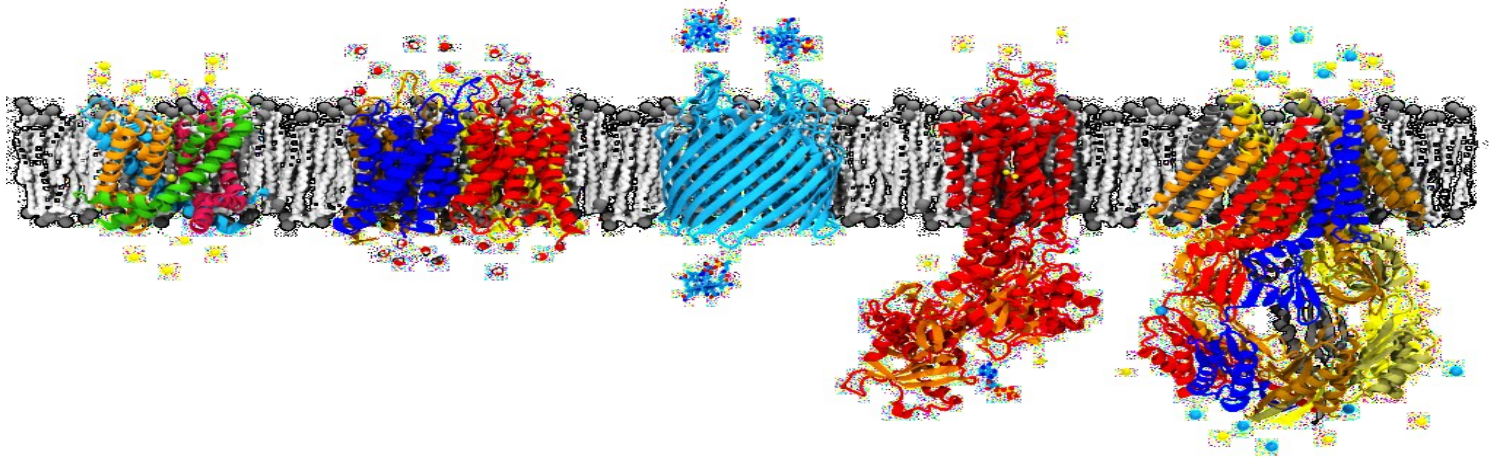


# VMD: Preparation and Analysis of Molecular and Cellular Simulations

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# VMD Tutorial Materials on PDC 'beskow'

- All of the VMD tutorial materials are locally available on the PDC Cray XC40 'beskow' in case downloads from USA are too slow
- Copy VMD tutorials and scripts to your own directory on 'beskow' so you can modify them as you like:  

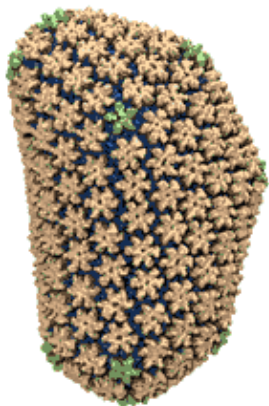
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cd $SNIC_NOBACKUP  
rsync -av /cfs/klemming/nobackup/j/johnst/tutorials .
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- You can then copy them to your laptop / workstation to work through the interactive tutorials there
- Use the example scripts on 'beskow' if you manage to get to the MPI-based VMD examples this week
- I may provide a GPU-enabled MPI build of VMD on 'tegnor' later in the week if people want to try it out there as well

# VMD Tutorial Home Page

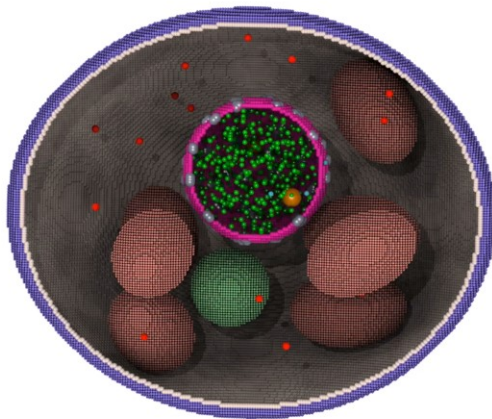
- <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Training/Tutorials/>
  - Main VMD tutorial
  - QwikMD simulation preparation and analysis plugin
  - VMD images and movies tutorial
  - Structure check
  - VMD quantum chemistry visualization tutorial
  - Visualization and analysis of CPMD data with VMD
  - Parameterizing small molecules using ffTK

# VMD – “Visual Molecular Dynamics”

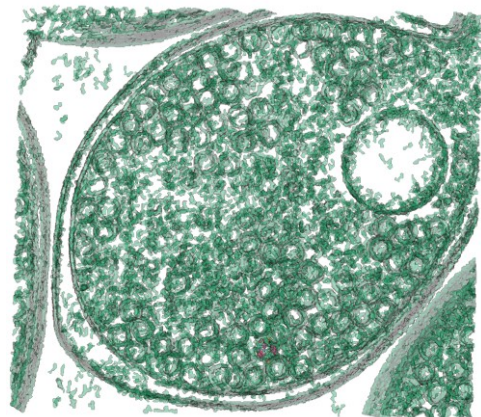
- Unique capabilities:
  - Trajectories are fundamental to VMD
  - Support for very large systems, now reaching billions of particles
  - Extensive GPU acceleration
  - Parallel analysis/visualization with MPI
- Visualization and analysis of:
  - Molecular dynamics simulations
  - “Particle” systems and whole cells
  - Cryo-EM densities, volumetric data
  - Quantum chemistry calculations
  - Sequence information



MD Simulations



Cell-Scale Simulation

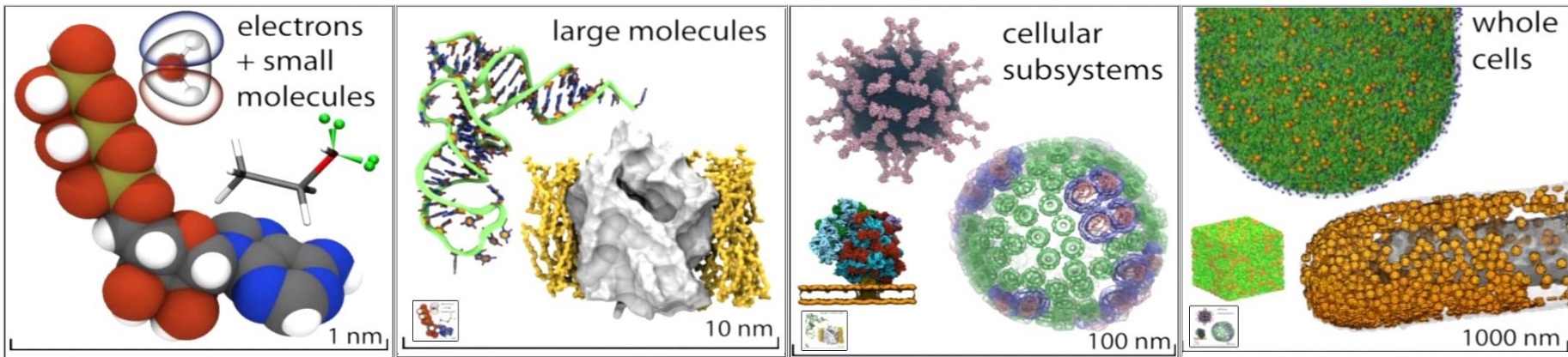


Integrate w/ Cryo-EM/ET



# VMD Serves Many Communities

- VMD user statistics:
  - 103,000 unique registered users; 17,000 (16%) are NIH funded researchers
  - 20,000 citations, over 2,800 citations per year
- Supports key data types, file formats, and databases
- User extensible to support new tools, data types, custom analyses

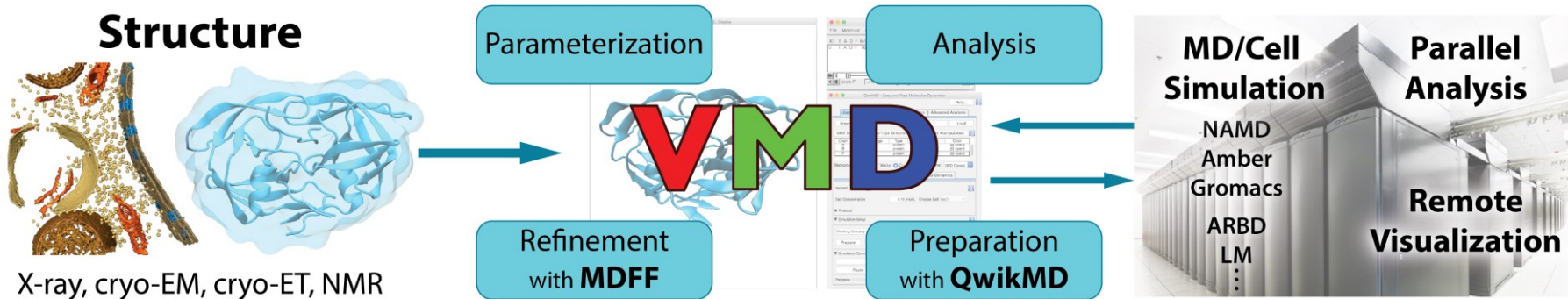


System Size



# VMD Interoperates with Mainstream Research Tools

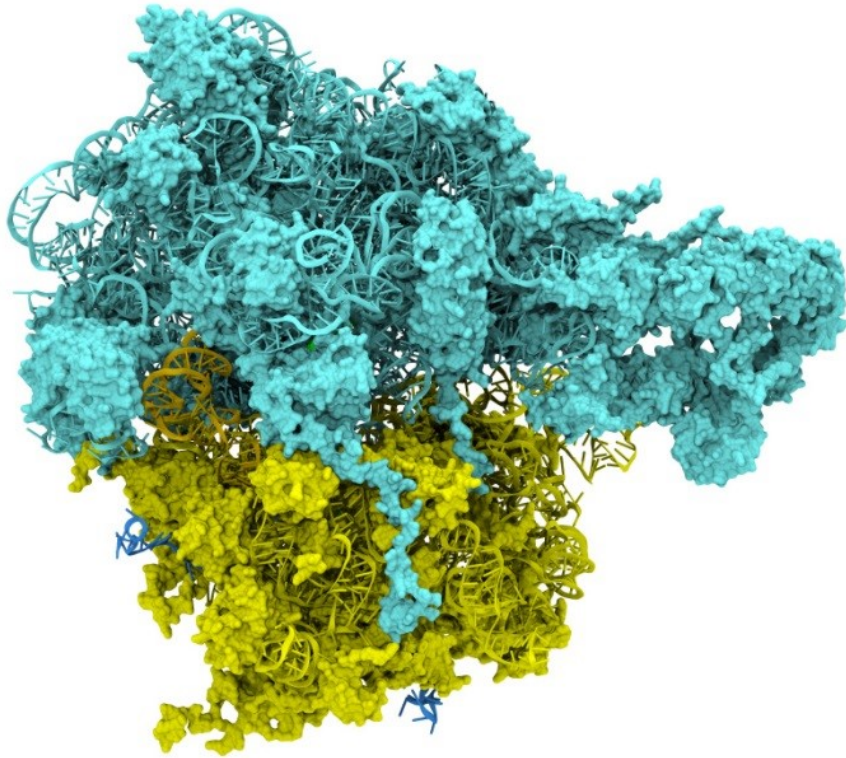
- Provides tools for simulation preparation, visualization, and analysis
- Interpret and process multi-modal structural information
- Connects with key software tools to enable state-of-the-art simulations
- Openness, extensibility, and interoperability are VMD hallmarks
- Uses advanced algorithms and hardware technologies to address data size challenges posed by cutting-edge experimental imaging and simulation



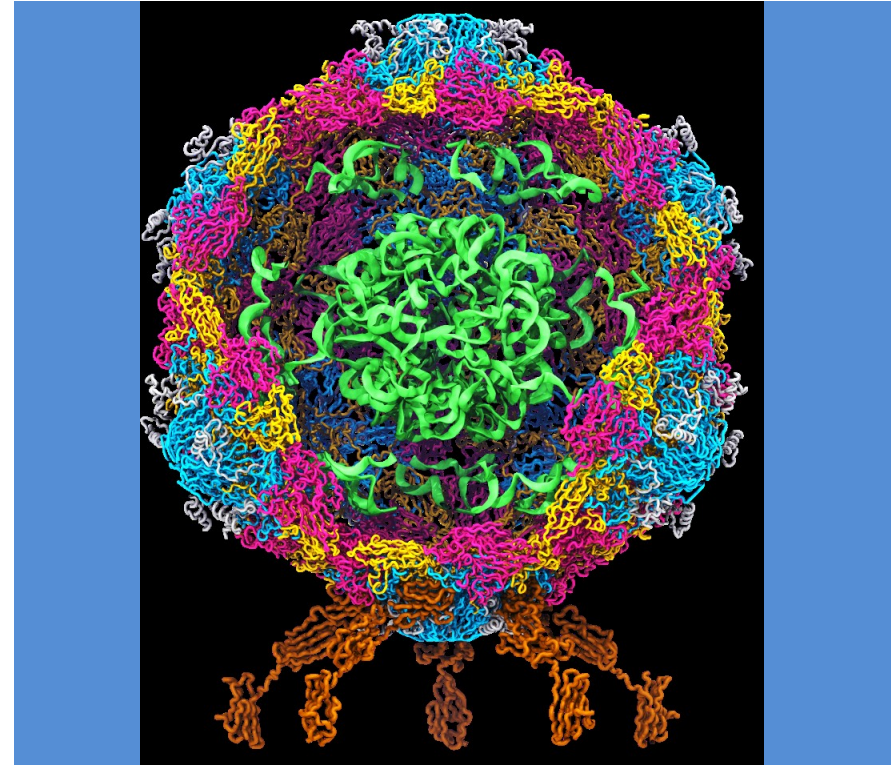
# Goal: A Computational Microscope

Study the molecular machines in living cells

Ribosome: target for antibiotics

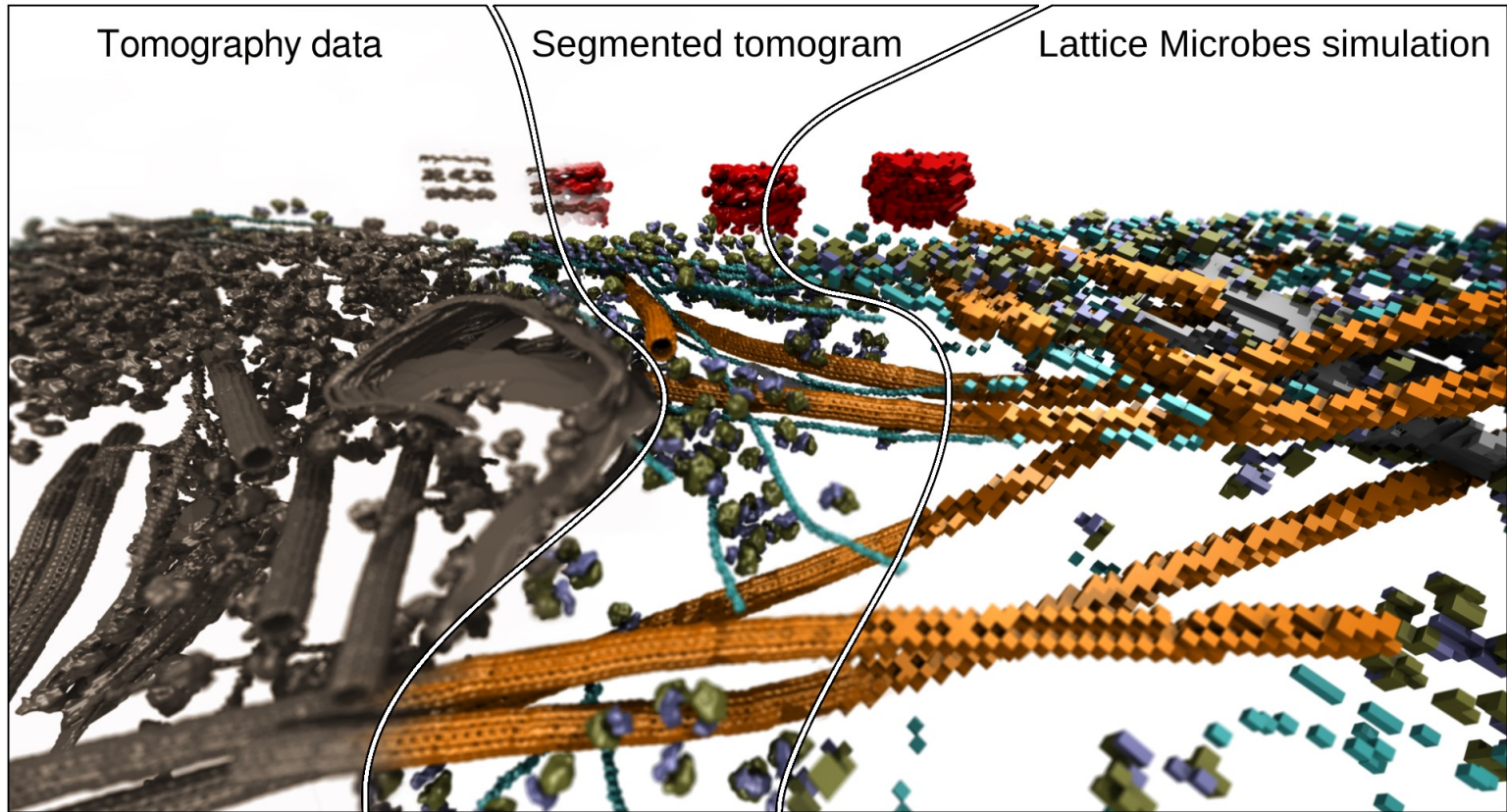


Poliovirus





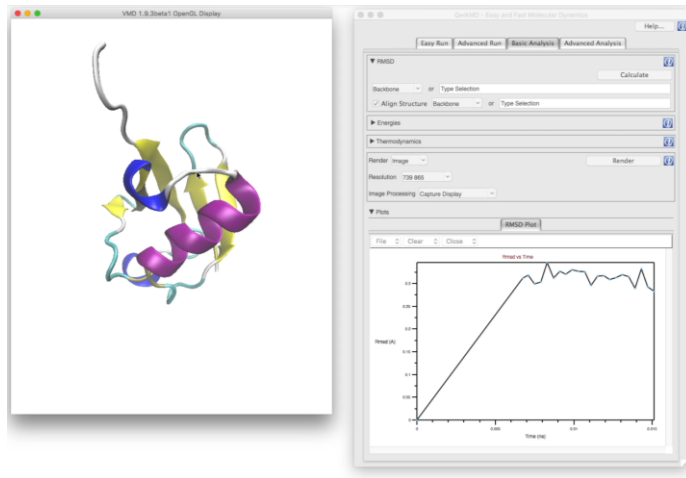
# VMD is a Tool for Accessing Information about the Cell



# VMD Achievements, Foundation for the Future

## VMD 1.9.3 Released Nov 30, 2016

- Over 20,000 users so far
- Many visualization/analysis advances:
  - **Major GPU+CPU ray tracing advances**
  - Cryo-ET, vector-field volumetric maps ...
  - NanoShaper: molecular surfaces, cavity calc.
  - Parallel analysis, visualization on HPC systems
- New, updated, and user-contributed plugins:
  - **QwikMD simulation prep/analysis**
  - **ffTK force field parameterization**
  - Plumed – free energy + collective variable analysis
  - Multiseq – improved MAFFT alignment support
- New platform support:
  - Amazon AWS EC2 Cloud
  - Cray XC50 w/ NVIDIA Tesla P100
  - IBM Power8, OpenPOWER w/ GPUs
  - Intel MIC Xeon Phi, AVX-512
  - NVIDIA Pascal GPUs: CUDA 8, OptiX 4, EGL



**New QwikMD simulation preparation plugin**

## Recent Publications:

- eLife, 2016
- Scientific Reports, 2016
- J. Parallel Comp. 2016.
- IEEE HPDAV, 2016.
- IEEE HCW, 2016.

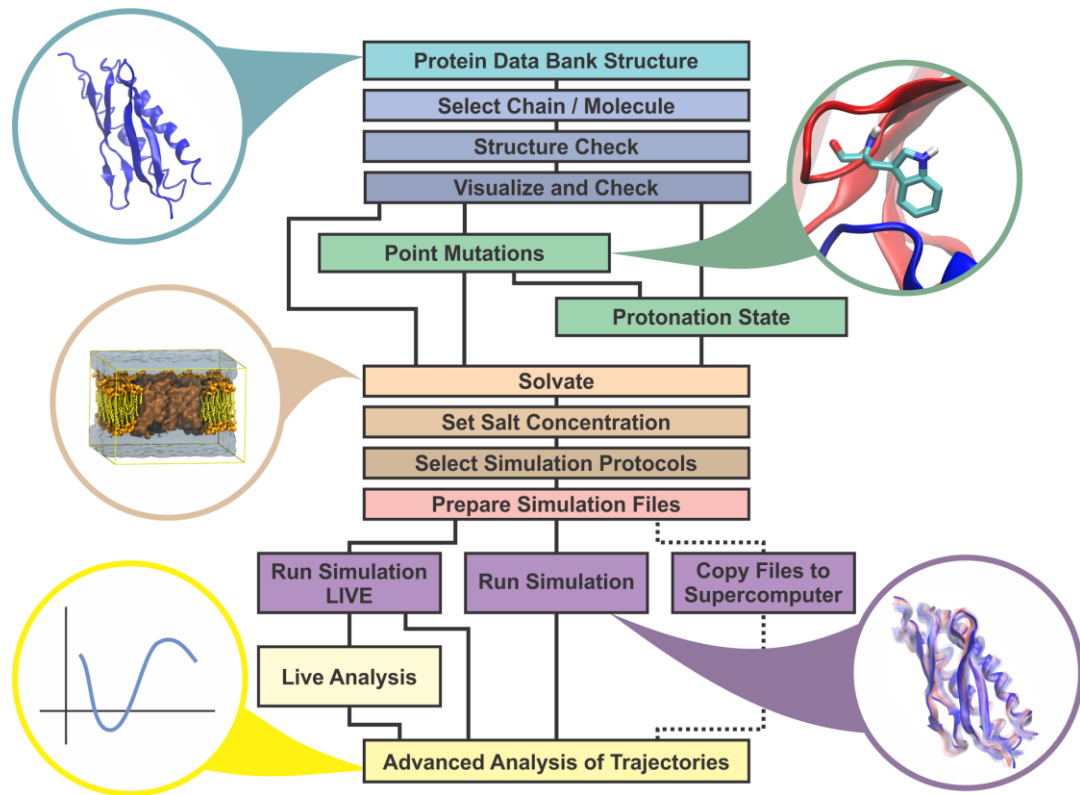
# QwikMD: Guided MD Simulation and Training

Smooths initial learning curve (non-expert users)

Speed up tedious simulation preparation tasks (expert users)

**Reproducibility:**  
**detailed log of all steps**

Interactive preparation, simulation, and analysis

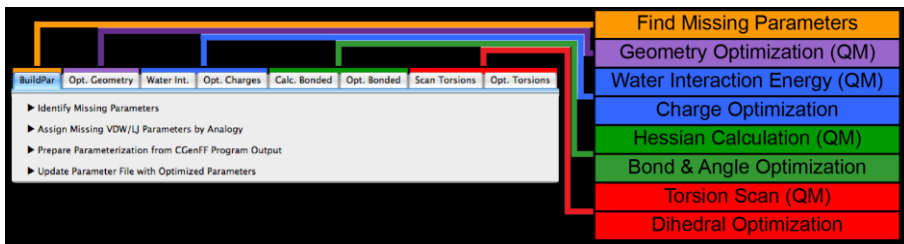


# Parametrization with the Force Field Toolkit (FFTK)

*A plugin enabling the simulation of drug-like small molecules by lowering force field development barriers*

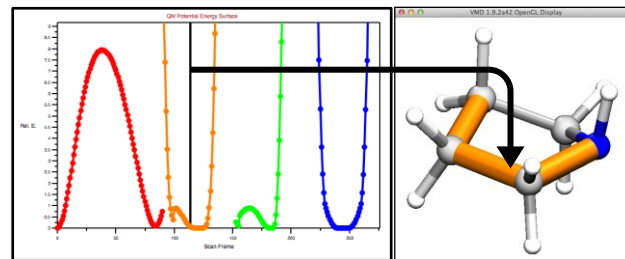
A graphical interface organized to follow the standardized CGenFF workflow

Leverages VMD's powerful graphics capabilities to visualize parameter-related data within the context of molecular structure



**\* NEW in VMD 1.9.3 \***

Import data from the CGenFF Program webserver to assign initial parameters by analogy

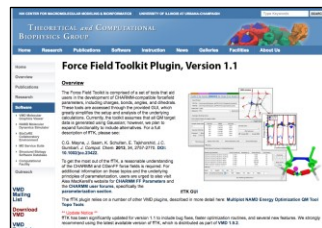


Interactively explore energy profiles

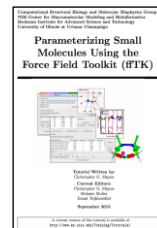
## Future Plans:

- Support free-for-academics QM software, ORCA (Neese, Max Planck)
- Parametrization tools for additional MM force fields
  - AMBER force field (Gumbart, Georgia Tech.)
  - Drude polarizable force fields (Roux, U. Chicago; MacKerell, U. Maryland)

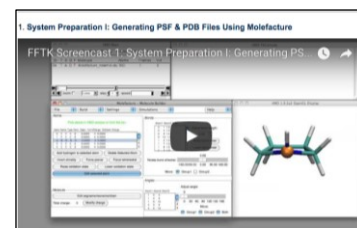
## Extensive training material available from the Center's website



Documentation Website



Workshop Tutorial



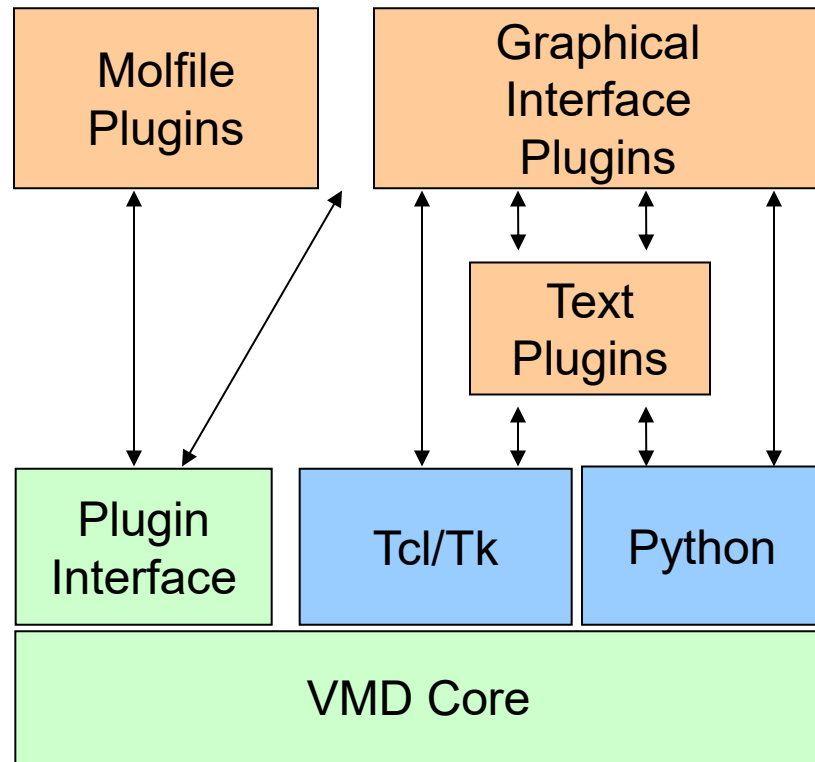
Screencast Demos



# VMD is a Platform for Developing Research Tools

## Over 110 VMD Plugins, Half Developed by Users

- VMD user-extensible scripting w/ Tcl/Tk, Python
- User-developed plugins:
  - Alanine Scanning
  - Collective Variable Analyzer
  - Clustering Tool
  - Carbon Nanostructure Builder
  - TorsionPlot
  - RMSD Trajectory Tool
  - Many others...



# Selected VMD Plugins: Center Developed, and User Developed

## Analysis

APBSRun  
CatDCD  
Contact Map  
[GofRGUI](#)  
[HeatMapper](#)  
ILSTools  
[IRSpecGUI](#)  
MultiSeq  
NAMD Energy  
NAMD Plot  
NetworkView  
[NMWiz](#)  
[ParseFEP](#)  
PBCTools  
PMEpot  
[PropKa GUI](#)  
RamaPlot  
RMSD Tool  
[RMSD Trajectory Tool](#)  
[RMSD Visualizer Tool](#)  
Salt Bridges  
Sequence Viewer  
Symmetry Tool  
Timeline  
[TorsionPlot](#)  
VolMap

## Modeling

AutoIonize  
AutoPSF  
Chirality  
Cionize  
Cispeptide  
CGTools  
Dowser  
ffTK  
Inorganic Builder  
MDFF  
Membrane  
Merge Structs  
Molefacture  
Mutator  
[Nanotube](#)  
Psfgen  
[RESPTool](#)  
RNAView  
Solvate  
SSRestrains  
Topotools

## Visualization

Clipping Plane Tool  
[Clone Rep](#)  
DemoMaster  
[Dipole Watcher](#)  
[Intersurf](#)  
[Navigate](#)  
NavFly  
[MultiMolAnim](#)  
Color Scale Bar  
Remote  
Palette Tool  
ViewChangeRender  
ViewMaster  
[Virtual DNA Viewer](#)  
VMD Movie Maker

## Simulation

AlaScan  
AutoIMD  
IMDMenu  
NAMD GUI  
NAMD Server  
QMTTool

## Collaboration

Remote Control

## Data Import and Plotting

Data Import  
Multiplot  
PDBTool  
MultiText

## Externally Hosted Plugins and Extensions

[Check sidechains](#)  
[MultiMSMS](#)  
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[Swap RMSD](#)  
[Intervor](#)  
[SurfVol](#)  
[vmdICE](#)

**75 MolFile I/O Plugins:**  
structure, trajectory, sequence,  
and density map

<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/plugins/>

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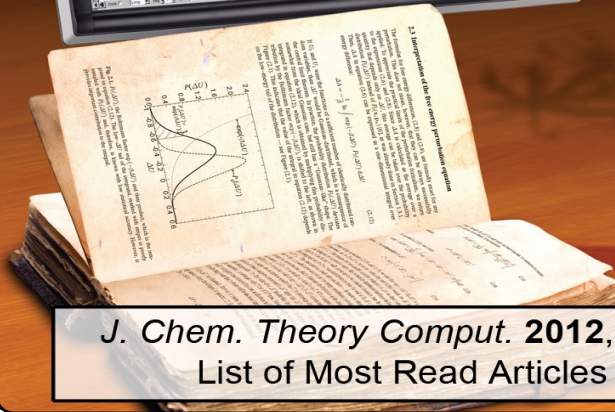
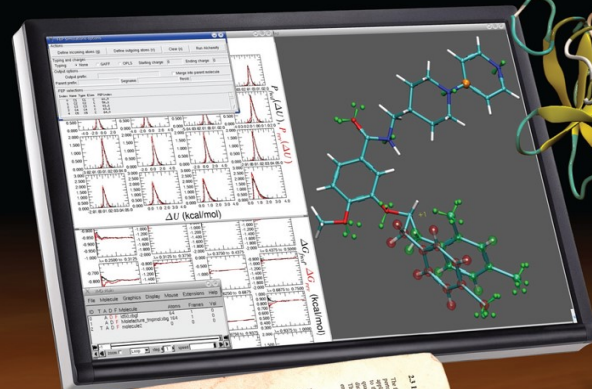
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Tool for free-energy changes in  
alchemical transformations

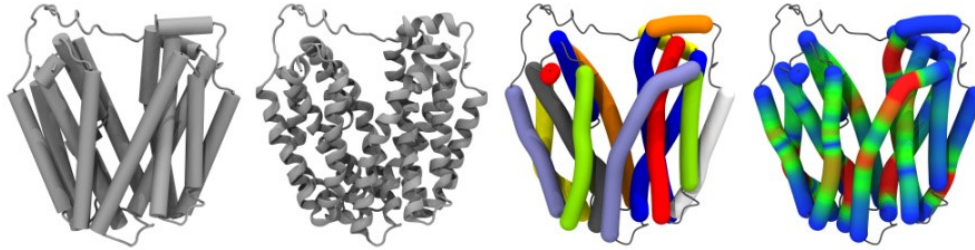


*J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2012**, 8, 2606-2616.  
List of Most Read Articles for 2012

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<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu>

# Example VMD Visualization and Analysis Plugins



## **Bendix**

Dahl ACE, Chavent M and Sansom MSP Bendix: intuitive helix geometry analysis and abstraction. *Bioinformatics* 2012 28(16): 2193-2194.



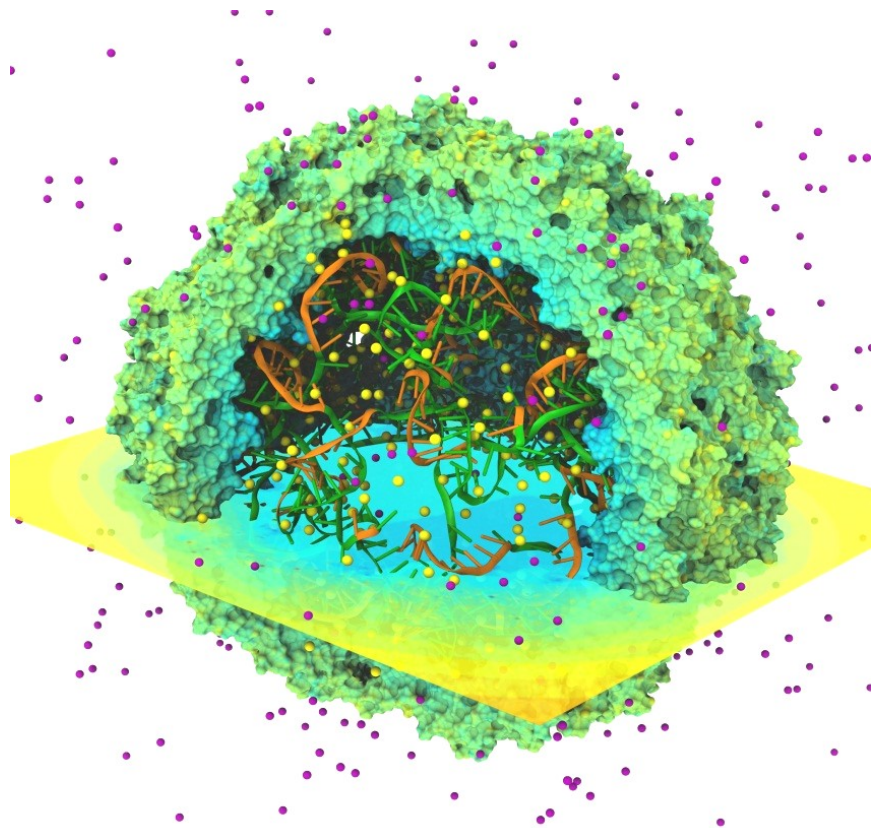
## **Normal Mode Wizard**

Bakan A, Meireles LM, Bahar I ProDy: Protein Dynamics Inferred from Theory and Experiments. *Bioinformatics* 2011 27(11):1575-1577.

# VMD Visualization Concepts

# Biomolecular Visualization Challenges

- Geometrically complex scenes
- Spatial relationships important to see clearly: fog, shadows, AO helpful
- Often show a mix of structural and spatial properties
- Time varying!

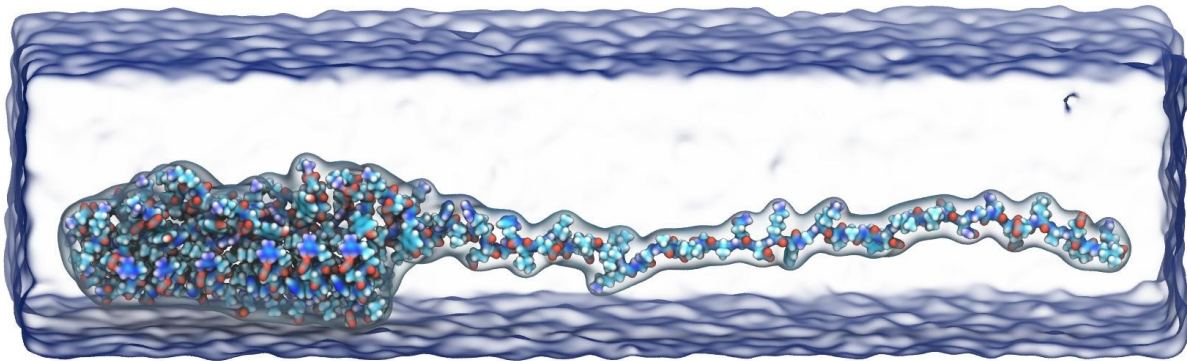




# Structure Visualization

Molecular representations provide different levels of abstraction, atomic detail vs. higher level organizational information

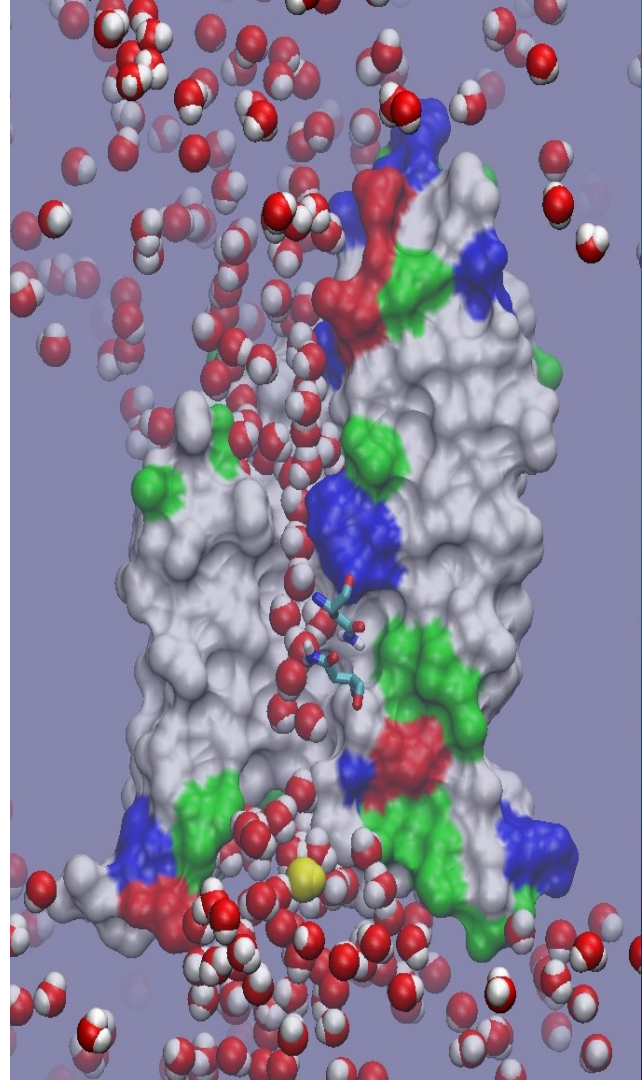
- Atoms, VdW spheres, bonds, ball-stick, ...
- Molecular orbitals (quantum chemistry)
- Molecular surfaces
- Coarse-grained “beads”
- Ribbons, secondary structure, “cartoon” reps, RNA/DNA





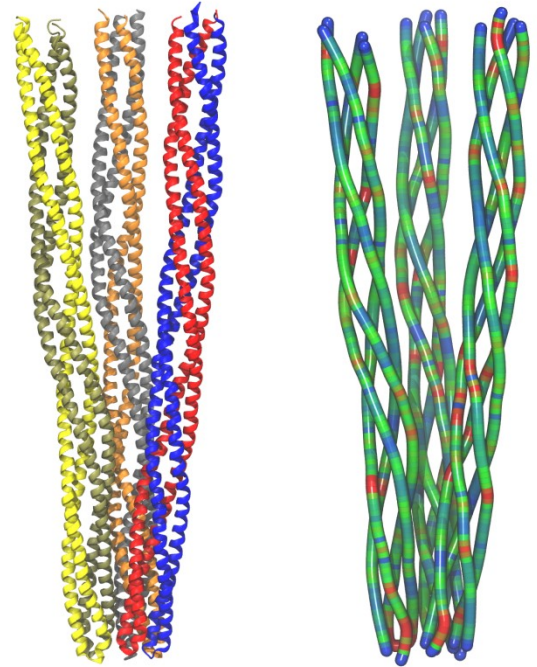
# Selection, Filtering

- Most viz tools allow interactive visual picking, menu-driven selections of structure components to display or operate on
- VMD also extensively uses a text-based selection language (think google):
  - “water within 10 of protein and  $z > 0$ ”
  - Allows selection on user-defined fields
  - ***Promotes synergy between interactive and scripting interfaces***
  - Works very well when dealing with huge time-varying structures



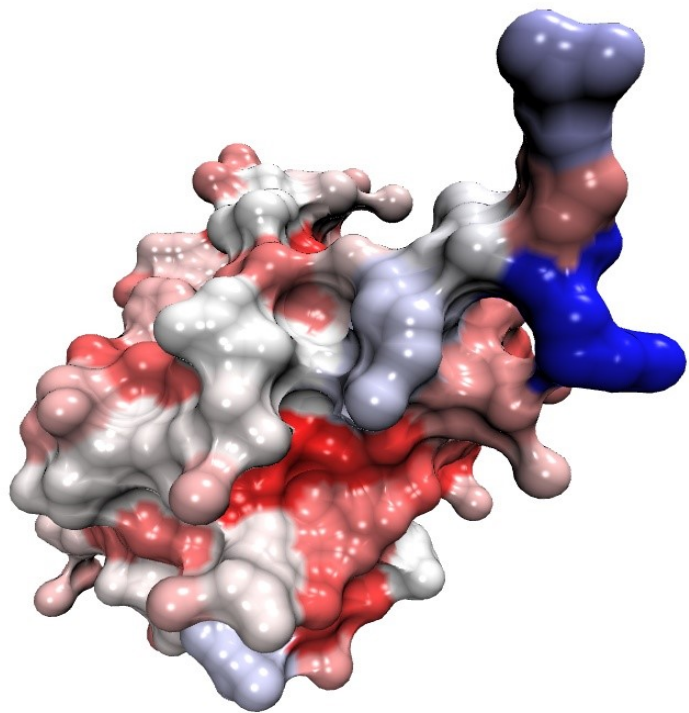
# Computed Properties

- Smoothing of thermal noise
- Secondary structure
- Hydrogen bonds, salt bridges
- Forces, energies, stress, strain
- Time averaging of electrostatic fields, occupancy maps
- Quality-of-fit cross correlation with cryo-EM density maps
- Normal modes, principal component analysis, essential dynamics
- Cluster simulation trajectory timesteps by structural similarity

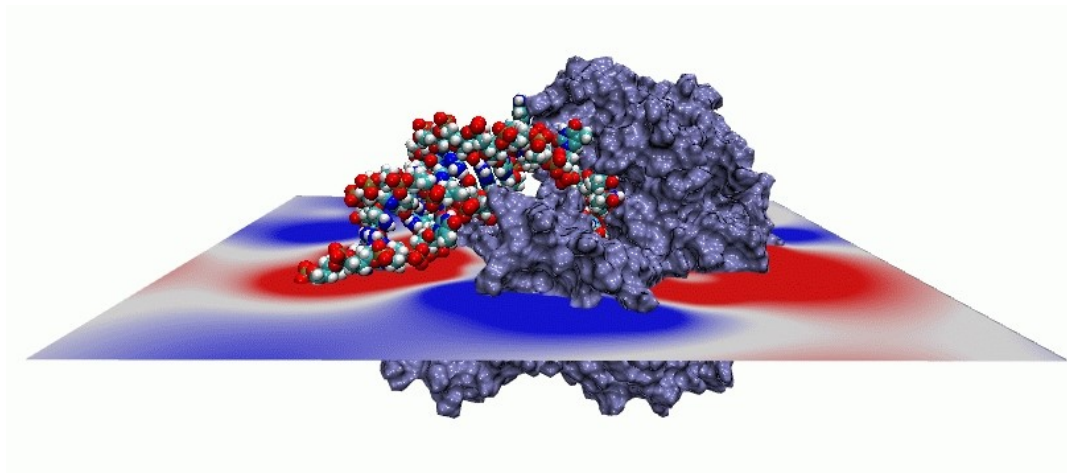


**Chemoreceptor trimer-of-dimers analysis with Bendix plugin in VMD**

# Display of Computed Properties on Structures

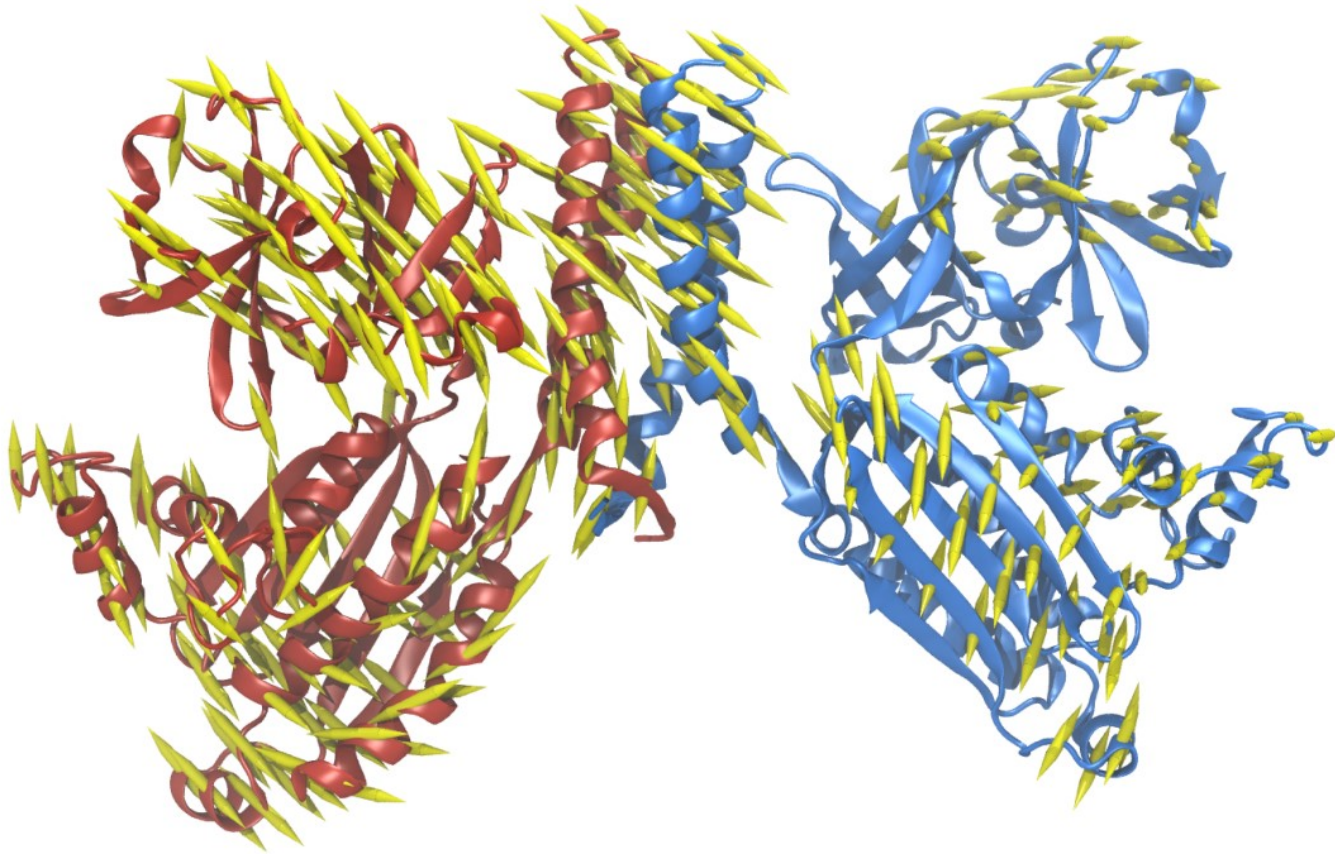


**Per-residue solvent-accessible surface area of Ubiquitin**



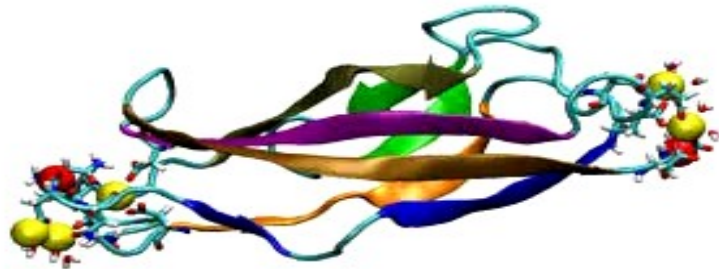
**PME electrostatic potential contour for a helicase on a volumetric slice plane**

# CheA kinase PCA: first principal component porcupine plot



# Visualization of Molecular Dynamics

- Molecular dynamics simulations save trajectories of atomic coordinates as simulated time progresses
- Researchers study trajectories by analyzing force profiles, energies, structural changes, etc.
- **Visualization selections, graphics, structure properties recomputed for each trajectory timestep!**





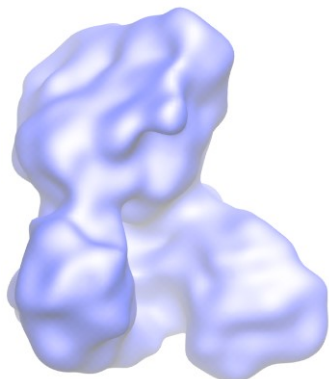
# Petascale Computing - A Key Instrument for Life Science

## MDFF Solves Structures from X-ray Crystallography and Cryo-EM

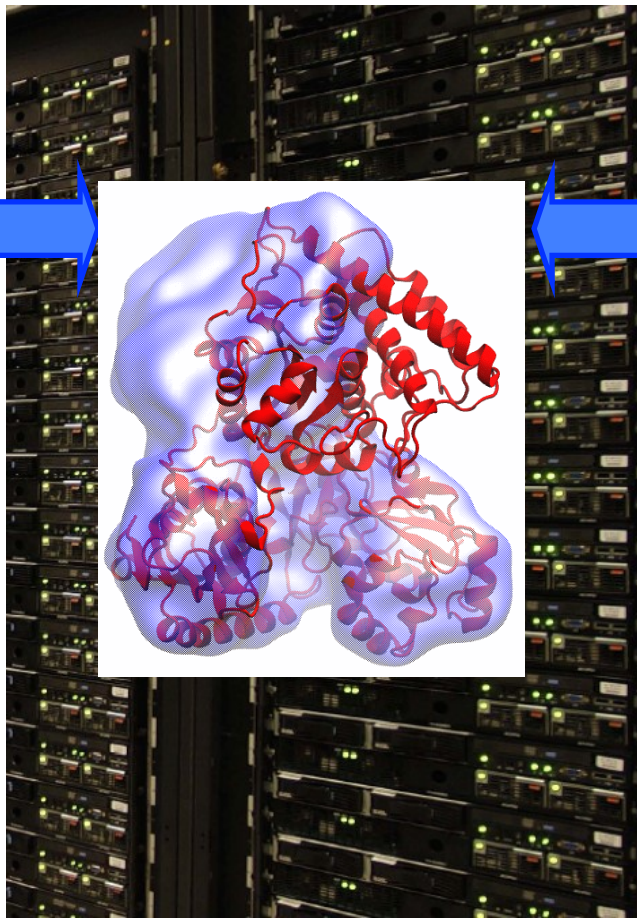
Electron microscopy



FEI microscope



Electron density of protein in action at low resolution



X-ray crystallography

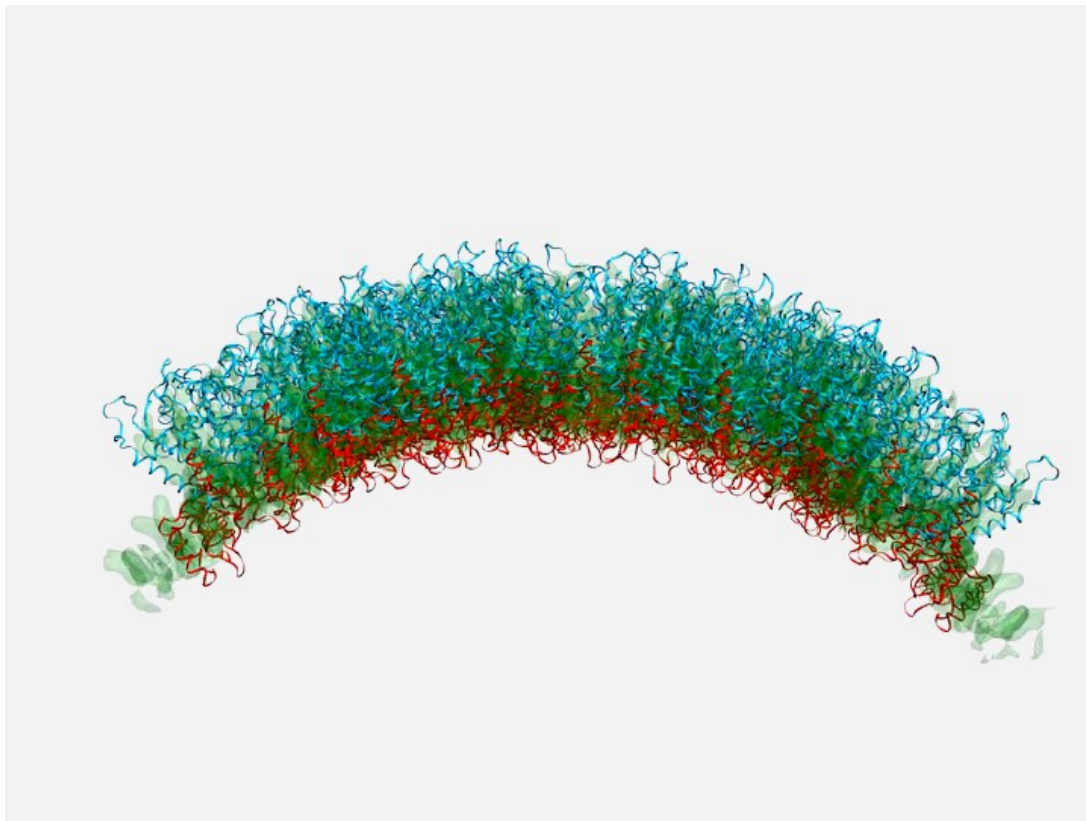


APS at Argonne



Ideal protein structure at high resolution  
Acetyl - CoA Synthase

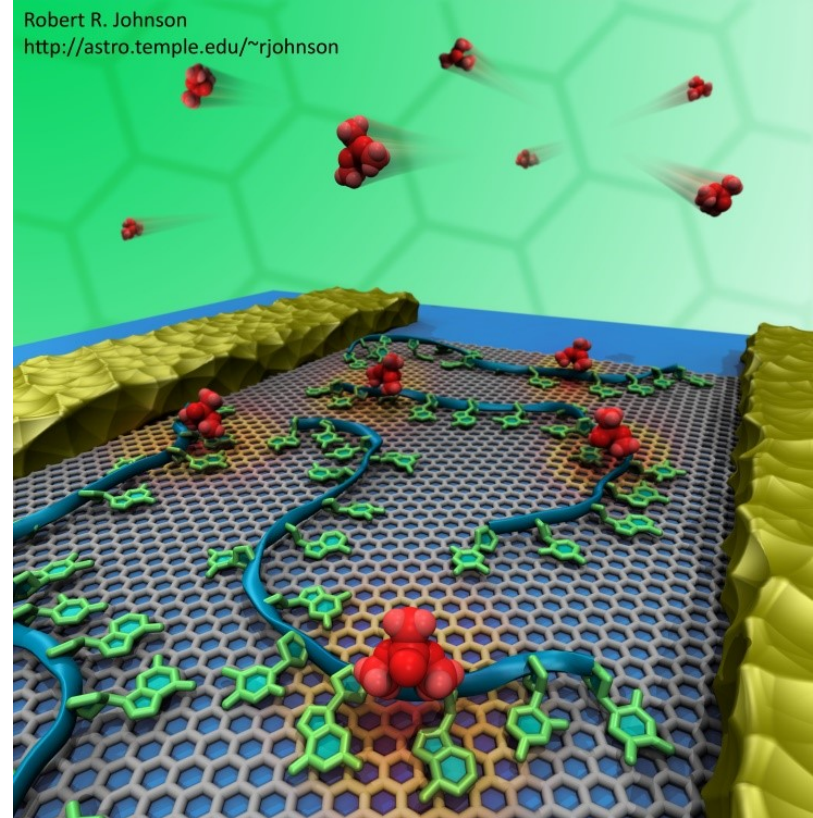
**Hexamer of hexamers HIV capsid substructure**  
**Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting (MDFF) simulation.**  
**All-atom structure fitting into cryo-EM density map.**





# Ray Tracing in VMD

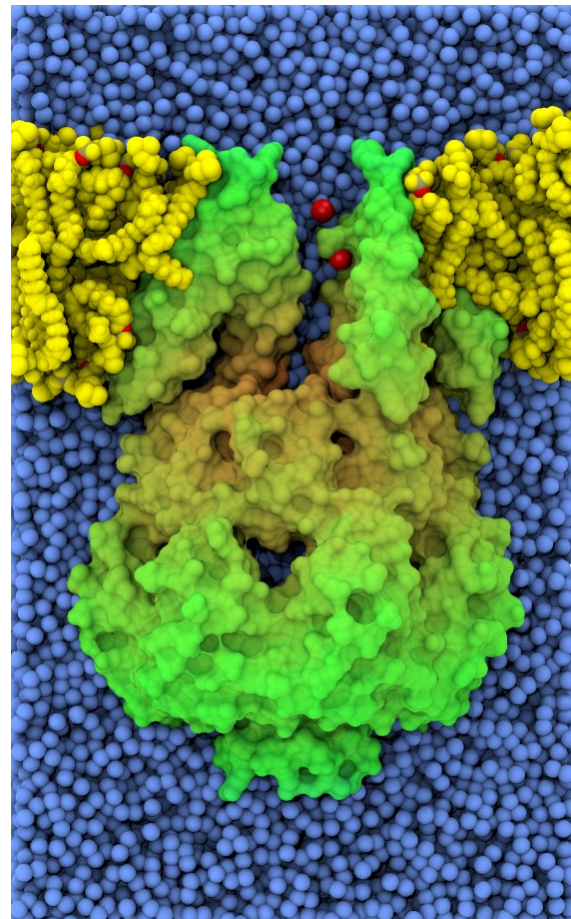
- Support for ray tracing of VMD molecular scenes began in 1995
- Tachyon parallel RT engine interfaced with VMD (1999)
- Tachyon embedded as an internal VMD rendering engine (2002)
- Built-in support for large scale parallel rendering (2012)
- Refactoring of VMD to allow fully interactive ray tracing as an alternative to OpenGL (2014)



# Geometrically Complex Scenes

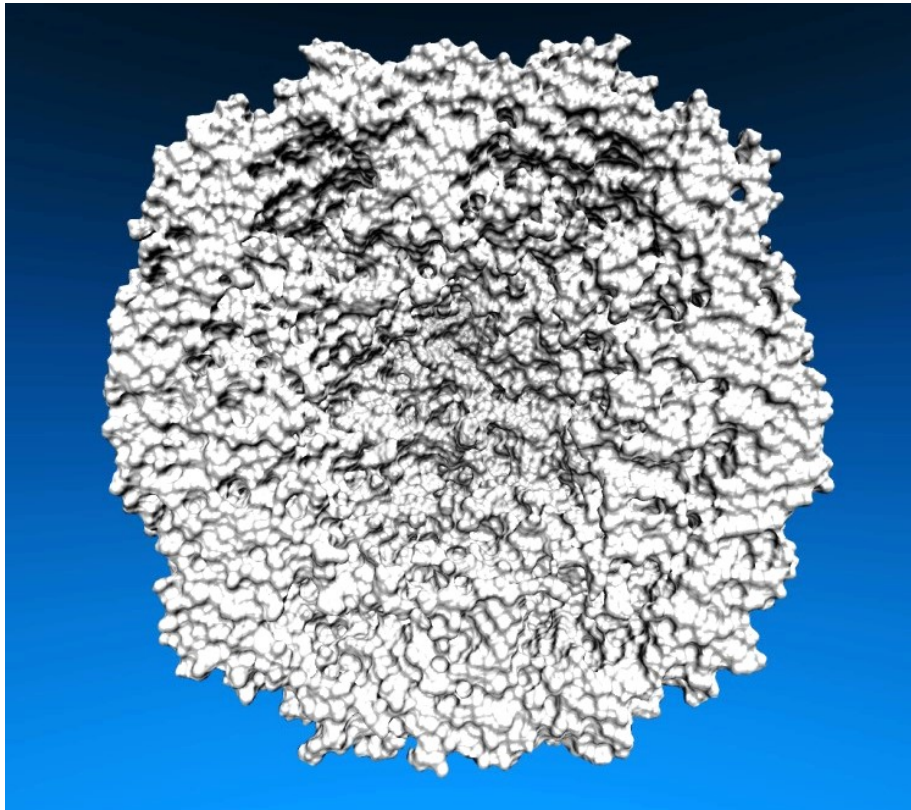
Ray tracing techniques well matched to molecular viz. needs:

- Curved geometry, e.g. spheres, cylinders, toroidal patches, easily supported
- Greatly reduced memory footprint vs. polygonalization
- Runtime scales only moderately with increasing geometric complexity
- Occlusion culling is “free”, RT acceleration algorithms do this and much more

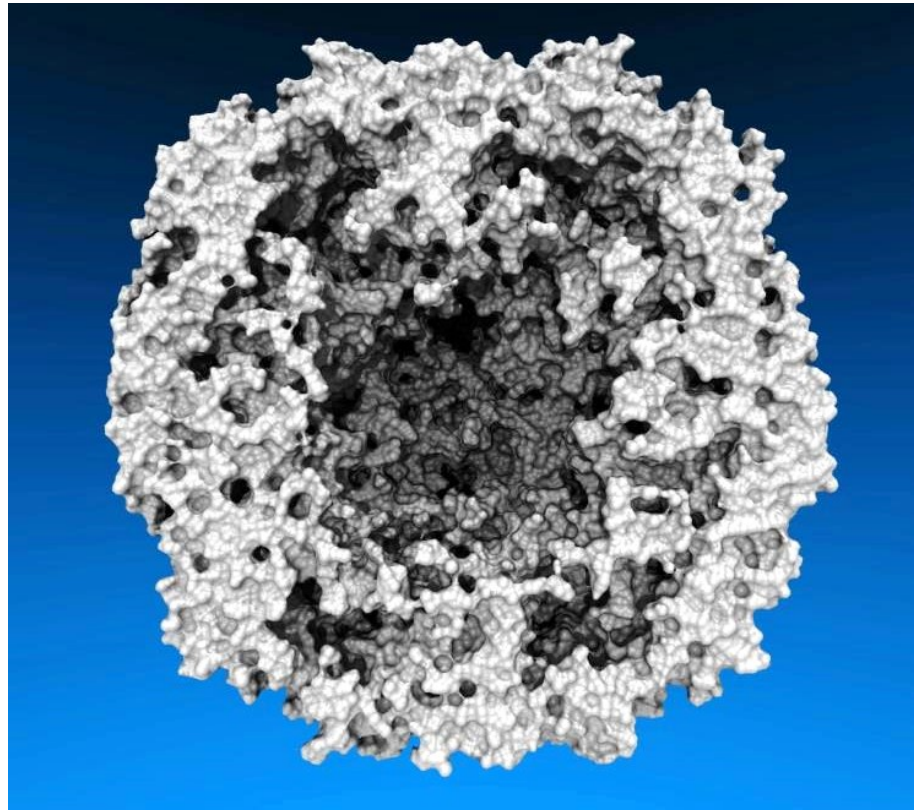


***Interactive*** Ray Tracing, Lighting Comparison: STMV Capsid

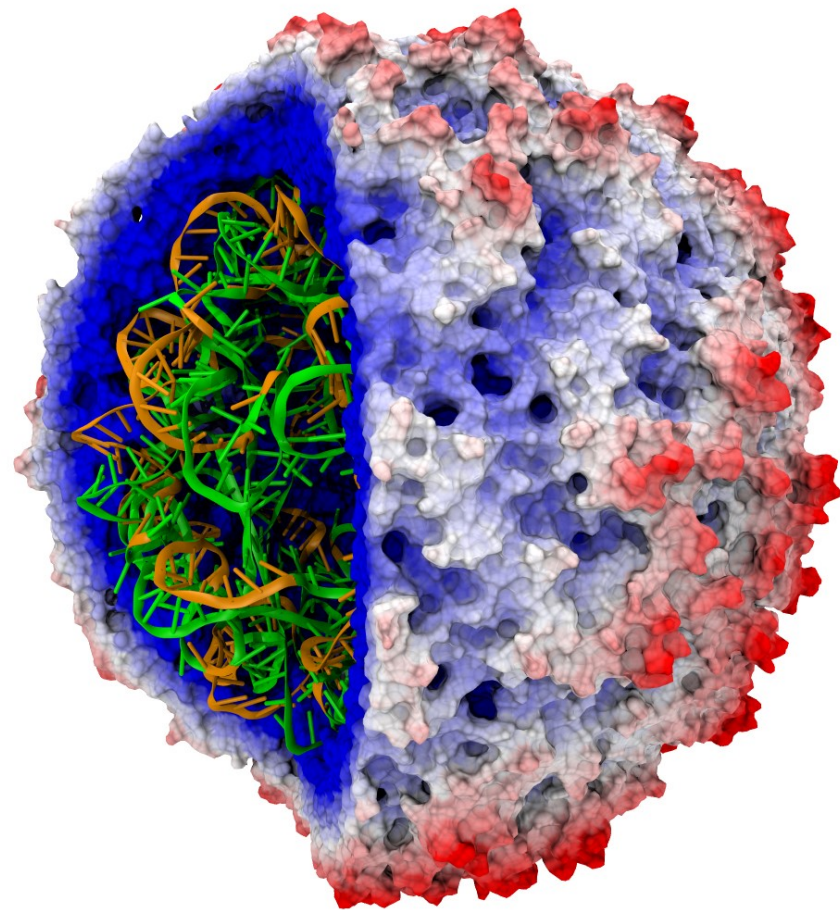
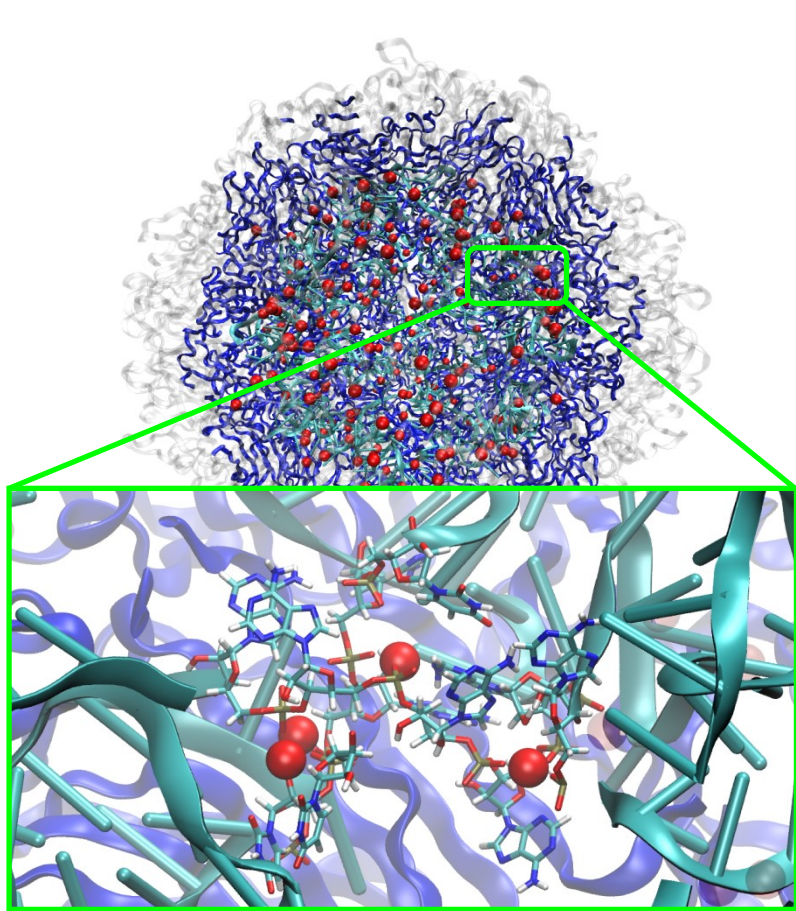
**Two lights, no shadows  
(e.g. as used by OpenGL)**



**Ambient occlusion lighting  
and shadows w/ RT**



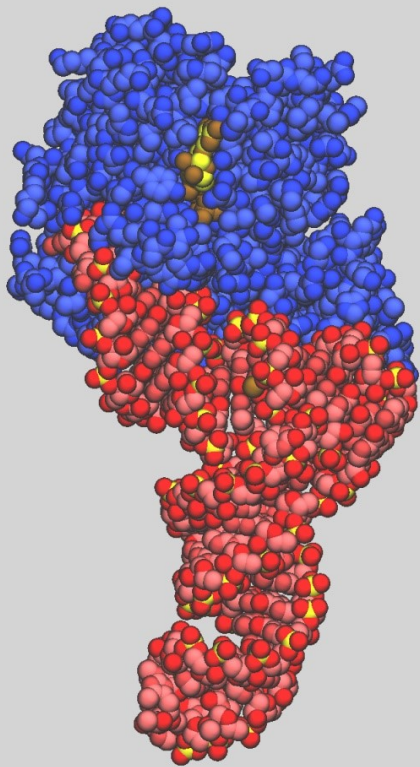




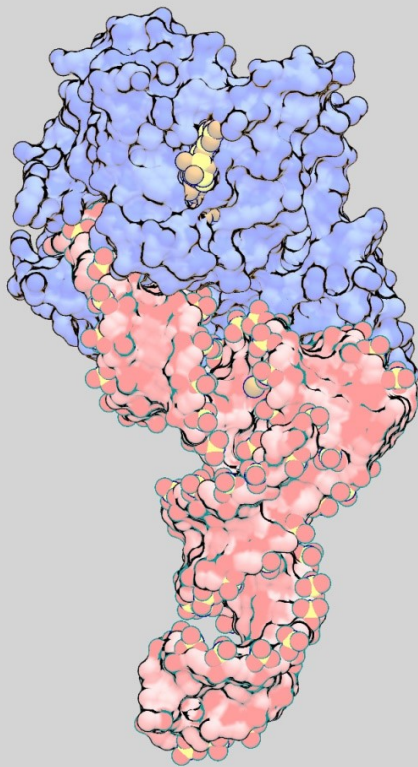
**Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus**

# VMD Shading Comparison: EF-Tu

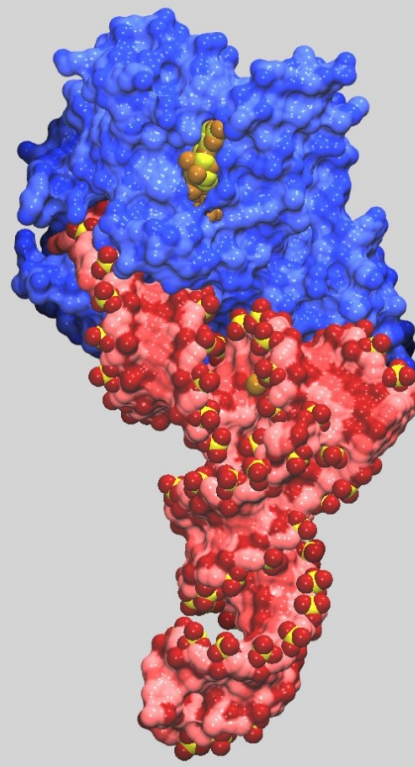
Outline  
Shader



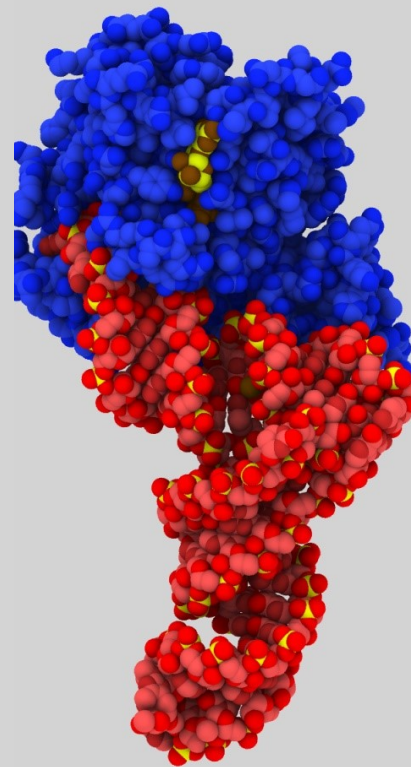
“Goodsell”  
Shader



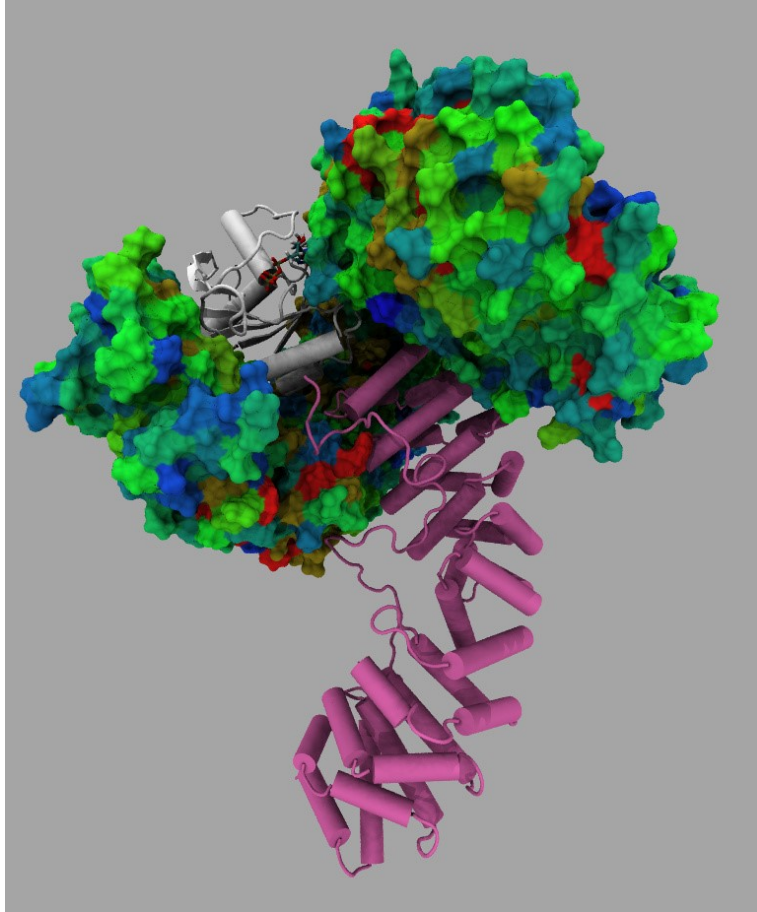
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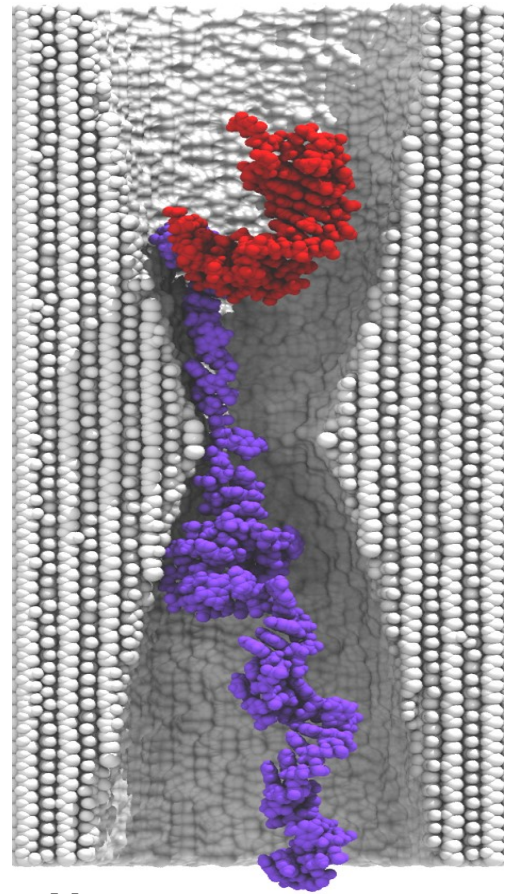
Ambient Occlusion,  
Shadowing







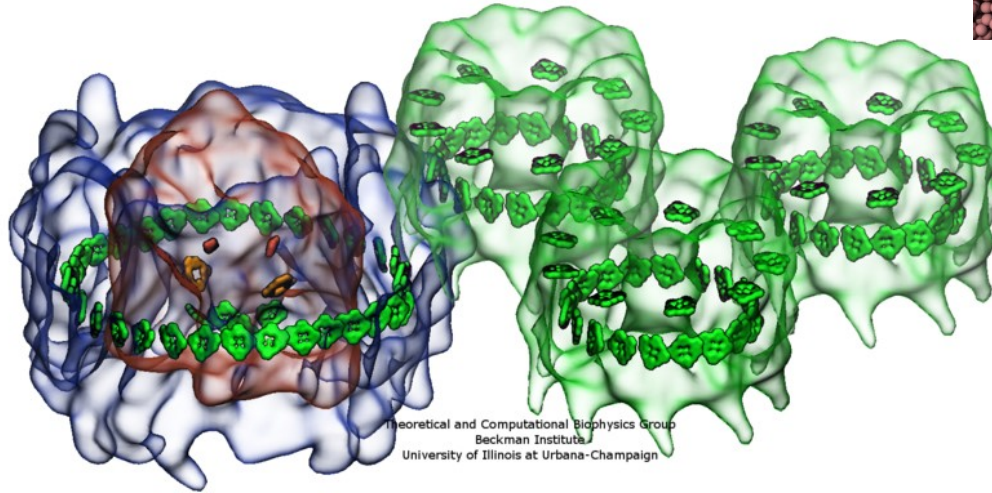
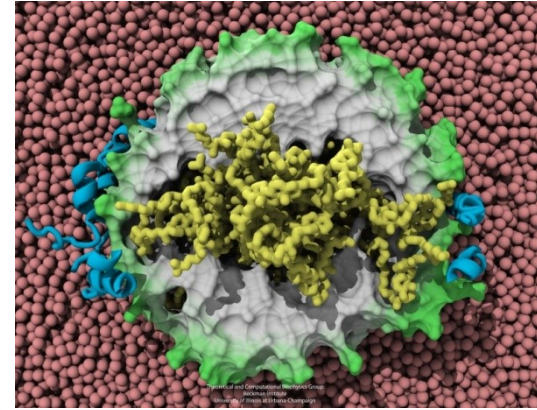
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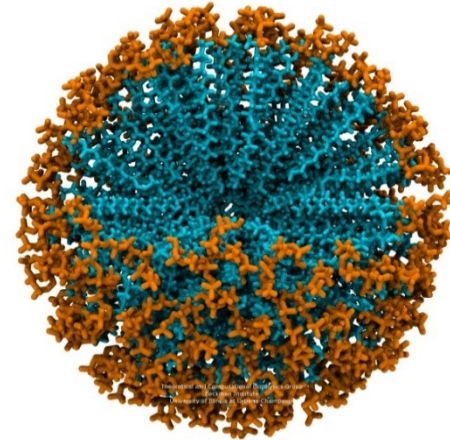
**Nanopore**

# Benefits of Advanced Lighting and Shading Techniques

- Exploit visual intuition
- Spend computer time in exchange for scientists' time, make images that are more easily interpreted



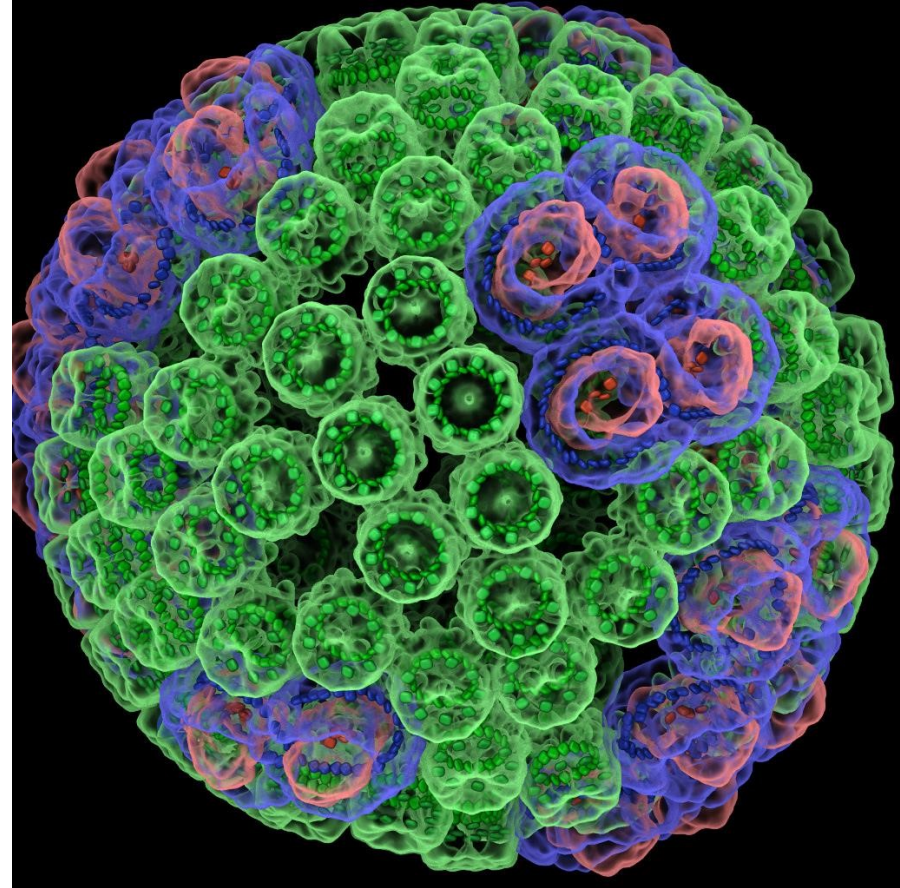
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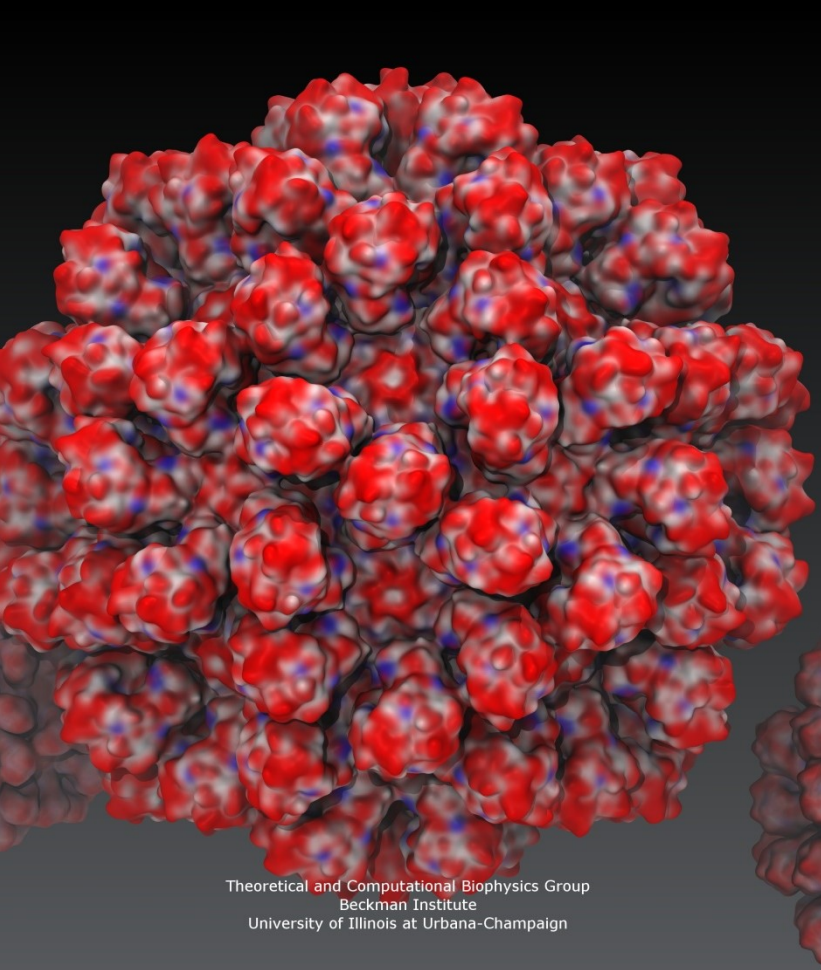




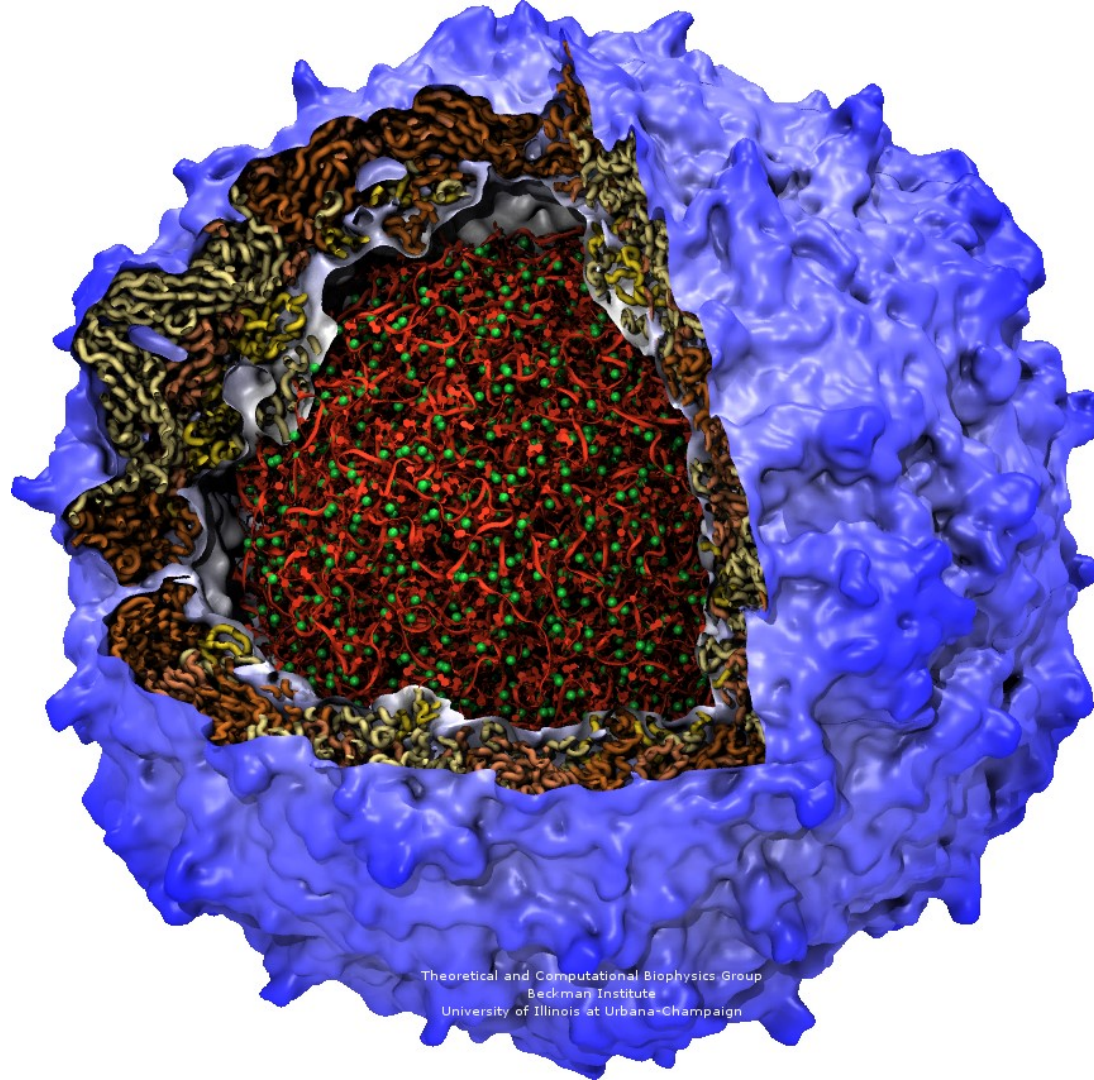
# High Fidelity Interactive Visualization

- VMD interactive ray tracing
  - Interactive ray tracing on GPUs with progressive refinement of image and lighting quality
  - Fully interactive rendering of large structures with advanced lighting features, and WYSIWYG “What you see is what you get” final image output





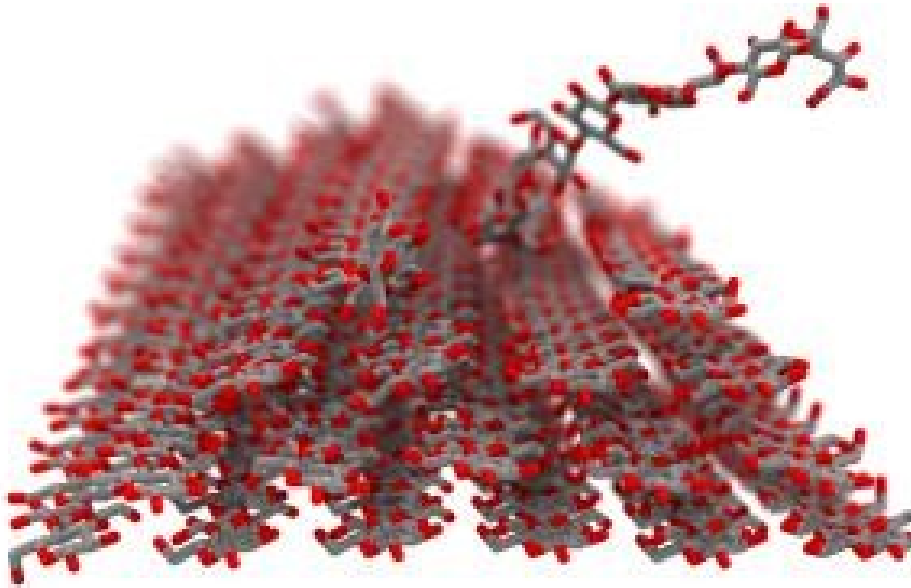
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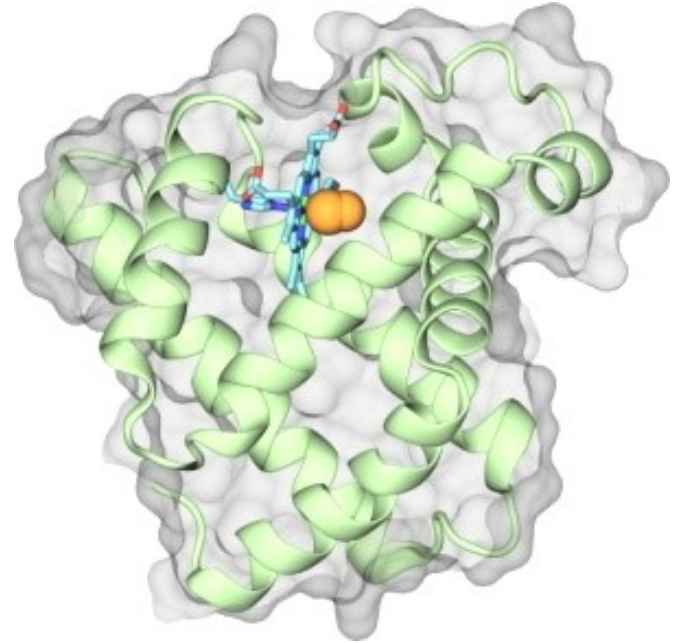
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# Diverse Shading and Lighting Approaches

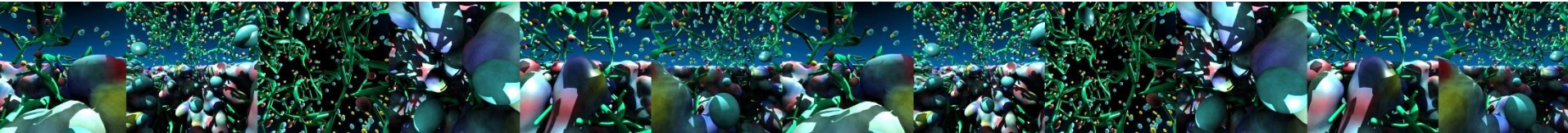


**Decrystallization: Interactive Ray Tracing w/  
Ambient Occlusion Lighting, Depth of Field  
Focal Blur**

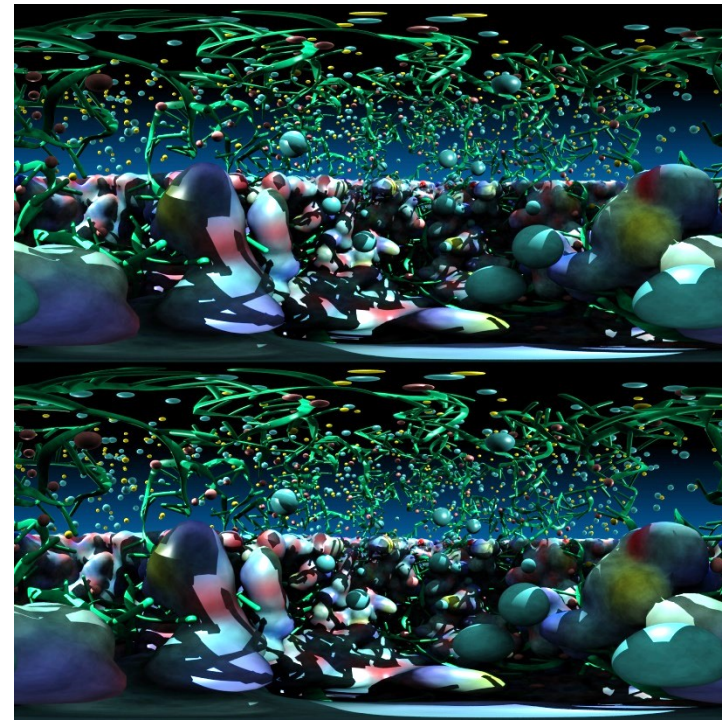


**Myoglobin**

# Stereoscopic Panorama Ray Tracing

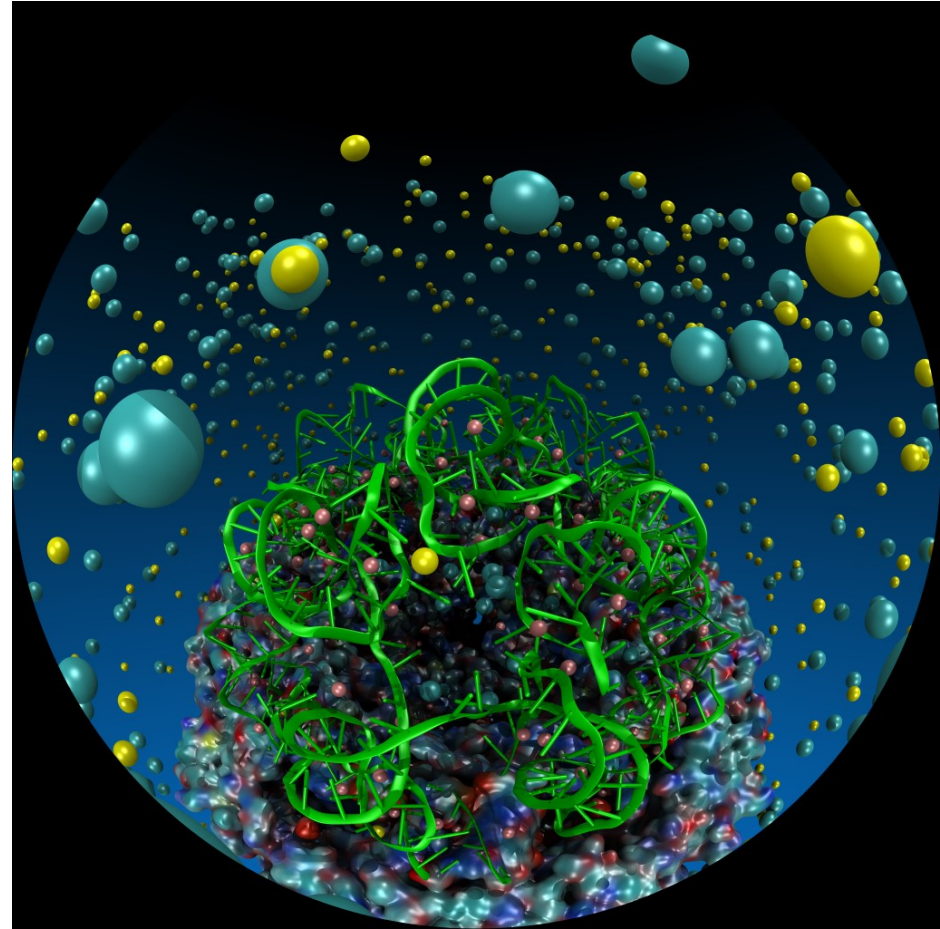


- **Render 360° images and movies for VR headsets such as Oculus Rift, Google Cardboard, YouTube VR**
- Ray trace omnidirectional stereo spheremaps or cubemaps for very high-frame-rate reprojection and display via OpenGL texturing
- Stereo requires spherical camera projections **poorly suited to rasterization**
- Benefits from OptiX multi-GPU rendering and load balancing, **remote visualization**



# VMD Planetarium Dome Master Camera

- RT-based dome projection -- rasterization poorly suited to non-planar projections
- Fully interactive RT with ambient occlusion, shadows, depth of field, reflections, and so on
- Both mono and stereoscopic
- No further post-processing required



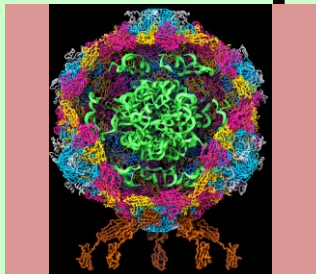


# Ray Tracing Performance

- Well suited to massively parallel hardware
- Peak performance requires full exploitation of SIMD/vectorization, multithreading, efficient use of memory bandwidth
- Traditional languages+compilers not yet up to the taskParallel SPMD-oriented languages and compilers address the shortcomings of traditional tools
- RT frameworks provide performance-critical algorithms:
  - NVIDIA OptiX/CUDA: general RT framework for writing high performance GPU ray tracing engines
  - Intel OSPRay/ISPC: general RT framework and library, includes not only basic kernels but also complete renderer implementations

# VMD Molecular Structure Data and Global State

## Scene Graph



## Graphical Representations

DrawMolecule

Non-Molecular  
Geometry

## User Interface Subsystem

Tcl/Python Scripting

Mouse + Windows

VR Input "Tools"

## Display Subsystem

VMDDisplayList

DisplayDevice

OpenGLDisplayDevice

FileRenderer

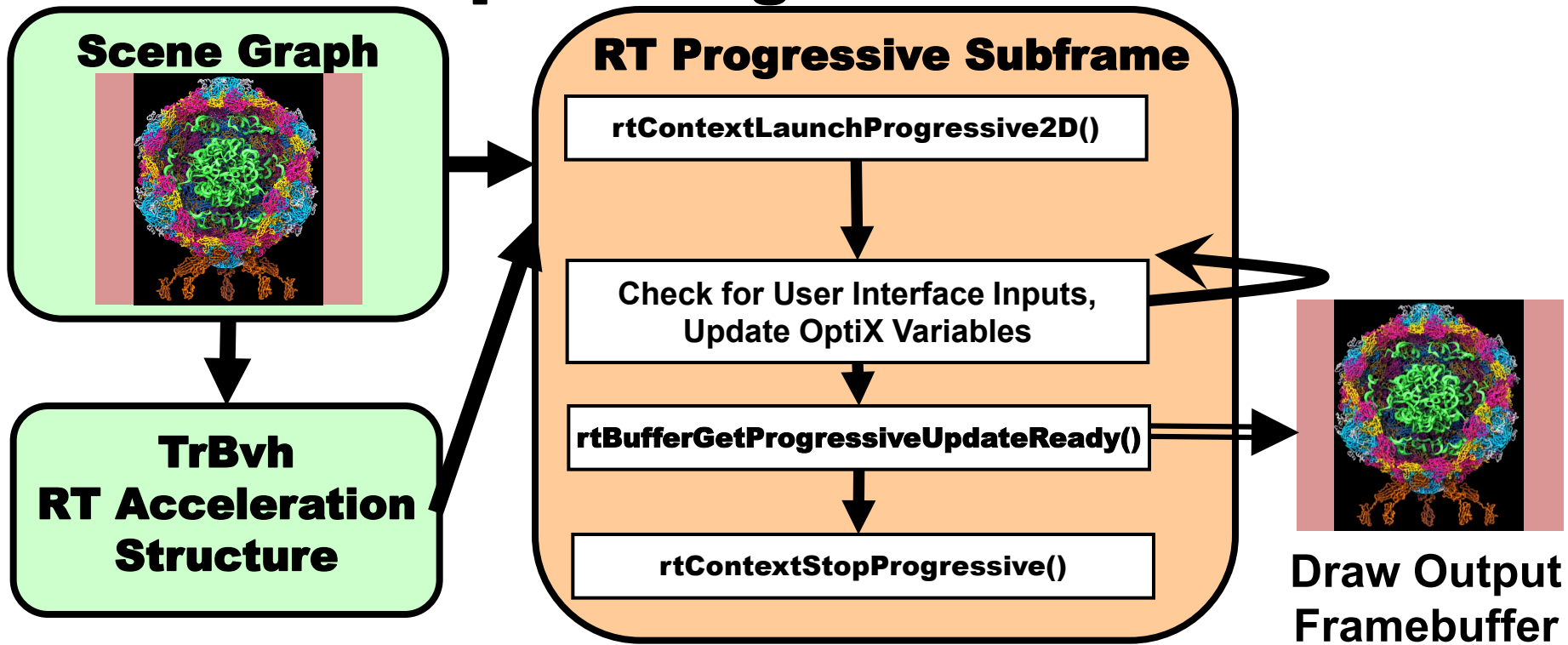
Windowed OpenGL GPU

OpenGL Pbuffer GPU

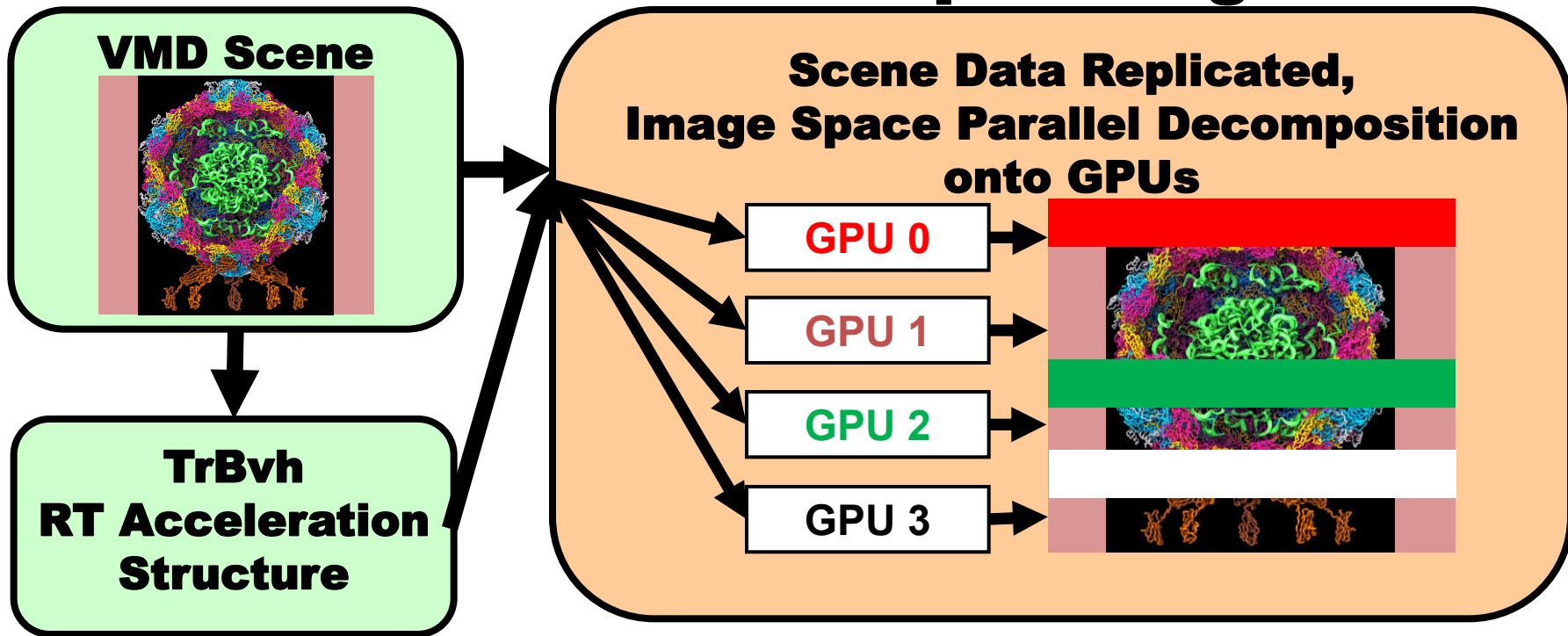
Tachyon CPU RT

TachyonL-OptiX GPU RT  
Batch + Interactive

# VMD TachyonL-OptiX Interactive RT w/ OptiX Progressive API

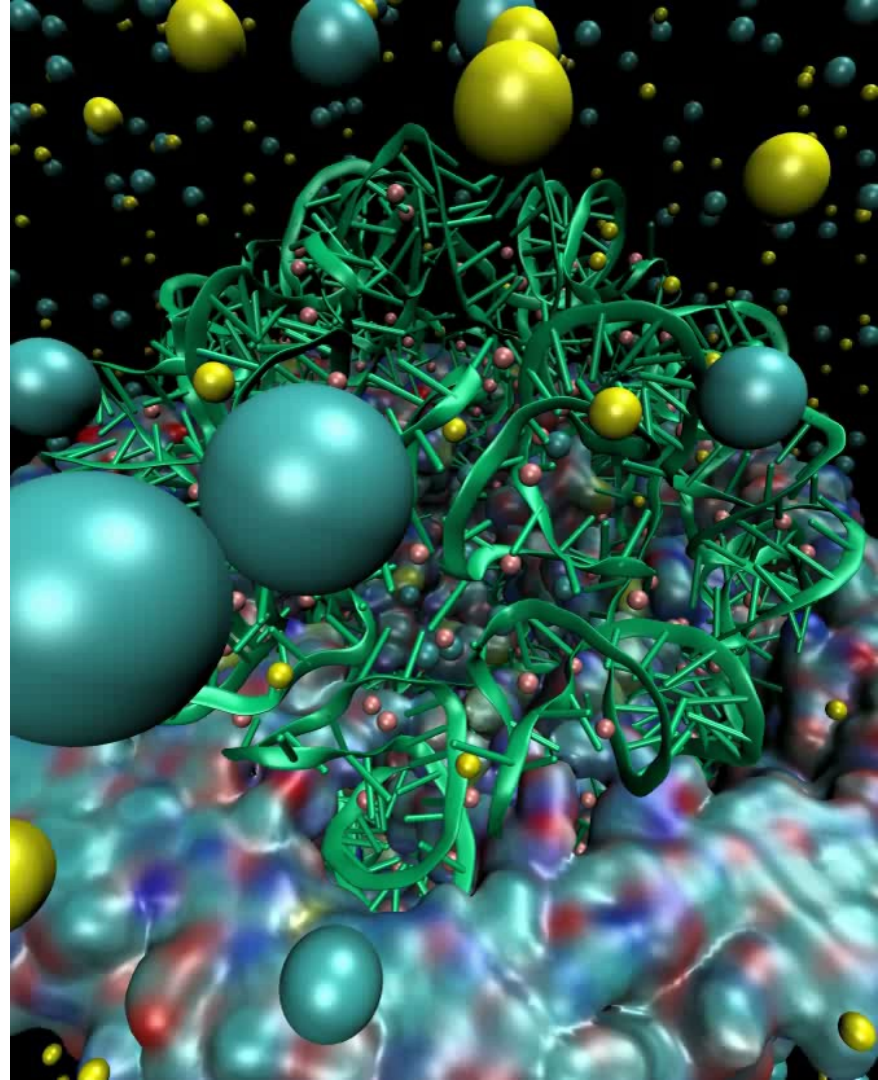


# VMD TachyonL-OptiX: Multi-GPU on a Desktop or Single Node



# VMD Interactive GPU Ray Tracing

- High quality lighting, shadows, transparency, depth-of-field focal blur, etc.
- VMD now provides – ***interactive***– ray tracing on laptops, desktops, and ***remote*** visual supercomputers
- **Movie was recorded live while using remote visualization**



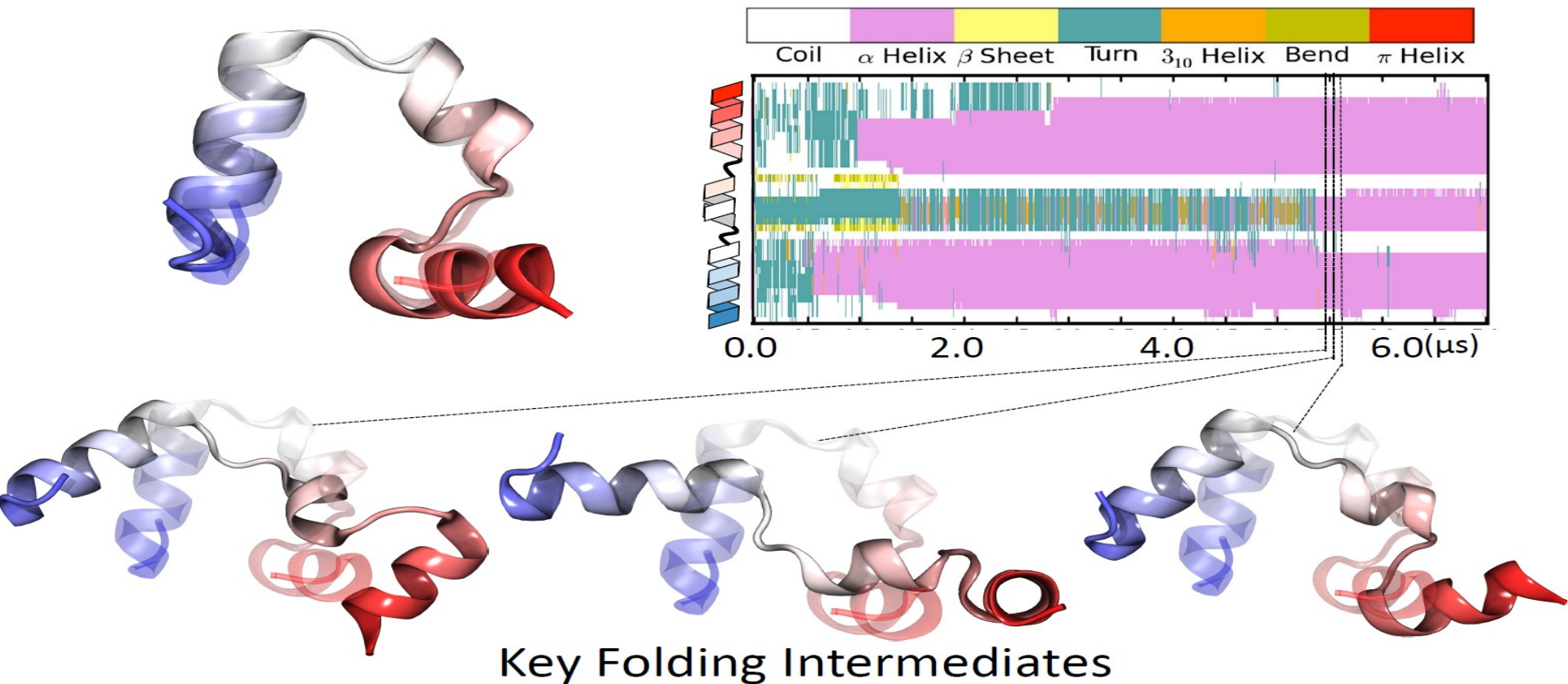


# Trajectory and Large System Analysis and Visualization on GPUs, Clusters, and Supercomputers

# Folding Dynamics of Villin Headpiece Unveiled

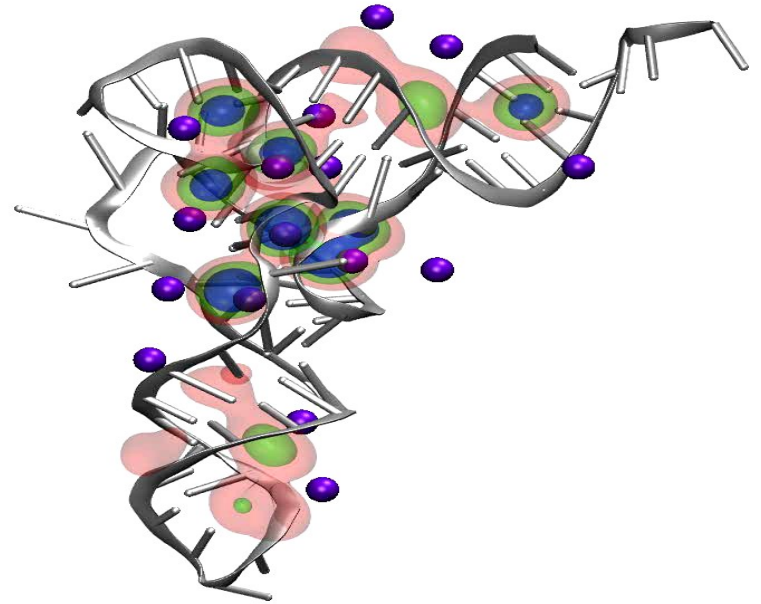
## 6.9 $\mu$ s folding simulation of 30K atoms: 380GB trajectory

Schulten et al. *Biophys J* 94:L75, 2008, 97: 2009



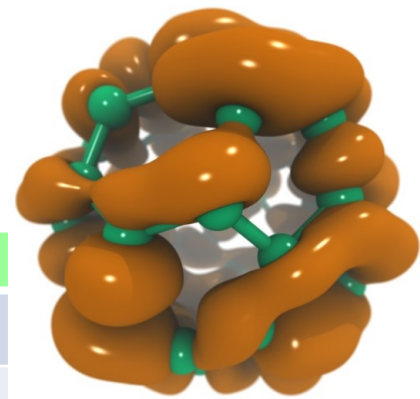
# Time-Averaged Volumetric Properties

- Compute density, distance, occupancy, potential maps for a frame or averaged over a trajectory
- Example: display binding sites for diffusively bound ions as probability density isosurfaces



**tRNA magnesium ion occupancy:  
VMD volmap plugin**

# VMD Tesla P100 Performance for $C_{60}$ Molecular Orbitals, 516x519x507 grid



Hardware platform	Runtime,	Speedup
IBM Power8 (2 socket) (ORNL 'crest') [1]	8.03s,	0.4x
Intel Xeon E5-2660v3 (2 socket) [1]	7.14s,	0.5x
IBM Power8 (ORNL 'crest') + 1x Tesla K40 [1]	3.49s,	<b>1.0x</b>
<b>Intel Xeon E5-2698v3 + 1x Tesla P100</b>	<b>1.35s,</b>	<b>2.5x</b>
<b>IBM Power8 "Minsky" + 1x Tesla P100</b>	<b>1.09s,</b>	<b>3.3x</b>
IBM Power8 (ORNL 'crest') + 4x Tesla K40 [1]	0.91s,	3.8x
<b>Intel Xeon E5-2698v3 + 4x Tesla P100</b>	<b>0.37s,</b>	<b>9.4x</b>
<b>IBM Power8 "Minsky" + 4x Tesla P100</b>	<b>0.30s,</b>	<b>11.6x</b>

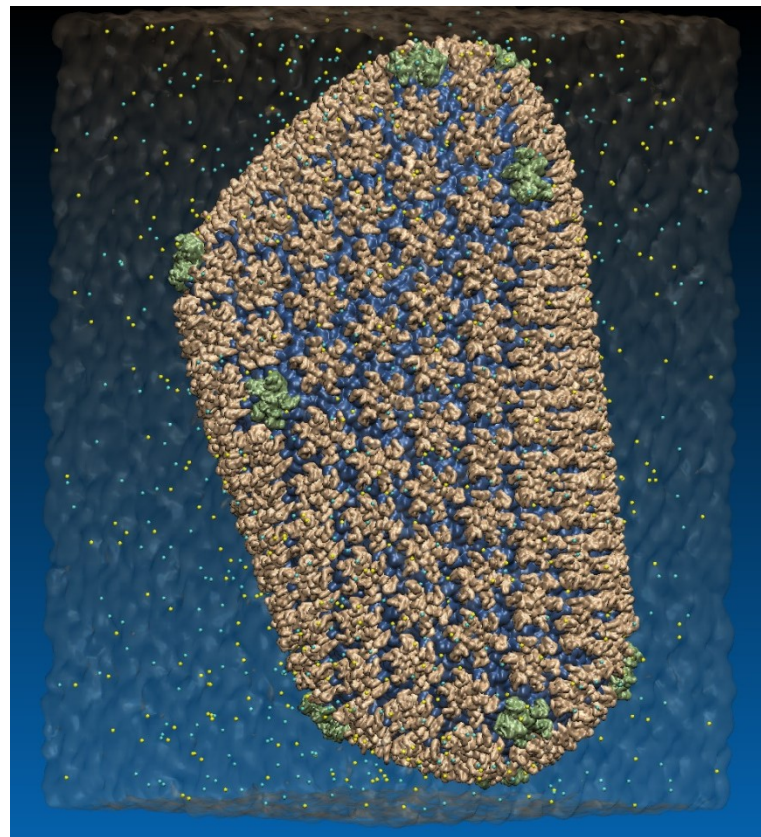
NVLink perf. boost w/ no code tuning

[1] Early Experiences Porting the NAMD and VMD Molecular Simulation and Analysis Software to GPU-Accelerated OpenPOWER Platforms. J. E. Stone, A.-P. Hynninen, J. C. Phillips, K. Schulten. International Workshop on OpenPOWER for HPC (IWOPH'16), LNCS 9945, pp. 188-206, 2016.

# VMD EGL Performance on Amazon EC2 Cloud

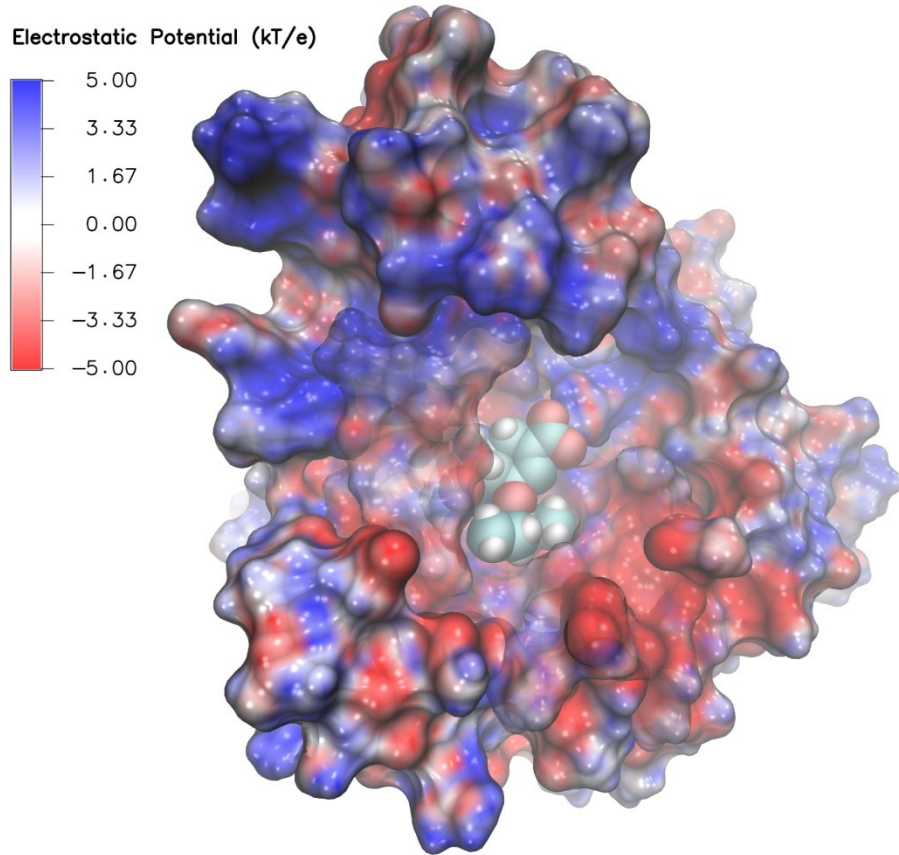
MPI Ranks	EC2 "G2.8xlarge" GPU Instances	HIV-1 movie rendering time (sec), (I/O %) 3840x2160 resolution
1	1	626s (10% I/O)
2	1	347s (19% I/O)
4	1	221s (31% I/O)
8	2	141s (46% I/O)
16	4	107s (64% I/O)
32	8	90s (76% I/O)

Performance at 32 nodes reaches ~48 FPS



64M atom HIV-1 capsid simulation rendered via EGL





**Swine Flu A/H1N1 neuraminidase bound to Tamiflu: VMD EGL rendering demonstrating full support for all VMD shaders and OpenGL features, multisample antialiasing, ray cast spheres, 3-D texture mapping, ...**

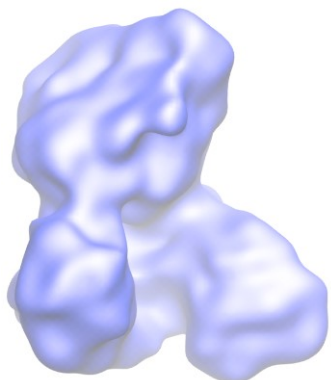
# Petascale Computing - A Key Instrument for Life Science

## MDFF Solves Structures from X-ray Crystallography and Cryo-EM

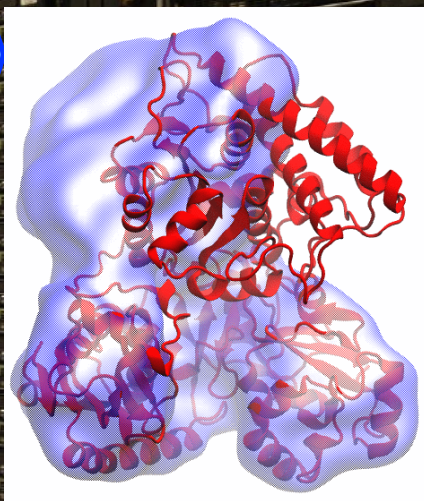
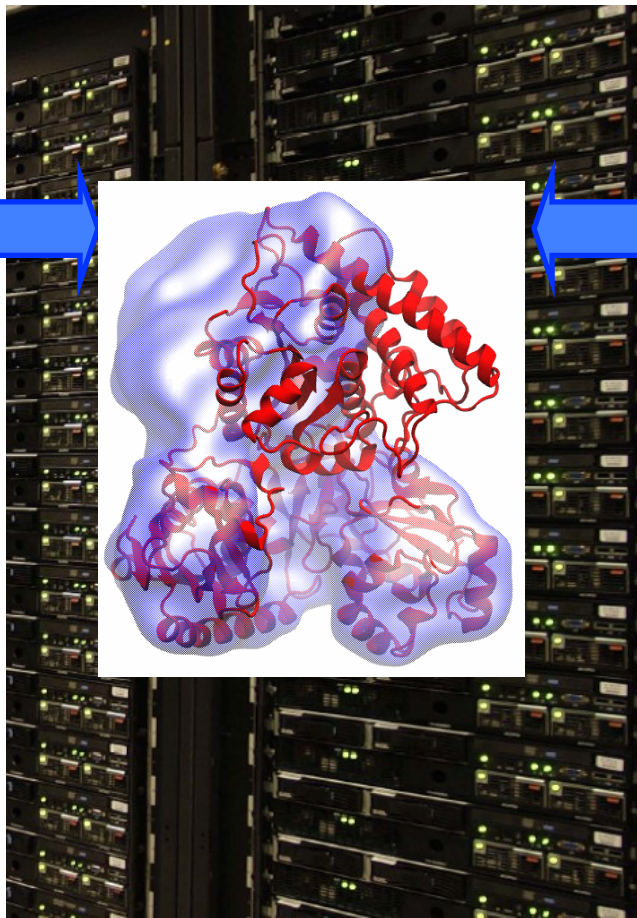
Electron microscopy



FEI microscope



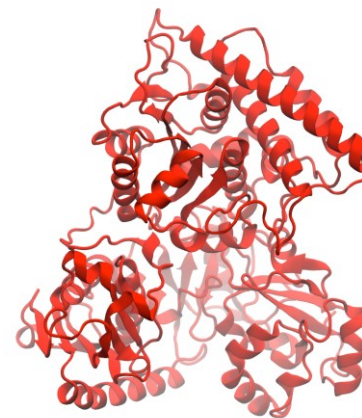
Electron density of protein in action at low resolution



X-ray crystallography



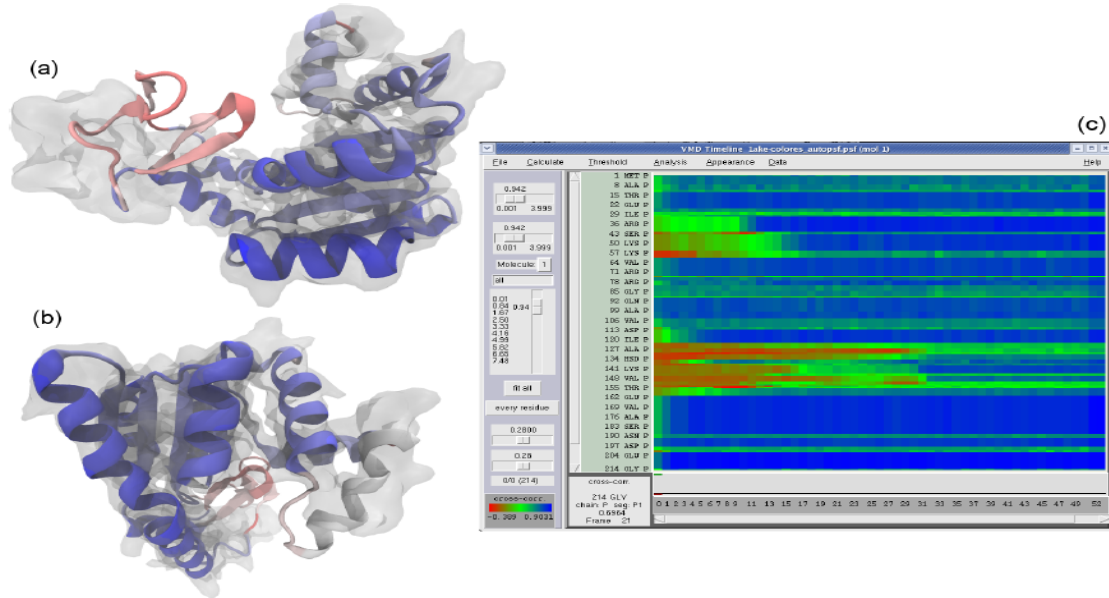
APS at Argonne



Ideal protein structure at high resolution  
Acetyl - CoA Synthase

# VMD Timeline Plugin: Analyze MD Trajectories for Events

**GPU-accelerated MDFF**  
**Cross Correlation Timeline**  
**Regions with poor fit**  
**Regions with good fit**



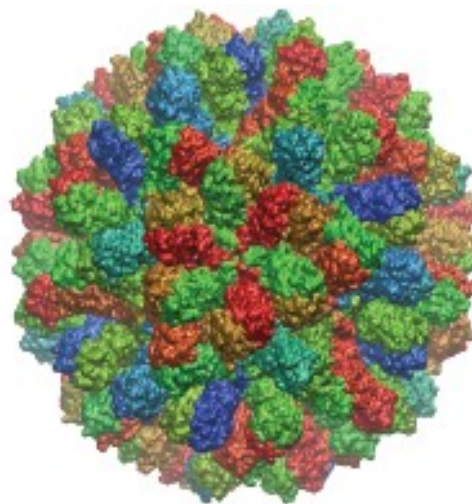
- **Interactive** 2-D heatmap plot linked to 3-D structure
- Single picture shows changing properties across structure+trajectory
- Explore time vs. per-selection attribute, linked to molecular structure
- Many analysis methods available; user-extendable

# Parallel MDFF Cross Correlation Analysis on Cray XK7

## Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV)

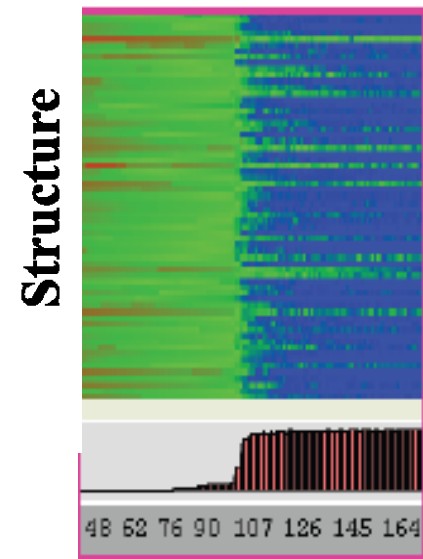
Traj. frames	10,000
Structure component selections	720
Single-node XK7 (projected)	336 hours (14 days)
128-node XK7	3.2 hours 105x speedup
2048-node XK7	19.5 minutes 1035x speedup

Calculation of 7M CCs would take **5 years** using serial CPU algorithm!



**RHDV colored  
by relative CC**

**Relative CC**  
-0.0032 0.02



**Time**



# VMD MDFF Cross Correlation

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus: 702K atoms, 6.5Å resolution

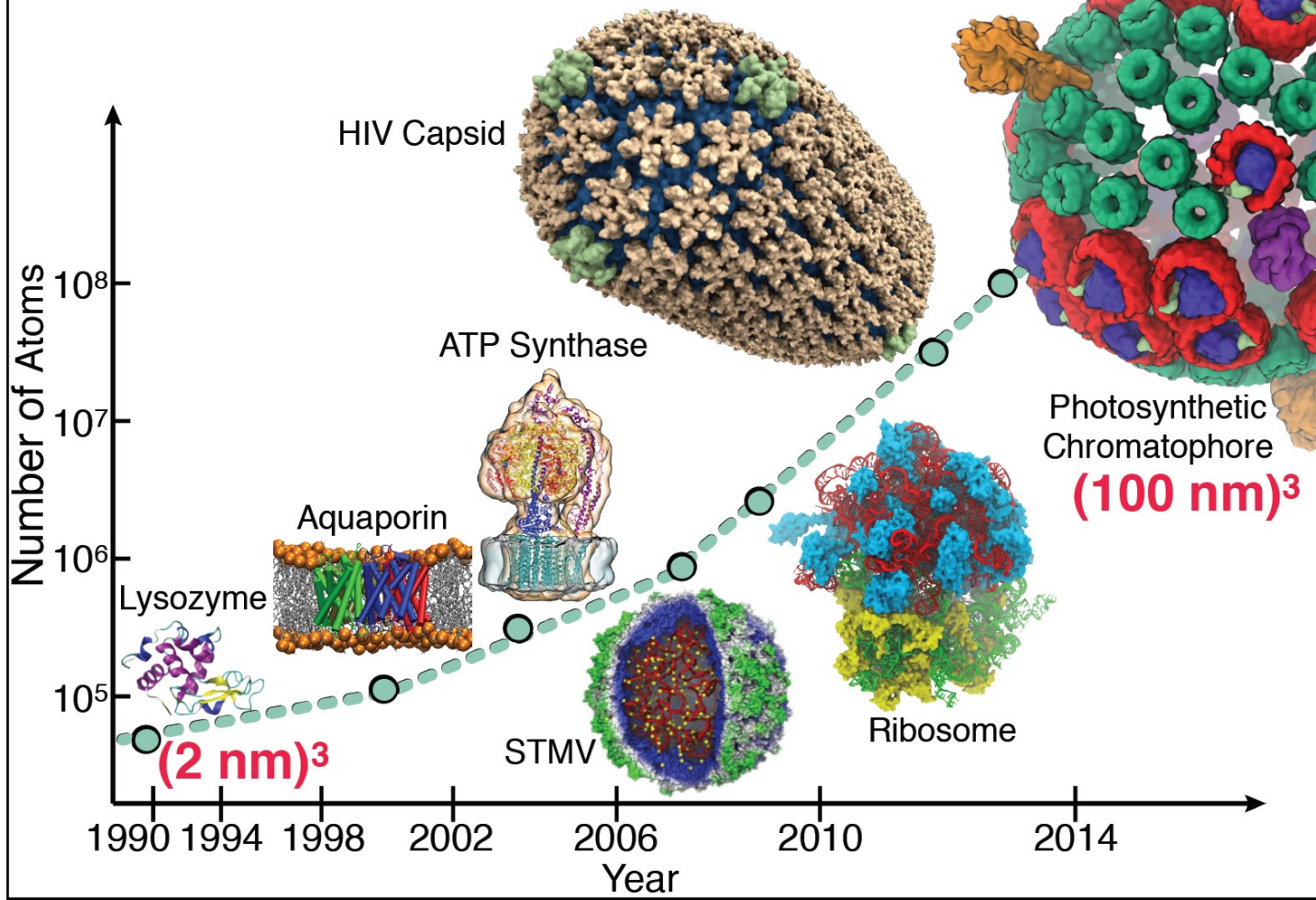
Software, Hardware platform	Runtime, Speedup vs. Chimera, VMD+GPU
Chimera, Intel Xeon E5-2687W (2 socket) [1]	15.860s, 1x
VMD, Intel Xeon E5-2687W (2 socket) [1]	0.779s, 20x
VMD-CUDA, Intel Xeon E5-2687W + Quadro K6000 [1,2]	0.458s, 35x 1.0x
<b>VMD-CUDA, Intel Xeon E5-2698v3 + Tesla P100 [3]</b>	<b>0.090s, 176x 5.1x</b>
<b>VMD-CUDA, IBM Power8 “Minsky” + Tesla P100 [3]</b>	<b>0.080s, 198x 5.7x</b>

[1] GPU-Accelerated Analysis and Visualization of Large Structures Solved by Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting. J.E. Stone, R. McGreevy, B. Isralewitz, and K. Schulten. Faraday Discussions 169:265-283, 2014.

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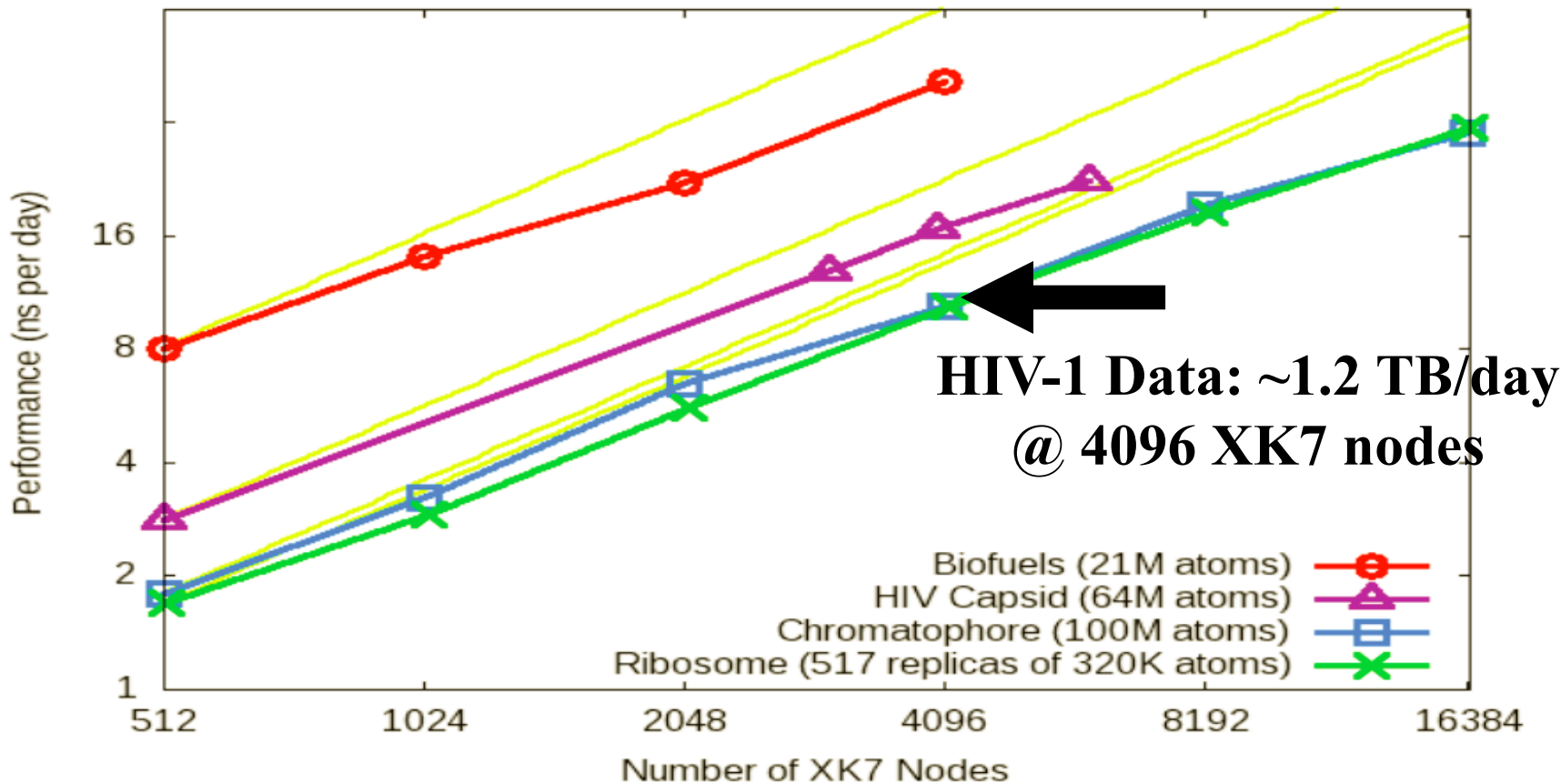
[3] Latest results, VMD 1.9.3 November 2016

# All-Atom Molecular Dynamics Today



# NAMD Titan XK7 Performance August 2013

NAMD on Titan Cray XK7 (2fs timestep with PME)



# VMD Petascale Visualization and Analysis

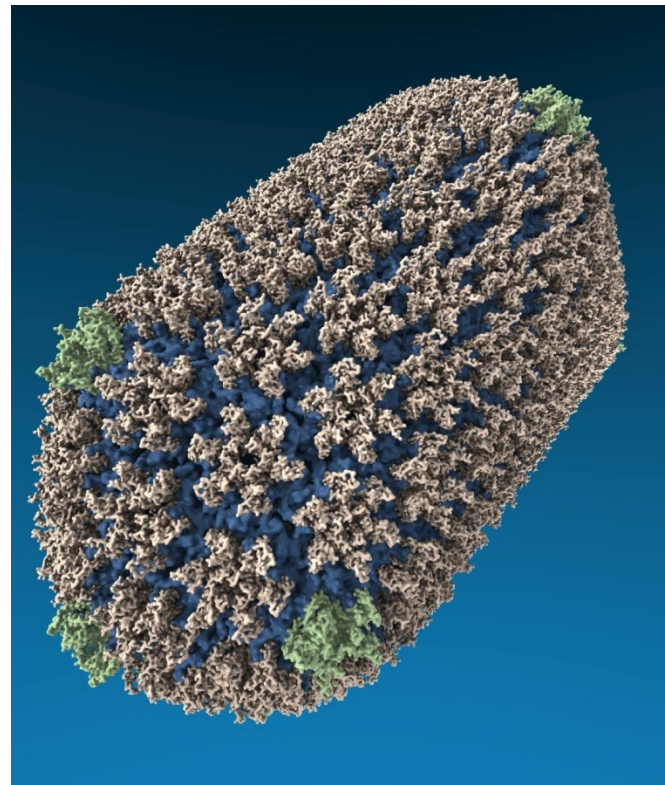
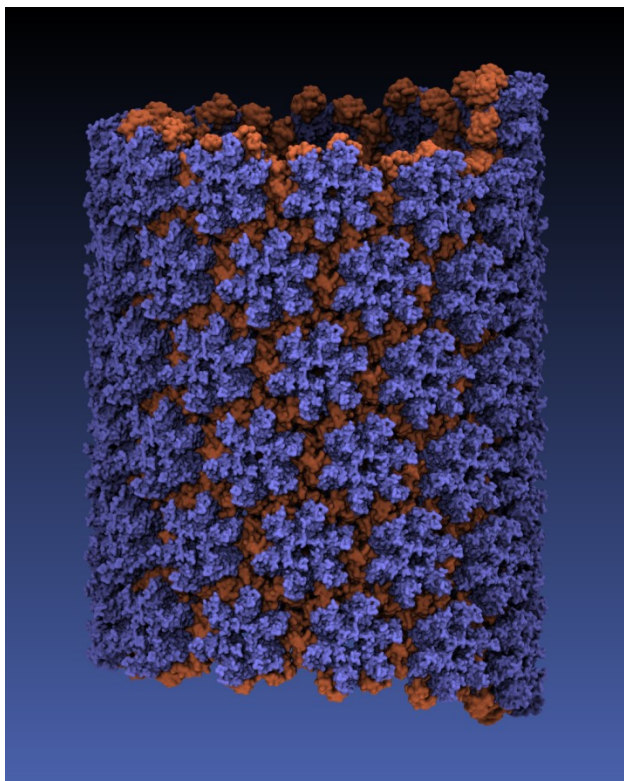
- Analyze/visualize large trajectories too large to transfer:
  - Time-averaged electrostatic fields, MDFF quality-of-fit, etc.
  - User-defined parallel analysis operations, data types
  - Parallel rendering, movie making
- Parallel I/O up to **275 GB/sec** on 8192 nodes – read **231 TB in 15 minutes!**
- VMD uses GPU-accelerated Cray XK7 nodes for both visualization and analysis
  - **OpenGL, Ray Tracing**
  - **Future: Remote Interactive Viz!**



NCSA Blue Waters Hybrid  
Cray XE6 / XK7 Supercomputer  
22,640 XE6 CPU nodes  
**4,224 XK7 nodes w/ GPUs**



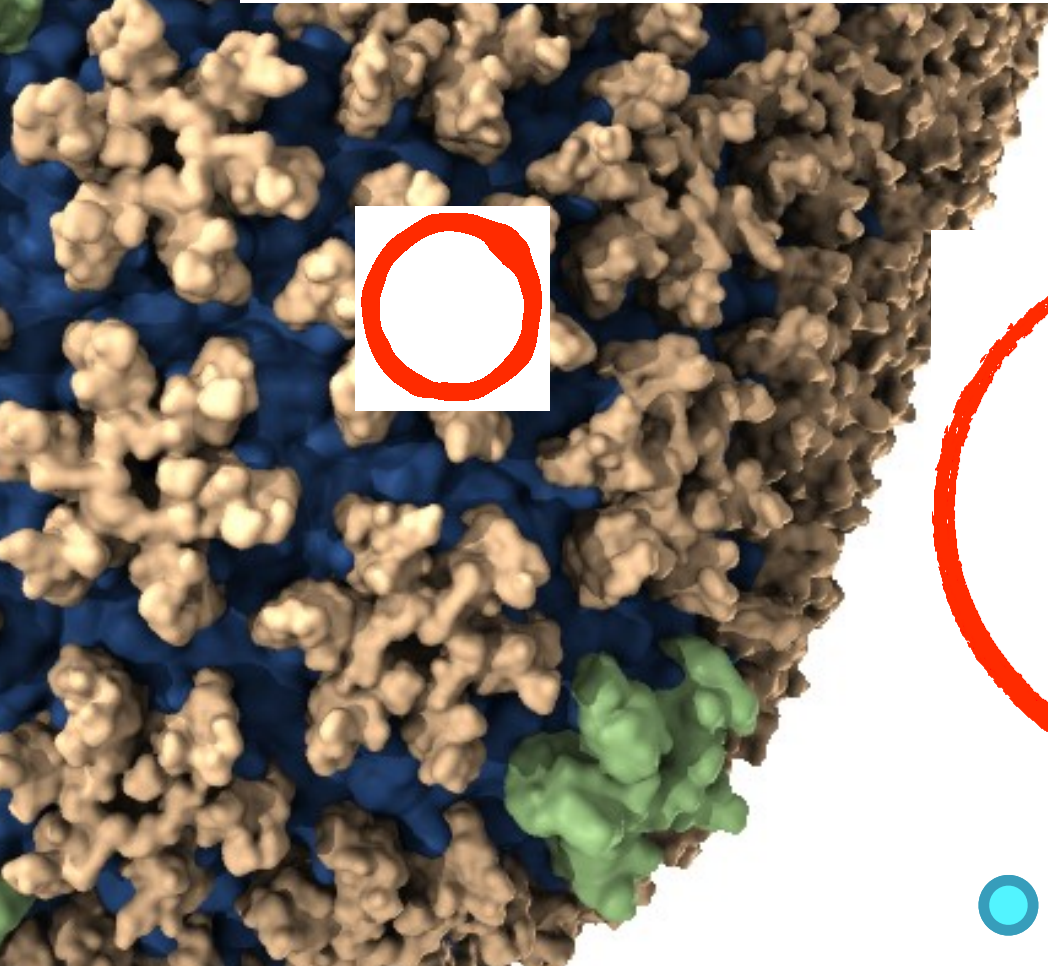
# VMD “QuickSurf” Representation, Ray Tracing



**All-atom HIV capsid simulations w/ up to 64M atoms on Blue Waters**

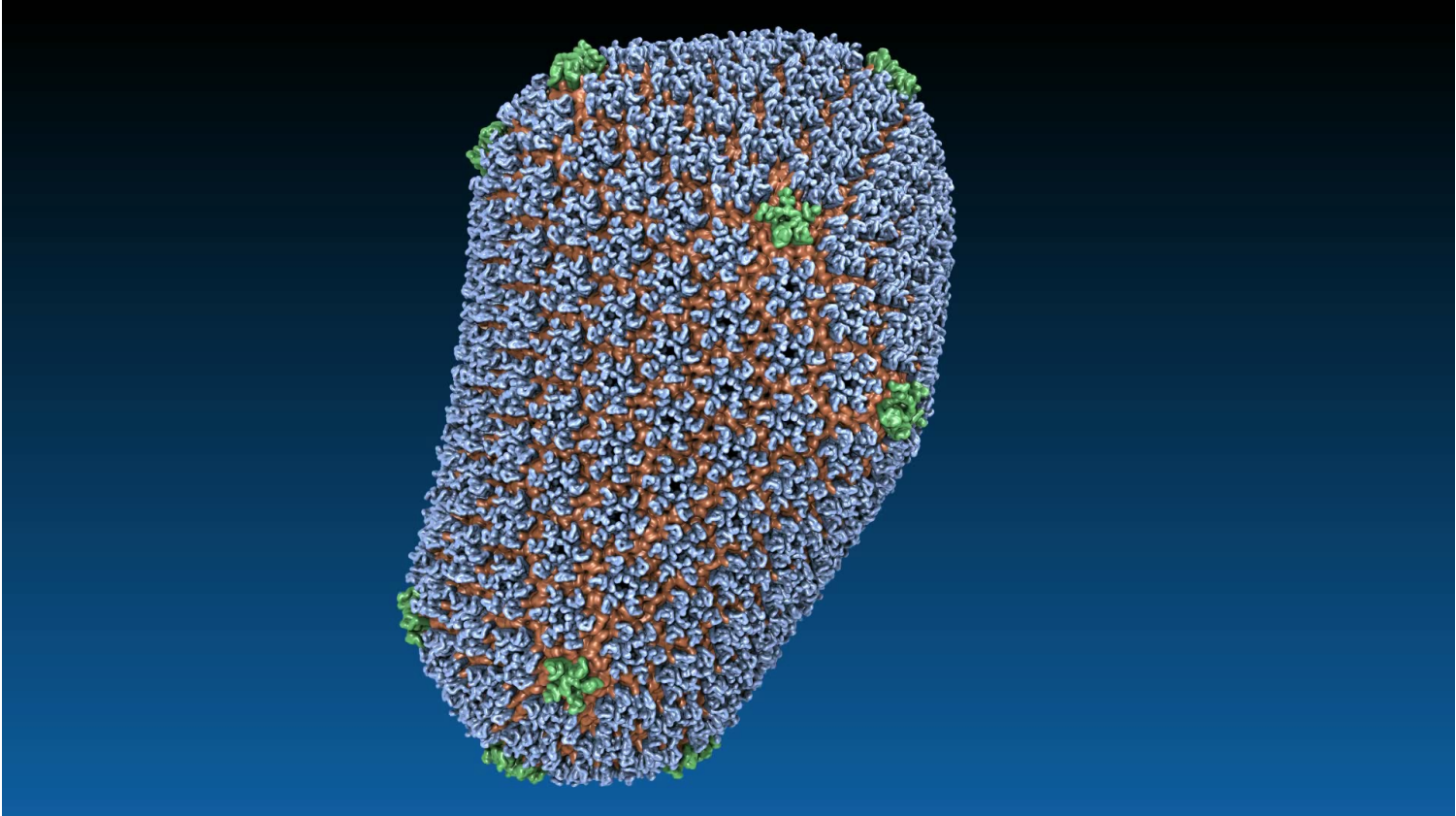
# Capsid acts as an osmotic regulator

Results from 64 M atom, 1  $\mu$ s sim



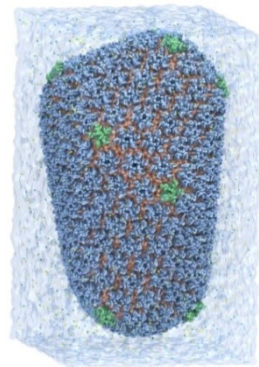
Chloride ions permeate through the hexameric center

# HIV-1 Capsid





# HIV-1 Parallel HD Movie Rendering on Blue Waters Cray XE6/XK7



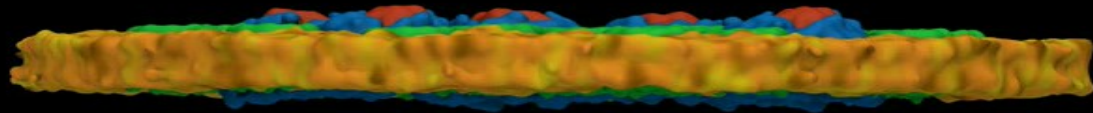
New VMD TachyonL-OptiX on XK7 vs. Tachyon on XE6:  
K20X GPUs yield **up to twelve times** geom+ray tracing speedup

Ray Tracer Version	Node Type and Count	Script Load	State Load	Geometry + Ray Tracing	Total Time
New TachyonL-OptiX	64 XK7 Tesla K20X GPUs	2 s	39 s	435 s	476 s
<b>New TachyonL-OptiX</b>	<b>128 XK7 Tesla K20X GPUs</b>	<b>3 s</b>	<b>62 s</b>	<b>230 s</b>	<b>295 s</b>
TachyonL-OptiX [1]	64 XK7 Tesla K20X GPUs	2 s	38 s	655 s	695 s
TachyonL-OptiX [1]	128 XK7 Tesla K20X GPUs	4 s	74 s	331 s	410 s
<b>TachyonL-OptiX [1]</b>	<b>256 XK7 Tesla K20X GPUs</b>	<b>7 s</b>	<b>110 s</b>	<b>171 s</b>	<b>288 s</b>
<b>Tachyon [1]</b>	<b>256 XE6 CPUs</b>	7 s	160 s	<b>1,374 s</b>	<b>1,541 s</b>
Tachyon [1]	512 XE6 CPUs	13 s	211 s	808 s	1,032 s

**[1] GPU-Accelerated Molecular Visualization on Petascale Supercomputing Platforms.**

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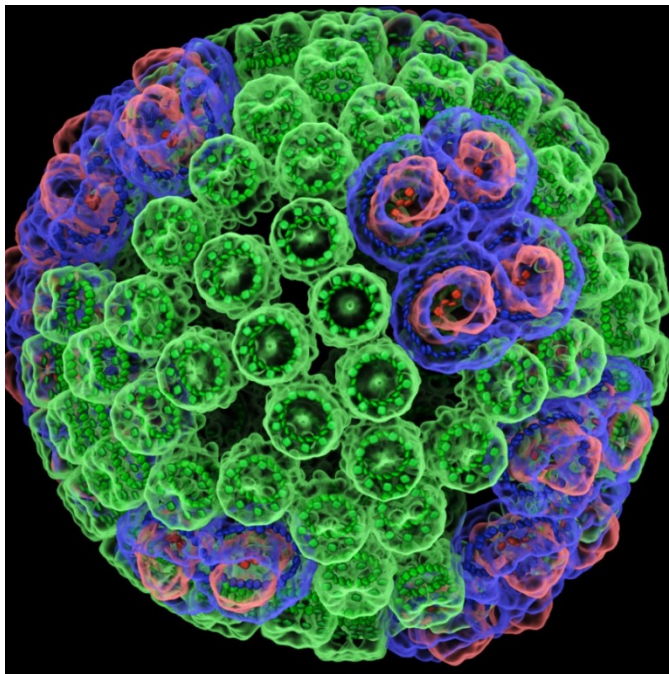




20 M atom chromatophore patch

# VMD Chromatophore Rendering on Blue Waters

- New representations, GPU-accelerated molecular surface calculations, memory-efficient algorithms for huge complexes
- VMD GPU-accelerated ray tracing engine w/ OptiX+CUDA+MPI+Pthreads
- ***Each revision:*** 7,500 frames render on ~96 Cray XK7 nodes in 290 node-hours, 45GB of images prior to editing



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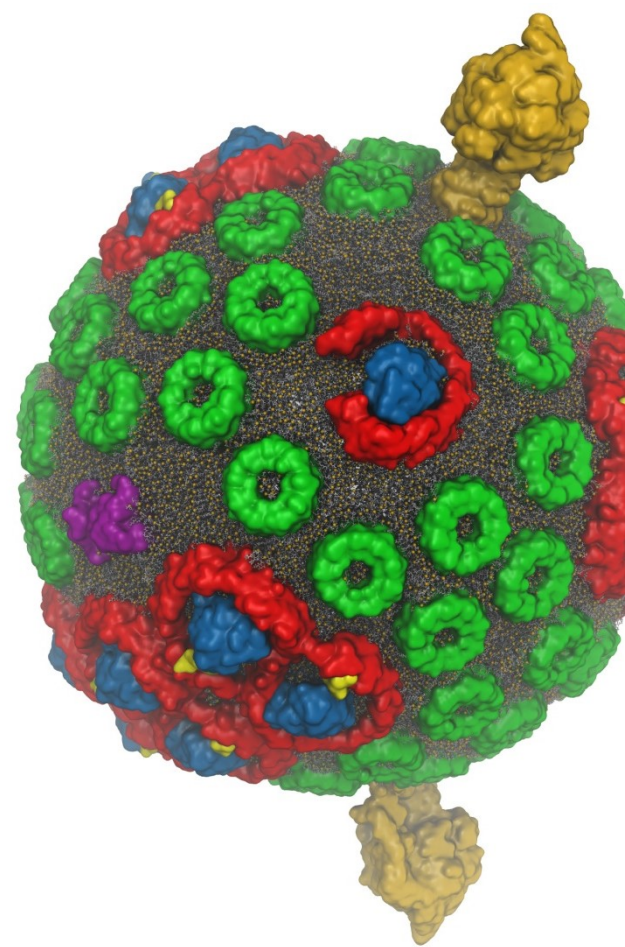
**Visualization of Energy Conversion Processes in a Light Harvesting Organelle at Atomic Detail.**

**M. Sener, et al. SC'14 Visualization and Data Analytics Showcase, 2014.**

**Winner of the SC'14 Visualization and Data Analytics Showcase**

# VMD 1.9.3+OptiX 4 – ~1.5x Performance Increase on Blue Waters Supercomputer

- OptiX GPU-native “**Trbvh**” **acceleration structure builder** yields substantial perf increase vs. CPU builders running on Opteron 6276 CPUs
- New optimizations in VMD TachyonL-OptiX RT engine:
  - **CUDA C++ Template specialization of RT kernels**
    - **Combinatorial expansion of ray-gen and shading kernels at compile-time: stereo on/off, AO on/off, depth-of-field on/off, reflections on/off, etc...**
    - **Optimal kernels selected from expansions at runtime**
  - **Streamlined OptiX context and state management**
  - **Optimization of GPU-specific RT intersection routines, memory layout**



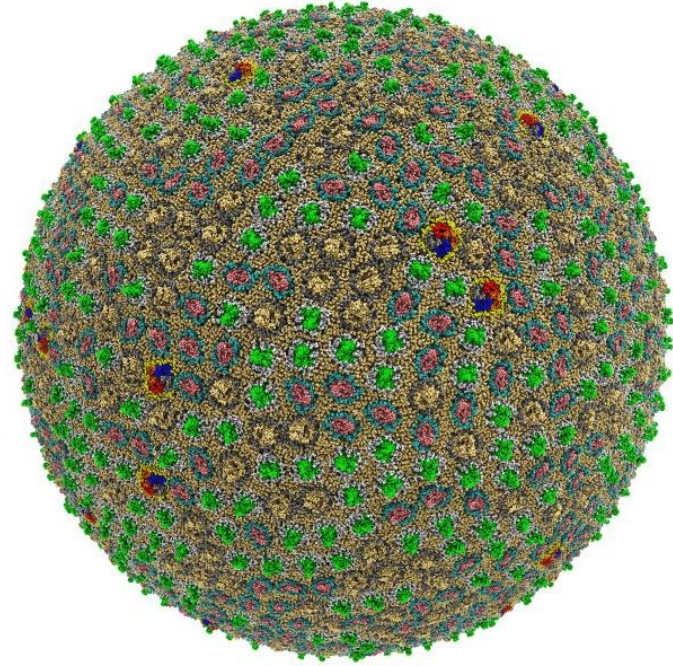
VMD/OptiX GPU Ray Tracing  
of chromatophore w/ lipids.

# Preparation, Visualization, Analysis of All-Atom Cell-Scale Simulations

- Support for large memory (TB), up to **2 billion atoms per “molecule” now**
- Interactive rasterization w/ Vulkan, EGL
- **Interactive ray tracing on CPUs and GPUs**
- Parallel analysis, visualization w/ MPI
- 200 nm spherical envelope
- Membrane with ~50% occupancy by proteins
- 63M atoms in envelope model

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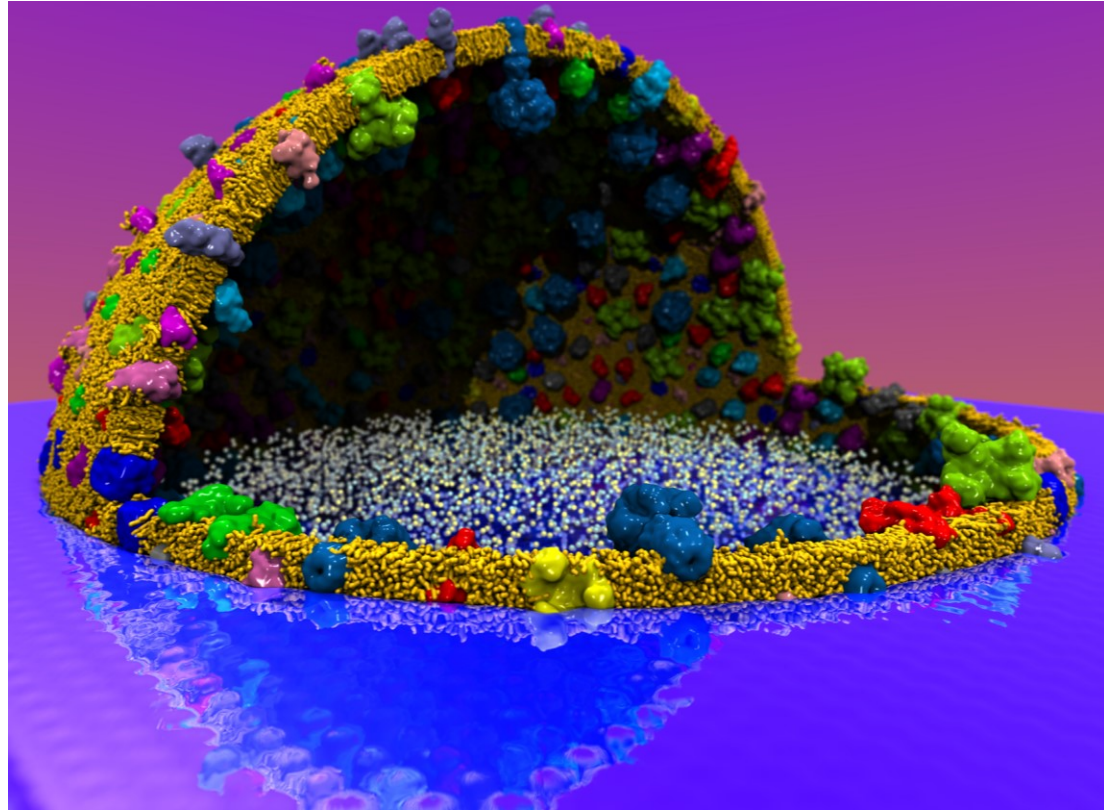
**High Performance Molecular Visualization: In-Situ and Parallel Rendering with EGL.** J.E. Stone, ..., K. Schulten. IEEE High Performance Data Analysis and Visualization, IPDPSW, pp. 1014-1023, 2016.





# Modeling, Visualization, Analysis of Cell-Scale Systems

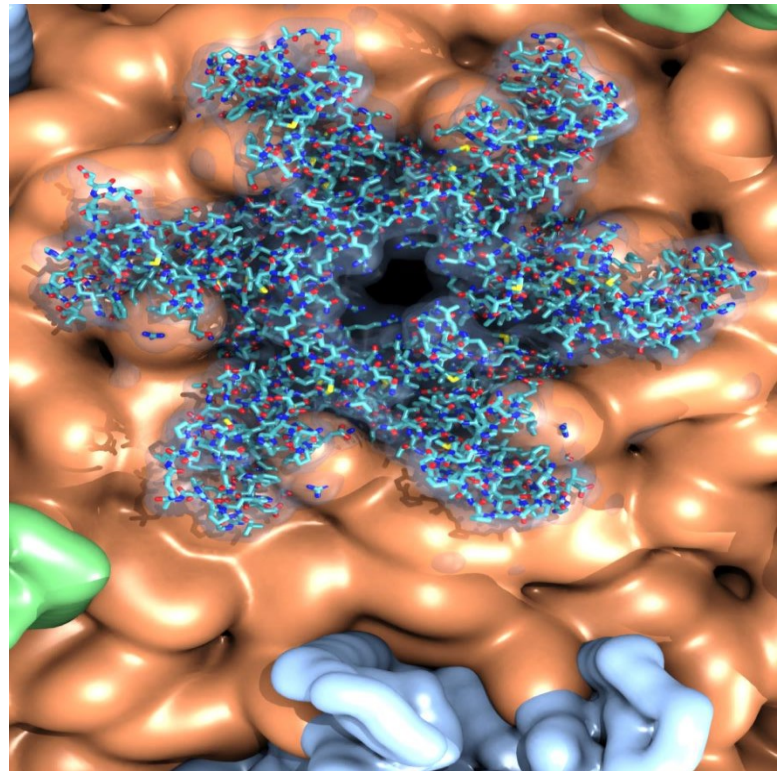
- Build interactive tools for density map manipulation, segmentation, data-guided modeling
- Cell-scale placement of macromolecules
- Fast graphics “instancing”, LoD
- New and improved structure file formats, data compression, ...
- Use non-volatile memory technologies to facilitate cell-scale modeling with high performance



VMD “Coming Soon”:  
Built-in Remote Visualization  
Virtual Reality HMDs

# VMD Coming Soon

- Improved structure building and analysis tools
- Many new and updated user-contributed plugins:
- Further integration of interactive ray tracing
  - Seamless interactive RT in main VMD display window
  - Support trajectory playback in interactive RT
  - Enable multi-node interactive RT on HPC systems
- Built-in (basic) interactive remote visualization on HPC clusters and supercomputers



GPU Ray Tracing of  
HIV-1 Capsid Detail

# Remote Visualization and Analysis

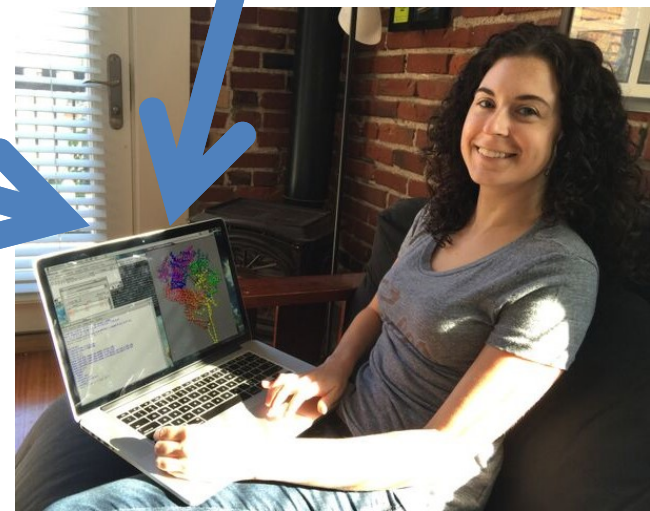
VMD w/ built-in remote visualization:

- Access **large data** located anywhere in the world
- Enable capabilities not possible with conventional laptops or workstations
- VMD session available to any device, browser



Clusters, Supercomputers

Workstations,  
Servers,  
Cloud



**Chemical Visualization of Human Pathogens: the Retroviral Capsids.**

J.R. Perilla, B.-C. Goh, J.E. Stone, K. Schulten. SC'15 Visualization and Data Analytics Showcase, 2015.

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**Immersive Molecular Visualization with Omnidirectional Stereoscopic Ray Tracing and Remote**

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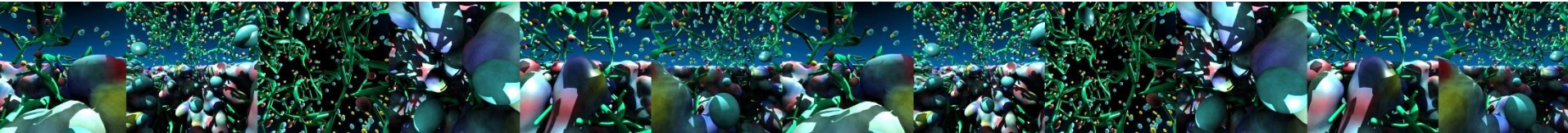
# Immersive Viz. w/ VMD

- VMD began as a CAVE app (1993)
- Use of immersive viz by molecular scientists limited due to cost, complexity, lack of local availability
- Commoditization of HMDs excellent opportunity to overcome cost/availability
- This leaves many challenges still to solve:
  - Incorporate support for remote visualization
  - UIs, multi-user collaboration/interaction
  - Rendering perf for large molecular systems
  - Accommodating limitations idiosyncracies of commercial HMDs

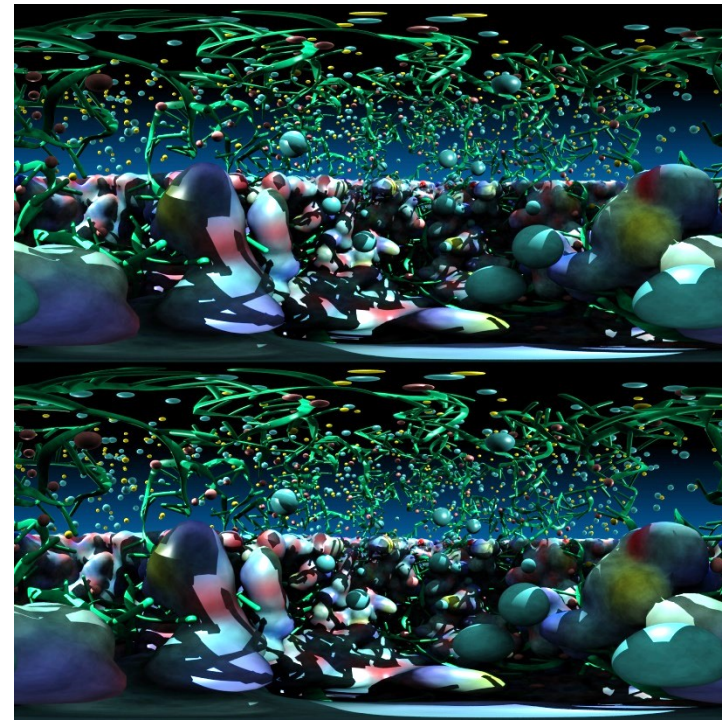


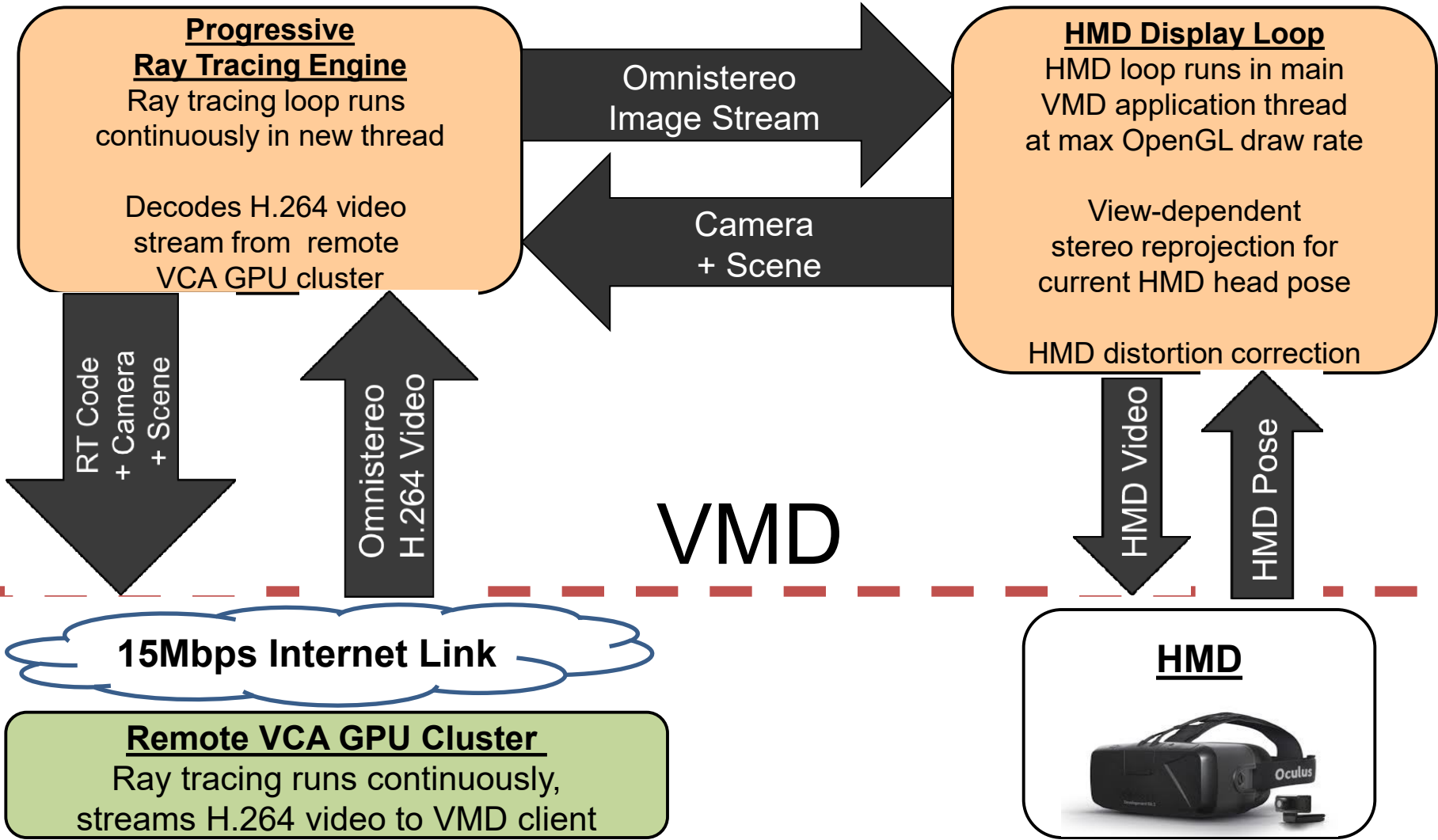
VMD running in a CAVE

# Stereoscopic Panorama Ray Tracing



- **Render 360° images and movies for VR headsets such as Oculus Rift, Google Cardboard, YouTube VR**
- Ray trace omnidirectional stereo spheremaps or cubemaps for very high-frame-rate reprojection and display via OpenGL texturing
- Stereo requires spherical camera projections **poorly suited to rasterization**
- Benefits from OptiX multi-GPU rendering and load balancing, **remote visualization**





**Progressive**

**Ray Tracing Engine**

Ray tracing loop runs continuously in new thread

Decodes H.264 video stream from remote VCA GPU cluster

RT Code  
+ Camera  
+ Scene

Omnistereo  
H.264 Video

Omnistereo  
Image Stream

Camera  
+ Scene

**HMD Display Loop**

HMD loop runs in main VMD application thread at max OpenGL draw rate

View-dependent stereo reprojection for current HMD head pose

HMD distortion correction

HMD Video

HMD Pose

VMD

15Mbps Internet Link

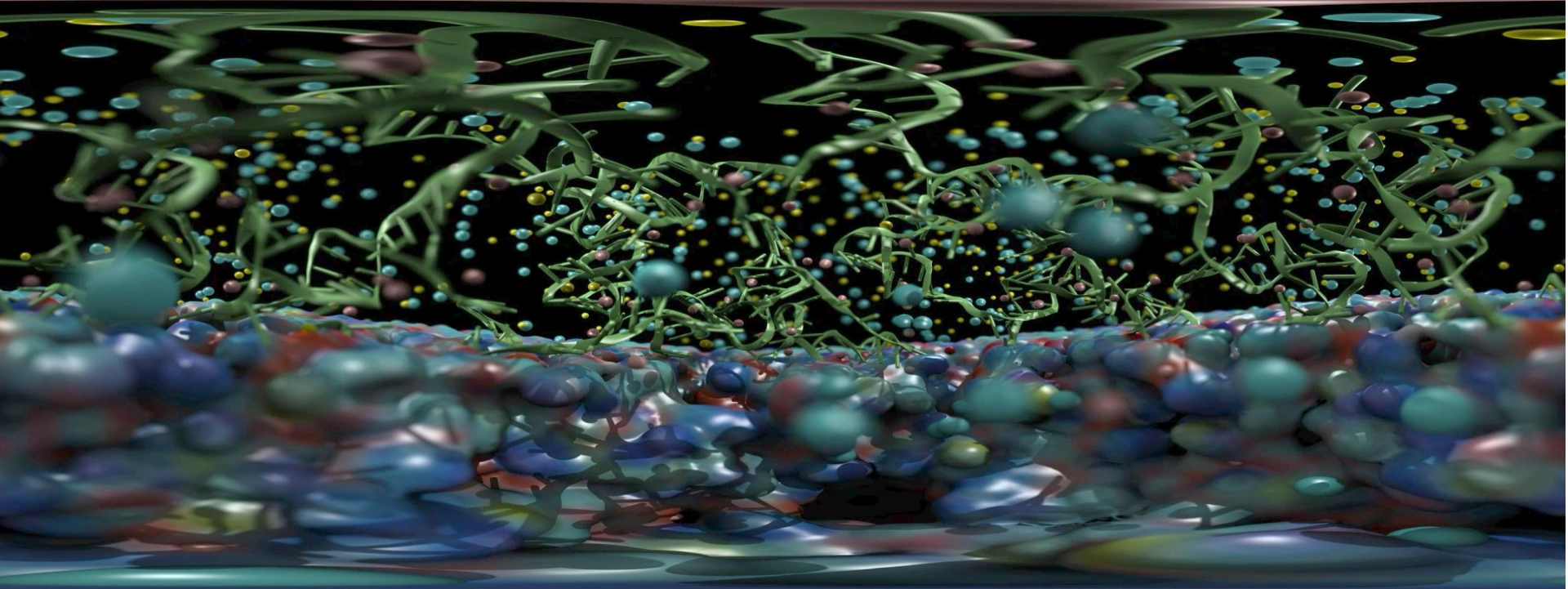
**Remote VCA GPU Cluster**

Ray tracing runs continuously, streams H.264 video to VMD client

**HMD**

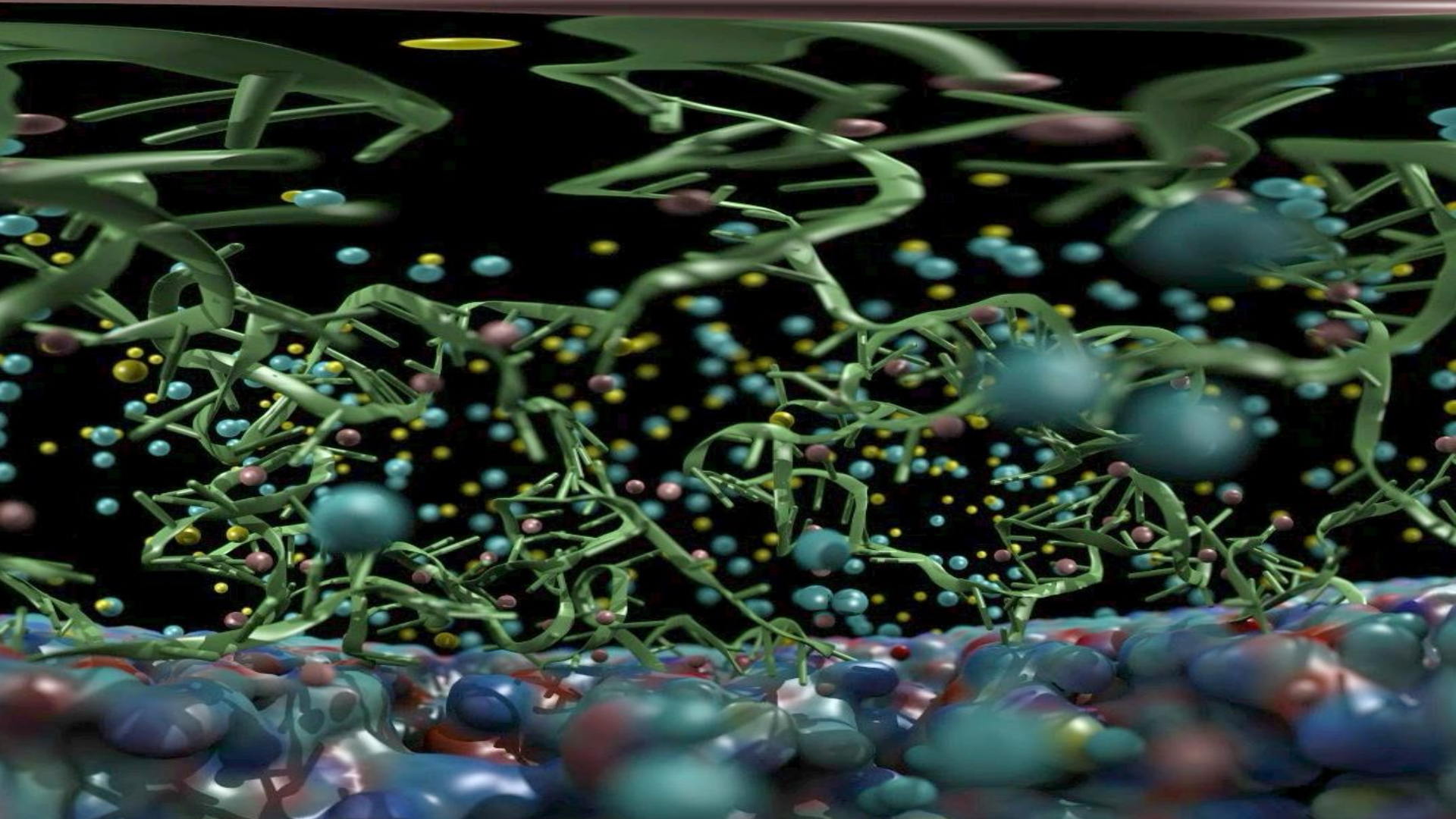


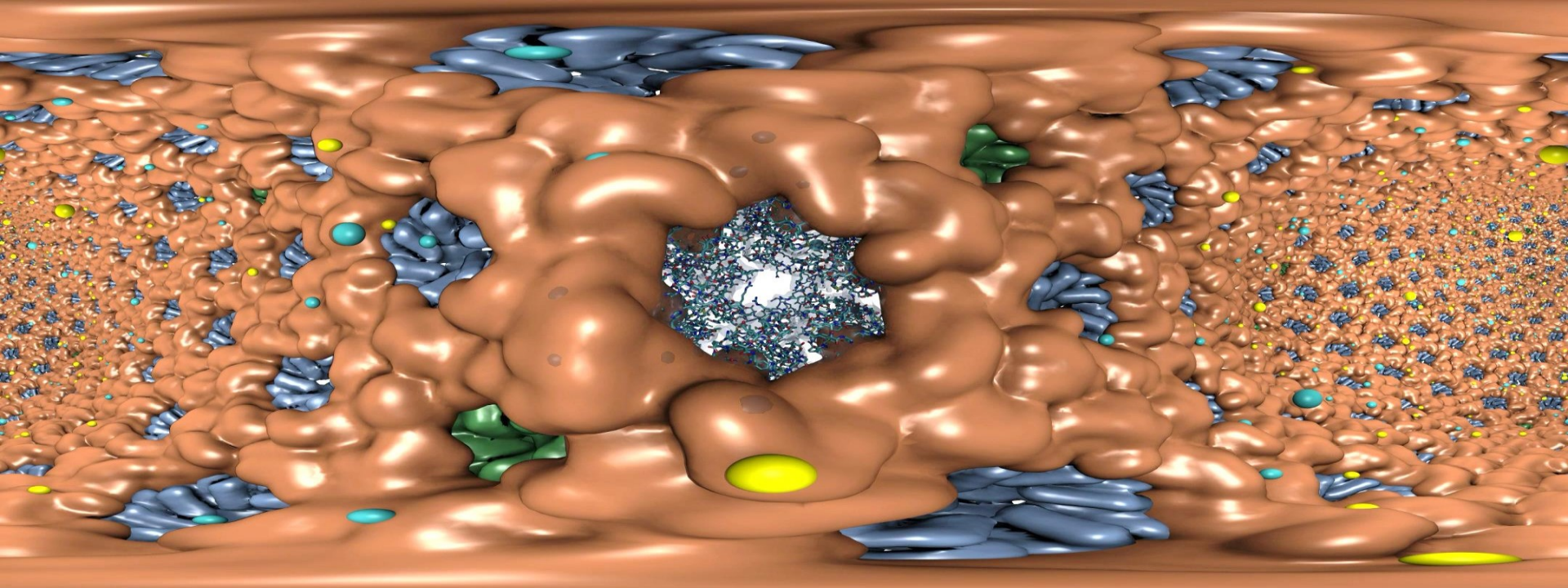




**Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus: Capsid, Interior RNA, and Ions  
Ambient Occlusion Lighting, Depth-of-Field Focal Blur, ...**

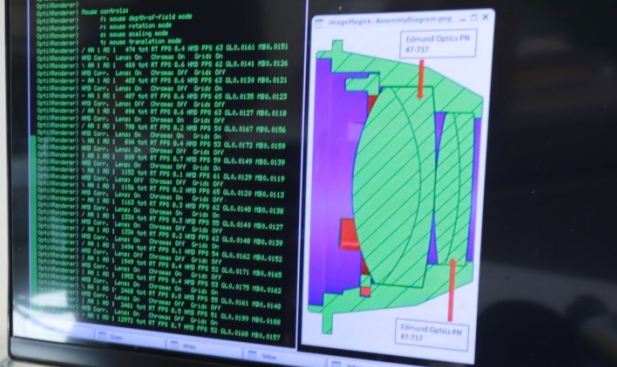






**HIV-1 Capsid, Capsid Hexamer Detail, and Ions  
Range-Limited Ambient Occlusion Lighting, VR “Headlight”, ...**









# VMD VR Demos

VMD VR ray tracing:  
Google Cardboard [1]  
Demo w/ Indiana U., SC'15 [2]

Prototype of VR user  
interaction with VMD  
models in **room-scale VR**  
with NVIDIA @ SC'16



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VMD Chromatophore Demo,  
NVIDIA VR Room at SC'16

# Technology Opportunities and Collaborations

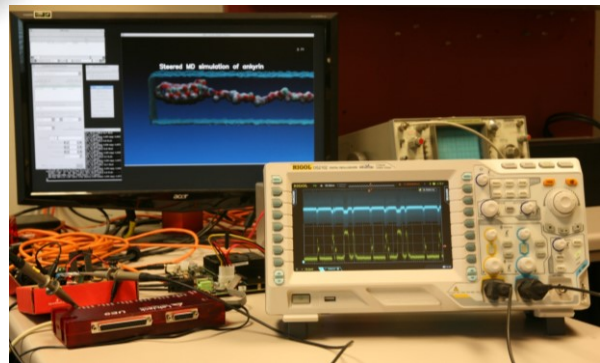
- Supercomputer Centers, Cray, IBM
  - Remote visualization
  - Performance, power profiling and optimization
- NVIDIA
  - **GPU computing**
  - **Ray tracing**
  - **Remote visualization**
  - ARM, Tablets, power profiling and optimization
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