6-gVirtualXRay vs Gate-detector realistic phantom

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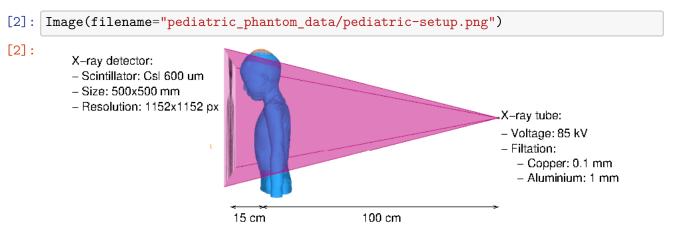
```
[1]: from IPython.display import display from IPython.display import Image from utils import * # Code shared across more than one notebook
```

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Purpose: In this notebook, we aim to demonstrate that gVirtualXRay is able to generate analytic simulations on GPU comparable to images generated with the state-of-the-art Monte Caro simulation packages. An anthropomorphic phantom is used. It corresponds to a 5-year old boy. We take into account i) a realistic beam spectrum (tube voltage and filtration) and ii) the energy response of the detector.

Material and Methods: We simulate an image with gVirtualXRay and compare it with a ground truth image. For this purpose, we use Gate, a wrapper for CERN's state-of-the-art Monte Caro simulation tool: Geant4. The number of tracked particles is 1e9.

In our simulation the source-to-object distance (SOD) is 1000mm, and the source-to-detector distance (SDD) is 1125mm. The beam spectrum is polychromatic. The voltage is 85 kV. The filtration is 0.1 mm of copper and 1 mm of aluminium. The energy response of the detector is considered. It mimics a 600-micron thick CsI scintillator.

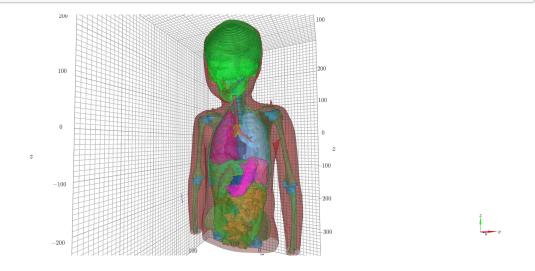


The sample is made of a 70x70x15mm box of water, in which 5 columns of 3 spheres of different radii (2, 3.5, and 5mm) have been inserted. A given material is associated to the spheres of each column (bone (cortical), blood (whole), brain (grey/white matter), breast tissue, and adipose tissue). The columns are ordered in decreasing density. We use the definitions of tissue substitutes provided in

the ICRU Report 44 by the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements. The material composition is available at https://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/XrayMassCoef/tab2.html.

[3]: Image(filename="plots/pediatric_model.png", width=800)

[3]:



Results: The calculations were performed on the following platform:

[4]: printSystemInfo()

OS:

Linux 5.3.18-150300.59.49-default

x86_64

CPU:

AMD Ryzen 7 3800XT 8-Core Processor

RAM:

63 GB

GPU:

Name: GeForce RTX 2080 Ti

Drivers: 455.45.01 Video memory: 11 GB

The Monte Carlo simulation needed 5.36e6 HS06 seconds to complete.

It is equivalent to 8.68E+08 ms (i.e. ~10 days) on the system used. Only 218 ± 6 ms was needed with the GPU used.

The mean absolute percentage error (MAPE), also known as mean absolute percentage deviation (MAPD), between the two simulated images is **MAPE 2.23**%. The **zero-mean normalised** cross-correlation is 99.99%. The Structural Similarity Index (SSIM) is 0.99.

As MAPE is relatively low (less than 5%), SSIM is high (close to 1), and ZNCC is high (close to

100%), we can conclude that this X-ray image simulated with gVirtualXRay on GPU in milliseconds is comparable to the same Monte Carlo simulation that ran for days.

1 Import packages

```
[5]: %matplotlib inline
     import os # Locate files
     import math
     import numpy as np # Who does not use Numpy?
     import pandas as pd # Load/Write CSV files
     import urllib, zipfile
     import matplotlib
     from matplotlib.cm import get_cmap
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Plotting
     from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm # Look up table
     from matplotlib.colors import PowerNorm # Look up table
     import matplotlib.colors as mcolors
     font = {'family' : 'serif',
             #'weight' : 'bold',
              'size' : 22
            }
     matplotlib.rc('font', **font)
     # matplotlib.rc('text', usetex=True)
     from scipy.stats import pearsonr # Compute the correlatio coefficient
     from skimage.util import compare_images # Checkboard comparison between twou
      ⇔images
     from skimage.metrics import structural_similarity as ssim
     from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_percentage_error as mape
     from skimage.metrics import structural_similarity as ssim
     from skimage.transform import resize # Resample the images
     from tifffile import imread, imwrite # Load/Write TIFF files
     import datetime # For the runtime
     import k3d, base64
     import SimpleITK as sitk
     from stl import mesh
```

```
import random
from sitk2vtk import sitk2vtk

import gvxrPython3 as gvxr # Simulate X-ray images

import json2gvxr # Set gVirtualXRay and the simulation up
from utils import * # Code shared across more than one notebook
```

```
SimpleGVXR 1.0.1 (2022-02-22T14:00:25) [Compiler: GNU g++] on Linux gVirtualXRay core library (gvxr) 1.1.5 (2022-02-22T14:00:25) [Compiler: GNU g++] on Linux
```

2 Reference image

We first load the reference image that has been simulated using Gate wrapper for CERN's Geant4. Here we ignore scattering.

```
[6]: Image = imread("pediatric_phantom_data/direct.tif")
Full_field = np.ones(Image.shape) # Perfect full field image
Dark_field = np.zeros(Full_field.shape) # Perfect dark field image
```

Projections are then corrected to account for variations in beam homogeneity and in the pixel-to-pixel sensitivity of the detector. This is the projection with flat-field correction (**Proj**):

$$\mathbf{Proj} = \frac{I - D}{F - D} \tag{1}$$

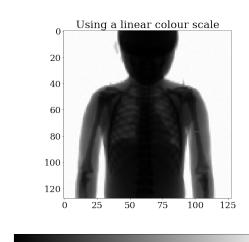
where F (full fields) and D (dark fields) are projection images without sample and acquired with and without the X-ray beam turned on respectively.

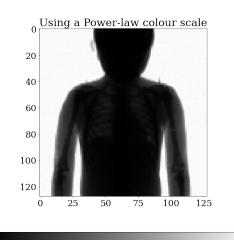
We now apply the flat-field correction to Image.

```
[7]: gate_image = (Image - Dark_field) / (Full_field - Dark_field)
# gate_image = Image / np.mean(Full_field)
```

We plot the image using a linear look-up table and a power-law normalisation.

Image simulated using Gate wrapper for CERN's Geant4





3 Setting up gVirtualXRay

Before simulating an X-ray image using gVirtualXRay, we must create an OpenGL context.

[9]: json2gvxr.initGVXR("notebook-6.json", "OPENGL")

0.6

Create an OpenGL context: 800x450

0

Fri Mar 4 11:45:35 2022 ---- Create window gvxrStatus: Create window

0 0 500 500

OpenGL renderer: GeForce RTX 2080 Ti/PCIe/SSE2

OpenGL version: 3.2.0 NVIDIA 455.45.01 OpenGL vender: NVIDIA Corporation

Fri Mar 4 11:45:35 2022 ---- Use OpenGL 4.5.0 0 800 450

3.1 X-ray source

We create an X-ray source. It is a point source.

[10]: json2gvxr.initSourceGeometry()

Set up the beam

Source position: [0.0, 1000.0, 0.0, 'mm']

Source shape: PointSource

3.2 Spectrum

The spectrum is polychromatic.

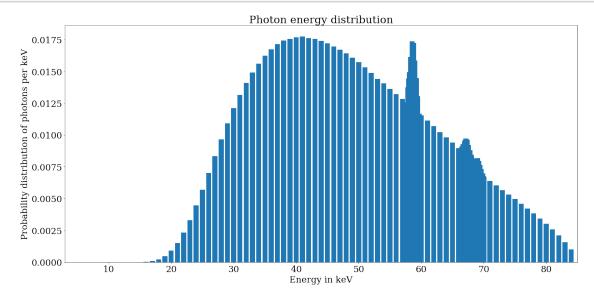
```
[11]: spectrum, unit, k, f = json2gvxr.initSpectrum(verbose=0)
  energy_set = sorted(spectrum.keys())

count_set = []

for energy in energy_set:
    count_set.append(spectrum[energy])
```

Plot the spectrum

```
[12]: k *= 1000
plotSpectrum(k, f, "plots/spectrum-paediatrics", xlim=[np.min(k), np.max(k)])
```



3.3 Detector

Create a digital detector

```
[13]: json2gvxr.initDetector()
```

Set up the detector

Detector position: [0.0, -150.0, 0.0, 'mm']

Detector up vector: [0, 0, -1]

Detector number of pixels: [1024, 1024]

Energy response: Gate_data/responseDetector.txt in MeV

Pixel spacing: [0.48828125, 0.48828125, 'mm']

3.4 Model the energy response of the detector

Load the energy response

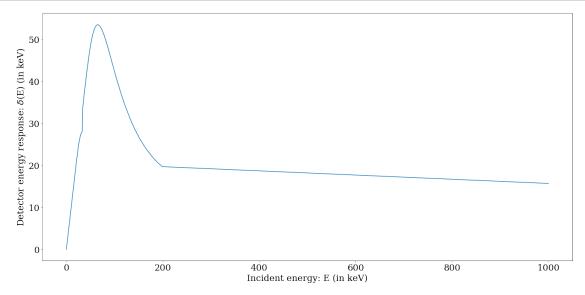
```
[14]: detector_response = np.loadtxt("Gate_data/responseDetector.txt")
```

Display the energy response

```
[15]: plt.figure(figsize= (20,10))
# plt.title("Detector response")
plt.plot(detector_response[:,0] * 1000, detector_response[:,1] * 1000)
plt.xlabel('Incident energy: E (in keV)')
plt.ylabel('Detector energy response: $\\delta$(E) (in keV)')

plt.tight_layout()

plt.savefig('plots/detector_response.pdf')
plt.savefig('plots/detector_response.png')
```



3.5 Converting the voxelised phantom to surface meshes

Download and unzip the phantom

```
with zipfile.ZipFile("pediatric_phantom_data/Pediatric phantom.zip","r") as⊔
⇒zip_ref:
zip_ref.extractall("pediatric_phantom_data")
```

Load the phantom

```
[17]: phantom = sitk.ReadImage("pediatric_phantom_data/Pediatric phantom/
→Pediatric_model.mhd")

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Load the labels
```

```
[18]: df = pd.read_csv("pediatric_phantom_data/labels.dat")
```

Process every structure of the phantom

```
[19]: if not os.path.exists("pediatric_phantom_data/meshes"):
          os.mkdir("pediatric_phantom_data/meshes")
      if not os.path.exists("pediatric_phantom_data/segmentations"):
          os.mkdir("pediatric_phantom_data/segmentations")
      meshes = []
      for threshold, organ in zip(df["Label"], df["Organs"]):
          # Ignore air
          if organ != "Air":
              print("Process", organ)
              seg_fname = "pediatric_phantom_data/segmentations/" + organ + ".mha"
              mesh_fname = "pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/" + organ + ".stl"
              meshes.append(mesh fname)
              # Only create the mesh if it does not exist
              if not os.path.exists(mesh_fname):
                  # Only segment the image it is not done as yet
                  if not os.path.exists(seg_fname):
                      # Threshold the phantom
                      binary_image = (phantom == threshold)
                      # Smooth the binary segmentation
                      smoothed_binary_image = sitk.AntiAliasBinary(binary_image)
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sitk.WriteImage(smoothed_binary_image, seg_fname)
             else:
                 smoothed_binary_image = sitk.ReadImage(seg_fname)
             # Create a VTK image
             vtkimg = sitk2vtk(smoothed_binary_image, centre=True)
             vtk_mesh = extractSurface(vtkimg, 0)
              print('Before decimation')
              print(f'There are {mesh.GetNumberOfPoints()} points.')
#
               print(f'There are {mesh.GetNumberOfPolys()} polygons.')
               decimate = vtk.vtkDecimatePro()
#
               decimate.SetInputData(mesh)
               decimate.SplittingOn()
 #
#
               decimate.SetTargetReduction(30)
               decimate.PreserveTopologyOn()
#
               decimate.Update()
               decimated = vtk.vtkPolyData()
#
#
               decimated.ShallowCopy(decimate.GetOutput())
               print('After decimation')
               print(f'There are {decimated.GetNumberOfPoints()} points.')
               print(f'There are {decimated.GetNumberOfPolys()} polygons.')
#
#
              print(
                   f'Reduction: {(mesh.GetNumberOfPolys() - decimated.
  → GetNumberOfPolys()) / mesh.GetNumberOfPolys()}')
#
               print("\n\n")
#
               writeSTL(decimated, mesh_fname)
             writeSTL(vtk mesh, mesh fname)
Process Muscle
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Process Bone
Process Stomach-Interior
Process Cartilage
Process Brain
Process Bladder
Process Gallbladder
Process Heart
Process Kidneys-right
Process Kidneys-left
Process Small-Intestine
Process Large-Intestine
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Process Liver
Process Lung-right
Process Lung-left
Process Pancreas
Process Spleen
Process Stomach
Process Thymus
Process Eyes-right
Process Skull
Process Trachea

Load the samples. verbose=2 is used to print the material database for Gate. To disable it, use verbose=0 or verbose=1.

[20]: json2gvxr.initSamples(verbose=0)

```
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Muscle.stl
                                                nb faces:
                                                                1756726
                                                (-17.9687, -10.8887, -30.9017)
nb vertices:
                5270178 bounding_box (in cm):
(16.6016, 11.1799, 28.6986)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Bone.stl nb_faces:
                                                        541826
                                                                nb_vertices:
                                (-16.7969, -23.6577, -30.9017)
1625478 bounding_box (in cm):
                                                                (15.2152,
9.88865, 16.3501)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Stomach-Interior.stl
                                                        nb_faces:
nb_vertices:
                28356
                        bounding_box (in cm):
                                               (-1.34334, -2.38867, -17.0041)
(4.16143, 3.05231, -8.50205)
pediatric phantom data/meshes/Cartilage.stl
                                                nb faces:
                                                                163322
                                                (-16.7615, -4.32288, -30.9017)
nb vertices:
               489966 bounding_box (in cm):
(15.5041, 8.717, 16.6771)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Brain.stl nb_faces:
                                                                nb vertices:
                                                        124028
372084 bounding_box (in cm): (-7.32082, -9.98695, 16.3501)
                                                                (7.50031,
5.78681, 28.1222)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Bladder.stl
                                                nb_faces:
                                                                3712
                        bounding_box (in cm):
nb vertices:
                11136
                                                (-3.78536, 2.11808, -30.9017)
(0.175804, 5.49461, -29.7572)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Gallbladder.stl
                                                nb faces:
                                                                4308
nb_vertices:
                12924
                        bounding_box (in cm):
                                                (-5.07422, -1.68659, -17.9851)
(-2.54188, 1.49065, -14.3881)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Heart.stl nb_faces:
                                                        48172
                                                                nb_vertices:
144516 bounding_box (in cm): (-3.78536, -3.07617, -9.15606)
                                                                (6.32529,
5.68903, 1.30801)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Kidneys-right.stl nb_faces:
                                                                17512
nb vertices:
                52536
                        bounding_box (in cm): (-7.69363, 1.73117, -18.9661)
(-2.47349, 7.23954, -10.4641)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Kidneys-left.stl nb_faces:
                49164
                        bounding_box (in cm): (1.37053, 3.46679, -17.9851)
nb_vertices:
(6.44388, 7.74184, -8.82905)
pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Small-Intestine.stl
                                                        nb_faces:
                                                                        118532
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355596 bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (-7.48809, -2.95731, -30.9017)
     (7.59416, 8.32697, -12.0991)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Large-Intestine.stl
                                                              nb_faces:
                                                                              94336
     nb vertices:
                     283008 bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (-4.66426, -1.67902, -30.4112)
     (7.11153, 6.16473, -13.4071)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Liver.stl nb_faces:
                                                              87800
                                                                      nb vertices:
     263400 bounding box (in cm): (-9.35286, -3.73856, -19.2931)
                                                                      (5.43096,
     7.83896, -6.21304)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Lung-right.stl
                                                      nb faces:
                                                      (-9.47265, -3.16992, -8.82905)
                     241092 bounding_box (in cm):
     nb vertices:
     (0.0788746, 8.15358, 6.54004)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Lung-left.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      70736
                     212208 bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (0.397666, -2.26504, -9.81006)
     nb_vertices:
     (8.28139, 8.52371, 6.21304)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Pancreas.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      14592
     nb vertices:
                     43776
                             bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (-2.8088, -0.240234, -17.0041)
     (5.6632, 4.32215, -10.1371)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Spleen.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      25468
     nb vertices:
                     76404
                             bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (1.48829, -0.611202, -14.7151)
     (8.10404, 7.94215, -6.86704)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Stomach.stl
                                                      nb faces:
                                                                      28680
                             bounding box (in cm):
                                                      (-3.47804, -2.58413, -17.0041)
     nb vertices:
                     86040
     (5.05955, 4.0295, -7.84805)
     pediatric phantom data/meshes/Thymus.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      3136
     nb_vertices:
                     9408
                             bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (-0.846352, -1.87282, -1.30801)
     (1.53113, 1.18326, 2.28901)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Eyes-right.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      3956
                                                      (-3.88504, -9.01112, 14.7151)
     nb_vertices:
                     11868
                             bounding_box (in cm):
     (-1.28679, -6.41928, 17.6581)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Eyes-left.stl
                                                      nb_faces:
                                                                      4116
                     12348
                             bounding_box (in cm):
                                                      (1.66718, -8.8147, 14.7151)
     nb_vertices:
     (4.47449, -6.12631, 17.6581)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Skull.stl nb_faces:
                                                              327028
                                                                      nb_vertices:
     981084 bounding_box (in cm): (-7.59598, -10.476, 7.84805)
                                                                      (7.79064,
     6.17931, 29.1032)
     pediatric_phantom_data/meshes/Trachea.stl
                                                      nb faces:
                                                                      8588
                             bounding box (in cm):
                                                      (-3.48031, -0.996257, -2.61602)
     nb vertices:
                     25764
     (3.39865, 5.09486, 10.1371)
     Visualise the phantom
[21]: plot = k3d.plot()
      plot.background_color = 0xffffff
      for sample in json2gvxr.params["Samples"]:
          label = sample["Label"]
```

nb vertices:

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fname = sample["Path"]
   r, g, b, a = gvxr.getAmbientColour(label)
   R = math.floor(255*r)
   G = math.floor(255*g)
   B = math.floor(255*b)
   A = math.floor(255*a)
   k3d color = 0;
   k3d_color |= (R & 255) << 16;
   k3d_color |= (G & 255) << 8;
   k3d_color |= (B & 255);
   mesh_from_stl_file = mesh.Mesh.from_file(fname)
   if label == "Muscle":
       opacity = 0.4
   else:
       opacity = 1
   geometry = k3d.mesh(mesh_from_stl_file.vectors.flatten(),
                         range(int(mesh_from_stl_file.vectors.flatten().
 ⇒shape[0] / 3)),
                          color=k3d_color,
                          wireframe=False,
                         flat_shading=False,
                         name=fname,
                          opacity=opacity)
   plot += geometry
plot.display()
plot.camera = [321.6678075002728, -461.4855245196105, -34.86613985320561,
                                     0,
                                                        -1.635009765625,
                 0.08017827340927154, -0.083269170696295, 0.9932963755519574]
```

Output()

```
fname = 'plots/pediatric_model.png'
if not os.path.isfile(fname):

    plot.fetch_screenshot() # Not sure why, but we need to do it twice to get_u
    the right screenshot
    plot.fetch_screenshot()

    data = base64.b64decode(plot.screenshot)
    with open(fname,'wb') as fp:
        fp.write(data)
```

4 Run the simulation

Update the 3D visualisation and take a screenshot

```
[23]: gvxr.displayScene()
      gvxr.computeXRayImage()
      gvxr.useLighing()
      gvxr.useWireframe()
      gvxr.setZoom(1549.6787109375)
      angle = math.pi / 2.0
      rotation_matrix_x = np.array([ 1, 0, 0, 0,
                                     0, math.cos(angle), -math.sin(angle), 0,
                                     0, math.sin(angle), math.cos(angle), 0,
                                     0, 0, 0, 1])
      rotation_matrix_z = np.array([ math.cos(angle), -math.sin(angle), 0, 0,
                                     math.sin(angle), math.cos(angle), 0, 0,
                                     0, 0, 1, 0,
                                     0, 0, 0, 1])
      rotation_matrix_x.shape = [4,4]
      rotation_matrix_z.shape = [4,4]
      transformation_matrix = np.identity(4)
      transformation_matrix = np.matmul(rotation_matrix_x, transformation_matrix)
      transformation_matrix = np.matmul(rotation_matrix_z, transformation_matrix)
      gvxr.setSceneRotationMatrix(transformation_matrix.flatten())
      gvxr.setWindowBackGroundColour(1, 1, 1)
      gvxr.displayScene()
     Fri Mar 4 11:45:38 2022 ---- file_name:
                                                     Fri Mar 4 11:45:38 2022 ----
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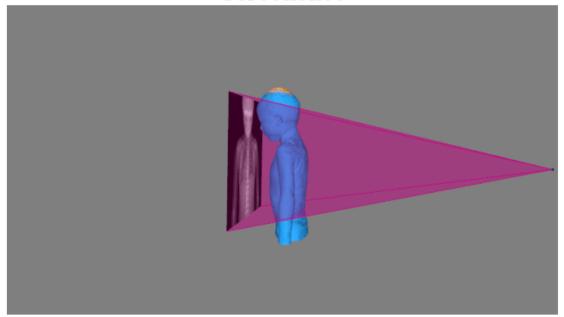
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     file_name:
                      Fri Mar 4 11:45:38 2022 ---- file_name: 0 0 500 500
     0 0 800 450
[24]: | screenshot = (255 * np.array(gvxr.takeScreenshot())).astype(np.uint8)
[25]: fname = 'pediatric_phantom_data/screenshot.png'
      if not os.path.isfile(fname):
         plt.imsave(fname, screenshot)
[26]: gvxr.setZoom(1549.6787109375)
      gvxr.setSceneRotationMatrix([-0.19267332553863525, -0.06089369207620621, 0.
       →9793692827224731, 0.0,
                                    0.9809651970863342, -0.03645244985818863, 0.
       →19072122871875763, 0.0,
                                   0.02408679760992527, 0.9974713325500488, 0.

→06675821542739868, 0.0,

                                                                              0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                                         0.0,
                      1.0])
      gvxr.setWindowBackGroundColour(0.5, 0.5, 0.5)
      gvxr.useNegative()
      gvxr.displayScene()
[27]: | screenshot = (255 * np.array(gvxr.takeScreenshot())).astype(np.uint8)
[28]: plt.figure(figsize= (10,10))
      plt.title("Screenshot")
      plt.imshow(screenshot)
      plt.axis('off')
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.savefig('plots/screenshot-beam-on-paediatrics.pdf')
      plt.savefig('plots/screenshot-beam-on-paediatrics.png')
```

Screenshot



Compute an X-ray image 50 times (to gather performance statistics)

```
[29]: # gvxr.enableArtefactFilteringOnCPU()
gvxr.enableArtefactFilteringOnGPU()
# gvxr.disableArtefactFiltering() # Spere inserts are missing with GPU
integration when a outer surface is used for the matrix

runtimes = []

for i in range(50):
    start_time = datetime.datetime.now()
    gvxr.computeXRayImage()
    end_time = datetime.datetime.now()
    delta_time = end_time - start_time
    runtimes.append(delta_time.total_seconds() * 1000)
```

Save an X-ray image

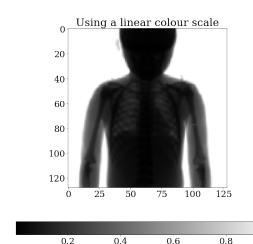
Flat-field correction

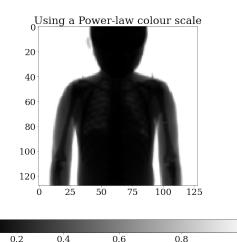
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[31]: total_energy_in_keV = 0.0
      for energy, count in zip(energy_set, count_set):
          total_energy_in_keV += energy * count
      total_energy_in_MeV = gvxr.getTotalEnergyWithDetectorResponse()
[32]: white = np.ones(x_ray_image_integration_GPU.shape) * total_energy_in_MeV
      dark = np.zeros(x_ray_image_integration_GPU.shape)
      x ray_image integration GPU = (x_{q}) image_integration GPU - dark) / (white -_{\sqcup}
       -dark)
     Save the corresponding image
[33]: imwrite('gVirtualXRay_output_data/
       ⇔projection corrected integration GPU paediatrics.tif',,

¬x_ray_image_integration_GPU.astype(np.single))
[34]: plt.figure(figsize= (20,10))
      plt.suptitle("Image simulated using gVirtualXRay,\nintegration on GPU", y=1.02)
      plt.subplot(121)
      plt.imshow(x_ray_image_integration_GPU, cmap="gray")
      plt.colorbar(orientation='horizontal')
      plt.title("Using a linear colour scale")
      plt.subplot(122)
      plt.imshow(x_ray_image_integration_GPU, norm=PowerNorm(gamma=1./0.75),_
       plt.colorbar(orientation='horizontal')
      plt.title("Using a Power-law colour scale")
      plt.tight_layout()
```

plt.savefig('plots/x_ray_image_integration_GPU-paediatrics.pdf')
plt.savefig('plots/x_ray_image_integration_GPU-paediatrics.png')

Image simulated using gVirtualXRay, integration on GPU





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5 Comparison the analytic simulation with the Monte Carlo simulation

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5.1 Quantitative validation

Compute image metrics between the two simulated images:

- 1. mean absolute percentage error (MAPE), also known as mean absolute percentage deviation (MAPD),
- 2. zero-mean normalised cross-correlation (ZNCC), and
- 3. Structural Similarity Index (SSIM).

We use these three metrics as one is a disimilarity measurement (MAPE), two are similarity measurement (ZNCC & SSIM). MAPE and ZNCC can be expressed as a percentage, which eases the interpretation of the numerical values. SSIM is a number between 0 and 1. A good value of MAPE s 0%; of ZNCC 100%, and SSIM 1.

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[35]: # Avoid div by 0
  offset1 = min(gate_image.min(), x_ray_image_integration_GPU.min())
  offset2 = 0.01 * (gate_image.max() - gate_image.min())
  offset = offset2 - offset1

MAPE_integration_GPU = mape(gate_image + offset, x_ray_image_integration_GPU + offset)

# MAPE_integration_GPU = mape(gate_image, x_ray_image_integration_GPU)
```

MAPE_integration_GPU: 2.23% ZNCC_integration_GPU: 99.99% SSIM_integration_GPU: 0.99

Get the total number of triangles

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[36]: number_of_triangles = 0

for mesh in json2gvxr.params["Samples"]:
    label = mesh["Label"]
    number_of_triangles += gvxr.getNumberOfPrimitives(label)
```

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[37]: runtime_avg = round(np.mean(runtimes))
runtime_std = round(np.std(runtimes))
```

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Paediatric -- polychromatic (85 kV), detector energy response & Gate & 2.23\% & 99.99\% & 0.99 & $1024 \pm 1024$ & 3552778 & 8.68E+08 & $157 \pm 5$ \\
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In both cases, MAPE is very small (less than 5%), ZNCC is very high (more than 99%), and SSIM is very high (almost 1). We can conclude that the two images are similar. The main difference lie in the Poisson noise affecting the Monte Carlo simulation.

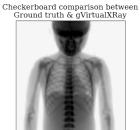
5.2 Qualitative validation

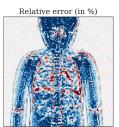
Checkboard comparison

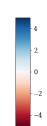
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[39]: font = {'size' : 12.5 }
matplotlib.rc('font', **font)
```





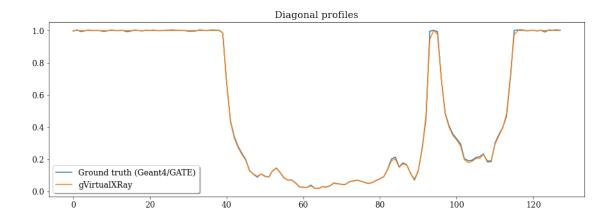






Plot the profiles

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[41]: font = {'size' : 12.5
          }
    matplotlib.rc('font', **font)
```



6 All done

Destroy the window

[43]: gvxr.destroyAllWindows()

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