Educloud username, Password, and One-time passcode (OTP), along with a "Log in" button. The main content area is titled "OPEN OnDemand" and features a heading "Pinned Apps A featured subset of all available apps". It displays seven pinned applications in blue-bordered boxes: Jupyter (Notebook and Lab), RStudio Server (Includes Tidyverse and Quarto), Code Server (VS Code Server), Fox Desktop (XFCE desktop), 3D Slicer (image computing platform), MATLAB (UIO users only), and ParaView (XFCE desktop + ParaView). At the bottom, it says "powered by OPEN OnDemand".

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# ParaView in HPC Environments

## Using EduCloud OnDemand

Active interactive sessions [view all \(1\)](#)

**ParaView (380284)** Queued

**Created at:** 2023-12-01 15:37:51 CET **Cancel**

**Time Requested:** 1 hour

**Session ID:** 6a02901f-0a70-493b-b6ba-a97c9ec153ba

Please be patient as your job currently sits in queue. The wait time depends on the number of cores as well as time requested.

**ParaView (380780)** 1 node | 24 cores | Running

**Host:** > gpu-2.fox **Cancel**

**Created at:** 2023-12-02 11:42:57 CET

**Time Remaining:** 59 minutes

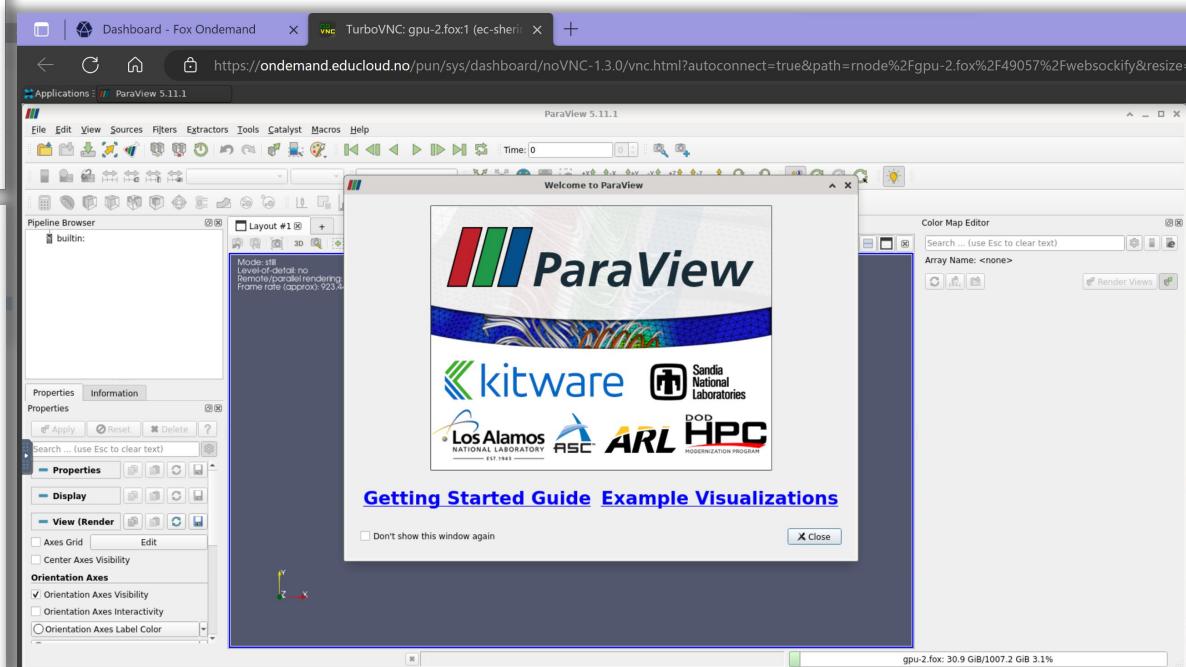
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**Launch ParaView** **View Only (Share-able Link)**

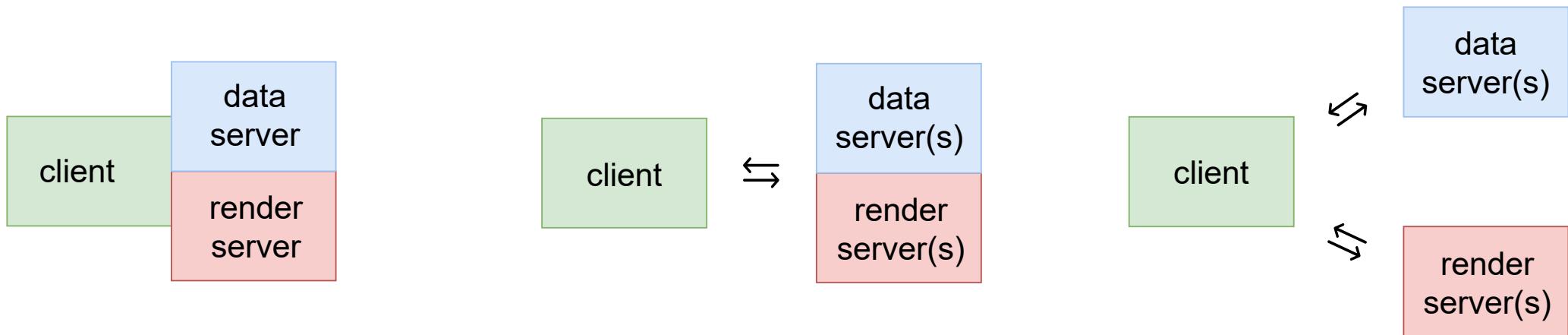
Educloud Research Log into Educloud Educloud username: ec-janedoe Password:  Reset password One-time passcode (OTP) From Google Authenticator: 123456 Reset OTP Log In

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Use



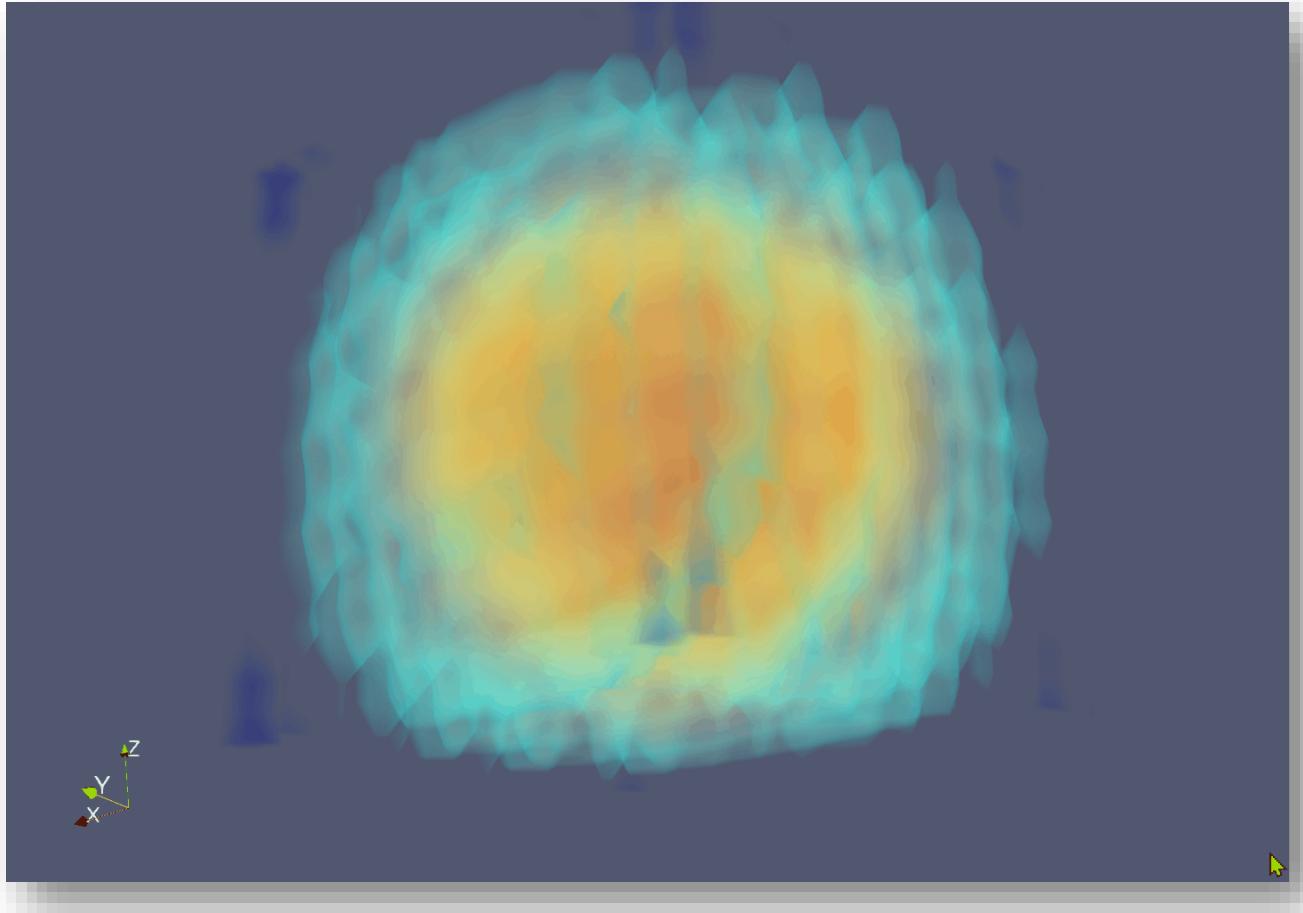
# ParaView

## Client Server Architecture



# Local vs HPC

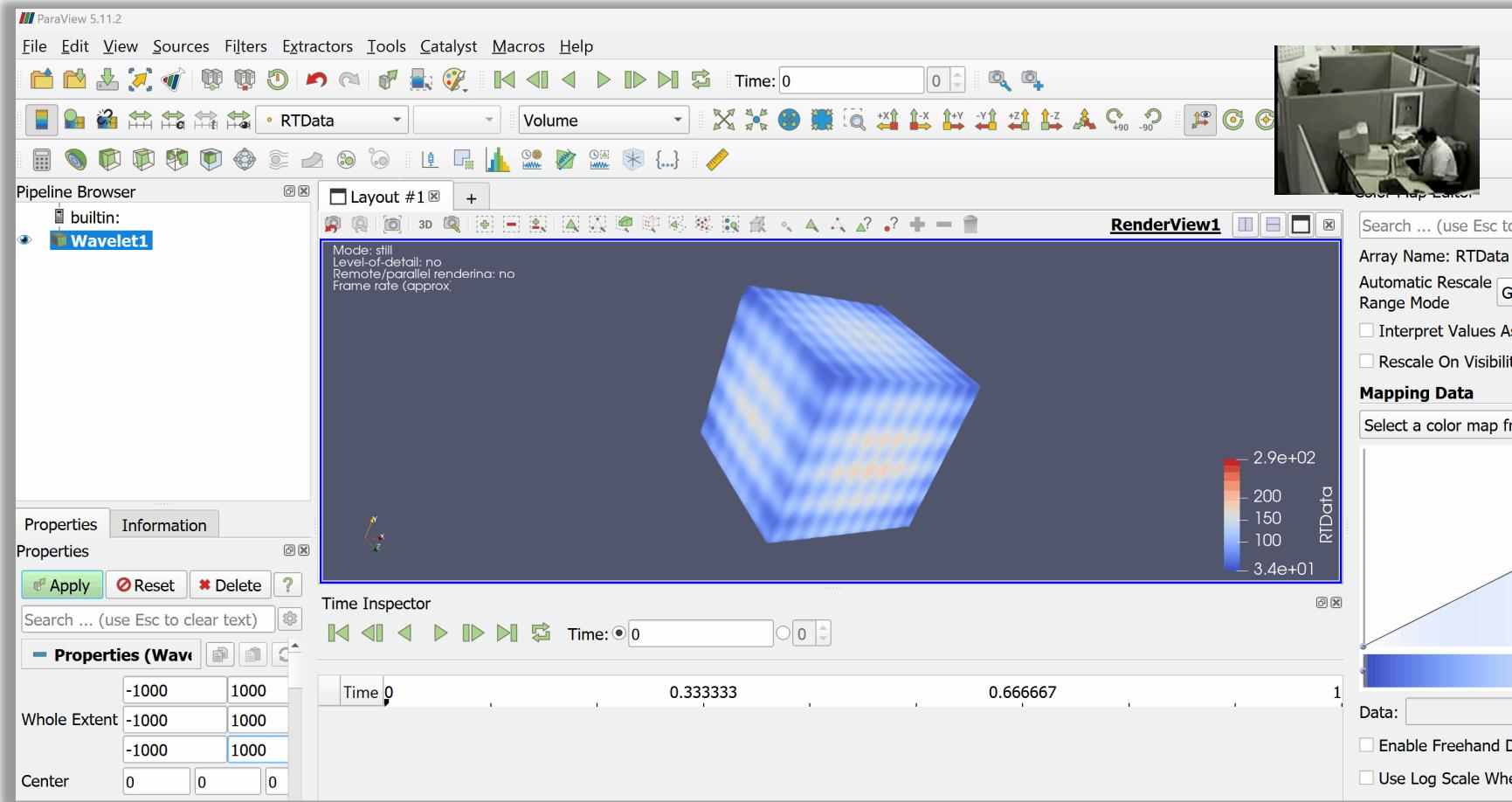
## Wavelet Visualization



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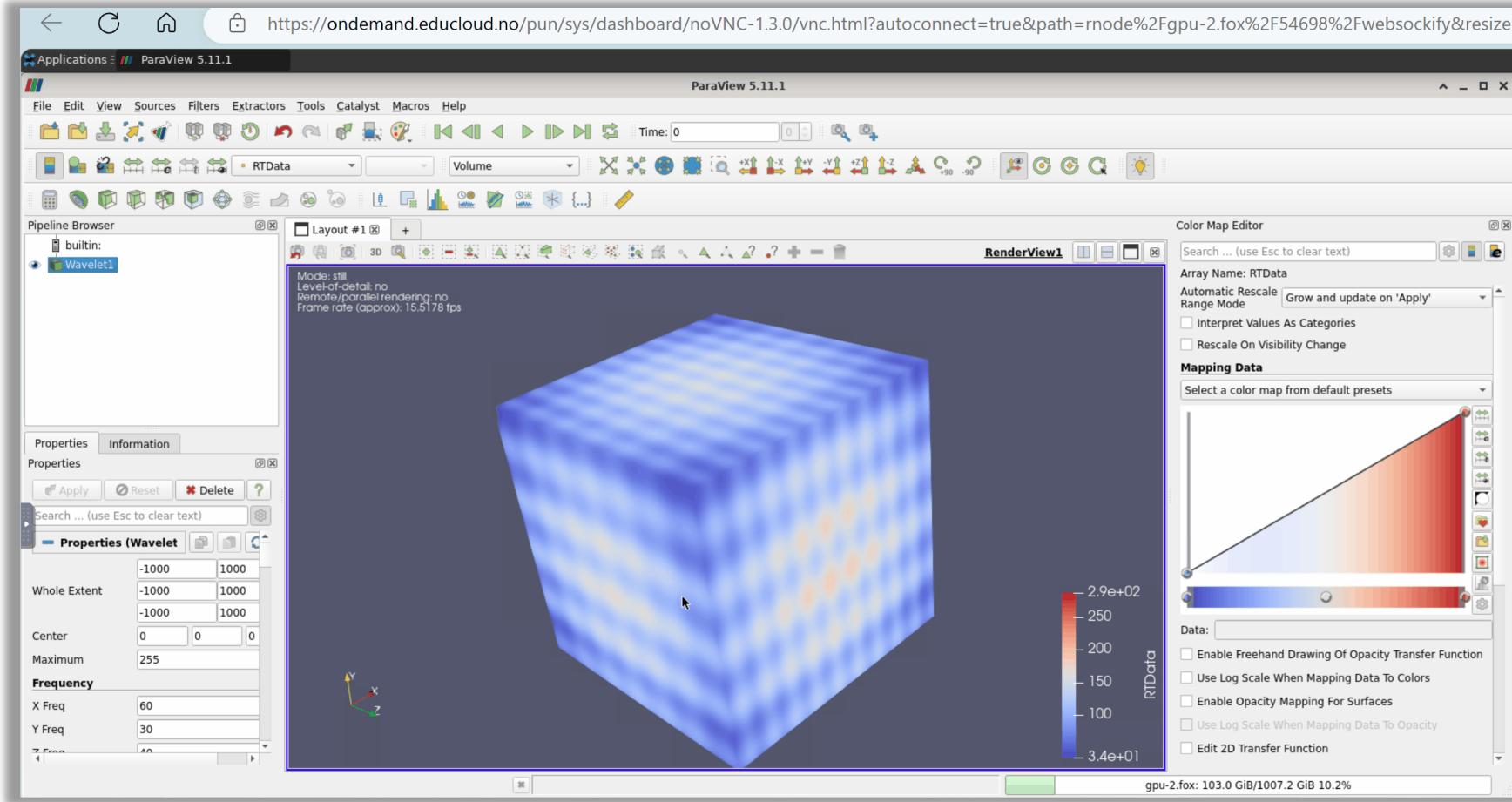
# Local vs HPC

## Wavelet Visualization



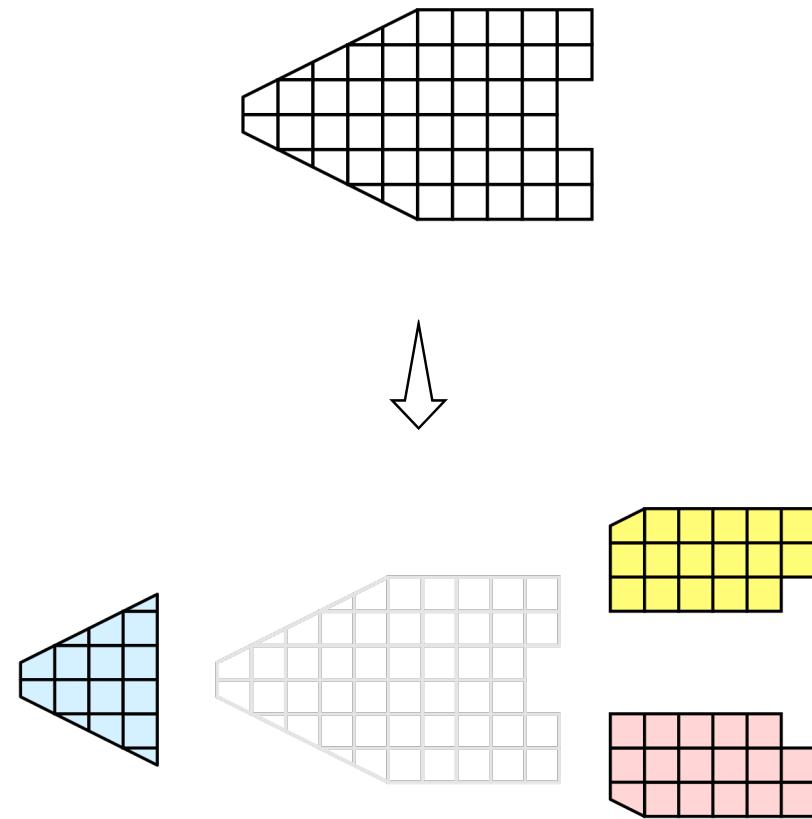
# Local vs HPC

## Wavelet Visualization



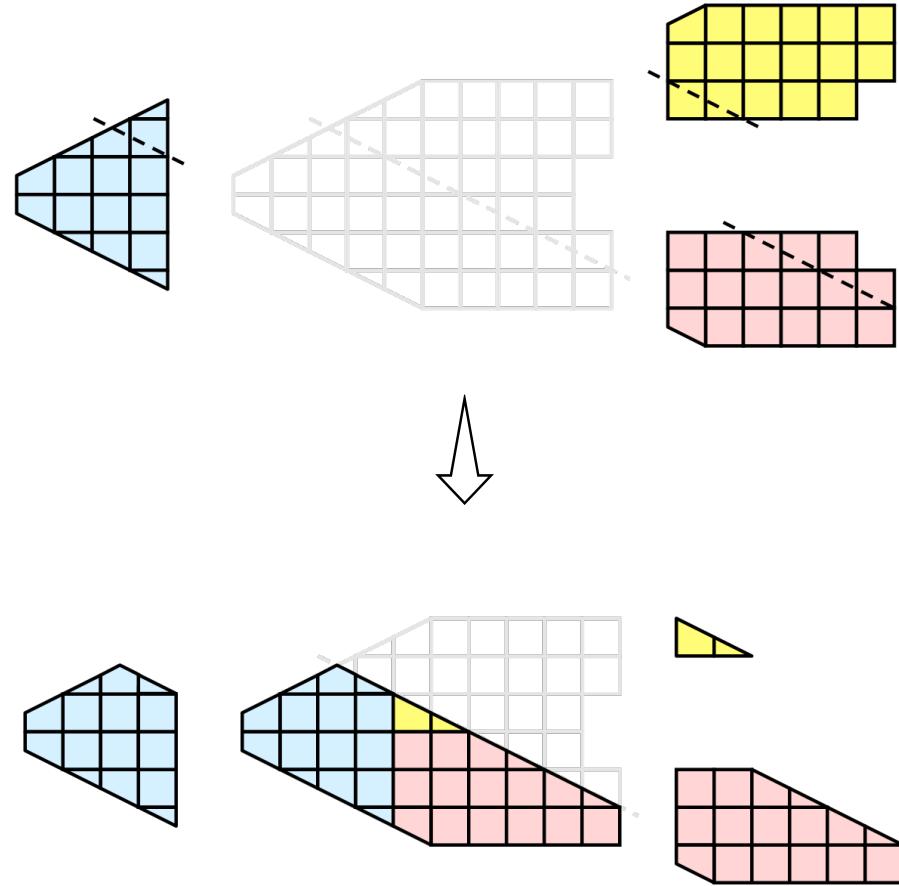
# Parallel Processing

## Divide and Conquer



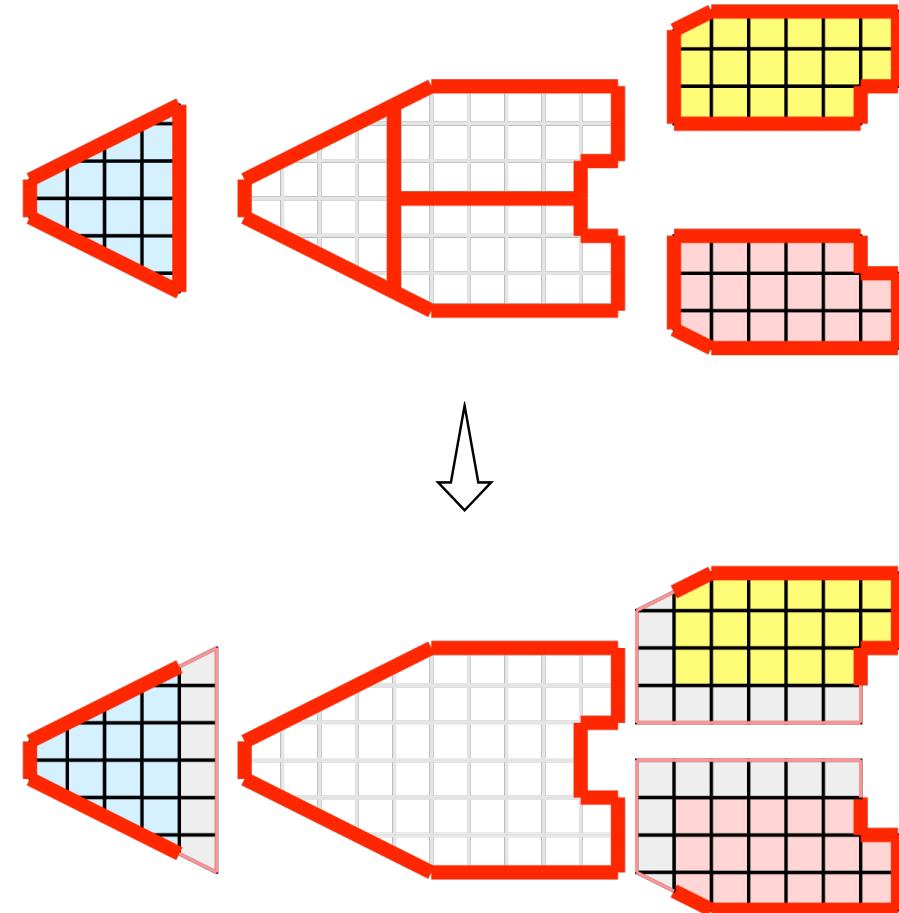
# Parallel Processing

## Example: Clipping a dataset in parallel



# Parallel Processing

## The need for Ghost Cells



# MPI

## Message Passing Interface

The Message Passing Interface (MPI) is an Application Program Interface that defines a model of parallel computing where each parallel process has its own local memory, and data must be explicitly shared by passing messages between processes.

An MPI parallel code requires some changes from serial code, as MPI function calls to communicate data are added, and the data must somehow be divided across processes.

# Using Parallel Capabilities of ParaView

## Establishing Connections – ML Nodes

1. You can use the following command to move your large datasets to a remote location.

```
scp large_dataset.vtk user@remote-server:/path/path
```

2. Connect to remote server, load ParaView module, start pvserver using the following command

```
mpirun -np 6 pvserver -server-port=5556
```

Waiting for client...

Connection URL: cs://ml3.hpc.uio.no:5556

Accepting connection(s): ml3.hpc.uio.no:5556

3. Open a local terminal, set up a ssh tunnel from your client to the server.

```
ssh -J sherinsu@login.uio.no -L 5556:localhost:5556 sherinsu@ml3.hpc.uio.no
```

4. Start your local ParaView GUI instance and connect to remote server using the following settings.

Server Type: Client/Server      Host: localhost      Port:5556

**Note:** ML Nodes are intended for machine learning and deep learning tasks. No batch/queue system. Use the machines in a solidaric way.

Please learn about resource details and usage guidelines from:

<https://www.uio.no/tjenester/it/forskning/kompetansehuber/uio-ai-hub-node-project/it-resources/ml-nodes/>

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# Using Parallel Capabilities of ParaView

## Establishing Connections – EduCloud OnDemand

1. You can use the following command to move your large datasets to a project storage location under EduCloud.

```
scp large_dataset.vtk user@remote-server:/path/path
```

2. Connect to Fox EduCloud, and submit a job to start pvserver using MPI (check workshop data folder for full script (example))

```
mpirun --map-by ppr:1:core --bind-to core -np 50 pvserver --server-port=5556
```

Waiting for client...

Connection URL: cs://c1-8.fox:5556

Accepting connection(s): c1-8.fox:5556

3. Start a ParaView instance using EduCloud OnDemand.

4. Connect to remote server using the following settings.

Server Type: Client/Server	Host: c1-8.fox	Port:5556
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**Note:** The commands and procedures for using ParaView under EduCloud OnDemand may change over time as the setup is improved. Always refer to the latest methods provided [here](#).

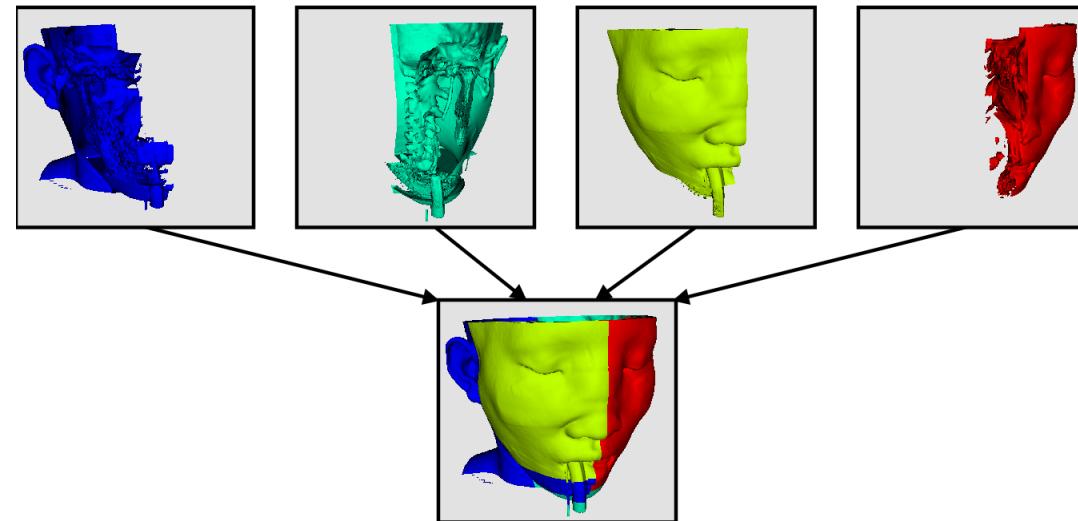
**Sample slurm scripts at:**

workshop\_2024/solution/hpc

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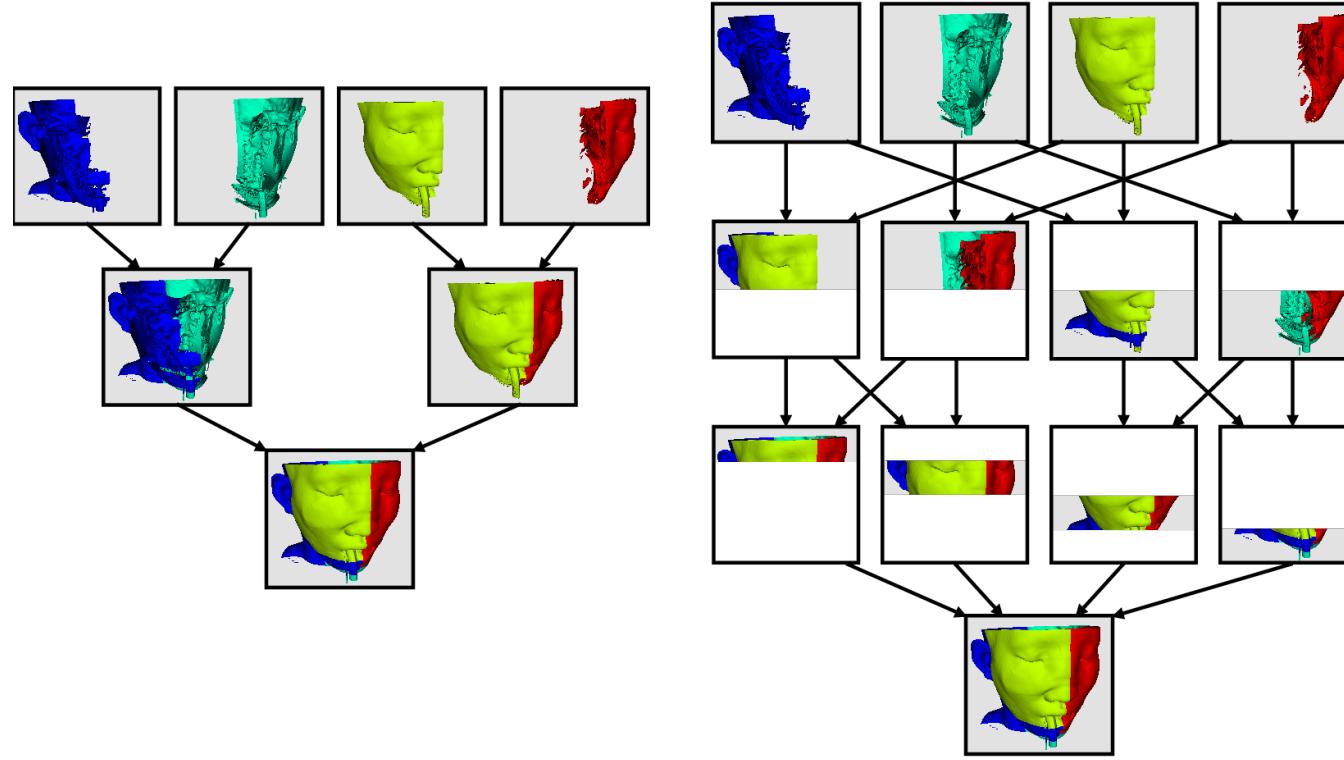
# Parallel Rendering

Uses IceT



# Parallel Rendering

## Image Compositing Algorithms



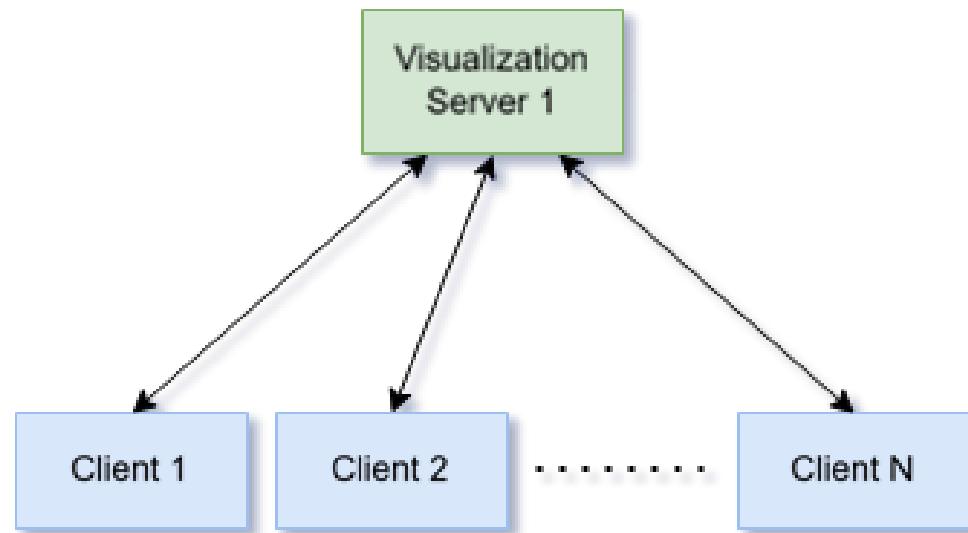
More documentation available at:

<https://www.sandia.gov/app/uploads/sites/150/2021/10/IceTUsersGuide-2-0.pdf>

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# Collaborative Visualization using HPC

## One Server, Multiple Clients



# Collaborative Visualization using HPC

## One Server, Multiple Clients

Fox Desktop (701296)

Host: >\_c1-26.fox | [Cancel](#)

Created at: 2024-06-08 00:05:30 CEST

Time Remaining: 1 hour and 39 minutes

Session ID: c0279cd7-1854-436c-b491-b4332a3a5df4

Compression: 0 (low) to 9 (high)

Image Quality: 0 (low) to 9 (high)

[Launch Fox Desktop](#) | [View Only \(Share-able Link\)](#)

ParaView (701274)

Host: >\_gpu-11.fox | [Cancel](#)

Created at: 2024-06-07 23:12:30 CEST

Time Remaining: 45 minutes

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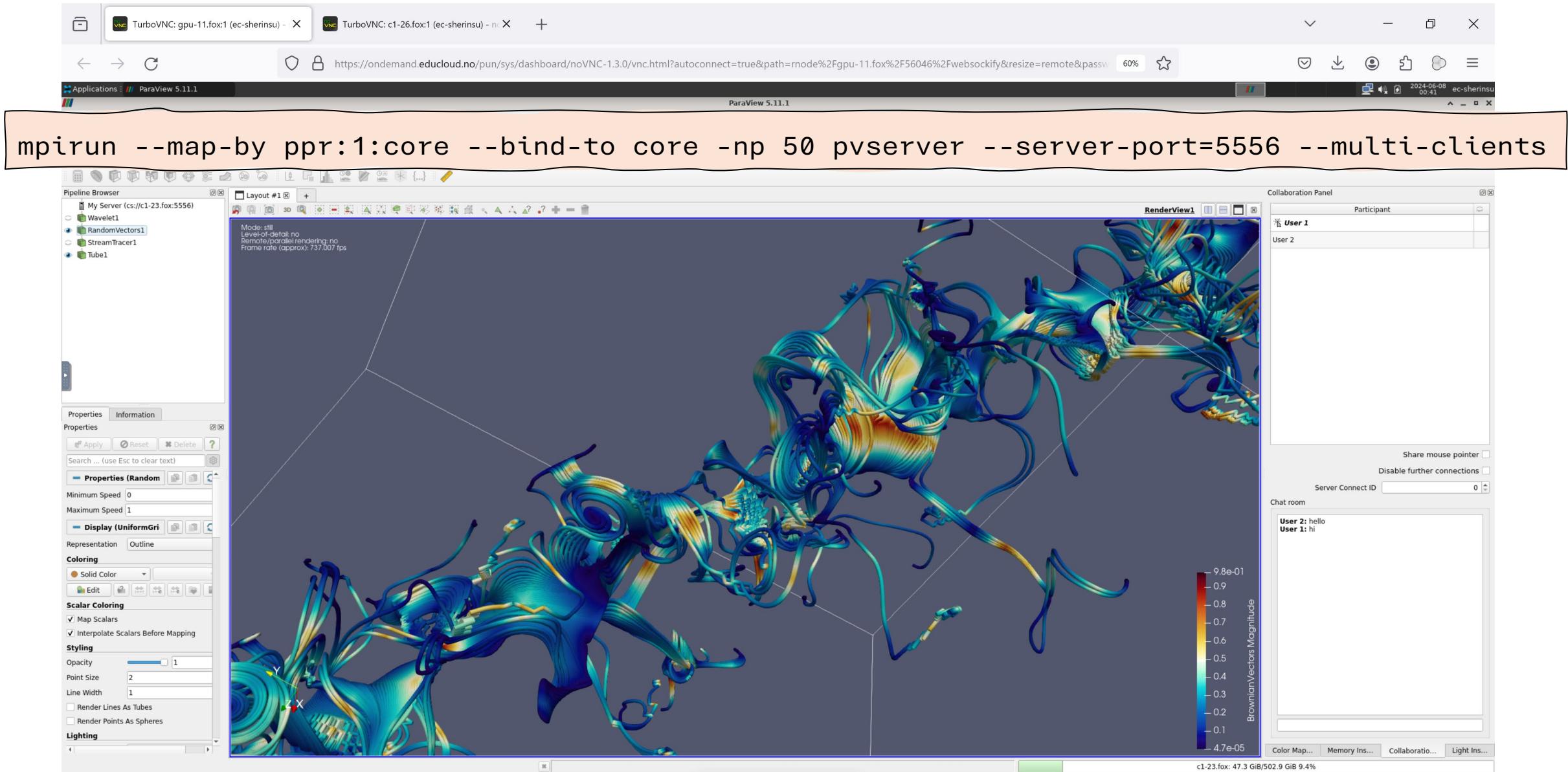
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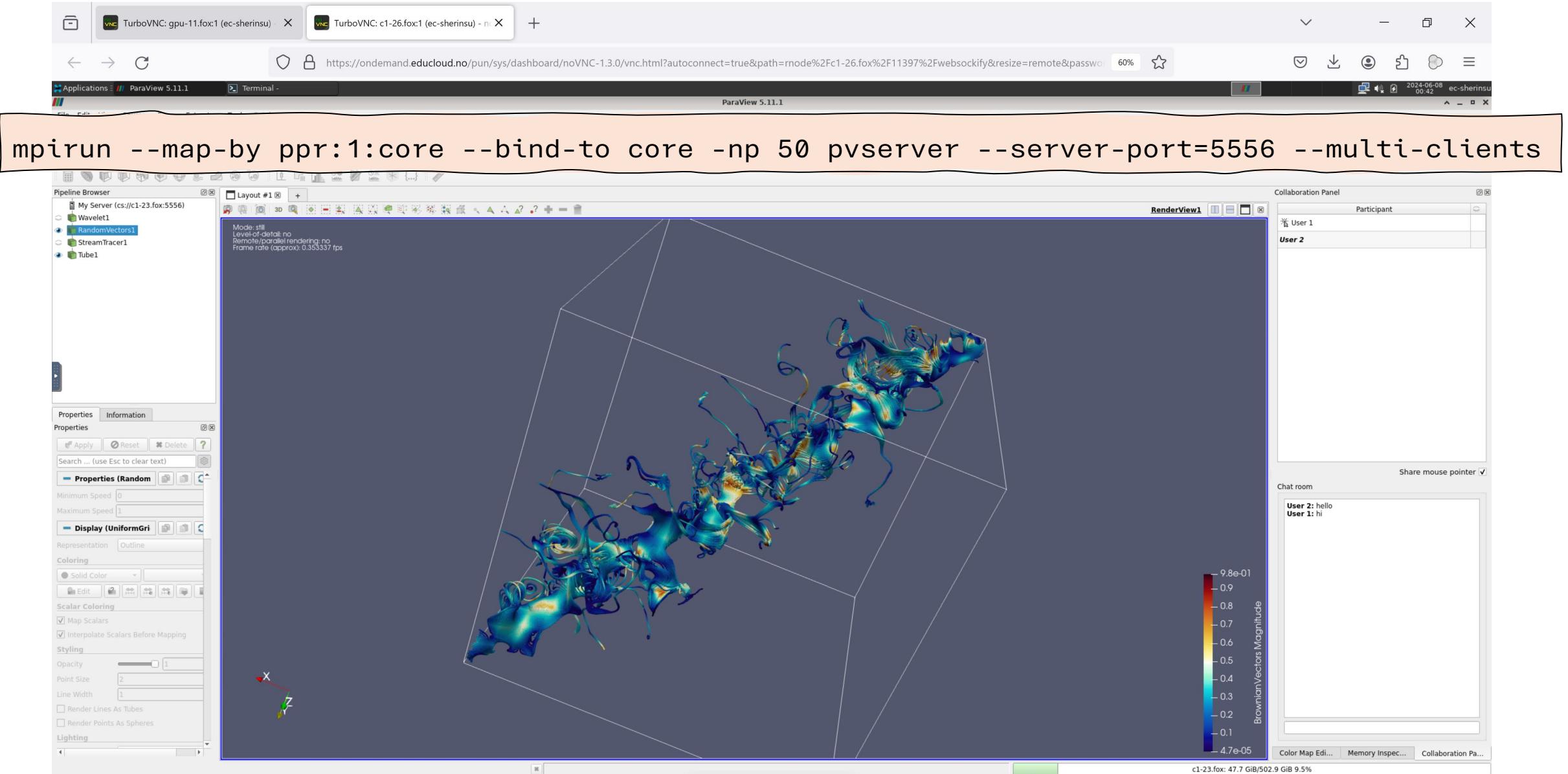
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## One Server, Multiple Clients



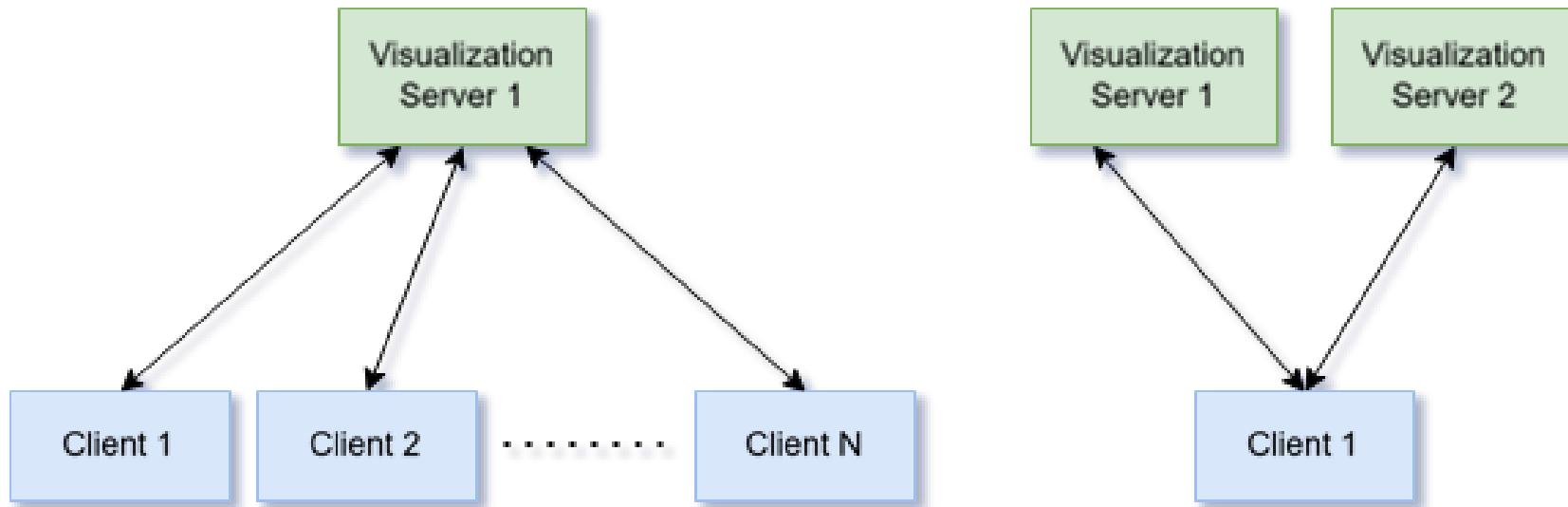
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# Incorporating AI Pipelines in ParaView

## Deep Learning for Object Detection

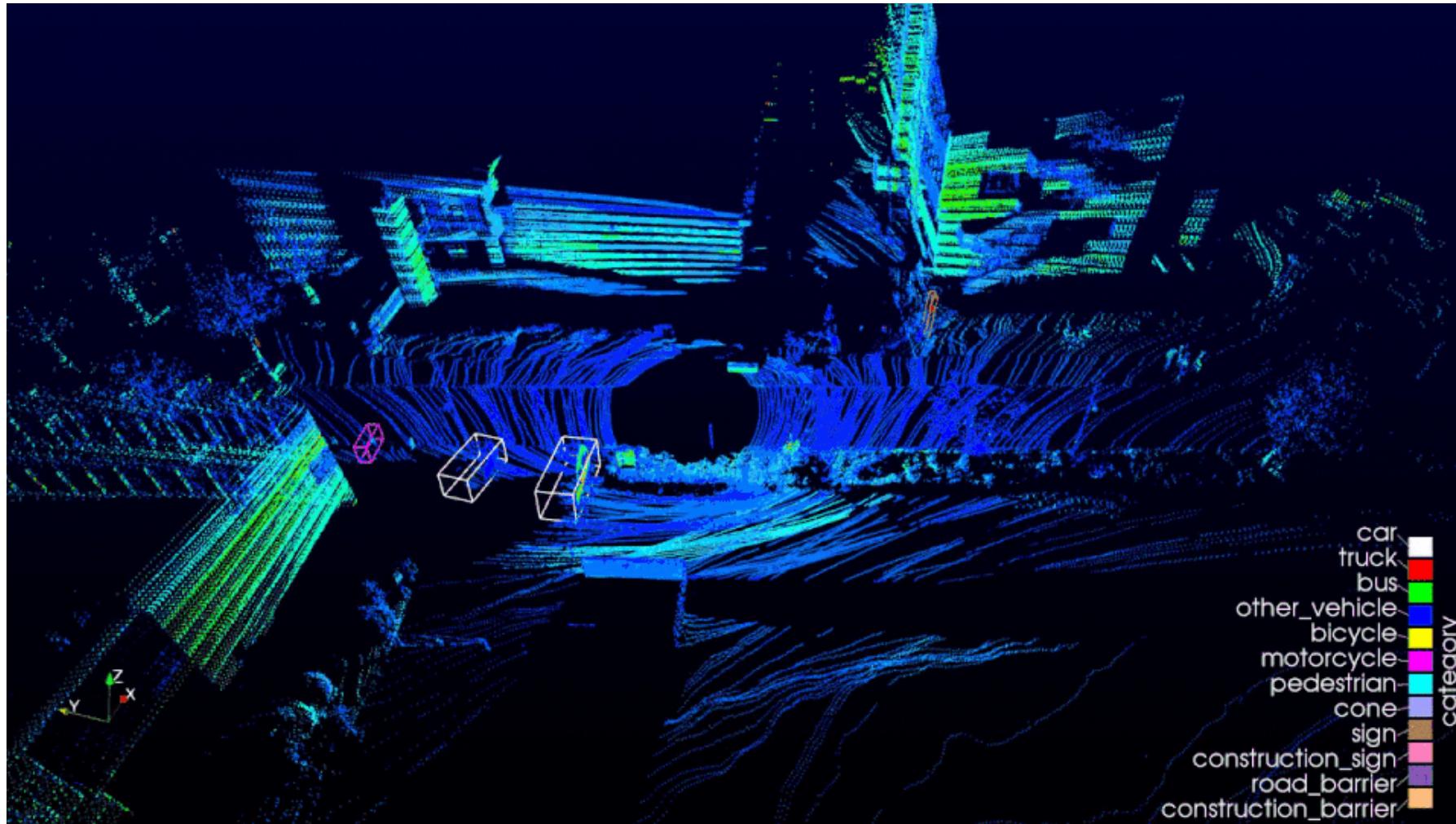


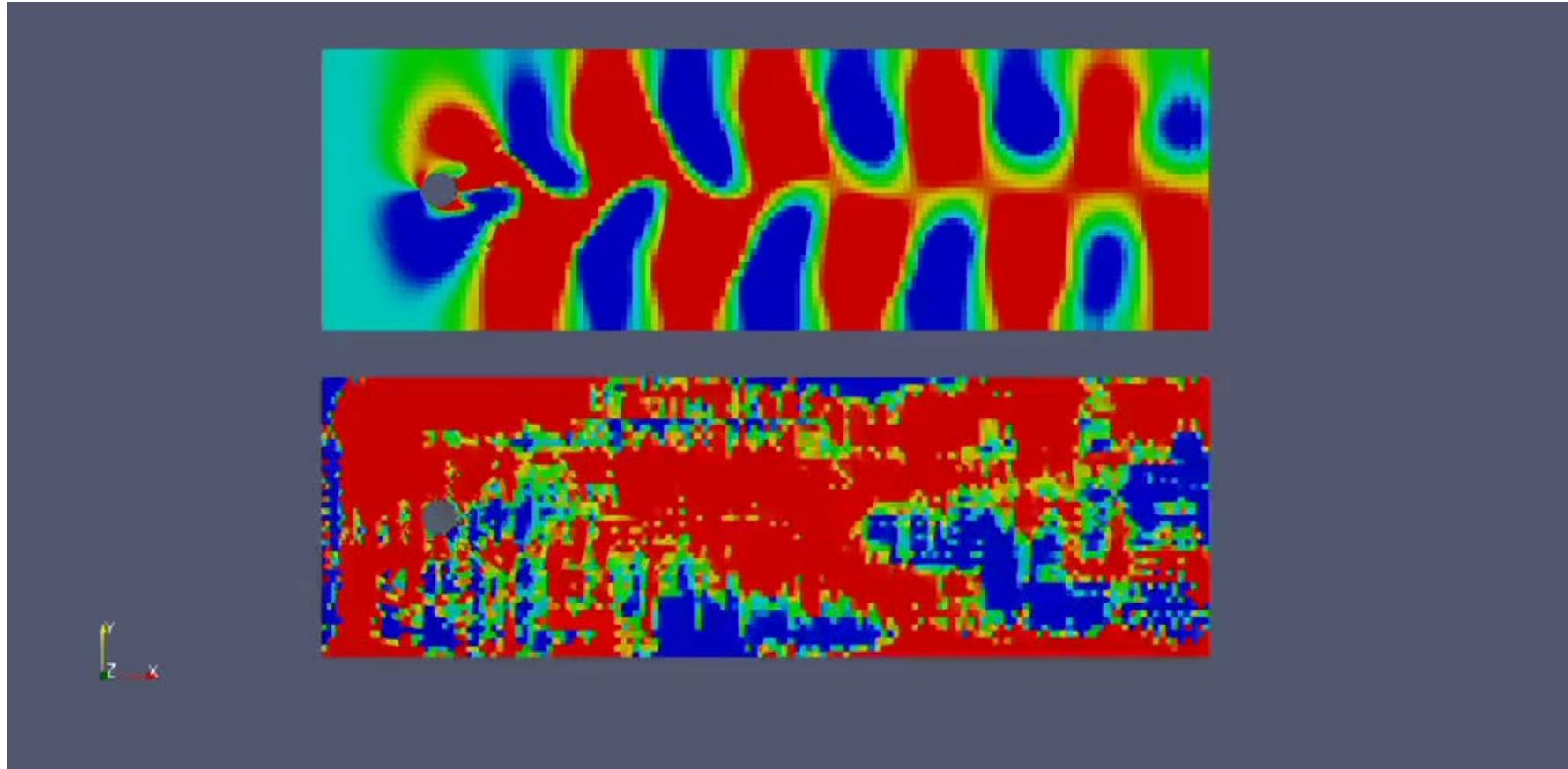
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## Monitoring the Training Process



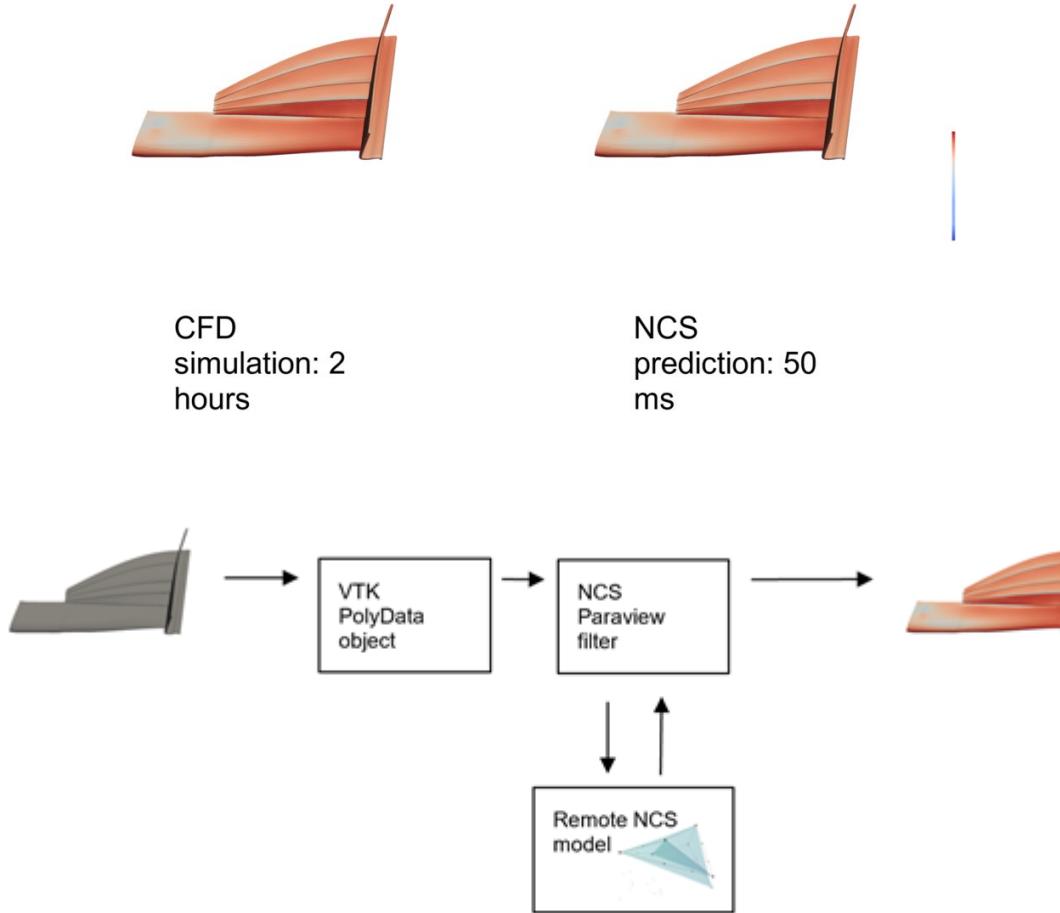
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# Incorporating AI Pipelines in ParaView

## Geometric Deep-Learning Models



**Plugin written by:**

Neural Concept (<https://neuralconcept.com/>)

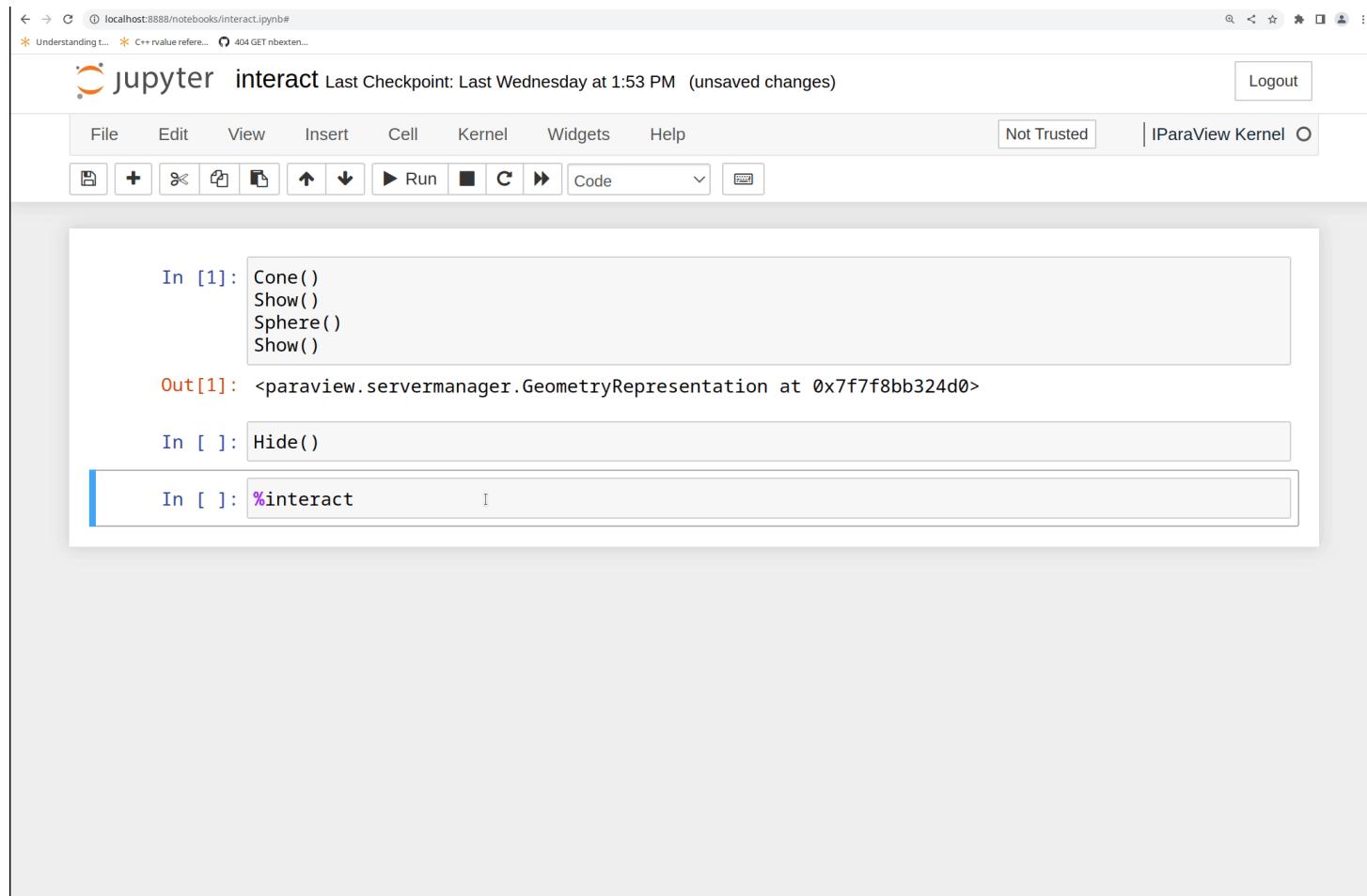
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# Other Interfaces

## Controlling ParaView from Jupyter Notebook



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface running on localhost:8888/notebooks/interact.ipynb#.

The notebook has the following content:

```
In [1]: Cone()
Show()
Sphere()
Show()

Out[1]: <paraview.servermanager.GeometryRepresentation at 0x7f7f8bb324d0>

In [ ]: Hide()

In [ ]: %interact
```

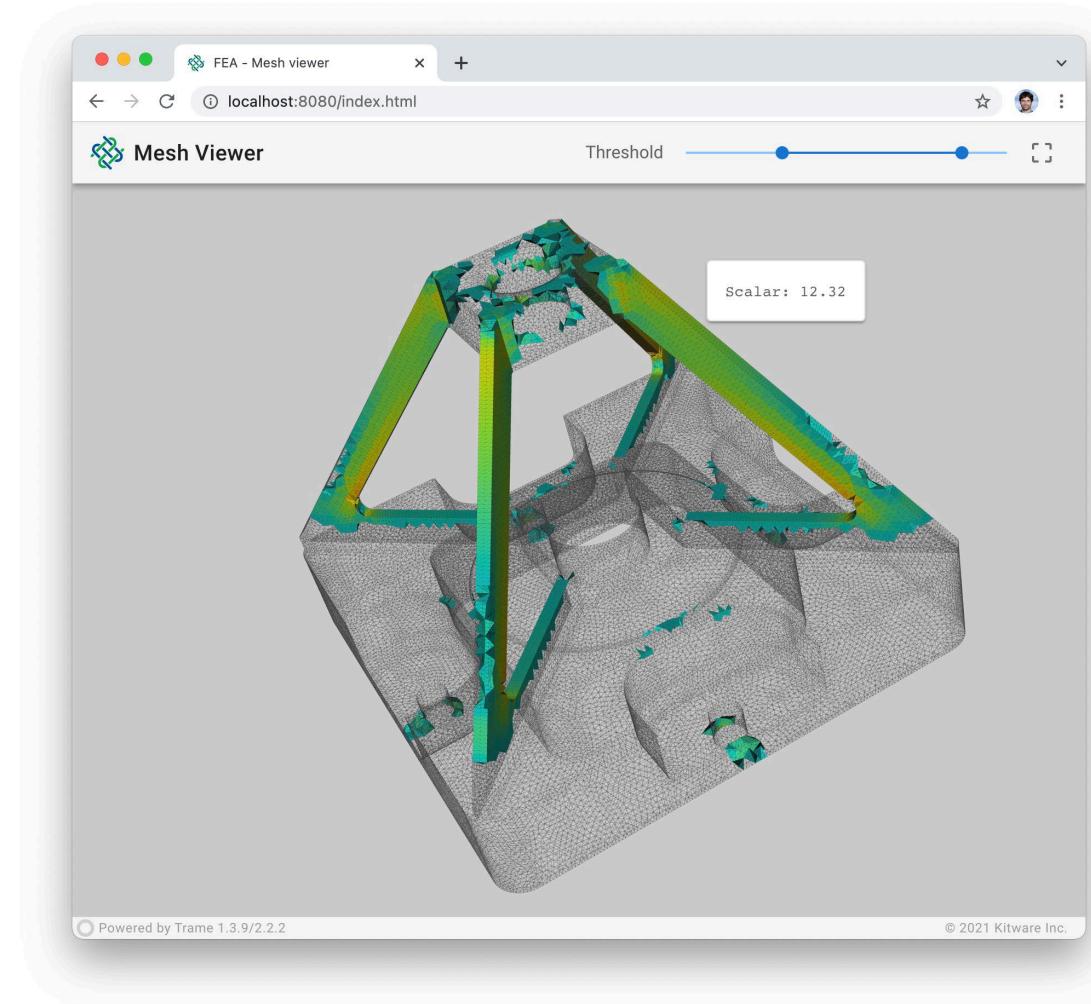
**IParaview Jupyter Kernel:**

<https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview/plugins/iparaview-kernel>

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# Other Interfaces

## Custom Web-based User Interfaces for ParaView



**Image from:**

Kitware's vtk-examples

**Try out the source and commands at:**

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# Expanding ParaView's Capabilities

## AR/VR/XR

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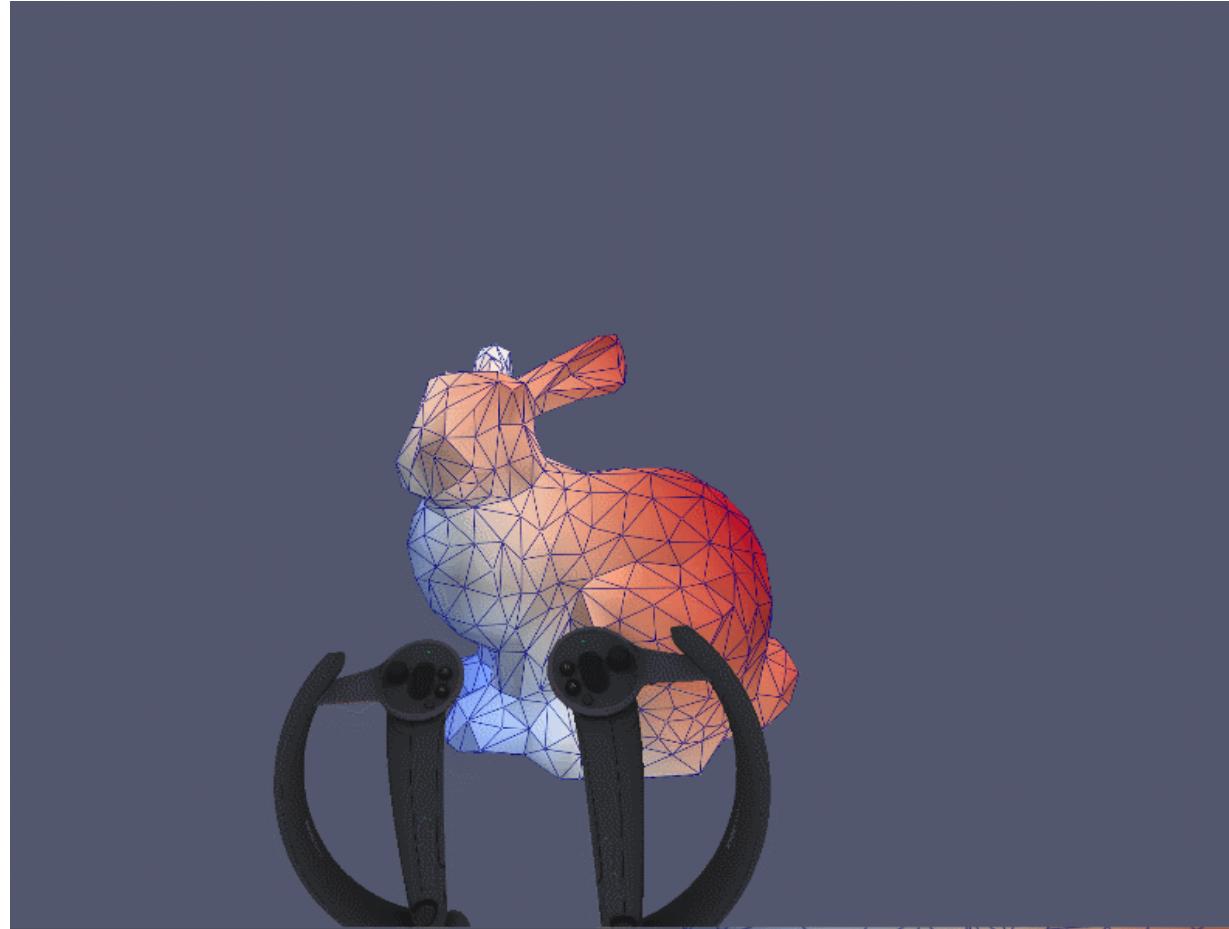


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## Integration with Omniverse, XR, and Tiled Displays

NVIDIA Omniverse

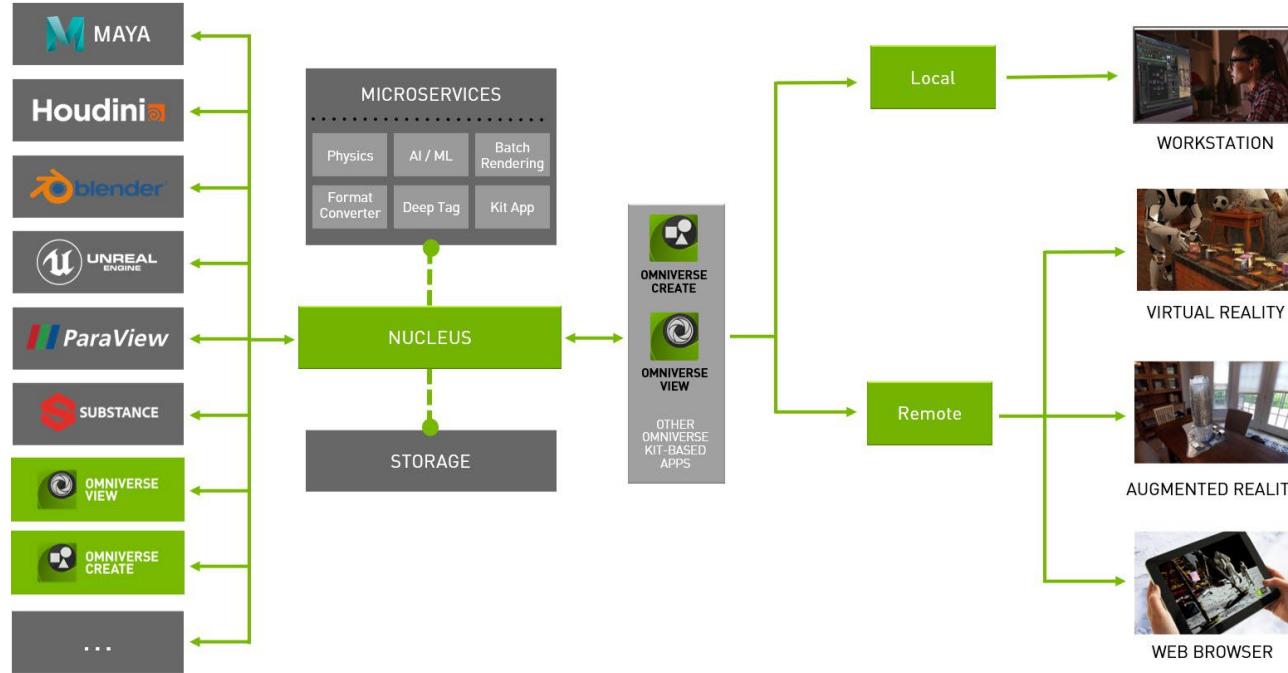


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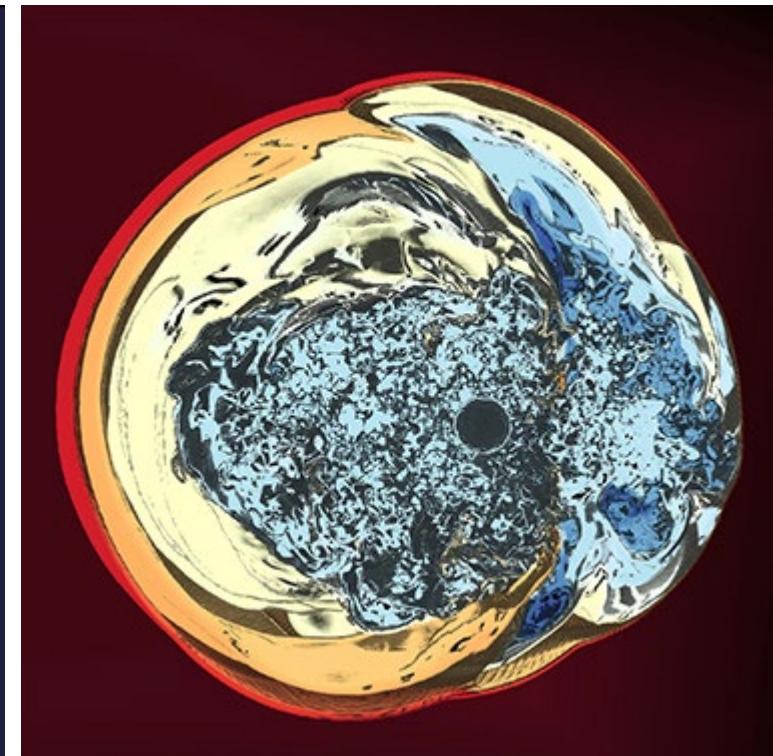
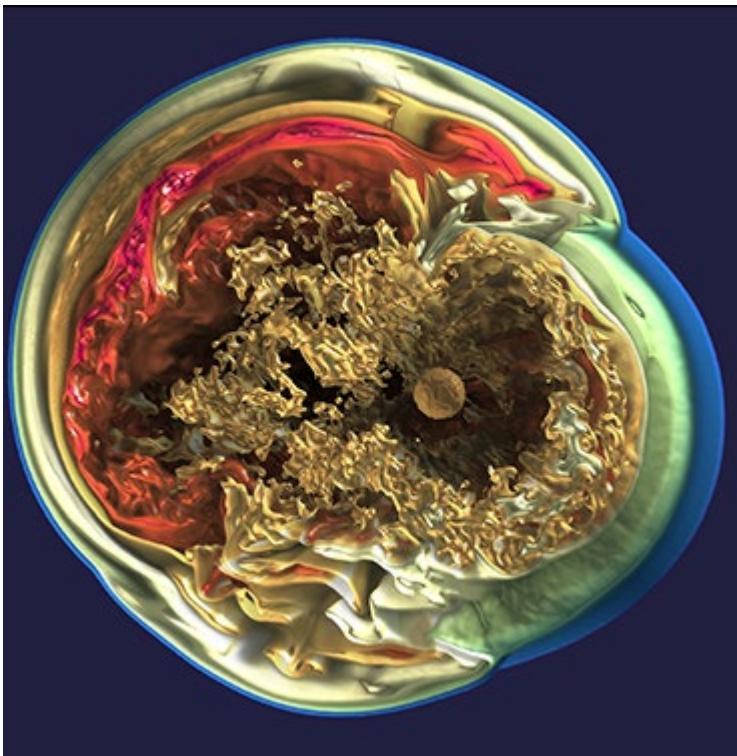
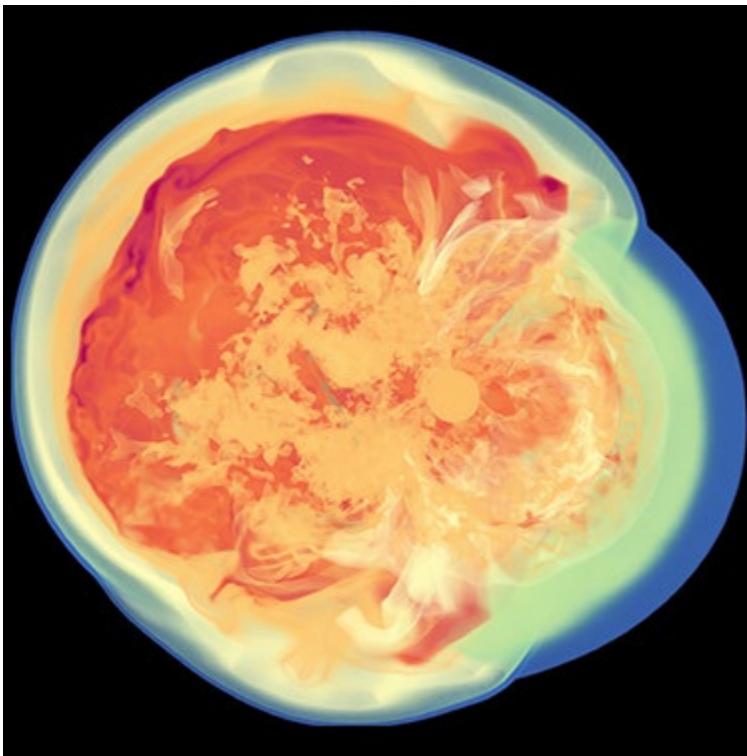
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# Advanced Rendering

## NVIDIA Index

Core Collapse Supernova



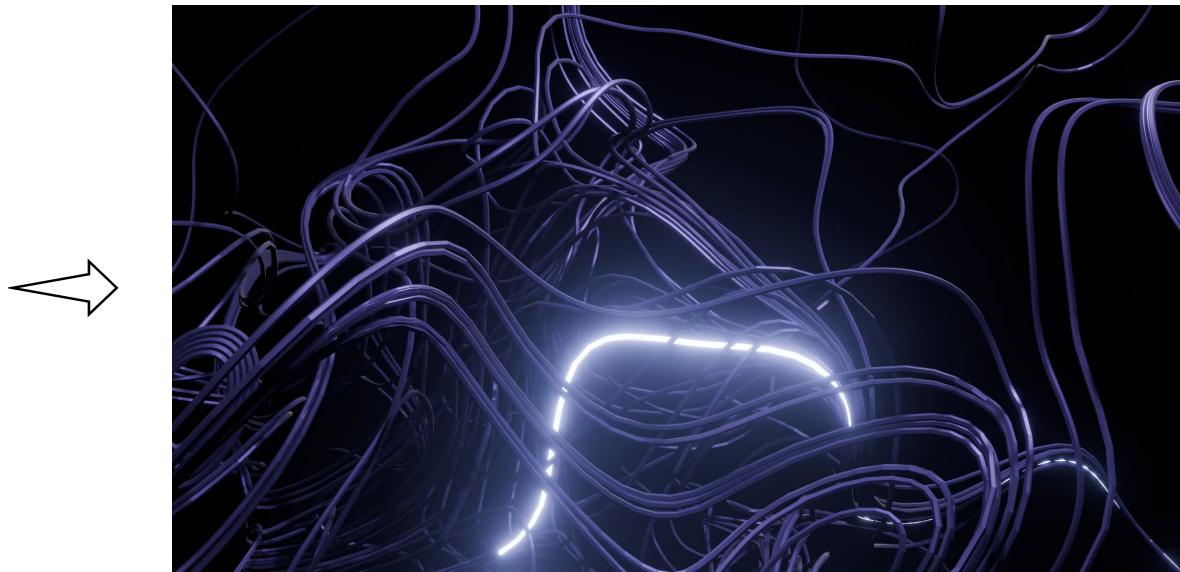
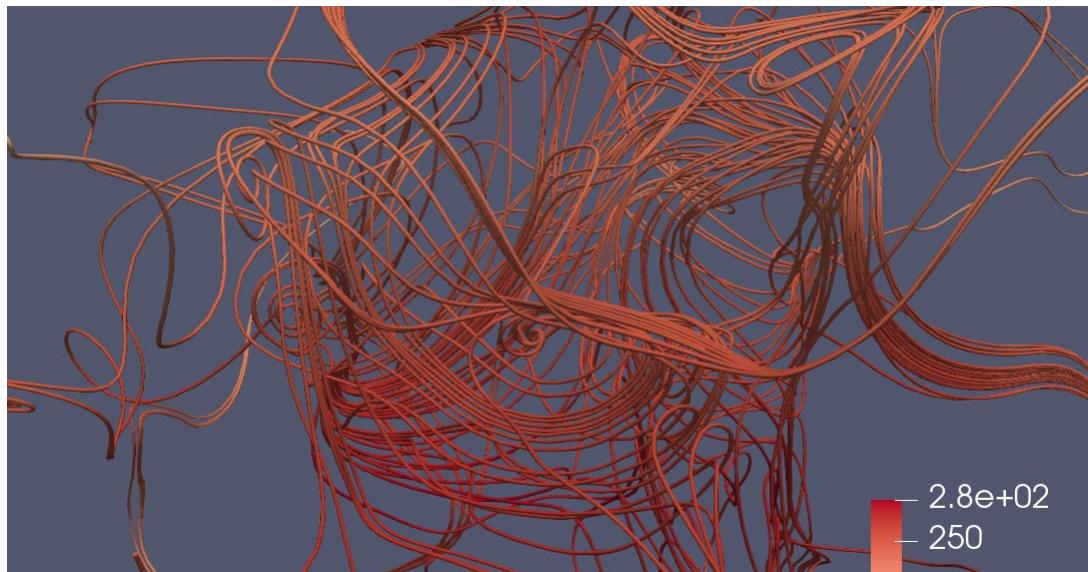
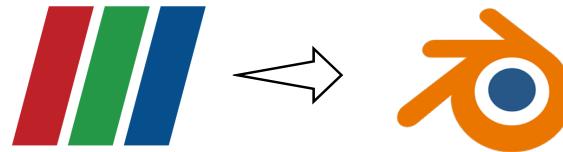
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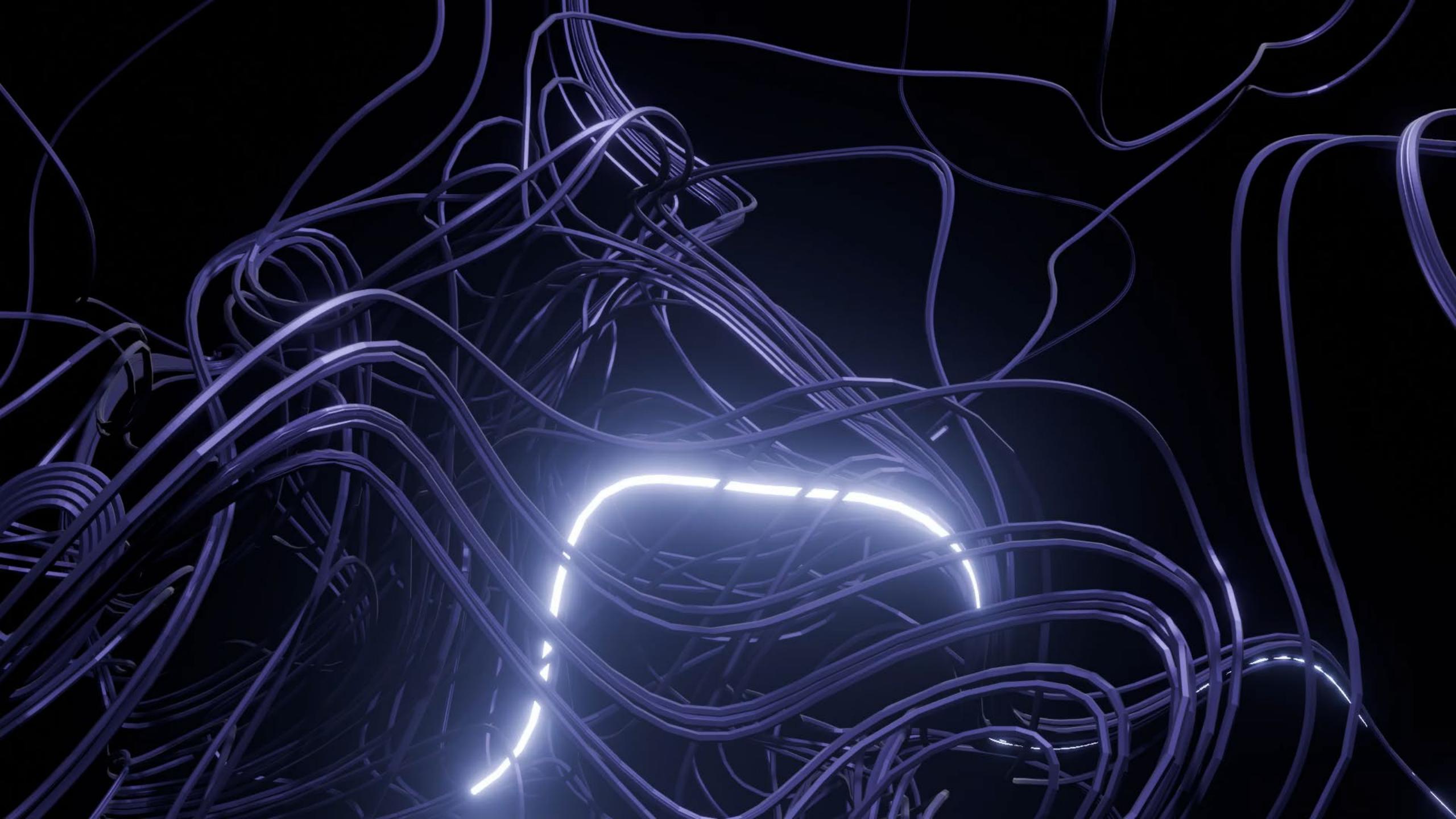
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Exporting Data from ParaView for use in Other Tools

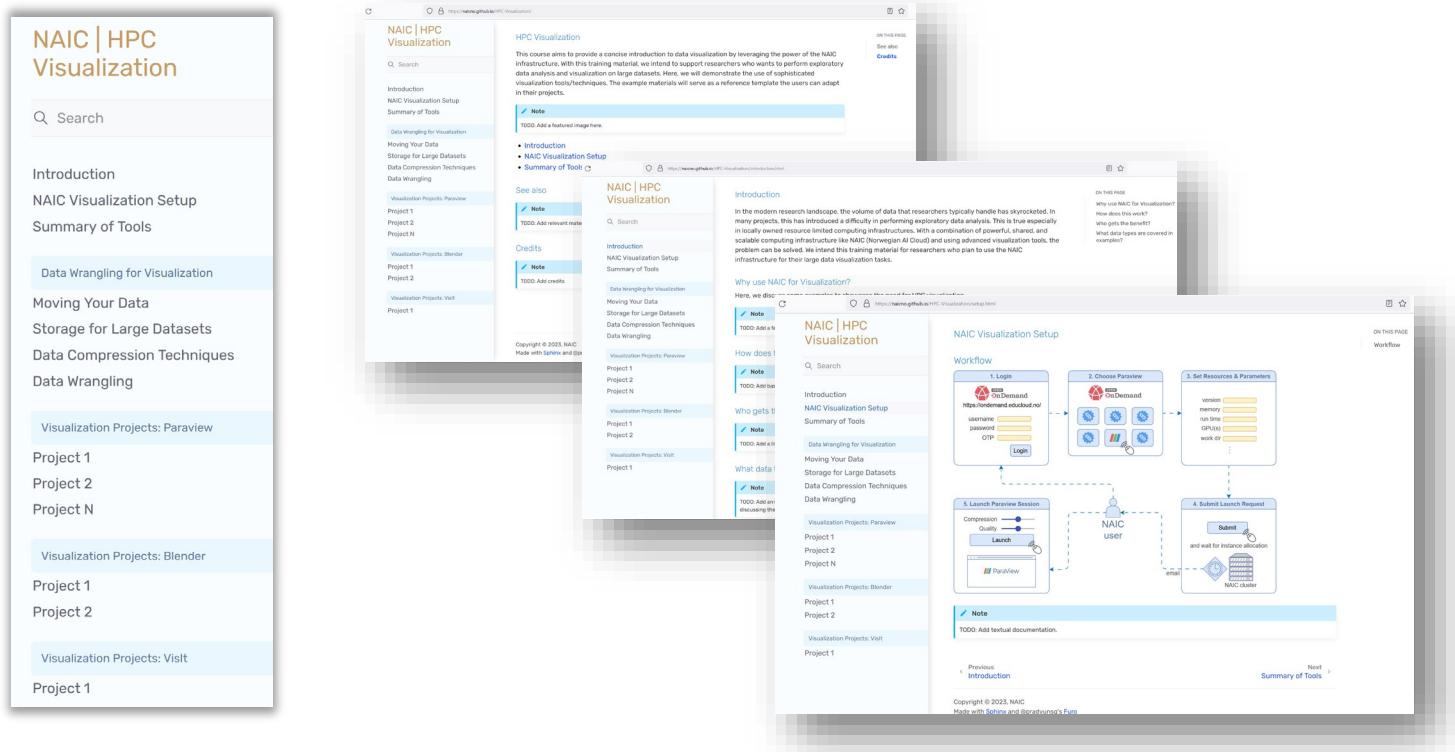




# User Support

## Documentation on use of ParaView under NAIC

<https://naicno.github.io/HPC-Visualization/>



# User Support

## NAIC User Support Portal



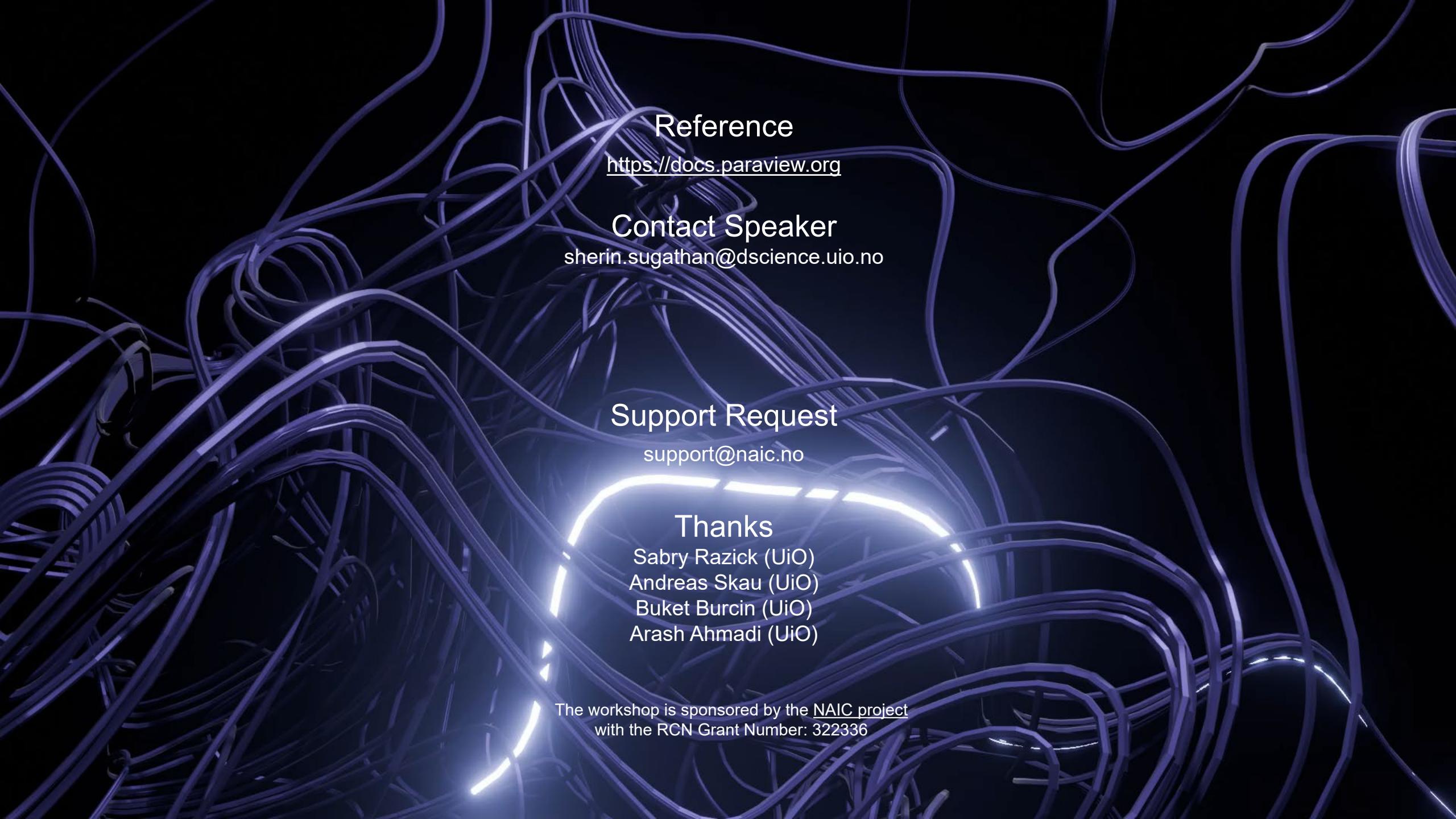
Norwegian AI Cloud  
**Support Desk**

### **How to get in touch with the help center?**

For administrative inquiries: [contact@naic.no](mailto:contact@naic.no)

For technical assistance: [support@naic.no](mailto:support@naic.no)

For advanced user support: [support@naic.no](mailto:support@naic.no) for detailed project guidance



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