

MIC-GPU: High-Performance Computing for Medical Imaging on Programmable Graphics Hardware (GPUs)

Extensions and Final Remarks

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Interactive Visualizations

Standard axis-aligned slices

Rapid reconstruction affords quick injection of more involved visualizations/renderings:

- arbitrary slices (non-axis aligned slices) → 3D slicing
- 3D X-ray views from arbitrary view points
- full 3D volume renderings

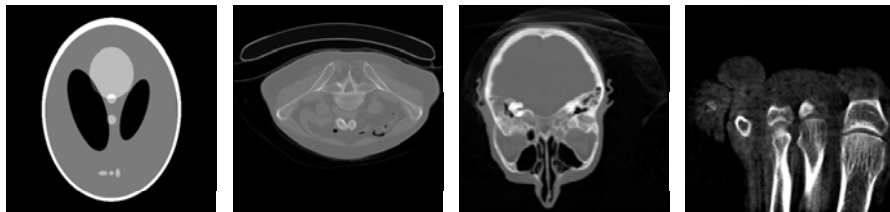
All have been shown to run at 20-30 frames/s

- recall, GPUs are meant for graphics
- data is already in texture memory
- simply load another kernel into the shaders
- frames (projections) produced for visualization have similar costs than frames (projections) consumed for reconstruction

Streaming CT

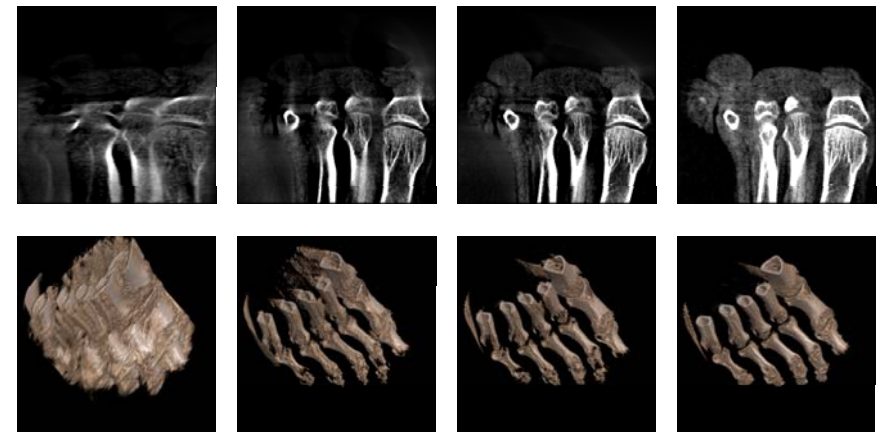
Reconstruct (consume) incoming (produced) projections without buffering

- from 360 1024² projections to a 512³ volume at full floating point precision
- as shown, latest GPUs can achieve 30 projections/s reconstruction speed



Streaming CT With Direct Visualization

Watch the object evolve as it is acquired

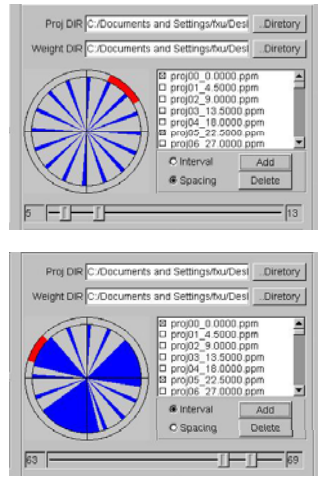
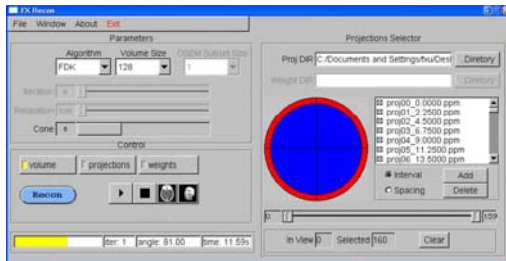


CT Reconstruction Cockpit

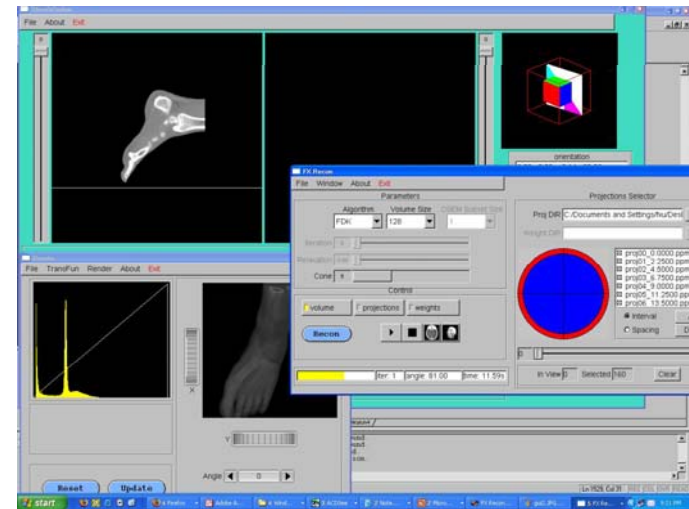
Edit/tune on the fly:

- parameters
- projection sets
- algorithms

Couple with 2D/3D visualizations



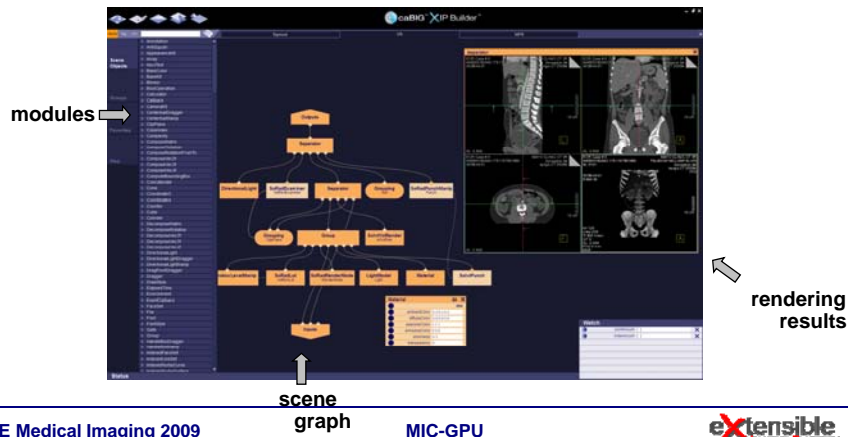
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Rapid and Extensible Software Development for Medical Imaging

eXtensible Imaging Platform:

- visual programming tool supporting interactive design of 2D/3D imaging pipelines and scene graphs
- open source environment with a host-plugin structure
- ITK/VTK/DICOM support



High-Performance Computing

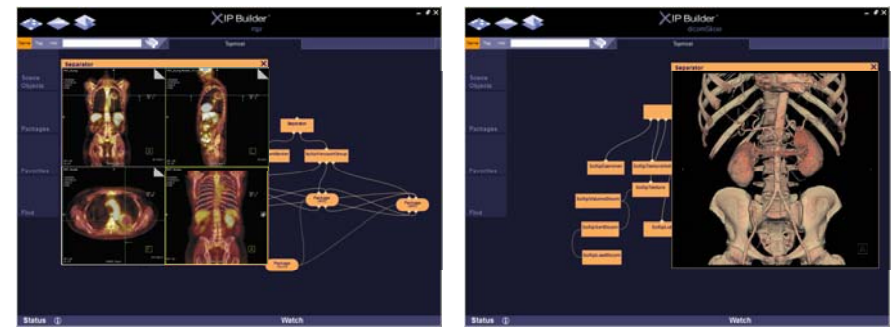
Leverages the processing power of modern GPU graphics cards

Fully programmable using the GLSL language

Great flexibility for researchers to implement new image processing ideas

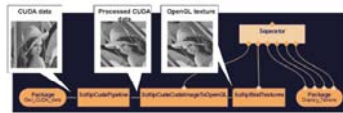
Showcase: programmable 3D volume rendering and MPR

- supports multiple volumes fused in the same scene
- synchronized 3D navigation of oblique MPR planes

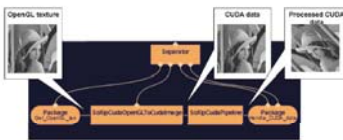


CUDA Integration

Easy integration of existing CUDA kernel programs
 Global memory management for both CUDA and mixture memory;
 Provide CUDA-accelerated algorithms (distance transf., PDE solver, etc.)
 Check MICCAI HPC workshop 2008 paper
 "Scene graph-based construction of CUDA kernel pipelines for XIP"



(a) Output data from the pipeline engine is used to create OpenGL textures.



(b) OpenGL textures are used to create CUDA data which is processed by kernels in the pipeline engine.



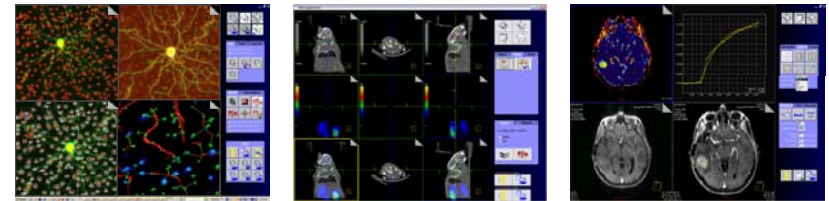
Demonstrated Value of XIP Platform

Ongoing projects based on Open XIP – Government & Academia

- caBIG Open Source imaging libraries and XIP Builder Tool
- caBIG AVT Project (Algorithm Validation Toolkit)
- DoD TATRC/ACR's Interoperability in Medical Imaging
 - DARPA deep-bleeder acoustic coagulation
 - Beth Israel Intraoperative Fluorescent Imaging
 - NTR01 Optical Imaging for Drug Therapy Monitoring
- caBIG AIM Project (Annotation Imaging Markup based on XIP) - Northwestern Univ.
- CenSSIS collaboration with RPI on Cellular Imaging for XIP
- UPENN collaboration on multi-resolution histopathology

Check documents and download from:

https://collab01a.scr.siemens.com/xipwiki/index.php/Main_Page



In Vitro → Pre-Clinical → In Vivo

Final Remarks

Have shown that:

- GPUs are an excellent and very flexible platform for CT reconstruction
- GPUs are bound to become even more attractive for this purpose
- additional advantages provided by excellent visualization capabilities
- CUDA and CTM provide a more intuitive programmer interface for MIC-GPU computing
 - thread management
 - memory management
 - access to more generalized computational resources
 - but without the extra benefit of super-fast interpolation, rasterization, texture interpolation, clipping, culling, etc

Final Remarks: Recap

Introduction

Graphics-style GPU programming with CG

GPGPU-style GPU programming with CUDA

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CT reconstruction pipeline components

GPU-accelerated CT reconstruction

Extensions and final remarks

Further Information

Check at <http://www.rapidCT.com> for latest:

- tutorial updates
- fragment code samples
- executable applications of all routines (soon)
- applications
- publications
- contacts info
- community news and feedback

Any Questions?

