

Computational Visualization

1. Sources, characteristics, representation



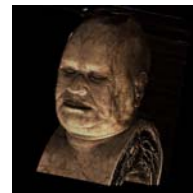
2. Mesh Processing



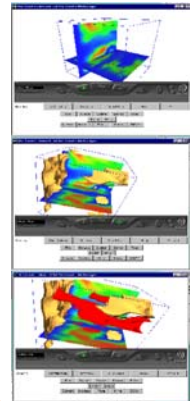
3. Contouring



4. Volume Rendering



5. Flow, Vector, Tensor Field Visualization



6. Application Case Studies

Computational Visualization: Application Case Studies

Lecture 6

Outline

- Center for Computational Visualization
- Case Studies
 - Computational Cosmology
 - Computational Medicine
 - Computational Biology
 - Computational Engineering

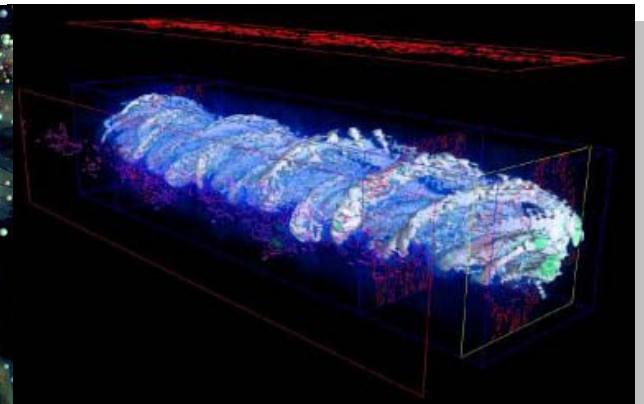
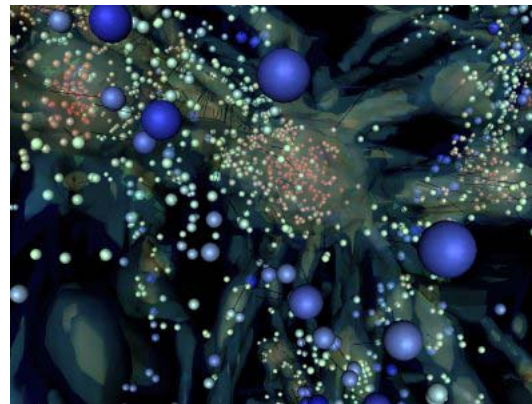
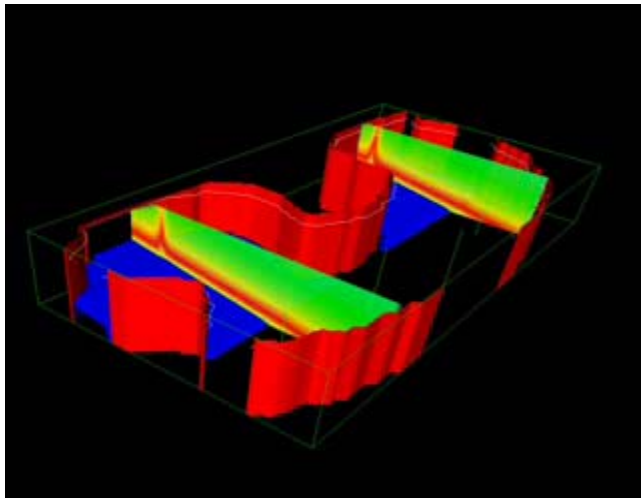
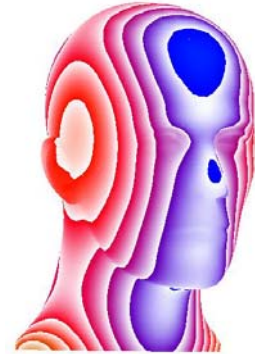
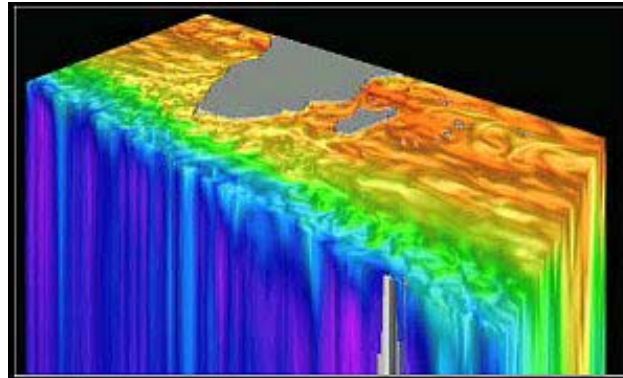
The CCV Research & Educational Mission

*To significantly **elevate** the science and technology base of computational visualization techniques and tools for rapid scientific **discovery** on key and fundamental grand challenges and achieve a lasting **impact** on mankind.*

Holy Grail of Visualization I

Beyond the Picture

- Interaction
- Interrogation
- Exploration

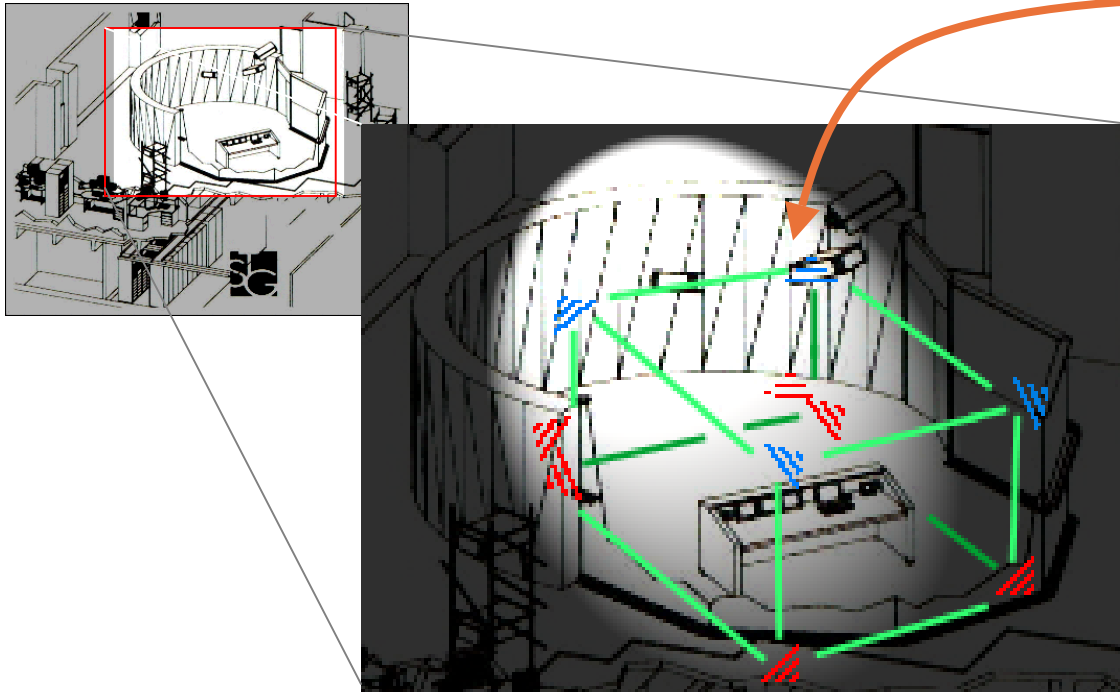


Visualization for Simulation

- The Visible Living Species
- The Visible Earth
- The Visible Universe

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The Auralization Era: Beyond 3D Silent Movies



Configuration of 10 Speakers for Multi-channel Audio

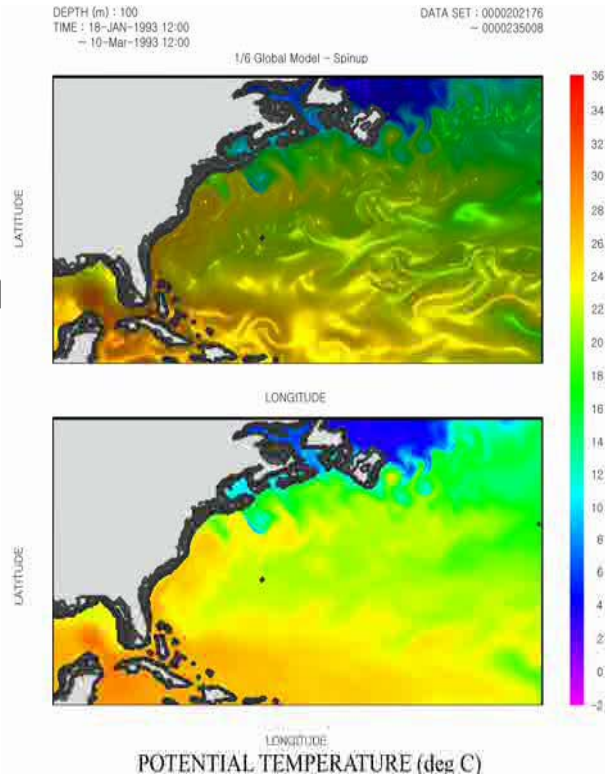
- **Parallel Sound Synthesis**
- **Parallel Sound Rendering**
- **Parallel Sound Localization**
- **Parallel Sound Synchronization**

The 3D Audio-Visual Immersion
for Learning and Discovery !

Holy Grail of Visualization II

The Human Experience

- Visual Fidelity
- Audio Fidelity
- Audio-Video Immersion
- Tactile, Olfactory, ...



Simulation for Visualization

- Light scattering and absorption (Better Optical Models)
- Sound scattering and absorption (Helmholtz's Equation)
- Other Human Cognitive Inferences

In Search of the Holy Grail

1. High performance computers
2. High speed networking
3. High access data storage
4. High throughput graphics and sound cards
5. High resolution projectors and display screens
6. High sampling rate audio-visual trackers
7. Human ingenuity on demand!

What are the Barriers ?

HARDWARE

LIMITATIONS

- I/O bound ---disks to memory slow...InfiniBand
- Buses are not fast enough --- memory to graphics cards
- Networking needs to get faster for distributed data caches or remote access
- Pixel Bound,,, pixel resolution and fill rates are not fast enough

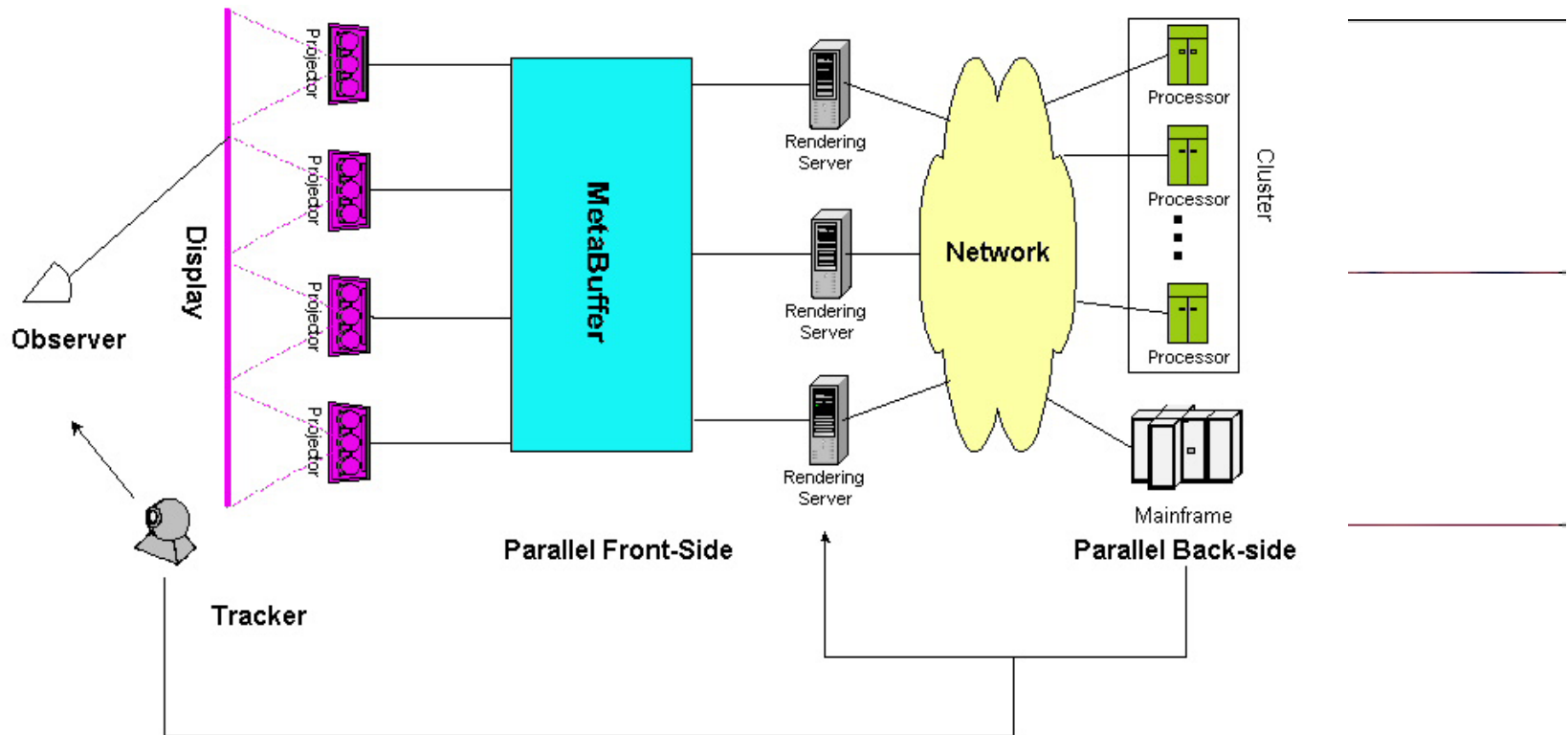
SOFTWARE

LIMITATIONS

- Feature detection methods...local/global
- Visibility calculations especially for time dependent
- Image/audio processing techniques
- Roadmaps for exploration
- Seesaw strategies for remote access and visualization
- Collaborative interaction metaphors

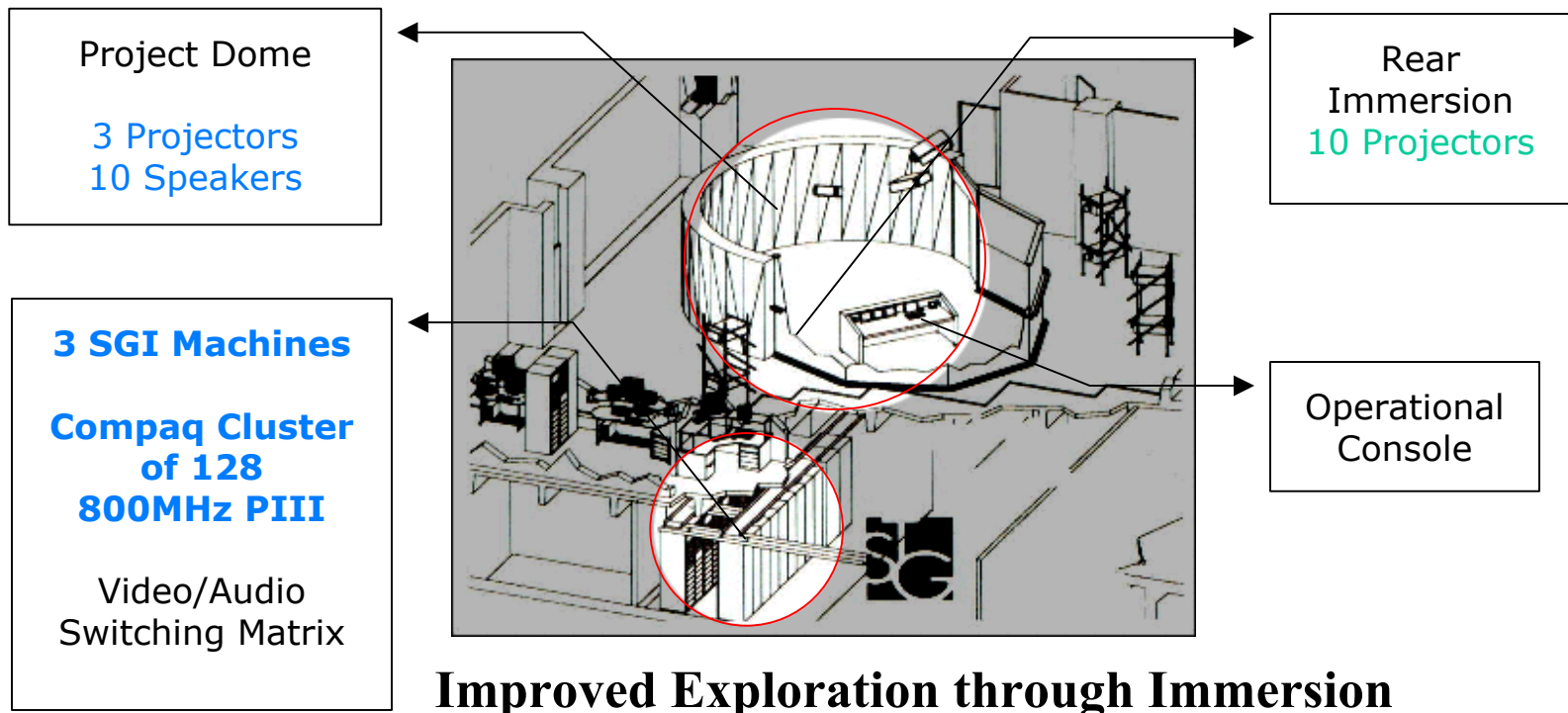
Human Ingenuity is Unlimited!!

The Comprehensive Attack



1. ***Compressed Data Streams Everywhere***
2. ***Multi-resolution and Time Critical Processing at Both Ends***
3. ***Scalability of parallel graphics, sound and distributed data stores***
4. ***Closing the Loop → Human Perception and Interaction***

Visualization Holodeck for Scientific Discovery



Living Tomorrow Today!

Visualization Inspirational Launchpads



Improved Teaming
through Shared
Workspaces &
Collaboration



Remote Interactive Visualization Pods

Focus is on improved **Human in the Loop** NOT **Technology!**

The Visualization Educational Studio

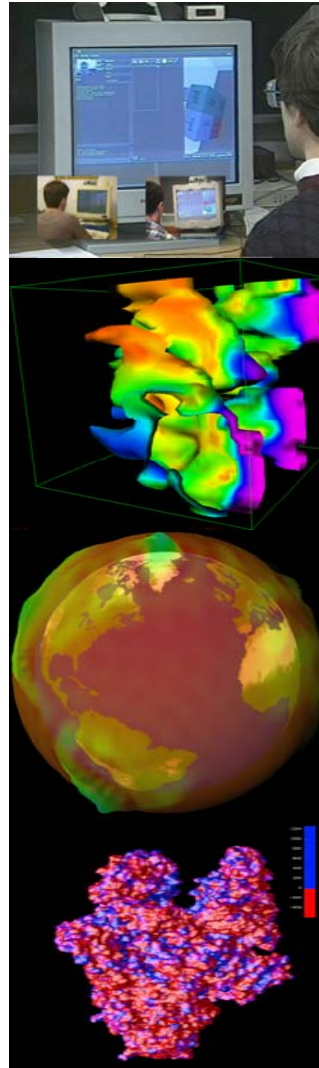
AUTHORING & BROADCASTING !

- Vt-books of visualization technology advances
- **Iv-books** that tell an interactive story of scientific discovery and impact



Projects:

- Shastra
collaborative architectures
- VisualEyes
integrated simulations &
interrogative visualization
- DiDi
data intensive & display
intensive computations
- Angstrom
Structure determination
Proteomics



Interdisciplinary Team

- UT Faculty (3+)
- PostDocs (2)
- Graduate Students (12)
- Undergraduate Students (2)
- Staff (1)

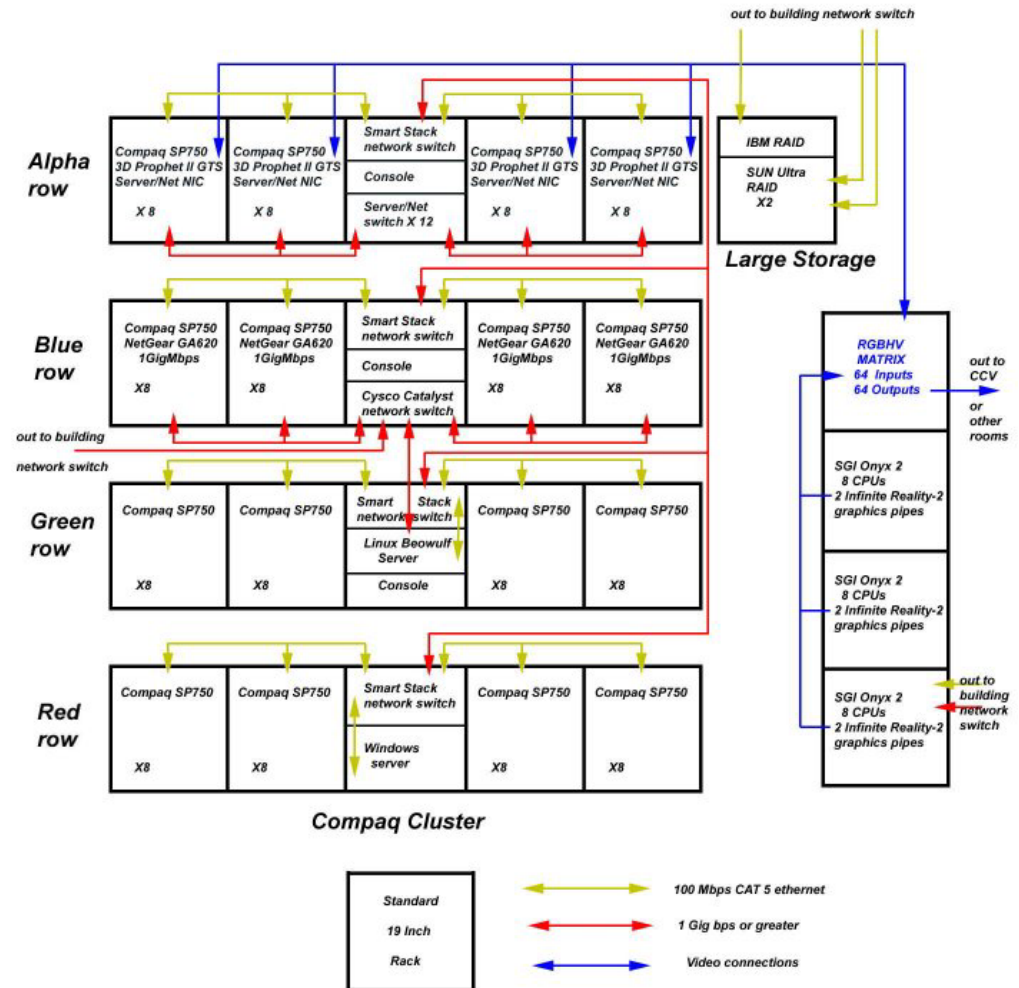
Our Resources

- SGI Onyx2
 - Twenty four 400 MHz R12000 processors
 - Six Infinite Reality2 engine graphics pipeline
 - 25 GB of main memory
 - Large disc array



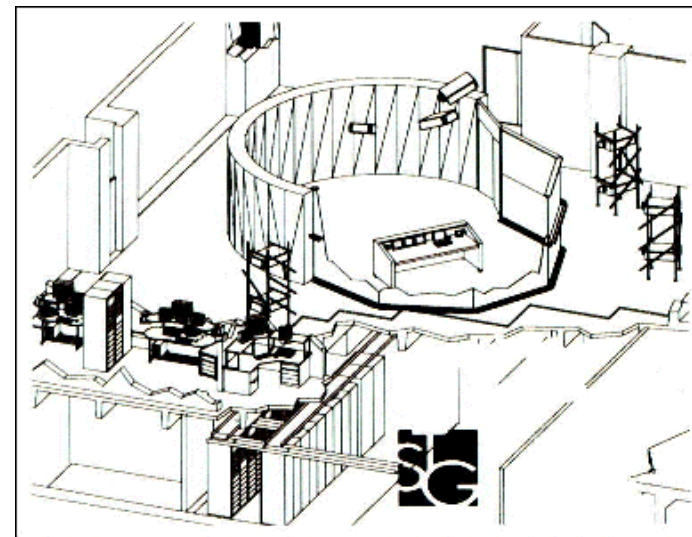
Our Resources (cont)

- PC cluster
 - 128 Compaq PC
 - Each node has 256 MB main memory



Visualization Lab

- Immersive environments
 - Three front CRT projection
 - Ten rear LCD projection



Motivation

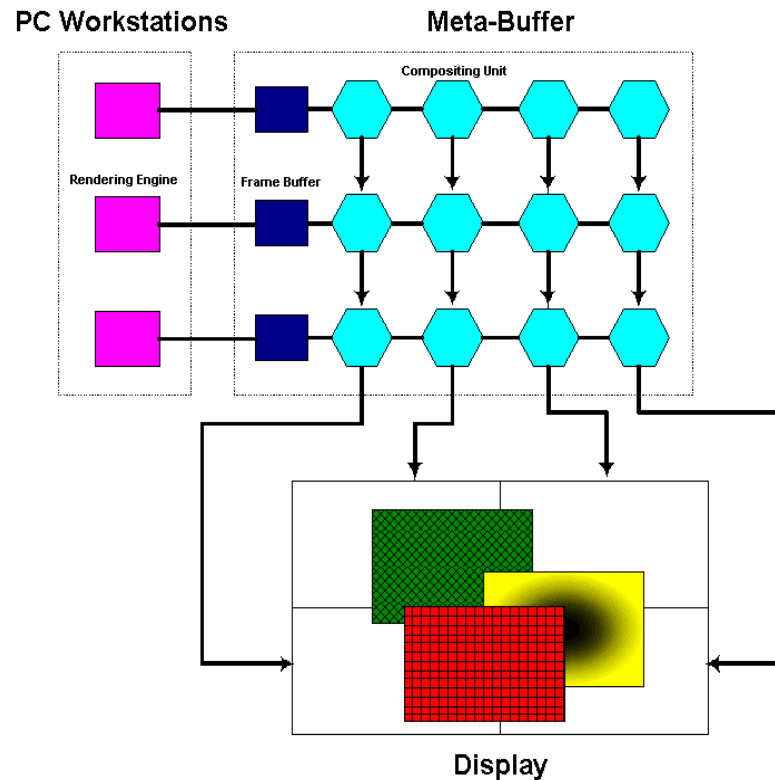
- Large data-sets
 - multi-resolution data-structures
 - for dynamic settings little or no preprocessing
- Viability of data analysis for a wide class of inputs
 - unified techniques for data of different dimension
- Guaranteed interactivity and scalability
 - highly flexible adaptivity
- Distributed computing resources
 - loose coupling between successive computation stages

Scalable Parallel Rendering

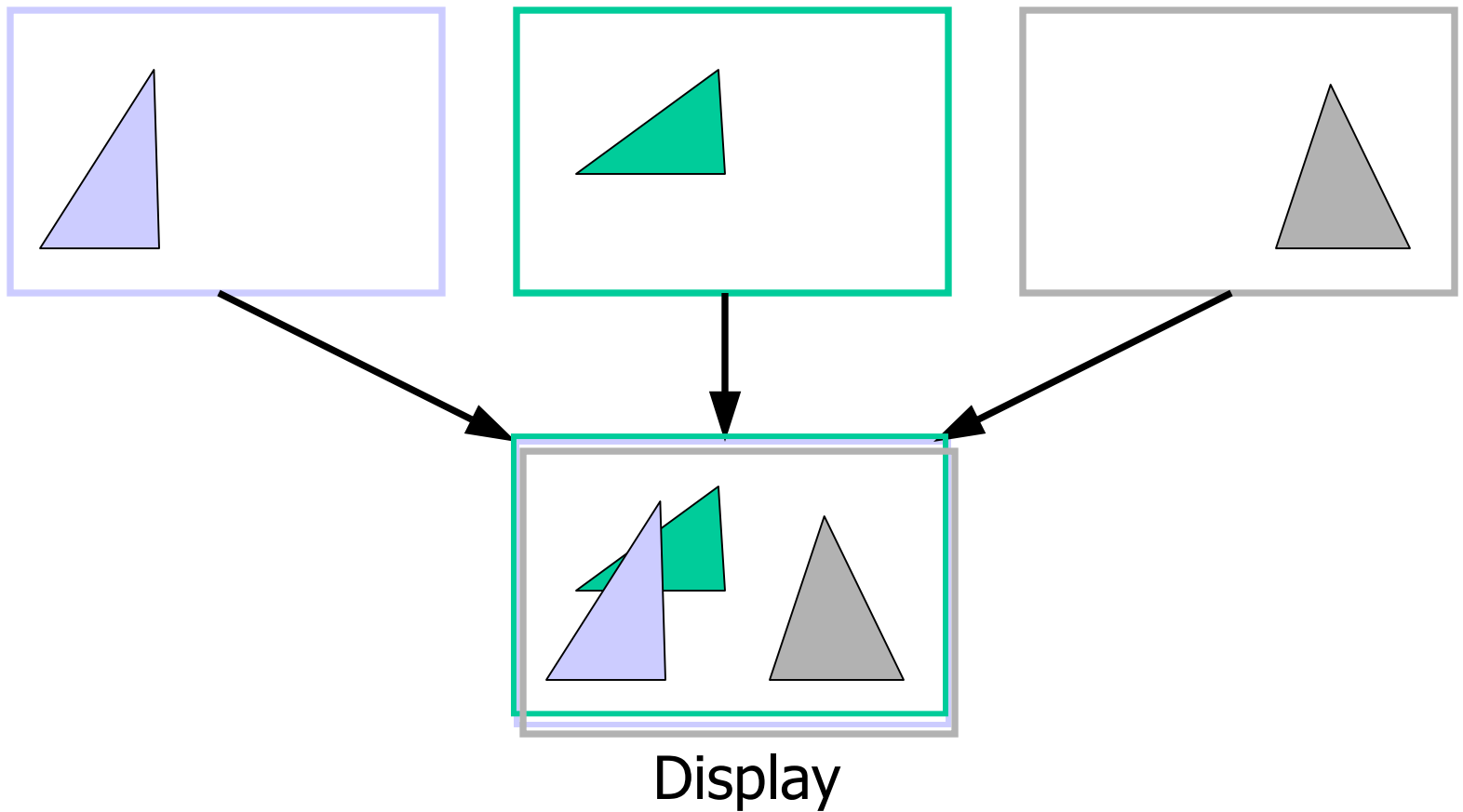
- Scalable Display Wall (Princeton)
 - Myrinet & sort-first
- WireGL (Stanford)
- Sepia (Compaq)
 - ServerNet II & custom compositing
- Meta-Buffer (UT)
- Lighting 2 (Stanford)

Metabuffer Features

- Independently scalable number of renders and display tiles
- The viewport of a render can locate anywhere in the display space
- Viewports can overlap
- Viewports can be different size (multi-resolution)

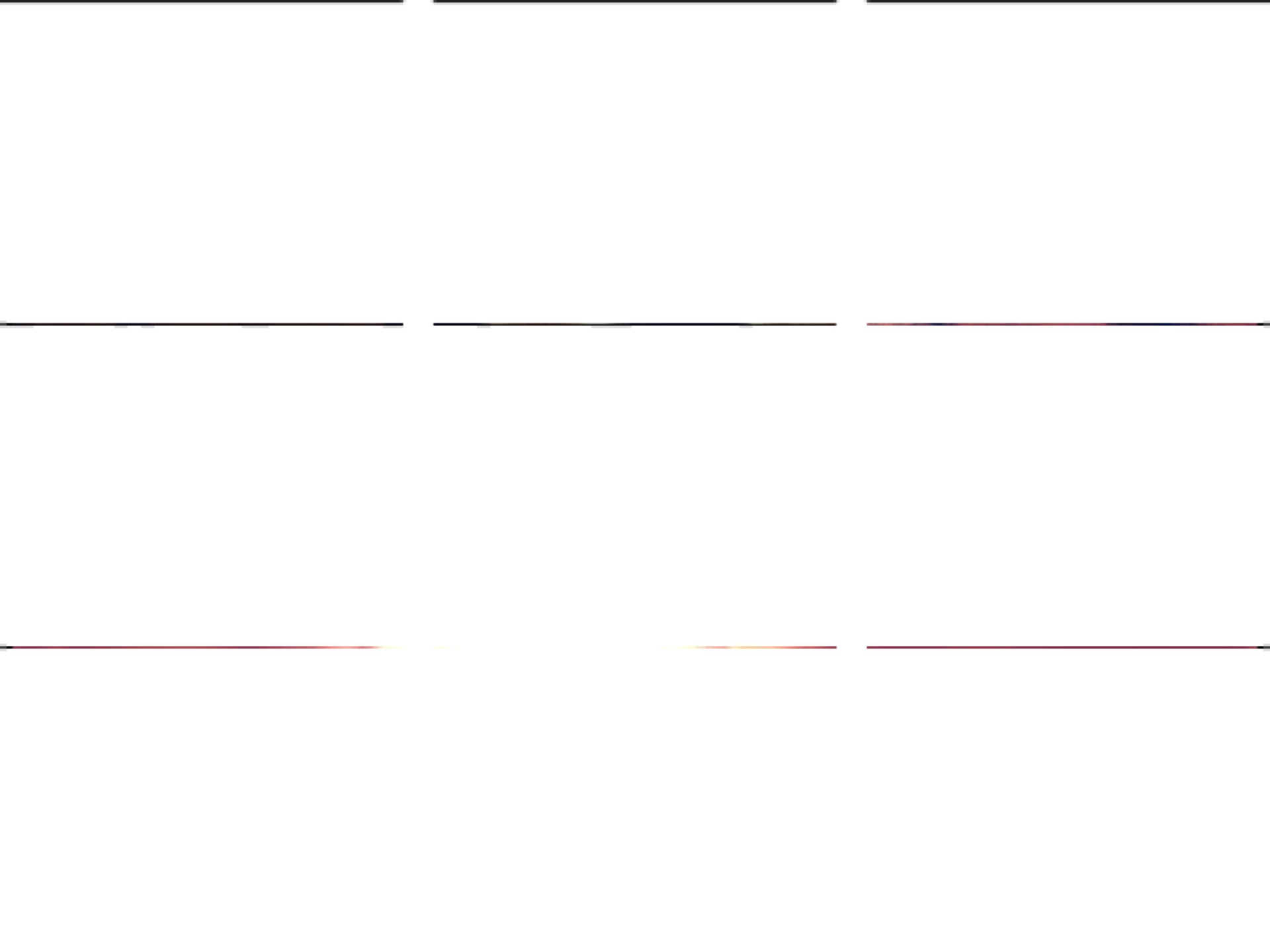


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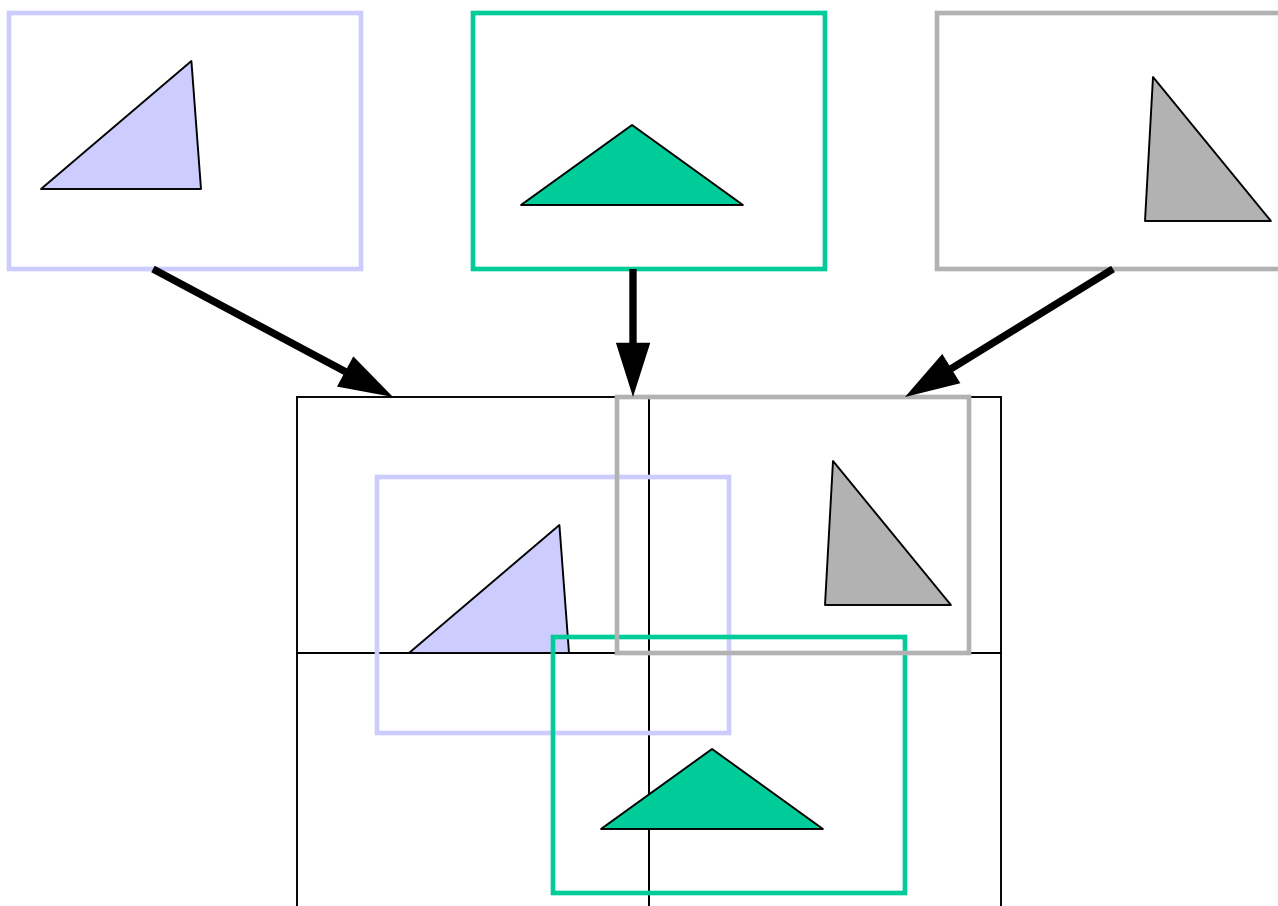


Configuration I

- Each Renderer has the same viewport
 - Polygons can be assigned to any renderer
 - Display has the same resolution as a rendering process
- Load balance for isosurface rendering
 - Each processor generates similar number of triangles
 - No need to redistribute triangles
 - Efficiently use memory as cache for change of viewpoint



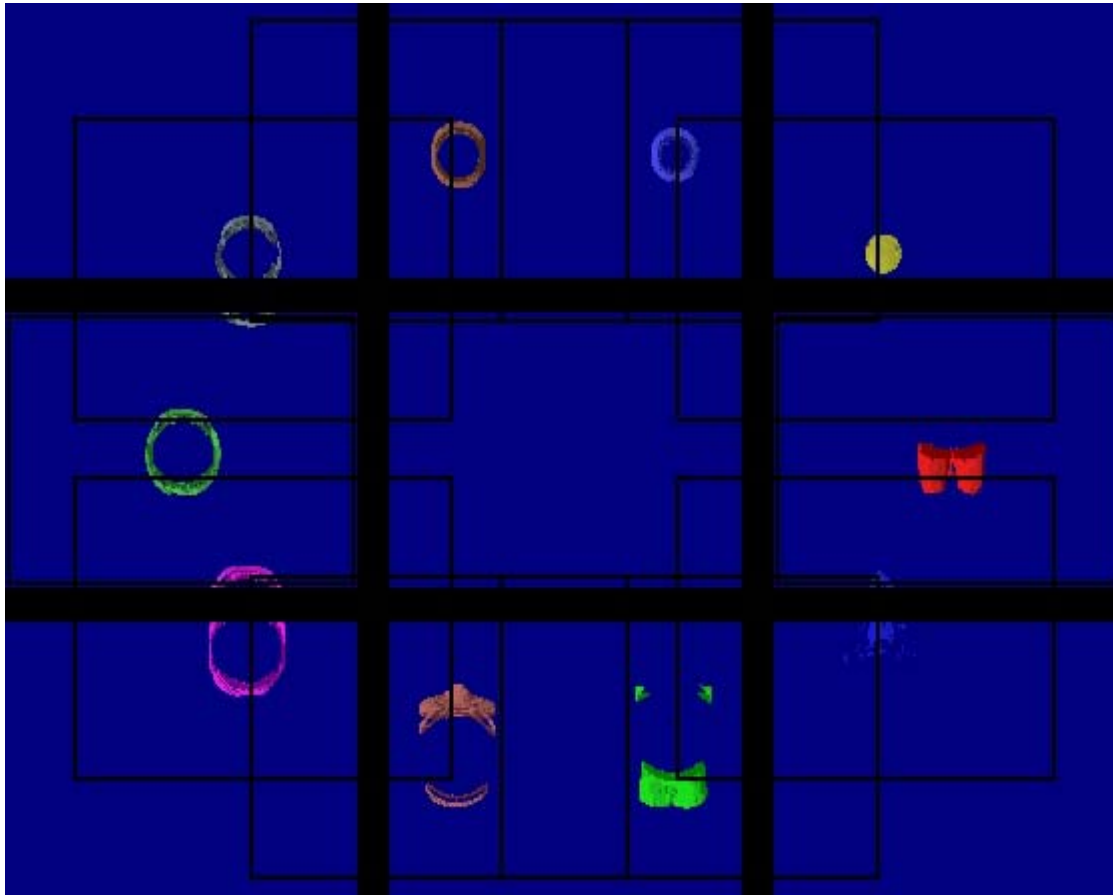
Configuration II



Configuration II

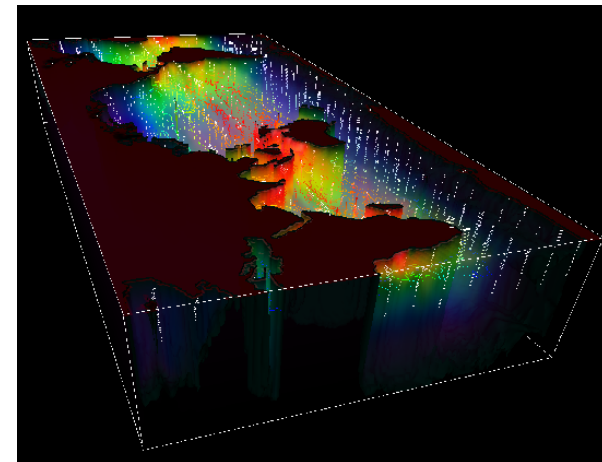
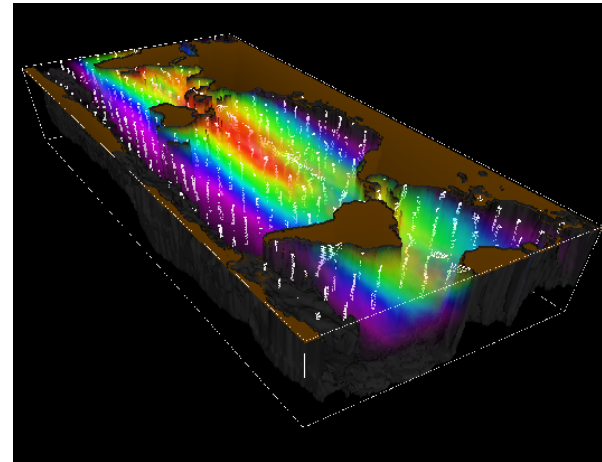
- Each renderer has a viewport with the size of a tile
 - Faster rendering and higher resolution on large display
 - Independent number of renderers and tiles
 - Combination of sort-first and sort-last
- Load Balance
 - Polygons cannot be assigned arbitrarily
 - Viewports are positioned with constraints
 - Load balance among the viewports
 - Different viewport locations for different view parameters

Movie



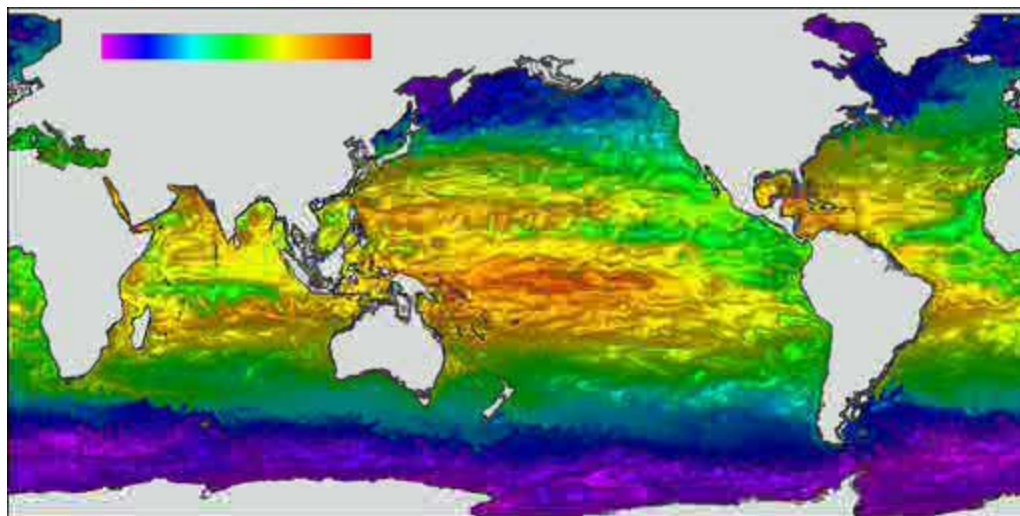
Time-Varying Oceanography Data

- Multi-volumes
 - surface height (***PS***)
 - salinity (***S***)
 - temperature (***T***)
 - velocity (***U, V, W***)
 - convection (***CV***)
- 2160 x 960 x 30 x 4 bytes
- One time step has 300 seconds interval from 16-FEB-1991 12:00:00



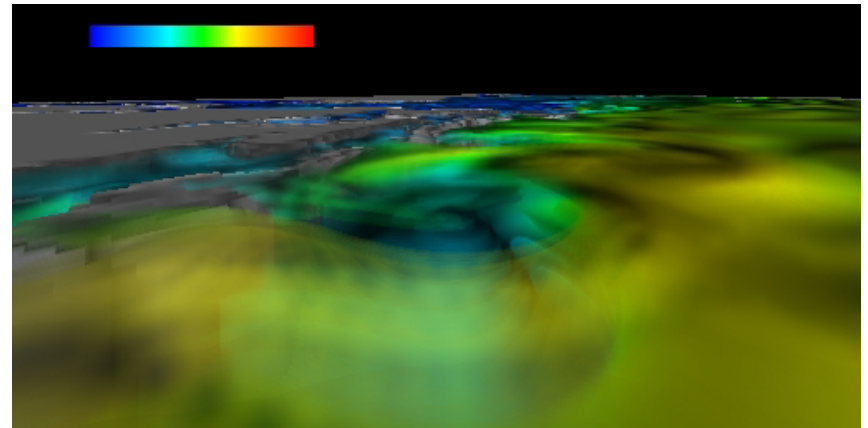
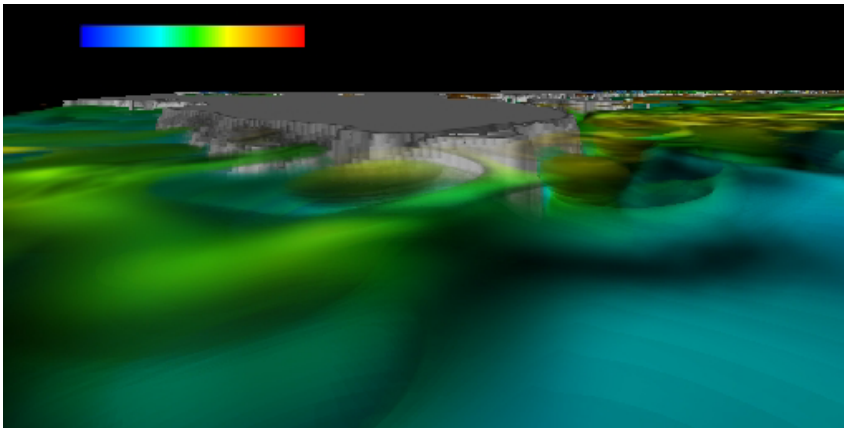
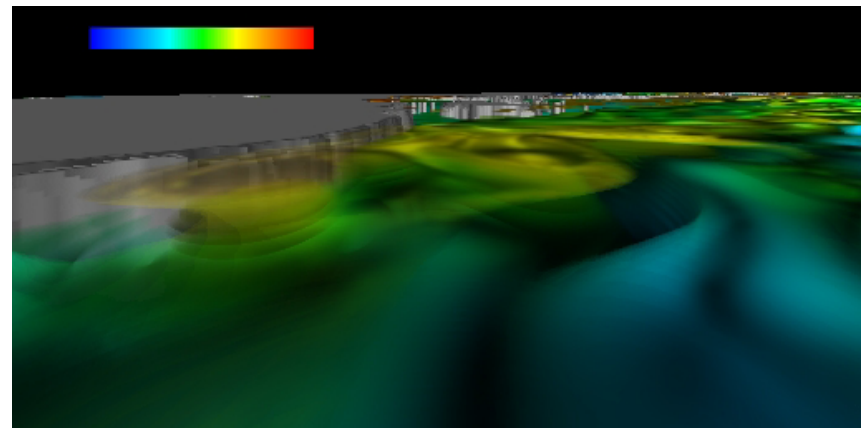
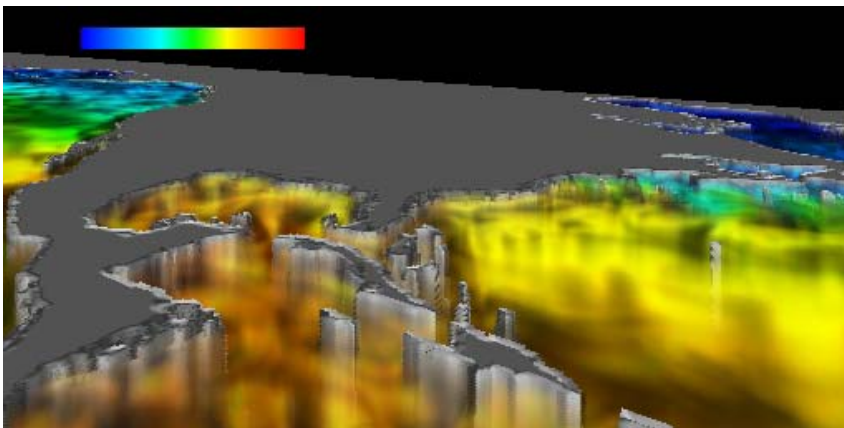
Visualization of Temperature

- $2160 \times 960 \times 30 \times 4(\text{bytes}) = 237 \text{ MB}$
- $237(\text{MB}) \times 115(\text{timestep}) = 27 \text{ GB}$



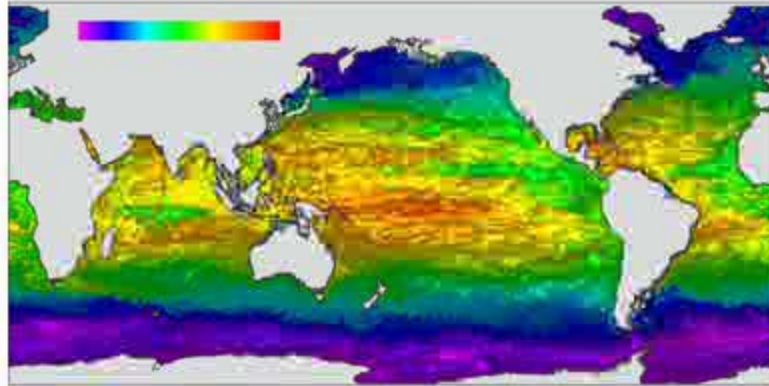
Combining Method

- Volume rendering + Isocontouring

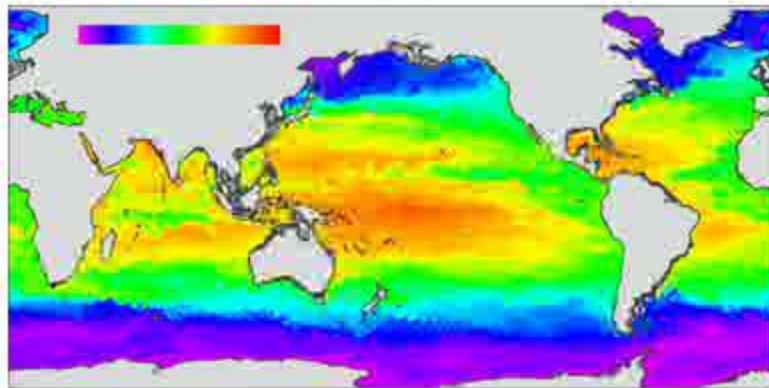


Combining Tech vs Colormap

DEPTH (m) : 100
 TIME : 18-JAN-1993 12:00
 - 10-Mar-1993 12:00
 DATA SET : 0000202176
 - 0000235008
 1/6 Global Model - Spinup



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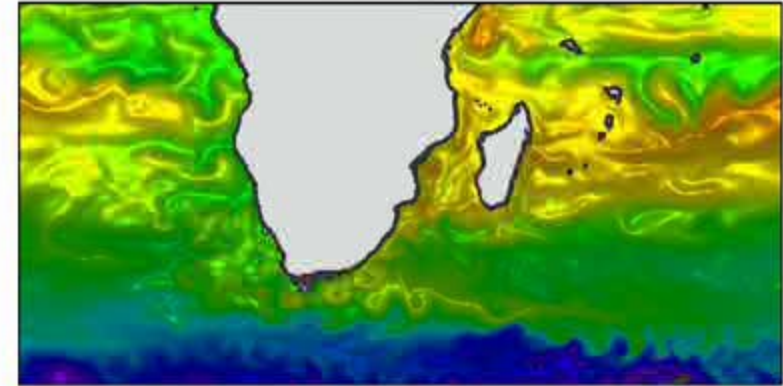


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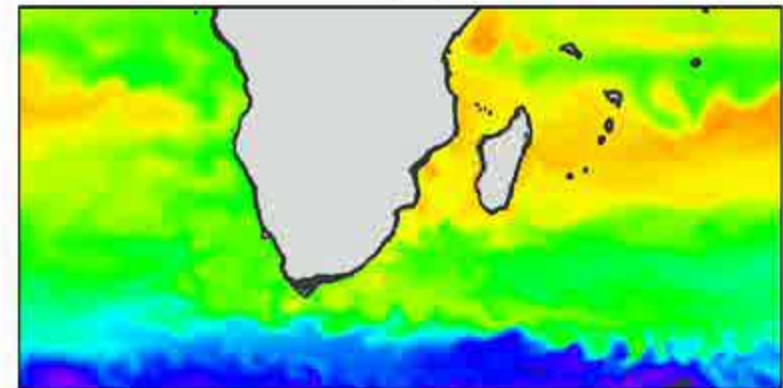
POTENTIAL TEMPERATURE (deg C)



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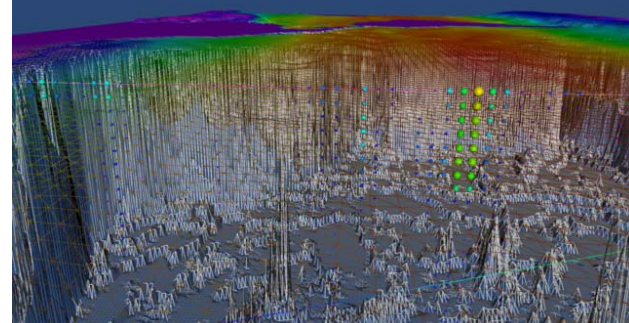
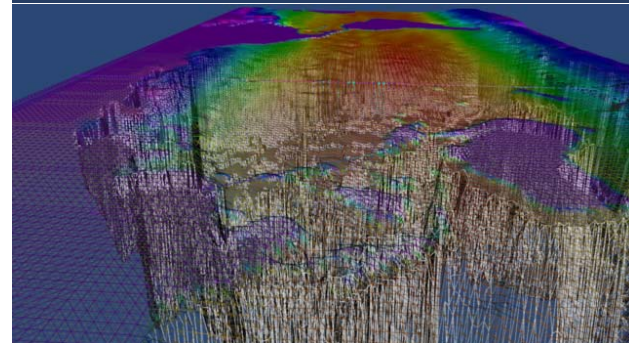
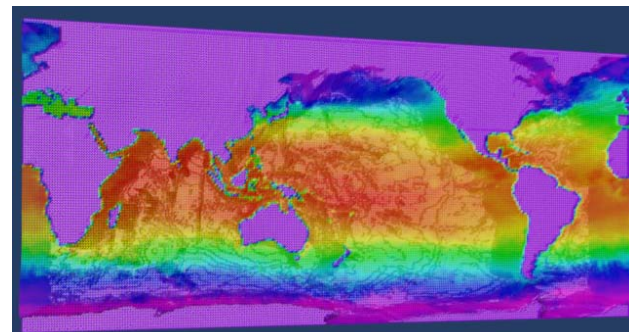
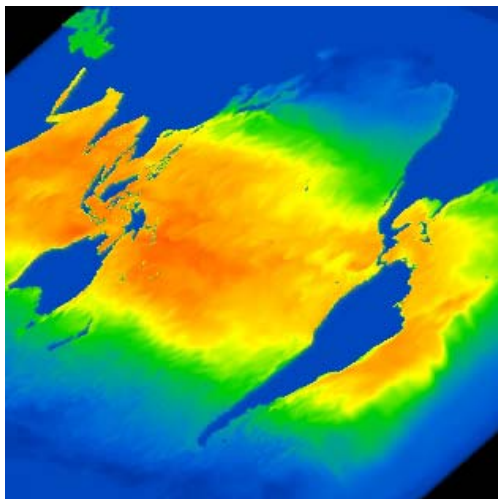
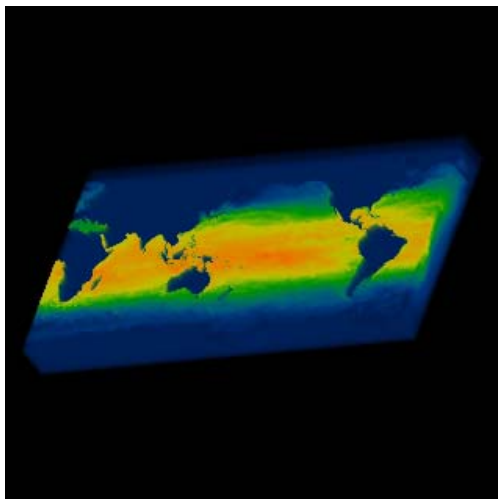


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POTENTIAL TEMPERATURE (deg C)

Real-Time Multipipe Rendering

- OpenGL Volumizer
- OpenGL Performer

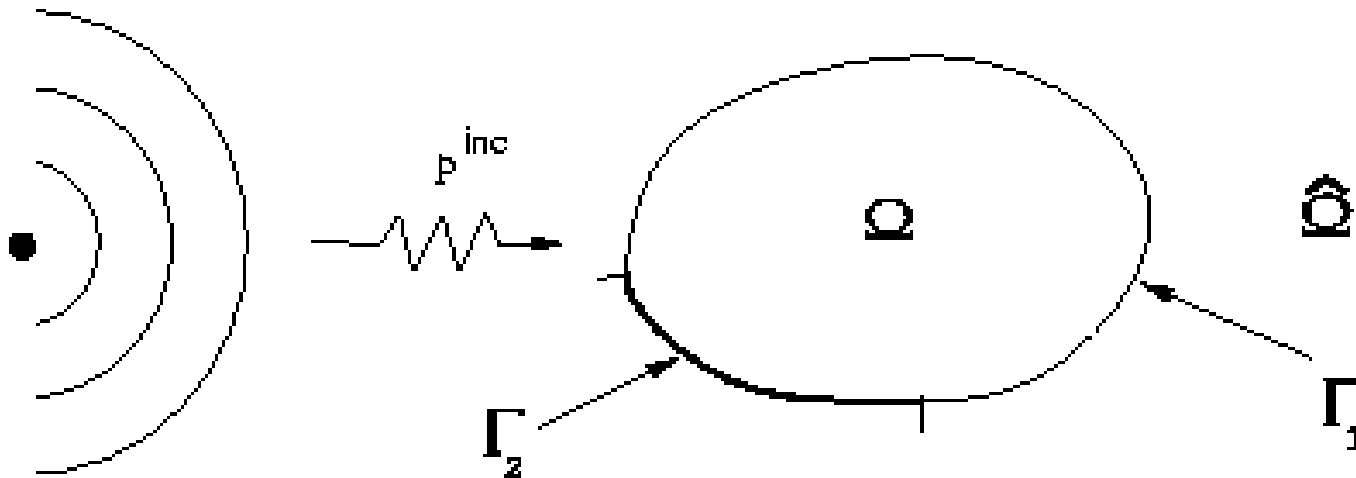


Mineralwasserrrrr!!



Acoustic Scattering

Let $\Omega \subset R^3$ denote a bounded domain with boundary surface Γ that is split into Γ_1 and Γ_2 .
 We assume Γ be a smooth closed surface.



Acoustics Scattering Problem

Given an incident pressure p^{inc} . We wish to determine a (complex-valued) total pressure

$$p = p^{inc} + p^s \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega} = \mathbb{R}^3 - \Omega$$

Satisfying the following Helmholtz equation

$$\nabla^2 p + k^2 p = 0 \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}$$

and rigid boundary condition on Γ_1

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = 0,$$

Impedance boundary condition on Γ_2

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = 0$$

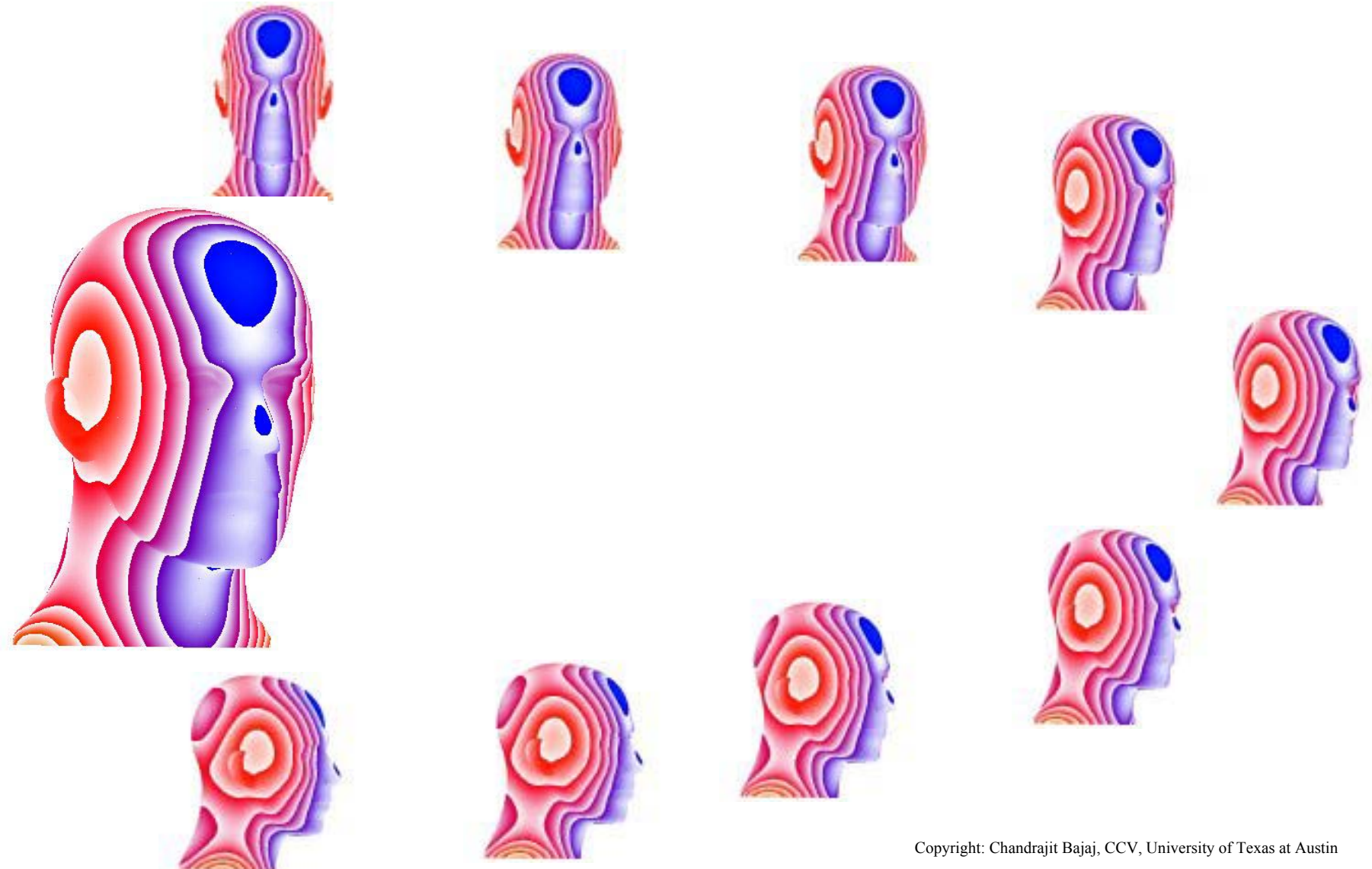
With scattered pressure satisfying Sommerfeld radiation condition

$$\left| \frac{\partial p^s}{\partial R} - ikp^s \right| = O\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right) \quad \text{for } R \rightarrow \infty$$

Wave Parameters

i	Imaginary Unit	ω	Frequency
$k = \omega / c$	Wave number	c	Sound speed
R	Distance from the origin	ϵ	Impedance
ρ	Density of air	n	Outward unit normal

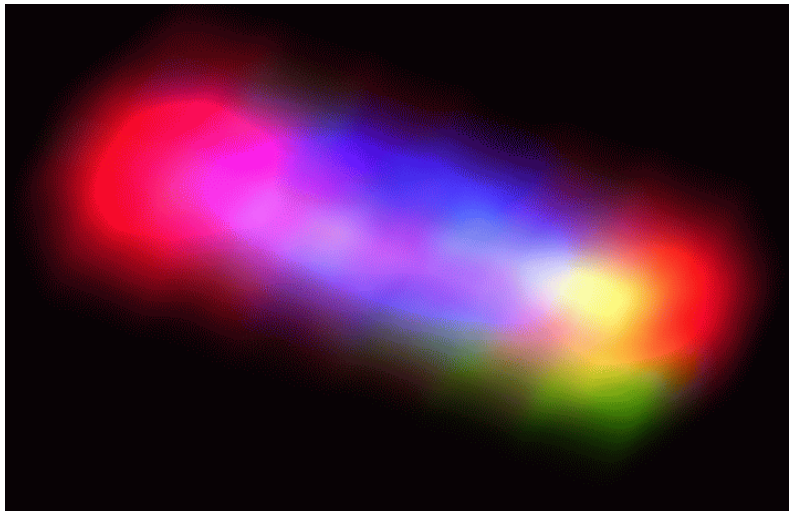
Acoustic Pressure Solution for a Plane Incident Wave



Exploration in Higher Dimensions

- Consider the molecular interaction energy between a receptor and a ligand.

Assuming rough axial symmetry of the ligand this is a scalar field **SF** defined on a five-dimensional configuration space (three translational degrees of freedom and two rotational degrees of freedom).

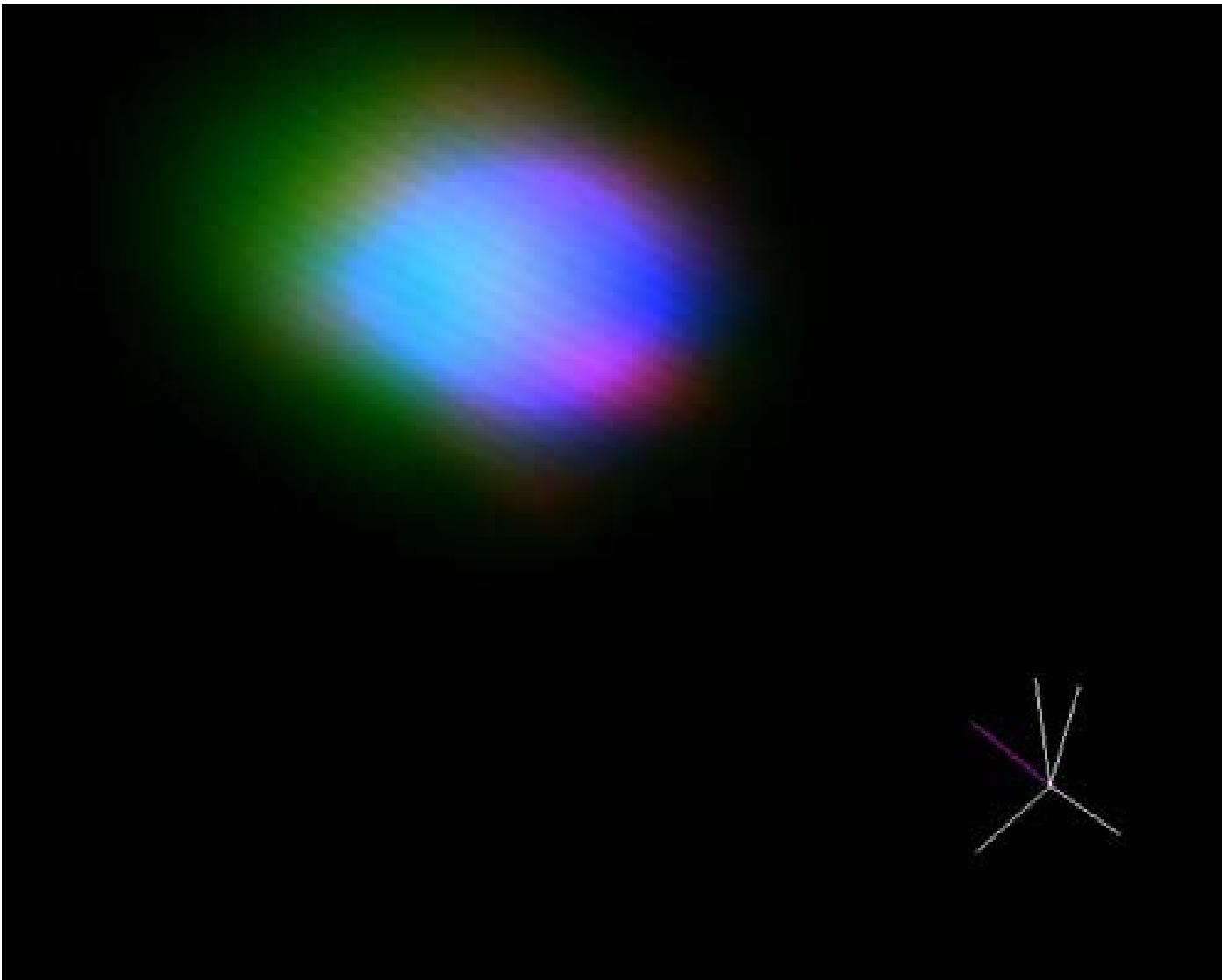


Can we look at **SF** ?

RED = attraction
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Some Related Approaches

- Charnoff faces (Charnoff '73)
- Grand Tour (Asimov '85)
- Parallel Coordinates (Inselberg & '90)
- Hyperslices (VAN Wijk & VAN Liere '93)
- Animation
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Outline Of The Approach

- Sound definition of a “view”
 - User interface
- Hardware acceleration
- Multi-resolution representation

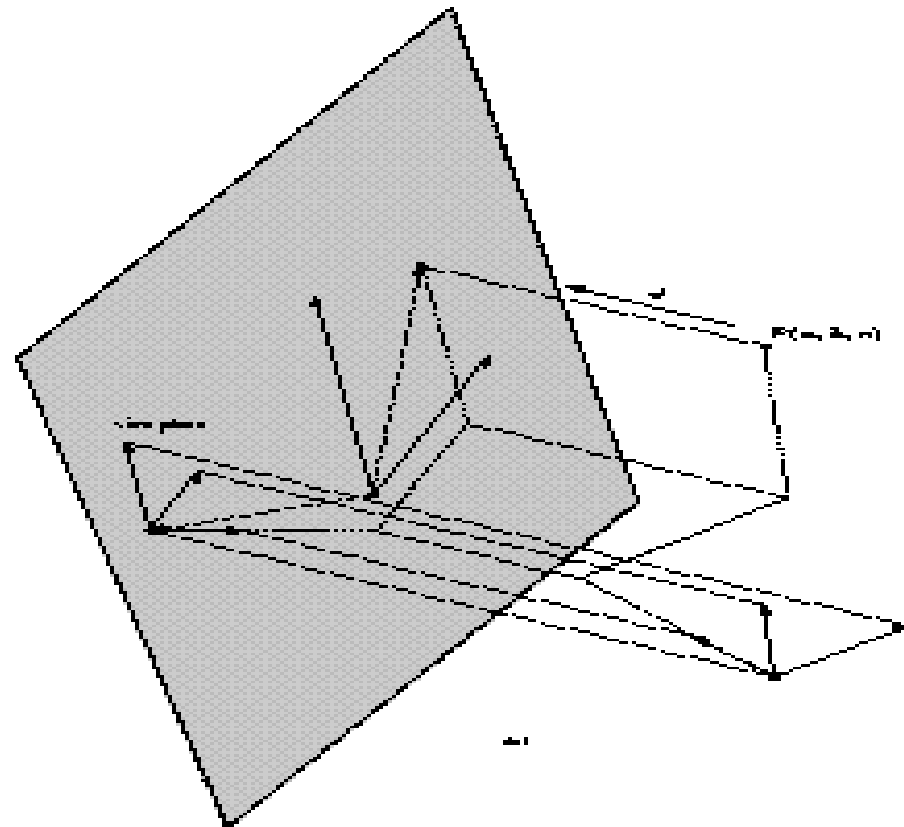
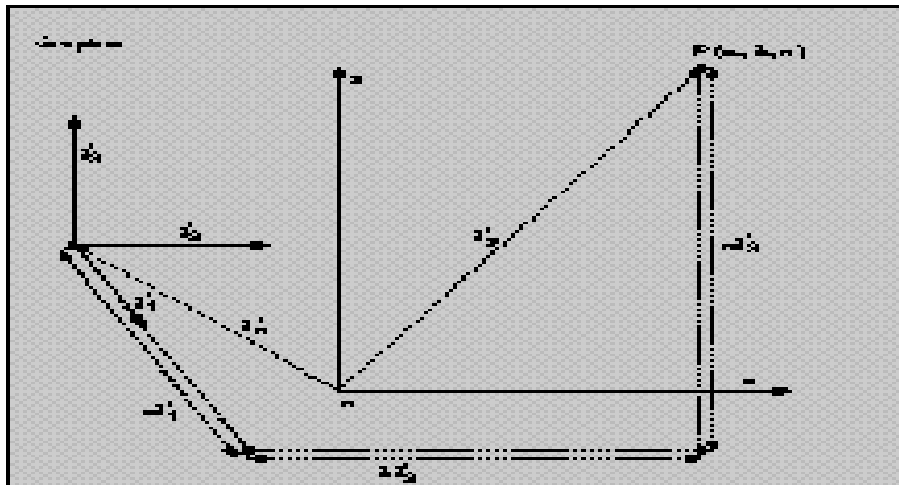
View Definition

We consider the case of parallel

3D CASE



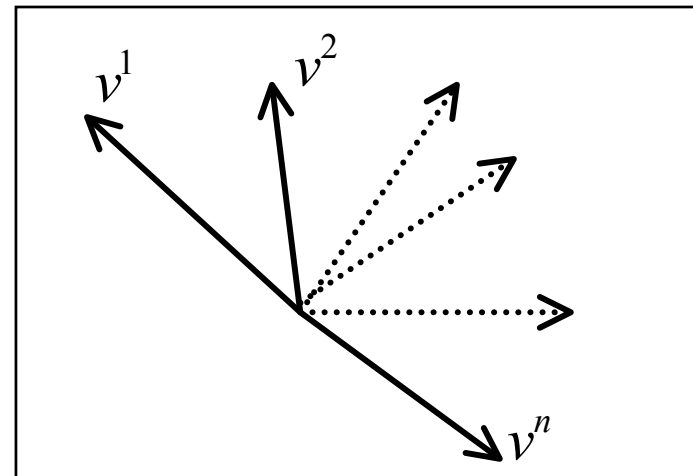
Linear mapping from ND-space to



View Definition

The view is defined by a $N \times 2$ matrix M

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_x^1 & v_x^2 & \dots & v_x^n \\ v_y^1 & v_y^2 & \dots & v_y^n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}$$



The “direction of projection” π is the kernel of M .

For $N > 3$ there is no total order in π



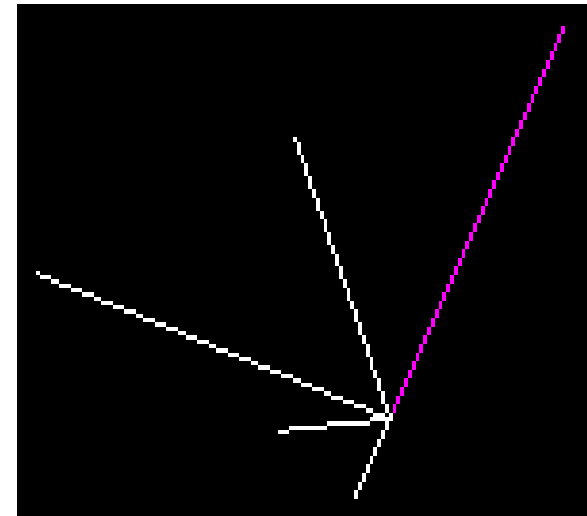
We do not consider occlusion

User Interface

- A straightforward generalization of the typical 3D GUI requires to provide rotational widgets (rotating a certain wheel you rotate the object in a certain 2D coordinate subspace).
- Problem 1:
How many 2D coordinate subspaces exist ? $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
- Problem 2:
without any previous experience of ND navigation do you know which rotation you want to apply ?

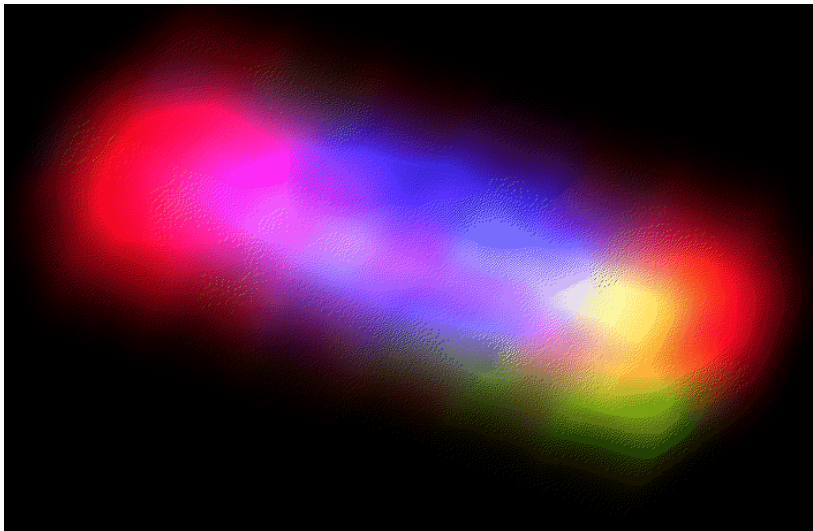
User Interface

- In our approach we do not want to force the user to “think in ND space” to be able to select a view.
- The user navigates the scene by adjusting the view of the reference system.
 - The number of parameters used to adjust the view grows linearly with the dimension N
 - There is no redundancy in the selection of the view (other than a scaling factor)

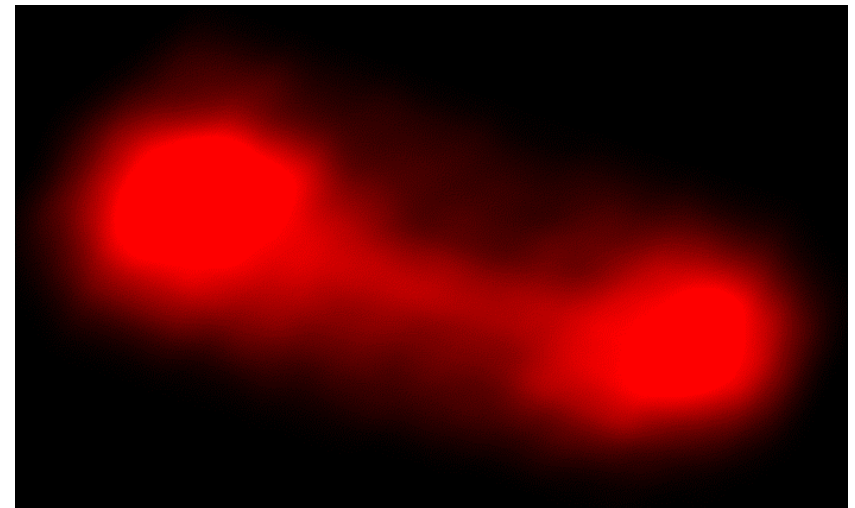


User Interface

- The user associates also each color with a particular range of the scalar field value space (two sliders per color).



RED = (-100,0)
BLUE = (1000, +∞)
GREEN = (-10,10)



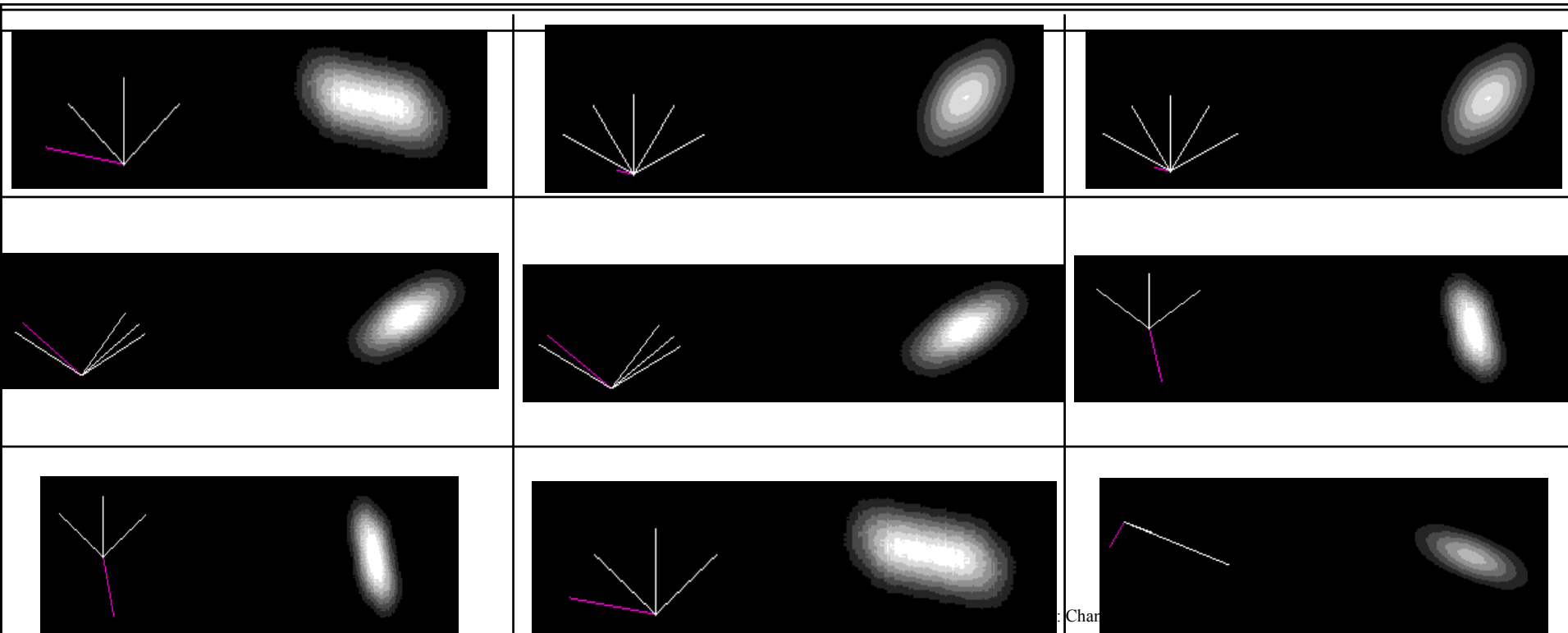
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Splatting Approach (Westover '90)

- STEP1
Compute the elementary footprint
(the splat)
- STEP2
For each voxel in the (hyper)volume
do:
 - compute its position in screen space
 - copy in its place the splat scaled by
color/transparency.

Splatting Approach

- The exact luminosity distribution of the elementary footprint (splat) is a bivariate box-spline (expensive to compute exactly).
- The approximated splat is computed by the same volume rendering routine using a square as splat (bootstrapping).



The Curse of Dimensionality

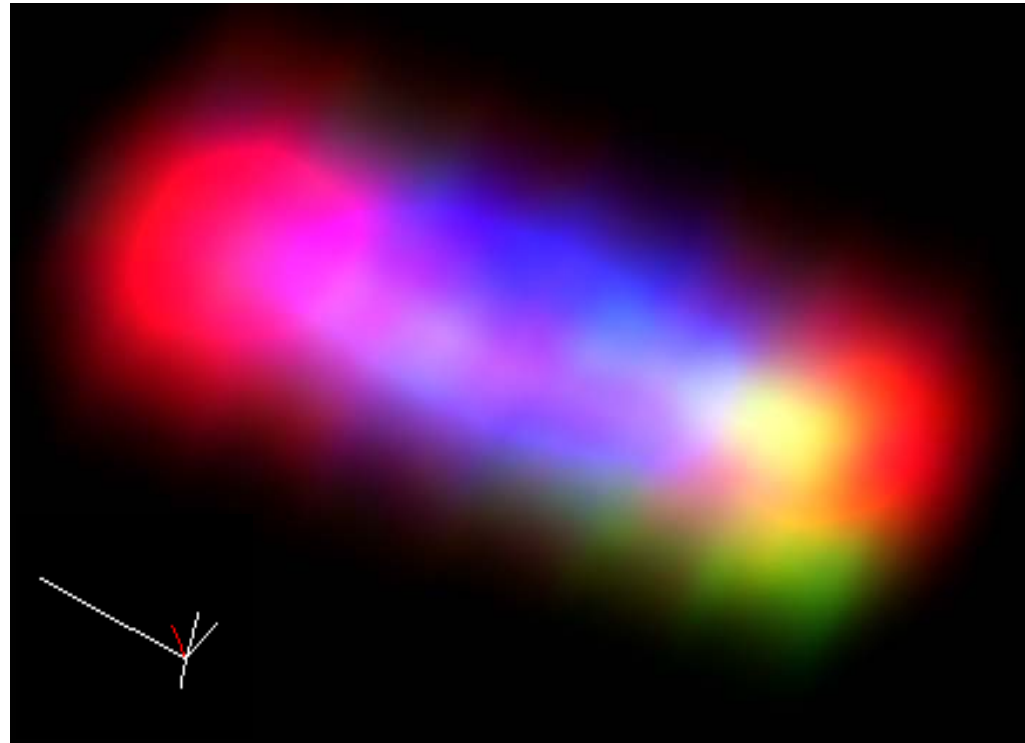
- The size/complexity of a data-set grows exponentially with its dimension N .
- To achieve real time interaction we need to optimize for speed.

Hardware/Software acceleration

- Multi-resolution representation with 2^n tree:
 - either guaranteed frame rate;
 - or guaranteed error bound.
- Hardware acceleration:
 - Textured polygons used to draw the splats;
 - Mipmapping used to perform automatically the splat selection in the multi-resolution approach.

Back to our SF

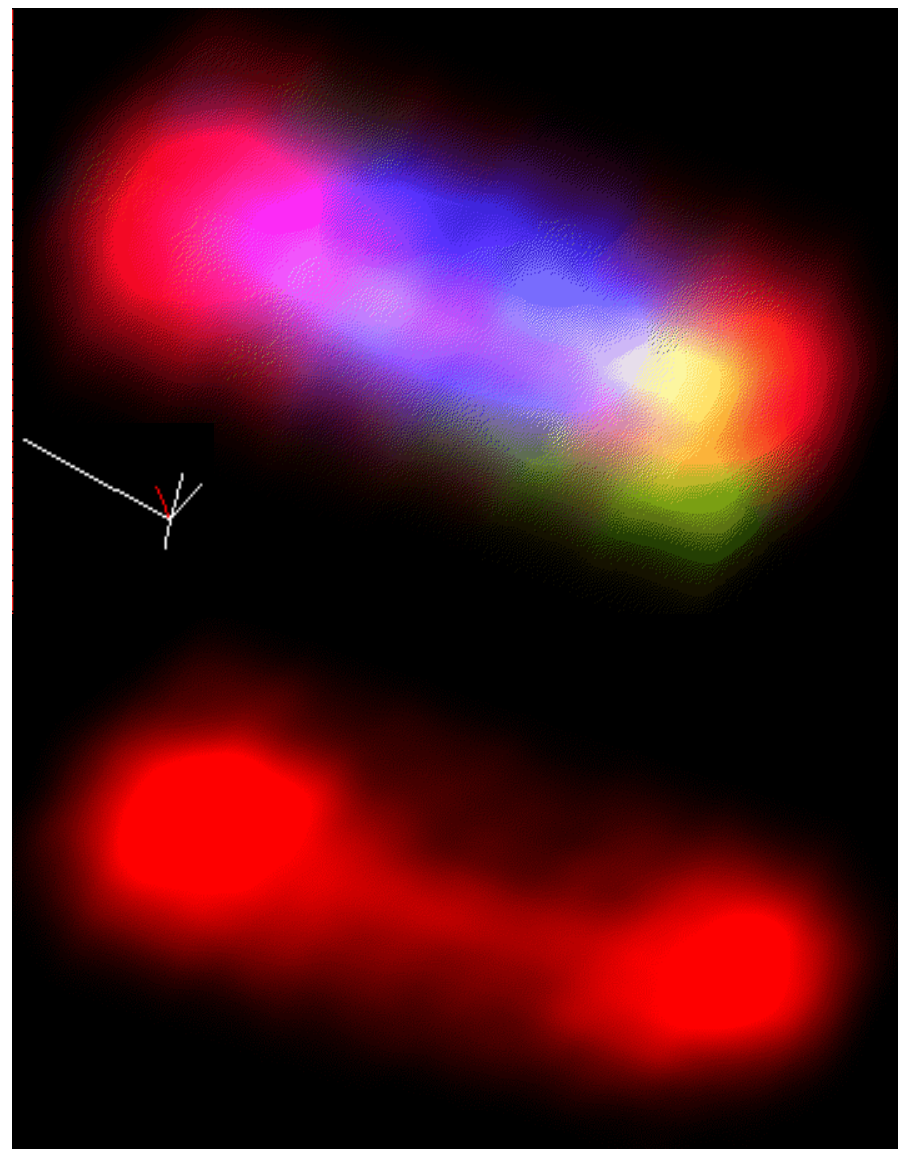
- 5-dimensional scalar field SF given by the interaction energy between a small ligand and a large receptor (three translational degrees of freedom and two rotational degrees of freedom).
- The display is performed by direct projection (splatting) from 5D space to 2D space.
- No slicing/isocontouring is performed to preserve the “global view” of the dataset.



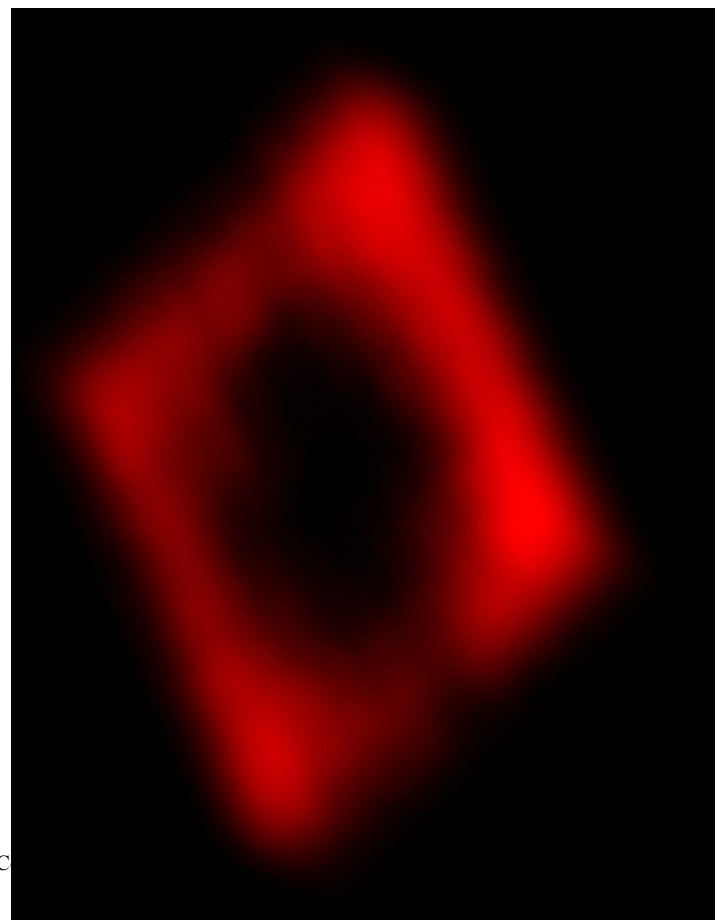
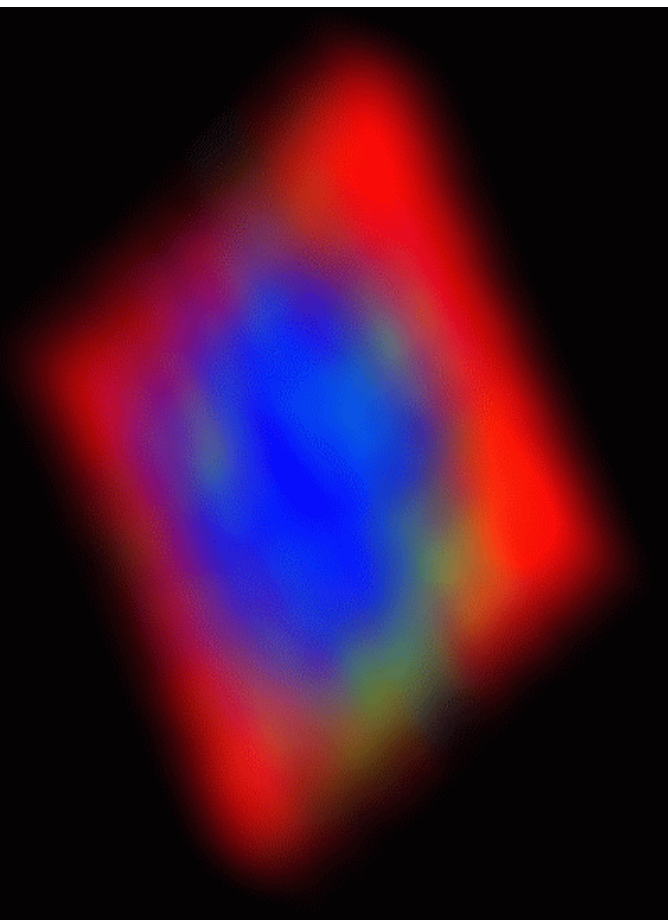
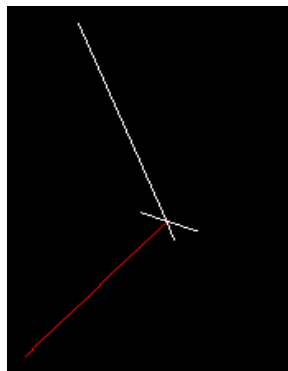
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5D Molecular Interaction

- The axis of one degree of freedom is much longer than the others to highlight the relevance of such rotation.
- From the top picture it is clear that low or high angles (large red spots) are more favorable for the docking of the two molecules.
- Removing all colors but red as in the bottom figure you can also see how the two large regions are connected by a narrow tunnel.



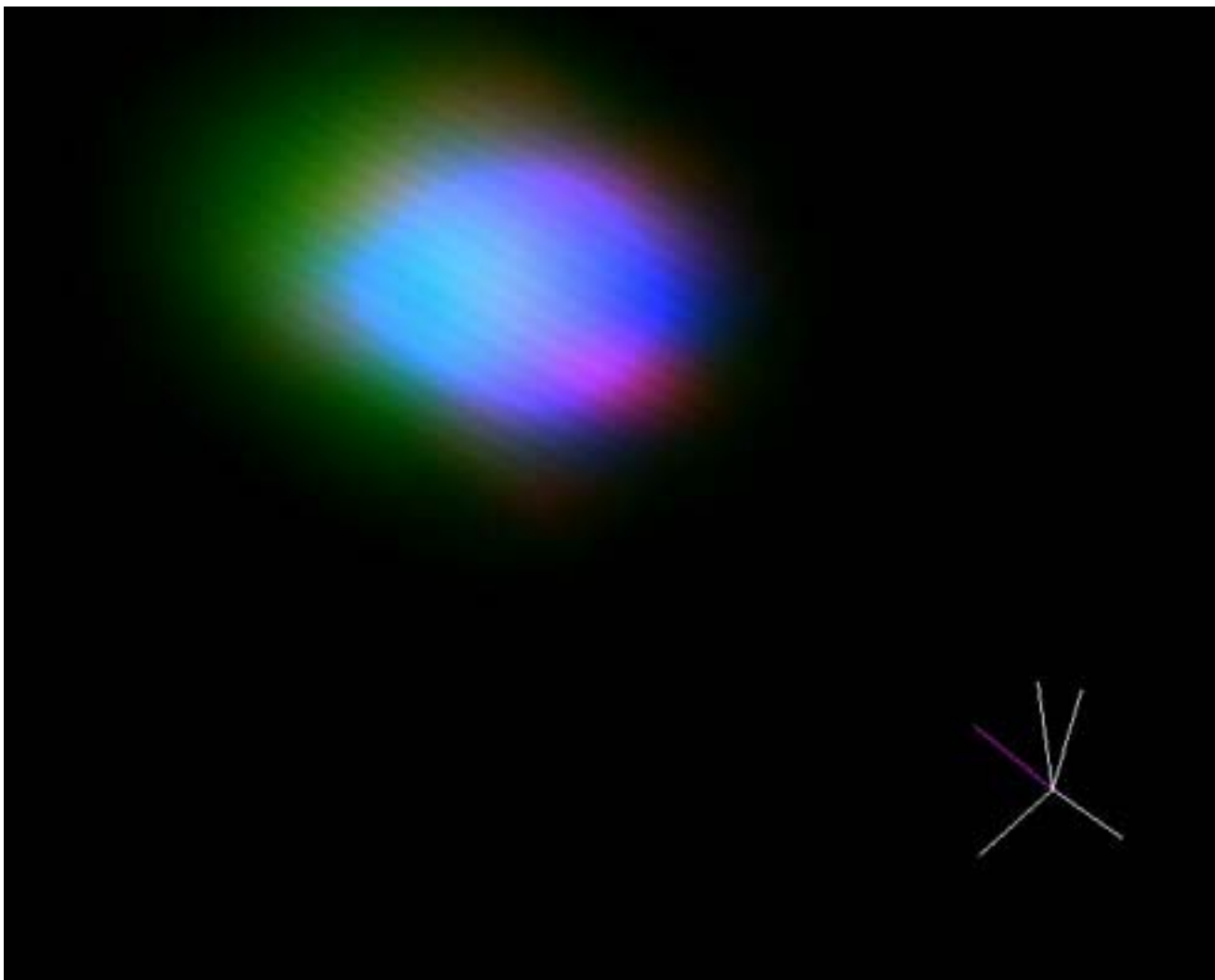
5D Molecular Interaction



— On the bottom right one can notice an interesting site in green where the ligand can move along the interface with the receptor without being subject to a repulsion force.

— Leaving only the red component one can see that the center has no attraction region.

5D Molecular Interaction



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- <http://www.ticam.utexas.edu/CCV>