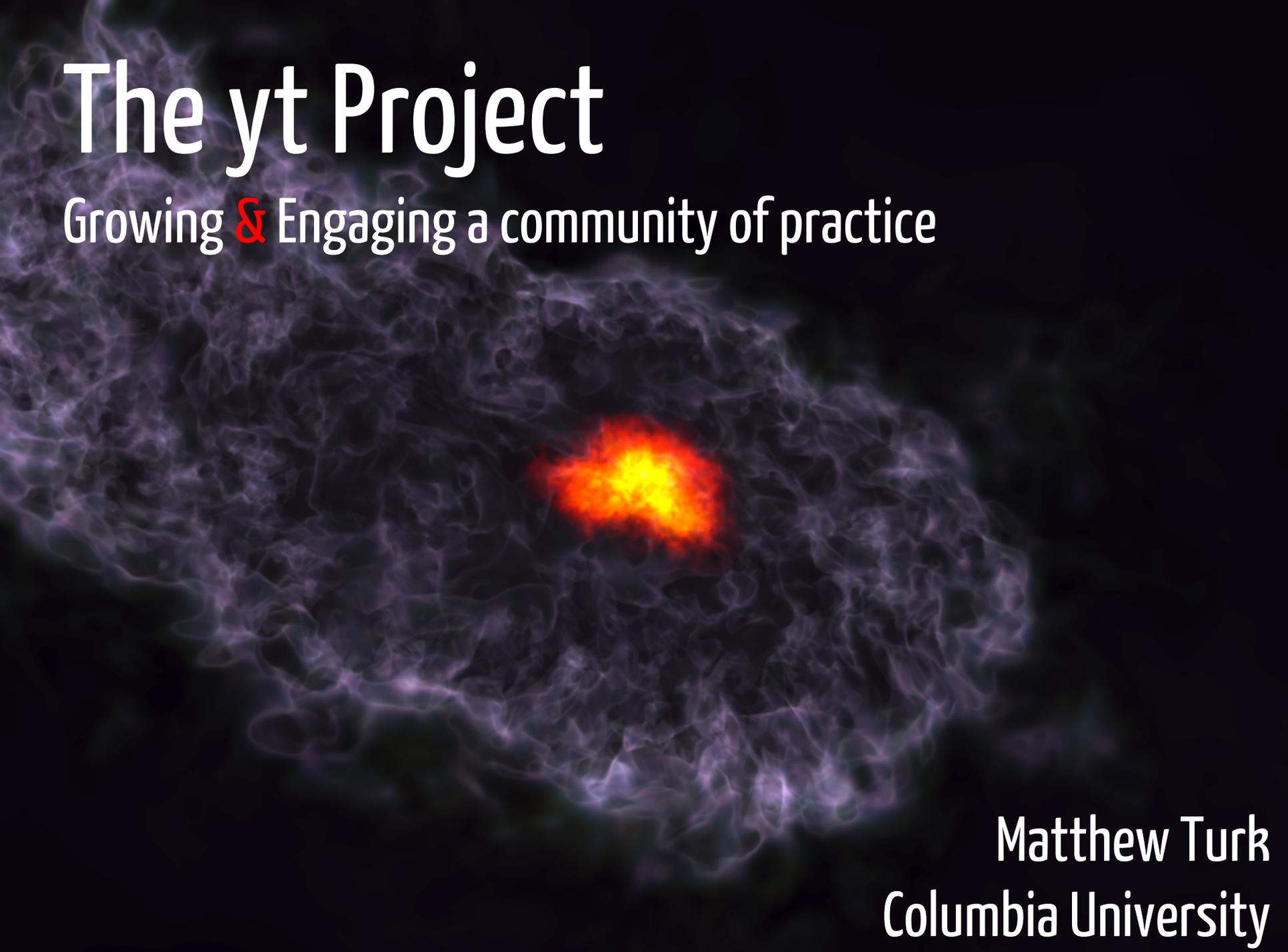
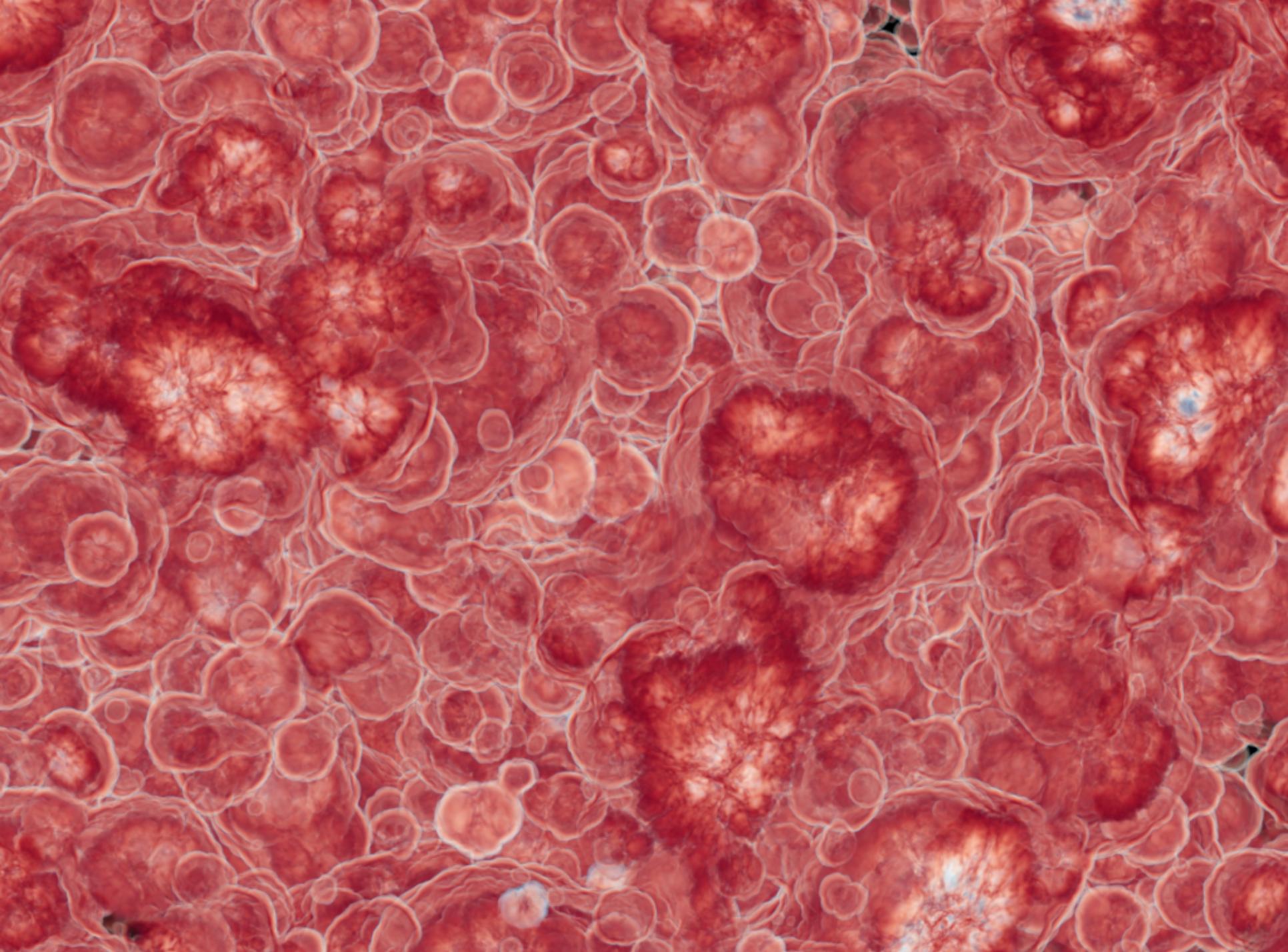


The yt Project

Growing & Engaging a community of practice



Matthew Turk
Columbia University



What is yt?

The logo for the yt project, consisting of the lowercase letters 'y' and 't' in a white, serif font. The 'y' has a decorative tail that curves under the 't'. The logo is centered within a circular frame that contains a colorful, abstract visualization of a galaxy cluster or intergalactic medium, with red and yellow filaments and green and blue spots.

[astro-ph/1011.3514](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/1011.3514)

[astro-ph/1112.4482](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/1112.4482)

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THE YT PROJECT

ASTROPHYSICAL SIMULATION ANALYSIS AND VIZ



DETAILED DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATIONS, WRITTEN BY **WORKING ASTROPHYSICISTS** AND DESIGNED FOR PRAGMATIC ANALYSIS NEEDS.



DATA-DRIVEN

Inspect your data

yt is designed to provide a consistent, cross-code interface to analyzing and visualizing



COMMUNITY

Participants welcome!

yt is composed of a friendly community of users and developers. We want to make it



FREE SOFTWARE

Open Source, Open Science

yt is developed completely in the open, released under the GPL license. The developers are

yt Overview

yt is a community-developed analysis and visualization toolkit for astrophysical simulation data. yt provides full support for the [Enzo](#), Orion, [Nyx](#), and [FLASH codes](#), with preliminary support for [RAMSES](#), ART, and Maestro. It runs both interactively and non-interactively, and has been designed to support as many operations as possible in parallel. For more detailed information, see our [ApJS paper](#).

To install `yt`, see [Quickstart Guide](#) or [Installing yt](#). To see what's new since the last version, check out [ChangeLog](#).

If you use `yt` in a paper, you are highly encouraged to submit the repository containing the scripts you used to analyze and visualize your data to the [yt Hub](#), and we ask that you consider citing our [method paper](#), as well. If you are looking to use `yt`, then check out the [yt Hub](#) for ideas of how other people used `yt` to generate worthwhile analysis. We encourage you to explore the source code and even consider [contributing](#) your enhancements and scripts.

For more information, please visit [our homepage](#) and for help, please see [Asking for Help](#).

Getting Started

Welcome to yt!	What's yt all about?
yt Orientation	Quickly get up and running with yt: zero to sixty.
How to Ask for Help	Some guidelines on how and where to ask for help with yt
Workshop Tutorials	Videos, slides and scripts from the 2012 workshop covering many aspects of yt, from beginning to advanced.
The Cookbook	A bunch of illustrated examples of how to do things
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions: answered for you!

User Guide

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There are many simulation codes.

There are many simulation codes,
but there is only one sky.

Fully-Supported

Enzo
FLASH
Orion
Nyx
Raw Data
Piernik

Semi-Supported

Chombo
Athena
ART
RAMSES
GDF

In-Progress

Cactus
Gadget
GAMER
PENCIL

yt is designed to address physical,
not computational,
entities and questions.

yt is supposed to get out of the way.

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from yt.mods import *  
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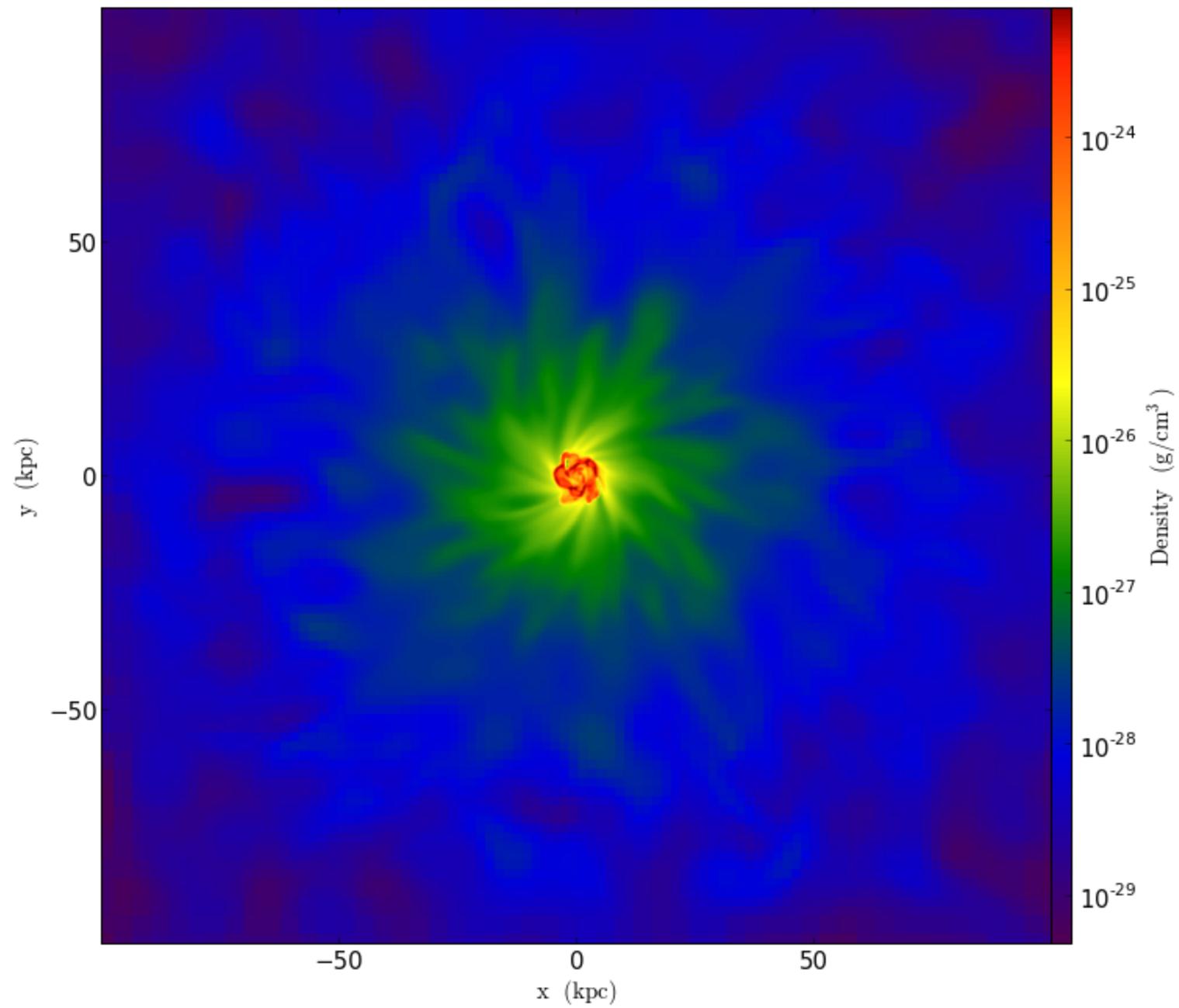
Load from disk, determine IO format, parse parameters, set up mesh, initialize IO, and create geometric objects.

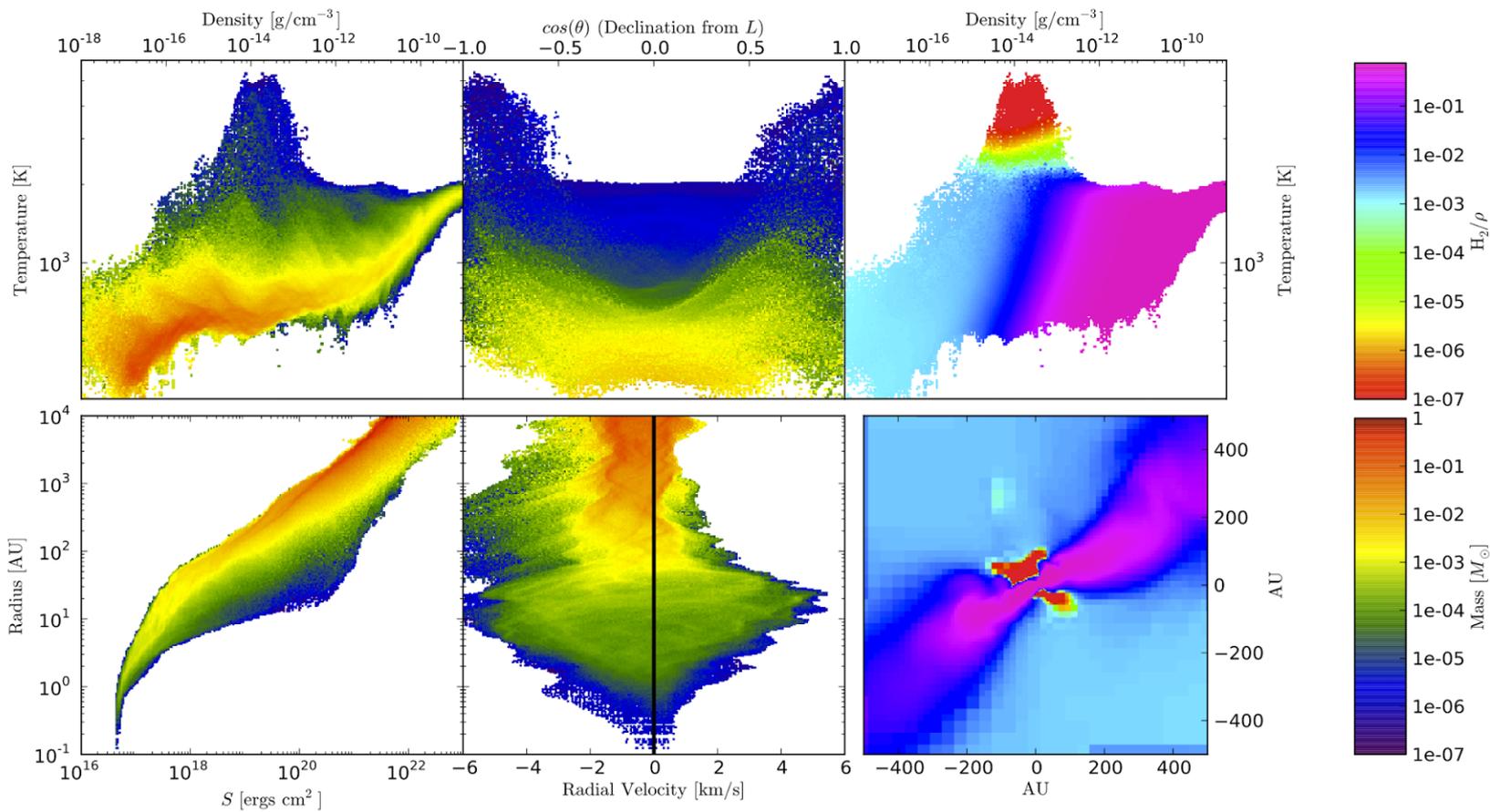
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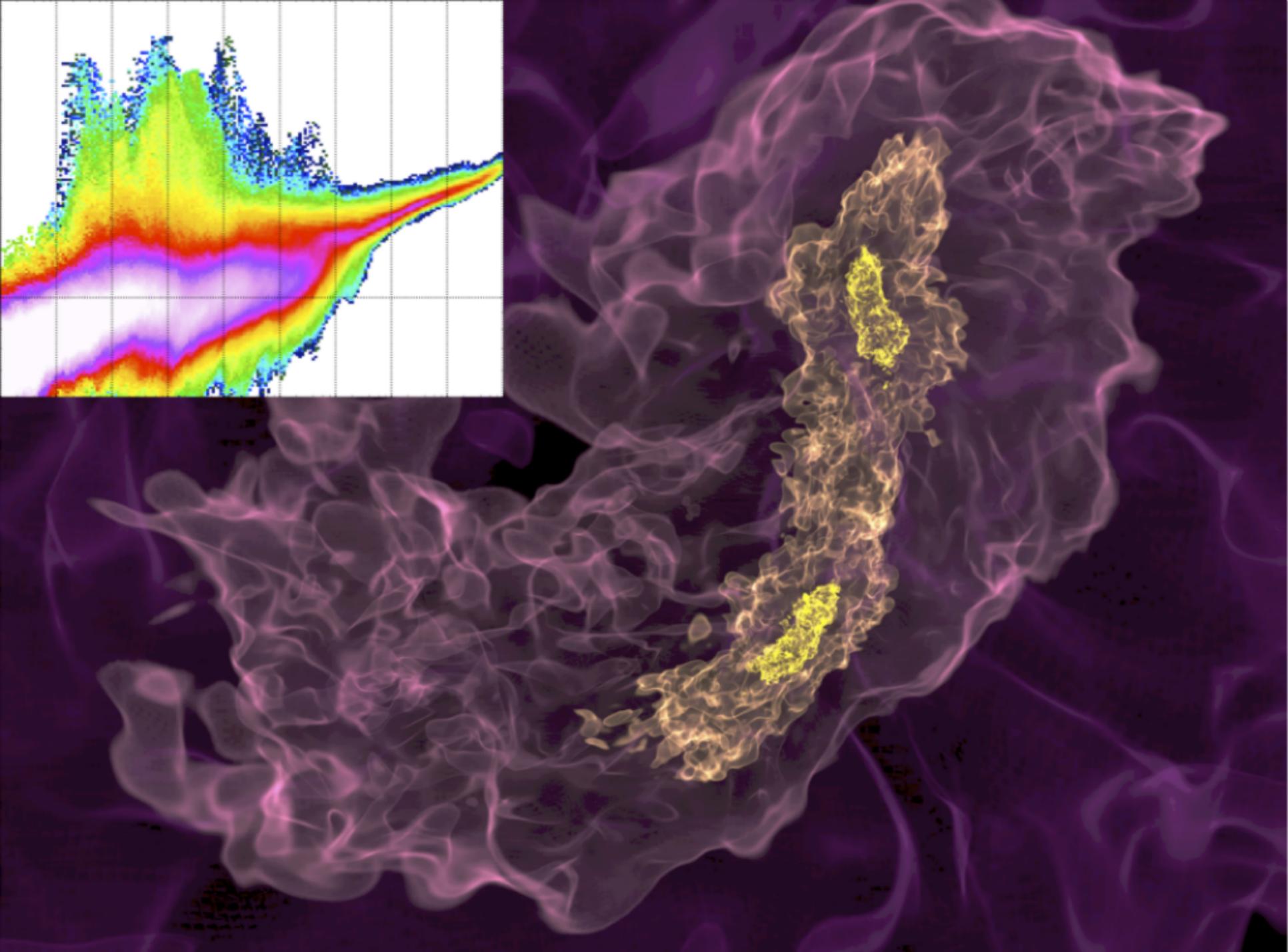
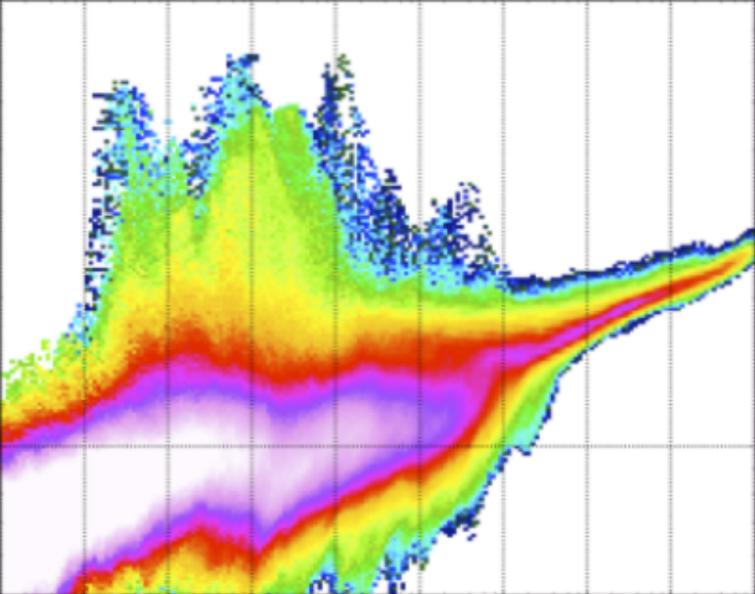
Identify appropriate subregions of data, mask out overlapping data, convert to CGS, concatenate, pixelize, and return plot.

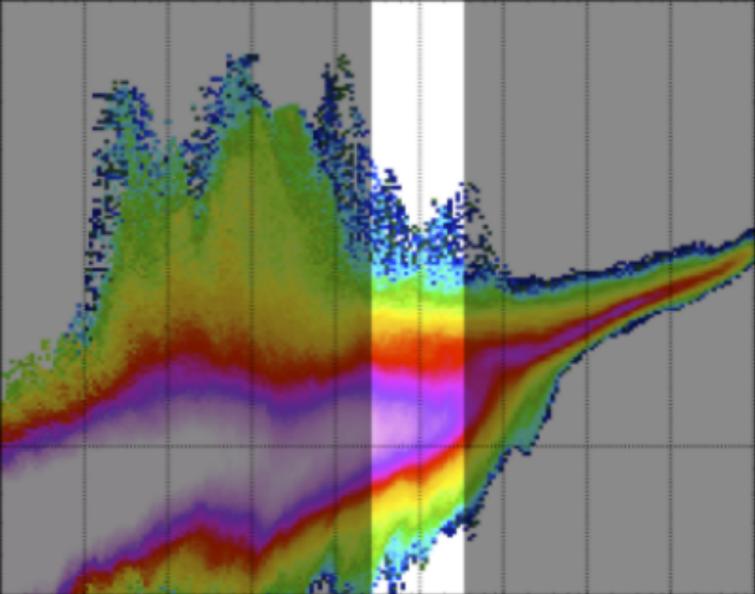
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Ship it over to IPython!

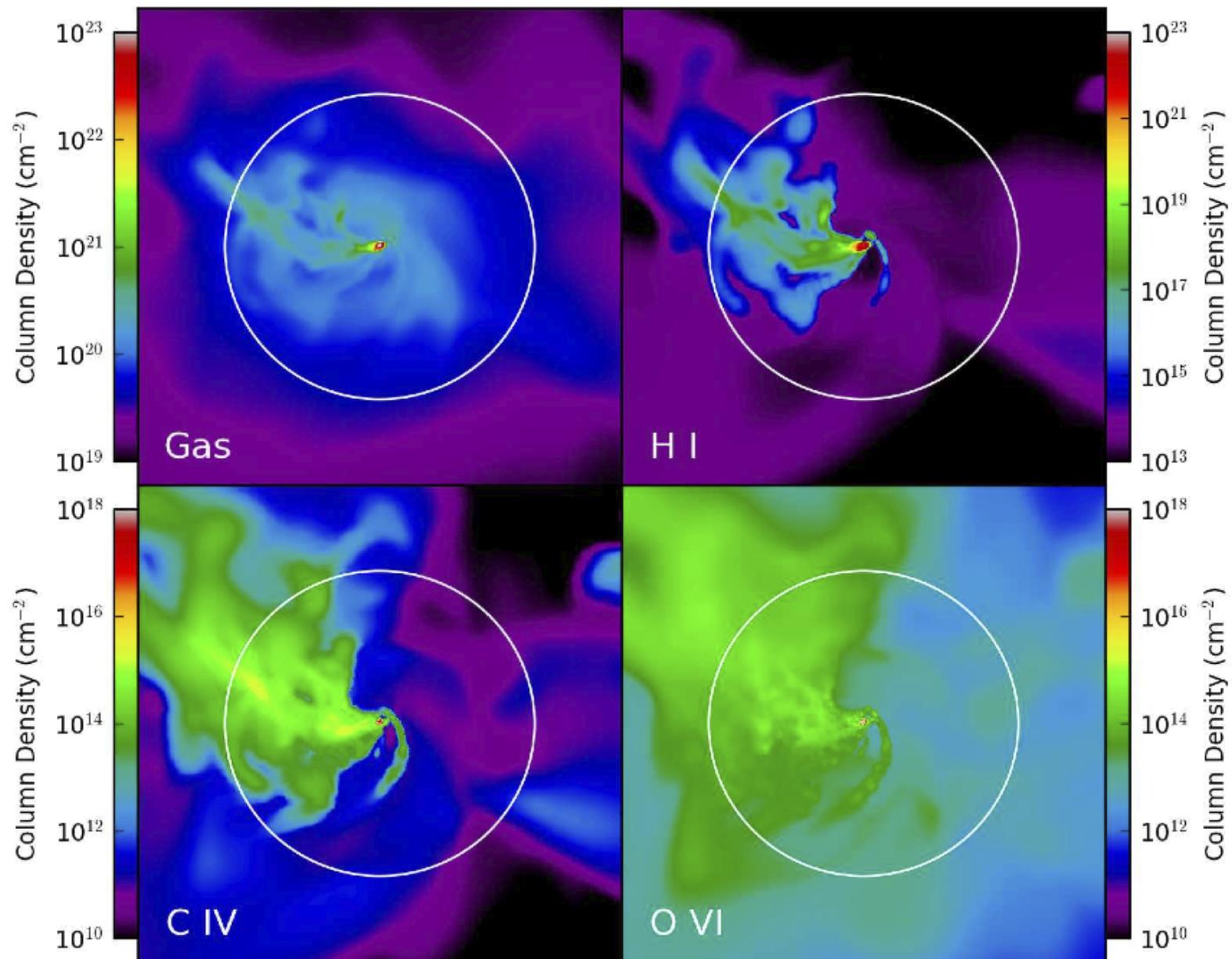








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Low-Level Data Handling

Objects and Physical Quantities

Canned Analysis Tasks

(advanced)

Low-Level Data Handling

(intermediate)

Objects and Physical Quantities

(beginner)

Canned Analysis Tasks

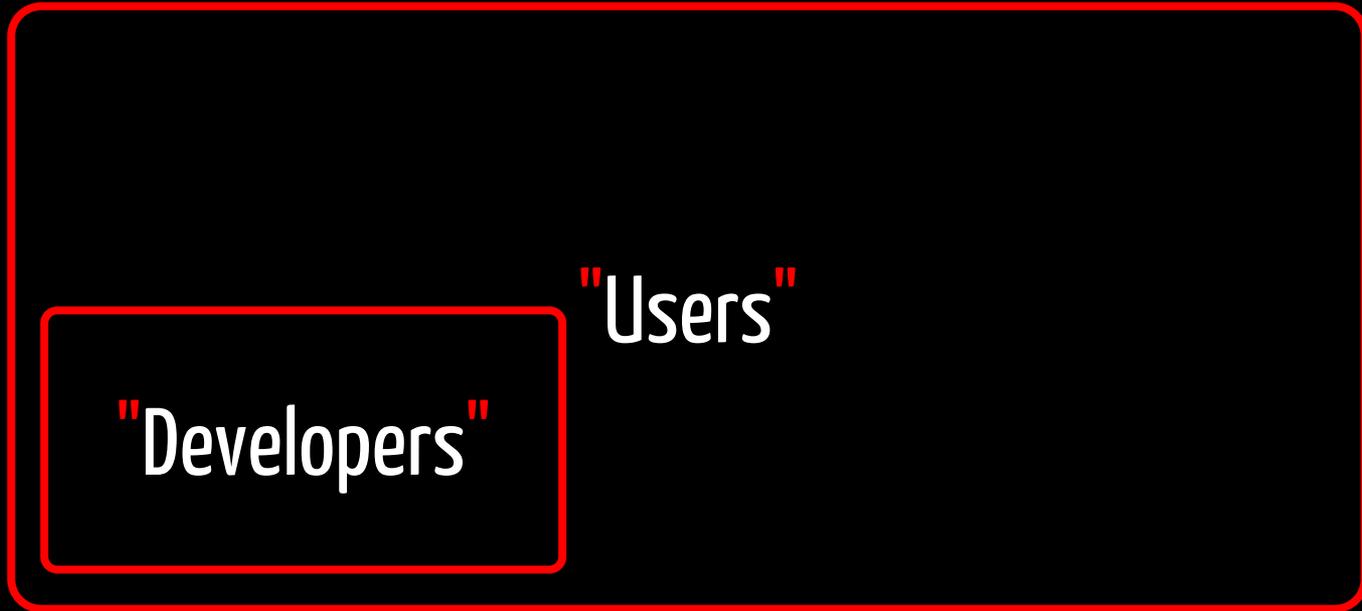
"Community"?

Traditional View of Scientific Development

"Users"

"Developers"

Most Scientific Development



Community of Practice

"Devusers"

"Developers"

Inspection and verification

Tracking modifications

Sharing information

Doing new and interesting things

"Users"

Uncritical acceptance of code?

"Users"

"These are the people we give the code
to that don't care how it works."



Challenges

Academic Reward Structure

Academic Reward Structure

de facto & de jure

de facto & de jure

Utilization of developed tools

Respect from community

Project involvements

Invitations and opportunities to speak

de facto & de jure

Funding

Publications

Citation count

Influence

Traditional astrophysics does not
favor tool builders.

Chores

Documentation,

testing,

outreach,

infrastructure development.

Chores

Tasks not fully-aligned with reward structure present great motivational challenges.

Co-opetition



Funding

Publications

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Influence



The "citation economy" for community codes is broken, and this disproportionately impacts new and junior contributors.

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(It's bad for us, but even worse for infrastructure.)

How developer community
engagement, cohesion, excitement
and energy is affected by funded
improvements remains unclear.

Strategies

Design the community you want.

Design the community you want.

Diversity. Tone. Enthusiasm. Congeniality.

Design the community you want.

This is an investment.

Technical & Social

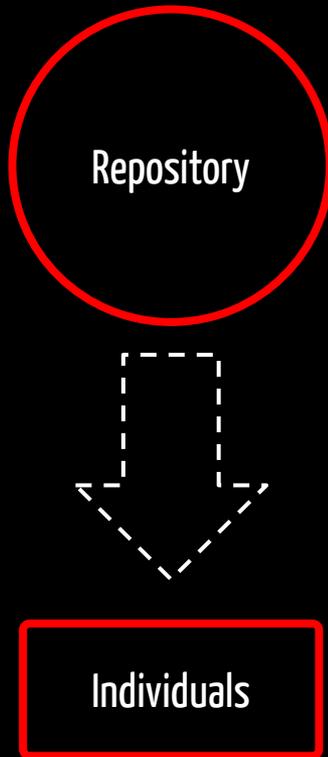
Technical & Social

Reduce barrier to entry
Test on every push
Review every changeset

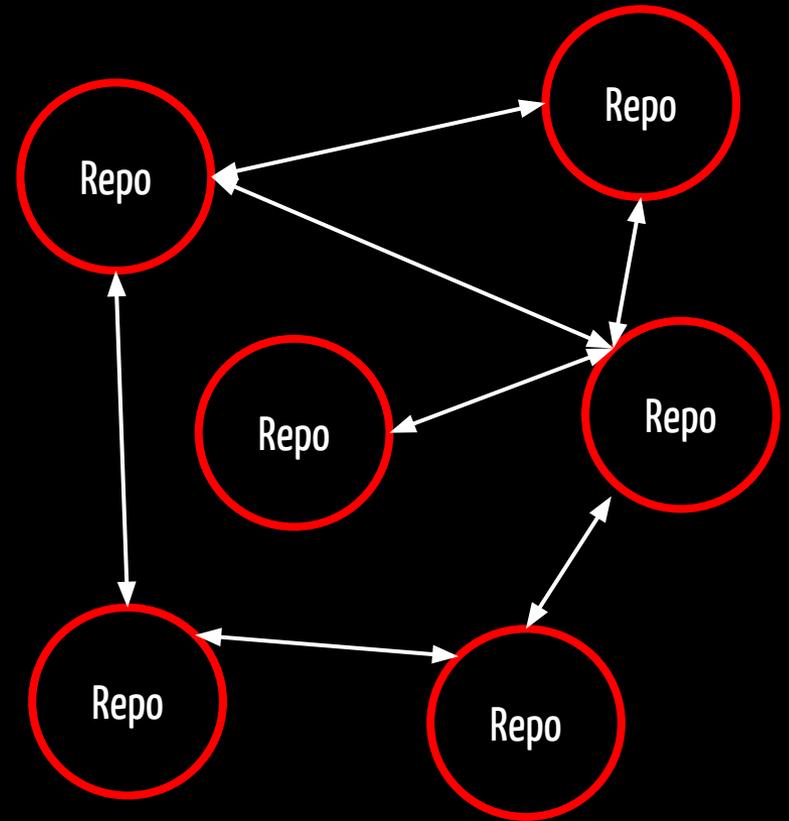
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Everything comes in the box: version control, extensions,
sample data, dependencies, and tutorials.

CVCS



DVCS



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Shining Panda for unit tests & small data answer tests,
ReadTheDocs.org, and an auto-deployed ReST blog.

Reduce barrier to entry
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Pull requests and mentoring of new developers, through
IRC, mailing list, and code comments.



An upstream path...

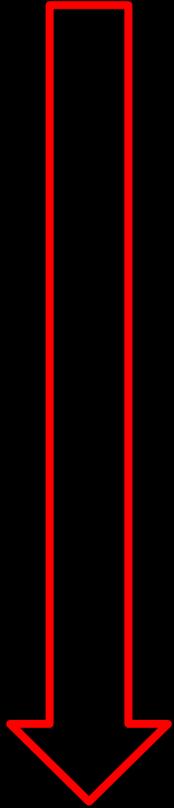
Happy Application

Itch-Scratching

Pull Request Submission

Code Review & Mentoring

Participation



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Participation

Accept contributions of data,
scripts, images, projects

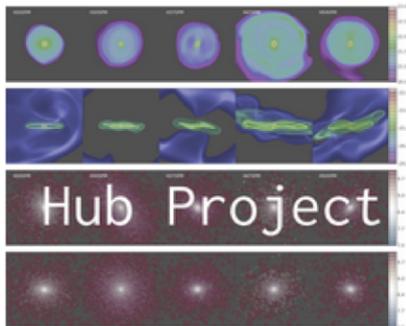
The yt Data Hub

This is the yt Data Hub, a place to upload and share data and images generated by and from [yt](#).

Right now we have widgets for variable maps (projections, slices), 3D vertex exploration, simulation parameter display, and collections of images.

To get started, [register a user](#) and follow the [quickstart](#) to upload data.

Recent Projects

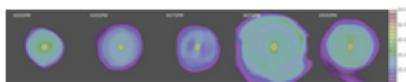


rprof2d: Simple radial profiles of 2D images

By [Matthew Turk](#) in Analysis and Visualization.

[Project Home / Hub Page](#)

This is just a simple tool that uses numpy to create a radial profile of a 2d image, optionally weighted by a second image. Takes as input the image, central x and y pixel locations, and a few keyword arguments. Requires numpy. Needs to be placed in your PYTHONPATH to be used.



Using Rockstar & consistent-trees with yt

By [Christopher Moody](#) in Astrophysical Utilities.

Communication

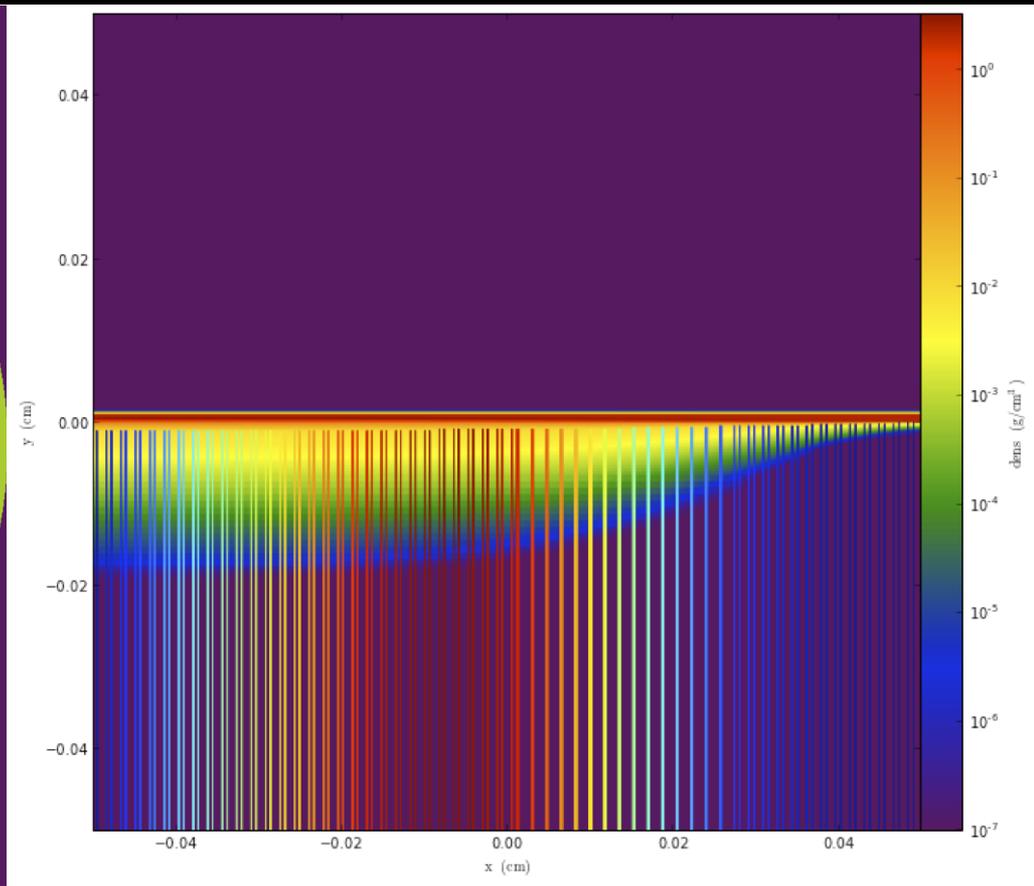
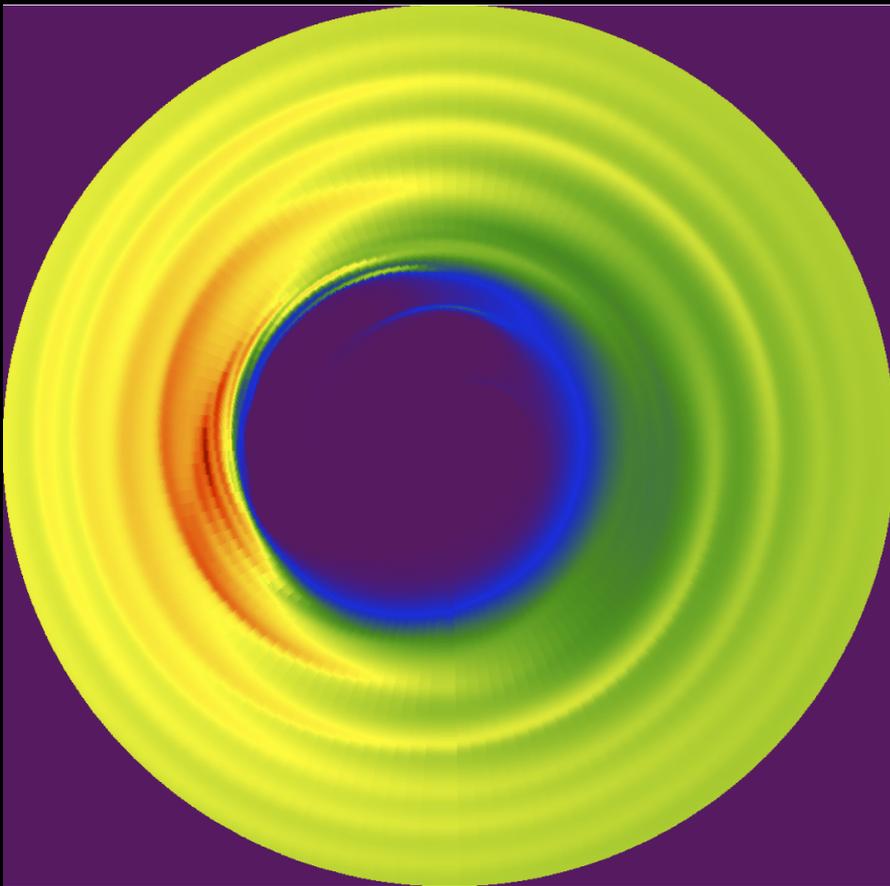
All project business is conducted openly.

Immediate

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Topic	Presenter	Description	Length (M:MM)	URL
1 The	Dsp	Presenter		
2 Welcome	1 Dan	Welcome to the FLASH course!	15	
3 Introduction: jupyter, scripting, documentation (how to use it)	1 Matt	Welcome to the workshop, and a brief introduction of terms. What are the right of pipelines we construct in jupyter? What does it mean when I talk about an object?	30	https://flasher.org/Workshop/Workshop21-2-2016/
4 Nature of Jupyter objects	1 Britton	Slides, projections, and phase plots. Hands-on with pre-processed or brought datasets. Line-by-line, description of what goes on in the background. Wander about like teaching assistants.	30	
5 Simple visualization and hands-on	1 Jornd or Stephen	Simple, non-complex stuff: astronomical averages, point value, angular momentum, and so on. Heavily covered quantities and object creation.	30	
6 Very general analysis	1 Sean	Show off the Hub, along with the cookbook, and talk about the availability of these scripts. Show how to update to the hub.	30	
7 Analysis: Hands-on	1 All	Simple homework assignments, come up with angular momentum, circular velocity, slices, etc. General cosmological analysis.	30	
8 Showcase of scripts	1 Cameron	What are the different types of parallelism? What can run in parallel? How do you know what kind of flash size to use? What's a field, how do we define a new field, how do you access parameters and spatial information. Defined quantities: how do you make one, what is available, how do you use them in analysis.	30	
9 Lab	1 All	Show how easy it is to construct complex data objects and to manipulate their data. Includes derived fields as well as accessing and inspecting data. Show boolean data objects and if/how allows, neighborhoods, fluxes, and connected sets.	30	
10 Parallelism	2 Dennis or Stephen	Show how to do time-series analysis, and what to do with a when you're done. Cover both TimeSeries and BroadSimulation, as well as manual plotting and handling. Using the basic off_axis_projection tool and color transfer function, show how to return a number.	30	
11 Fields and Derived Quantities	2 Britton	How to take a plot and make it ready for a paper. How do you access or create plot data? What's a rebins? Fatigue, Oronotocript.	30	
12 Advanced Data Objects and hands-on	2 Matt or Stephen	What does it mean with for causal analysis processes? Star analysis, connected sets / clumps, halo finding. (Use this as an intro to the challenging lab)	30	
13 New Series Analysis	2 Britton	Star analysis, connected sets / clumps, halo finding. (Use this as an intro to the challenging lab)	15	
14 Registering Volume Rendering	2 Cameron			
15 Advanced Visualization and hands-on	2 Jornd or (I) Sam			
16 Causal analysis and hands-on	2 Stephen or Britton			
17 Challenging lab	2			
18 Adju*	7			

Immediate



Low-Latency

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yt: analysis and viz. home: http://yt-project.org/ (and still not in any app stores!)
23:49:55 < CIA-62> yt: Nathan Goldbaum <goldbaum@ucolick.org> * 358092443a92 r5992
    /yt/visualization/plot_modifications.py:
23:49:55 < CIA-62> yt: Fixing a bug in convert_to_pixel, which I've renamed to
23:50:12 < CIA-62> yt: convert_to_plot since it should convert to plot coordinates (not
23:50:12 < CIA-62> yt: necessarily the same as pixel coordinates).
23:50:12 < CIA-62> yt: Nathan Goldbaum <goldbaum@ucolick.org> * 5c7b2095ee5a r5993
    /yt/visualization/plot_window.py: Need to cast this to a string
23:50:12 < CIA-62> yt: Matthew Turk <matthewturk@gmail.com> * 148b51ad39af r5994 /yt/ (3 files in 2 dirs):
    Merged in ngoldbaum/yt-ngoldbaum (pull request #194)
23:50:19 < ngoldbaum> awesome, thanks matt
Day changed to 11 Jul 2012
00:22:00 < mjturk> np
00:22:03 < mjturk> thank you for the changes
00:22:52 < xarthisius> mjturk: is this a typo or there's some magic behind that I don't understand?
    http://paste.lugons.org/show/2824/
00:24:00 < xarthisius> without that patch I get weird axis labels for non-square domains
00:27:06 < xarthisius> oh, ngoldbaum that ^^ should be directed to you :)
00:27:33 < ngoldbaum> it's a type
00:27:41 < ngoldbaum> thanks for testing on non-square domains
00:27:55 < ngoldbaum> if anything doesn't work it's a bug (and probably a typo)
00:28:06 < ngoldbaum> thanks xarthisius
[08:00] [mjturk(+Zi)] [2:#yt(+cnt)]
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High-Latency

August 2012 Archives by thread

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Technical & Social

Culture self-propagates.
So, it must be seeded directly.

Foster a community of peers,
not a community of elites.

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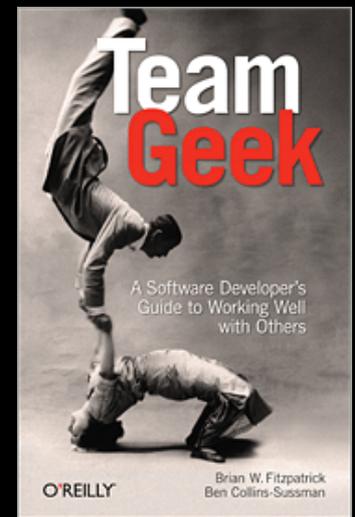
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Fitzpatrick & Collins-Sussman

Humility

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Trust

Humility

I think there might be a bug in ...

It's like that for a good reason. Don't touch it.

I think there might be a bug in ...



It behaves that way because ...

Respect

I've noticed something is acting
strangely with ...



You're probably doing it wrong.

I've noticed something is acting
strangely with ...

Can you tell us how you'd expect it to
act?

Trust



Letting go...

By emphasizing pride over ownership, we've found projects can move between people without smothering through control.



Successes

In a Nutshell, yt...

...has had 7,345 commits made by 42 contributors representing 113,588 lines of code

...is mostly written in Python with an average number of source code comments

...has a well established, mature codebase maintained by a large development team with stable year-over-year commits

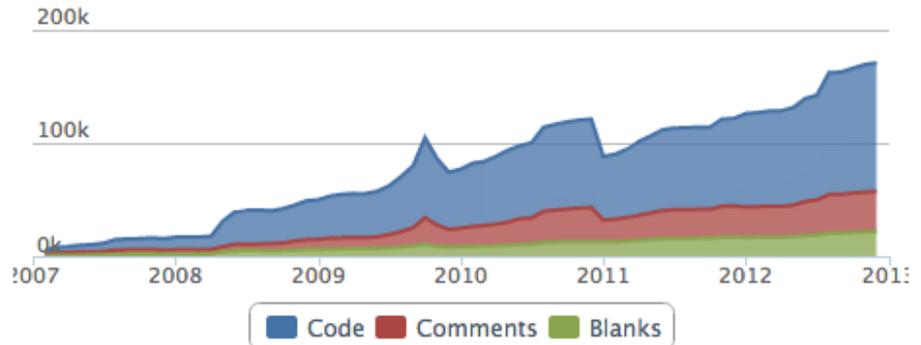
...took an estimated 29 years of effort (COCOMO model) starting with its first commit in February, 2007 ending with its most recent commit about 17 hours ago

Languages



Python	77%	C	12%
JavaScript	5%	8 Other	6%

Lines of Code



Activity

30 Day Summary

Nov 14 2012 — Dec 14 2012

219 Commits

12 Contributors

including 1 new contributor

1 New Language :

TeX/LaTeX added Dec 13

12 Month Summary

Dec 14 2011 — Dec 14 2012

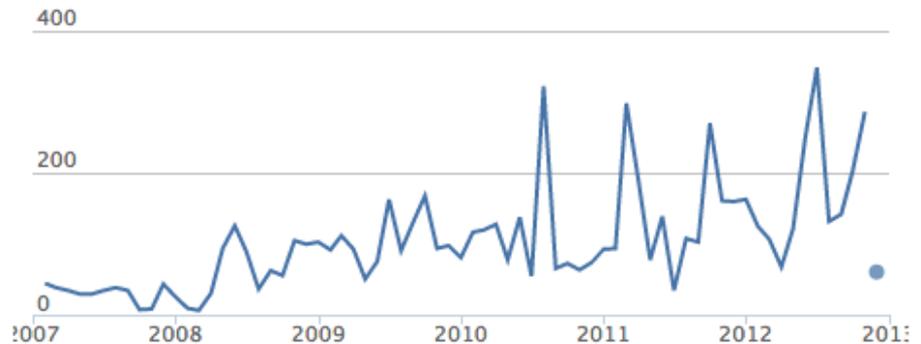
2057 Commits

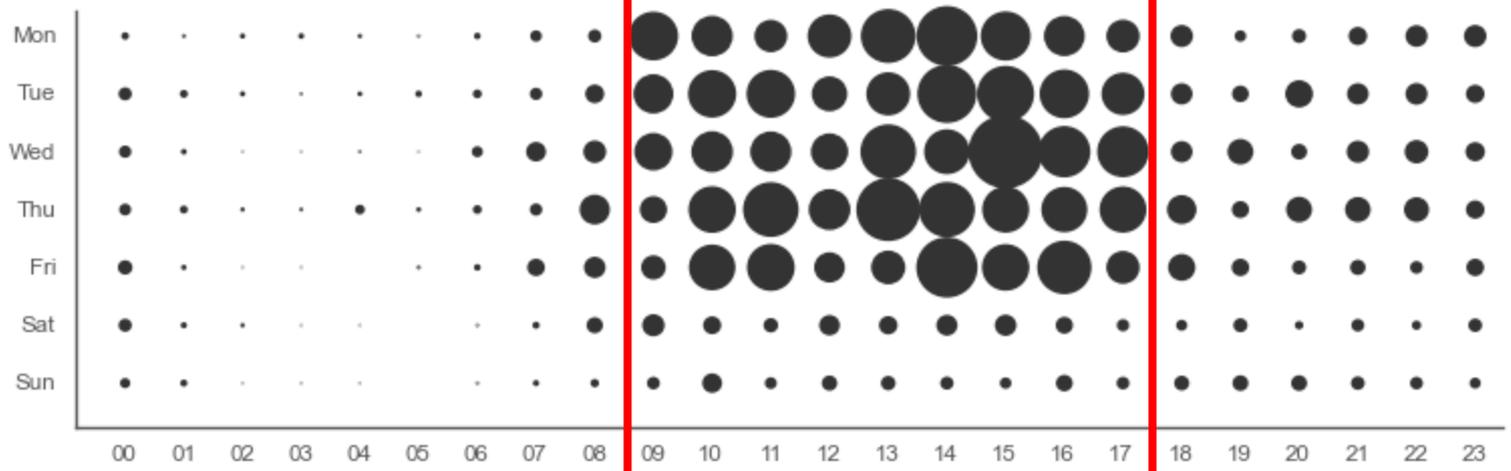
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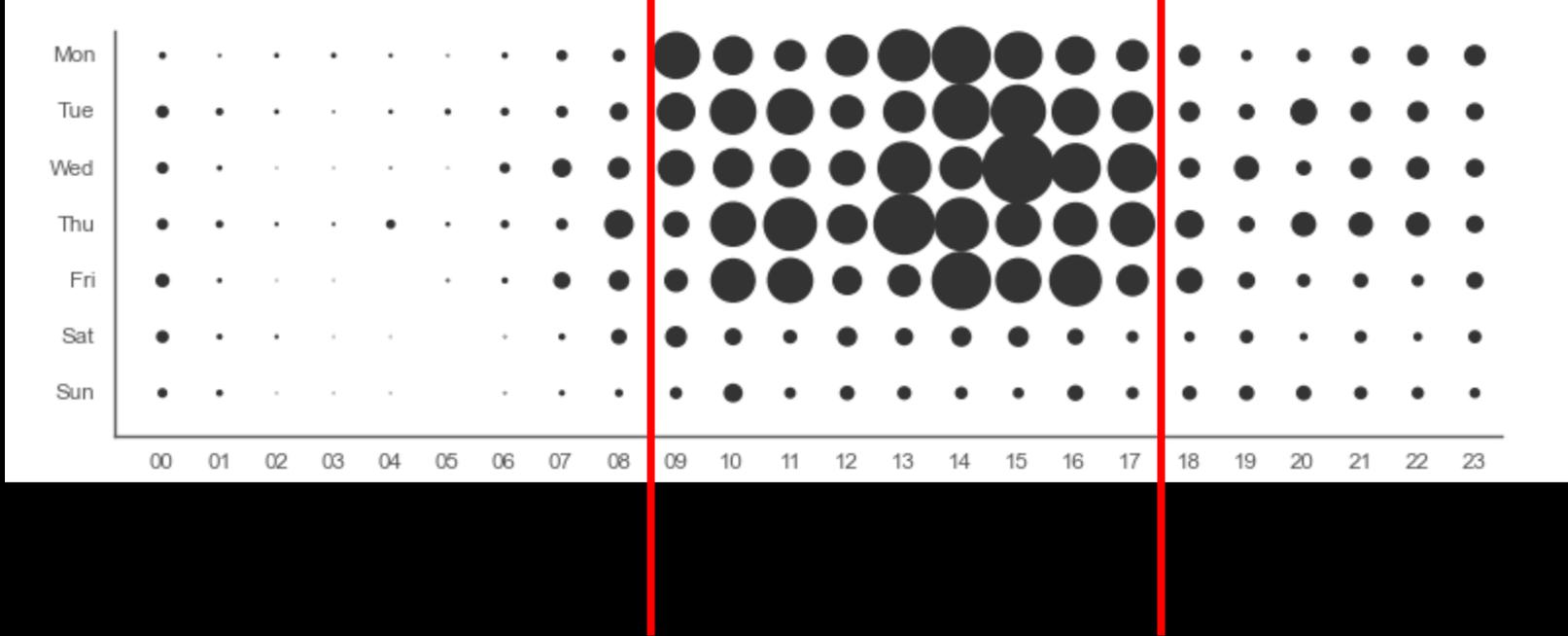
26 Contributors

Up +3 (13%) from previous 12 months

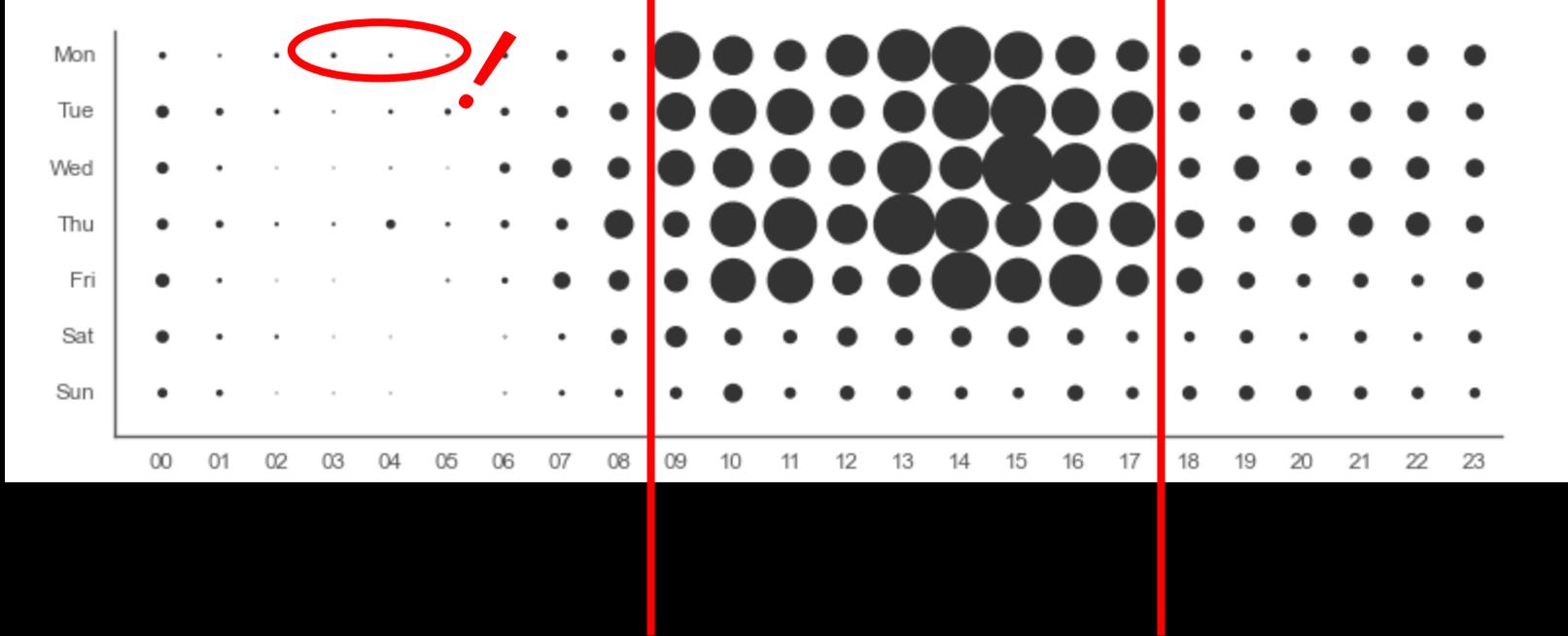
Commits per Month



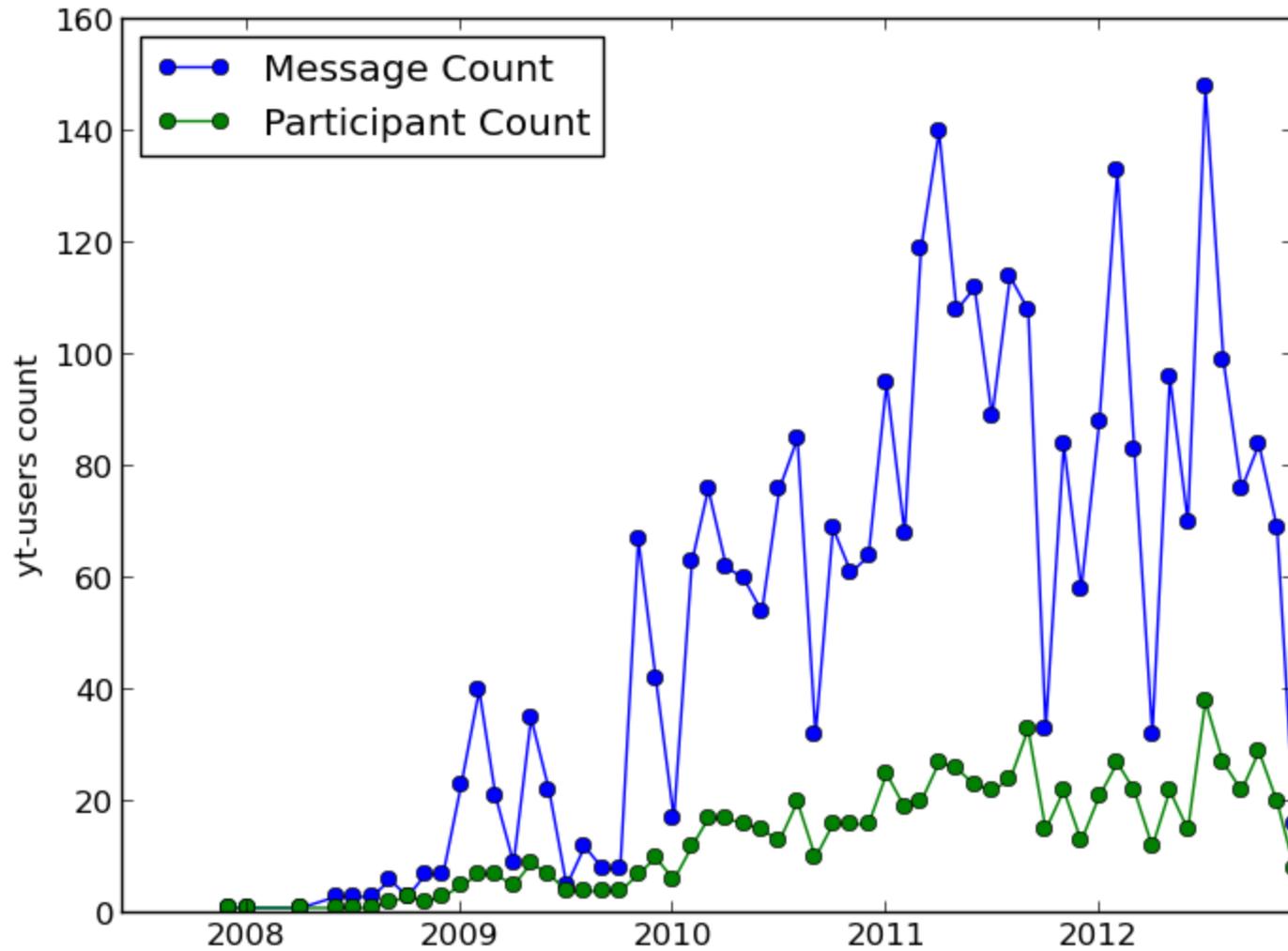


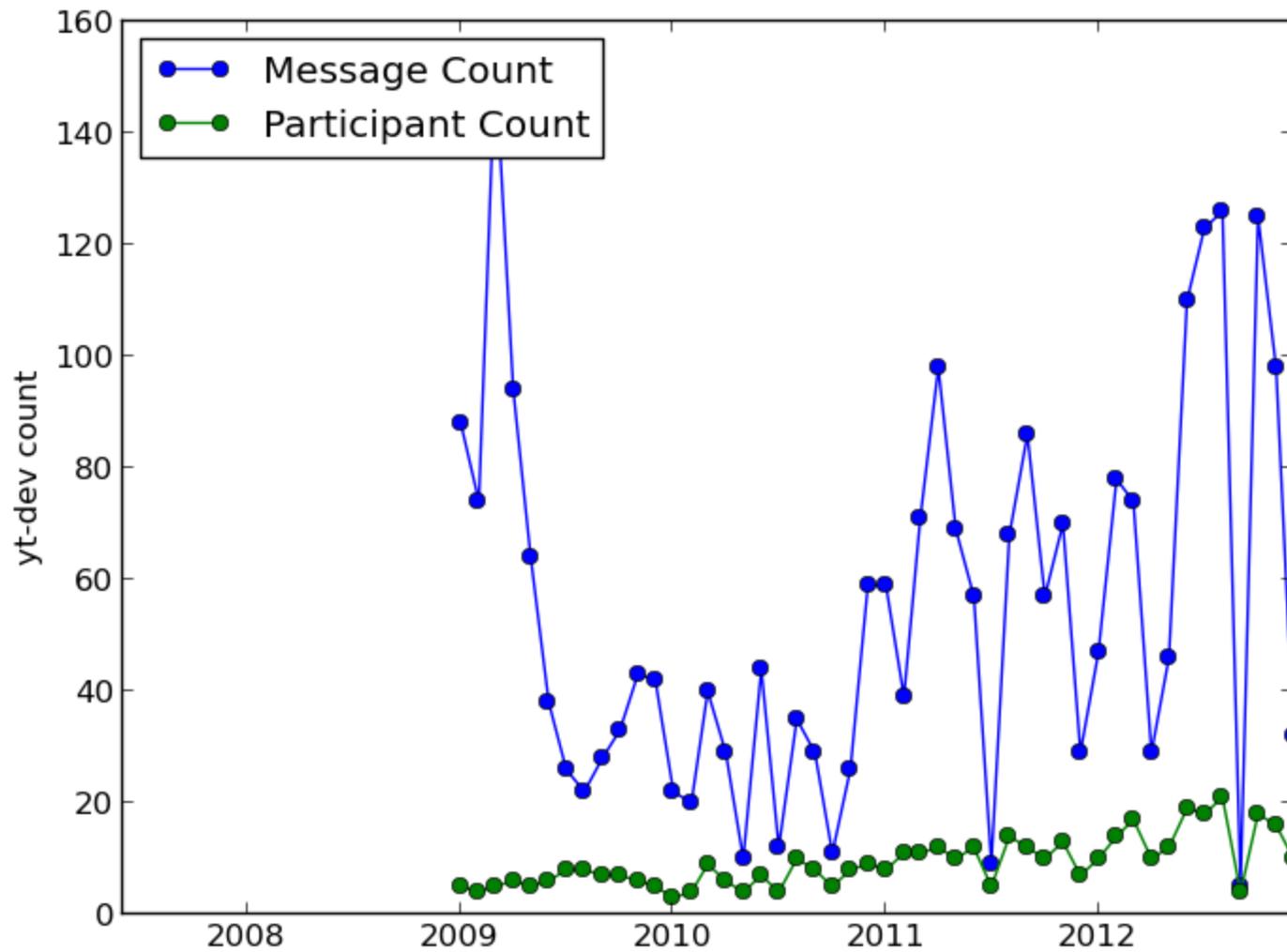


Developed by working astrophysicists.



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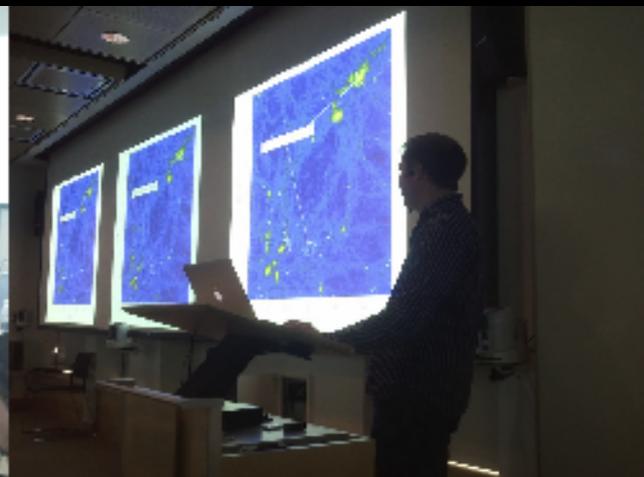


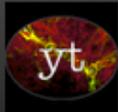
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cdo	1592	101810.32	1	1
gen.v4	1588	391359.18	3	1
cam	1559	45894.90	11	5
yt	1231	121396.69	13	12
sigma	641	24622.21	3	2
grads	541	161510.58	3	1
mm5	400	459.18	4	2
eden	384	42798.52	6	4
grib	346	87726.47	6	2
milc	326	2377.34	3	2
grmhd	303	531167.83	2	3
ncl	259	2675.59	2	2
sses	184	9948.52	1	1
paraview	177	34682.84	8	3
swift	169	2325.34	4	2
visit	101	4869.59	8	8
pop	100	209565.51	3	3
wrf	100	398.94	4	3
enzo	87	24014.62	4	3
tsc	74	105.90	1	1
R	70	24628.78	2	2
partadv	69	2062.75	1	1
a_out	56	158.65	4	4
hsi	48	2716.69	7	5
hmc	45	5.08	2	1
cactus	42	157.10	1	1
ior	42	79503.02	2	2
hy3s	39	53.02	4	3
idl	38	1971.62	6	6
music	29	7032.03	1	1



Usage on XSEDE Nautilus

Szczepanski et al, 2012





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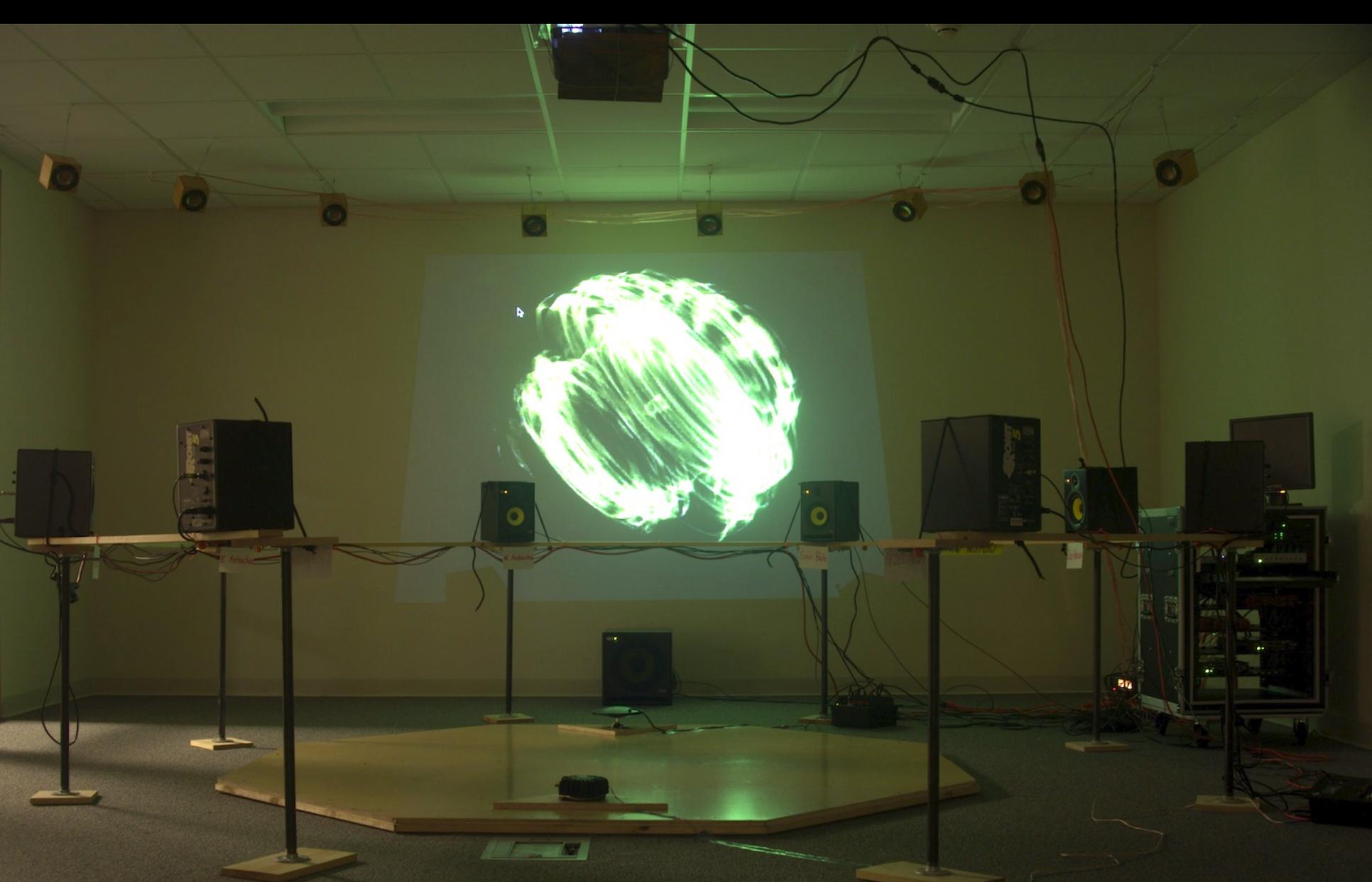
About ytanalysis's channel

by ytanalysis

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Date Joined Sep 27, 2011

Country United States



Moving beyond astrophysics.

Our first major litmus test, a 3.0 release with major infrastructure overhauls, is on the horizon.

"... it seems likely that significant software contributions to existing scientific software projects are not likely to be rewarded through the traditional reputation economy of science. Together these factors provide a reason to expect the over-production of independent scientific software packages, and the underproduction of collaborative projects in which later academics build on the work of earlier ones."

Howison & Herbsleb (2011)

Thank you.

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"Your Community is your Best Feature" by Gina Trapani

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