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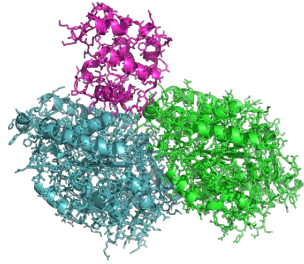
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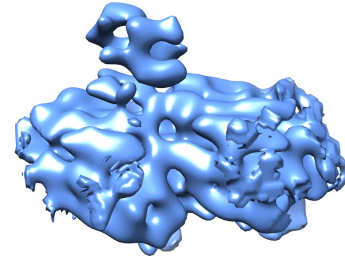
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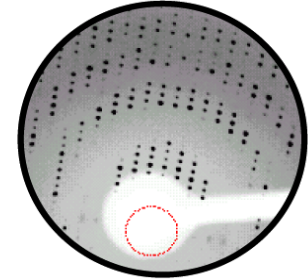


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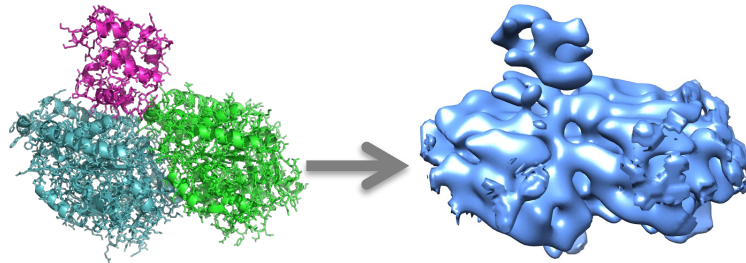
Cryo-EM

or



Diffraction

Model to data fit

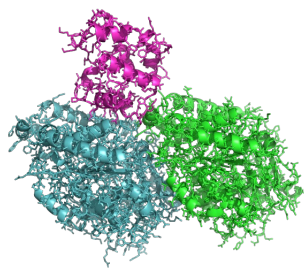


Validation = checking model, data and model-to-data fit are all make sense and obey to prior expectations

Validation : *Crystallography vs Cryo-EM*

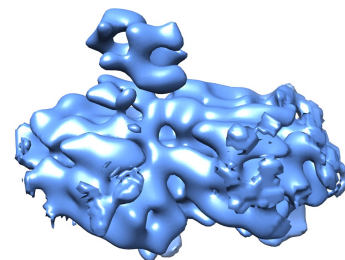
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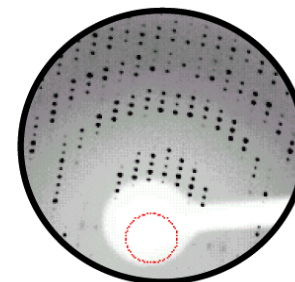
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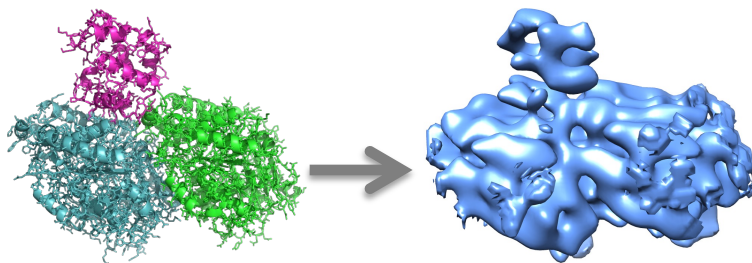
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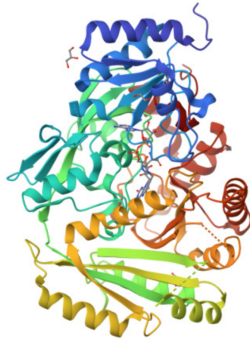
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Model to data fit



Similar

Crystallography



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Global Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Global Stoichiometry: Monomer - A1

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Biological assembly 1 assigned by authors.

Biological Assembly Evidence: gel filtration

Cryo-EM



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Global Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Global Stoichiometry: Hetero 2-mer - A1B1

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Validation

8QVT | pdb_00008qvt

Crystal structure of Zea mays cytokinin oxidase/dehydrogenase 5 (ZmCKX5)

PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb8QVT/pdb>

Classification: FLAVOPROTEIN
Organism(s): Zea mays
Expression System: Escherichia coli
Mutation(s): No

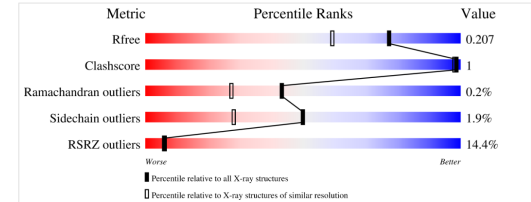
Deposited: 2023-10-18 **Released:** 2024-10-30
Deposition Author(s): Kopečný, D., Briozzo, P.
Funding Organization(s): Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), Czech Science Foundation

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: X-RAY DIFFRACTION
Resolution: 1.65 Å
R-Value Free: 0.201 (Depositor), 0.207 (DCC)
R-Value Work: 0.181 (Depositor), 0.187 (DCC)
R-Value Observed: 0.182 (Depositor)

Starting Model: experimental
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Ligand Structure Quality Assessment



8ORJ | pdb_00008orj

Cryo-EM structure of human tRNA ligase RTCB in complex with human PYROXD1.

PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb8ORJ/pdb> EM Map EMD-17127: EMDB EMDataResource

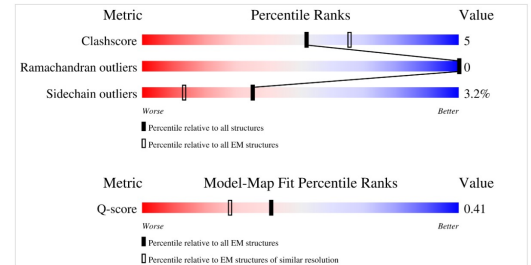
Classification: LIGASE
Organism(s): Homo sapiens
Expression System: Spodoptera frugiperda, Escherichia coli
Mutation(s): No

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Funding Organization(s): Swiss National Science Foundation

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
Resolution: 3.30 Å
Aggregation State: PARTICLE
Reconstruction Method: SINGLE PARTICLE

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Validation tools in Phenix

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Favorites

AI agents and AlphaFold tools

Crystals

Data analysis and manipulation

- Xtrriage**
Analysis of data quality and crystal defects
- Reflection file editor**
Utility for merging and converting reflections
- Merging statistics [deprecated]**
Calculates a variety of statistics for unmerged intensities, including I/sigma, R-merge, R-meas, and CC1/2.
- Scale and Merge Data**
Analysis of multi-dataset SAD data

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map comparison and analysis

Cryo-EM

Map analysis and manipulation

- Mtrriage**
Analyze quality of cryo-EM maps and models
- Map Correlations**
Correlations between map and model or two maps, optionally allowing translations
- Local resolution map**
Calculate a local resolution map
- Map Symmetry**
Find map reconstruction symmetry
- Map box**
Extract box of density with model or extract unique part

Validation

- Comprehensive validation (cryo-EM)**
Model quality assessment, including real-space correlation, for cryo-EM structures

Validation: why to do?

- **Problems detected early can save a lot of time later**
- **Subjectivity**
 - **Manual map interpretation:** experience, skills, pressure
 - **Model parameterization, target weights, starting points**
 - **Lack of data = multiple possibilities for interpretation**
- **Human program the software**
 - **Programs may contain bugs**
- **Post-refinement pre-deposition manipulations**
 - **Hand editing files:** removing waters, hydrogens, ANISOU
- **Misusing quality metrics**
 - **Choose single water or decide about twinning using R-factor**
- **Fraud or honest mistakes**

Validation: why to do?

- **Helps to**
 - **save time**
 - **produce better models**
 - **set correct expectations**
- **Minimize fraud or honest mistakes**

Validation: why to do?

- **Quality filters:**

- You
- Software you use
- Your boss
- Reviewers (of your paper)
- PDB deposition (software and people)
- Community

- **Unnoticed (intentionally or not) problems**

- Likely discovered anyway, sooner or later

Validation: why to do?

Retraction: Cocrystal structure of synaptobrevin-II bound to botulinum neurotoxin type B at 2.0 Å resolution

Michael A Hanson & Raymond C Stevens

Nat. Struct. Biol. 7, 687–692 (2000); retracted 6 July 2009

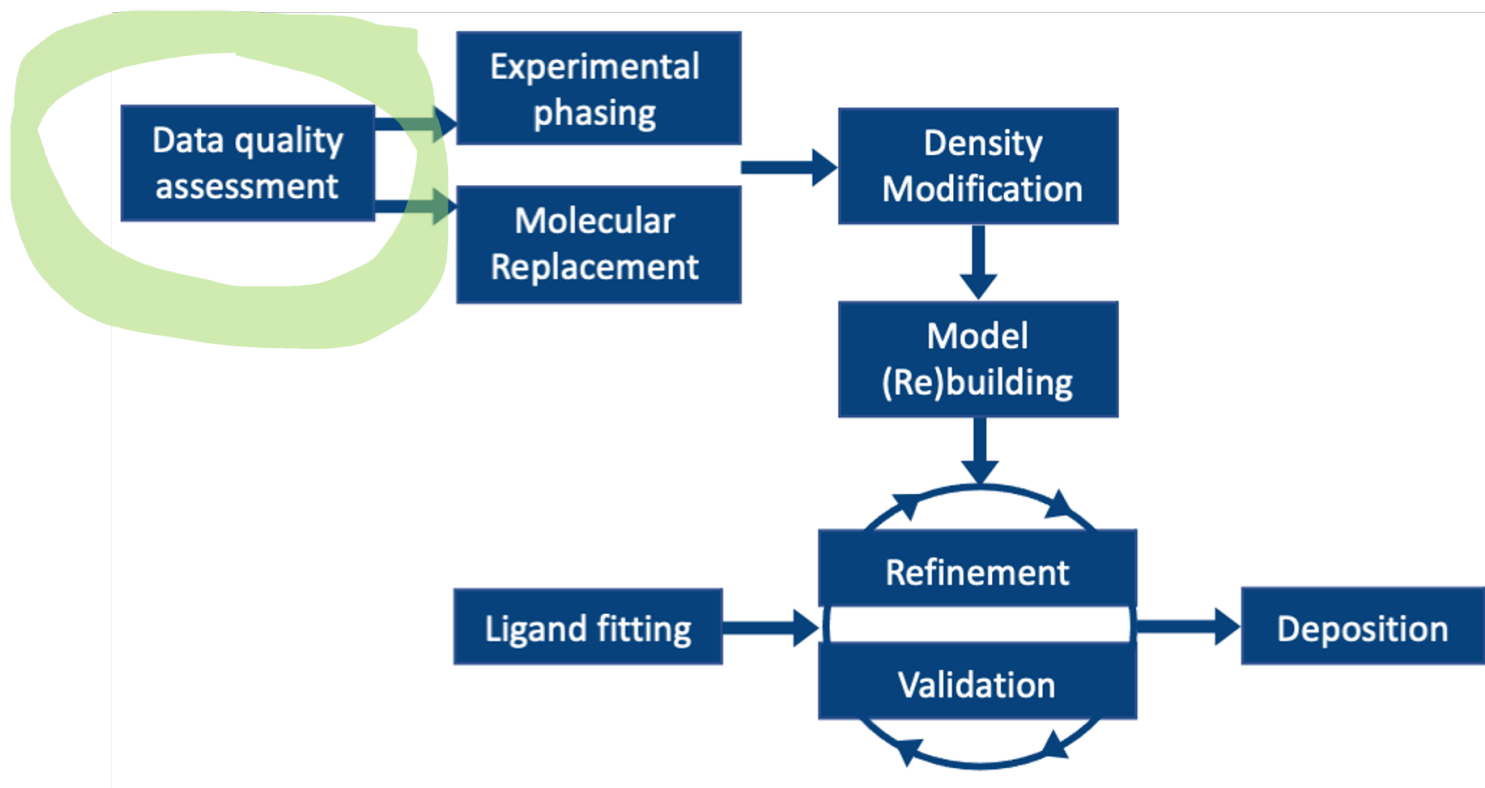
In this paper, we described both the three-dimensional crystal structure of a botulinum toxin catalytic domain separated from the holotoxin (BoNT/B-LC, PDB 1F82) and a structure of the toxin catalytic domain in complex with a peptide (Sb2-BoNT/B-LC, PDB 1F83). The complex was later refined and deposited in the Protein Data Bank (PDB 3G94). The apo structure (PDB 1F82) remains valid. However, because of the lack of clear and continuous electron density for the peptide in the complex structure, the paper is being retracted. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

- H.M. Krishna Murthy (University of Alabama) – Protein Fabrication scandal
 - 12 falsified structures and 10 related papers
 - 1BEF, 1CMW, 1DF9, 2QID, 1G40, 1G44, 1L6L, 2OU1, 1RID, 1Y8E, 2A01, and 2HR0
 - Murthy's falsified data ended up affecting 449 papers at that time

Data Validation

Xtrriage: all about your Xtal data

Before doing anything else, you should validate your data!



Possible experimental X-ray data problems

- Twining
- Translational NCS
- Wrong crystal
- Wrong space group
- Ice rings
- Data completeness
- Data anisotropy
- Resolution (overall, effective)
- Anomalous signal
- ...

Xtrriage

Xtrriage (Project: porin-twin)

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Configure **Xtrriage_1**

Run status **Results**

Xtrriage summary

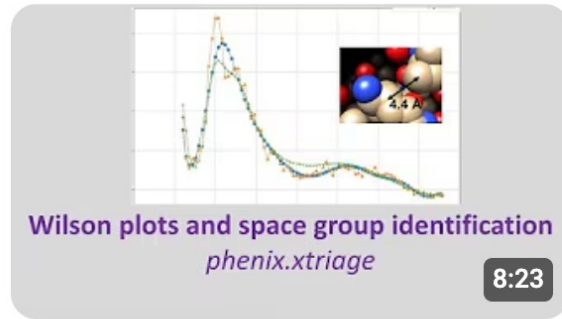
- Intensity statistics suggest twinning (intensities are significantly different from expected for normal data) and one or more twin operators show a significant twin fraction.
- Translational NCS does not appear to be present.
- Ice rings do not appear to be present.
- The fraction of outliers in the data is less than 0.1%.
- The data are not significantly anisotropic.
- The resolution cutoff appears to be similar in all directions.
- The overall completeness in low-resolution shells is at least 90%.
- Overall completeness is above 90%.

Xtrriage performs diagnostics for pathologies and data properties

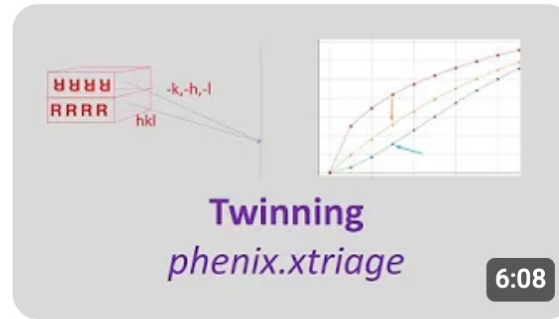
Several 5 minute long tutorials on [YouTube](#)

Xtrriage

Several 5 minute long tutorials on "Phenix tutorials" channel on 



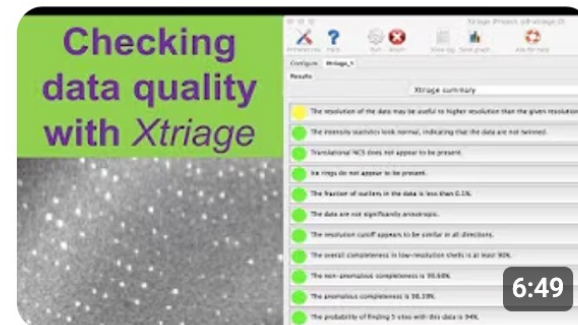
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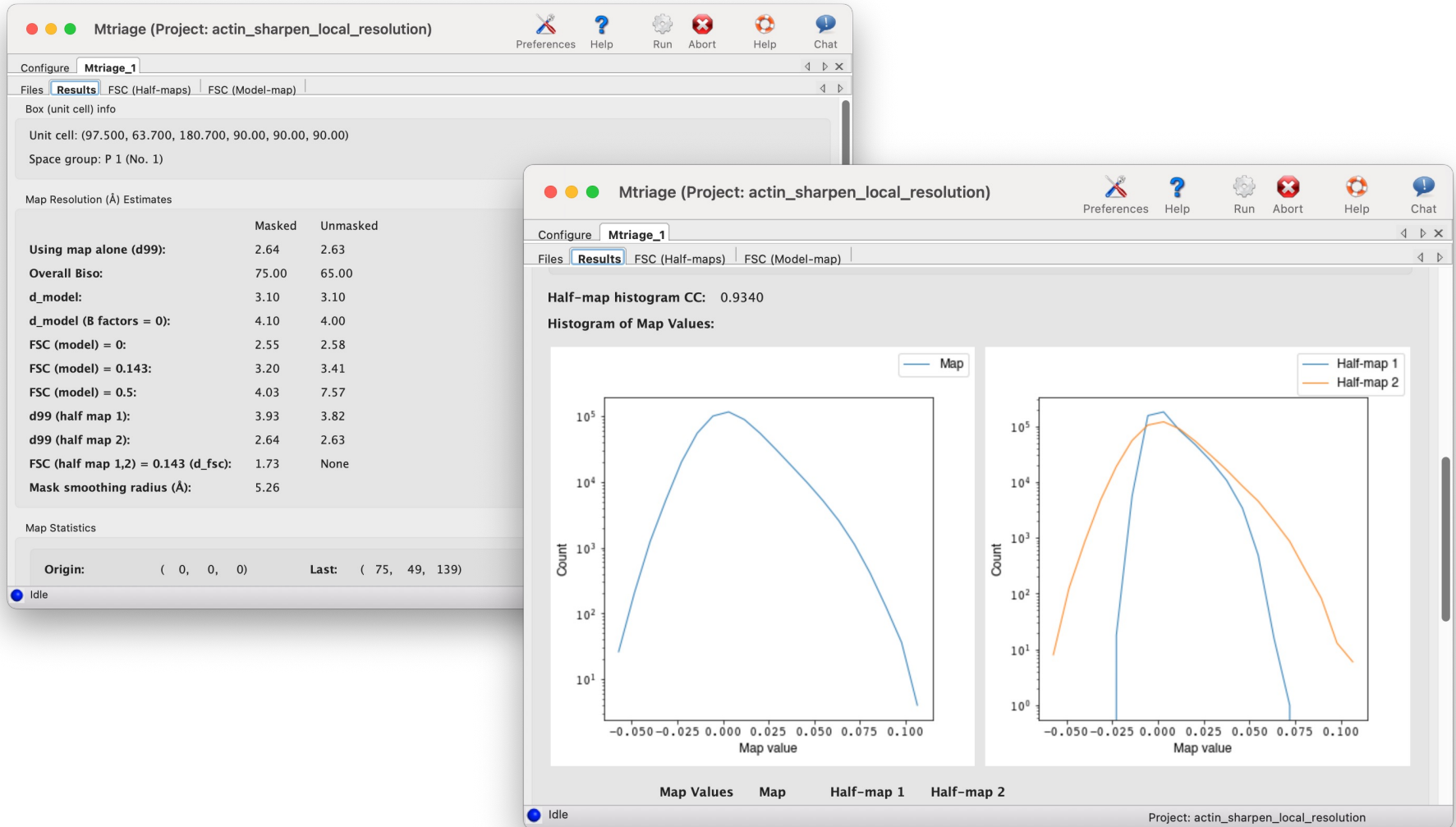
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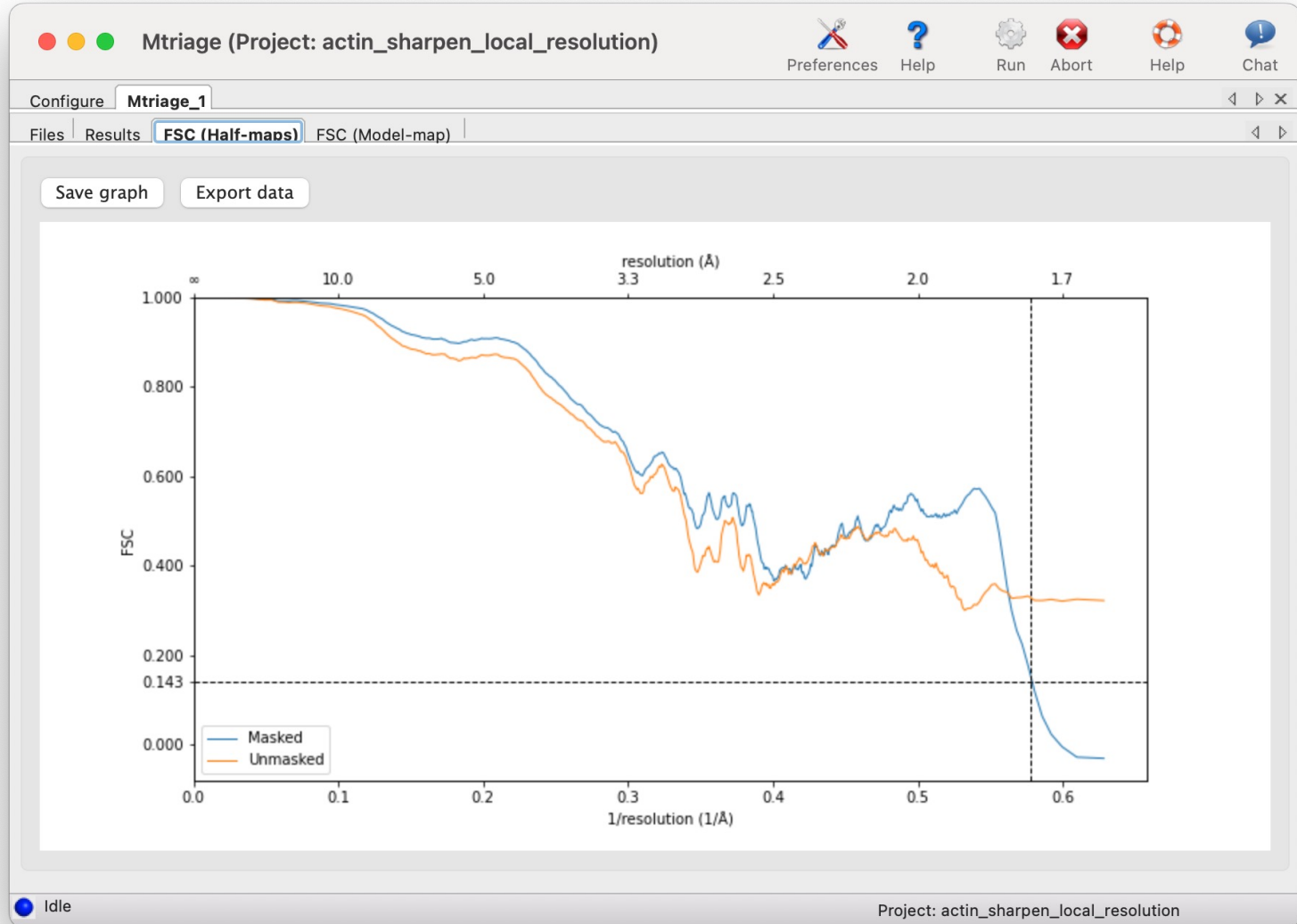
Mtriage

Calculates resolutions estimates and map histograms



Mtriage

Calculates FSC curves



Resolution estimates

Metric	Objects used	Purpose
d_FSC	Half-maps	Highest resolution at which the experimental data are confident
d99	Map	Resolution cutoff beyond which Fourier coefficients are negligibly small
d_model	Map and model	Resolution cutoff at which the model map is the most similar to the target map
d_FSC model	Map and model	Resolution cutoff up to which the model and map Fourier coefficients are similar

Mtriage

Map Resolution (Å) Estimates

	Masked	Unmasked
Using map alone (d99):	2.64	2.63
Overall Biso:	75.00	65.00
d_model:	3.10	3.10
d_model (B factors = 0):	4.10	4.00
FSC (model) = 0:	2.55	2.58
FSC (model) = 0.143:	3.20	3.41
FSC (model) = 0.5:	4.03	7.57
d99 (half map 1):	3.93	3.82
d99 (half map 2):	2.64	2.63
FSC (half map 1,2) = 0.143 (d_fsc):	1.73	None
Mask smoothing radius (Å):	5.26	

Validation after Real-space refine

Resolution Estimates (Å)	Masked	Unmasked
d FSC (half maps; 0.143)	---	---
d 99 (full/half1/half2)	3.7/---/---	3.6/---/---
d model	3.7	3.7
d FSC model (0/0.143/0.5)	3.4/3.5/3.8	3.4/3.6/3.9
Map min/max/mean	-0.42/0.80/0.02	

Resolution estimates

Table 2 from Afonine et al. (2018). *Acta Cryst. D74*, 814-840

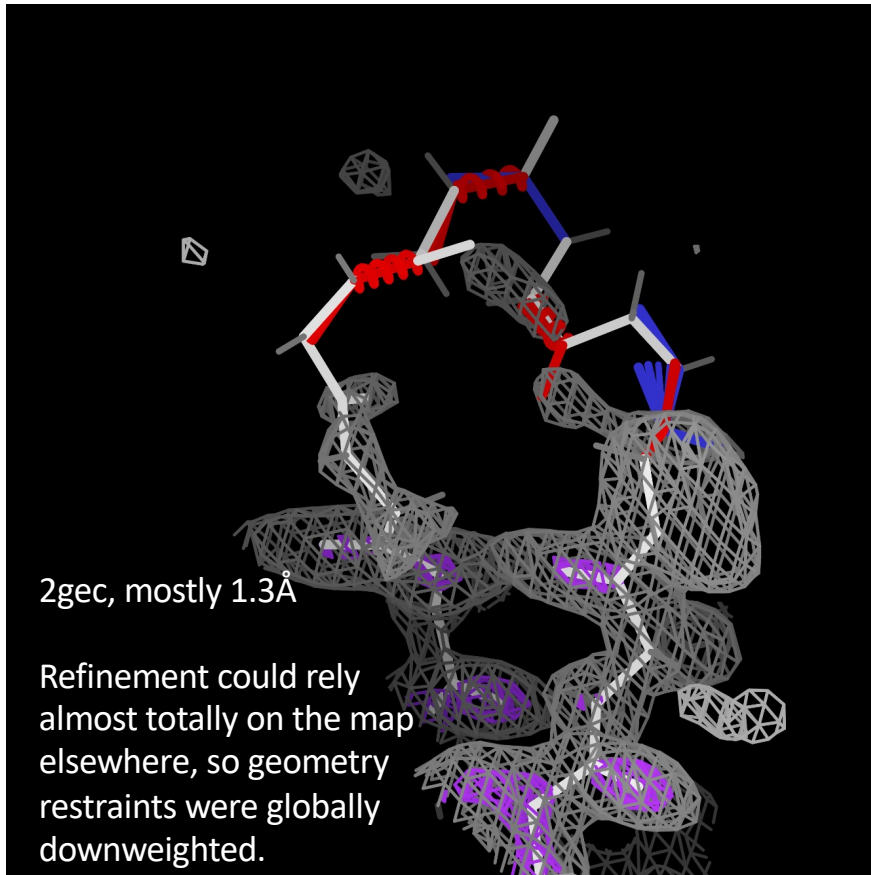
Metric	Objects used	Purpose	Values	Meaning, possible actions
d_FSC	Half-maps	Highest resolution at which the experimental data are confident	The higher the better	Resolution determined using half-maps method
d99	Map	Resolution cutoff beyond which Fourier coefficients are negligibly small	$d_{99} \geq d_{FSC}$	Expected values
			$d_{99} < d_{FSC}$	Verify d_{FSC} ; omit coefficients with $d_{99} \leq d < d_{FSC}$
			$d_{99} \gg d_{FSC}$	Sharpen the map
d_model	Map and model	Resolution cutoff at which the model map is the most similar to the target map	$d_{model} \geq d_{FSC}$	Expected values
			$d_{model} < d_{FSC}$	Verify d_{FSC} ; check ADP (too large?); validate map details
			$d_{model} \gg d_{FSC}$	Sharpen the map
			$d_{model} \ll d_{99}$	Check ADP (too large?)
			$d_{model} \gg d_{99}$	Check ADP (too small?); check the model
d_FSC_model	Map and model	Resolution cutoff up to which the model and map Fourier coefficients are similar	$d_{FSC_model} \geq d_{FSC}$	Expected values
			$d_{FSC_model} < d_{FSC}$	Verify d_{FSC} ; omit coefficients with $d_{FSC_model} \leq d < d_{FSC}$
			$d_{FSC_model} \geq d_{FSC}$	Sharpen the map
			$d_{FSC_model} \gg d_{model}$	Omit coefficients with $d_{model} \leq d < d_{FSC_model}$
			$d_{FSC_model} \ll d_{model}$	Sharpen the map

Model geometry validation

Bond Geometry

- Measure bond lengths and angles
 - Check against a library of expected values
 - $>4\sigma$ deviation from expected = outlier
-
- Standard reference library has 1 value per bond or angle
 - Derived from Engh and Huber
 - <https://doi.org/10.1107/S0108767391001071>
 - Conformation-Dependent Library (CDL) has values that depend on local Ramachandran conformation
 - Phenix default
 - Derived from Karplus et al.
 - <https://doi.org/10.1107/S2059798315022408>

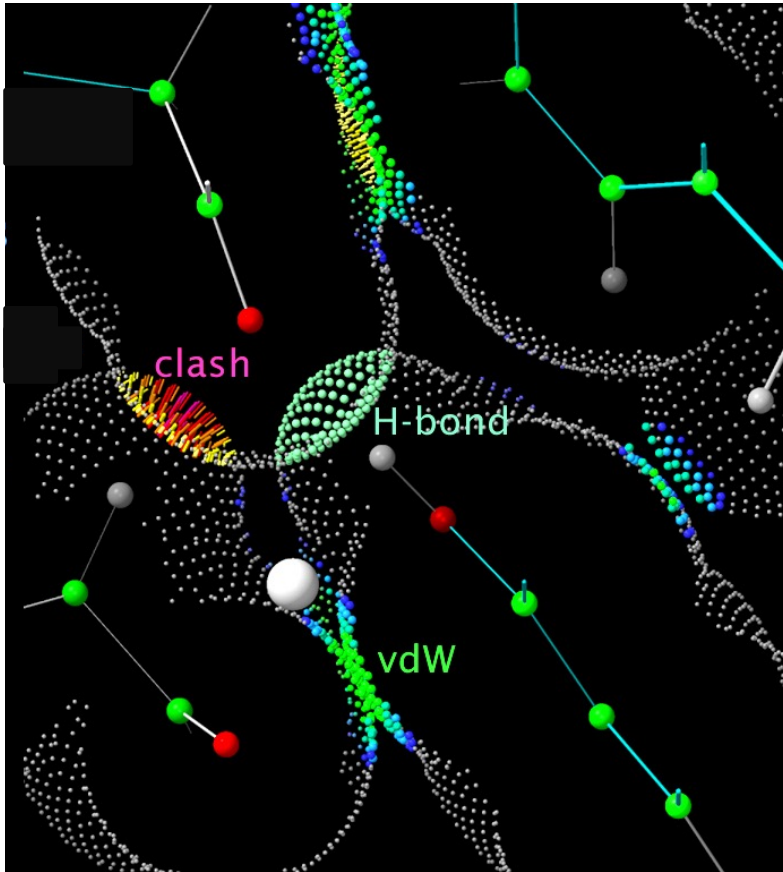
Bond Geometry: Probable causes



Localized

- Localized geometry outliers result from conformational strain and/or missing density
- Fix the source of strain
- Manually apply more restraints to low-data regions
- Leave it unmodeled if a good solution is impossible

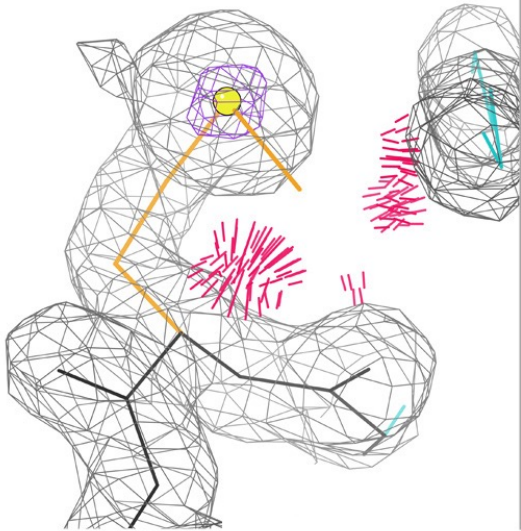
All-Atom Contacts and Clashes



- Roll a 0.25Å radius “Probe” sphere over the van der Waals surface of each atom
- Mark where the probe touches or overlaps with another van der Waals surface
- Note that hydrogen atom surfaces can shield heavy atom surfaces

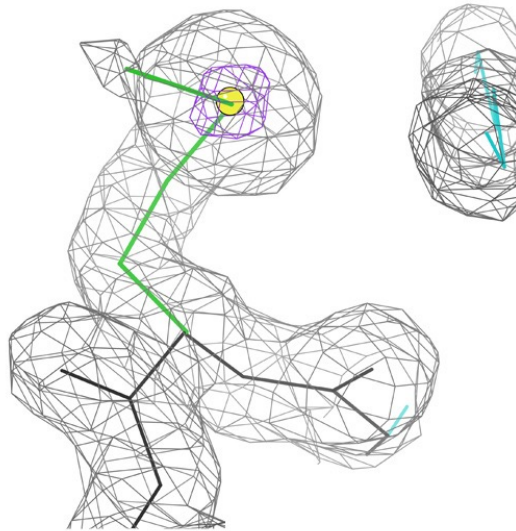
All-Atom Contacts and Clashes: Probable causes

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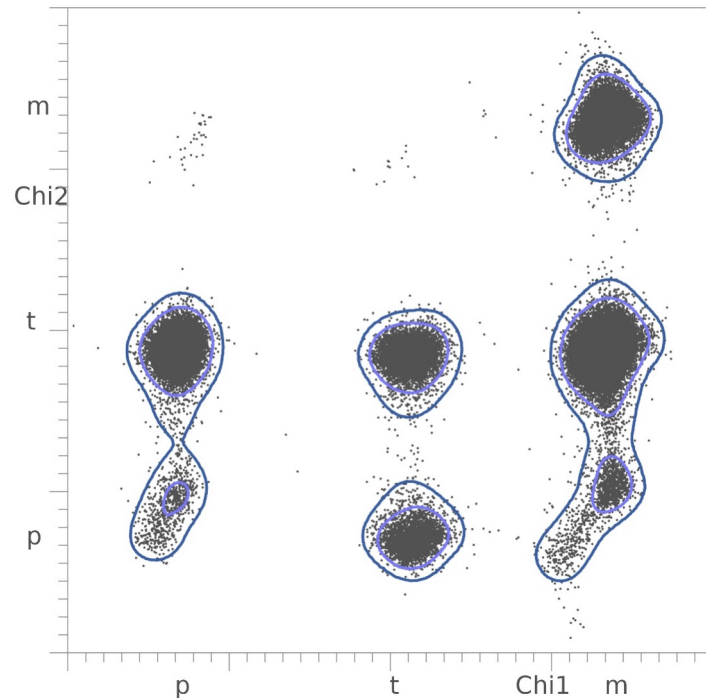
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Other outliers

- Clashes usually occur alongside other outliers
- Emphasize modeling errors
 - *Real* rare features are less likely to have clashes
- Can imply direction for fixups

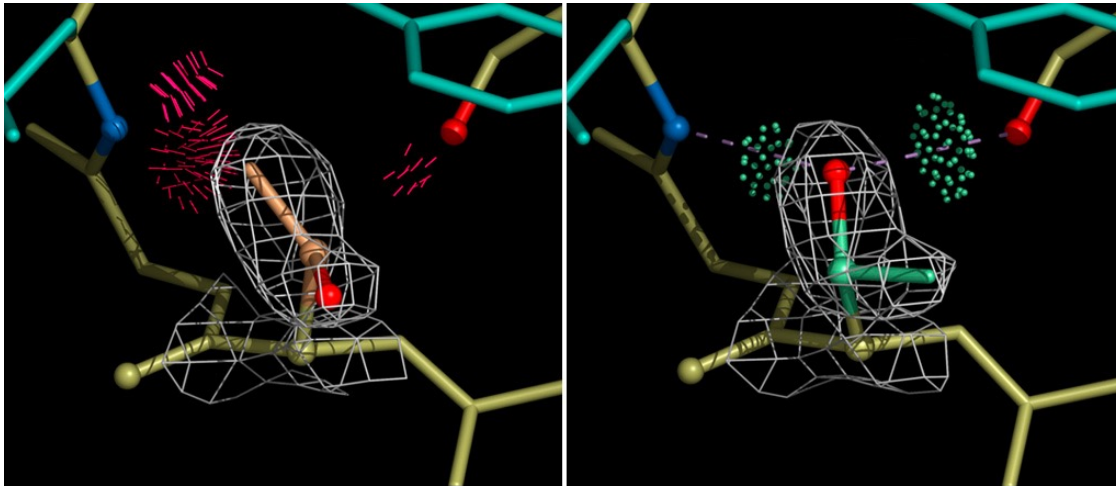
Sidechain Rotamers



Rotamer distribution for
Isoleucine in χ_1/χ_2 space

- Sidechain conformations are described by a series of χ (Chi) torsions
- Rotamers are statistically expected combinations of χ values
- For tetrahedral atom centers, this means staggered
 - p +60°
 - t 180°
 - m -60°
- For planar atom centers, rotamers are much more continuous
 - Rotamers are named with a central value
 - e.g m90 or p-80 for Histidine
- Updated in 2016:
 - Favored (98% of data) Allowed (99.7% of data)

Sidechain Rotamers: Probable causes

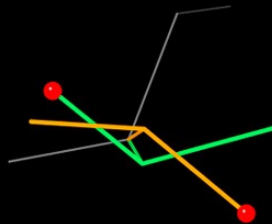


Backwards Valine, Leucine, Threonine

- May find terminal atoms fit into density at the expense of the branch atom
- Simple to fix with a flip (then re-refinement)

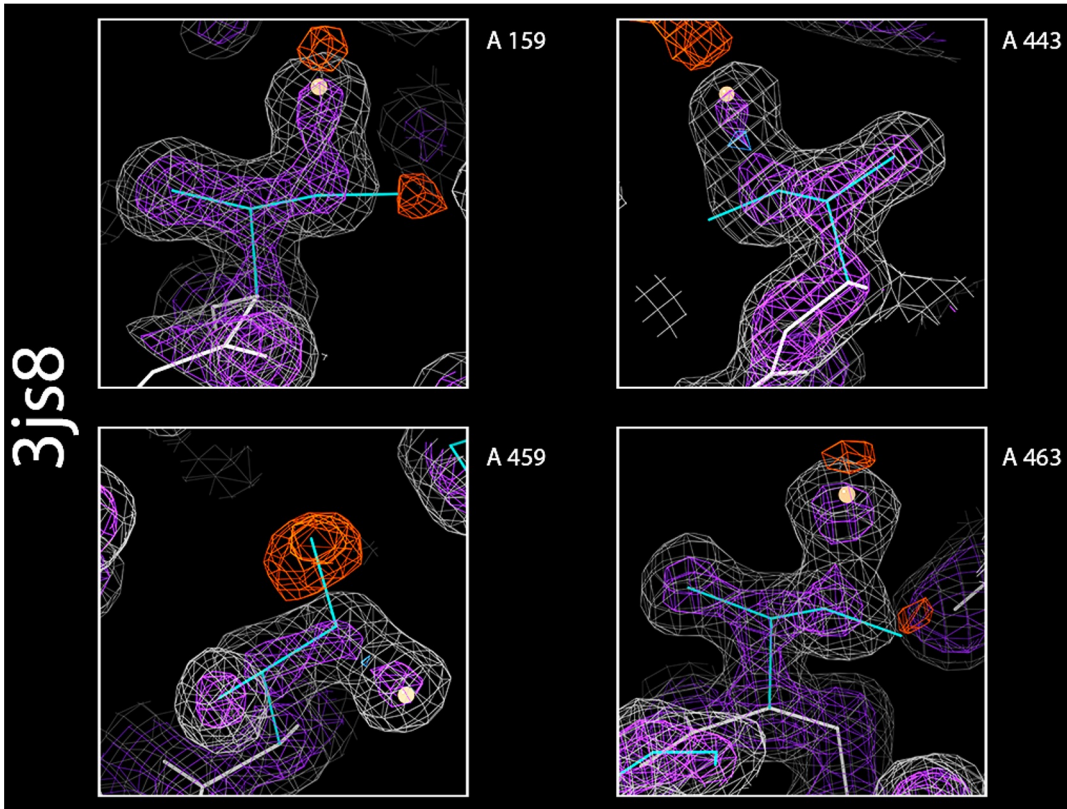
1sbp, 1.7Å

Cbdev = .39 Å
Chi1 = -109°
N-Ca-Cb = 98°
3 bad clashes
no H-bonds
C in > density



Cbdev = 0
Chi1 = 73°
N-Ca-Cb = 110°
no bad clashes
2 H-bonds
O in > density

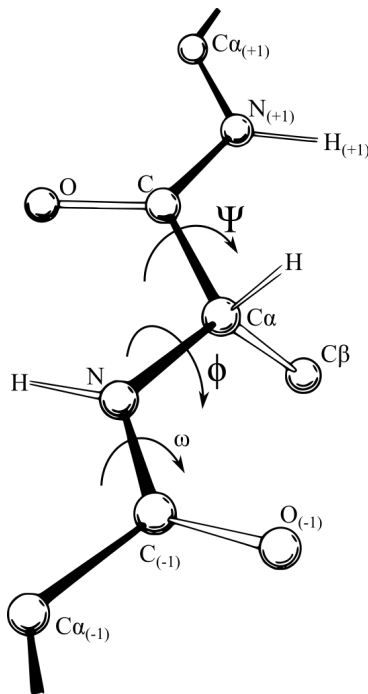
Sidechain Rotamers: Probable causes



Water problems

- Modeled water may co-opt sidechain density and create a rotamer outlier
- Isoleucine CD1 is especially vulnerable
- Delete water, rebuild sidechain

Ramachandran



- Phi and Psi torsions describe local protein backbone conformation
 - Phi $\phi = C_{i-1}-N-CA-C$
 - Psi $\psi = N-CA-C-N_{i+1}$
 - Each residue's ϕ/ψ pair is converted into cartesian coordinates and checked against contours of expected behavior
- molprobity.ramalyze

Ramachandran: Visualization

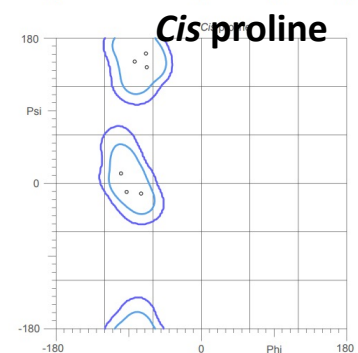
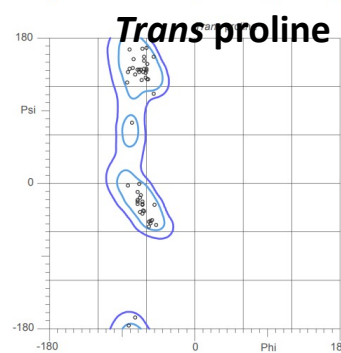
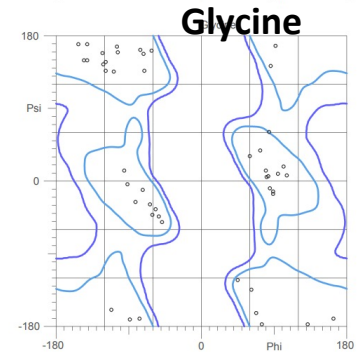
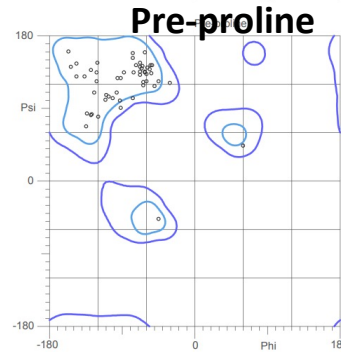
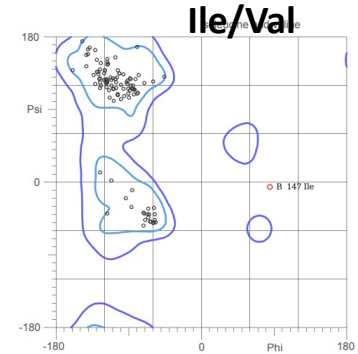
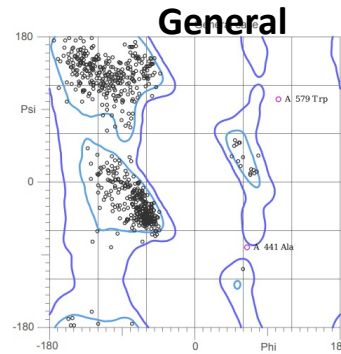
Ramachandran plots shows location of each residue relative to contours of expected behavior

Different residue categories have very different expectations!

Glycine is permissive and symmetrical
Proline is restrictive
Branched C-Beta sidechain (Ile,Val) affect distribution

Favored (98% of data)

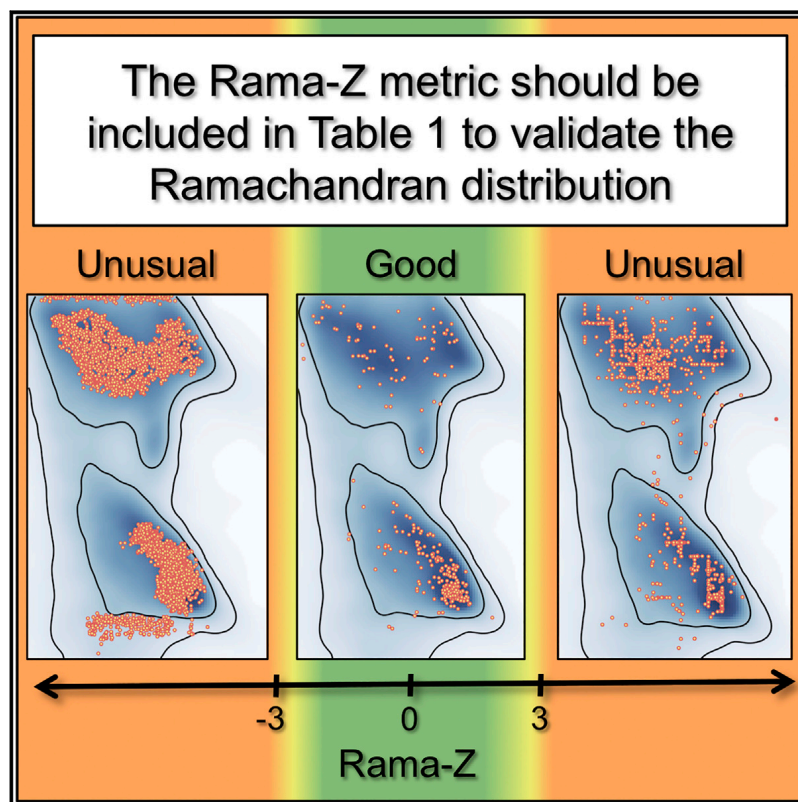
Allowed (99.5% of data)



Structure

A Global Ramachandran Score Identifies Protein Structures with Unlikely Stereochemistry

Graphical Abstract



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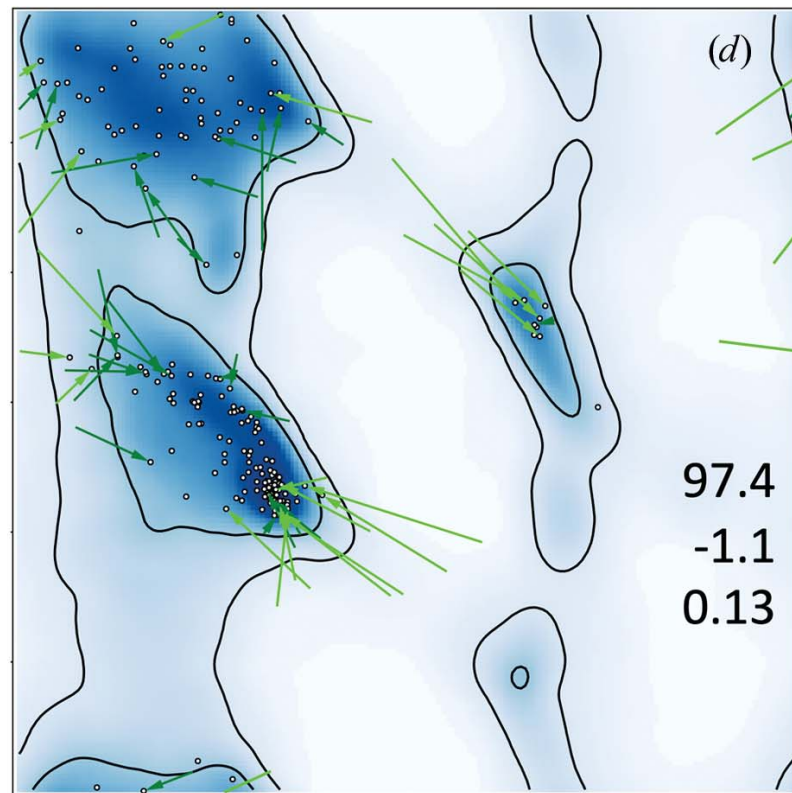
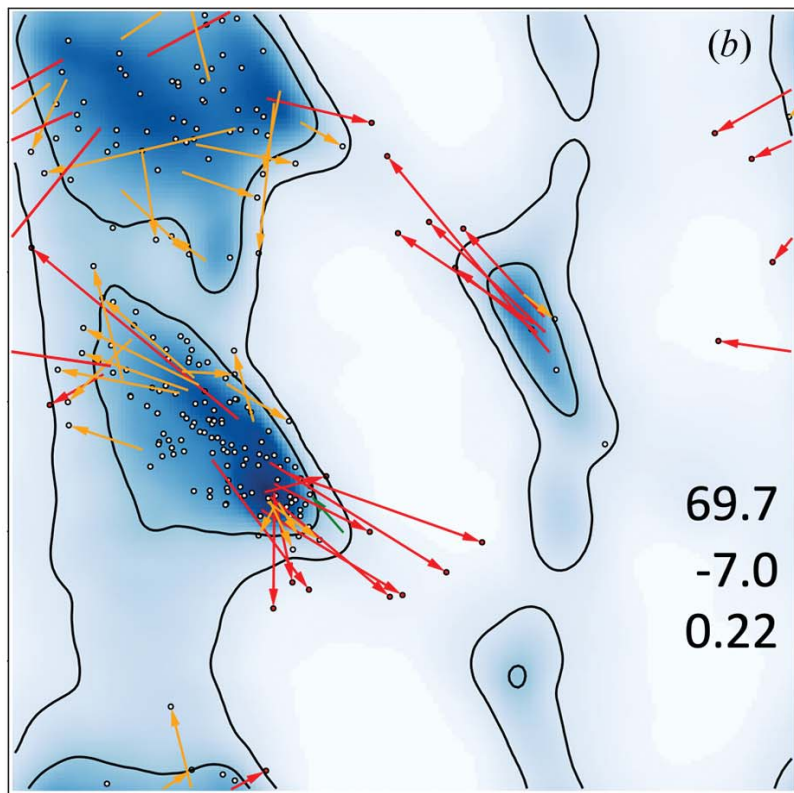
In Brief

Counting the number of Ramachandran outliers is not sufficient for protein backbone validation. Sobolev et al. revisited the underutilized Ramachandran Z score. The authors describe its reimplementaion in Phenix and PDB-REDO and showcase its utility. They advocate including it in the validation reports provided by the Protein Data Bank.

How to improve Rama-Z

- Analyze the refinement strategy and restraints applied.
- Don't abuse restraints to get rid of Ramachandran outliers in poor starting model.
- Careful manual model rebuilding and refining.
- Analyze separate Rama-Z scores for helices, sheets and loops. If they vary greatly that may hint on particular class of residues worth checking.

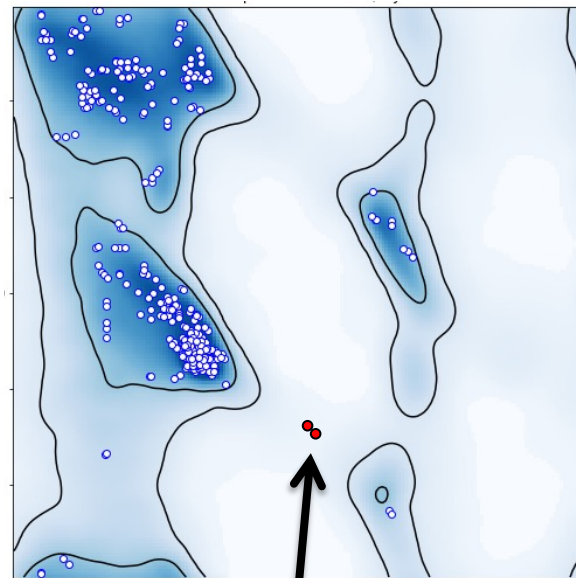
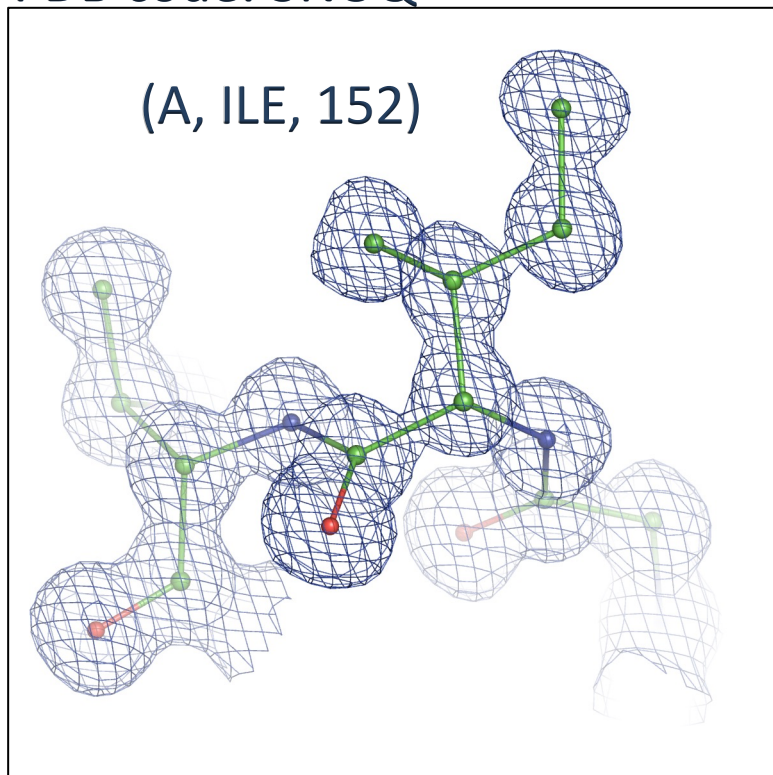
Comparama: phenix.comparama



Validation: *outliers are not always wrong*

- A Ramachandran plot outlier \neq wrong

PDB code: 3NOQ



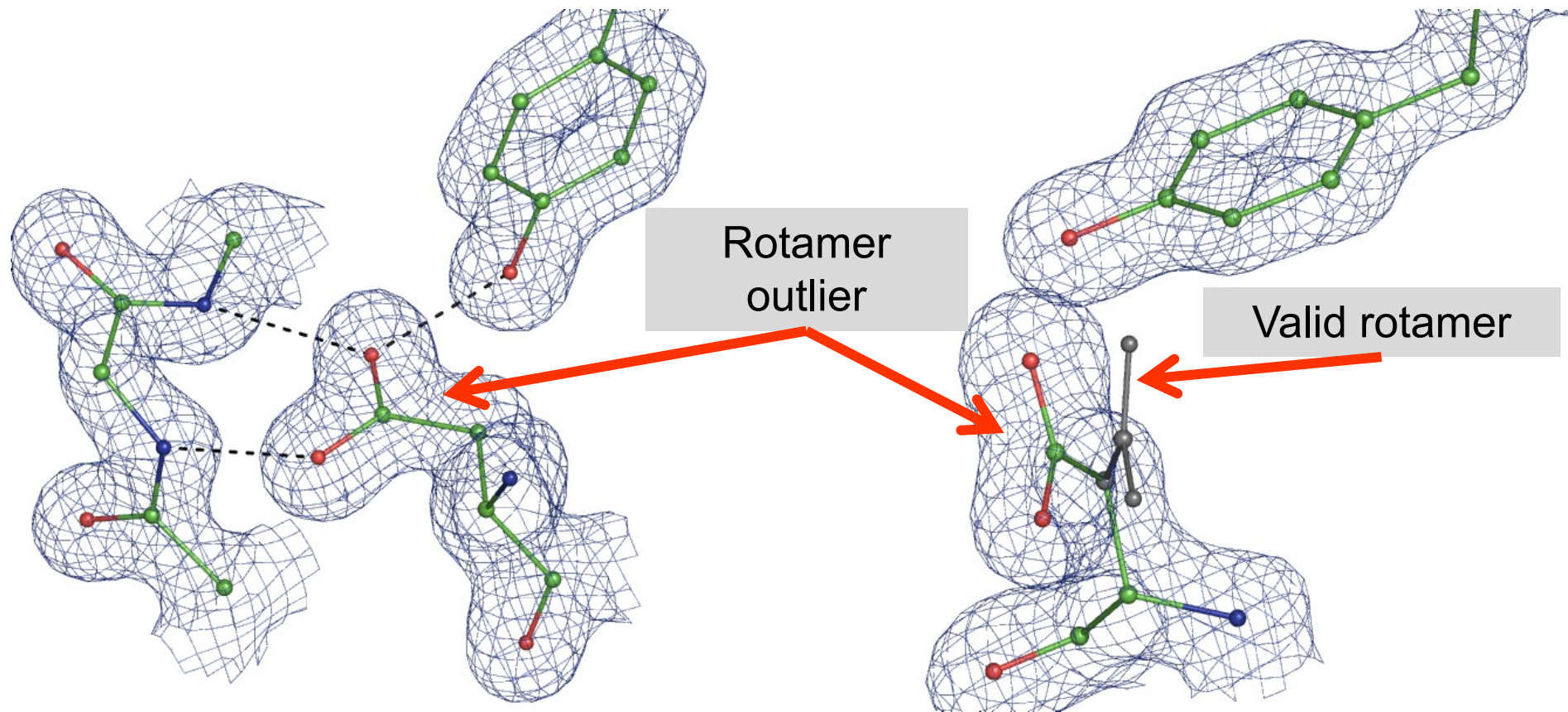
Outliers:

(A, ILE, 152), (B, ILE, 154)

- All outliers need to be explained (supported by the data)

Validation: *outliers are not always wrong*

- An outlier \neq wrong
 - However, each outlier has to be explained

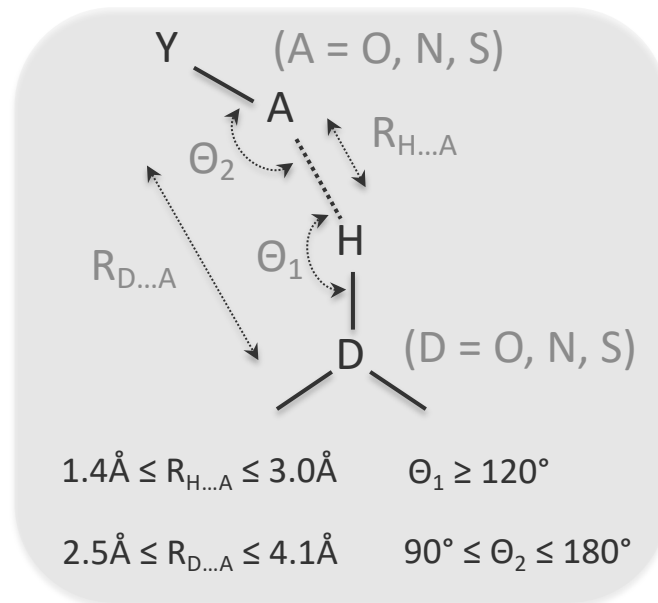


MolProbity Score

- The MolProbity Score combines validations and scales the result to look like a resolution
 - Clashscore
 - Ramachandran
 - Rotamers
- MolProbity better than model resolution is good
- MolProbity worse than model resolution is bad

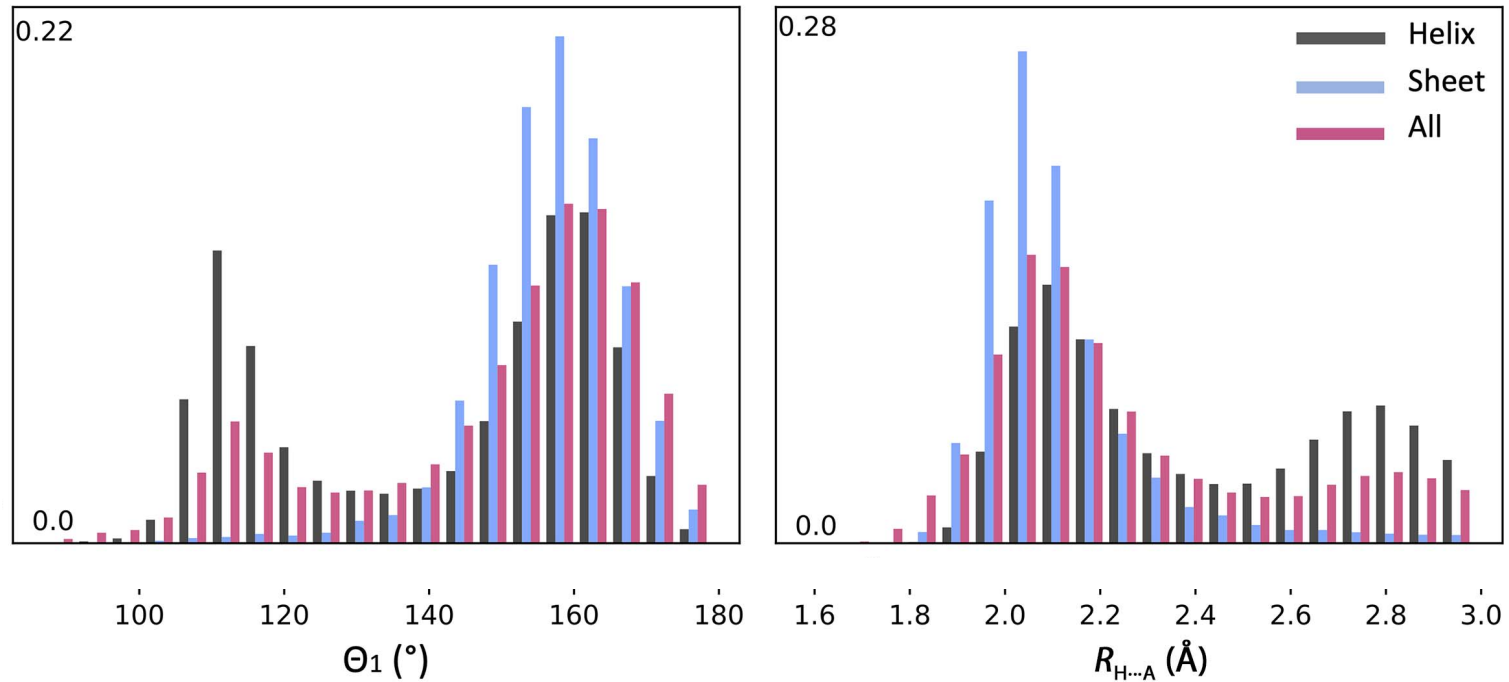
Hydrogen bond validation

- There are many definitions and rules exist. Here is what we use:
 - Voth & Ho Shing. Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry, 2007, pp. 1336-1348
 - McDonald & Thornton. J. Mol. Biol., 1994, 777-793



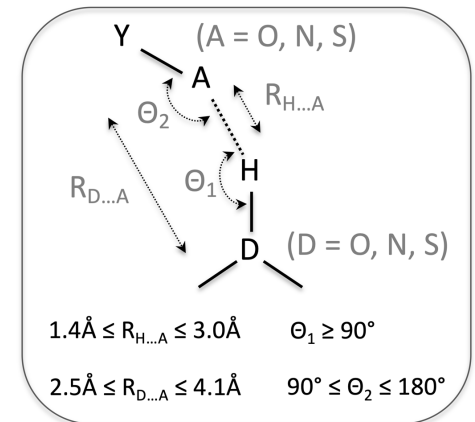
- We focus on R_{HA} distance and Θ_1 angle in *proteins*
 - Break down by resolution (high vs low) and secondary structure (helices, sheets, all atoms)
 - Use `phenix.find_ss_from_ca` to annotate secondary structure because it does not use any of the parameters above explicitly

H bond distributions

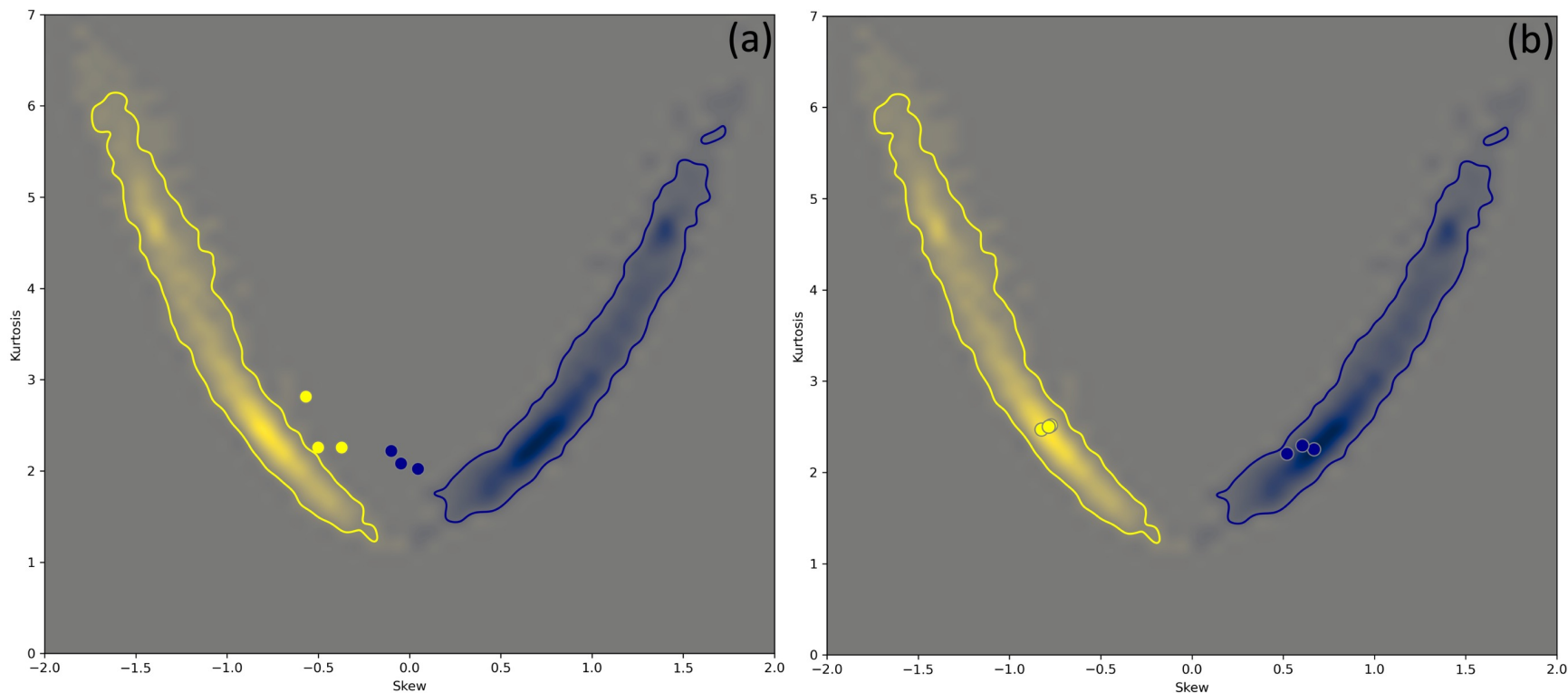


Skew or skewness is a way we can measure the shape of a distribution: in particular, skew refers to the asymmetry a distribution may experience

Kurtosis is a measurement of tailedness of a distribution - that is, what the ends of a distribution curve look like.



Overall kurtosis and skewness of $\Theta 1$ angle (yellow) and RHA distance (blue) distributions



Low resolution models	High-resolution homologues
1JKT (3.5 Å)	4PF4 (1.1 Å)
1Z8L (3.5 Å)	5o5T (1.4 Å)
4YJ3 (3.8 Å)	5iyz (1.8 Å)

When do you stop?

- Realistically? Do as much as you can.
 - Ideally stop when you – and refinement – can't make the structure better
- Zero outliers is not the goal!
 - Some outliers are justified
 - Some outliers are not justified, but can't be fixed
- If you can't obtain a physically-reasonable solution, consider deleting the region.

Model vs Map Validation

Despite all efforts to popularize (and enforce) the validation in recent years, poorly scoring models are still getting into databases **now**

Examples (recent years)!

Model does not fit the map

PDB: 9c91 | EMD: 45359 | 2.78 Å | Nat Commun (2025) 16: 2955

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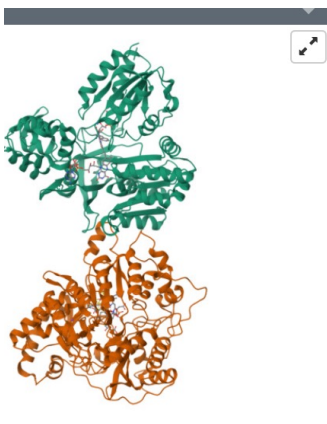
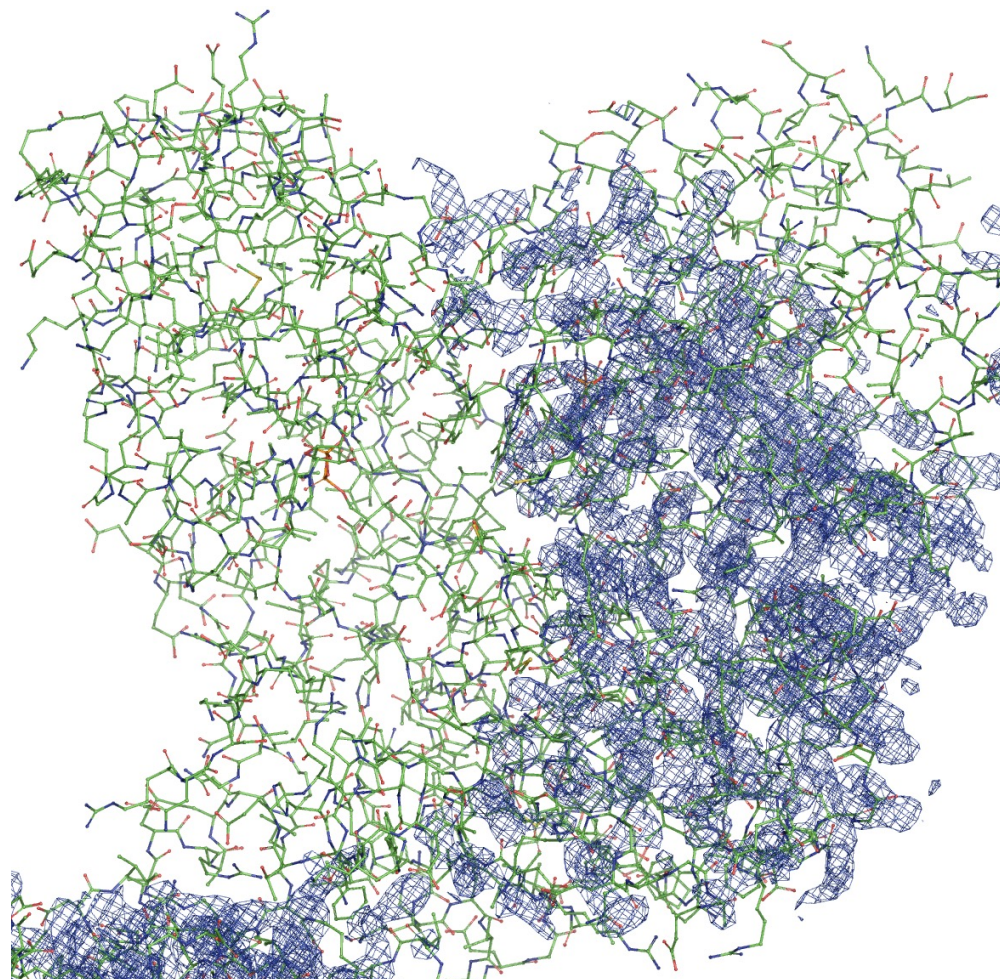
Structure of dimerized assimilatory NADPH-dependent sulfite reductase reveals the minimal interface for diflavin reductase binding

[Behrouz Ghazi Esfahani](#), [Nidhi Wallia](#), [Kasahun Neselu](#), [Yashika Garg](#), [Mahira Aragon](#), [Isabel Askenasy](#), [Hui Alex Wei](#), [Joshua H. Mendez](#) & [M. Elizabeth Stroupe](#) ✉

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$CC_{\text{MASK}} = 0.0$



 **9C91** | **pdb_00**

Assimilatory NADPH-dependent sulfite reductase

PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb9C91/pdb>

Classification: **FLAVOPROTEIN**

Organism(s): **Escherichia coli**

Expression System: **Escherichia coli**

Mutation(s): No

Deposited: 2024-06-13 Released: 2025-02-12

Deposition Author(s): [Ghazi Esfahani, B.](#), [Walid Mendez, J.H.](#), [Stroupe, M.E.](#)

Funding Organization(s): National Science Foundation

Experimental Data Snapshot

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Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

Resolution: 2.78 Å

Aggregation State: PARTICLE

Reconstruction Method: SINGLE PARTICLE

Ran

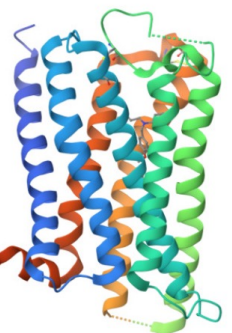
in 3D: [Structure](#) | [Sequence](#)
[Electron Density](#)
[Report](#)
[Reaction \(SRM\)](#)

Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Stoichiometry: Hetero 2-mer -

Model does not fit the map

PDB: 8x63 | EMD: 38078 | 3.2 Å | Nat Commun (2024) 15: 84-84

$CC_{\text{MASK}} = 0.13$



More in 3D: [Structure](#) | [Sequence](#) | [Annotations](#) | [Electron Density](#) | [Validation Report](#) | [Ligand Interaction \(Y5E\)](#) | [Contact Membrane](#)

Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Stoichiometry: Monomer - A1

[Similar Assemblies](#)

 **8X63** | **pdb_000083**

CryoEM structure of the histamine H1 receptor with mepyramine

PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb8X63/pdb> EM Map: [EMD-38078](#)

Classification: MEMBRANE PROTEIN

Organism(s): Homo sapiens, Escherichia coli

Expression System: Spodoptera frugiperda

Mutation(s): Yes

Membrane Protein: Yes [PDBTM](#) [MemProtMD](#) [mpstruc](#)

Deposited: 2023-11-20 **Released:** 2024-01-17

Deposition Author(s): Wang, D.D., Guo, Q.

Funding Organization(s): National Natural Science Foundation of China

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

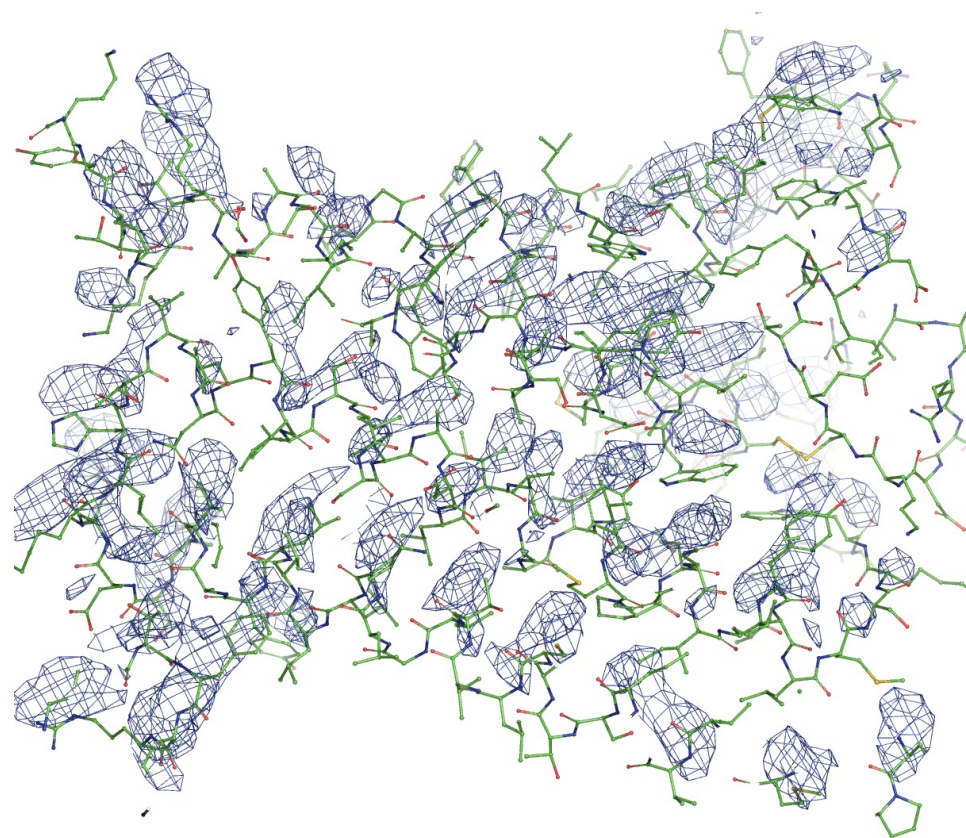
Resolution: 3.20 Å

Aggregation State: PARTICLE

Reconstruction Method: SINGLE PARTICLE

wwPDB Validation

Clash
Ramachandran outliers
Sidechain outliers



Validation reports (RCSB)

6KIQ
Complex of yeast cytoplasmic dynein MTBD-High and MT with DTT

PDB DOI: 10.2210/pdb6KIQ/pdb EM Map EMD-9997: EMDB EMDataResource

Classification: **MOTOR PROTEIN/STRUCTURAL PROTEIN**
Organism(s): *Sus scrofa*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* S288C
Expression System: *Escherichia coli*
Mutation(s): Yes

Deposited: 2019-07-19 Released: 2020-03-04
Deposition Author(s): Komori, Y., Nishida, N., Shimada, I., Kikkawa, M.
Funding Organization(s): Japan Science and Technology Agency, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

Experimental Data Snapshot
Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
Resolution: 3.00 Å
Aggregation State: FILAMENT
Reconstruction Method: HELICAL

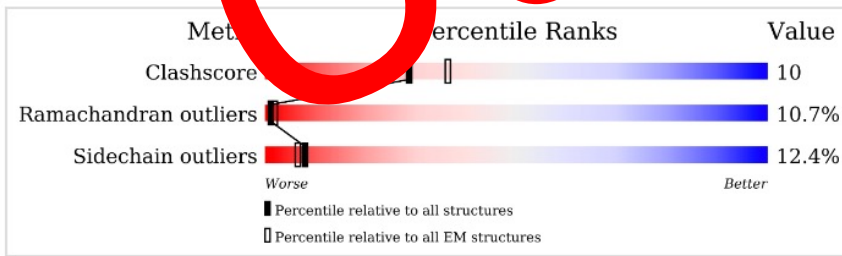
wwPDB Validation Report

Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
Clashscore: 10
Ramachandran outliers: 10.7%
Sidechain outliers: 12.4%

Outdated!

wwPDB Validation

3D Report Full Report



9.5 Map-model fit summary ⓘ

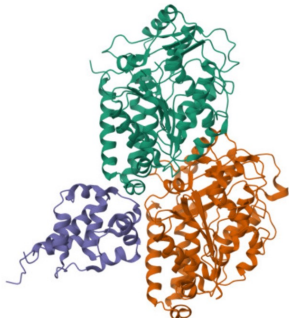
The table lists the average atom inclusion at the recommended contour level (0.125) for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.9062	0.4550
M	0.5810	0.3210
a	0.9659	0.4790
b	0.9656	0.4730

Lack of (useful) model-to-map fit statistics!

Validation reports (RCSB) on 4/28/2026

Biological Assembly 1



Explore in 3D: [Structure](#) | [Sequence Annotations](#) | [Electron Density](#) | [Validation Report](#)

Global Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Global Stoichiometry: Hetero 3-mer - A1B1C1

Pseudo Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1
Pseudo Stoichiometry: Hetero 3-mer - A2B1

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6KIQ | pdb_00006kiq

Complex of yeast cytoplasmic dynein MTBD-High and MT with DTT

PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb6KIQ/pdb> EM Map EMD-9997: [EMDB EMDataResource](#)

Classification: MOTOR PROTEIN/STRUCTURAL PROTEIN

Organism(s): *Sus scrofa*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* S288C

Expression System: *Escherichia coli*

Mutation(s): Yes

Deposited: 2019-07-19 **Released:** 2020-03-04

Deposition Author(s): Komori, Y., Nishida, N., Shimada, I., Kikkawa, M.

Funding Organization(s): Japan Science and Technology, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

Resolution: 3.62 Å

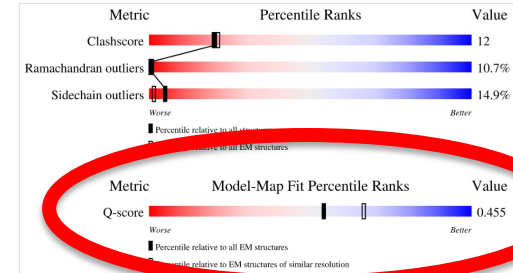
Aggregation State: FILAMENT

Reconstruction Method: HELICAL

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3D Report

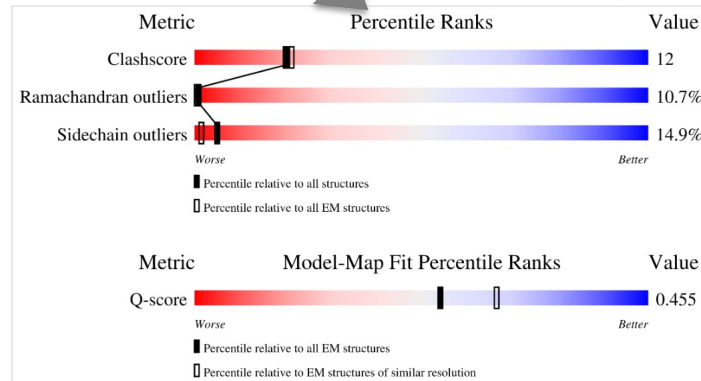
Full Report



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3D Report

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Full wwPDB EM Validation Report

9.3 Map-model fit summary

The table lists the average atom inclusion at the recommended contour level for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.9060	0.4550
M	0.5810	0.3210
a	0.9660	0.4790
b	0.9660	0.4730



Lack of (useful) model-to-map fit statistics!

Q-Score

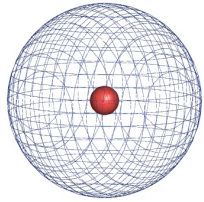
- **Q-score:** measure the resolvability of individual atoms in a cryo-EM map, using an atomic model fitted to or built into the map
 - No use of atomic model parameters such as ADP, occupancy, atom type, ...
 - Shape of density is not used:
 - How SER placed into PHE density is going to score?
 - How water O placed into Mg peak will score?
 - Does not account for missing atoms (it shouldn't given the definition)
 - Alternative conformations are **not** handled
 - Anisotropic atoms are **not** handled

Atom inclusion

- **Atom inclusion:** fraction of atoms inside molecular envelope contoured at a given level
 - Contouring threshold: Arbitrarily? What is optimal level?
 - No use of atomic model parameters such as ADP, occupancy, atom type, ...
 - Does not compare shape of density:
 - How SER placed into PHE density is going to score?
 - How water O placed into Mg peak will score?
 - Does not account for missing atoms
 - Partially occupied atoms (alternative conformations):
 - Chosen level for fully occupied atoms needs to be scaled by occupancy for partially occupied atoms

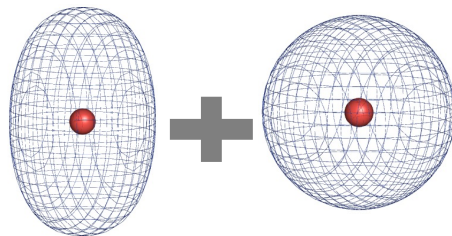
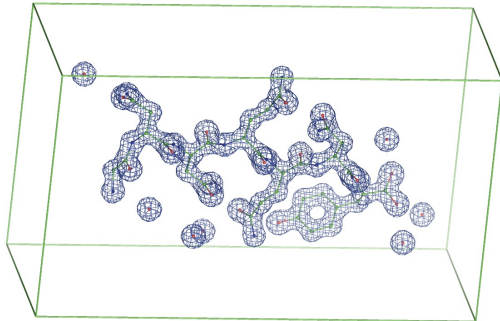
Model-to-map fit validation: CC_{MASK}

- Gaussian IAM (Independent Atom Model)



$$\rho_{atom}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0, B, q) = q \sum_{k=1}^5 a_k \left(\frac{4\pi}{b_k + B} \right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{4\pi^2 |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|^2}{b_k + B} \right)$$

ATOM	25	CA	PRO	A	4	31.309	29.489	26.044	1.00	57.79	C
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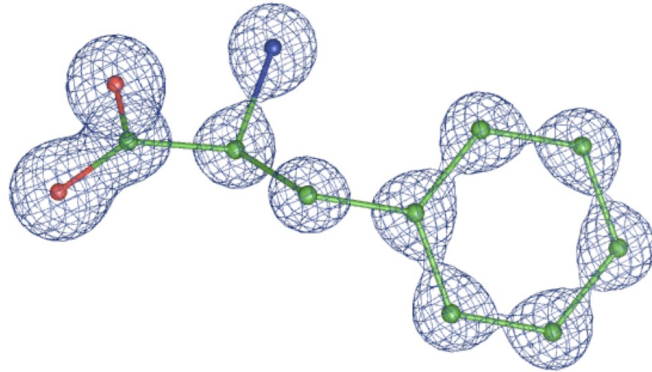


$$\rho_{\text{MODEL}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{Natoms}} \rho_{\text{atoms}}(\mathbf{r})$$

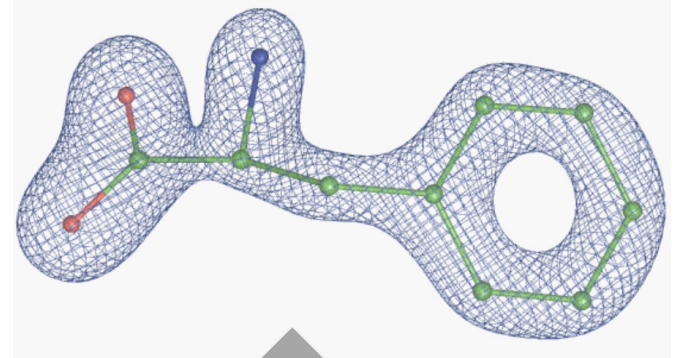
Model-to-map fit validation: CC_{MASK}

3Å model-calculated map

Exact model map



FT



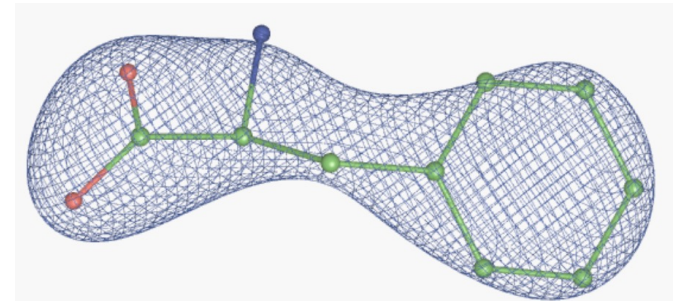
CC_{MASK}



CC_{MASK}



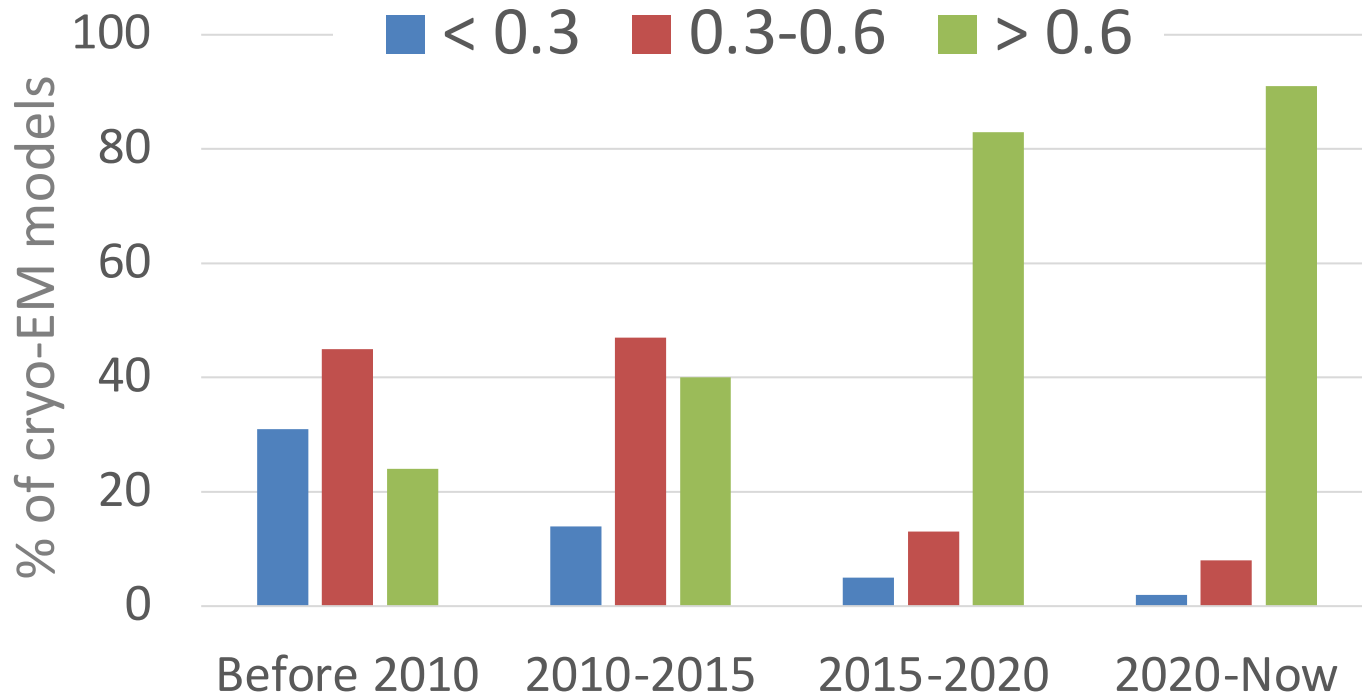
3Å experimental map



$$\rho_{\text{MODEL}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{atoms}}} \rho_{\text{atoms}}(\mathbf{r})$$

- FT exact model map
- Remove terms up to specified resolution
- FT back to real space to get a Fourier image = “Model map”

CC_{MASK} for all cryo-EM entries by year

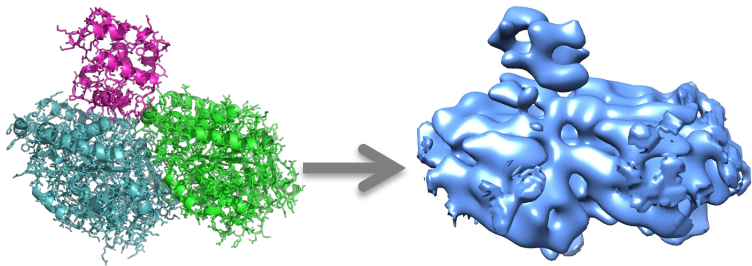


Real-space refinement in Phenix

■ < 0.3 = No correlation between model and experimental map!

Model-to-map fit validation: CC_{MASK}

Model to map fit



$$CC_{\text{MASK}} = \frac{\sum \rho_{\text{obs}} \rho_{\text{calc}}}{(\sum \rho_{\text{obs}}^2 \sum \rho_{\text{calc}}^2)^{1/2}}$$

ρ_{obs} = experimental map

ρ_{calc} = model calculated map

- Easy interpretation: -1: anticorrelation, 0: no correlation, 1: perfect correlation
- Uses all atomic model parameters (XYZ, B-factors, occ, atom type)
- Not specific to map type (any map: x-ray, neutron, electron, cryo-EM, ...)
- Can be calculated locally (per atom, residue, chain, molecule, whole box, ...)
 - Local resolution can be trivially taken into account

Metric	Expected value
CC_{MASK}	Poor: < 0.3 So-so: 0.3-0.6 Good: > 0.6

Model-to-map fit validation: CC flavors

Metric	Region of map used	Purpose
CC box	Whole map	Similarity of maps
CC mask	Jiang & Brunger (1994) mask with a fixed radius	Fit of the atomic centers
CC volume	Mask of points with the highest values in the model map	Fit of the molecular envelope defined by the model map
CC peaks	Mask of points with the highest values in the model and in the target maps	Fit of the strongest peaks in the model and target maps

Metric	Expected value
CC _{MASK}	Poor: < 0.3
	So-so: 0.3-0.6
	Good: > 0.6

From validation after RSR:

Model vs. Data	
CC (mask)	0.80
CC (box)	0.61
CC (peaks)	0.45
CC (volume)	0.77
Mean CC for ligands	0.69

Questions?