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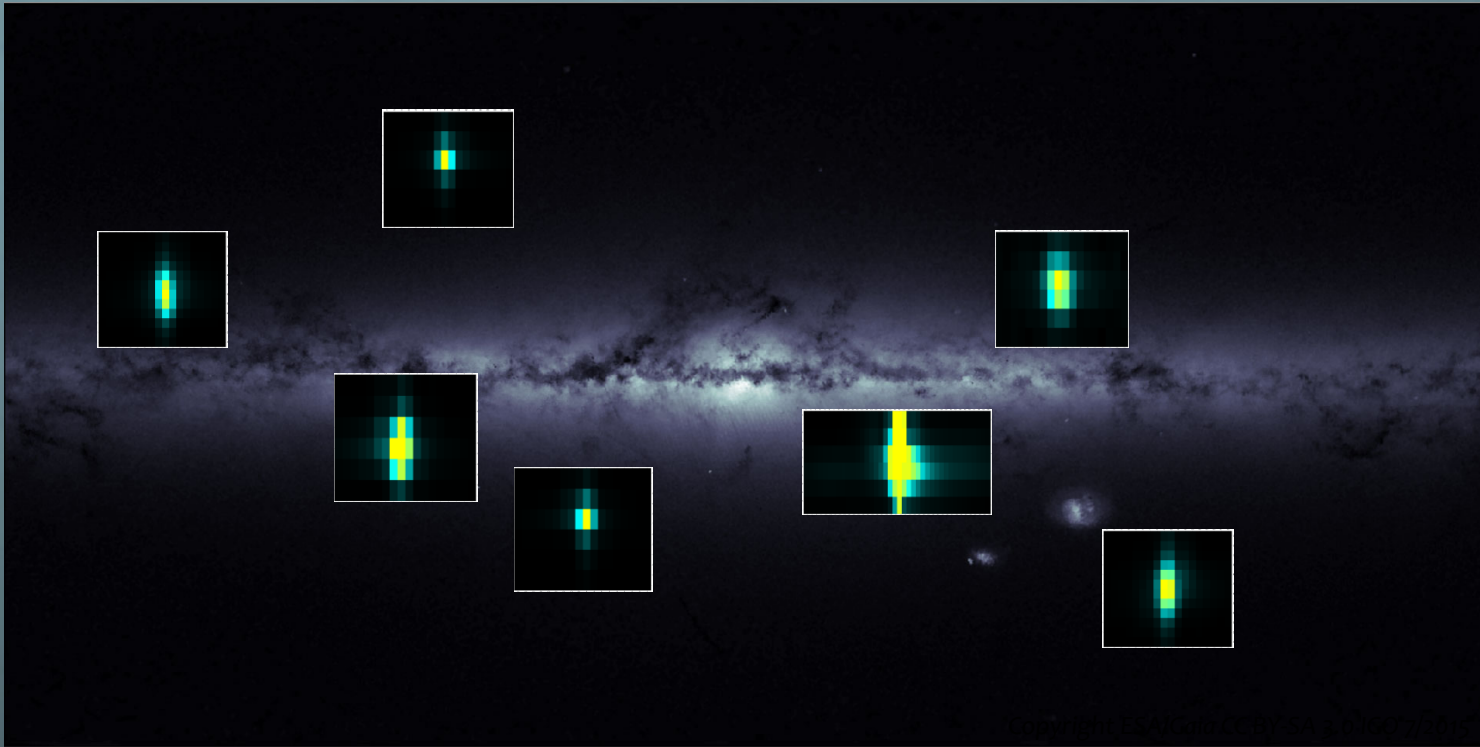
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Gaia Data Processing

Scientific and Computational Challenges

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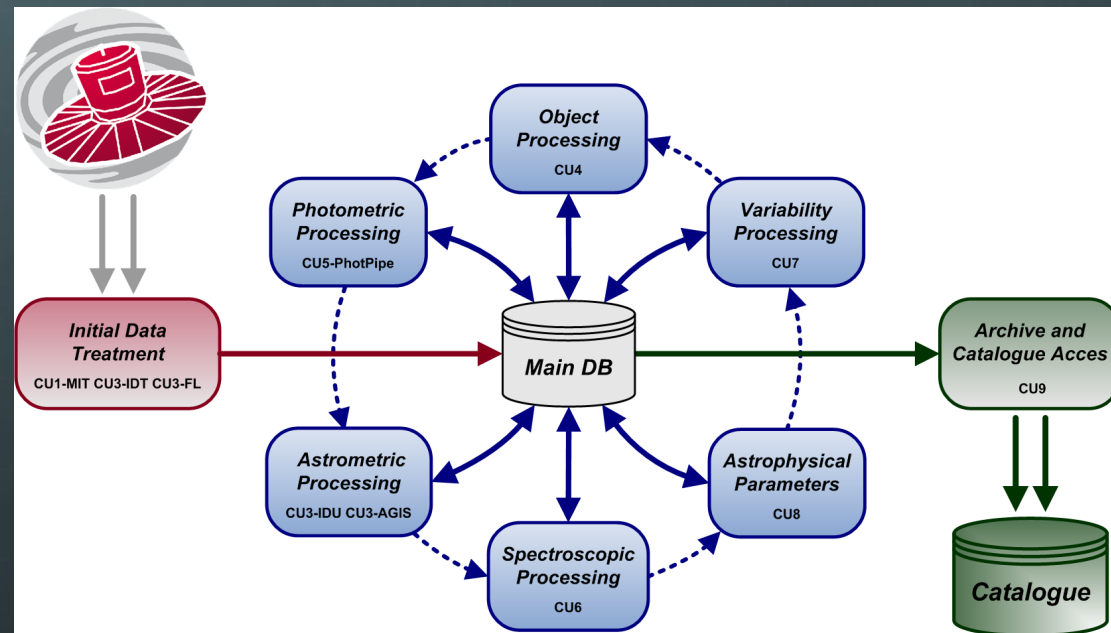
The main challenge of the Gaia mission is the translation of the thousand billion tiny images gathered by the approximately hundred CCDs on-board Gaia into the positional and physical parameters of more than one billion sources to the scientific community

Our Responsibilities and Team

- We participate in three different areas:
 - Design of the Gaia Daily data processing
 - Design and Operation of Gaia Cyclic data processing
 - Coordination, Design and Development of the Gaia Data Archive

- Large, experienced and multidisciplinary team:

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Daily Data Processing Challenges

- Real time processing of the incoming data from the satellite
 - Light data processing of a small data volume - processing 40 million objects (40 GB) a day
 - Essential to monitor spacecraft health and correct operation
- Running in a dedicated cluster at ESAC
 - Running Java code against an InterSystems Cache DB
- Event driven processing approach:
 - Triggered by the incoming data types and predefined data processing flow dependencies.
 - Flexible system able to adapt the processing flow

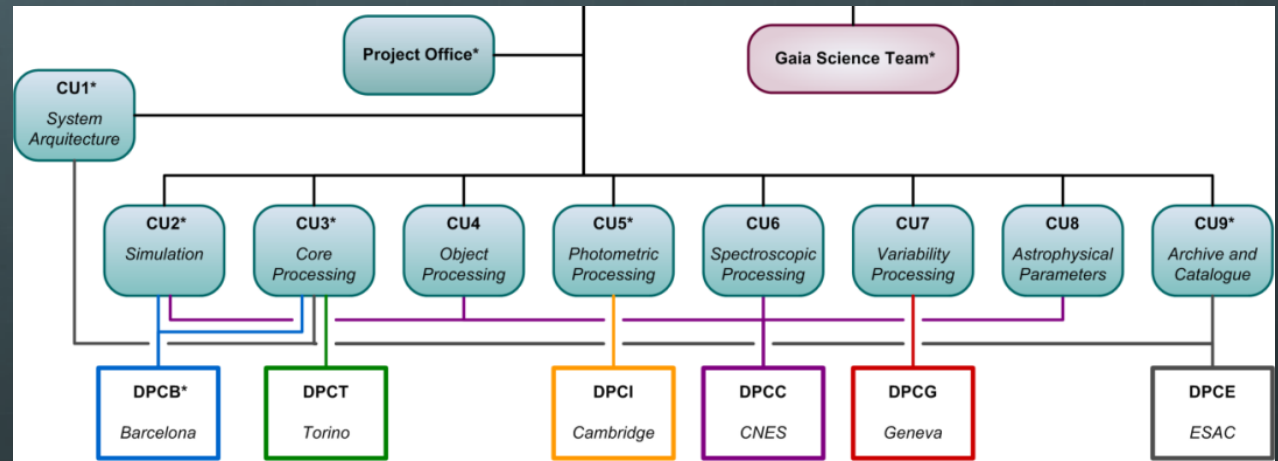
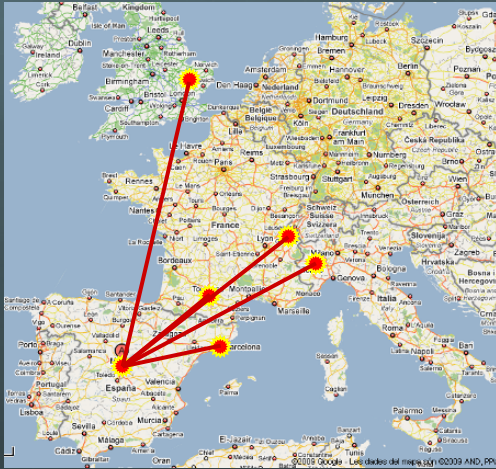
Running continuously for the last 1000 days,

up to total 70 billion objects observed and 200 TB generated so far 😊

See <https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/mission-numbers>

Cyclic Data Processing Challenges

- 🌐 Distributed among six data processing centers
- 🌐 Three main difficulties to solve:
 - 🌐 Data distribution: transfers
 - 🌐 Data handling: storage and access
 - 🌐 Iterative data scientific reduction: scientific dependencies

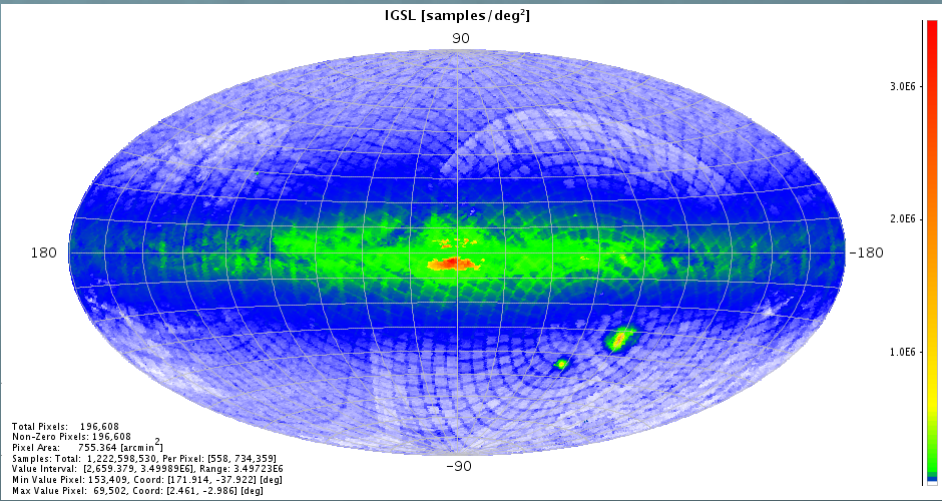


Data Distribution Challenge

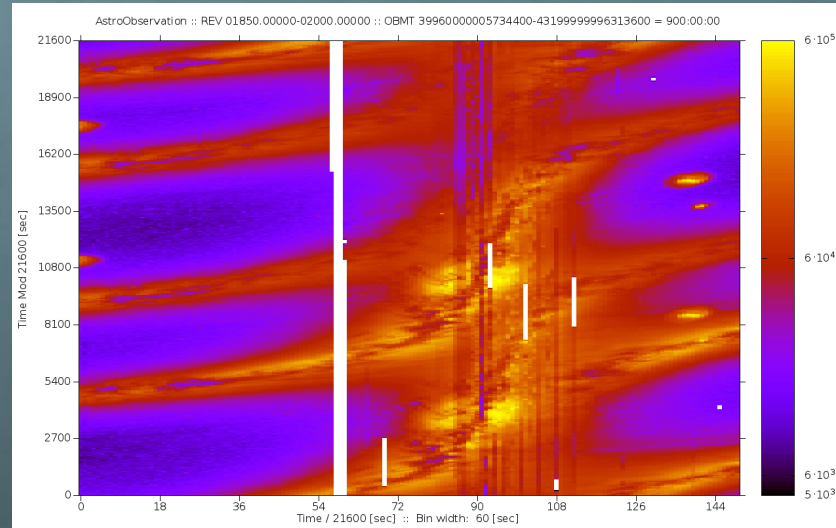
- 🌐 Probably quite specific to Gaia, adopting a partitioned and distributed processing tasks in different processing centers
- 🌐 Daily products transferred on daily basis, from 20 to 80 GB
- 🌐 Cyclic products produced periodically at least once a year, up to few TBs
- 🌐 Data transfers through Aspera, initial rates of 300Mbps, now incremented to 0.5-1Gpbs. From latest activities, we clearly need to optimize:
 - 🌐 Cyclic data transfers: reducing data size and file granularity and/or incrementing transfer rates
 - 🌐 Improve automatic data consistency checks and accountability
- 🌐 The data flow and dependencies among the different systems imply additional complications
 - 🌐 All systems wants the latest results from the rest, which is of course not feasible

Data Handling Challenge

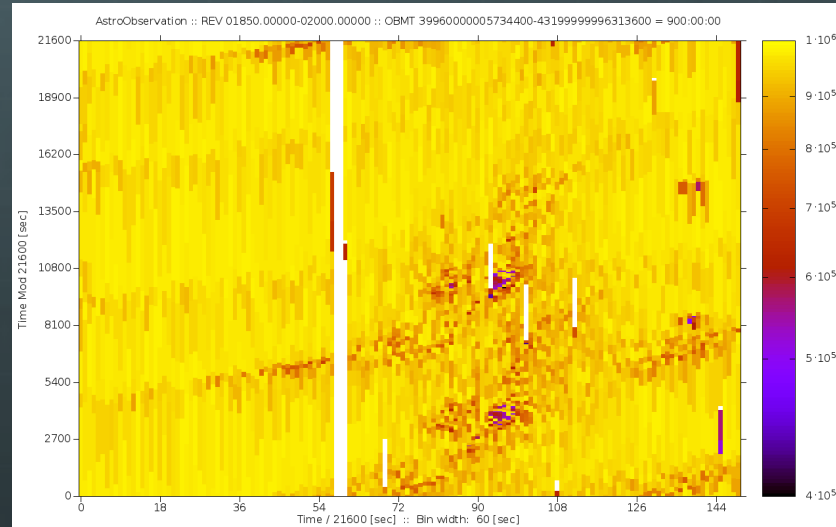
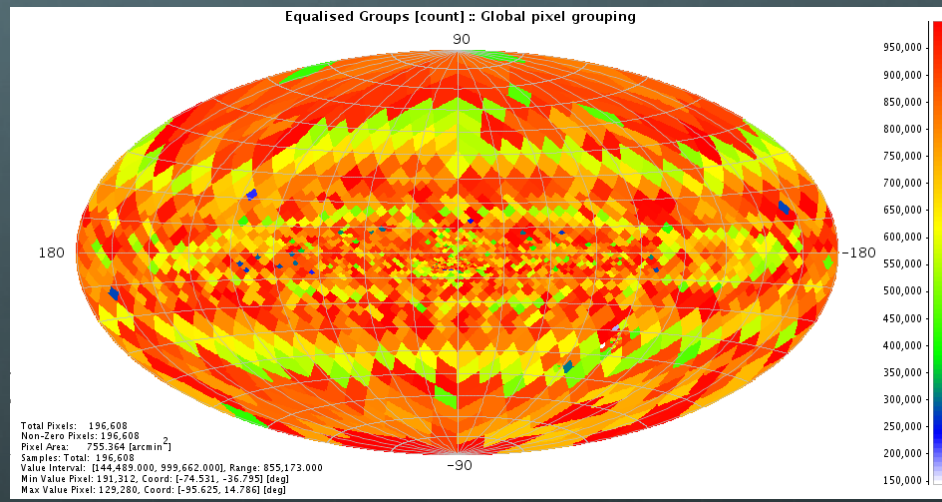
- Large set of data types, some tables reaching huge number of records with relatively large data volume, currently:
 - Working catalogue up to 3 billion records in approximately 1TB
 - Observations up to 70 billion records in approximately 25TB
- At BSC, main storage based on files but using DB for the metadata
 - Other DPCs started with only DB but gradually moving to file-based solutions
- Dual data access requirements: time-based and spatial-based
 - Use of the HealPix sky tessellation scheme
 - Tailored file format based on HDF5 to integrate both access types
- Store efficiency and performance boost by proper data equalization
 - Tools to retrieve time and spatial data density profiles
 - Tools for data and job equalization
- Adopt of a human-readable file system structure easy to be exported outside the cluster



Spatial-based (HEALPix)



Time-based



Cyclic Data Processing Challenge

- Large dataset, but in record counts and data types rather than data volume
- Complex calibration system to account for the spacecraft events, instrument response and the data features
- Heavy computational load for the image data processing
 - Calibration of the instrument optical and electronic response and the computation of the image parameters.
- Applying heterogeneous algorithmic techniques:
 - Clustering, classification, equation resolution (LeastSquare, HouseHolder, Cholesky Decomposition, MaximumLikelihood, etc) among others

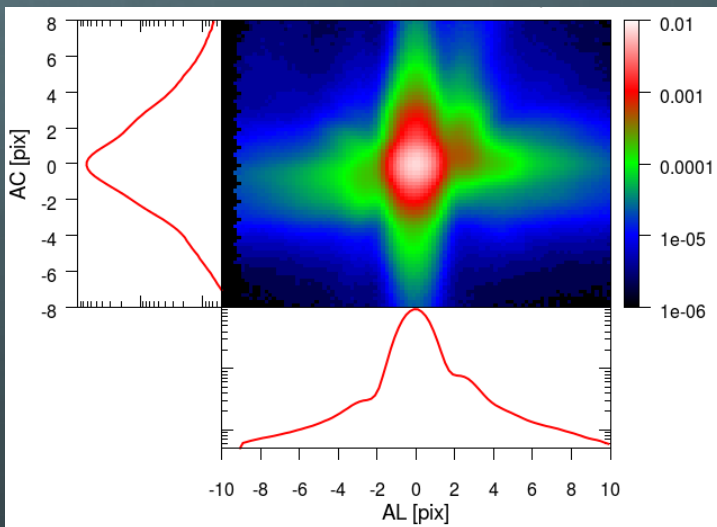
Cyclic Data Processing Challenge

- 🌐 Our main activities are focused in:
 - 🌐 Development of a versatile and tailored execution framework and DAL for the integration of all processing tasks at BSC
 - 🌐 Design and development of some instrument calibration tasks
 - 🌐 Image processing of all Gaia astrometric measurements
 - 🌐 Design and development of the Gaia detection classification and cross-match with the working source catalogue.

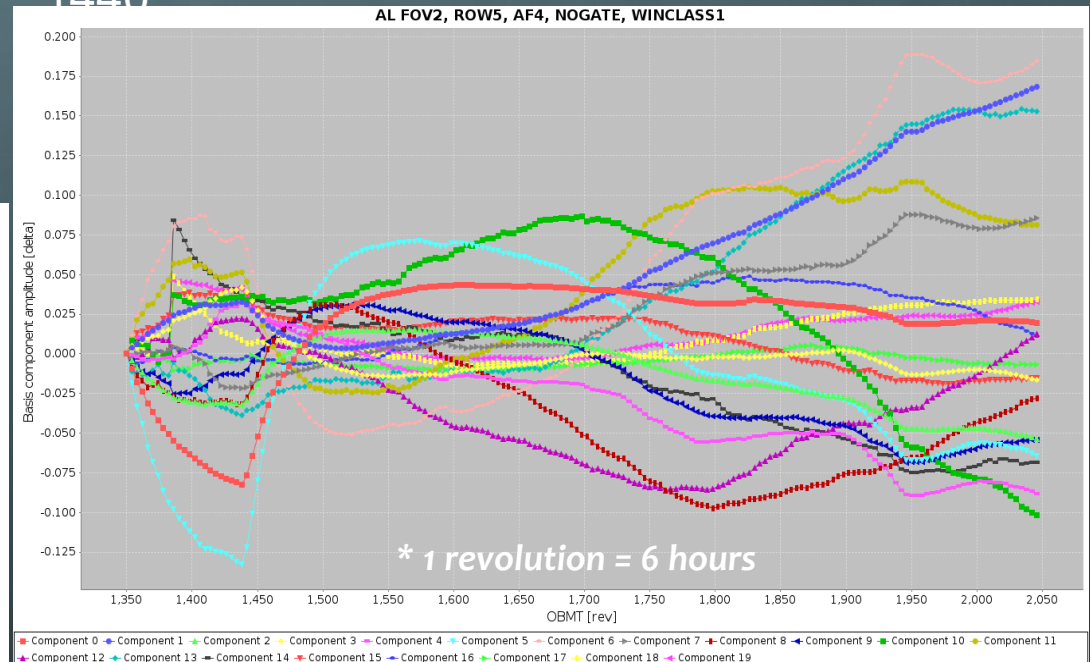
Instrument Response Profile Calibration

Instrument response profile using a 2D numerical mapping.

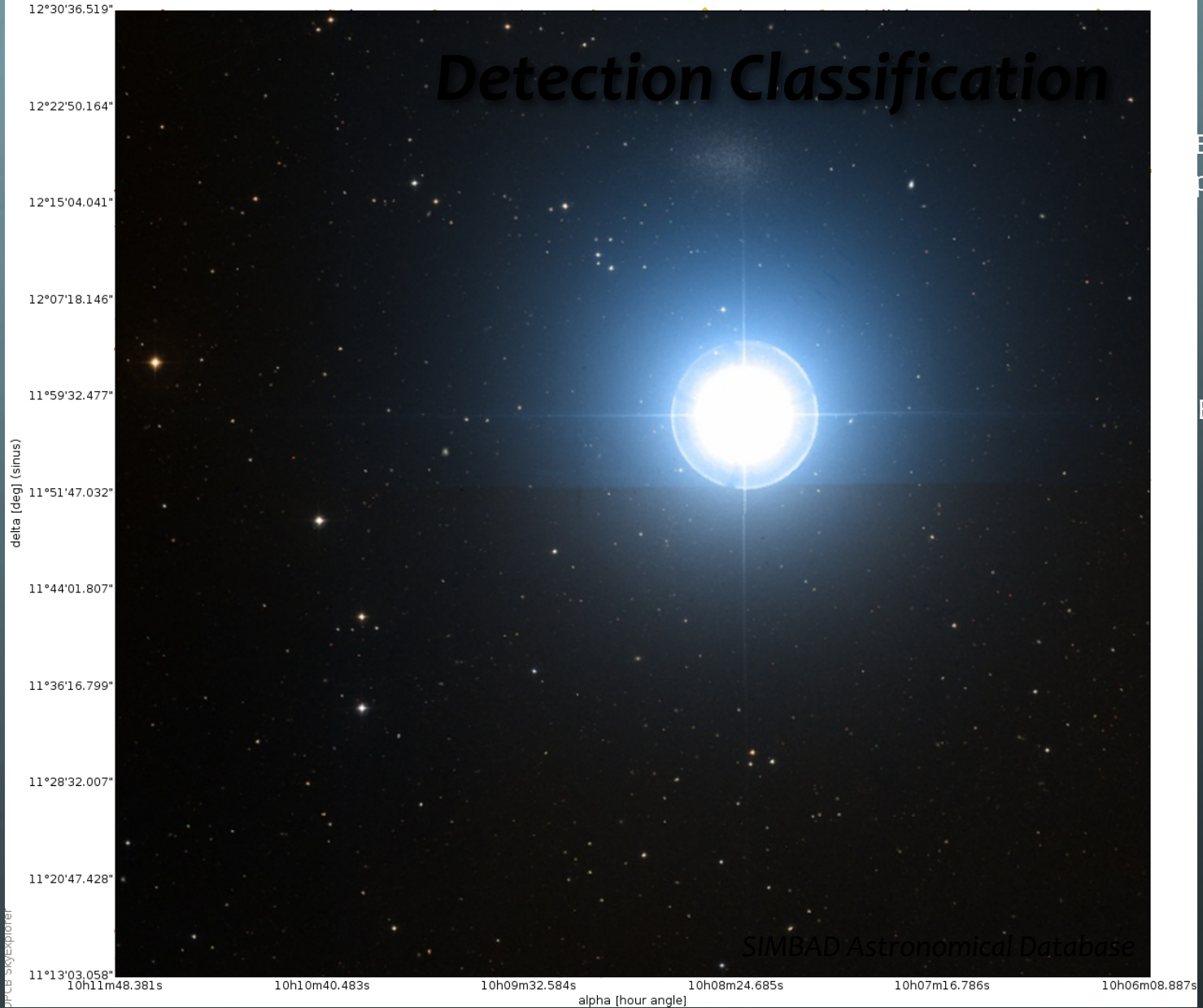
Parametrized by observation time, FoV, CCD, magnitude, colour, window geometry, etc.



Basis coefficient Evolution during ~6 months of data including refocus operation at revolution* 1440



Detection Classification



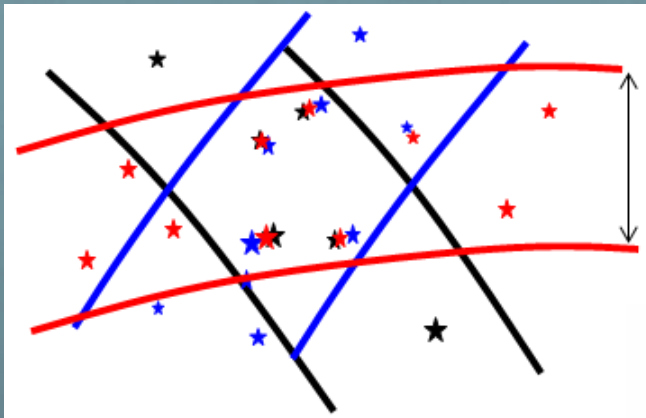
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Detection Classifier

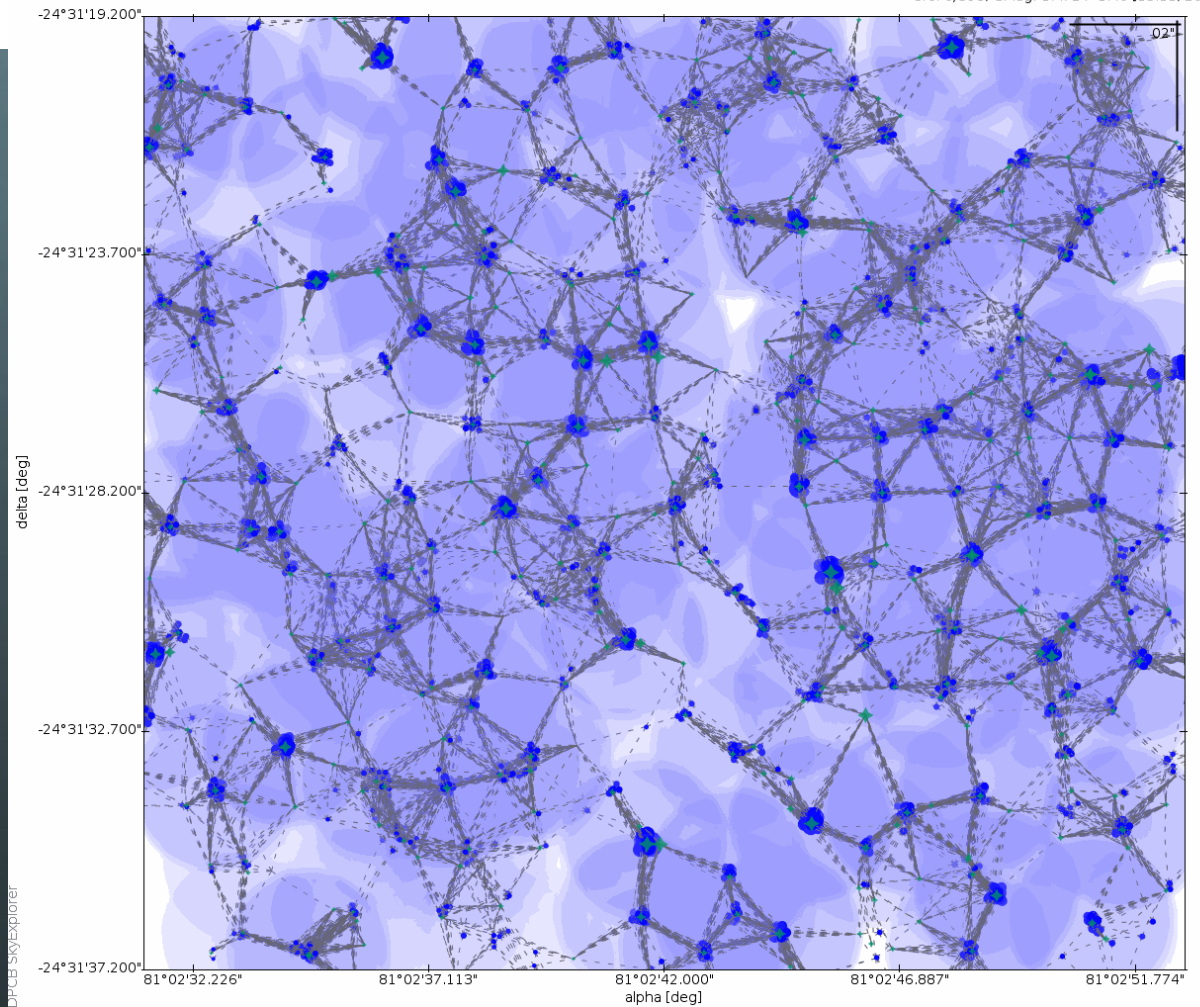
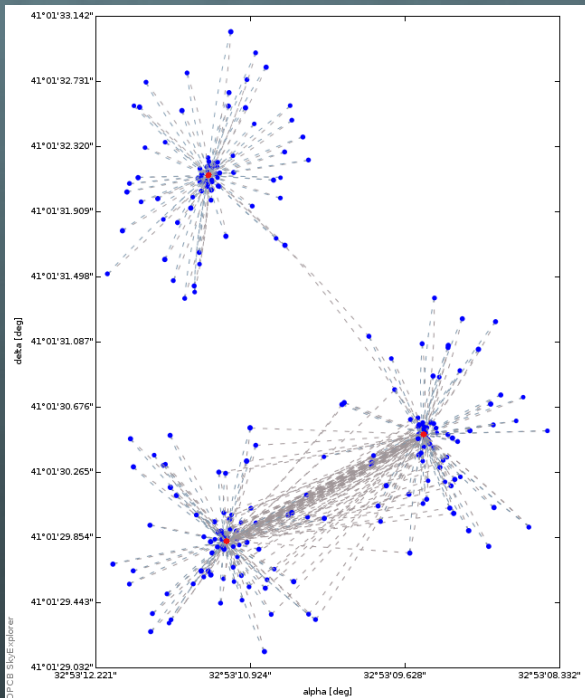
DFCB-SkyExplorer

Obs-Src Cross-Match

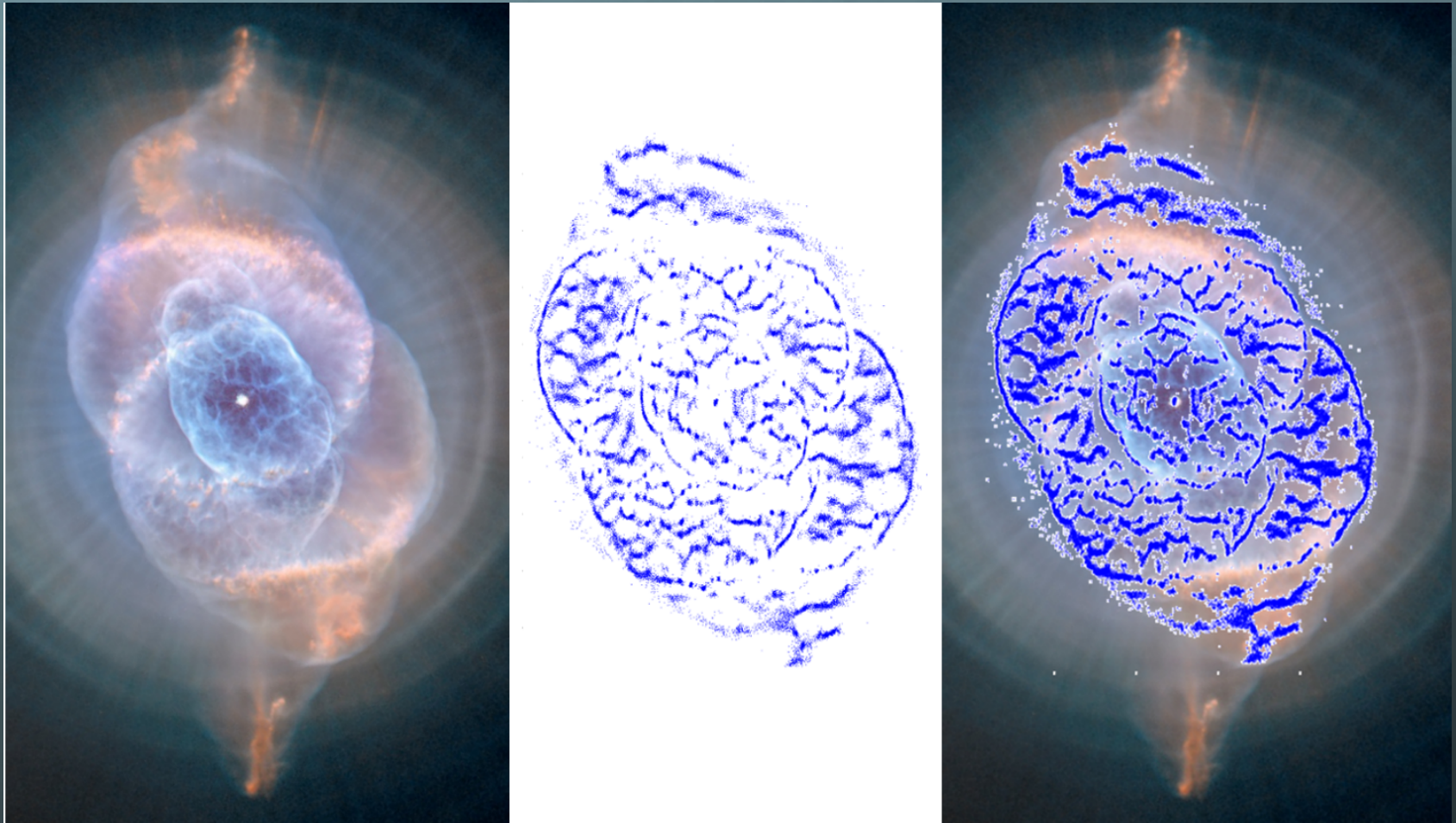


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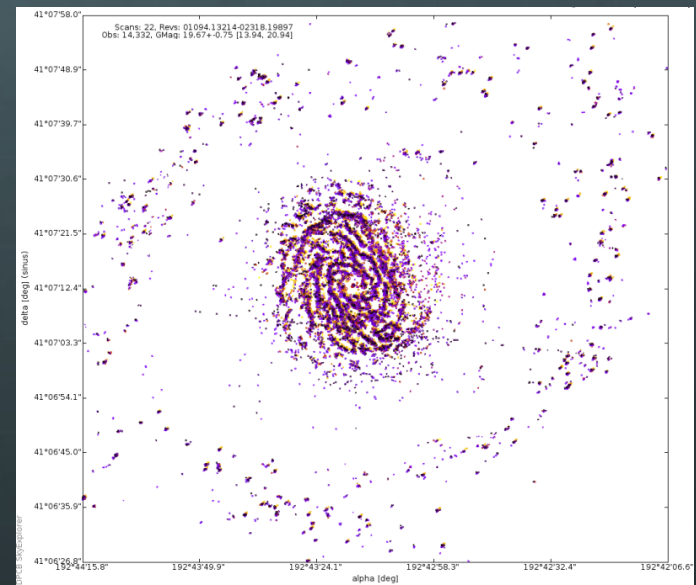
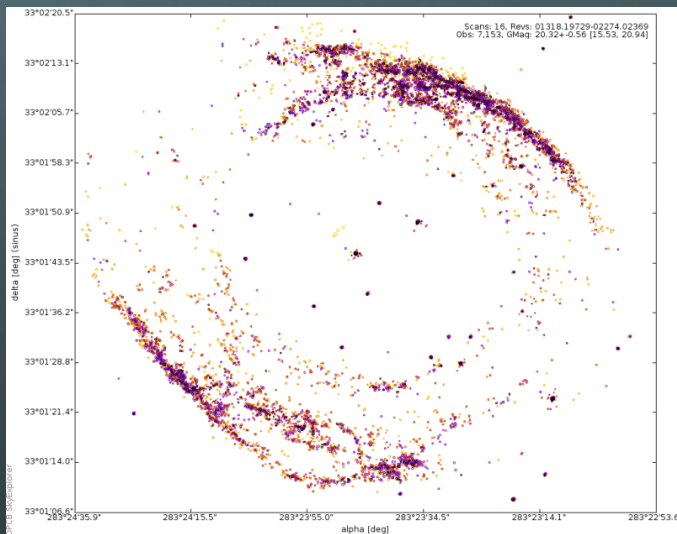
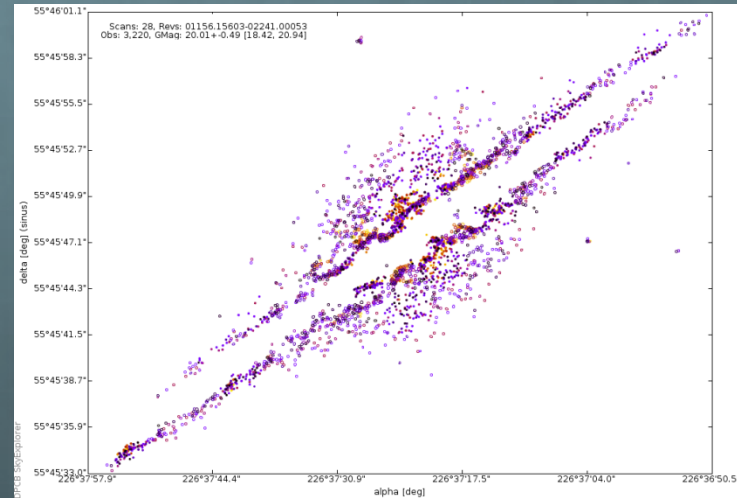
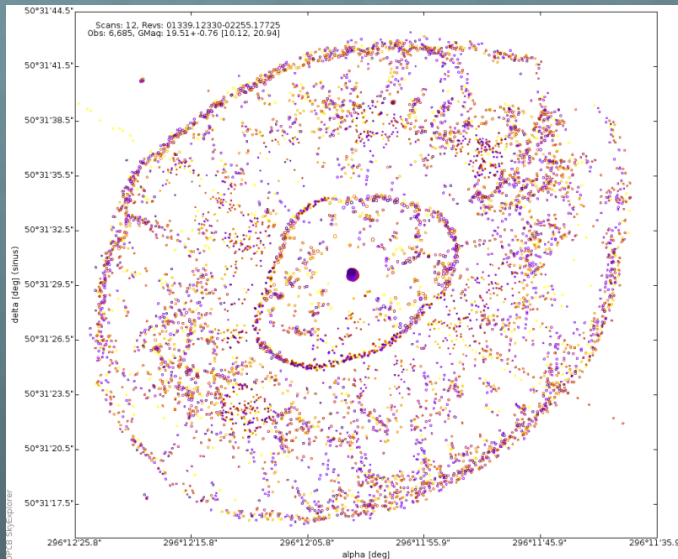


Extended Objects Detection Examples



Cat's Eye nebula identified during Operations Rehearsal campaign 2014
Left: HST image of the nebula taken with the ACS/WFC
Middle: ~84,000 Gaia detections made from 25 July to 21 August 2014

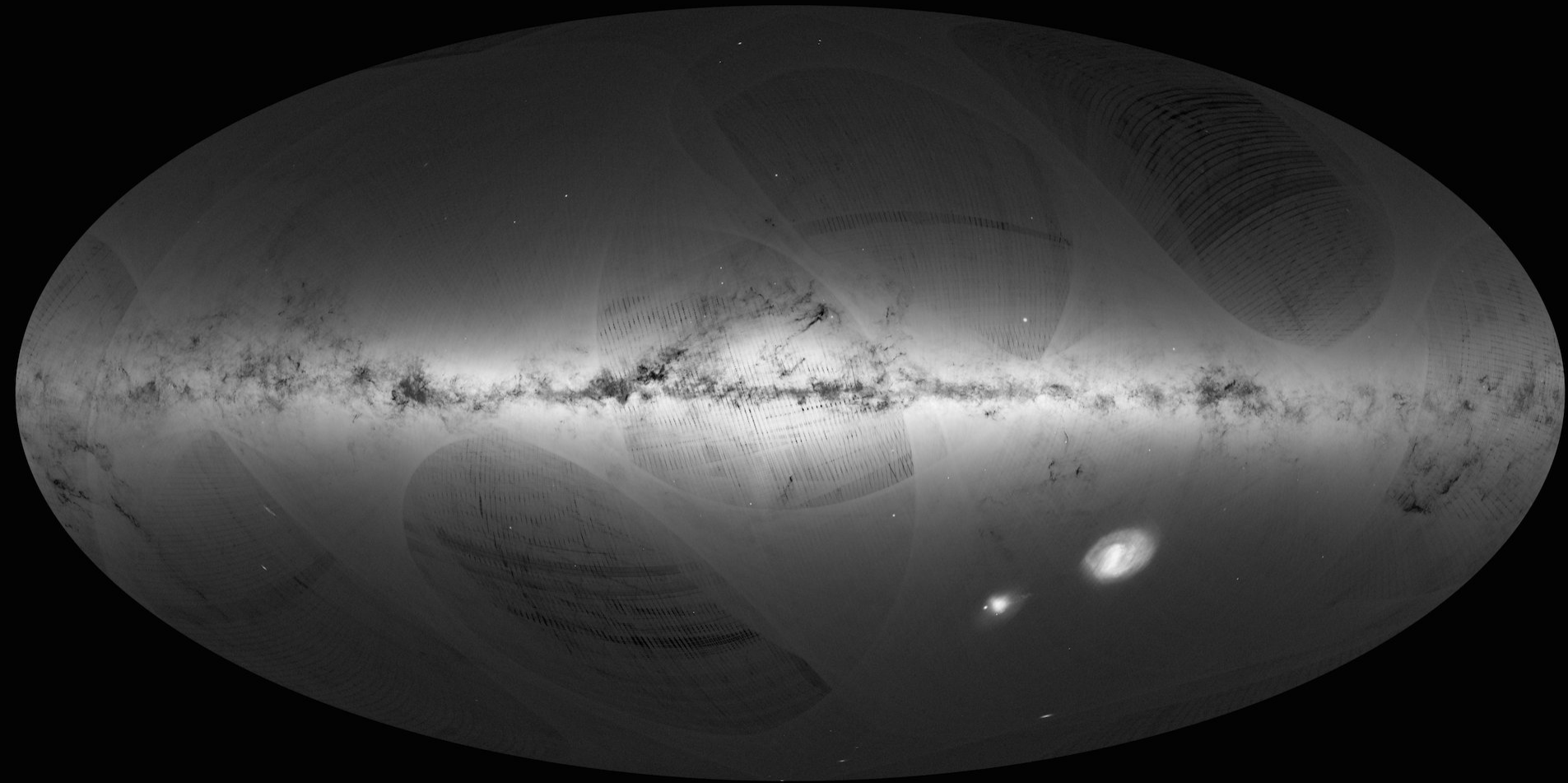
Extended Objects Detection Examples



Gaia Data Archive Challenge

- 🌐 Provision of Gaia data to the community but:
 - 🌐 Validating the correctness of all its fields
 - 🌐 Offering the proper infrastructure and middleware upon which scientists will be able to do exploration and modeling with this huge data set
- 🌐 Our team is currently leading the design of this common processing framework for data exploitation:
 - 🌐 Usual suspects: Hadoop, Spark, etc.

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A mean of one scientific paper every ~2 days!

Next Gaia Data Releases

Gaia DR2: for April 2018

 The 3D Galaxy in full colour!


 Positions, distances, proper motions and integrated photometry in three bands:
>1000 millions

 Radial Velocities: ~1 million

 Effective temperature estimations: ~10 millions


 Temporal astrometry for ~10 mil asteroids

Final Publication: ~2022

 Full Catalogue with astrometry, photometric and radial velocities

 Full solutions for variables and binary stars

 Stellar classification and astrophysics parameters

 List of exoplanets

Conclusions

- Gaia data processing is really complex:
 - Huge number of records and data types with relatively large data volume
 - Large dimensionality in the instrument calibrations, in practice like having 2000 different instruments (2 FoV, 100 CCDs, Modes)
 - Complicated data flow dependencies
 - Complicated validation due to combined time, spatial and calibration dependencies
- Quite tailored processing approach, execution framework and validation tools
 - Difficult to export the tools directly but the gained expertise may be handy for other teams

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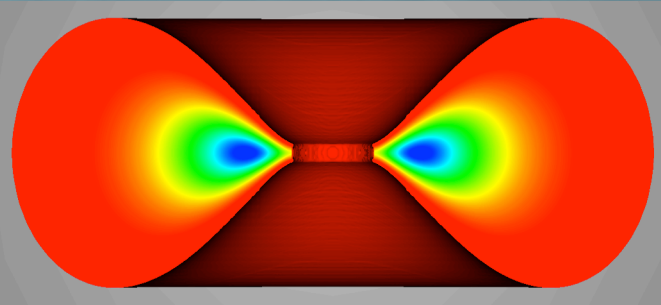
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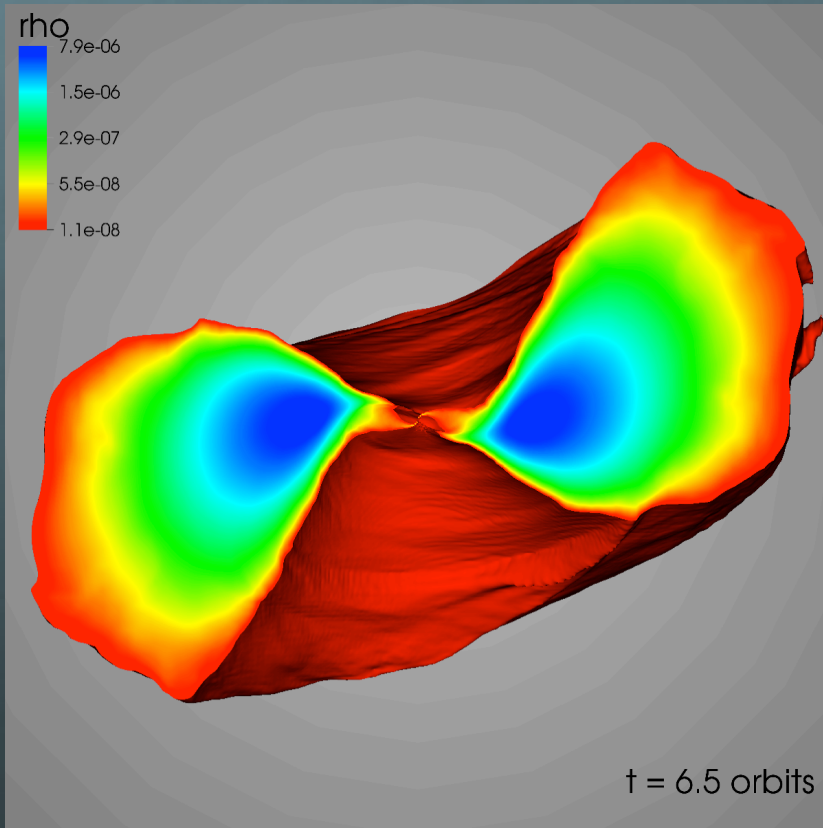
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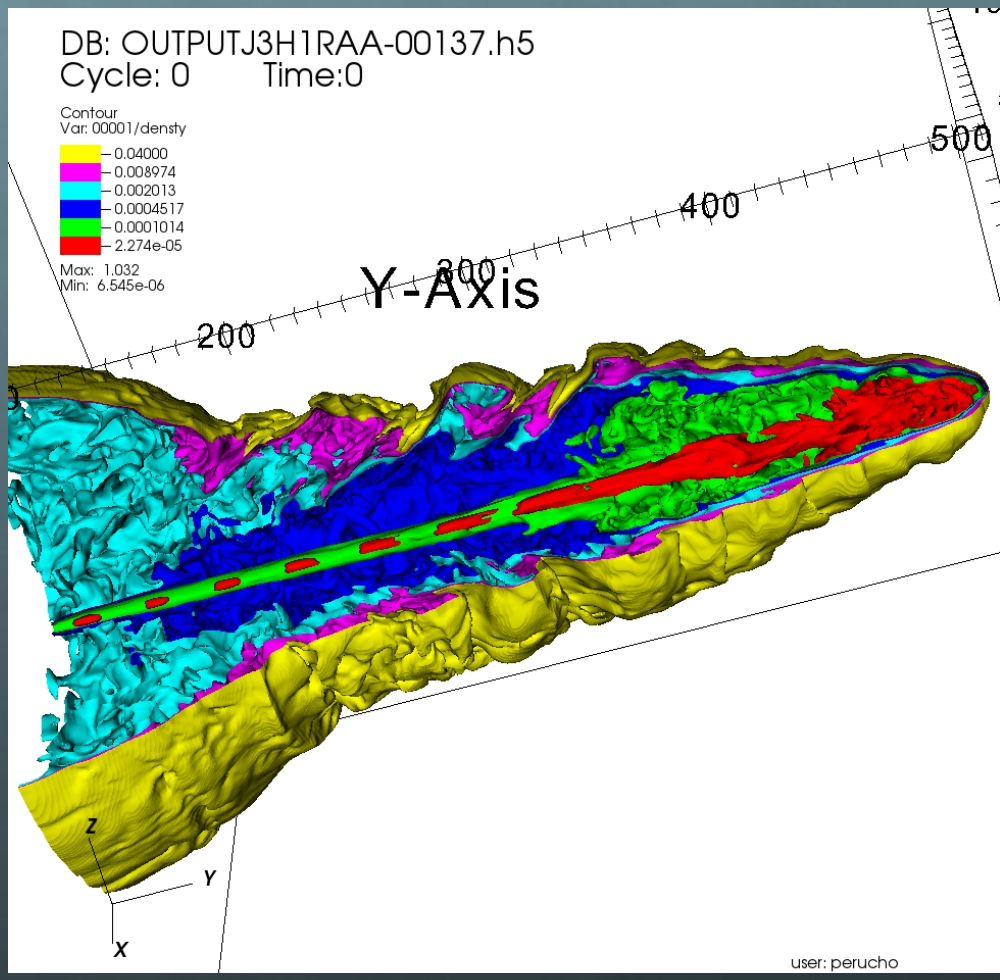
3D Density evolution of a numerical relativity simulation of a tilted accretion disc surrounding a Kerr black hole.

- CODE: [Einstein Toolkit](#).
- Computer: [HYDRA supercomputer](#) at the Max-Planck-Institute for Astrophysics, Germany, running on [1000 cores](#).
- [AMR with 13 box-in-box mesh refinement levels](#) were used in order to be able to achieve sufficiently high resolution inside the BH horizon while having a large computational domain.



$t = 6.5$ orbits

Research Highlights



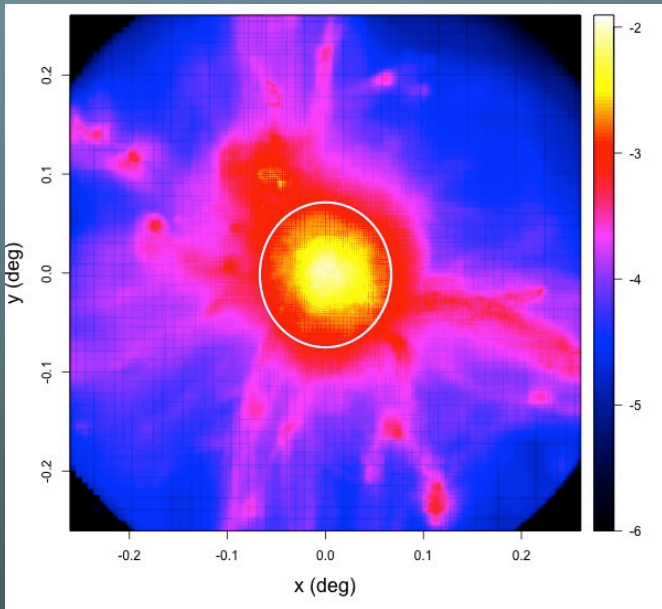
3D evolution of extragalactic jets at kiloparsec scales.

- CODE: **RATPENAT**.
- Computer: **Tirant** at the University of Valencia running on **256 cores** and on **Marenostrum** on **1024 cores**.
- PPM simulations with 512^3 cells (Tirant) and $1024 \times 1024 \times 2048$ cells (Marenostrum).

The simulations show relativistic jets evolving in realistic galactic atmospheres, including inhomogeneities in the ambient medium and mass-load by stellar winds. We have run a number of jets with different properties and ambient media. The aim of the project is to study both the jet evolution and the influence of jets in the host galaxies.

Research Highlights

Column density of a cluster



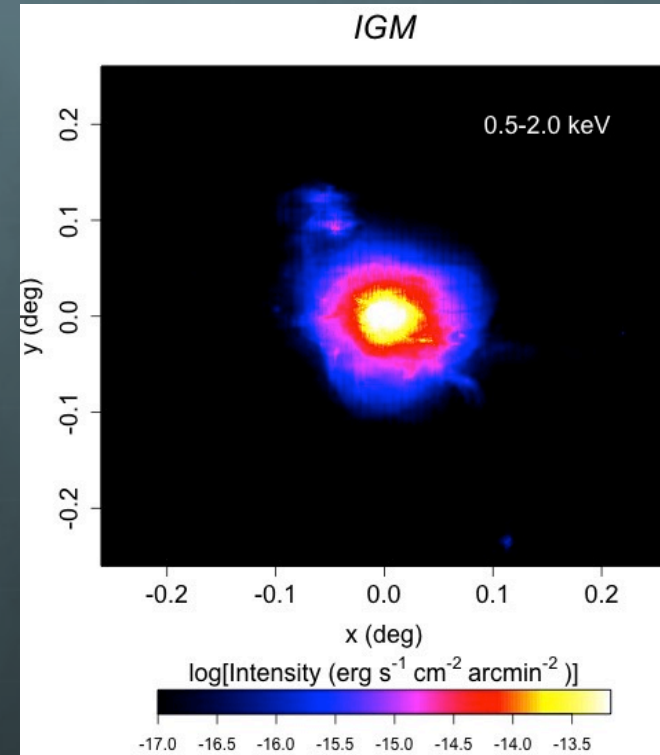
Simulation by MASCLET image computed with SPEV.

Shown: line integral of the volume density of the cells observed simultaneously with the coordinate origin when it is located at $z=0.36$.

Soft X-ray emission from galaxy clusters

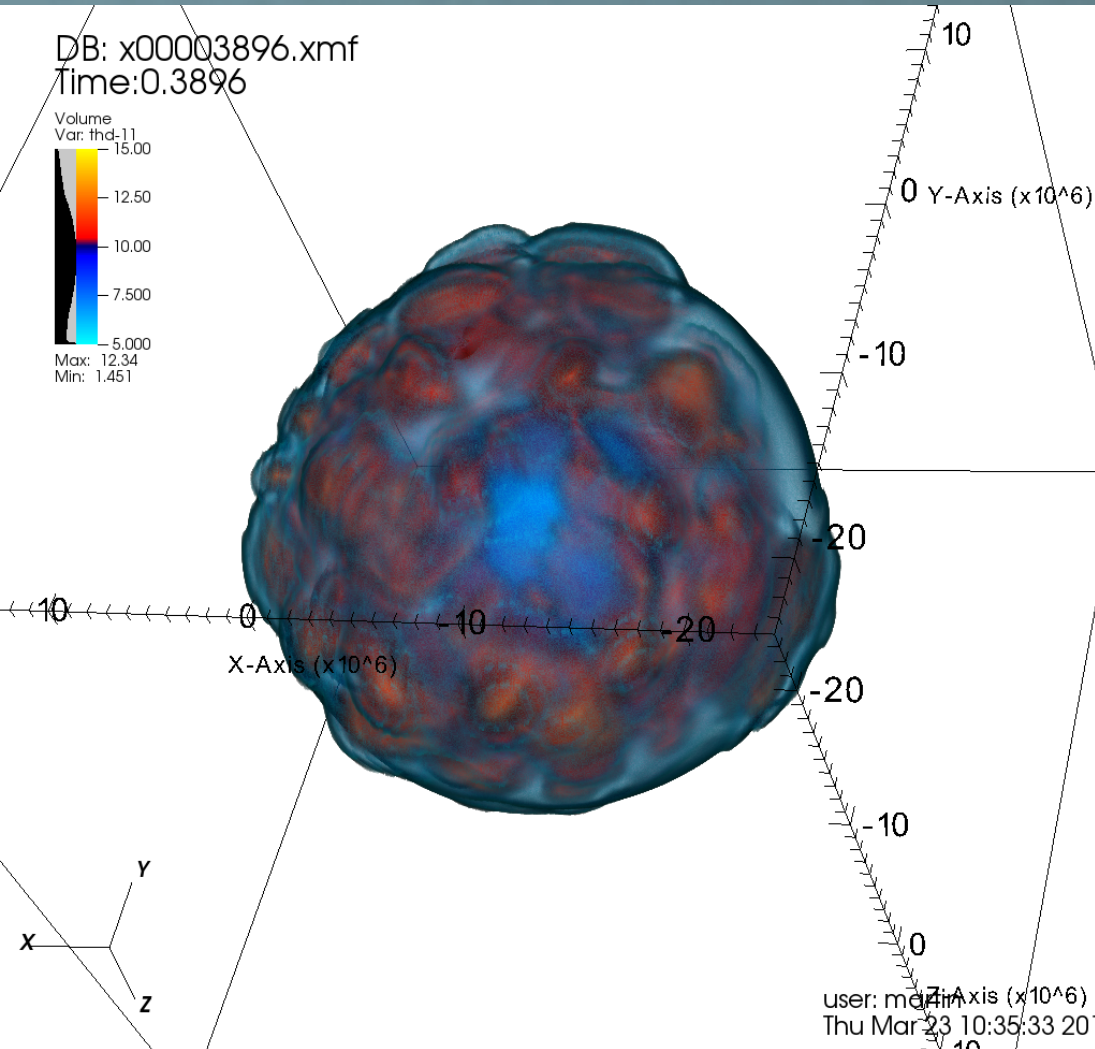
- CODE: MASCLET + SPEV.
- Computer: Lluivives at the University of Valencia, running on 354 cores.
- Cubic comoving box of 40 Mpc covered with 9 AMR refinement levels + dark matter particles

Thermal free-free X-ray emission



Synthetic image in units of typical X-ray satellites.

Research Highlights



3D evolution of progenitors of Gamma-Ray Bursts.

- CODE: **AENUS**.
- Computer: **Marenostrum+** at the BSC, running on **1024 cores**.
- **9th order simulation with 420x180x64 zones** (covering a domain of $(250 \text{ km})^3$ + relativistic MHD + accurate neutrino transport + approx. GR gravity.

Volume rendering of the specific entropy of the post-shock region of core z35 at $t \approx 150 \text{ ms}$ after bounce. Convective plumes appear as high-entropy bubbles (red) located between low-entropy downflows (blue). The shock wave can be identified as the outermost surface of the rendering.

Computational Relativistic Astrophysics

- Fast and massive parallel solvers for **elliptic systems of PDEs** (Poisson, CFC).
 - Adapted to the hybrid nature of current and future architectures: **mixed GPU+CPUs model**.
 - Must be **3D**: likely excludes direct methods (memory-limited). [UV poster]
- Accuracy in multidimensions: **ultra-high order (>3rd)** in an unsplit fashion.
- Stiffness:
 - Including nuclear reaction networks: treatment of (very) **stiff ODEs** involving HUGE number of isotopes and reaction channels.
 - Non-ideal relativistic MHD in the limit of high conductivity.
 - Including **subgrid turbulence models** for the unresolved scales
- Machine learning tools for:
 - Processing:
 - Where are *now* / will be *later* shocks and contact discontinuities?
 - Sensitivity of the results to “**small**” **parameter changes**.
 - Post-processing:
 - “interpolation” of the locations of shocks between snapshots.
 - Pattern recognition: shocks as coherent structures.
- Coupled transport (both of photons and of neutrinos) to dynamics.

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CFD en Cosmología

- Cosmo CFD tiene un problema añadido. LA GRAVEDAD.
- En la mayor parte de los problemas astrofísicos es necesario resolver simultáneamente las ecuaciones de la dinámica de gases (Euler) junto con la ecuación de Poisson (potencial gravitatorio).
- Los códigos numéricos son una combinación de métodos de N-cuerpos para simular la dinámica gravitatoria del fluido, acoplados con métodos de resolución de las ecuaciones hidrodinámicas.
- La física del colapso gravitatorio hace que los contrastes de densidad aumenten con el tiempo de evolución, dando lugar a enormes rangos dinámicos (10^5 o mayores)

Numerical Methods

- **Lagrangian Methods:** most often used in Computational Astrophysics and Cosmology:
 - Gravitational Processes: N-body methods:
 - Particle-Mesh (FFTW) + Tree algorithms
 - Gasdynamics:
 - Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)
 - Very useful because they keep the number of computational elements constant during the simulation. Great help controlling memory allocation.
 - Considerably less memory consumption than Eulerian AMR methods.
- Most often used codes:
 - **GADGET** (Springel 2005) is the most popular code in Computational cosmology. Full OpenMP + MPI parallel with many physics modules.
 - **RAMSES** (Teyssier, 2002) is also very popular. Eulerian AMR MPI + OpenMP
 - **AREPO** (Springel 2009). Moving voroni mesh + Godunov hydro solver. MPI + OMP
 - **Multiscale Radiative processes:** (sub-resolution modeling, cooling, heating, star formation, SN and Black Hole feedbacks, change in number of computational elements)

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Simulaciones numéricas de la formación de estructuras en el Universo a distintas escalas

Supercúmulos, filamentos, vacíos etc.

(> 10 Mpc)

Cúmulos y Grupos de Galaxias (1-10 Mpc)

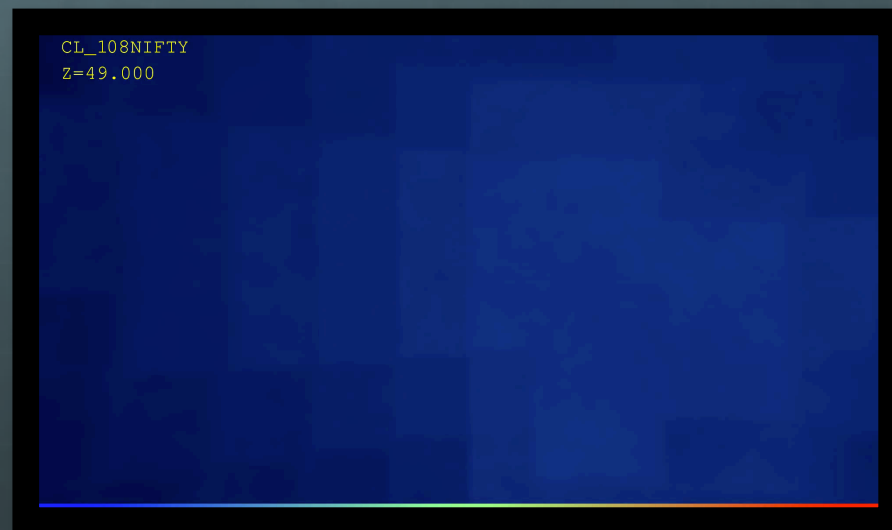
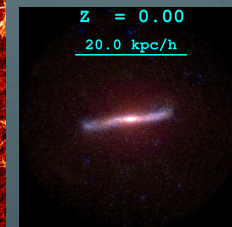
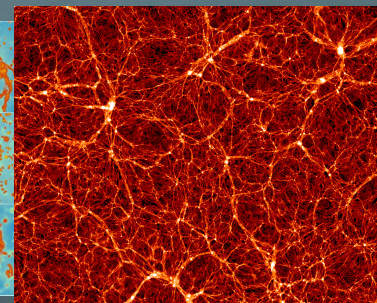
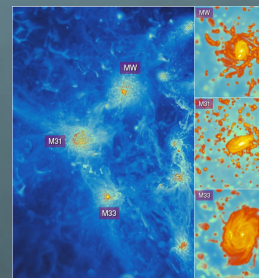
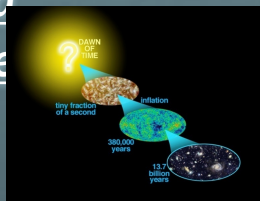
Galaxias (< 1 Mpc)

Reproducir el Universo Local: CLUES

Retos: Aumentar rango dinámico:

Gran volumen Y alta resolución

Video: Formación de un cúmulo de galaxias, el objeto más masivo de universo. Simulación hidrodinámica con gas formación estelar y materia oscura



Improvements for Future HPC

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENTS:

- Improvement in domain decomposition algorithms for better work Load-Balance of N-body + SPH codes.
- Optimization of codes for hybrid HPC platforms (GPU's or other accelerators)
- New interactive visualization techniques for 3D datasets (Virtual Reality).
- Use of BIG DATA tools to datamining the 5D databases from simulations.

HARDWARE DEVELOPMENTS:

- Help needed in porting the codes to upcoming 100+ PFLOPS--Exascale platforms with multiples nodes of many core chips each.
- Very likely need to re-engineering all our simulation software to make efficient use of the new infrastructures.
 - Example **SWIFT code**: task-based parallelism of a SPH kernel.
 - <http://icc.dur.ac.uk/swift/>

PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED

- **Main problem is how to link the dark sector (halos) with the visible universe (galaxies, gas, stars)**
- Apply semianalytical models to “paint” dark matter halos with galaxies. Need to measure the **merger trees** (time evolution patterns of dark matter halos)
 - Codes are very poorly optimized to deal with trillion particles simulations
- Need more sophisticated methods from Big-data techniques to do that.
 - **Machine learning methods** starting to be used in cosmology. Use results from hydro simulations or semianalytics models to learn how to assign galaxies to halos. Then use them in very large computational volumes of dark matter only simulations.
- Data products have to be made publicly available to the community.
 - **Datamining of huge multidimensional databases** with halos + galaxy properties. (e.g. 3D searching, online analysis tools, etc)