

Augmented Reality on FPGA

Realtime Object Recognition and Image Processing

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Introduction

- Overlay a digital image on a physical object in realtime.
- In this case, we want to identify a picture frame in captured video, and output video with another image distorted to fit on top of the picture frame.

Example Image



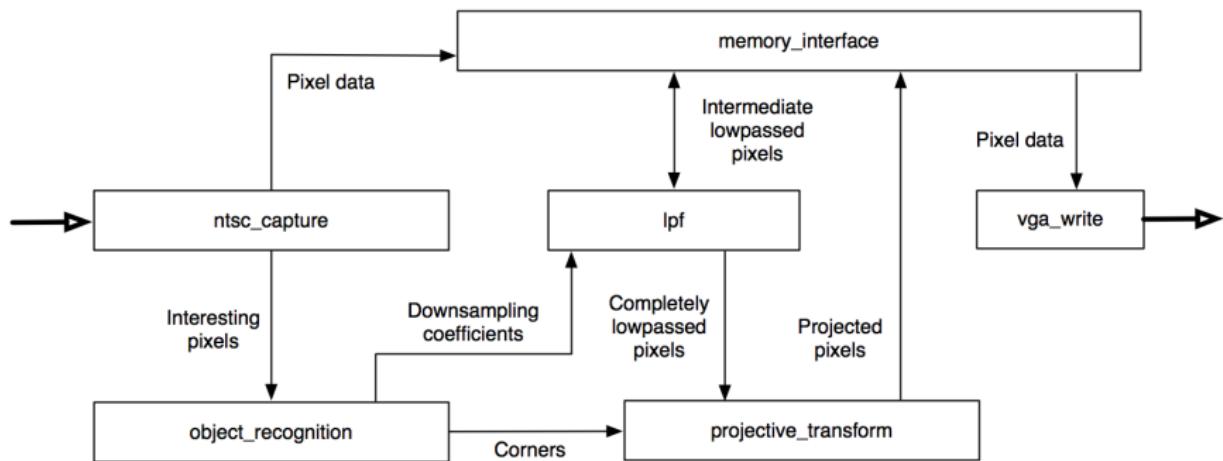
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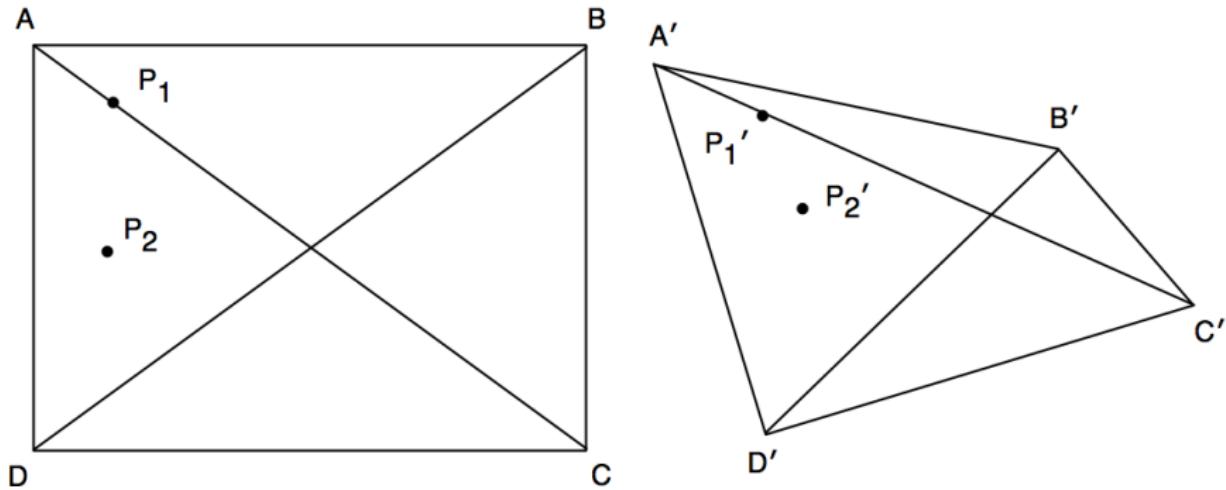
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Top-Level Overview

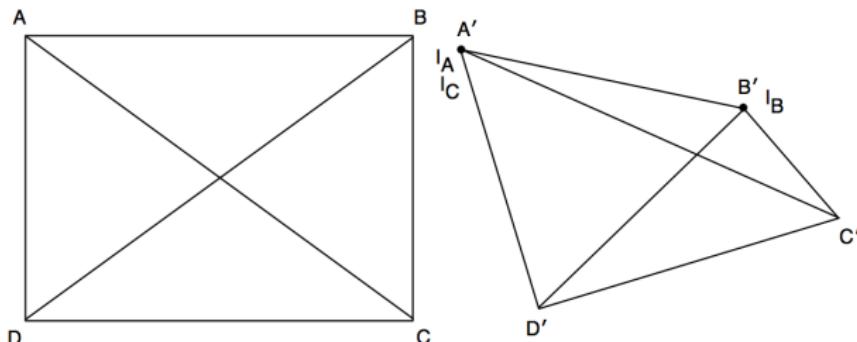


projective_transform: Purpose



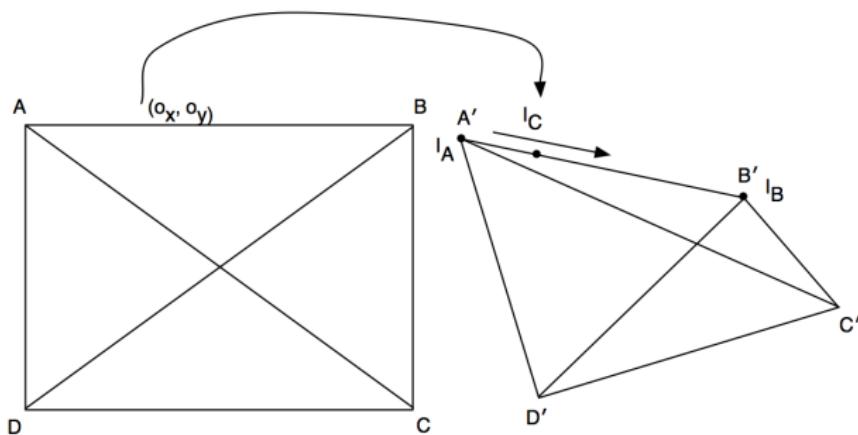
- Skew to any arbitrary convex quadrilateral

projective_transform: How the algorithm works



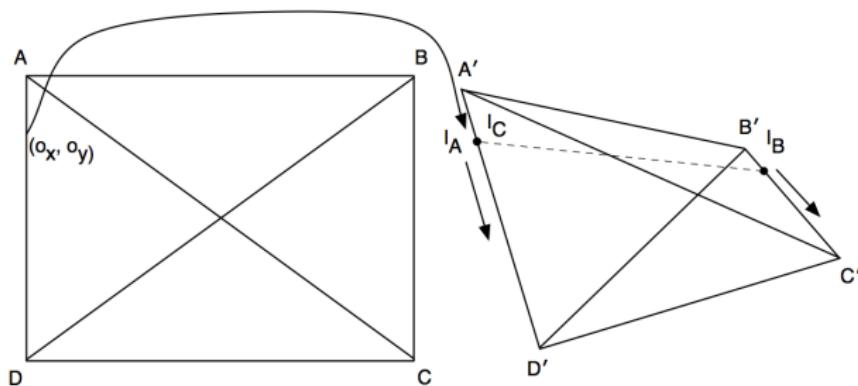
- 1 Calculate the distance of line $\overline{A'D'}$ and assign it to d_{ad} .
- 2 Do the same for $\overline{B'C'}$ and assign it to d_{bc} .
- 3 Create two “iterator points,” point I_A and I_B initially located at A' and B' .
- 4 Let $o_x = 0$ and $o_y = 0$
- 5 Calculate the distance between the iterator points, assign it to d_i .
- 6 Create a third iterator point, I_C at the location I_A .

projective_transform: How the algorithm works



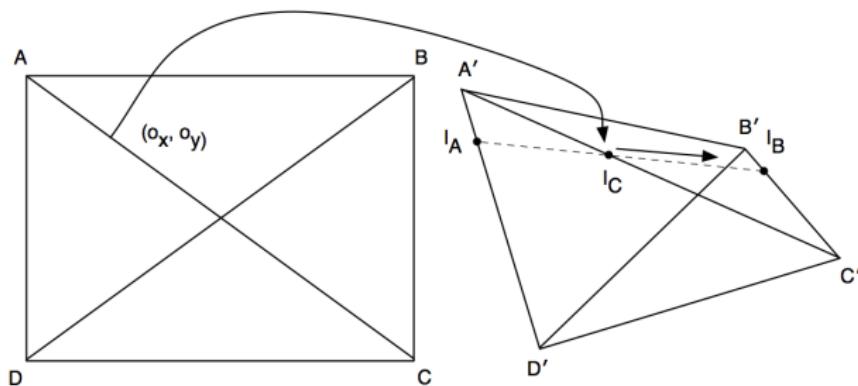
- 7 Assign the pixel value of I_C to pixel (o_x, o_y) in the original image.
- 8 Move I_C along line $\overline{I_A I_B}$ by an amount $= \frac{d_i}{width_{original}}$.
- 9 Increment o_x .
- 10 Repeat steps 7–9 until $I_C = I_B$.

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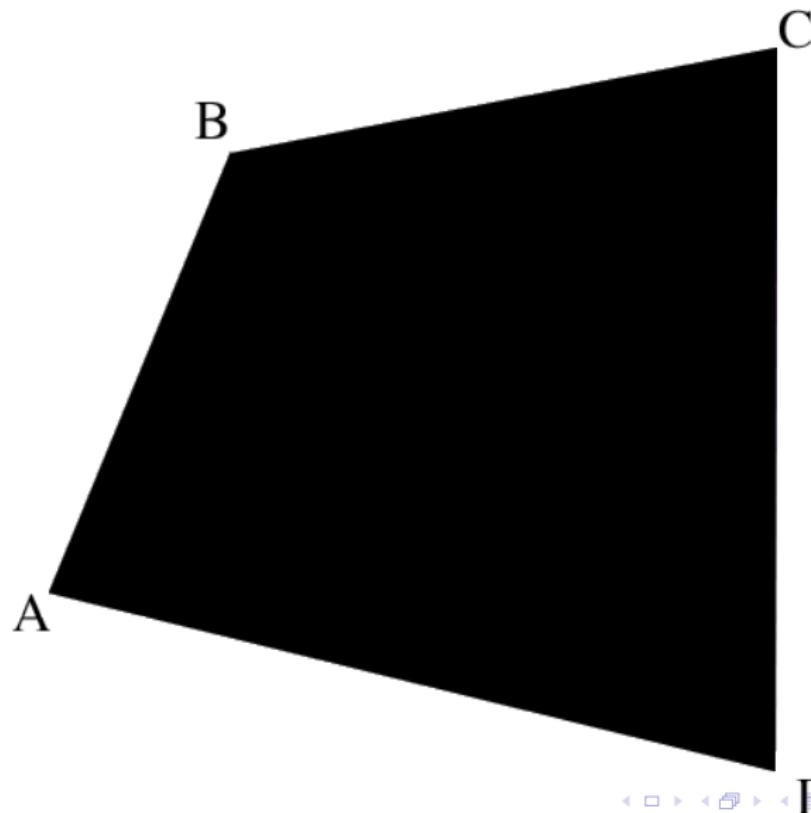
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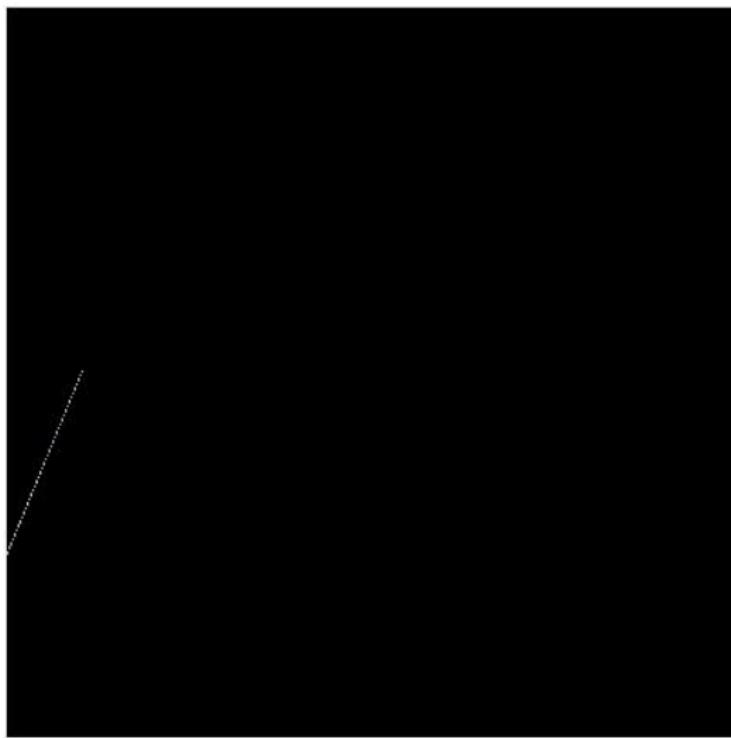


Figure: The original image

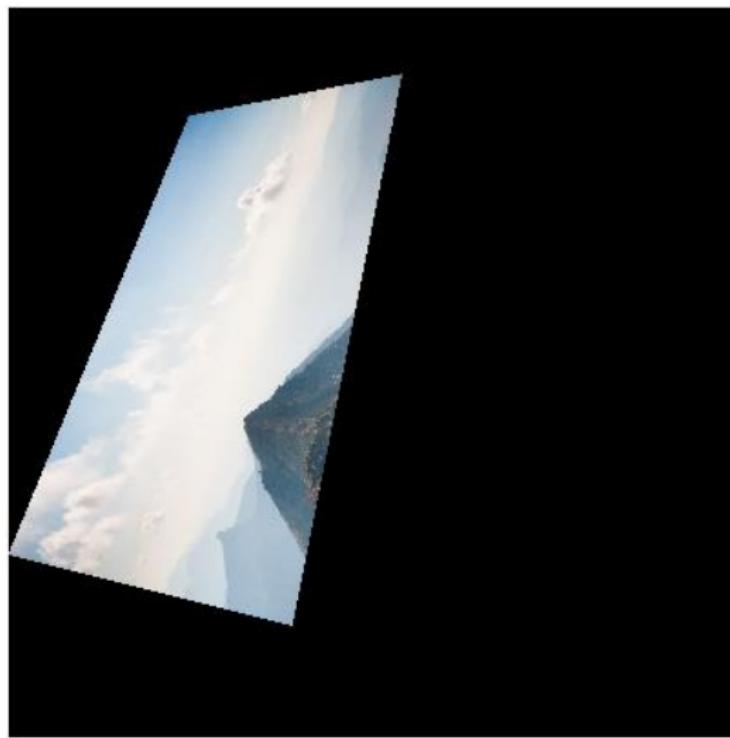
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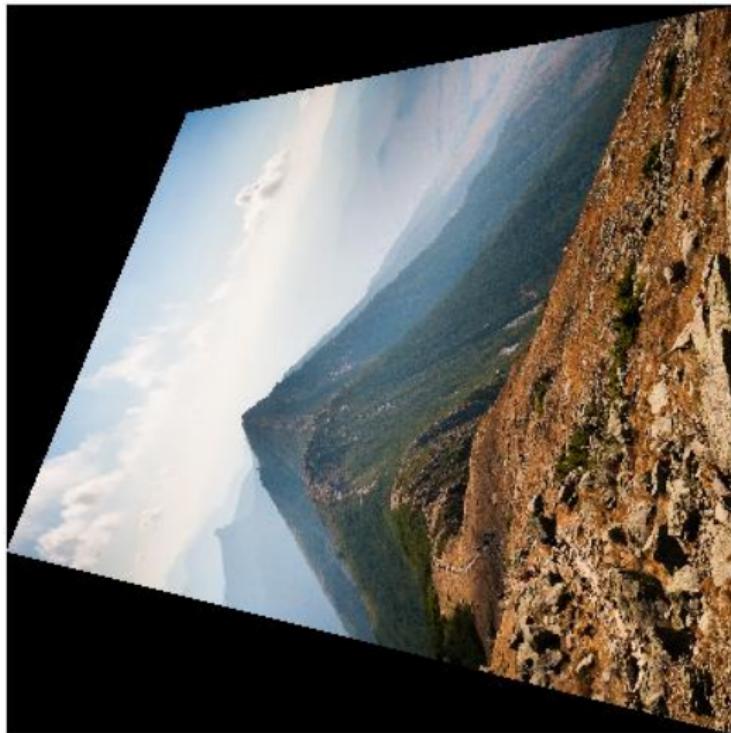
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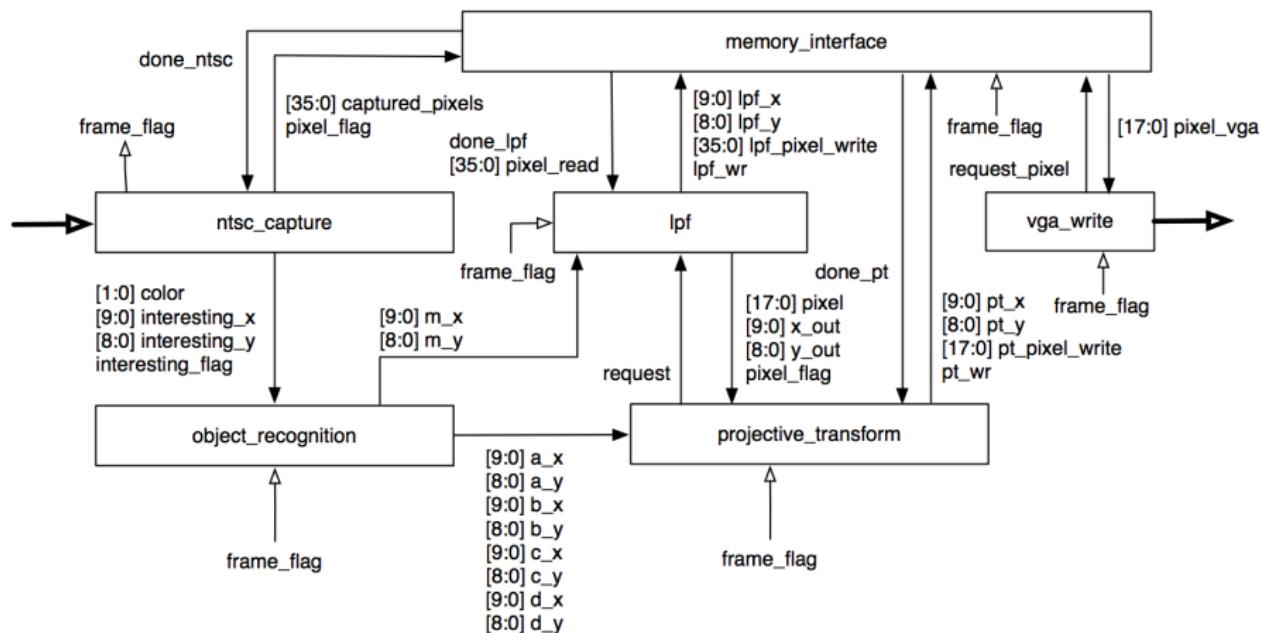
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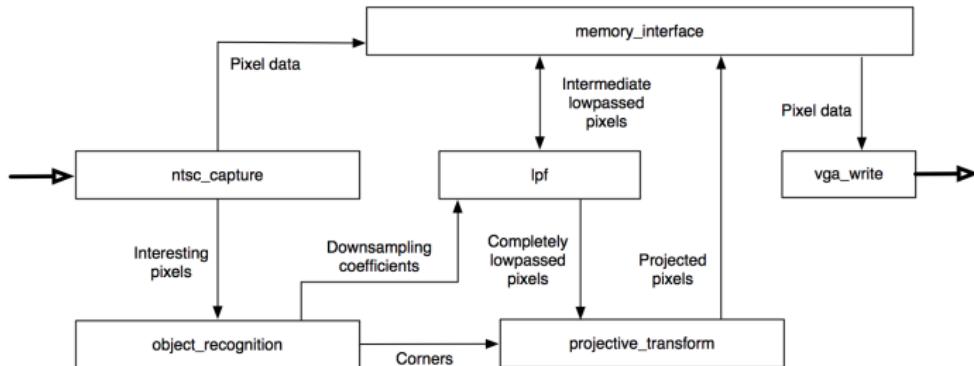
projective_transform: FPGA implementation

- Straightforward implementation of the above algorithm
- Uses coregen Divider modules for the divisions
- Requires only $2*640*480 + 4*480$ multiplications per clock cycle
- Uses an iterative algorithm for finding distances (pipelined at the end of each line of the image)
- Processes pixels “on-the-fly” from LPF
- Negligible memory requirements (a handful of registers)

projective_transform: How it Interfaces



object_recognition



- Mark corners of frame with four differently colored dots.
- Recognition begins in the **ntsc_capture** module, which detects these colors as it is capturing data and sends the pixel info to the **object_recognition** module.

object_recognition

- Take linear weighted center of mass for each image
- Sums the (x,y) coordinates for each color as it receives them. (8 running sums, 2 for each color)
- When the frame is done, divide each sum by the number of summed items
- The resulting 4 (x,y) pairs are the corners of the frame
- By looking for pixels in ntsc_capture we significantly reduce the amount of time spent in object_recognition

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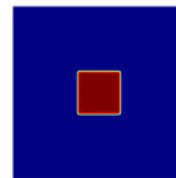
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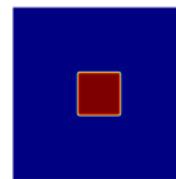
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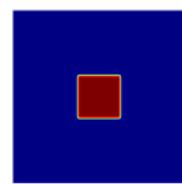
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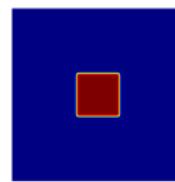
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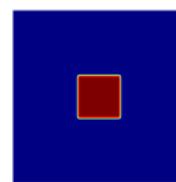
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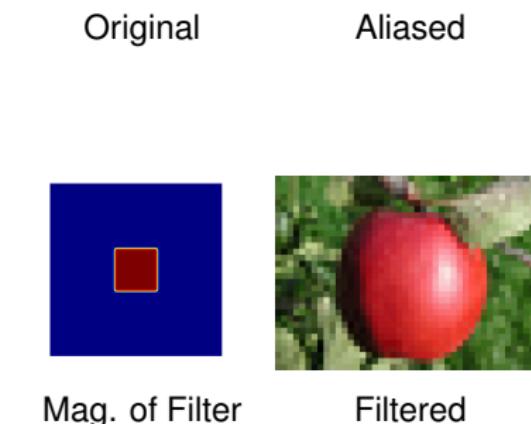
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- FIR PM filter reduces mem. acceses to 1.5/pixel



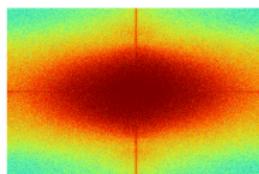
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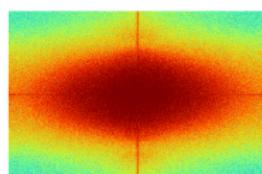
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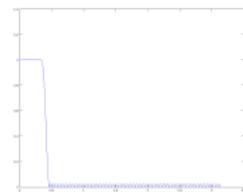
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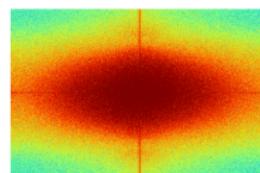
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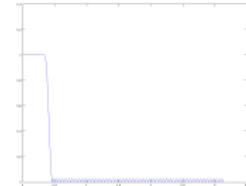
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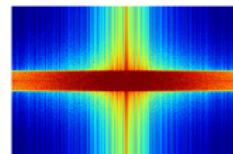
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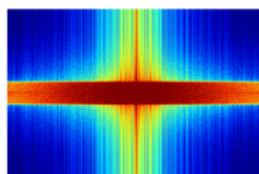
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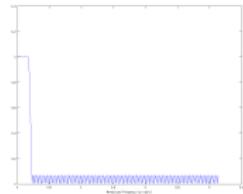
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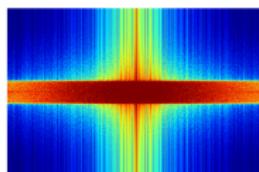
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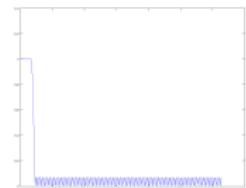
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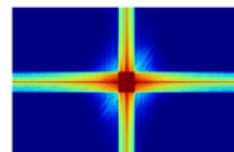
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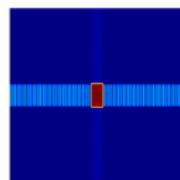
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- 6 Repeat this process every refresh cycle.



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F.T. of Process



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- Let's store 18 bits per pixel or 2 per address

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system io: vga_write

timeline