

# **Grid-less data visualization in ParaView/VTK**

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#### **Outline**

- Present the Gadget2 and Tipsy plugins
- Present some SPH-specific filters
- Present query selectors





# **Data, Grids in VTK**

- Cell Types
- Mesh Types

 The Gadget-2 and Tipsy plugins create a multi-block container with unstructured meshes made of Poly-Vertex (or Vertex) elements



# **Gadget-2 HDF5 plugin**

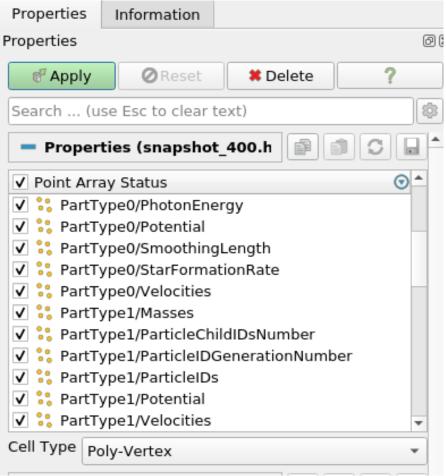
- Can read distributed snapshots (on a single processor, or with a parallel set of servers)
- Can read any variables (scalar, vector fields) for any Gadget-2 types

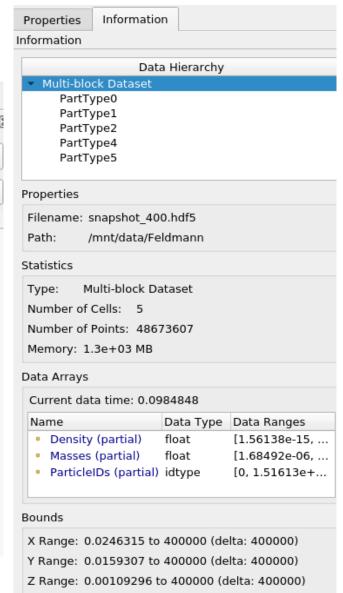
| PartType0 | PartType1 | PartType2 | PartType3 | PartType4 | PartType5 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gas       | Halo      | Disk      | Bulge     | Stars     | Bndry     |

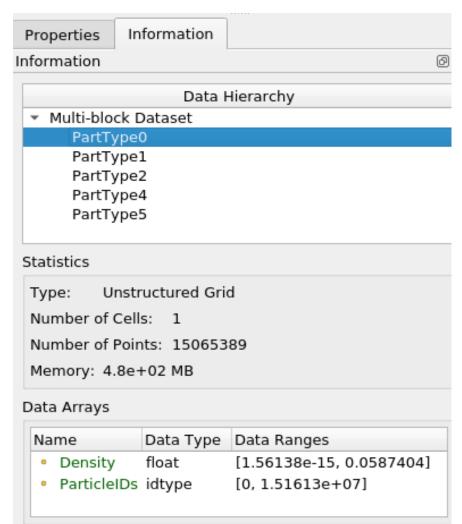




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# **Gadget-2 HDF5 plugin**

- Available as a shared library plugin on Piz Daint
- Available for both daint-gpu and daint-mc partitions

- Available as open source
  - Must compile ParaView from source on your desktop
  - git clone <a href="https://github.com/jfavre/ParaViewGadgetPlugin">https://github.com/jfavre/ParaViewGadgetPlugin</a>

LoadPlugin("/users/jfavre/Projects/Gadget/ParaViewPlugin/build59/lib64/paraview-5.9/plugins/pvGadgetReader/pvGadgetReader.so", ns=globals())

In batch mode

export PV\_PLUGIN\_PATH=/users/jfavre/Projects/Gadget/ParaViewPlugin/build59/lib64/paraview-5.9/plugins/pvGadgetReader



### **Gadget-2 HDF5 plugin on Piz Daint**

- Does not require a client-side compilation
- Is available for all execution modes:
  - Client-server
  - Python-driven:
    - Batch-mode only
    - Interactive supercomputing (Jupyter Lab)

```
# ParaView Gadget Reader Minimal Test
          # Edited by Jean M. Favre, June 15, 2020
           # tested with ParaView-OSMesa v 5.8
[1]: from paraview.simple import *
            from paraview.selection import *
[2]: LoadPlugin("/users/jfavre/Projects/Gadget/v5.8/build/lib64/paraview-5.8/plugins/pvGadgetReader/pvGadgetReader.so", ns=globals())
[3]: renderView1 = GetRenderView()
           reader = GadgetSeriesReader (FileNames=['/scratch/snx3000/feldmann/MassiveFIRE2/B762\_N1024\_z6\_TL00000\_baryon\_toz6/snapshot 358.hdf; and the state of the state 
           reader.PointArrayStatus = ['PartType0/Density', 'PartType4/Potential']
           reader.UpdatePipeline()
           #create a new 'Extract Block'
           PartType4 = ExtractBlock(Input=reader)
           PartType4.BlockIndices = [4]
          PartType4.UpdatePipeline()
                                               ", PartType4.PointData["Potential"].GetNumberOfTuples(), " particles")
                                   730950 particles
[4]: partType4Display = Show(PartType4, renderView1, 'UnstructuredGridRepresentation')
            potentialLUT = GetColorTransferFunction('Potential')
           potentialLUT.RGBPoints = [-175255.328125, 0.231373, 0.298039, 0.752941, -154209.7890625, 0.865003, 0.865003, 0.865003, -133164.25
           potentialLUT.ScalarRangeInitialized = 1.0
          # get opacity transfer function/opacity map for 'Potential'
           potentialPWF = GetOpacityTransferFunction('Potential')
           potentialPWF.Points = [-175255.328125, 0.0, 0.5, 0.0, -133164.25, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0]
           potentialPWF.ScalarRangeInitialized = 1
          # trace defaults for the display properties.
           partType4Display.Representation = 'Points'
           partType4Display.ColorArrayName = ['POINTS', 'Potential']
           partType4Display.LookupTable = potentialLUT
[5]: from ipyparaview.widgets import PVDisplay
           disp = PVDisplay(GetActiveView())
           w = display(disp)
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#### **Features**

- SPH Interpolators
- Query-based Filtering





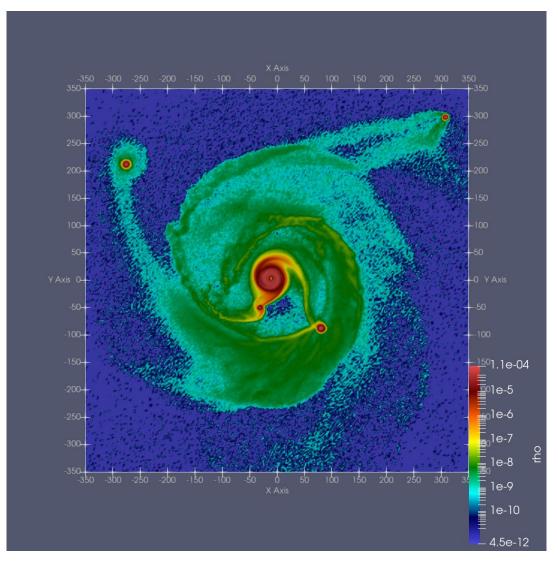
#### Remember SPLASH?

Paper: by Daniel Price.

 D. Price was most likely the first person to state "given that interpolation lies at the heart of SPH, consistency suggests use of the same interpolation algorithms as part of the visualization procedure" (2007)



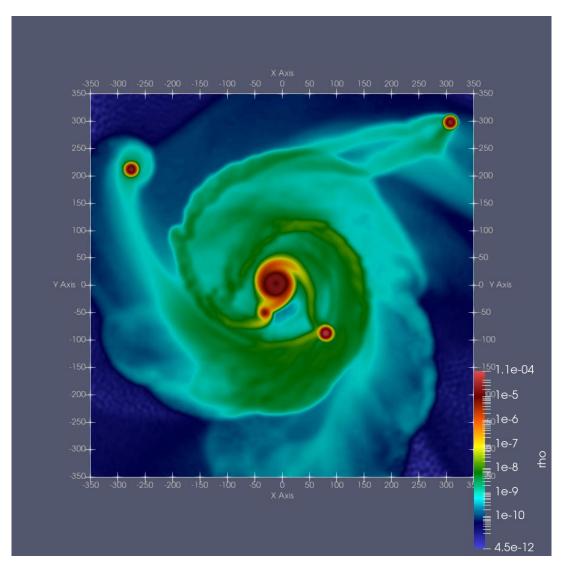
### vtkSPHInterpolator, vtkSPH\*Kernel



- Added in VTK in April 2016
- Available since ParaView 5.2
- The interpolators are available as a special category of Filters, providing the three basic sampling objects (line, slice, grid)
- The Point Sampling is multi-threaded with Intel TBB



### vtkSPHInterpolator, vtkSPHQuinticKernel



- Use all particles within a cut-off sphere with a fixed kernel size / specified smoothing length h
- The cutoff distance (sphere around an interpolated point) is a function of the SPH kernel. A quintic kernel has cutoff distance 3\*h.
- The current implementation uses a gather method. For each point to be interpolated, the basis neighbors around the point are retrieved. The provided kernel is then invoked to perform the interpolation.



# Available as a Jupyter Lab notebook example

See ParaView/ParaView-SMP-Parallel.ipynb

Performance:

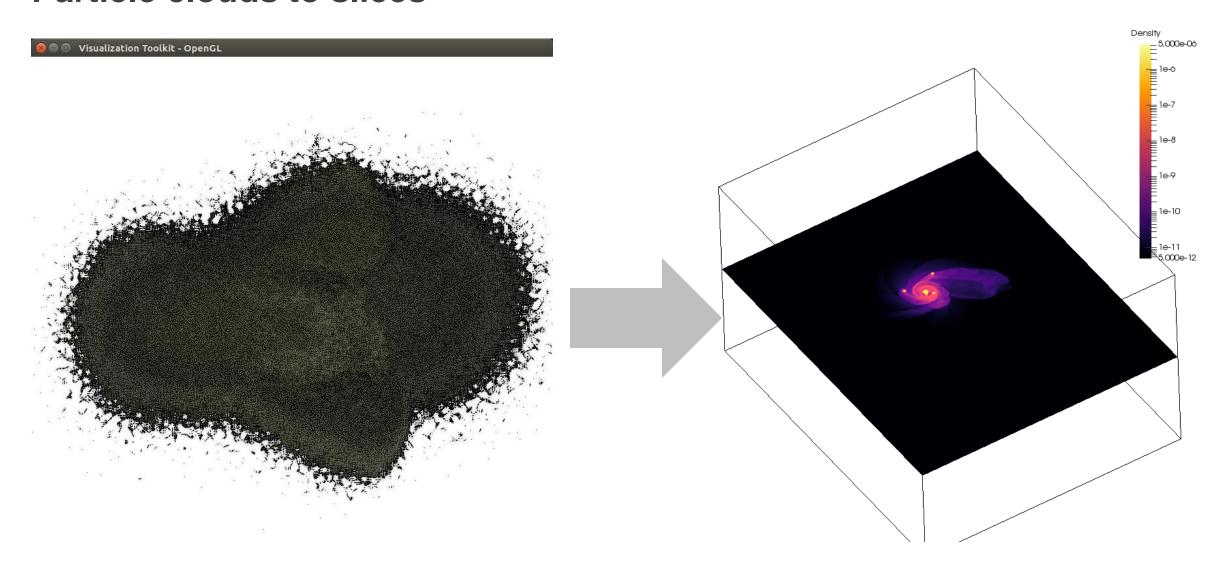
Using 1 daint-multi-core node (72 vcores) available

Exec time: 20 seconds

We have some new compute nodes at CSCS with 256-core nodes...testing is underway.

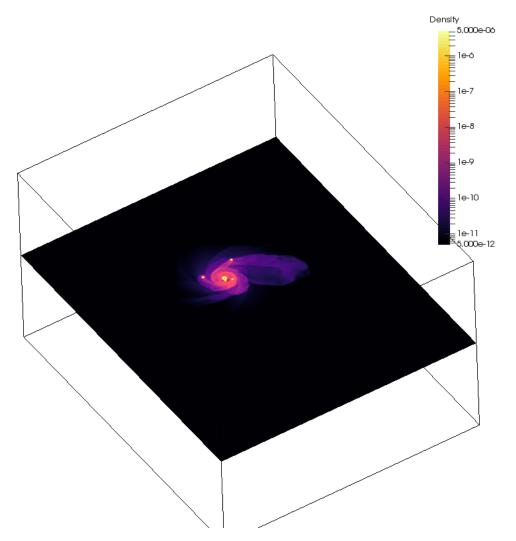


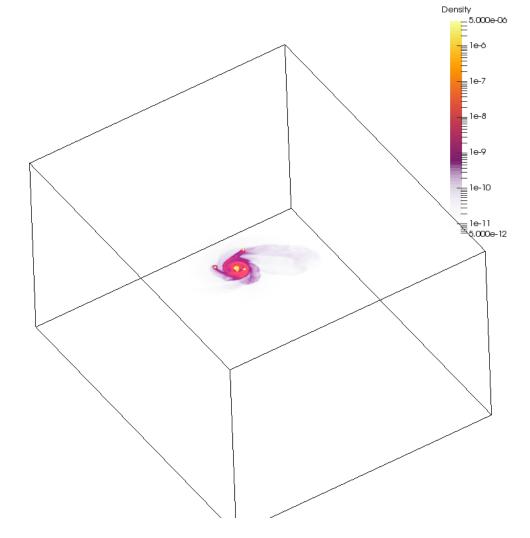
# Particle clouds to slices





# Set ParaView to use varying opacity for surfaces







# **Hierarchical Binning**

vtkHierarchicalBinningFilter creates a spatial, hierarchical ordering of input points.

This hierarchy is suitable for level-of-detail rendering, or multiresolution processing. Each level of the hierarchy is based on uniform binning of space, where deeper levels (and its bins) are repeatedly subdivided by a given branching factor.

Points are associated with different bins using a pseudo random process. The effect of executing this filter is simply to reorder the input points.

- vtkExtractHierarchicalBins
- See demonstration ParaView/Planets-VTK.ipynb



# **Query-based filtering examples**

https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview/paraview/blob/master/Wrapping/Python/paraview/selection.py

```
qs1="rho > 1e-05"
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sel1 = QuerySelect(QueryString=qs1, Source=mergeBlocks1)

extractSelection1 = ExtractSelection(Input=mergeBlocks1)

rep1 = Show(extractSelection1)

rep1.Representation = 'Points'

ColorBy(rep1, ('POINTS','rho'))





# **Query-based filtering examples**

# points is the array of coordinates

```
Qs2 = "np.logical_and(rho > 1e-05, points[:,0] < -12.15)"
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sel2 = QuerySelect(QueryString=Qs2, Source=mergeBlocks1)

extractSelection2 = ExtractSelection(registrationName='ExtractSelection2', Input=mergeBlocks1)

rep2 = Show(extractSelection2)

rep2.Representation = 'Points'

ColorBy(rep2, ('POINTS','rho'))



# **Query-based filtering examples**

# points is the array of coordinates

#Center = [-11.1431, 3.97869, -0.173805]; Radius = 10

Qs3 = mag(points - [-11.1431, 3.97869, -0.173805]) < 10

sel3 = QuerySelect(QueryString=Qs3, Source=mergeBlocks1)

extractSelection3 = ExtractSelection(registrationName='ExtractSelection3', Input=mergeBlocks1)

rep3 = Show(extractSelection3)

rep3.Representation = 'Points'

ColorBy(rep3, ('POINTS','rho'))



# **Query-based filtering**

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#### Other selections:

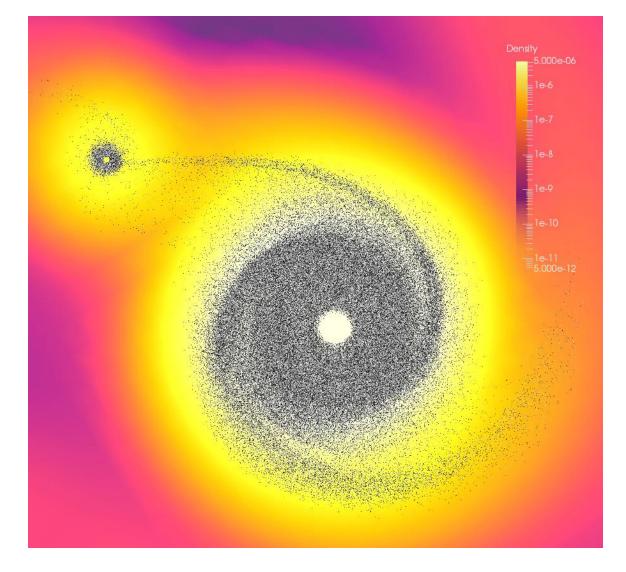
SelectThresholds(Thresholds=[-338000, 0], ArrayName= ='Potential', Source=GetActiveSource())

SelectIDs(IDs=[i for i in range(100000, 1100000)], , Source=GetActiveSource())



# ParaView Python Programmable Filter

- Used to calculate non trivial derived fields
- Used to do selection
- Runs, in parallel, on the data server side of ParaView
- Can apply as many Boolean combinations of masks using AND. OR,..





# Other types of gridless data

See blog article

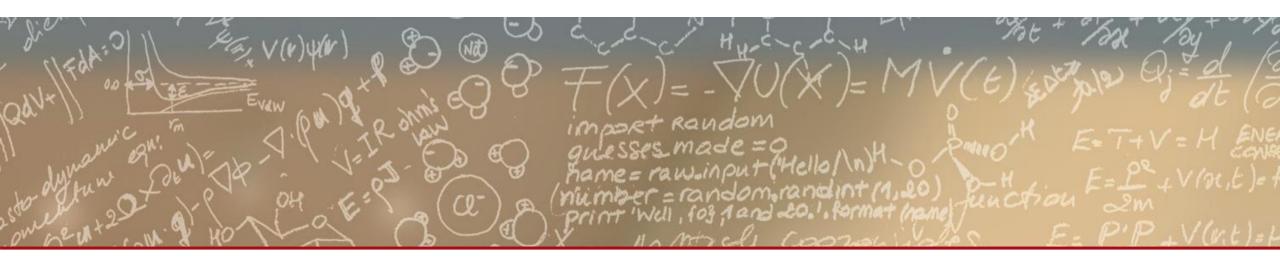
LAS and PDAL Readers available in ParaView. Please send me email if interested.











# Thanks for the attention