
Subject: CT LUNG VISUALISATION

Posted by [Fraser Hatfield](#) on Tue, 21 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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The dimensions are as follows.

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(NB the ct slices are contiguous)

Could someone suggest the best way to manipulate the data so that the visualisation has the correct proportions in all directions

Cheers

Fraser

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Subject: Re: CT LUNG VISUALISATION

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Mon, 27 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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```
newdata = congrid(data,512,512,520,/interpolate)
```

Hope this helps,
Martin.

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Subject: Re: CT LUNG VISUALISATION
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Thu, 30 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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Since CT data is usually 16-bit integer data, this would create a 270MB array! I think a better approach would be to use IDL's system variables !X.S, !Y.S, !Z.S, and !P.T together with the /T3D keyword

in the POLYSHADE() call, together with the Z buffer.

Here is a code snippet from one of our programs. Email me if you have questions.

```
!P.T = d.isosurf_pt
  !X.S = d.isosurf_x_s
  !Y.S = d.isosurf_y_s
  !Z.S = d.isosurf_z_s

set_plot,'Z'
erase
b = polyshade(verts, polys, /t3d) ; This brain is upside down
```

Dave

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