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VTK 6 Changes and Migration to MITK

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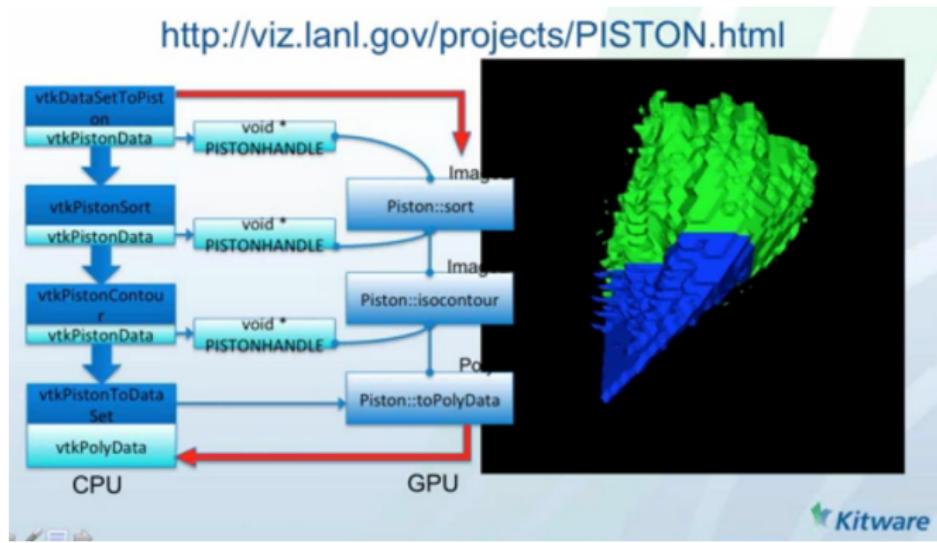
Topics

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② Major Changes and Migration to MITK

GPU filters in VTK

- Interface to PISTON library via vtkPistonData
- ⇒ VTK filters with GPU processing



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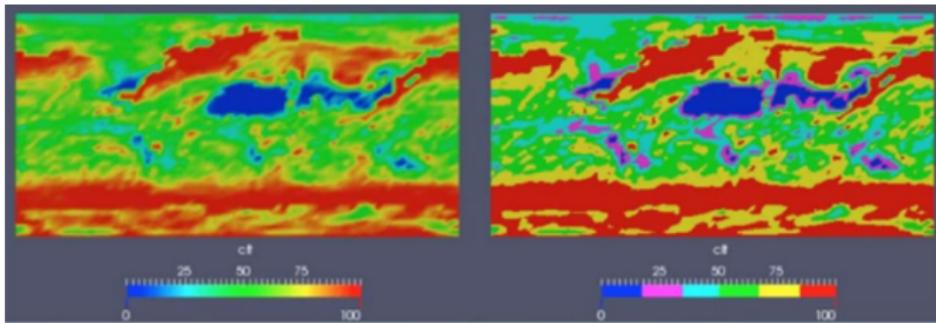
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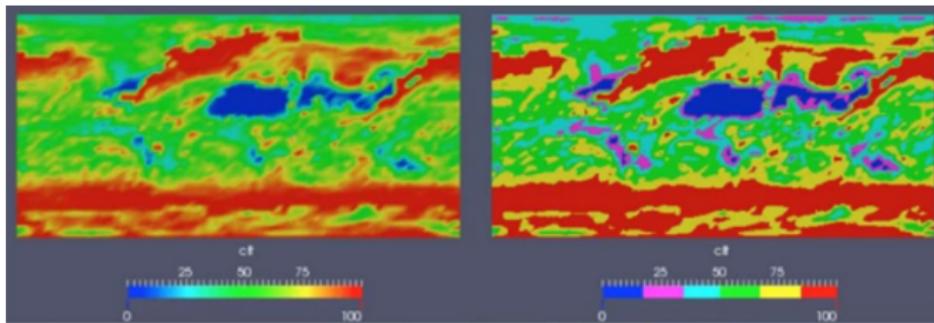
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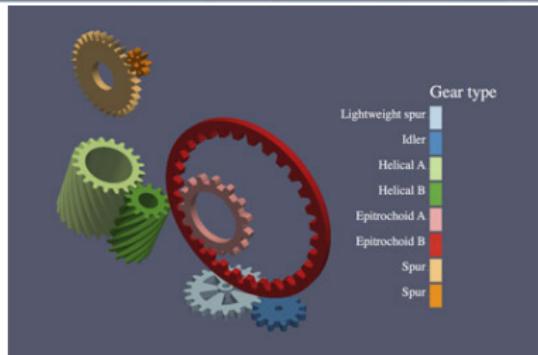
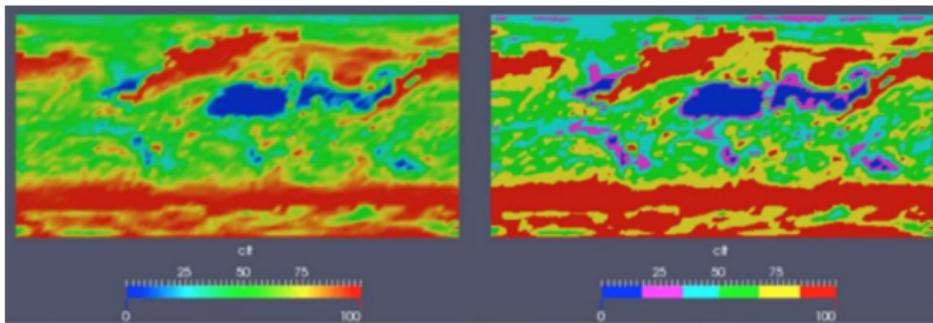
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- Remove modules by deleting them
- Modules can be easily added

Removed Classes

- ~ 105 removed classes
- VTK4 compatibility (vtkXtoYFilter) → used only once in MITK
- TextAnalysis and QtCharts removed → not used in MITK
- deleted vtkFloatingPointType → replace by double
- deleted vtkCxxRevisionMacro → not needed
- renamed vtkTypeRevisionMacro → vtkTypeMacro
- ...

Rearranged Pipeline

- Separate Algorithms and Data
- *SetInput* → *SetInputConnection* to connect Pipeline
- *SetInput* → *SetInputData* Set data without connecting pipeline

Rearranged Pipeline - Example 1

VTK 4/5

```
vtkDataObject* output = aFilter->GetOutput();
anotherFilter->SetInput(output);
```

VTK 6

```
anotherFilter->SetInputConnection(aFilter->GetOutputPort());
```

Rearranged Pipeline - Example 2

VTK 4/5

```
vtkPolyData *pd = vtkPolyData::New();
aFilter->SetInput(pd);
```

VTK 6

```
vtkPolyData *pd = vtkPolyData::New();
aFilter->SetInputData(pd);
```