

Distributed Parallel Rendering on a Cluster of GPUs



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Abstract

Parallelization of the standard real-time 3D graphics rasterization pipeline has well been exploited within modern GPUs as many vertex and fragment shaders are employed to efficiently perform transformation, lighting, shading and rasterization in parallel. To support interactive visualization of very large data sets, however, it is desirable to exploit scalable cluster-parallel rendering systems which pose quite different challenges. In my talk, I will analyze the aspects of distributed parallel rendering on a cluster of GPUs, identify the main challenges and discuss approaches and existing solutions such as our parallel rendering framework Equalizer.



Welcome to the Talk!

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