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# Exploiting DCIs for Visualisations in Astrophysics: **VisIVO Science Gateway** and **VisIVO Mobile**

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# Motivations

- Several TBs are often generated by modern cosmological simulations and large-scale astrophysical observations are stored in archives. Such large data volumes pose significant challenges in terms of data **analysis**, **storage** and **access**; a critical step forward in understanding, interpreting and verifying their intrinsic characteristics can be achieved through **visualization**.

## ➤ DCIs access

- Multiple users need to **share** visualization experiences, by interacting simultaneously with astrophysical datasets giving feedback on what other participants are doing/seeing.

## ➤ Collaborative environment

- The **reproduction** of specific visualization results is a challenging task as selecting suitable visualization parameters may not be a straightforward process.

## ➤ Workflow-driven application



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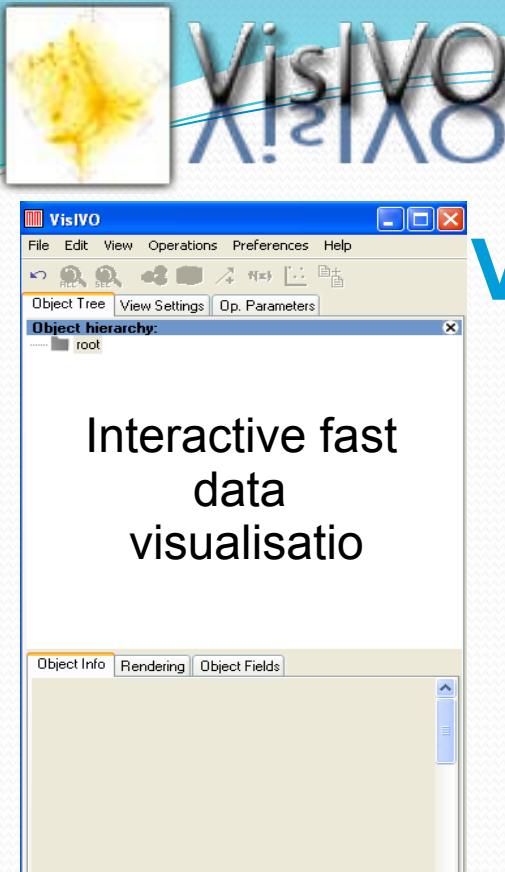


# VisIVO Tools

- Multidimensional Data Exploration →
  - Discovery of unknown data characteristics
  - Searching for:
    - *Outliers*
    - *Characteristic regions*
    - *Special properties*
- Large astrophysical datasets as well as any other multidimensional tabular data from other communities.

VisIVO is designed to deal with large datasets. It supports many types of data formats:

- HDF5, VOTables, Binary Tables, Ascii , csv, fits...



Interactive fast  
data  
visualisatio

## VisIVODesktop

### VisIVOServer

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--fformat votable /home/user/
demo/vizier.xml
.....
--x x --y y --z z --color --colortable
--colorscalar scalar0 --glyphs
sphere
```

Linux Mac Windows

## VisIVOMobile



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## VisIVO Science Gateway

**BINARY**

A BINARY file called filename.bin that is just a sequence of values n1\*n2 values in the example: all X values, all Y values and so on. Note: n1 represents the number of columns (field) in the data table (Es. n1=6) n2 represents the number of elements of each field (Es. n2=252/44) X-Y-Z (optional) represent the number of cells in each dimension of the mesh size (used only for Volumes) (Es. X-Y-Z: 64 64 64) DX-DY-DZ (optional) represent the real unit of each cell (used only for Volumes) (Es. DX-DY-DZ: 0.1 1.0 2.0)

## VisIVO C/C++ Library

*Closely integrated, complementary  
and independent!*



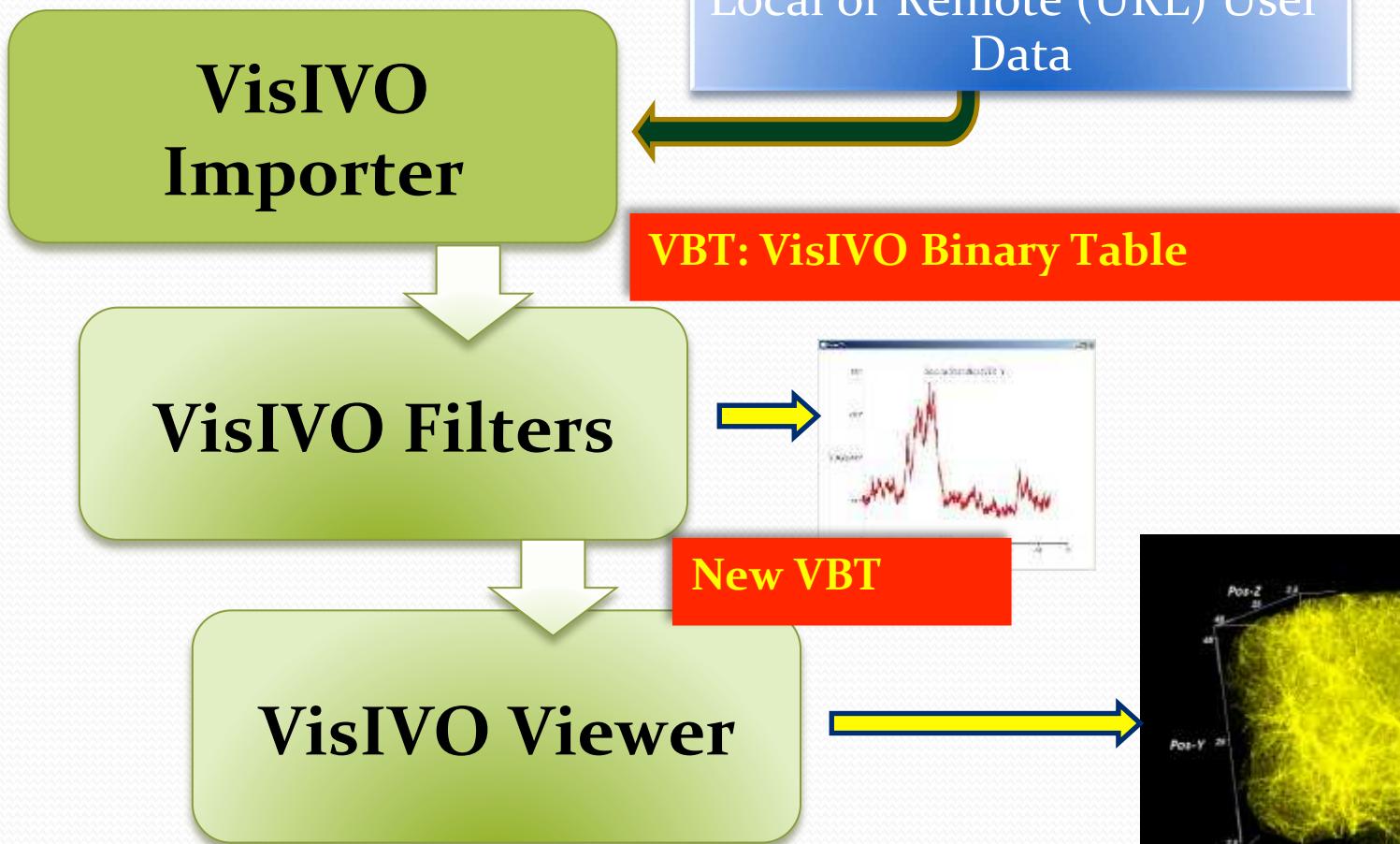
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# VisIVO Core Tools



<https://sourceforge.net/projects/visivoserver>



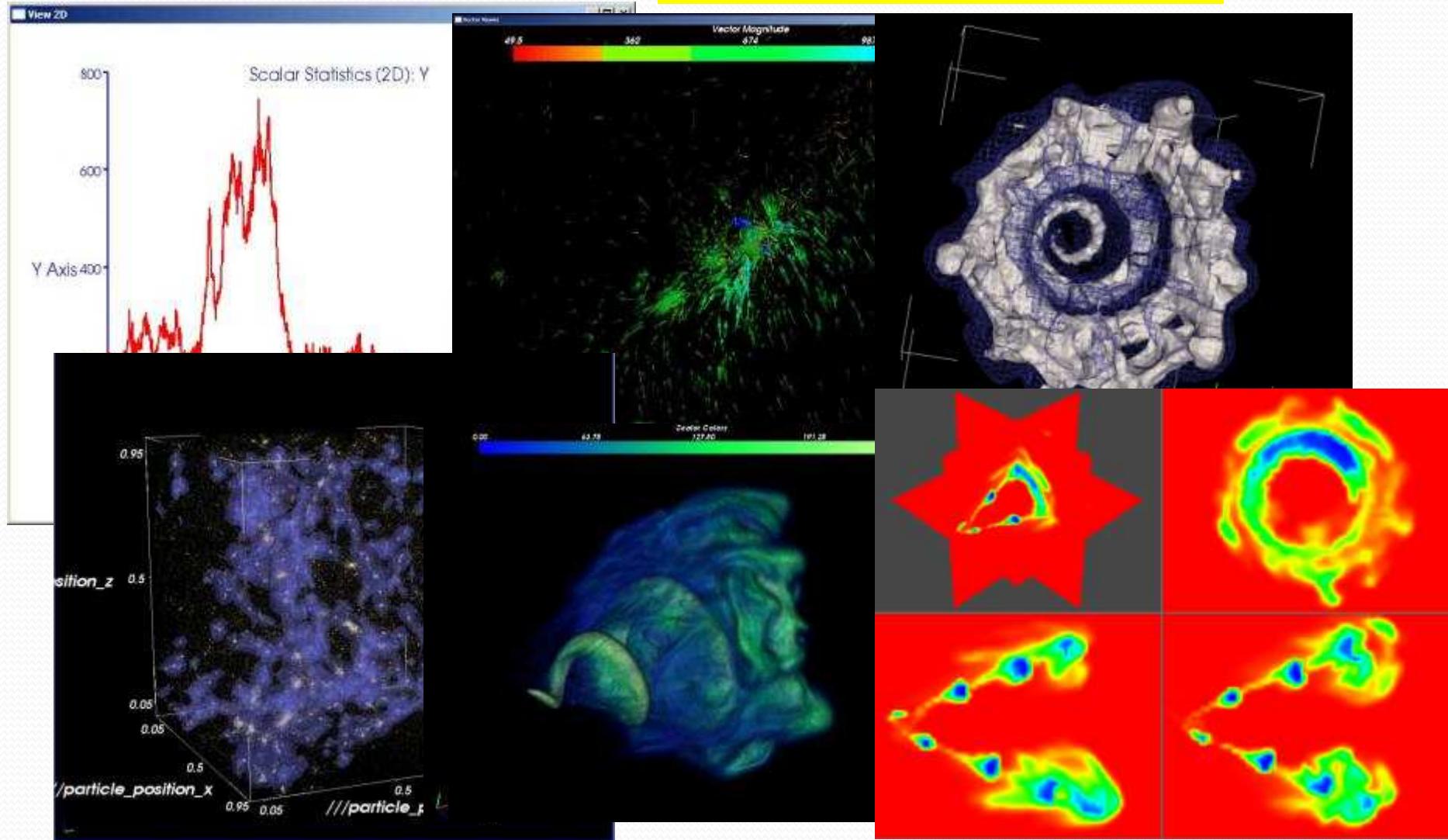
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Navigation -- Zoom -- Palette --  
Algorithms -- Data selection --  
Picker op.



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# VisIVO Gateway

- The VisIVO Science Gateway is designed as a workflow enabled grid portal that is wrapped around **WS-PGRADE/gUSE** providing visualization and data management services to the scientific community.
- The gateway offers role-based authorization modules and supports login with user name and password.

**Standard User** uses Workflow developed by a “workflow developer” via a web GUI.

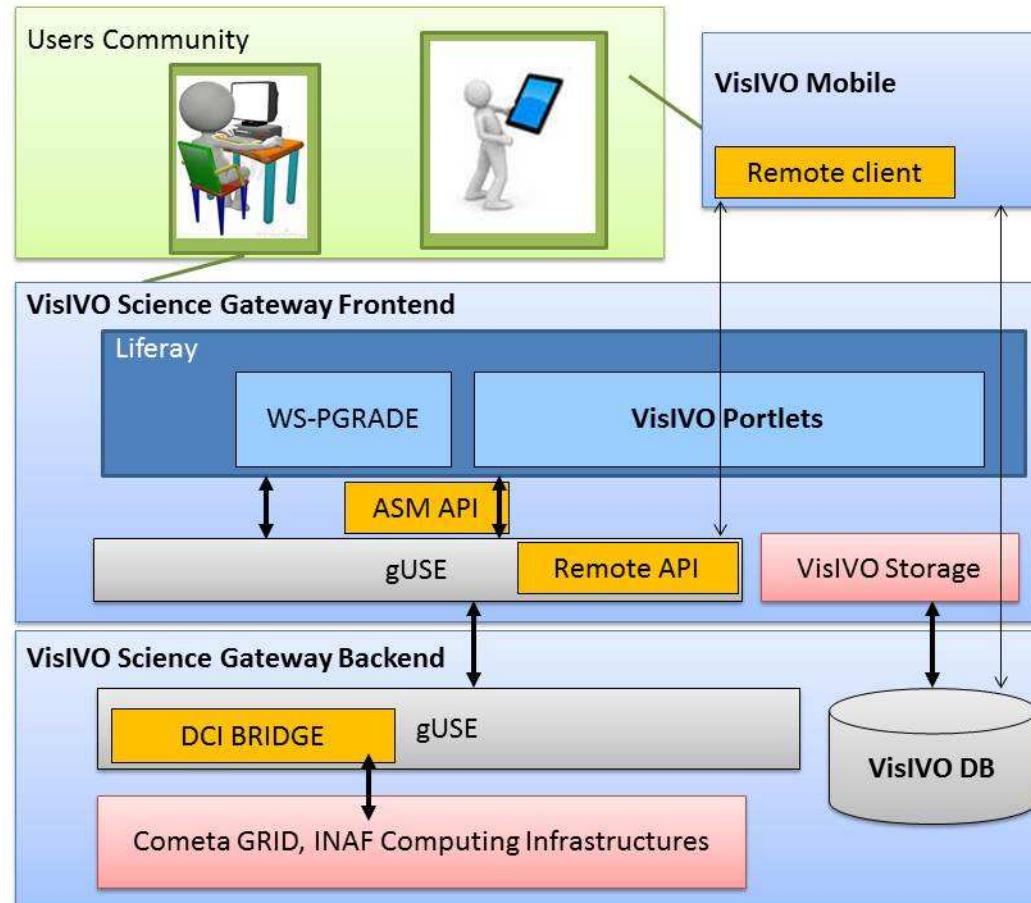


**Advanced User**, can develop and configure workflow. All WS-PGRADE/gUse functionalities are available.





# Architecture





# Infrastructures

- 2 X Server Intel Xeon 3060 2.4 GHz, Dual-Core, 2 GB RAM - Total storage: 23 TB
- Server Intel Xeon 3050 2.13 GHz, Dual-Core, 2 GB RAM - Total storage: 8 TB
- **Hybrid system** cpu-GPU, N 2: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5620 @ 2.40GHz, **24 GB RAM** DDR3-1333 NVIDIA TESLA C2070, **448 cuda core** + 6 GBRam
- **Trigrid Cluster** - AMD Dual Opteron 280 2.4 GHz, 14 Blades with 4 cores with 8 GB RAM / Blade (**52 CPU core**) - Total storage: 3.7 TB (lsf)
- **COMETA grid – gLite nodes ~1500 CPU/core (250 hosted at INAF-OACT)** AMD Dual Opteron 280 2.4 GHz (**jdl**) – Total storage: 8 TB



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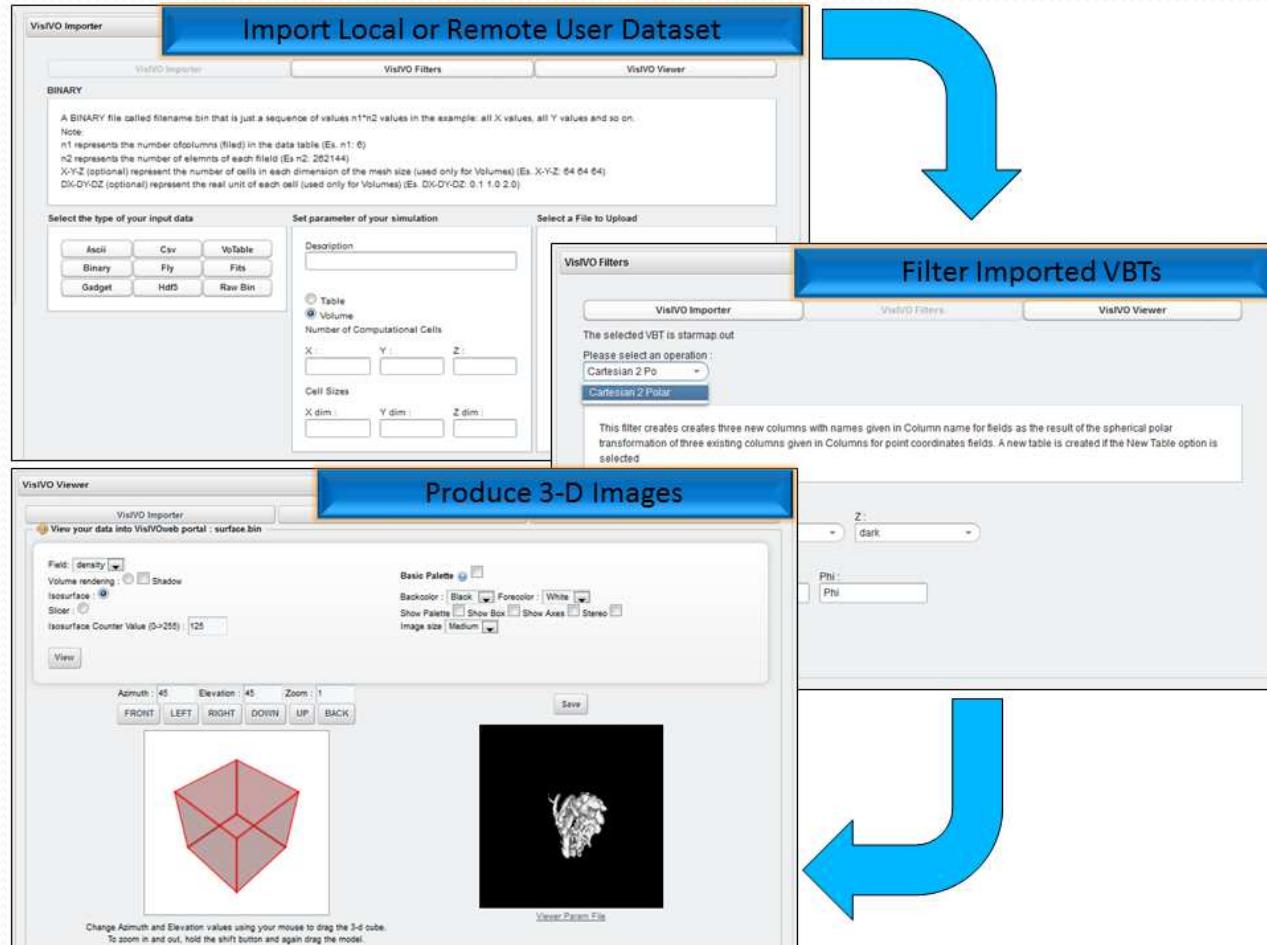
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# Portlets...

**FileManagement**

Your File

- ROOT
  - my data
    - surface.bin
    - clusterfields4.ascii
    - starmap.out
    - myData
  - Pictures
    - pointView
    - vectorView
    - splotchView
    - surface.bin.png
  - Movie
    - dataMovie
    - myMovie2
    - myMovie1





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## File Management

[Help](#)

### Your Files

#### ROOT

- [clusterfields4.ascii](#)
- [MyCosmoData](#)
  - [snap\\_le\\_type2GAS\\_Randomizer](#)
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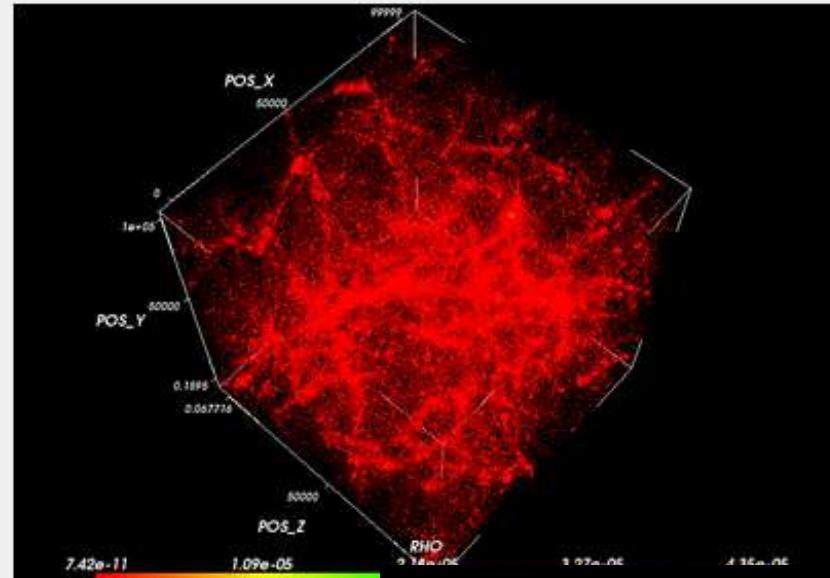
Rename

Delete

View

Panoramic Movie

## Generate Movie



Panoramic Movie

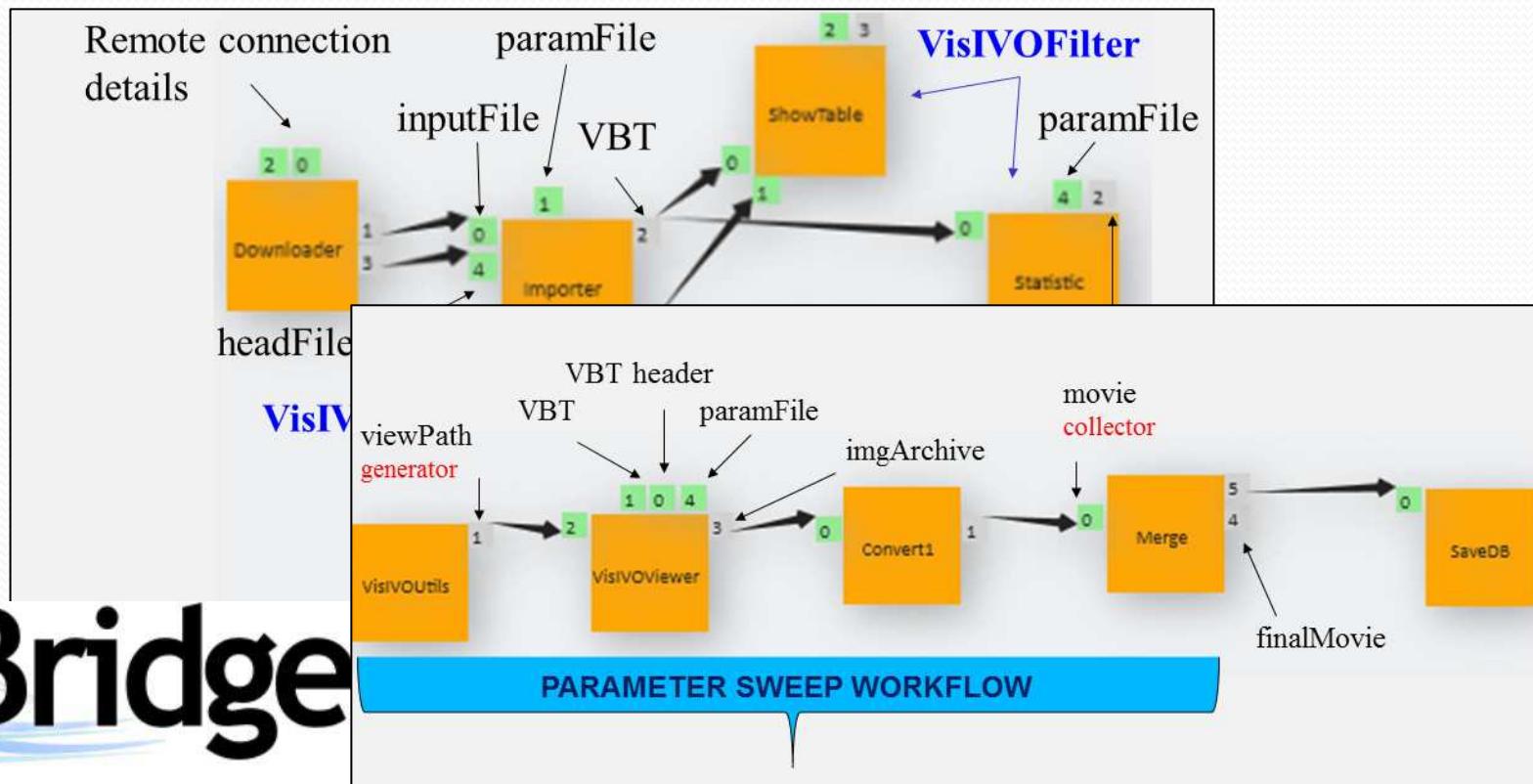
Dynamic Movie

A Panoramic Movie creates a movie rotating the camera

Panoramic Movie



# ... and workflows



# DCI Bridge





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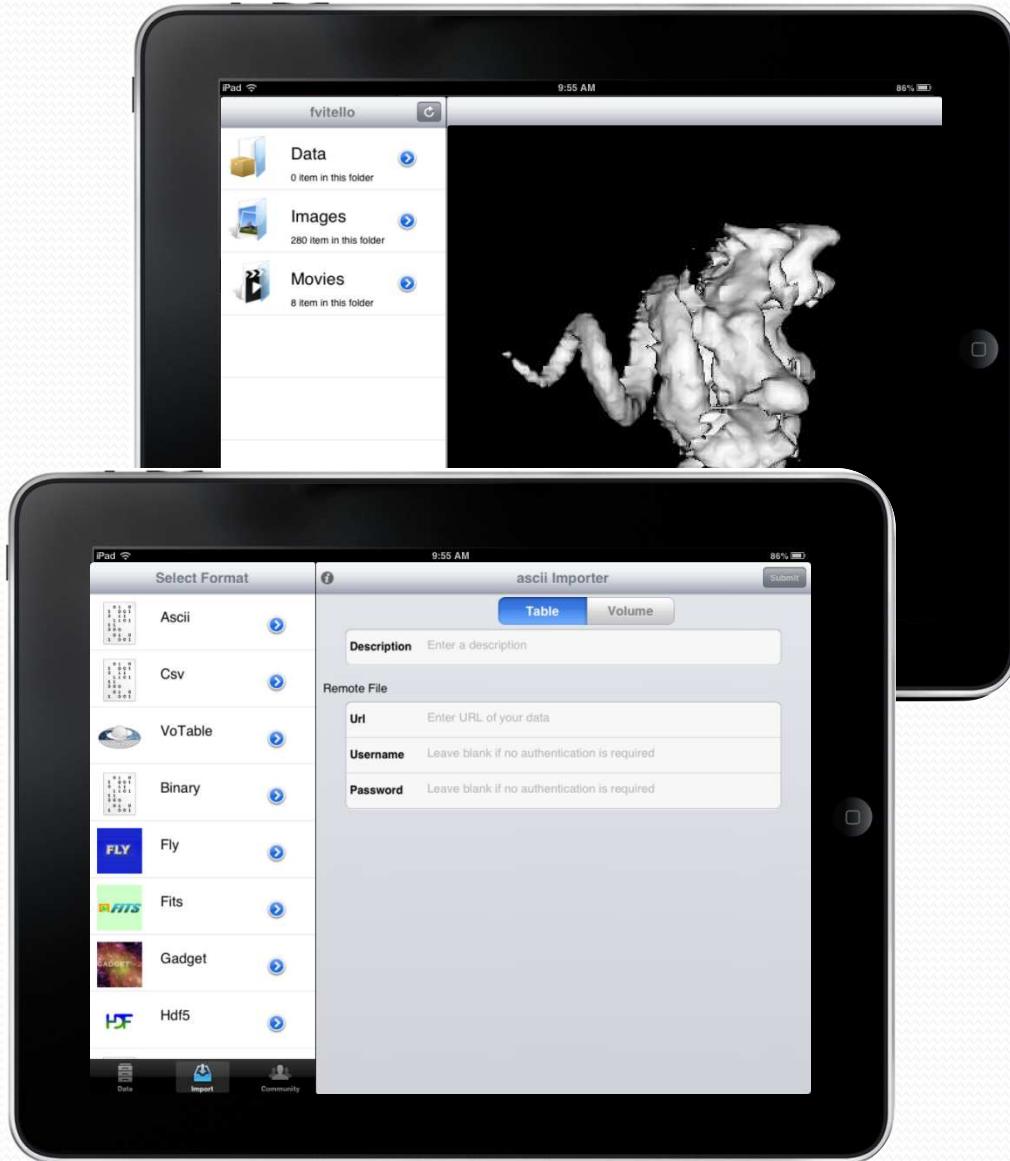


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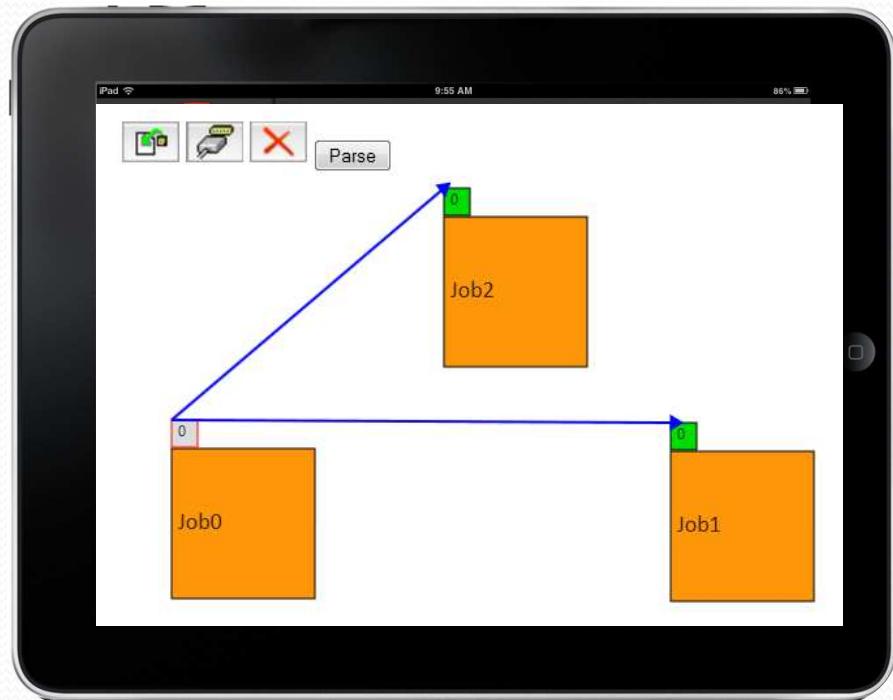
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- Interactive 3D view of the dataset;
- Submit existing workflows;





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- Interactive 3D view of the dataset;
- Submit existing workflows;
- Create new workflows using the graph editor





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# A short demo

<http://visivo.oact.inaf.it:8080>



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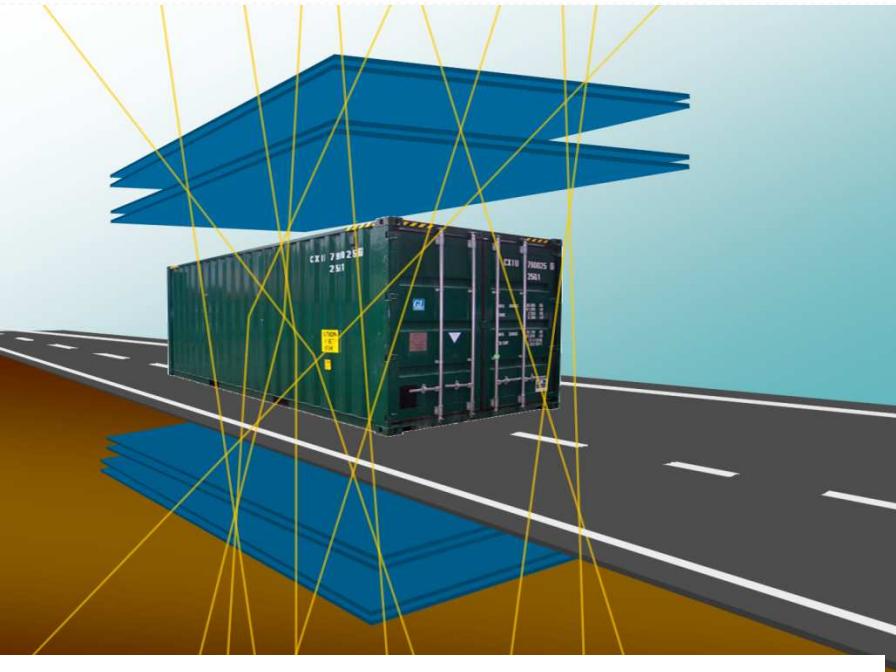
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# Muons Analysis



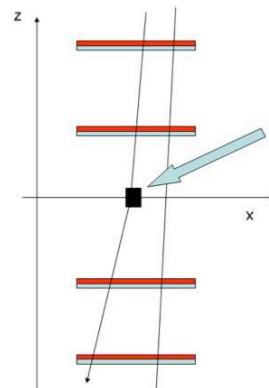
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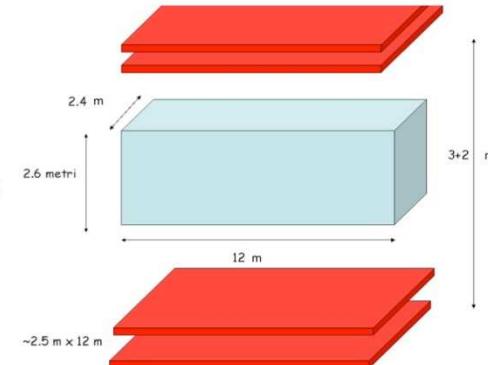


The Project: Exploring the container content searching for nuclear material (uranium, plutonium)

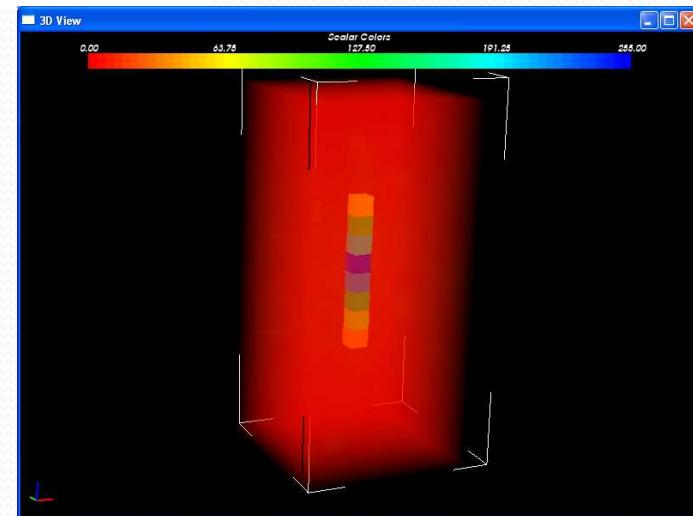
Compute: coordinates and deviation angle that the muon track has when high-Z material element is in the path.



Heavy element in a box.  
( $10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}$ )



Prototype → muon track deviation



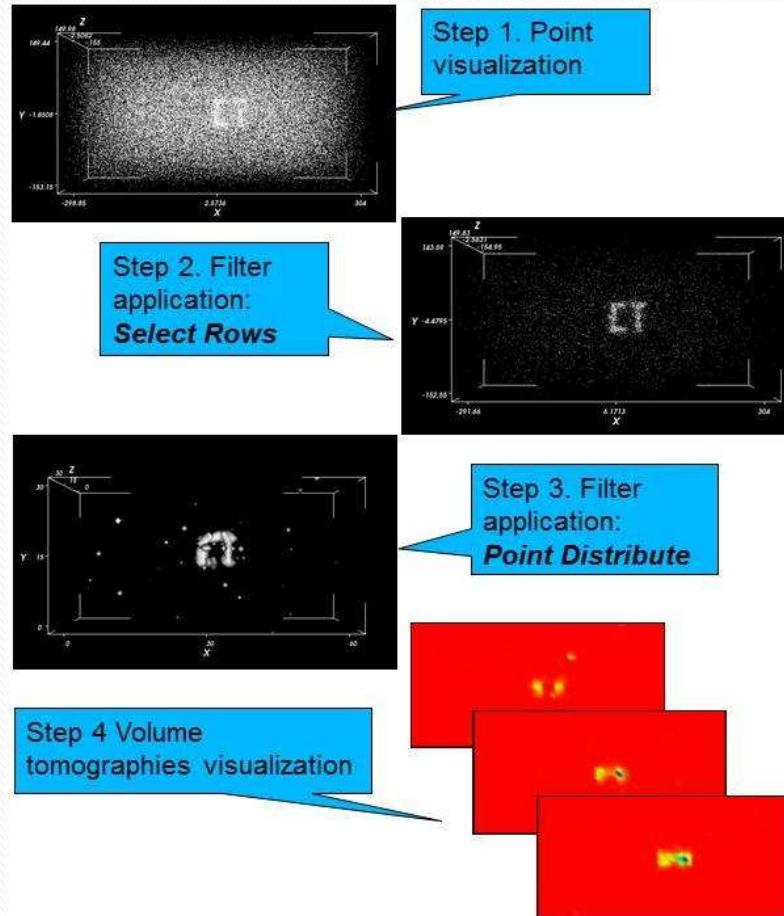


# Muon Analysis

- Input: data file containing the coordinates on the muon tracker planes (4 planes, 6 x 3 meters).
- Main processing steps:
  - POCA (Point of Closest Approach) algorithm to obtain the VBT containing the scattering deflection of cosmic radiations.
  - Noise filtering.
  - 3D Cloud-in-Cell (CIC) smoothing algorithm to obtain a volume dataset.
- Output: images and movies of the filtered and unfiltered datasets.

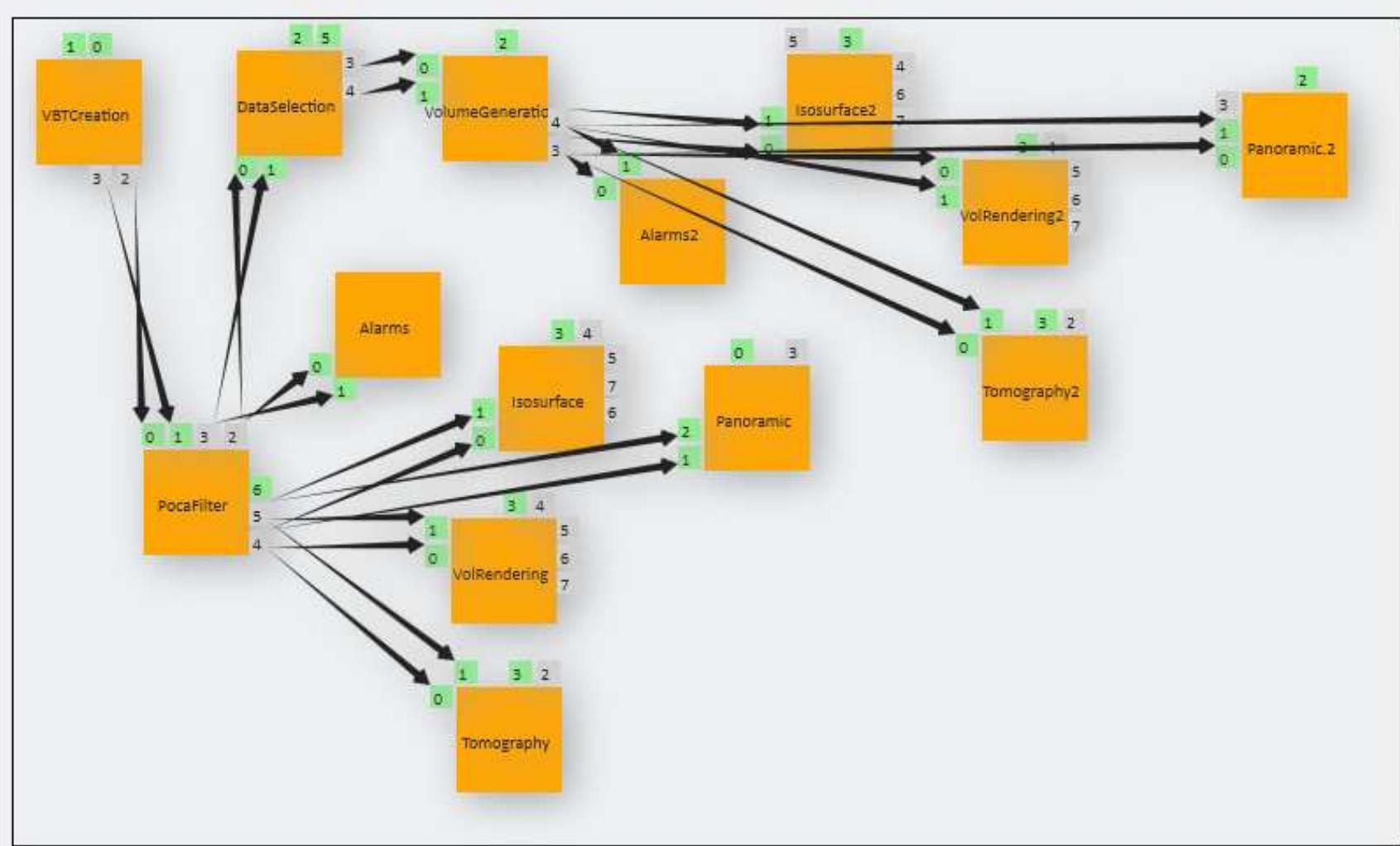


# Results



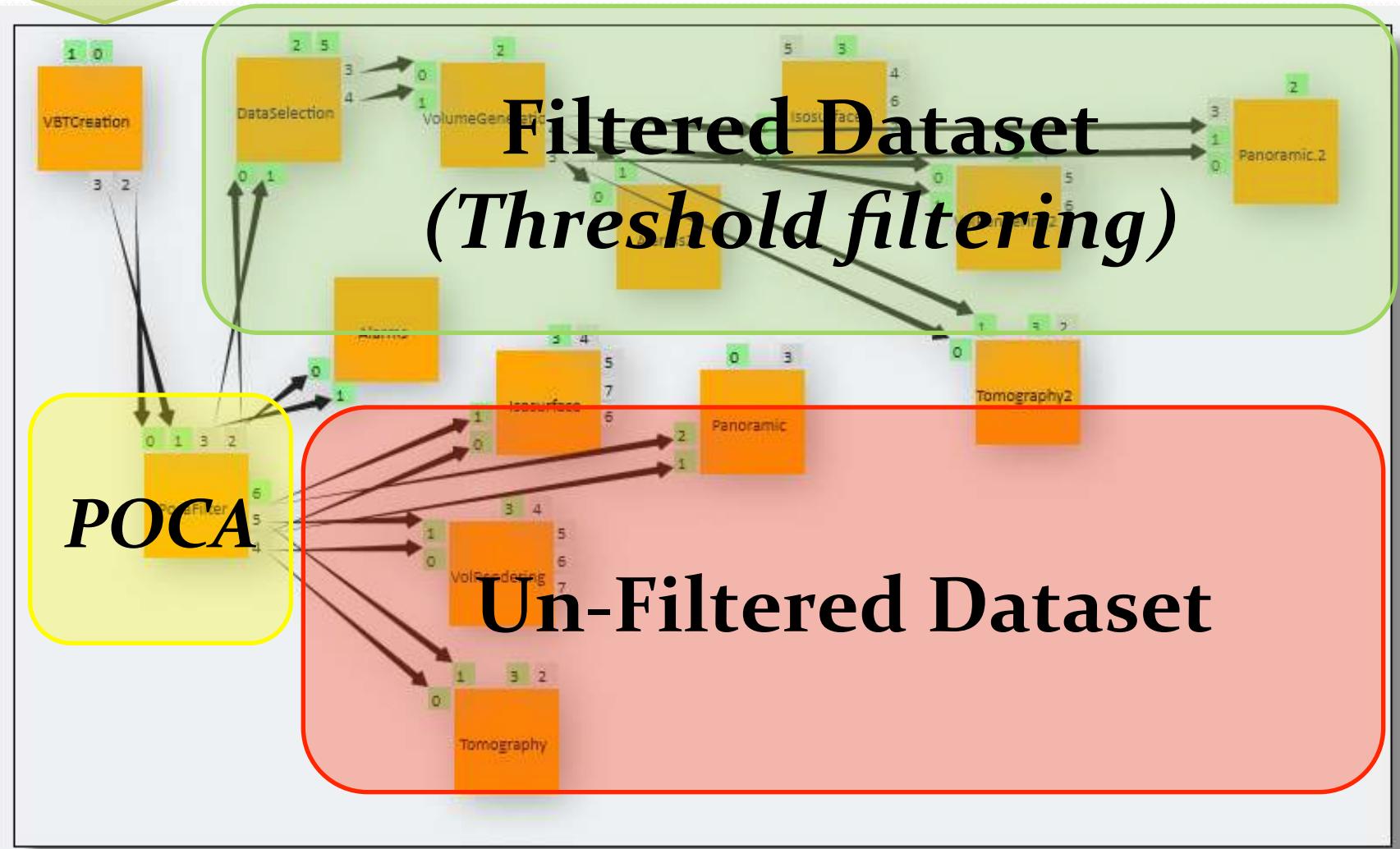


# Workflow



Input  
Dataset

# Dataset Processing





# Portlet Interface

Muon Portal Workflow

Select the Muon Portal simulation files to Upload

Local Upload    Remote Upload

Select data

muon.ascii

Select the visualization parameters

Resolution    X Res :     Y Res :     Z Res :     Voxel Dimension :

Theta Threshold:

Submit

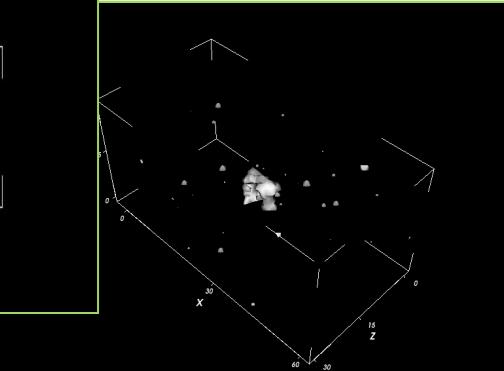
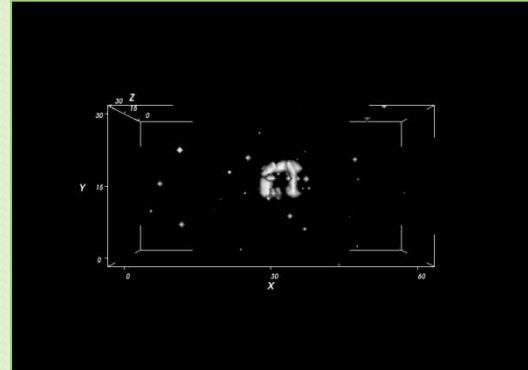


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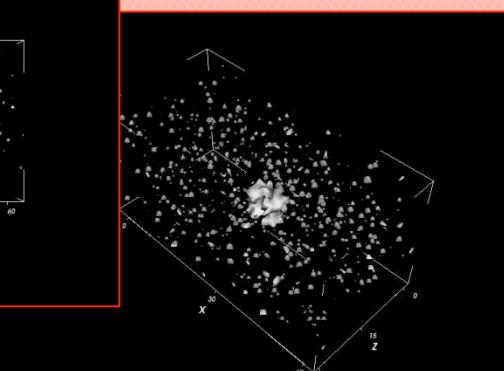
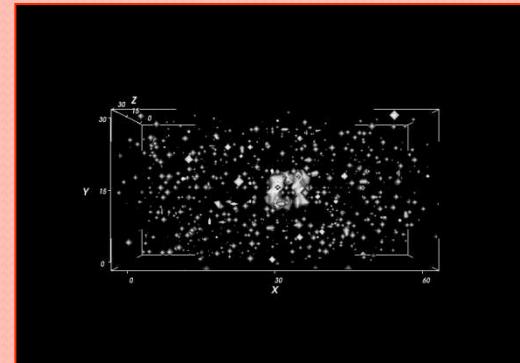
# Isosurface Images



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Filtered Dataset



Un-Filtered Dataset

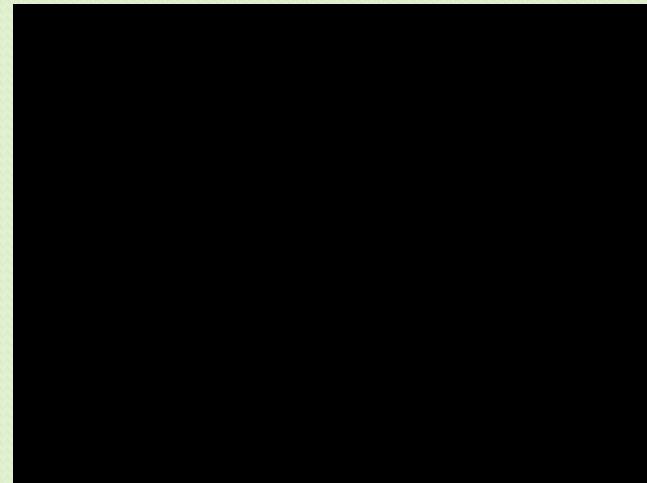


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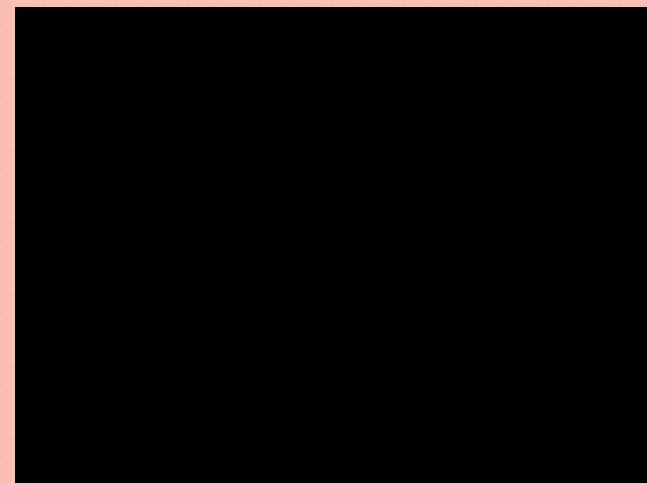
# Panoramic Movies



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**Filtered Dataset**



**Un-Filtered Dataset**

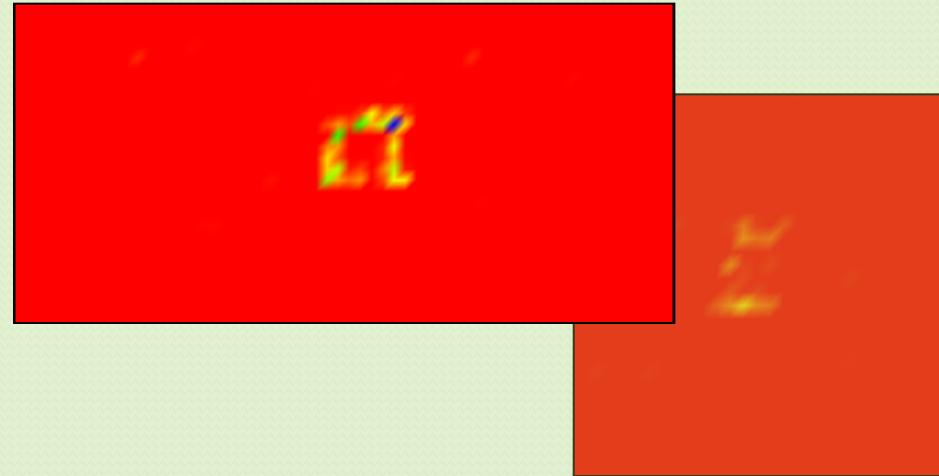


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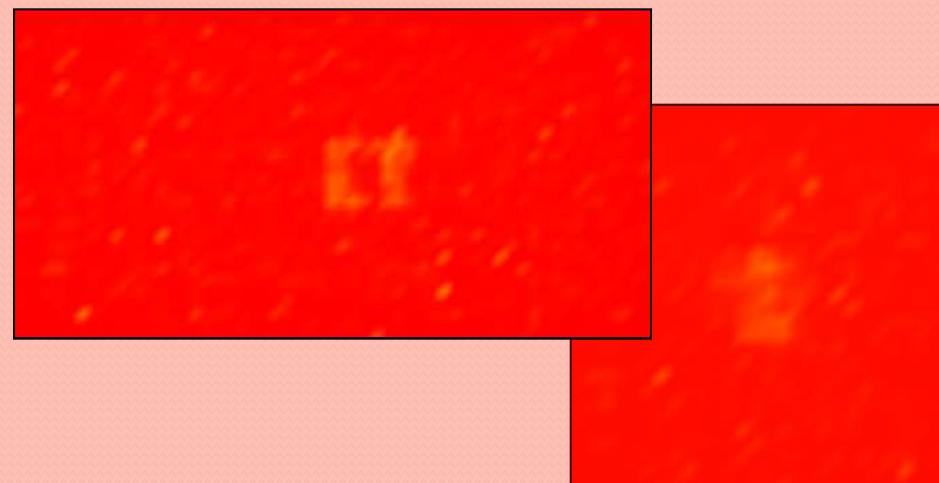
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# Supplementary Material

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- Er-Flow Project: <http://www.erflow.eu>
- WSPgrade/gUse: <http://www.guse.hu>
- VisIVO Science Gateway: <http://visivo.oact.inaf.it:8080>
- Scientific Visualization:
  - ✓ Will Schroeder, Ken Martin, and Bill Lorensen  
**Visualization Toolkit: An Object-Oriented Approach to 3D Graphics.**
  - ✓ Kitware, Inc.  
**VTK User's Guide**