

Interactive High-Fidelity Biomolecular and Cellular Visualization with RTX Ray Tracing APIs

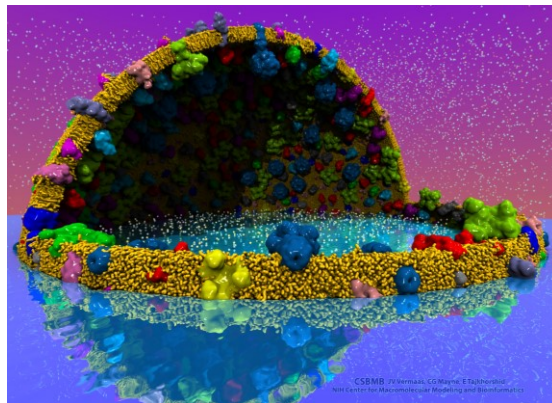
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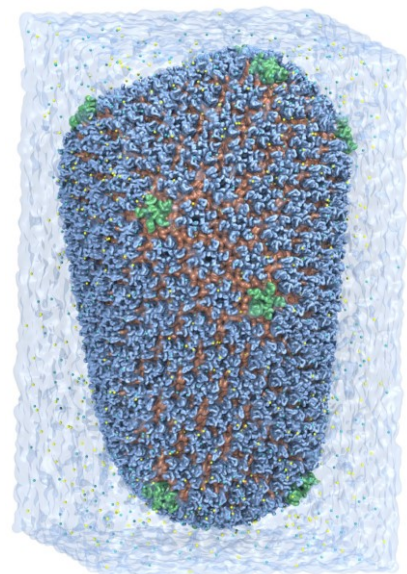
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San Jose, CA, Wednesday March 20th, 2019

VMD – “Visual Molecular Dynamics”

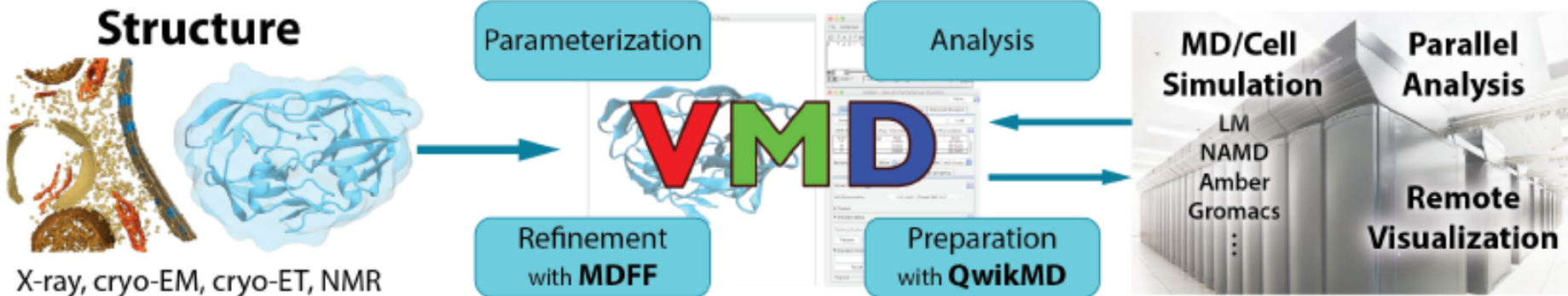
- Visualization and analysis of:
 - Molecular dynamics simulations
 - Lattice cell simulations
 - Quantum chemistry calculations
 - Cryo-EM densities, volumetric data
 - Sequence information
- User extensible scripting and plugins
- Over 100,000 users, 28,000 citations
- <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/>



Cell-Scale Modeling



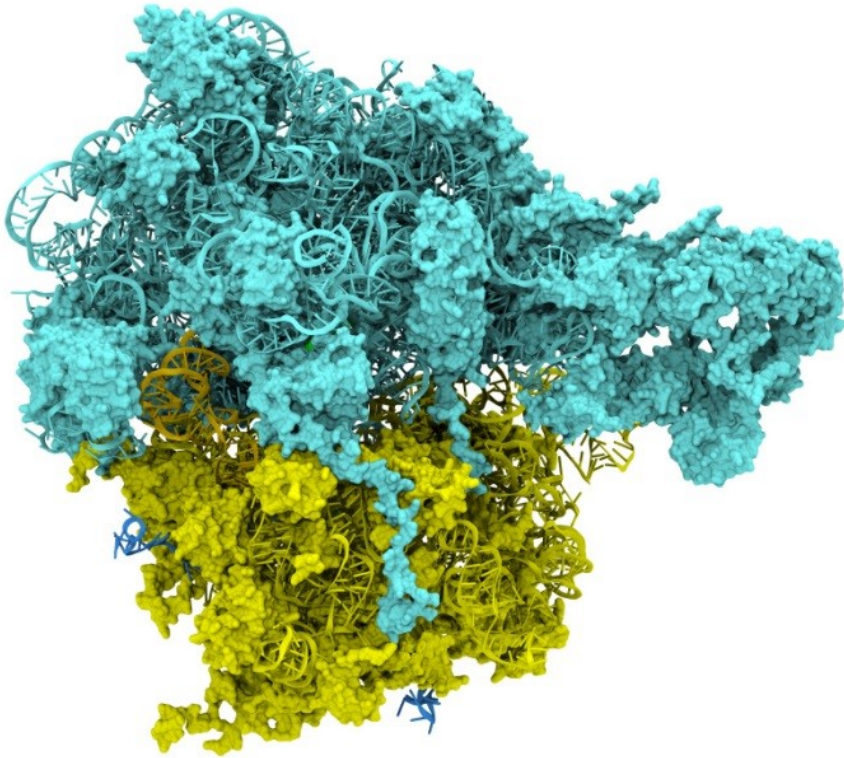
MD Simulation



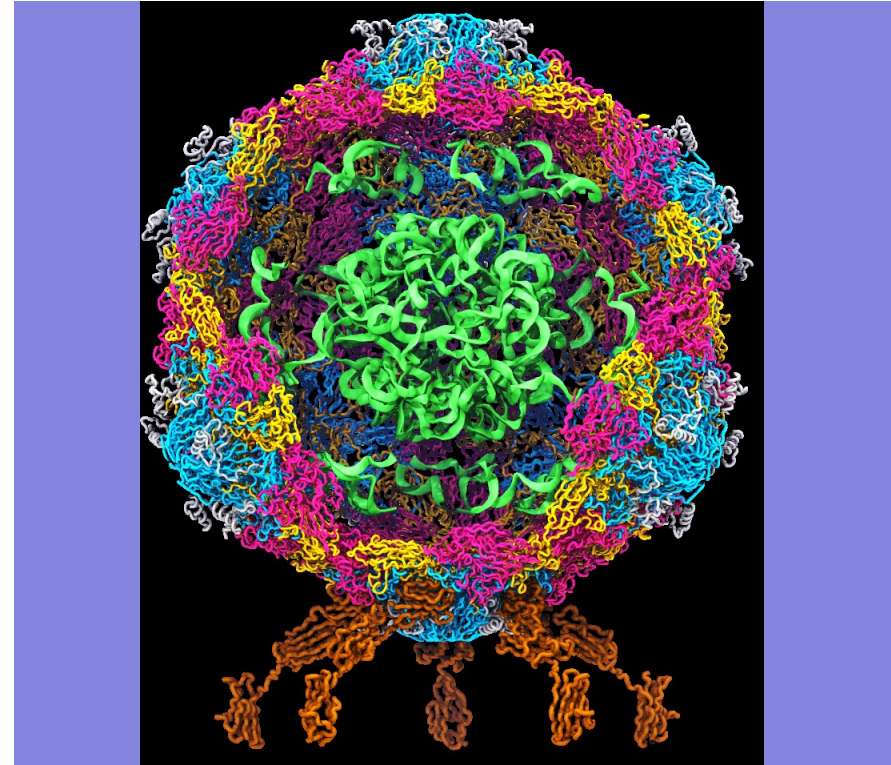
Goal: A Computational Microscope

Study the molecular machines in living cells

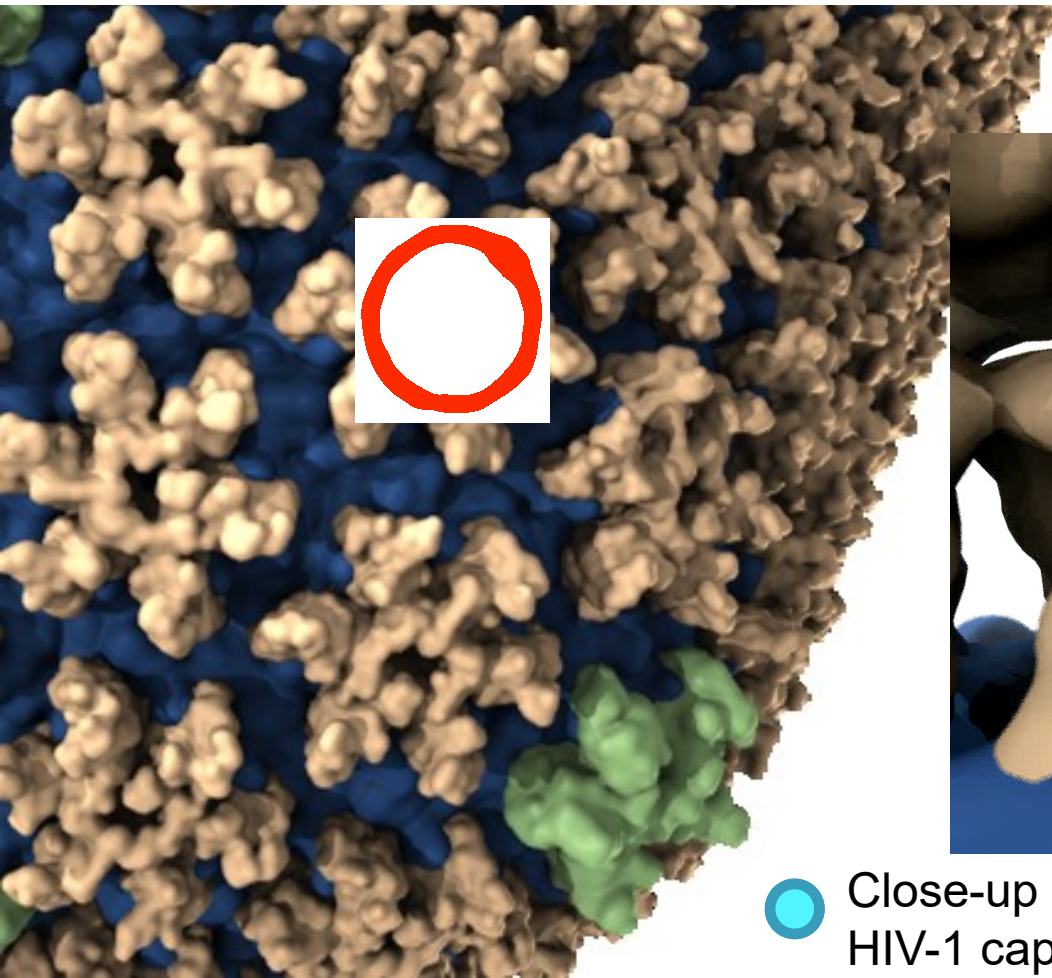
Ribosome: target for antibiotics



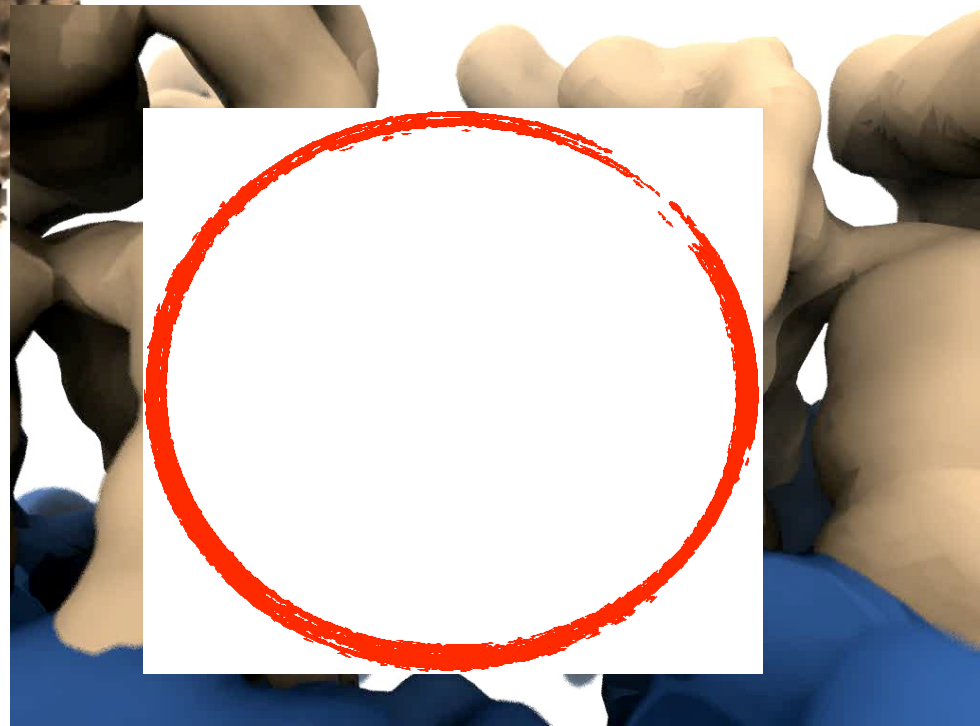
Poliovirus



Goal: Intuitive interactive viz. in crowded molecular complexes

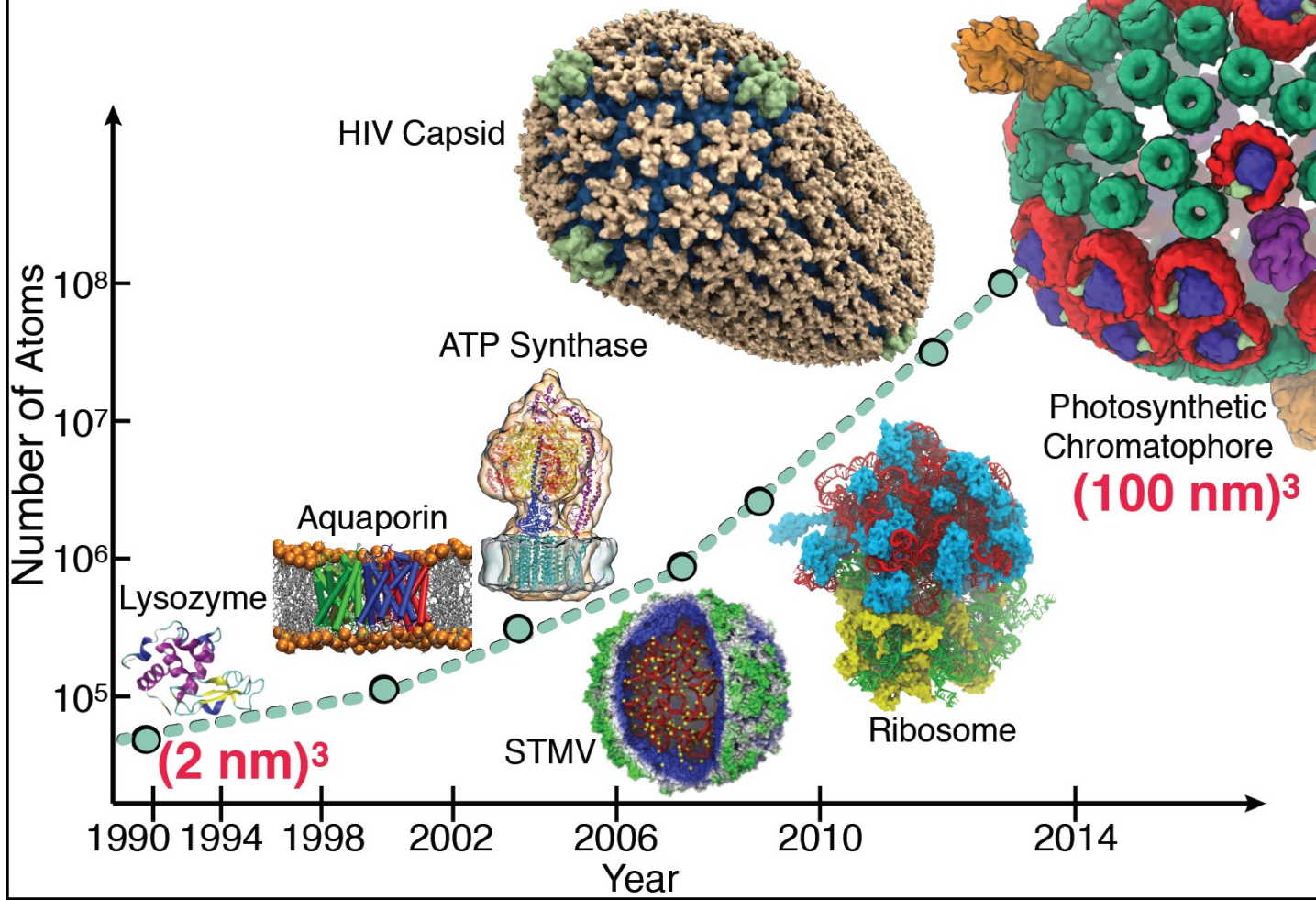


Results from 64M atom, 1 μ s sim!



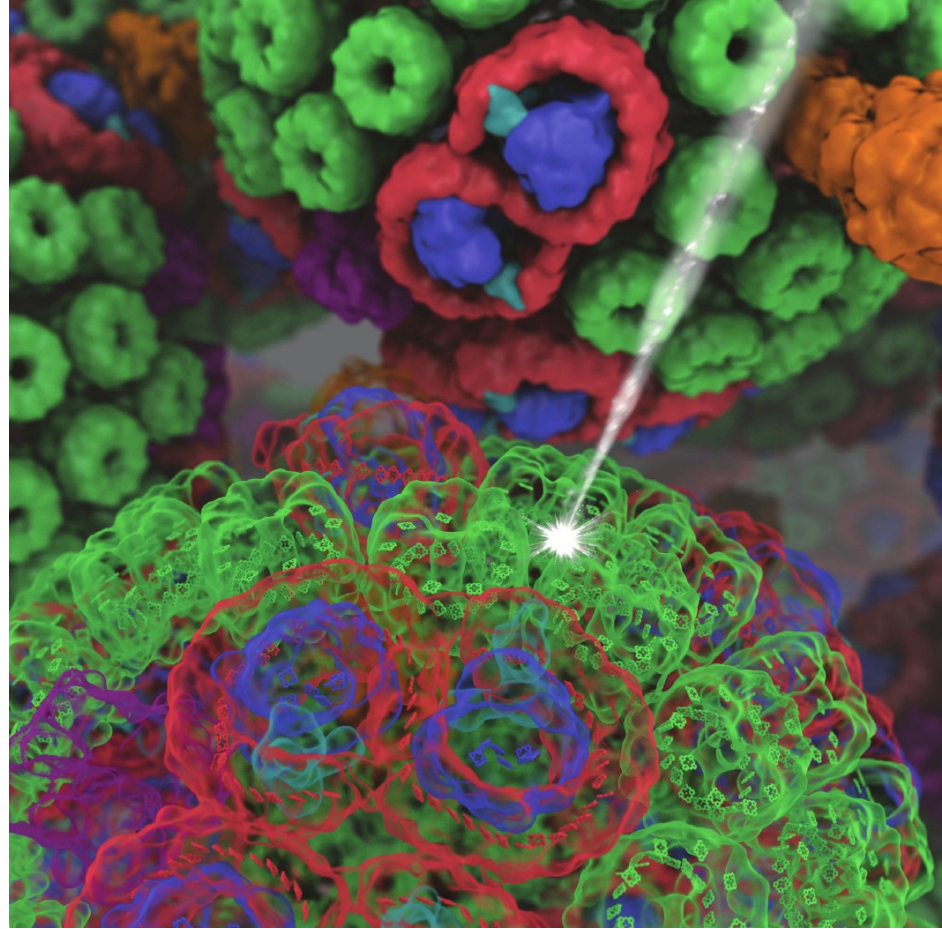
Close-up view of chloride ions permeating through HIV-1 capsid hexameric centers

All-Atom Molecular Dynamics Today



High Fidelity Ray Tracing with OptiX

- Advanced rendering techniques save scientists time, produce images that are easier to interpret
- Ambient Occlusion, Depth of Field, high quality transparency, instancing,
- **Interactive RT** on laptop, desk, cloud, and **remote supercomputers**
- Interactivity is critically important for scientists that need to obtain results without becoming a graphics expert
- Large-scale parallel rendering:
in situ or post hoc visualization tasks
- **Stereoscopic panorama and full-dome projections**
- **Omnidirectional VR: YouTube, HMDs**

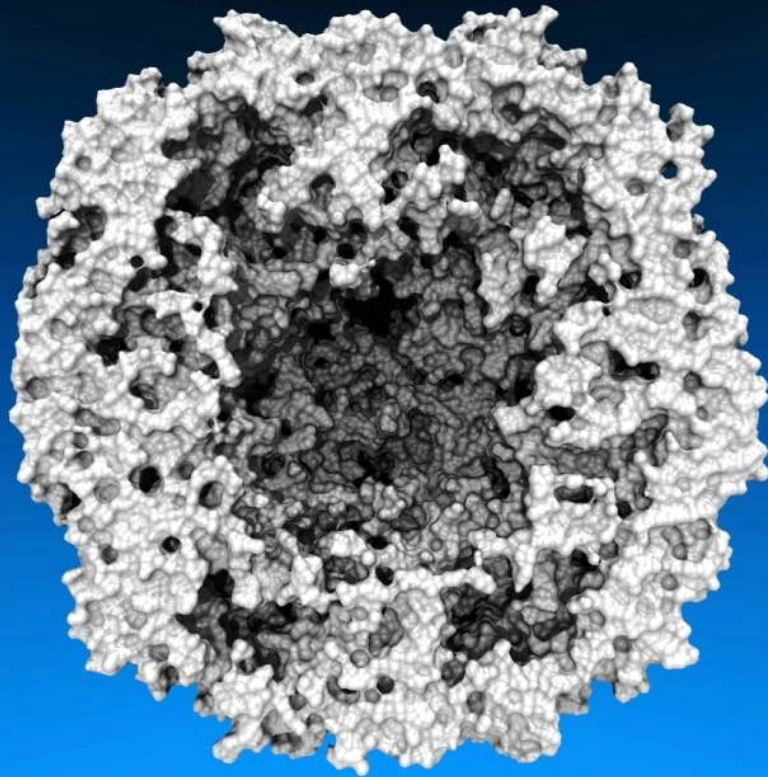
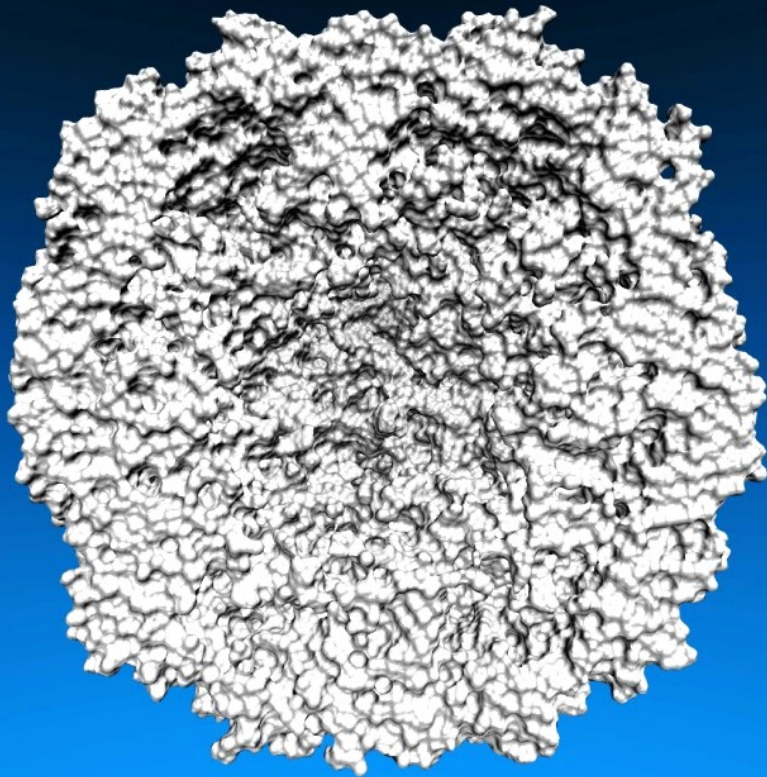


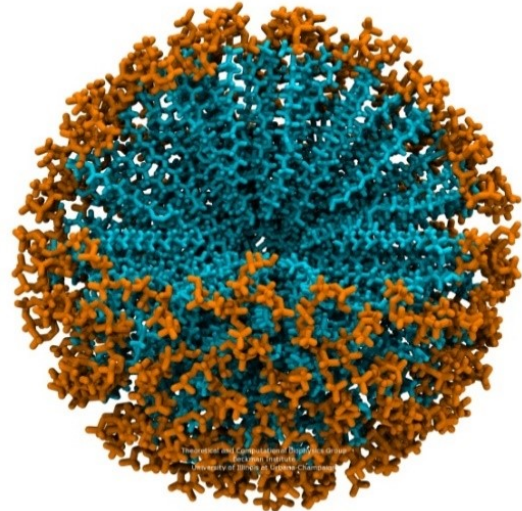
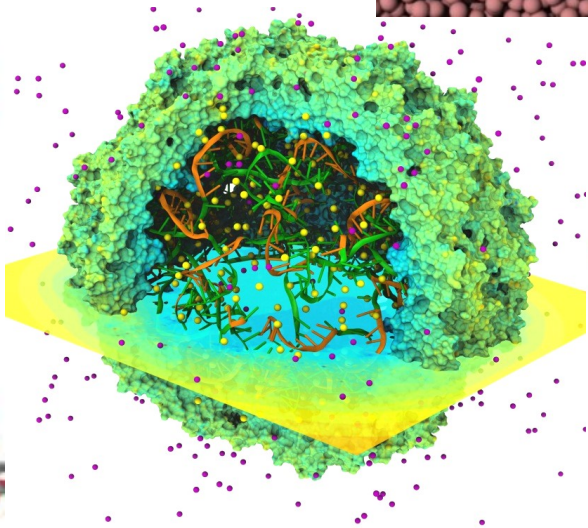
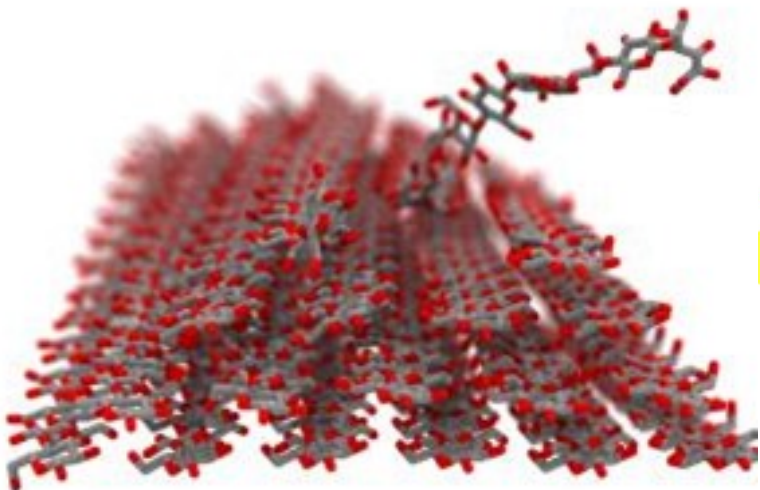
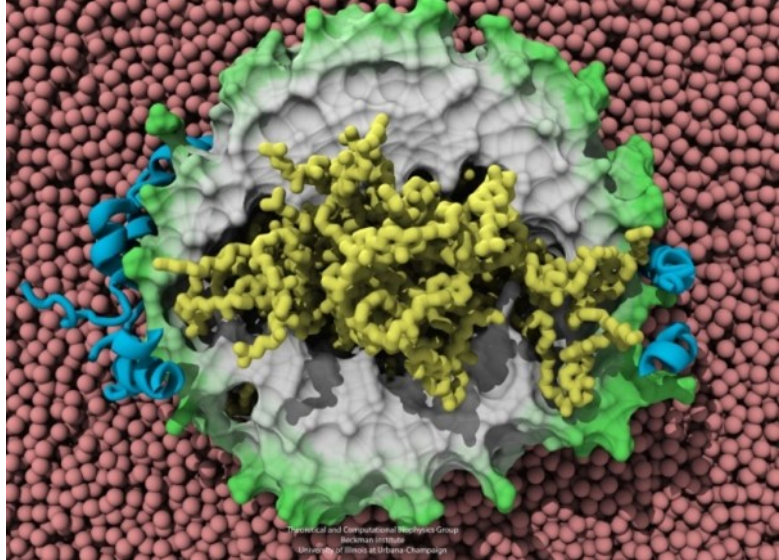
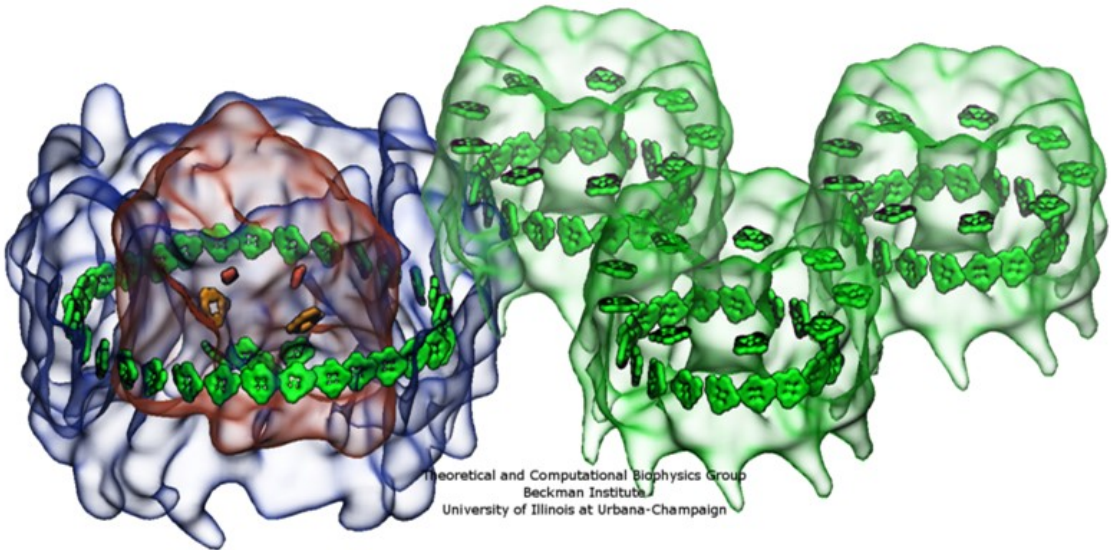
VMD/OptiX all-atom Chromatophore

Lighting Comparison, STMV Capsid

Two lights, no shadows

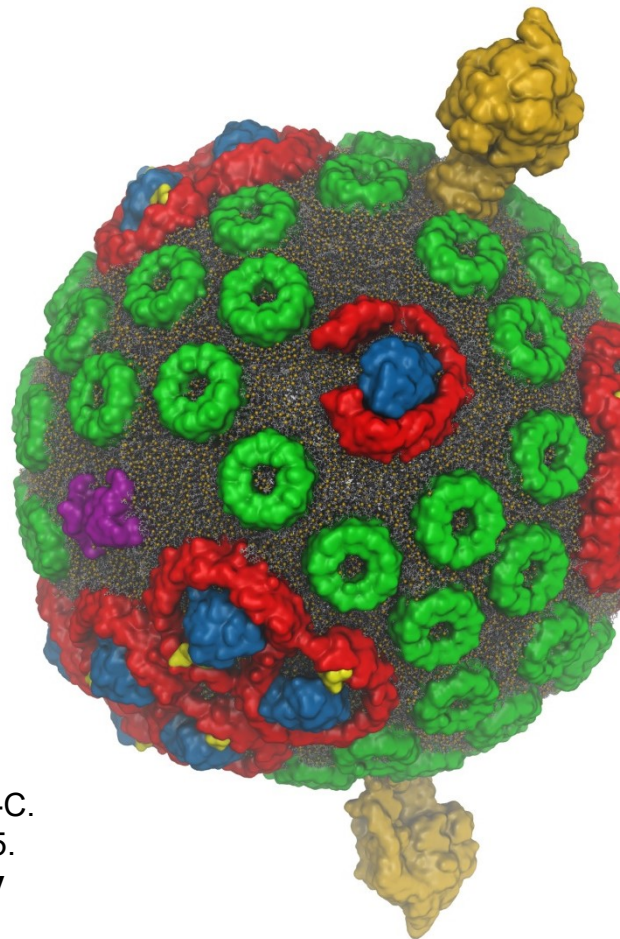
Ambient occlusion + two lights, 144 AO rays/hit





VMD w/ OptiX 6

- Interactive RT on laptops, desktops, and cloud
- Large-scale parallel rendering: in situ or post hoc visualization
- **Remote ray tracing with NvPipe video streaming**
- Stereoscopic panoramic and full-dome projections
- Omnidirectional VR for YouTube, VR HMDs
- **VMD+OptiX NGC container: <https://ngc.nvidia.com/registry/>**
- **In-progress:**
 - **Denosing: faster turnaround w/ AO, DoF, etc**



GPU-Accelerated Molecular Visualization on Petascale Supercomputing Platforms.

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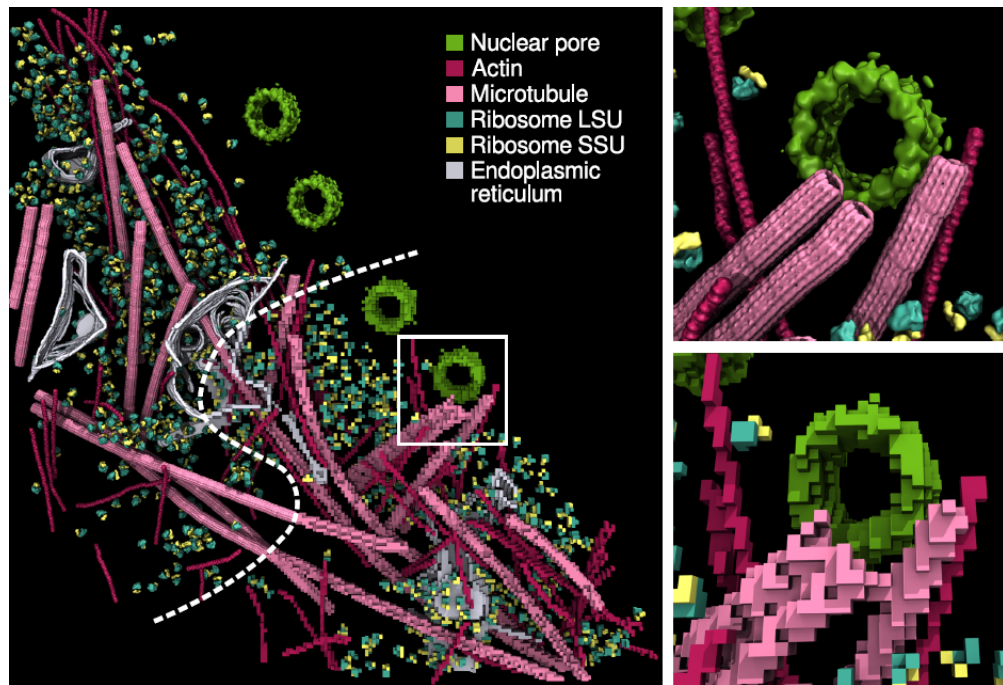
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VMD/OptiX GPU Ray Tracing of all-atom Chromatophore w/ lipids.

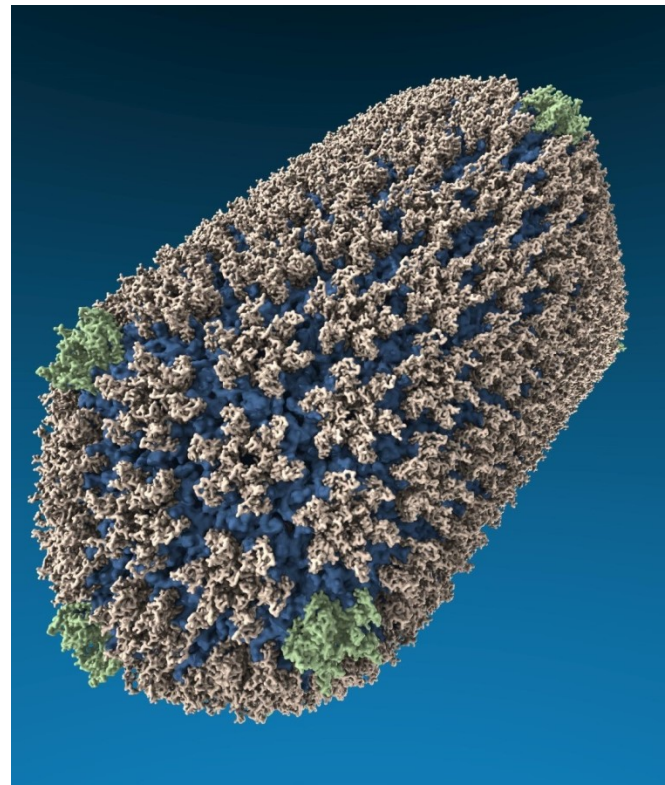
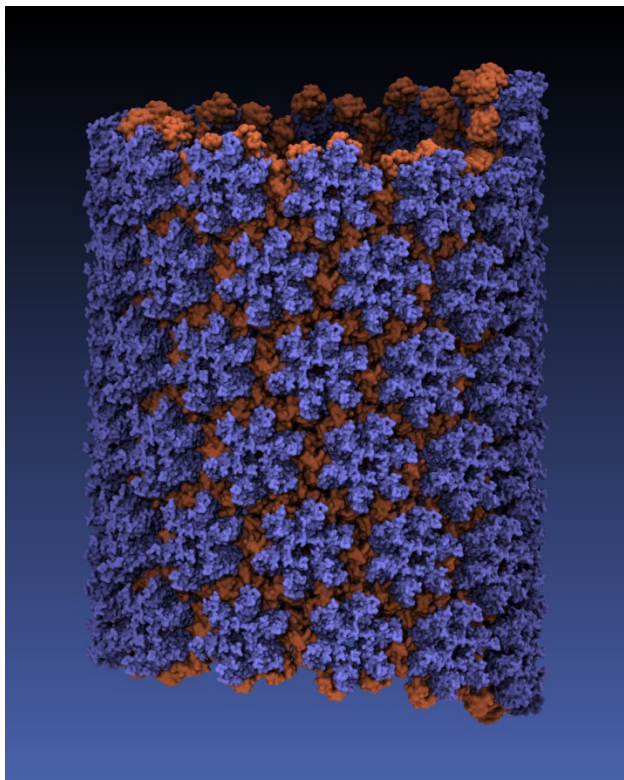
Interactive Ray Tracing of Tomograms

- High resolution cellular tomograms, **billions of voxels**
- Even isosurface or lattice site graphical representations involve $\sim 100\text{M}$ geometric primitives
- $\geq 24\text{GB}$ GPUs allow interactive RT of large cellular tomograms



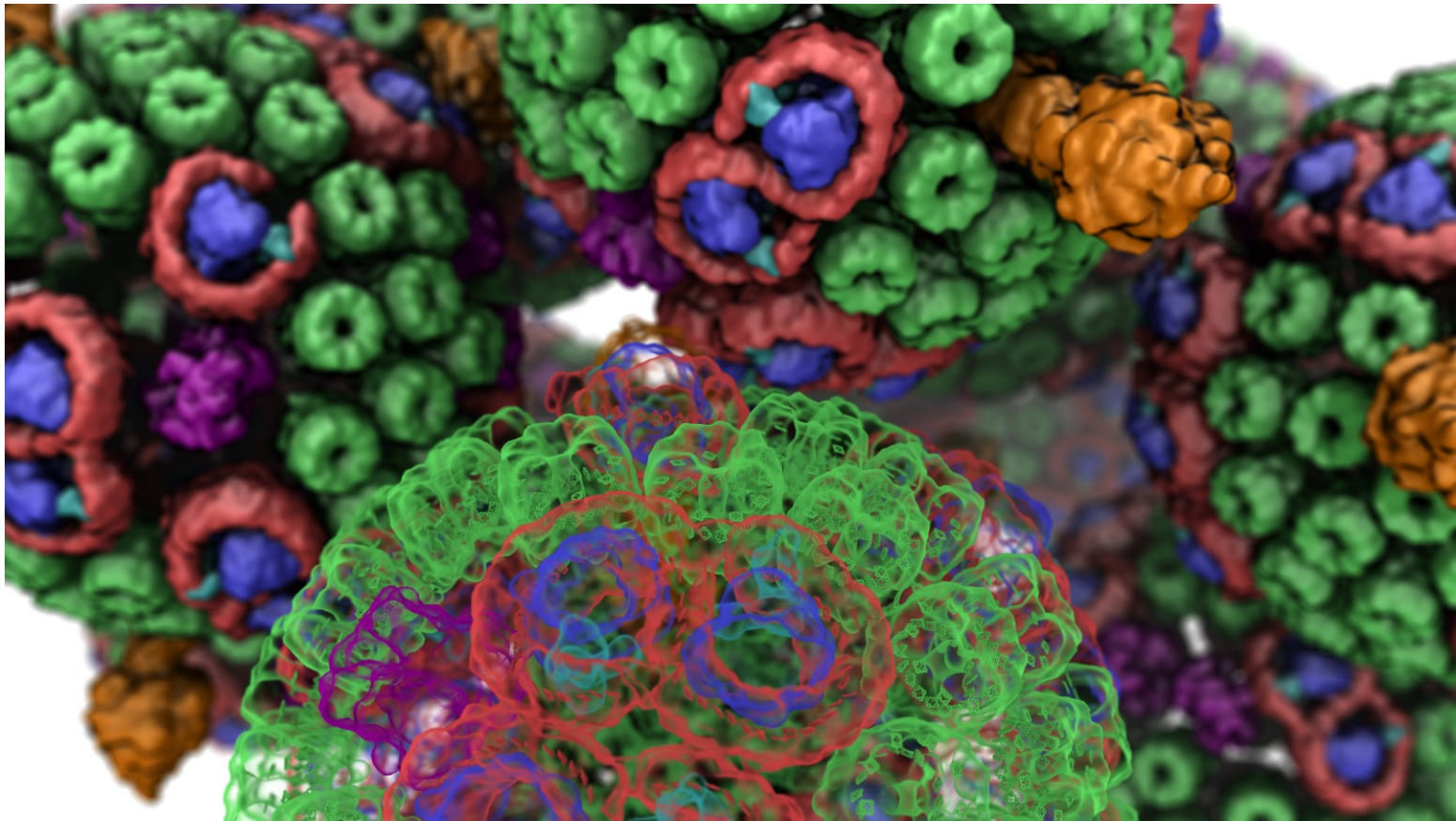
Earnest, et al. *J. Physical Chemistry B*, 121(15): 3871-3881, 2017.

VMD “QuickSurf” Representation, Ray Tracing



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

VMD/OpiX RTX Acceleration



What is RTX Acceleration Doing?

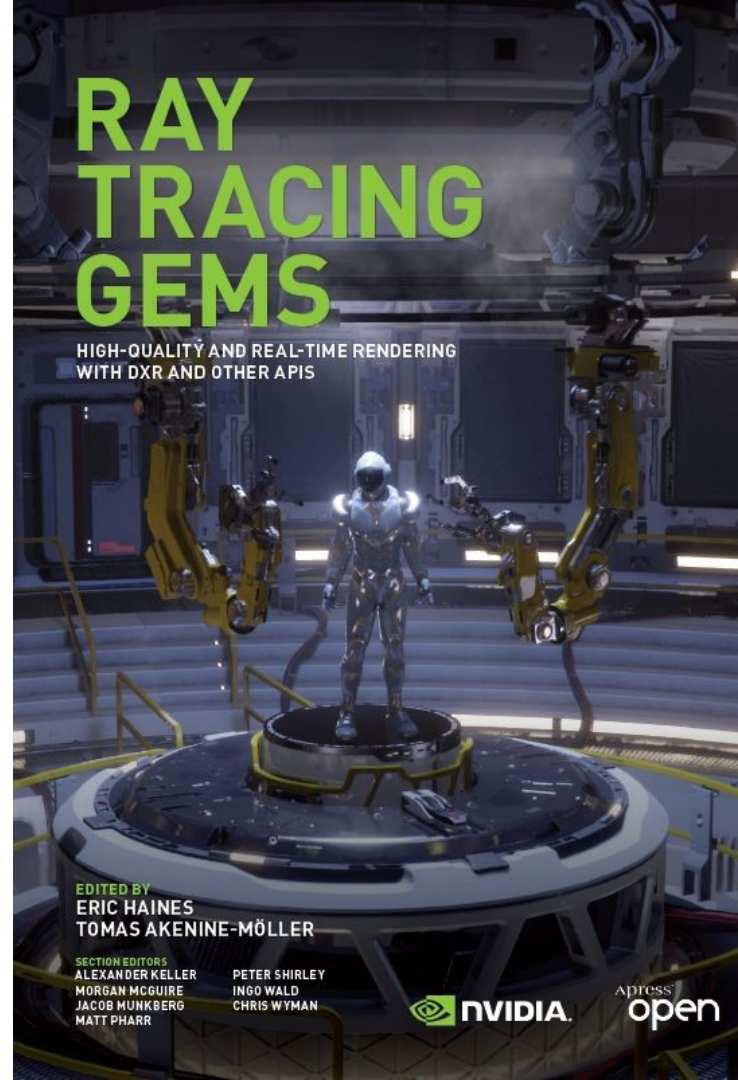
- Hardware acceleration (Turing RT cores) of:
 - BVH AS traversal
 - Ray-triangle intersection
- BVH AS can embed triangle geometry
 - Triangle geometry buffer can then be ephemeral

Secondary Benefits and RTX Performance Observations

- Traversal and intersection work performed by RT cores vacates GPU SMs and makes them available for other RT work
- RTX hardware traversal performance approaches GPU memory bandwidth limits
- Future RTX hardware could end up being bandwidth bound in some cases
- Start adapting geometric data representations for minimum footprint, e.g. by using compressed or quantized data representations such as Octohedron Normal Vector encoding (replace 3x 32-bit floats with a single 32-bit int)

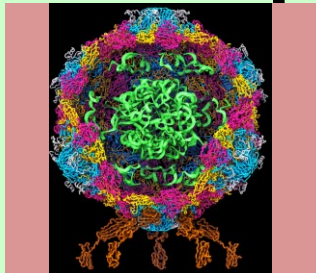
Ray Tracing Gems

- Ch. 4, “A Planetarium Dome Master Camera”
- Ch. 27, “Interactive Ray Tracing Techniques for High-Fidelity Scientific Visualization”
- Tons of great material and code samples!
- **See Eric Haines RTG GTC talk:**
 - Room 230B (Concourse Level) on Thursday 2-3 PM
- **RTG book signings on Thursday, 3-4pm @ GTC book seller**



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

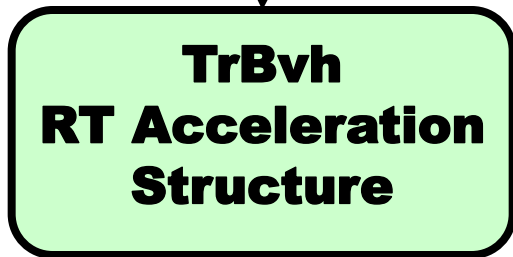
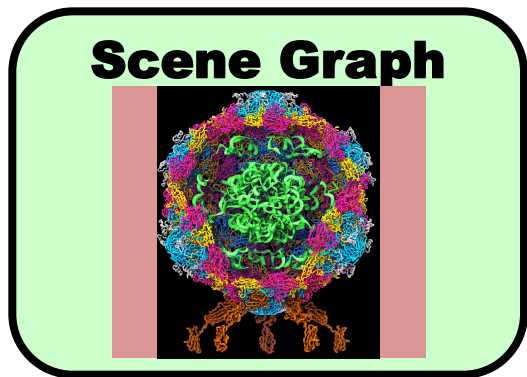
Windowed OpenGL GPU

OpenGL Pbuffer GPU

Tachyon CPU RT

TachyonL-OptiX GPU RT
Batch + Interactive

VMD Scene w/ OptiX Classic APIs



OptiX Classic Scene Construction

Incoming VMD Geom

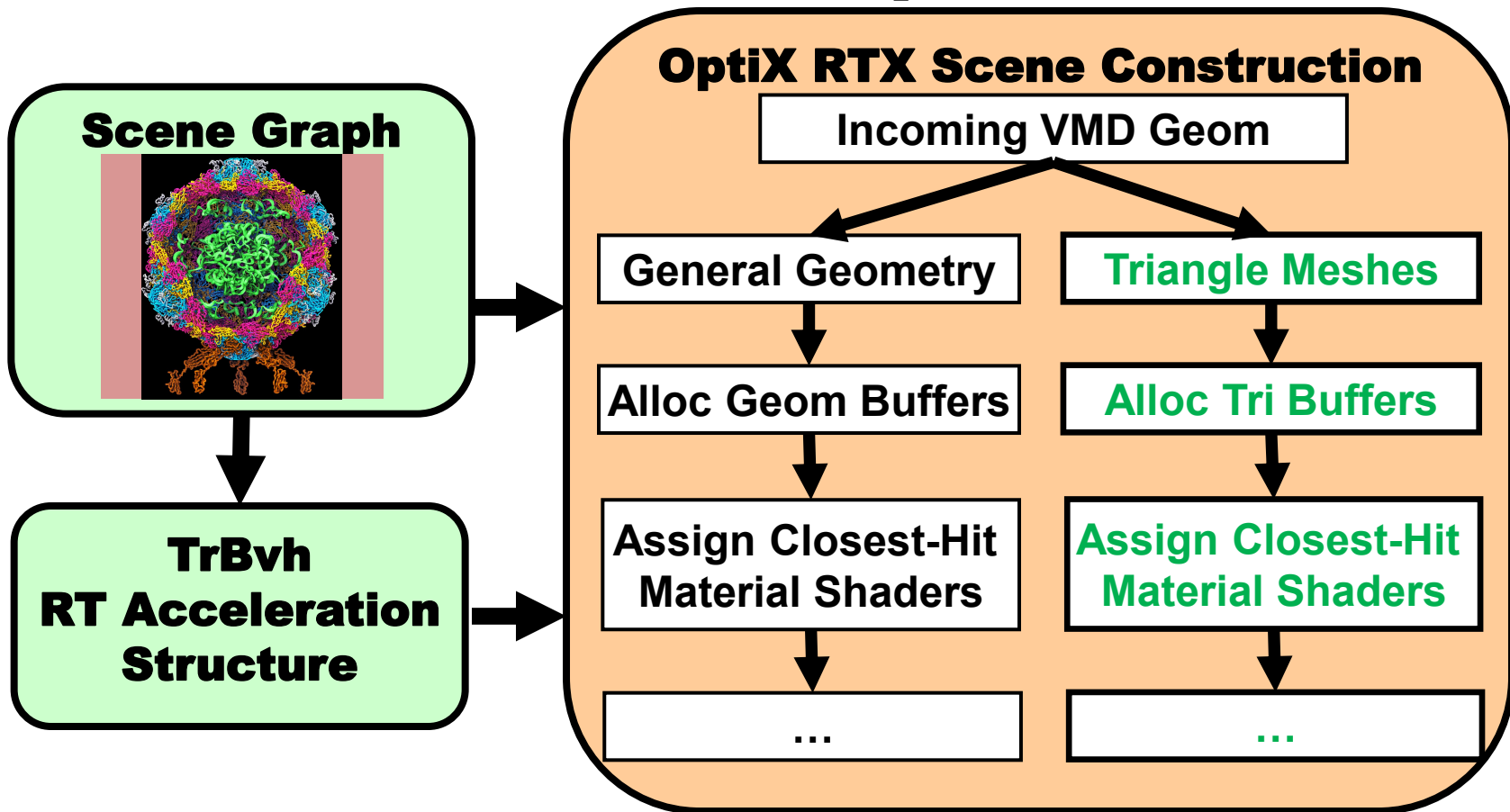
All Geometry

Alloc Geom Buffers

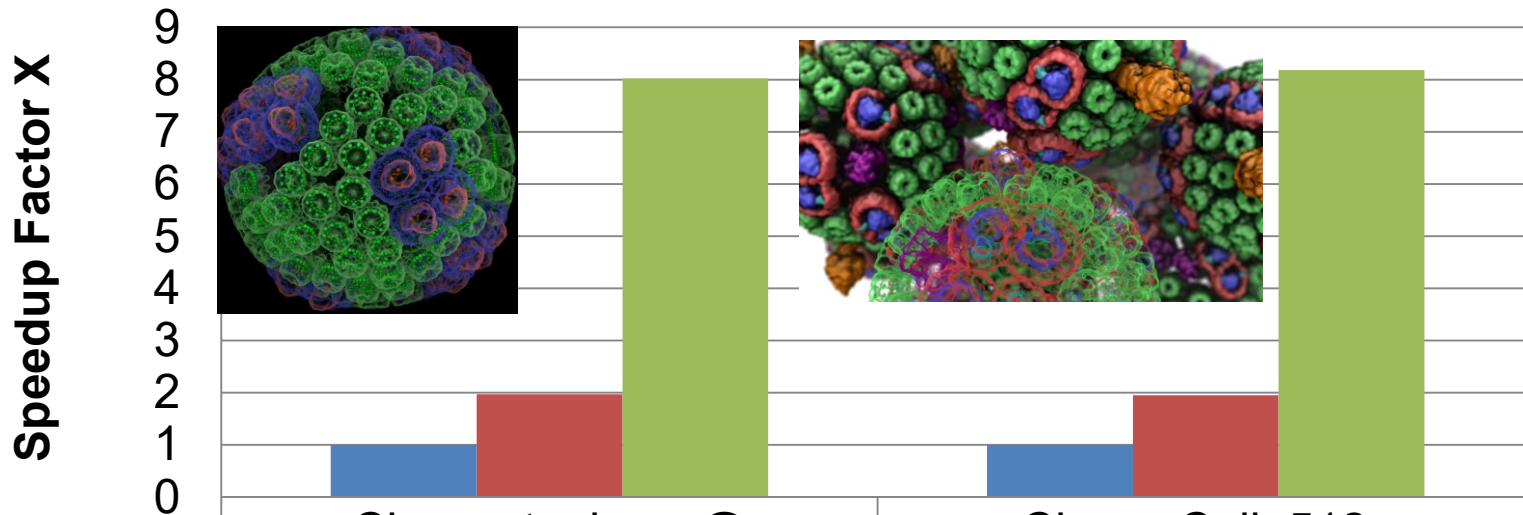
Assign Closest-Hit
Material Shaders

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VMD Scene w/ OptiX RTX APIs



VMD OptiX RT performance on Quadro RTX 6000



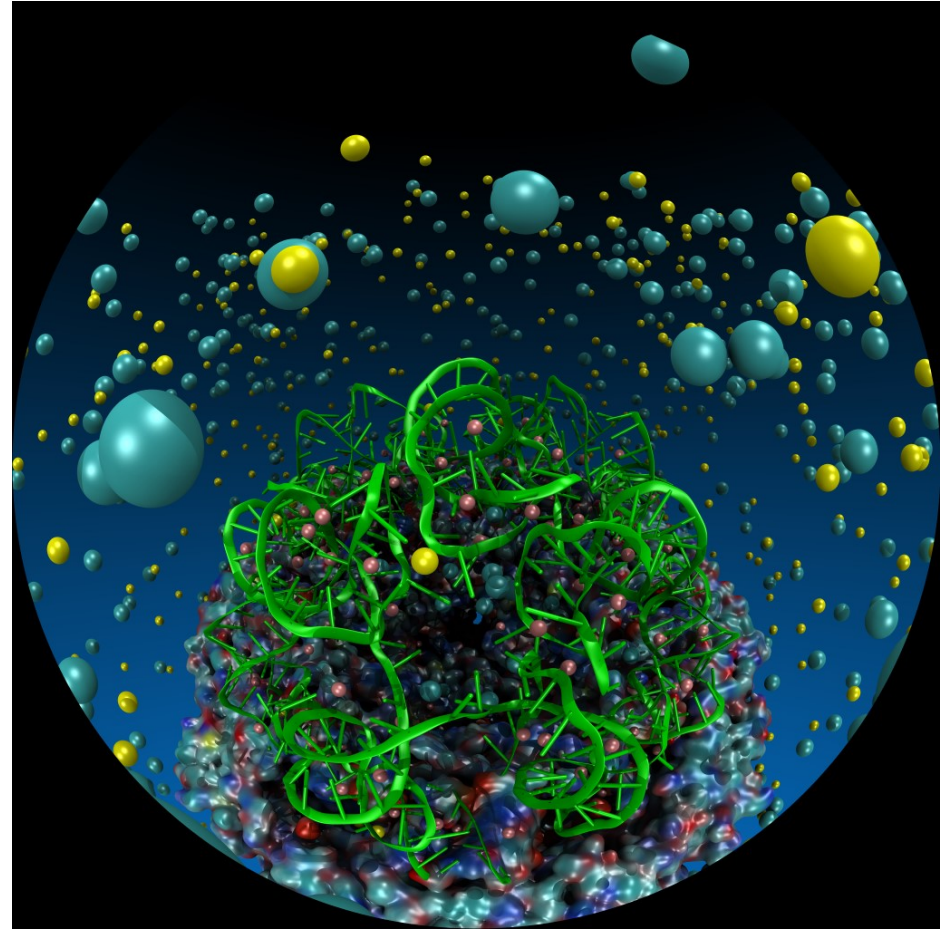
	Chromatophore @ 4Kx4K	Chrom Cell, 512x DoF @ 1080p
■ Quadro GV100	1	1
■ 2x Quadro GV100	1.97	1.95
■ Quadro RTX 6000	8.02	8.18

VMD Planetarium Dome Master Camera

- Fully interactive RT with ambient occlusion, shadows, depth of field, reflections, ...
- Both mono and stereoscopic
- No post-processing required

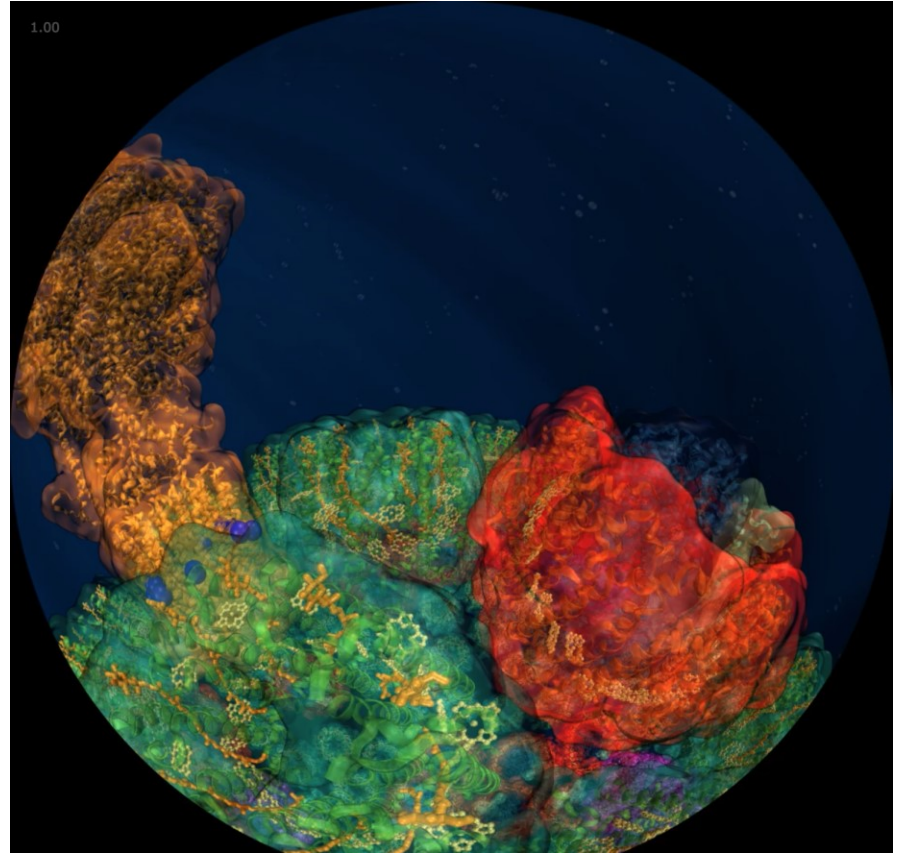
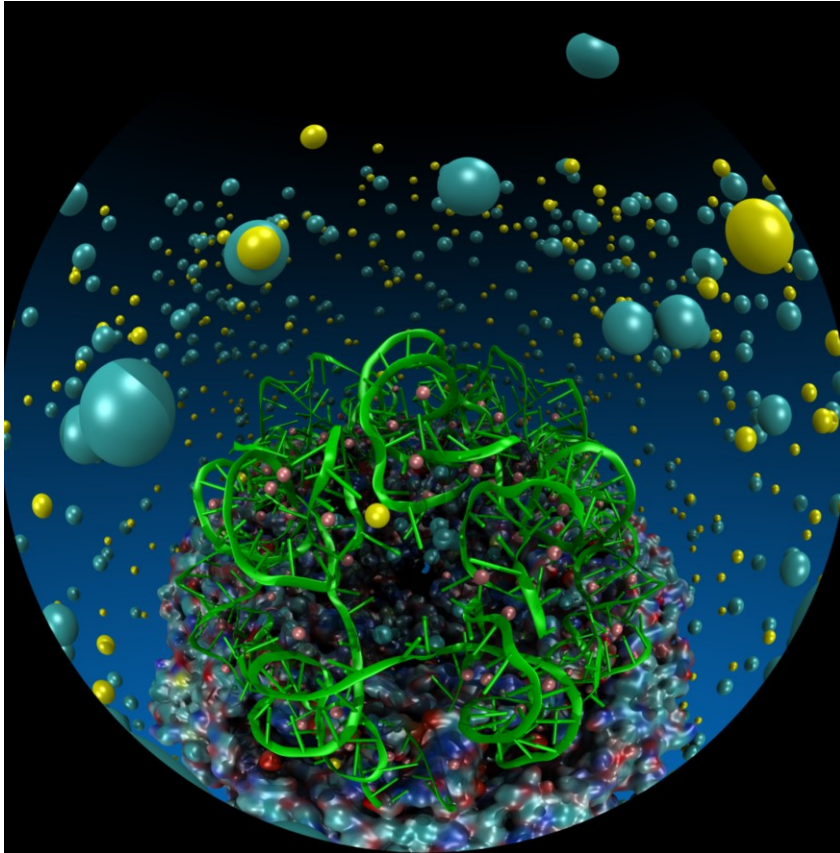


Ray Tracing Gems Ch. 4



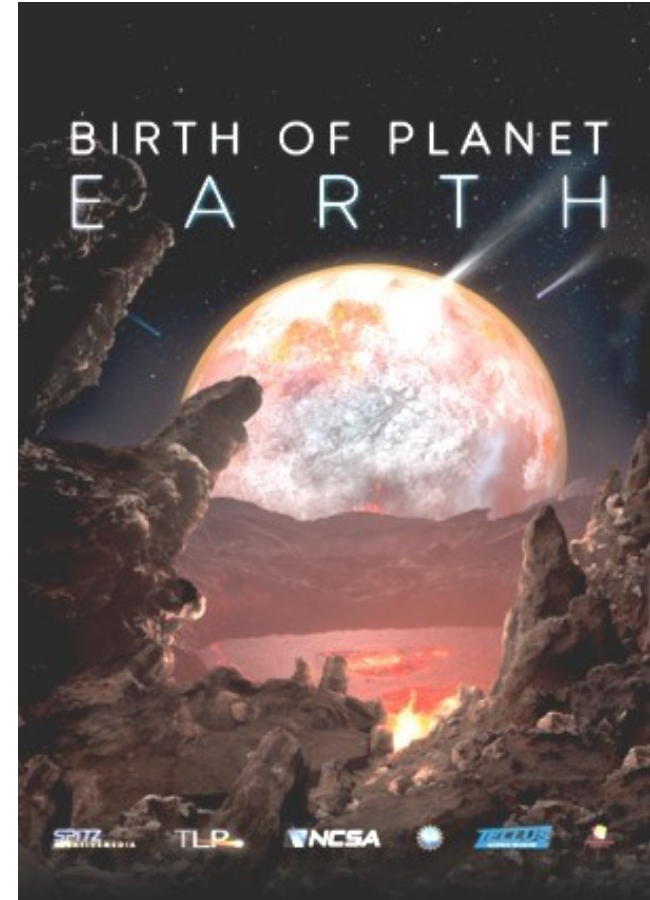
Planetarium Dome Master Projections

NSF CADENS Dome Show w/ NCSA AVL



Birth of Planet Earth Fulldome Show

- Premieres March 28, [Zeiss Großplanetarium](#), Berlin, Germany
- First public showing on March 30, Das Planetarium am Insulaner, Berlin, Germany
- Joint project with:
 - Spitz Creative Media
 - NCSA Advanced Visualization Lab
 - Thomas Lucas Productions, Inc.
 - Tellus Science Museum
- NSF Support: CADENS award ACI-1445176



VMD Petascale Visualization and Analysis

- Analyze/visualize large trajectories too large to transfer off-site:
 - User-defined parallel analysis operations, data types
 - Parallel rendering, movie making
- Supports GPU-accelerated Cray XK7 nodes for both visualization and analysis:
 - **GPU accelerated trajectory analysis w/ CUDA**
 - **OpenGL and GPU ray tracing for visualization and movie rendering**
- Parallel I/O rates up to **275 GB/sec** on 8192 Cray XE6 nodes – can read in **231 TB in 15 minutes!**

Parallel VMD currently available on:

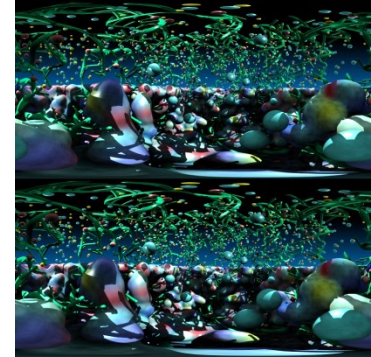
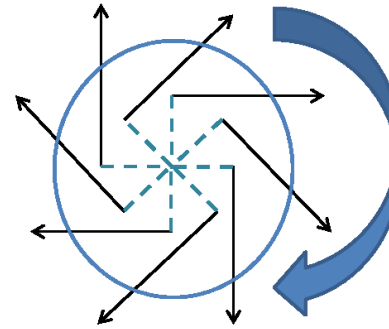
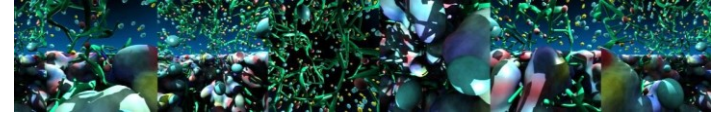
**ORNL Titan, NCSA Blue Waters, Indiana Big Red II,
CSCS Piz Daint, and similar systems**



NCSA Blue Waters Hybrid Cray XE6 / XK7
22,640 XE6 dual-Opteron CPU nodes
4,224 XK7 nodes w/ Telsa K20X GPUs

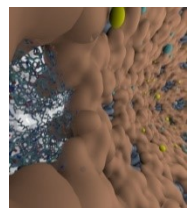
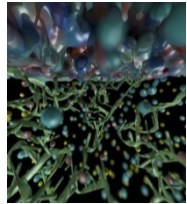
Omnidirectional Stereoscopic Ray Tracing

- Ray trace 360° images and movies for Desk and VR HMDs: Oculus, Vive, Cardboard
- Stereo spheremaps or cubemaps allow very high-frame-rate interactive OpenGL display
- **AO lighting, depth of field, shadows, transparency, curved geometry, ...**



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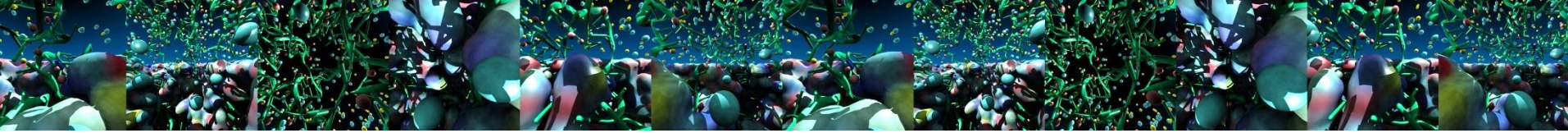
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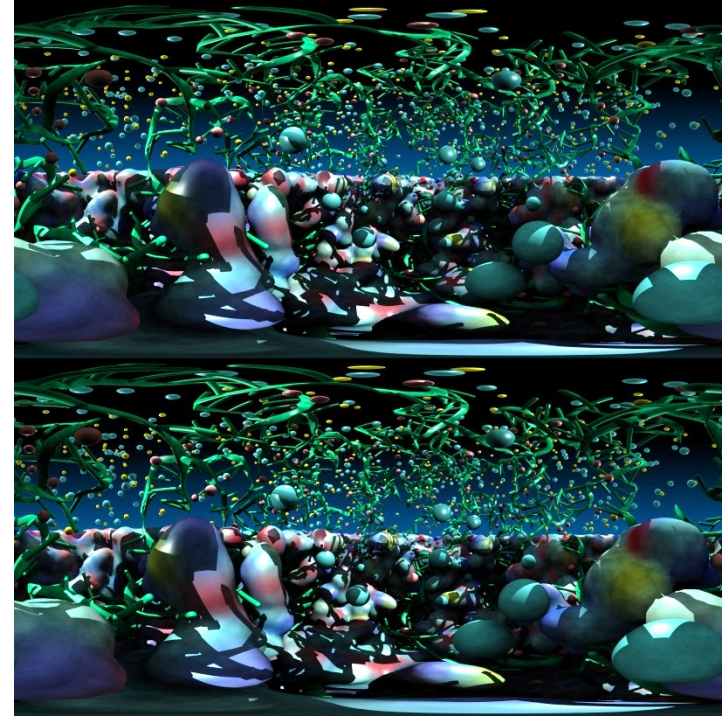
HMD Ray Tracing Challenges

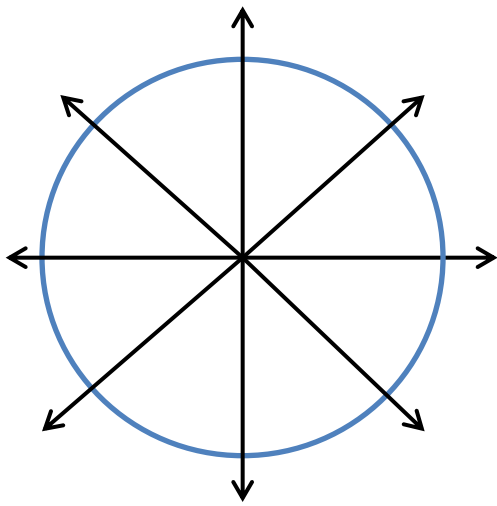
- HMDs require high frame rates (**90Hz or more**) and minimum latency between IMU sensor reads and presentation on the display
- Multi-GPU workstations fast enough to direct-drive HMDs at required frame rates for simple scenes with direct lighting, hard shadows
- Advanced RT effects such as AO lighting, depth of field, path tracing require **large sample counts**, difficult for direct-driving HMDs today
- **Remote viz. required** for many HPC problems due to **large data**
- **Remote viz. latencies too high for direct-drive of HMD**
- **Our two-phase approach: moderate-FPS remote RT combined with local high-FPS view-dependent HMD reprojection w/ OpenGL**

Stereoscopic Panorama Ray Tracing w/ OptiX

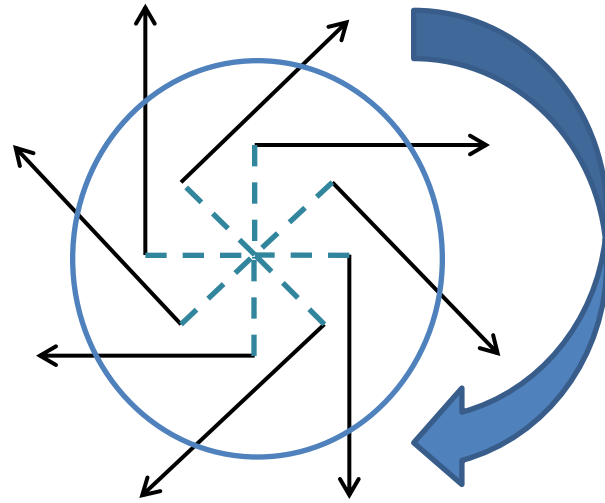


- **Render 360° images and movies for VR headsets such as Oculus Rift, Google Cardboard**
- Ray trace panoramic stereo spheremaps or cubemaps for very high-frame-rate display via OpenGL texturing onto simple proxy geometry
- Stereo requires spherical camera projections **poorly suited to rasterization**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



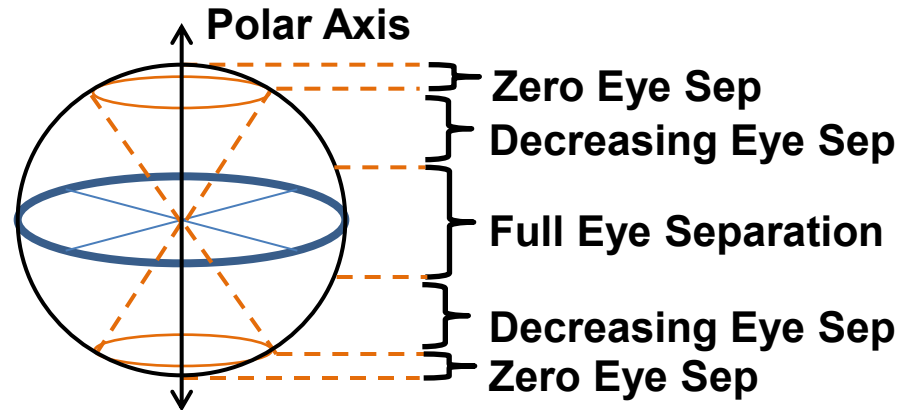


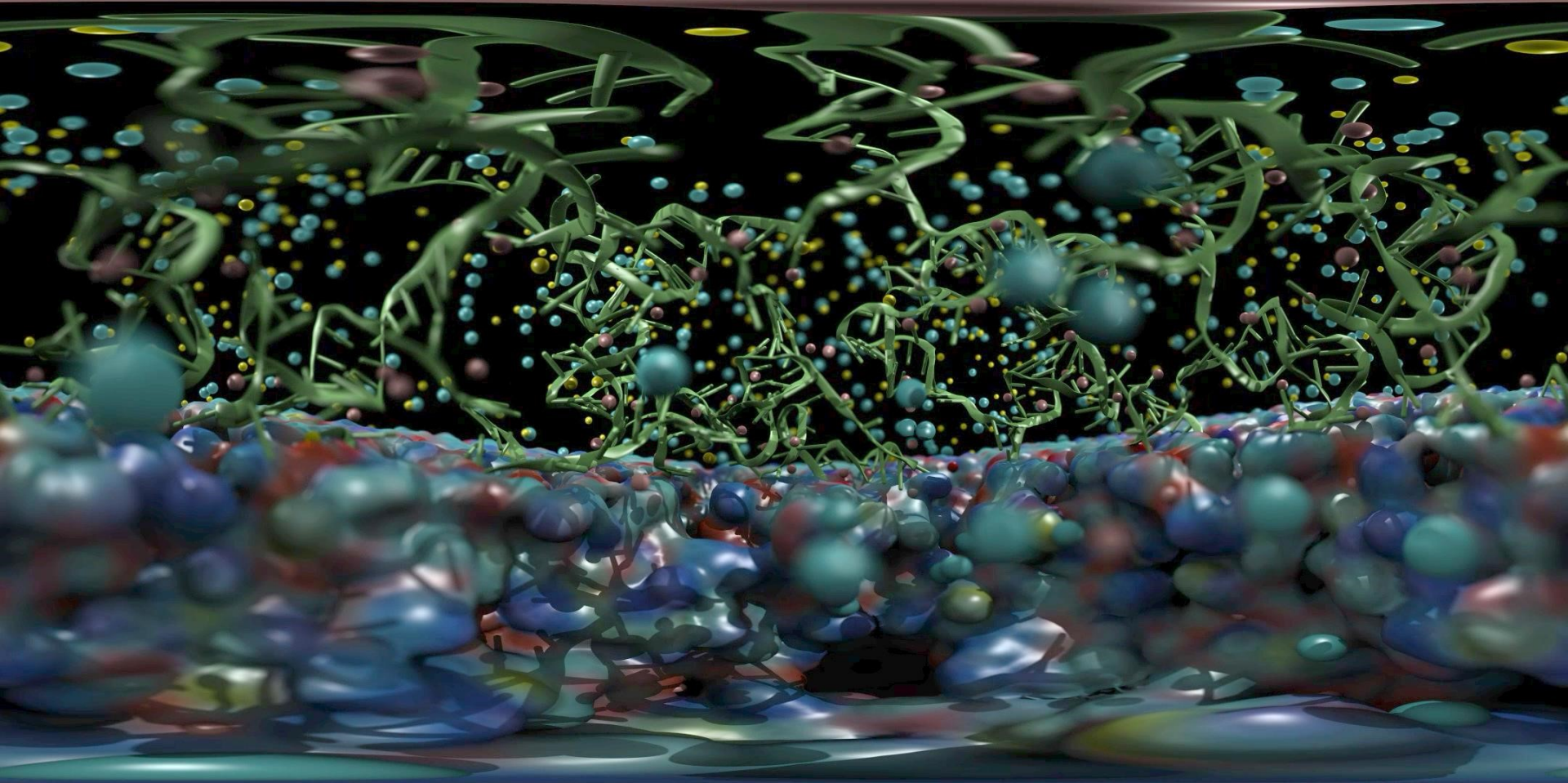
**A) Monoscopic circular projection.
Eye at center of projection (COP).**



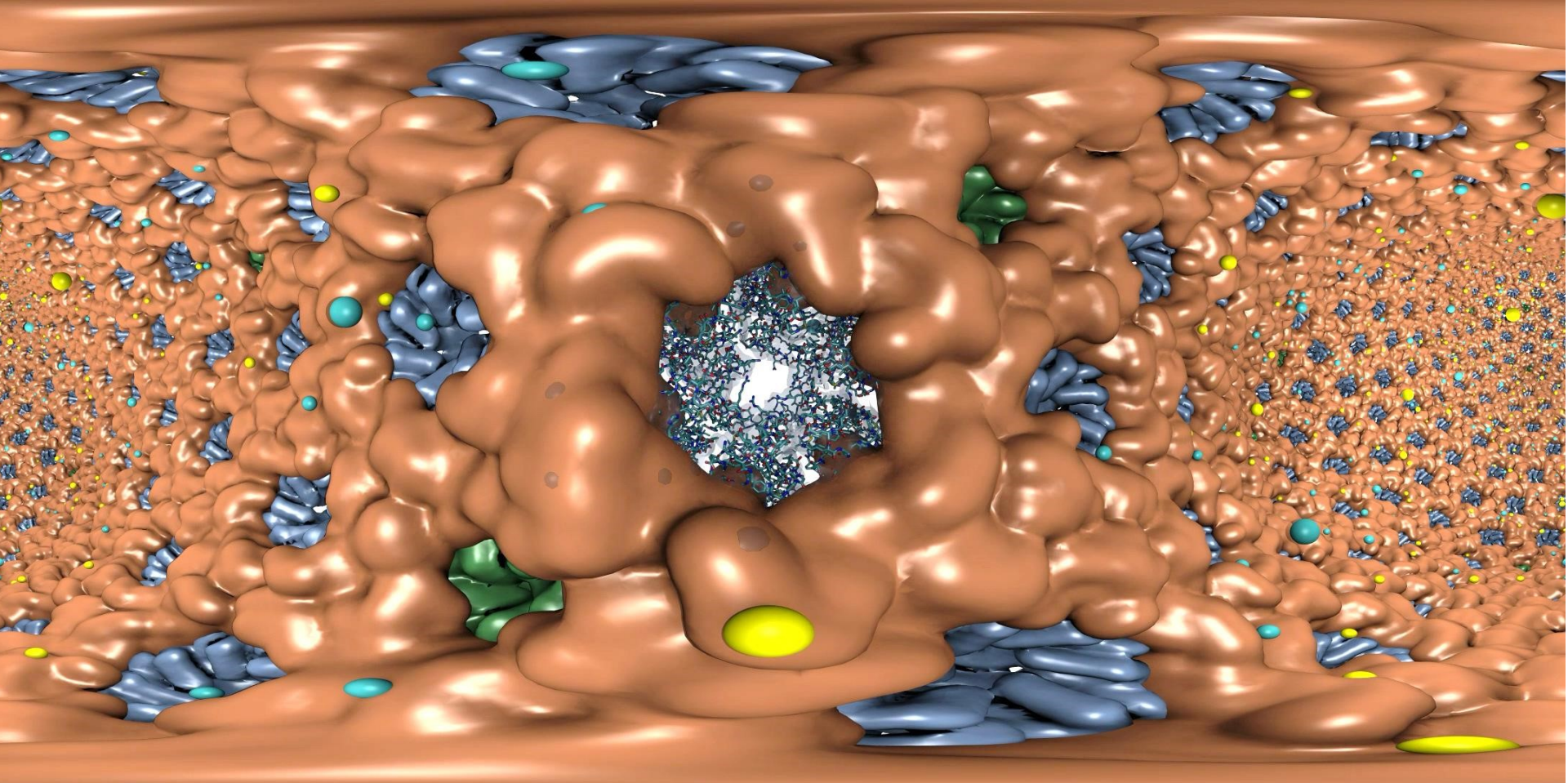
**B) Left eye stereo circular projection.
Eye offset from COP by half of interocular distance.**

C) Stereo eye separation smoothly decreased to zero at zenith and nadir points on the polar axis to prevent incorrect stereo when HMD sees the poles.

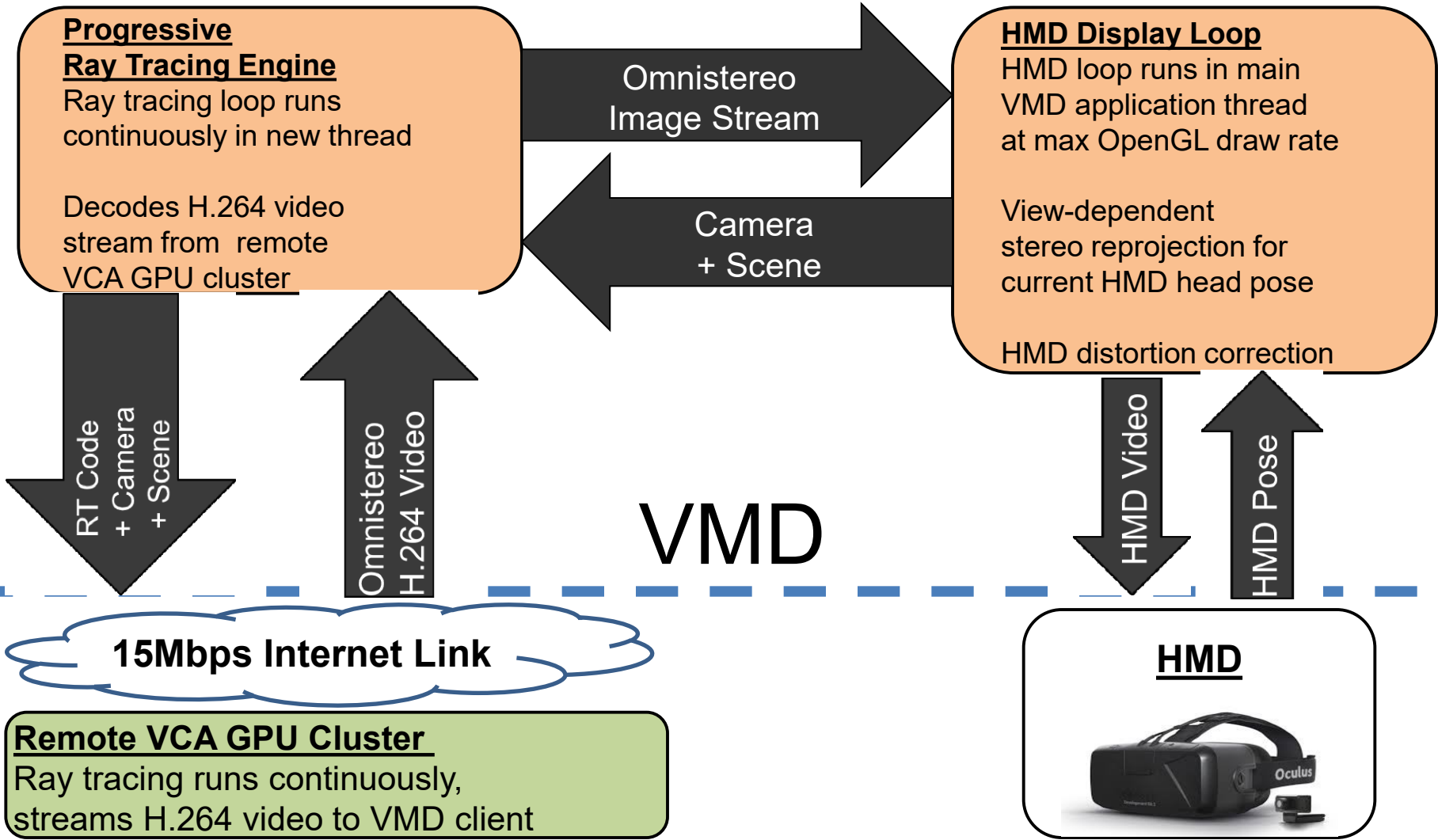




**Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus: Capsid, Interior RNA, and Ions
Ambient Occlusion Lighting, Depth-of-Field Focal Blur, ...**



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



Progressive Ray Tracing Engine

Ray tracing loop runs continuously in new thread

Decodes H.264 video stream from remote VCA GPU cluster

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

Omnistereo Image Stream

Camera + Scene

RT Code + Camera + Scene

Omnistereo H.264 Video

HMD Video

HMD Pose

VMD

15Mbps Internet Link

Remote VCA GPU Cluster

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

HMD



2016: Remote Omnidirectional Stereoscopic RT Performance @ 3072x1536 w/ 2-subframes

Scene	Per-subframe samples AA : AO (AO per-hit)	RT update rate (FPS)
STMV shadows	1:0	22.2
	2:0	18.1
	4:0	10.3
STMV Shadows+AO	1:1	18.2
	1:2	16.1
	1:4	12.4
STMV Shadows+AO+DoF	1:1	16.1
	2:1	11.1
	2:2	8.5
HIV-1 Shadows	1:0	20.1
	2:0	18.1
	4:0	10.2
HIV-1 Shadows+AO	1:1	17.4
	1:2	12.2
	1:4	8.1

2019: Local RTX Omnidirectional Stereoscopic RT Performance @ 3072x1536 w/ 1-subframe

Scene	Per-subframe samples AA : AO (AO per-hit)	RT update rate (FPS)
STMV shadows	1:0	75.0
	2:0	37.5
	4:0	18.3
STMV Shadows+AO	1:1	65.8
	1:2	57.5
	1:4	37.5
	1:8	25.2
STMV Shadows+AO+DoF	1:1	61.5
	2:1	22.1
	2:2	18.5
HIV-1 Shadows	1:0	75.0
	2:0	74.2
	4:0	37.5
HIV-1 Shadows+AO	1:1	72.0
	1:2	61.0
	1:4	37.5
	1:8	23.1

HMD View-Dependent Reprojection with OpenGL

- Texture map panoramic image onto reprojection geometry that matches the original RT image formation surface (sphere for equirectangular, cube for cube map)
- HMD sees standard perspective frustum view of the textured surface
- Commodity HMD optics require **software lens distortion and chromatic aberration correction** prior to display, implemented with multi-pass FBO rendering
- **Enables low-latency, high-frame-rate redraw** as HMD head pose changes (**150Hz or more**)



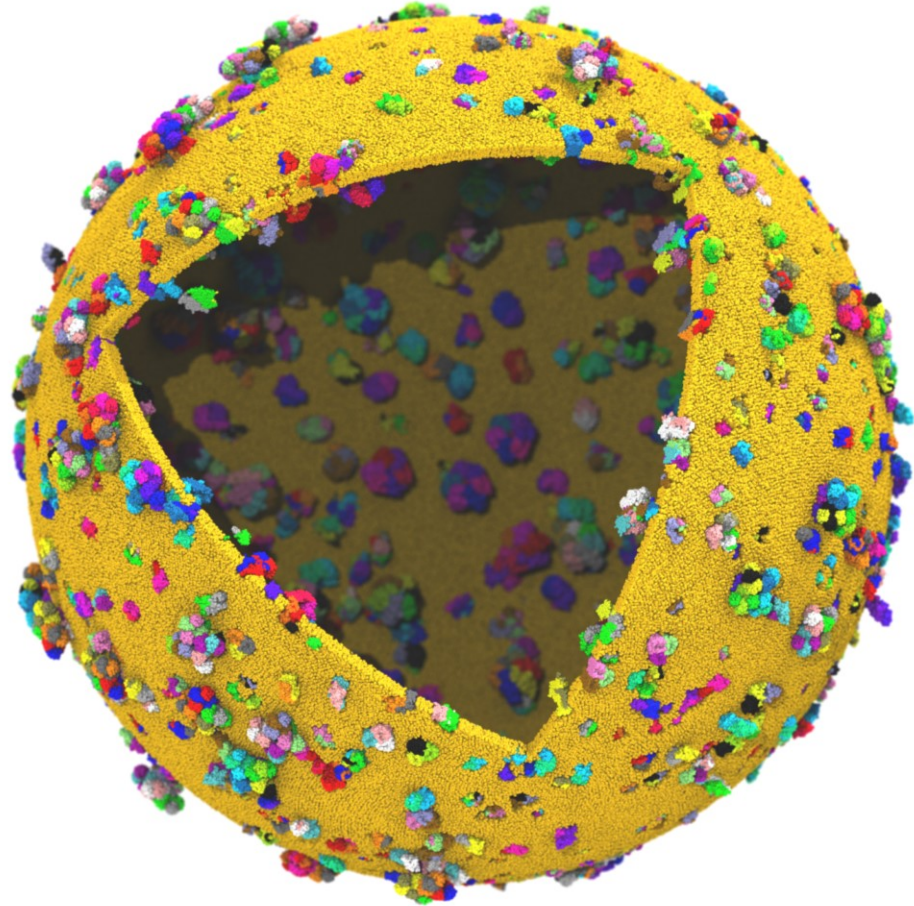
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Ongoing Ray Traced VR Work

- OpenXR – cross platform multi-vendor HMD support
- VMD RTX ray tracing engine and optimizations:
 - **AI denoising for better average quality**
 - Interactive RT stochastic sampling strategies to improve interactivity
 - Improved omnidirectional cubemap/spheremap sampling approaches
 - **AI multi-view warping to allow rapid in-between view generation amid multiple HMD head locations**
 - **H.265 for high-res omnidirectional video streaming**
 - **Multi-node parallel RT and remote viz. on general clusters and supercomputers, e.g. NCSA Blue Waters, ORNL Titan**
- Tons of work to do on VR user interfaces, multi-user collaborative visualization, ...

Next Generation: Simulating a Proto-Cell

- **ORNL Summit:
NVLink-connected Tesla V100
GPUs enable next-gen
visualizations**
- 200nm diameter
- ~1 billion atoms w/ solvent
- ~1400 proteins in membrane

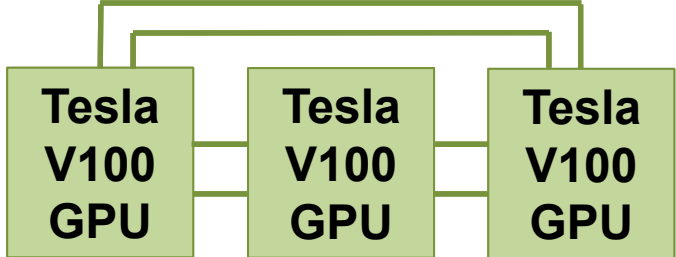


IBM AC922, ORNL Summit Node

3 GPUs Per CPU Socket

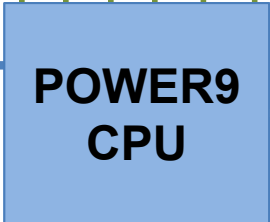


Nvlink 2.0
2x 50GBps:
100GBps

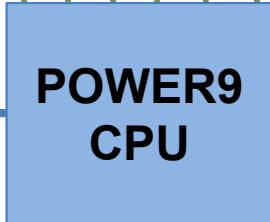


DDR4
DRAM

120GBps



X-Bus
64GBps



120GBps

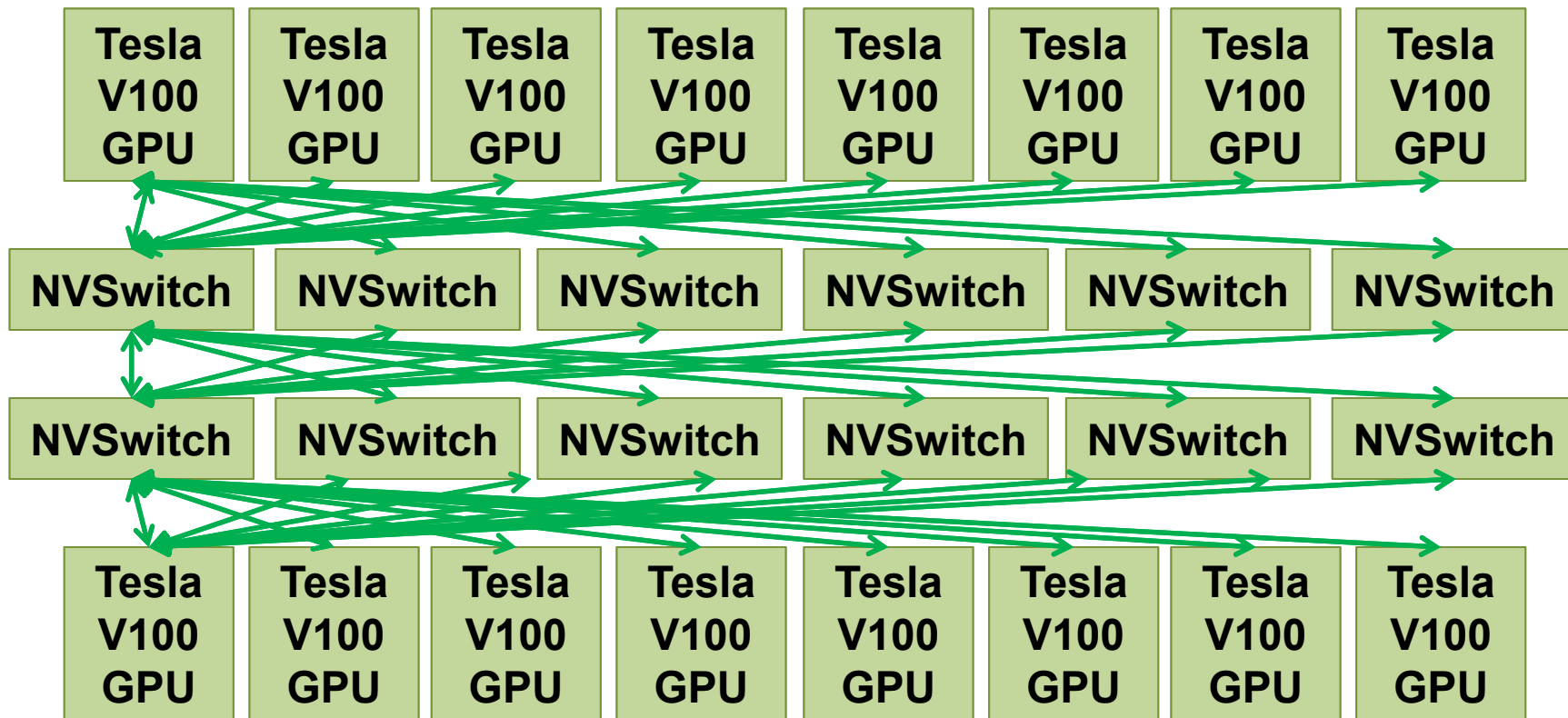
DDR4
DRAM

InfiniBand
12GBps

InfiniBand
12GBps

NVIDIA DGX-2

16x 32GB Tesla V100 GPUs w/ 300GB/s NVLink, fully switched
512GB HBM2 RAM w/ **2.4TB/s Bisection Bandwidth, 2 PFLOPS**

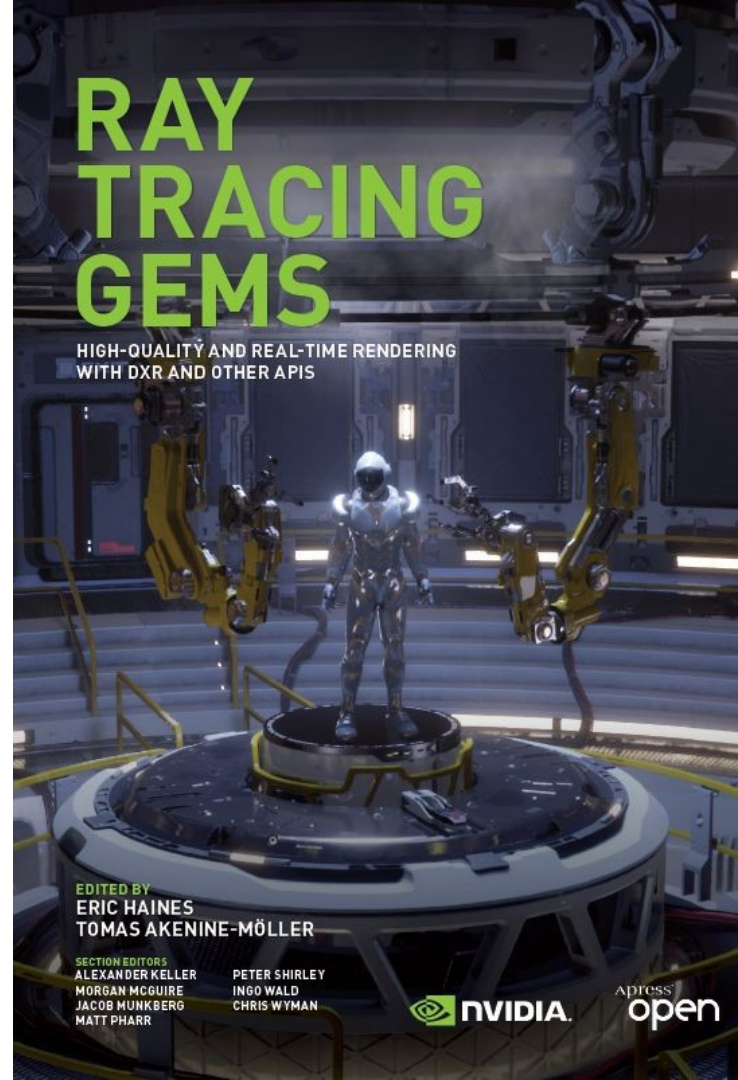


RT Opportunities and Challenges Posed by Future DGX-2-Like Node/System Designs

- **512GB of fast HBM2 RAM w/ 2.4TB/sec bisection bandwidth!!!**
- **CPUs “oversubscribed” by GPUs**
- GPU RT must dis-involve CPUs to greatest possible extent
- **Fully-switched NVLink-connected memory systems permit fine-grained multi-GPU RT algorithms via direct peer memory load/stores**
- **Throughput oriented GPU RT work scheduling can hide both local and remote memory latencies gracefully**
- Application control of the distribution of scene geometry among GPUs, replication or distribution of RT acceleration structures
- Permit both “capacity” oriented distributed memory RT approaches and “performance” focused RT approaches heavy on data replication.

Ray Tracing Gems

- Ch. 4, “A Planetarium Dome Master Camera”
- Ch. 27, “Interactive Ray Tracing Techniques for High-Fidelity Scientific Visualization”
- Tons of great material and code samples!
- **See Eric Haines RTG GTC talk:**
 - Room 230B (Concourse Level) on Thursday 2-3 PM
- **RTG book signings on Thursday, 3-4pm @ GTC book seller**



Making Our Research Tools Easily Accessible

- Docker “container” images available in NVIDIA NGC registry
 - Users obtain Docker images via registry, download and run on the laptop, workstation, cloud, or supercomputer of their choosing
 - <https://ngc.nvidia.com/registry/>
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 - Full virtual machines (known as “AMI” in Amazon terminology)
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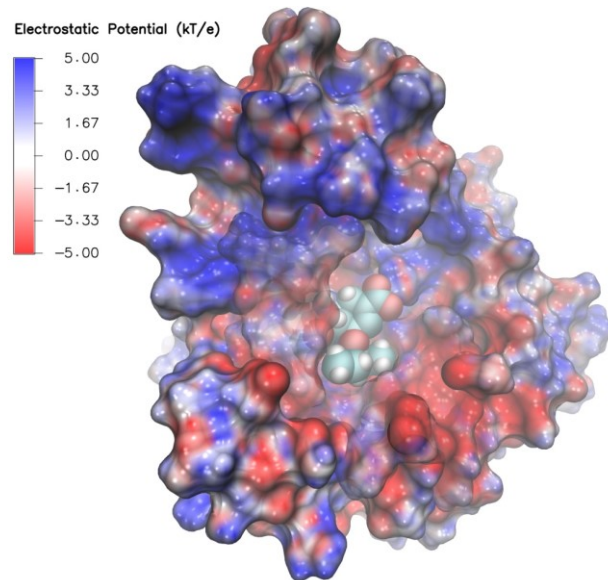
VMD

VMD is designed for modeling, visualization, and analysis of biomolecular systems such as proteins, nucleic acids, lipid membranes, carbohydrate structures, etc. VMD provides a wide variety of graphical representations for visualizing and coloring molecular structures: molecular surfaces, space-filling CPK spheres and cylinders, licorice bonds, backbone tubes and ribbons, secondary structure cartoons, and others.

VMD can be used to animate and analyze the trajectory of a molecular dynamics (MD) simulation. In particular, VMD can act as a graphical front end for an external MD program by

VMD OptiX/EGL NGC Container

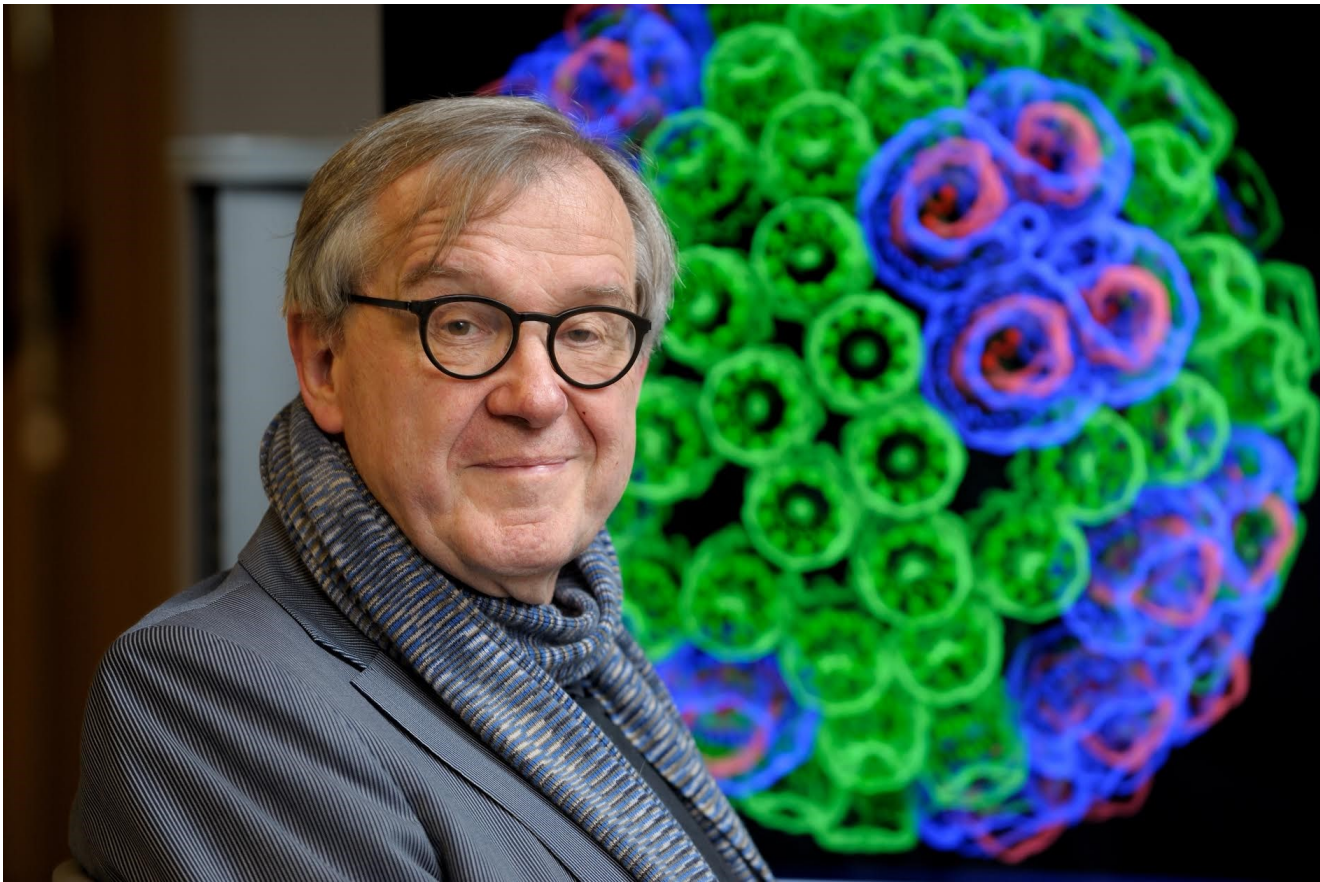
- <https://ngc.nvidia.com/registry/>
- **CUDA-accelerated** viz+analysis
- **EGL off-screen rendering** – no windowing system needed
- **OptiX high-fidelity GPU ray tracing engine** built in
- All dependencies included
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