Interactive / Steered Registration

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Topics

- 3D Slicer Registration Technologies
  - Current Implementations and Architecture
- Steered Registration
  - Goals and Works in Progress
- Clinical Applications and Active Projects
  - Examples of Unsolved Registration Problems

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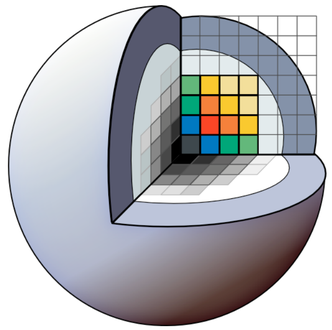
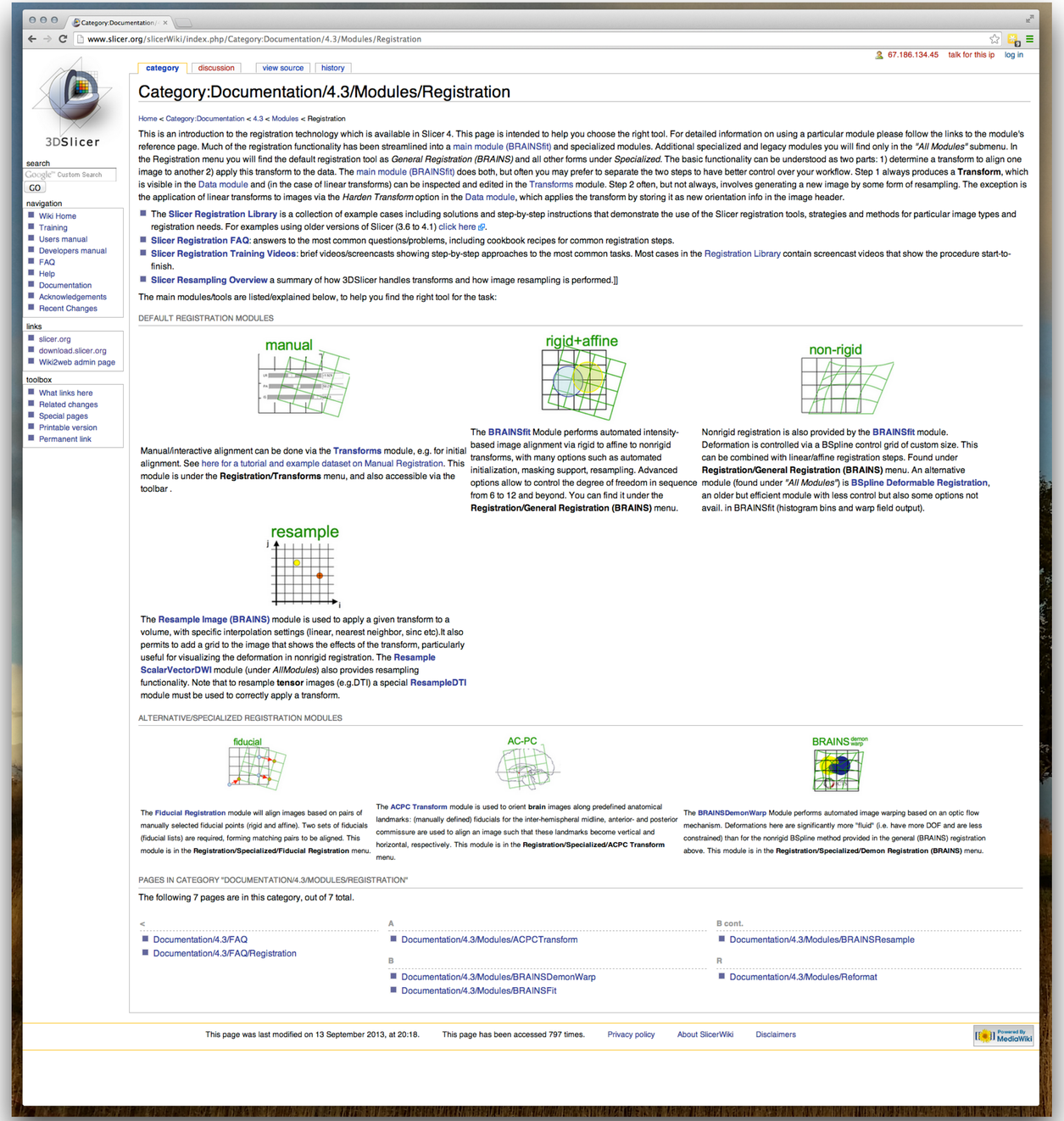


3D Slicer Registration Today

REGISTRATION

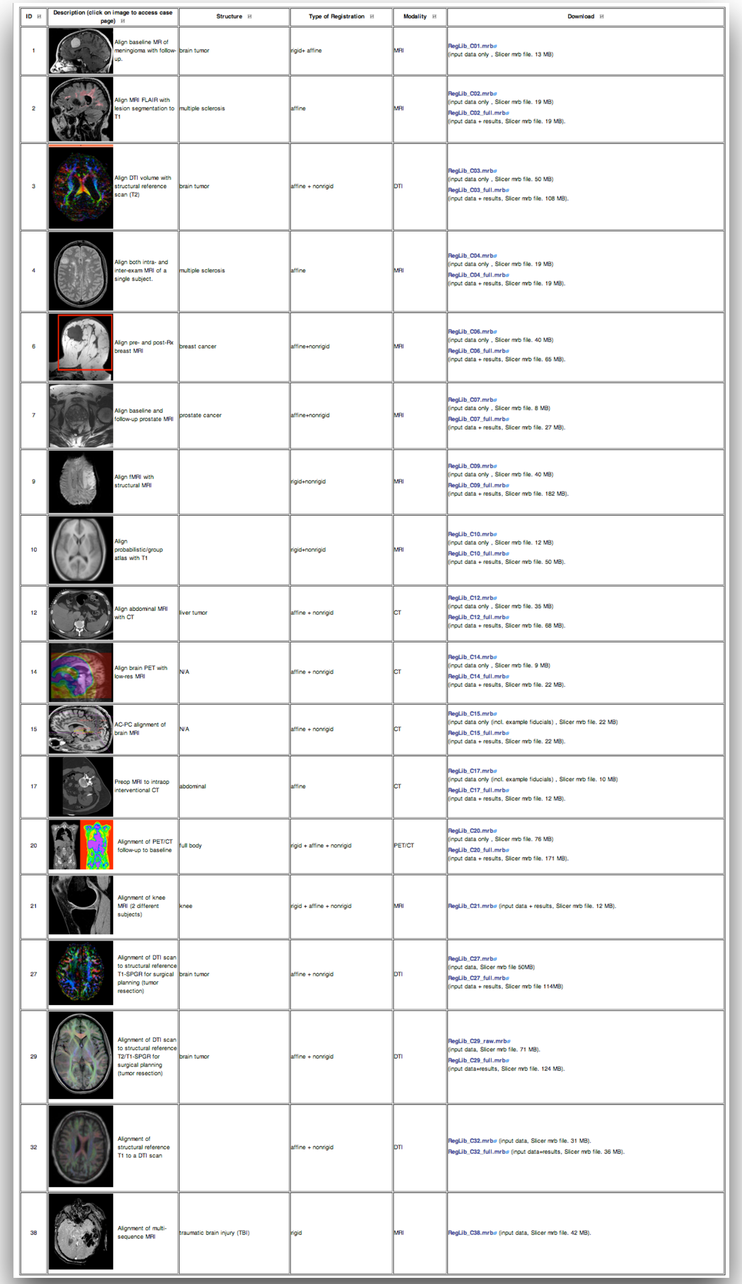
- Introduction to Registration (Dominik Meier)
- General Brainsfit Registration (Hans Johnson)
- Resample Image (BRAINS) (Hans Johnson)
- Specialized
  - ACPC Transform (Nicole Aucoin)
  - Demon Registration (BRAINS) (Hans Johnson)
  - Fiducial Registration (Stephen Aylward)
  - Vector Demon Registration (Hans Johnson)
  - Reformat (Michael Jeulin-Lagarrigue)
  - Segmentation Aided Registration (Yi Gao)



Special Thanks to Dominik Meier, BWH

Registration Use Case Library

- 38 Worked Out Examples
  - Cross-Modality, Cross-Subject, Longitudinal…
  - Linear, Nonlinear
  - Scalars, Vectors, Tensors
  - Brain, Breast, Prostate, Knee…
- All Data Provided as .mrb Scene Files



ID	Description (click on image to access case page)	Structure	Type of Registration	Modality	Download
1	Align baseline MR of meningioma with follow-up.	brain tumor	rigid+ affine	MRI	RegLib_C01.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 13 MB)
2	Align MR FLAIR with lesion segmentation to T1	multiple sclerosis	affine	MRI	RegLib_C02.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 19 MB) RegLib_C02_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 19 MB).
3	Align DTI volume with structural reference scan (T2)	brain tumor	affine + nonrigid	DTI	RegLib_C03.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 50 MB) RegLib_C03_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 108 MB).
4	Align both intra- and inter-exam MRI of a single subject.	multiple sclerosis	affine	MRI	RegLib_C04.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 19 MB) RegLib_C04_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 19 MB).
6	Align pre- and post-Rx breast MRI	breast cancer	affine+nonrigid	MRI	RegLib_C06.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 40 MB) RegLib_C06_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 65 MB).
7	Align baseline and follow-up prostate MRI	prostate cancer	affine+nonrigid	MRI	RegLib_C07.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 8 MB) RegLib_C07_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 27 MB).
9	Align fMRI with structural MRI		rigid+nonrigid	MRI	RegLib_C09.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 40 MB) RegLib_C09_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 182 MB).
10	Align probabilistic/group atlas with T1		rigid+nonrigid	MRI	RegLib_C10.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 12 MB) RegLib_C10_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 50 MB).
12	Align abdominal MRI with CT	liver tumor	affine + nonrigid	CT	RegLib_C12.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 35 MB) RegLib_C12_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 68 MB).
14	Align brain PET with low-res MRI	N/A	affine + nonrigid	CT	RegLib_C14.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 9 MB) RegLib_C14_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 22 MB).
15	AC-PC alignment of brain MRI	N/A	affine + nonrigid	CT	RegLib_C15.mrbu (input data only (incl. example fiducials) , Slicer mrb file. 22 MB) RegLib_C15_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 22 MB).
17	Preop MRI to intraop interventional CT	abdominal	affine	CT	RegLib_C17.mrbu (input data only (incl. example fiducials) , Slicer mrb file. 10 MB) RegLib_C17_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 12 MB).
20	Alignment of PET/CT follow-up to baseline	full body	rigid + affine + nonrigid	PET/CT	RegLib_C20.mrbu (input data only , Slicer mrb file. 76 MB) RegLib_C20_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 171 MB).
21	Alignment of knee MRI (2 different subjects)	knee	rigid + affine + nonrigid	MRI	RegLib_C21.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file. 12 MB).
27	Alignment of DTI scan to structural reference T1-SPGR for surgical planning (tumor resection)	brain tumor	affine + nonrigid	DTI	RegLib_C27.mrbu (input data, Slicer mrb file 50MB) RegLib_C27_full.mrbu (input data + results, Slicer mrb file 114MB)
29	Alignment of DTI scan to structural reference T2/T1-SPGR for surgical planning (tumor resection)	brain tumor	affine + nonrigid	DTI	RegLib_C29_raw.mrbu (input data, Slicer mrb file. 71 MB). RegLib_C29_full.mrbu (input data+results, Slicer mrb file. 124 MB).
32	Alignment of structural reference T1 to a DTI scan		affine + nonrigid	DTI	RegLib_C32.mrbu (input data, Slicer mrb file. 31 MB). RegLib_C32_full.mrbu (input data+results, Slicer mrb file. 36 MB).
38	Alignment of multi-sequence MRI	traumatic brain injury (TBI)	rigid	MRI	RegLib_C38.mrbu (input data, Slicer mrb file. 42 MB).

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Registration Implementation

- Command Line Interface Modules (CLI)
  - Written with “main(argc, argv)” style, but can be compiled to shared libraries with pointer access to image data
  - Standardized argument syntax and automatic GUI generation
  - “Pipleline” style autorun on changes to input data or parameters
- Leverages ITK
  - 1.5 Million Lines of Code
  - 14 Calendar Years
  - 454 Years of Effort (ohloh.net/p/itk)

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{

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  // when the test succeeds (to see the reproducibi
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  itk::ImageIOBase::IOComponentType componentType;

  try
    {
    itk::GetImageType(FixedImageFileName, pixelType

    // This filter handles all types

    switch( componentType )
      {
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      case itk::ImageIOBase::UCHAR:
      case itk::ImageIOBase::SHORT:
        return DoIt( argc, argv, static_cast<short>
        break;
      case itk::ImageIOBase::USHORT:
      case itk::ImageIOBase::INT:
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        break;
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      case itk::ImageIOBase::ULONG:
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        return DoIt( argc, argv, static_cast<long>(
        break;
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        break;
      case itk::ImageIOBase::DOUBLE:
        return DoIt( argc, argv, static_cast<float>
        break;
      case itk::ImageIOBase::UNKNOWNCOMPONENTTYPE:
      default:
        std::cout << "unknown component type" << std::endl;
        break;
      }
    }
  catch( itk::ExceptionObject & excep )
    {
    std::cerr << argv[0] << ": exception caught !" << std::endl;
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    return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
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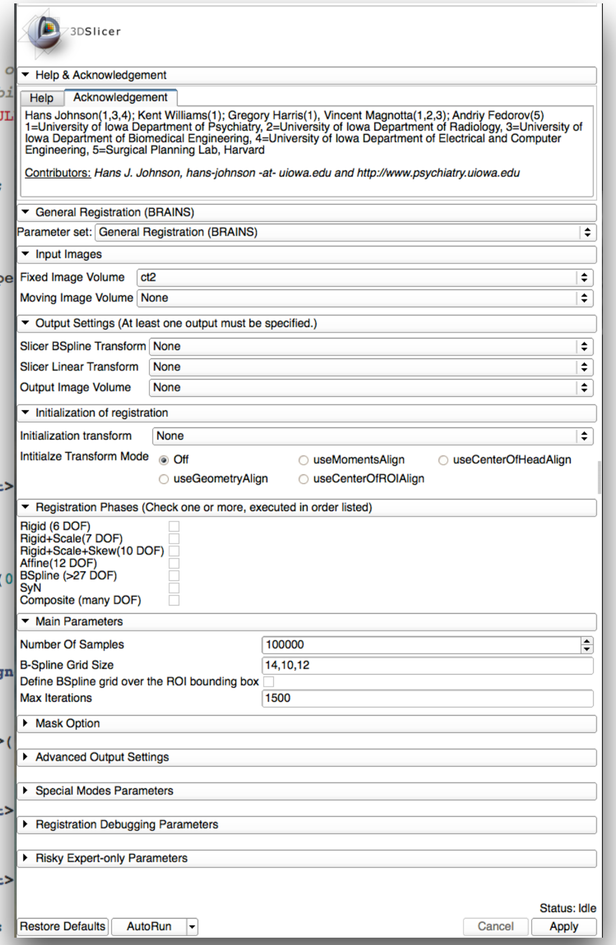
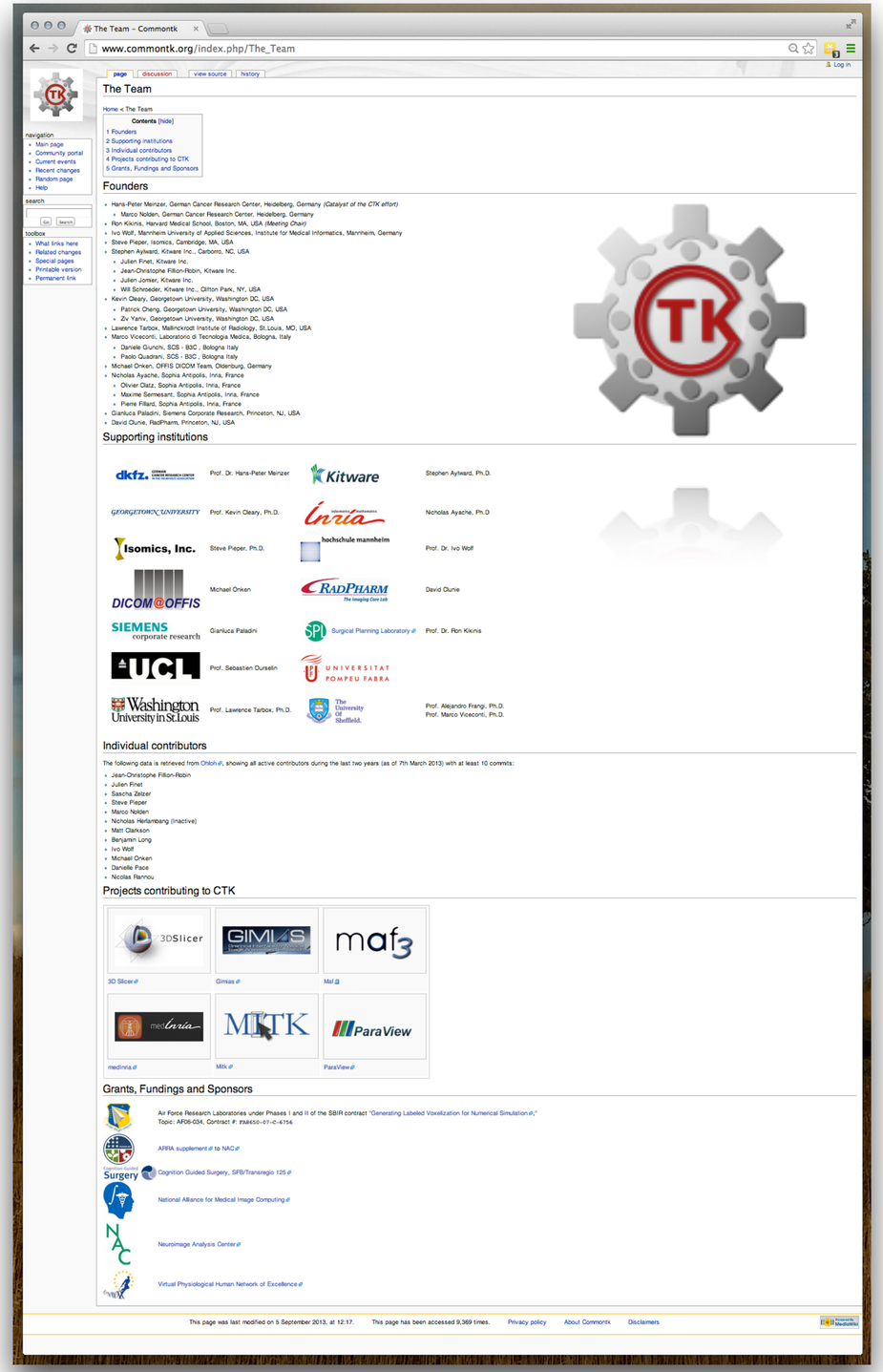


Common Toolkit
CTK

- Multinational Team of Likeminded Developers
  - DICOM, Visualization, IGT, Software Engineering…
  - Decades of Experience in Package Development
  - Multiyear History of Collaborative Development
- CTK has Adopted Slicer CLIs for Interoperability



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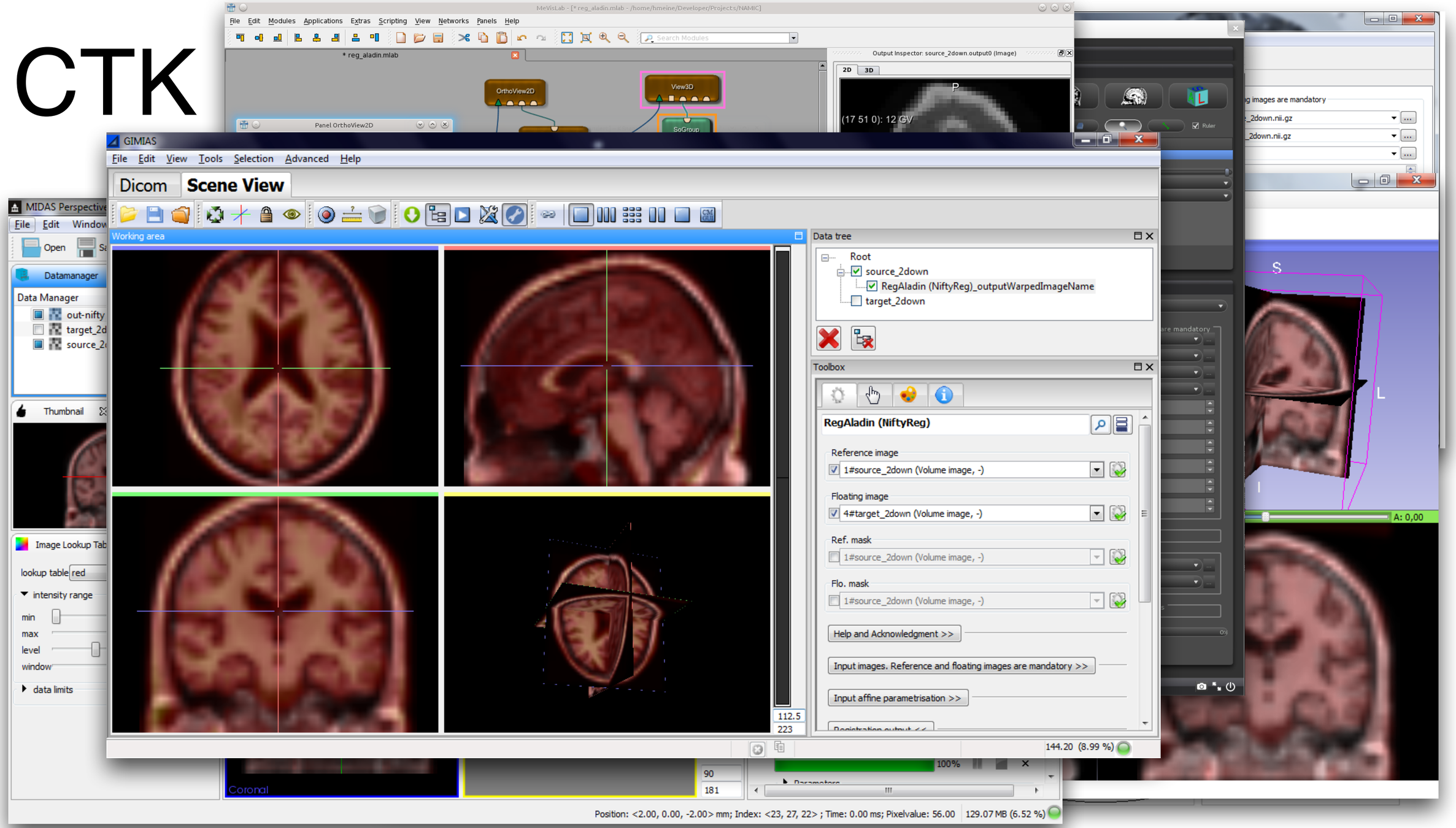
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BRAINSFit

- De Facto Standard Slicer Registration CLI
  - Initializations: Transform, CenterOfHead, CenterOfROI, Moments, Geometry, Histogram Match
  - Transforms: Rigid, ScaleVersor, ScaleSkewVersor, Affine, BSpline, Symmetric Diffeomorphic (SyN), Composite
  - Dozens of Other Parameters
    - Normal Ones
    - Risky Ones
- Uses Range from Psychiatry to Prostate Biopsy

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--movingVolume test2.nii.gz \
--outputVolume testT1LongRegFixed.nii.gz \
--outputTransform longToBase.xform \
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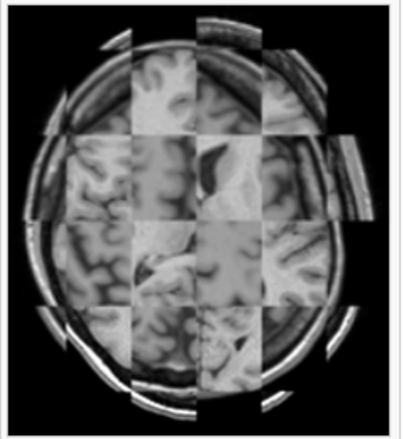
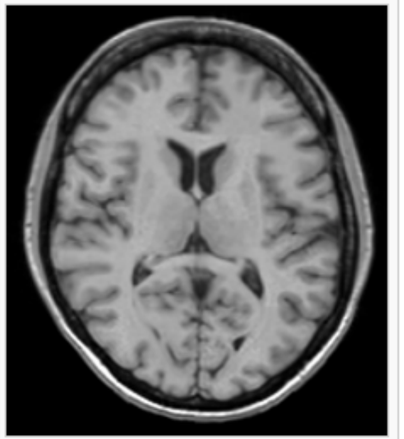


Longitudinal Checkerboard
Before registration



Longitudinal Checkerboard
After registration

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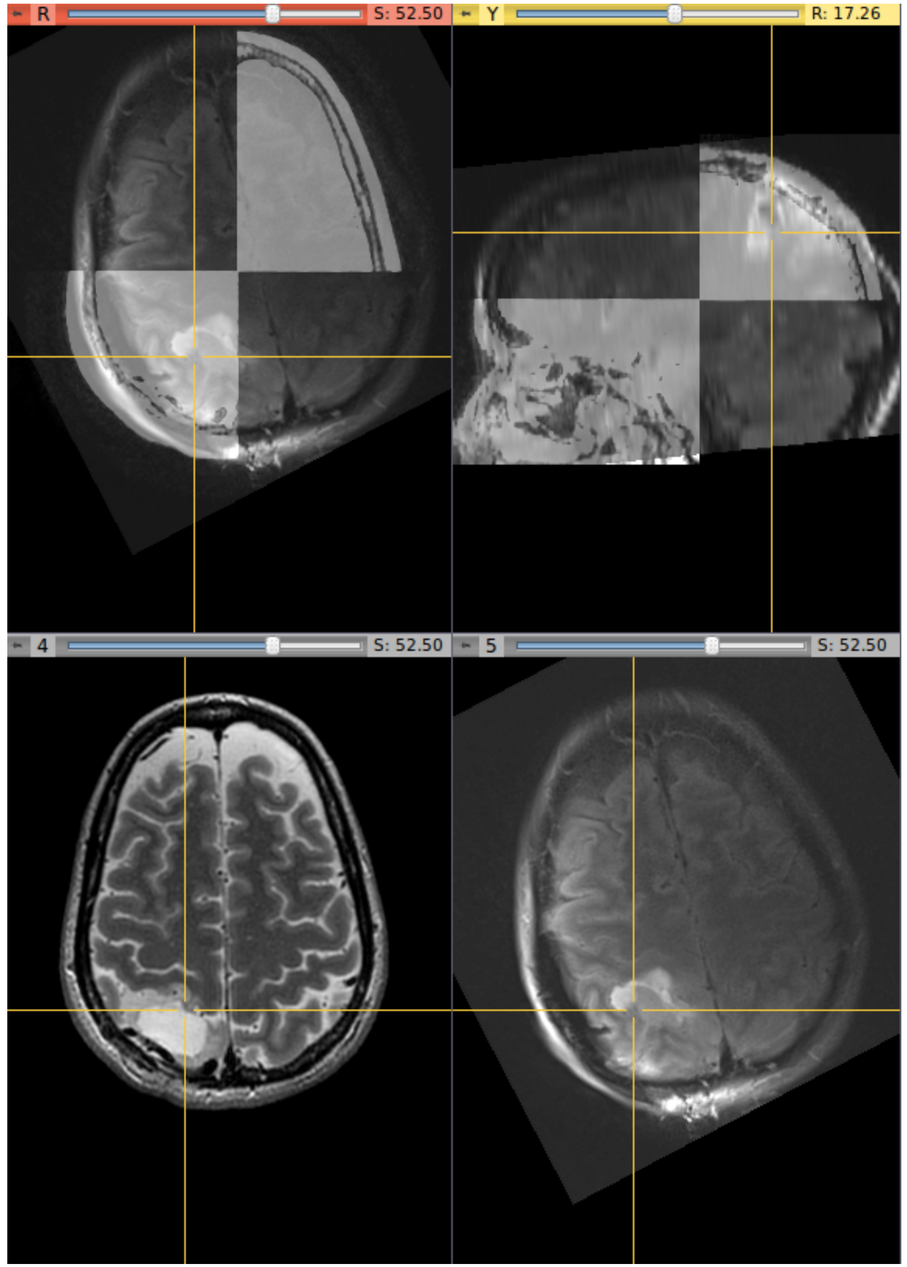
- Algorithms Don't Understand the Images
  - What to ignore
  - How the images were obtained
  - What was imaged
- Too Slow
  - Should be essentially instantaneous
- Hard to Tell if the Answer is Right
  - Requires visual inspection
- Too Many Parameters
  - Parameters are the last refuge of an algorithm developer*
  - If the answer is wrong, which parameter to change?

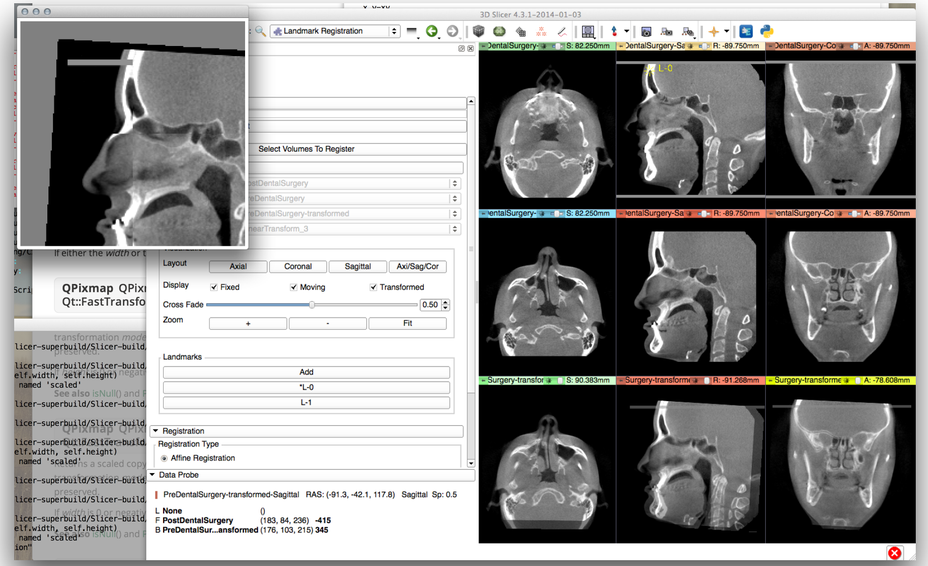
* Apologies to Samuel Johnson



Preprocedure MR (bottom left) and intraprocedure MR (bottom right) after rigid registration. Data Courtesy Dr. Alexandra Golby.

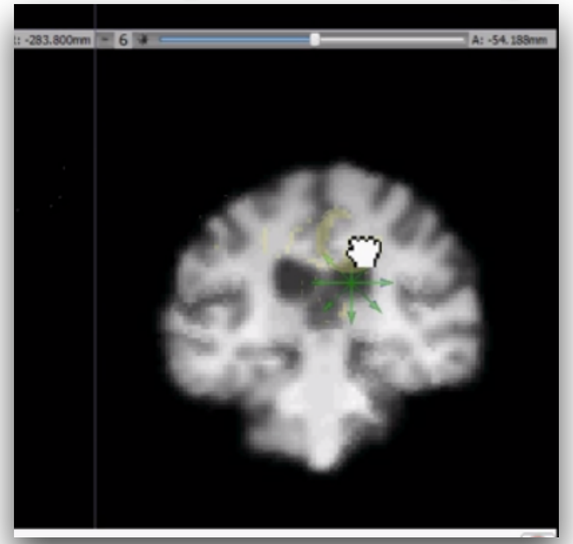
What can be done?

- Reach in and Grab It!
  - Tell the algorithm what parts should line up
  - Tell it what to ignore
  - Pin down the parts that are right and let the algorithm figure out the rest
- Fast Detailed Inspection Tools
  - Need to review anyway, so fix it at the same time
  - See the 3D deformation
- Learn from the Fixes
  - Use manual corrections to adjust parameters
  - “Task Level Control”
- Goal: Integrate the Parameter Setting and Quality Assurance Review Steps into the Algorithm Itself

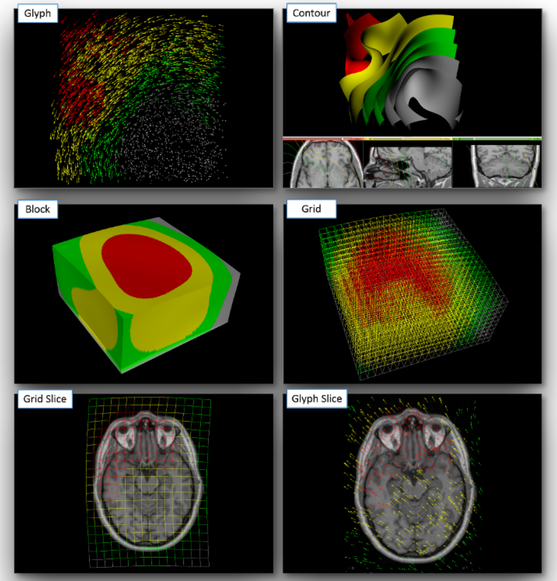


Landmark Registration: Pieper

Work in Progress



Registration Gestures: Prastawa, Miller



Transform Visualizer: King, SlicerRT

What can be done?

Visualization

Control

Automation

Steered Registration Goals

Visualization

- Data Fusion Tools
  - Color, Overlays, Crossfades, Animations
  - Interactive Inspection
- 3D Slice Plane Visualization
- Volume Rendering
  - Multiple Volume
  - Incorporating Nonlinear Transforms
  - Real Time
  - Interactive Data Fusion

Control

- Precise Placement
  - Reviewable
  - Editable
  - Undo/Redoable
- Native 3D Control
  - Optimal use of human eye hand coordination and spatial skills
  - Hand tracking, haptics…
- More than Just Points
  - Local Orientation
  - Surface Matching

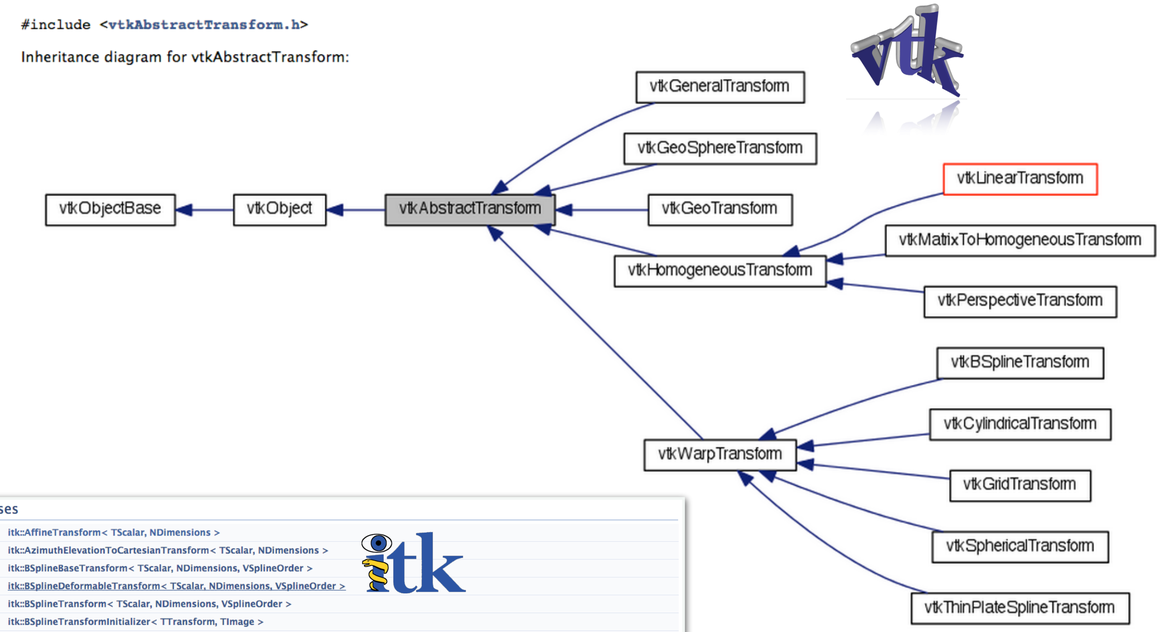
Automation

- Simplify Input
  - Interpret control in terms of current transformation
  - Snap to right answer
  - Extrapolate input (“zipper”)
- Learn from Input
  - Adjust optimization metrics based on user input so far
  - Learn from previous QC data
- Expose (Un)certainty
  - Identify local minima as needing QC

What is being done?

Software Support for Steered Registration

- VTK
  - PRO: Rich set of transform types closely integrated with visualization pipelines and vtkImageReslice
  - PRO: Very interactive by design
  - CON: No nonlinear transforms in volume rendering
- ITK
  - PRO: Rich set of algorithms
  - CON: Optimizers not set up for interaction
- vtkITK
  - PRO: Provides glue to expose ITK classes in VTK Pipelines
  - CON: Complex and imperfect match of pipelines



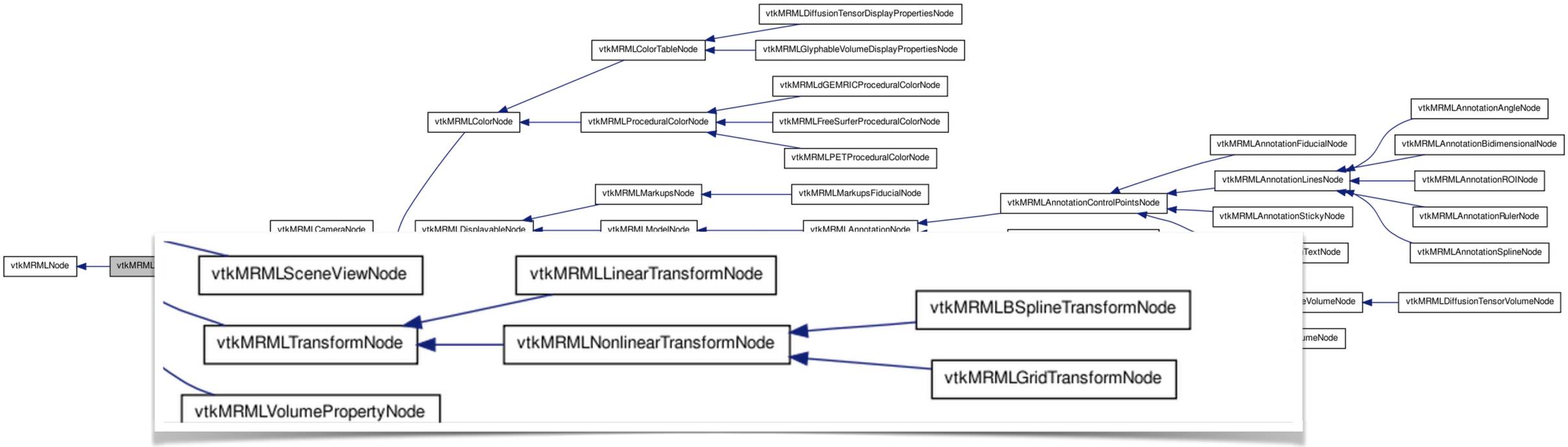
MRML Registration Infrastructure

vtkMRMLTransformableNode Class Reference

MRML node for representing a node with a tranform. More...

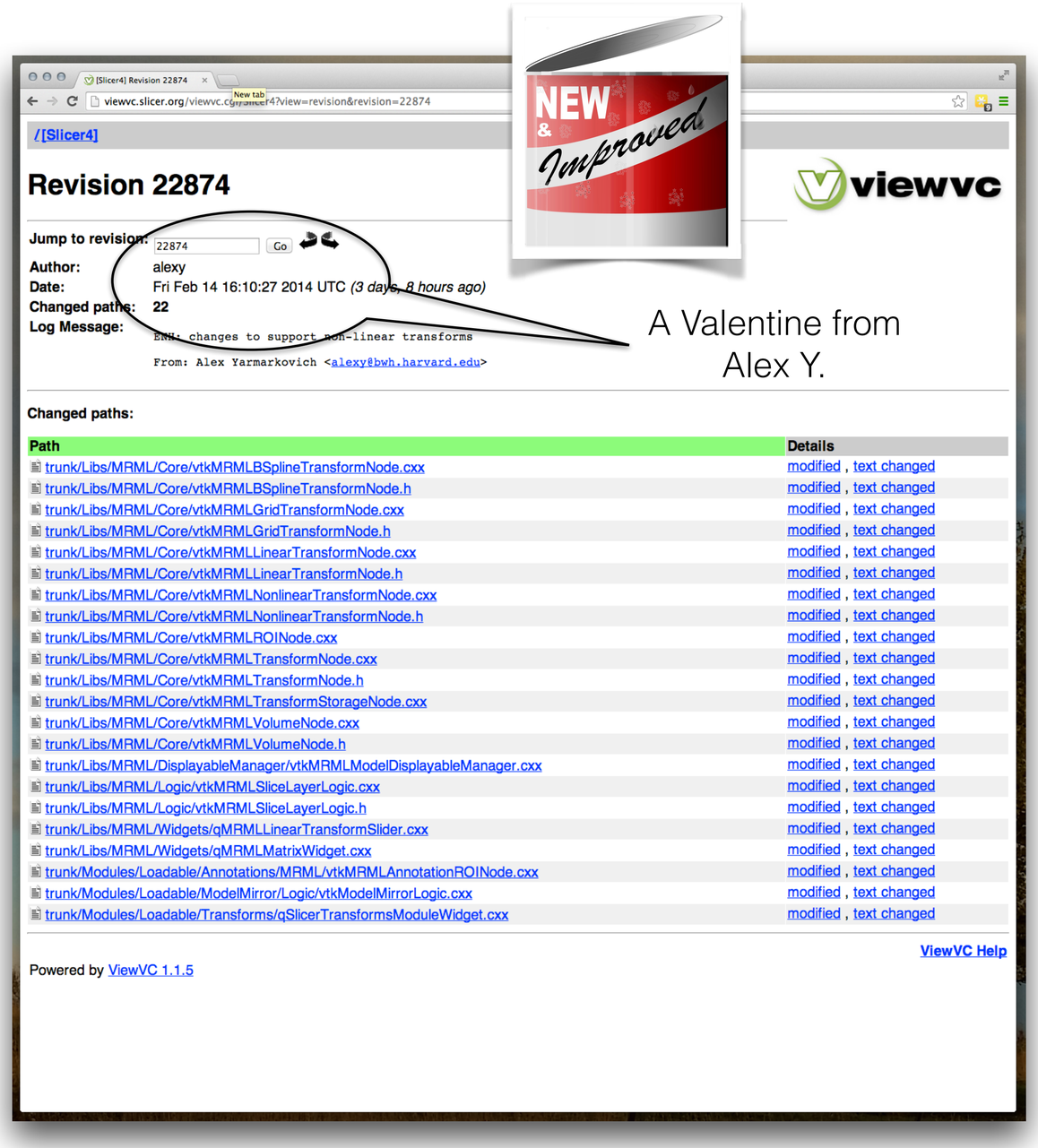
`#include <Libs/MRML/Core/vtkMRMLTransformableNode.h>`

Inheritance diagram for vtkMRMLTransformableNode:



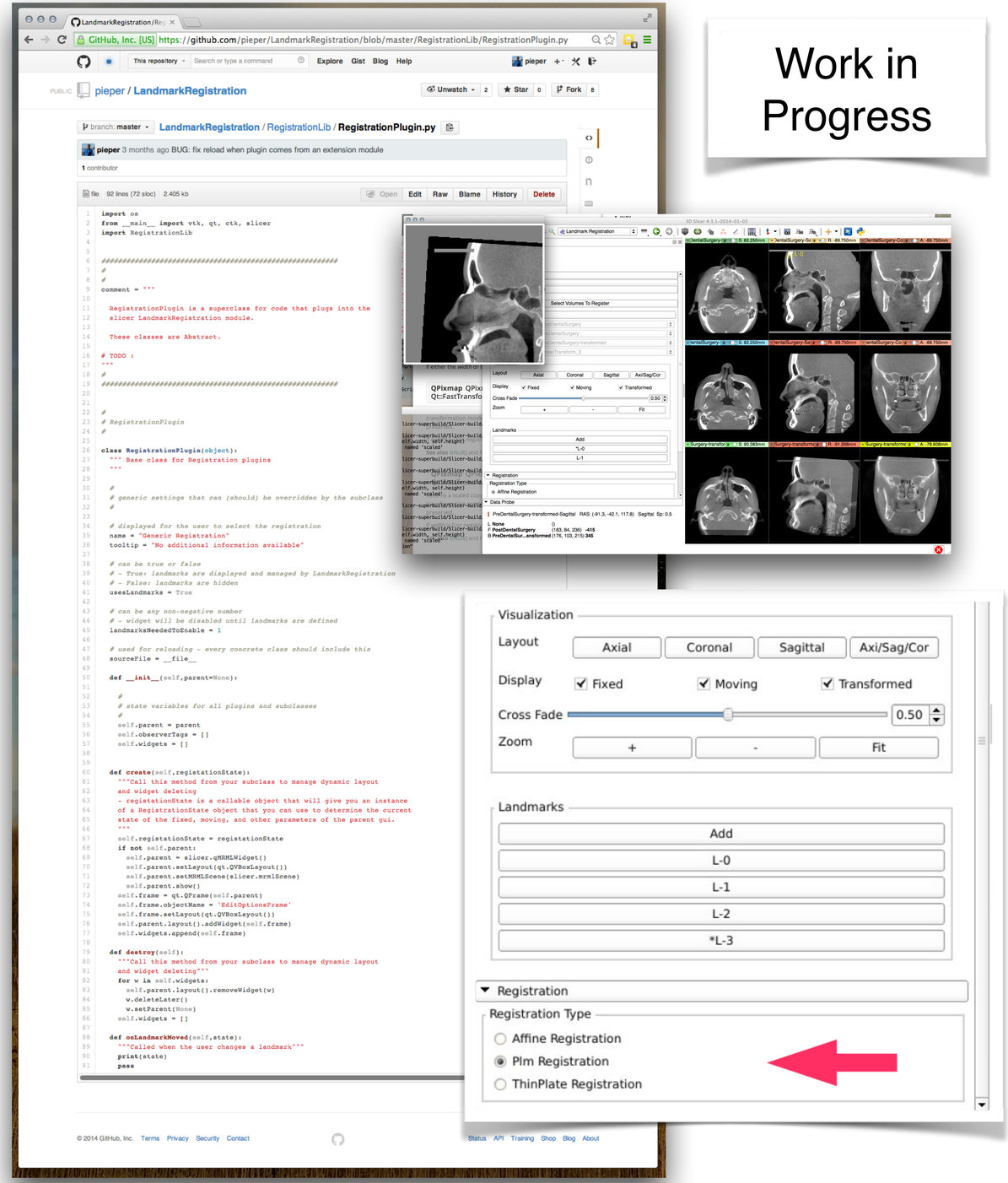
Nonlinear Transforms

- Slicer Nightly Builds Support Live Nonlinear Transforms
  - Drag-and-Drop Transformable Nodes
    - Volumes, Models, Fiducials…
  - Slice Pipeline Applies Nonlinear Transform on Visible Slice
  - TransformToParent and TransformFromParent Calculated as Needed and Cached
  - CLIs Output or Programatic Modifications Update on the Fly
- TODO: Documentation, Nonlinear Transforms Module GUI, Further Testing…



Landmark Registration and Registration Plugins

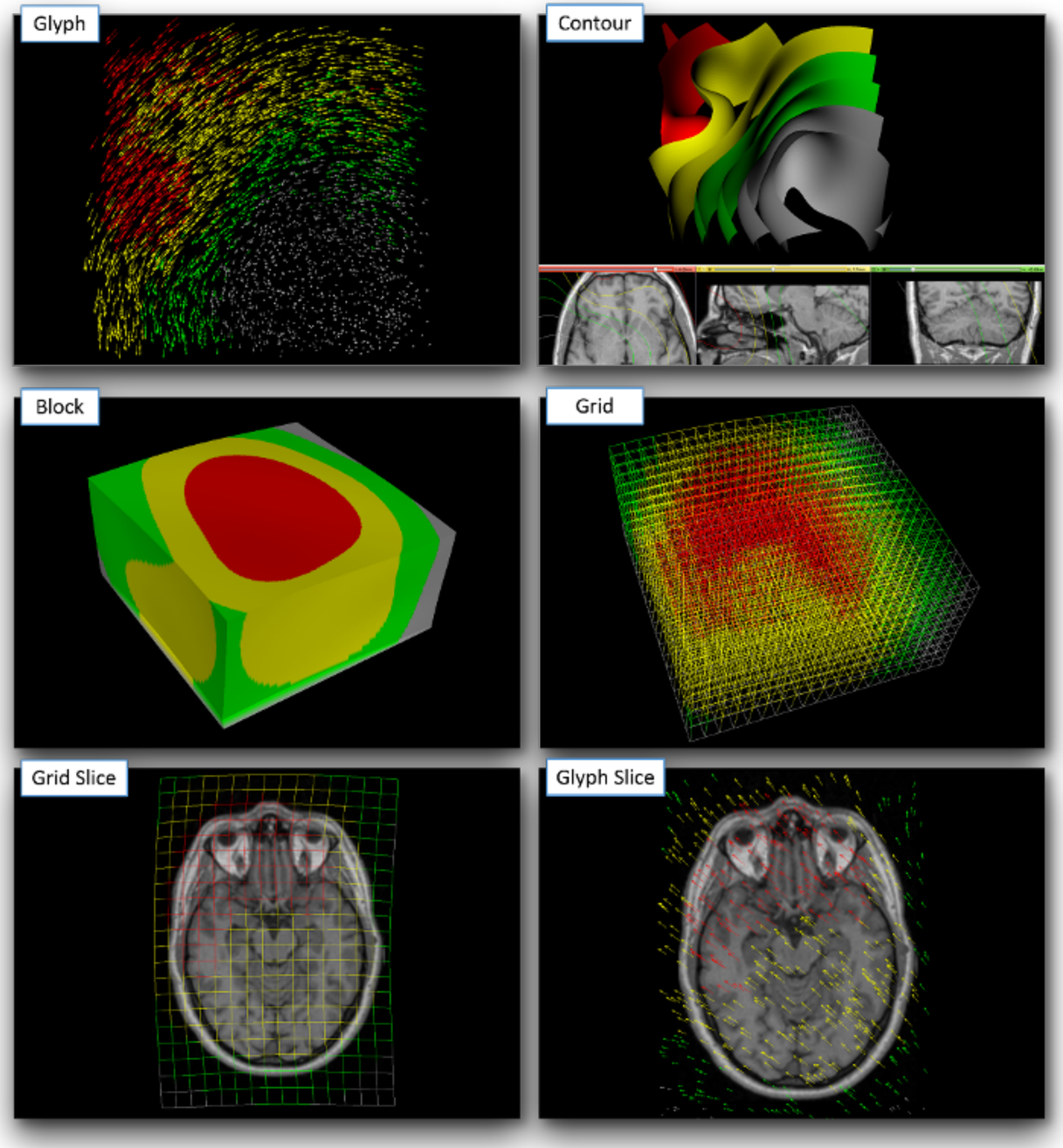
- LandmarkRegistration is Becoming a General Steered Registration Tool
  - Manages Fixed, Moving, and Transformed Volumes
  - Manages Landmarks
    - Defined as matched Fiducials on Fixed and Moving
  - Manages Visualization Modes
    - Viewer Per Volume, Cross Fade, Orientations
- Plugins Implement Steered Algorithms
  - Update Transforms in Response to User Input
  - Can call CLIs or loadable libraries



Visualization

- Transform Visualizer
  - Creates Models of Transforms
  - Support Linear and Nonlinear Transforms
  - User Control of Sampling/Display
  - Integrates with Other Slicer Visualization
  - Look at the Transformation Instead of the Effect of the Transformation
- Bundled with SlicerRT Extension

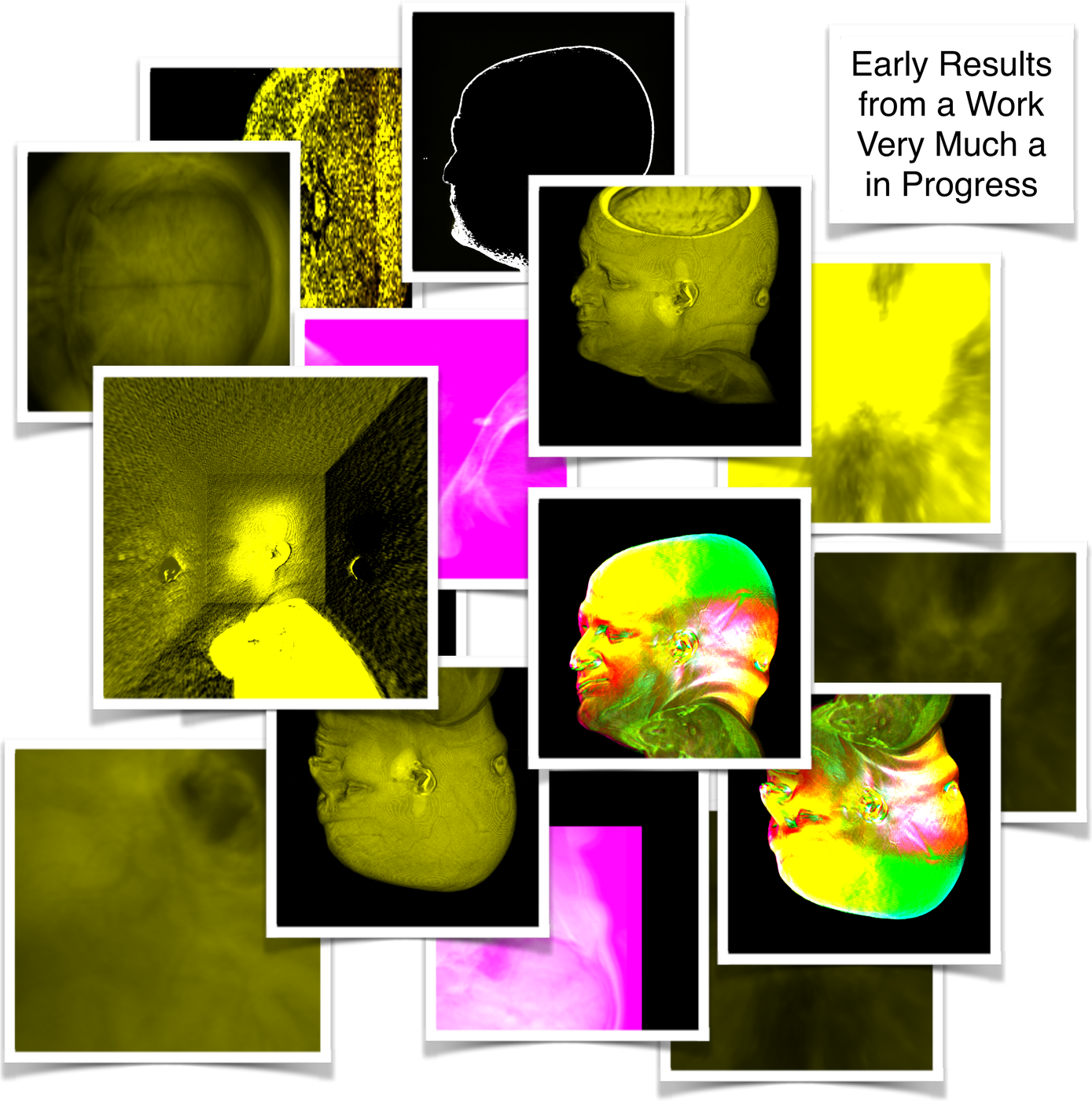
Work in Progress



King et al, Queens University

Visualization

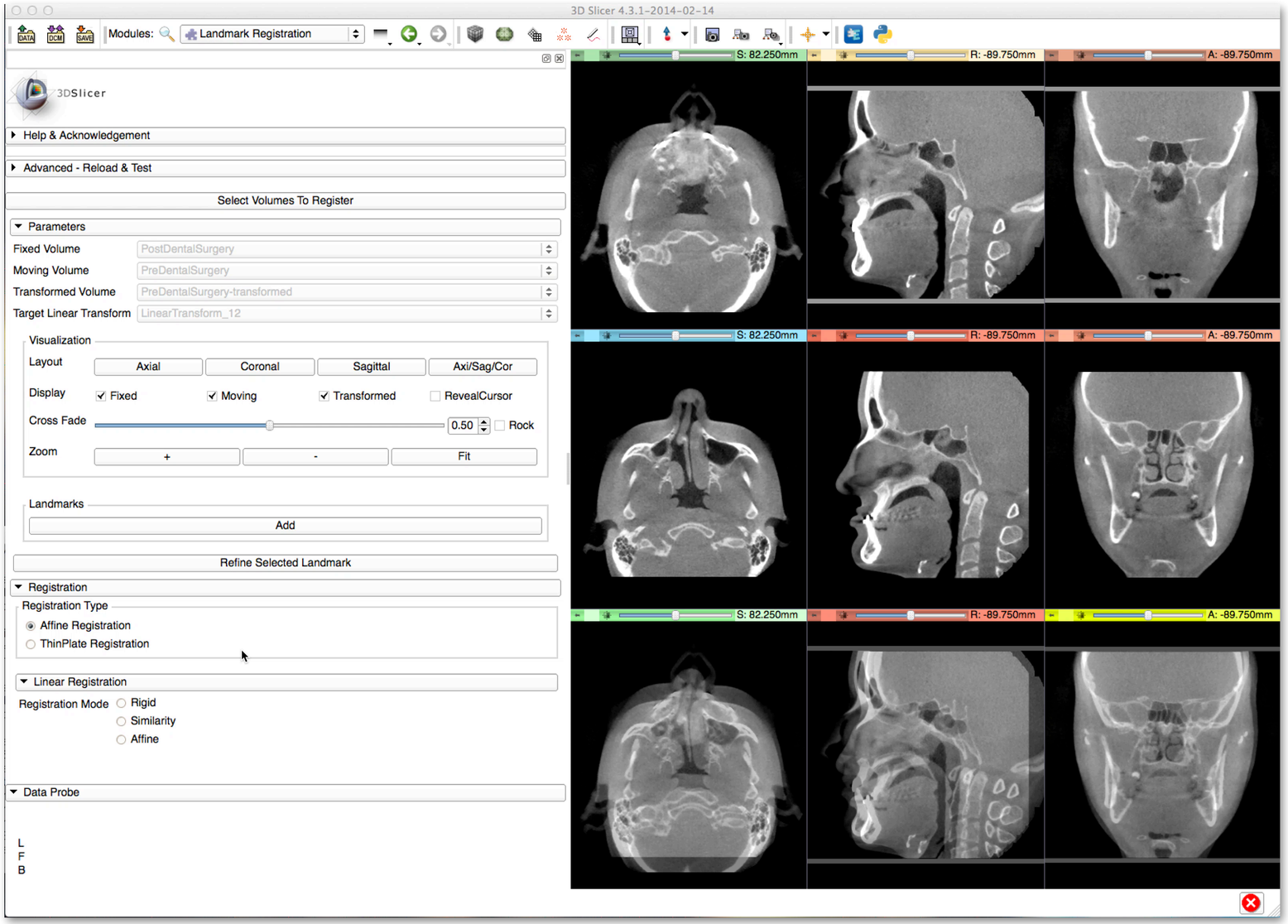
- OpenCL Volume Rendering
  - Pixel-Parallel Ray Casting from Scratch
  - Hardware Trilinear Interpolation
    - Volumes, Transfer Functions, Vector Fields
  - PyOpenCL Integration with Slicer
  - Custom Render Kernels
- TODO
  - Coordinate Integration
  - Multiple Volumes
  - Linear and Nonlinear Transforms
  - Integration with Surface Rendering
  - Lighting/Shading Models
  - Cutaway Rendering



Visualization/Control: Landmarks

Work in Progress

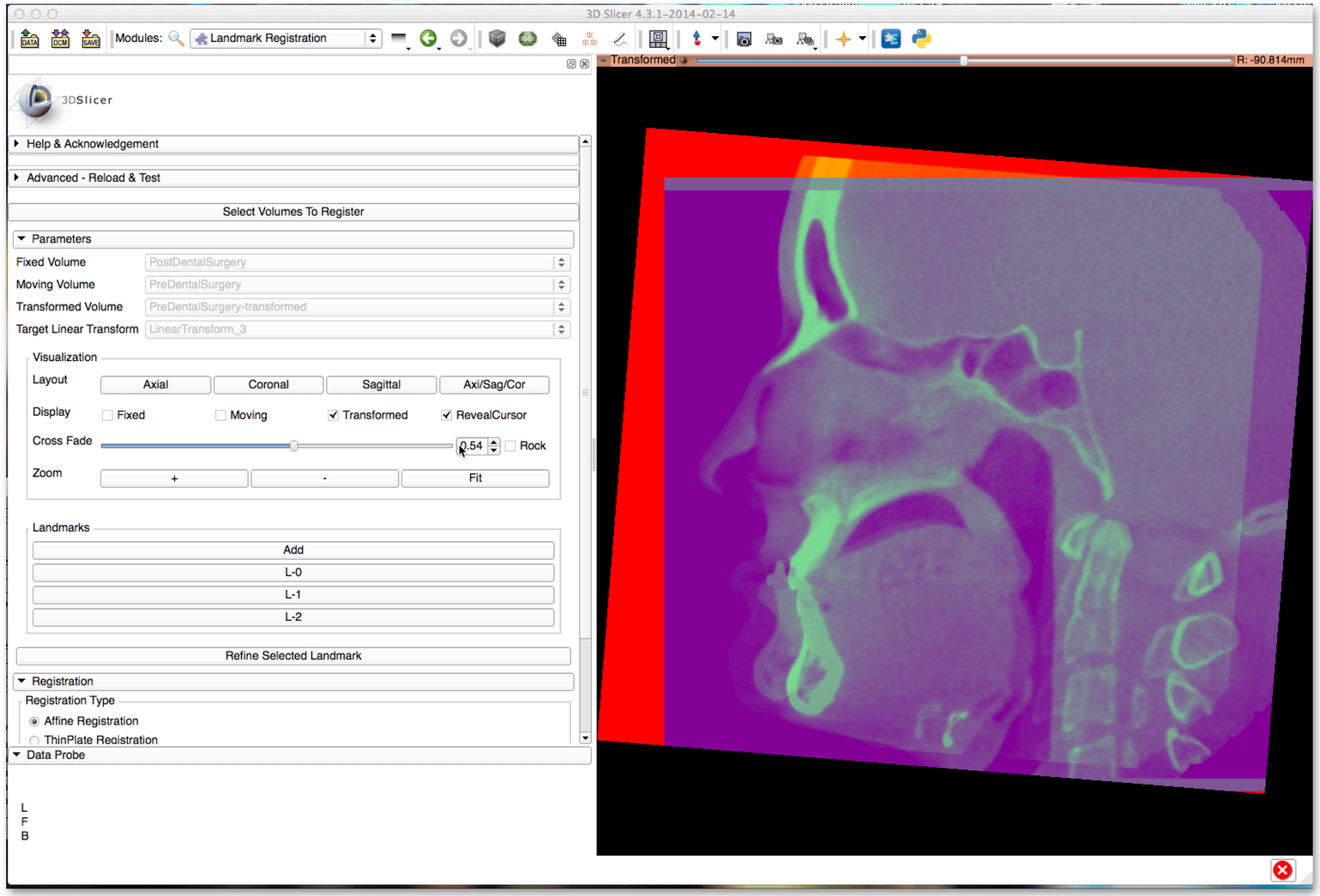
- Manage Fiducials
  - Auto Create Matching Fiducials
  - Only Display on Proper Volume
  - Fiducial-Centered View Options
  - Arguably Allows Principled Control in 2D and 3D
    - Grab in Fixed or Moving, but watch Blended…
- Based on Current Slicer
  - Earlier Version in Nightly
  - Improved Version Soon
  - Needs Robustness, Documentation



Visualization: Rock and Reveal

Work in Progress

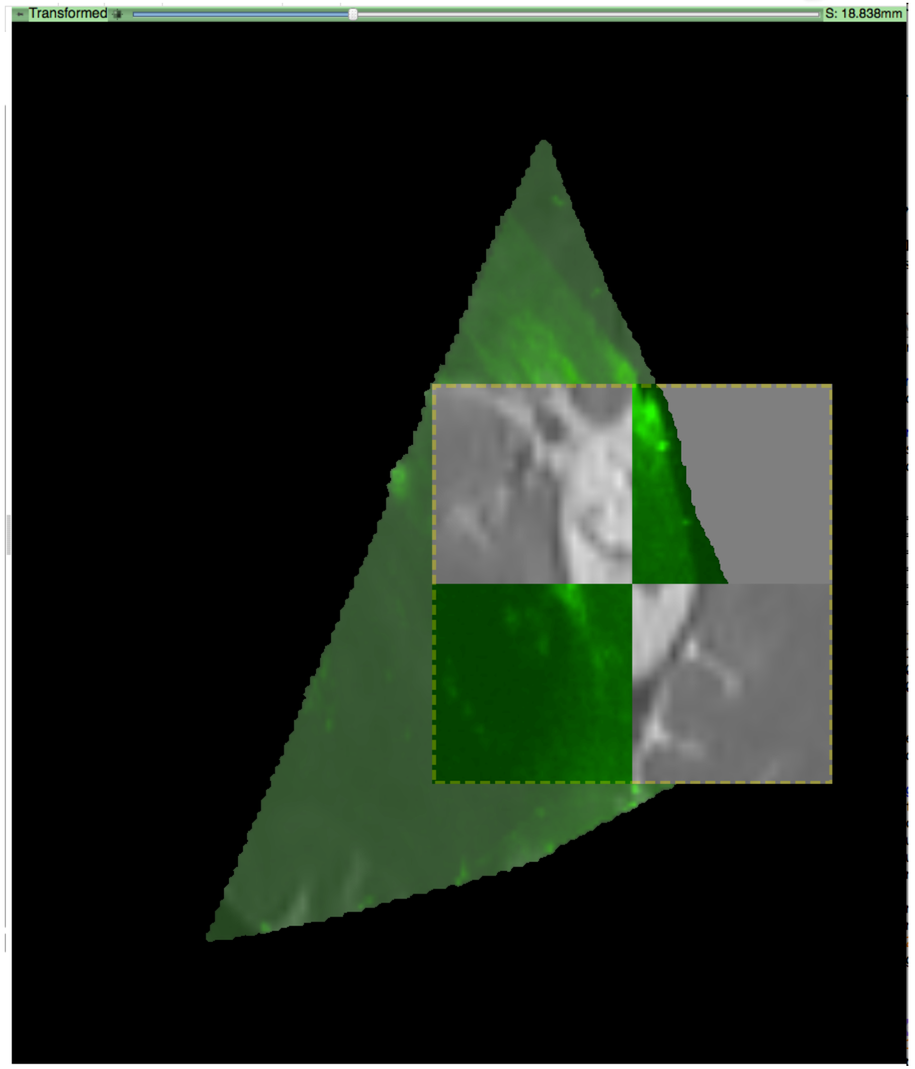
- Rock
  - Visualization Mode Implemented First by Patient who Used Slicer to Educate Surgeons about his Case
  - Passive Contemplation of the Registration
  - Other Color/Animation Modes Planned
- Reveal Cursor
  - Active Exploration and Comparison
  - Facilitates Visualization of Discontinuities



Visualization

Work in Progress

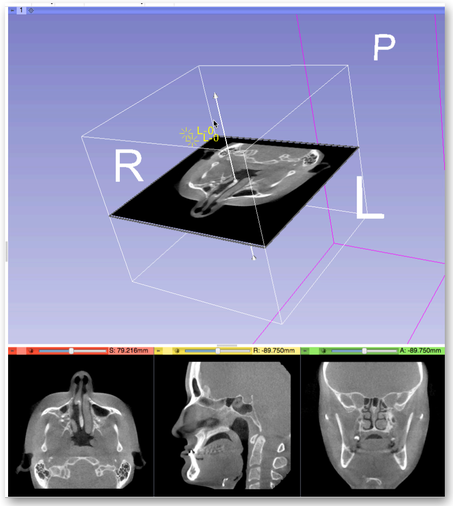
- Reveal Cursor
  - Highly interactive visual inspection
  - Checkerboard of FG/BG layers
  - Optional zoom
  - Integrates nicely with pan/zoom/scroll/ crosshairs
  - Integrated with LandmarkRegistration
- Supports QC of Registration Results

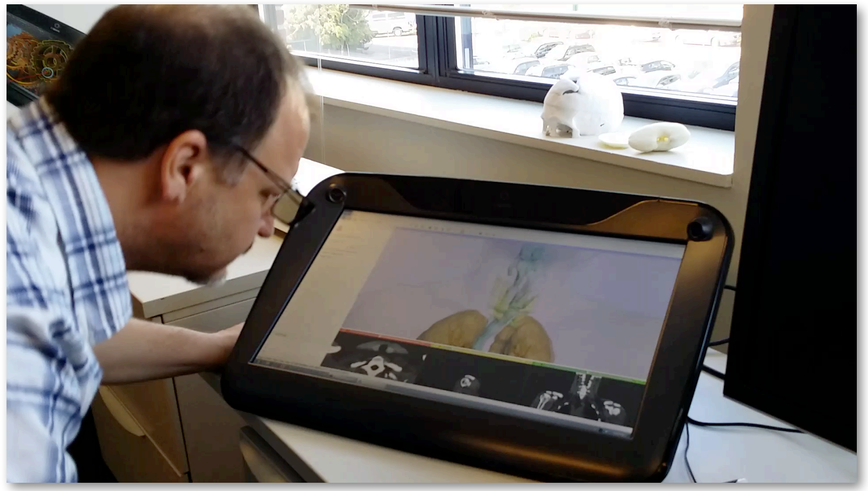


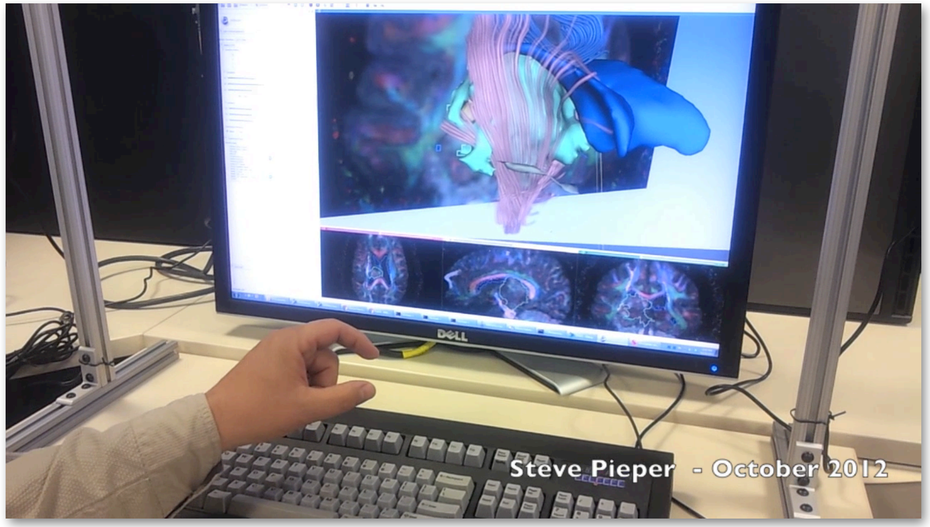
US (green) and T1 MR (gray) for AMIGO neurosurgery case

3D Control

- VTK Widgets
  - Traditional Mouse/Keyboard Interaction
  - Two DOFs
- Multitouch Screens
  - iPad in AMIGO
  - Three or More Simultaneous DOFs
- Hand Tracking
  - ThreeGear Kinect/PrimeSense, Leap, Structure Sensor
  - Twelve+ DOF? 72 DOFs?
- Visualization/Control
  - ZSpace “Virtual Hologoraphy”
  - Head Tracked Stereo Display
  - Haptic Stylus
  - Partial Slicer Integration







Works in Progress

Control/Automation

- MIM RegRefine
  - Commercial Example of Registration Steering
  - User Provides Local Correspondence
  - Can be Fully Manual or Automatic within ROI
- WIP in Slicer LandmarkRegistration
  - Extract ROI Around Fixed and Moving Fiducials
  - Run BRAINSFit CLI on Extracted Volumes
  - Update Fidcucial Location
  - Miller, Prastawa, Pieper

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Work in Progress

Control/Automation

- Hybrid BSpline
  - Initialize from Landmarks
  - Include Landmark and Image Similarity Terms in Optimization
  - Support Iterative Refinement
- Part of Plastimatch
  - LandmarkRegistration Plugin
  - Bundled with SlicerRT Extension
  - MGH: Sharp, Shusharina

Automation

Work in Progress

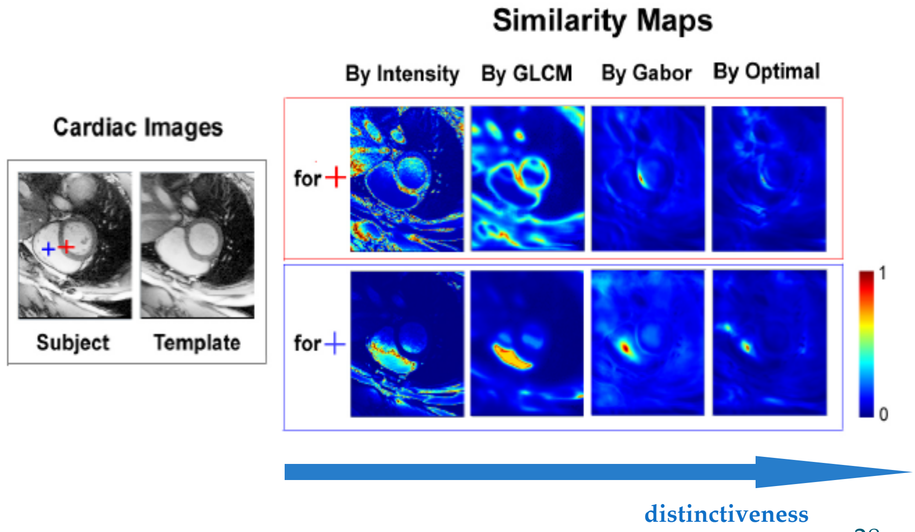
- Marcel’s GPU fluid registration

Automation

- Yangming Ou DRAMMS
  - Deformable Registration by **Attribute Matching** and **Mutual Saliency**
  - PhD with Christos Davitzikos at UPenn
  - Now Post Doc with Randy Gollub and Jayashree Kalpathy at MGH
  - Working on mi2b2 and QIICR Projects
  - Wrapping DRAMMS as CLI Extension
- Exploring Approaches to Weight Attribute Match Criteria Based on User Input
  - Train Weighting from Landmarks

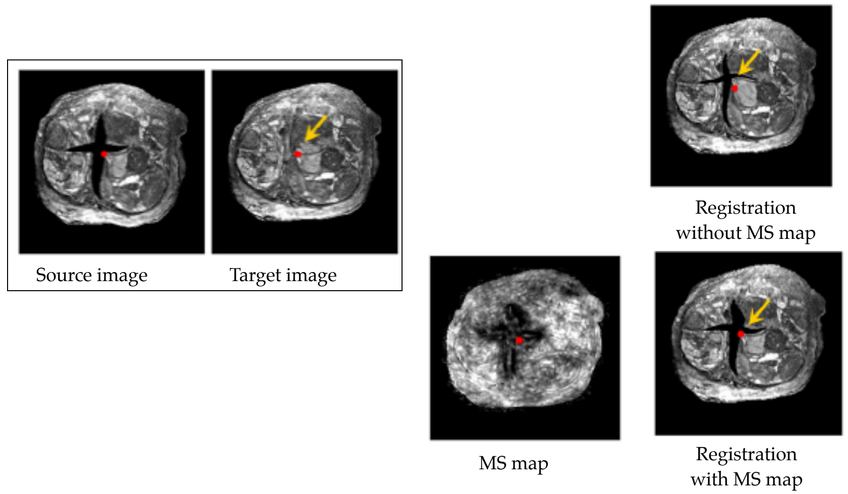
Work in Progress

3.2.Role of Gabor Attributes and Optimal Gabor Attributes



3.3. Role of Mutual-Saliency Map

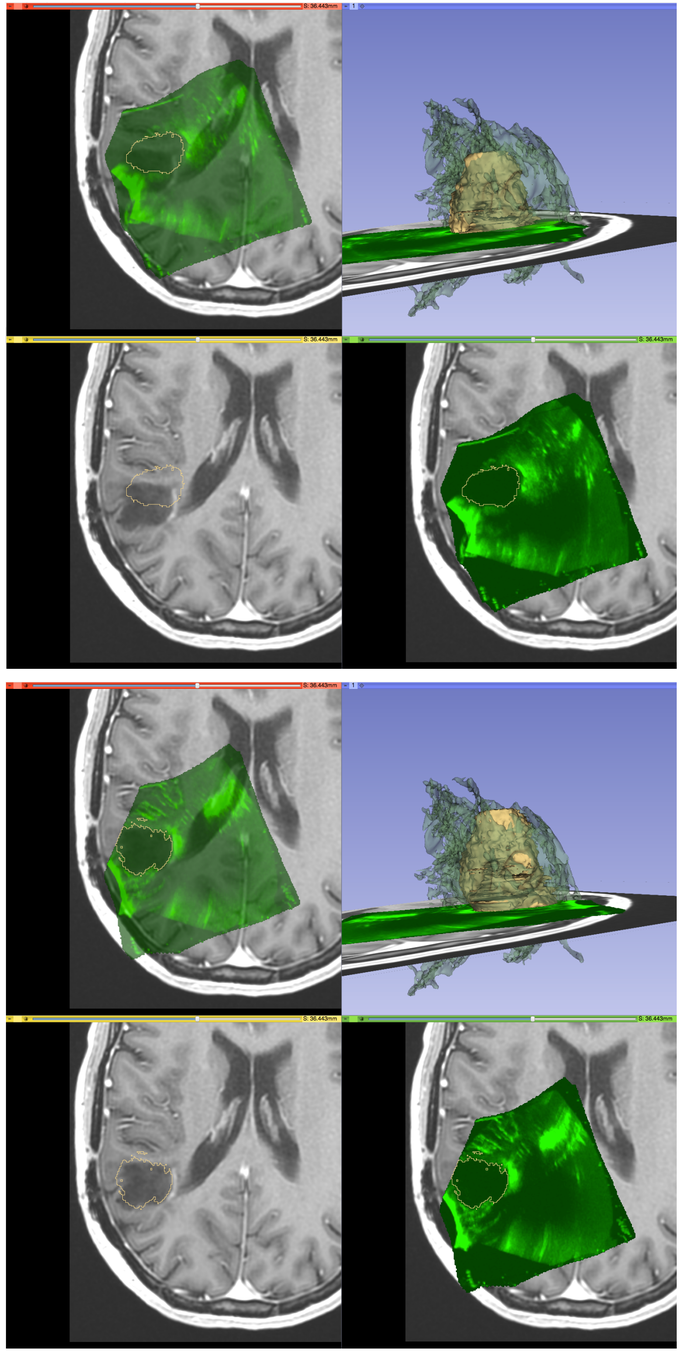
- Account for partial loss of correspondence

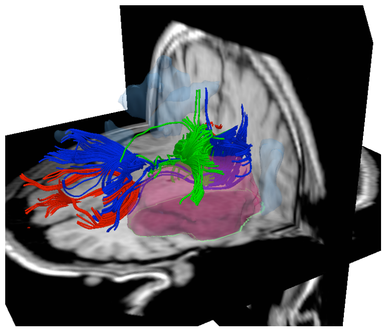


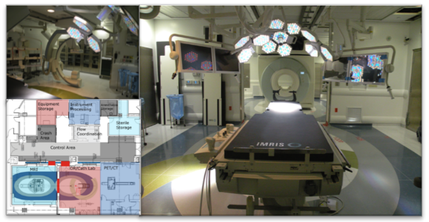
Why do this anyway?

NAC / NCIGT

- Neurosurgery in AMIGO is DBP for current cycle of NAC (currently in year 1 of 5)
  - Improve the utility of iterated intra-procedural multi-modality imaging
    - Correct for calibration issues, distortion, resection, swelling…
    - Provide information in a clinically useful timeframe
  - Collect data during procedure: CaseHub
    - Multitrack recording of image data (video, ultrasound, vital monitors, navigation screen, MR console…)
    - Provide context for interpretation
- Active Participants
  - BWH: Golby, Norton, Mehrtash, Kikinis
  - GE: Miller, Prestawa
  - Isomics: Pieper, Blezek
- Registration Issues
  - MR/MR, MR/US, Video, Surface Scan
  - Warps, Brain Shift, Resection, Adema, Non-tissue, Lost Calibraion…







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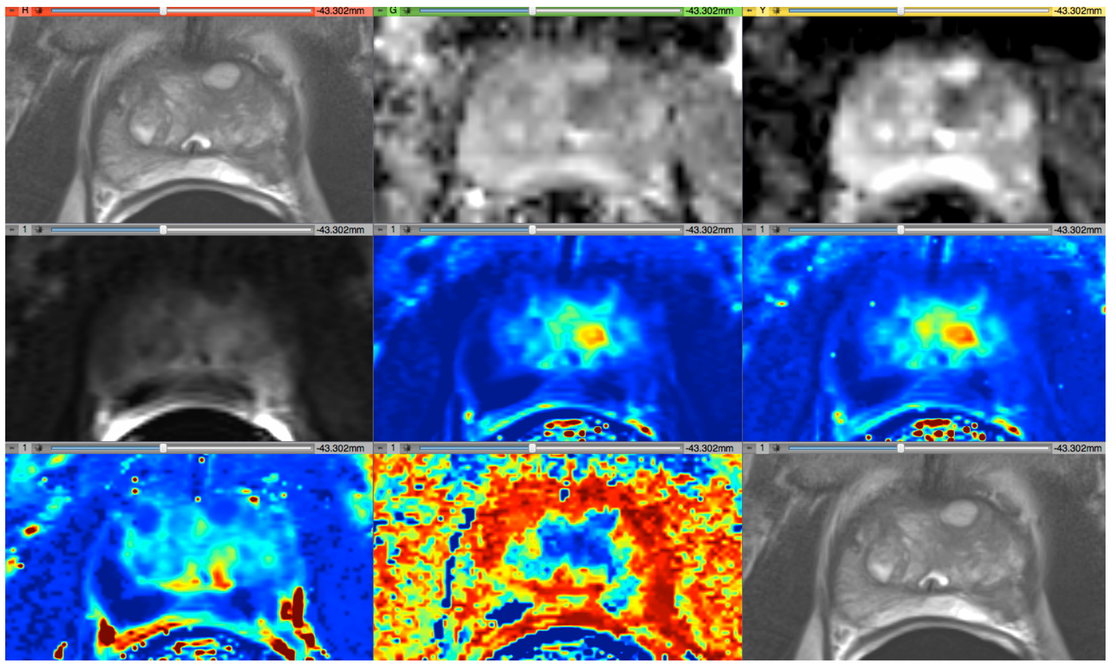
QIICR

- Quantitative Image Informatics for Cancer Research (currently in year 1 of 5)
  - NCI U24, Quantitative Imaging Network
- Active Participants
  - BWH Prostate: Fennesy, Fedorov, Kikinis
  - MGH GBM: Kalpathy, Ou
  - Iowa HNC: Beichel
  - Isomics: Pieper
  - PixelMed: Clunie
  - Open Connections: Onken
- Registration Issues
  - Longitudinal Tumor Tracking
  - mpMR, PET/CT



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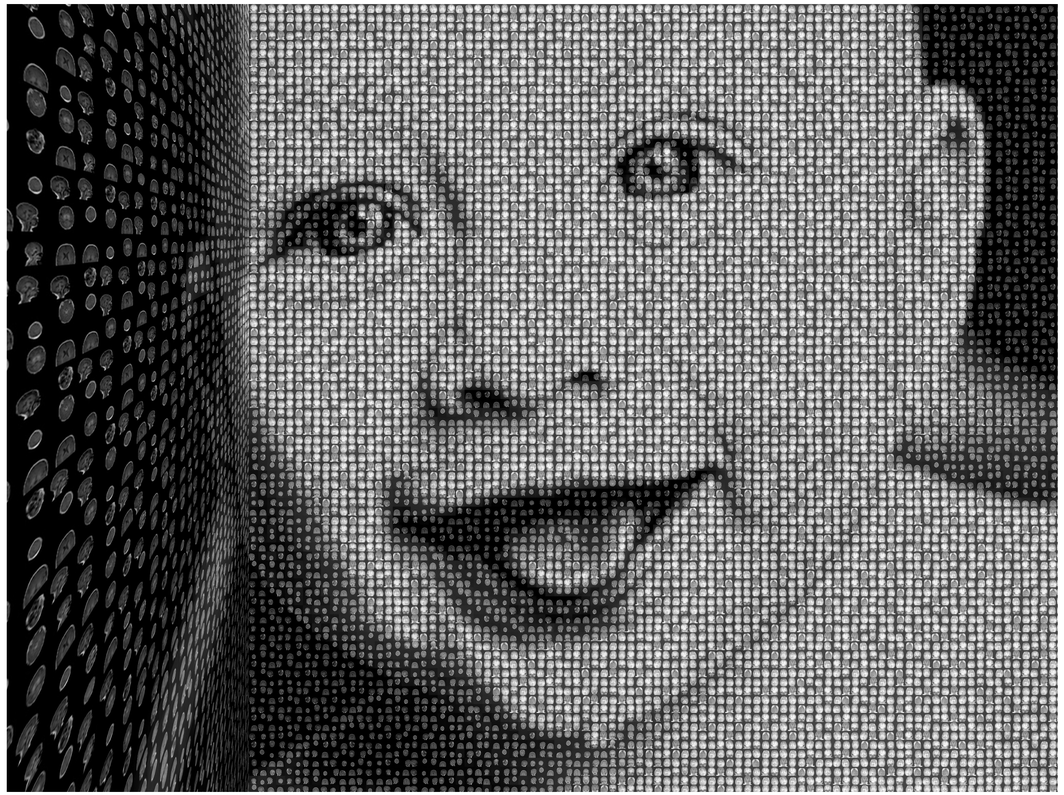
mi2b2

- Medical Image Informatics Bench to Bedside (currently in year 2 of 4)
  - NIBIB R01
  - Mine the Clinical PACS and EHR
  - Application to Pediatric Neurodevelopment
- Active Participants
  - MGH: Murphy, Gollub, Zollei, Herrick, Ou…
  - Childrens: Grant, Pienaar, Haehn…
  - Isomics: Pieper
- Registration Issues
  - Intersubject Atlas
  - Clinical Image Quality



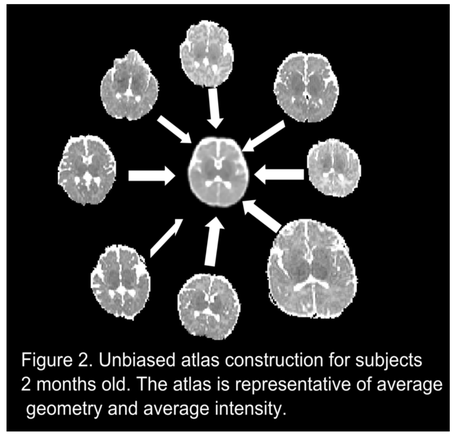


Figure 2. Unbiased atlas construction for subjects 2 months old. The atlas is representative of average geometry and average intensity.

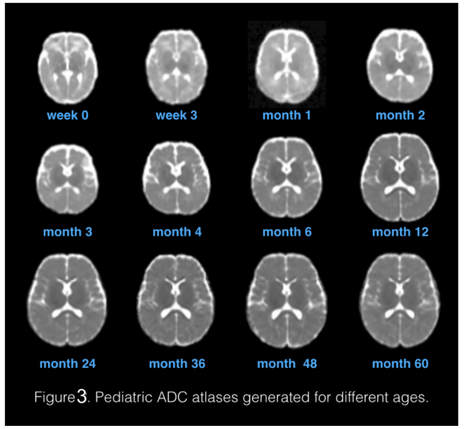


Figure 3. Pediatric ADC atlases generated for different ages.

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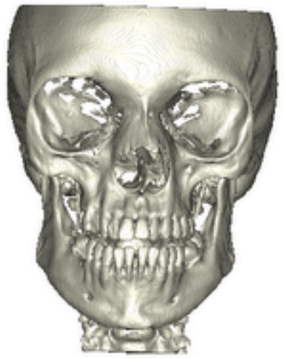
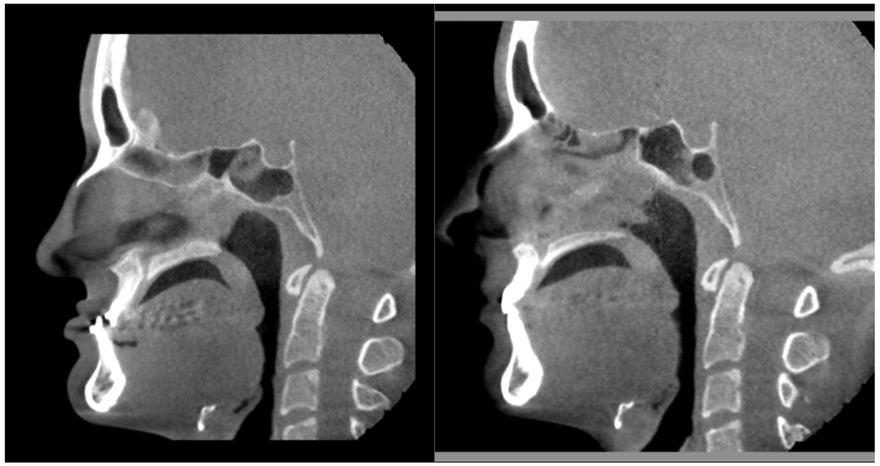
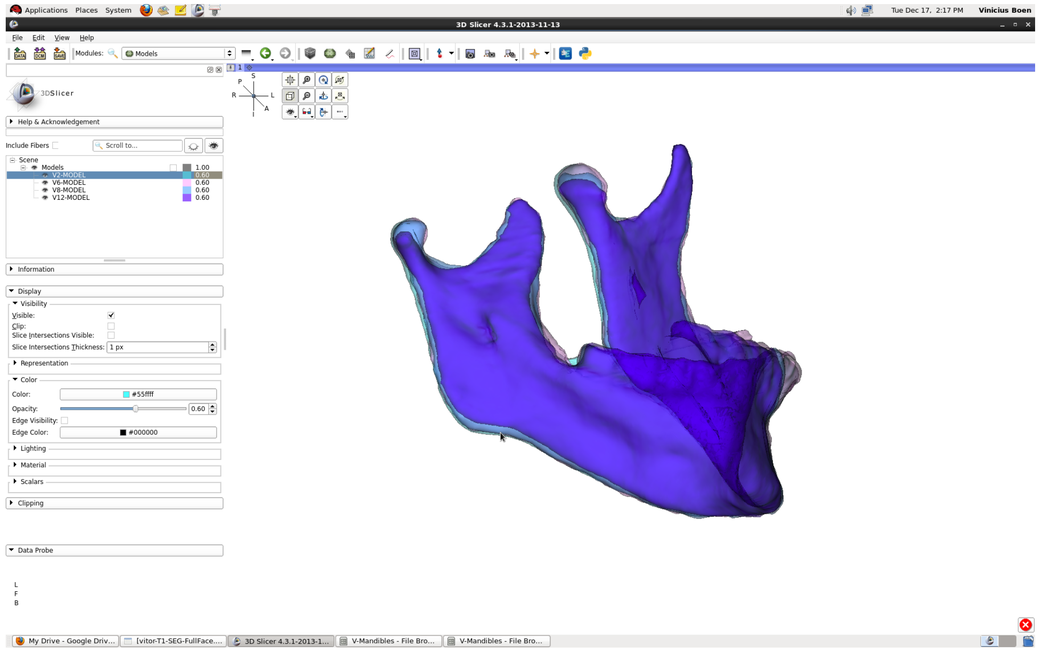
TMJ-OA

- Osteoarthritis of the Temperomandibular Joint (currently in year 1 of 4)
  - NIDCR/NIBIB R01
  - Before and After Craniomaxillofacial Surgery
  - Longitudinal Cone Beam CT to Track Atrophy
- Active Participants
  - Michigan: Cevedanes, Boen
  - UNC: Styner, Paniagua, Nguyen
  - Isomics: Pieper
- Registration Issues
  - Longitudinal CBCT
  - Atrophy, Surgical Intervention, Implant Artifacts
  - Quantifying Shape Change







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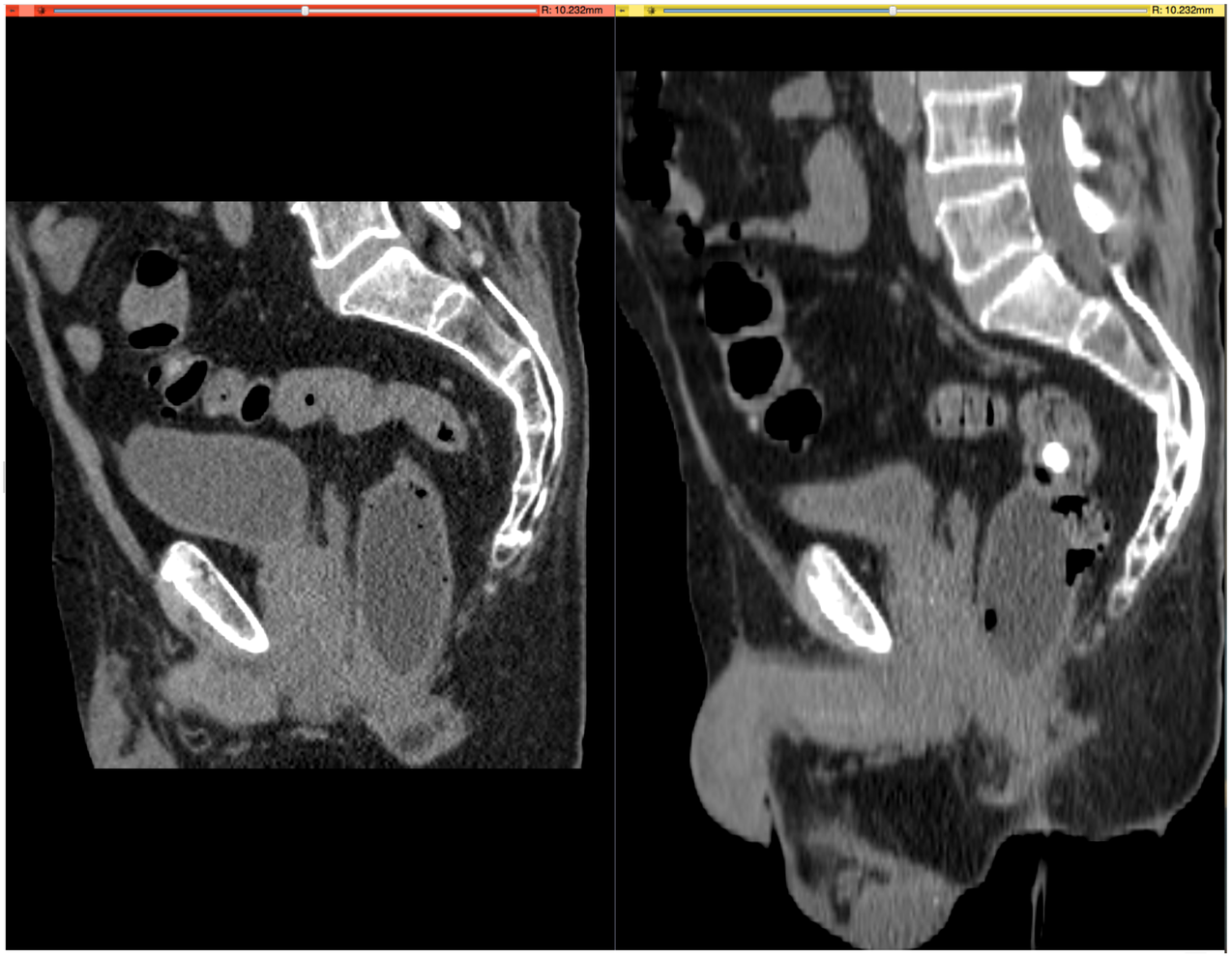
NA-MIC

Plastimatch

- National Alliance for Medical Image Computing (currently in year 10 of 10)
  - NIH U54
  - Develop National Software Infrastructure for Medical Image Computing
  - DBP in Head and Neck Cancer Adaptive Proton Radiotherapy
- Active Participants in DBP
  - BWH: Kikinis
  - MGH: Sharp, Shusharina
  - GE: Miller, Prastawa
  - Isomics: Pieper, Yarmarkovich
- Registration Issues
  - CT/MR, CT/CBCT
  - Pose, Therapy Response, Physiology



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Discussion Topics

- Algorithms for Steering Automation
  - MI? SIFT? Others?
- Other Precedents
  - Commercial? Academic? Daydreams?
- Live Demos
  - I have many datasets and prototypes with me
- Other Ideas?
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