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# GPU-Based Large-Scale Scientific Visualization

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## Part 4 -

# Display-Aware Visualization and Processing



## MOTIVATION



goal:  
perform computations  
at output resolution

250 megapixels  
<1 megapixel visible



resolution level 0



resolution level 3



## DISPLAY-AWARE IMAGE OPERATIONS



Input Resolution  
(level 0)

⋮



Output Resolution  
(level 3)

Display Region



Compute Resolution  
(level 4)

Compute Region

## IMAGE PYRAMIDS

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level 1



level 2

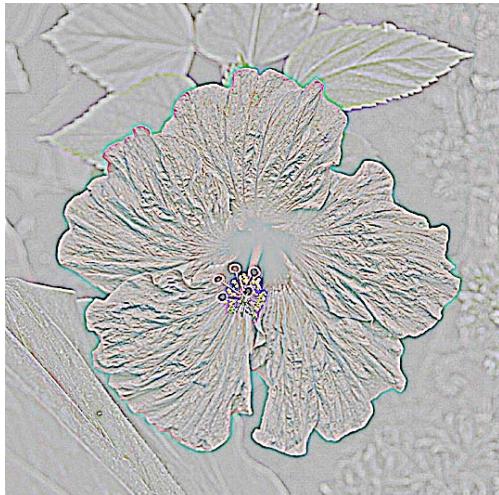


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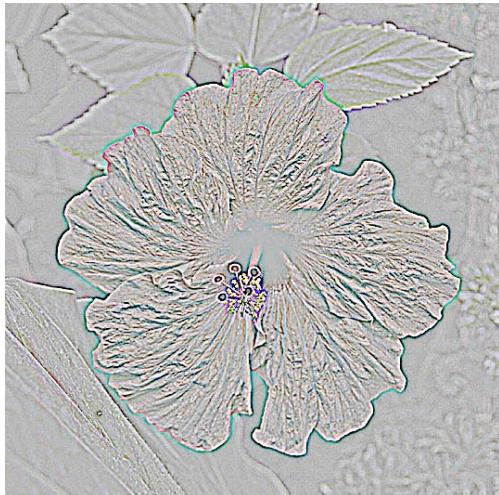


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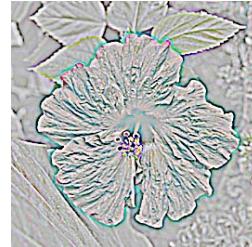
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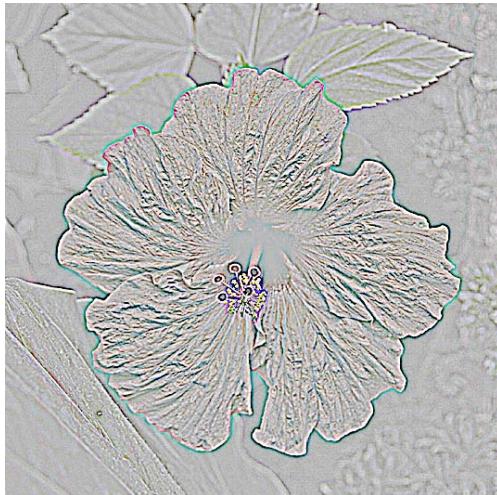


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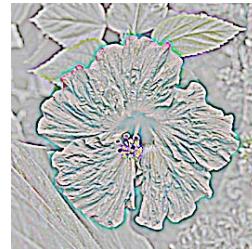
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Laplacian pyramid

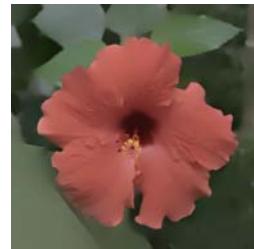
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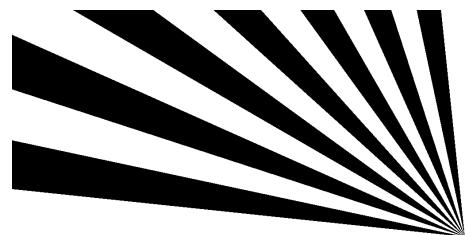
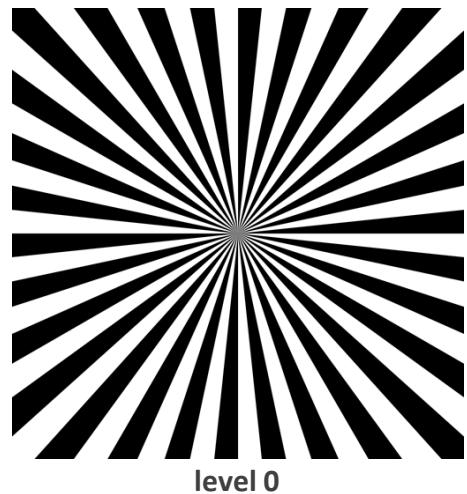


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Local Laplacian filtering [Paris et al. 2011]

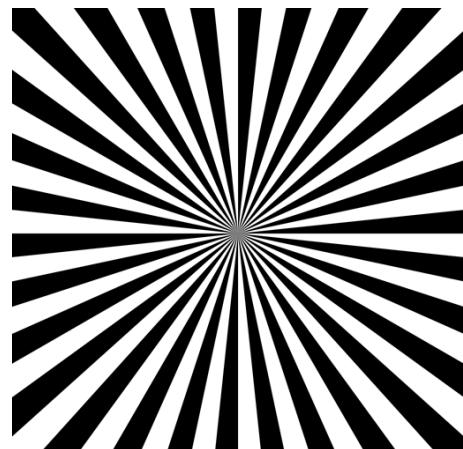
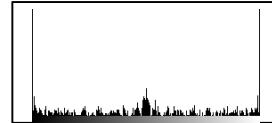


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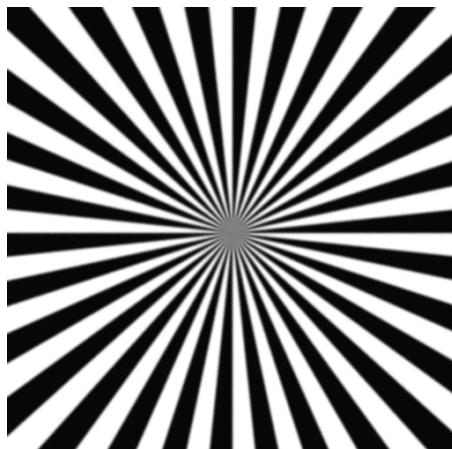




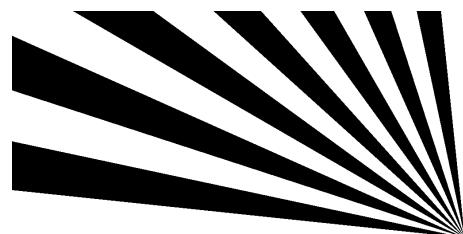
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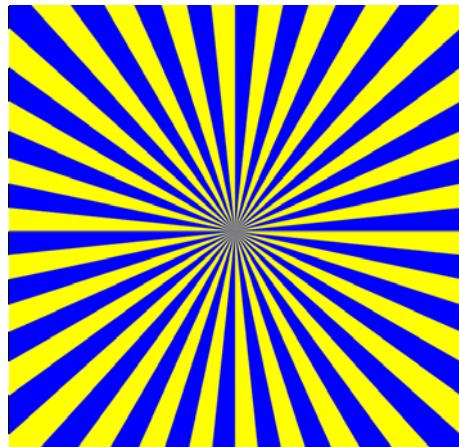
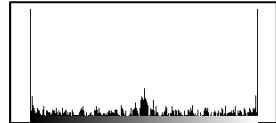


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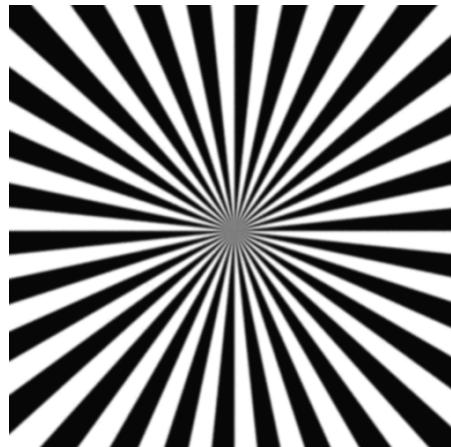




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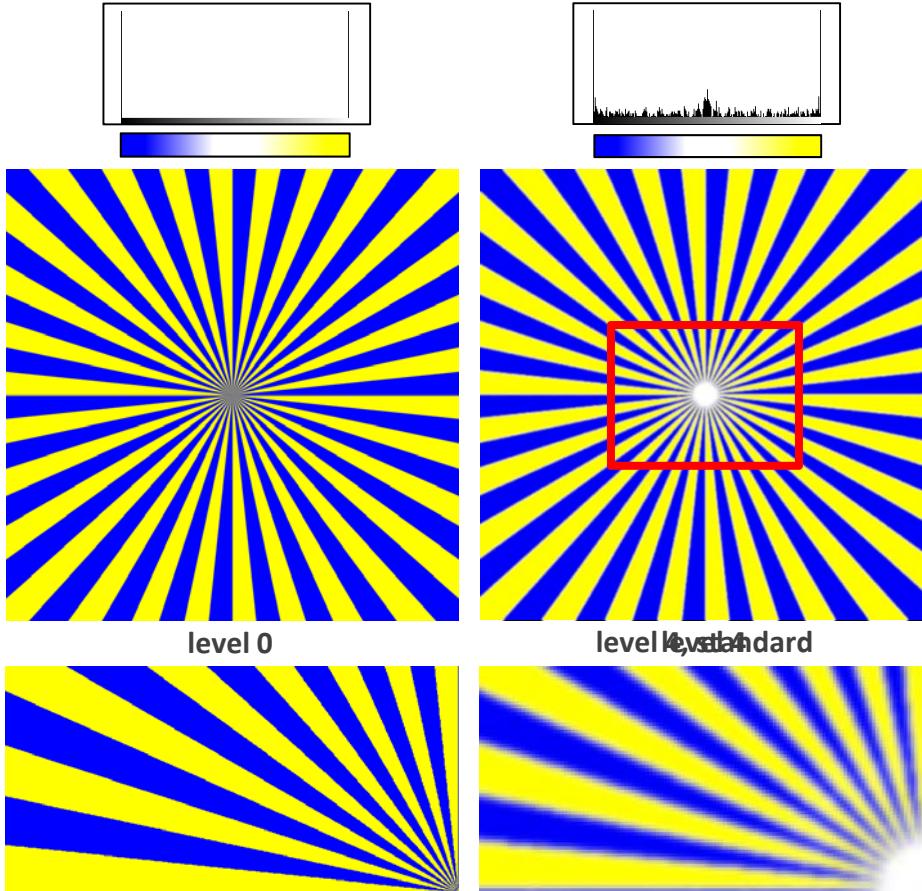
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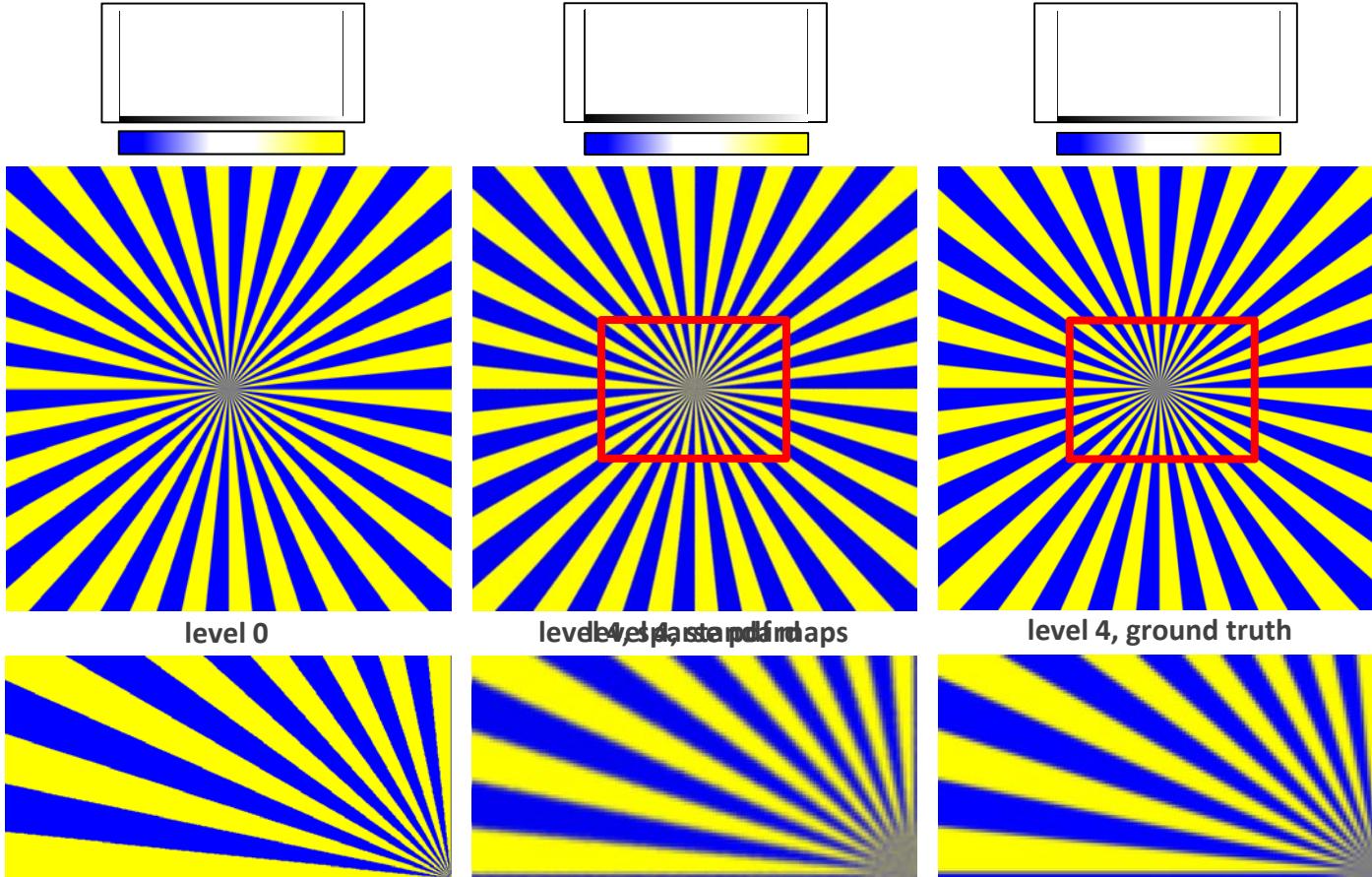
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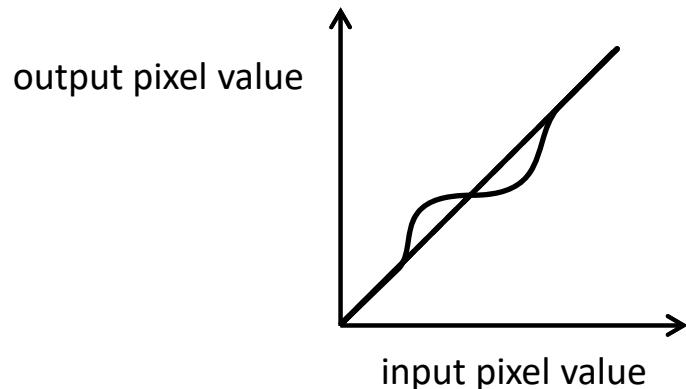
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## NON-LINEAR IMAGE OPERATORS

Apply non-linear operation to each pixel

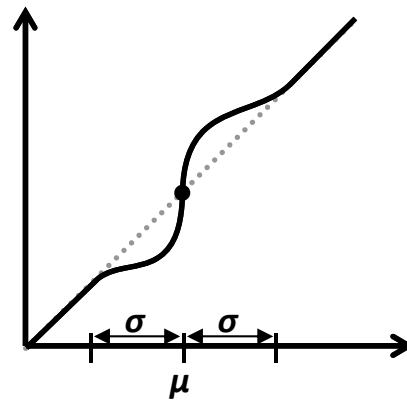
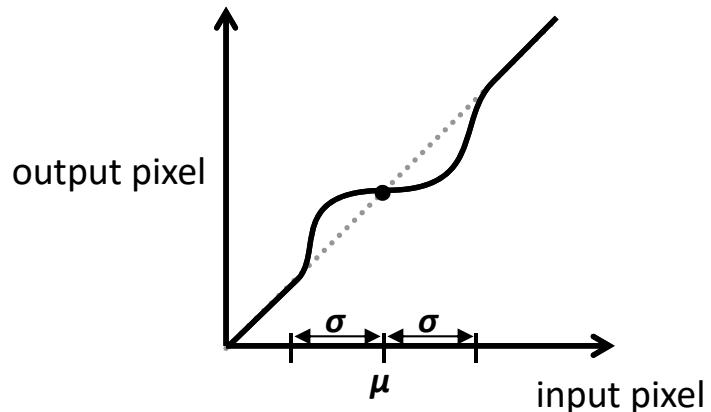
- Color map or non-linear contrast adjustment
- Bilateral filtering: range weight
- Smoothed local histogram filtering [Kass and Solomon 2010]
- Local Laplacian filtering [Paris et al. 2011]: point-wise, non-linear re-mapping



## 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

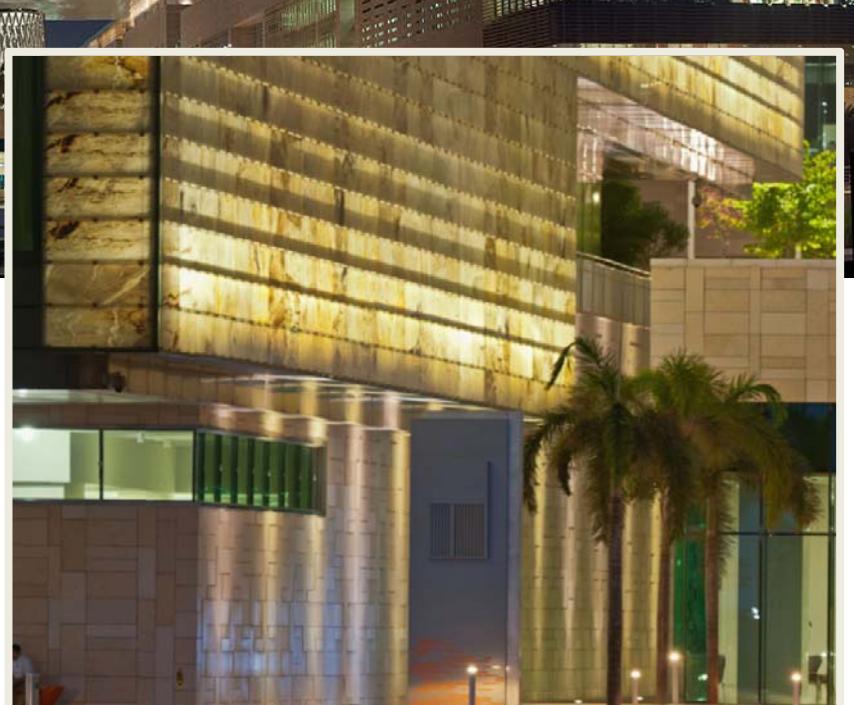
- Cannot apply the re-mapping function to the downsampled image!
- Need to compute ground truth (pyramid!) or proper “anti-aliasing”

## 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!



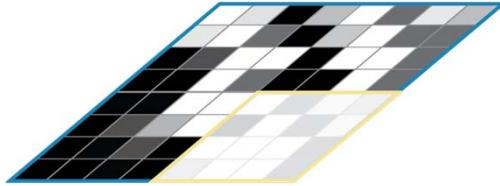


# Sparse PDF Maps Concept



## SPARSE PDF MAPS

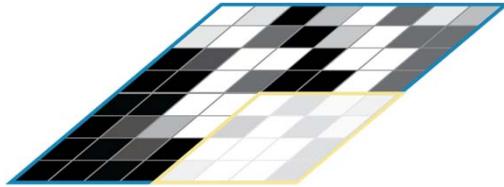
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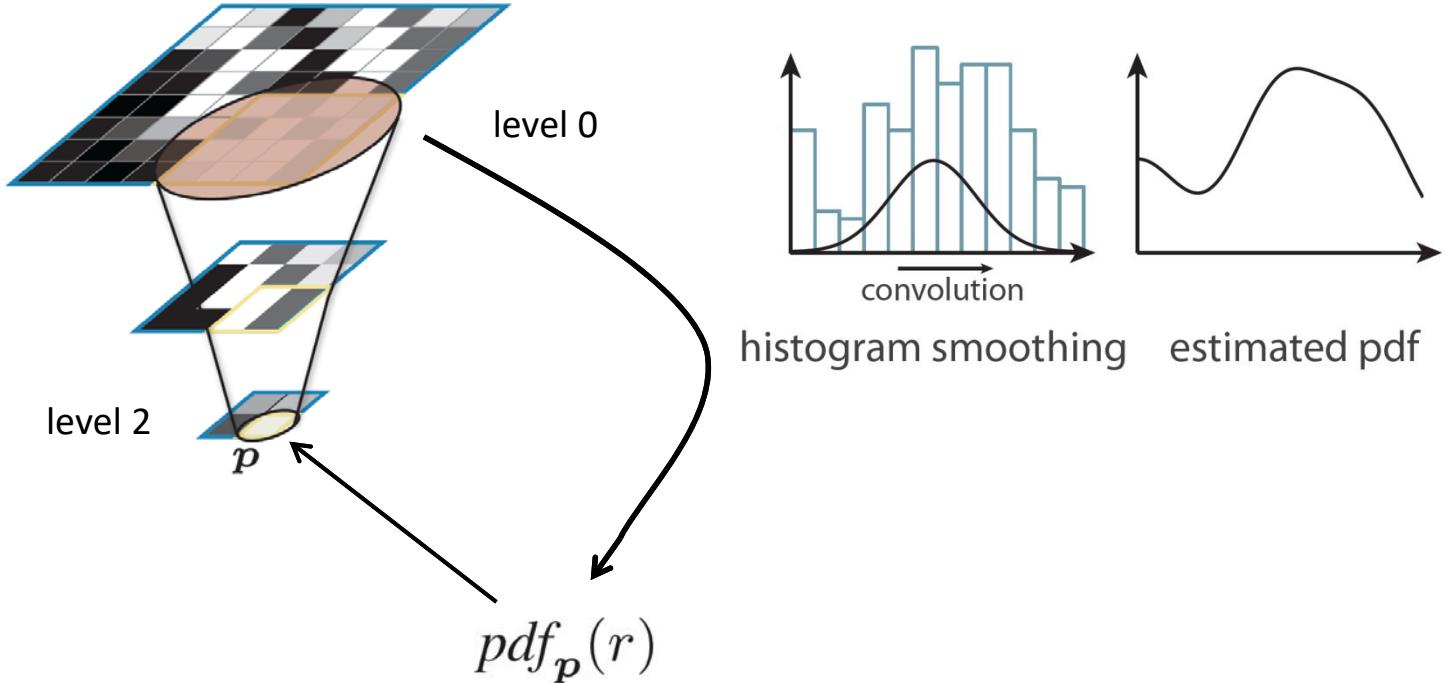


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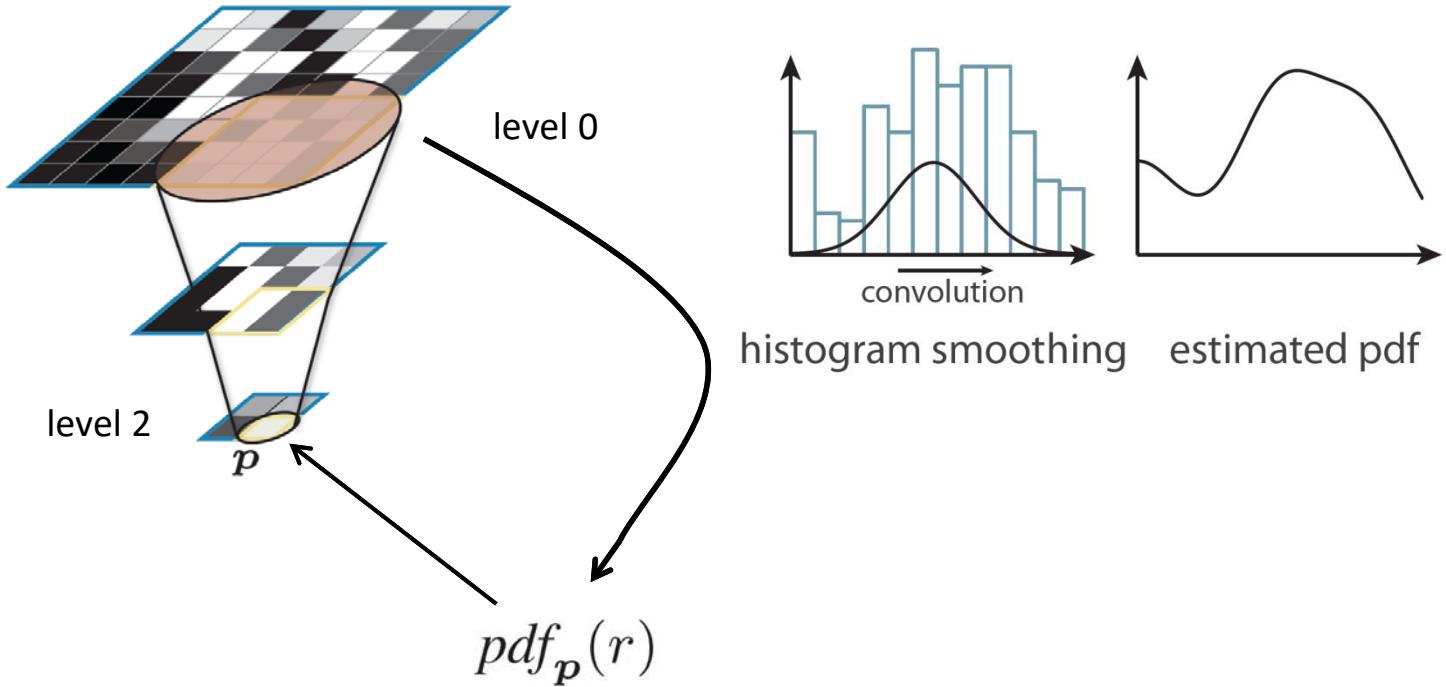
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Apply non-linear operation

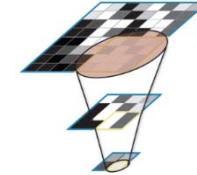


$$E[t_p(X_p)] = \frac{1}{w_p} \int_0^1 t_p(r) pdf_p(r) dr$$



## EXAMPLE 1: DOWN-SAMPLED IMAGE

$$E [t_{\mathbf{p}} (X_{\mathbf{p}})] = \frac{1}{w_{\mathbf{p}}} \int_0^1 t_{\mathbf{p}}(r) pdf_{\mathbf{p}}(r) dr$$



$$t_{\mathbf{p}}(r) = r$$

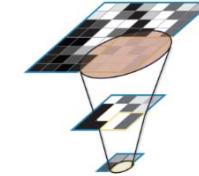
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## EXAMPLE 2: COLOR MAPPING

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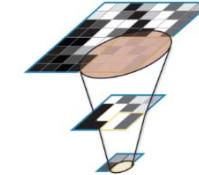
$t_{\mathbf{p}}(r) = \text{color map}$

$w_{\mathbf{p}} = 1$



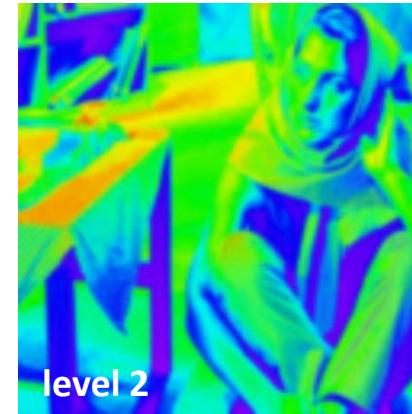
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plus: bilateral filtering, local Laplacian filtering in linear time, ...



## INTERACTIVE GIGAPIXEL FILTERING



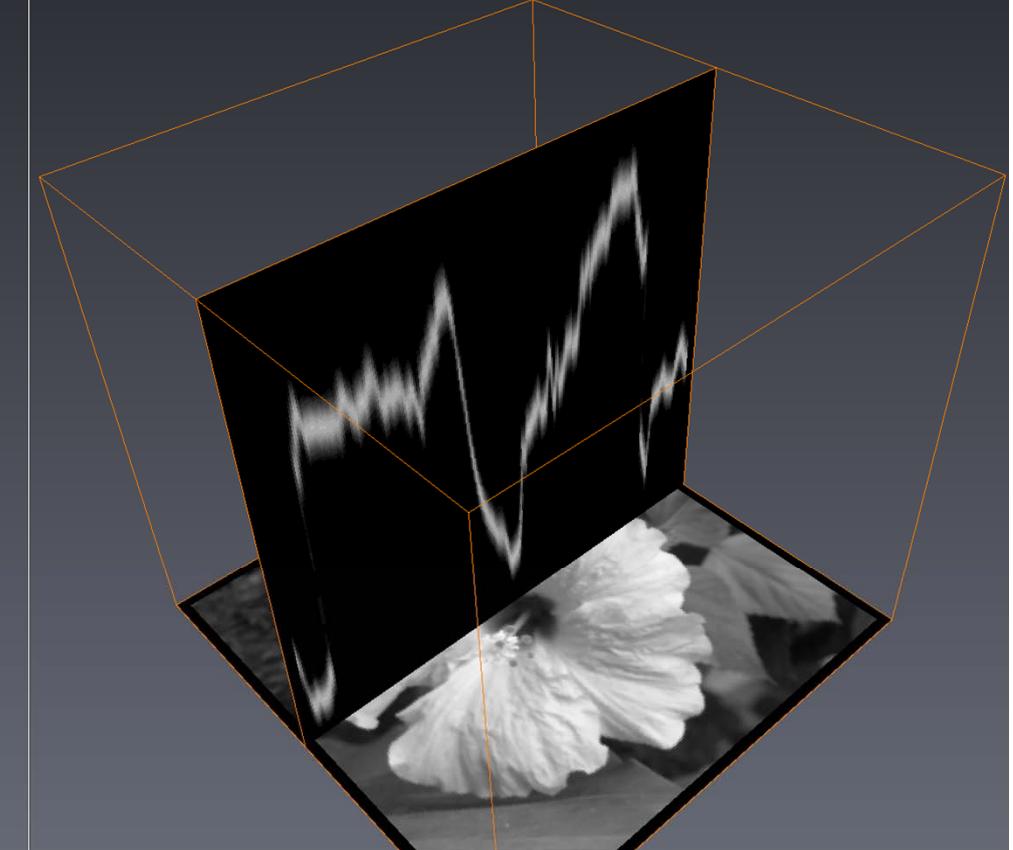
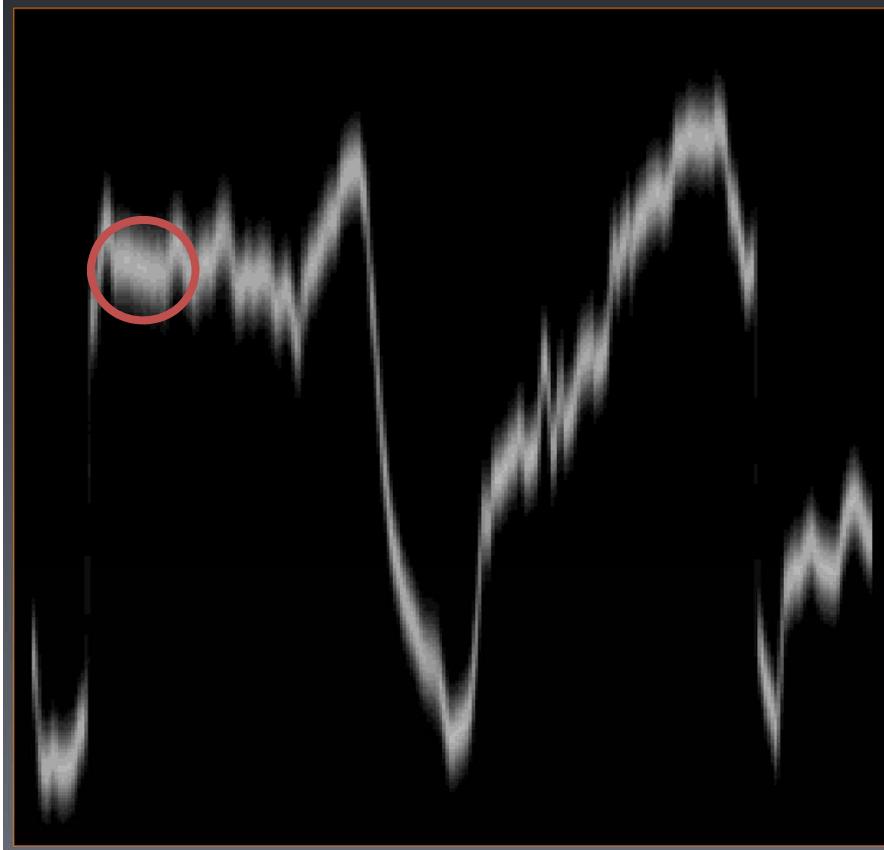
Fast Local Laplacian Filtering



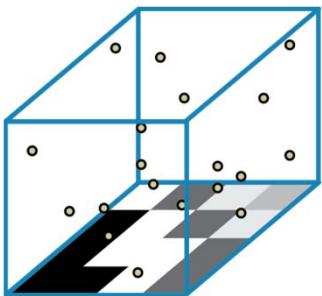
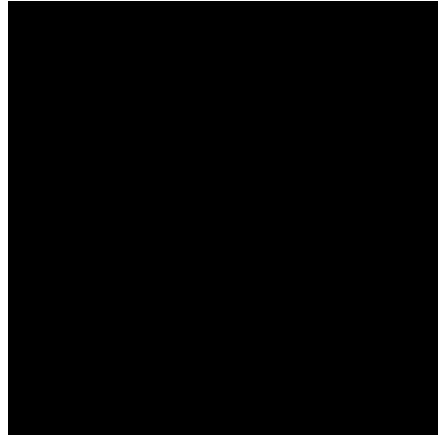
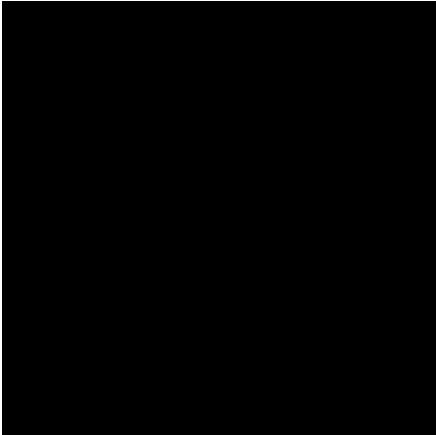
# Computation



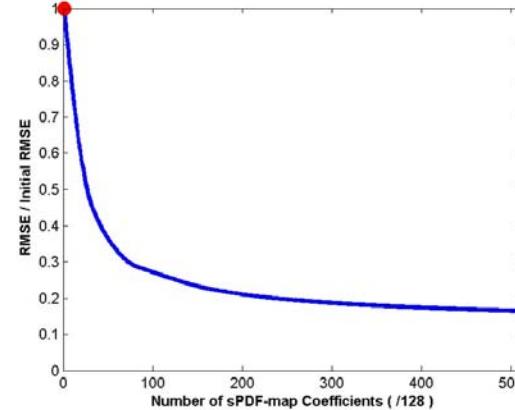
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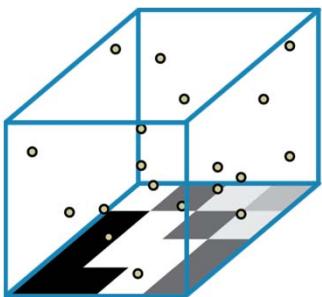
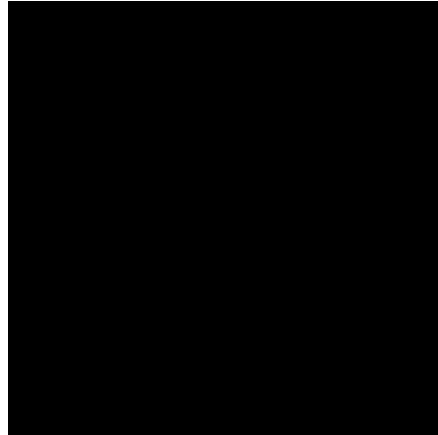
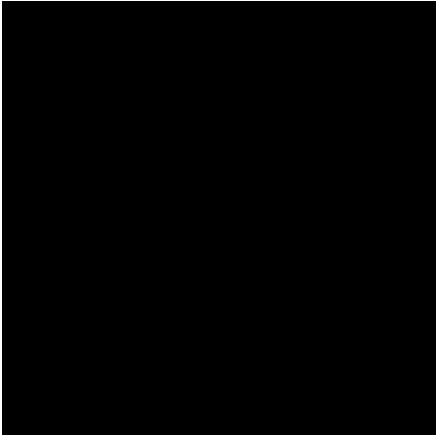
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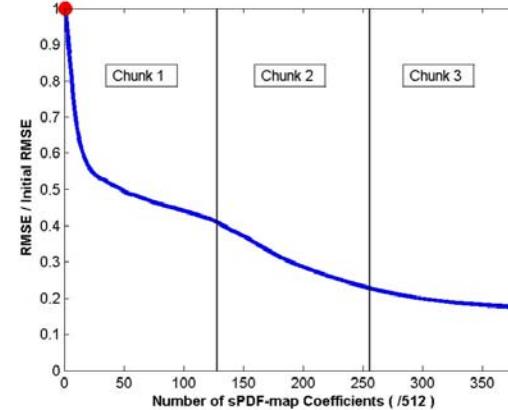
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1 coefficient chunk  
(# coefficients == 1 \* # pixels)



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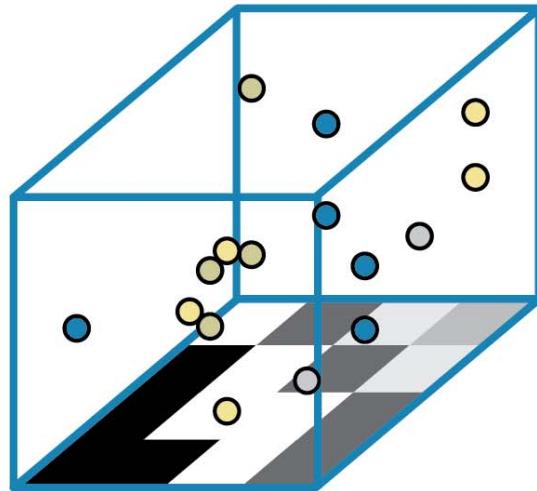
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1-3 coefficient chunks  
(# coefficients == 1-3 \* # pixels)





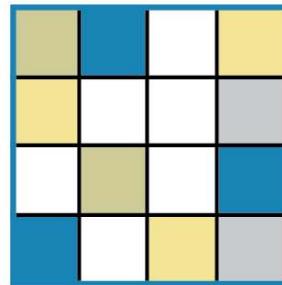
# Data Structure

## SPDF MAPS DATA STRUCTURE



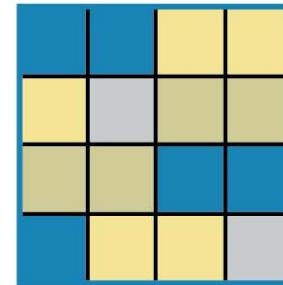
conceptual

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



index image

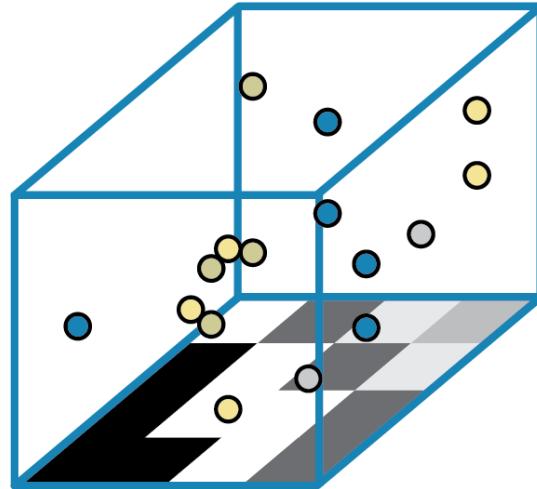
$$(index, count)_{\mathbf{p}}$$



coefficient image

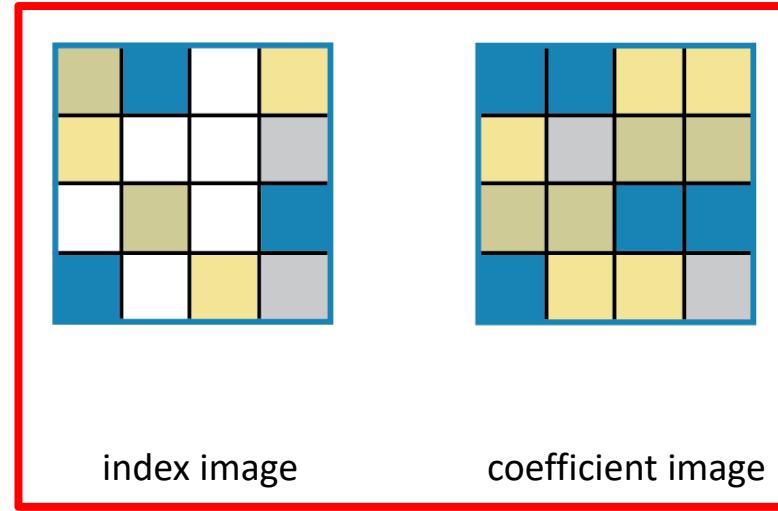
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# Display-Aware Gigapixel Image Processing

## GIGAPIXEL IMAGE PROCESSING

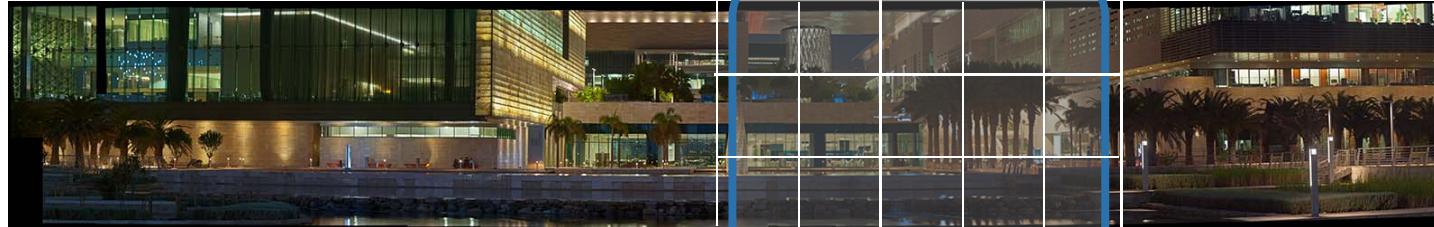
### Out-of-Core Processing

- 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

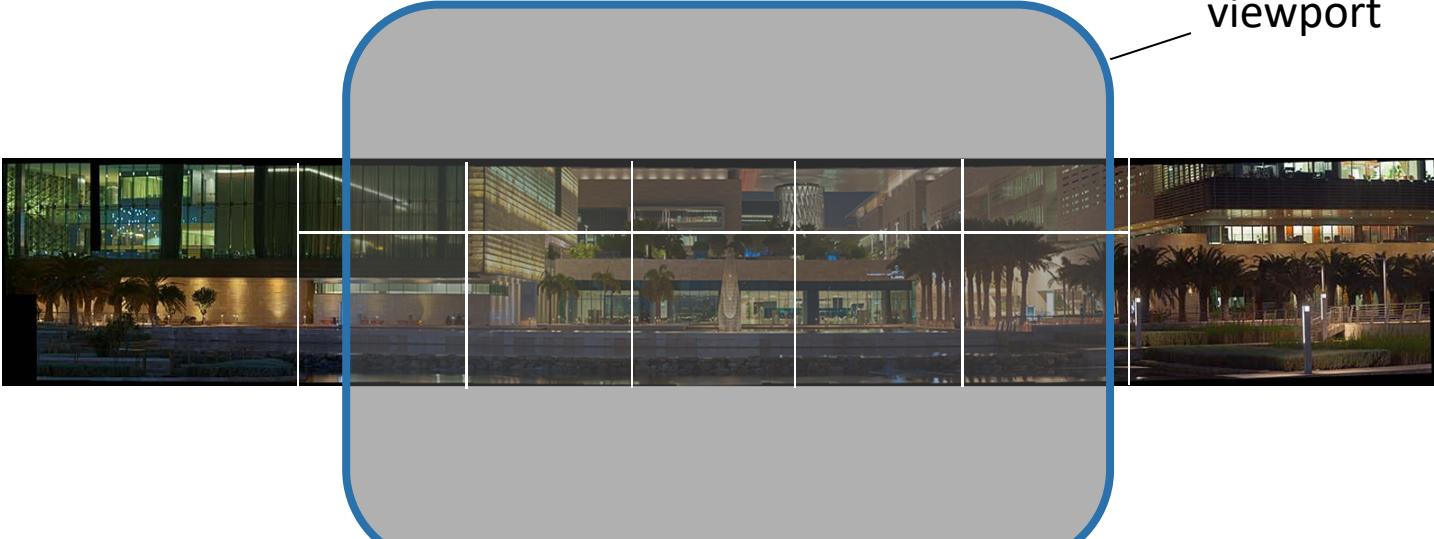




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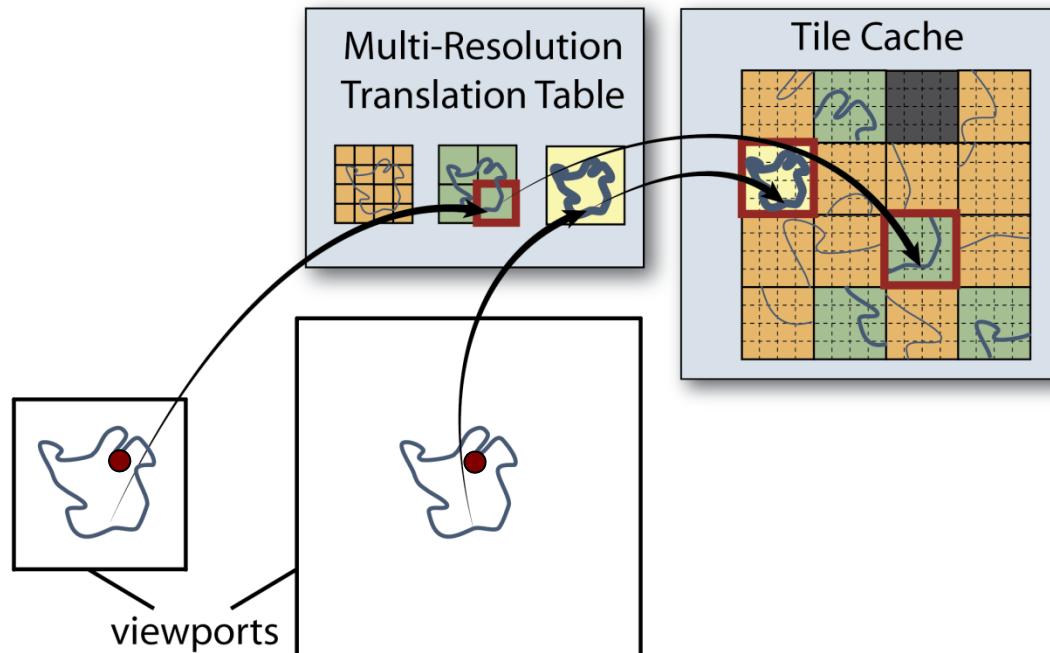
visible tile



viewport

## GIGAPIXEL IMAGE PROCESSING

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



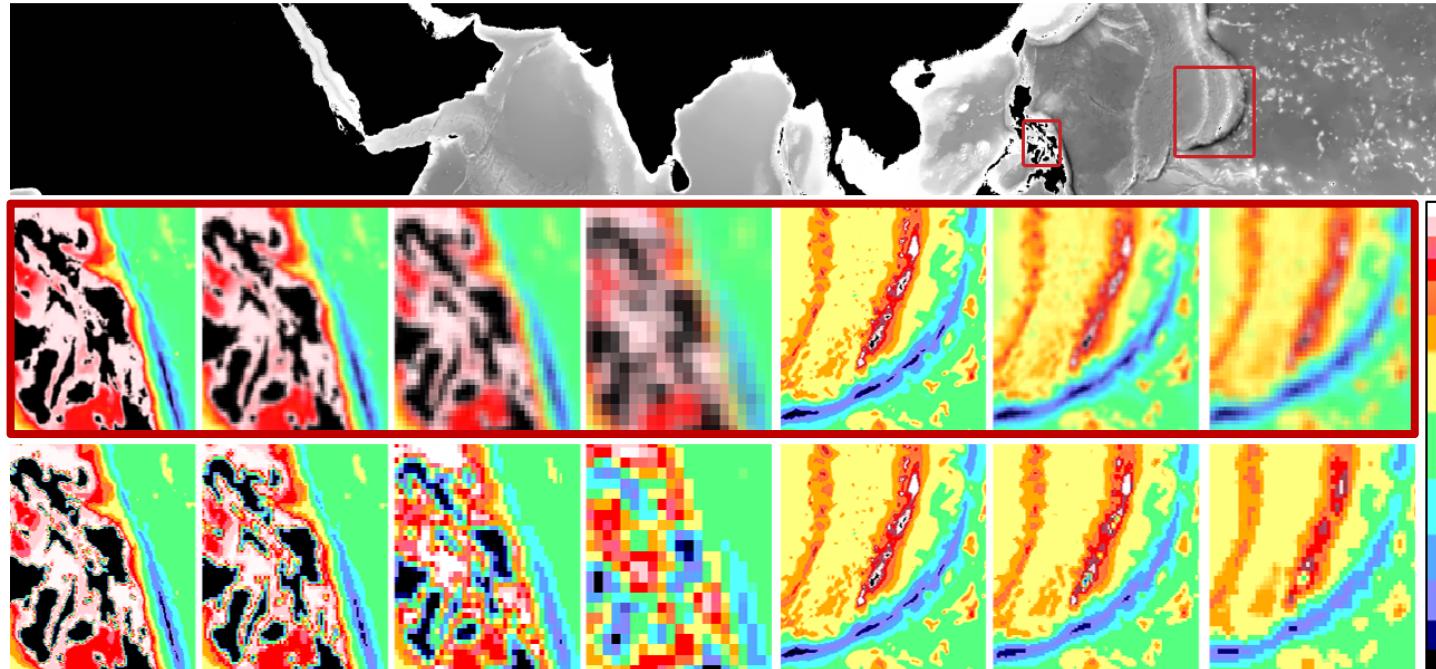
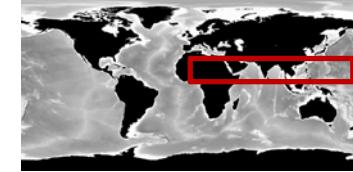


# Results



## COLOR MAPPING GIGAPIXEL IMAGES

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







## GIGAPIXEL LOCAL LAPLACIAN FILTERING



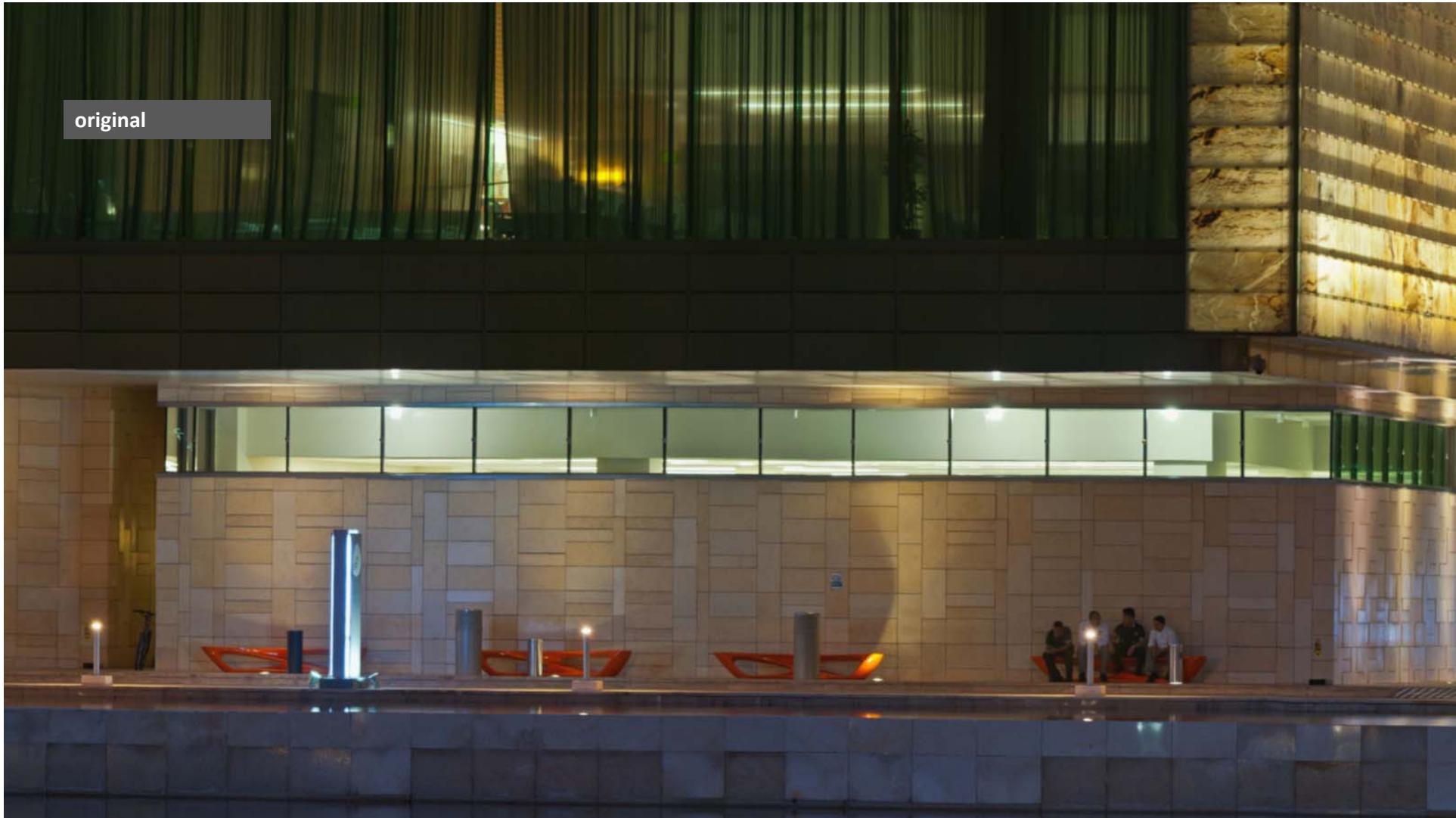
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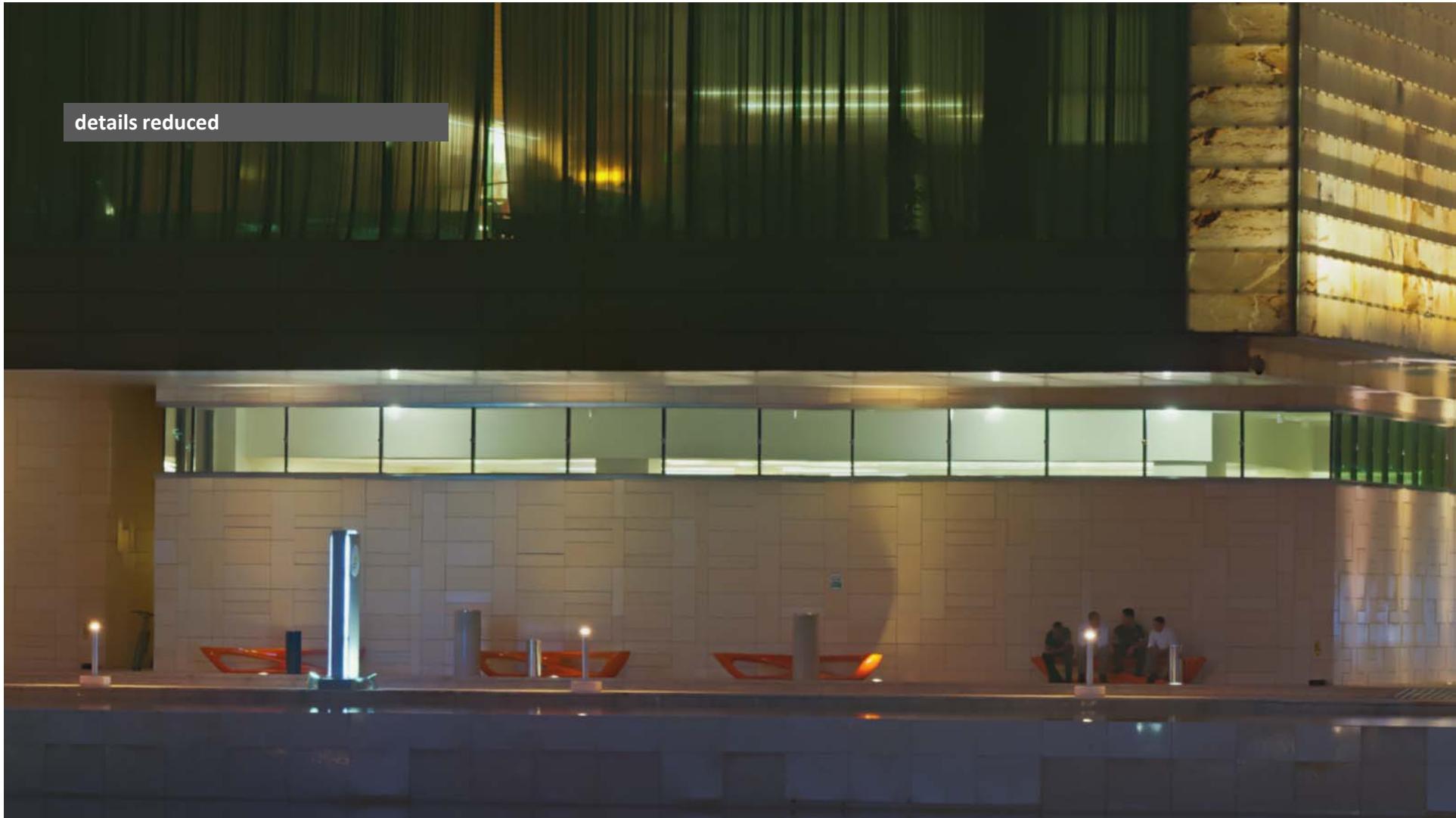
details reduced



details enhanced



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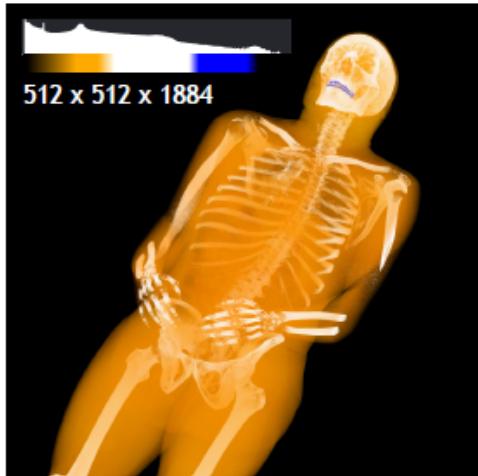
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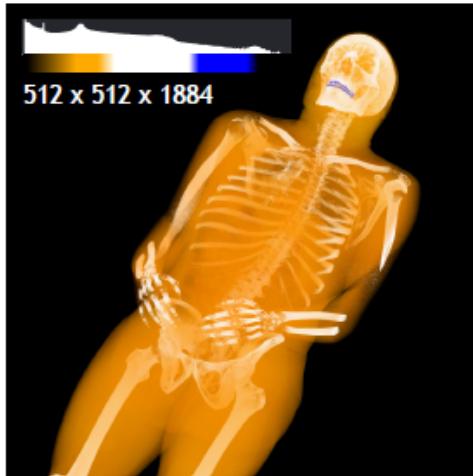
## VISIBLE HUMAN (512 X 512 X 1884)



original volume

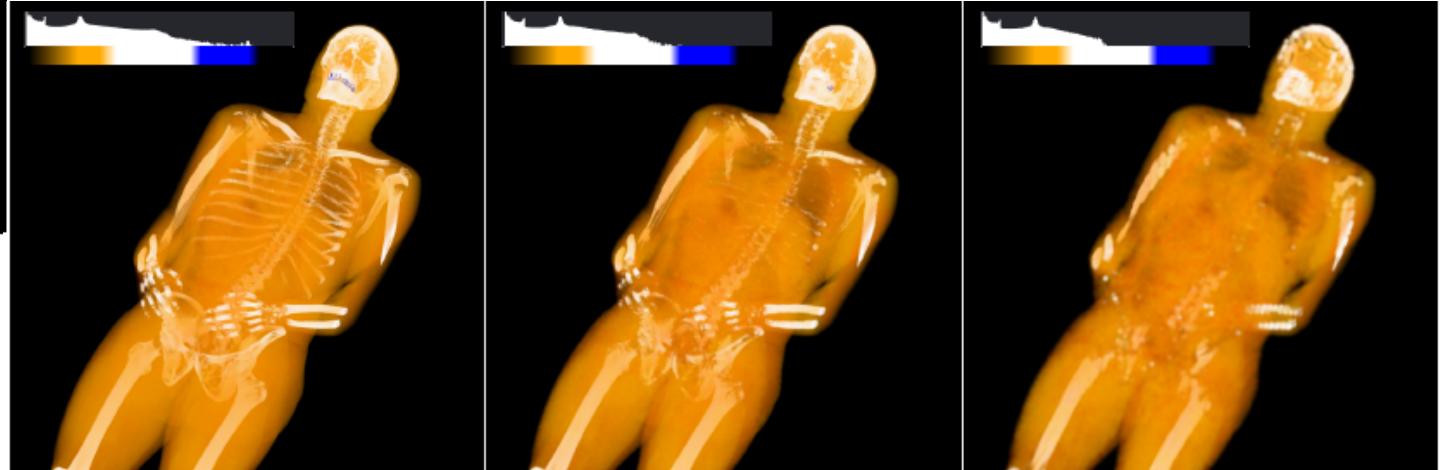


## VISIBLE HUMAN (512 X 512 X 1884)



original volume

octree (averaging) →

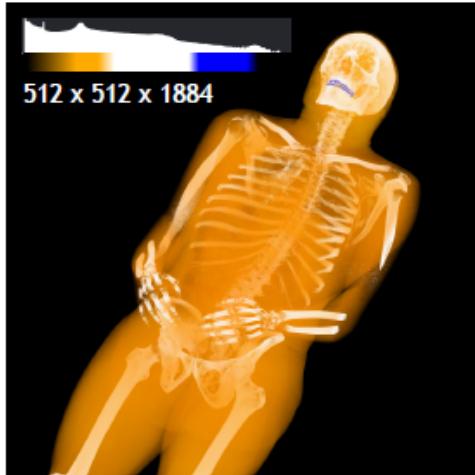


fine to coarse



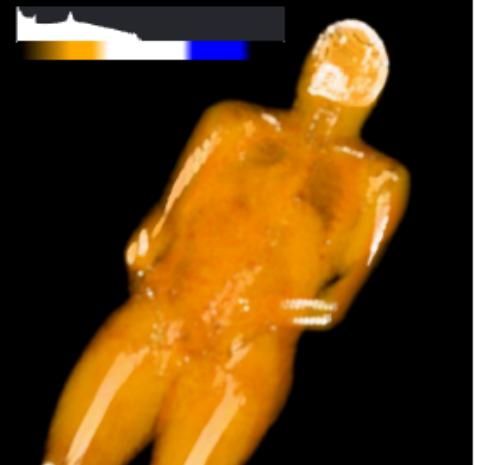
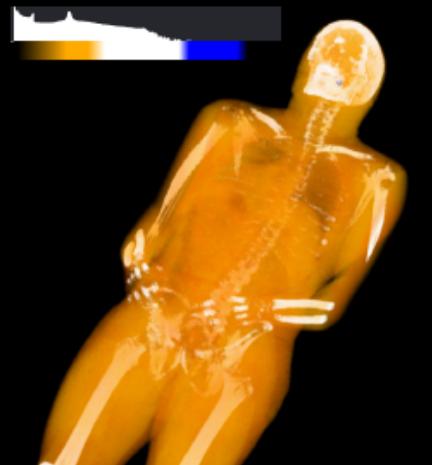
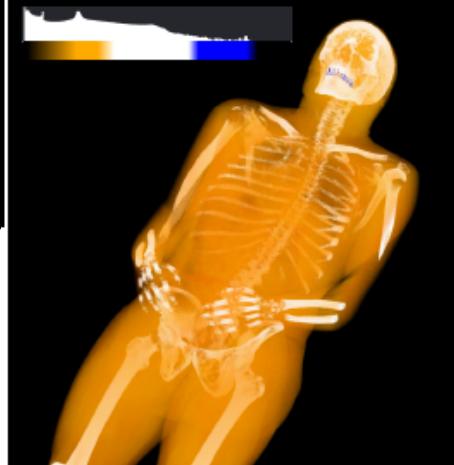
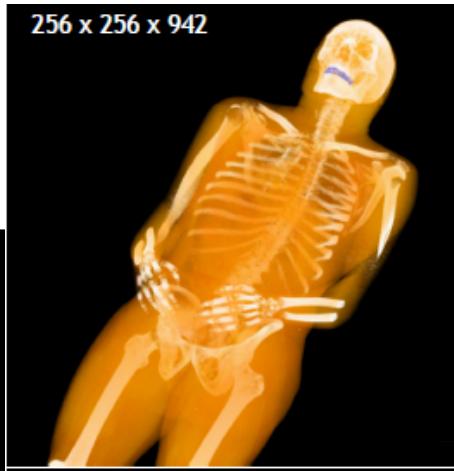
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sparse pdf volumes →



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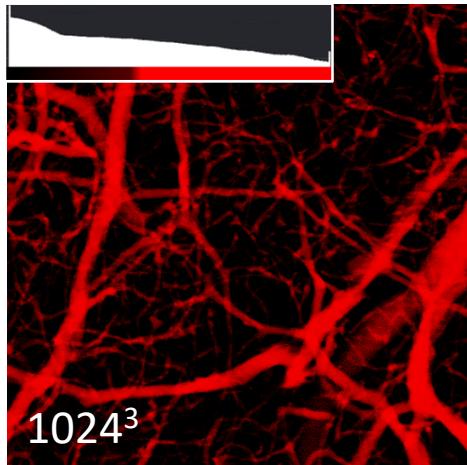
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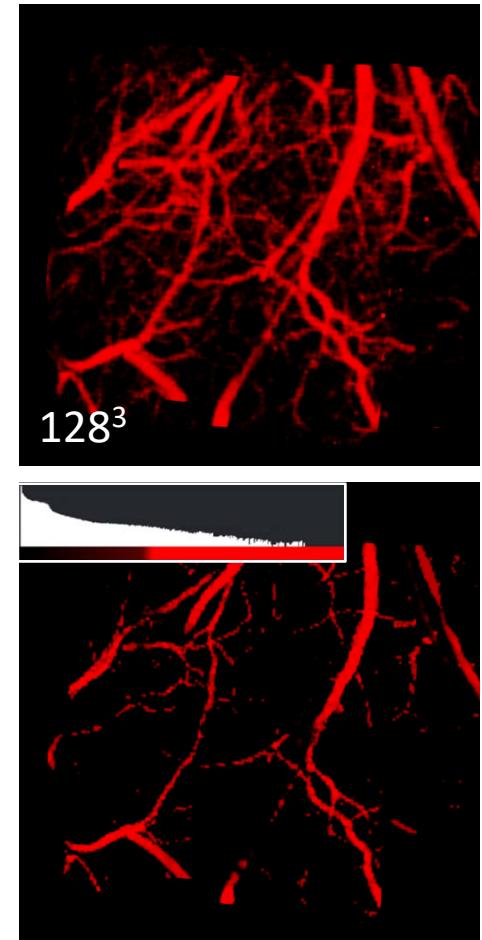
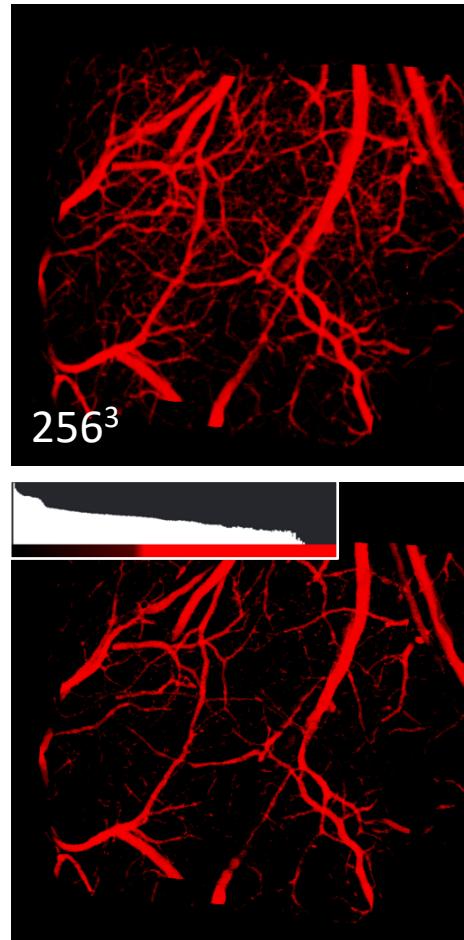
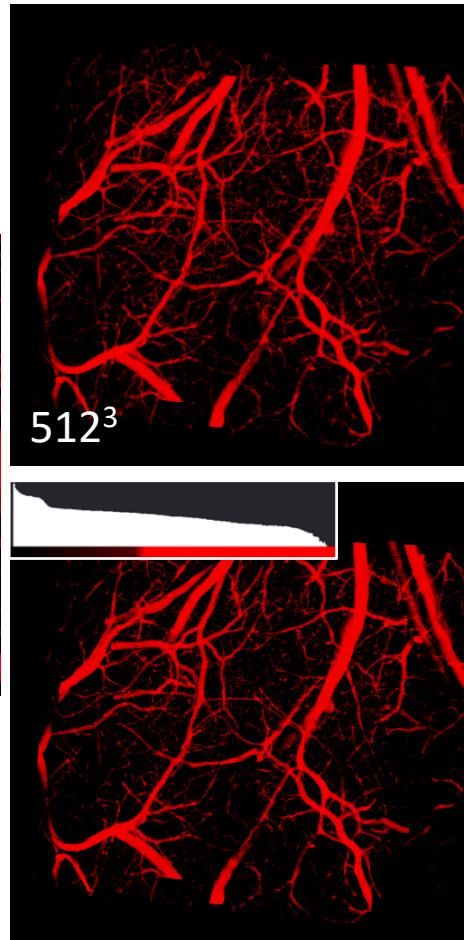
## BLOOD VESSELS (1024 X 1024 X 1024)

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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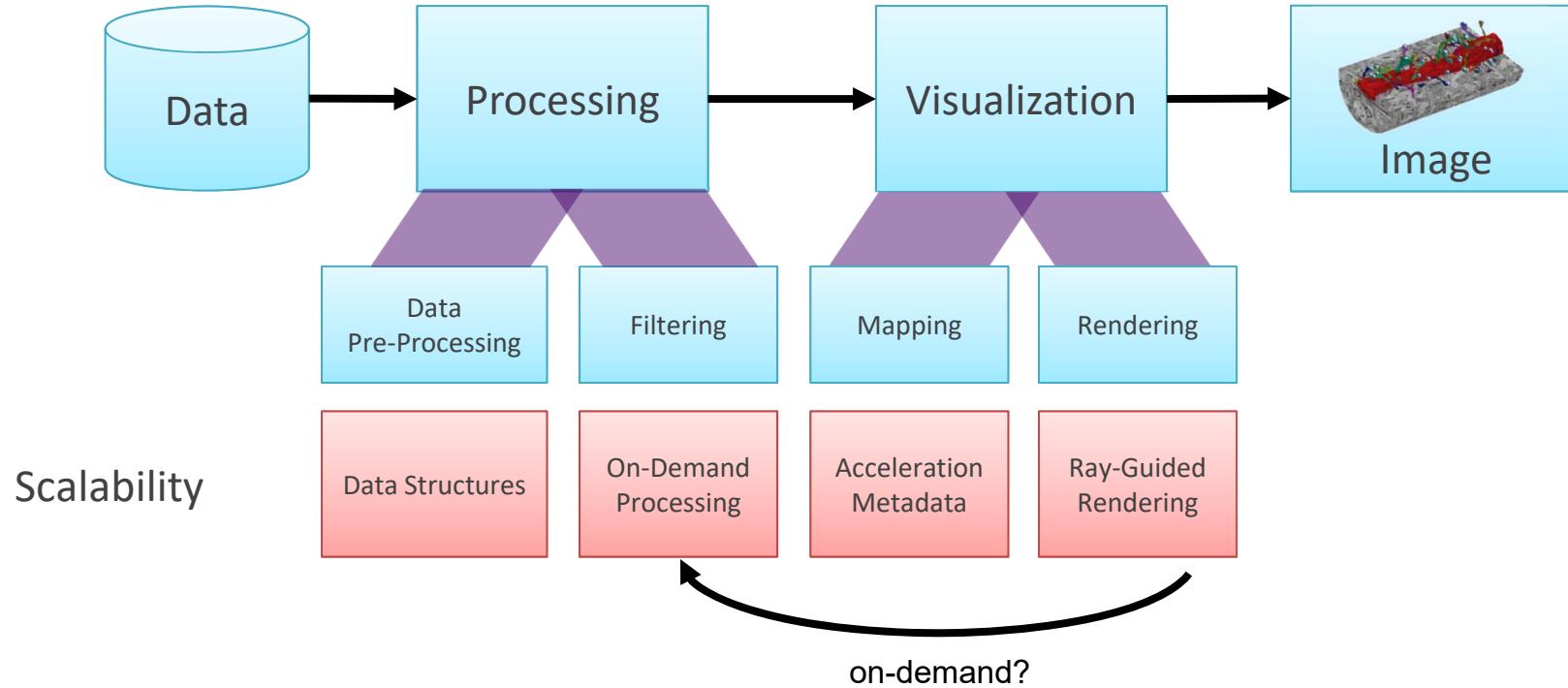
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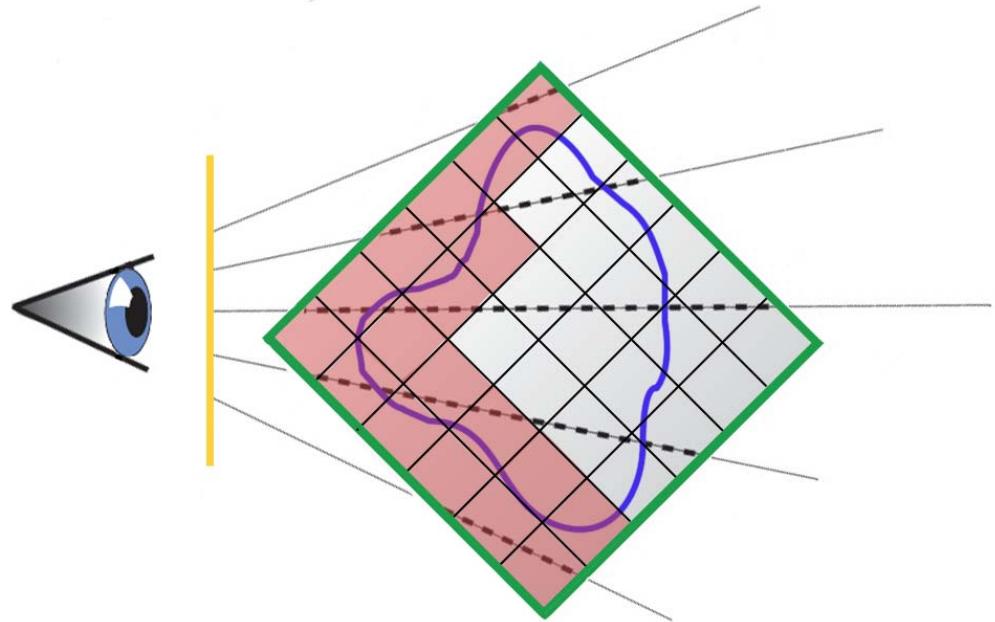
# Wrap-Up, Summary

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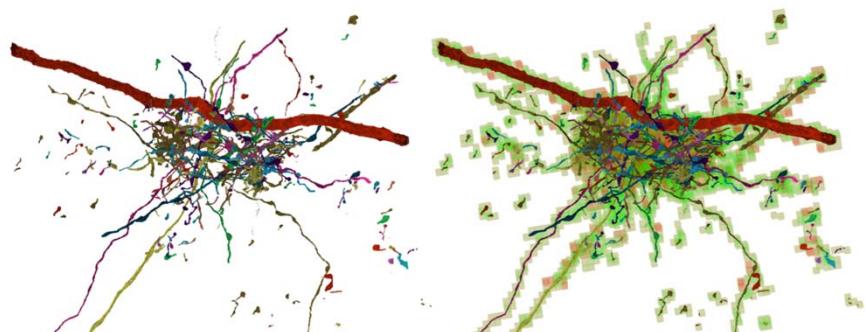
## RAY-GUIDED VOLUME RENDERING

- 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
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