

Visualising JUPITER Hydrodynamic Simulations using Paraview and VTK

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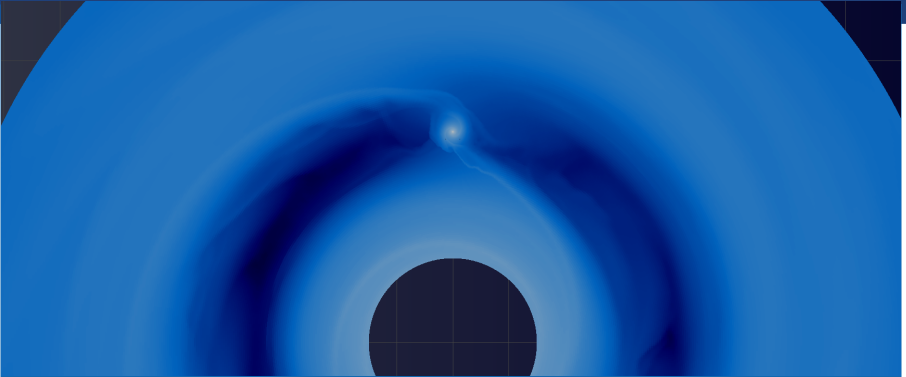
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- The goal of this project was to process data from the JUPITER simulations and create effective visualisations for studying the outputs.

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1. JUPITER
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Density field of a protoplanetary disk.

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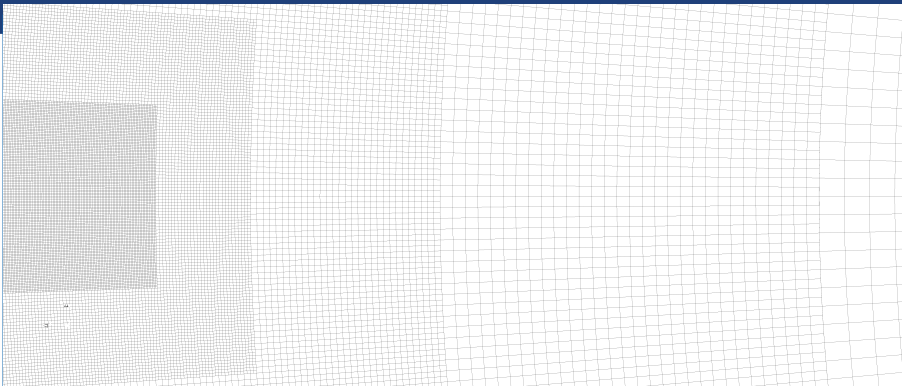
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Adaptive mesh grid used in JUPITER simulations

Data Processing

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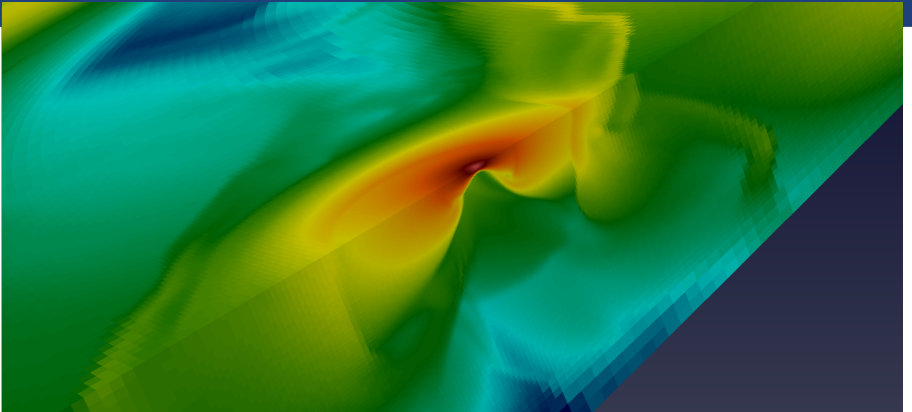
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- Hydrodynamic fields were converted to CGS units, and velocity vector fields were transformed from spherical to Cartesian coordinates



3D Visualisation using Paraview

Visualisation

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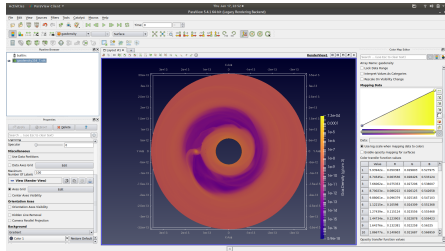


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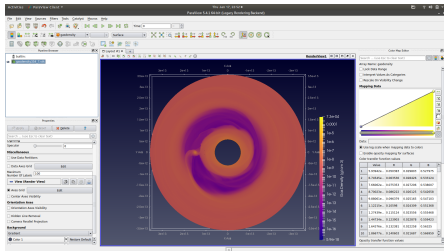


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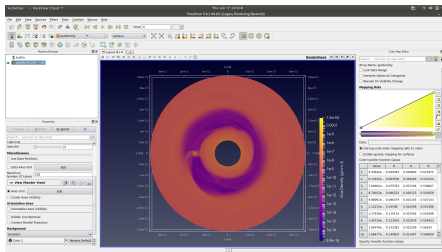


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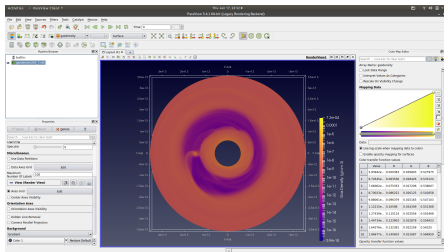
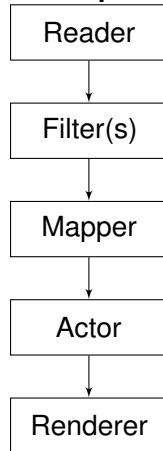


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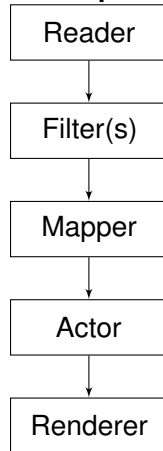
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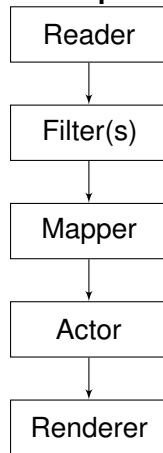
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- In addition, the Python VTK libraries can be used to convert VTK files to numpy arrays, which can be used to generate publication quality plots using matplotlib.

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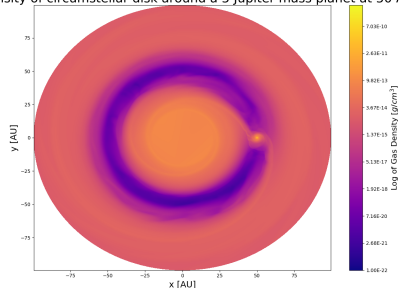


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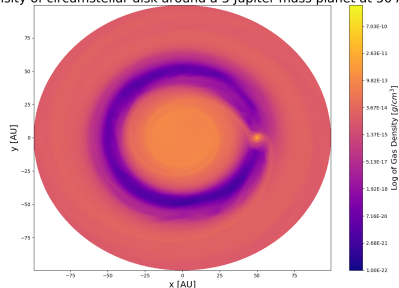


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- However, this method is of limited use, as many matplotlib functions require regridding of data, which results in large (many GB) memory usage.

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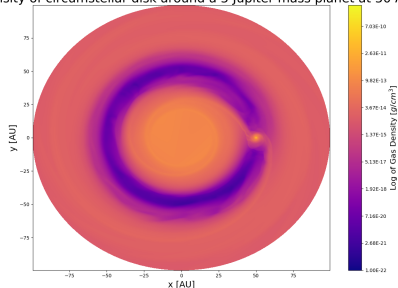
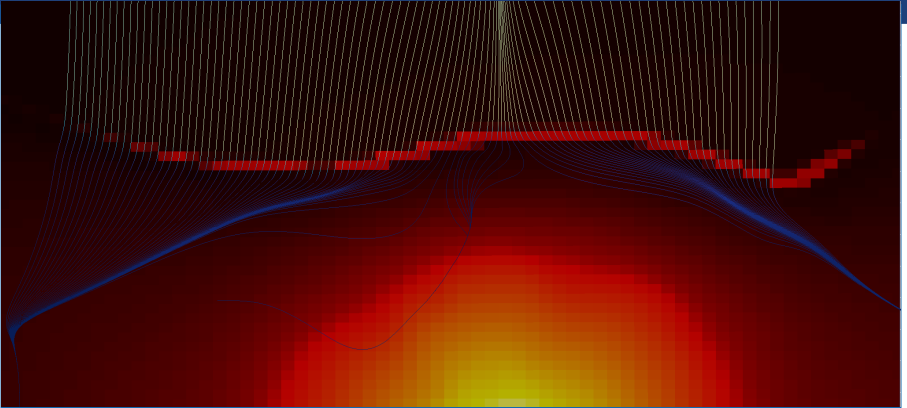


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Science Results

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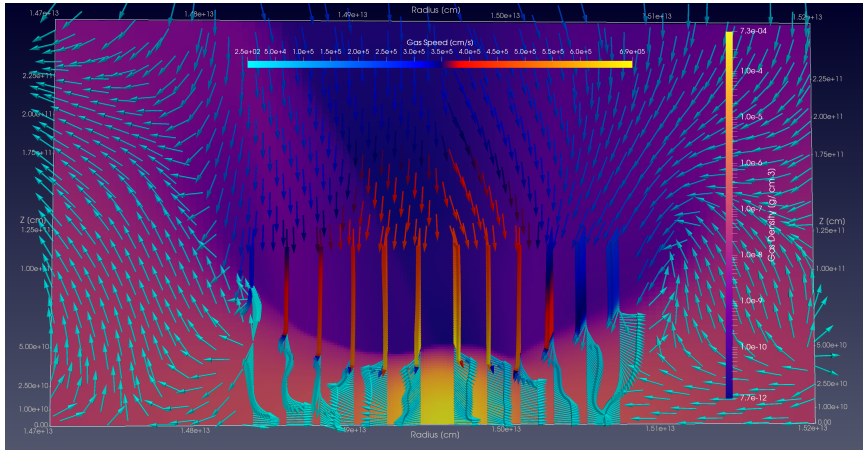


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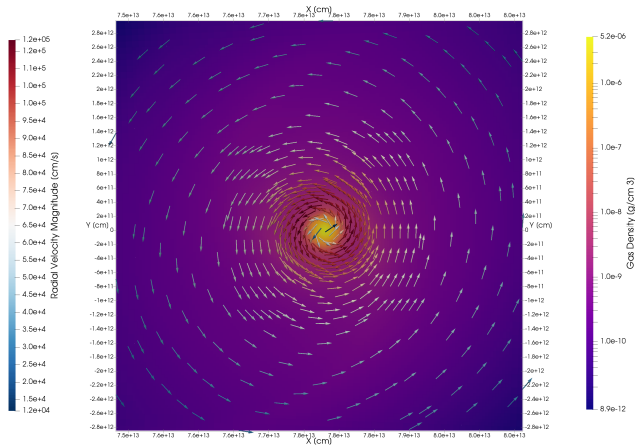


Figure: 5 Spiral outflow of the circumplanetary disk. Velocities are projected onto the xy plane.

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- At 20 planet radii, where inflowing and outflowing gas meet, a dust trap is formed, providing a location for planet formation [8].

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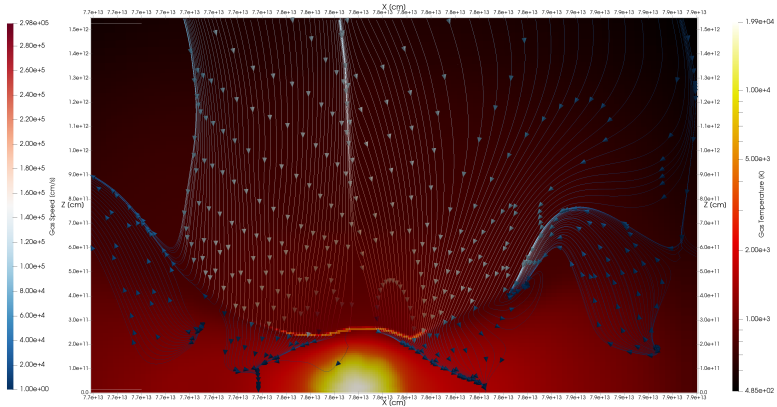


Figure: Infalling gas shocking on the upper boundary of the CPD.

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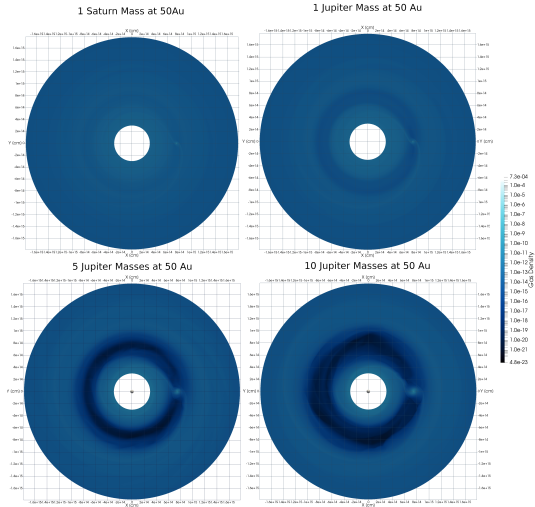
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- This high temperature shock may induce ionization of the inflowing gas, though this is dependant on the planet mass (and therefore the speed of the incoming gas).

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- Observable disk features can help derive the properties of embedded planets, therefore it is worth studying them further.

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Code

`https://github.com/nenasedk/JUPITER_VTKFileConversion`