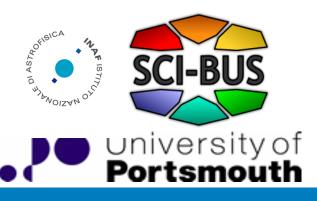




# The sustainability plan of VisIVO

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## **VisIVO Project**

- Multidimensional Data Exploration ->
  - Visualization of unknown data characteristics
  - Searching for:
    - Outliers
    - Characteristic regions
    - Special properties
- Astrophysical dataset 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...



## **VisIVO Family**



#### **VisIVOServer**

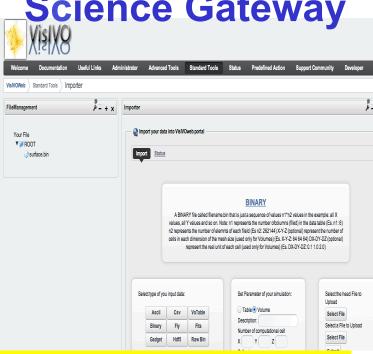
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**Linux Mac Windows** 

VisIVO
Science Gateway



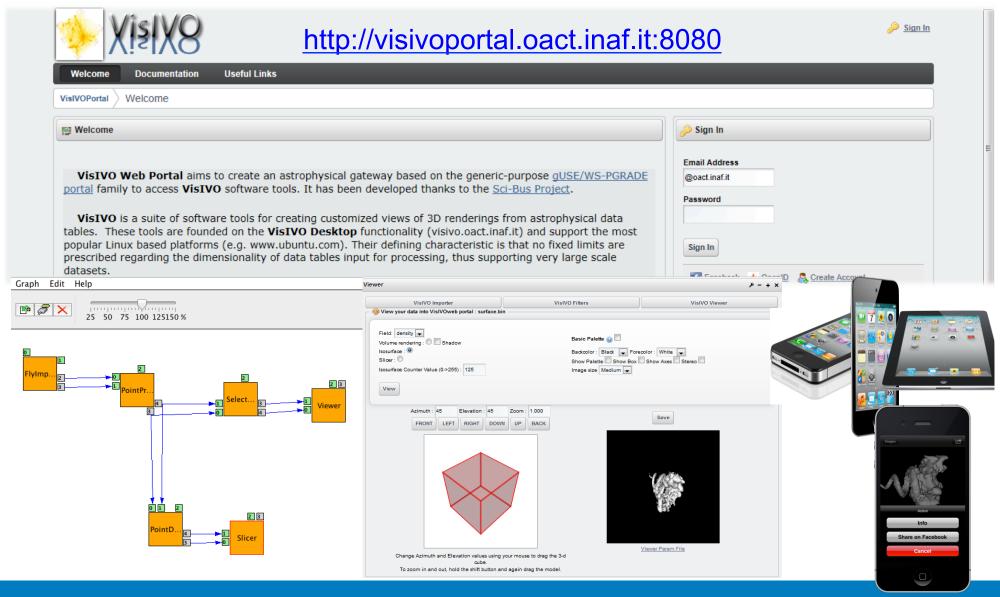
# VisIVO C/C++ Library

Closely integrated, complementary and independent!





# VisIVO Gateway



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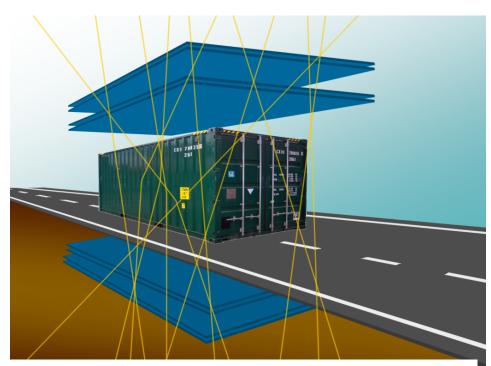
#### VisiVO. Muon Portal Project (TOK): an example



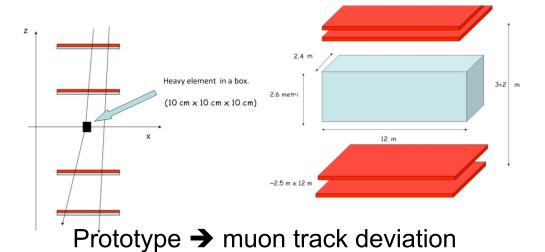
- Over 120 million vehicles enter the United States each year.
- Many are capable of transporting hidden nuclear weapons or nuclear material.
- Currently deployed X-ray radiography systems are limited because they cannot be used on occupied vehicles and the energy and dose are too low to penetrate many cargos.
- We will build an equipment that overcomes these limitations by obtaining tomographic images using the scattering of cosmic radiation as it transits each cargo container.

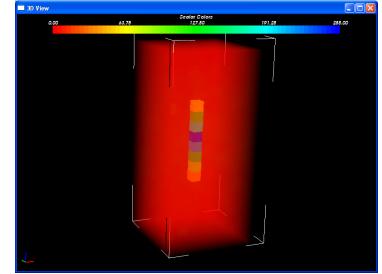


# VisIVO. Muon Portal Project (TOK): an example



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.



#### **MAIN POINTS**

- ✓ PROJECTS & MAN POWER
- ✓ ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- ✓ CONTRIBUTING PATCHES
- √ ISSUE TRACKING
- ✓ DOCUMENTATION
- ✓ DISSEMINATION & OUTREACH



#### **VisIVO - Projects**

EDGI (ended in August 2012)

EGI-INSPIRE (end 2013)

SCI-BUS (end 2014)

ER-FLOW (end 2014)

INAF-UoP (TBD end 2015)

Muon Portal (end 2014)

INAF LONG/MEDIUM TERM PLAN ACTIVITY



**INAF** 

3 Staff Pers. + 3 Temp. Pers.

**UoP** 

1 Staff Pers. + 1 Temp. Pers.



#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

**Users:** software usage, bugs report, requests asking new features and suggestions (approx 50)

Contributors & Committers: source code patches, new code, individual modules (approx 10)

Maintainers: merge of contributions, bug fixing, new development branches, etc. (4 people)

Project Lead: INAF OACT: Ube +

Aco

#### **Contributing Patches**

The contributed patches are normally submitted via e-mail

Mailing List: two public mailing lists hosted by sourceforge.

- VisIVO Users list
- VisIVO Developers list



#### **Issues Tracking**

Four tracks will be soon available

**Bug Reports:** for software bug fixing tracking and management

Support Requests: end-users needs and assistance

Features Requests: collecting and processing feedback

Patches: a drop box for end-users supplied code patches

#### **Documentation**

User Documentation: it is provided through sourceforge. It includes examples and test-cases

#### **Developers User Guide:**

Although it is not difficult to modify/extend the VisIVO code, a developers user-guide will be provided.



#### **Dissemination**

**Referred Papers: more** 

than 10 on

Specialistic Journals in

the last 5 years.

Conferences: 2/4 per

year

**Contributed Papers: 2** 

per year

**Portal (Science** 

Gateway): Not limited to

the Scientific Community

#### **Outreach**

Common Citizens: International

**Competitions** open to scientists and common citizens (commercial activities)

→ To increase the number of users and to open our participation in new projects.



#### **VisIVO:** Business Model Evaluation

Scientific Support: New Scientific Communities: Data Exploration Features and Infrastructures (grid and HPC) that can be used by many researchers in different fields... and <u>simple to use</u>

**Industry:** Participation to Industrial/Commercial projects (e.g. Muon Portal / Spin-off)

#### **Outreach:**

2,000 students in UK, 1,600 students in Italy









#### **VisIVO: Business Model Evaluation**

# Maintenance costs They are correlated to the target end users

- Astro Community: Low maintenance costs: 1 FTE provided by INAF
- Other scientific communities (CompChem, Particle Physics, etc.): 1
   additional FTE to be hired through participation to funded research
   projects during the development/porting phase. Man power contributed by
   target communities to support maintenance.
- Industry/Commerce: A spin-off project is under discussion. The start-up phase will require 1 FTE provided by INAF. In the second phase the spinoff should be able to auto-sustain through its commercial activity.
- Outreach: it is a fundamental mission of INAF. Projects like Intech activity could be funded through 0.5 FTE provided by INAF. An efficient outreach activity in this phase opens new opportunities in Horizon 2020.



#### Conclusions

- VisIVO offers a <u>rich set of functionalities</u> for data visualization and exploration
- It is now <u>a multi-disciplinary tool</u> with an expanding community of end-users
- The increase of the community of end users will have a <u>positive impact on the long-term</u> <u>sustainability</u>
  - More users whose scientific production rely on the tool
  - More feedback and contributors
  - More chances to get funds to maintain the tool
  - New projects that adopt the tool to achieve its goals

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#### Conclusions

- The group that originally designed and developed VisIVO will continue to maintain it and to add new functionalities
- Part of the members of the group who maintain VisIVO are <u>staff personnel</u> of INAF
- New projects and e-Infrastructures that choose to use VisIVO means new opportunities to get fresh resources partly invested in maintaining the tool

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