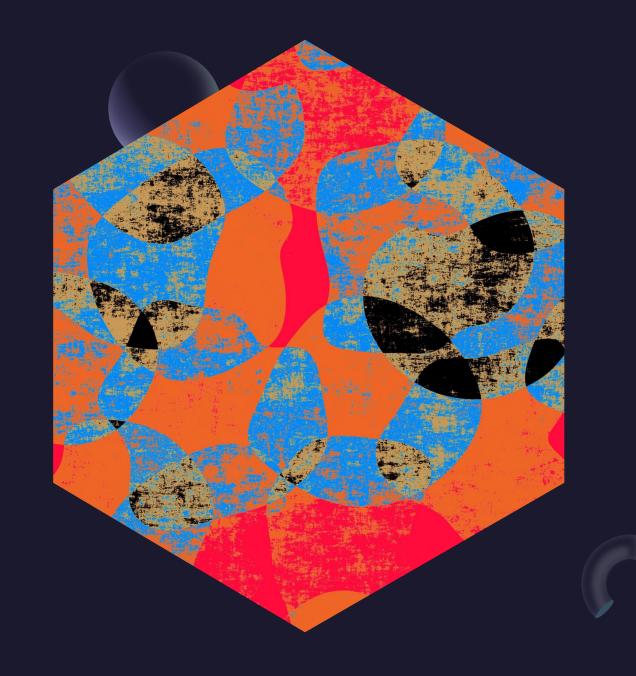
Visualisation in Paraview





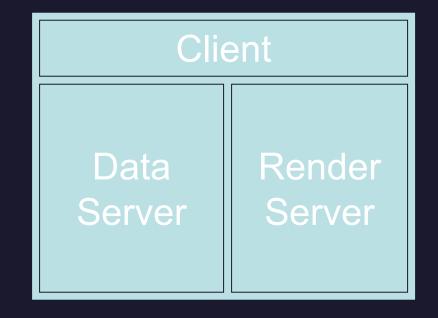


About & Installation

- Paraview is an open-source, scalable, multi-platform visualization application.
- Install from the website: <u>http://www.paraview.org</u>

If you wish to visualize the data from a cluster

- Make sure you download the same version on your PC, as the Paraview module installed on the cluster you are using.
- You should have *direct ssh* access to a cluster.





Client-server mode: Add a server

• Open Paraview on your local machine and add a server by clicking on

Name: Pick a name Server type: Client/Server Host: localhost Port: 11111

- Click Configure.
- On the next screen, set:

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Add Server	Edit Server	Delete Server
Load Servers	Save Servers	Fetch Servers
	Timeout (s) 60 🗘	Connect Close

Choose Server Configuration

Accept by clicking Save and Close.



Client-server mode: Connect Part I

- Ssh into your chosen cluster and load Paraview module e.g. module load paraview/5.6.0/upstream
- Start a Paraview server by running **pvserver**
- Your screen will look as though it has 'hung'.

(base) te307@mn01:~> module load paraview/5.6.0/upstream
(base) te307@mn01:~> OSPRAY_THREADS=8 KNOB_MAX_WORKER_THREADS=8 pvserver

Waiting for client... Connection URL: cs://mn01:11111 Accepting connection(s): mn01:11111

NOTE:

• Sometimes to avoid using openGL, need to specify one of the mesa flags

--mesa-swr-avx2 or --mesa-swr

- For large datasets, it is a good idea to submit a job to the queue and run pvserver with a modified environment
 OSPRAY_THREADS=8 KNOB_MAX_WORKER_THREADS=8 pvserver
- Sometimes someone else would be on default port 11111, you can specify your own by

pvserver --server-port=<your_port> (e.g. <your_port>=11112)

Client-server mode: Connect Part II

- Open a new Terminal window on your local machine.
- Tunnel to your cluster, by running in the new terminal window

ssh -NL 11111:localhost:<your_port> account@computer.ac.uk

- <your_port> is what you specified in the pvserver port command or if using default, then <your_port> =
 11111
- Again, there will be no prompt.

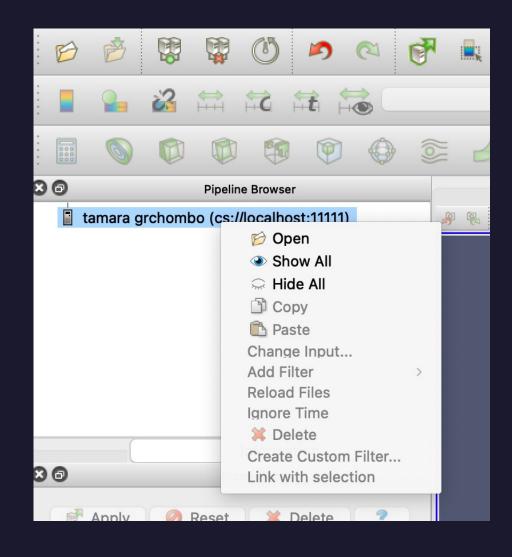
MBP-MacBook:~ macbookpro\$ ssh -NL 11111:localhost:11111 te307@fawcett.maths.cam.ac.uk

Basic Usage: Open a file

- Connect to the added server as described in the previous slides.
- To connect click



- Right click on the sever in the Pipeline Browser on the left to open a file from the cluster (e.g. hdf5 plot files from GRChombo output).
- Choose to open plot files using VisItChomboReader in the next window that appears.

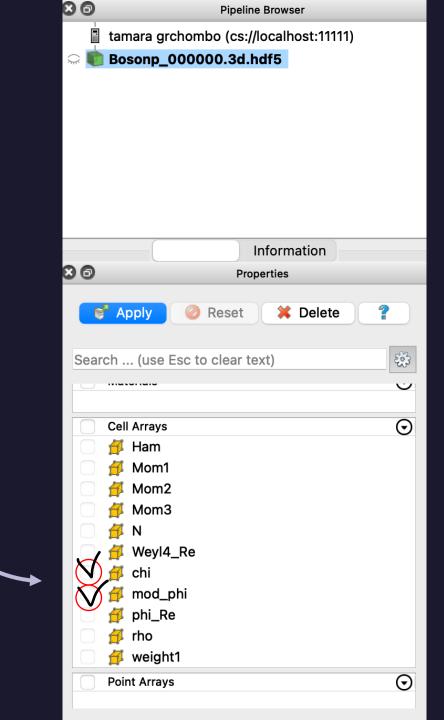


Basic Usage: Variables

• Tick variables to be plotted in Properties window on the left.

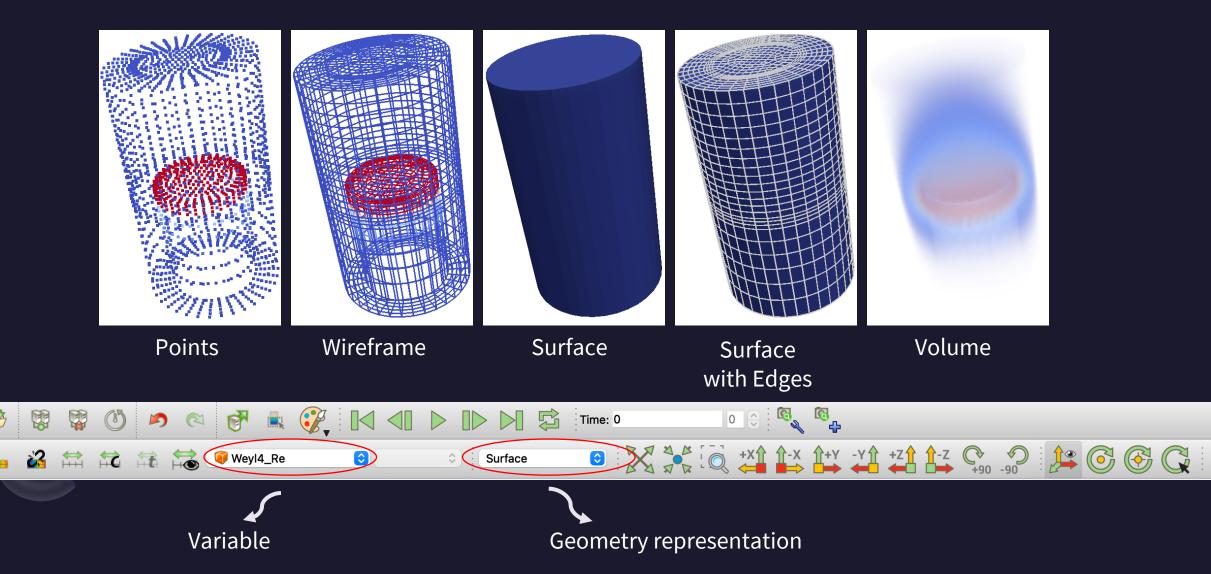
• NOTE

To see anything being plotted, click Apply button. When applying filters, click **Apply** to see any changes. You can enable auto application of changes by clicking

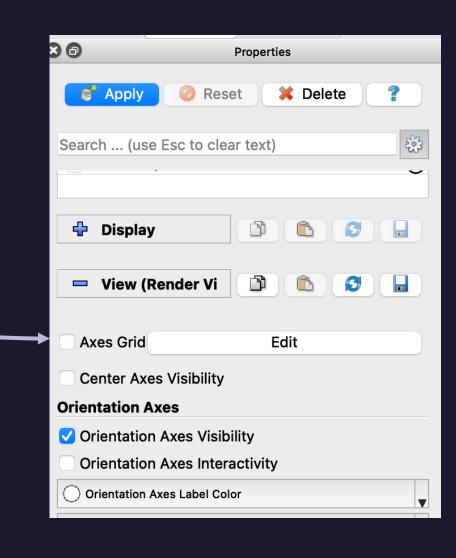


Geometry representation

• For the plotted variable, choose a suitable geometry representation, e.g. surface.



Some useful 'buttons' In properties window on the left • Axes grid • Shade • Enable OSPRay **Edit Color Map button** • Control how data mapped to colours • Choose preset to change the colour scheme



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Common Filters



Filters potentially useful for NR...



• Cell Data To Point Data (Fiters -> Alphabetical -> Cel lData To Point Data)









Shortcut when looking for filters

On Mac

Option + Space

Everywhere else

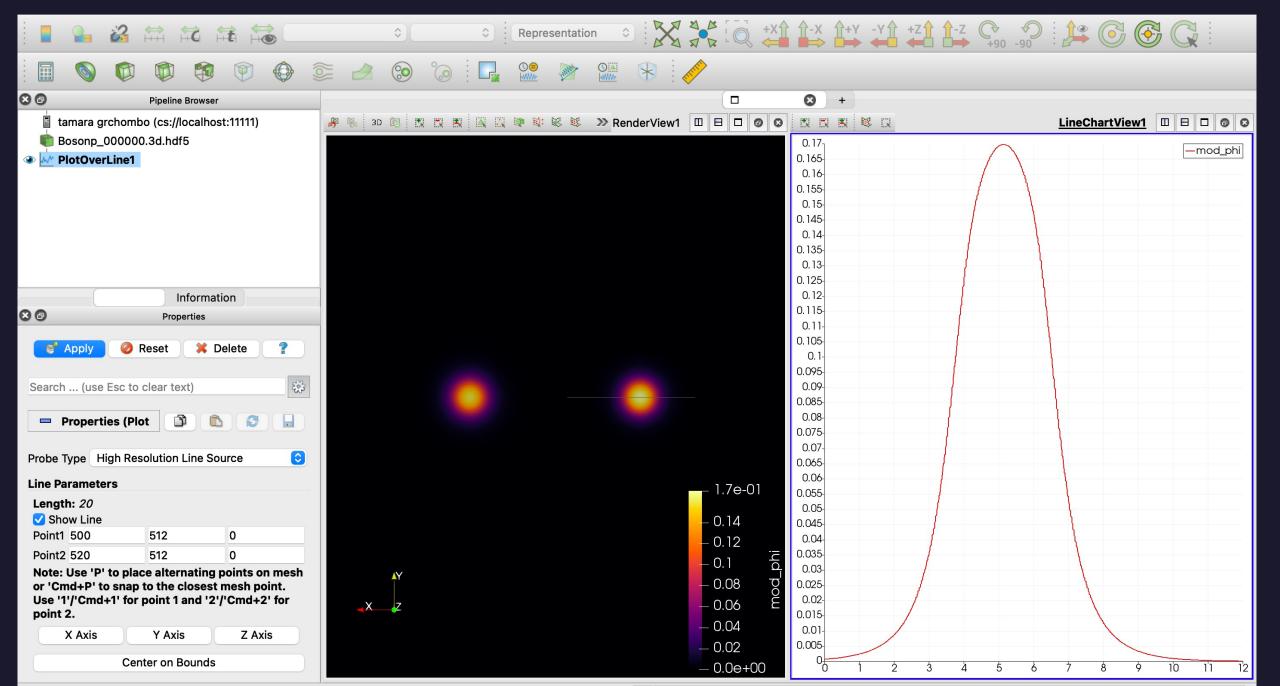
Control + Tab



Example: Plot Over Line

- Choose variable to be plotted.
- Choose appropriate geometry representation .
- Choose Plot Over Line by clicking
- Choose starting point (**Point1**) and end point (**Point2**) along which the variabe is plotted in the Properties window on the left.
- The graph will pop up in the additional window (you might need to split the window horizontally into two for this to happen; for this click on
).

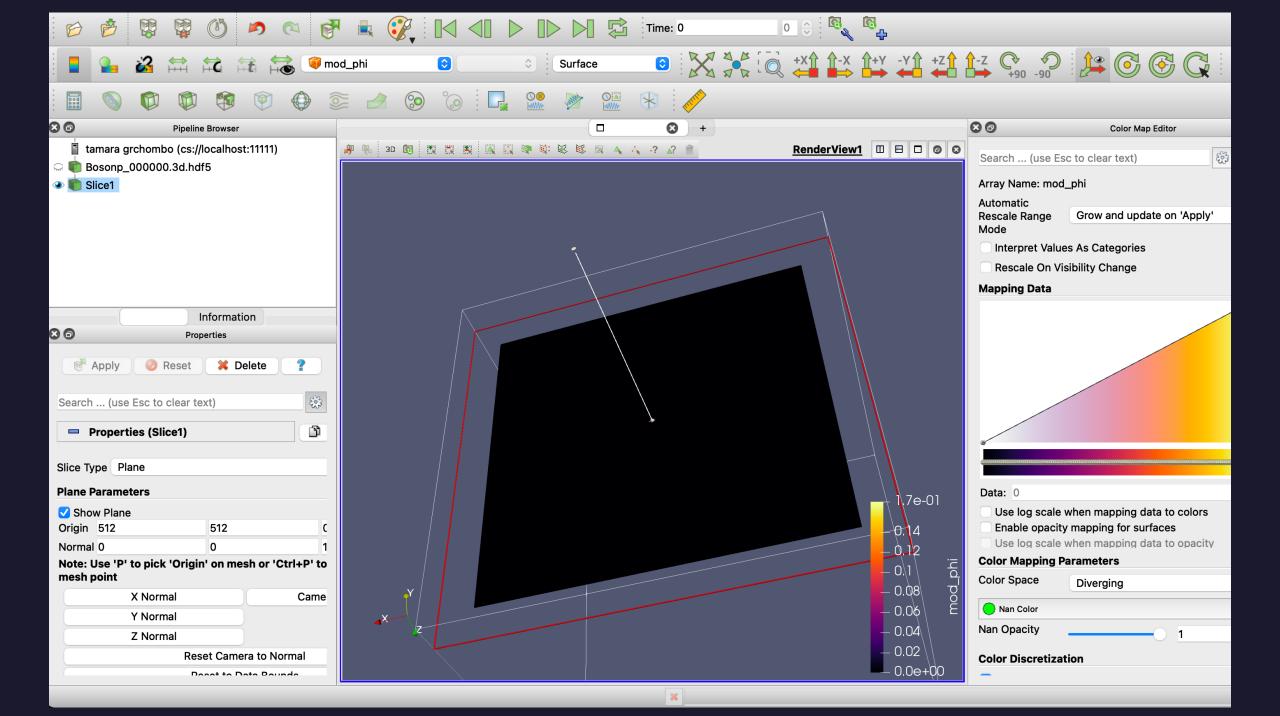




Example: Slice

- Choose variable to be plotted.
- Click on **Slice**
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- Choose appropriate variable and choose geometry representation to be **Surface**
- Choose appropriate **Origin** and **Normal** in the Properties window.
- Tick Crinckle data
- Click Apply

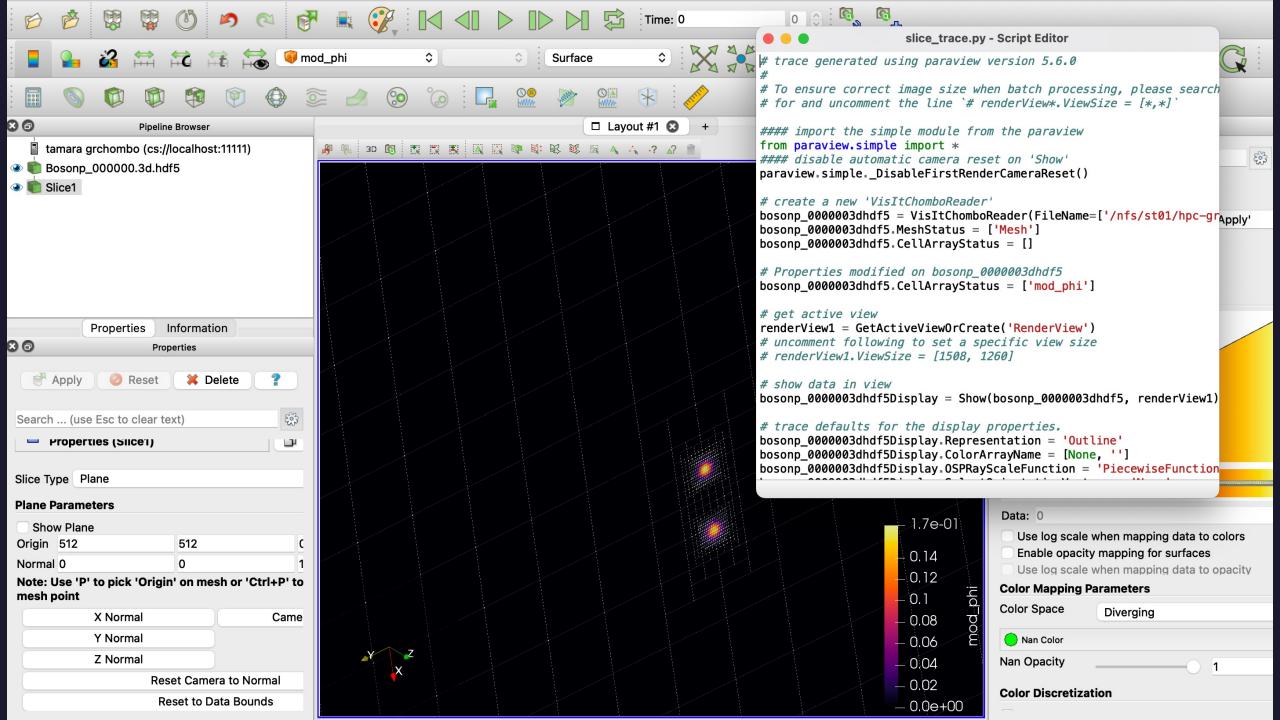




Python with Paraview

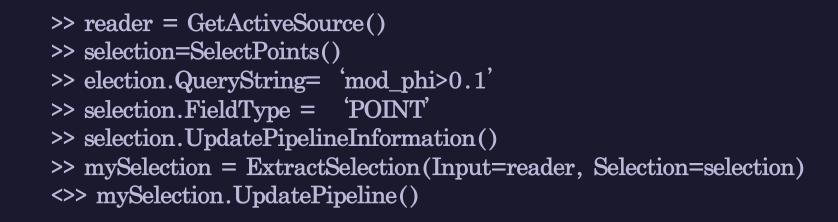
- Best way to learn how it work is to use **Trace**
- The **Paraview GUI's Python Trace** feature allows one to very easily create Python scripts for many common tasks.
- Go to Tools -> Start Trace
- Open file, choose variables, change colors, apply as many filters as you wish.
- When done a Python script will be generated when you go **Tools** -> **Stop Trace**

 If you load data in the same way all the time and use filters, you can save the script as a Macro by going to File -> Save as Macro, which can then be activated in the Macros menu.

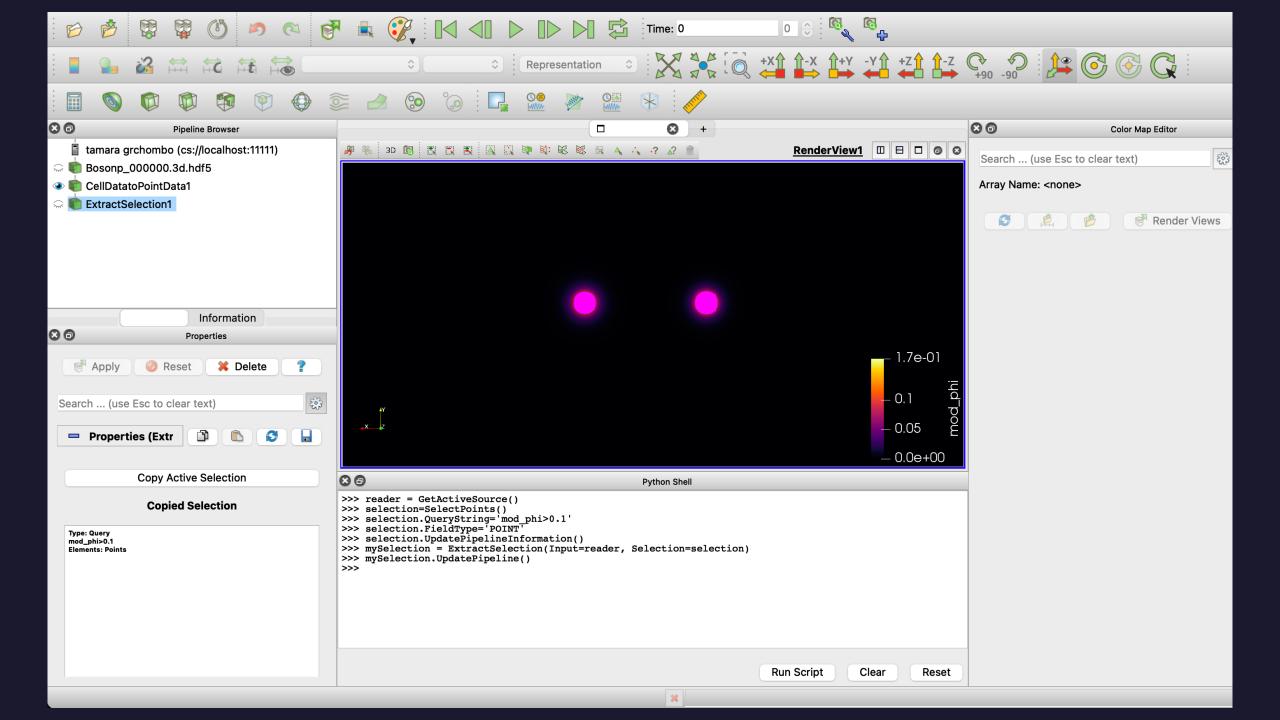


Example: Python script with ExtractSelection

- Choose a variable to be plotted.
- Go to Filters -> Alphabetical -> Cell Data To Point Data
- Click Apply
- Choose the variabele to be plotted and the geometry representation.
- Go to View -> Python Shell
- Python shell will pop up where you can type in the code now.







Useful resources

• PDF manual with examples

https://www.mn.uio.no/astro/english/services/it/help/visualization/paraview/paraviewtutorial-5.8.1.pdf

• Manual pages for different versions

https://kitware.github.io/paraview-docs/latest/python/index.html

• Amelia's instructions on how to connect to server (example on Fawcett cluster)

https://github.com/GRChombo/GRChombo/tree/training/fawcett_amelia

