Simulations in a Science Platform





Overview

- SciServer, a science platform @ JHU
- Data
 - Databases
 - files
- Services
 - Applications
 - Special database functions
- Use in WFIRST Archive Science Investigation Team
 - E.g. STIPS (<u>http://www.stsci.edu/wfirst/science-planning-toolbox/stips</u>)
- Possible role for theory IG?





Links

- <u>http://www.sciserver.org</u>
- <u>https://apps.sciserver.org</u>

Astronomy



Cosmological Simulations

E.g. Millennium Run

- 500 Mpc/h
- 10¹⁰ particles
- 8.6 10⁸ M_{sun}/h
- ~18 million halos
- ~300GB/snapshot

Springel etal 2005





Millennium Run Observatory

Raw data: Particles





Mock light-cone catalogues

- Use periodic boundary conditions
 - Blaizot etal (2005)
 - Kitzbichler & White (2006)
 - Henriques etal (2012, 2015)







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SkyMaker (E. Bertin, 2008)

- Ideal image: bulges and disks
- Inclination and PA from model
- Adding own PSF, noise etc





Taking it one step further... Source Extracting from Simulated Images



Simulated image

SExtractor segmentation image

courtesy Roderik Overzier

Source Extracting from Simulated Images Color-color plot Lightcone vs. Recovered



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Interoperability? Standardization?

- Many surveys use simulations for testing pipeline and software
- Generally produced by own teams
- Rarely reuse existing simulations
- Can these be used by others
- Same for "virtual telescopes" and other postprocessing software

Proposal

- Contact big surveys
 - Some already active in IVOA
- Get info on their simulations and testing pipelines
- Would they be interested in sharing?
- If so, find commonalities in data and tools if any
 - Looking for interoperability
- Science platforms will likely play an important role
 - Analysis must be done close to the data
- Role for SimDB?