

OpenScienceSim: An Infrastructure for e-Science based on the 3D Internet and NII's Cyber Science Infrastructure

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Objective

Our objective is to develop a foundation for e-Science 'workbench' on virtual world. The framework is composed of advanced communication, collaboration, and facilities for participatory science based on the an online three dimensional world like environment or immersive virtual worlds.

Approach

We make use of existing data from a diverse set of application areas including astrophysics, molecular science and we also utilize the computing facilities such as NAREGI Grid infrastructure to build e-Science workbench.

e-Science Workbench

Astro Users

Specialists/laymen in stellar dynamics (IAS, Princeton, NAOJ, Caltech, MIT, etc), MICA group, KIRA group

Bio Users

Researchers in molecular modeling & dynamics (e.g. Saarland University)

All Users

Researchers and students around the world

Anyone – with an ordinary computer and Internet connection – can engage in e-Science, anytime, from anywhere

Live collaboration in e-Science education

Powerful multimedia visualization and interaction

Increases awareness of environmental issues by allowing anyone to experience the consequences of behavior choices in the environment.

Platform for **Participatory Science**: not only experts, but also general public can easily contribute to scientific discovery and innovation (=democratization of e-Science)

Bridges the gap between large-scale data and users.

Covers a diverse set of application areas

Contributes to the vision of an eco-friendly society by replacing movement by digital alternatives without sacrificing the quality of social communication

INTERNET

Persistent Environment

Astrophysics

Globular star cluster

I think it was a 4-body interaction

Or, two single stars meeting a double-star simultaneously

Collaborative exploration, discovery, and understanding

Interactive labeling of star by color

Multimedia Interaction

Easy Access

Molecular Science

This is Salicin. Can you convert it to Aspirin?

I will try. What is this molecule?

Collaborative molecular visualization & modeling, and understanding

Collaborative Scientific Visualization

SINET3

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INTERNET

Cray XT4



国立天文台
NAOJ

Star cluster evolution

Simulation data

NII-Chiba

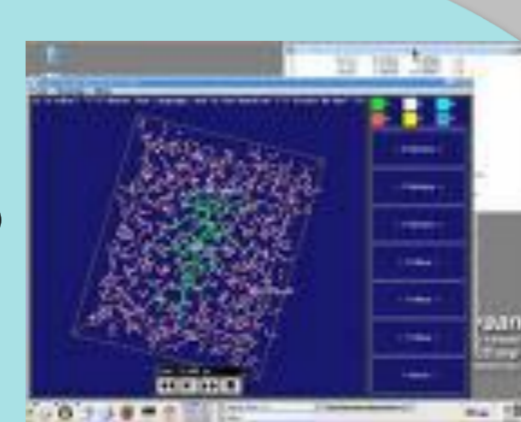


Galaxy Formation

NAREGI Grid Environment

Computing Simulation data

GROMACS

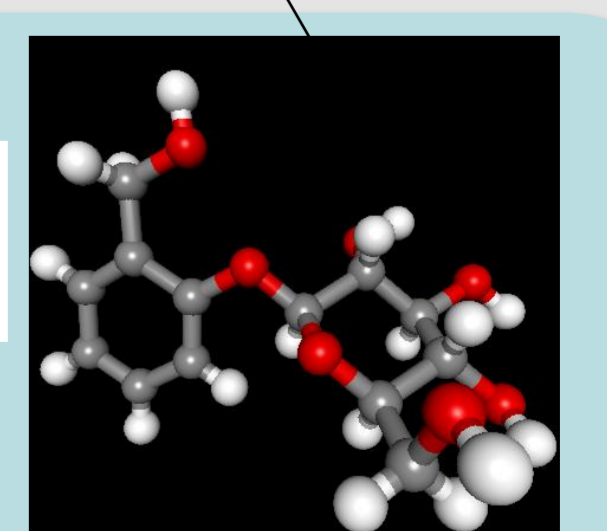


Molecular Dynamics Computation



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BALLView



Single-user molecular modeling tool

Molecular modeling

NII

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