

# ***New Phenix* Tools for Cryo-EM**

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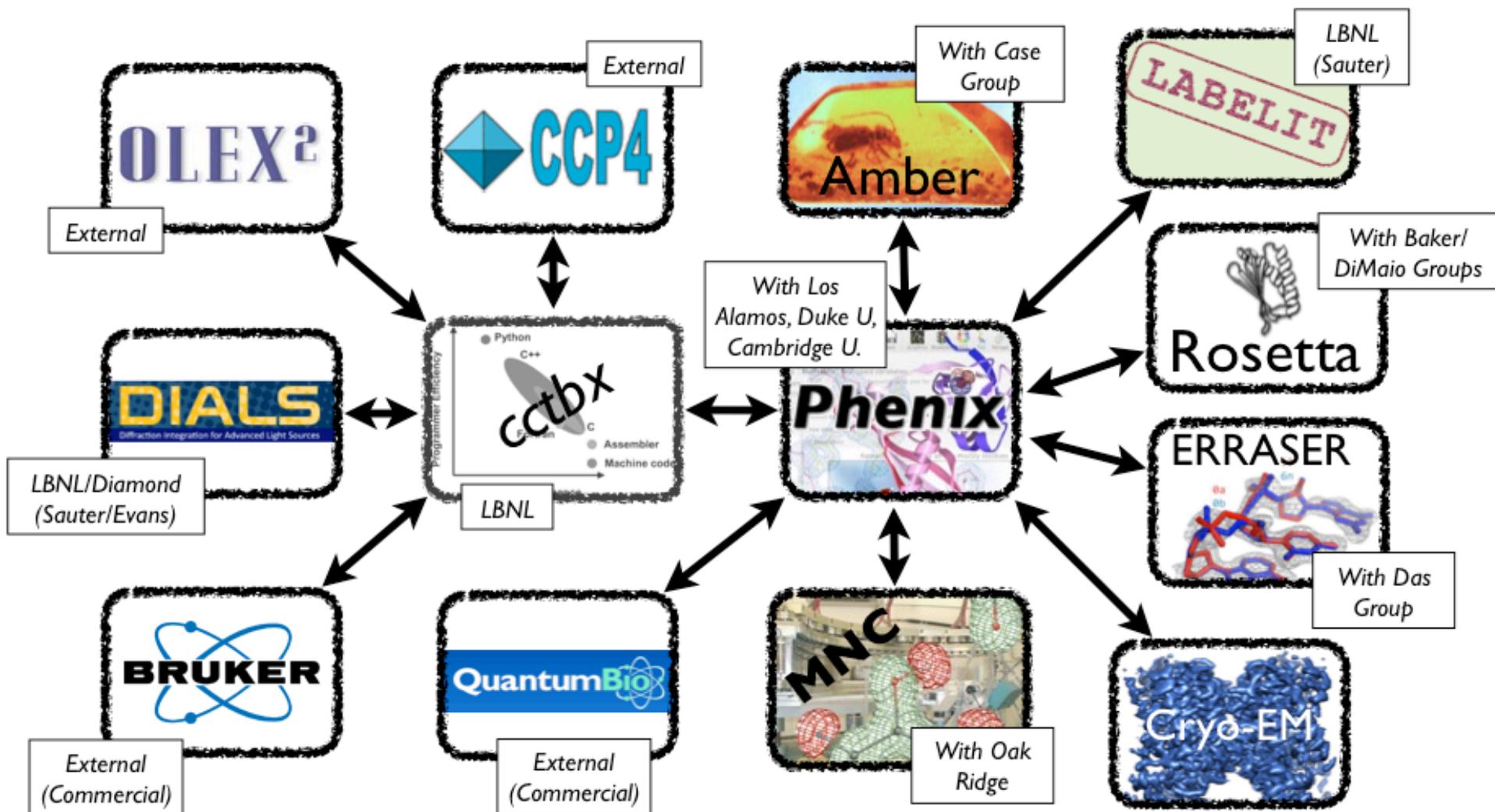
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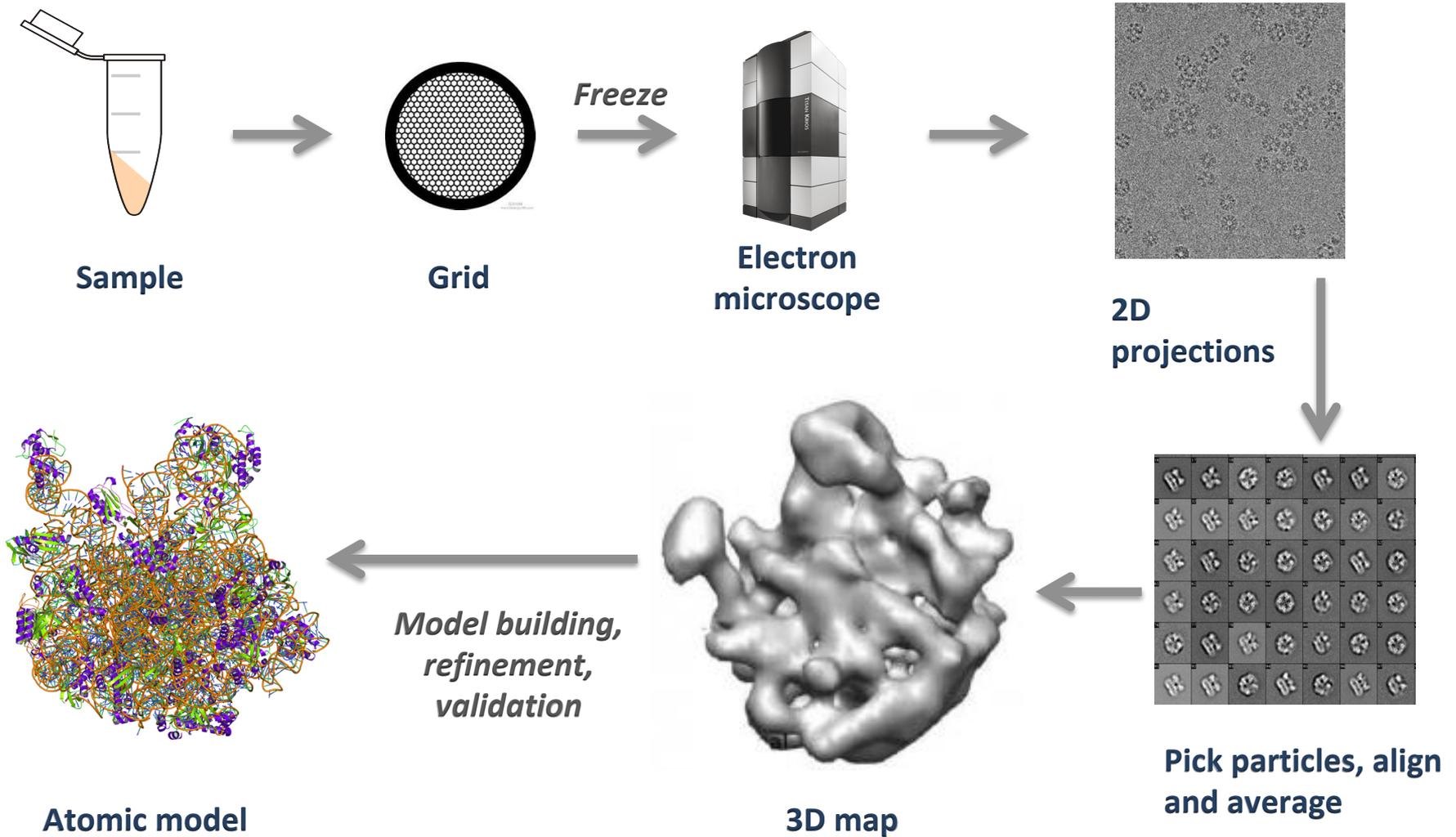
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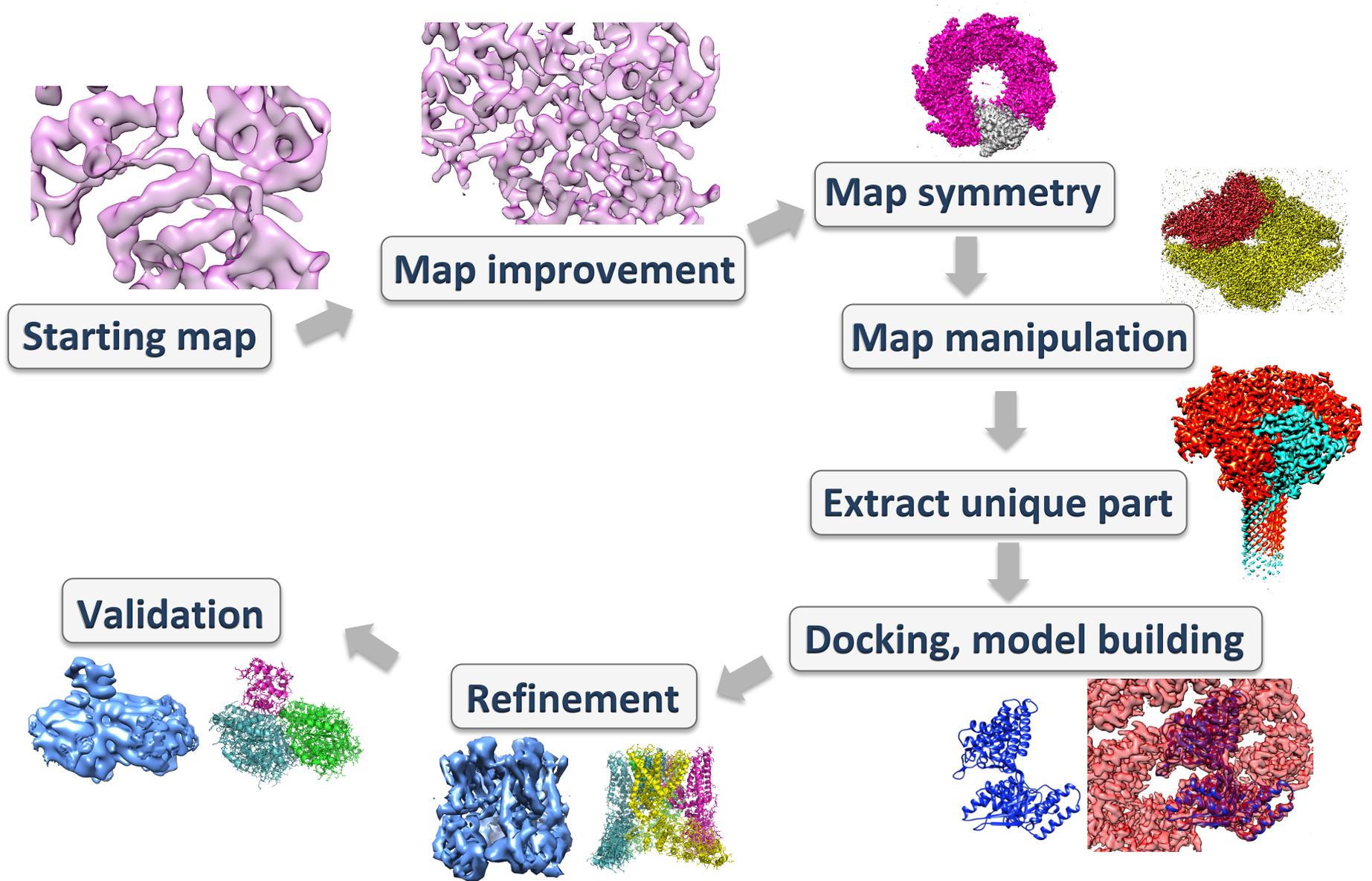
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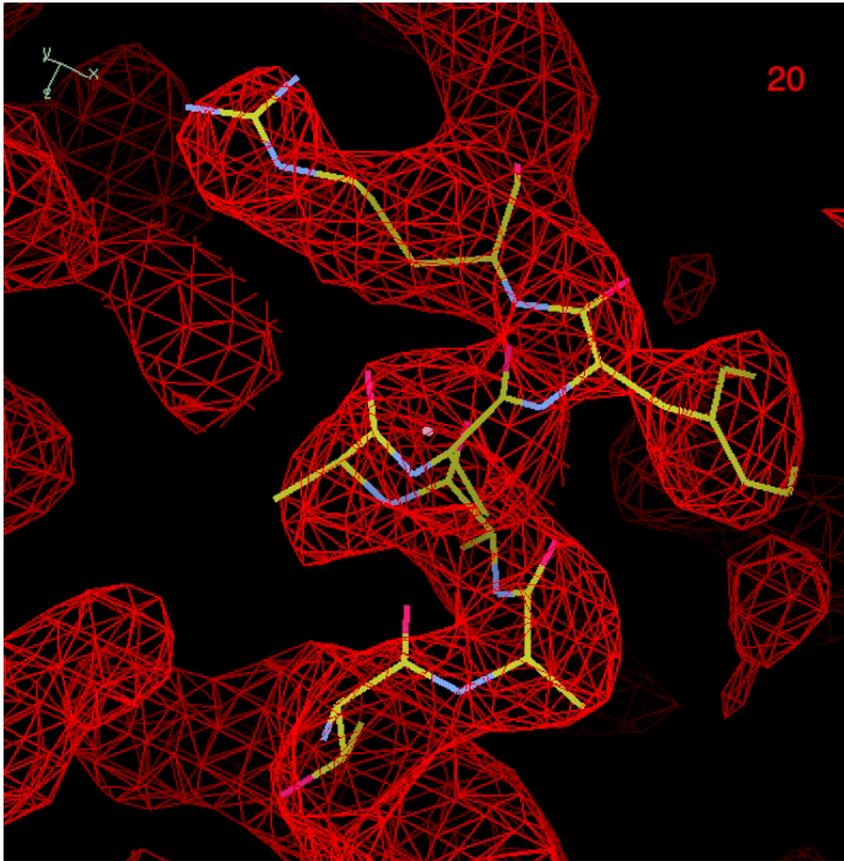
# Cryo-EM tools in *Phenix*



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# Automatic map sharpening: *phenix.auto\_sharpen*



Maximize detail in the map

... and connectivity of map

Adjusted surface area



Optimally sharpened map

Fully automatic:

- No manual trial-and-error
- No parameters to adjust
- Only inputs: map and resolution



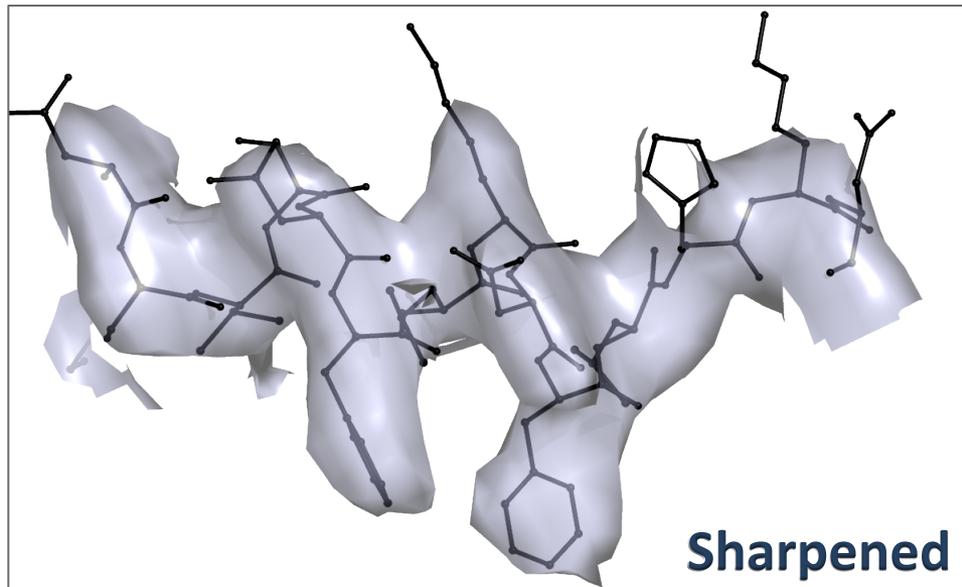
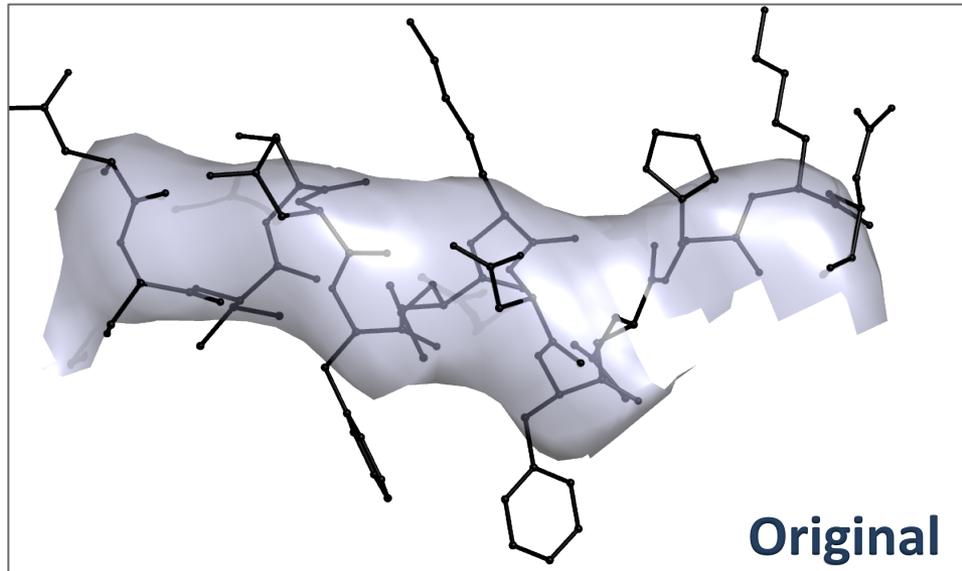
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Automated map sharpening by maximization of  
detail and connectivity

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PDB / EMDB:

5tji / 8414

Resolution:  
3.8 Å

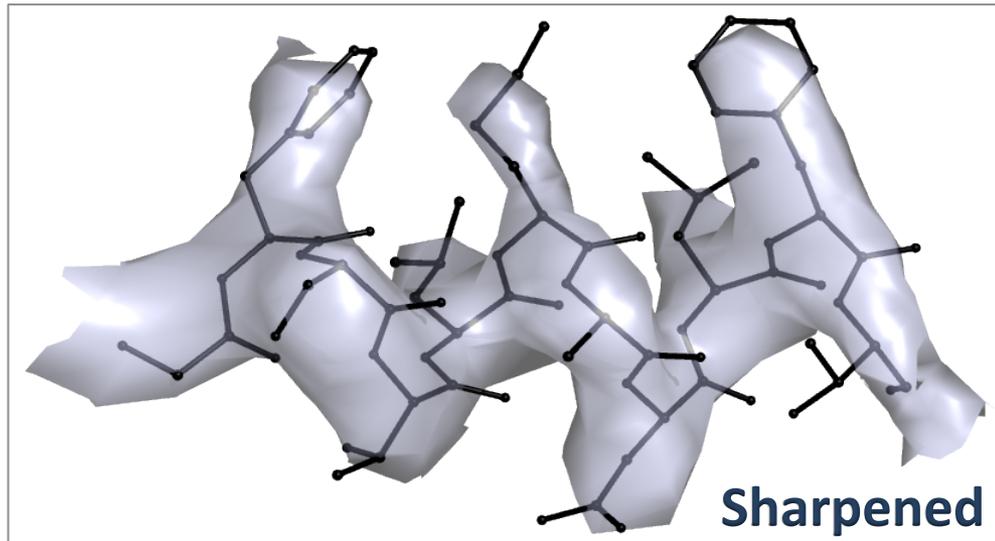
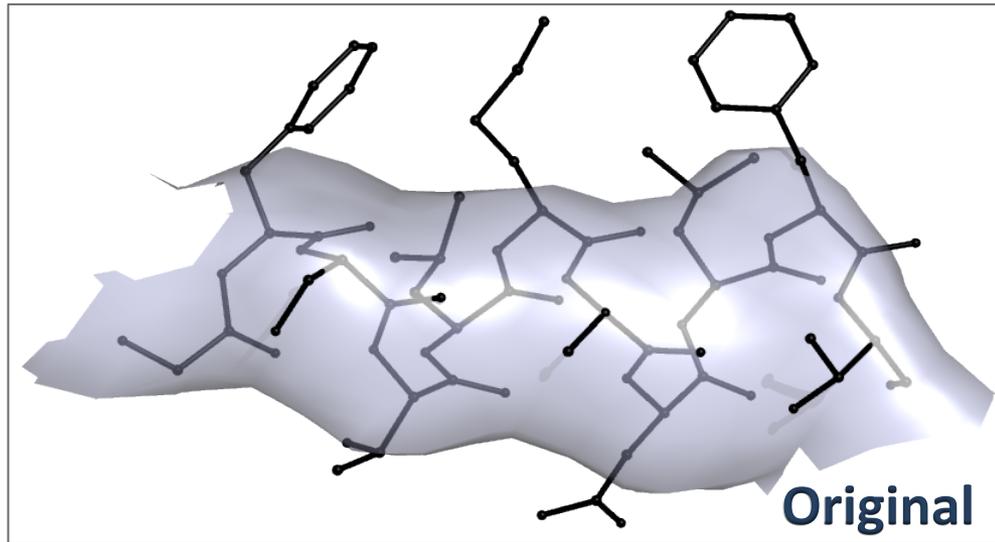
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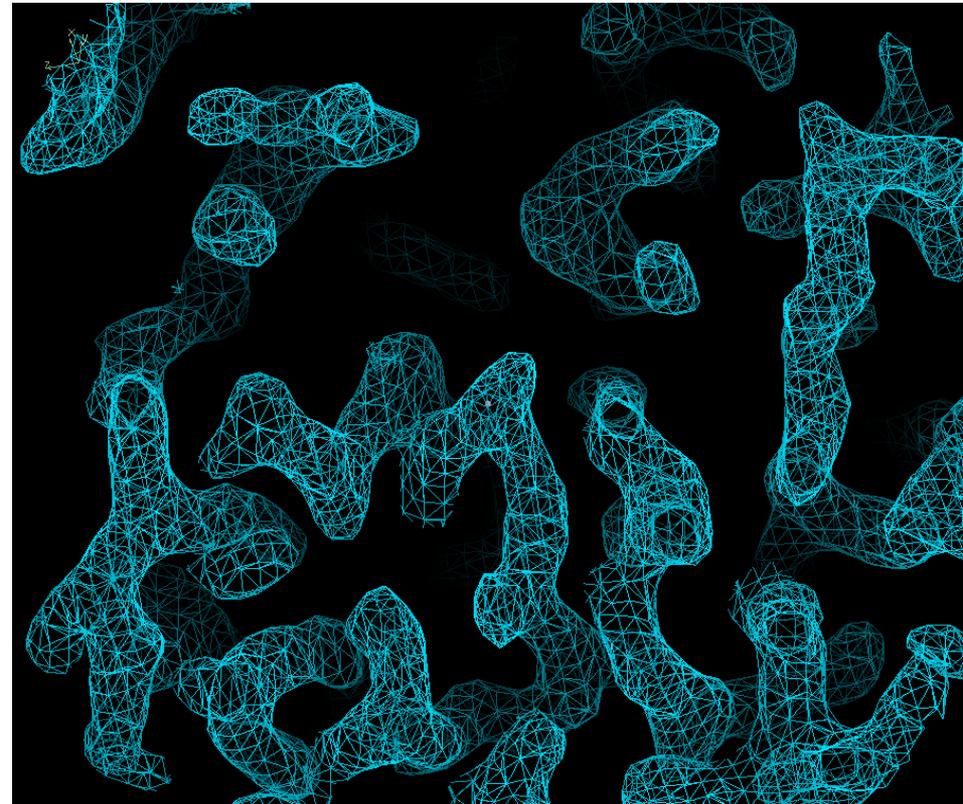
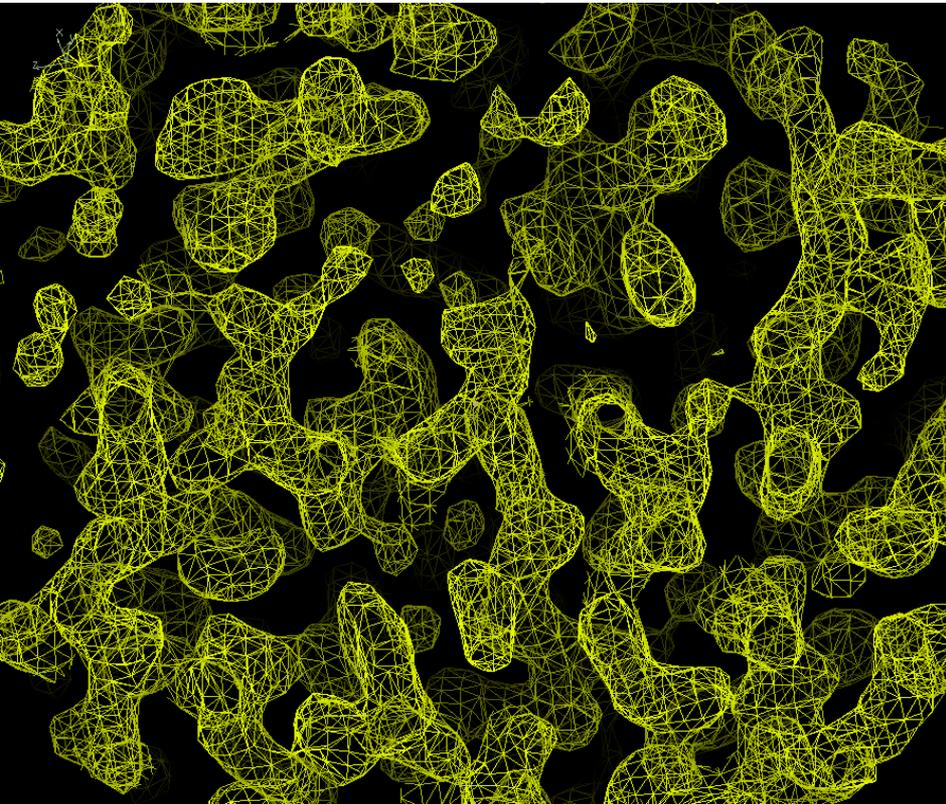
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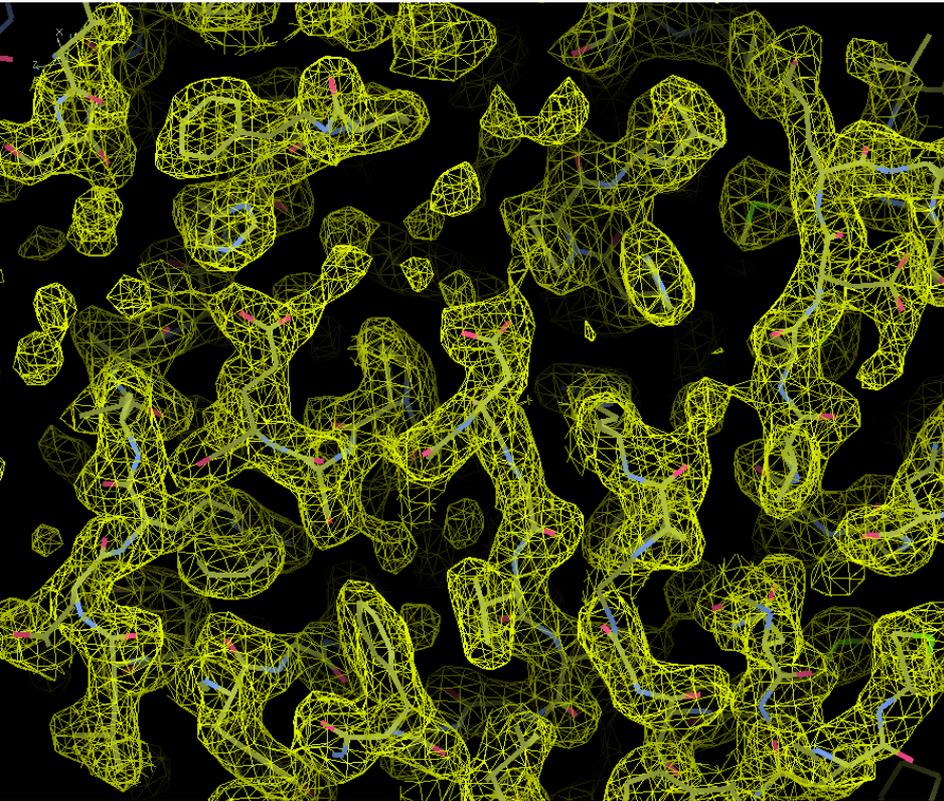
Beta galactosidase at 2.2 Å



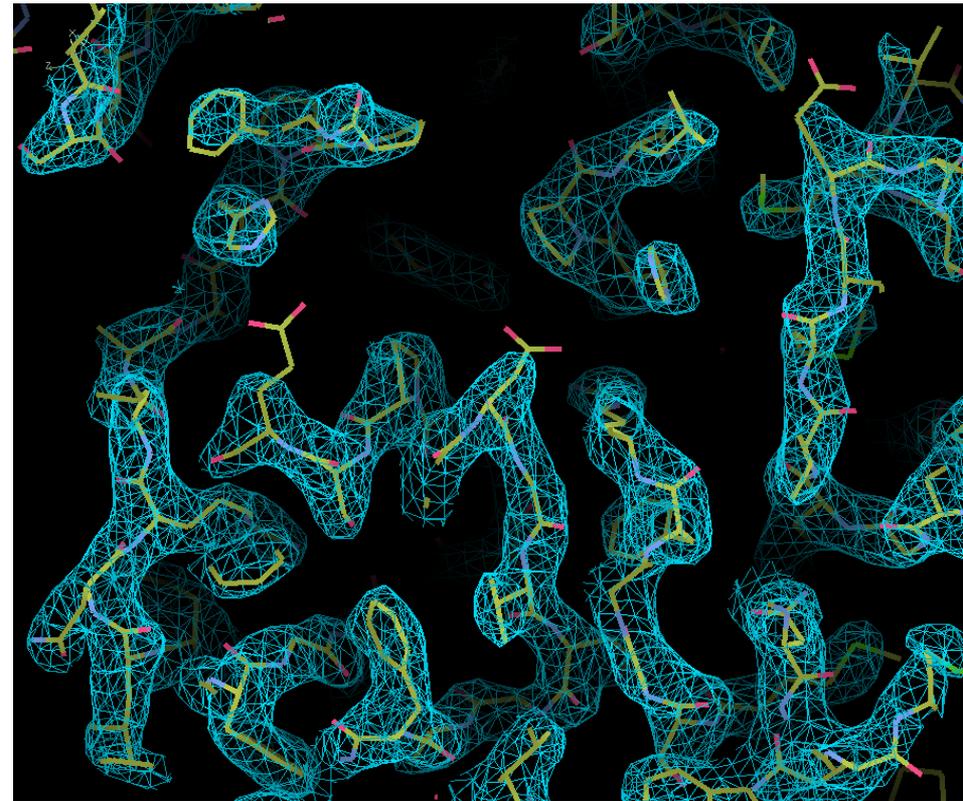
*(which is the cryo-EM map?)*

# X-ray vs cryo-EM

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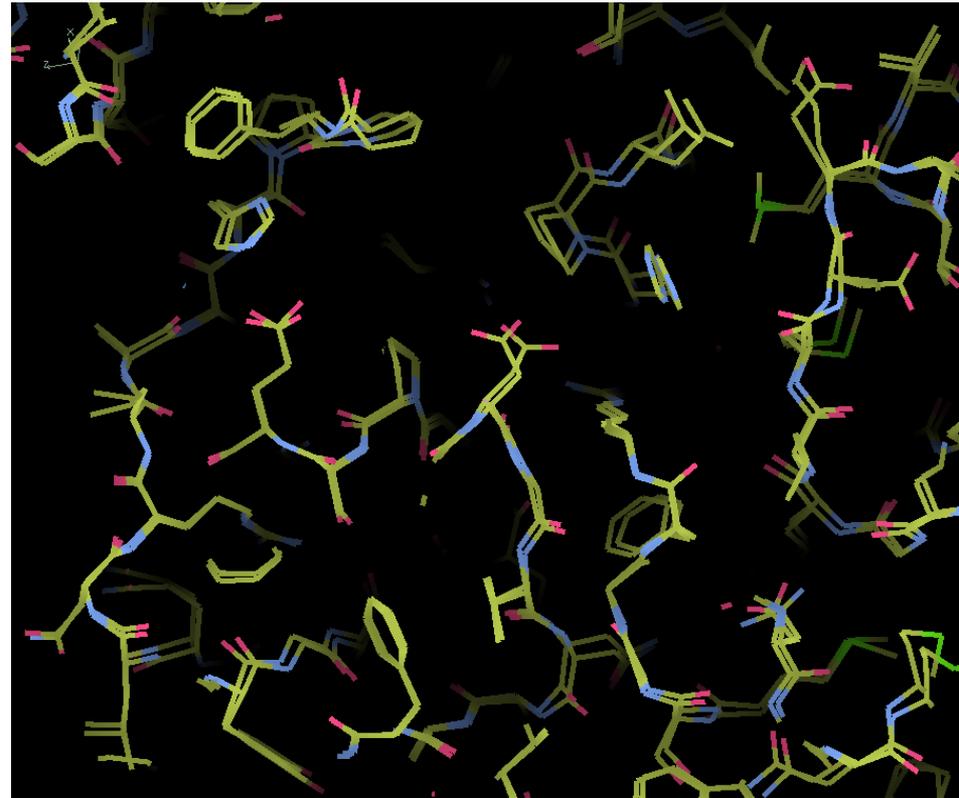
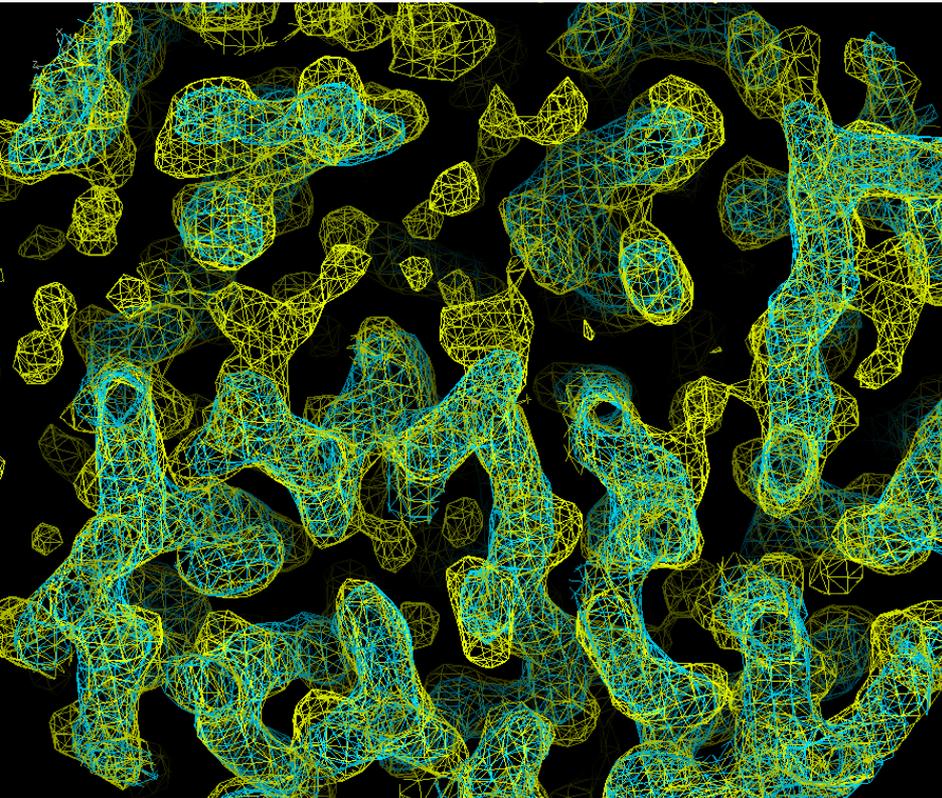
*X-ray (PDB 3i3b)*



*Cryo-EM (PDB 5a1a)*

# X-ray vs cryo-EM

**X-ray and cryo-EM maps can be very similar...**

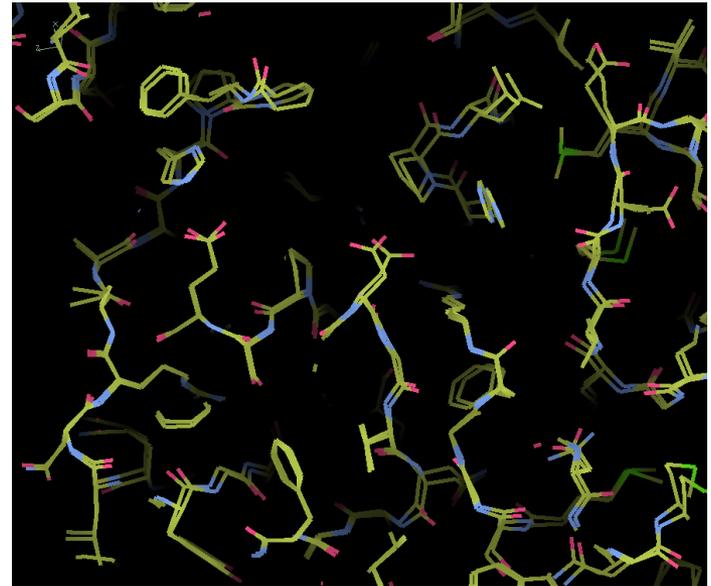
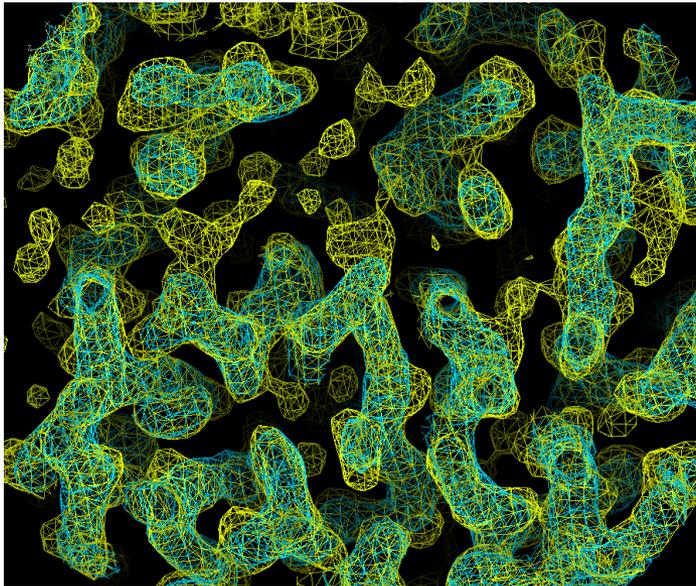


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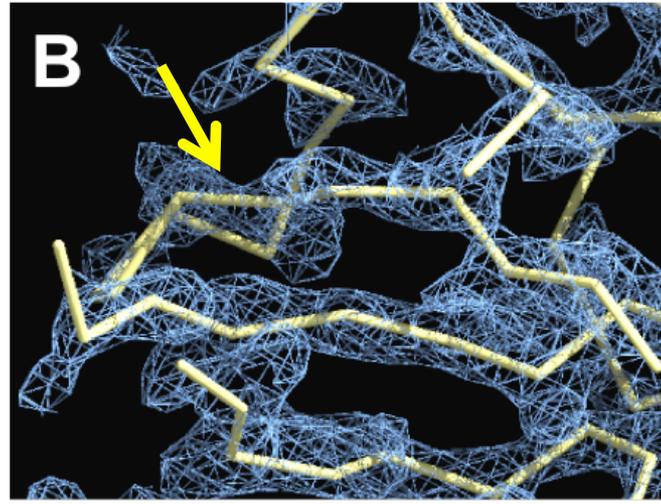
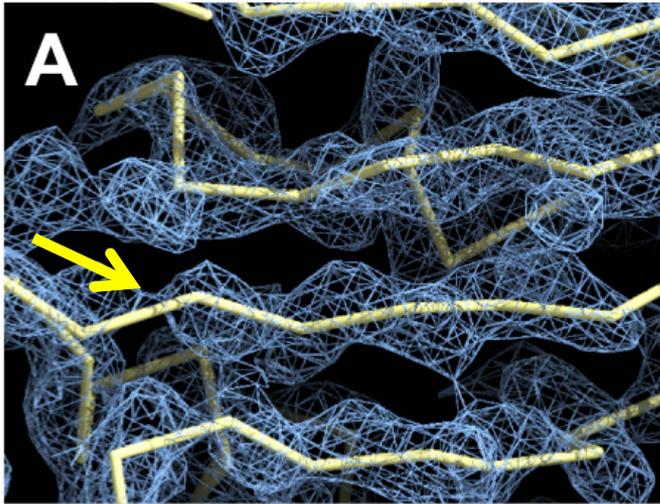
**...but have different limitations**

*Cryo-EM maps cannot (yet) be improved by density modification—what you start with is what you get*

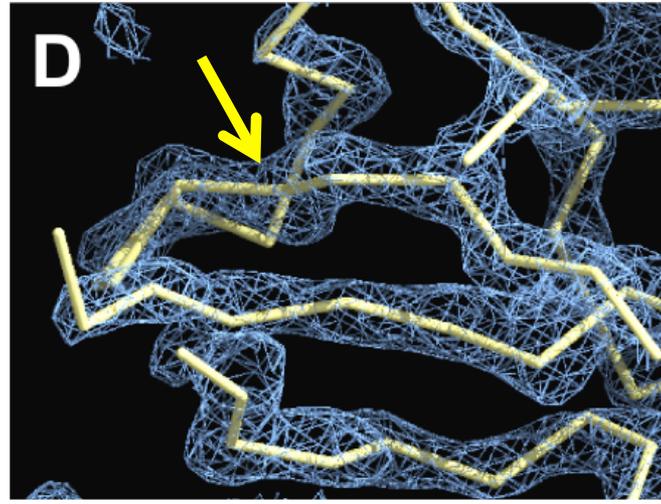
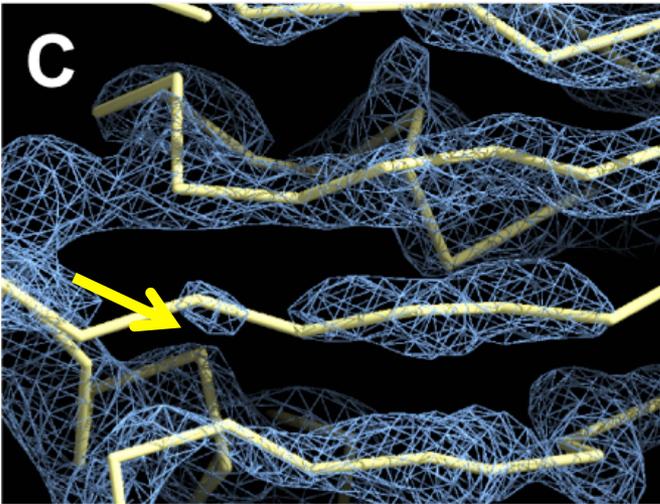
*X-ray maps have less accurate low-resolution information*



# X-ray vs cryo-EM



**Original**



**Blurred**

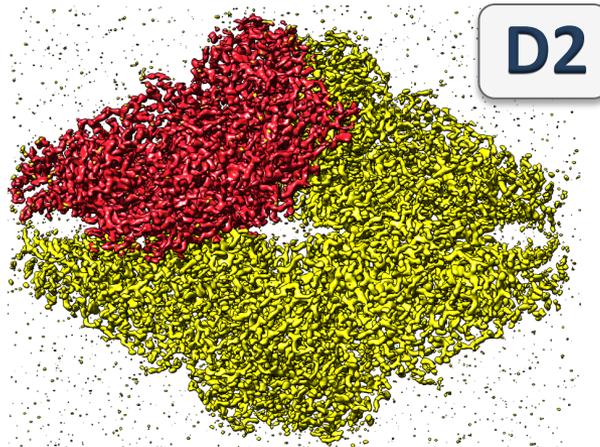
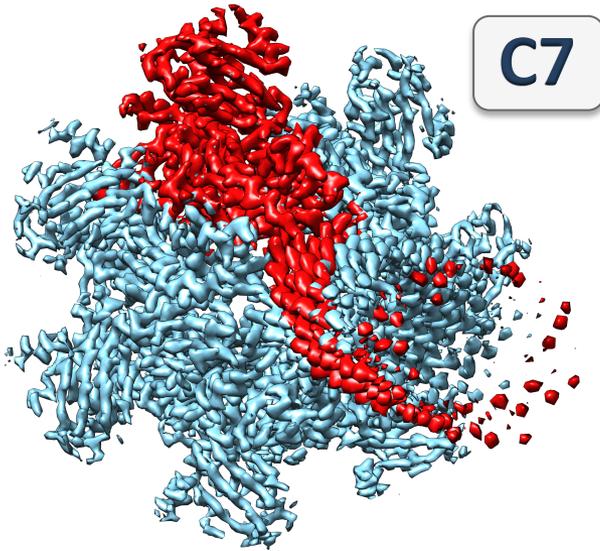
**X-ray**

*(Blurred is worse)*

**Cryo-EM**

*(Blurred is better)*

# Finding map symmetry: *phenix.symmetry\_from\_map*



## Procedure for finding symmetry:

- Test point group symmetries (e.g., C7, D2, I, O, T)
- Helical symmetry
- Principal rotation axes along z, x, y
- Score based on map correlation for symmetry-related points and number of operators

# Extracting unique part of map: *phenix.map\_box*



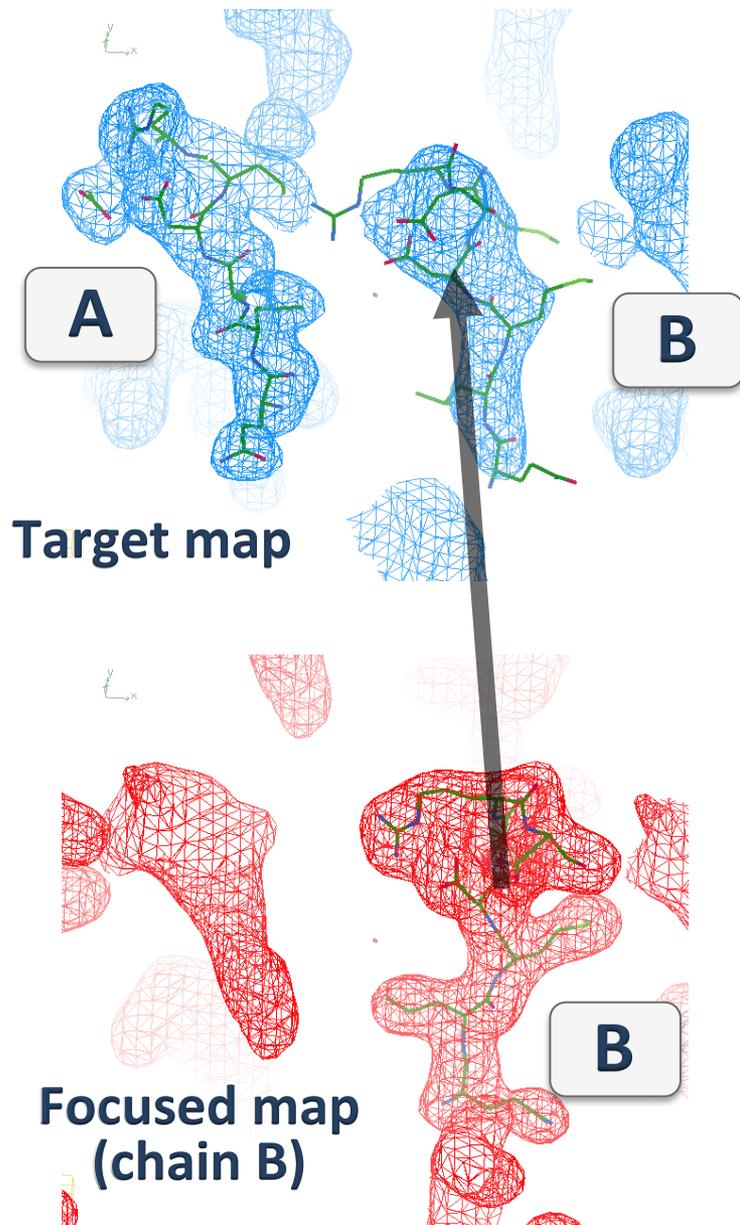
## Procedure:

- Use symmetry of map
- Contour map at level that yields regions about 50 residues in size
- Group symmetry-related regions
- Choose one member of each group
- Optimize compactness and connectivity of unique part of map

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Tools for interpreting cryo-EM maps using models from the PDB

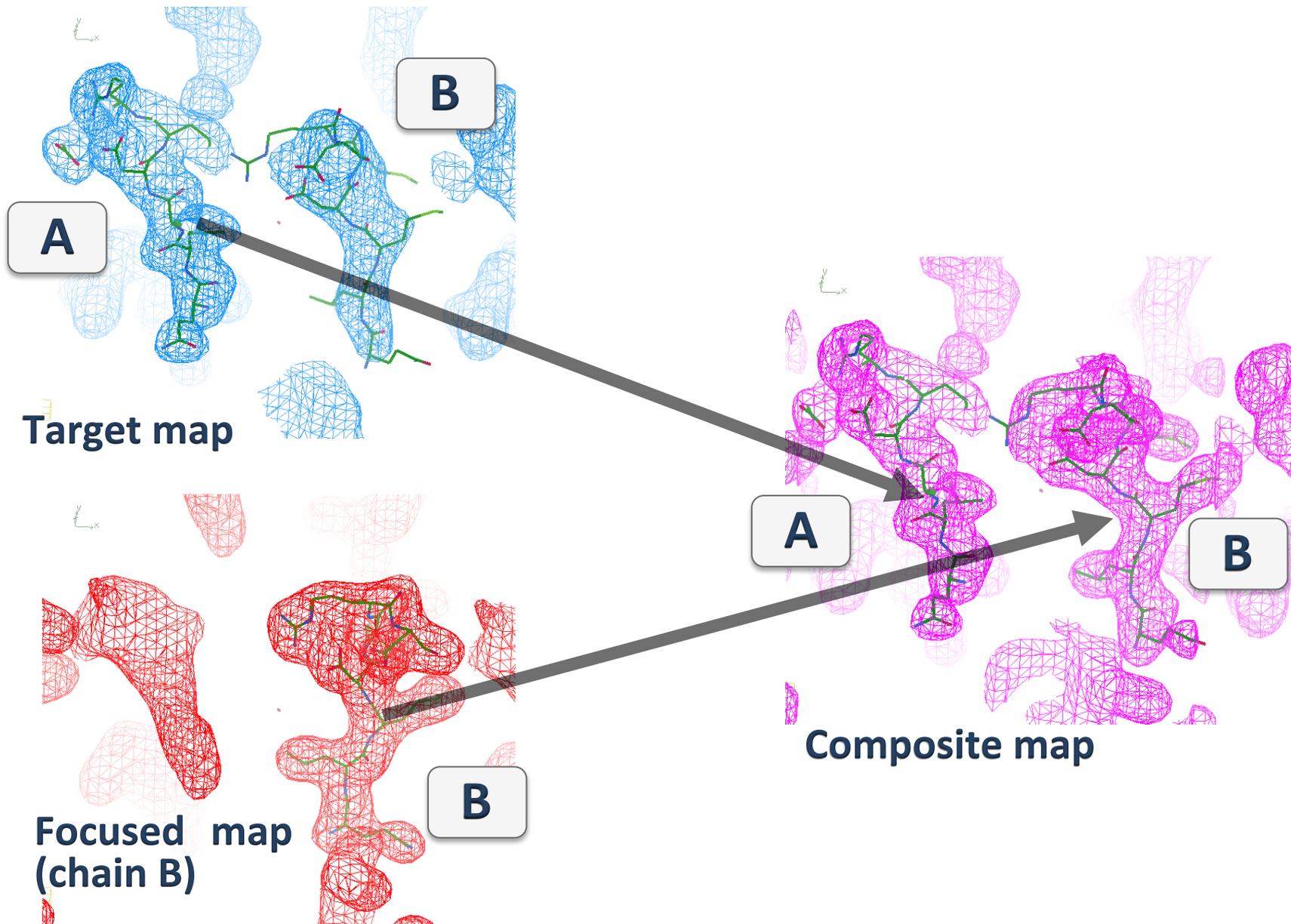
# Combining maps with *phenix.combine\_focused\_maps*



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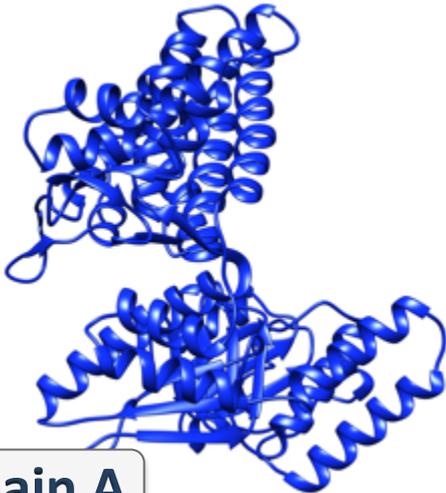
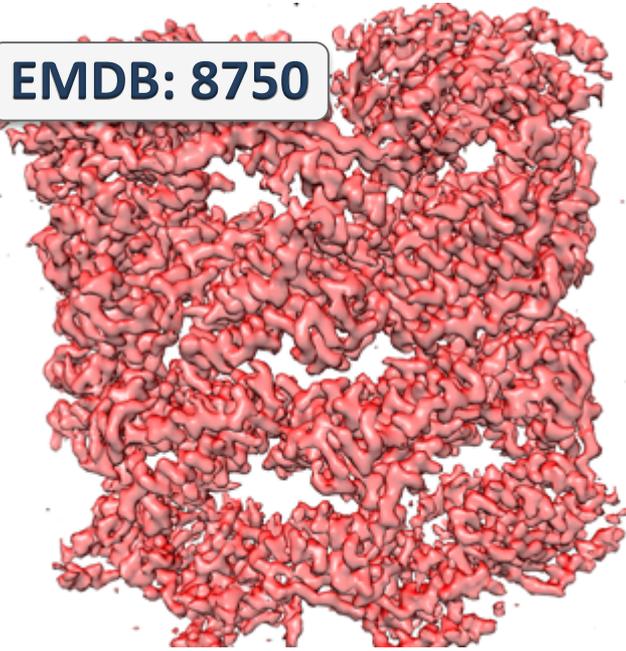
- Superpose density
- Rotation/translation from refined models
- Average target and focused map density
- Weight using map-model correlations

# Combining maps with *phenix.combine\_focused\_maps*



# Docking models with *phenix.dock\_in\_map*

EMDB: 8750



1ss8 chain A

## Search procedure:

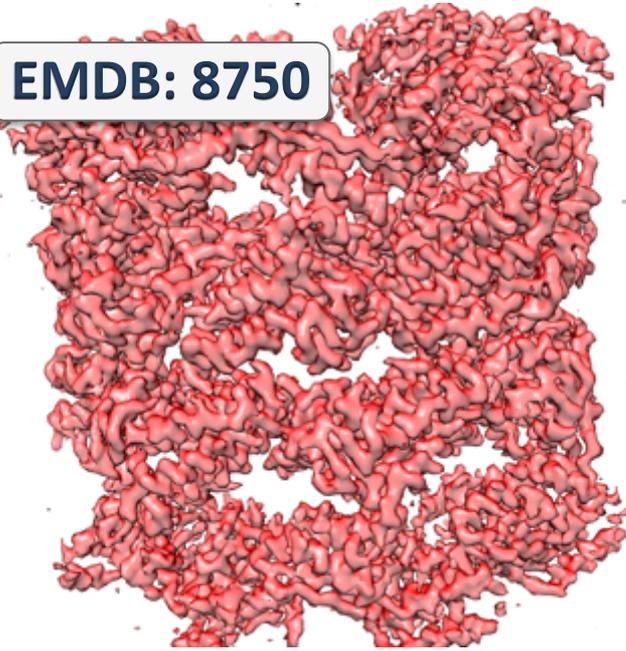
- Pure translation:
  - low-res
  - high-res
- Rotation/translation:
  - low-res
  - high-res

*Score based on rigid-body refinement map-model correlation*

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# Docking models with *phenix.dock\_in\_map*

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## Features:

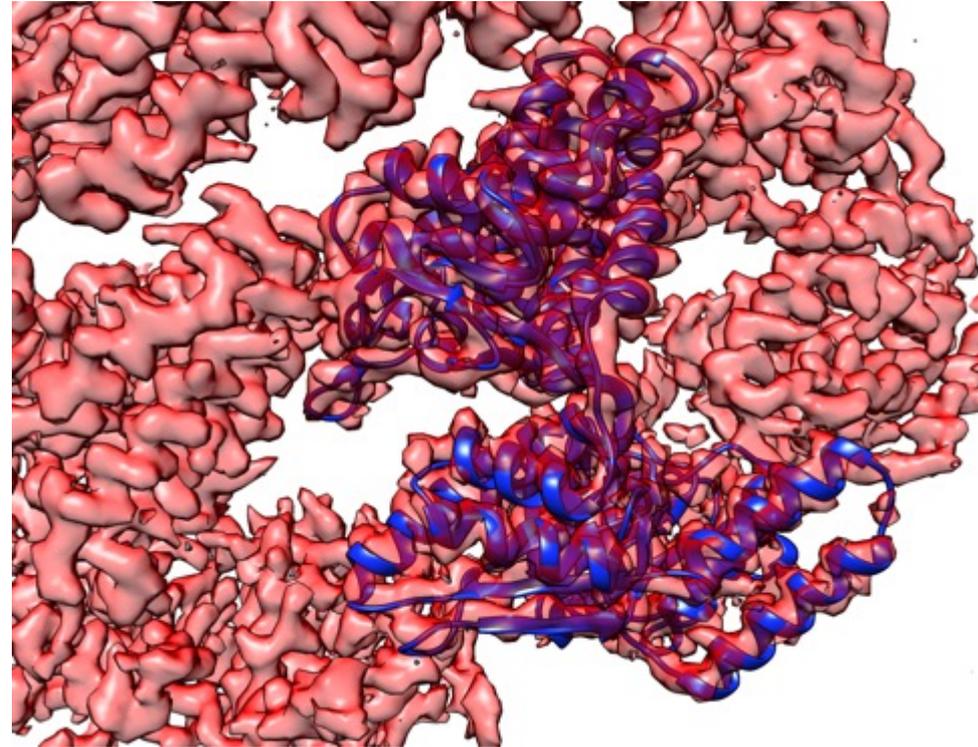
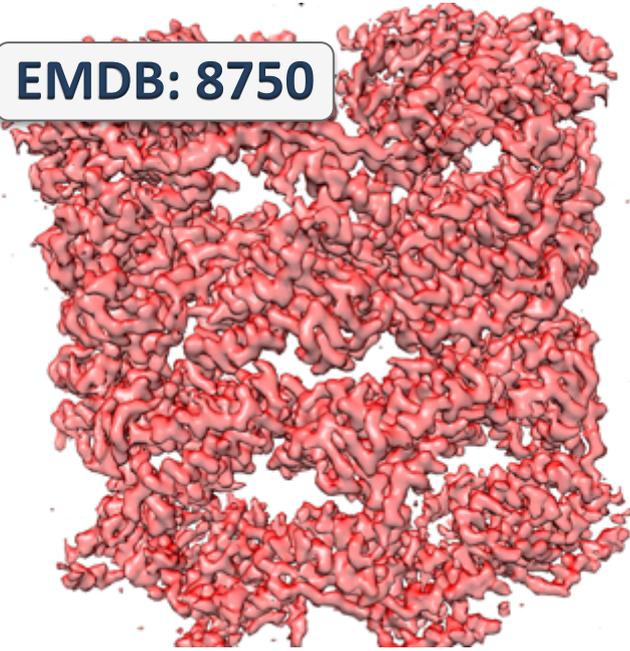
- Multiple chains
- Density search
- Symmetry
- Multiprocessing



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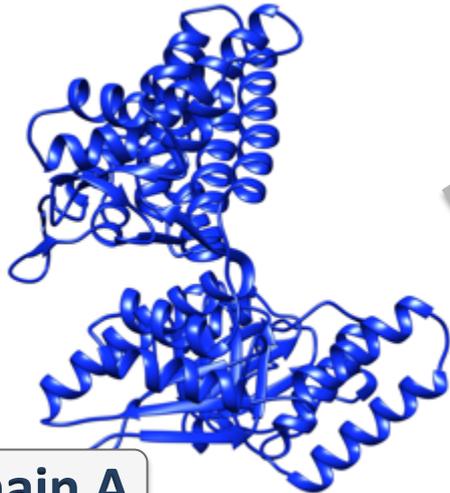
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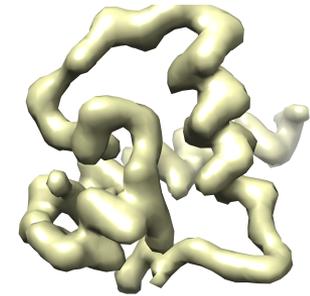
Chain A docked in map

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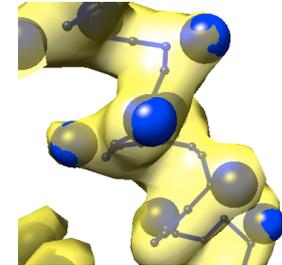


# Automated model building: *phenix.map\_to\_model*

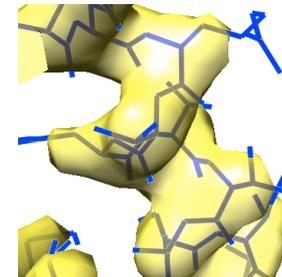
Isolate density for a chain



Identify C $\alpha$  and C $\beta$  positions from side-chain density



Construct and refine all-atom model



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A fully automatic method yielding initial models from high-resolution cryo-electron microscopy maps

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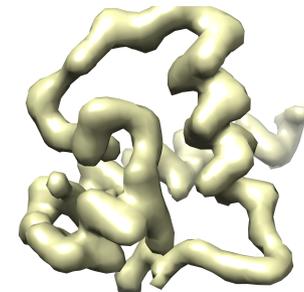
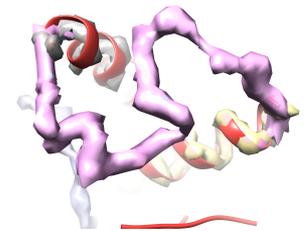
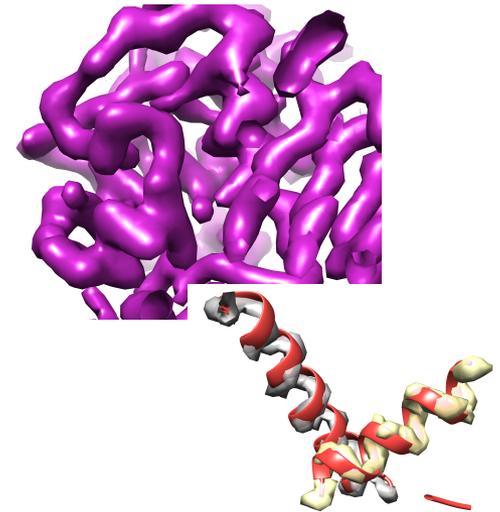
Trace chain the way a person does

Find secondary structure

Find clear regions of density

Adjust contour level until a region just connects to one other

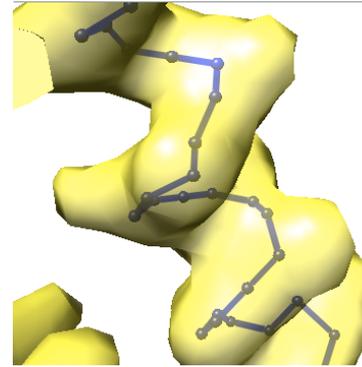
Iterate to build up chain



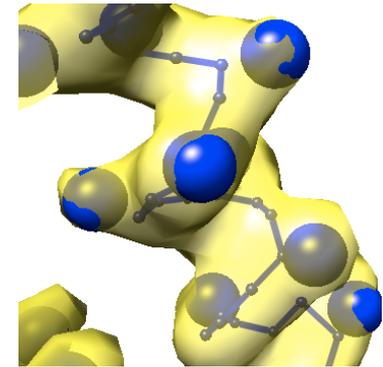
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## Finding $C\alpha$ and $C\beta$ positions

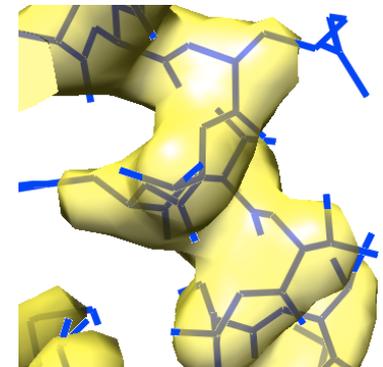
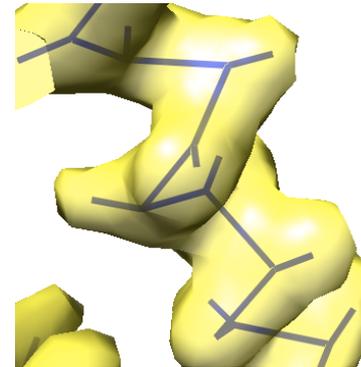
Trace chain path through high density



Find  $C\beta$  positions from side-chain density



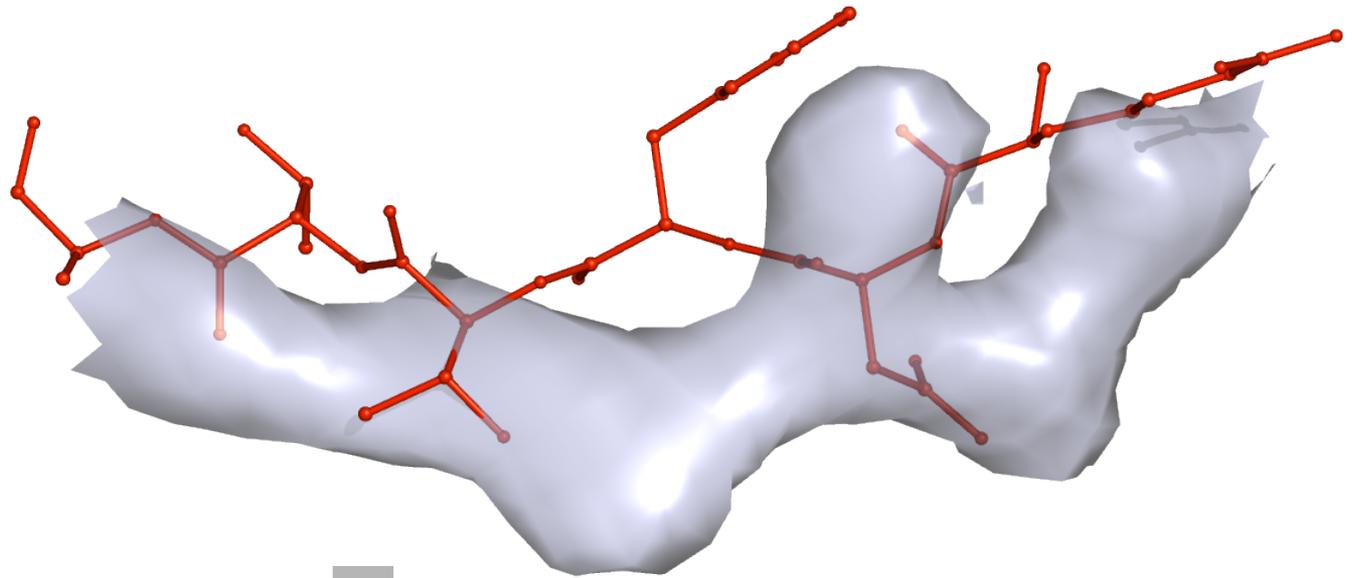
Choose  $C\alpha$  positions 3.8 Å apart and next to  $C\beta$  positions



Construct all-atom model with Pulchra\* and refine

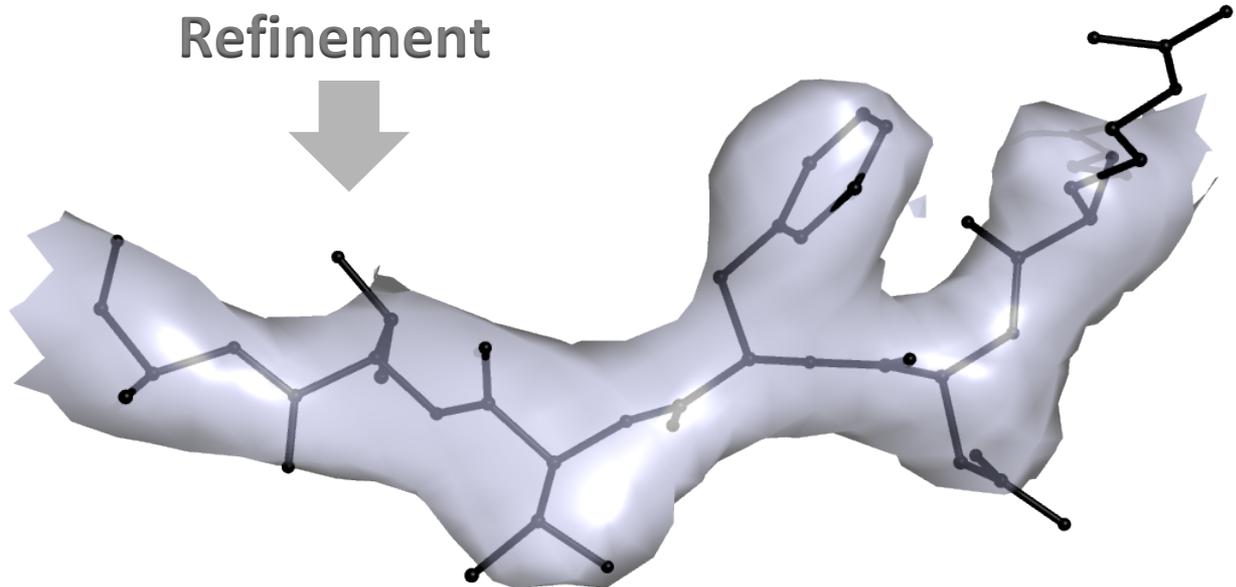
# Structure refinement at a glance

Initial (poor)  
model



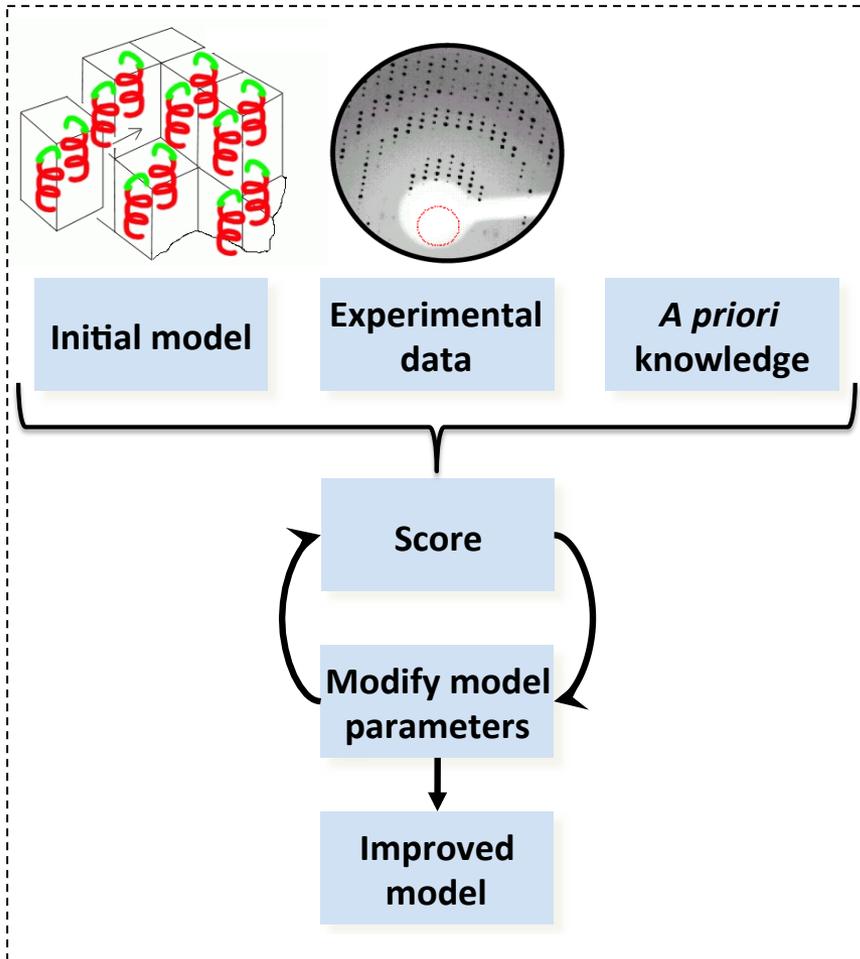
Refinement

Improved  
(refined)  
model



# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

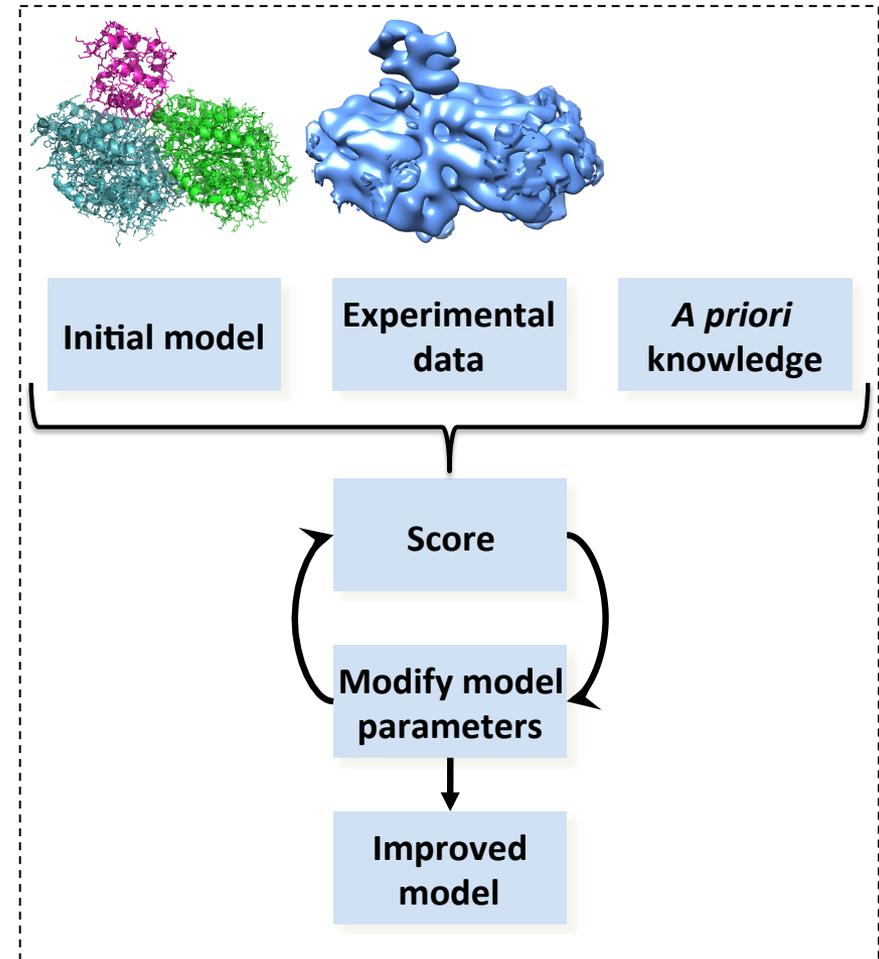
## Crystallography



**phenix.refine**

Available since 2005

## Cryo-EM

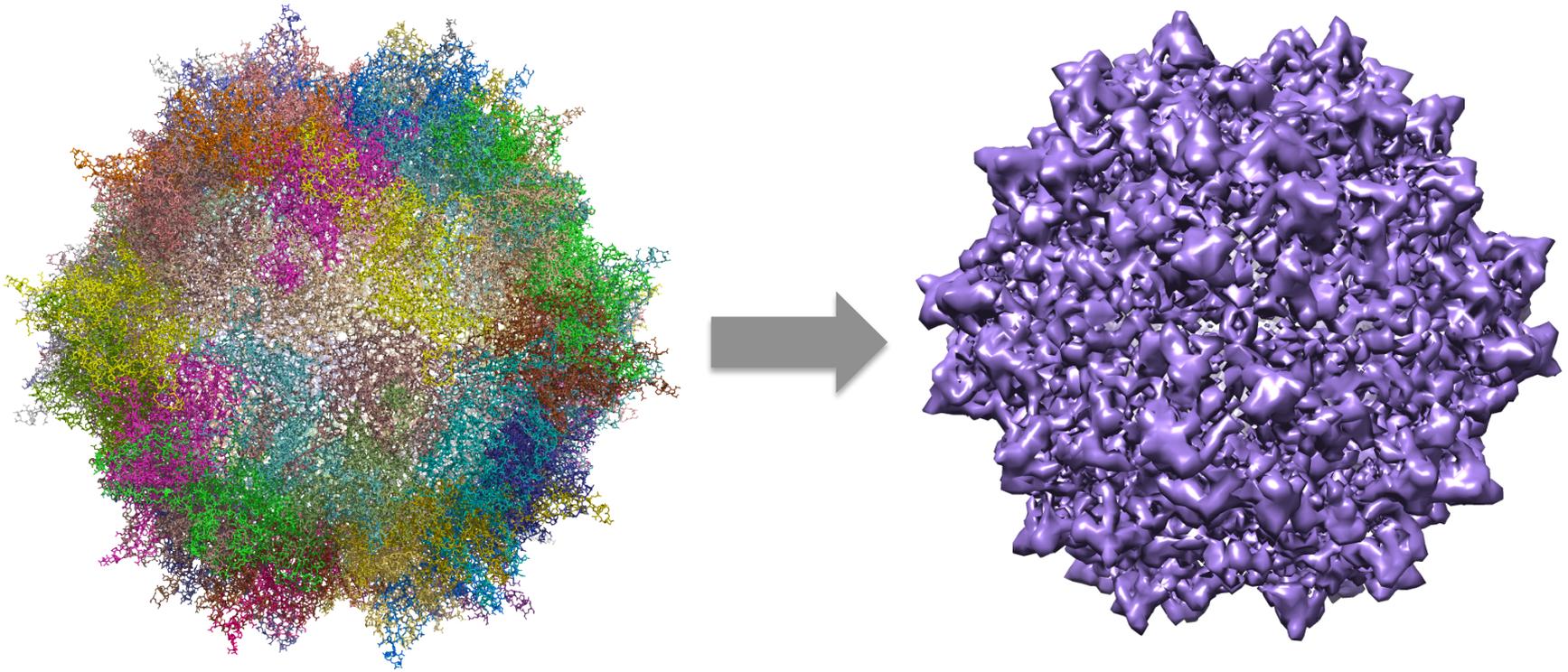


**phenix.real\_space\_refine**

Available since 2013

# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

- Direct refinement against the map
  - No Fourier space involved



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Real-space refinement in *PHENIX* for cryo-EM and crystallography

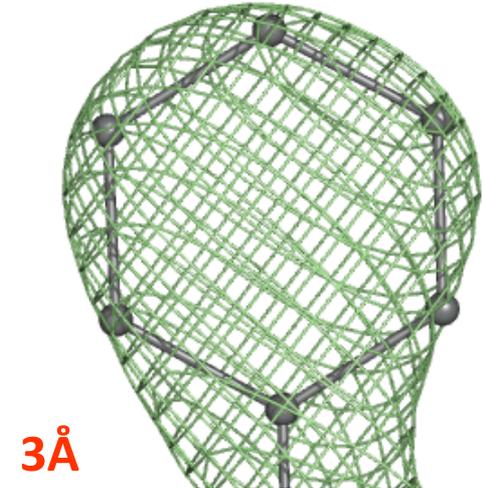
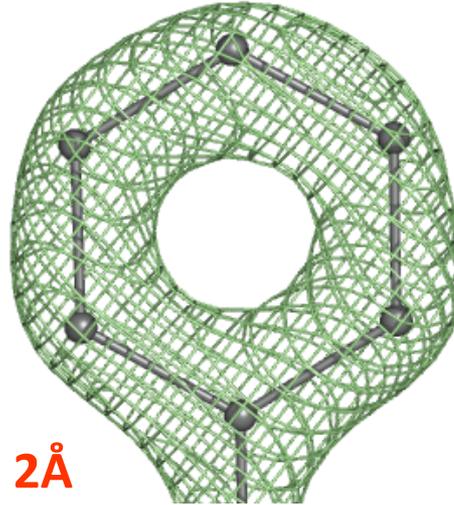
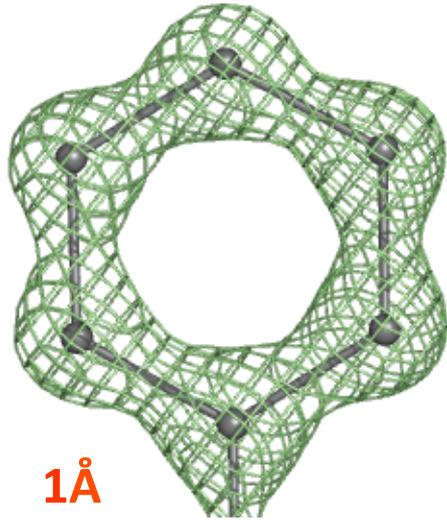
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# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

- Best model-map fit. Any map: X-ray, neutron, EM. Any resolution
- Refined models: no poor validation metrics
- Fast (minutes – a few hours, not days or many hours)
  - **Make use of multiple CPUs: as many as available**
- Large convergence radius
- Easy to use: map and model in, refined model out
- Accessible: no special hardware requirements



# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*



- Lower the resolution, less detailed the map
- Need extra information to keep correct geometry during refinement

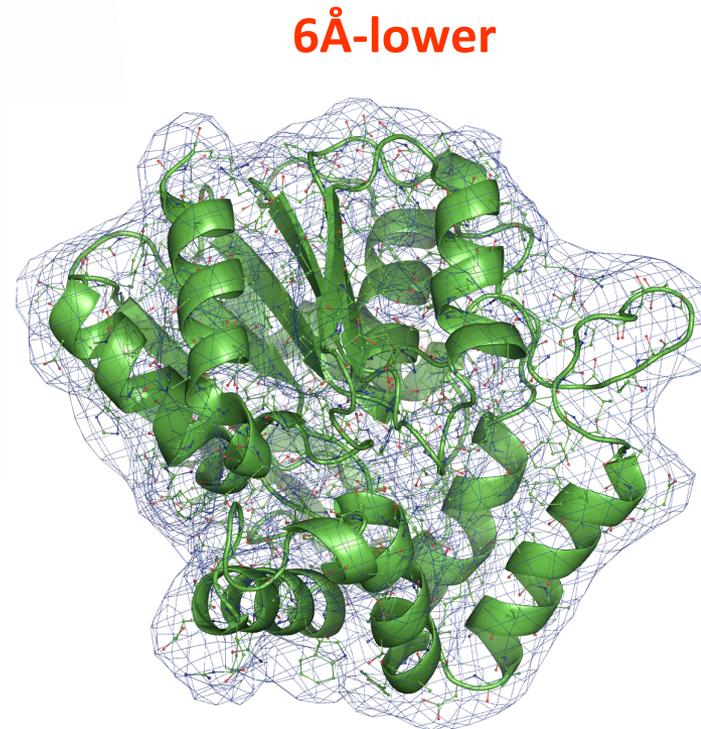
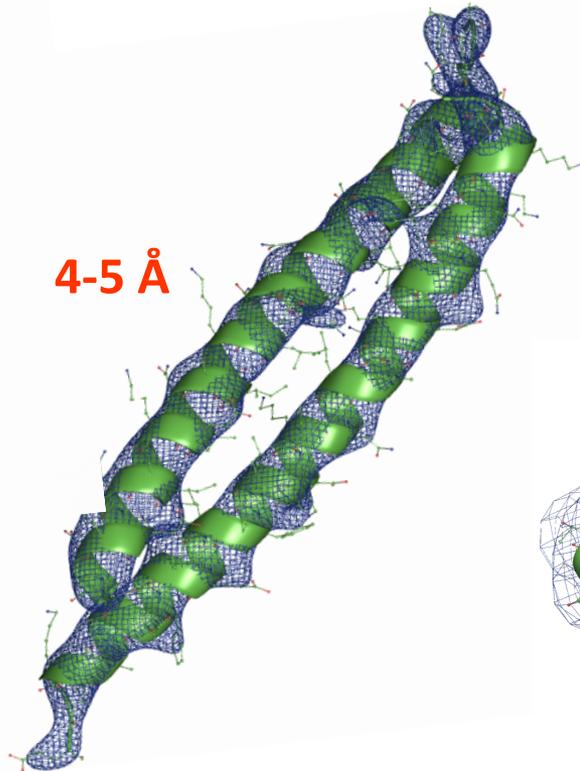
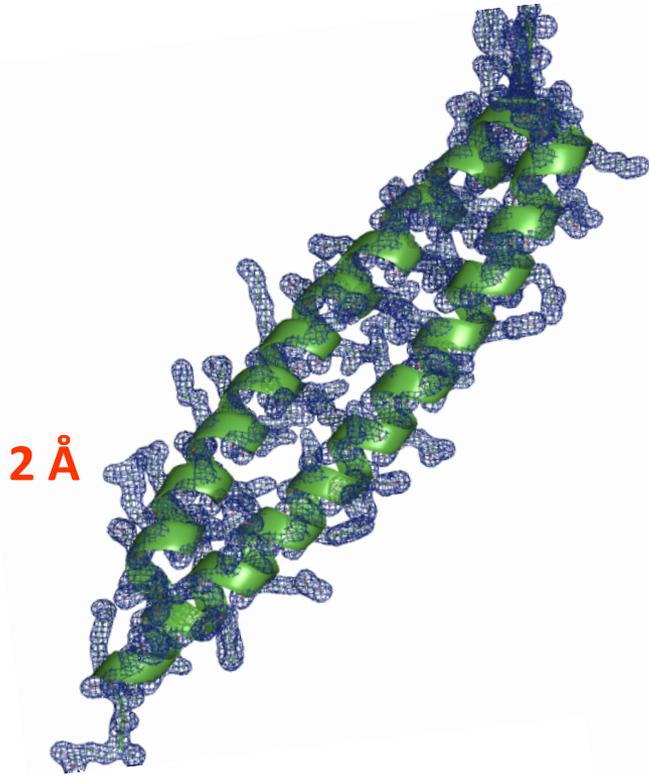
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$$T_{\text{BOND}} = \sum_{\text{all bonded pairs}} w(d_{\text{ideal}} - d_{\text{model}})^2$$

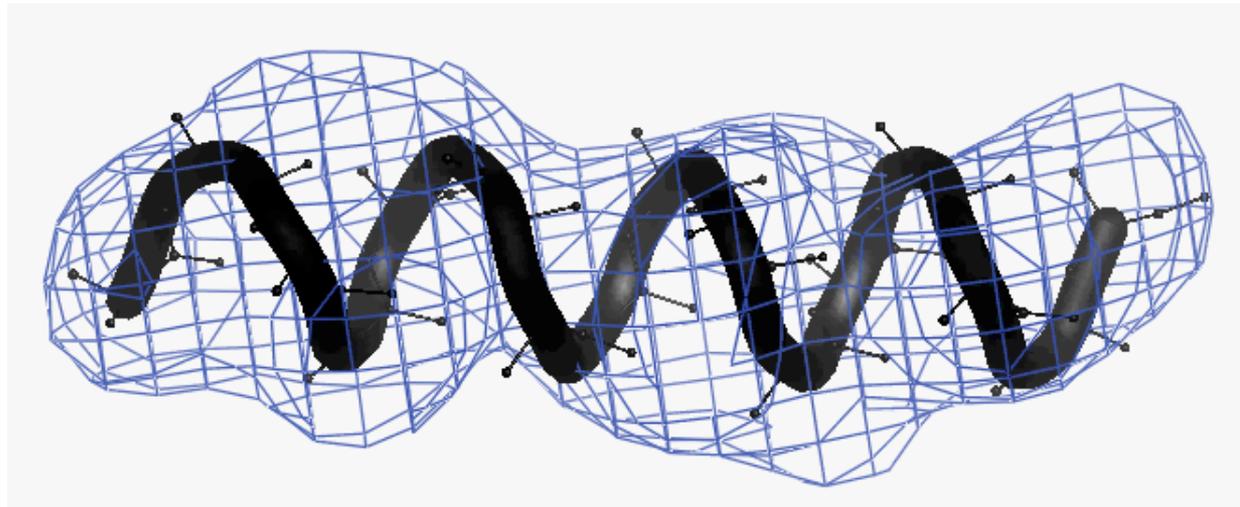
# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

- Low resolution map is not sufficient to maintain secondary



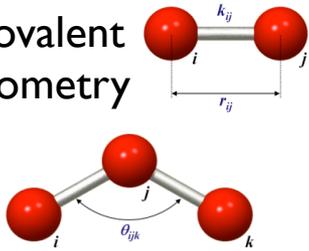
# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

- Example: refinement of a perfect  $\alpha$ -helix into low-res map
  - **Using standard restraints on covalent geometry is insufficient**
    - **Model geometry deteriorates as result of refinement**



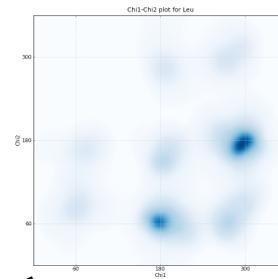
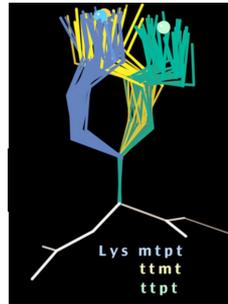
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Covalent geometry

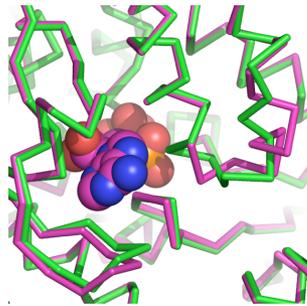
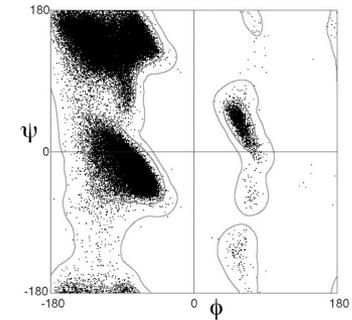
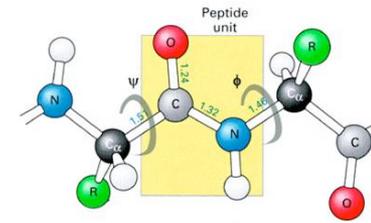


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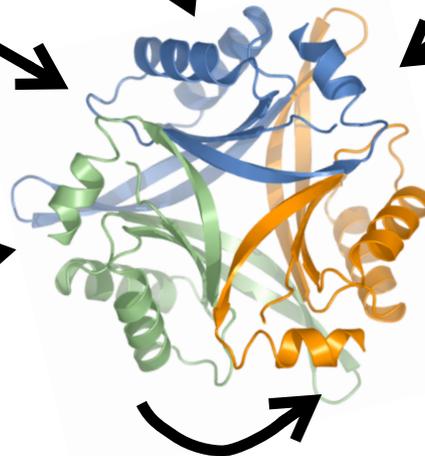
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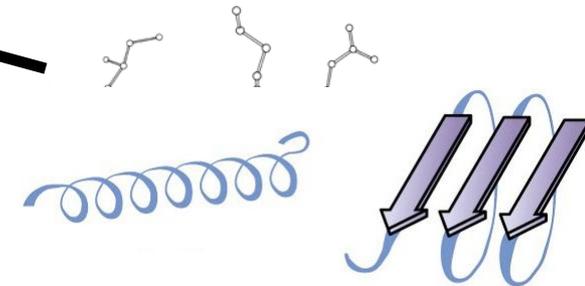
Mainchain distributions



Related structures



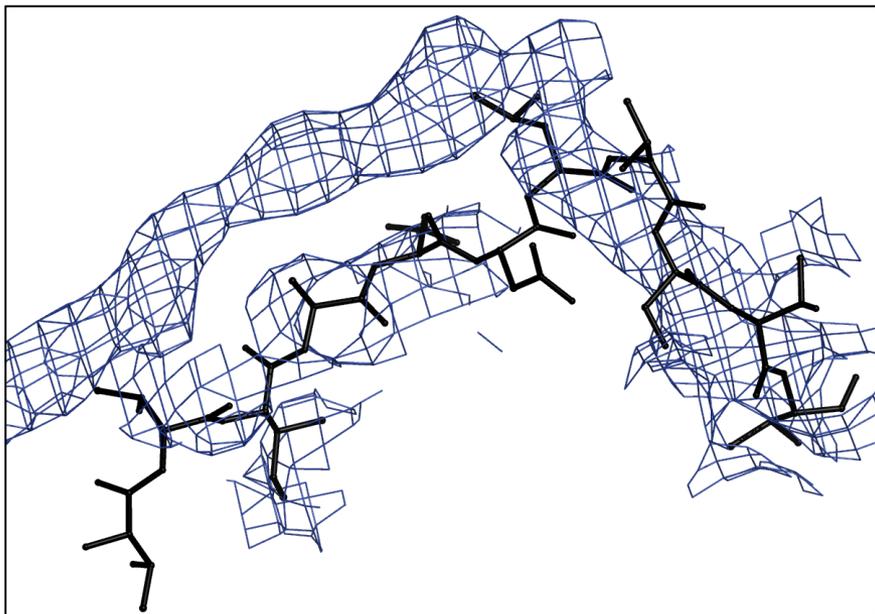
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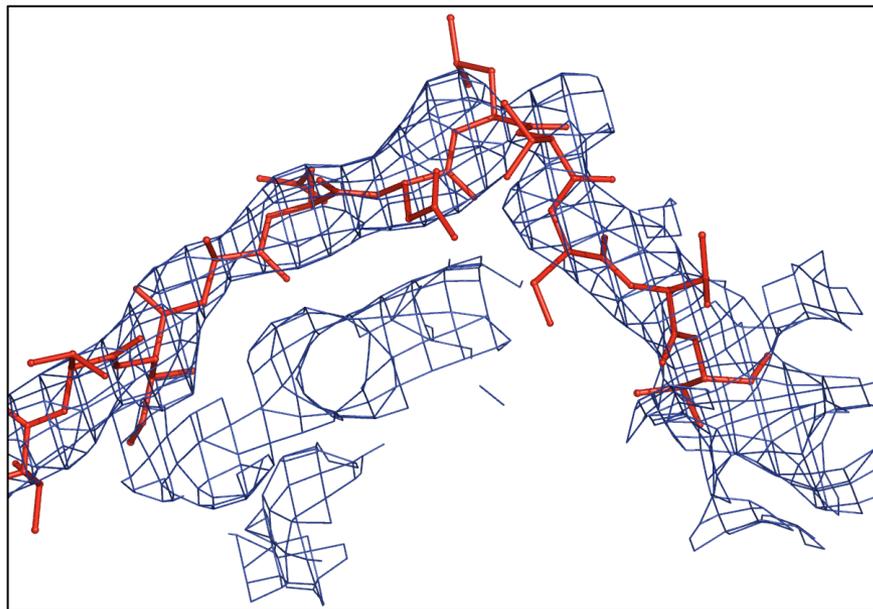
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# Automated model refinement: *phenix.real\_space\_refine*

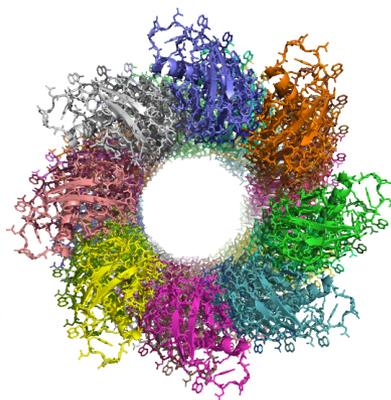
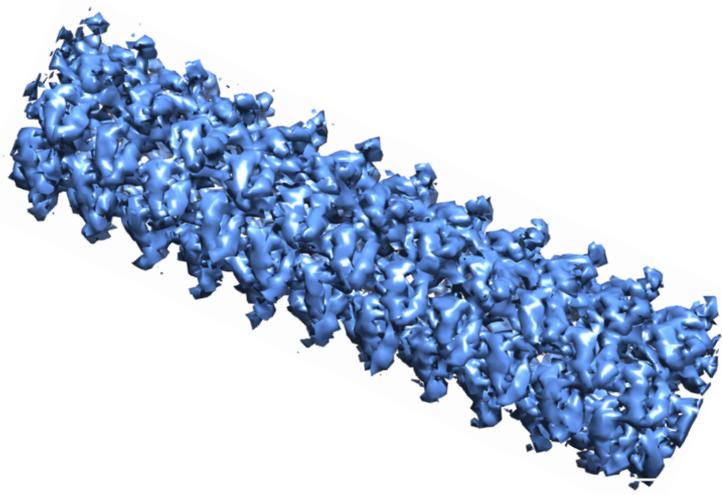
Start model before refinement



After *phenix.real\_space\_refine*



# Examples: 3ZEE, resolution: 6.1 Å



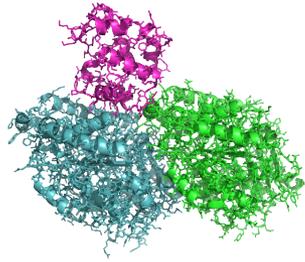
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**Refinement: 45 min**

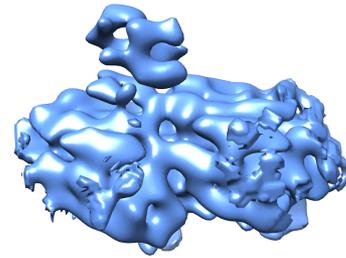
<b>METRIC</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b><i>Phenix</i></b>
Map CC	0.709	0.647
RMSD (bonds/angles)	0.04/4.05	0.01/1.23
Clashscore	18.34	18.59
Rama. outl., %	3.66	0
Rotamer outl., %	24.64	0
C-beta deviations	637	0

# Validation

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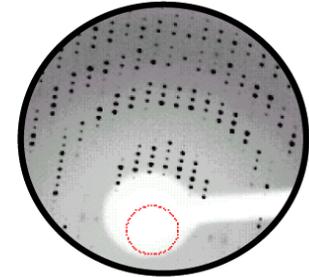


**Data**



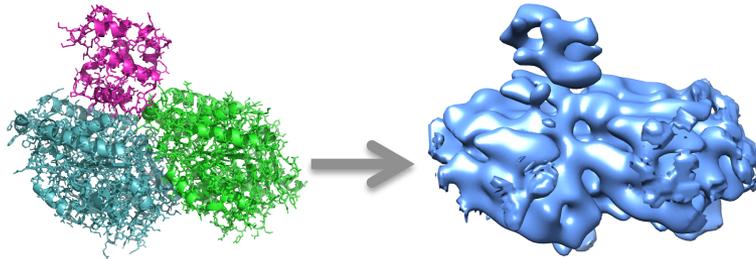
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or



**Diffraction**

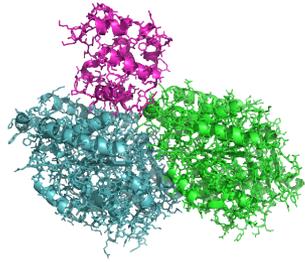
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# Validation tools: Crystallography vs Cryo-EM

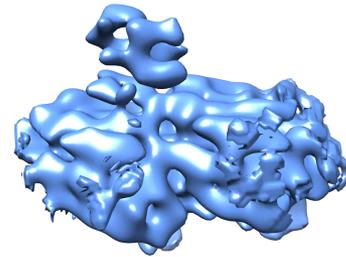
**Exactly same**

**Model**



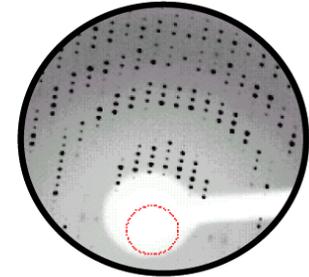
**Different**

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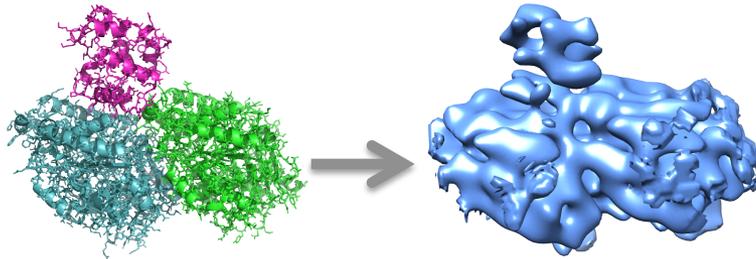
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# Validation

- Helps to save time later
- Helps to produce better models
- Helps to set correct expectations
- Minimize fraud or true mistakes



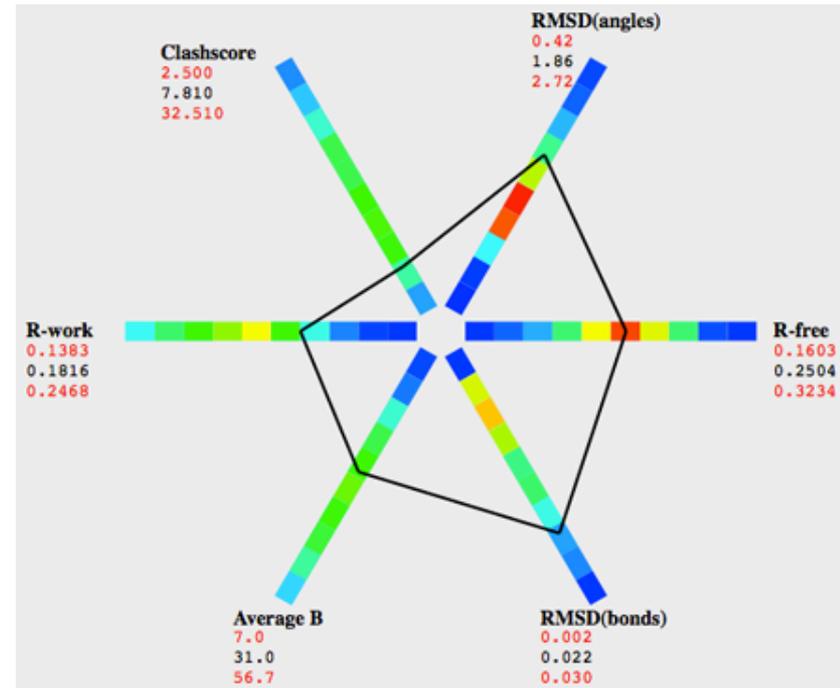
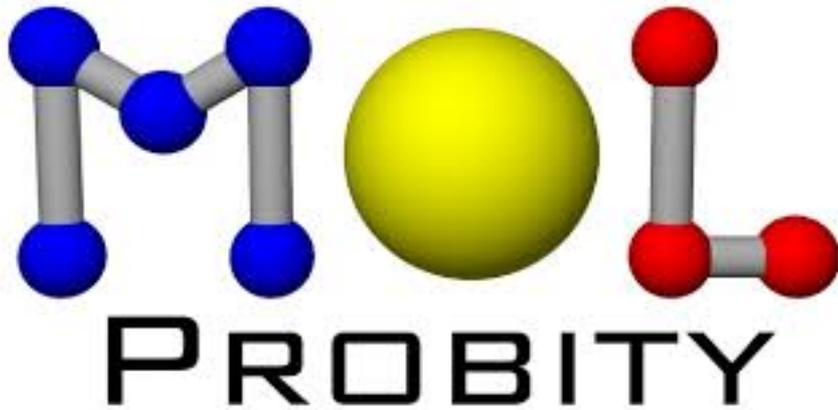
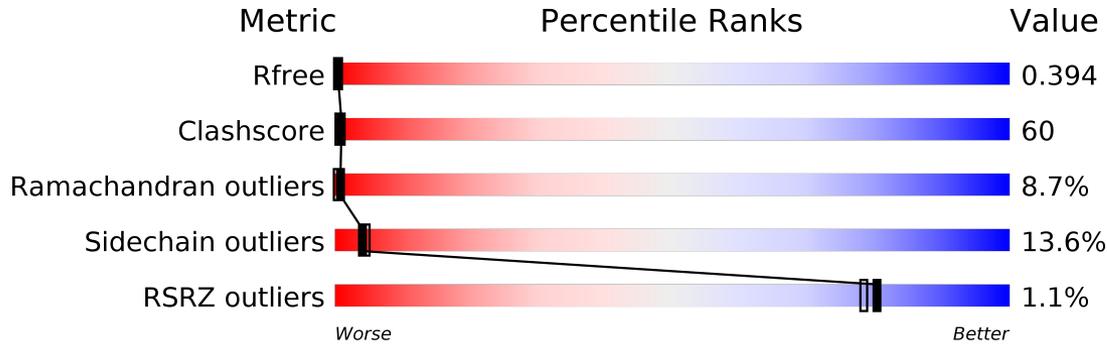
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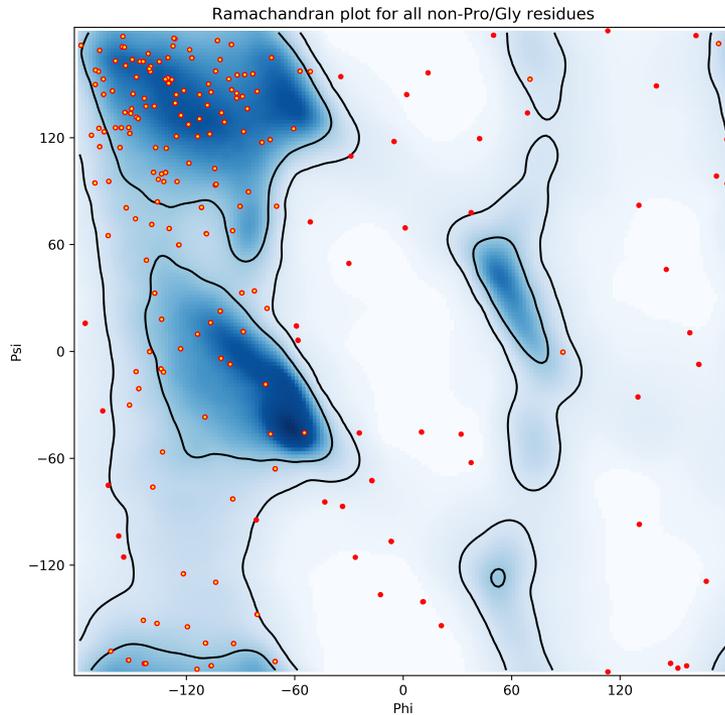
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# Validation



# Example: Ramachandran plot outliers

## 3zx9



**Clashscore: 245**

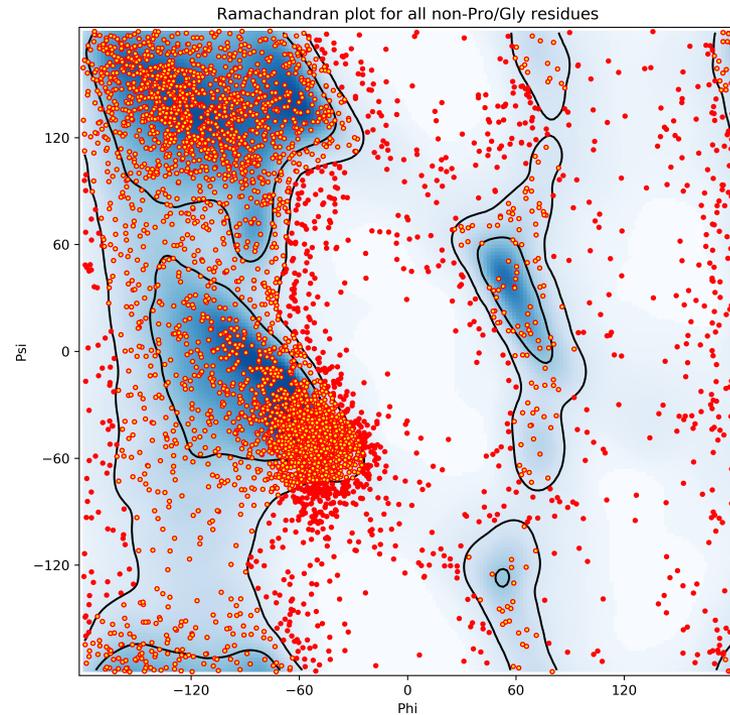
**Rama outliers: 23%**

**Rotamer outliers: 17%**

**Year: 2011**

**Resolution: 17Å**

## 5a9z



**Clashscore: 197**

**Rama outliers: 25%**

**Rotamer outliers: 28%**

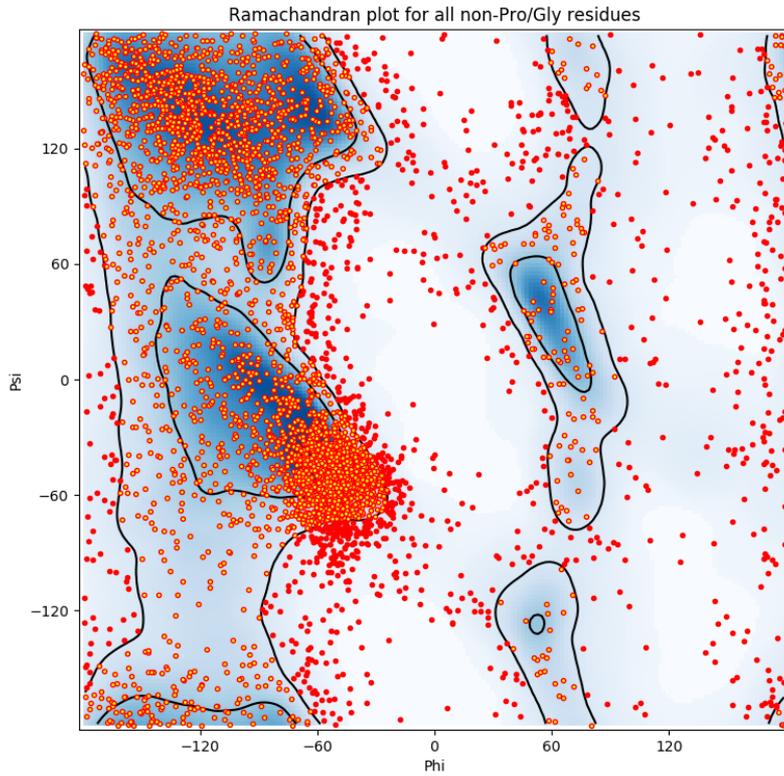
**Year: 2015**

**Resolution: 4.7Å**

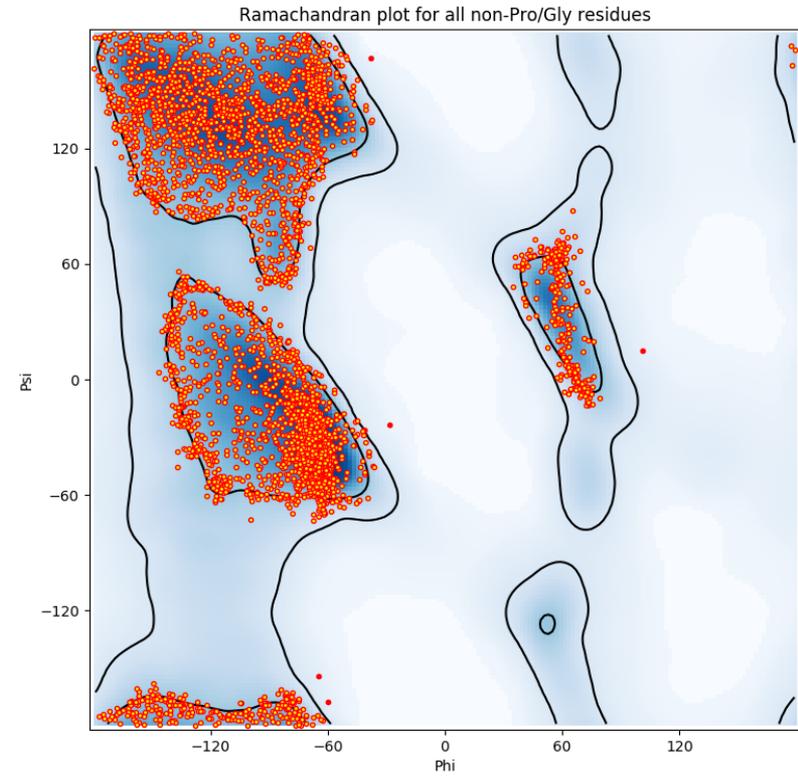
# Ramachandran plot

PDB code: 5a9z

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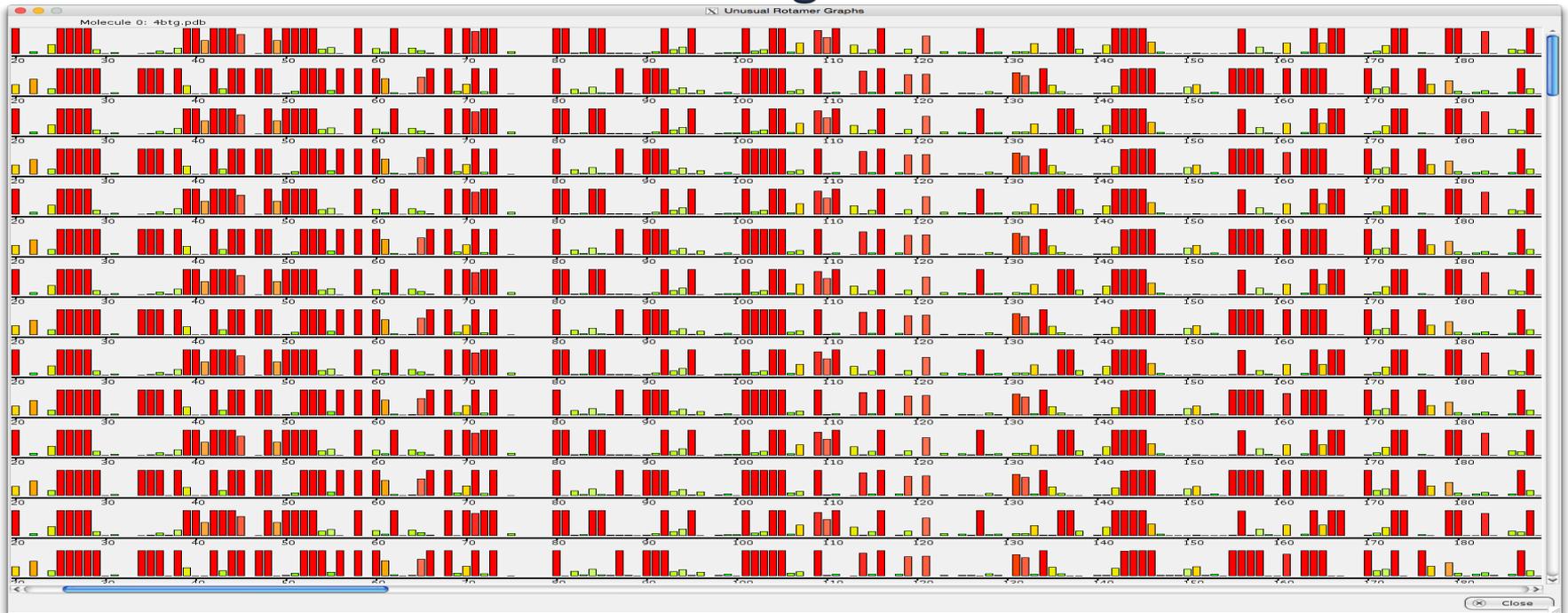


## Refined with Ramachandran plot restraints



# Example: side-chain rotamer outliers

4btg



**Clashscore: 329**

**Rama outliers: 9%**

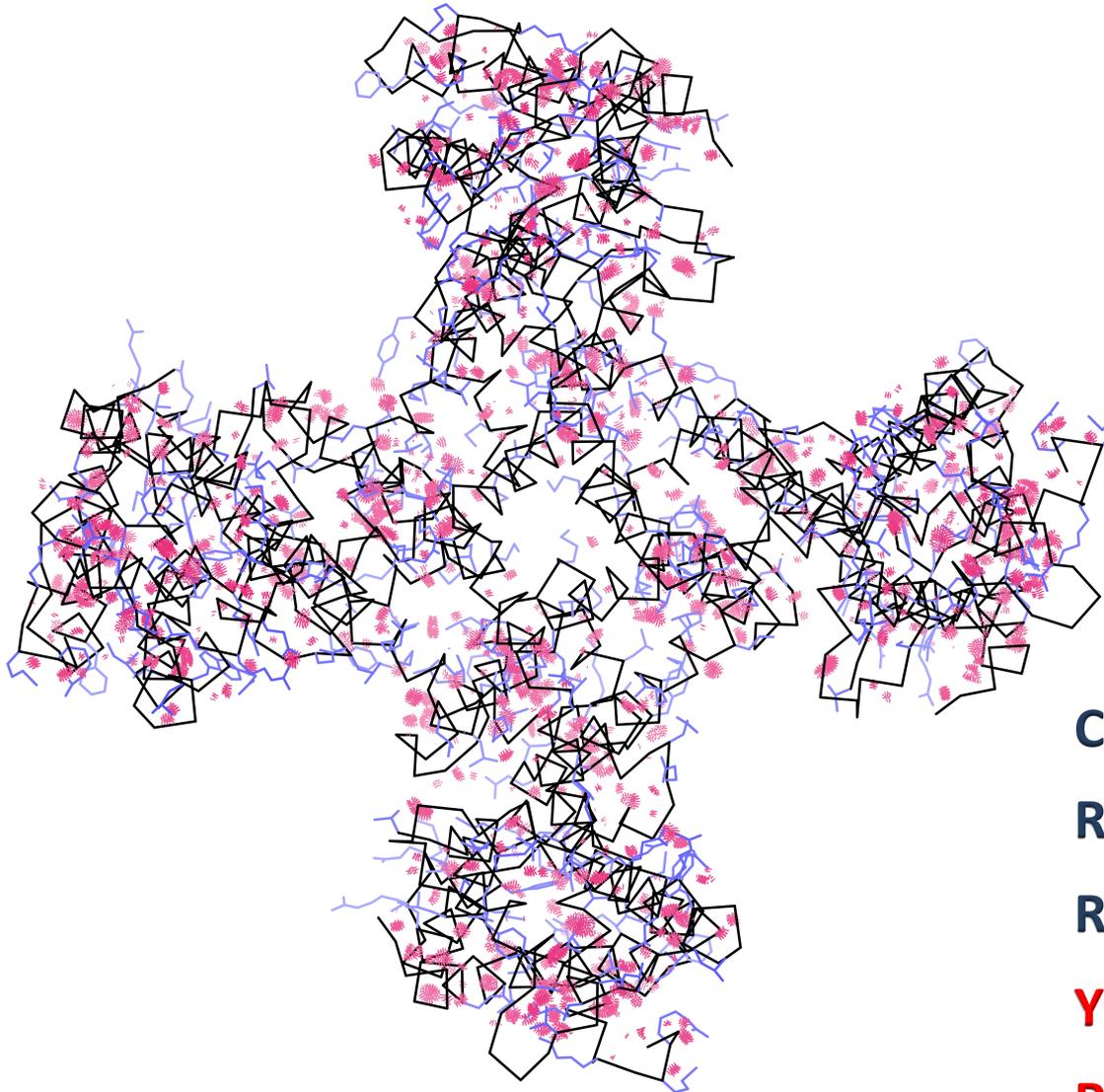
**Rotamer outliers: 46%**

**Year: 2013**

**Resolution: 4.4Å**

# Example: steric clashes

3j5p



**Clashscore: 78**

**Rama outliers: 0%**

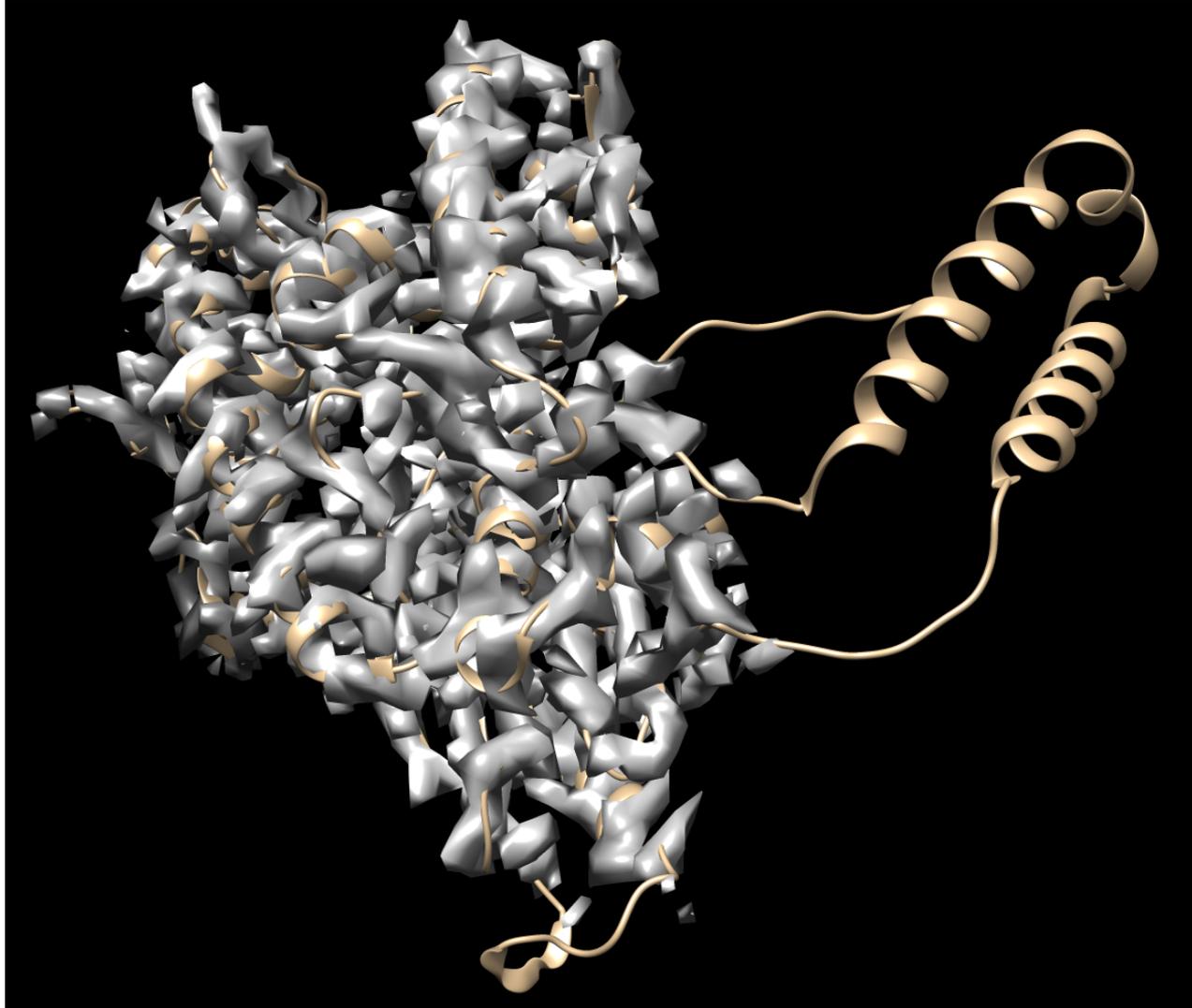
**Rotamer outliers: 27%**

**Year: 2013**

**Resolution: 3.275Å**

# Validation: model-to-map fit

3j9e (emd\_6240) | 3.3Å | CC= 0.85 | Year: 2015



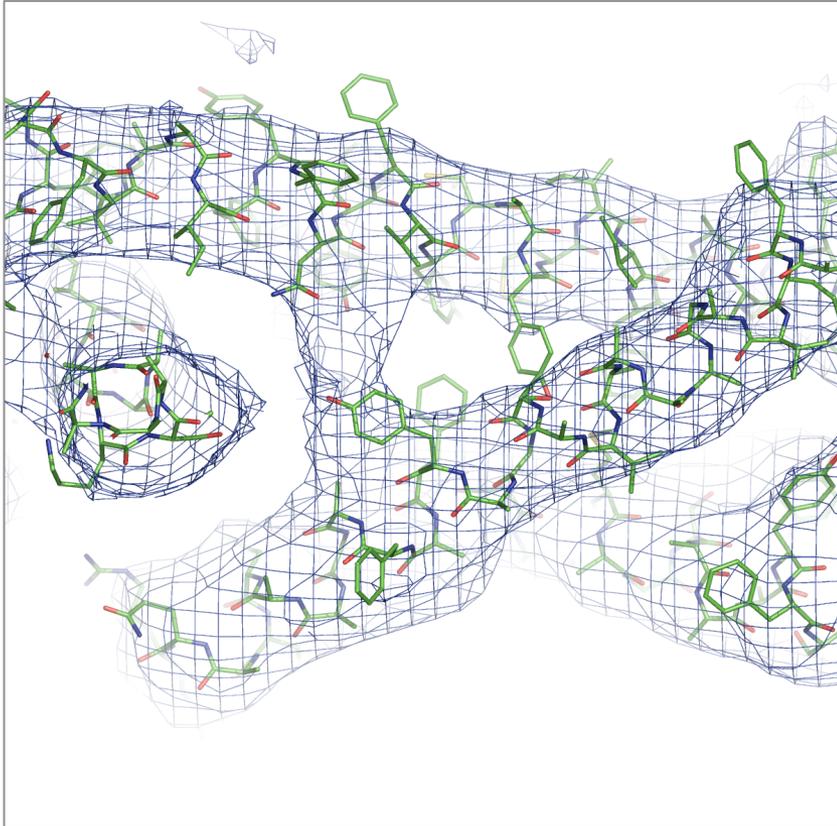
# Validation: model-to-map fit

3a5x (emd\_1641) | 4.0Å | CC<0

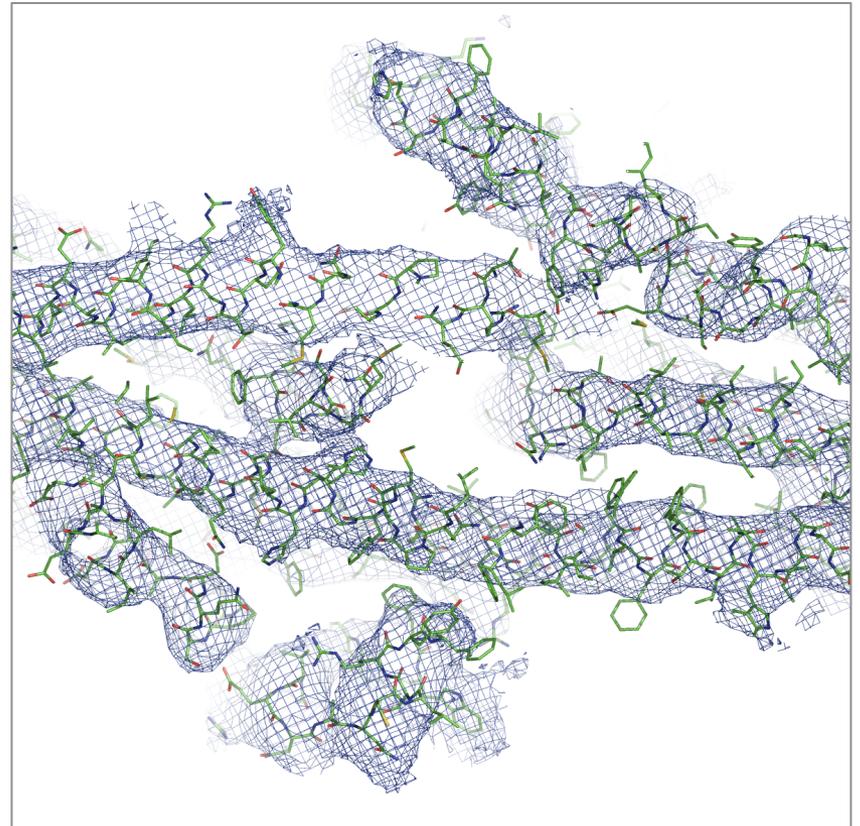


# Data resolution

3j5q | 3.8Å



5tsi | 3.7Å



# Model-map correlation coefficient (CC)

- **Definition**

- **With or w/o subtracting mean**

$$CC(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\rho_1(\mathbf{n}))^2 \right)^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\rho_2(\mathbf{n}))^2 \right)^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \rho_1(\mathbf{n}) \rho_2(\mathbf{n}) \right)$$

$$CC(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\rho_1(\mathbf{n}) - \langle \rho_1 \rangle)^2 \right)^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\rho_2(\mathbf{n}) - \langle \rho_2 \rangle)^2 \right)^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\rho_1(\mathbf{n}) - \langle \rho_1 \rangle) (\rho_2(\mathbf{n}) - \langle \rho_2 \rangle) \right)$$

- **How model map is calculated**

- **Approximation (e.g. N-gaussian)**

- **Form-factors (electron, X-ray, neutron)**

- **Fourier map**

- **Box or sphere of Fourier map coefficients**

- **Region in the map used to calculate CC**

- **Whole box**

- **Mask around atoms**

- **Atom radius**

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### Cryo-EM

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Analyze quality of maps in CCP4 format
-  **Map to Model**  
Model-building into cryo-EM and low-resolution maps
-  **CryoFit**  
Flexibly fit a model to a cryo-EM map
-  **Real-space refinement**  
Automated refinement using real-space maps (Cryo-EM)
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Model quality assessment, including real-space correlat structures
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Tool for docking a model in to map
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-  **Map Symmetry**  
Tool for determining the symmetry in a map

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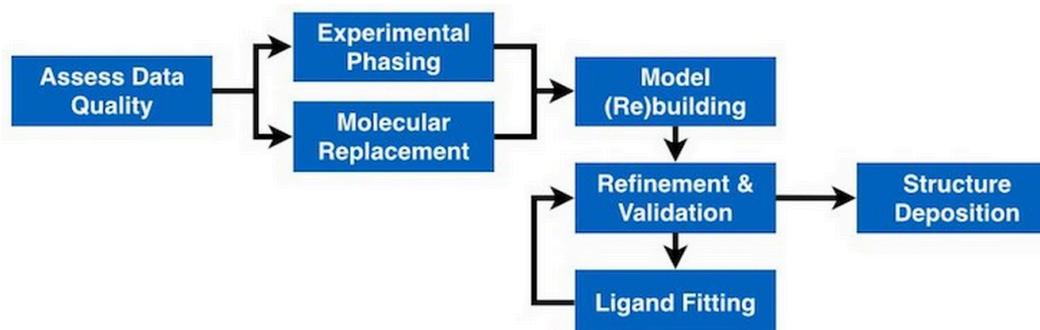


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- 2) **Command and parameters used (series of GUI clicks that lead to problem)**

- 3) **Input and output files**

- 4) **Clearly explain the problem/question**

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