

RAMSES GPU

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Context:

- In modern astrophysics, hydrodynamical *N*-body simulations play a pivotal role in testing theories
 of galaxy formation and evolution.
- The need for a deep understanding of the involved physical processes drives the demand for simulations with higher spatial resolution.

Computational Challenges:

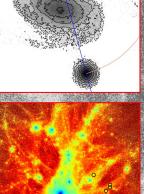
- As spatial resolution increases, computational demands escalate dramatically, posing a significant challenge.
- Addressing this challenge requires innovative solutions to optimize and accelerate computations.

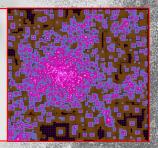
GPU Optimization Strategy:

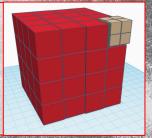
- An effective strategy involves porting and optimizing specific, time-consuming modules of N-body hydrodynamical codes onto GPU architecture.
- This optimization aims to significantly reduce computational time and enhance the efficiency of simulations.

Application to (MINI)RAMSES:

- Focusing on the (MINI)RAMSES code, known for its Eulerian nature and specialization in cosmological simulations.
- (MINI)RAMSES, written in Fortran90, uses Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR), dynamically increasing spatial resolution in regions meeting specific criteria (e.g., mass density).



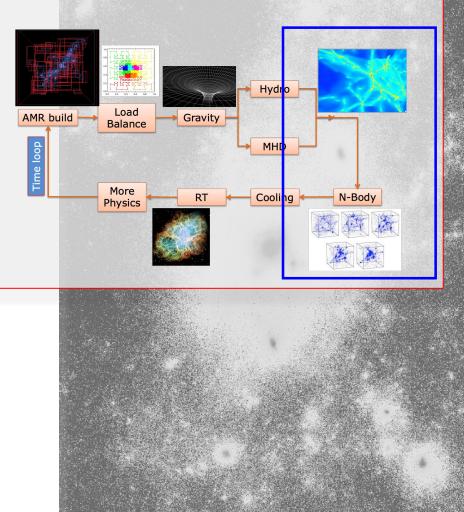




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how RAMSES works

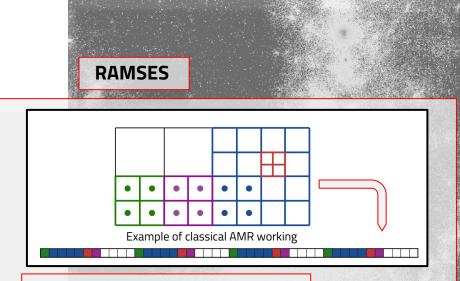


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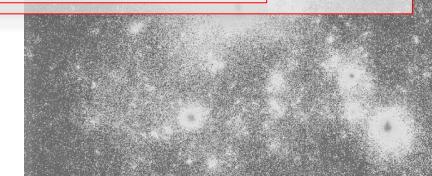
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Not suited for GPU porting



- Identification of cells suitable for refinement
- creation of grids with higher resolution
- Refined cells saved in non-contiguous memory



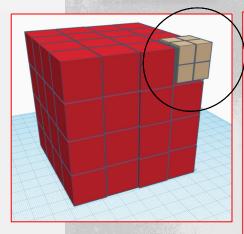
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Moved to **MINIRAMSES** with a better optimization of AMR, **designed for GPU parallelization**

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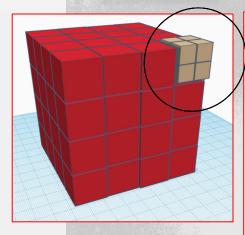
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Identification of two main parts of the code suitable for GPU porting: *N*-body + Hydro

The **porting strategy** is based on:

- OpenACC directives to parallelize time-consuming loops and critical code regions;
- applying optimization techniques such as memory management, kernel optimization, and reduction of communication between CPU and GPU;
- profiling methods.

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Timescale and milestones

Analysis and Preparation:

Investigation of MINIRAMSES to identify sections suitable for GPU parallelization

- partially done (hydro and Nbody)

GPU porting and parallelization of hydrodynamical modules

Identification of suitable modules to port on GPU (*partially done - Profiling*) Implementation and run of suitable tests (hydrodynamical sedevo3d test). Evaluation of initial performance and identification of any issues or bugs Optimization of the code on GPU to maximize performance

Testing phase (Hydro)

GPU porting and parallelization of Nbody modules

Identification of suitable modules to port on GPU Implementation and run of suitable tests (cosmological simulation)

Testing phase (Nbody)

Integration (Nbody and Hydro):

Integration in principal version of the code Execution of tests to evaluate scalability

Accomplished work - KPIs (presentation during hackathon) May 2023 - August 2023

Project started during June 2023, taking advantage of the **hackathon event @ Cineca**

Focus on MINIRAMSES, abridged version of RAMSES designed for GPU porting

CPU implementation

GPU implementation

Accomplished work

- Identification of modules hydrodynamical modules to port on GPU.
- Partial GPU porting using openACC directives.
- Generation of profiling data to assess code performance before and after the porting.
- Analysis of code performance on the GPU, especially memory transfers.

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Problems:

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- unable to make nvtx work



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