

A 3D visualization of a human torso, likely a CT scan reconstruction. The image shows the skeletal structure and internal organs in a reddish-brown color. A blue wireframe mesh is overlaid on the body, highlighting the complex geometry of the internal structures. The background is dark, making the 3D model stand out.

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sense and simplicity

3D Visualization @
Philips Healthcare,
interventional X-Ray

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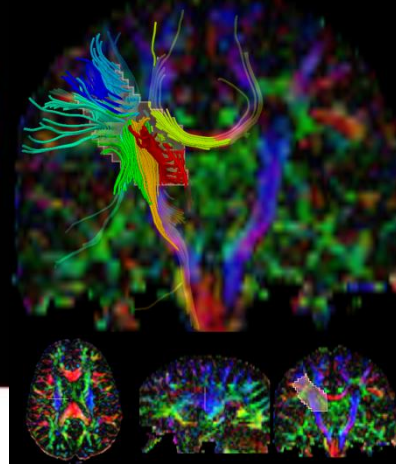
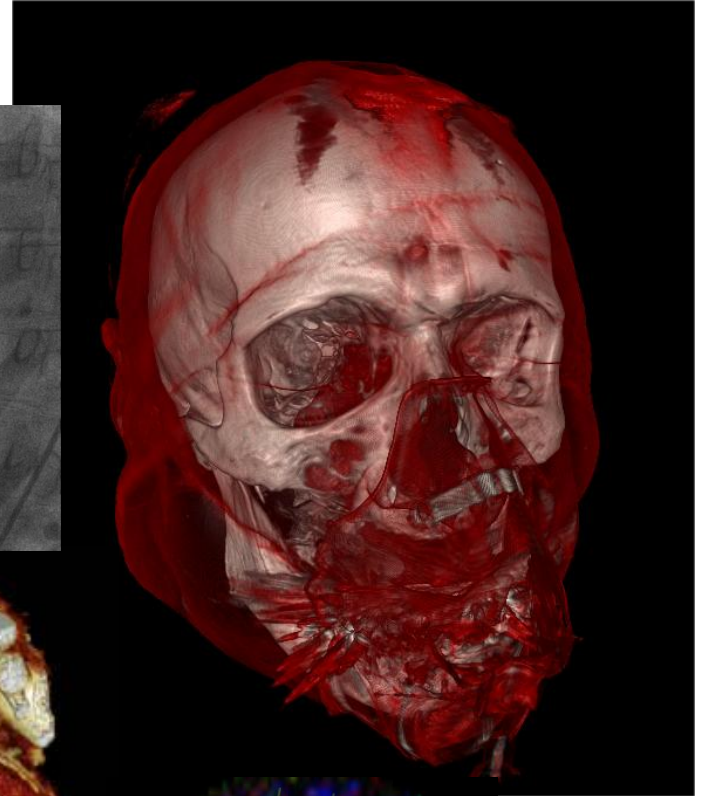
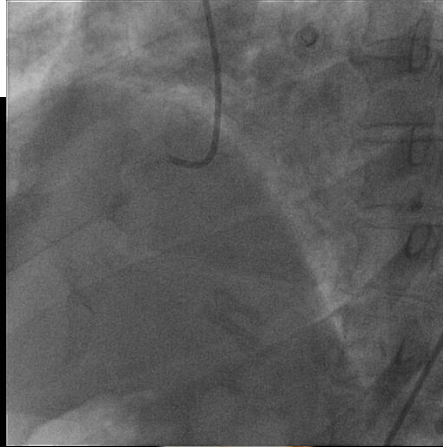
Introduction

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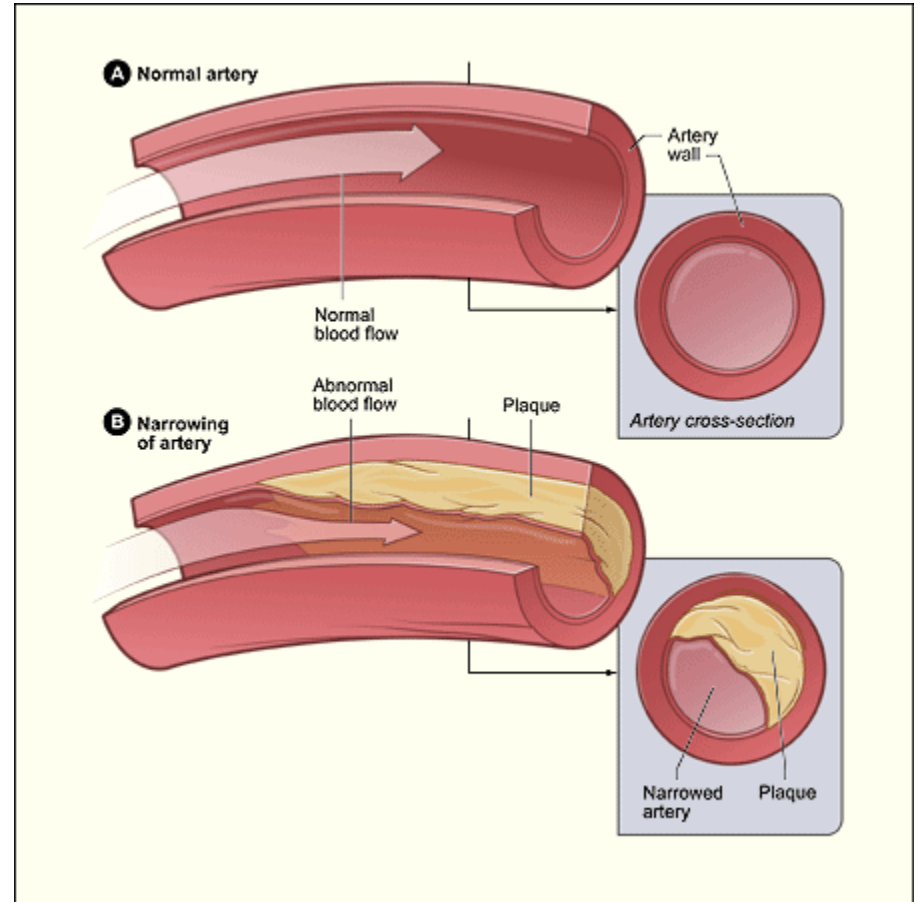


Produces image data



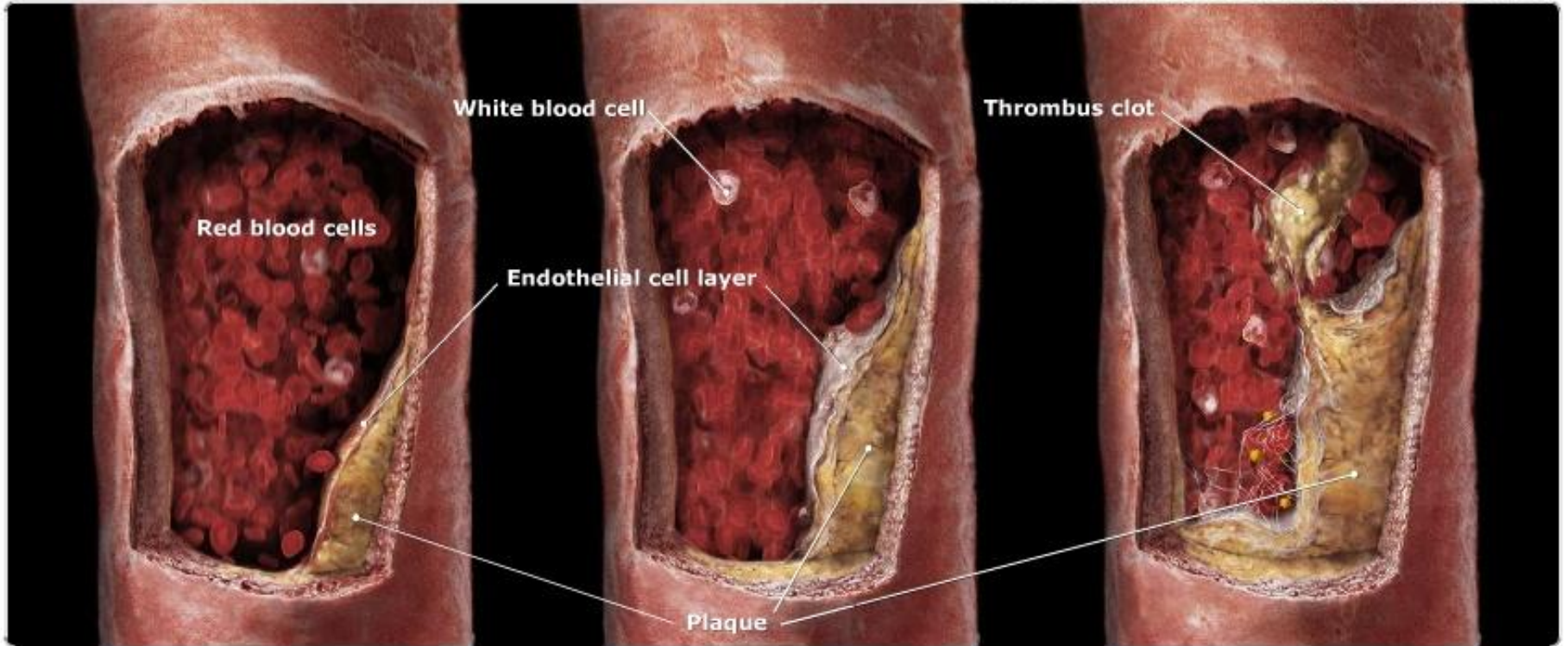
What is Coronary Artery Disease?

- Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) is a condition in which plaque builds up inside the coronary arteries. These arteries supply the heart muscle with oxygen-rich blood.
- Plaque is made up of fat, cholesterol, calcium, and other substances found in the blood. When plaque builds up in the arteries, the condition is called atherosclerosis.

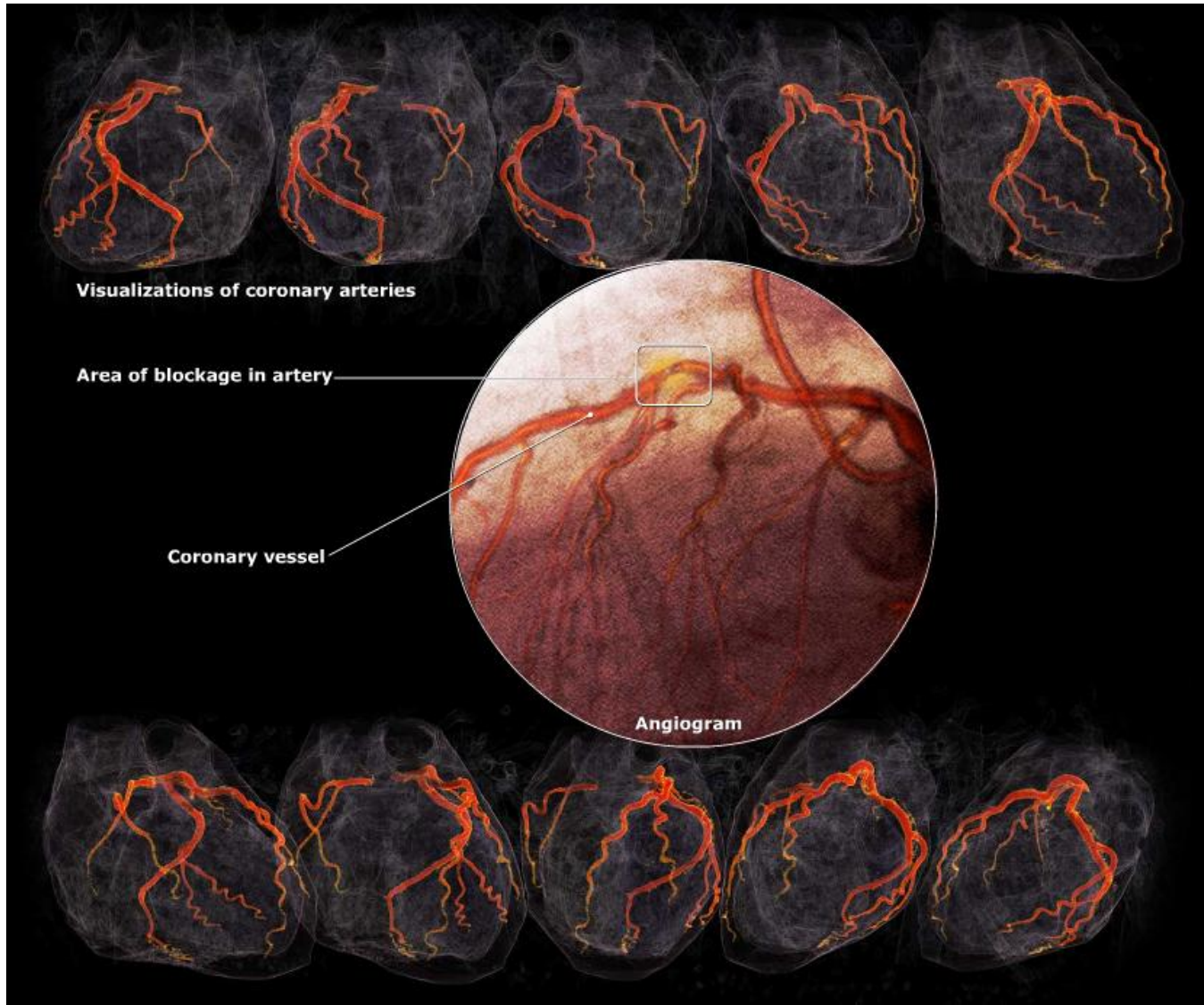


Buildup of plaque

Plaque buildup and clot development in an artery



Stenosis of coronary arteries



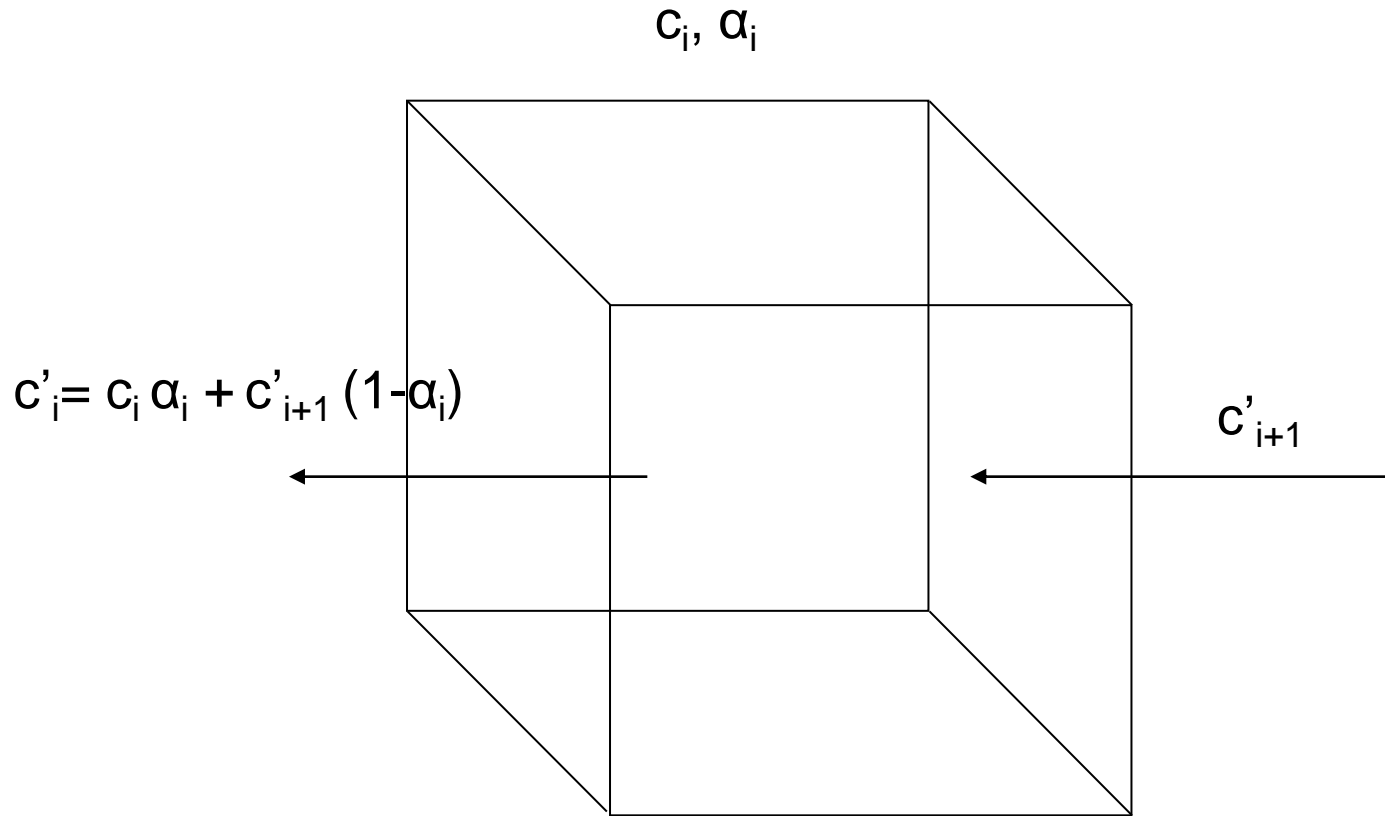
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Volume Rendering @ Philips

- Own implementation, no VTK etc
- C++
- OpenGL
- Platform independent

Volume rendering: infinitely small element



Row of infinitely small elements

$$c'_0 = c_0 \alpha_0 + c'_1 (1-\alpha_0)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} c'_0 &= c_0 \alpha_0 + c'_1 (1-\alpha_0) \\ &= c_0 \alpha_0 + (c_1 \alpha_1 + c'_2 (1-\alpha_1))(1-\alpha_0) \\ &= c_0 \alpha_0 + c_1 \alpha_1 (1-\alpha_0) + c'_2 (1-\alpha_0)(1-\alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum (c_n \alpha_n \prod (1-\alpha_m))$$

$$\sum_0^{\text{inf}} (c_n \alpha_n \prod_0^{n-1} (1-\alpha_m))$$

Color contribution per element: $\text{color}_n = c_n \alpha_n$

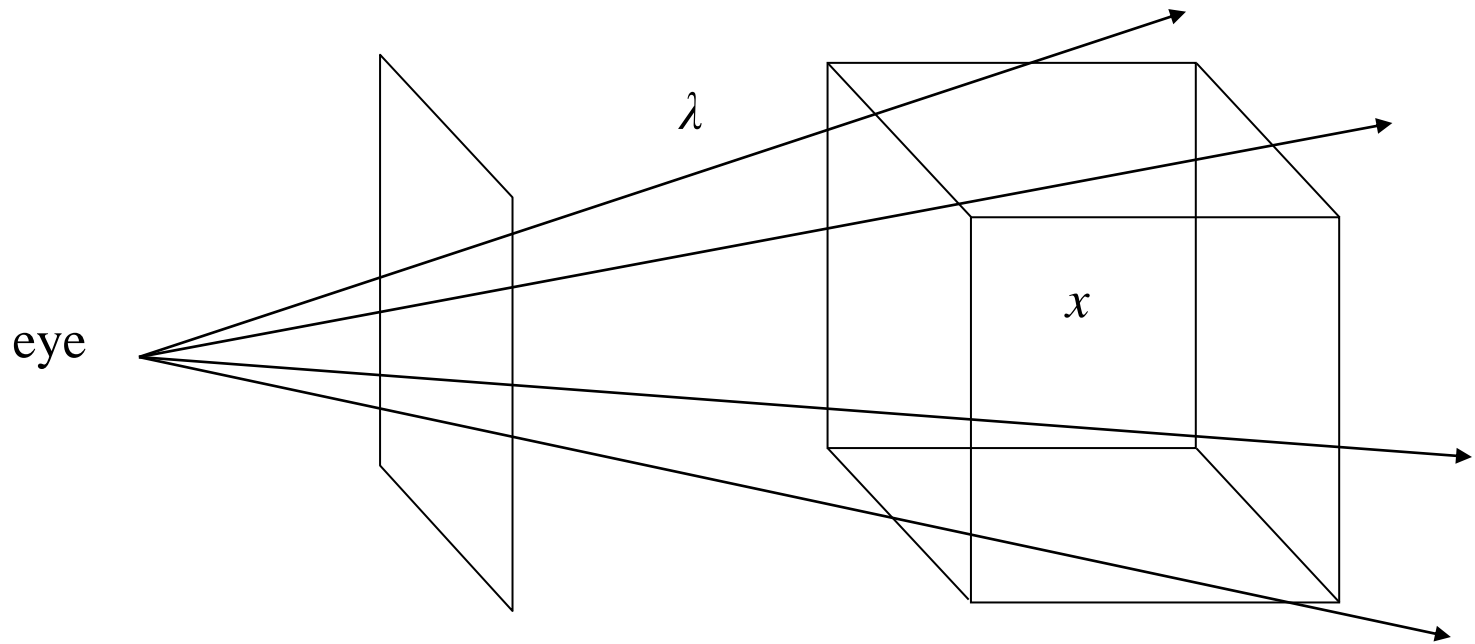
Transparency per element: $\alpha_n = 1 - e^{-\alpha'}$

$$\prod (1-\alpha_m) = \prod e^{-\alpha'} = e^{-\sum \alpha'}$$

$$\sum_0^{\text{inf}} (c_n \alpha_n \prod_0^{n-1} (1-\alpha_m)) = \sum_0^{\text{inf}} (\text{color}_n \cdot e^{-\sum \alpha'})$$



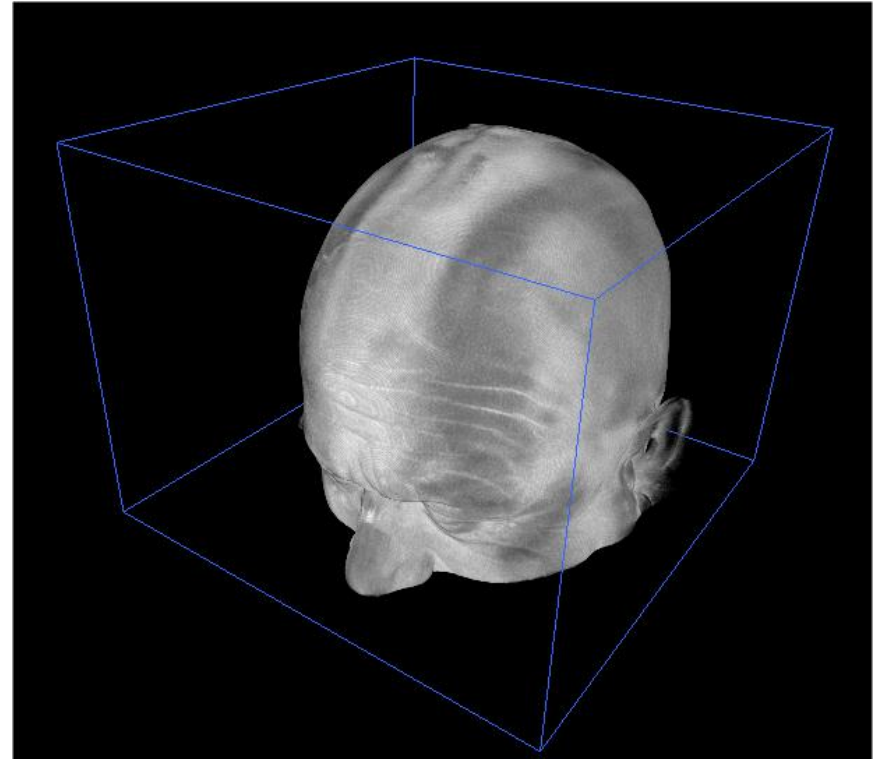
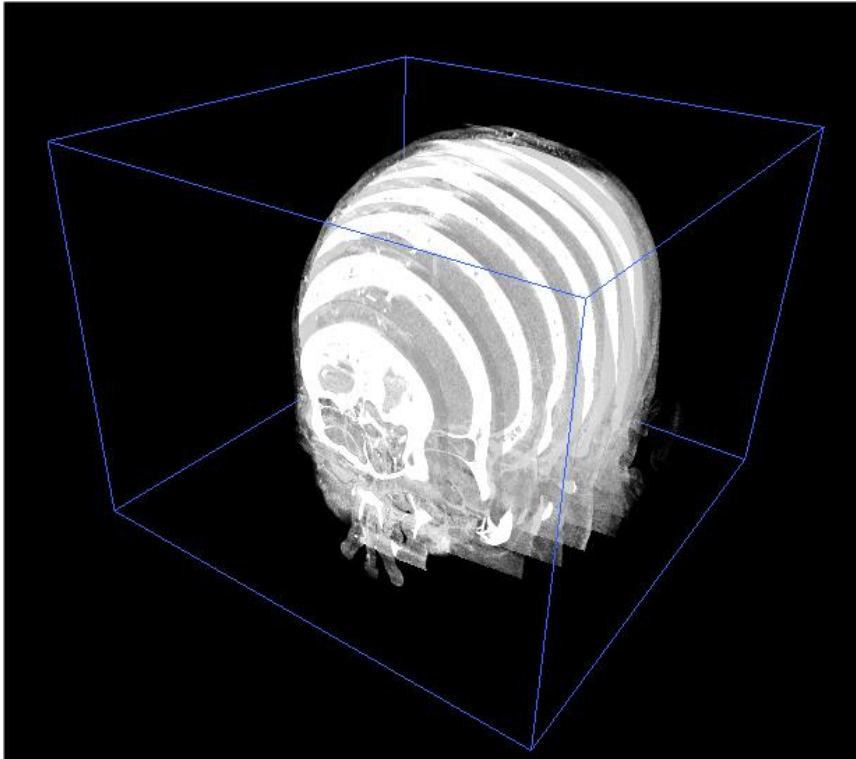
$$\int_0^D \text{color}(\vec{x}(\lambda)) \cdot e^{-\int_0^\lambda \text{alpha}(\vec{x}(\lambda')) d\lambda'} d\lambda$$



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GPU Volume Rendering

$$i = \sum_{n=0}^N (\alpha_n c_n \cdot \prod_{n'=0}^n (1 - \alpha_{n'}))$$

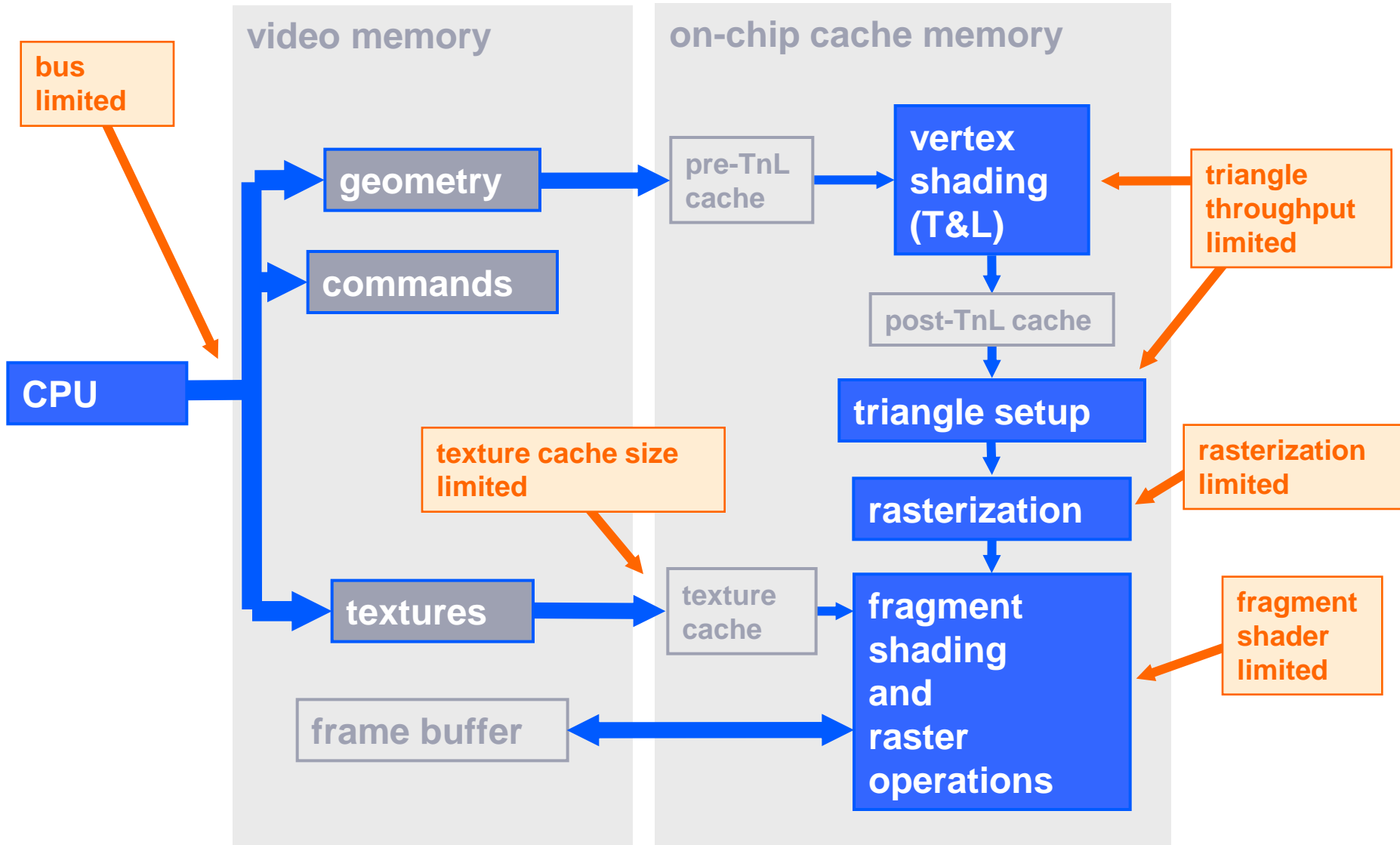


Engel and Ertl: "Interactive high-quality volume rendering with flexible consumer graphics hardware," Eurographics 2002

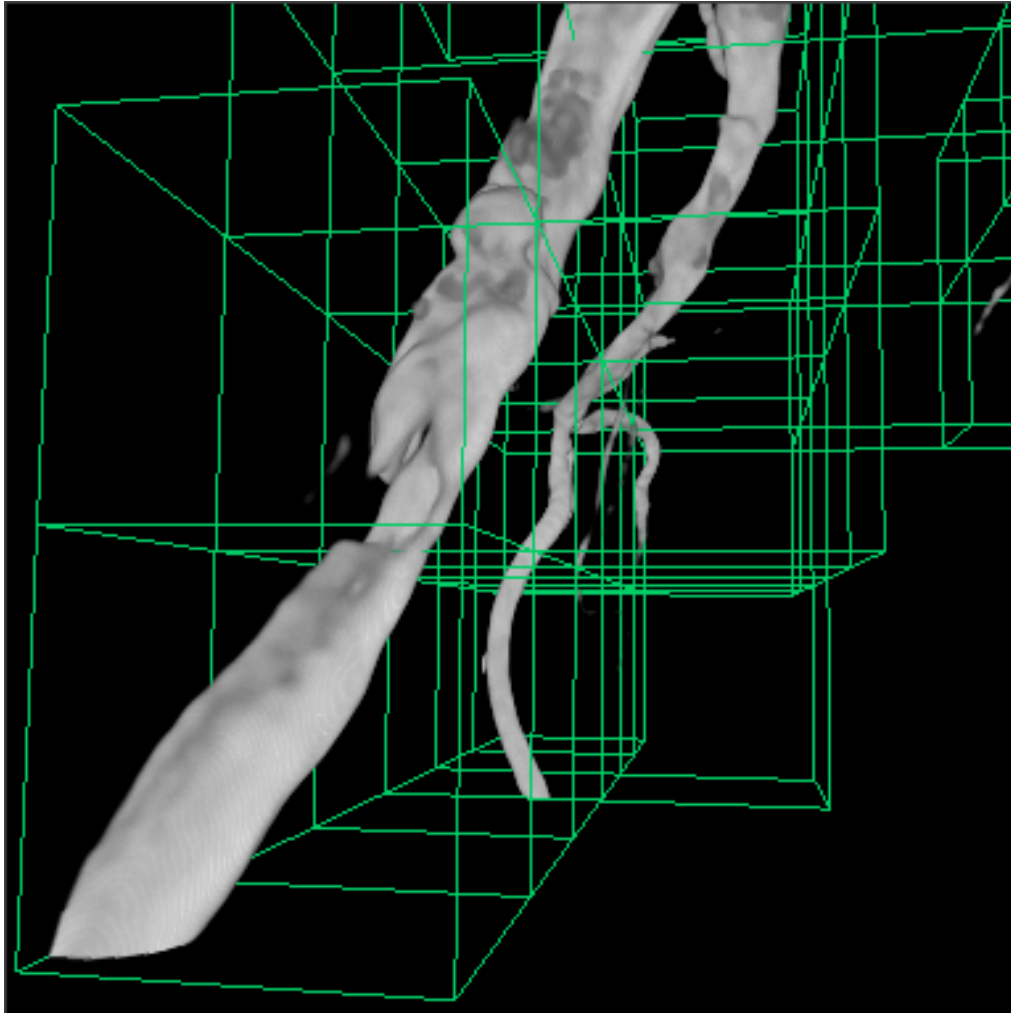
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GPU Bottlenecks

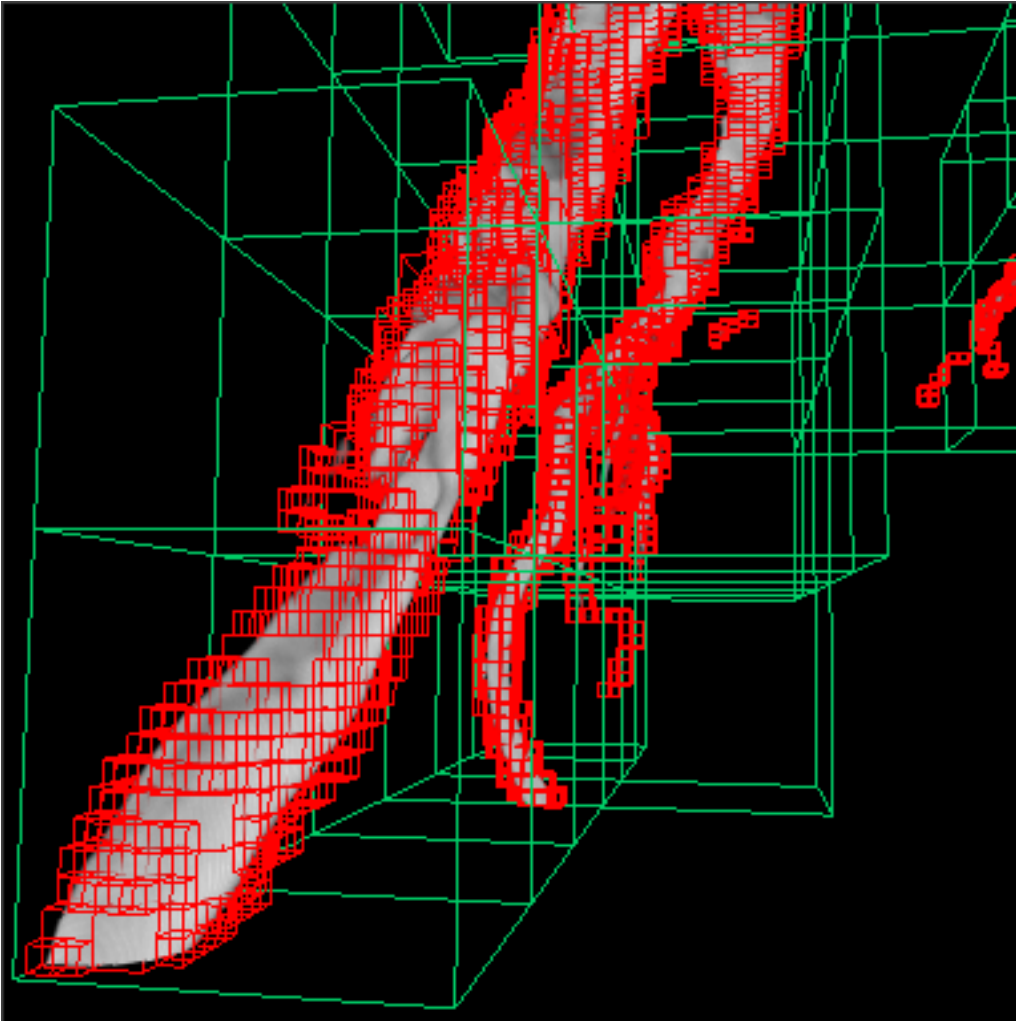


Bricking

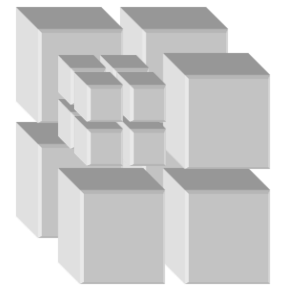
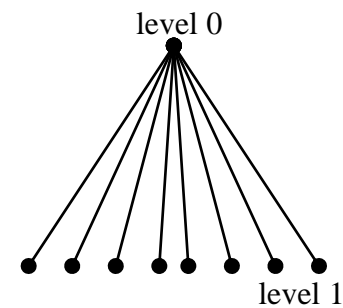


- Raw data
- One texture per brick
- Skip “empty” bricks
- Overlap: 0/1/2 voxels
- Memory overhead

Octree



- One octree per brick
- Transfer function
- Traverse hierarchy
- Smallest octree level

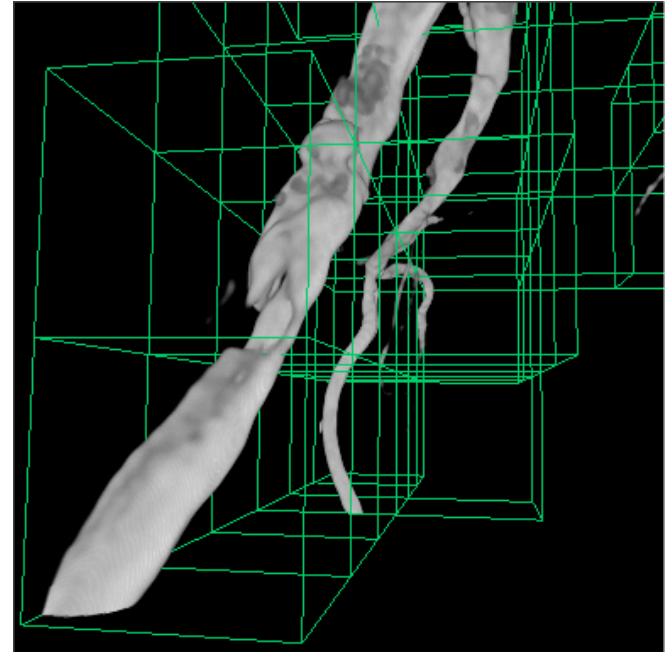


Early ray termination

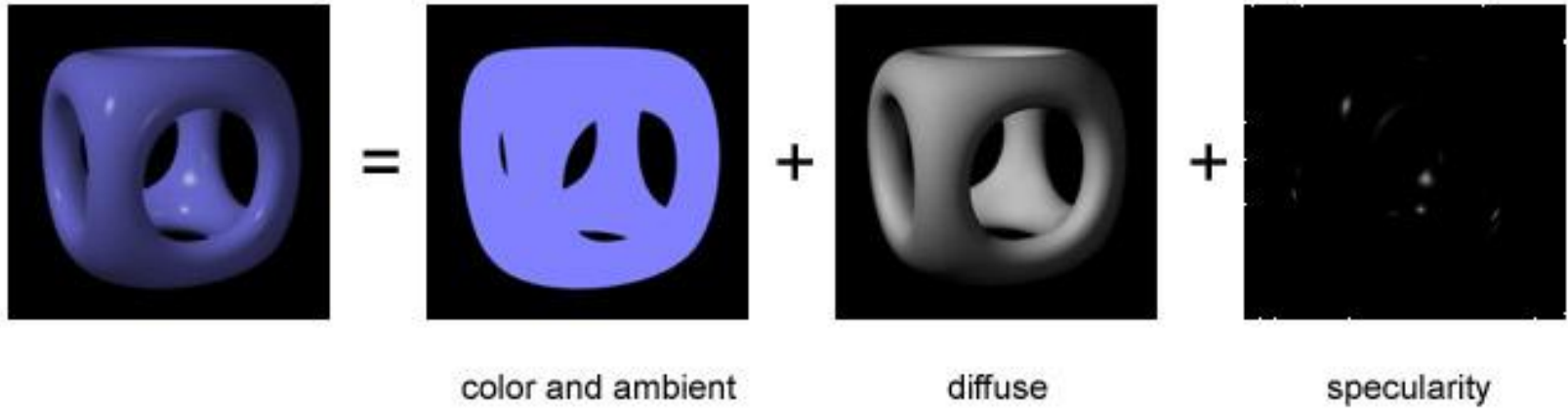
$$C_{i+1} = (1 - A_i) \cdot \alpha_i \cdot c_i + C_i$$

$$A_{i+1} = (1 - A_i) \cdot \alpha_i + A_i$$

- Front-to-back rendering:
under operator
- Front faces of each brick
- Early z-test
- Polygons are still rasterized...
- But prevents texture lookups and fragment shader execution
- Not useful for (very) sparse data sets

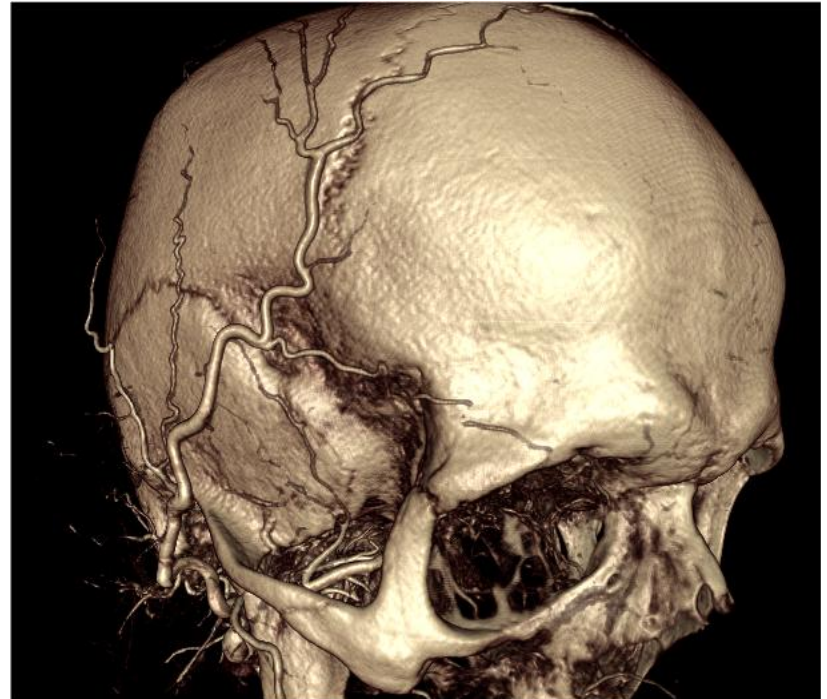
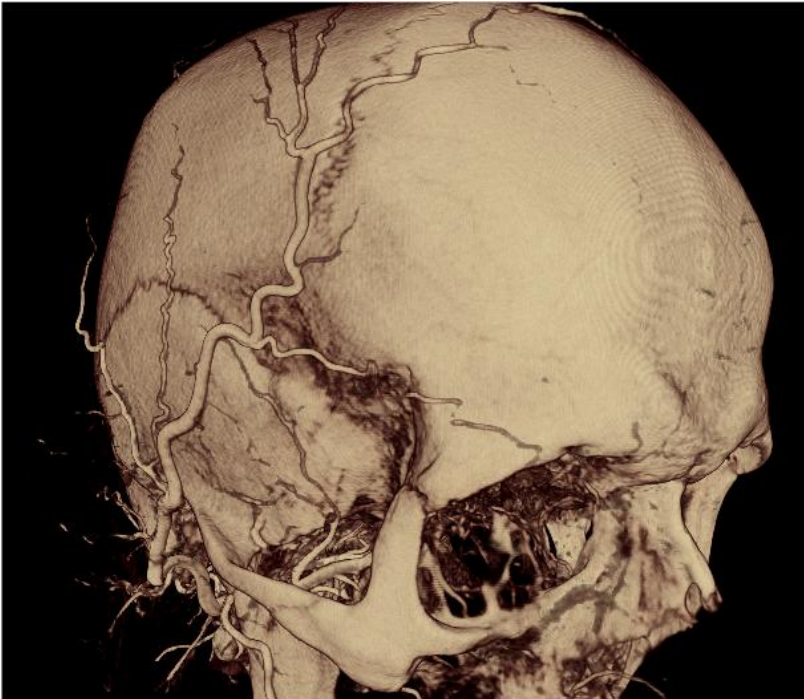


Phong Shading



$$I = I_a k_a + I_i (k_d (L \cdot N) + k_s (R \cdot V)^n)$$

To phong or not to phong?

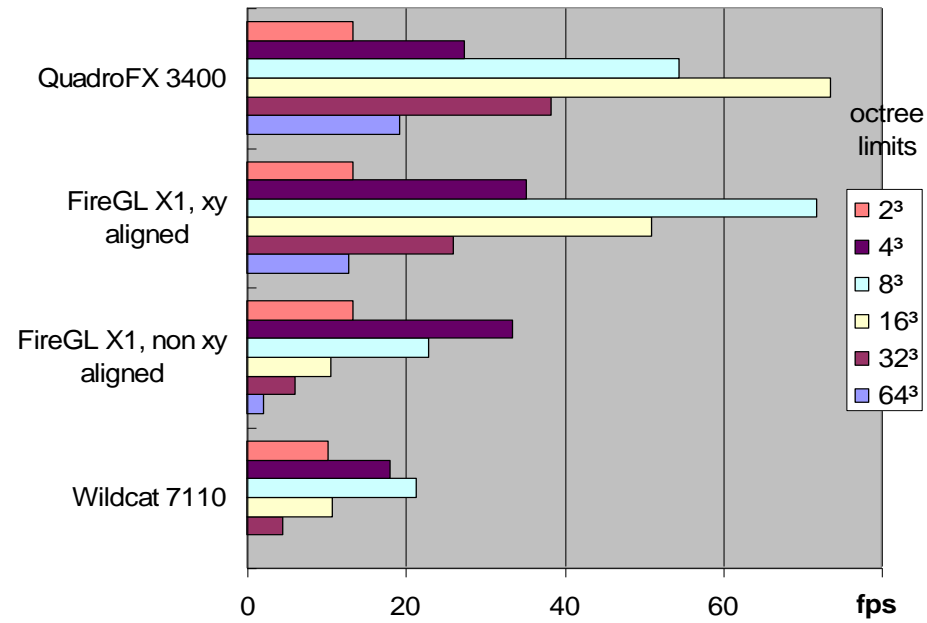
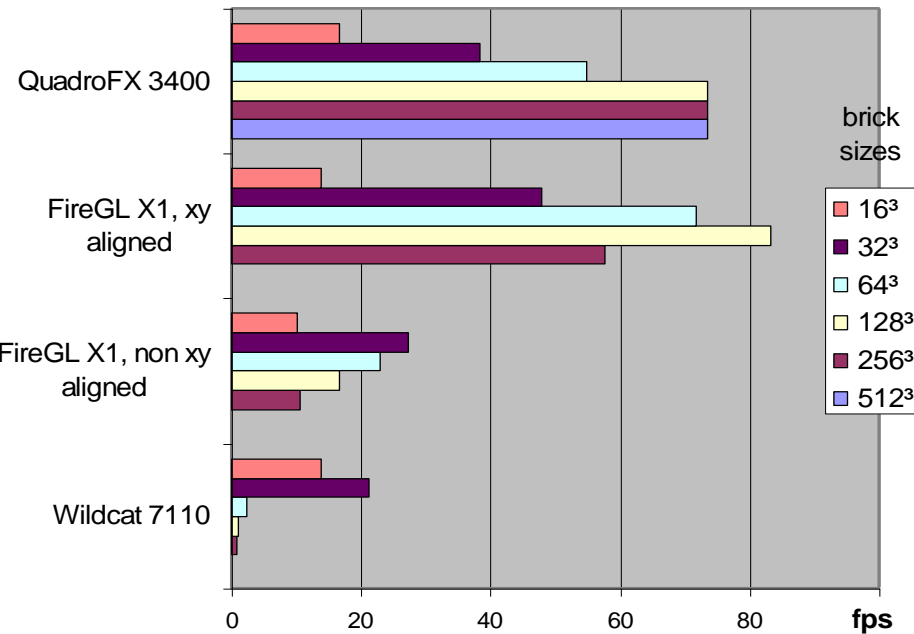


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Results

Ruijters and Vilanova: "Optimizing GPU volume rendering, Journal WSCG," 14(1):9-16

Graphics card	(a) Optimized	(b) Non-optimized	(a) / (b)
nVidia QuadroFX 3400	73.5 fps	9.6 fps	7.66
ATi FireGL X1, xy aligned	83.3 fps	0.23 fps	362
ATi FireGL X1, non xy aligned	27.4 fps	0.23 fps	119
3Dlabs Wildcat 7110	21.3 fps	0.38 fps	56.1





nVidia QuadroFX 3400, 256 MB video memory
fps: 25.64
viewport: (700, 571)
zoom: 1.70
volume dimensions: (642, 642, 642)
volume size: 504 MB

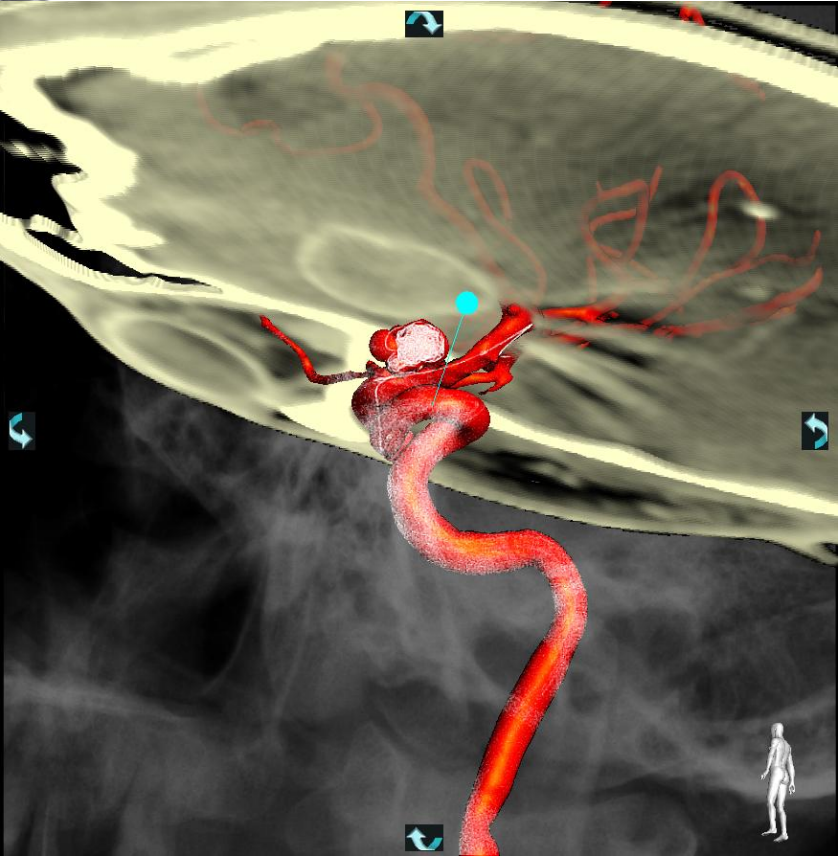
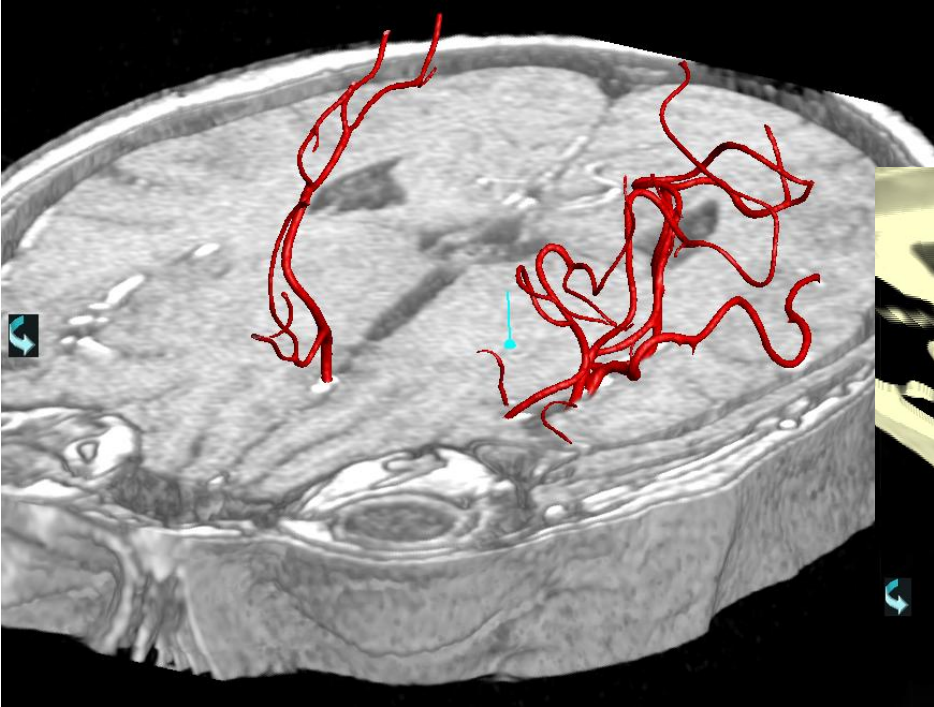
A 3D medical visualization of a heart and its coronary artery network, similar to the first image. The heart and arteries are rendered in a reddish-brown color. A blue wireframe bounding box is overlaid on the scene, indicating the volume dimensions and size.

504 MB

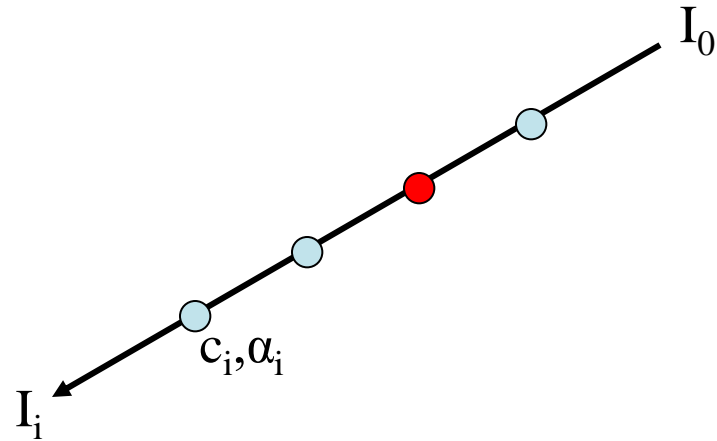
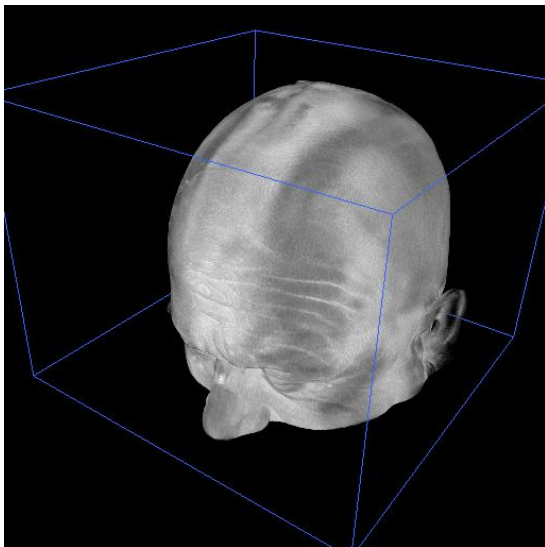
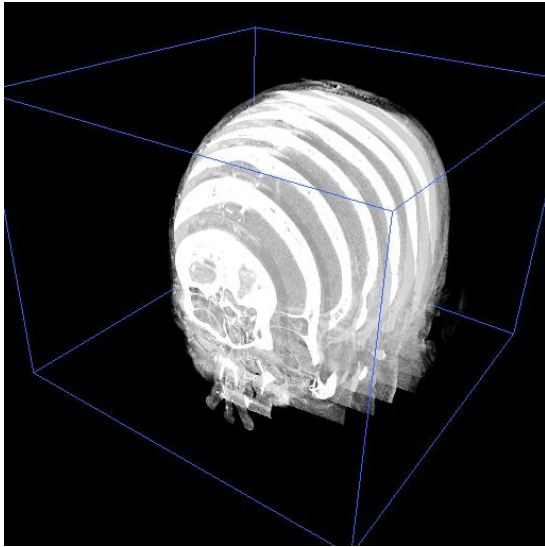
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Fused visualization



Back to Front Volume Rendering



Over-operator:

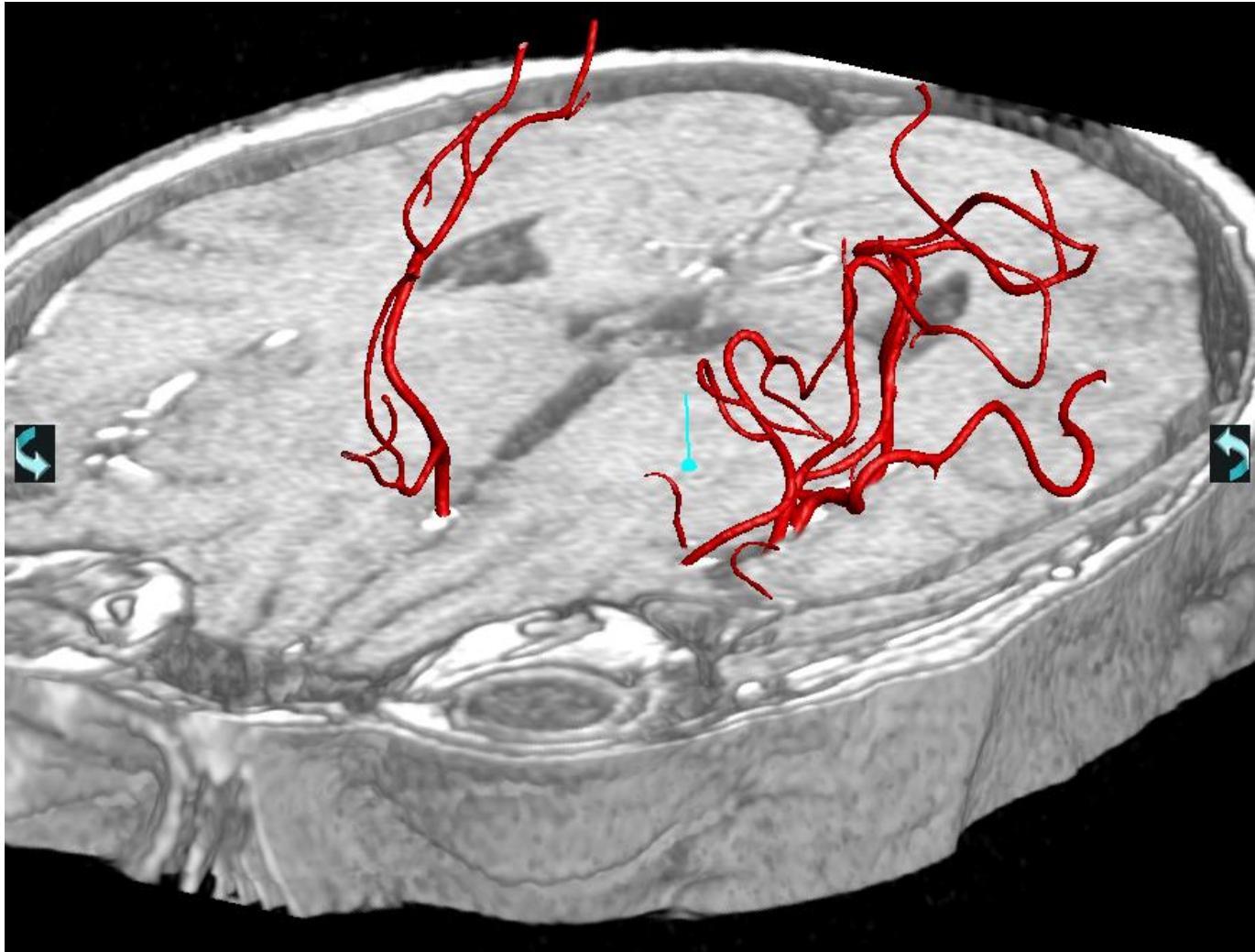
$$I_i = c_i \alpha_i + I_{i-1} (1 - \alpha_i)$$

Z-buffer determines whether a sample originates from the mesh, or the voxel data.

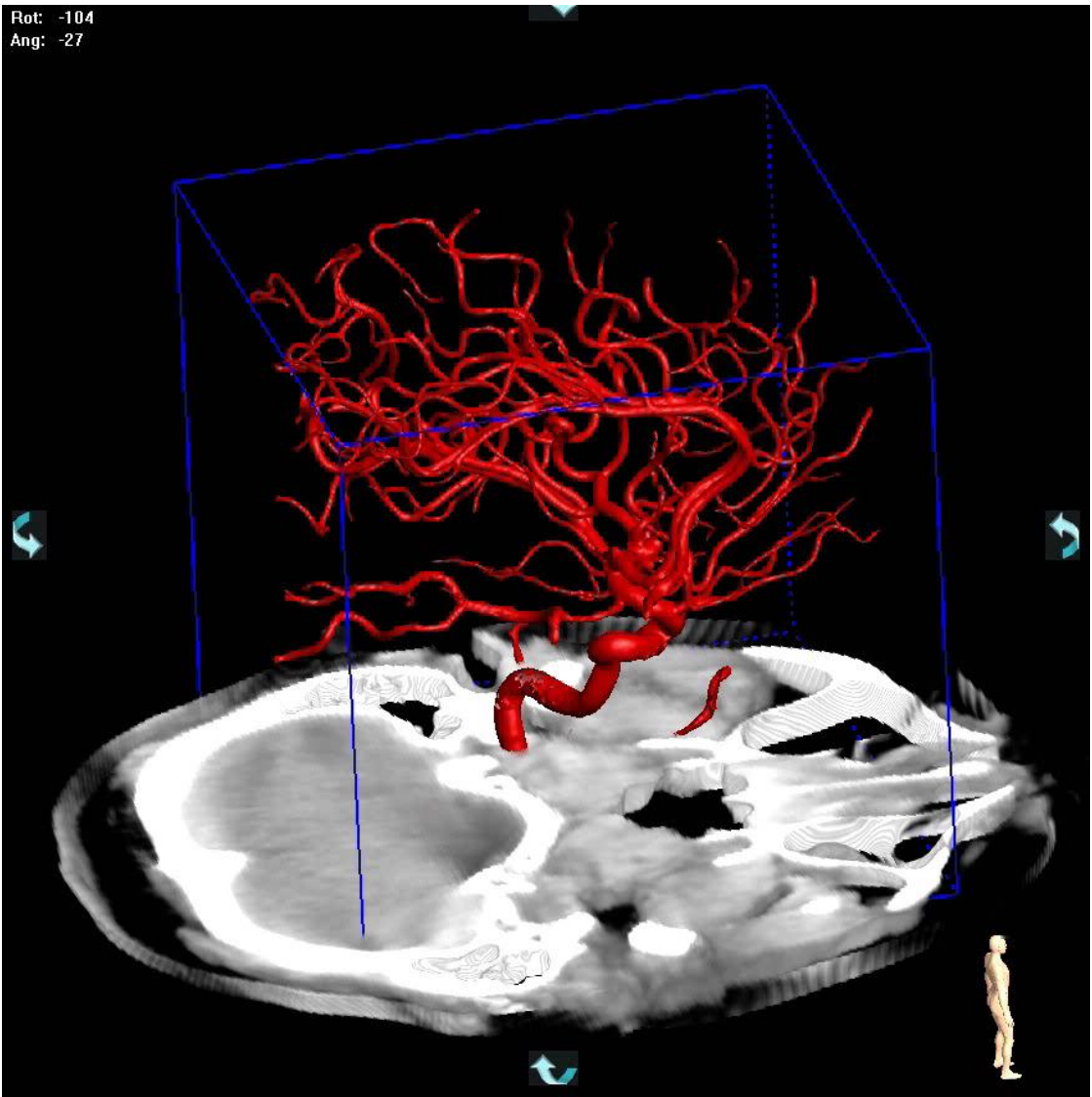
First render mesh



Then draw a slab of the morphological dataset



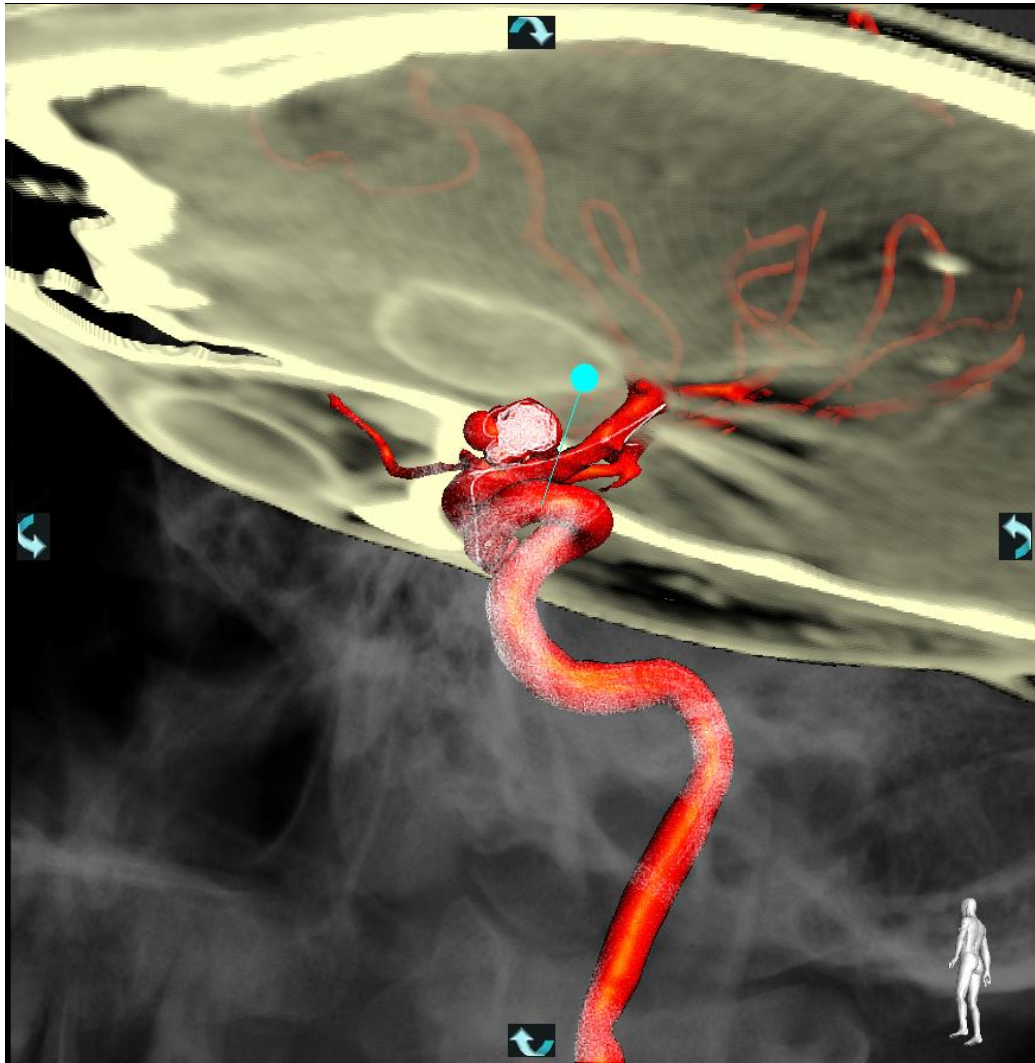
Example



Stencil buffer



Fused Visualization



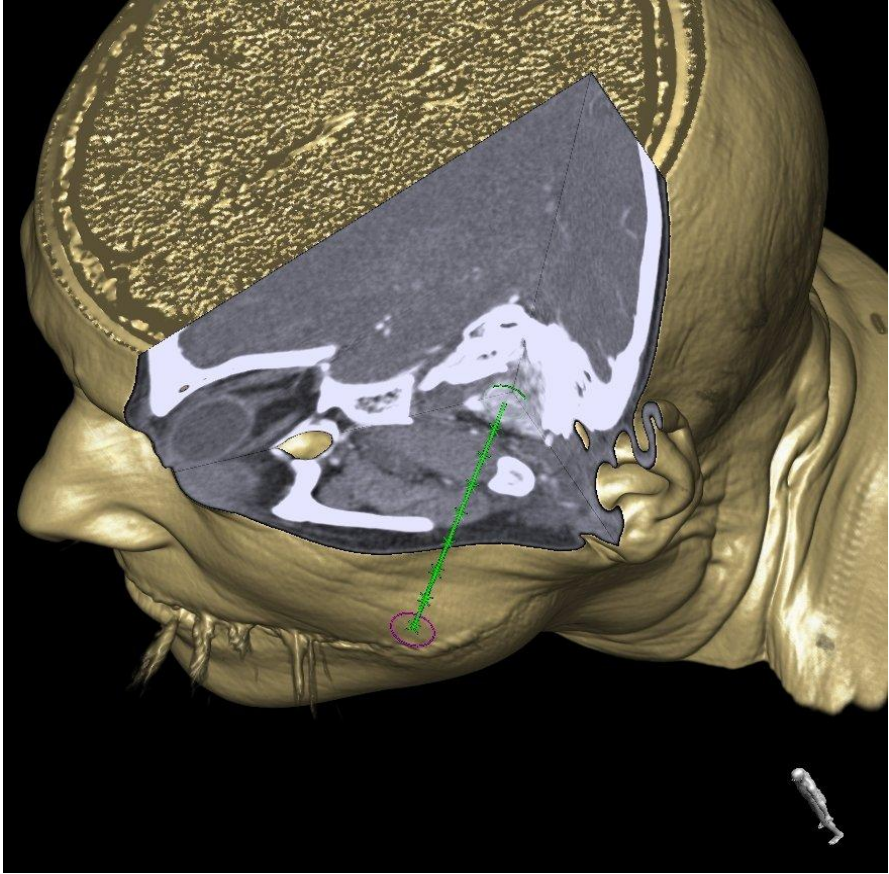
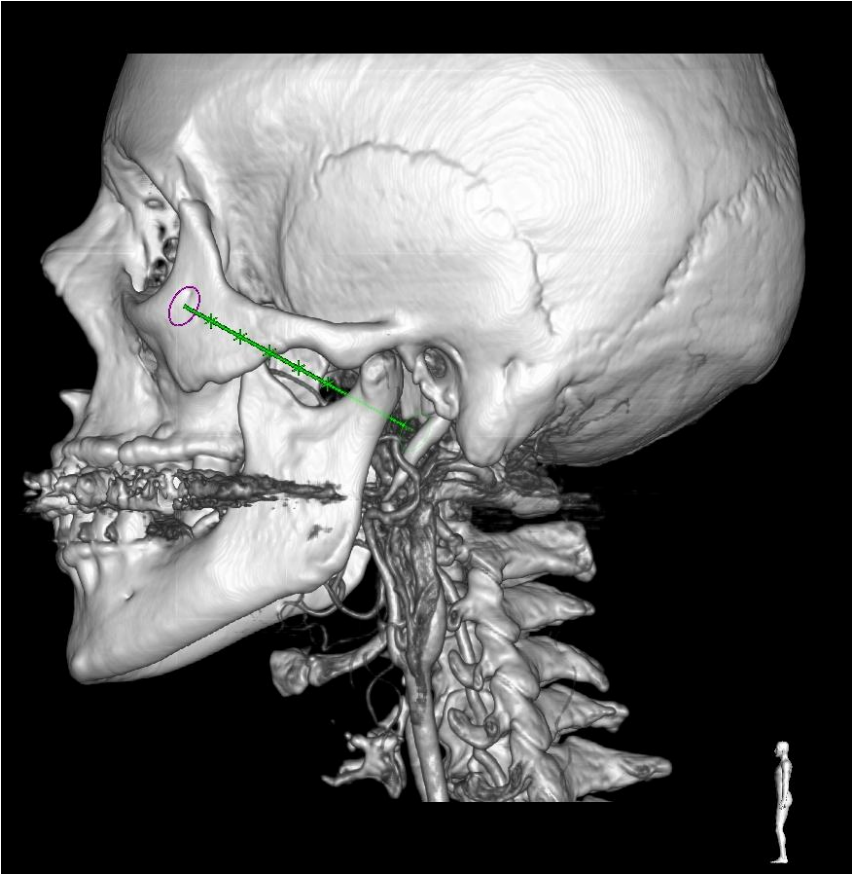
38 fps
nVidia QuadroFX 3400

Ruijters, Babic, Homan, Mielekamp,
ter Haar Romeny, Suetens:
"Real-time integration of 3-D
multimodality data in interventional
neuroangiography",
J. Electronic Imaging 18(3), 2009

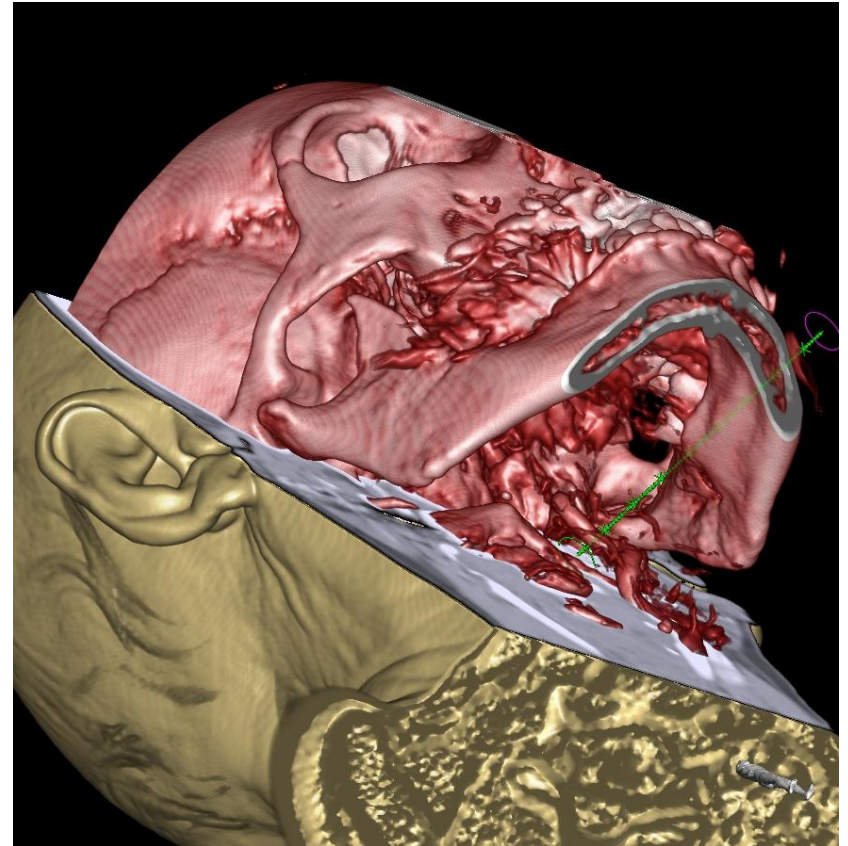
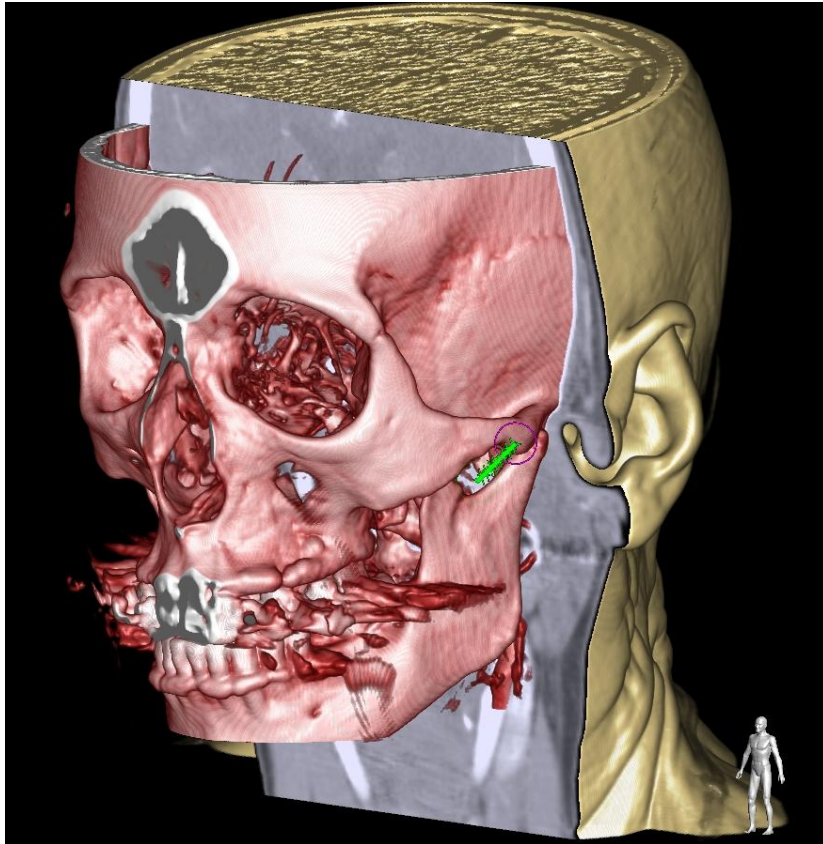
Clinical Applications

- Needle guidance

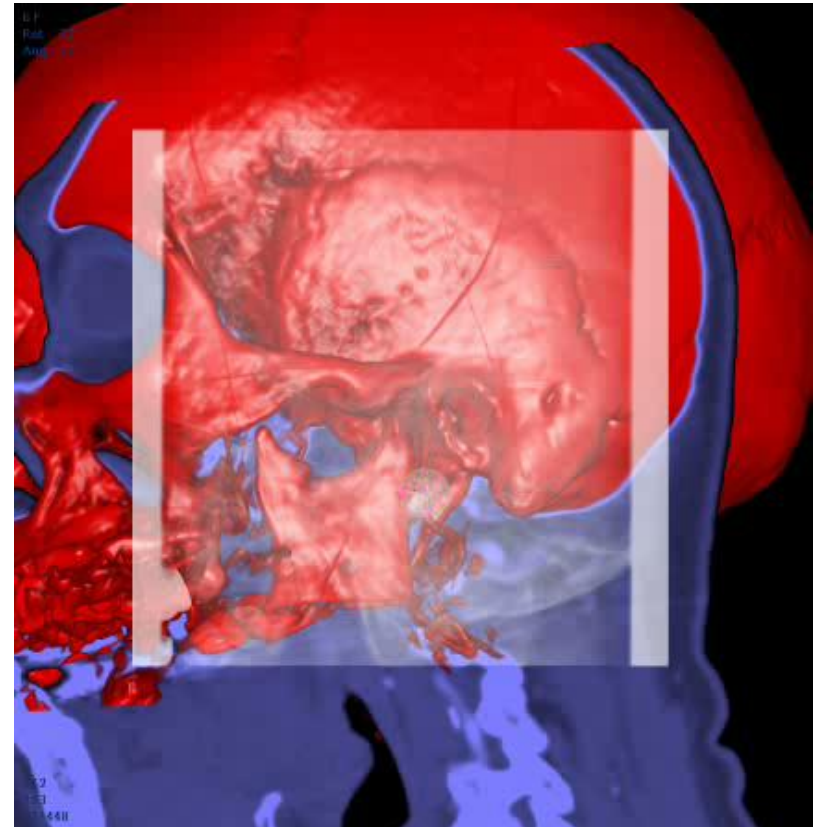
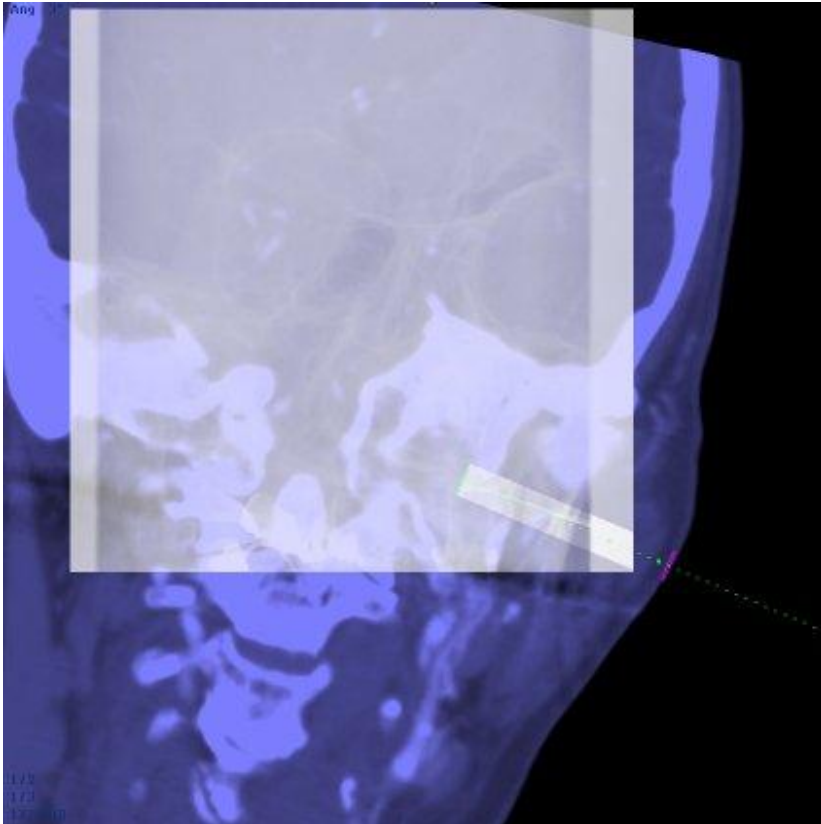
Needle planning



Intra-operative registration



Needle Navigation



Ruijters, Spelle, Moret, Babic, Homan, Mielekamp, ter Haar Romeny, Suetens:
"XperGuide: C-arm Needle Guidance", ECR 2008, Eur. Radiol. 18, Suppl 1, p. 459

Conclusions

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- Fast volume rendering is important during interventions
- Volume rendering can be accelerated by smart tailoring towards the graphics hardware
- Fused visualization can be used to present multiple datasets in one combined image
- This enables new clinical procedures

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Thank you!!!



Questions?

