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# GPU-Based Large-Scale Scientific Visualization

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# Part 4 - Display-Aware Visualization and Processing

## MOTIVATION



## DISPLAY-AWARE IMAGE OPERATIONS



Input Resolution  
(level 0)



Output Resolution  
(level 3)

Display Region



Compute Resolution  
(level 4)

Compute Region



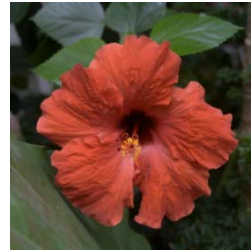
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level 1



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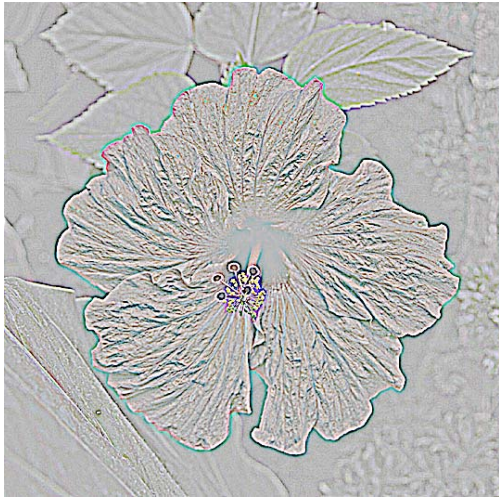


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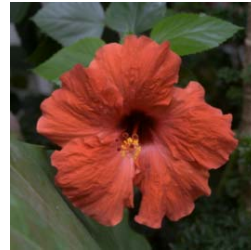
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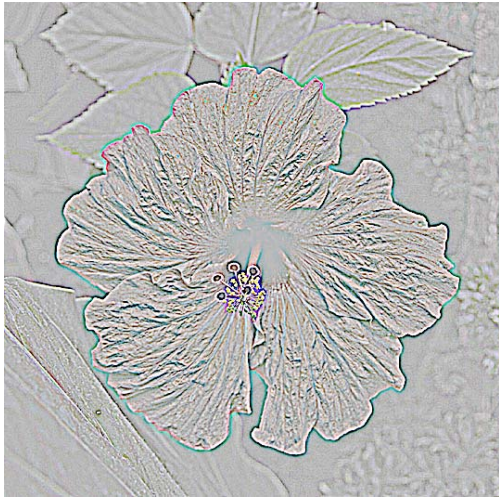


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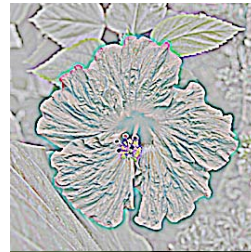
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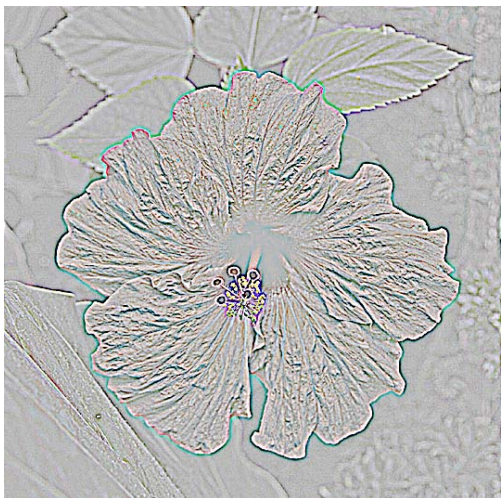


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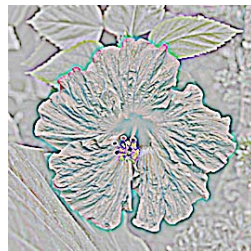
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Laplacian pyramid



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level 2



level 3



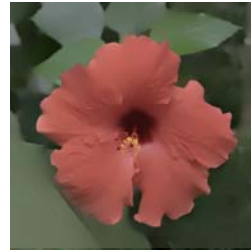
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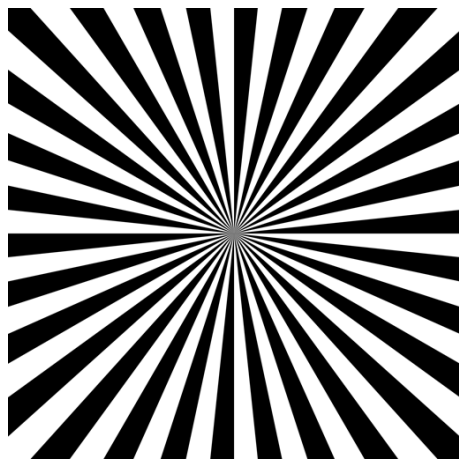
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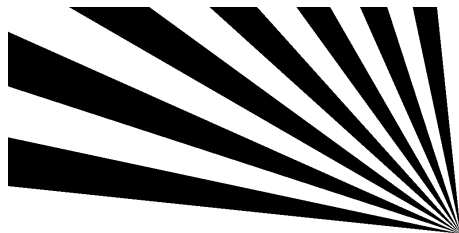
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Local Laplacian filtering [Paris et al. 2011]

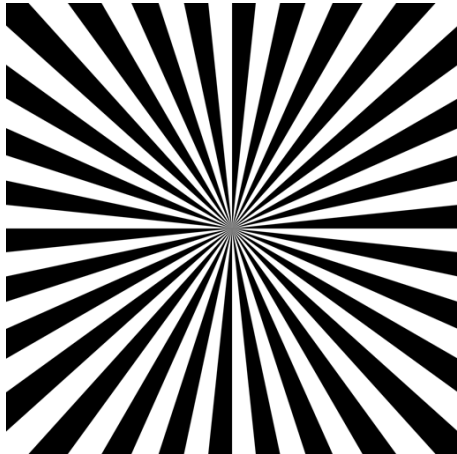
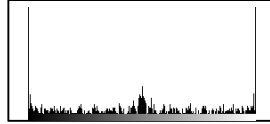
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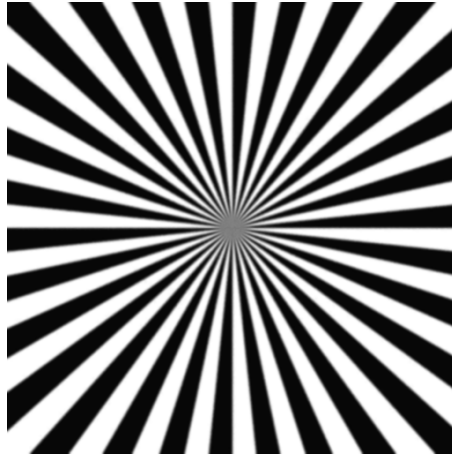
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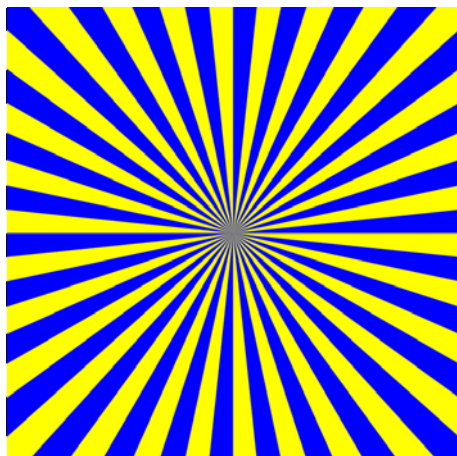
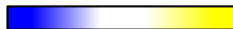
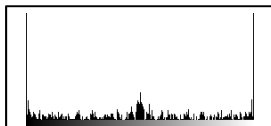
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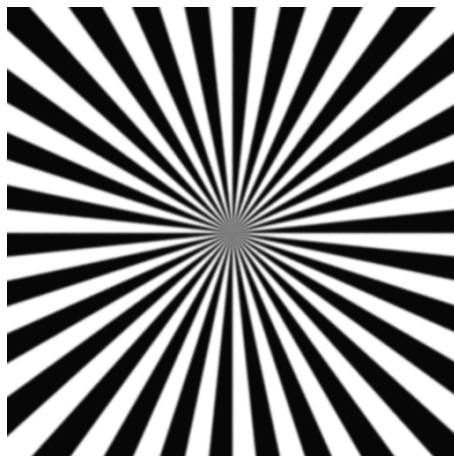
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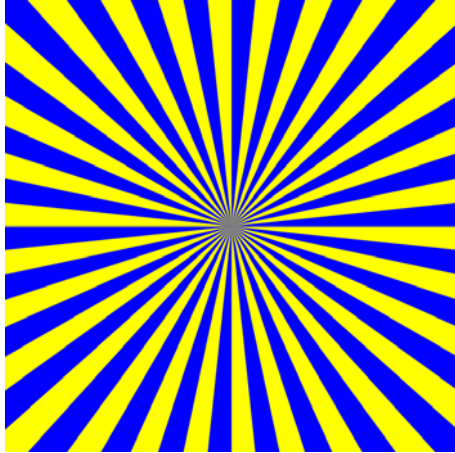
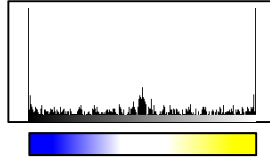
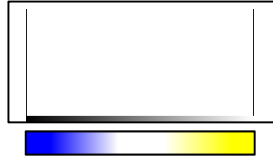


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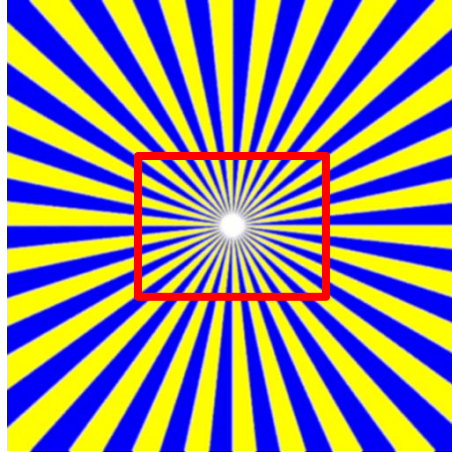




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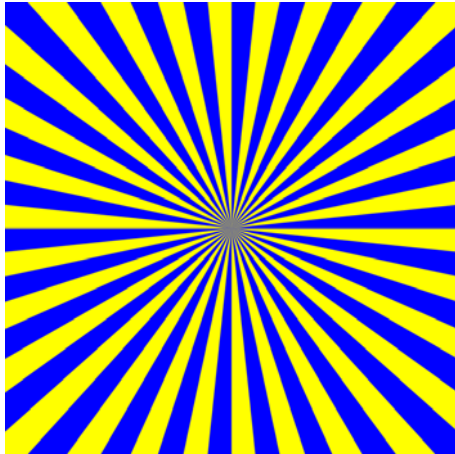
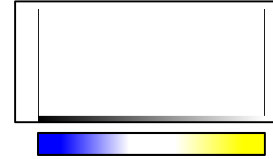
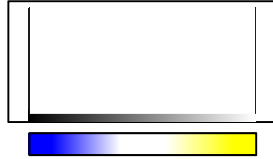
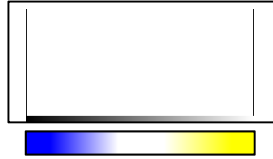
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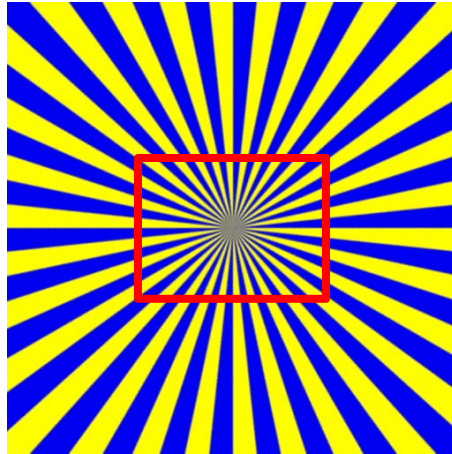
level 4 standard



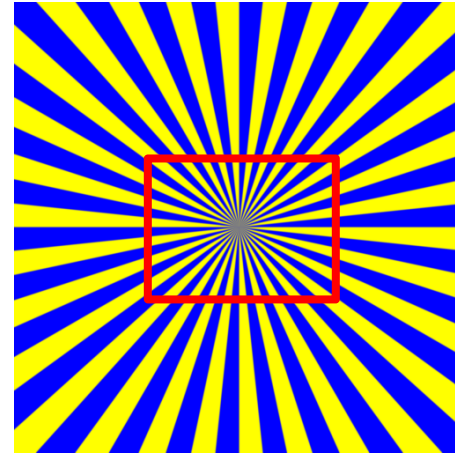
## ANTI-ALIASING IN IMAGE PYRAMIDS



level 0



level 4, fast pyramid



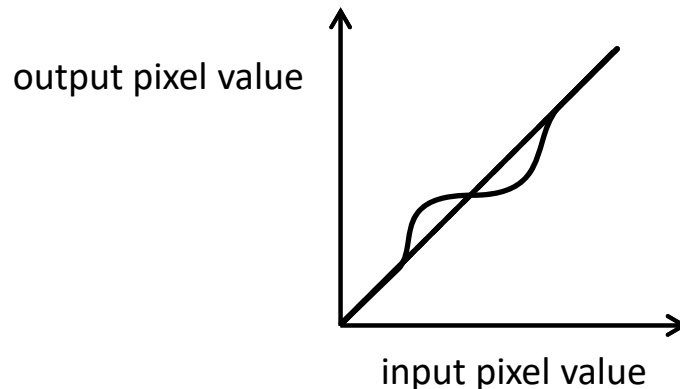
level 4, ground truth



## NON-LINEAR IMAGE OPERATORS

Apply non-linear operation to each pixel

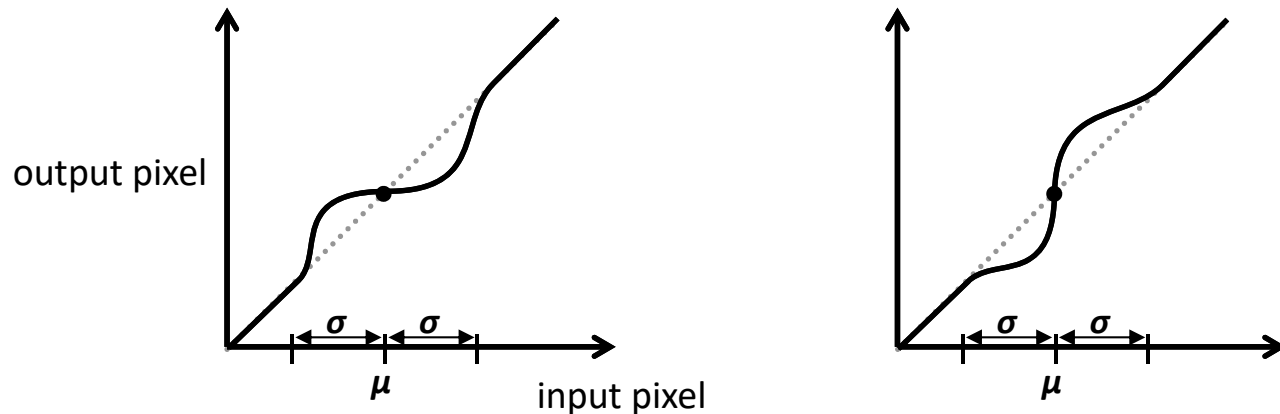
- Color map or non-linear contrast adjustment
- Bilateral filtering: range weight
- Smoothed local histogram filtering [Kass and Solomon 2010]
- Local Laplacian filtering [Paris et al. 2011]: point-wise, non-linear re-mapping



## LOCAL LAPLACIAN FILTERING [PARIS ET AL. 2011]

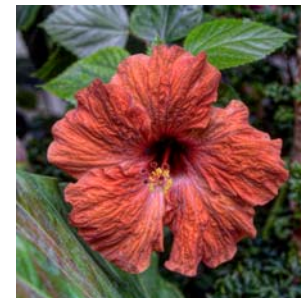
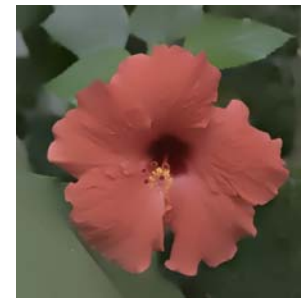
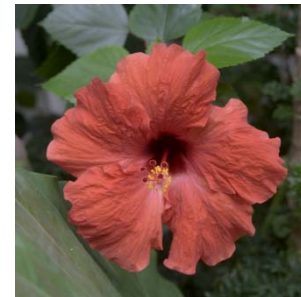
### Compute Laplacian pyramid coefficient

- Adjust local contrast via point-wise non-linearity; then downsample



### Same as local color mapping, then downsampling

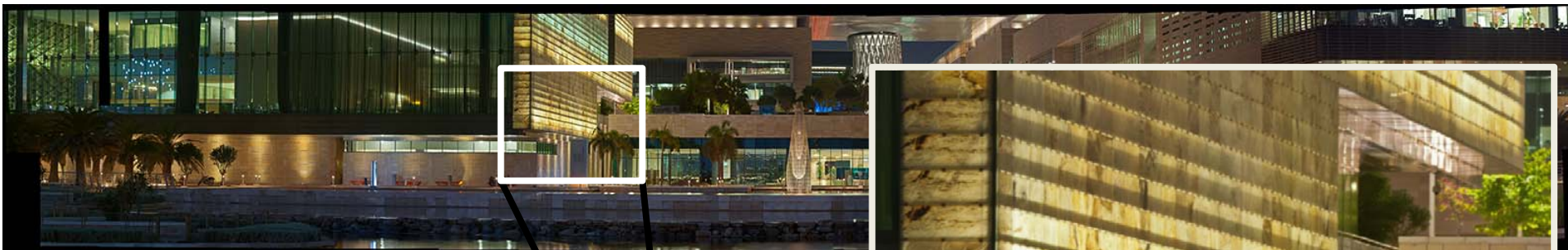
- Cannot apply the re-mapping function to the downsampled image!
- Need to compute ground truth (pyramid!) or proper “anti-aliasing”





## LOCAL LAPLACIAN FILTERING: SCALABILITY

Night Scene Panorama: 47,908 x 7,531 pixels (361 Mpixels)



- Every downsampled pixel results from the entire pyramid above it
- Sparse PDF maps allow direct computation!

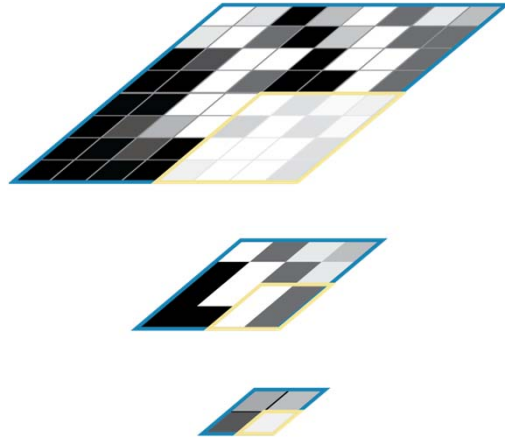




# Sparse PDF Maps Concept

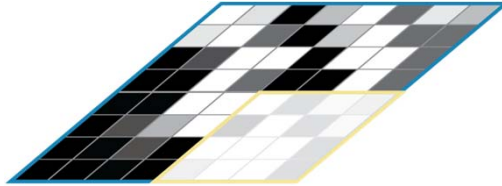
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Represent distribution of pixel values in footprint in original image



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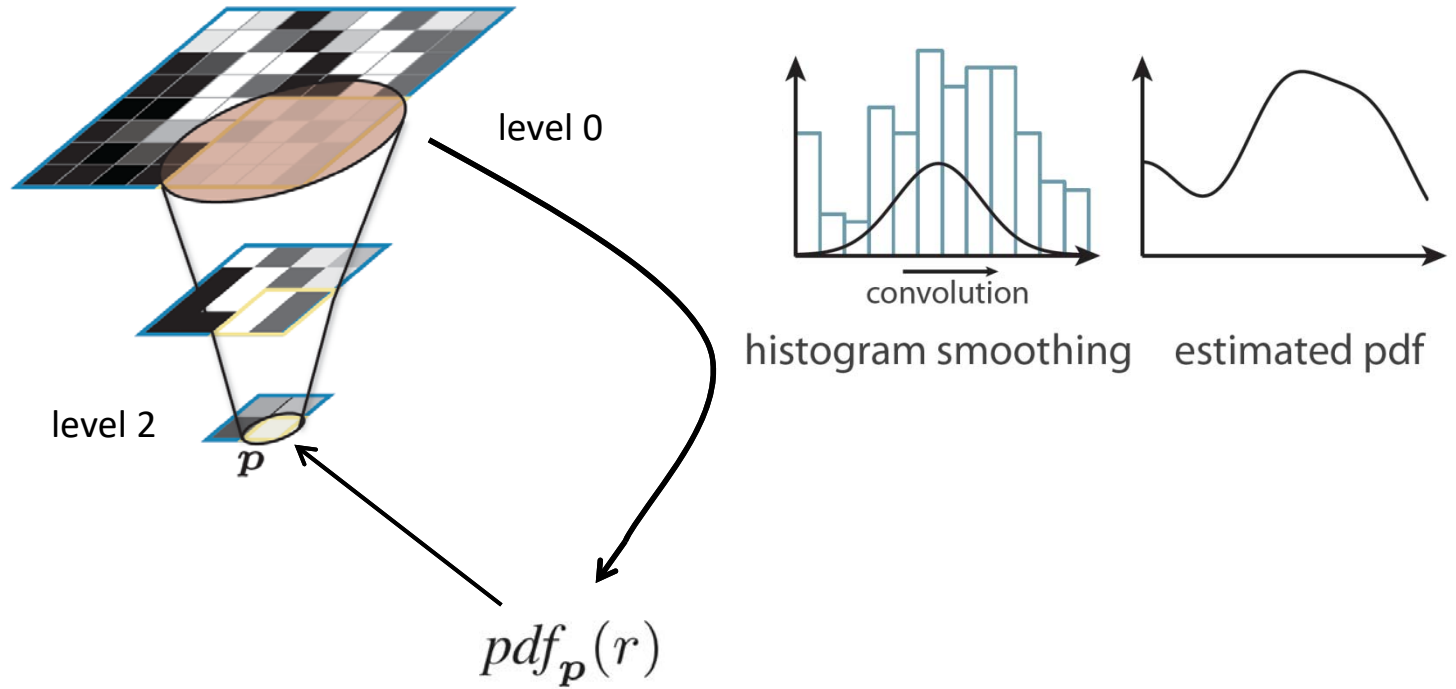
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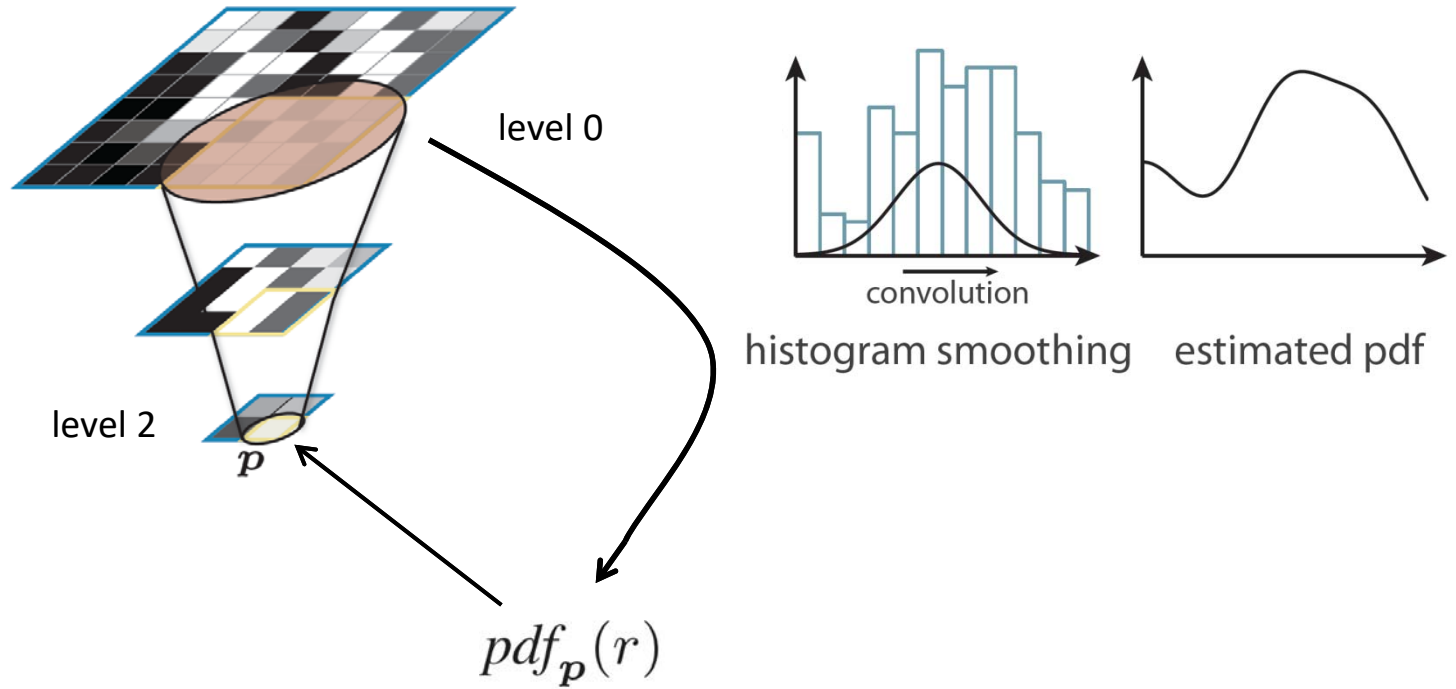
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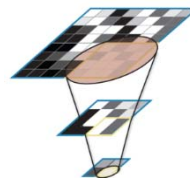
Apply non-linear operation



$$E[t_p(X_p)] = \frac{1}{w_p} \int_0^1 t_p(r) pdf_p(r) dr$$

## EXAMPLE 1: DOWN-SAMPLED IMAGE

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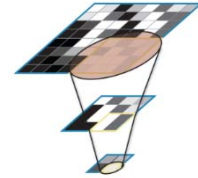
$$t_p(r) = r$$

$$w_p = 1$$



## EXAMPLE 2: COLOR MAPPING

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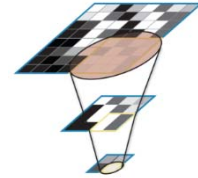
$t_p(r) = \text{color map}$

$w_p = 1$



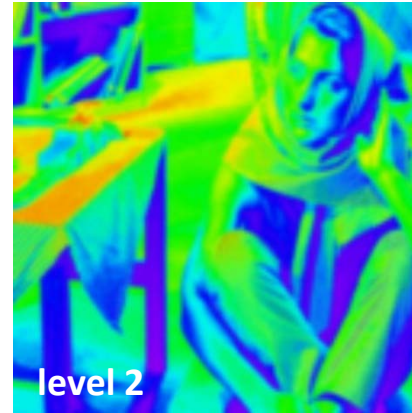
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plus: bilateral filtering, local Laplacian filtering in linear time, ...





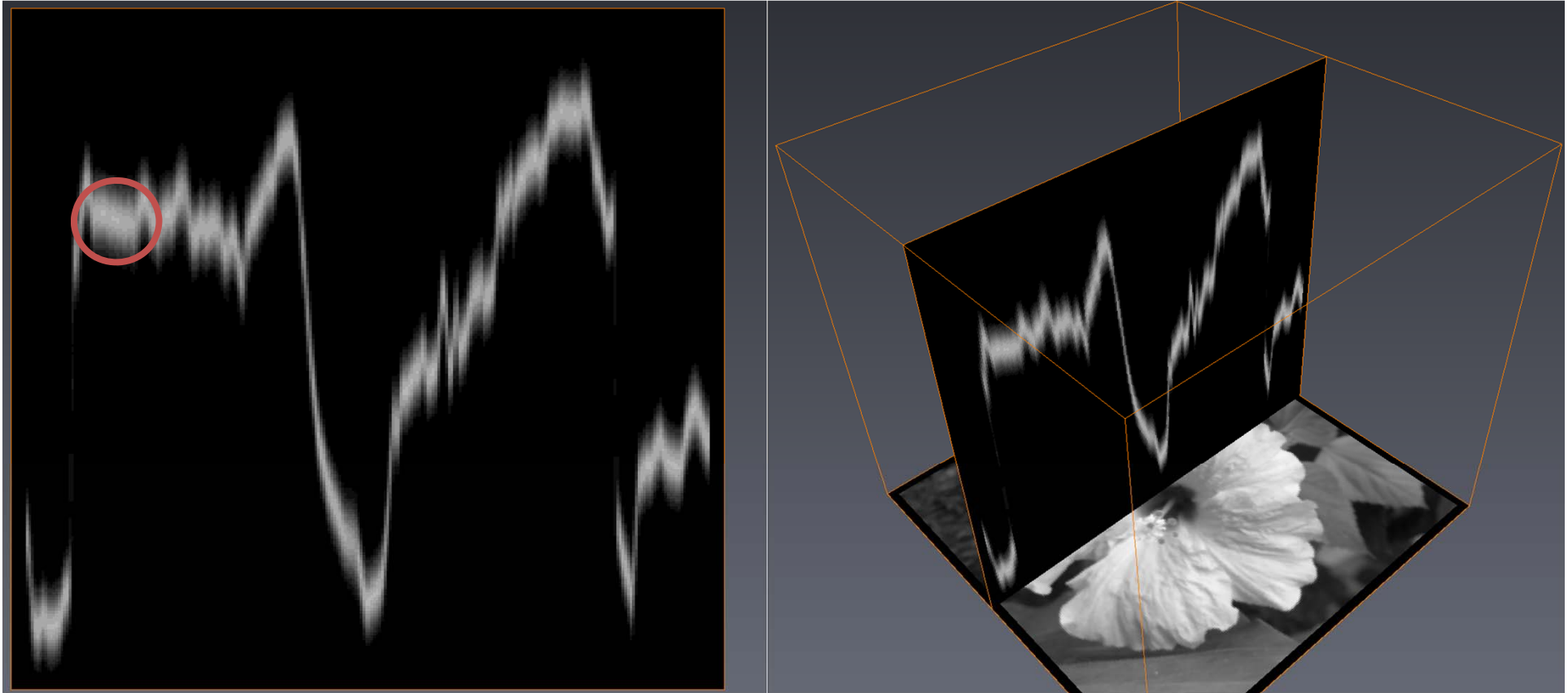
## INTERACTIVE GIGAPIXEL FILTERING

Fast Local Laplacian Filtering

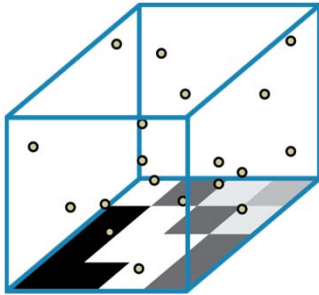
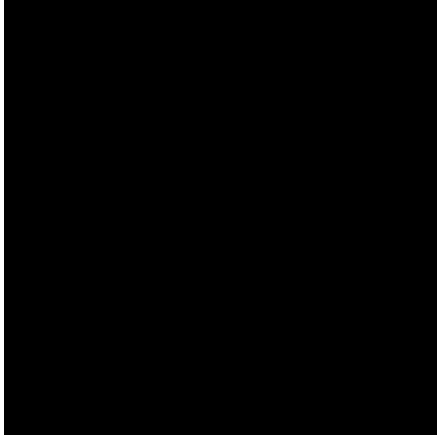


# Computation

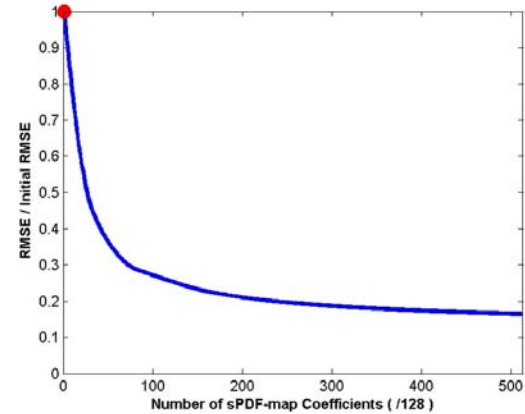
## SPATIAL AND RANGE COHERENCE



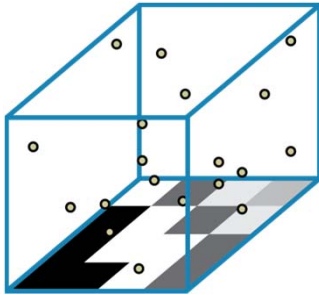
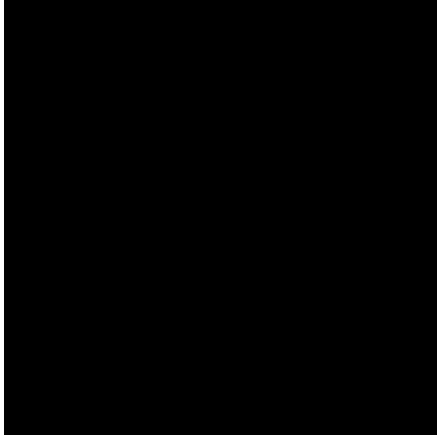
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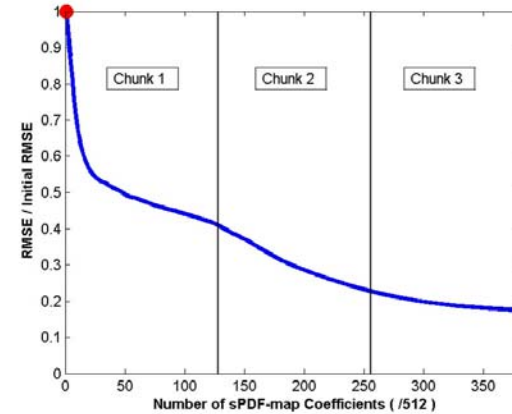
Spatial filter  $W$ :  $5 \times 5$   
1 coefficient chunk  
(# coefficients ==  $1 * \# \text{ pixels}$ )



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Spatial filter  $W$ :  $3 \times 3$   
1-3 coefficient chunks  
(# coefficients ==  $1-3 * \#$  pixels)

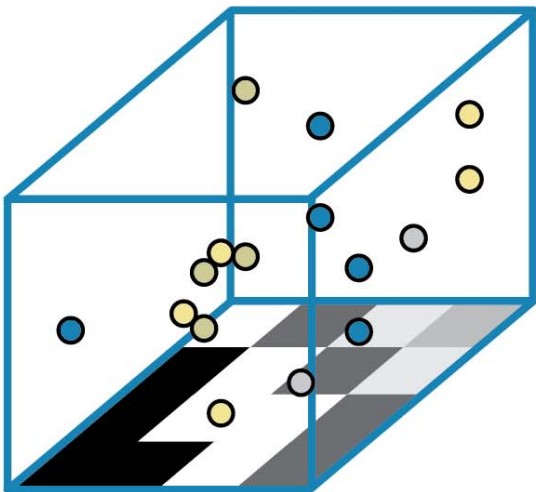




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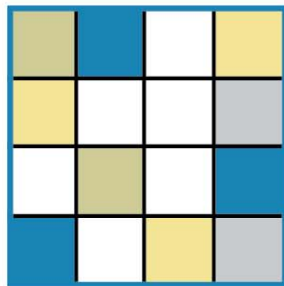


## SPDF MAPS DATA STRUCTURE



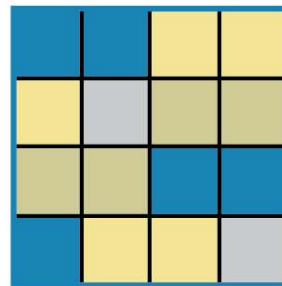
conceptual

$$V(\mathbf{p}_n, r_n) = c_n$$



index image

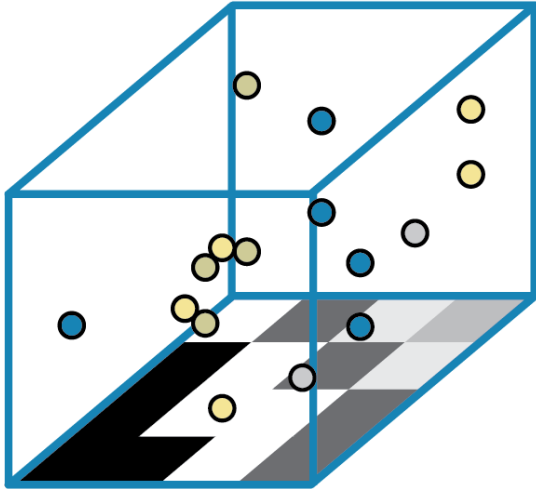
$$(\text{index}, \text{count})_{\mathbf{p}}$$



coefficient image

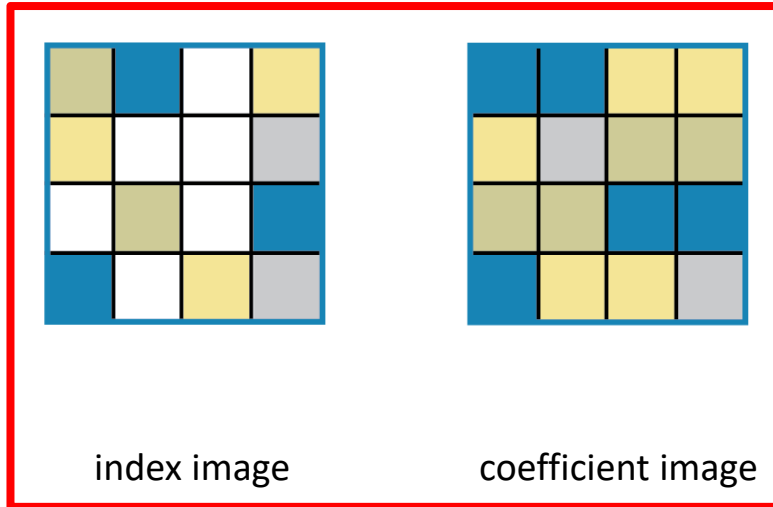
$$(r_n, c_n)$$

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coefficient image

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# Display-Aware Gigapixel Image Processing

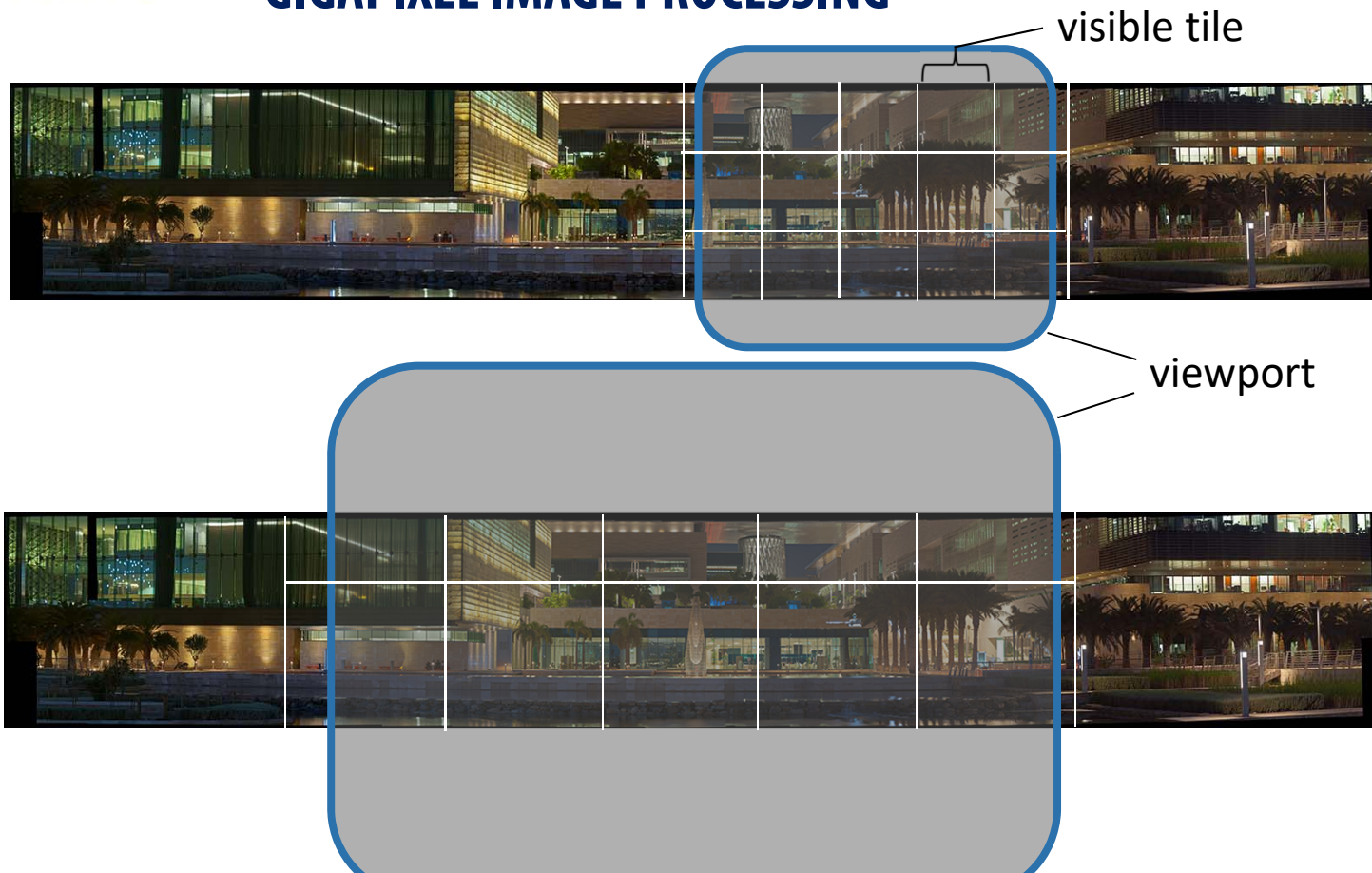
# GIGAPIXEL IMAGE PROCESSING

## Out-of-Core Processing

- Divide data into smaller tiles, process each tile independently (e.g., 256x256)
- Image operations are performed only on requested sub-tiles (display-aware)
- Rendering based on tiled data, using GPU-based virtual memory approach

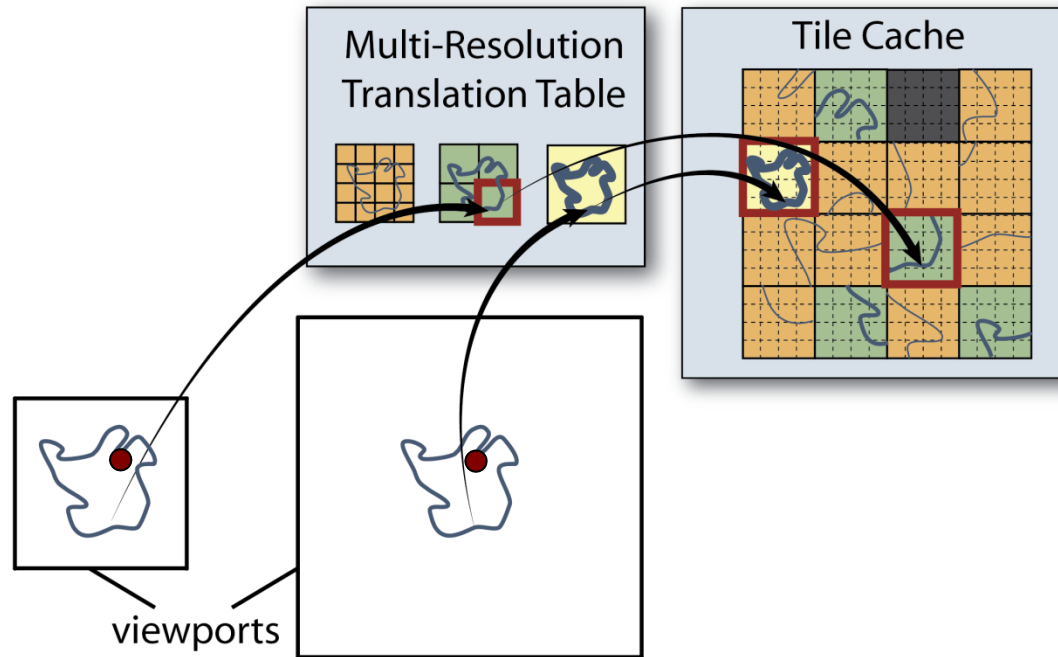


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GPU-based virtual memory architecture [Hadwiger et al. 2012]



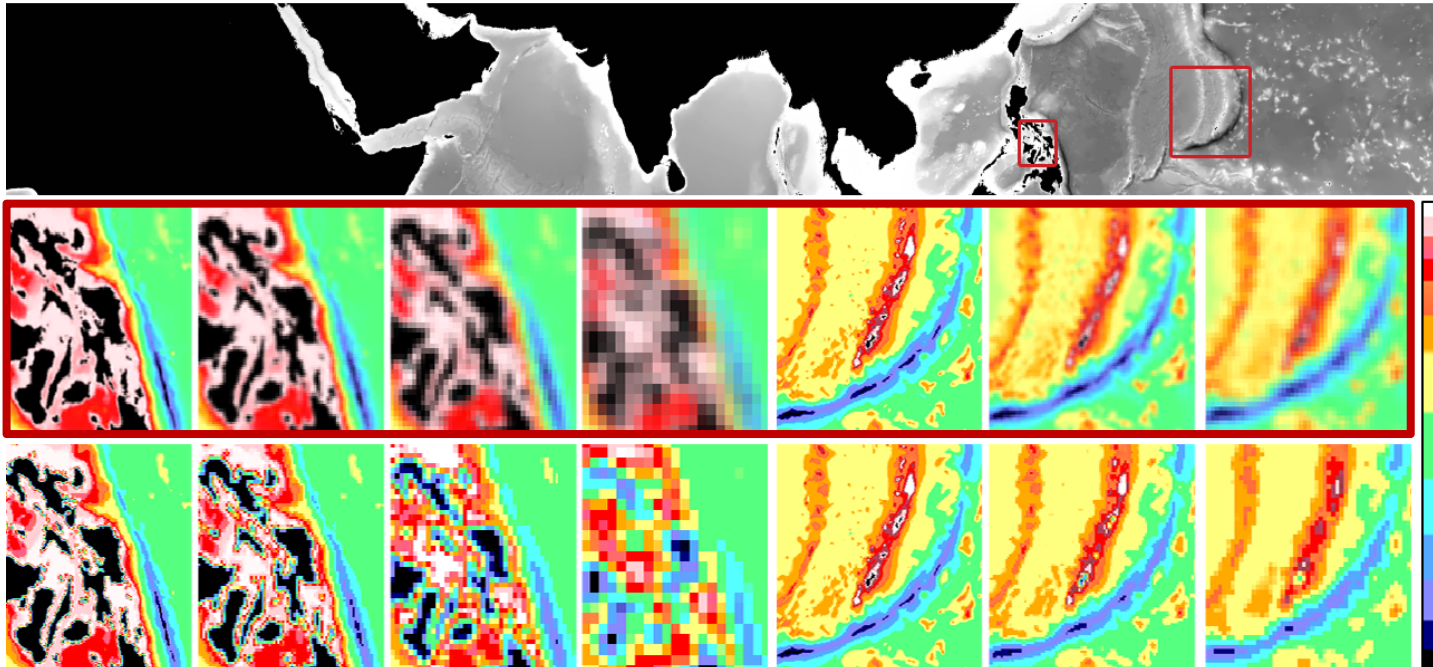
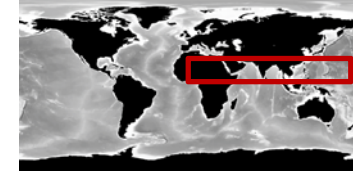


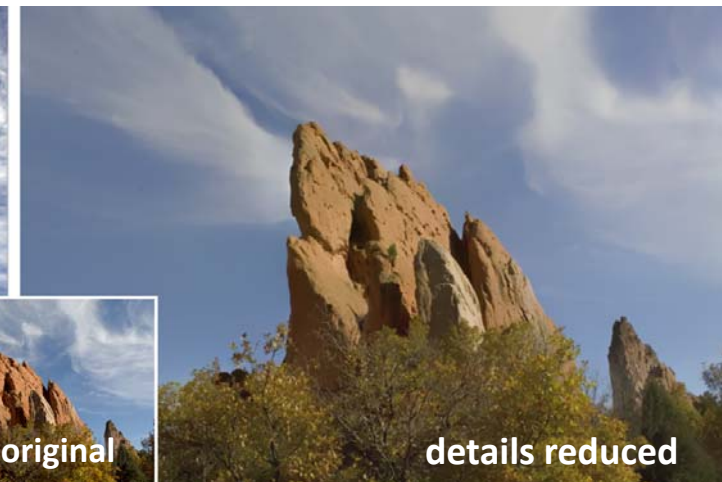
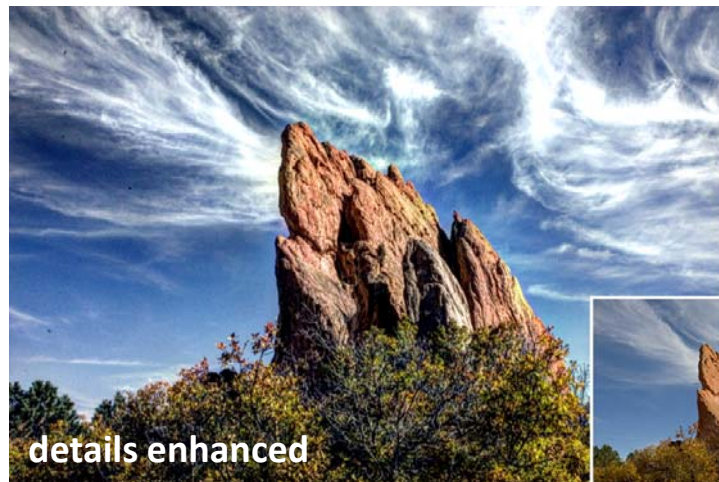


# Results

## COLOR MAPPING GIGAPIXEL IMAGES

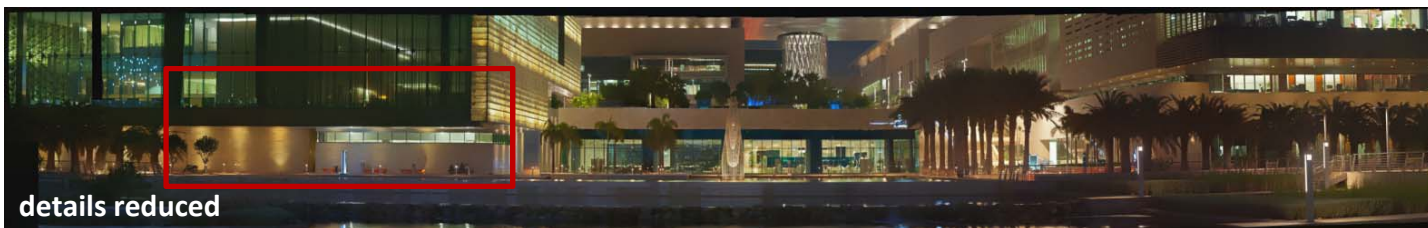
NASA Blue Marble bathymetry: 21,601 x 10,801 pixels (233 Mpixels)







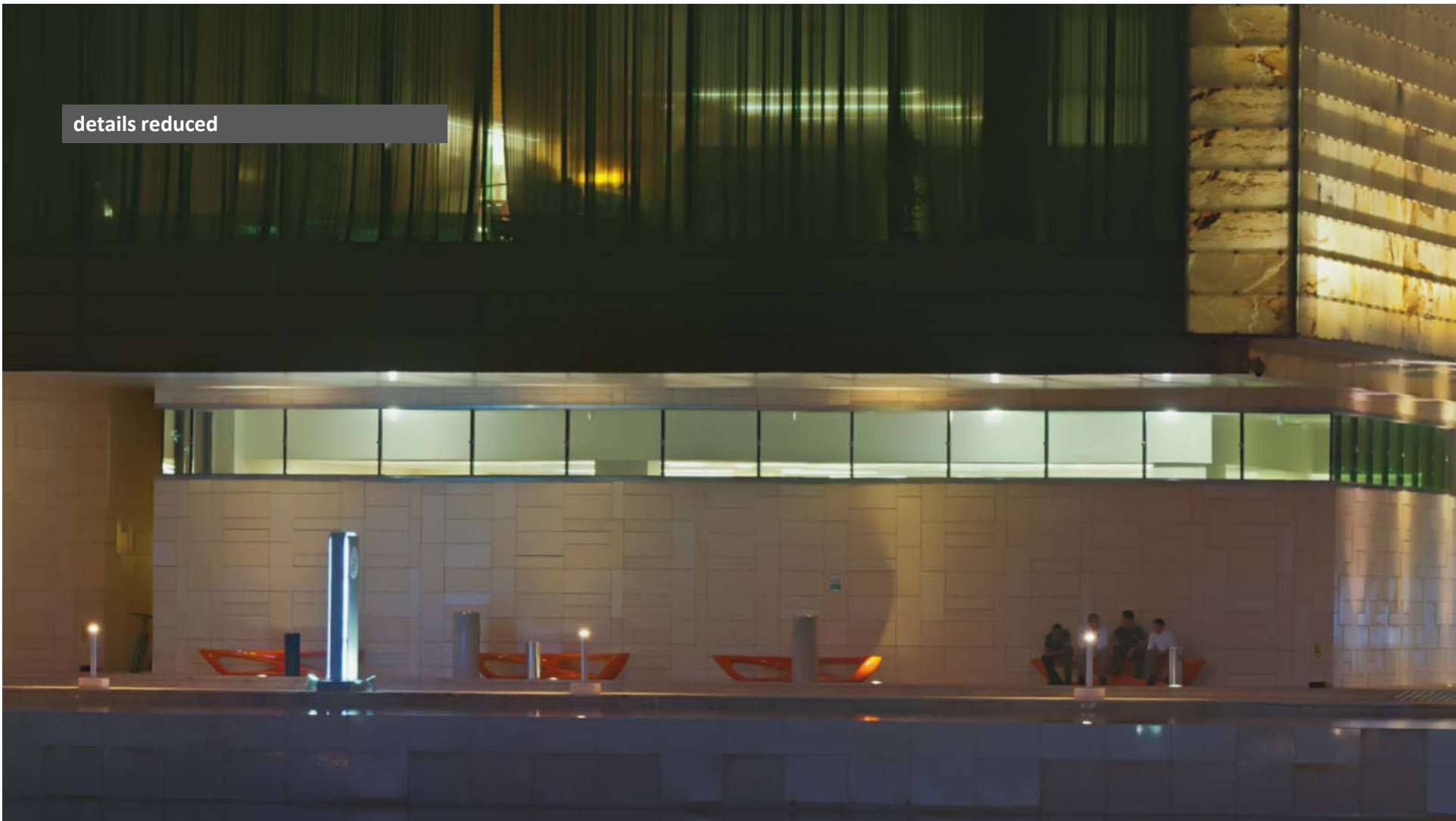
## GIGAPIXEL LOCAL LAPLACIAN FILTERING



original



details reduced



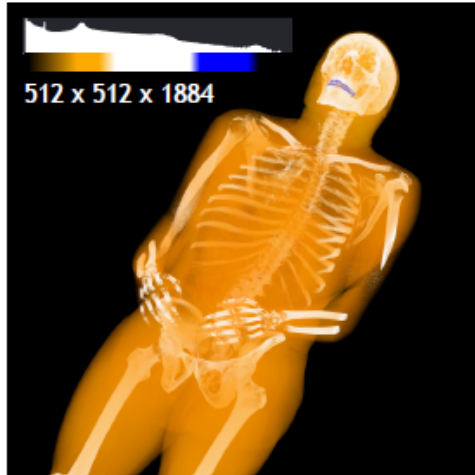


details enhanced



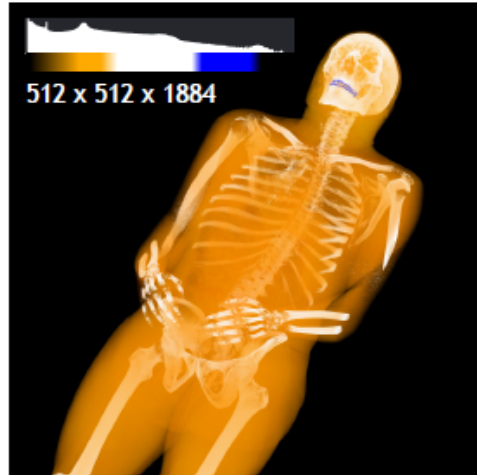


## VISIBLE HUMAN (512 X 512 X 1884)



original volume

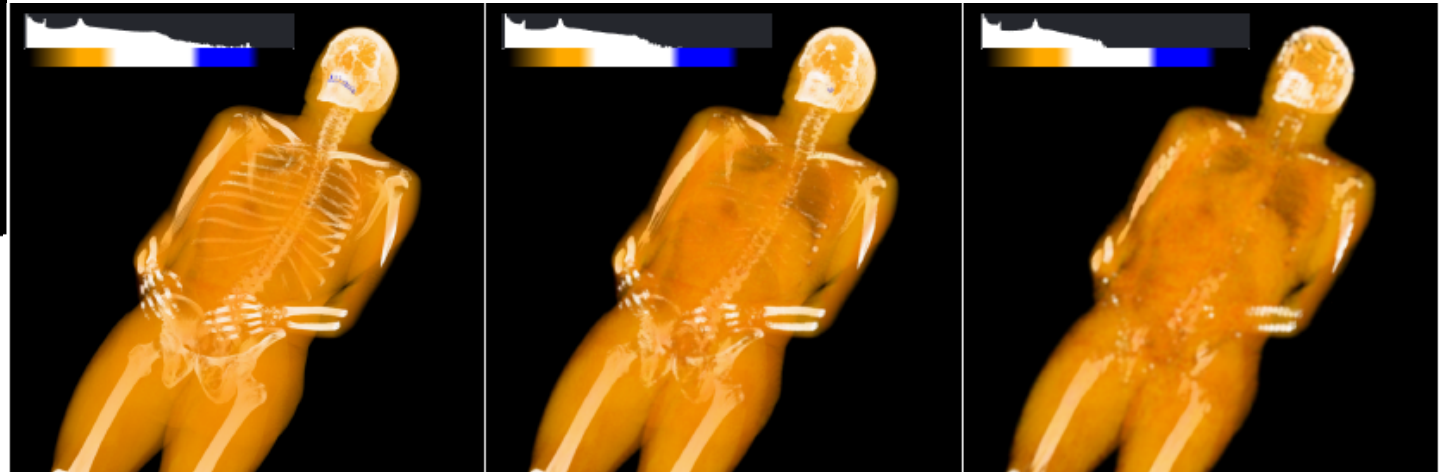
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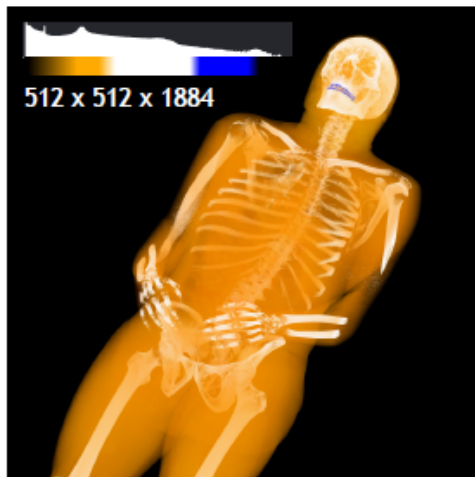
octree (averaging) →

fine to coarse →



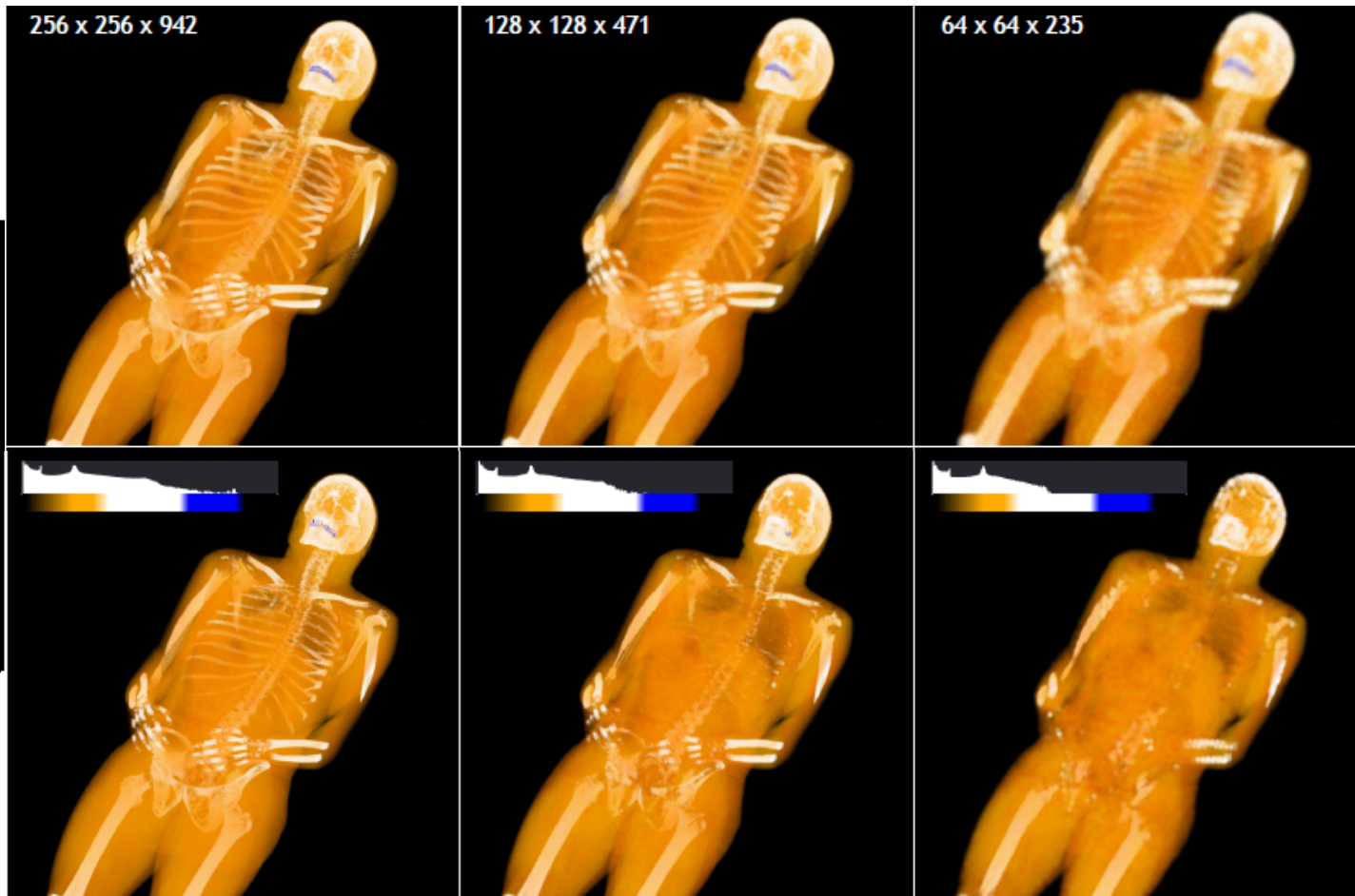
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sparse pdf volumes →



original volume

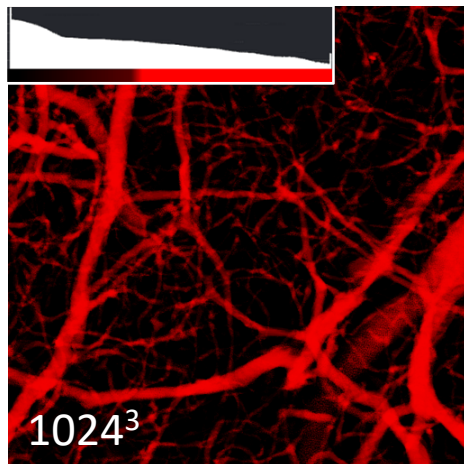
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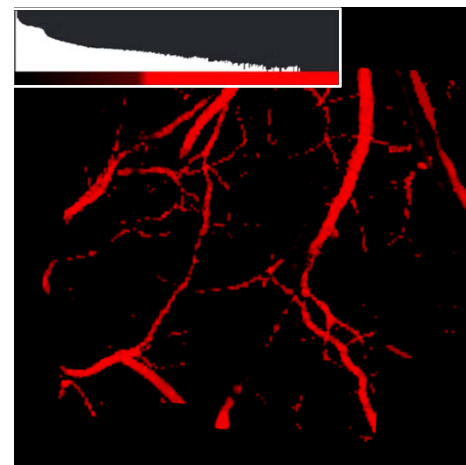
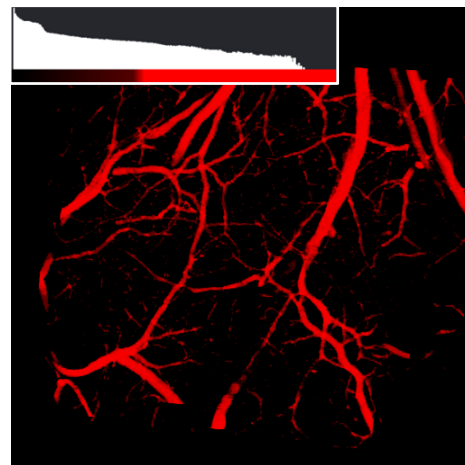
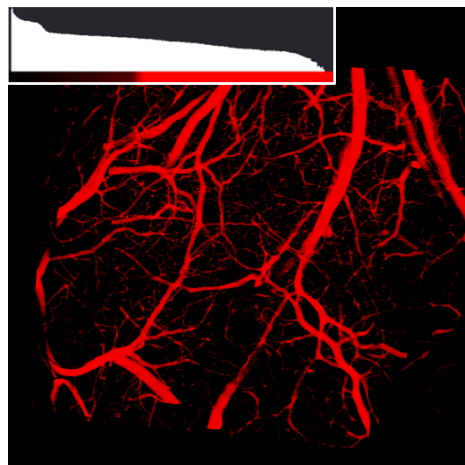
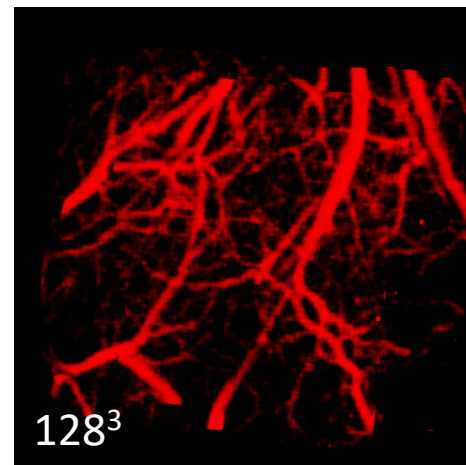
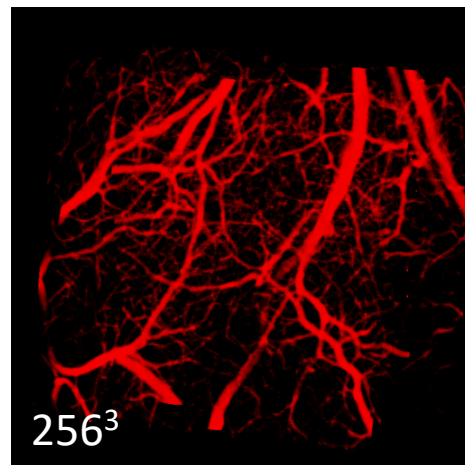
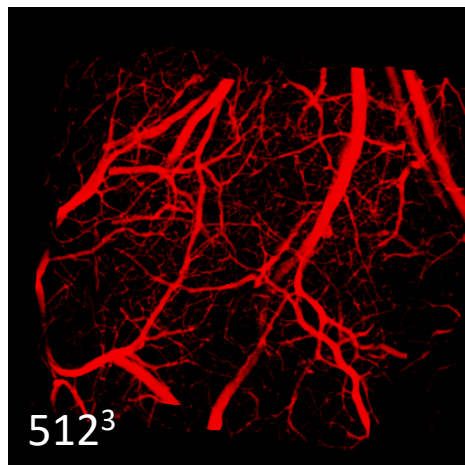
## BLOOD VESSELS (1024 X 1024 X 1024)

sparse pdf volumes →



original volume

octree (averaging) →





## SUMMARY

### Display-aware processing with flexible new image pyramid (spdf map)

- Consistent, sparse representation of pixel footprint pdfs

### Unified evaluation of many important non-linear image operations

- Local Laplacian filtering for gigapixel images

### Efficient CUDA implementation

- Pre-computation costly, but only performed once
- Run time storage and computation similar to standard pyramids

### Sparse PDF maps for images:

Hadwiger et al., Sparse PDF Maps for Non-Linear Multi-Resolution Image Operations, Siggraph Asia 2012

### Sparse PDF volumes for volume rendering:

Sicat et al., Sparse PDF Volumes for Consistent Multi-Resolution Volume Rendering, IEEE Scientific Visualization 2014



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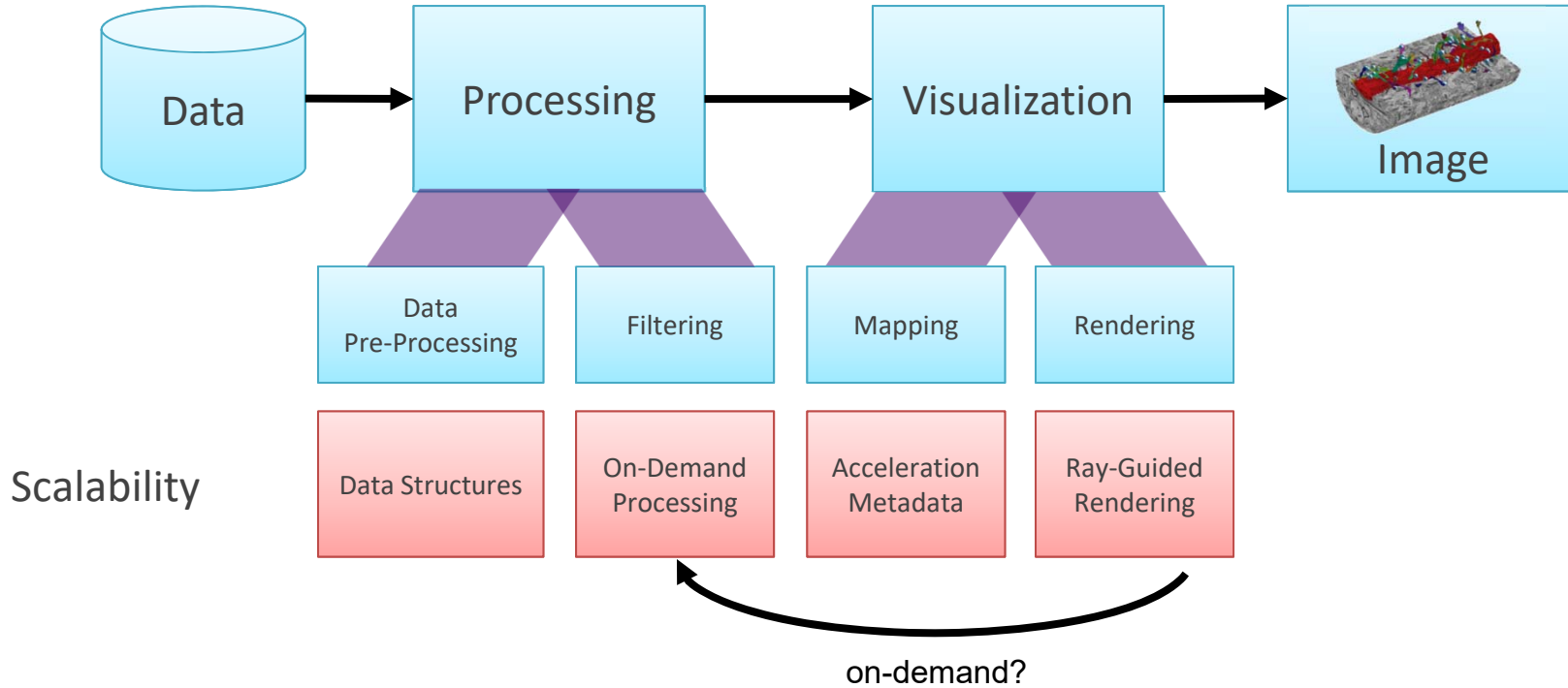




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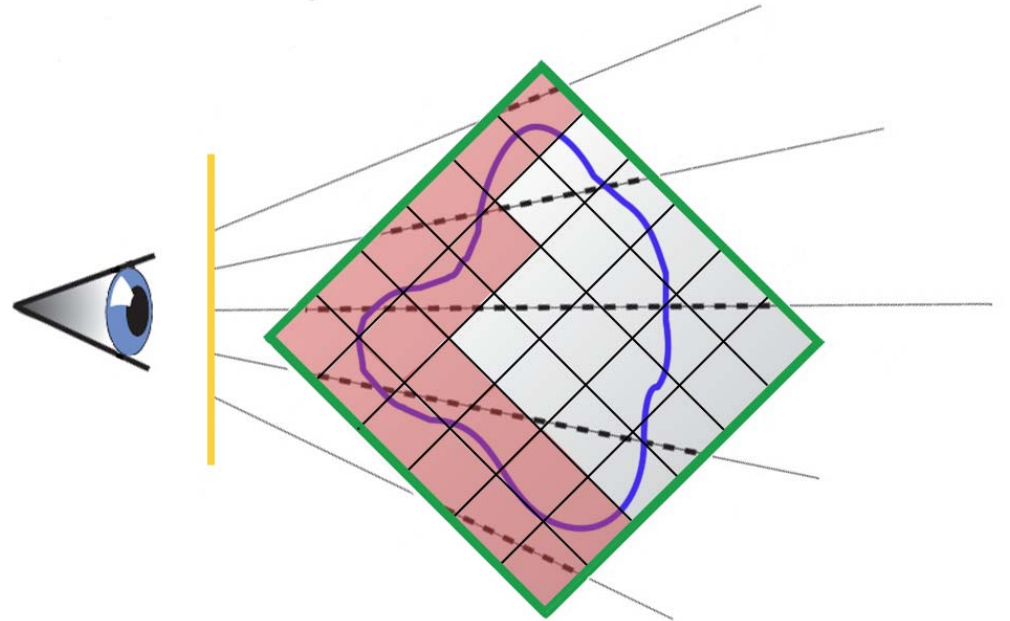


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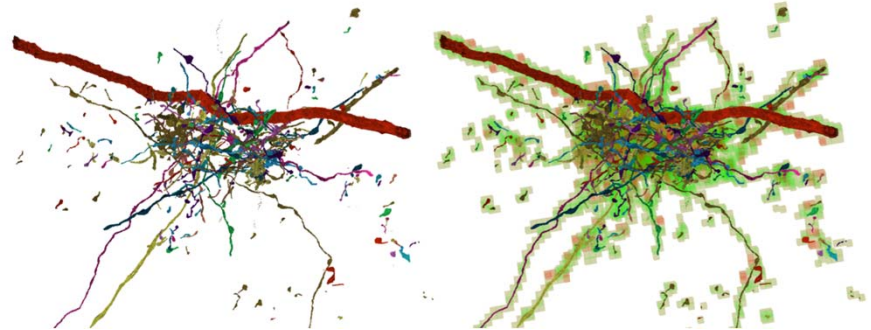
## RAY-GUIDED VOLUME RENDERING

- Working set determination on GPU
- Single-pass rendering
- Traversal on GPU
- Virtual texturing



## VOLUME RENDERING OF SEGMENTED DATA

- Empty space skipping essential
- Efficient culling is basis for empty space skipping
  - Compact and scalable data structure (to millions of objects)
  - Hierarchical culling algorithm
- Hybrid approaches
  - Image-order vs. object-order
  - Deterministic vs. probabilistic





**THANK YOU!**

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