InterView™ FUSION
multimodality image processing workstation
for clinical applications

Visualizing your clinical SPECT-CT-PET-MRI images

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InterView™ FUSION is a multi-modal visualization and evaluation software developed by Mediso built on state of the art technologies, novel image processing algorithms and tools for evaluating different medical imaging modalities. Multi-modal registration and fusion of SPECT, PET, CT and MRI studies is a core functionality of InterView™ FUSION. Evaluation can be performed with the help of several specialized viewers and automated algorithms. Statistical measurements by ROIs, VOIs are present just as well as SUV representations for PET images. A wide range of function-specialized tools provide a well-detailed, fast and easy evaluation of medical images combining with advanced visualizations and interactions with flexible workspaces. Special segmentation methods provide quick and easy extraction of organs/regions from images. Basic arithmetic operations as well as spatial and frequency domain filters are available.
To provide you the best configuration for your research environment, InterView™ FUSION has now a standalone workstation and a client-server variant, both available on Windows and Linux distributions. The InterView™ FUSION Server can be accessed from Windows, Linux and even from the latest Android tablets.

**InterView™ FUSION Workstation**
- Can be accessed locally on Windows and Linux OS
- Can be accessed remotely by one client at a time (Windows, Linux, Android tablet with keyboard docking station)

**InterView™ FUSION Server**
- Linux and Windows 2008 R2 variants available
- Can be accessed remotely by multiple clients (Windows, Linux, Android tablet having keyboard docking station)

![Single and client-server architecture of InterView™ FUSION](image-url)
Multi-workspace architecture

Workspaces act like virtual screens organized on separate tabs. Whenever you are out of space on your screen, just open a new workspace and continue your work. Inter-workspace synchronization will be under your control to keep your work consistent.

Features
- Add/remove workspace
- User-defined layouts on workspaces
- Quick duplication of a viewer to a new workspace
- Quick workspace closing
- Inter-workspace synchronization of viewer arguments such as palette values and cursor position
- Maximum of 16 workspaces
Flexible layout management

InterView™ FUSION layouts help organizing your viewers and provide saving and loading your own layouts. There is a huge amount of predefined layouts specialized for representing standalone modalities, multi-modal fusion, follow-up study pairs and general comparisons. An intelligent layout selector will automatically match and suggest default and user-defined layouts every time you load a new case. If you just want to see all your loaded images and fuse hybrid camera-made studies automatically, you will find a one-click solution for that too.

Features
- Automatic layout matching upon loading studies
- Quick layout grid definition
- Quick layout item exchange by drag & drop
- Layout splitter lock/unlock, modification of splitters to build up special layouts
- Saving and loading of user-defined layouts
- Live layouts: splitter positions, orientation, viewer types, palette, flipping information, 3D viewer cinema playing stage retrieving upon loading a layout

A factory-default SPECT-CT layout representing a $^{99m}$Tc-MIBI adenoma SPECT-CT study.

A user-defined layout representing the same SPECT-CT study.
Viewers – from basic to extended

Viewers are core functionalities of InterView™ FUSION covering a wide range of features from basic interactions to advanced extended fusion techniques. There are several image and plot viewers for image and derived data representation that aid proper evaluation. All image viewers provide 'Fusion' functionality by the extended fusion engine (see page 9).

Features
- Single / dual / triple / quadruple fusion of multi-modal static and dynamic images
- Labels for representing text information inside of the viewers (user can define the list of labels)
- Grouping of viewers to synchronize their cursor position and/or palette settings

Volume viewer
Displays images from a main axis (Axial, Coronal and Sagittal)

![An 18F-FDG PET-CT melanoma study in an axial Volume Viewer.](image)

Tiled viewer
Displays consecutive slices of images from a main axis (Axial, Coronal or Sagittal) in a tiled view.

![The same study in a coronal tiled viewer.](image)

Unified volume viewer
Displays images from three main axes (Axial, Coronal and Sagittal)

![An 18F-FDG PET-CT study in a Unified Volume Viewer.](image)
**Volume Rendering (VR) viewer**
Displays images in a three dimensional real-time, free rotational volume rendering view.

Left: A VR viewer representing a SPECT-CT dacryo-scintigraphy study. Right: Different rendering techniques of a bone SPECT-CT case.

**Maximum Intensity Projection (MIP) viewer**
Displays images in a three dimensional real-time, free rotational maximum intensity projection view.

An "F-FDG PET (standalone), AC PET-CT (dual fusion) and AC PET - NAC PET - CT (triple fusion) melanoma study in a VR Viewer.
Viewers – from basic to extended

TAC/Chart viewer
- Displays multiple statistics of ROIs and VOIs in the following ways:
  - Multiple Column, Line or Line with markers statistical representation of static image derived ROI/VOI values
  - Multiple Time Activity Curves (TAC) of ROIs/VOIs derived from dynamic data with multiple statistics (sum, mean, stdev., etc.)
- Exports TAC values to excel compatible file format

Histogram viewer
- Displays multiple histograms (density functions) of images and ROI/VOI data.
- Allows real-time histogram interval changes
- Performs real-time histogram statistics calculation based on interval changes
- Exports histogram values with different binning techniques into excel compatible file format
InterView™ FUSION operates with a state-of-the-art extended, modality independent image registration engine which supports automated group-wise registration [1][2][3][4][5], palette threshold driven registration and advanced plane sampling techniques [6]. The engine is optimized to operate with any kind of modalities and with up to 4 images in parallel. Manual and automated registrations can be performed in any combination, while an automated logging system stores all interactions and provides saving or undoing registration steps. The group-wise framework makes sure that if one series of a group is superimposed, all other group members are automatically superimposed as well without the need of user interactions. Registered images can be exported to standard PACS or local directory. The determined transformations can be applied any time to any image.

Features
- Registration techniques:
  - Manual rigid and affine registration
  - Semi-automated non-linear landmark point pair based registration
  - Fully automated rigid, affine and non-linear registration
- Sampling modes:
  - uniform (conventional)
  - planes [6]
- Sampling spaces: union, intersection, user-defined bounding box
- Hierarchical registration (coarse to fine method)
- Pre-localization registration method: accurate when the size of the images is significantly different
- Palette-driven similarity measurements: the algorithm operates on intensity ranges that users can see based on actual palette low-high range.

Automated triple registration of an ¹⁸F-FDG PET-CT and an ¹¹¹In-Octreotide SPECT study acquired about the same patient.

5: T. Derlin, J. D. Busch, C. Wisotzki, et al: Intraindividual Comparison of 123I-mIBG SPECT/MRI, 123I-mIBG SPECT/CT, and MRI for the Detection of Adrenal Pheochromocytoma in Patients With Elevated Urine or Plasma Catecholamines Clinical nuclear medicine 2012; DOI: 10.1097/RLU.0b013e3182639326
Fusion – extended fusion engine

Automated quadruple registration of a primary and interim $^{18}F$-FDG PET-CT image pairs.

Automated triple registration of a brain MRI, an $^{18}F$-FDG PET and a $^{99m}$Tc-Neurolite SPECT.
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Registration with classic approach [7] (Similarity is measured on original HU value range)

Registration with Mediso’s pre-localization approach*

Registration with classic approach [7] (Similarity is measured on actual palette value range)

Registration with Mediso’s palette driven approach* (Similarity is measured on actual palette value range)
Measurements

An extensive ROI and VOI arsenal is available in InterView™ FUSION to support the evaluation process. Detailed statistical values can be accessed in our ROI/VOI table which supports Excel compatible calculations. Scope of ROI/VOI calculations can be changed from an image even to the whole application. Beyond regional measurement tools, markers, rulers, bevels are also accessible in InterView™ FUSION. Exporting all measurements to excel as well as saving the ROIs/VOIs is provided. Exporting ROIs/VOIs to standard DICOM RT format for radiation therapy planning is a basic functionality of InterView™ FUSION.

**ROI/VOI types**
- Rectangle ROI
- Ellipse ROI
- Polygon ROI
- Freehand ROI
- Interpolated polygon ROI
- Interpolated ellipse ROI
- Isocount ROI/VOI (for functional modalities only)
- Isocount threshold based ROI/VOI (for PET modality only)
- Box VOI
- Sphere VOI

**Measurement types**
- Ruler
- Bevel
- Markers

**ROI statistics table features**
- Available columns: Orientation, Name, Color, Deviation, Mean, Max, Min, Sum, TLG (PET) Volume, Entropy, Local homogeneity, Intensity variability, Length (Ruler), Degrees (Bevel), Diameter and Image Name.
- Calculation board under the ROI table is available
- Calculation cells accept simple Excel like functions: +, -, *, /, SUM(), MEAN()}
- Exporting the ROI table with the optional Calculation board
- Saving and loading ROIs/VOIs
Toolboxes – arms for advanced interactions

Toolboxes control, manipulate, change or modify the visuals or data in the Viewers. Toolboxes can be floating, or docked into one of the side panels. The stage of a toolbox is saved to the user’s settings, hence every InterView™ FUSION user can individually set up the view of his/her InterView™ FUSION instance.

The following tools are available in InterView™ FUSION:

**Quick functions**
Invert palette, zoom tools, reset view, set common zoom, lock cursors, overlay On/Off, change orientation, reorient, move view to center, etc.

**Mouse modes**
3D cursor, slice navigation, translate, zoom, windowing, slice thickness, etc.

**Movie**
- Start/stop playing, direction of playing (forward, backward, alternate), movie in space and time domain, adjust movie speed
- Flip tools: Flip Left-Right, Anterior-Posterior and Head-Feet

**Bookmark**
Stores three dimensional cursor points that can be recalled any time over any images.
- Add / Delete / Delete all points
- Rename bookmark points

**Blending**
- Change blending weights of images with slider (dual fusion), triangle (triple fusion) or rectangle control (quadruple fusion)
- Switch on/off images in a fusion
- Turn on/off functional modalities quickly

**Palette**
- Huge amount of predefined color schemes for all modalities
- Favorite palette list for all modalities (user defined)
- Modifiable control points of key colors that are the base of a color scheme
- Color scheme interpolation type setting
- Window presets for CT window (lung, bone, brain, fat, etc.)
- Alpha blending function (for 3D rendering)
- Synchronization of alpha and window low-high values
- Low-high, min-max, center-width modifications
- Non-linear color scaling (gamma), brightness, contrast modification
- Reset (to DICOM based min-max), dynamic reset (to full range min-max), expand (to current low-high range) functionalities
- Complete user freedom to manipulate, save and retrieve all above features by the Palette Manager
- User-defined color schemes
Toolboxes – arms for advanced interactions

Cut / Crop
- Freehand Cut/Crop: Inner (cut) or outer (crop) voxels of the projected freehand shape are deleted.
- ROI Cut/Crop: Based on existing ROIs/VOIs the inner (cut) or outer (crop) voxels are deleted.

A 3D volume rendering of a bone SPECT-CT study with a plane.

Image after deleting plane by freehand cut.

Reorientation
- Two reorientation modes: arrow (heart and general) and grid (brain)
- Reorient fused images together

Freehand cut of the patient bed on an axial volume viewer and reorientation of the fused images. Synchronized rendering in a 3D VR viewer
Arithmetic operations

InterView™ FUSION includes several arithmetic operations that can normalize image size and resolution to make the images comparable. The arithmetic framework operates with all kind of modalities.

- The following operations are present: add (+), subtract (-), multiply (*), minimum, maximum, mean value, absolute difference.
- Individual weights for both images can be set.
- The result sampling and image size of the result image can be set as Min, Max, Image 1 and Image 2 sampling size.

Filters

Building on multi-thread technology, InterView™ FUSION provides fast 2D and 3D filters on both spatial and frequency domain. Filters can be hived and their result can be saved as a new image.

In-built 2D and 3D filters operate on domain and frequency level.

- Domain filters: Median, Windowed median, Gaussian, Laplacian, Minimum, Maximum, Morphological Gradient, Morph. Close, Morph. Open
- Frequency: Metz, Wiener, Butterworth, Gaussian, Hamming, Ramp, Parzen, Shepp-Logan
- The result size can be set as Minimum, Maximum, Image 1 and Image 2 size.
InterView™ FUSION has a built-in live reporting system which provides all viewer interactions in real-time. After capturing an interesting view, you are free to further modify it on the report page. A one-click capturing system provides the viewer or even a whole workspace capture. Annotations, labels can be set up on the report page. The layout of the report can be set over multiple pages. Radiation dose reports are automatically collected (if present) and shown on the report page. A comment page with ROI statistics table can be shown and edited. Report header-footer customization, institution logo importing as well as exporting and printing of your report is provided by InterView™ FUSION.

**Features**

- Live reporting: every manipulation which can be done in InterView™ FUSION, can be done on the report page as well
- Optional comment page: to add comments and represent ROI table
- Optional radiation dose report page: recognized and placed to report automatically upon opening studies
- Header/footer settings (institution, patent, etc. data) can be defined by users
- Print via standard Postscript or DICOM printer
- Export report pages to DICOM SC, PDF, BMP, JPEG, PNG, etc.

Live reporting window where all viewer interactions are provided after capturing a view
Import / export / publish to disc

**Import – from RAW to DICOM**

- DICOM: files can be accessed from local and network DICOM servers, PACS, local and network files and folders.
- Supported image types: Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance (MR), Positron Emission Tomography (PET), Nuclear Medicine and SPECT (NM), Radiotherapy Structure Set (RTSTUCT), Secondary Capture (SC), Computed Radiography (CR), Digital X-Ray (DX) and X-Ray Angiography (XA).
- RAW data: Additional information (image and patient) can be given upon loading. In case of PET, necessary information for SUV measurements can be given as well.
- Analyze 7.5TM: Additional information (image and patient) can be given upon loading. In case of PET, necessary information for SUV measurements can be given as well.

**Export - whatever, wherever you wish**

- The available types are: SC (Secondary Capture), RTSTRUCT (Radiotherapy Structure Set), DICOM (CT/MR/PT/NM), Analyze 7.5, RAW, AVI, PNG, JPEG, BMP, 3D TV BMP, 3D TV PNG, and 3D ALIOSCOPY BMP.
- Exporting to 3D TV operating with passive glasses.
- Export location may be a local or a network DICOM server, or may be a local or network storage
- Saving a viewer or whole workspace.
- When exporting several SC, PNG, JPEG or BMP files there are options to Normalize and Merge slices with a specified Slice difference.
- In case of AVI exporting there are several options to set up the quality of the saved file
- Palettes are also exported in case of still image and AVI export.
- Oblique bounding box export with adjustable Slice thickness, Merge mode (MIP, MinIP, Average), Number of slices and Gap to Secondary capture or DICOM images.
- Export report pages

**Disc burning**

- Inbuilt CD/DVD burning capabilities
- Lite version of Interview Fusion™ may also be added to the disc providing basic fusion capabilities
- DICOM can be written to CD/DVD as anonymized data
- Disc burning is done in the background
CT tools

Bone segmentation
A robust fuzzy logic based method which operates on noisy images as well.

CT bone segmentation of a 26 years old female (Ewing sarcoma) after pelvis operation

Lung segmentation
Segments the lungs based on seed points.

CT lung segmentation (green overlay) result
Coronary tree segmentation
- Automated coronary tree and plaque segmentation from contrast-enhanced CT [8]
- Can be fused with any images

Calcium scoring
- Heart segment definition for all plaques
- Agatston, Volume and Mass score for all plaques, heart segments and the patient (total score)

Couch removal
No external couch database is needed, the algorithm derives the couch information from all individual CT images automatically [9].
Lymph node segmentation – detect lymph nodes in 2 minutes

Based on the collaboration with UK-SH Campus Kiel, Germany, our lymph node detection method provides a fast and easy way to quickly detect lymph nodes on SPECT-CT images. The method operates with both SPECT and CT images, where hotspots are detected in SPECT and tissue information is derived from CT. Based on the hotspots, their classification is performed by CT tissue information and further local region based statistical values [10] [11] [12]. The whole method takes average 2 minutes to detect lymph nodes in SPECT-CT images.

SPECT-CT tools

10: Automated sentinel lymph node detection and quantification of SPECT/CT images.
EANM 2009, Barcelona, Spain, European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Volume 36, Supplement 2, 234-259, DOI: 10.1007/s00259-009-1236-4

European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Volume 37, Supplement 2, 198-311, DOI: 10.1007/s00259-010-1557-3, EANM 2010, Vienna, Austria

WB SPECT/CT – new principles in bone imaging

We propose a novel approach which does not require anterior and posterior planar image pair acquisitions at all [13][14]. Instead we acquire a fast multi-FOV whole body SPECT-CT and derive artificial anterior-posterior image pairs from it. The novelty in our method is the presence of a new SPECT projection stitching algorithm which reduces stitching artifacts to minimum. Our Tera-Tomo™ SPECT reconstruction engine provides excellent results even on our fast scans. Once the whole body SPECT reconstruction is done, artificial planar anterior and posterior images are derived from it to provide aid for localization during evaluation. Attenuation correction is performed during the reconstruction and the artificial planar image generation as well. With this approach a whole body SPECT-CT takes average 16-20 minutes without the need of planar scans.

Artificial planar anterior and posterior images generated from whole body SPECT-CT

Whole-body SPECT-CT generated by Mediso’s SPECT stistching technique and OSEMRRAC reconstruction.
PET and PET-CT tools

AC/NAC quick change
One-button solution to exchange the AC and NAC PET images in the fusion of corresponding CT in real-time.

SUV modes
Quick modification of available SUV modes: Body weight SUV, Body-surface area SUV, Lean body mass SUV, Original PET value (BQML)

PET and PET-CT lesion detection
Based on a scientific research performed with three German universities, our PET delineation tool represents a state of the art approach of PET hotspot detection and segmentation [15][16]. The tool performs automated hotspot segmentation and classifies them based on CT data without user interactions. Quick review and modification of the segmented hotspots is provided. Once the results are approved, VOIs and their corresponding SUV statistical values as well as TLG are calculated automatically. The segmentation method takes average 2-3 minutes on a whole body PET-CT study.

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Environment

In order to give as much detail for the study visualizations and evaluation processes as it is possible, InterView™ FUSION workspace is delivered with extra large 30” + 20” dual monitors. During the evaluation on the extra large screen the operator creates report on the side screen in parallel. This way the user will never be forced to switch between windows and to loose the focus of his or her work.

- Dual monitor: 30” + 20”
- Intel® Core™ i7 2.8 GHz CPU
- nVidia GeForce GTX 680
- 8 GB RAM
- 4 TB HDD
- Windows 7 64 bit Ultimate operating system

Optional accessories:
- Lite Viewer software for CD/DVD reporting
- One touch printing, publishing and archiving
- Dedicated server with improved performance
- Online image archiving with 4 TB HDD in RAID configuration
- CD/DVD burner/labeler
- Codonics printer for reporting to film or paper
Conformance Statement

Quality management system operated by Mediso Medical Imaging Systems complies with Council Directive 93/42/EEC Annex II. The multimodality molecular imaging system was approved by a Notified Body*. Product design, development, production and services comply with EN ISO 13485 and EN ISO 14971. Medical device design and safety testing has been performed in accordance with EN IEC 60601-1 and EN IEC 60601-1-2 standards. Safety labels are attached to appropriate places on equipment and appear in all operation manuals. The supplied software complies with DICOM standard. The technical information provided here is not a detailed specification. For details and up to date information please contact your local distributor or Mediso Medical Imaging Systems.

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