Equalizer

Quickstart and Demonstration Guide

Building Equalizer

- Get source tree from svn repository
- Linux, Mac OS X:
 - cd src; make
 - set library path as printed by make
 - see also src/README
- Windows:
 - Build src/VS2005/Equalizer.sln

Running the Server

• Linux:

./server/eqServer.<arch> [configfile]

• Mac OS X:

./server/eqServer [configfile]

Windows:

- debug 'Equalizer Server'
- OR: build\VS2005\win32\debug\eqServer

Running the Example Application

• Linux:

cd src/examples/eqPly;./eqPly.<arch>

• Mac OS X:

• start X11

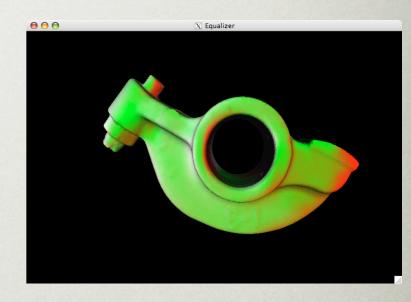
cd src/examples/eqPly;./eqPly

• Windows:

- debug 'eqPly Example'
- $OR: build\VS2005\win32\debug\eqPly Example$

Running the Example Application

- eqPly runs now with default config
 - one window, one pipe thread, one process
- Left mouse button rotates
- Middle mouse button zooms
- Right mouse button moves
- Exit by pressing <Esc>, all three mouse buttons or using window close button



Exploring Equalizer

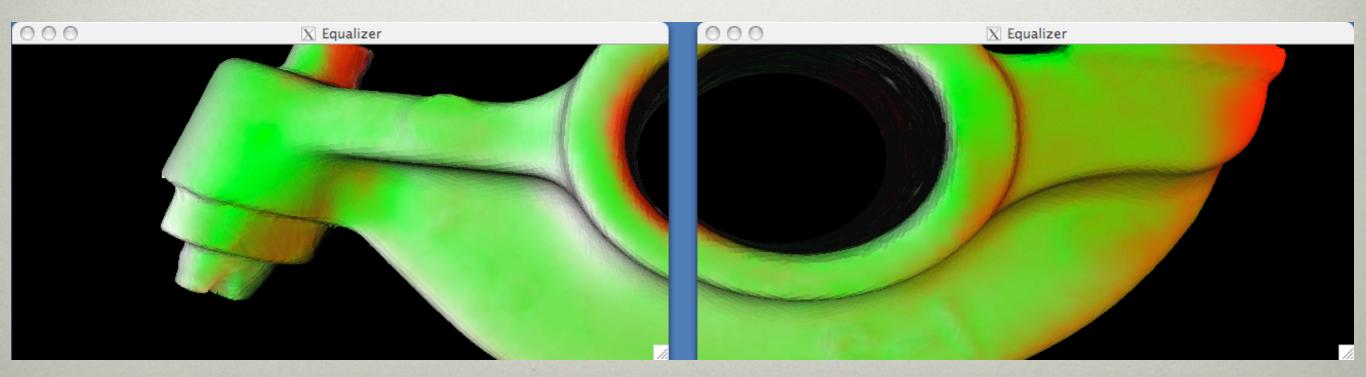
- To use a different config:
 - exit eqPly; stop server
 - start server with new config:

./server/eqServer examples/configs/2-window.eqc

- run eqPly again
- Load model with '--model <name>'
 - Sample Models at <u>www.cyberware.com</u>

2-window

- Two windows, one pipe thread
- Compound wall description to produce side-by side image



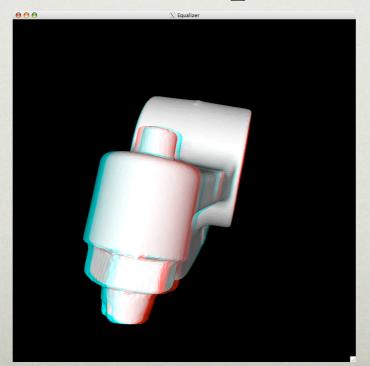
2-window

- Set EQ_TAINT_CHANNELS to get channel background colors
- One window, five channels
- Simulate a CAVETM on a single PC



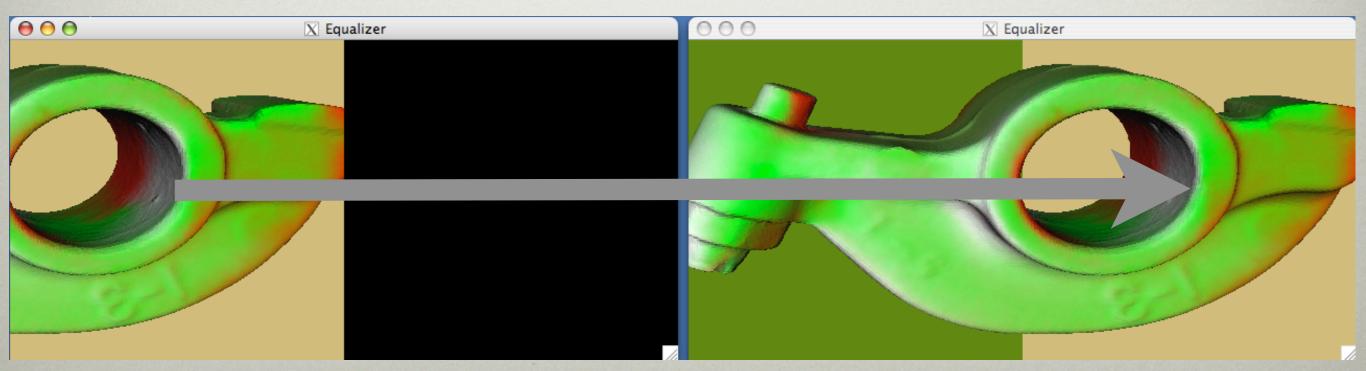
1-pipe.stereo.anaglyph

- Start eqPly with option -b
- Use anaglyphic (colored) glasses
- Two sequential eye passes
- Support for active (quad-buffer) stereo



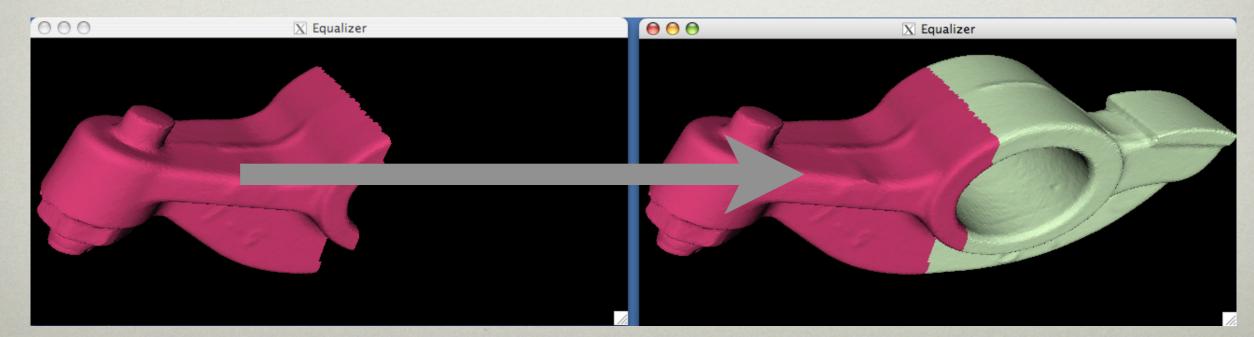
2-window.2D

- Left window renders half of the viewport for right window
- For deployment, windows are on separate pipes (GPUs) for scalability



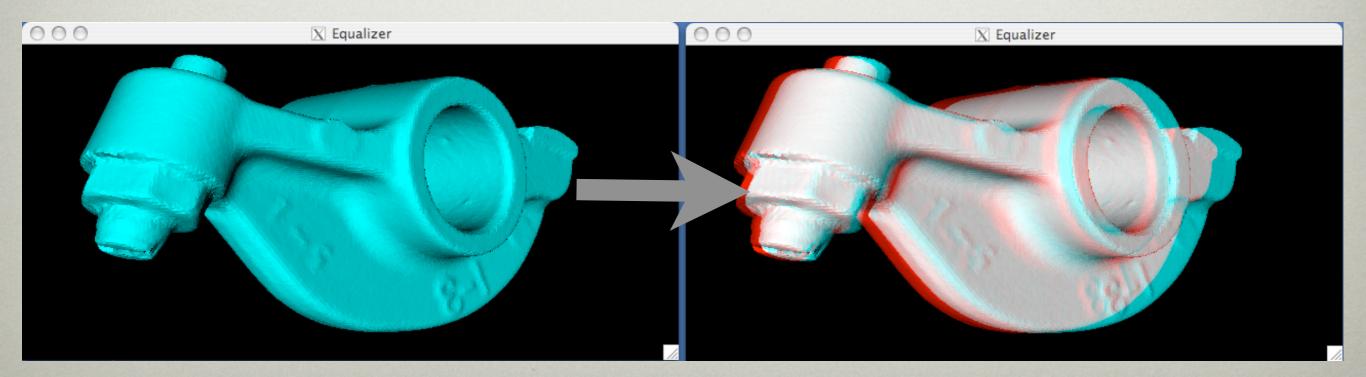
2-window.DB

- Left window renders part of the database for the right window
- Coloring is implemented in eqPly
- Data is combined using Z-Buffer information



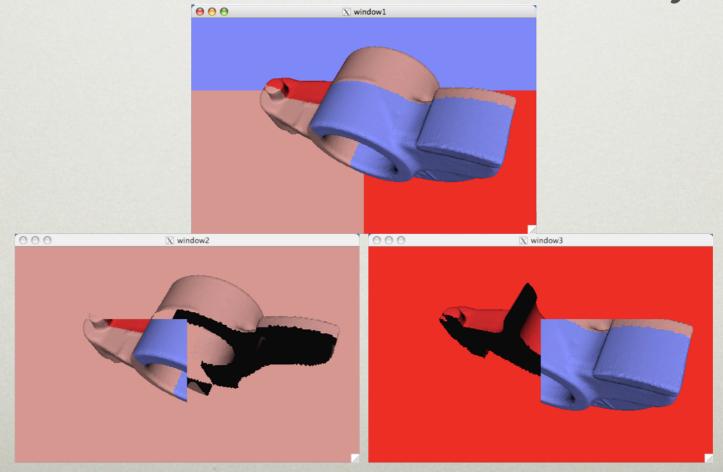
2-window.EYE.anaglyph

- Left window renders right eye
- Right window renders left eye
- Very good scalability on two pipes



3-window.DB.ds

- Parallel compositing (direct send)
- Each channel renders and composites
- Run 4-window.DB.bs for binary swap

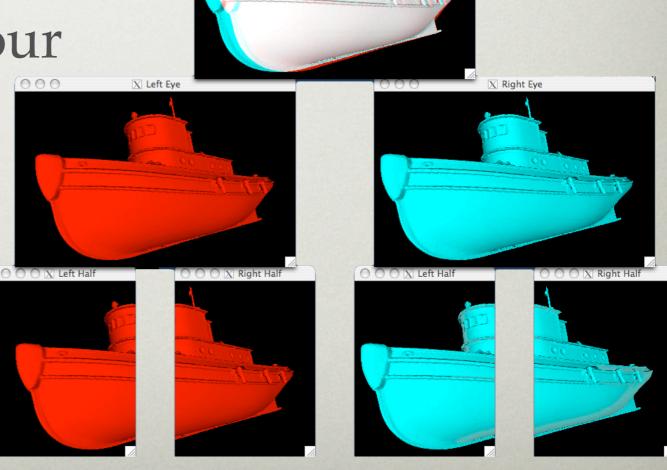


7-window.EYE.2D

- Multilevel configuration
- Combine modes for optimal performance

Deployment on four

pipes



Next Steps

- Cluster configurations need passwordless ssh setup to launch processes
- Change hostnames to reflect your setup
- Active stereo requires stereo visuals,
 i.e., high-end graphic cards
- Configuration file specification is available online