# CSE 564 VISUALIZATION & VISUAL ANALYTICS

### MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC VISUALIZATION

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#### **Medical Imaging: Overall Concept**



human (in pain)



imaging device



data

imaging algorithm

reconstructed cross-sectional image



#### **Imaging Modalities Overview**



X-ray



ic spin r

metabolic tracer X-ray emission

sound waves

#### **Anatomic vs Functional Imaging**



A PET scan shows that you use it

#### **Reviewing Radiographs**



#### Would 3D visualization help?

#### **Slice Matrix**



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### **3D Visualization via Volume Rendering**

Reconstructed object enables:

- Enhanced X-ray visualization from novel views:
- Maximum Intensity (MIP) visualization:





• Shaded object display:











### **Aortic Stent and Arterial Vessels**



#### **Cartotid Stenosis**



#### **Virtual Colonoscopy**

#### Virtual endoscopy, arthroscopy, etc.



#### Dataset











• Data scanned with medical scanners (MRI, CT, PET, SPECT, etc.)



aortic aneurism







renals (with kidneys)

• Data photographed from histological slices (NIH-NLM Visible Human)





head



thorax feet atlas created from ~1700 1/3 mm slices



















#### **Scientific Visualization**



#### shock wave

#### virtual frog





nerve cell



MRI head

#### spiral flow





transparent MRI head



semi-transparent tomato



#### **Fluid Dynamics Simulations**

Navier-Stokes equations for viscous, incompressible liquids.

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  Conversation of mass

$$\mathbf{u}_t = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \mathbf{f}$$

Advection Diffusion Pressure



#### **Navier-Stokes Solution**

Via finite differencing It all boils down to Ax=b.







### Visualize via Volume Rendering



## VOLUME DATA GENERATION

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for example, X-ray CT



# VOLUME DATA - 2D SLICE VIEW



## VOLUME DATA - 3D RENDERED VIEW



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# SAMPLING ALONG THE RAY



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rendering

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### WHAT IS IT?



10 petaFLOPS Titan supercomputer (released in 2012)
 1 petaFLOP = 10<sup>15</sup> floating point ops per second
 18,688 AMD Opteron 6274 16-core CPUs
 18,688 Nvidia Tesla K20X GPUs

#### EVEN FASTER NOW...



Summit supercomputer (2018, #1 worldwide, Oak Ridge Nat'l Lab)

- 200 petaFLOPS (2x the top speed of TaihuLight, previous #1)
- 4,608 compute servers (each with two 22-core IBM Power9 processors and six NVidia Tesla V100 GPUs)

# WHAT DOES IT DO?

Compute, compute, compute

Examples:

- S3D: models the molecular physics of combustion, aims to improve the efficiency of diesel and biofuel engines
- Denovo: simulates nuclear reactions with the aim of improving the efficiency and reducing the waste of nuclear reactors
- WL-LSMS: simulates the interactions between electrons and atoms in magnetic materials at temperatures other than absolute zero
- Bonsai: simulates the Milky Way Galaxy on a star by star basis, with 200 billion stars
- Non-Equilibrium Radiation Diffusion (NRDF): plots non-charged particles through supernovae with potential applications in laser fusion, fluid dynamics, medical imaging, nuclear reactors, energy storage and combustion

# WHAT DOES IT OUTPUT

Numbers, lots of them

- Titan's I/O subsystem is capable of pushing around 240 GB/s of data
- that's a lot to visualize

Example: a visualization of the Q Continuum simulation for cosmology 1.4 Gyear Time Time Today





# MORE EXAMPLES

Nuclear, Quantum, and Molecular Modeling

Structures, Fluids and Fields





Advanced Imaging and Data Management

### More Examples



Surface Rendering with VTK (The Visualization Toolkit)



Volume Rendering

#### WHERE TO VISUALIZE ALL THIS?

# DISPLAY WALL



### CAVE = CAVE AUTOMATIC VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT



# THE STONY BROOK IMMERSIVE CABIN



#### INSIDE THE IMMERSIVE CABIN





# Microtomography (BNL, soil sample)


# THE STONY BROOK IMMERSIVE CABIN



Projector based system

- 5 walls, 12'×12' footprint, 8' tall
- difficult to scale up to Giga-pixel range

### CAN WE GET BIGGER?

(yes we can)

# The Stony Brook University Reality Deck

### THE REALITY DECK – UNDER THE HOOD

#### Visualization

- 30'×40'×11' environment
- 416 UQXGA LCD Displays
  - 2,560×1,440 resolution over 50'-100' DisplayPort cables
  - fast response time, wide viewing angles, good dynamic range
- 20-node GPU cluster, each node equipped with:
  - 2× six-core CPUs, 48 GB Ram
  - 4× AMD FirePro V9800 with 4GB Ram and 6 DisplayPort outputs each
  - AMD S400 hardware video synchronization card
  - 40Gb Infiniband adapter
  - 1TB storage
- In total:
  - 1,533,542,400 pixels (1.5 Gigapixel) over 6 miles of DisplayPort cables
  - 240 CPU cores: 2.3 TFLOPs peak performance, 20 TB distributed memory
  - 80 GPUs: 220 TFLOPs peak performance, 320 GB distributed memory

## AUTOMATIC DOOR

### 3×5 section of displays

Visually indistinguishable from rest of the display

allows for a fully enclosed visualization environment





# Touch Table



## REALITY DECK TRACKING SYSTEM

### 24-camera infrared optical system from OptiTrack



## REALITY DECK SOUND SYSTEM

24.4 channel professional-grade system Positional audio with real-time ambisonics

using the Rapture3D OpenAL driver



### UNIFORMLY HIGH VISUAL ACUITY

User can make visual queries at an instant

- walk up to obtain more detail
- just like in real life hence the Reality Deck
- 20/20 visual acuity at 1.5'-2' away



## GIGAPIXEL VISUALIZATION

### Dubai dataset

• 45 Gigapixels, 180° field of view



### Shuttle Radar Topography Mission dataset



# Terrain Modeling

### 3D Relief Map Sea level simulation

Carlos and



### Protein Visualization Reality Deck



### SCIENTIFIC SIMULATION

Say, you want to simulate the airflow around an airplane wing

where is the flow most interesting?



right, close to the surface





Make the simulation lattice densest along the surface





Regular  $\rightarrow$  irregular grids





Structured grid

more or less a bent regular grid



### Unstructured grid

 collection of vertices, edges, faces and cells whose connectivity information must be explicitly stored





## THE BLUNTFIN DATASET

Mapping flow strength to color

### Rendering by cell traversal

- go from cell to cell
- composite colors and opacities





### FLOW VISUALIZATION

Also called vector field visualization



### STREAM LINES

Perform an integration through the vector field

color maps to temperature



### STREAM RIBBONS

#### Connect two streamlines

 the center streamline gives direction, the other two indicate the twisting



### STREAM TUBES

#### Connect three or more streamlines



### STREAM SURFACES

Sweep a line segment through the vector field





# Smoke is injected into the flow field and compresses/expands due to the vector field



## GLOBAL TECHNIQUES

Seek to give a more global view of the vector field

Hedgehogs

- oriented lines spread over the volume, indicating the orientation and magnitude of the flow
- do not show directional information

Glyphs, arrows

 icons that show directions, but tend to clutter the display



# LINE INTEGRAL CONVOLUTION (LIC)

- Input:
  - a 2D vector field



salt+pepper noise

- an image that will be "smeared" according to the stream lines described by the vector field





output image = line-integrated white noise image stream line

For each ouput pixel (x, y)

Follow the stream line forward for some distance  $\Delta s$ Multiply each pixel value by a 1D filter kernel and add Follow the stream line backward for some distance  $\Delta s$ Multiply each pixel value by a 1D filter kernel and add Follow the stream line backward for some distance Ds

# LINE INTEGRAL CONVOLUTION (LIC)



a flower image with different vector fields







a simple motion vector field over the hand



using vector magnitude to determine  $\Delta s$ 

mapping LIC onto an object surface

### TEXTURED SPLATS

- · Embed flow field vector icons into a splat
  - this enables smooth blending of neighboring icons



- Create a table of texture splats with varying icon distribution (to prevent regular patters)
- · For a given location, select a random splat and rotate corresponding to the flow field direction
- · Since the flow field is 3D, the component of the vectors that is parallel to the screen varies
- · Need to provide splats that accommodate for vector foreshortening when the flow heads towards us



- Animated display
  - store a splat table with vector icons that are cyclically shifted from left to right
  - cycle through this table when picking splats to update the animated display



## TEXTURED SPLATS EXAMPLES



## POPULAR SOFTWARE & LIBRARIES

### VTK

- The Visualization Toolkit library
- developed by Kitware

#### Paraview

- built on top of VTK
- open-source
- multi-platform
- developed by
  Sandia & Los Alamos National Labs



### Vislt

- open source
- developed by Lawrence Livermore National Lab