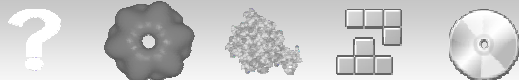


# Interactive Multi-Resolution Modeling with Sculptor

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# Overview

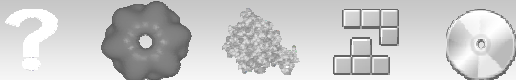
- Sculptor?
- Visualize Volumetric EM Data
- Visualize High-Resolution Structures
- Multi-Resolution Docking



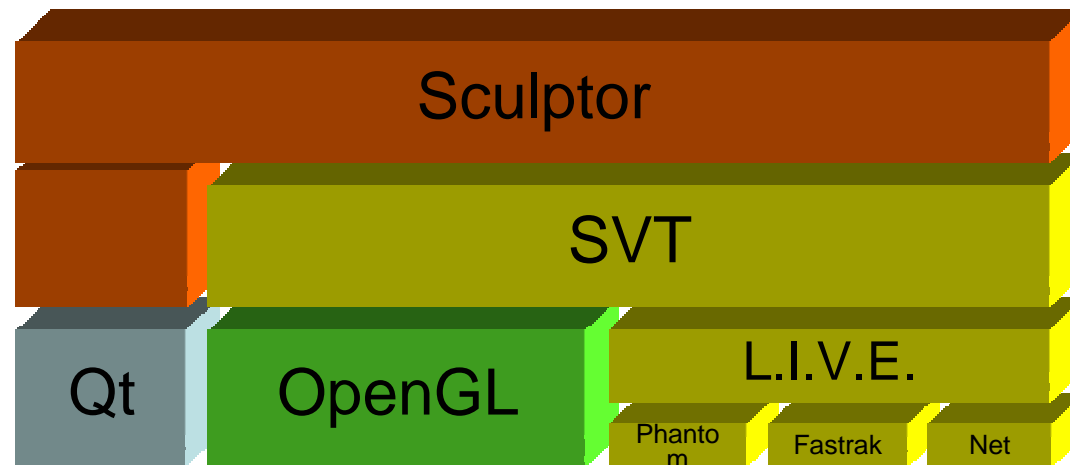
**Sculptor**

# Sculptor

- Interactive multi-resolution modeling
  - Application-driven development:
    - Visualization of volumetric experimental data
    - Visualization of high-resolution structures
    - Interactive and algorithmic docking techniques
- But the focus is not:
  - To develop the best volume renderer
  - To develop the best molecule renderer



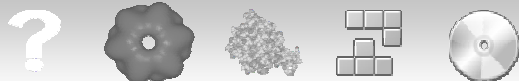
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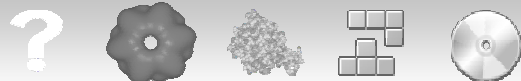
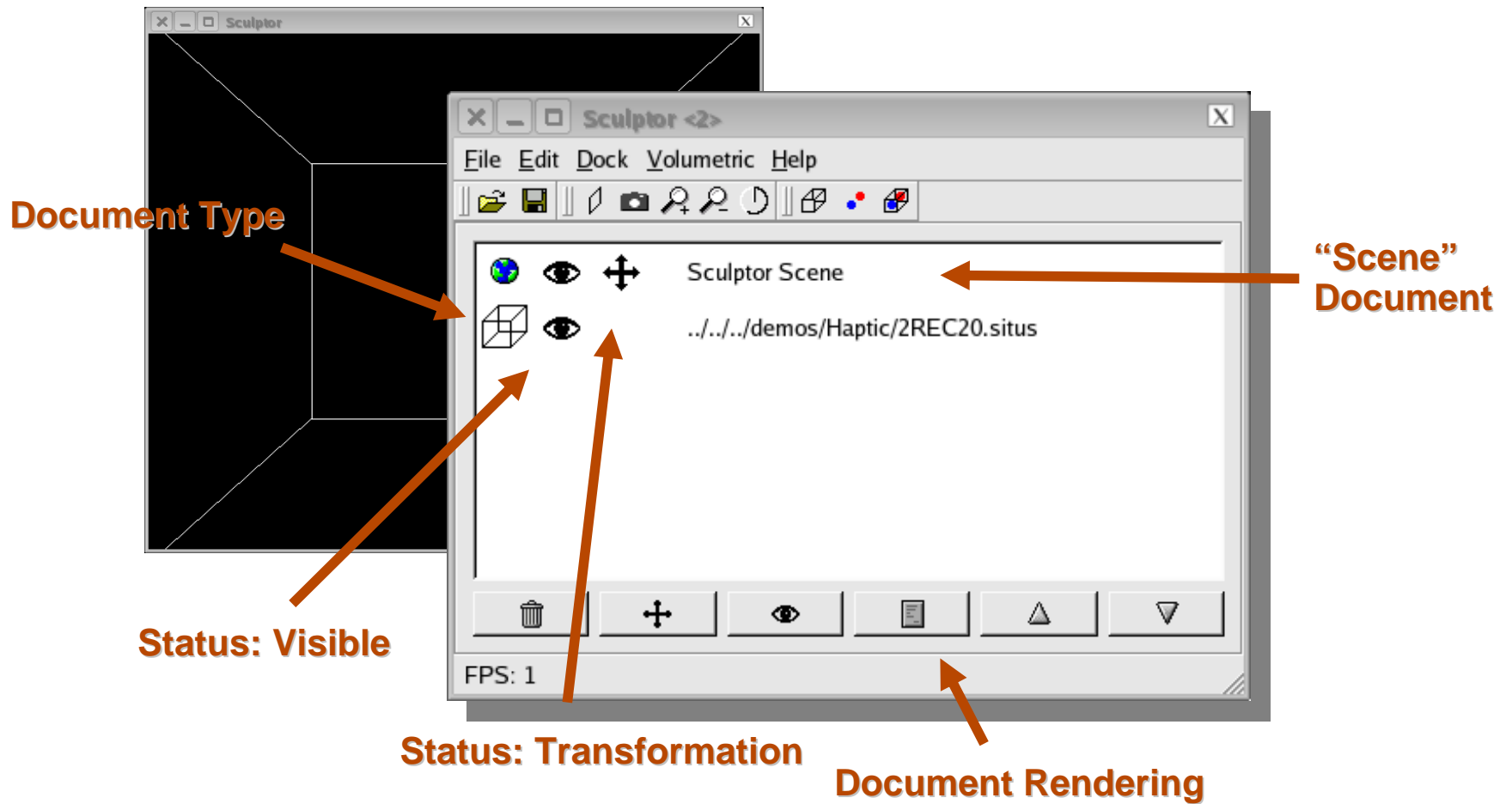
- Sculptor:
  - Qt<sup>1</sup> GUI library
  - OpenGL<sup>2</sup> 3D graphics library
  - SVT - VR and visualization toolkit
  - Multi-platform (Unix, Windows)

1) <http://www.opengl.org>

2) <http://www.trolltech.com>



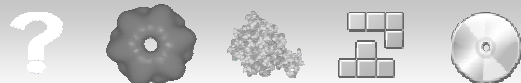
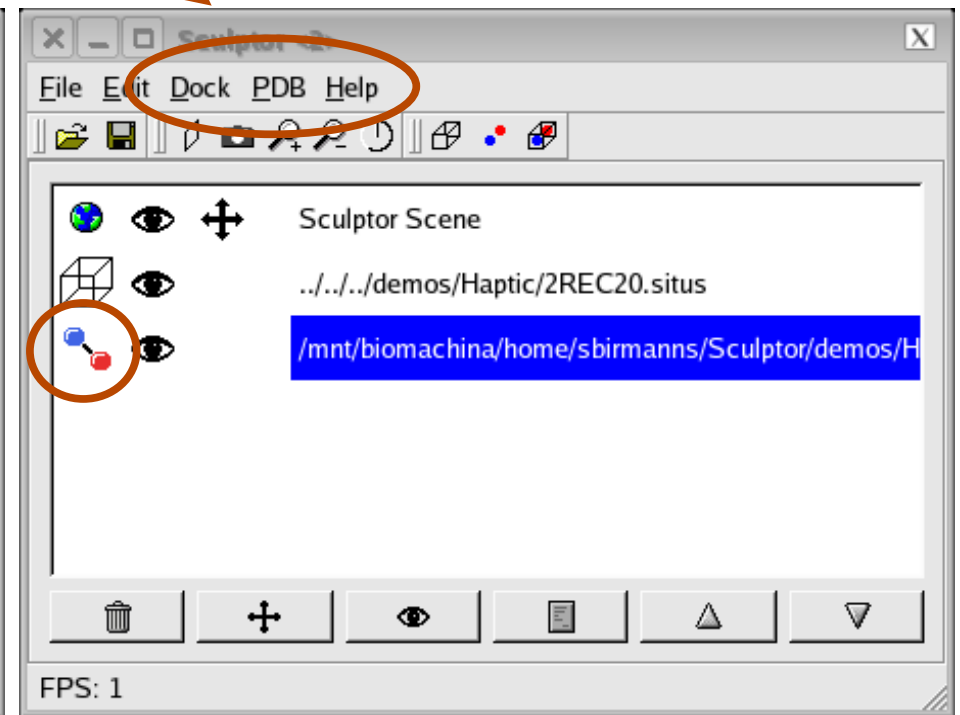
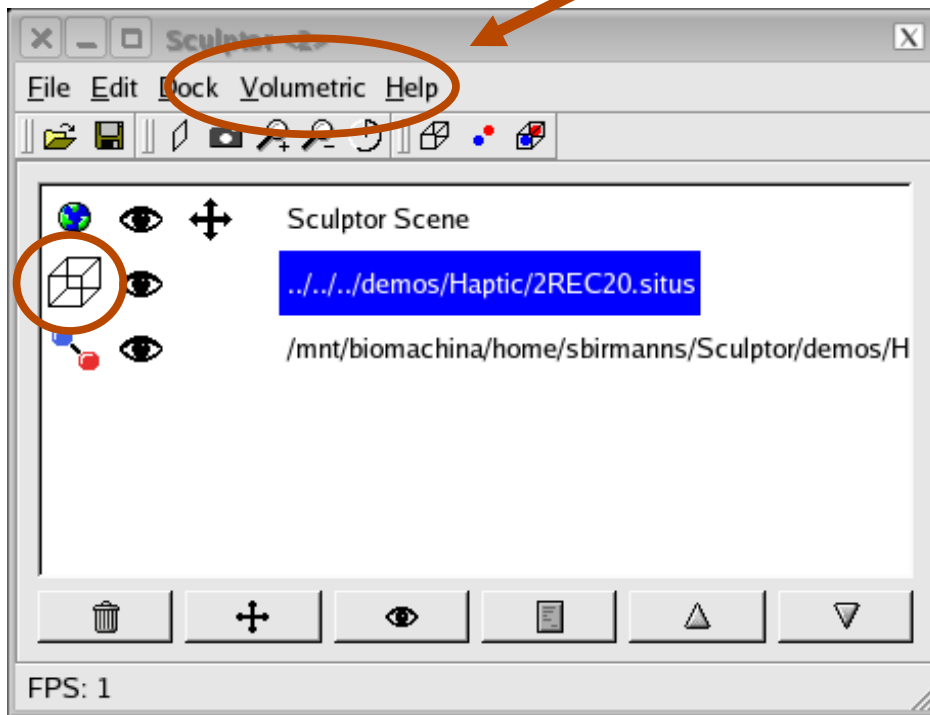
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# Sculptor

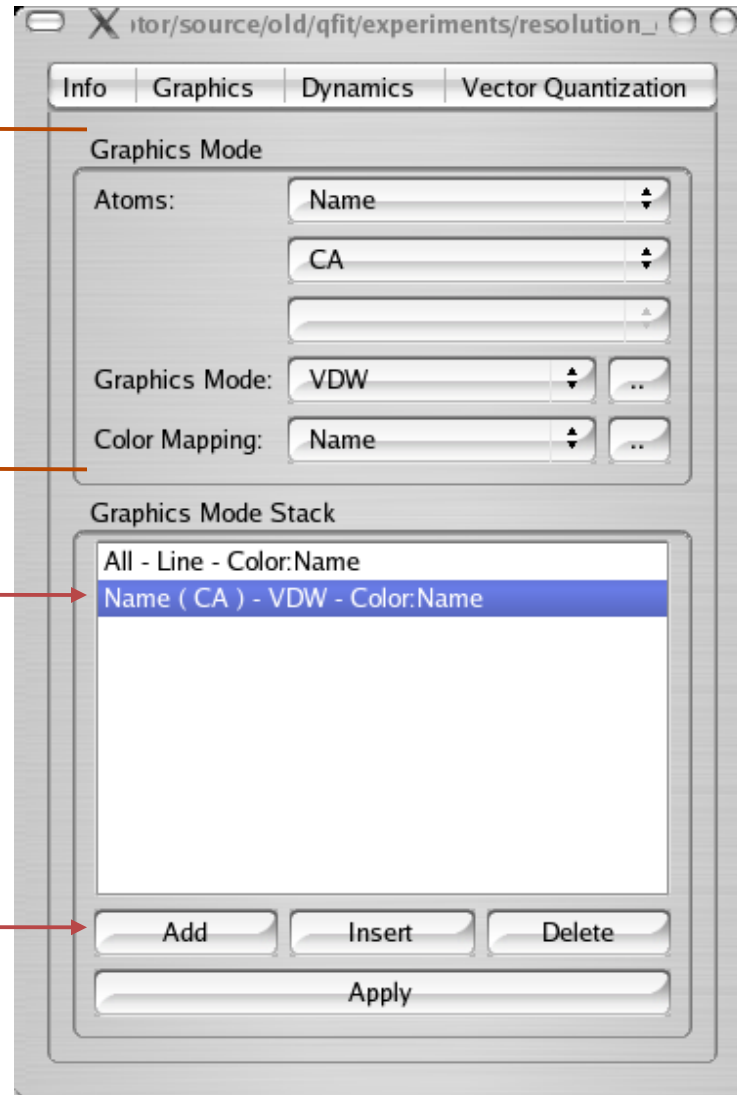
Context-specific menu



**Sculptor**

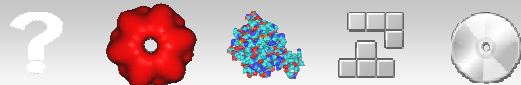
# Structure Visualization

Rendering Style  
of a group of atoms



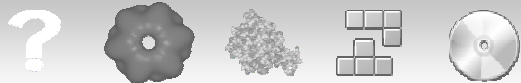
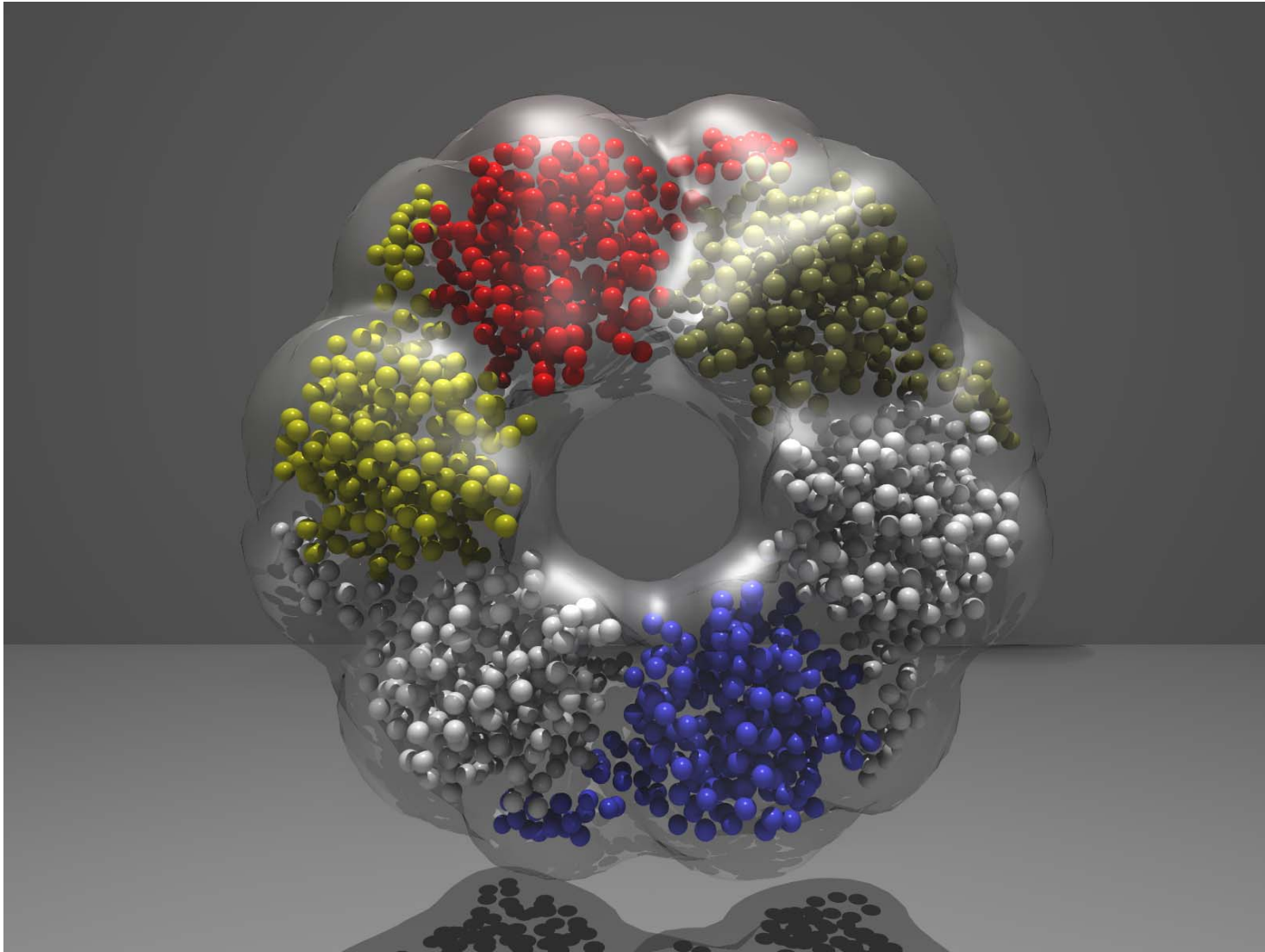
Graphics Mode  
Stack

Add and remove  
graphics mode  
changes



**Sculptor**


# High-Quality Rendering

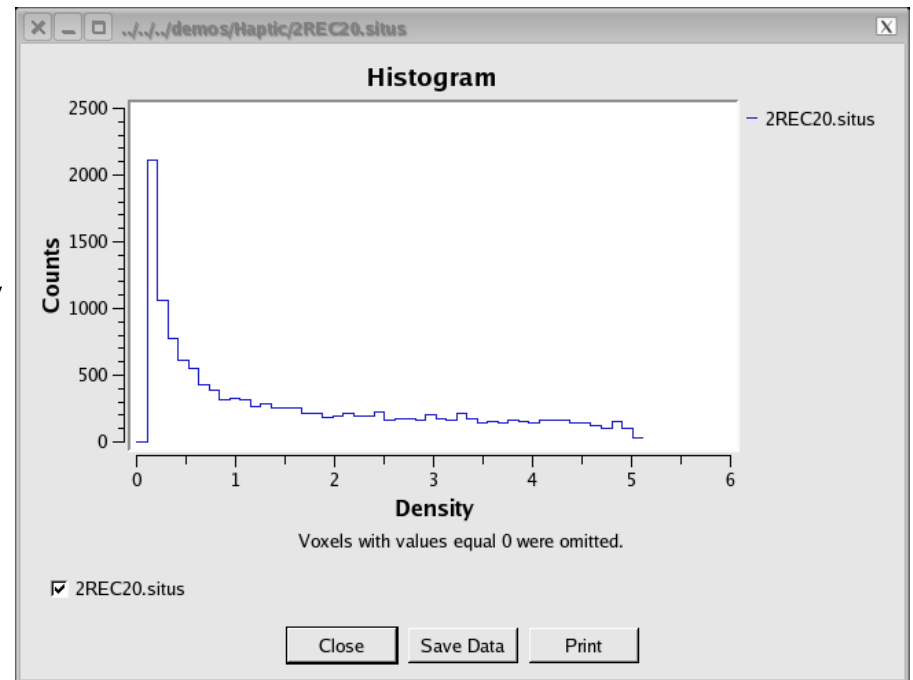


**Sculptor**



# Volumetric Data

- Situs file-format
  - To convert from/to Situs use “map2map” (Situs)
- In context menu of volume document
  - Histogram 
  - Direct inspection of density values
  - Normalization



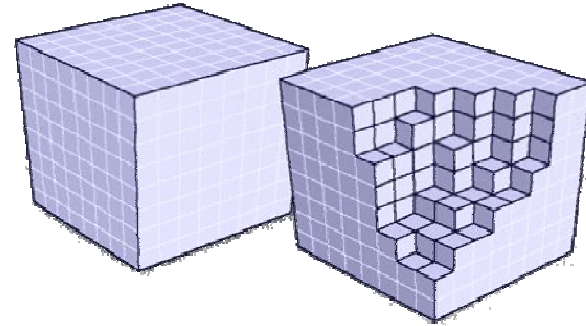
# Volumetric Data

- Volume Rendering Techniques:
  - Isosurfaces
    - Conversion to triangle mesh, efficient to render
    - Single parameter, threshold value to define surface
    - EM maps often feature varying resolution and density
      - No precise, hard surface, single threshold difficult
  - Direct Volume Rendering
    - Direct rendering of voxel data
    - Soft surfaces, true transparency, intensity segmentation
    - Complex transfer-function design
    - Real-time rendering challenging

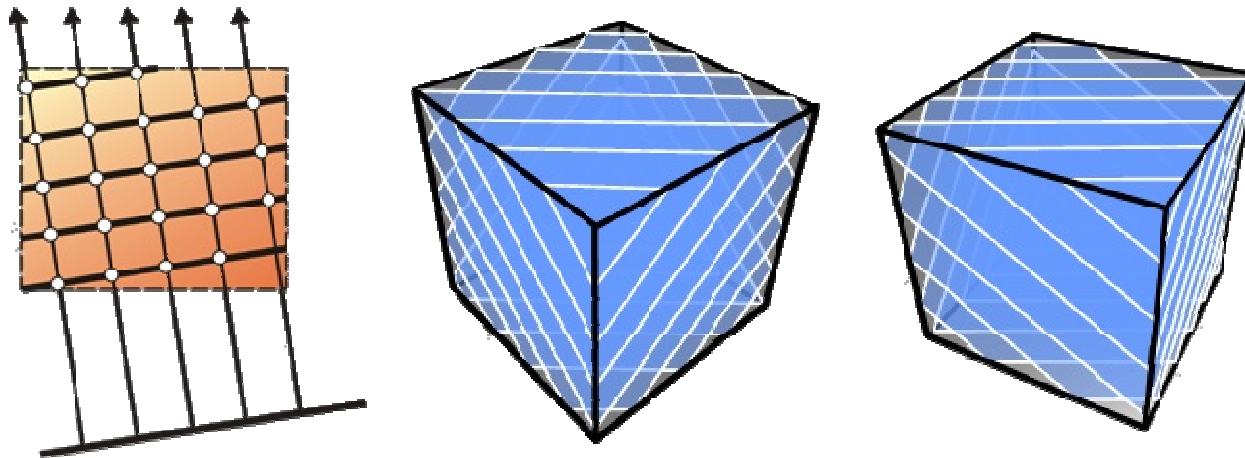


# Direct Volume Rendering

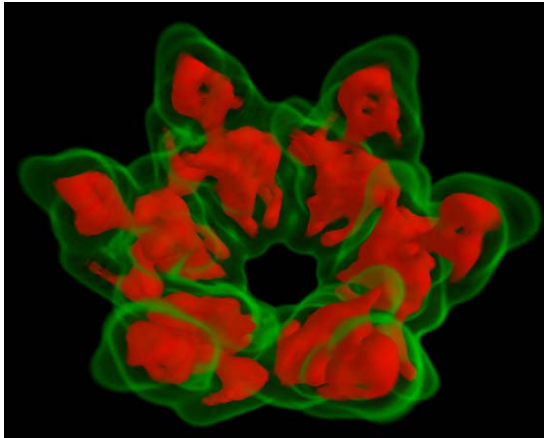
- Direct rendering of scalar field



- 3D textures sampled by 2D  
viewer aligned slices approximate rendering integral



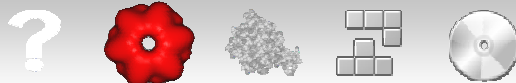
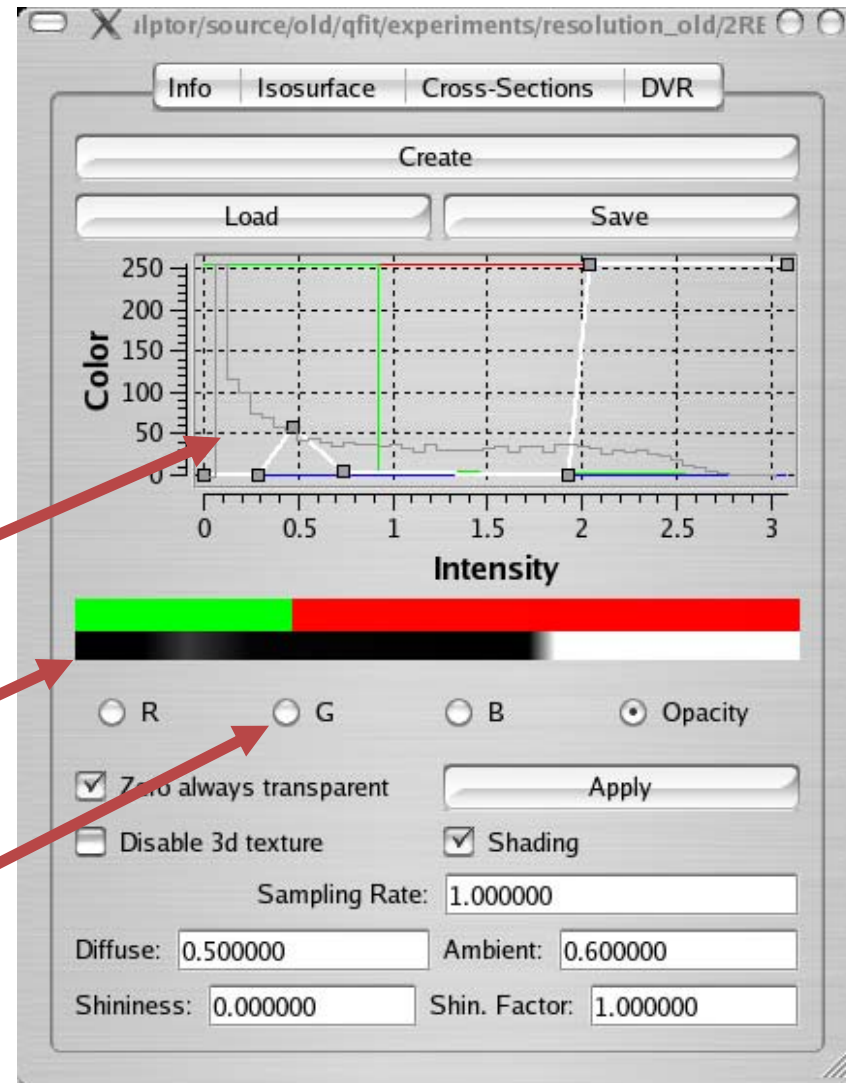
# Direct Volume Rendering



Transfer function editor

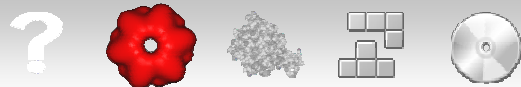
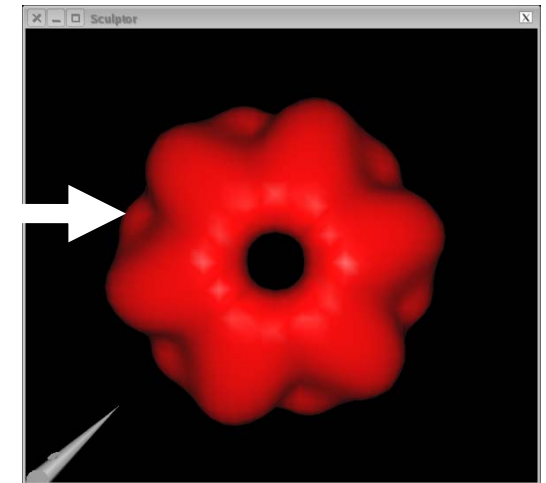
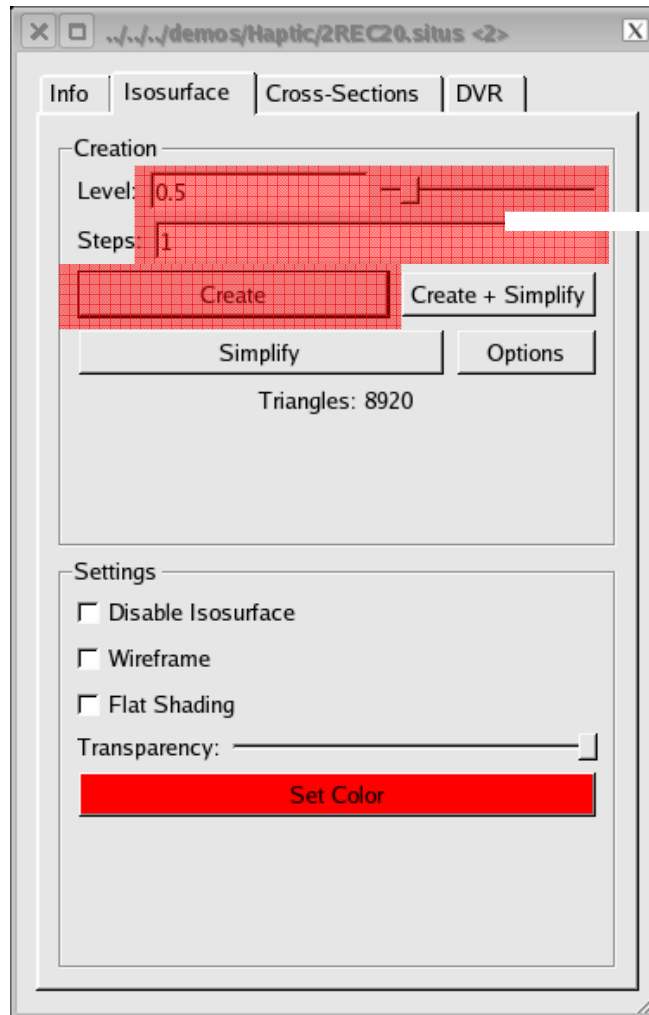
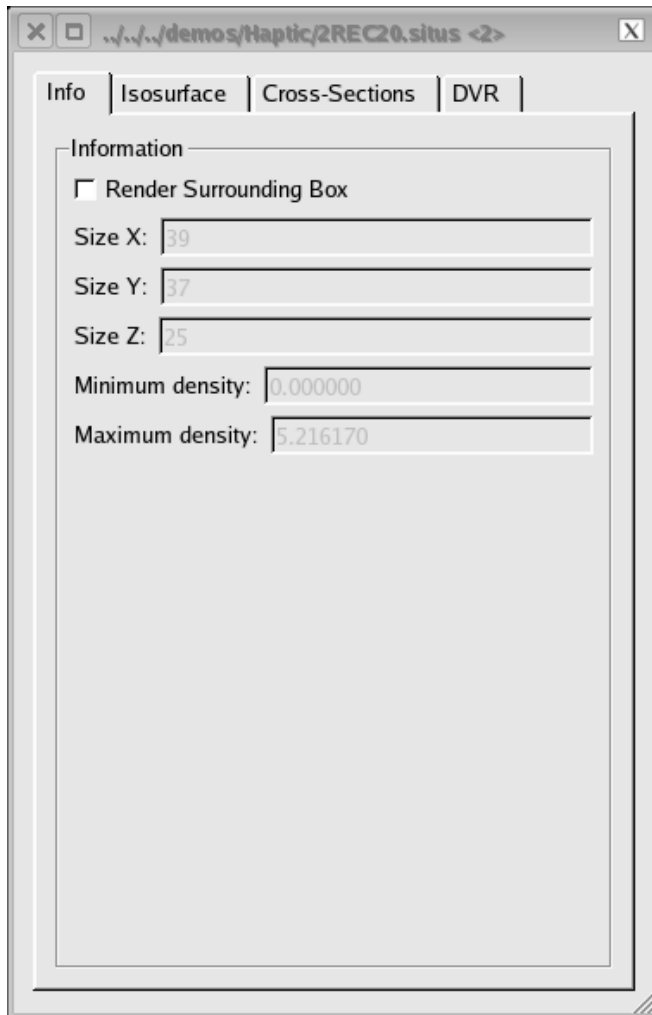
Resulting color- and opacity spectrum

Color channels are edited separately



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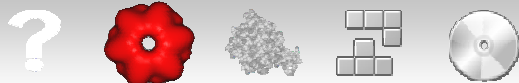
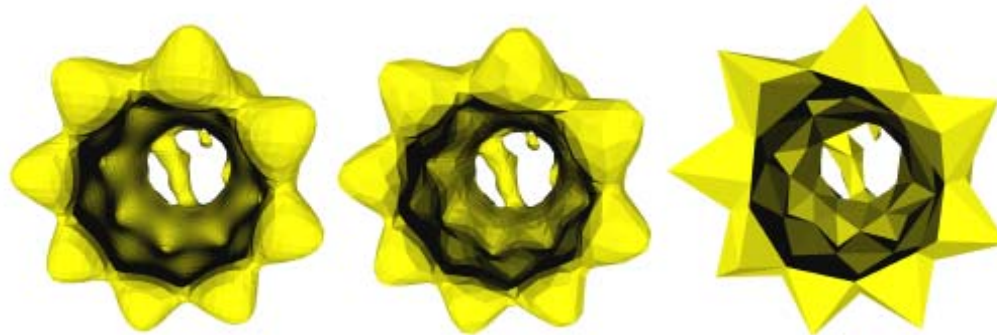
# Surface Rendering



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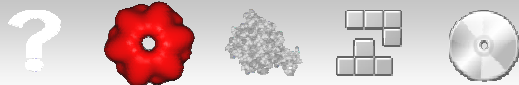
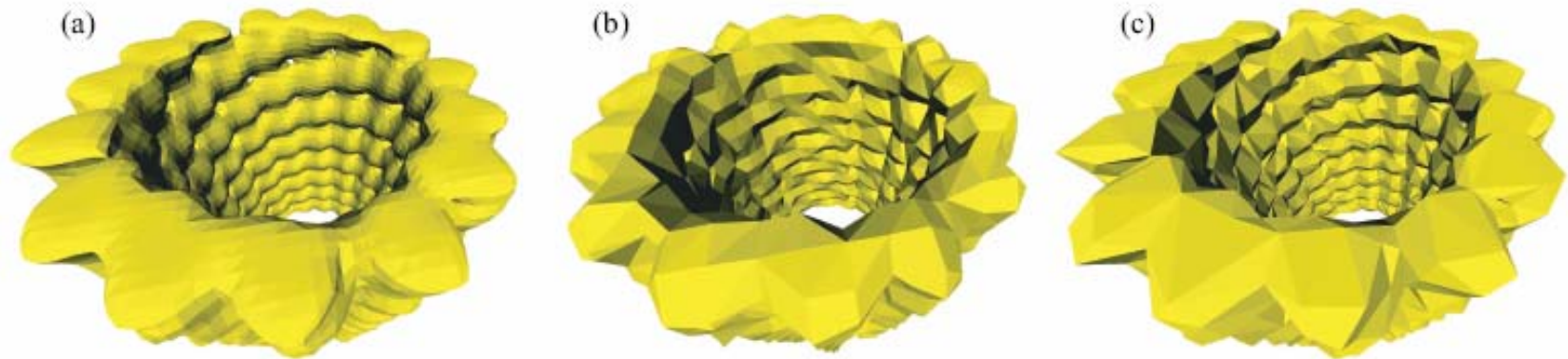
# Mesh Simplification

- Large macromolecular assemblies
  - Time-consuming to render
  - Visual and haptic rendering compete for CPU time
- Haptic rendering real-time critical
  - Visual dominates haptic rendering
- Load balancing based on mesh simplification
  - Remove detail when force update rate is not sufficient



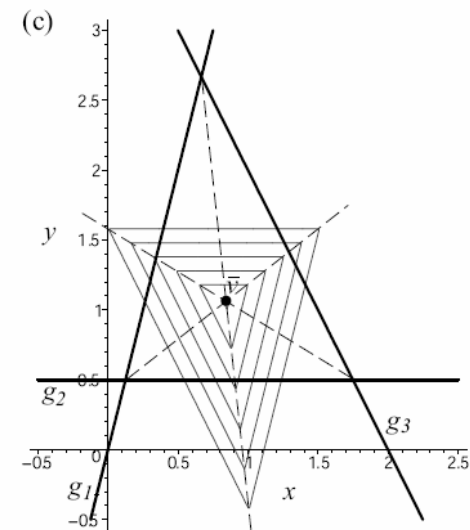
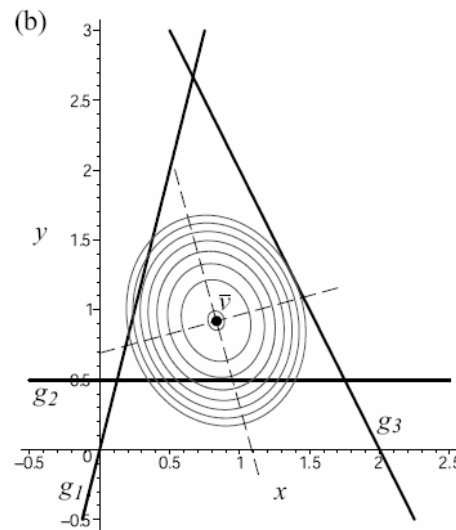
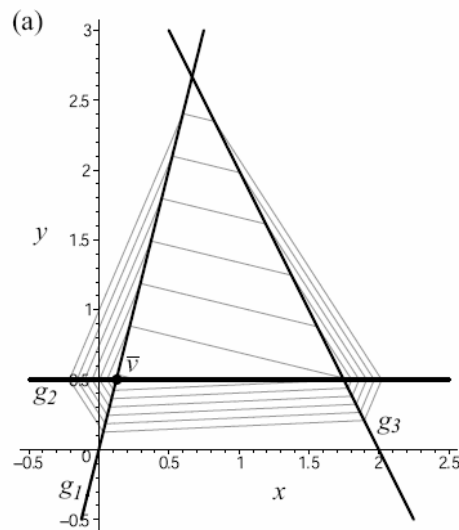
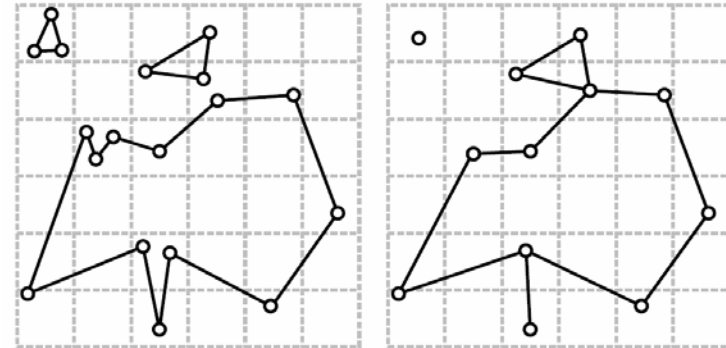
# Mesh Simplification

- Important properties of MS algorithms
  - Quality of the approx. meshes
  - Efficiency of the algorithm



# Mesh Simplification

- Simplification techniques
  - Vertex Clustering
  - Vertex Decimation
  - Edge Contraction
- Error metrics



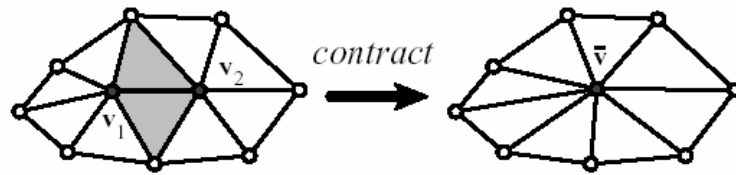


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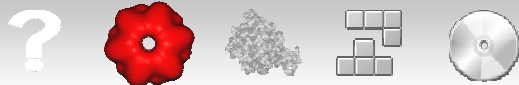
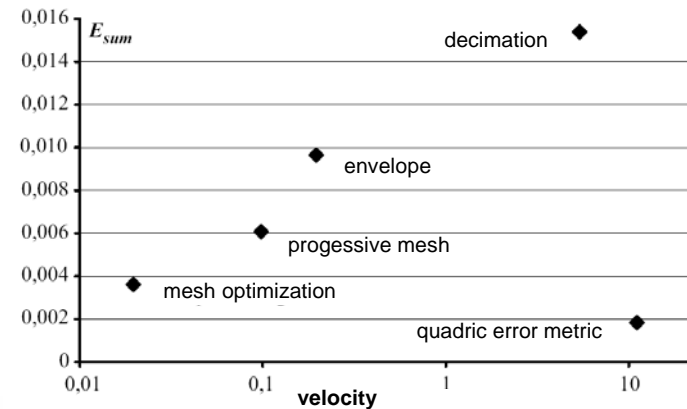
- Edge Contraction with the Quadric Error Metric

- Fast, produces high quality meshes

- Contract edge and replace it by a single new vertex



- Imaginary edges are possible



# Mesh Simplification

- Quadratic Error Metric

- Quadratic distance to all corresponding planes of the original mesh

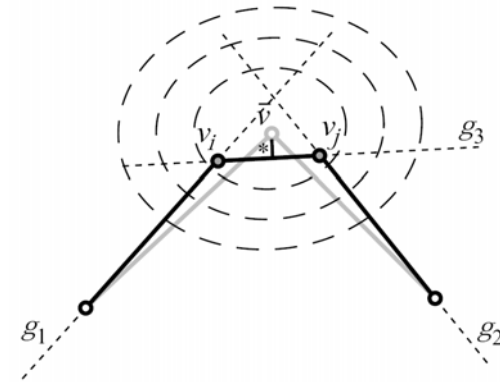
$$Q(v) = \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i^t v + d_i)^2 = v^t Q v$$

- Corresponding planes are these from which the vertex results
- Fast because of addition theorem

$$Q(v) = Q_i(v) + Q_j(v) = v^t (Q_i + Q_j) v$$

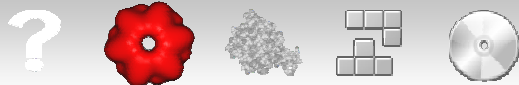
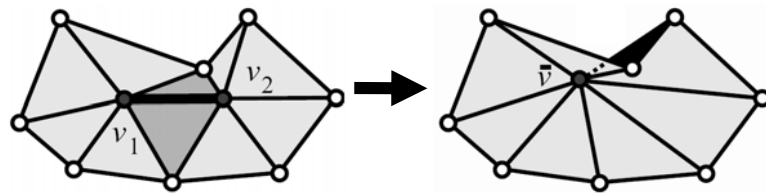
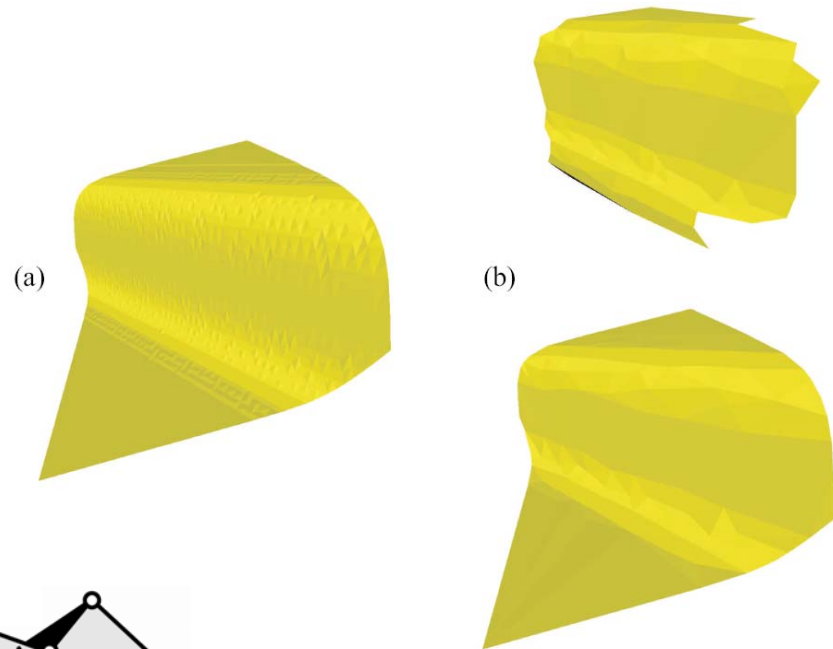
- New vertex is the result of

$$\text{grad}(Q(v)) = 0$$



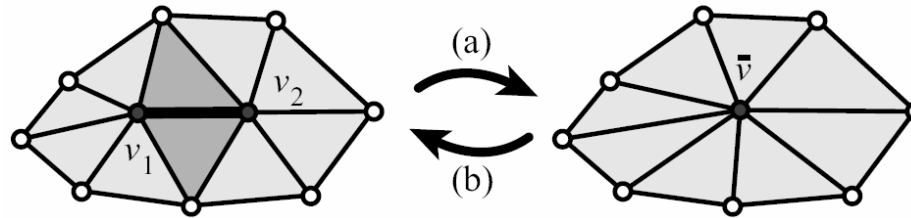
# Mesh Simplification

- Special cases
  - open boundaries
  - triangle identity
  - triangle twist



# Mesh Simplification

- Simplification is reversible
  - Inverse operation of an edge contraction (a) is a vertex split (b)



- Save progressive mesh simplification for later refinement

$$M_n \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} \\ \xleftarrow{\psi_n^{-1}} \end{matrix} M_{n-1} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\psi_{n-1}} \\ \xleftarrow{\psi_{n-1}^{-1}} \end{matrix} \cdots \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\psi_2} \\ \xleftarrow{\psi_2^{-1}} \end{matrix} M_1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \\ \xleftarrow{\psi_1^{-1}} \end{matrix} M_0$$

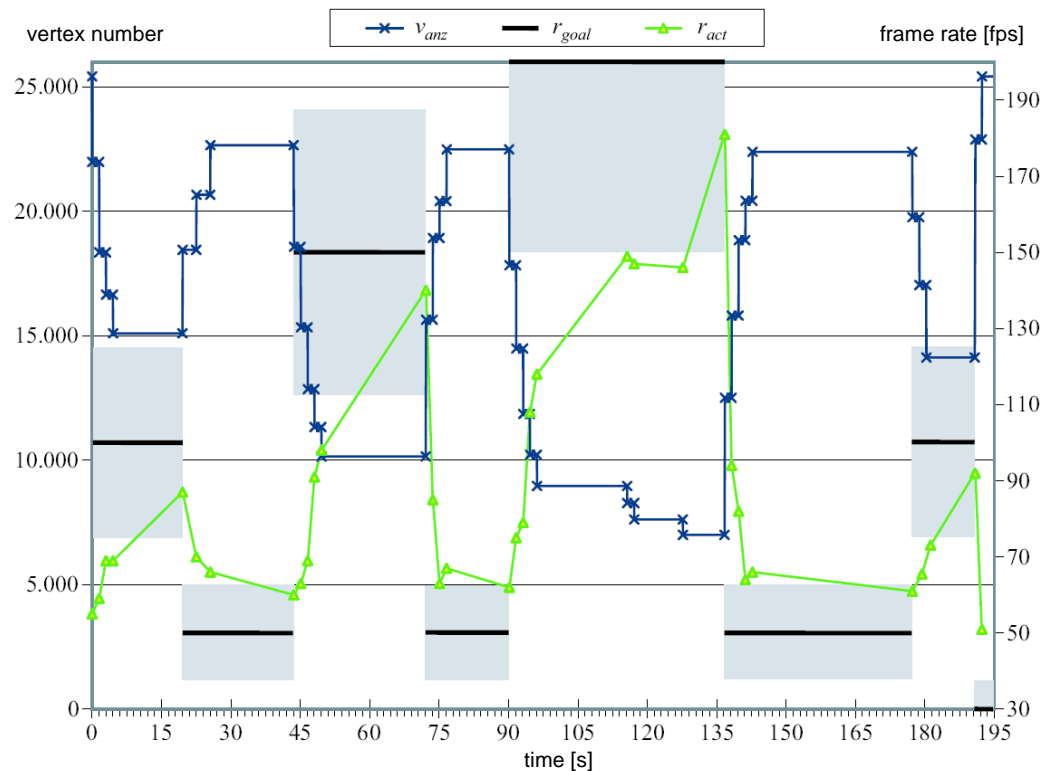
$$\psi_k(M_k) = M_{k-1} \quad \psi_k^{-1}(M_{k-1}) = M_k \quad k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$(\psi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \psi_n)(M_n) = M_0 \quad (\psi_n^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_1^{-1})(M_0) = M_n$$



# Mesh Simplification

- Adaptable level of detail
  - Adjust the simplification level according to the desired force update rate or frame rate



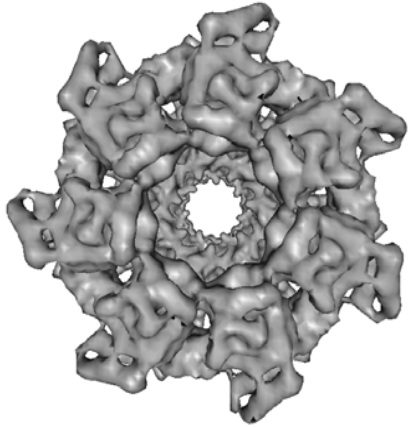
# Mesh Simplification

- Algorithm overview
  - Compute quadric  $Q_i$  for every vertex of the original mesh
  - Compute cost (quadric error) and optimal contraction vertex for every edge contraction by minimizing  $v^t(Q_i + Q_j)v$
  - Sort possible contractions according to cost
  - Perform contraction with lowest cost and recompute cost of varied edges and resort them into the cost sorted edge contraction list
  - Save the progressive simplification
  - Adapt the level of detail corresponding to constraint (FUS, FPS)

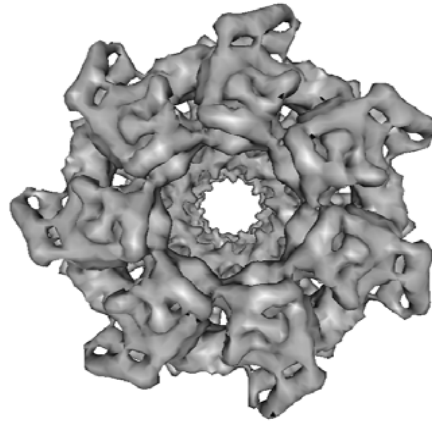


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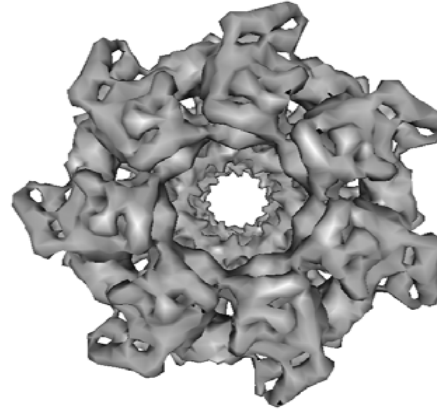
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219,718 triangles



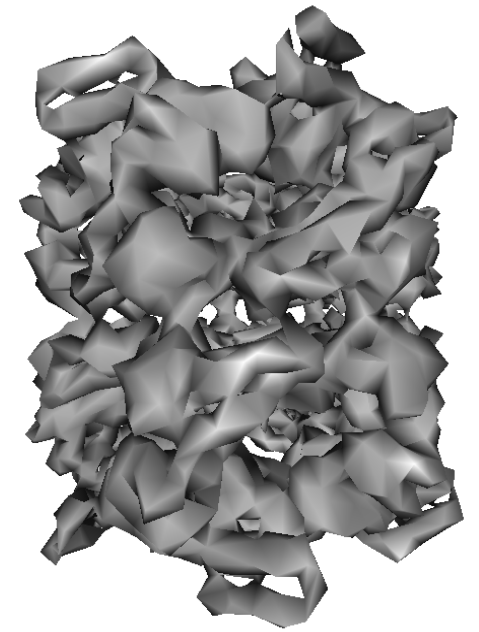
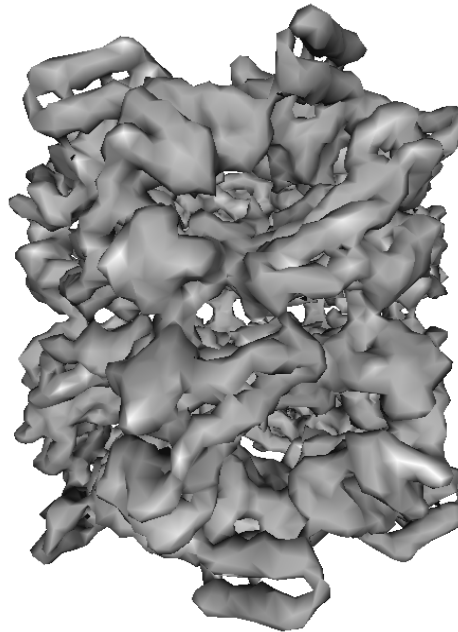
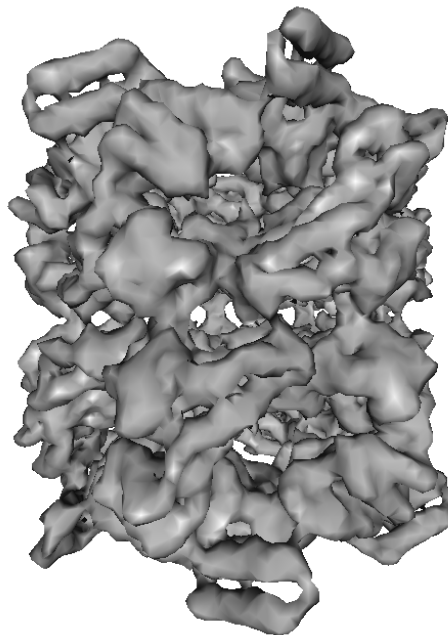
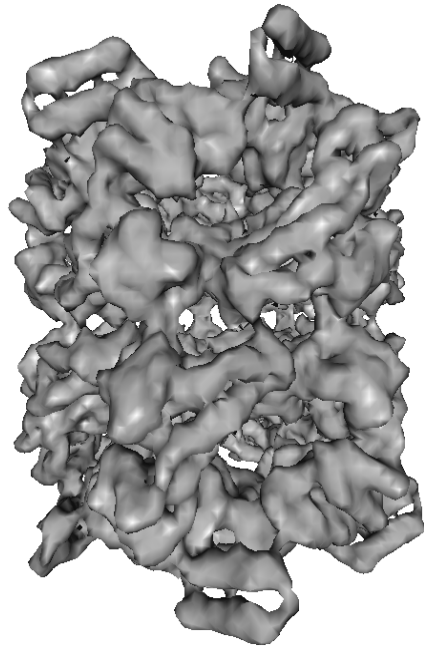
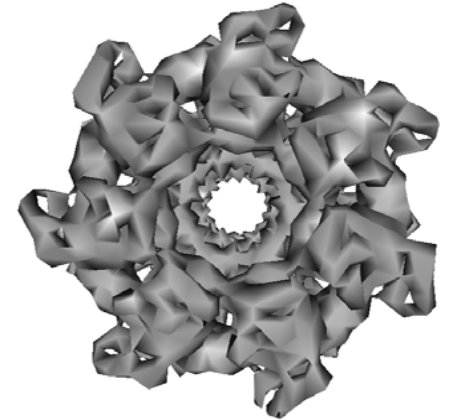
50,000 vertices  
101,810 triangles



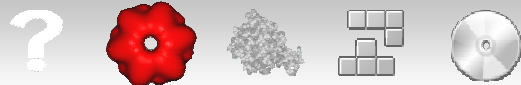
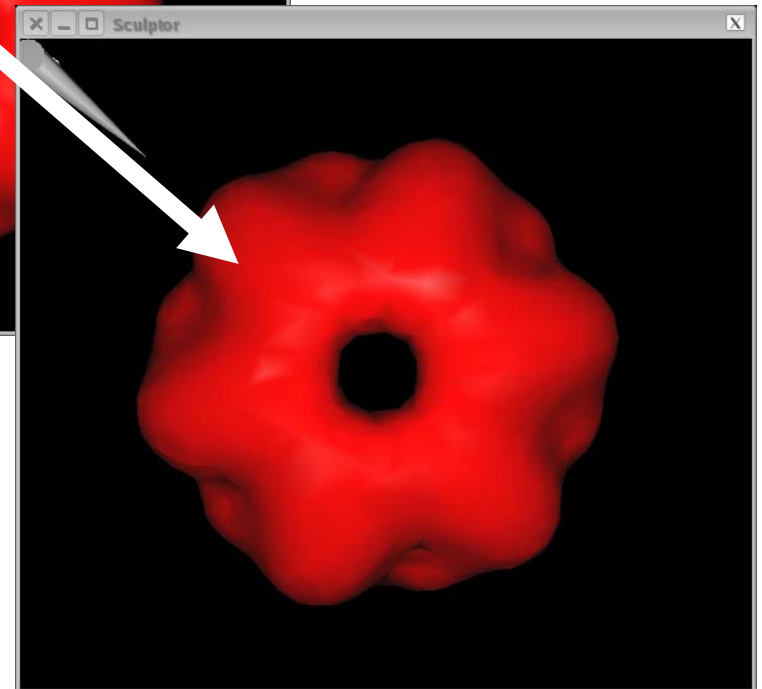
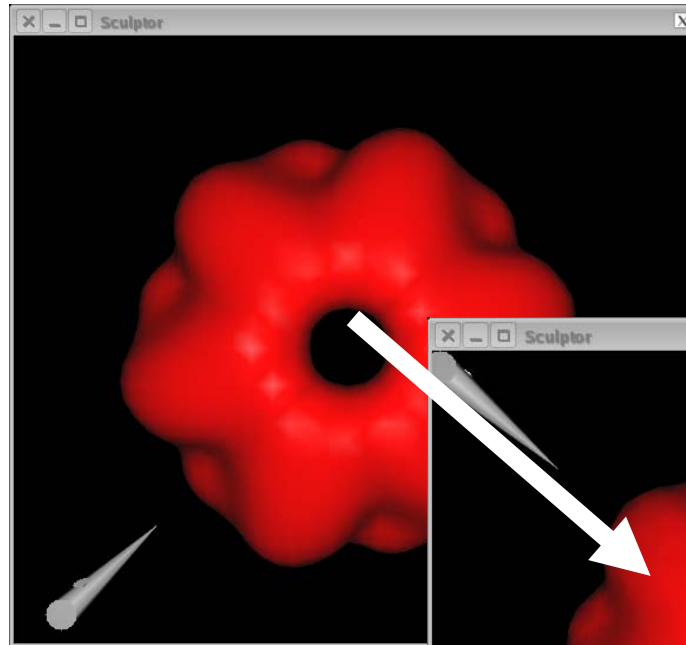
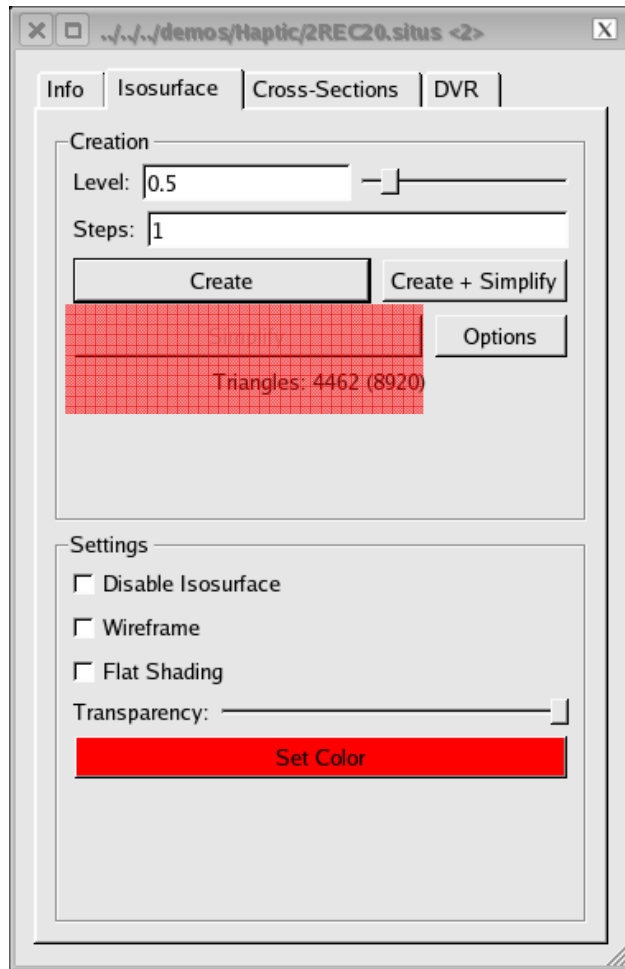
30,000 vertices  
61,921 triangles



10,000 vertices  
22,115 triangles



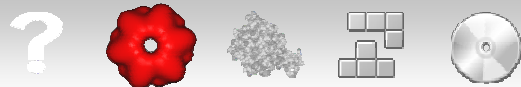
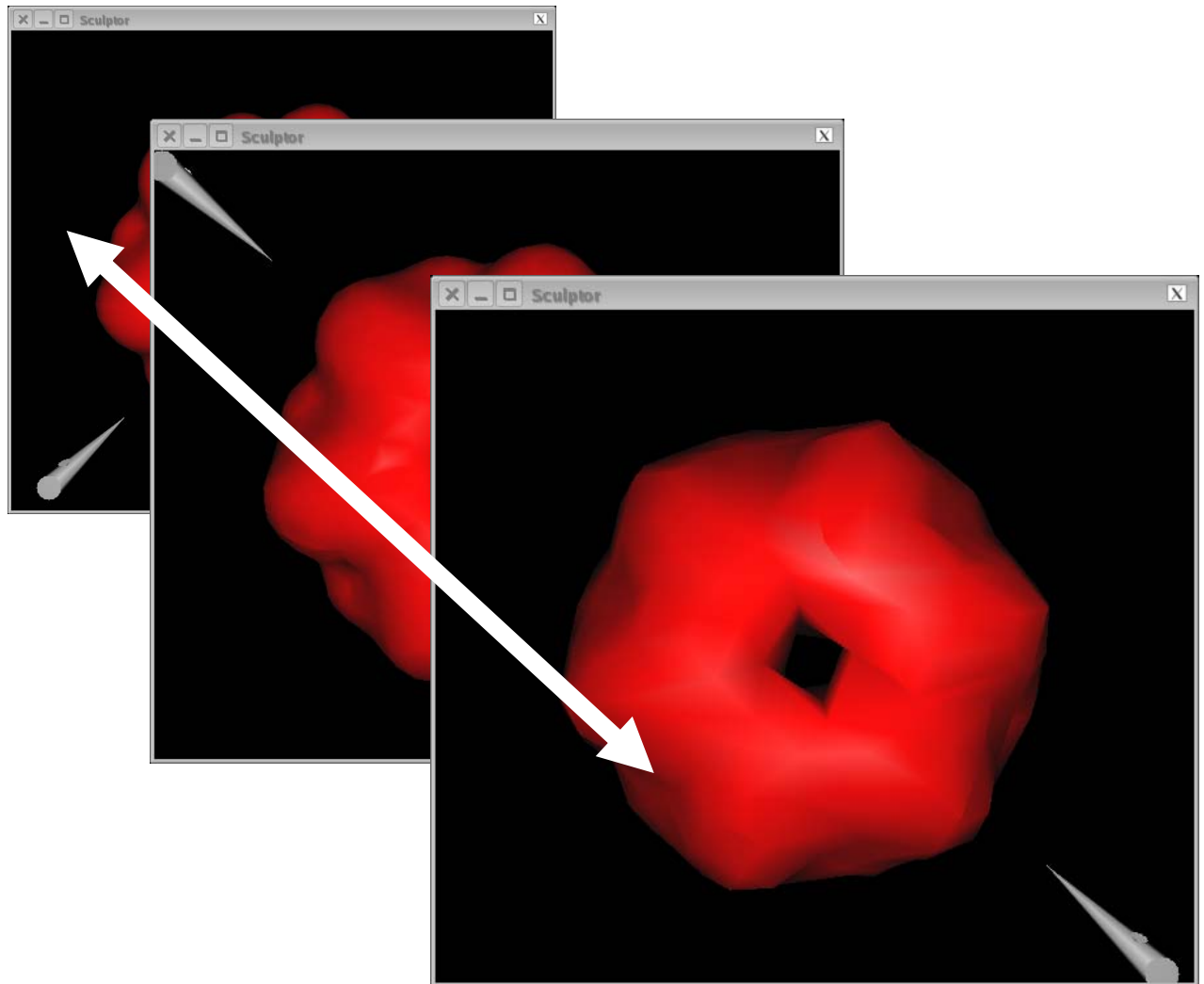
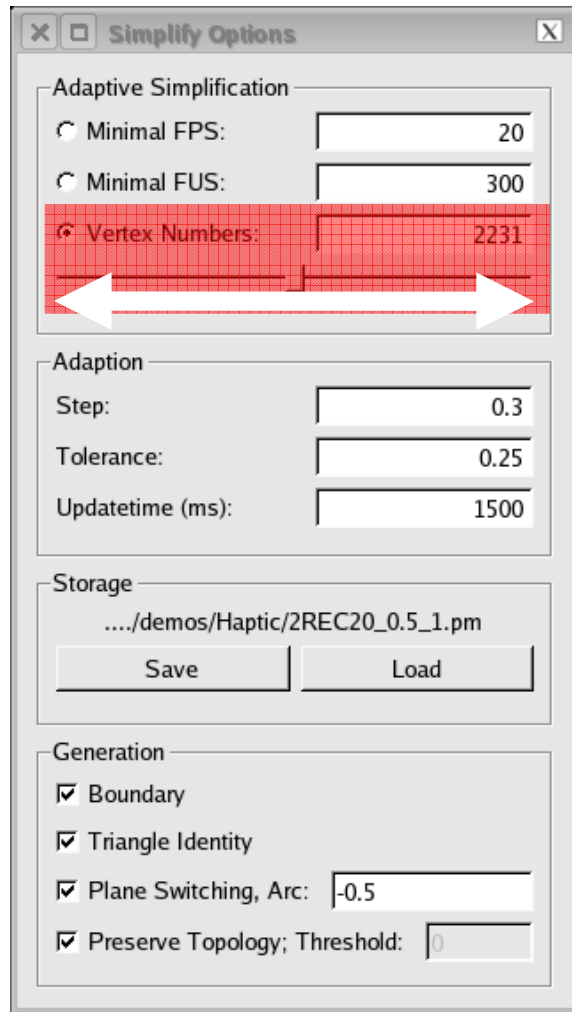
# Mesh Simplification



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# Mesh Simplification



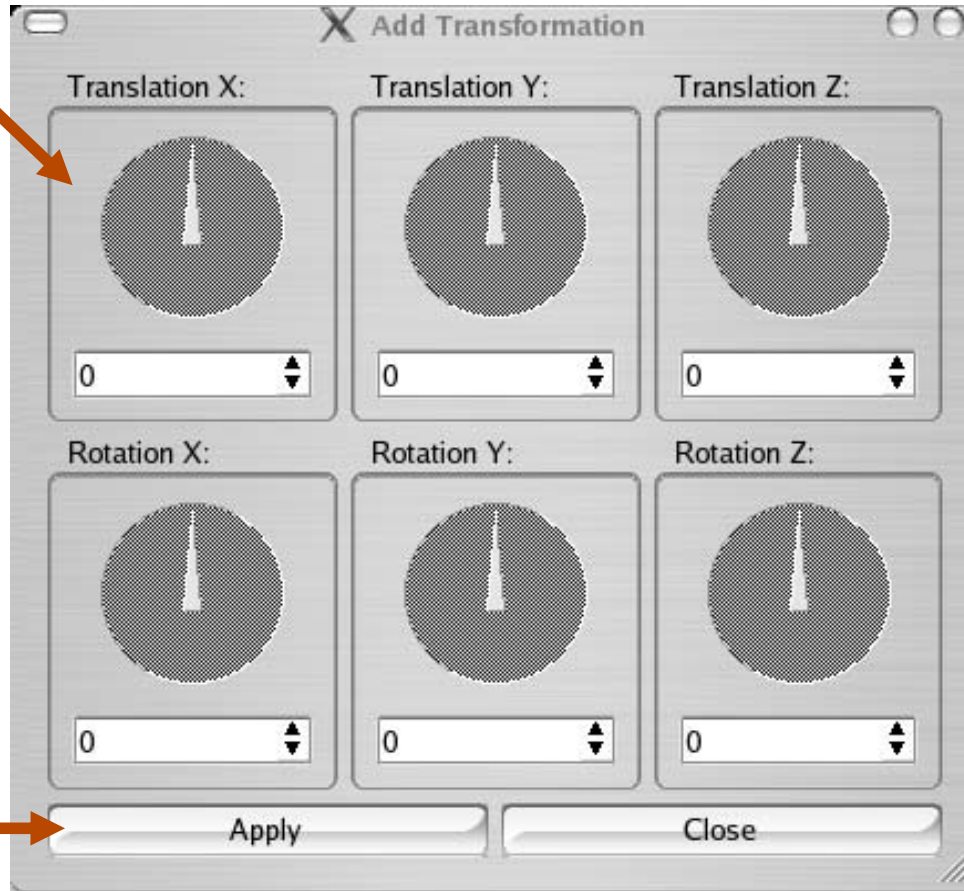
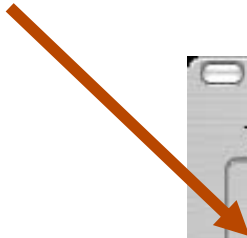
# Multi-Resolution Modeling

- Interactive docking:
  - Visual docking
    - Manual docking by eye
  - Haptic Rendering
    - Manual docking augmented by force feedback
    - Reduced docking criterion
  - Algorithmic Docking
    - Pattern-recognition technique based on feature points



# Transformation

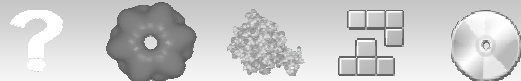
Software "Dials"



Only the activated document is manipulated



Definitely impose transf. to document and set dials back to zero



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# Multi-Resolution Docking

- Docking = transformation of structure into density map
- Management of transformations:

**Add current transf. to list**

**Load and save transf. list**

**Double-click applies transformation**

**Local, correlation-based refinement**

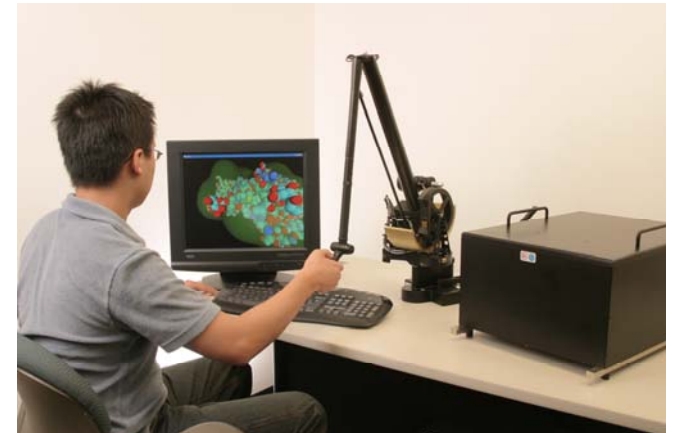
**Multi-component docking**



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# Haptic Rendering

- Interactive docking augmented by haptic rendering
  - Guide the user by force-feedback through the 6D search space
  - Cross-correlation as basis for force and torque calculation
  - Combined with advanced virtual reality techniques
    - 3D stereoscopic and tracked visual rendering

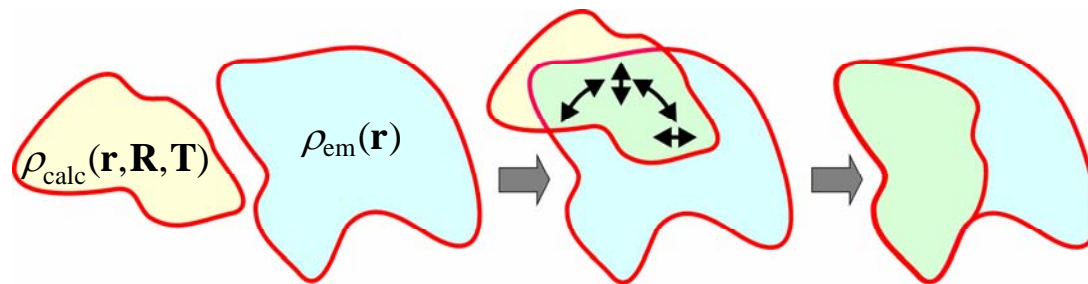


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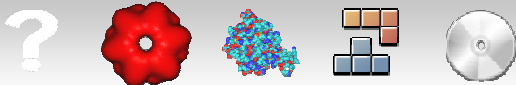
# Cross-Correlation

- Cross-correlation coefficient between the two objects is a popular docking criterion:

$$C(R, T) \propto \int \rho_{calc}(\mathbf{r}, R, T) \cdot \rho_{em}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

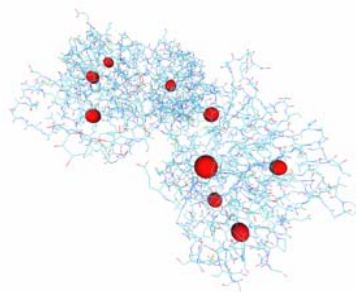


- Not time efficient enough for haptic rendering

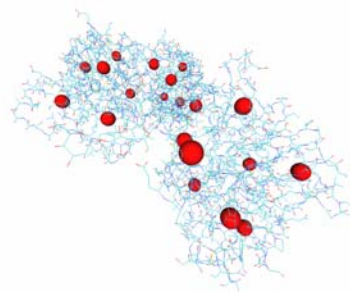


# Feature-Based Shape Description

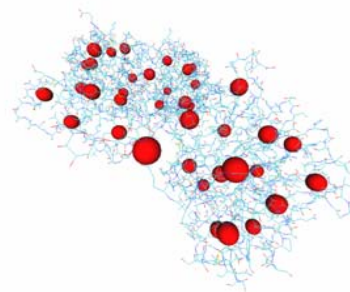
- Vector Quantization
  - Popular method in signal processing
  - Replace complex function by compact number of feature vectors
  - Topology Representing Networks (Martinez, Schulten)
- Applied to high-resolution structure to reduce complexity of fitting problem:



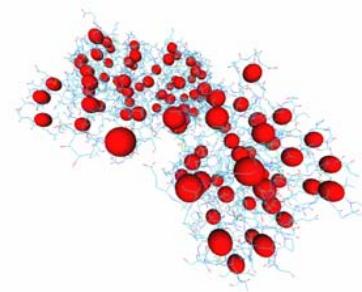
10CV



20CV



40CV



100CV



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# Feature-Based Shape Description

Start Cluster-Analysis

Clustering

Vector Quantization:

Codebook Size: 10

Iteration Steps: 100000

Cutoff: 0.2

Calculate Codebook

TRN Options:

Lambda<sub>j</sub>: 0.2

Lambda<sub>f</sub>: 0.02

Epsilon<sub>j</sub>: 0.1

Epsilon<sub>f</sub>: 0.001

T<sub>j</sub>: 2.0

T<sub>f</sub>: 0.1

Offline Topology Determination

Visualization:

Display Vectors

Display Connectivity

Number of feature points

Only intensities above the cut-off value are considered

Parameters for the training process of the neural network



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# Haptic Rendering

- Correlation-based docking:

$$C(R, T) \propto \int \rho_{calc}(\mathbf{r}, R, T) \cdot \rho_{em}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

- Feature points:



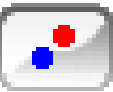


$$\rho_{calc}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{w}_i)$$

- Reduced docking criterion:

$$C(R, T) \propto \sum_{i=1}^k \rho_{em}(\mathbf{w}_i(R, T))$$



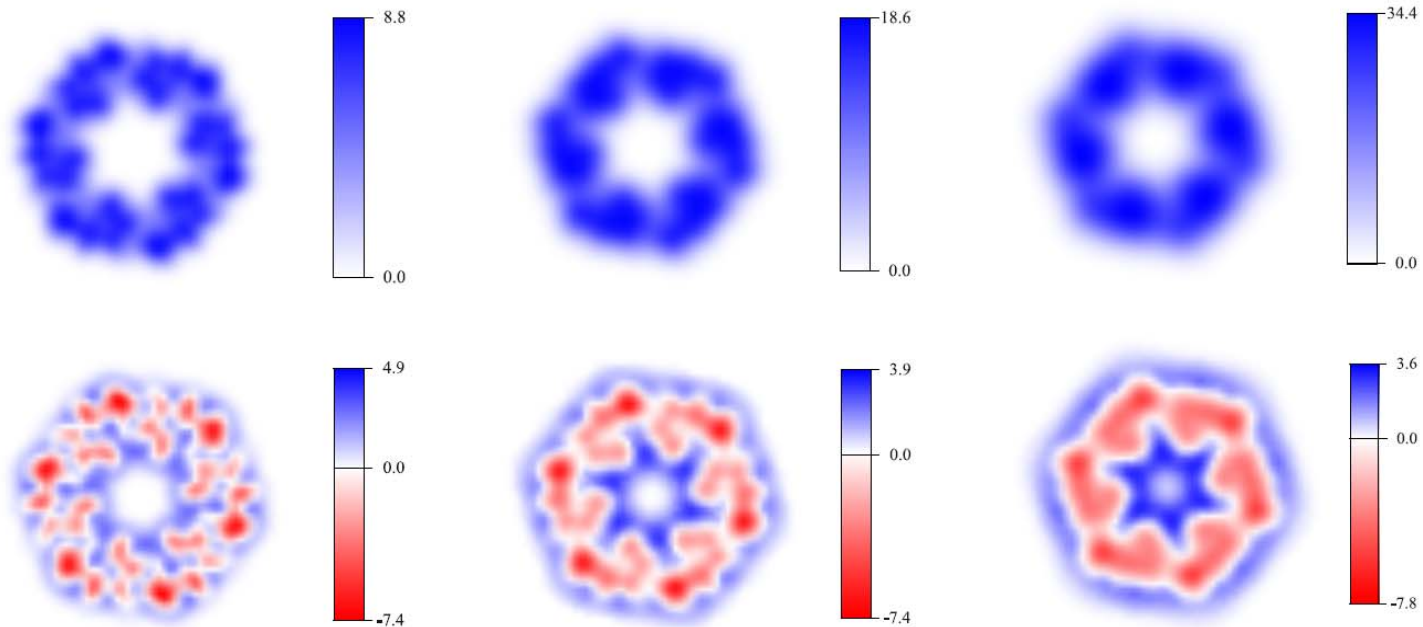
# Haptic Rendering

- Correlation-based refinement:
  - Force used in gradient descent refinement technique
  - Highlight  metric data in document list
  - Click on  to activate as target map
  - Highlight  structure data
  - Click on  to activate as probe molecule
  -  Probe will follow force vector into next local correlation maximum

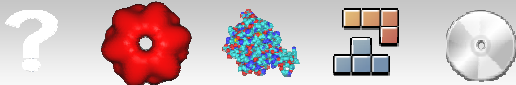


# Laplace Quantization

- Laplacian filter applied to low-resolution cryo-EM maps



$$L : \rho(x, y, z) \rightarrow \nabla^2 \rho(x, y, z) = \rho^L(x, y, z)$$



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# Laplace Quantization

- Vector Quantization demands remapping:

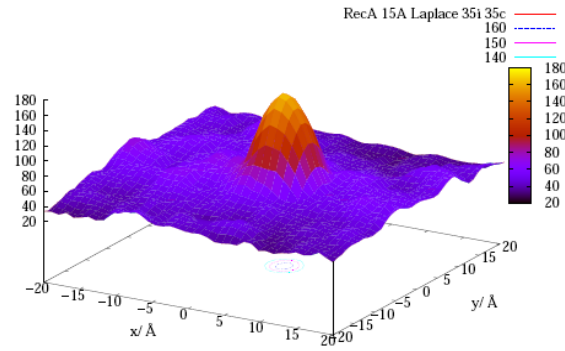
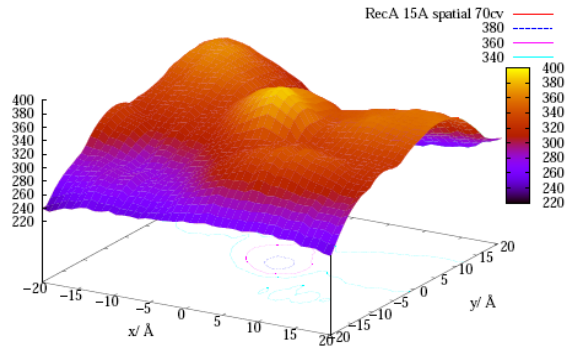
$$\rho_c^L(x, y, z) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\rho_c^L(x, y, z)) \in [0, 1]$$

- Leads to separate codebooks for contour and interior

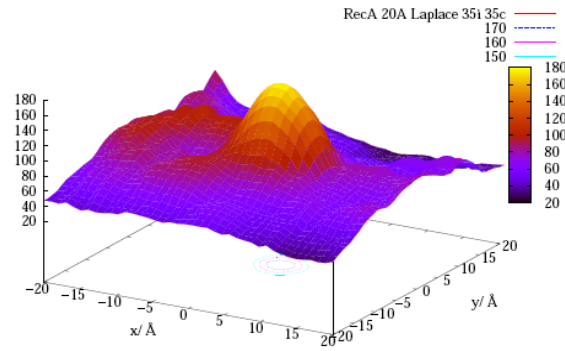
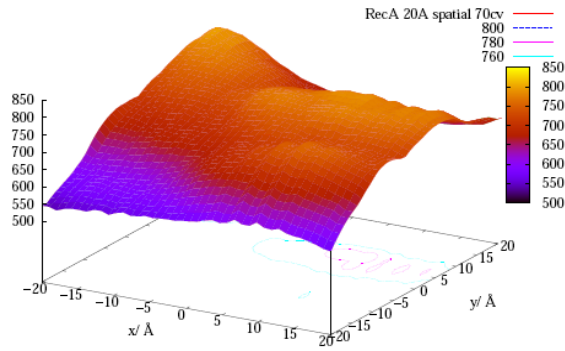
$$\begin{aligned} C^L(R, T) &= \int \rho_c^L(R, T) \cdot \rho_{EM}^L d^3r \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^r \rho_{EM}^L(w_i^C(R, T))}_{\text{contour-match}} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^s \rho_{EM}^L(w_i^I(R, T))}_{\text{interior-match}} \end{aligned}$$



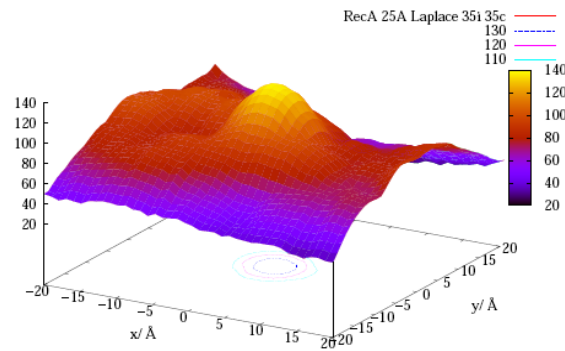
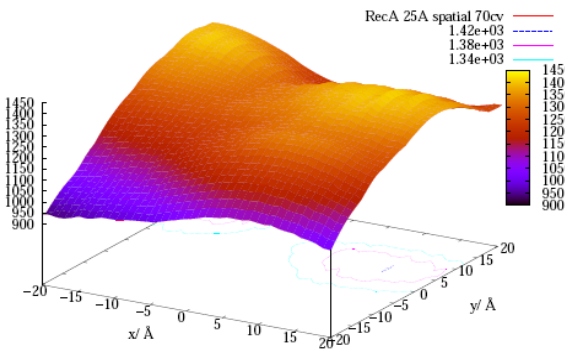
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on x/y plane  
(feature-based)



Spatial  
docking



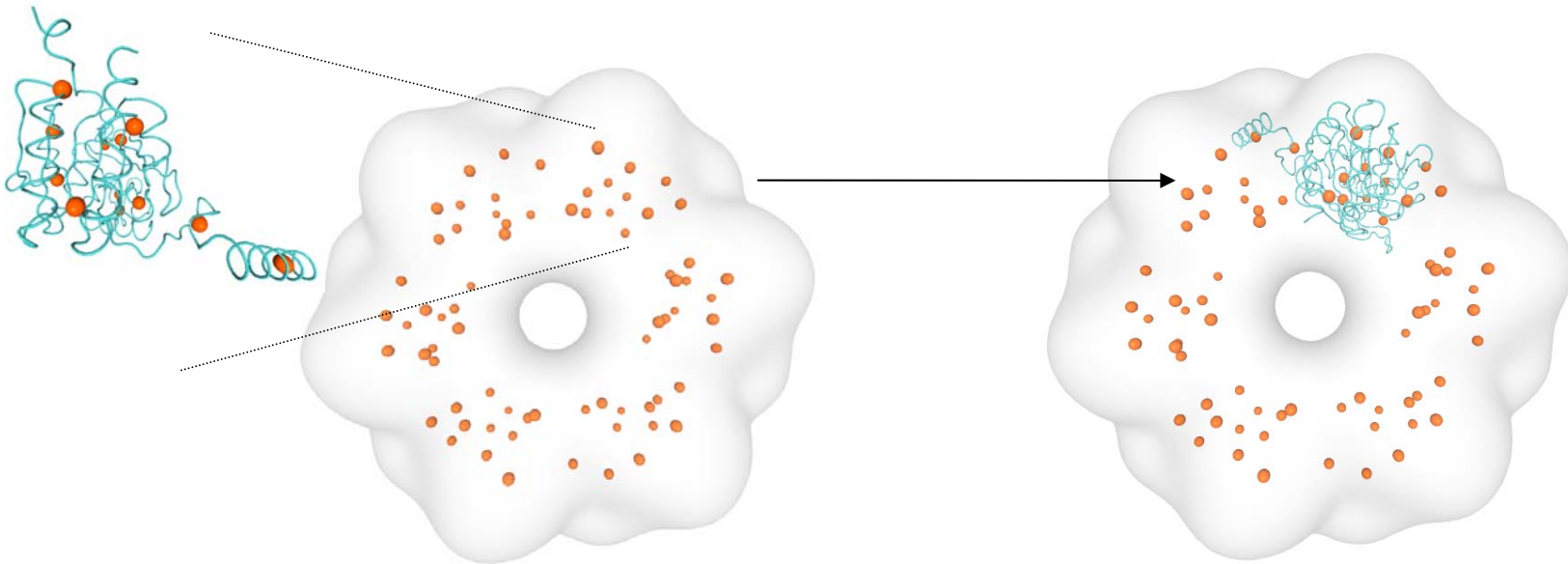
Laplacian  
docking



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# Multi-Resolution Fitting

- Determine feature points in 3D structural and volumetric data
  - Point-cloud similarity alternative docking criterion



# Point-based Shape Recognition

- Feature-based shape description transforms MR-docking into point-cloud matching problem:

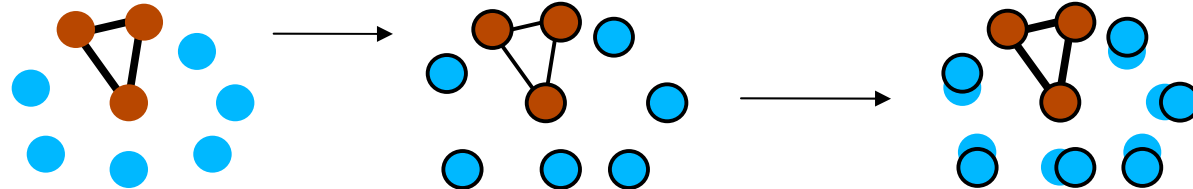
$$rmsd(I, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left\| (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_j^{calc} + \mathbf{T}) - \mathbf{w}_{I(j)}^{em} \right\|^2}$$

- NP-Hard
- Methods developed in other research areas
  - Structure alignment
  - Pattern matching
  - Computer vision

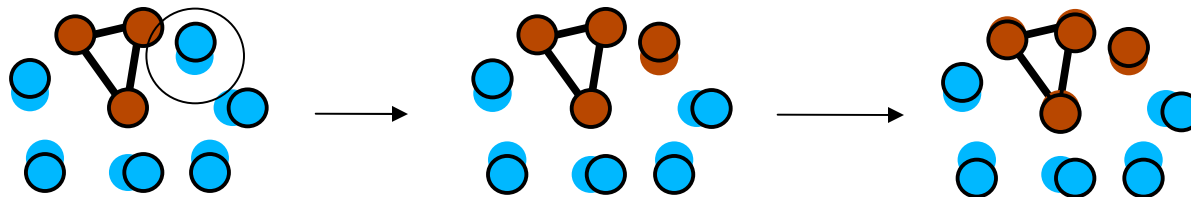


# Anchor-Point Matching

- Anchor-point refinement matching:
  - Three pairs of anchor points give an initial (rough) transformation



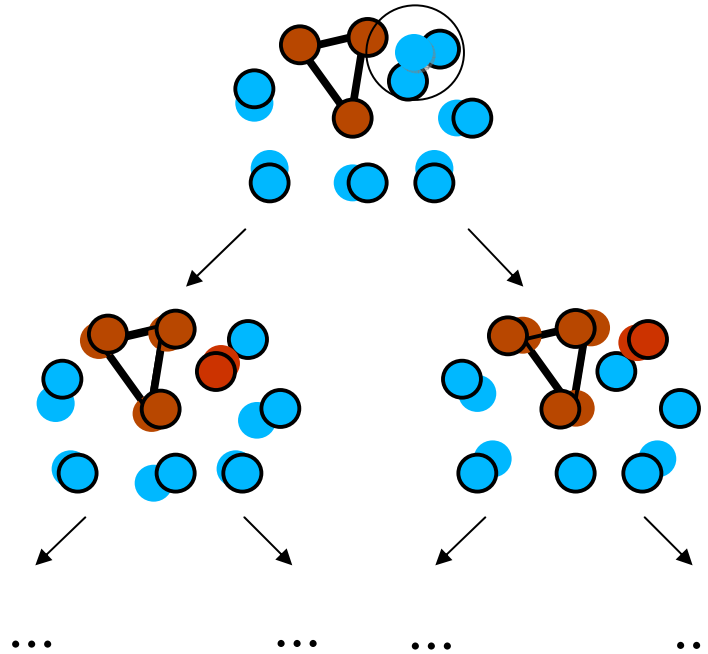
- Iterative refinement of initial transformation



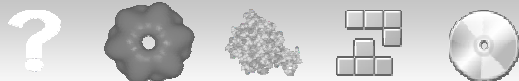


# Search Tree

- Refinement leads to search tree:



- Exploit sparse distribution of feature vectors
  - Compact tree, typical runtime < 1min



# Installation Instructions

- Download:
  - <http://sculptor.biomachina.org>
- Windows:
  - setup.exe - standard installer
- Linux:
  - RPM package for Fedora Core Linux:
    - rpm -i qwt-xxxx.rpm
    - rpm -i sculptor-xxxx.rpm
  - Compile your own package for other distributions:
    - rpmbuild -ba sculptor.spec

