

# VOLUME HAPTICS TOOLKIT MANUAL

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## CHAPTER 1

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# INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of what VHTK can provide to extend the uses of H3D API, beginning with some background on the topic of volume haptics and the context in which VHTK was born. It will be assumed that the reader is familiar with the concepts of haptic interaction, its components tactile and kinesthetic or proprioception and its roll in surgical training, virtual prototyping and other applications of virtual reality.

### 1.1 What is Volume Haptics?

The typical modes of haptic interaction used in the various applications of virtual reality is based on the assumed presence of surfaces. The feedback producing algorithms aim to simulate the interaction with real objects that humans are so familiar with. Volume haptics is concerned with the haptic interaction with volumetric data, that is data without explicit surface representations.

Some consider all haptic algorithms that use volumetric data as a type of volume haptics, even if the data is representing surface data and the feedback produce a surface impression. Examples can be seen in several methods for 6 degrees-of-freedom feedback in rapid prototyping and bone dissection simulators. Others limit themselves to consider the topic to cover only methods for handling haptic interaction with scientific volumetric data, such as medical data from Computer Tomography scanners (CT) and Magnetic Resonance scanners (MR), and parameter spaces in or results from computational simulations. While surfaces can be represented only in one unique way, just more or less accurately and convincingly, volumetric data can be represented in a large variety of forms, each conveying different properties of the data and guiding the haptic instrument to find and follow different shapes, features and directions contained in the data.

### 1.2 What is VHTK?

The Volume Haptics Toolkit, VHTK for short, was developed during a research project aiming at bringing haptics into volume data exploration interfaces and the volume data understanding process. During this project the algorithms needed for both simple and effective volume haptics were designed and the primary interface for VHTK was formed. The toolkit extends H3D API by introducing the scene-graph nodes necessary for loading volumetric data, handling and processing the data and for using the data to produce both visual and haptic feedback.

VHTK has been designed ground up to make full use of the features provided by H3D API. Thus, the toolkit can be use in all three design levels of H3D API — structural design using X3D, interactive dynamics using Python scripting and low-level setup and extensions in C++. Also the event handling system is highly integrated in the functionality of VHTK. Changes in fields controlling, for example, filters propagates an event to every node involved, forming a conceptual multi-modal data pipeline, similar to those of *Visualization Toolkit*, VTK, and *AVS/Express*.

## 1.3 VHTK Technologies

VHTK was developed to provide volume haptics for both researchers and for high end volume exploration applications. It was designed to provide the same functionality as previous methods developed for volume interaction and to provide a powerful, yet easy to use, application programming interface (API).

To be able to provide both the haptic effects commonly used in volume haptics and a comprehensible and powerful programming interface, a new hierarchical approach to volume haptics programming has been introduced. A application programmer or a novice in volume haptics can use pre-fabricated haptic schemes, while a researcher or advanced programmer may set up their own schemes, from the provided low-level components. The achitecture is designed in a way so that the programmer needs never see the most low-level workings of the system, however not even the haptic solver is hidden from the programmer.

### 1.3.1 Haptic Modes

The haptic mode is the highest level of haptic interaction provided by VHTK. It is, in effect, a connection between a volumetric dataset and its haptic representation. Volumetric data can, unlike surfaces, be represented in many different ways, so VHTK provides a number of haptic modes, each giving a unique haptic representation of the volumetric data.

The system used in VHTK allows combination of haptic modes into more advanced interaction schemes. In interaction with multi-modal data, for example both blood flow and morphological data from MR in medicine, one haptic mode for each data modality can be used to provide a comprehensive haptic representation of the data at hand. Two or more modes can also be used to provide simultaneous complementary information.

Building an application from the pre-implemented haptic modes of VHTK requires no C++ programming. Using only X3D, a static haptic exploration of advanced scientific data can be implemented. User interfaces to load data and to select and configure both haptic and graphic rendering of can be implemented using Python-scripts.

### 1.3.2 Haptic Primitives

Haptic modes are in VHTK implemented by controlling parameters of *haptic primitives* as functions of the volumetric data that the haptic mode is representing. There are currently four primitives available the VHTK, one constraint for each dimensionality — point (3D), line (2D) and plane (2D) primitives — and one force primitive. Each primitive has a strength parameter, which specifies the strength of the feedback from the primitive. The force, line and plane primitives also have a direction parameter, which can be used to represent some vector feature in a haptic mode.

A haptic mode may use one or several haptic primitives to generate its specific haptic effect. The lowest-level system of VHTK prompts the haptic modes for the instant set of haptic primitives to momentarily represent the haptic feedback, at a rate of about 1 kHz. The haptic mode then reads off the local data properties and sets up one or more primitives to reflect these properties. These primitives are then returned to the system, which use the primitives to calculate the haptic feedback for that time-frame.

### 1.3.3 Haptic Solver

The innermost workings of VHTK is controlled by one or more numerical or analytical solvers that converts the haptic primitives into a single force feedback. There are two types of solvers: general solvers and special case solvers. A special case solver first checks if the current primitives and primitive properties fulfill special prerequisites that allow the solver to more easily find the correct feedback. When all special case solvers have failed, the general solver is entrusted to find the solution for any primitives configuration.

While the solvers provided by VHTK should be enough for any application, a researcher may want to find an alternative solver to fit a application specific case and thereby find the solution more effectively.

### 1.3.4 Putting It Together

The primitives defined by the haptic modes are collected, from the haptics thread at approximately 1 kHz, by the heart of VHTK — the **VolumeHaptics** node. This node makes the necessary setup of variables for the haptic modes and post-processing of the resulting primitives, and feeds the primitives into the available solvers. It is the **VolumeHaptics** node that takes care of the transform interpolation, for dynamic transforms, and supports volume data animation. Thus, for the haptic modes, the data handling and primitives definition are performed on a static dataset in a static frame of reference, making it more easy to implement new haptic modes with full functionality.

## 1.4 What is What?

The user of VHTK will find that there are three different, more or less distinctly separated, types of nodes, reflecting the different functions of the toolkit. These are volume data handling and value processing,

visualization and haptic functionality. This section provides an overview of the most important features of the nodes of these areas.

### 1.4.1 Haptic Functionality

The toolkit encapsulates the steps forming the haptic behaviour into scenegraph nodes, thereby hiding the low-level processing and haptic primitives. The haptic nodes thus form a palette of modes that can be freely selected and combined to generate a wide array of different haptic schemes, allowing a developer to tailor the task specific haptic scheme of an application. Each node also provides an X3D interface to mode specific data and parameters. Analogous to visual models in visual scenegraphs, the transforms above the node affect the position and orientation of the haptic representation of the node's data source. Letting haptic nodes and visualization nodes share parent transform and data source thus provides co-located haptics and graphics.

Currently eight pre-implemented haptic modes are provided for representing features in both scalar and vector data. For some application areas and selected tasks the available predefined haptic modes, or combinations thereof, may not suffice to represent the most interesting features. If so, a fundamentally new haptic mode is needed. The low-level abstraction layer constituted by the haptic primitives is made available for the implementation of new haptic modes. New modes can easily be integrated into the toolkit framework by extending the abstract haptic node type and implementing the new node to provide haptic primitives describing the desired effect.

### 1.4.2 Volume Data Handling

Data sources and data filters are also implemented as scenegraph nodes. They provide a general data extraction interface for subsequent nodes to use and the filters differ from the other sources, such as readers, only in that their X3D interface allows the assignment of a source to read data from. The data handling structure allows for both analytical and sampled volume data and defines interfaces for extracting the basic features from scalar and vector data: scalar value, scalar gradient vector, vector value, vector curl vector and vector divergence. Among the filters provided by the toolkit are support for conversion between data types and extraction of the magnitude of vector features, such as vector curl, as scalar data for visual volume rendering or haptic feedback. By changing the filtering of the data used by a haptic mode its possible uses can be widely expanded. For example, in a related project a classification algorithm is used as filtering to enhance the haptic feedback.

To provide flexible and intuitive control of the scenegraph nodes, the toolkit makes extensive use of transfer functions. Filters for rescaling data use transfer functions to control the input/output conversion and both visual and haptic nodes use transfer functions to control material, colour and size properties. There are, therefore, several different types of transfer function nodes available, providing different control interfaces. Examples are specification of piecewise linear segment and using the window function common in radiology.

### 1.4.3 Visualization

The toolkit provides functionality for intuitive visualization of the volumetric data. The main purpose of the toolkit is to provide an interface to advanced volume haptics, so only a few visualization nodes have, so far, been provided, such as volume rendering and stream-ribbons. To make it easy to setup a multi-modal visualization, the visualization nodes have similar functionality and behaviour as the haptic modes described above.

## CHAPTER 2

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# GETTING STARTED

This chapter will help you get started with the toolkit. You will find instructions on how to download and install the package and how to find your way around the different part of the software.

## 2.1 Setting Up VHTK

Before you get started using VHTK you will first need to get started with the software to which VHTK is a toolkit — H3D API. Since there are no pre-compiled binaries available for VHTK, and you will have to compile it yourself, it is required that you to have installed and configured H3D API from the source. Once you got H3D API up and running, from source installation, you may download, setup, compile and install VHTK.

### 2.1.1 Installation

1. This version of VHTK works with H3D API 1.5 .
2. Unpack the VHTK source code package at a suitable location, for example parallel to the H3D installation folder. The resulting file tree should contain, among other things, the folders src, python and x3d containing the toolkit source code, Python scripts and setup files, respectively.
3. To compile VHTK extra libraries are needed: H3D API and some of the libraries needed by H3D API.
4. Update the paths in the setup file to match your system before compiling, so that the compiler can find the required libraries and header files. For Linux you have to update the paths in the Makefile and for Windows you specify the following environment variables

**VHTK\_ROOT** The root of your VHTK installation

**H3D\_ROOT** The root of your H3D installation

**H3D\_EXTERNAL\_ROOT** The folder containing the external libraries needed by H3D

**3DTOUCH\_BASE** The path to the 3DTouch installation

5. Compile the VHTK library files using either the Makefile for Linux, located in the VHTK root folder, or the VC7 setup file, located in

```
VHTK/build/win32/vc7/
```

This should produce one or more library files in the VHTK/lib folder.

6. To run VHTK, use an executable produced by the H3D API, for example H3DLoad. In the setup files for the VHTK examples the VHTK library is loaded prior to using any VHTK specific scene-graph nodes.

### 2.1.2 Testing with H3DLoad

The toolkit comes with a few example setup files for testing and getting started with some of the various nodes provided. These files are run using the H3DLoad binary provided by H3D API. To run the dichloroethane electro-potential visualization example, follow the steps below. The other demos are executed similarly.

1. Change folder to the VHTK root
2. Execute the loader with the file as argument, e.g.

```
H3DLoad x3d/setup_dichloroethane2.x3d
```

3. Since the setup file is written for both Windows and Linux, an error message will say that the system is unable to load the libraries for the other operating system. This error message is safe to ignore and can be avoided by modifying the sample setup file to work only on the current operating system.
4. VHTK produces per default a lot of output, mostly for debugging. The messages are divided into debug information (II), ordinary warnings (WW), and fatal errors (EE). Messages marked with (II) can be safely ignored. Messages with (WW) can mean that something is missing and that things might not work as anticipated.
5. During run-time the haptic instrument is guided by the electro-potential field and stream ribbons can be released by pressing the button on the haptic instrument.

The following key bindings apply to the dichloroethane demo:

**z** undo the last stream tube

**Z** undo all stream tubes

**1-9** the number of stream tubes to apply at once.

**[space ]** switch haptic mode

Follow mode → Follow mode with snapdrag → Front shape mode → Front shape mode with snapdrag → Follow mode (...)

## 2.2 VHTK Command-line Output

VHTK produces per default a lot of output, primarily for debugging. This behaviour can be modified by changing the debug level to a lower value before compiling the toolkit. Otherwise most messages can be safely ignored.

The messages are divided the following levels:

- (II) Debug information — can be safely ignored.
- (WW) Runtime warning — this means that there is something that is not configured or used as intended and that some features might not work as anticipated.
- (EE) Runtime error — this message shows that something very wrong has happened that makes it impossible to continue execution. The program will terminate upon this kind of error.

## CHAPTER 3

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# PYTHON SCRIPTS

The VHTK package comes bundled with some Python scripts to support the fast and easy setup of advanced multi-modal visualization without need for programming or scripting. This chapter describe the scripts and the measures needed to successfully integrate the scripts into a scene-graph.

### 3.1 ClipPlanes

ClipPlanes allows the user to interactively control clipplanes in a scene. A button click adds a clipplane at the current position with the current orientation. The plane can then be moved and rotated. Previously added planes can be interactively moved and rotated, and removed.

The following *must* be provided through the **references** field:

1. the group node which should be clipped

The following *may also* be provided through the **references** field, in the right order:

1. a identically transformed group for clipplane icons,
2. an identically transformed **LocalInfo** node,
3. an icon for the clipplanes.

To the provided field **clipPlanes** the following *must* be routed:

1. the button to control the clipplanes with,
2. the position to control the clipplanes, and
3. the orientation to control the clipplanes.

### 3.2 ProbeDisplay

ProbeDisplay opens a Tk window and displays information from a specified VolumeProbe.

The following must be provided through the **references** field:

1. the VolumeProbe instance from which to extract the data

This script only reads data from the **VolumeProbe** node and displays it. For the **VolumeProbe** to update the values some probe position must be routed to the **probe** field. See the documentation for **VolumeProbe** for more information.

### 3.3 PutStreamRibbons

PutStreamRibbons allows the user to interactively release stream ribbons in a specified vector volume.

The following *must* be provided through the **references** field:

1. the group node in which the stream ribbons should be put,
2. an appearance to use, and
3. a template **StreamRibbons** node

To the provided field **putStreamRibbons** the following *must* be routed:

1. the button to put the stream ribbons with and
2. the seed position in the same coordinate system as the volume and the group node.

A KeySensor is used to provide the following commands

**z** undo the last stream tube

**Z** undo all stream tubes

**1-9** the number of stream tubes to apply at once.

### 3.4 PutStreamTubes

This script is identical to PutStreamRibbons described above, but releases tubes instead of ribbons.

### 3.5 Rotator

This Python-script provides rotation information extracted from

1. arrow keys,
2. mouse motions, and
3. spaceware devices.

It can and should be used to control 3D scene orientation. This is done by routing the **rotation** field of this script to a **Transform** node.

## CHAPTER 4

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# TUTORIALS

This chapter provides tutorials to show how to build an X3D setup file for the Volume Haptics Toolkit to create visualizations of volumetric data.

**Prerequisites** These tutorials assumes basic knowledge in H3D programming, especially through X3D, and experience in haptics, scientific visualization and volume visualization.

### 4.1 Dichloroethane Electro-potential

In this tutorial we use a analytical volume in the rendering of a dichloroethane molecule. The analytical volume is easy to use as a demonstration example, but the principles are similar for sampled volumes. We use the electro-potential field volume node provided by the toolkit to simulate and visualize the electro-potential of a hypothetical molecule, looking very much like a dichloroethane molecule.

#### Create Molecule Stick-model

We start by creating a simple stick model of the molecule we will explore. Create a top level group node and add a transform, so that we can scale our model to manageable sizes. Now create a shape node and add an indexed lineset node. Add to this node a coordinates node containing the coordinates for your atoms in the **point** field.

Now use the **coordIndex** field of the lineset node to link the atom points together. Also make sure you have the right number of colours for the coordinates. You may select colours to match the atom types or just use gray. The default line width is too slim, so add a line properties node and set the line width scale factor to around five.

Now add shapes for the atoms. Use a transform node to specify the position of the atoms, with coordinates the same as in the lineset node. Colours, specified through a material node in the appearance node for each shape, can indicate the atom type. Use **DEF** and **USE** to lower the level of redundant code, for example for the appearance node for multiple atoms of the same type.

We should now have a nice stick-model of a hypothetical (or real) molecule. Try loading the setup file and rotate the molecule. The size of the molecule will be controlled by the size of the coordinates used for the atom positions and the transform added under the top level group node.

## Visualize Electro-potential

Here we will start using the nodes from VHTK, so we will need to load the VHTK library from the X3D file. Add a **ImportLibrary** node and specify the path for the VHTK library file. Depending on your platform the library will either be called 'libVHTK.so' or 'VHTK.dll'.

```

4  <ImportLibrary library="lib/libVHTK.so"/>
5  <ImportLibrary library="lib/VHTK.dll"/>
6  <Inline DEF="DEVICE" url="x3d/device.x3d"/>

```

When we built the stick model, we also specified the position of a number of atoms. By entering these positions into the electro-potential node we get a dataset representing the electro-potential over the molecule. To get the electro-potential also the potential of the points must be entered. Either make up some positive and negative potentials for your atoms in the molecule, or use real values. The potentials should sum up to zero. The values chosen in our demo give the following node setup.

```

148      <ScalarElectroPotential
149          size="7 7 7"
150          point="-0.30  0.37  0.60
151              +0.30 -0.37 -0.60
152              +2.07 -0.31 -0.50
153              -2.07  0.31  0.50
154              +0.03 -0.10  1.52
155              +0.03  1.41  0.58
156              -0.03  0.10 -1.52
157              -0.03 -1.41 -0.58"
158          potential="+.4
159              +.4
160              -2
161              -2
162              +.8
163              +.8
164              +.8
165              +.8"/>

```

First we'll visualize this using iso-surfaces and then using volume rendering.

The iso-surface node is a geometry node, so add it to a shape. Also add an appearance node and specify transparency, to avoid occlusion. Our electro-potential must be sampled for the iso-surface to be extracted, so we put the potential data node in a SampledScalarVolume that is put in the iso-surface node, so that its data is used. Create three iso-surface shapes at one positive iso-value, one negative and one at zero.

```

134 <Shape>
135   <Appearance DEF="SURFAPP">
136     <Material transparency=".7"/>
137   </Appearance>
138   <IsoSurface
139     solid="FALSE"
140     isoValue="-1">
141     <SampledScalarVolume
142       DEF="SVOLUME"
143       width="32"
144       height="32"
145       depth="32"
146       pixelComponentType="RATIONAL"
147       bitsPerPixel="32">
148       <ScalarElectroPotential
149         size="7 7 7"
150         point="-0.30  0.37  0.60
151                +0.30 -0.37 -0.60
152                +2.07 -0.31 -0.50
153                -2.07  0.31  0.50
154                +0.03 -0.10  1.52
155                +0.03  1.41  0.58
156                -0.03  0.10 -1.52
157                -0.03 -1.41 -0.58"
158         potential="+.4
159                   +.4
160                   -2
161                   -2
162                   +.8
163                   +.8
164                   +.8
165                   +.8"/>
166     </SampledScalarVolume>
167   </IsoSurface>
168 </Shape>

```

Use **DEF** and **USE** to reuse both appearance and electro-potential.

At this point you should have iso-surfaces showing, at some points in space, how the electro-potential field relates to a molecule visualized with sticks and balls. To get a more continuous representation of the electro-potential, we'll use volume rendering. The volume renderer needs data as a 3D texture and needs rescaling. This is done using a **Texture3DVolume** node. Reuse the previously created scalar volume in

a texture volume and put this in a volume renderer node. The texture volume needs a transfer function to translate the electro-potential to the range 0–1. Use a **WindowFunction** with level zero, so that both negative and positive potentials are visualized. The zero potential will then end up at 0.5 in the texture. The **width** parameter of the window function specifies the contrast.

```

191 <VolumeRenderer
192   planes="100">
193   <Texture3DVolume
194     property="SCALAR">
195     <WindowFunction
196       level="0"
197       width="1"/>
198     <SampledScalarVolume
199       USE="SVOLUME"/>
200   </Texture3DVolume>

```

Apart from the texture to visualize, the volume renderer needs colour and opacity transfer functions. Add four transfer function, for example **PiecewiseFunction**, and see to it that they are added to container fields **scalar2red**, **scalar2green**, **scalar2blue** and **scalar2alpha**, respectively. Examples of parameters to use are **continuous** set to true and **segments** set to "0.0 1.0, 0.5 0.0, 1.0 0.0", "0.0 0.0, 0.5 1.0, 1.0 0.0", "0.0 0.0, 0.5 0.0, 1.0 1.0" and "0.0 0.1, 0.5 0.0, 1.0 0.1", respectively.

This should give a volume visualization of the potential field. Adjust the number of planes in the volume renderer and the transfer functions to get the wanted result. Observe that both the volume renderer and the texture volume have transfer functions that affect the mapping from original potential data to colour and opacity.

## Setup Haptic Feedback

### Interactive Stream-ribbons

#### Final Code

```

0 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
1 <Group>
2
3   <ImportLibrary library="lib/libVHTK.so"/>
4   <ImportLibrary library="lib/VHTK.dll"/>
5   <Inline DEF="DEVICE" url="x3d/device.x3d"/>
6
7   <IMPORT inlineDEF="DEVICE" exportedDEF="HDEV" AS="HDEV"/>

```

```
8
9  <Background
10     skyColor="1.0 1.0 1.0"/>
11
12  <VolumeHaptics
13     stiffness="400"/>
14
15  <Transform
16     scale=".05 .05 .05">
17
18     <Group DEF="STREAMS_GROUP"/>
19     <LocalInfo DEF="INFO"/>
20
21
22     <!-- Sticks in the stick molecule model -->
23
24     <Shape>
25         <Appearance>
26             <LineProperties
27                 linewidthScaleFactor="5"/>
28             </Appearance>
29             <IndexedLineSet
30                 coordIndex="2 1 0 3 -1
31                             0 5 -1
32                             0 4 -1
33                             1 6 -1
34                             1 7 -1">
35                 <Color
36                     color=".2 .2 .2
37                             .2 .2 .2
38                             .8 .2 .8
39                             .8 .2 .8
40                             .8 .2 .2
41                             .8 .2 .2
42                             .8 .2 .2
43                             .8 .2 .2"/>
44                 <Coordinate
45                     point="-0.30  0.37  0.60
46                             +0.30 -0.37 -0.60
47                             +2.07 -0.31 -0.50
48                             -2.07  0.31  0.50
49                             +0.03 -0.10  1.52
```

```
50         +0.03  1.41  0.58
51         -0.03  0.10 -1.52
52         -0.03 -1.41 -0.58"/>
53     </IndexedLineSet>
54 </Shape>
55
56
57 <!-- Balls in the stick molecule model -->
58
59 <Transform
60     translation="-0.30  0.37  0.60">
61     <Shape>
62         <Appearance DEF="C">
63             <Material
64                 diffuseColor=".2 .2 .2"
65                 specularColor=".8 .8 .8"/>
66             </Appearance>
67             <Sphere
68                 DEF="SPHERE"
69                 radius="0.2"/>
70         </Shape>
71     </Transform>
72     <Transform
73         translation="+0.30  -0.37  -0.60">
74         <Shape>
75             <Appearance USE="C"/>
76             <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
77         </Shape>
78     </Transform>
79     <Transform
80         translation="+2.07  -0.31  -0.50">
81         <Shape>
82             <Appearance DEF="C1">
83                 <Material
84                     diffuseColor=".8 .2 .8"
85                     specularColor=".5 .5 .5"/>
86                 </Material>
87             </Appearance>
88             <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
89         </Shape>
90     </Transform>
91     <Transform
92         translation="-2.07  0.31  0.50">
```

```

92     <Shape>
93         <Appearance USE="C1"/>
94         <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
95     </Shape>
96 </Transform>
97 <Transform
98     translation="+0.03  -0.10  1.52">
99     <Shape>
100         <Appearance DEF="H">
101             <Material
102                 diffuseColor=".8 .2 .2"
103                 specularColor=".5 .5 .5"/>
104             </Appearance>
105             <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
106         </Shape>
107     </Transform>
108 <Transform
109     translation="+0.03  1.41  0.58">
110     <Shape>
111         <Appearance USE="H"/>
112         <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
113     </Shape>
114 </Transform>
115 <Transform
116     translation="-0.03  0.10  -1.52">
117     <Shape>
118         <Appearance USE="H"/>
119         <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
120     </Shape>
121 </Transform>
122 <Transform
123     translation="-0.03  -1.41  -0.58">
124     <Shape>
125         <Appearance USE="H"/>
126         <Sphere USE="SPHERE"/>
127     </Shape>
128 </Transform>
129
130 <!-- Iso surfaces  -->
131
132
133 <Shape>

```

```

134     <Appearance DEF="SURFAPP">
135         <Material transparency=".7"/>
136     </Appearance>
137     <IsoSurface
138         solid="FALSE"
139         isoValue="-1">
140         <SampledScalarVolume
141             DEF="SVOLUME"
142             width="32"
143             height="32"
144             depth="32"
145             pixelComponentType="RATIONAL"
146             bitsPerPixel="32">
147             <ScalarElectroPotential
148                 size="7 7 7"
149                 point="-0.30  0.37  0.60
150                     +0.30 -0.37 -0.60
151                     +2.07 -0.31 -0.50
152                     -2.07  0.31  0.50
153                     +0.03 -0.10  1.52
154                     +0.03  1.41  0.58
155                     -0.03  0.10 -1.52
156                     -0.03 -1.41 -0.58"
157                 potential="+.4
158                     +.4
159                     -2
160                     -2
161                     +.8
162                     +.8
163                     +.8
164                     +.8"/>
165             </SampledScalarVolume>
166         </IsoSurface>
167     </Shape>
168
169     <Shape>
170         <Appearance USE="SURFAPP"/>
171         <IsoSurface
172             solid="FALSE"
173             isoValue="+1">
174             <SampledScalarVolume USE="SVOLUME"/>
175         </IsoSurface>

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176     </Shape>
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178     <Shape>
179         <Appearance USE="SURFAPP"/>
180         <IsoSurface
181             solid="FALSE"
182             isoValue="0">
183             <SampledScalarVolume USE="SVOLUME"/>
184         </IsoSurface>
185     </Shape>
186
187
188     <!-- Volume Rendering -->
189
190     <VolumeRenderer
191         planes="100">
192         <Texture3DVolume
193             property="SCALAR">
194             <WindowFunction
195                 level="0"
196                 width="1"/>
197             <SampledScalarVolume
198                 USE="SVOLUME"/>
199             </Texture3DVolume>
200             <PiecewiseFunction
201                 containerField="scalar2red"
202                 continuous="TRUE"
203                 segments="0.00  1.0
204                          0.50  0.0
205                          1.00  0.0"/>
206             <PiecewiseFunction
207                 containerField="scalar2green"
208                 continuous="TRUE"
209                 segments="0.00  0.0
210                          0.50  1.0
211                          1.00  0.0"/>
212             <PiecewiseFunction
213                 containerField="scalar2blue"
214                 continuous="TRUE"
215                 segments="0.00  0.0
216                          0.50  0.0
217                          1.00  1.0"/>
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218     <PiecewiseFunction
219         containerField="scalar2alpha"
220         continuous="TRUE"
221         segments="0.00  0.10
222                 0.50  0.00
223                 1.00  0.10"/>
224 </VolumeRenderer>
225
226
227 <!-- Haptics -->
228
229 <VectorFollowMode
230     DEF="FOLLOW_MODE"
231     active="true">
232     <VectorElectroPotential
233         DEF="VVOLUME"
234         point="-0.30  0.37  0.60
235                +0.30 -0.37 -0.60
236                +2.07 -0.31 -0.50
237                -2.07  0.31  0.50
238                +0.03 -0.10  1.52
239                +0.03  1.41  0.58
240                -0.03  0.10 -1.52
241                -0.03 -1.41 -0.58"
242         potential="+.4
243                 +.4
244                 -2
245                 -2
246                 +.8
247                 +.8
248                 +.8
249                 +.8"/>
250     <PiecewiseFunction
251         containerField="strength"
252         DEF="STRENGTH"
253         continuous="TRUE"
254         segments="0.00  0.0
255                 0.30  1.0
256                 1.00  2.0
257                 1000  5.0"/>
258 </VectorFollowMode>
259

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260   <VectorFrontShapeMode
261       DEF="FRONT_SHAPE_MODE"
262       active="false"
263       twoSided="true"
264       snapdrag="true">
265   <VectorElectroPotential
266       USE="VVOLUME"/>
267   <PiecewiseFunction
268       containerField="strength"
269       USE="STRENGTH"/>
270   </VectorFrontShapeMode>
271
272 </Transform>
273
274
275 <PythonScript DEF="PUT" url="python/PutStreamTubes.py">
276
277   <Group USE="STREAMS_GROUP" containerField="references"/>
278
279   <Appearance
280       containerField="references">
281       <Material
282           ambientIntensity="1"/>
283   </Appearance>
284
285   <StreamTubes
286       containerField="references"
287       useEuler="FALSE"
288       step="0.1"
289       maxLength="5.0">
290   <VHTKVectorDataNode USE="VVOLUME"/>
291   <MagnitudeVolume>
292       <VHTKVectorDataNode USE="VVOLUME"/>
293       <WindowFunction
294           level="1"
295           width="2"/>
296   </MagnitudeVolume>
297   <MagnitudeVolume
298       containerField="radiusVolume">
299       <VHTKVectorDataNode USE="VVOLUME"/>
300       <WindowFunction
301           level="1"

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302         width="2"  
303         roof=".2"/>  
304     </MagnitudeVolume>  
305 </StreamTubes>  
306  
307 </PythonScript>  
308 <ROUTE  
309     fromNode="HDEV"fromField="mainButton"  
310     toNode="PUT"toField="putStreamTubes"/>  
311 <ROUTE  
312     fromNode="HDEV"fromField="trackerPosition"  
313     toNode="INFO"toField="position"/>  
314 <ROUTE  
315     fromNode="INFO"fromField="position"  
316     toNode="PUT"toField="putStreamTubes"/>  
317  
318 </Group>
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