Muon Galaxy – an open web platform for computational muon science

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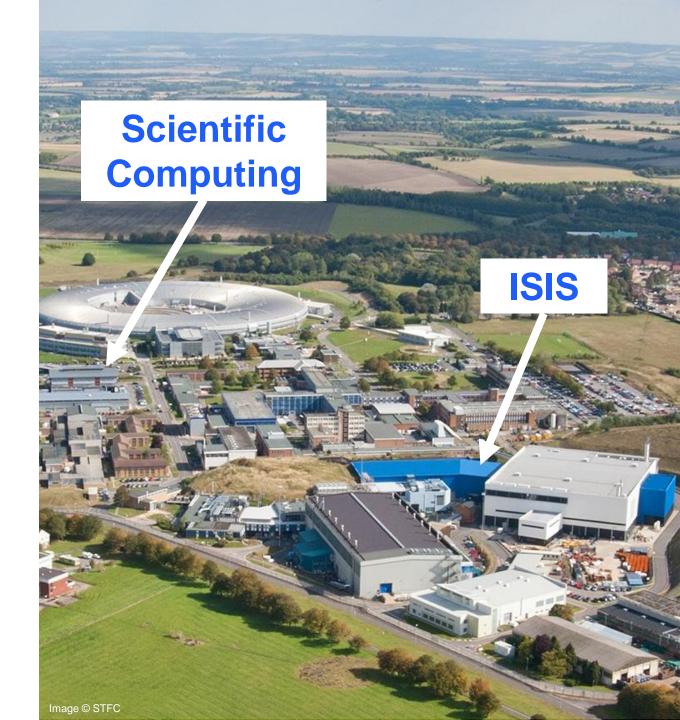


Muon Spectroscopy Computational Project (MSCP)

Collaboration between the Scientific Computing Department and the ISIS Muon Group at STFC RAL

Creating a sustainable, accessible, and open source ecosystem of tools for muon science





MSCP Tools

- pymuon-suite model muon stopping sites, phonons, and quantum effects
- muspinsim model spin dynamics of systems containing a muon
- mudirac muonic atom Dirac equation solver
- Muon Galaxy GUI for the tools above (and more)



Galaxy and Muon Galaxy



Galaxy: open source web platform for data intensive research

- Run complex workflows without programming experience
- Share and publish data, workflows, visualisations
- Well established in life sciences domain
- Works at scale: Galaxy Europe instance handles ~2m jobs/month

Muon Galaxy: extends Galaxy to include tools for muon science





EuroScienceGateway



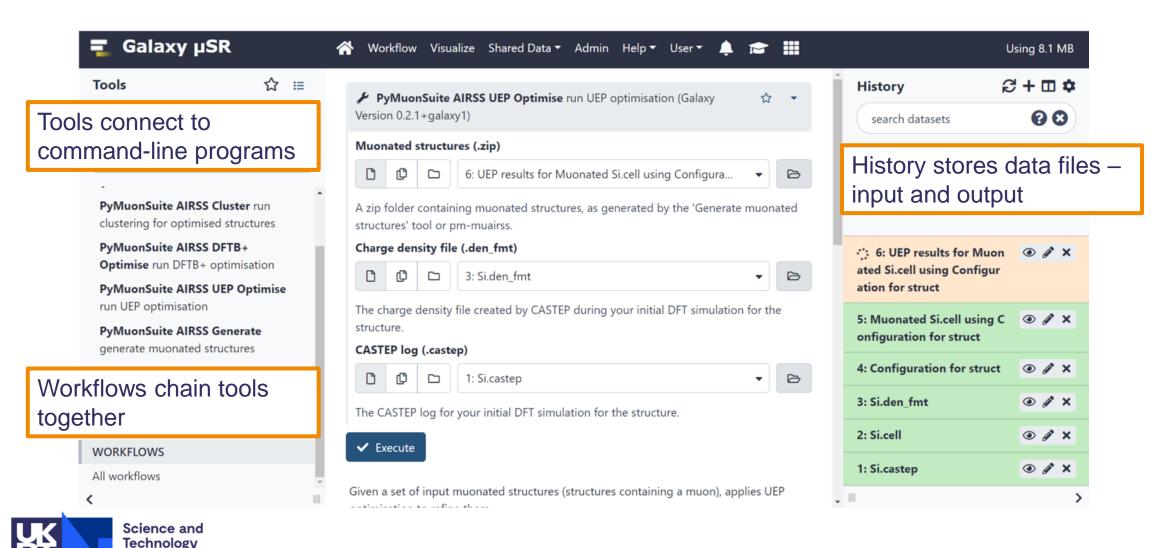
Horizon Europe project, WP5 focused on extending Galaxy to new domains, including materials science

Muon Galaxy: extends Galaxy to include tools for muon science AND

Materials Galaxy: Galaxy Europe subdomain for materials science

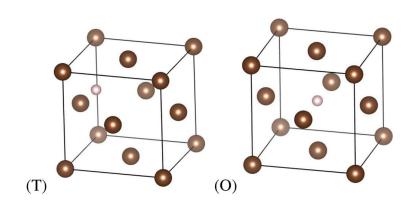


Muon Galaxy graphical interface to muon science tools

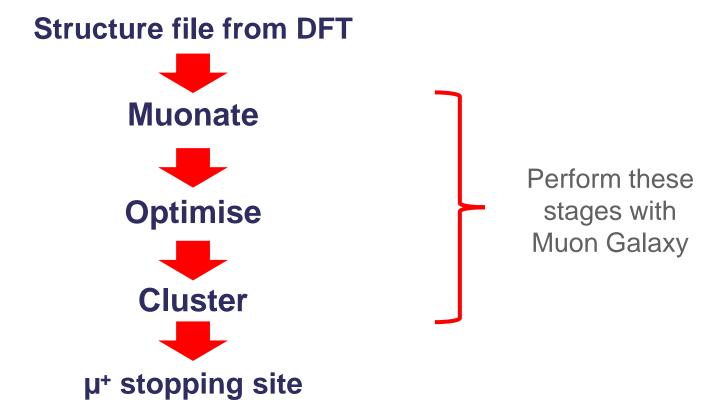


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A Muon Simulation Workflow



Example: crystalline metallic copper. Small pink dots are muon stopping sites





Demo

Recorded by Anish Mudaraddi



Benefits of Galaxy



Adding tools is easy

- 1. Write an XML file to configure the tool
- 2. Publish on the Galaxy 'Tool Shed' repository
- 3. Install on any Galaxy instance!

No need to write any web UI – Galaxy renders the tool form automatically according to the XML.

Support from tutorials, best practices, and Galaxy community ©



Reproducibility

Tools and workflows are versioned

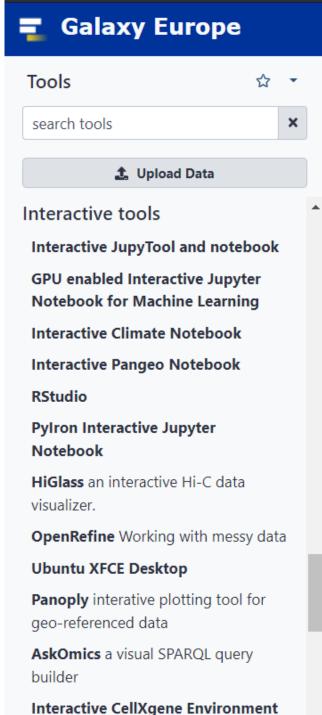
- Tools run in pre-built containers with the relevant dependencies
 - jobs can be rerun with exactly the same environment
- Histories can be made public & importable by others via link
- Workflows can be published and given a DOI



Interactive Tools

- e.g. Jupyter Notebooks with custom environments
- Run in containers on the server
 - Read and write to/from the Galaxy history
 - Can use multiple interactive tools at once
 - Closing the browser tab doesn't stop the tool you can navigate back to it later
- Include in workflows just like any other tool





Tutorials

- Galaxy has excellent tutorial infrastructure
- Slides & tutorials configurable as Markdown files
- Videos created alongside
- Community experience running training workshops
- Tutorials for developers and admins too!





Further Galaxy features

- Dataset collections run jobs on collections of many files
- Pull reference data from external databases
- Run multi-core jobs on a compute cluster or HPC
- Administration automated configuration with Ansible
- Subcommunities / subdomains for climate, genomics, ecology... and materials!



Other users of Galaxy for materials

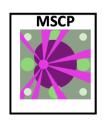
- Oak Ridge National Lab neutron scattering analysis using supercomputer resources
- X-ray Imaging of Microstructures Gateway (XIMG) supporting users of Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) with tools for X-ray scattering analysis



Upcoming Development

- More tools & workflows e.g. mudirac
- Tutorials for MSCP tools & workflows
- Improve crystvis-js visualiser
- Underlying Galaxy platform is always improving
- Build the community around materials science in Galaxy





Thank you



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