

# GPUUnit

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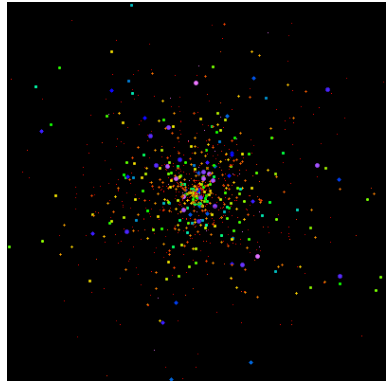
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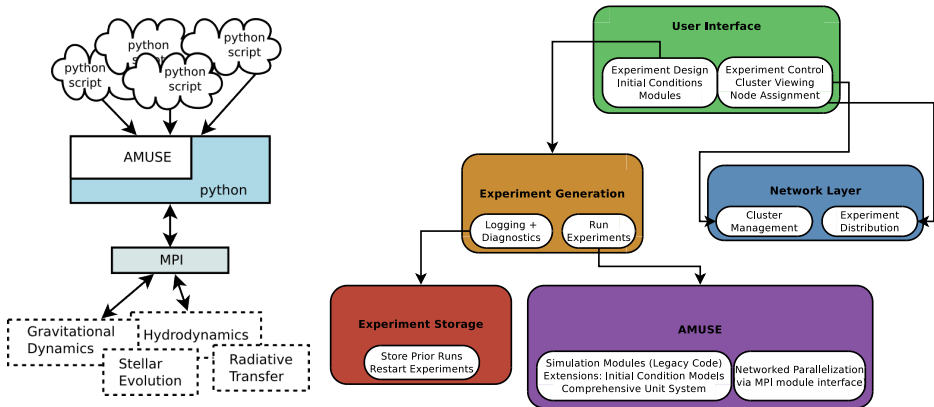
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# Motivation

- ▶ Astrophysics researchers need to simulate movement and evolution of star clusters and galaxies.
- ▶ Every star pulls on all of the others:  
 $O(n^2)$  for the simplest algorithm.
- ▶ Stars evolve over time, mass and size changes.



# Astrophysical Multipurpose Software Environment (AMUSE)



<http://www.amusecode.org>

# State of AMUSE

- ▶ Currently used by researchers to run large-scale simulations.
- ▶ Scripts, diagnostics, logging are all written by hand.
- ▶ AMUSE API/programming knowledge is required to create experiments.
- ▶ Still better than separated and opaque FORTRAN codes.

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case 219539042:
  for (int i = 0 ; i < request_header.len; i++){
    ints_out[i] = get_number_of_stopping_conditions_set(
      &ints_out[( 1 * request_header.len) + i]
    );
  }
  reply_header.number_of_ints = 2;
  break;

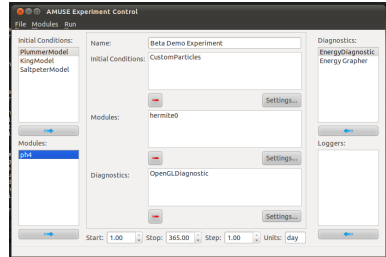
case 243580422:
  doubles_out[0] = par_getd(
    characters + ( 0 - 1 < 0 ? 0 : strings_in[0 - 1] + 1 ) ,
    characters + ( 1 - 1 < 0 ? 0 : strings_in[1 - 1] + 1 )
  );
  reply_header.number_of_doubles = 1;
  break;

case 271440754:
  for (int i = 0 ; i < request_header.len; i++){
    ints_out[i] = is_stopping_condition_set(
      ints_in[i] ,
      &ints_out[( 1 * request_header.len) + i]
    );
  }
  reply_header.number_of_ints = 2;
  break;

case 280123374:
  for (int i = 0 ; i < request_header.len; i++){
    ints_out[i] = esys_roe_adb_hydro(
      &ints_out[( 1 * request_header.len) + i] ,
      &doubles_out[i] ,
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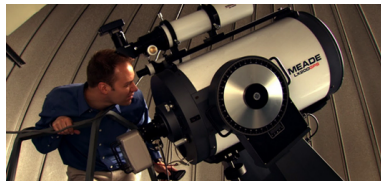
# Purpose of GUnit

- ▶ Ease the use of AMUSE
- ▶ Create/Design/Modify experiments
- ▶ Select, configure, swap out modules and initial conditions
- ▶ Store and restore progress of running experiments.



# Target Audiences

- ▶ Physics Students
- ▶ Observational Astrophysicists
- ▶ Theoretical Astrophysicists



$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{x} &= \frac{C}{M} \ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{f(\phi)}{2} (\Delta k_1 + \Delta k_2 \cos 2\phi) \right] x \\
 &\quad - \frac{\omega_0^2 f(\phi) \Delta k_2 \sin 2\phi}{2} \left( y_m - \frac{p}{K} \right) \\
 &= \varepsilon(\Omega + \phi)^2 \cos(\phi + \delta) + \varepsilon \phi \sin(\phi + \delta), \\
 \ddot{y}_m &+ \frac{C}{M} \ddot{y}_m - \frac{\omega_0^2 f(\phi) \Delta k_2 \sin 2\phi}{2} x \\
 &\quad + \omega_0^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{f(\phi)}{2} (\Delta k_1 - \Delta k_2 \cos 2\phi) \right] y_m \\
 &= \varepsilon(\Omega + \phi)^2 \sin(\phi + \delta) - \varepsilon \phi \cos(\phi + \delta) \\
 &\quad - \frac{f(\phi)}{2M} (\Delta k_1 - \Delta k_2 \cos 2\phi), \\
 \ddot{\phi} &+ \frac{K_t + K_c}{I_0} \phi - \frac{K_t}{I_0} \dot{\phi} = -\frac{C_t + C_c}{I_0} \dot{\phi} + \frac{C_t}{I_0} \phi, \\
 \phi &+ \frac{C_t}{I_0} \dot{\phi} - \frac{C_t}{I_0} \dot{\phi} + \frac{K_t}{I_0} \phi - \frac{K_t}{I_0} \dot{\phi} \\
 &= \frac{p}{2I} \frac{f(\phi)}{2} (\Delta k_1 \cos(\phi + \delta) - \Delta k_2 \cos(\phi - \delta)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{p^2}{2KI} \frac{1}{2} \frac{f(\phi)}{2} (\Delta k_1 - \Delta k_2 \cos 2\phi) \\
 &\quad + f(\phi) \Delta k_2 \sin 2\phi = \tau_{\text{ex}},
 \end{aligned}$$

# Features

- ▶ Configurable experiments that can be saved and shared.
- ▶ Diagnostic tools that compute useful metrics.
- ▶ Storage of experiment state in case of crashes.
- ▶ Custom diagnostics and code generation.
- ▶ Provides a display of cluster usage to aid in scheduling.





# Design

- ▶ Written in Python using the PyQt4 GUI toolkit.
- ▶ AMUSE is written in Python, streamlines interaction.
- ▶ C++ was considered as it supports Qt as well.
  - ▶ Communication w/AMUSE would be cumbersome.
  - ▶ AMUSE would be in a separate process.
- ▶ Designed APIs for diagnostics, logging and experiment persistence.
  - ▶ Users can create new diagnostics easily.
  - ▶ Experiments can be stored in a file structure, a remote DB etc...



# Tests

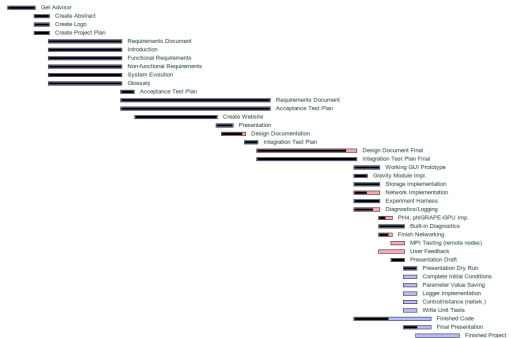
- ▶ Table of tests that pass.

# User Testing

- ▶ Tested with customers (Steve/Tim)

# Project Plan

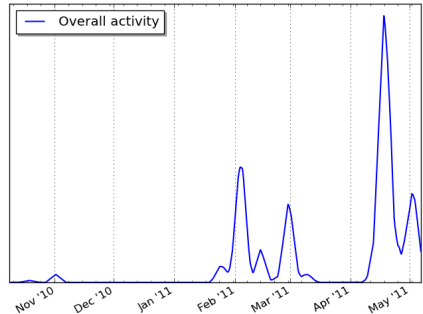
- ▶ Mostly waterfall design process.
- ▶ Initial phases were spent learning the domain (Physics/AMUSE).
- ▶ Needed more knowledge before making a plan.



# Team Management

- ▶ Used Mercurial as our version control system.
  - ▶ Distributed, allows off-line commits.
- ▶ Team met weekly.
  - ▶ Once to plan work, once to code.
- ▶ Bi-weekly advisor meetings.

GPUUnit Commit History



# Potential Benefits

# Demo

- ▶ Demonstration of a simulation.

# Questions

- ▶ Questions?