

Molecular Modeling, Visualization, and Analysis in VMD

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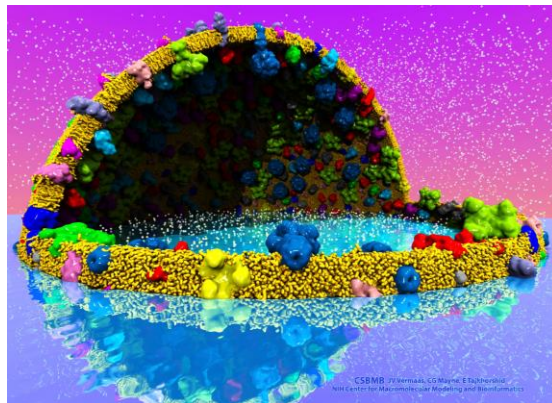
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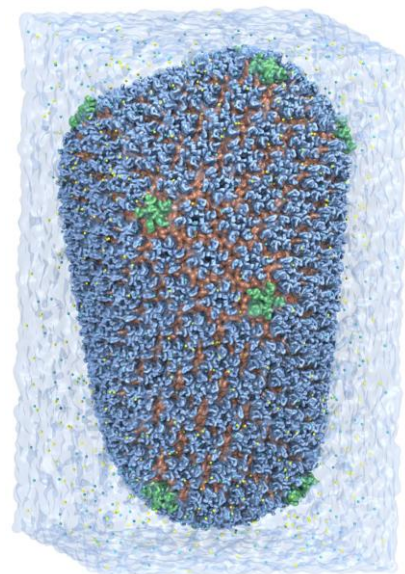
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VMD – “Visual Molecular Dynamics”

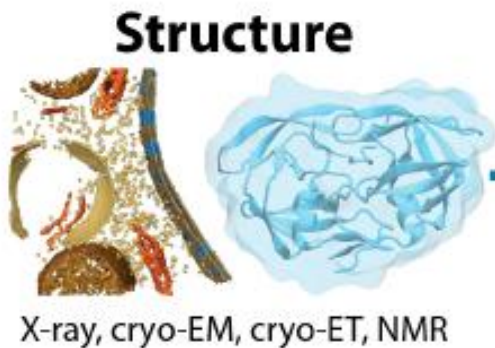
- 125,000 active users worldwide
- Visualization and analysis of:
 - Molecular dynamics simulations
 - Lattice cell simulations
 - Quantum chemistry calculations
 - Cryo-EM densities, volumetric data
- User extensible scripting and plugins
- <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/>



Cell-Scale Modeling



MD Simulation



Parameterization

Analysis

Refinement
with **MDFF**

Preparation
with **QwikMD**

**MD/Cell
Simulation**

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NAMD
Amber
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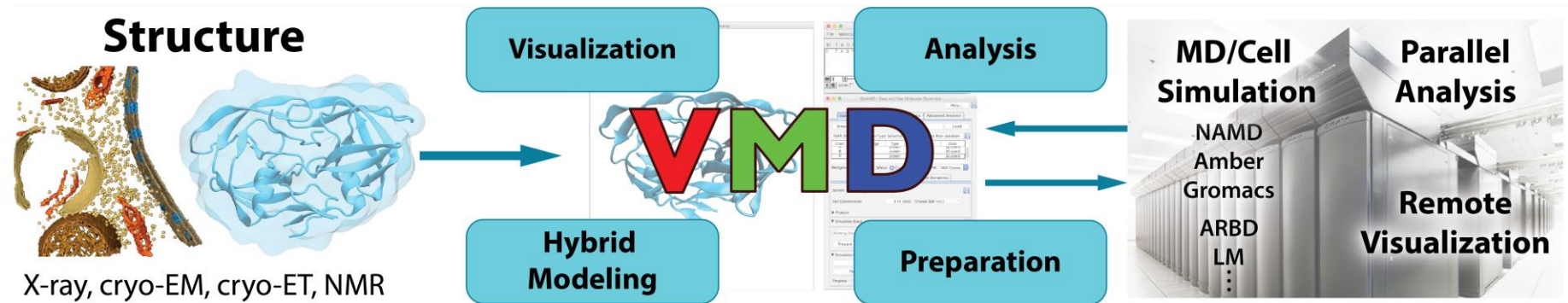
**Parallel
Analysis**

**Remote
Visualization**

VMD Hands-On Tutorials

- <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Training/Tutorials/#vmd>
 - 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: Building A Next Generation Modeling Platform



- Provide tools for simulation preparation, visualization, and analysis
 - Reach cell-scale modeling w/ all-atom MD, coarse grained, Lattice Microbes
 - Improved performance, visual fidelity, exploit advanced technologies (GPUs, VR HMDs)
- Enable hybrid modeling and computational electron microscopy
 - Load, filter, process, interpret, visualize multi-modal structural information
- Connect key software tools to enable state-of-the-art simulations
 - Support new data types, file formats, software interfaces
- Openness, extensibility, and interoperability are VMD hallmarks
 - Reusable algorithms made available in NAMD, for other tools

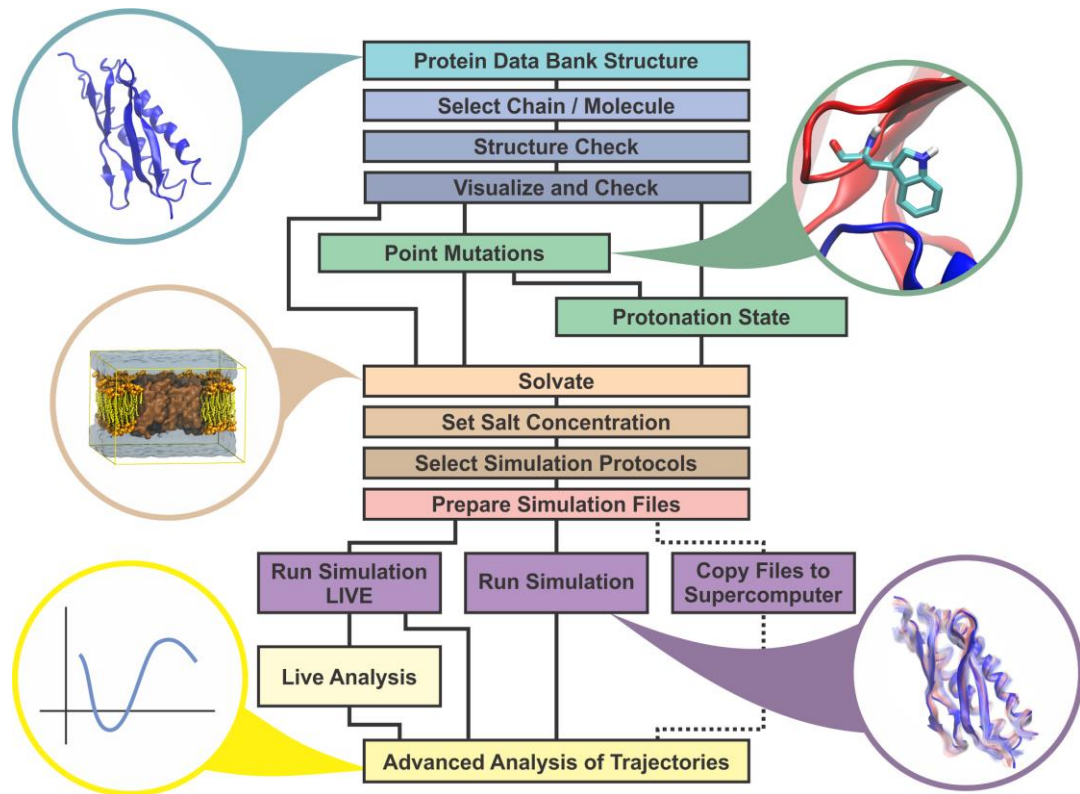
QwikMD: Guided MD Simulation and Training

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



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
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VolMap

Modeling

AutoIonize
AutoPSF
Chirality
Cionize
Cispeptide
CGTools
Dowser
ffTK
Inorganic Builder
MDFF
Membrane
Merge Structs
Molefacture
Mutator
[Nanotube](#)
Psfgen
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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](#)
[Interactive Essential Dynamics](#)
[Mead Ionize](#)
[Clustering Tool](#)
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75 MolFile I/O Plugins:
structure, trajectory, sequence,
and density map

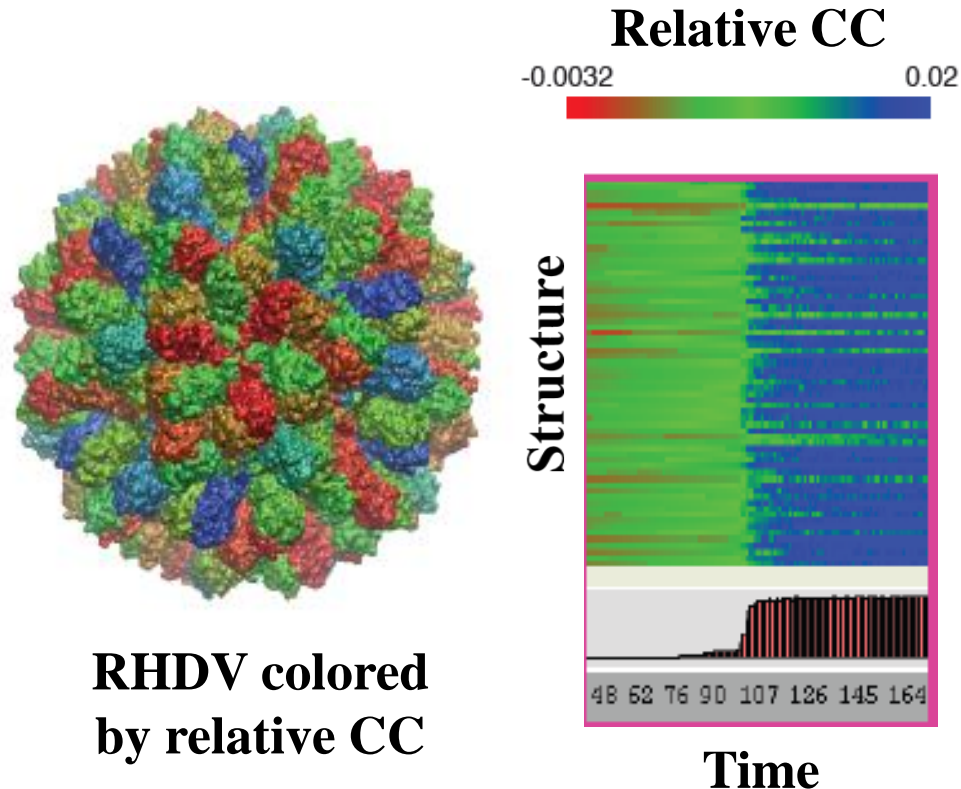
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Parallel MDFF Cross Correlation Analysis on Cray XK7

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

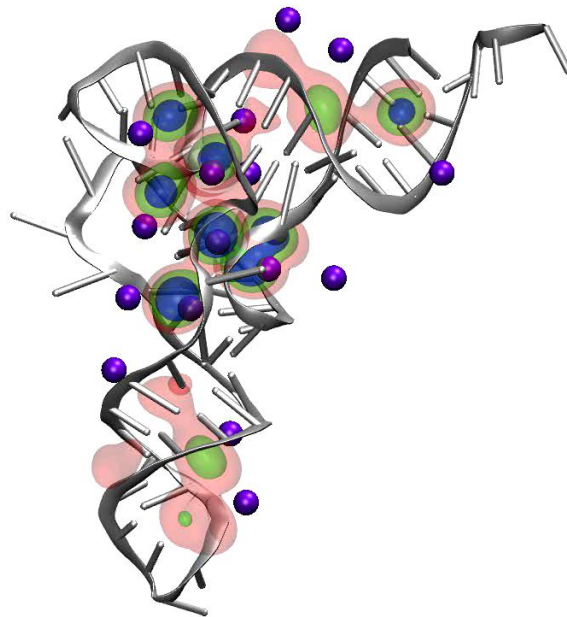
Calculation of 7M CCs would take
5 years using serial CPU algorithm!



Stone et al., Faraday Discuss., 169:265-283, 2014.

Time-Averaged Volumetric Properties

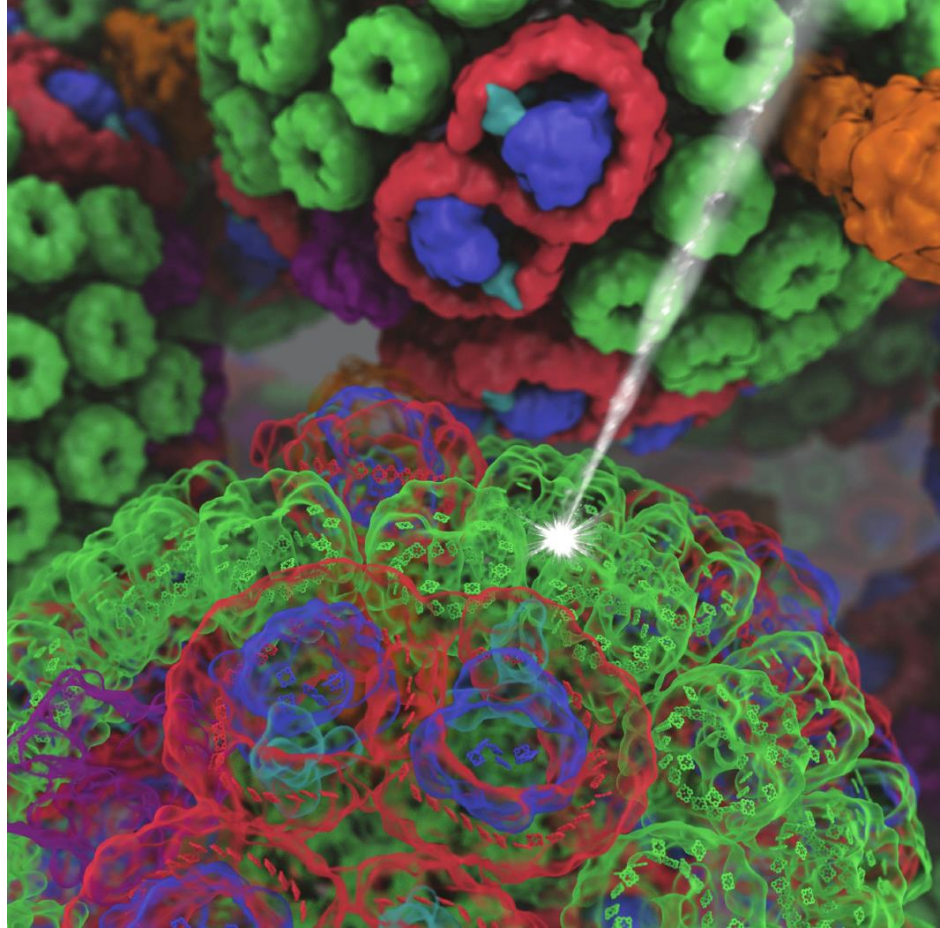
- Compute density, distance, occupancy, potential maps for a frame or averaged over a trajectory
- Example: display binding sites for diffusively bound ions as probability density isosurfaces



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

High Fidelity Ray Tracing

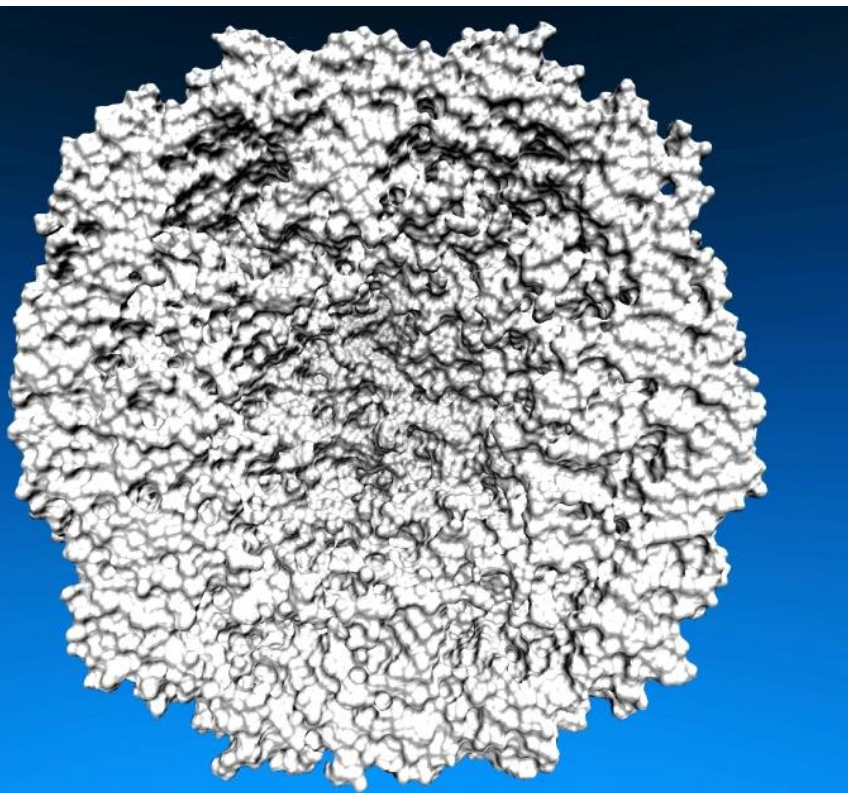
- Advanced rendering techniques save scientists time, produce images that are easier to interpret
- Ambient Occlusion, Depth of Field, high quality transparency, instancing,
- **Interactive RT** on laptops, desk, cloud, and **remote supercomputers**
- **Large-scale MPI parallel rendering:** in situ or post hoc visualization tasks
- Stereoscopic panorama and full-dome projections
- **Omnidirectional VR: YouTube, HMDs**
- Built-in ray tracing engines:
 - **Tachyon:** cross-platform RT
 - **NVIDIA OptiX:** GPU RTX-accelerated
 - **Intel OSPRay:** CPU x86-optimized



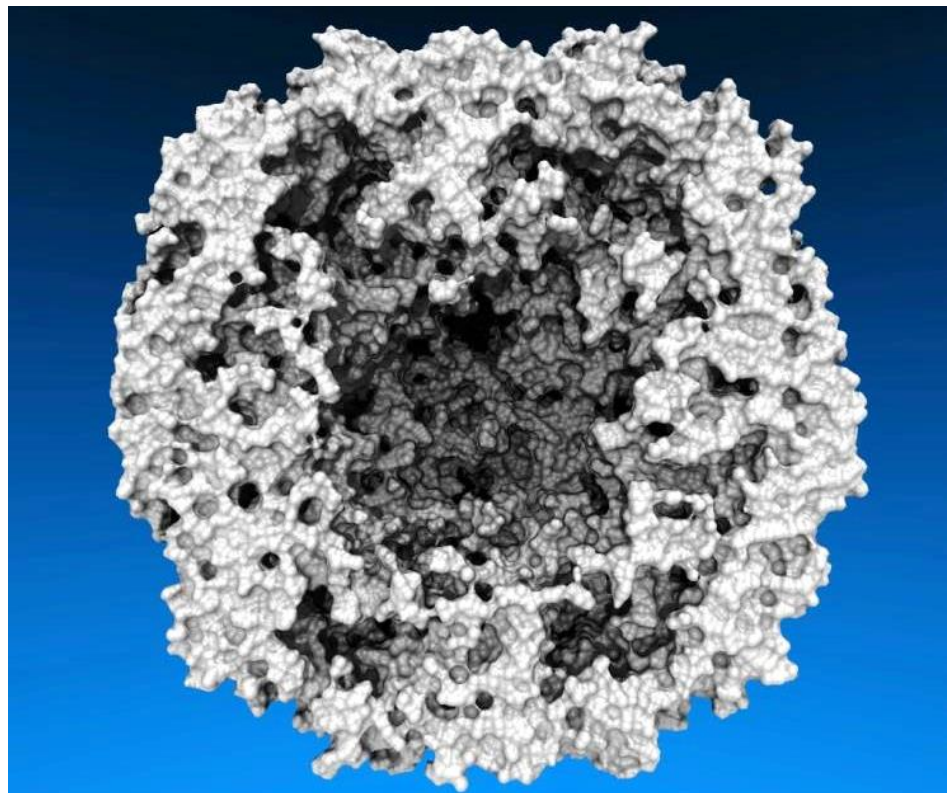
VMD/OptiX all-atom Chromatophore

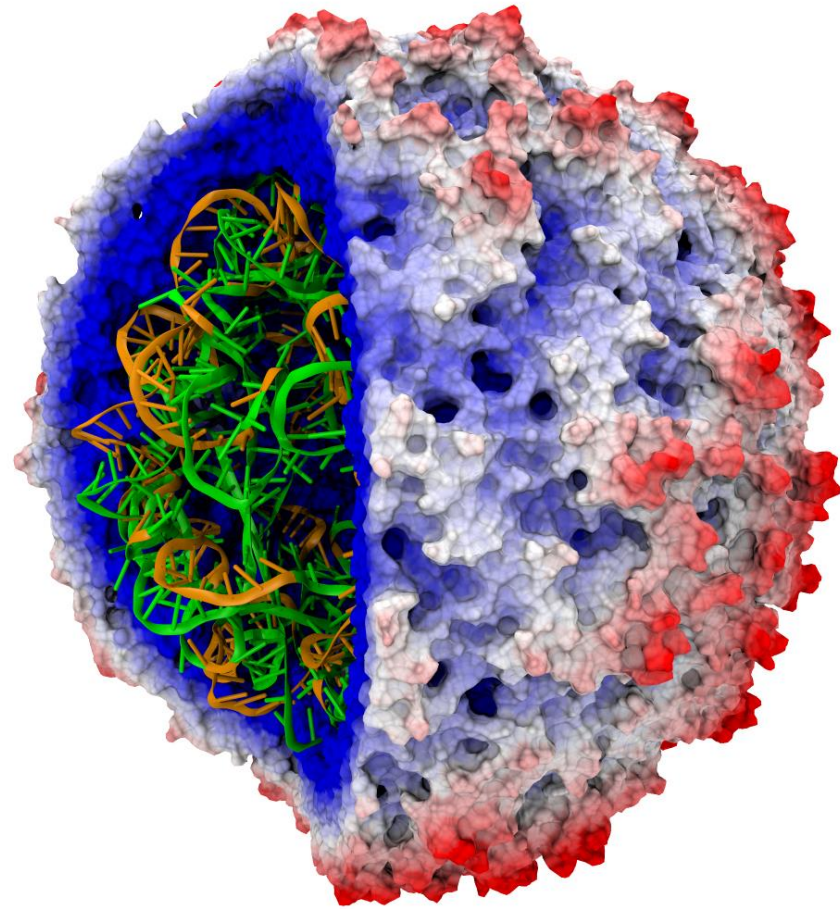
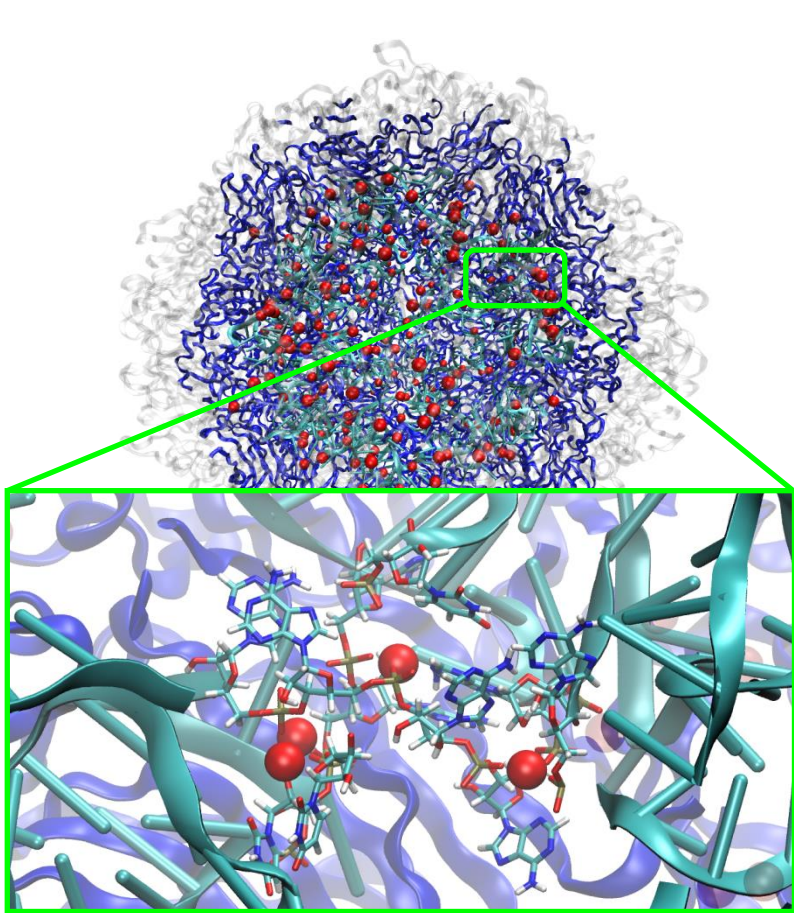
Lighting Comparison, STMV Capsid

Two lights, no shadows



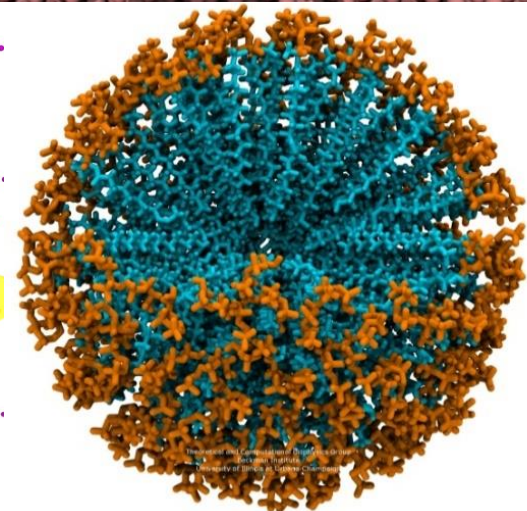
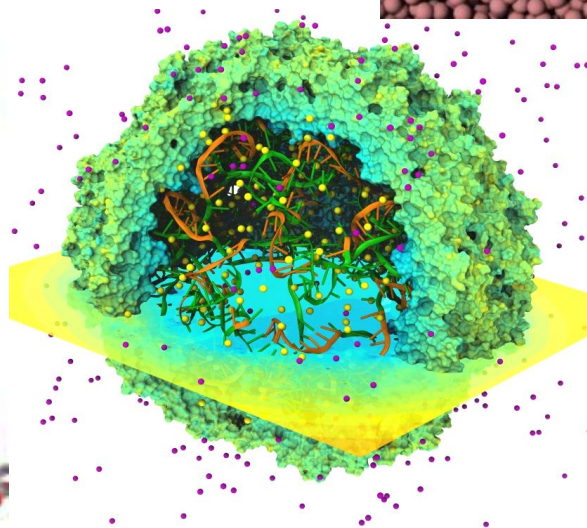
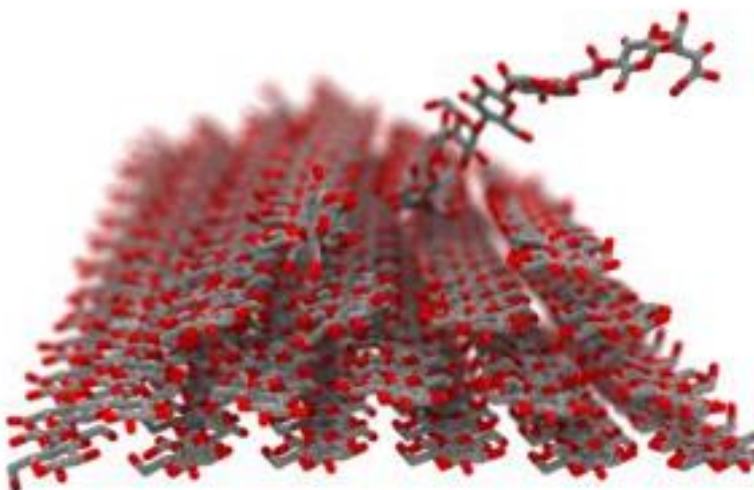
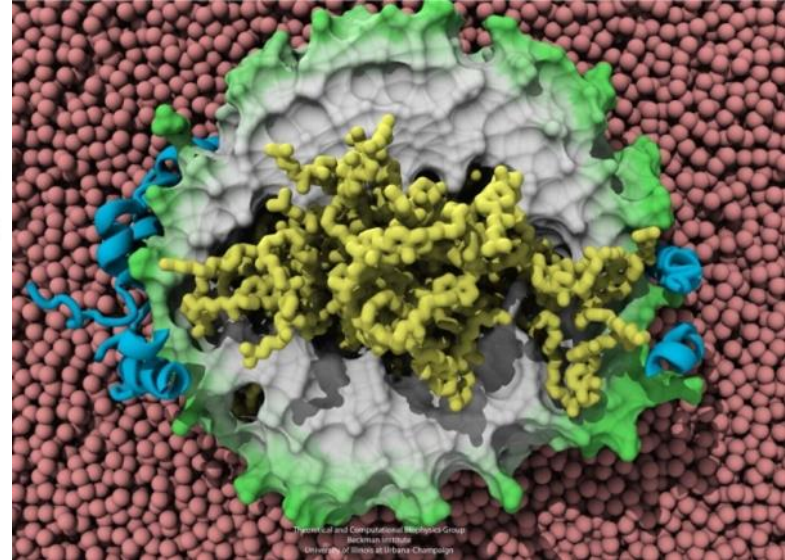
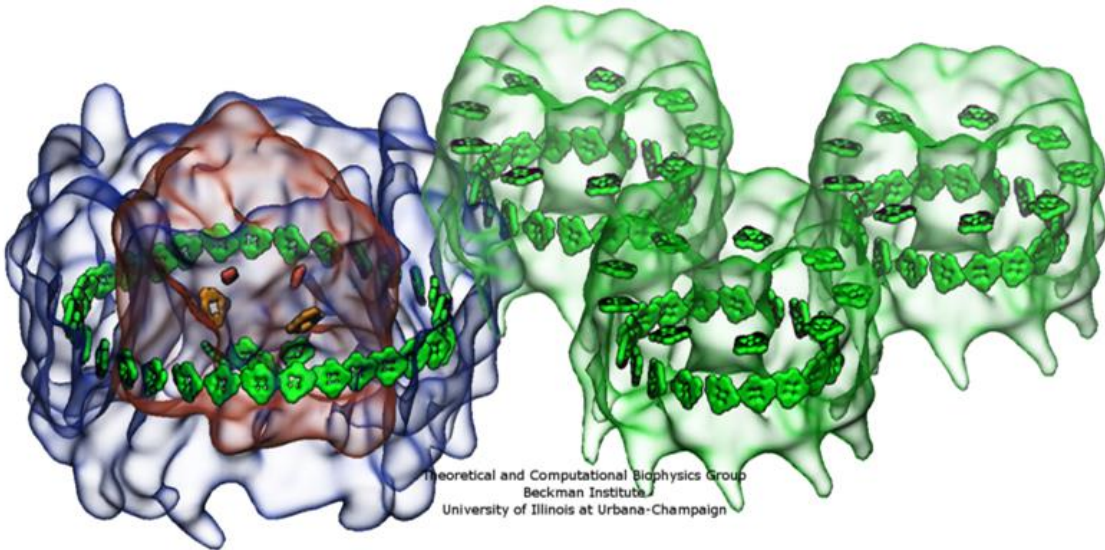
Ambient occlusion + two lights, 144 AO rays/hit



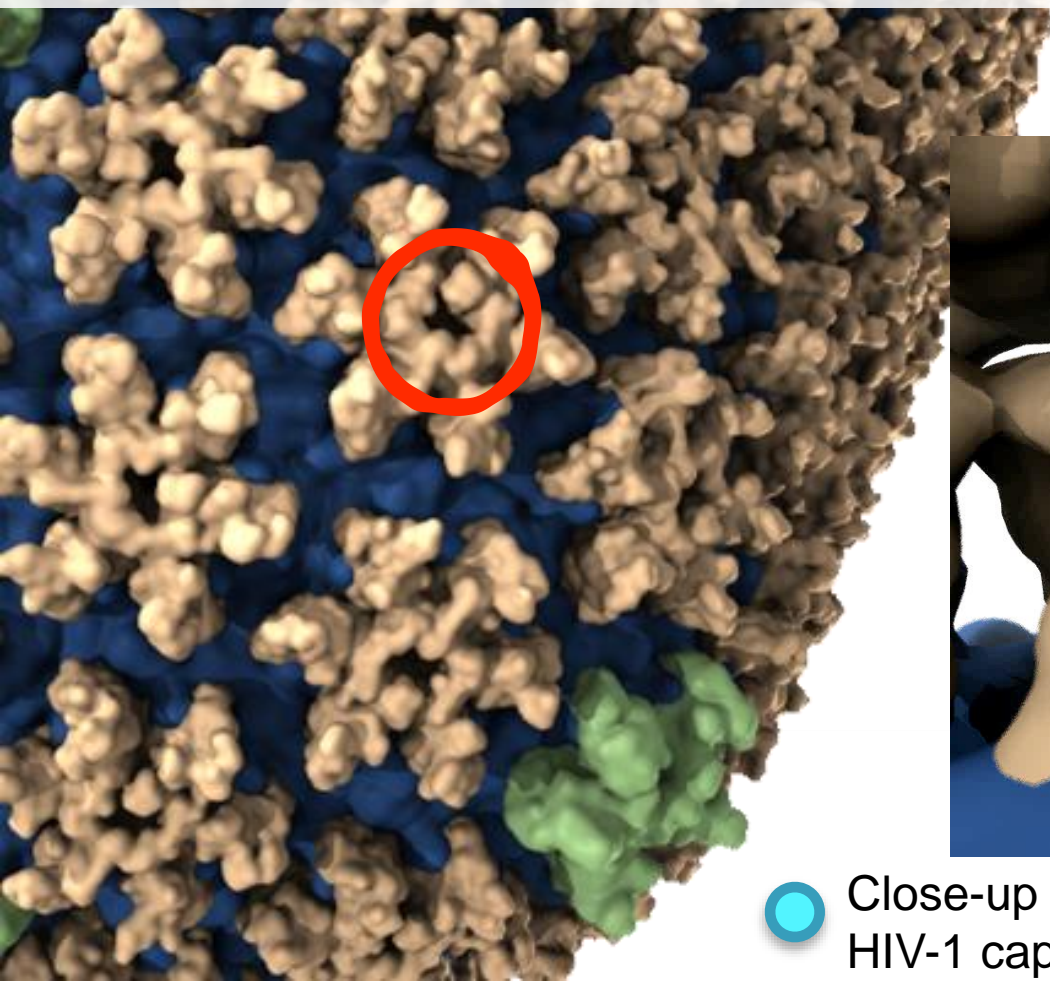


Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus

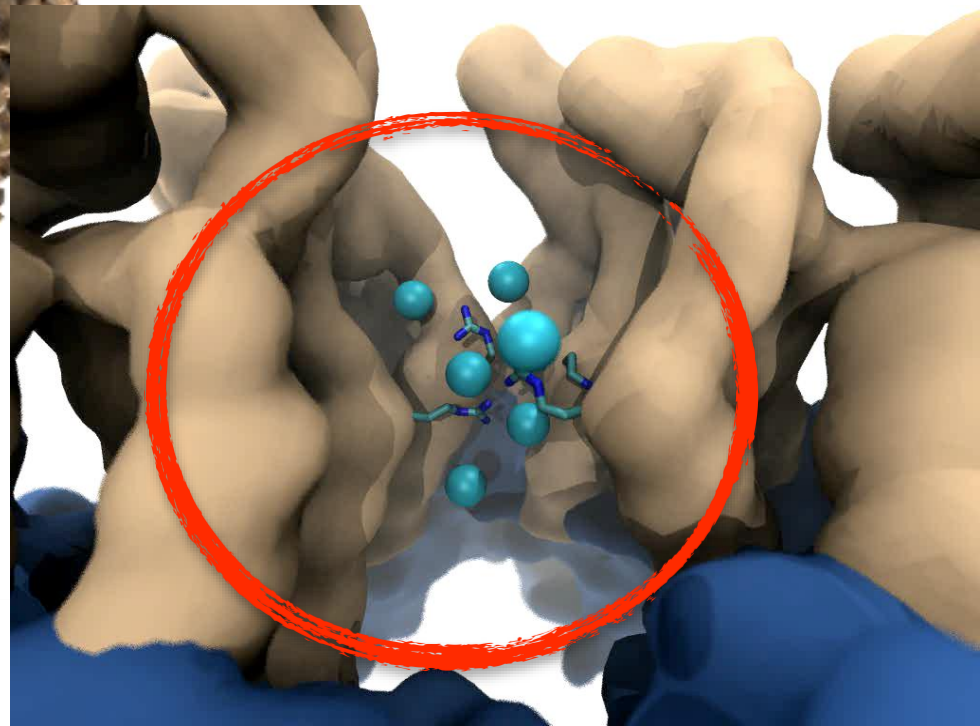
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Goal: Intuitive interactive viz. in crowded molecular complexes



Results from 64 M atom, 1 μ s sim!

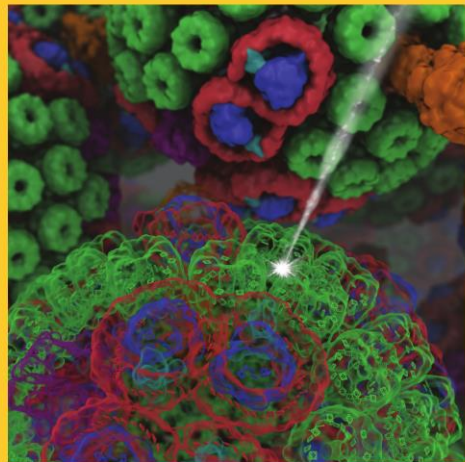


Close-up view of chloride ions permeating through HIV-1 capsid hexameric centers

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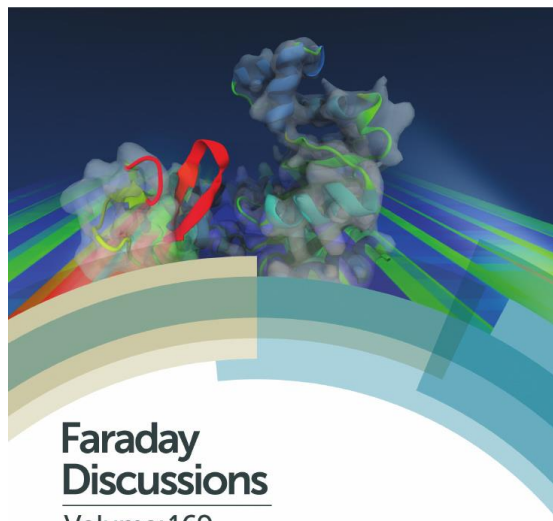
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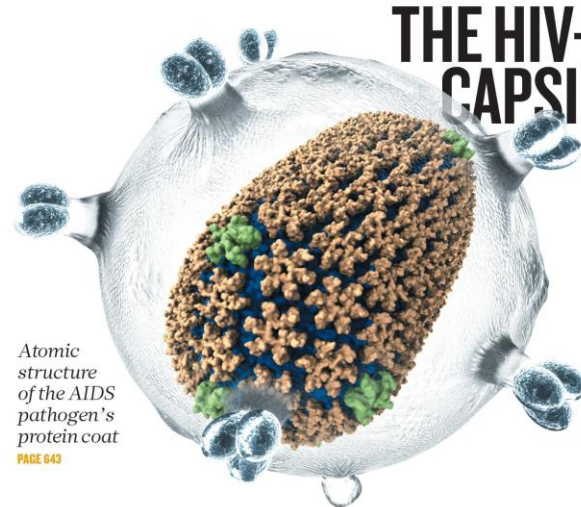


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protein coat

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*An indirect hit on
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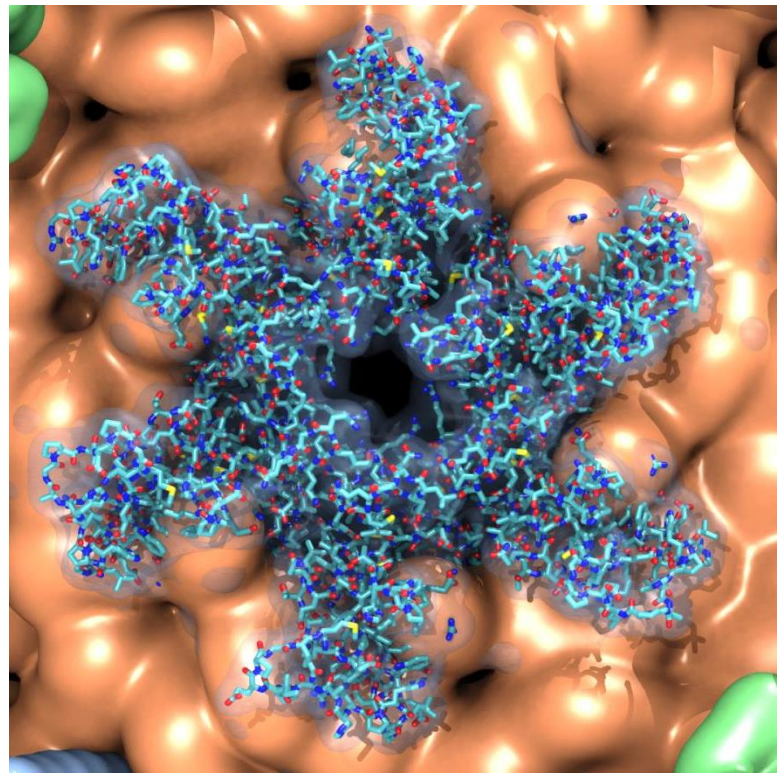
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VMD “Coming Soon”:
VMD 1.9.4 and VMD-Next

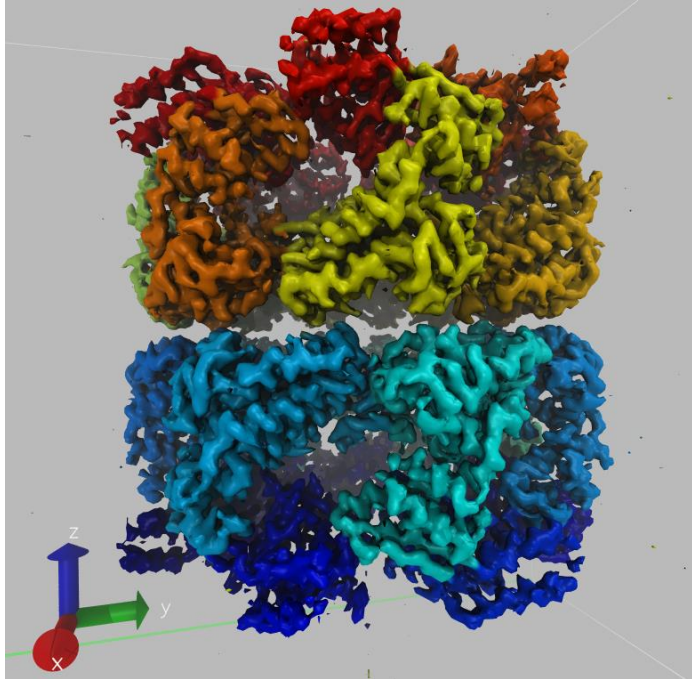
VMD 1.9.4, and VMD-Next

- Python 3.x support
- New “molefactory” structure editor plugin
- Improved structure building and analysis tools
- High performance GPU structure+data clustering
- Density map and volume processing features: high performance GPU image segmentation, density map simulation, masking, visualization
- Many new and updated user-contributed plugins
- Deeper 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

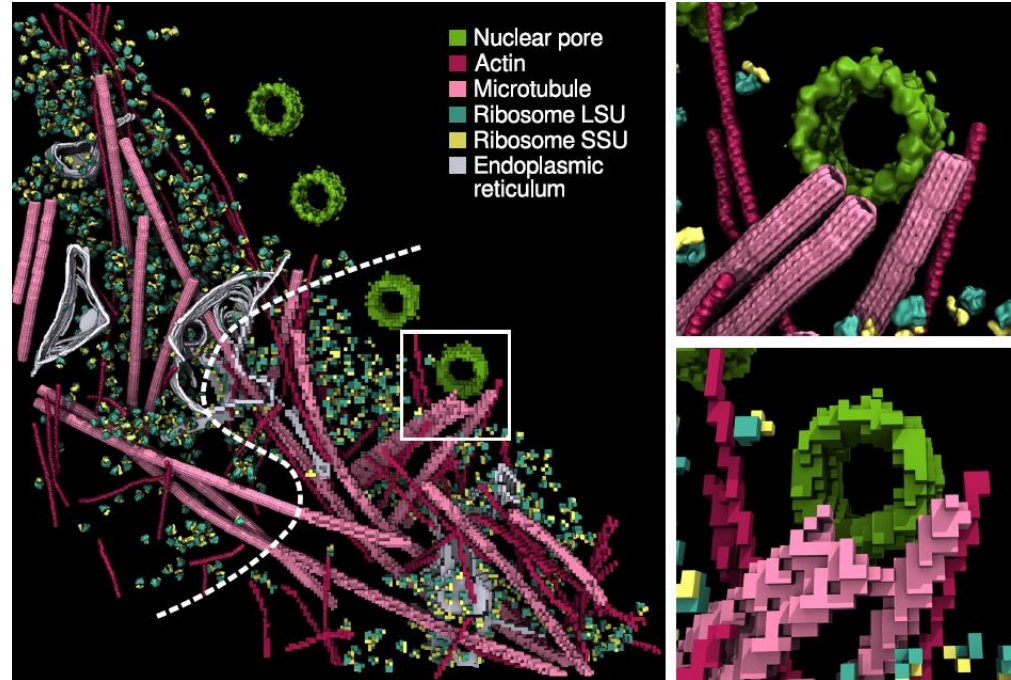


GPU Ray Tracing of
HIV-1 Capsid Detail

Density Map Segmentation



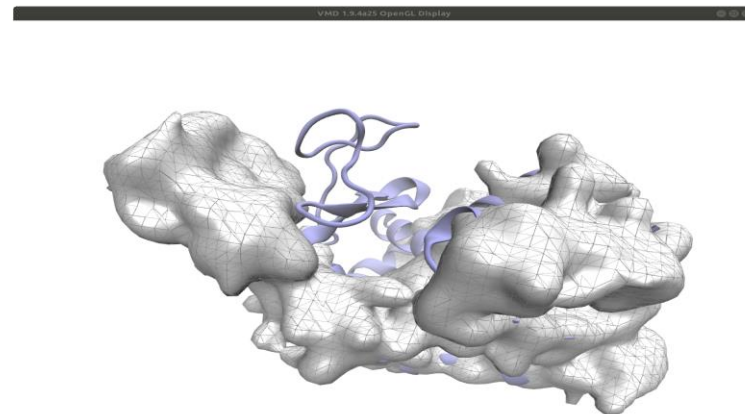
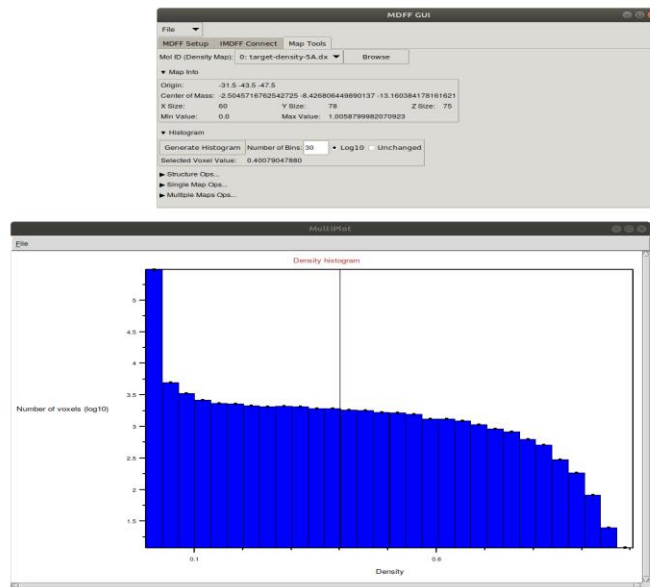
VMD GPU-accelerated density map segmentation of GroEL



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

New VMD MDFF Density Map Tools

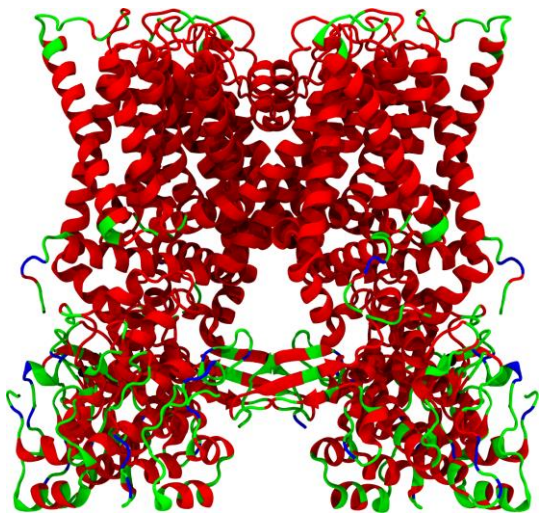
- **New** Map Tools tab of MDFF GUI provides wide array of density map manipulation tools including:
 - **New** Rigid Body Fitting
 - **New** Interactive Histogram
 - Trim, Crop, Clamp, Smooth...
 - **Easy Masking routine**
- **New** Density Segmentation
 - Add, subtract, multiply maps
 - Cross correlation and potential calculations for MDFF



New Density Map Tools - Masking

Easily select and mask density map regions with VMD selection language

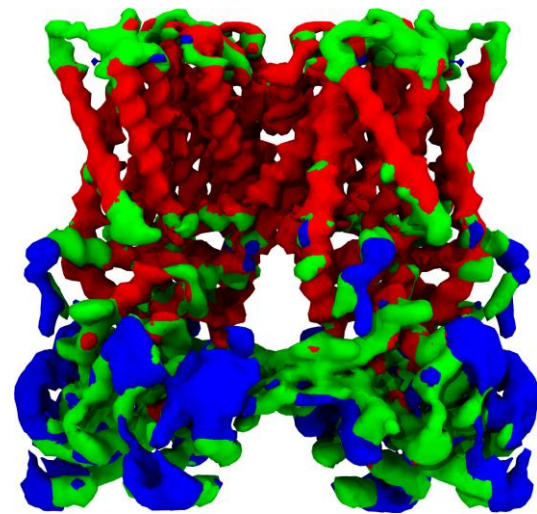
TRPV1 structure (3J5P) and cryo-EM density (emd-5778) colored by local resolution obtained by ResMap



High Res
(~3 Å)

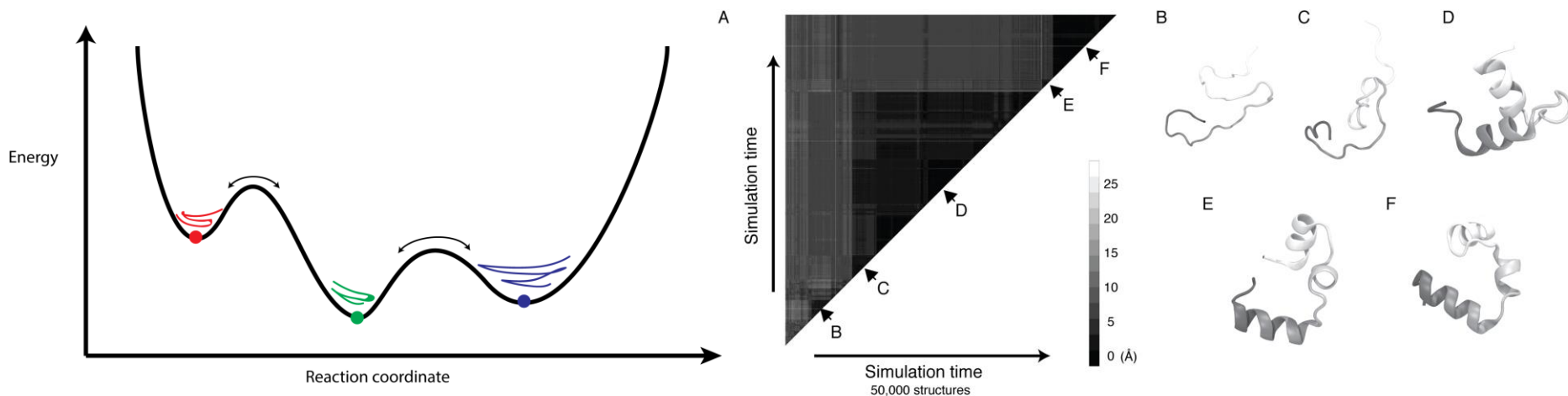
Med Res
(~4 Å)

Low Res
(~5 Å)



A. Kucukelbir, F.J. Sigworth, H.D. Tagare, Quantifying the Local Resolution of Cryo-EM Density Maps, Nature Methods, Volume 11, Issue 1, Pages 63-65, 2014.

Clustering Analysis of Molecular Dynamics Trajectories: Requires I/O+Memory for All-Pairs of Trajectory Frames



GPU-Accelerated Molecular Dynamics Clustering Analysis with OpenACC. J.E. Stone, J.R. Perilla, C. K. Cassidy, and K. Schulten.

In, Robert Farber, ed., *Parallel Programming with OpenACC*, Morgan Kaufmann, Chapter 11, pp. 215-240, 2016.

VMD w/ OptiX RTX Ray Tracing

- 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/>
- GPU memory sharing via NVLink
- **In-progress:**
 - Denoising: faster turnaround w/ AO, DoF, etc

GPU-Accelerated Molecular Visualization on Petascale Supercomputing Platforms.

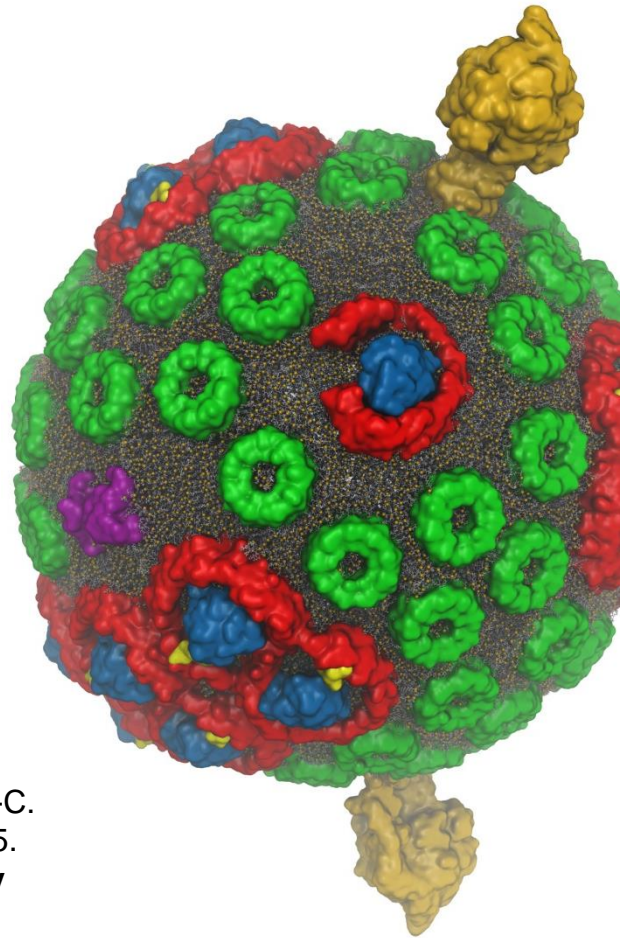
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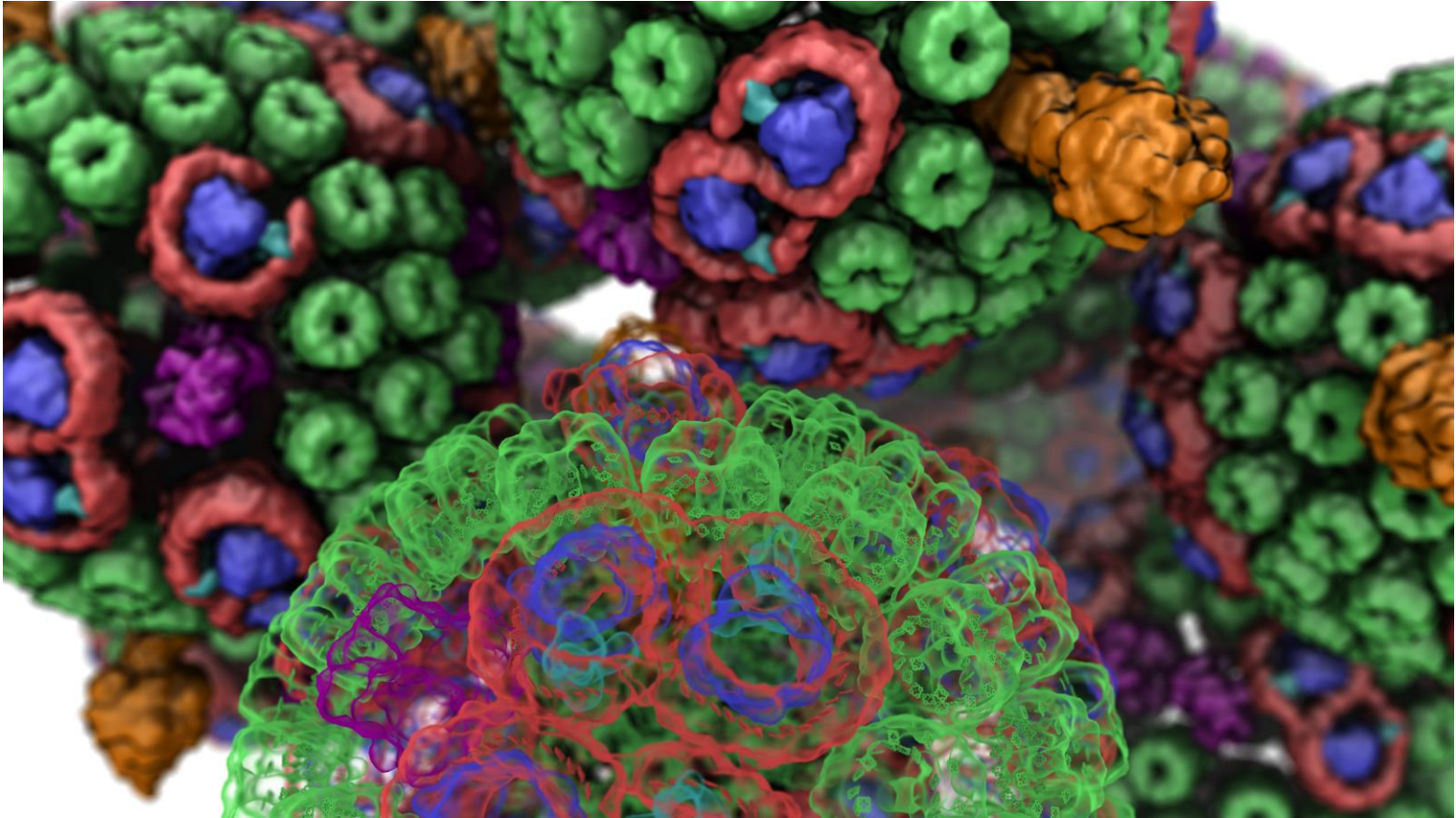
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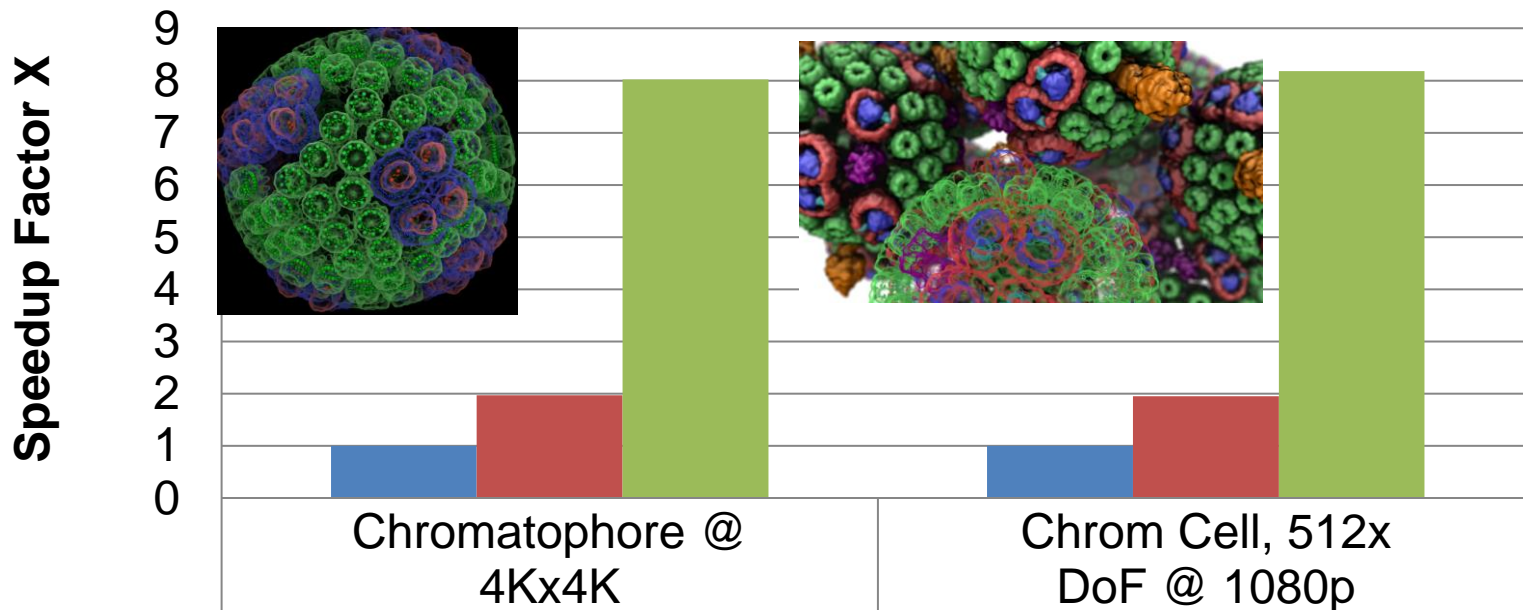


VMD/OptiX GPU Ray Tracing of all-atom Chromatophore w/ lipids.

VMD/OptiX RTX Acceleration



VMD OptiX RT performance on Quadro RTX 6000



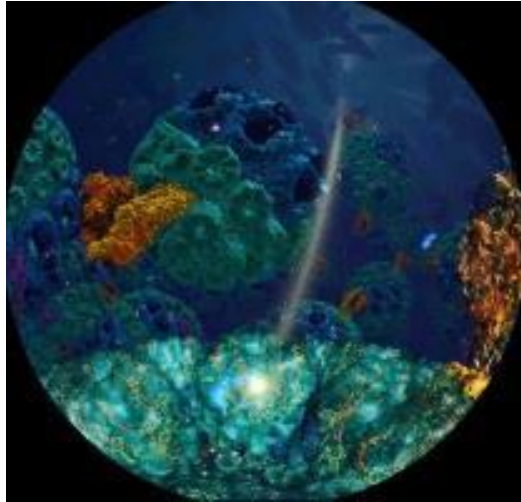
■ Quadro GV100	1	1
■ 2x Quadro GV100	1.97	1.95
■ Quadro RTX 6000	8.02	8.18

VMD Cinematic Molecular Visualization and Rendering: “Birth of Planet Earth” Fulldome Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTgAok6n7I4>

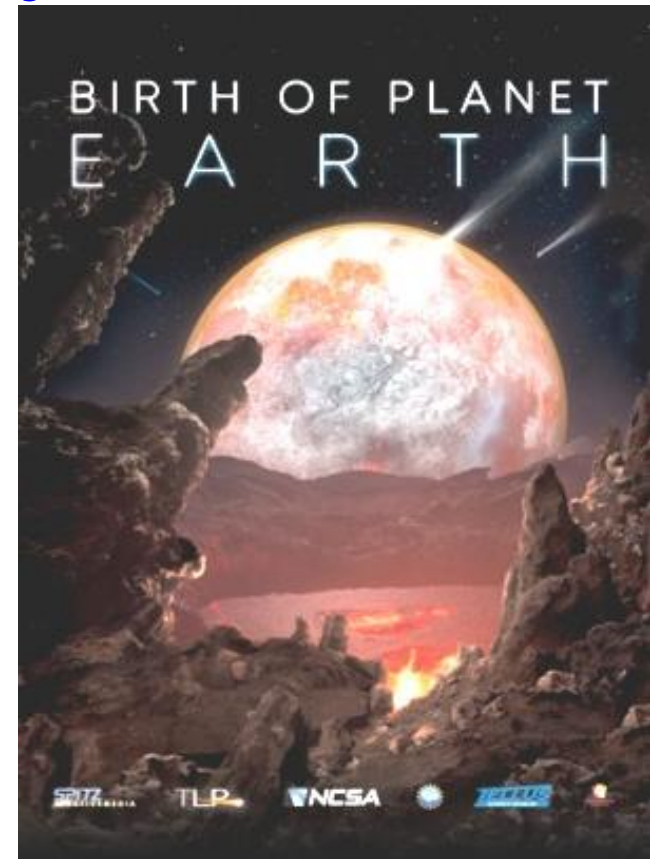
VMD RTX Performance Gains for “BoPE” Content:

- BoPE production used Quadro M6000 (Maxwell) GPUs
- BoPE w/ OptiX 6.5 on Quadro RTX 6000 **up to 15x faster!**



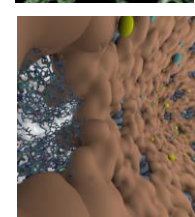
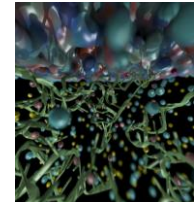
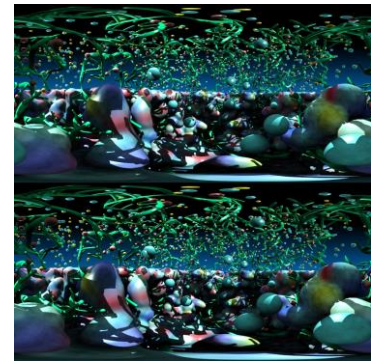
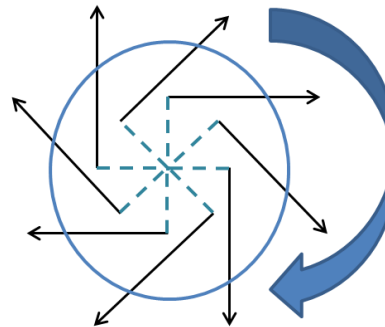
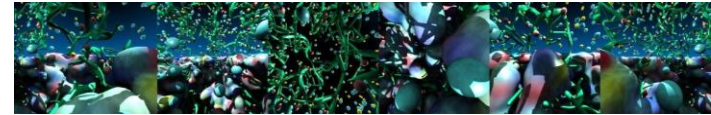
Multiscale modeling and cinematic visualization of photosynthetic energy conversion processes from electronic to cell scales.

M. Sener, S. Levy, J. E. Stone, et al., J. Parallel Computing, 2021.



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, ...
- **Summit 6x Tesla V100 GPU nodes:**
 - Render many omni-stereo viewpoints, no acceleration structure rebuilds, tens of frames/sec per-node!
 - OptiX multi-GPU rendering, NVLink compositing and data distribution, etc...
 - Future: AI for warping between views



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VMD Examples from In-Progress ANARI Renderers

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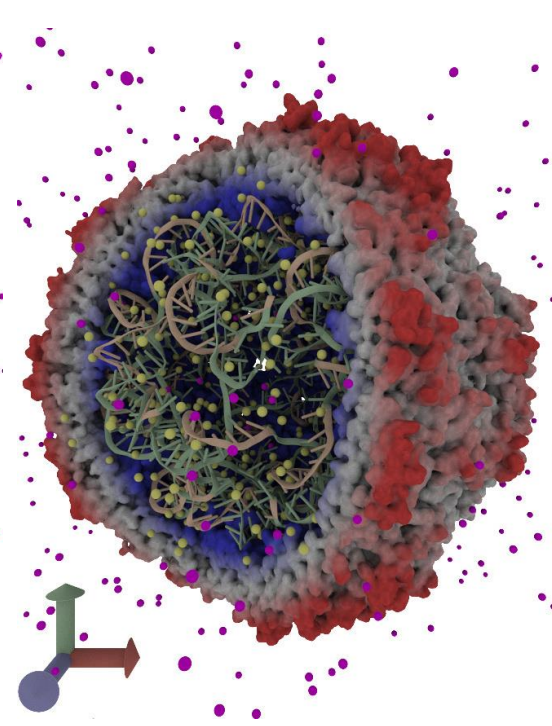
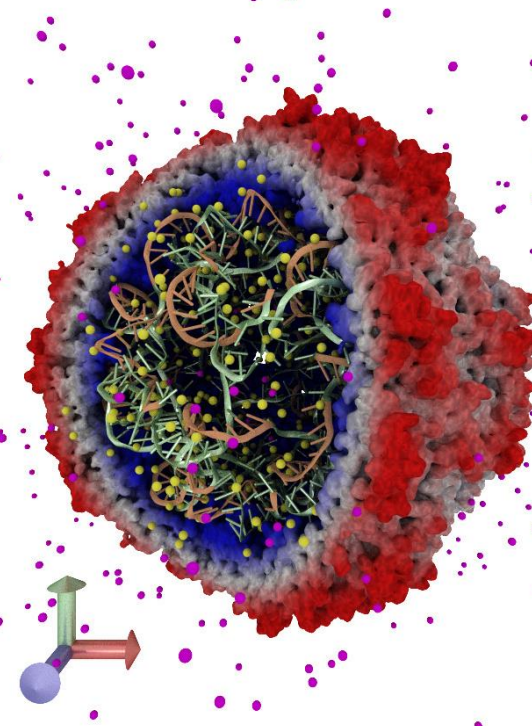
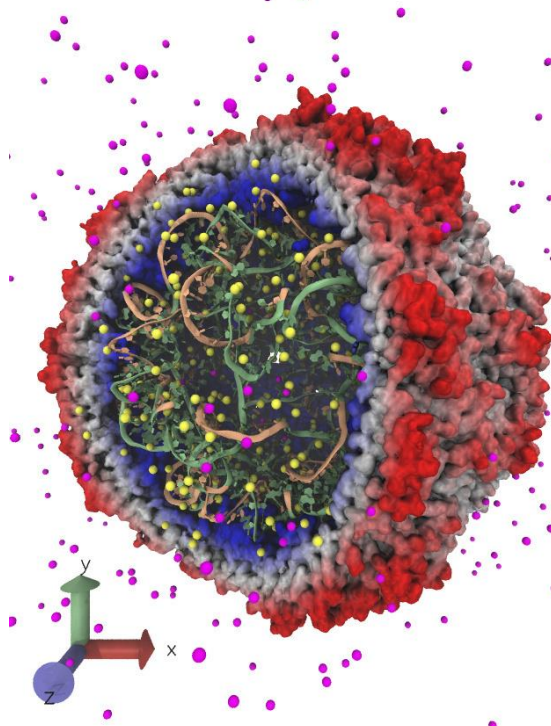
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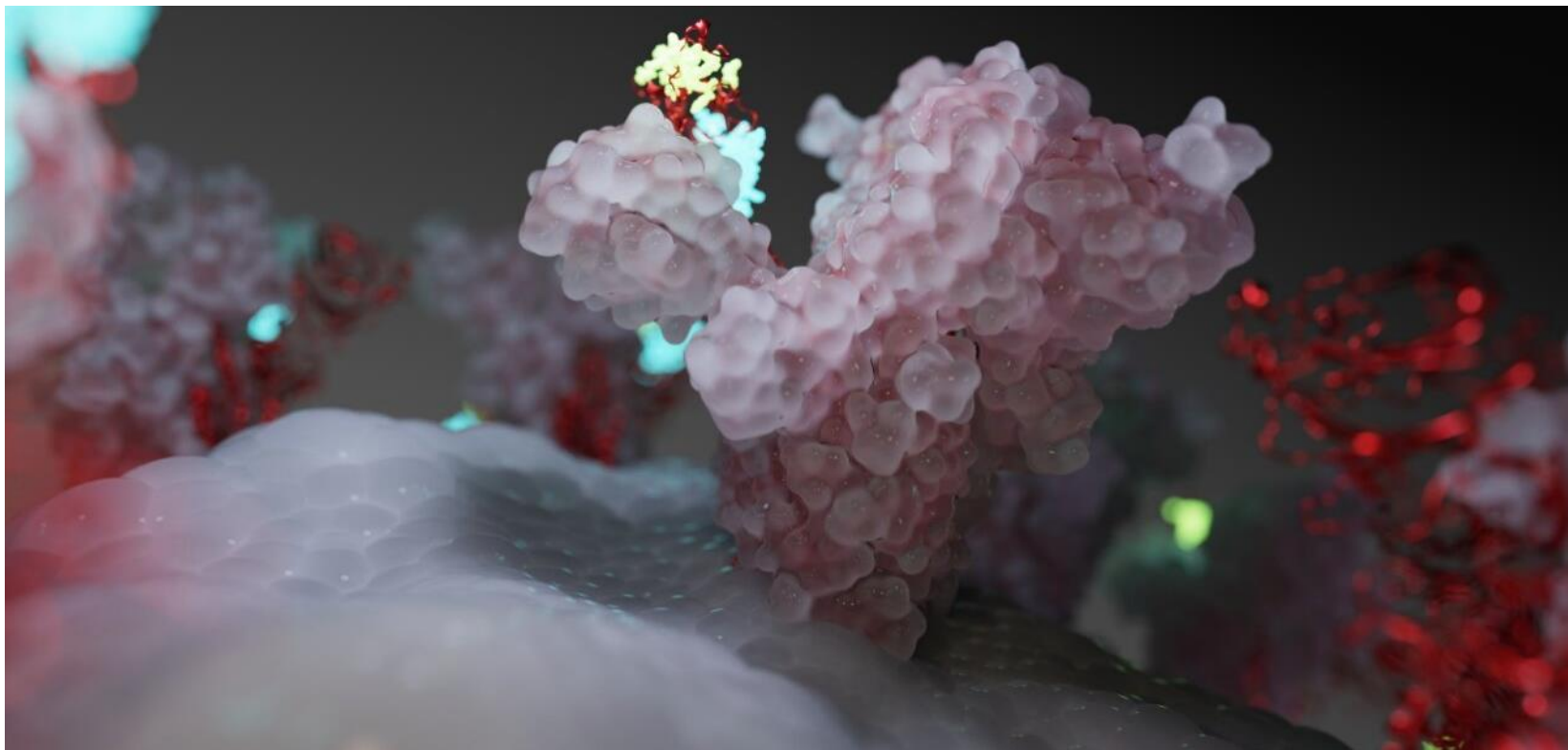
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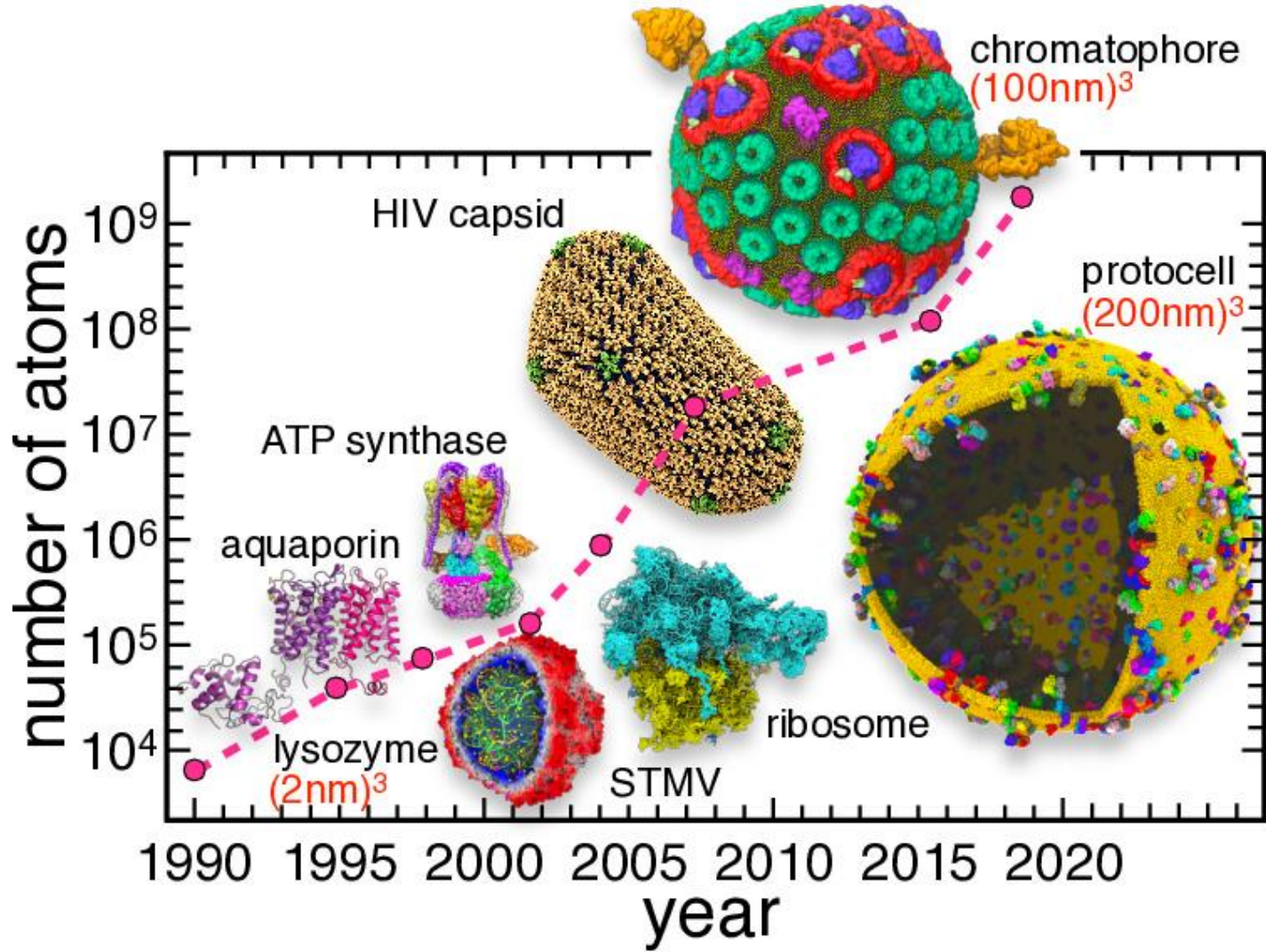
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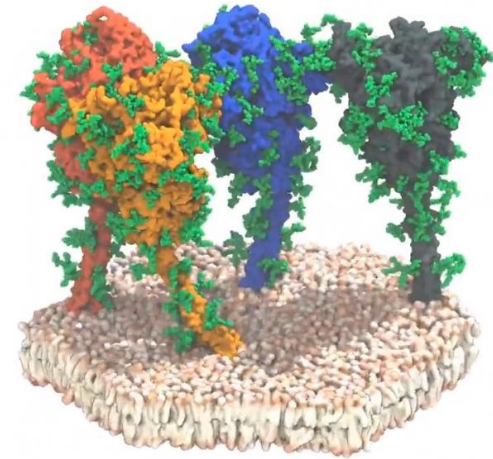
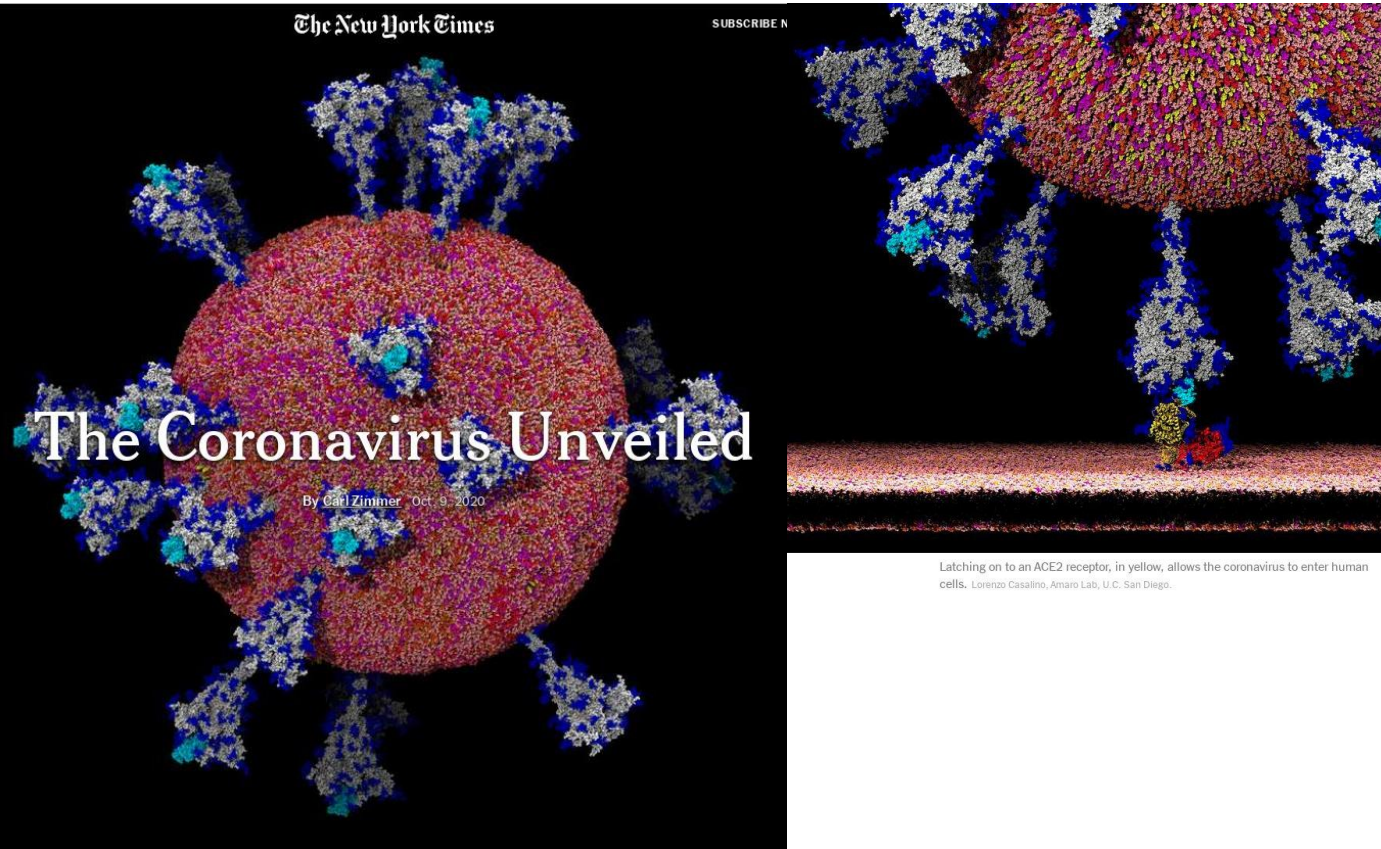
VMD+Folding@Home w/ NVIDIA Omniverse+Maya

- <https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2020/10/07/foldingathome-omniverse-coronavirus/>
- Movie (YouTube): https://youtu.be/Y9N_lmwnUI

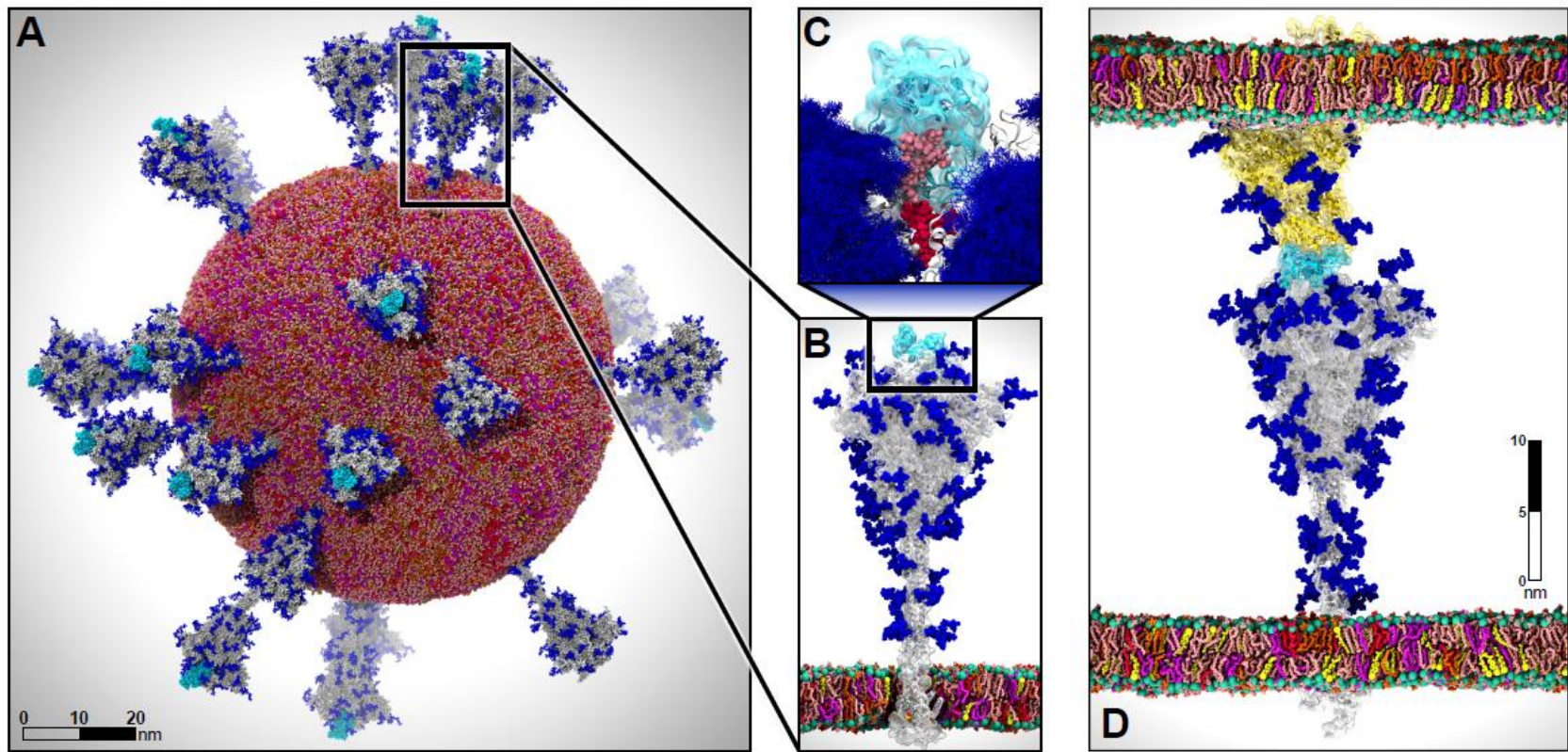




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A simulation of four spike proteins, each bending on three hinges. Sören von Bülow, Mateusz Sikora and Gerhard Hummer, Max Planck Institute of Biophysics



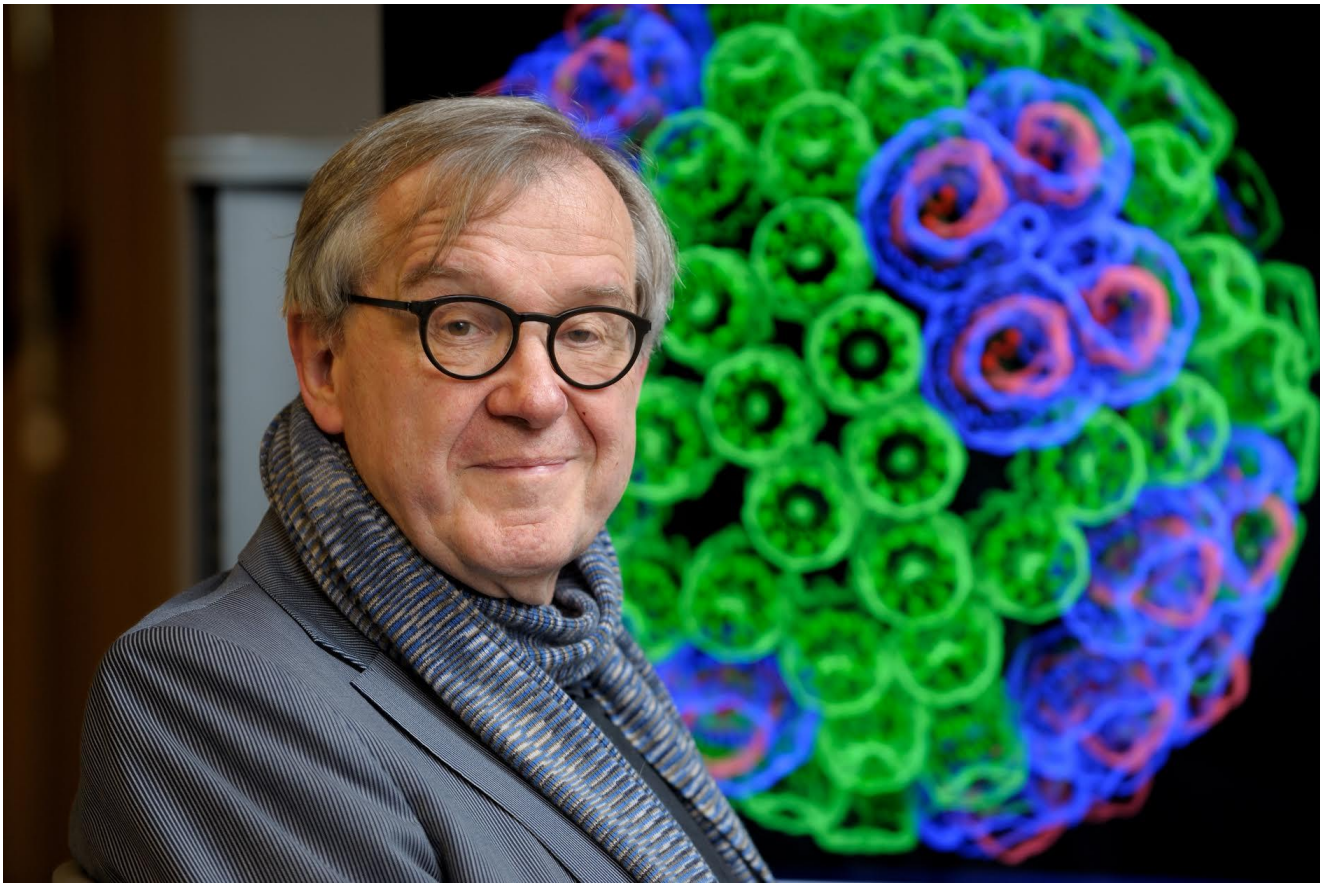
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“When I was a young man, my goal was to look with mathematical and computational means at the inside of cells, one atom at a time, to decipher how living systems work. That is what I strived for and I never deflected from this goal.” – Klaus Schulten