

Model-Building using x-ray data

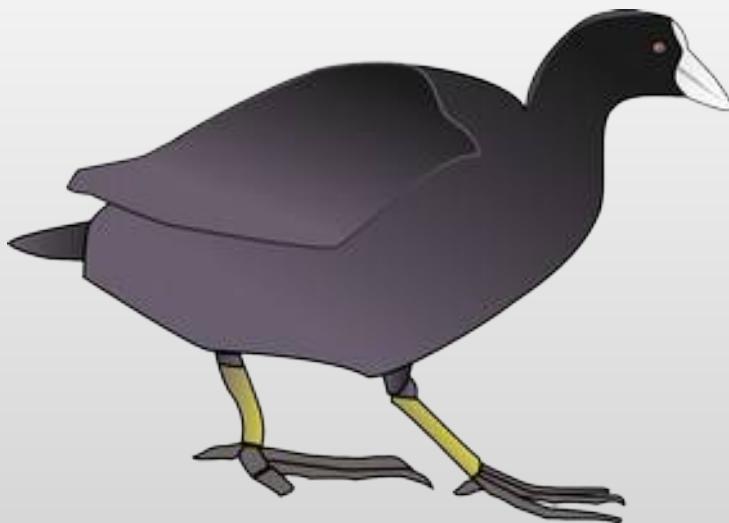
with *Coot*

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Note to self

- Expand rotamers, (trans/eclipsed/gauche torsions)
- Expand phi, psi
- Discuss Rama restraints

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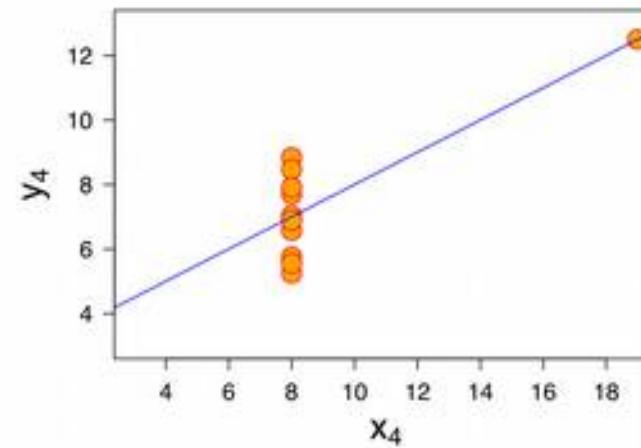
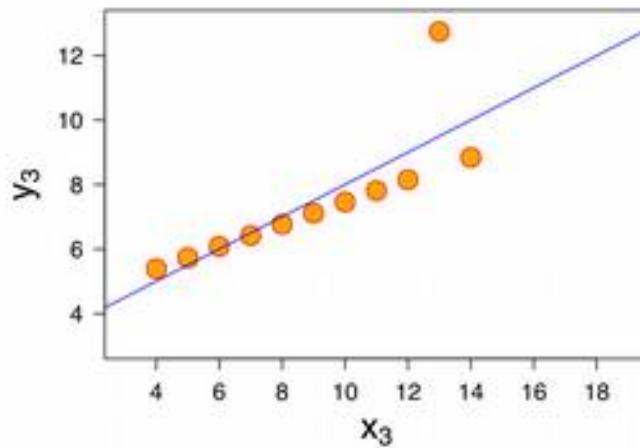
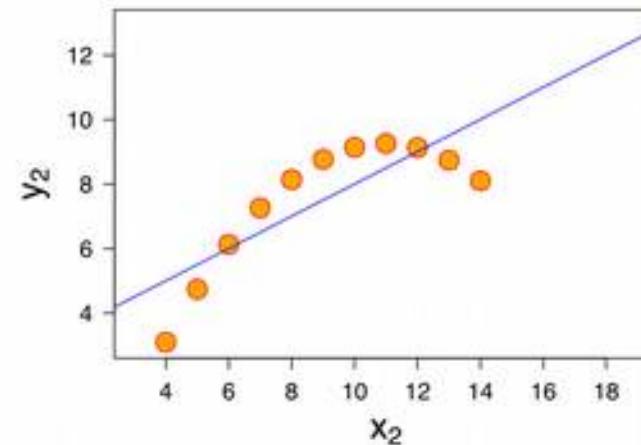
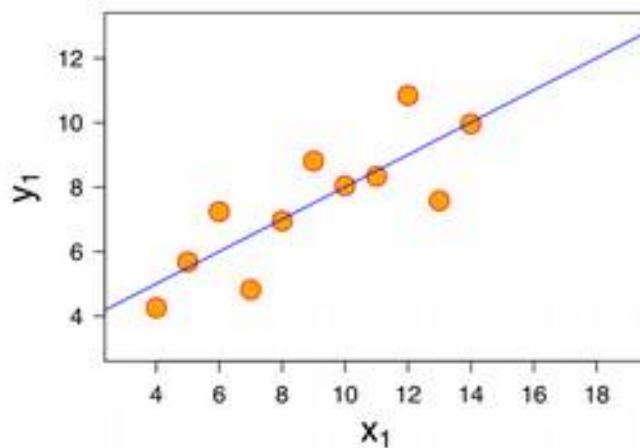
A bit of context

- Why use 3D graphics?

Summary Statistics

- Are useful, but don't tell the whole story
- Let's say we have 10 data points
 - X mean 9
 - Y mean 7.5
 - correlation 0.816
 - regression $y = 3 + \frac{1}{2} x$

View Your Data and Model



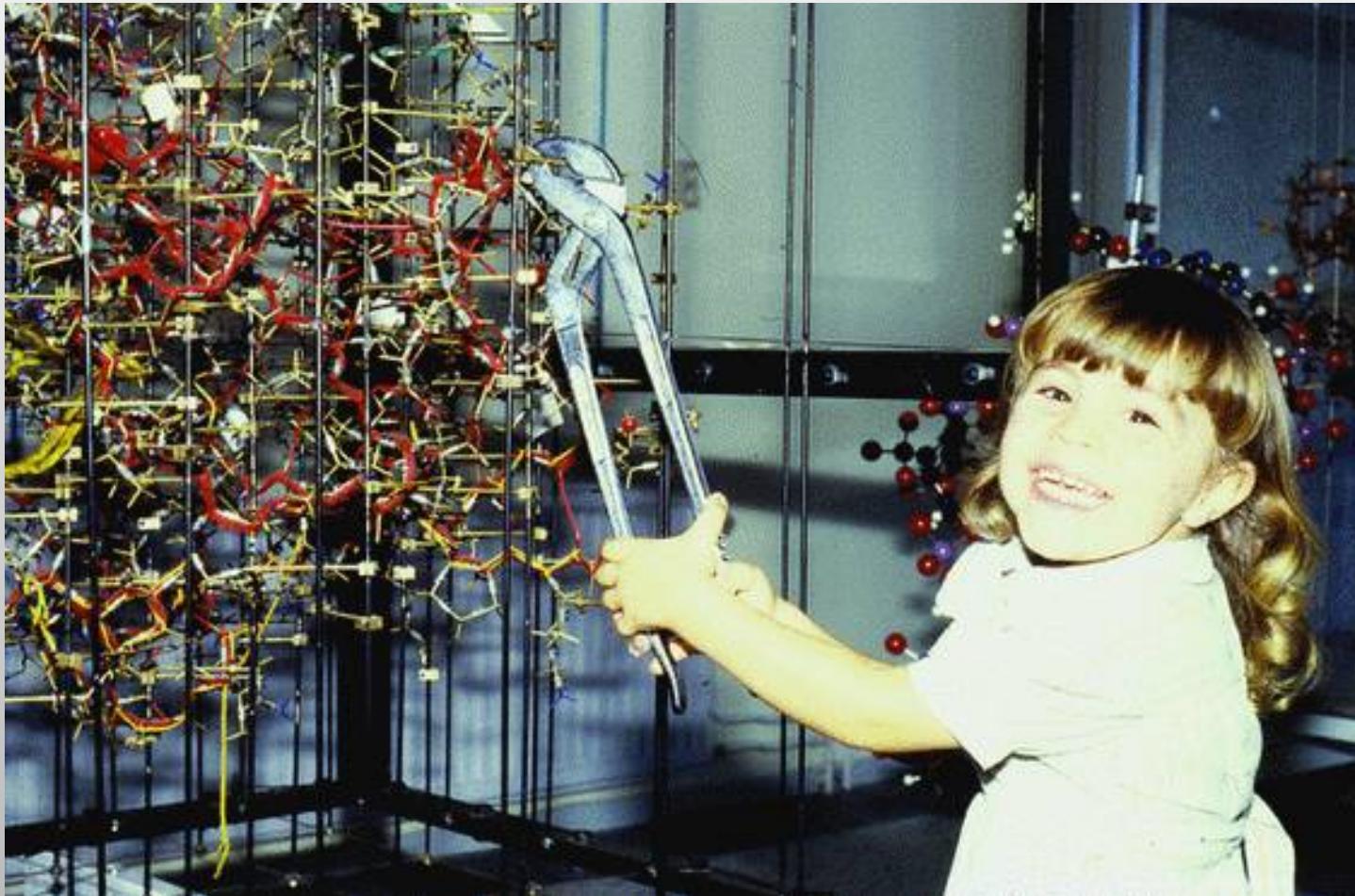
Anscombe's Quartet

“Manual Model Building”



DCH building first insulin model

Kendrew wire model of alcohol dehydrogenase that is about to undergo a round of rebuilding by Maelle Cambillau



T. Alwyn Jones (2004)

Coot

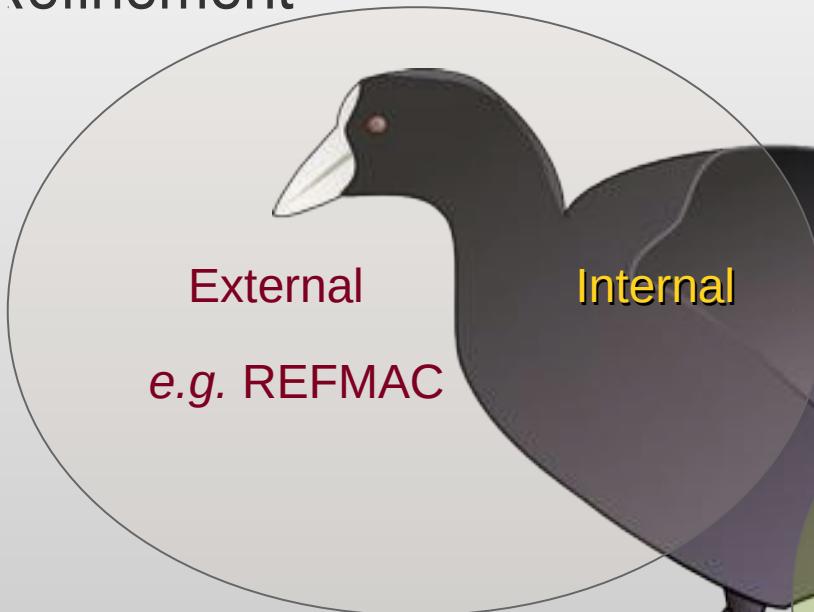
- Molecular Graphics application
 - Protein Crystallographic model-building tools
 - Designed to “fill the gap” where automatic methods fail
 - (generally, we don't use molecular graphics programs to do what automatic methods can do)
- Interface to other programs: SHELXL, Refmac, Libcheck, Probe&Reduce (Molprobity), EBI, EDS, Povray... and others

But Why Bother?

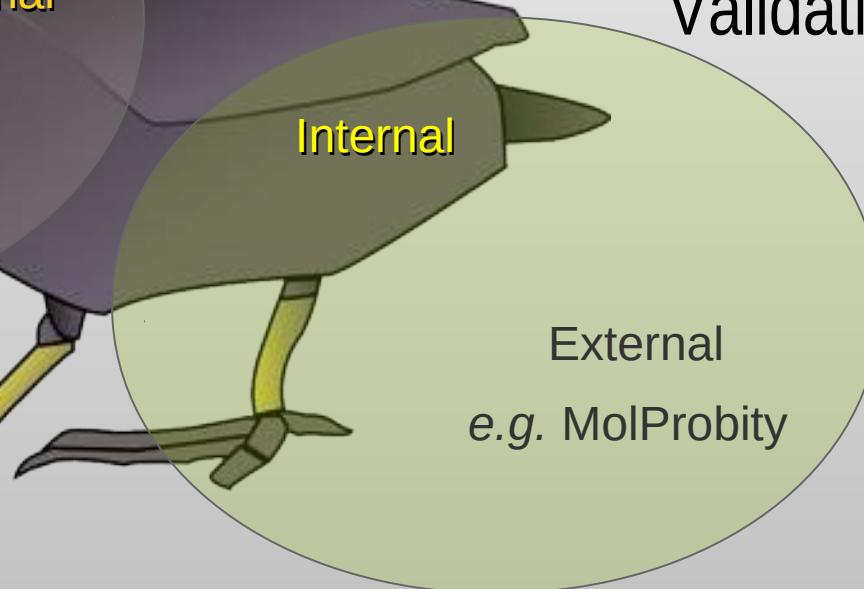
- Automated model-building for complete models is still impossible
 - It takes a brain to validate
- Concerted correction/improvement of a model is difficult on the larger scale

Feature Integration

Refinement



Validation



Validation, Model Building and Refinement should be used together

What is “Refinement”?

- The adjustment of model parameters (co-ordinates) so that the calculated structure factors match the observations as nearly as possible
 - In “one-shot” real-space refinement, such as in Coot, this translates to:
 - move the atoms into as high density as possible while minimizing geometrical distortions

Real Space Refinement

- Major feature of Coot
 - Gradient minimizer (BFGS derivative)
 - Based on mmCIF standard dictionary
 - Minimizing bonds, angles, planes, non-bonded contacts, torsions, chiral volumes
 - Additional user-defined restraints,
 - secondary structure restraints
 - homologous protein local environment restraints
- Provides “interactive refinement”

Refinement in Coot has been extended in several ways...

What prior geometric information do we have?

- We know chemistry....
 - We know bond lengths and uncertainties
 - We know bond angles and uncertainties
 - We know the chiral centres
 - We know which atoms should lie in a plane
 - We know (more or less) about torsions
- We combine the gradients from the data with those from molecular mechanics in the minimisation

REFMAC Monomer Library

chem_comp_bond

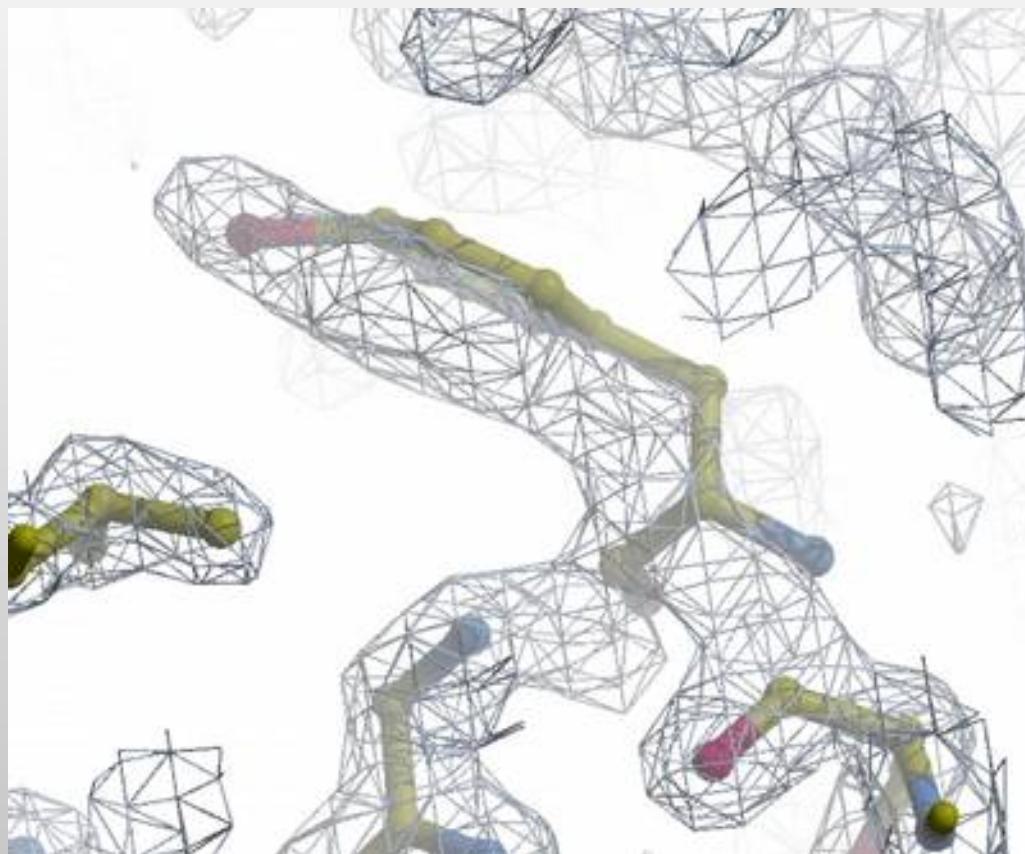
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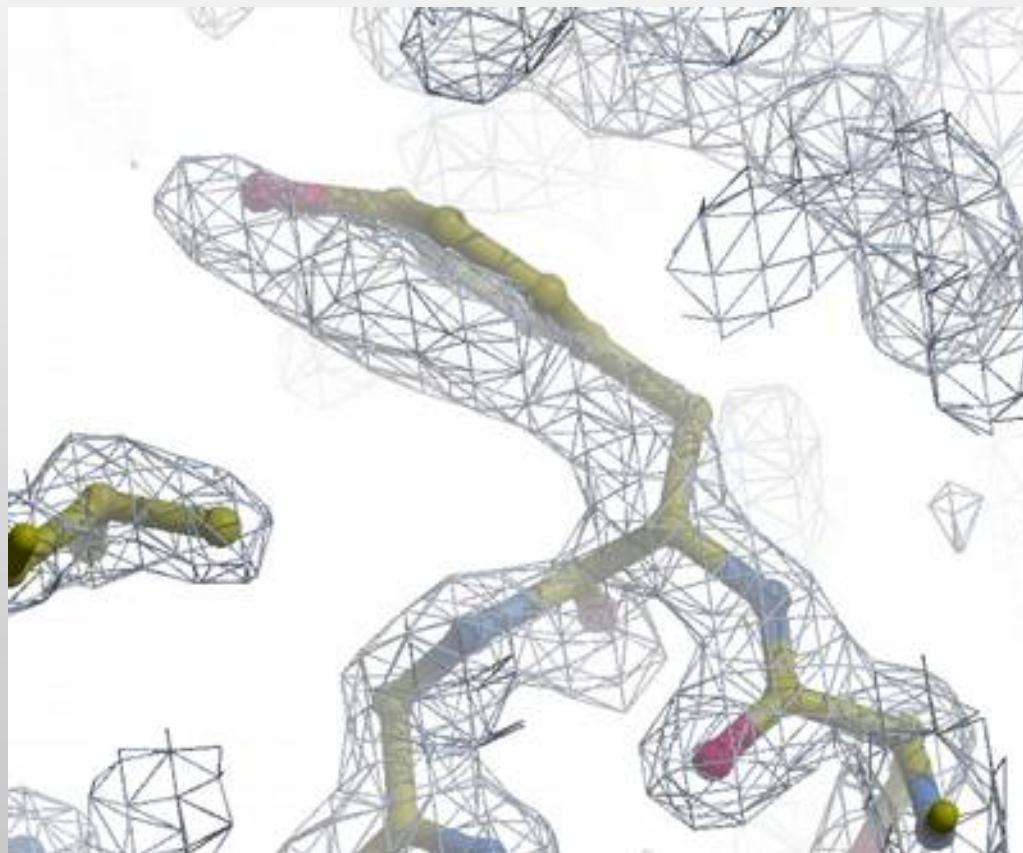
APPENDIX A

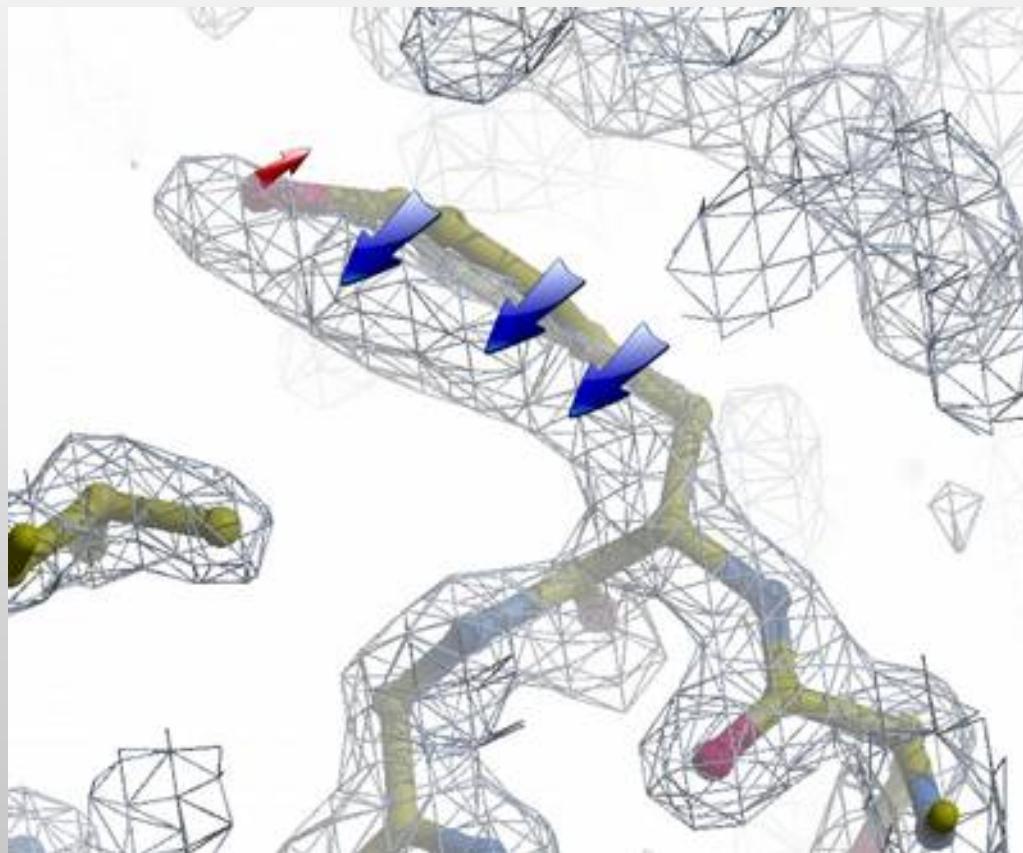
Regularization and refinement derivatives

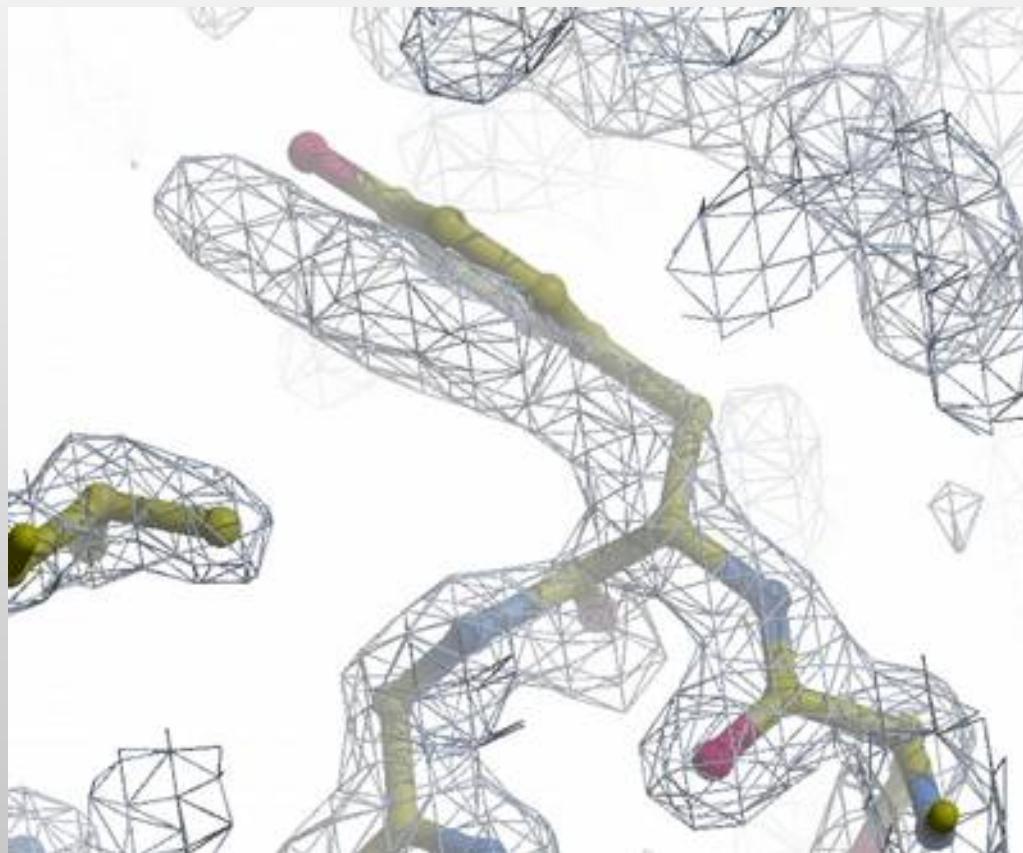
The function that we are trying to minimize is S , where

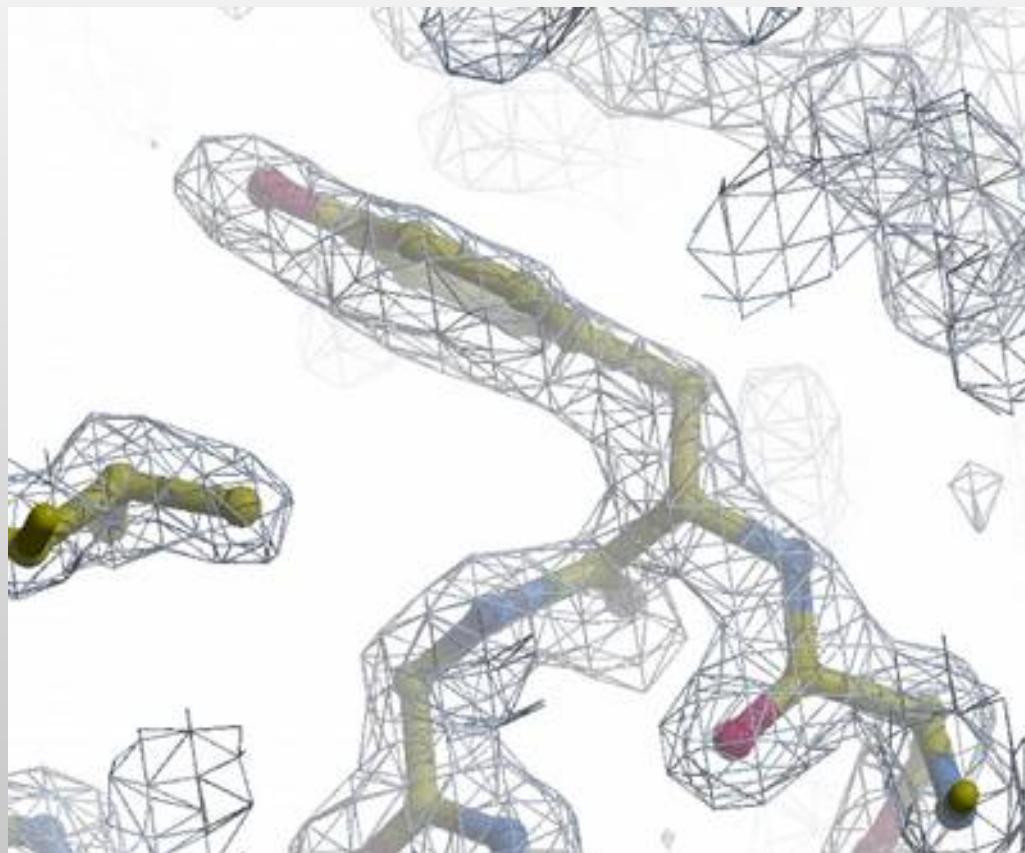
$$S = S_{\text{bond}} + S_{\text{angle}} + S_{\text{torsion}} + S_{\text{plane}} + \\ S_{\text{nbc}} + S_{\text{chiral}}$$

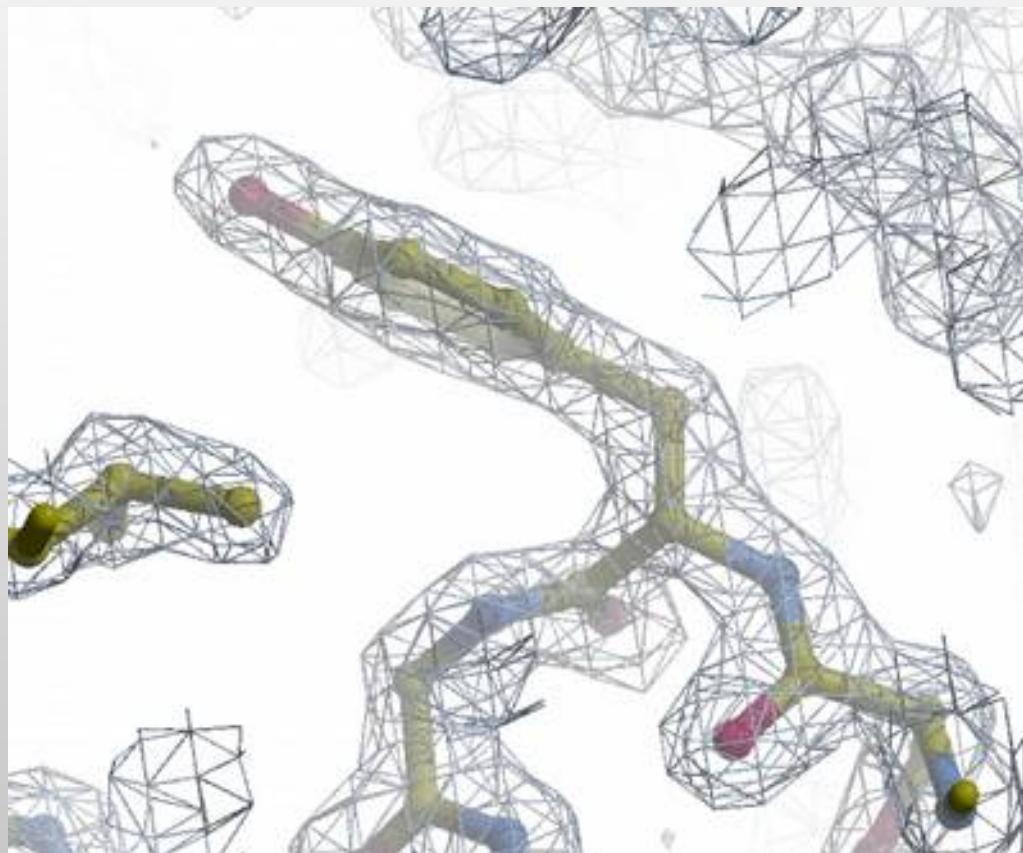






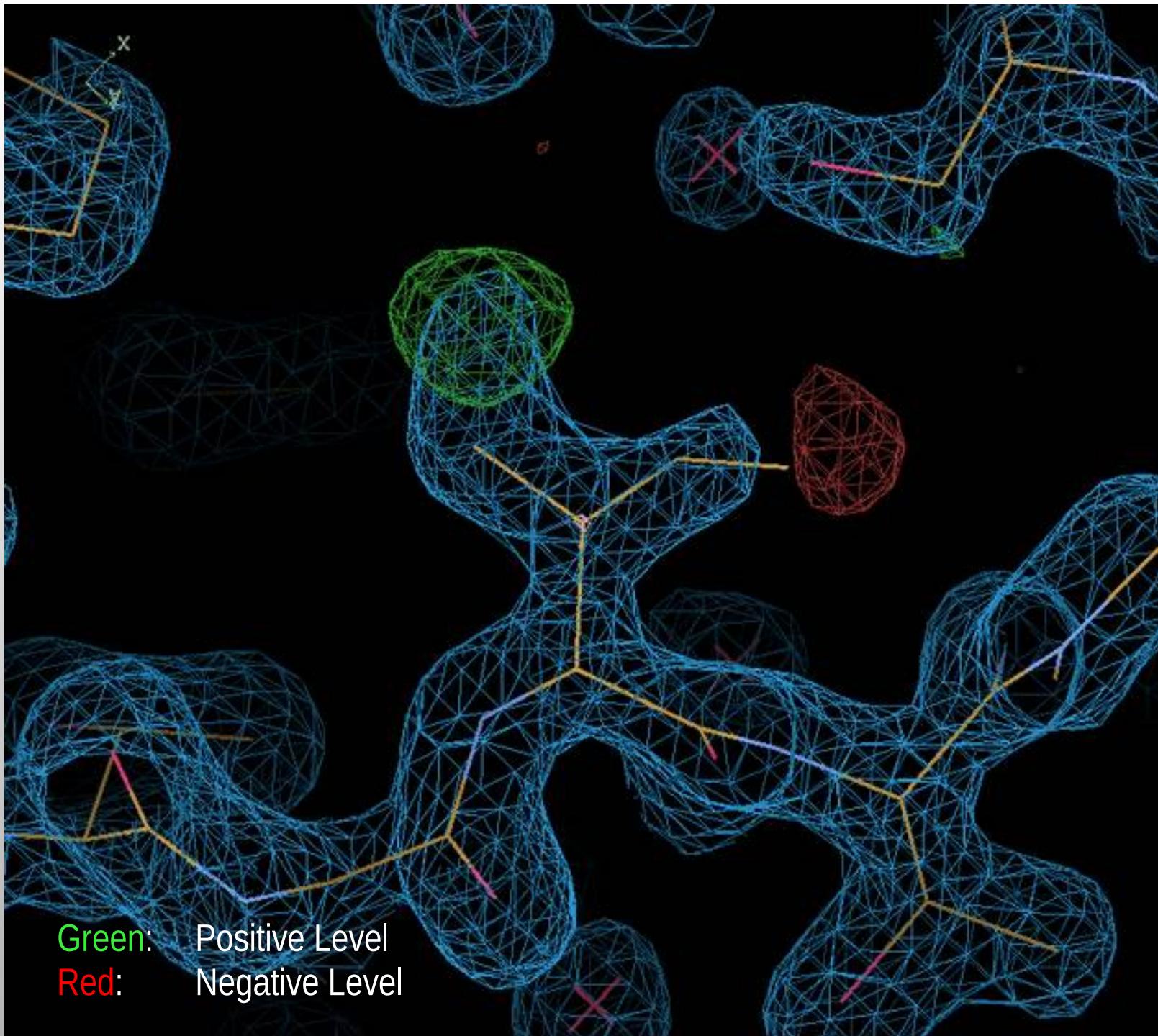






Different types of electron density maps

- “Experimental” maps
 - maps that result directly from the crystallographic data analysis: MIR, MAD, SAD
- Direct Maps:
 - where the atoms are
- Coefficients $F_o - F_c$ (“difference map”)
 - Identifies errors in the model. Locations in space where there should be atoms show positive peaks, while locations where the model contains atoms that should not be there show negative peaks.



Green: Positive Level
Red: Negative Level

Representation of Results:

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created 38 angle      restraints
created 1 plane       restraints
created 5 chiral vol restraints
created 76 restraints

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 12 angle  links
 8 plane  links
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The first attempt

Student Reaction:

“Oh, I don't look at that window...”

Representation of Results:



Second attempt...

Student Reaction:

“Oh, box of meaningless numbers.

Go away”

Representation of Results: “Traffic Lights”

“Traffic Lights” represent the RMSd values for each of the refined geometry types



Good refinement

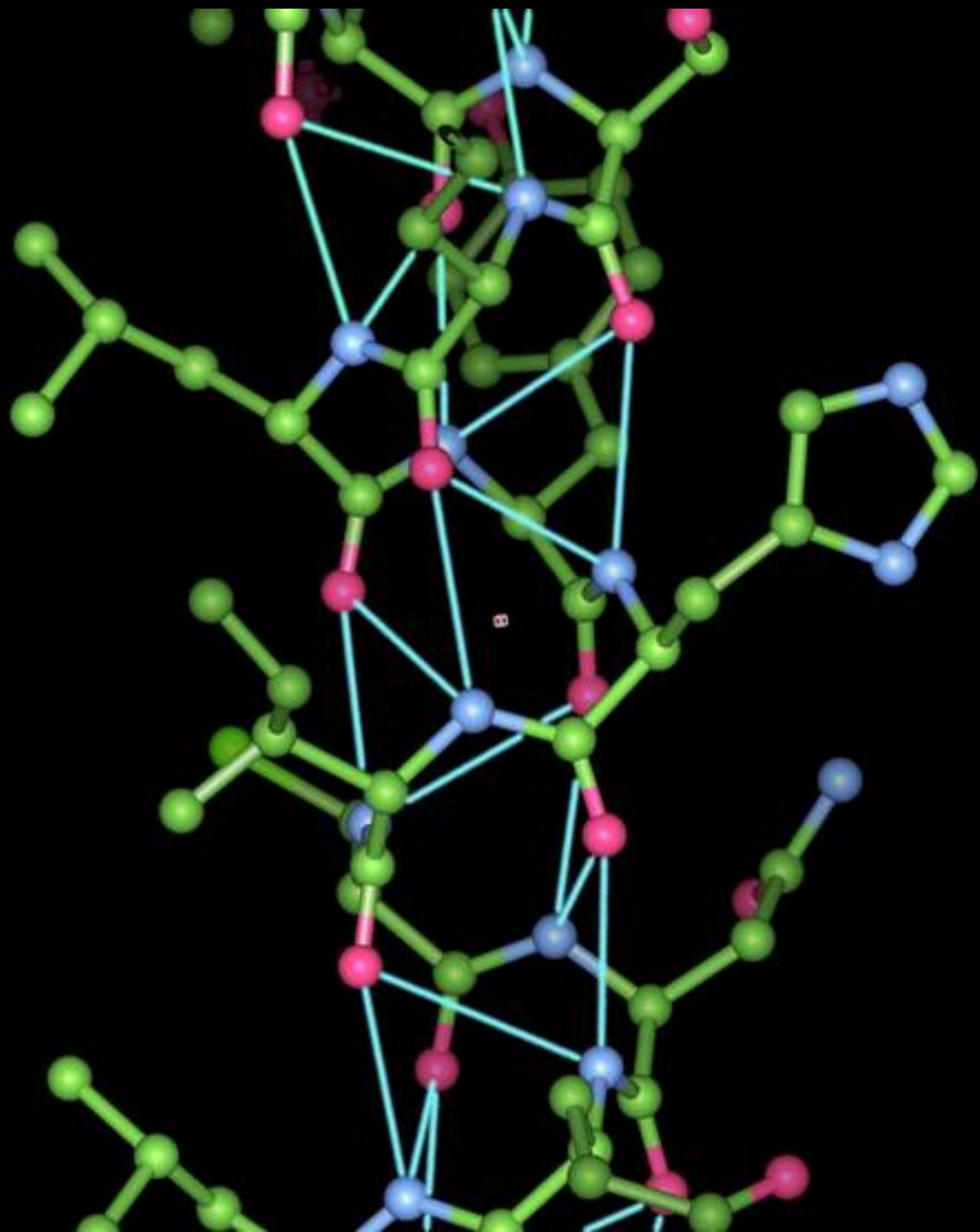


Bad refinement

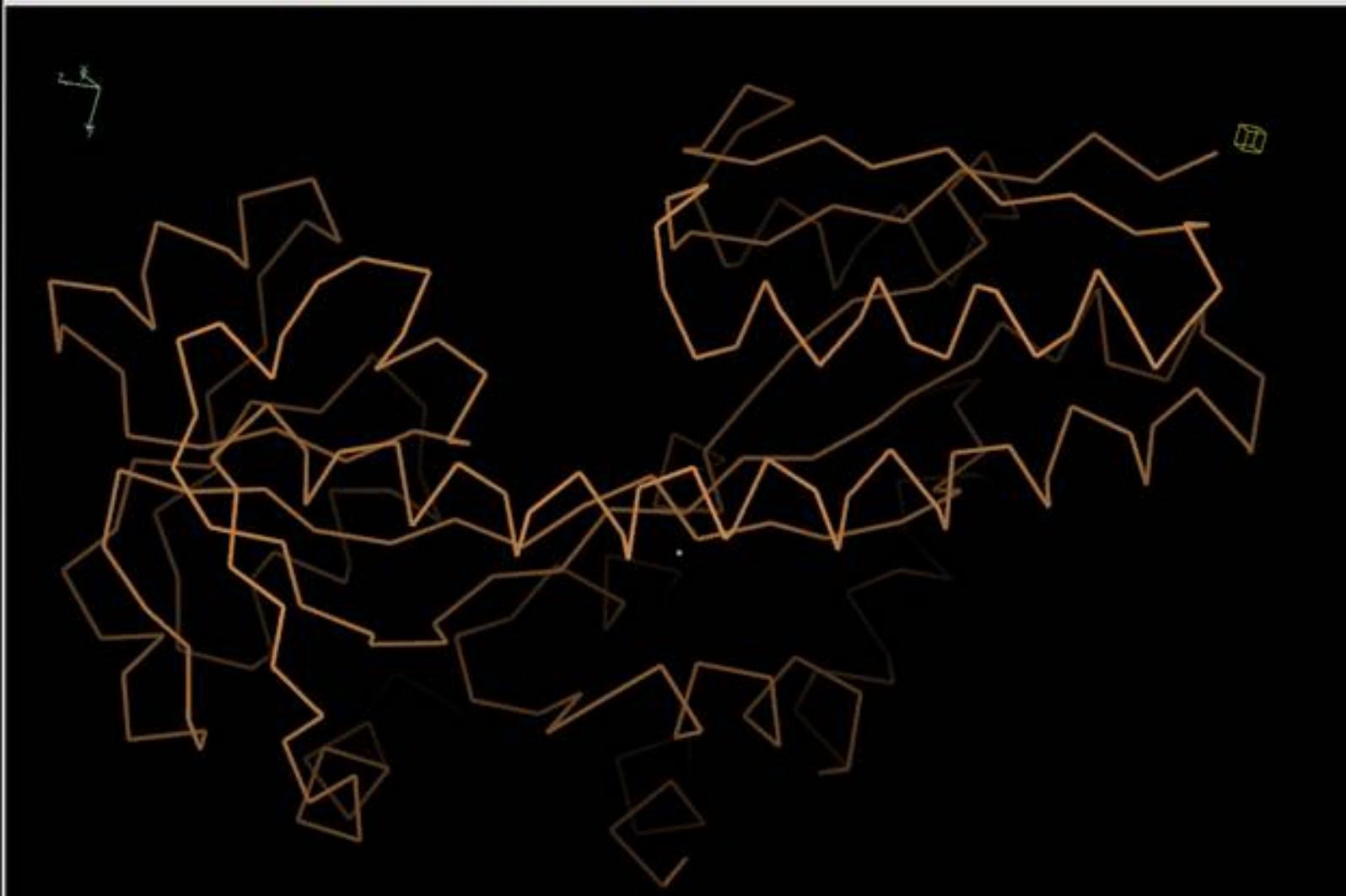
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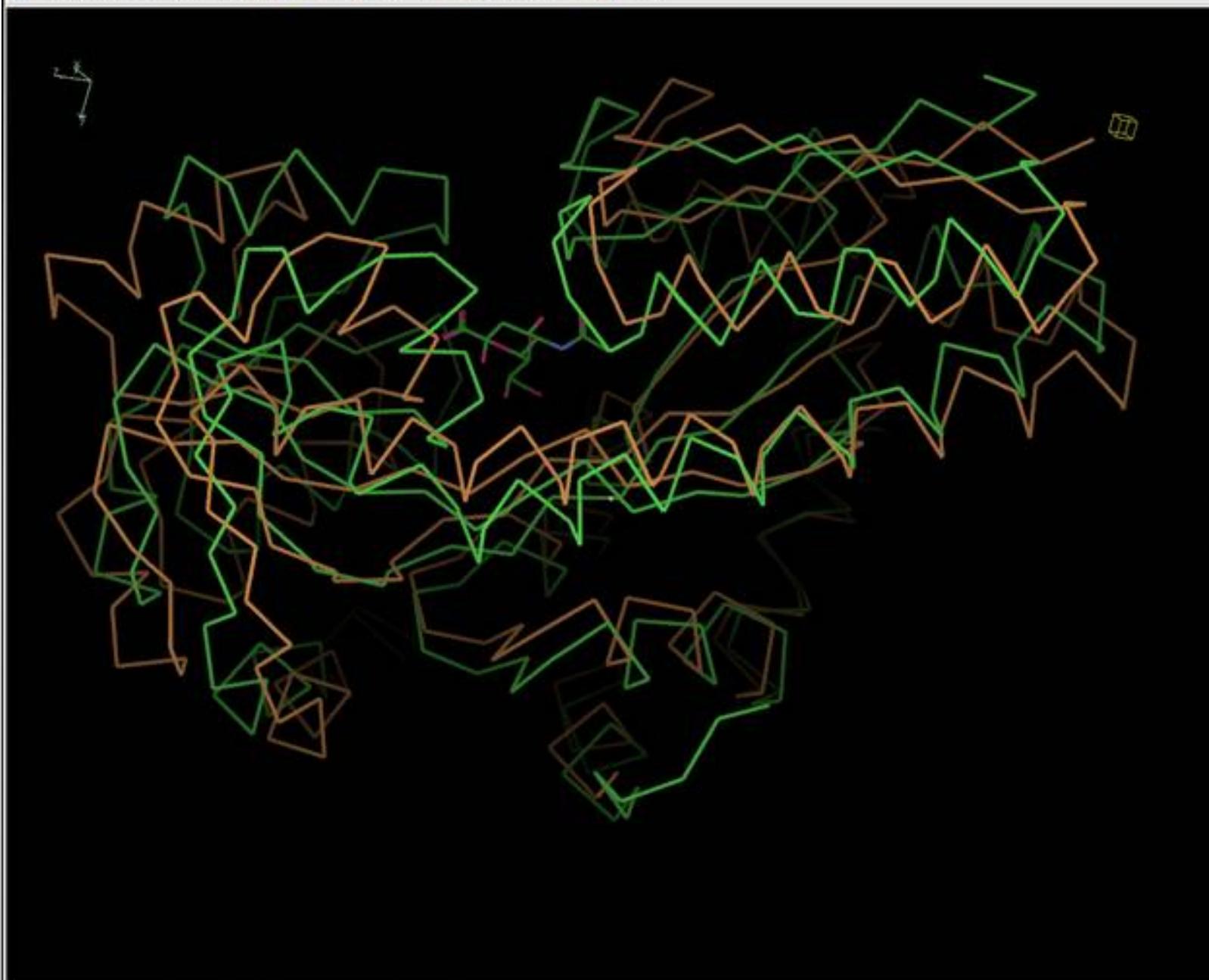
- Use previous-solved “template” structures to inform the refinement of the (low resolution) target protein
- Conformation-independent structural comparison/superposition
- and restraint generation

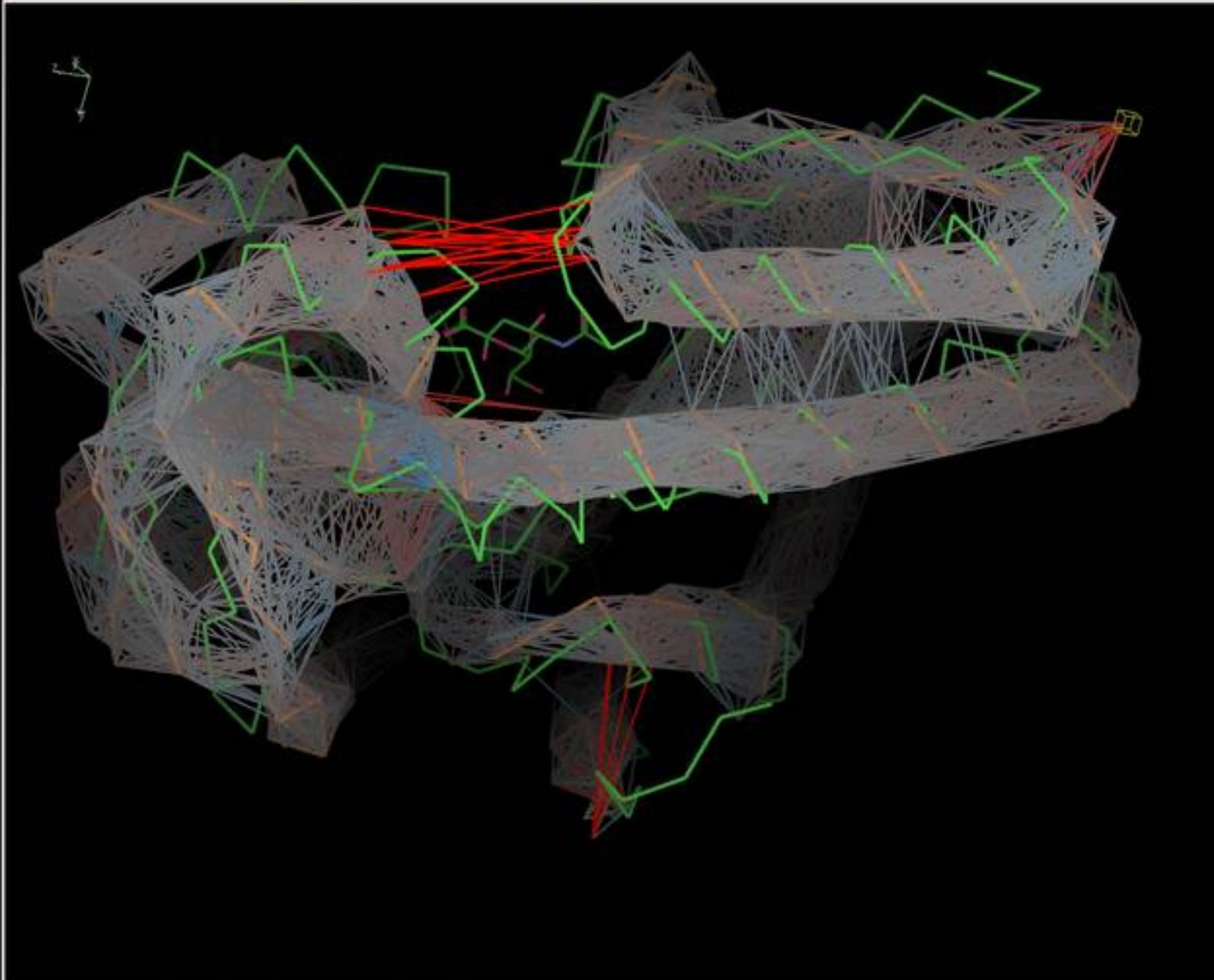
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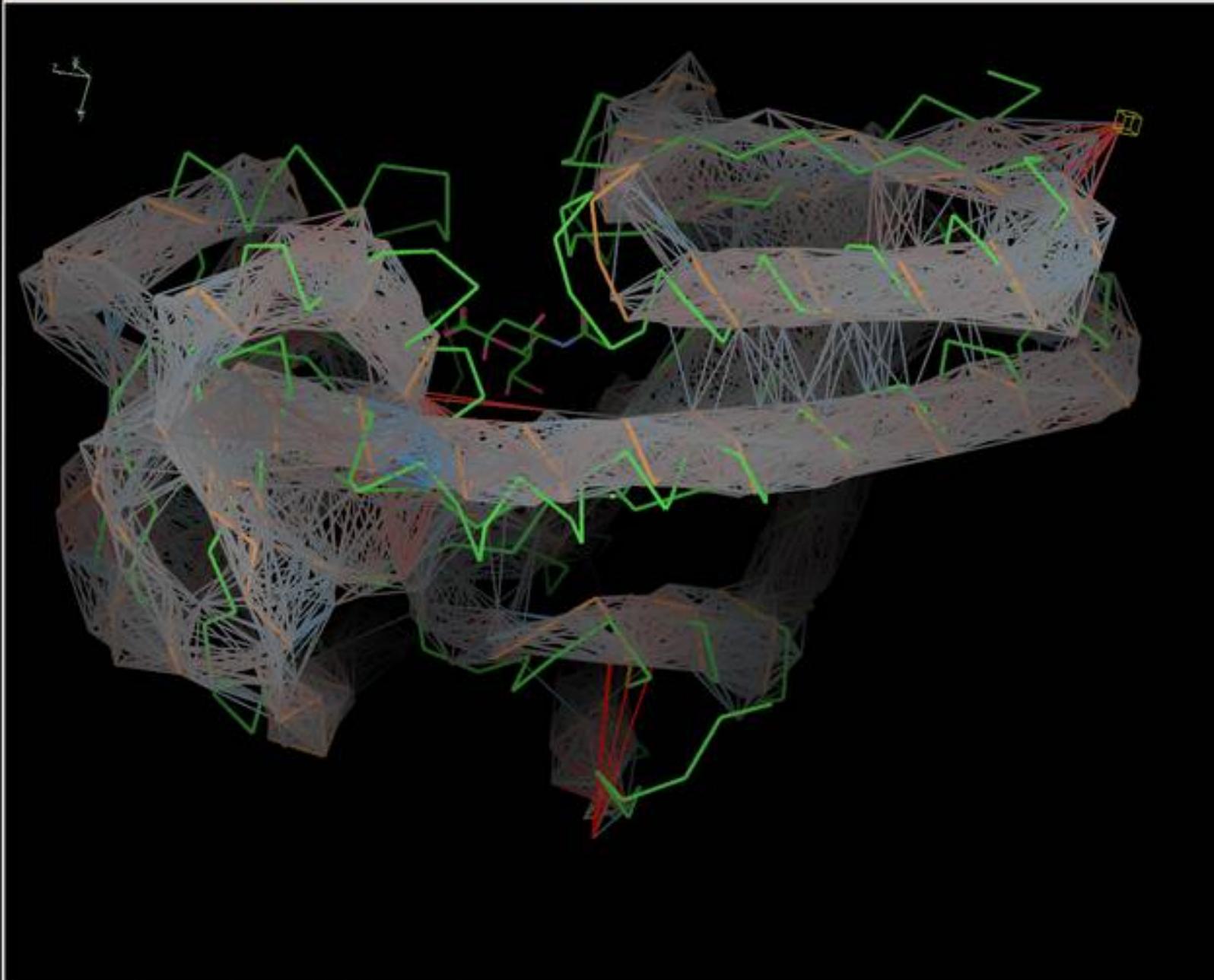


replace these





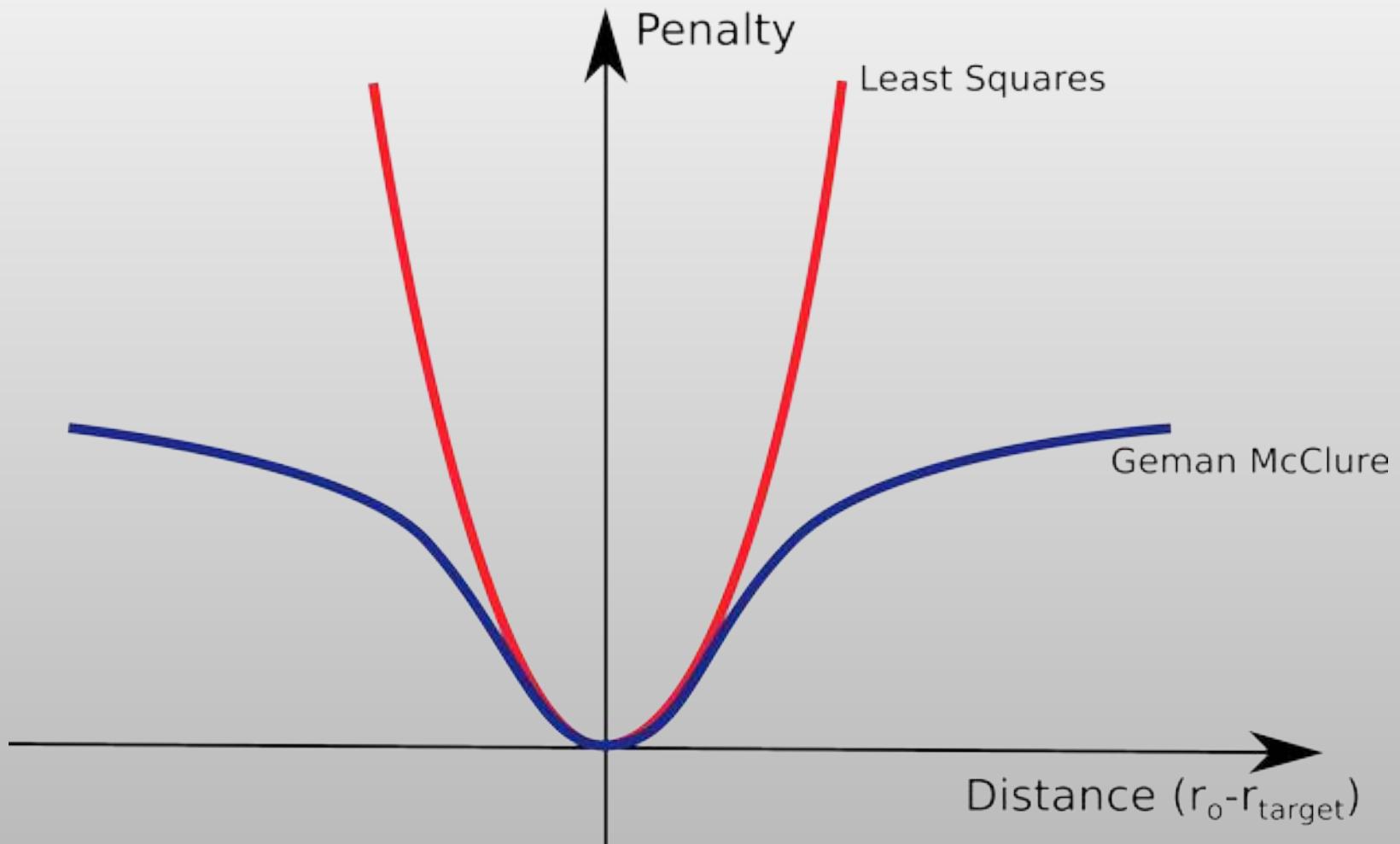




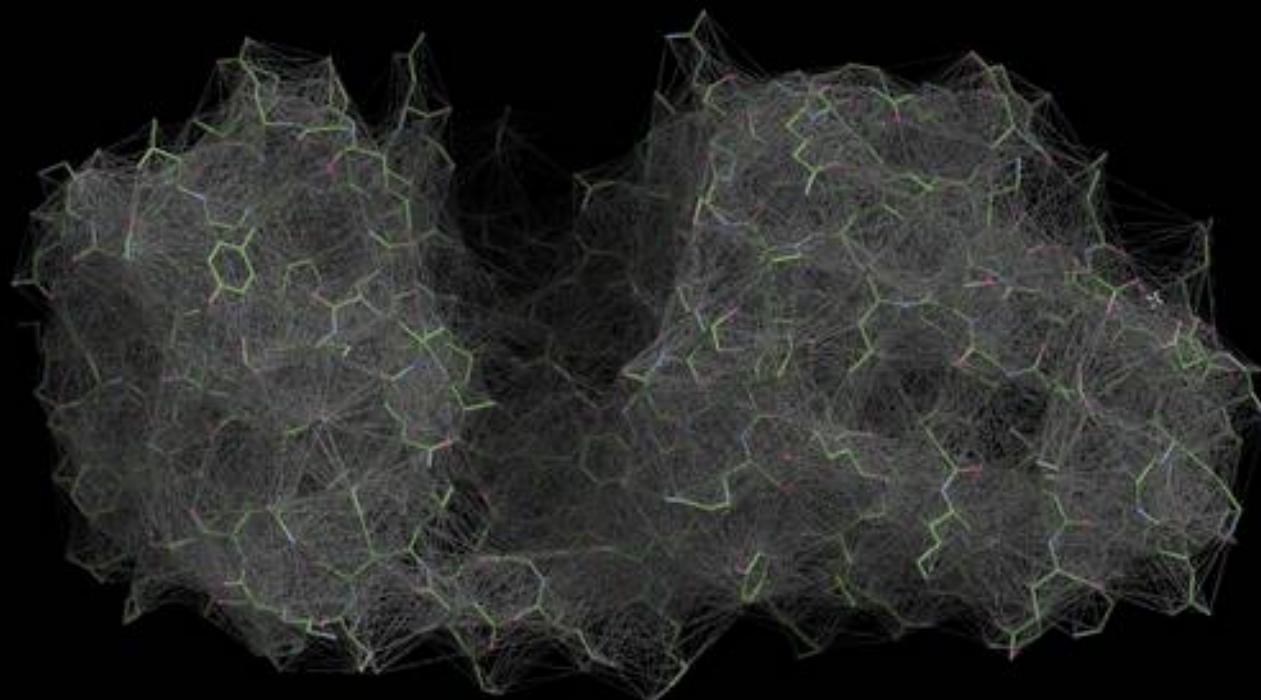
ProSMART integration

- ProSMART generates distance restraints from homologous structures
 - to be applied to current model for refinement
 - now available in Coot

Modified Target Function

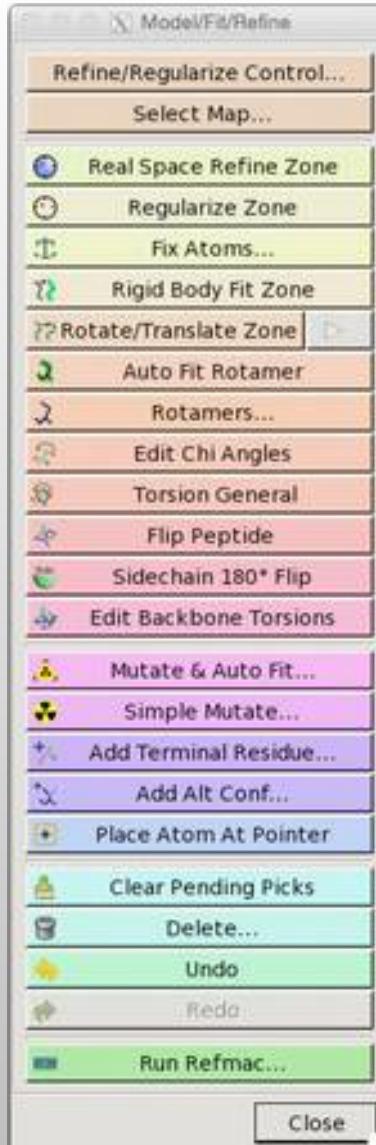


ProSMART Restraints

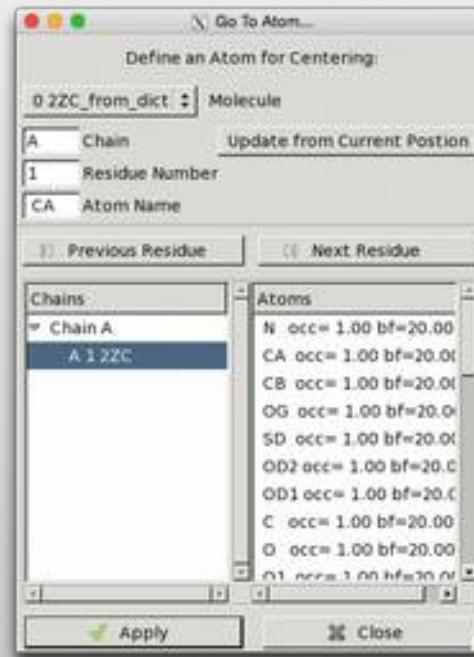


A note on *Coot's* GUI

- It used to be clean
- Now lots of features have been added without much thought
- “Somewhat difficult to navigate”
- “Hidden” hot-keys



IISTDTIDIW



- If I See This Dialog Then I'm Doing It Wrong

Refinement Techniques

- Single-Atom Drag
 - Over-dragging
- Key-bindings:
 - Triple Refine “T”, with auto-accept: “H”
 - Single Residue Refine: “R” with Auto-accept: “X”
 - Add Residue: “Y”
 - Autofit rotamer” “J”
 - Residue Flip: E, Shift: Opt-Alt- → Rotate: Ctl Shft - →
 - Hybridization-aware residue fragment rotation: “Shift F”

Common Moves not Typically Used

- Quickly fix gross errors:
- (say side-chain built into main-chain density)
- Eigen flip residue
- Rotate/translate residue
- “x” refine

Biggest issue learning coot...

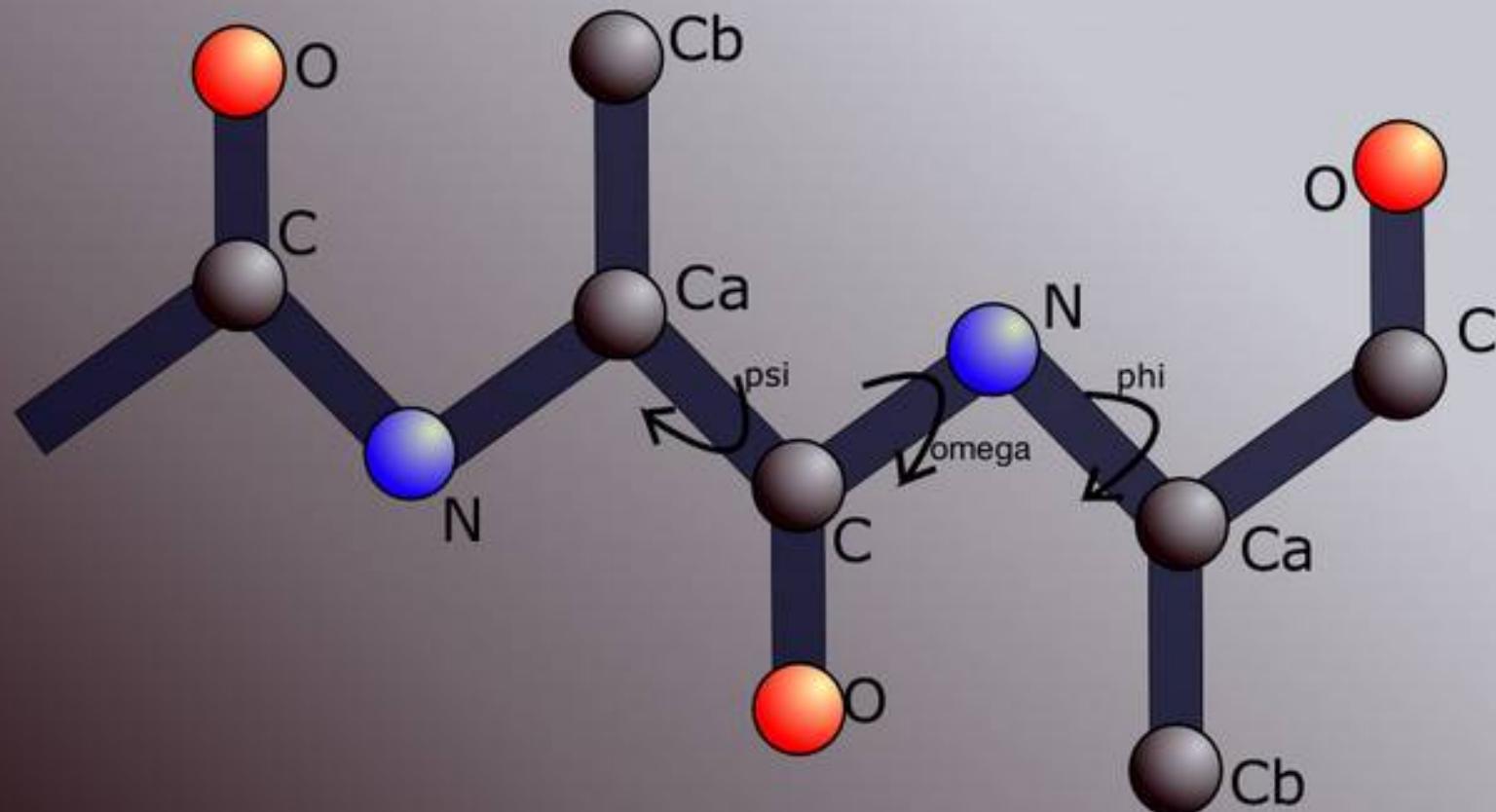
- to recognise which tool is suitable for the current problem
- Here are some examples:
- 'H' Refinement
- 'J' Rotamer
- 'E' eigen-flip

clicking on atoms is slow, try not to do that

Rotamer Searching

- Two methods
 - Traditional
 - Backrub

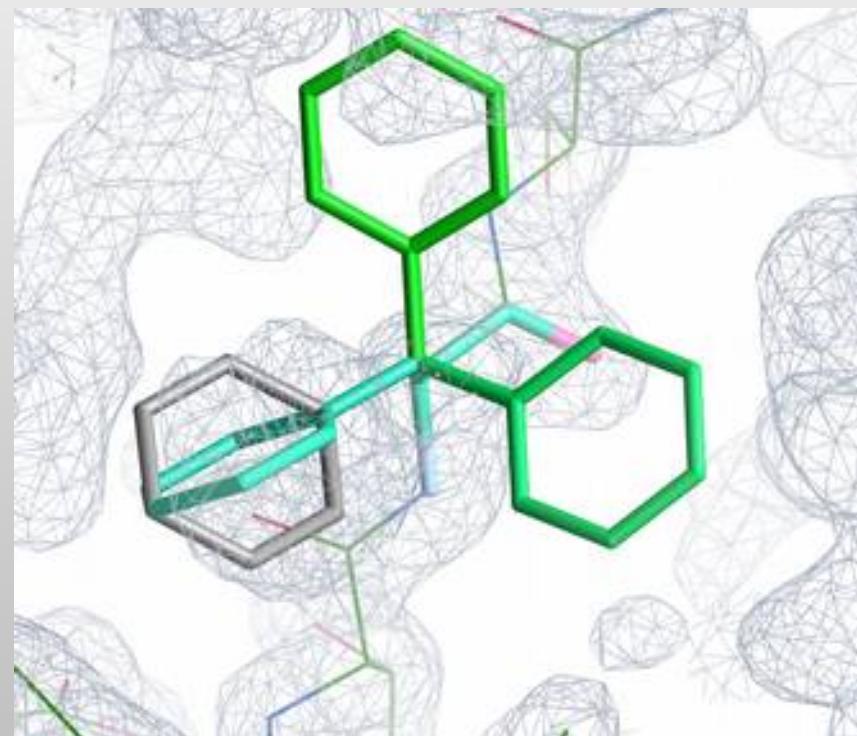
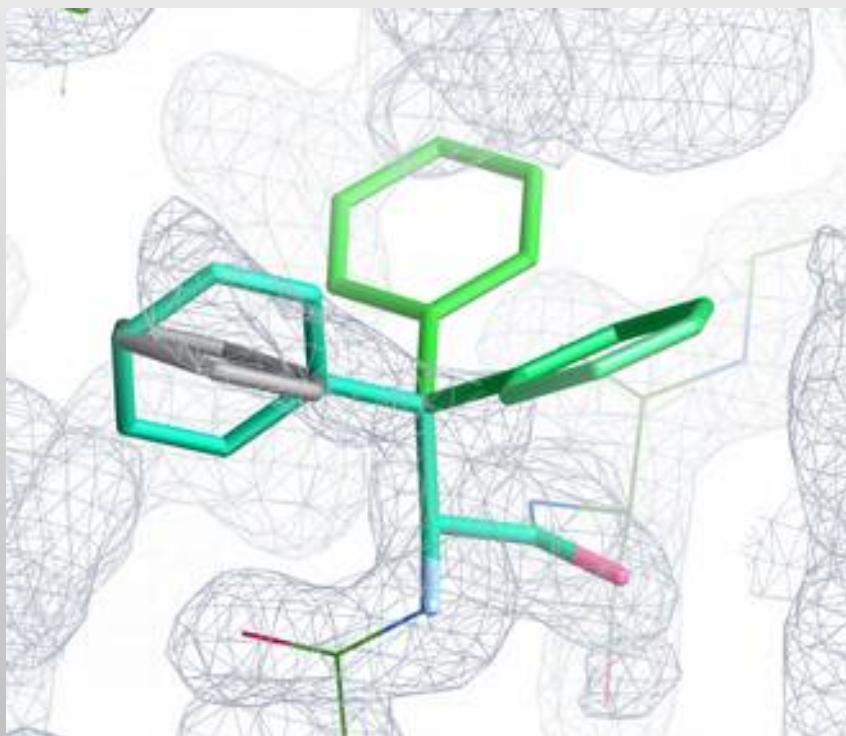
Peptide Torsion Angles



Rotamers

- Rotamers are preferred configurations of a side-chains rotatable bonds
 - where “preferred” means these configurations occur more frequently in a set of reference protein structures
 - “preferred” because they are low-energy conformations
- Several Rotamer “databases” exist
 - best: (Son of) Penultimate Rotamer Library

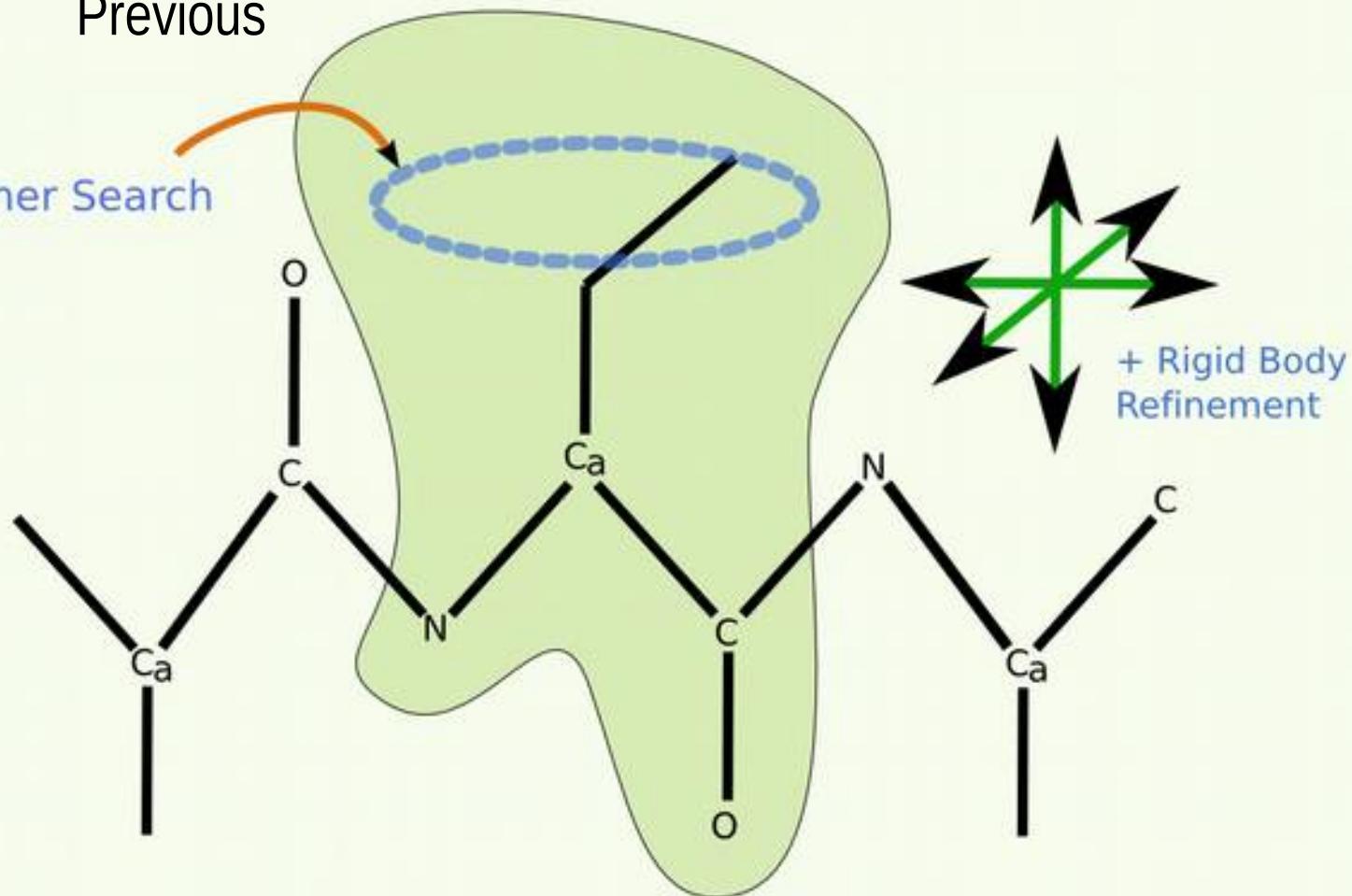
4 PHE Rotamers



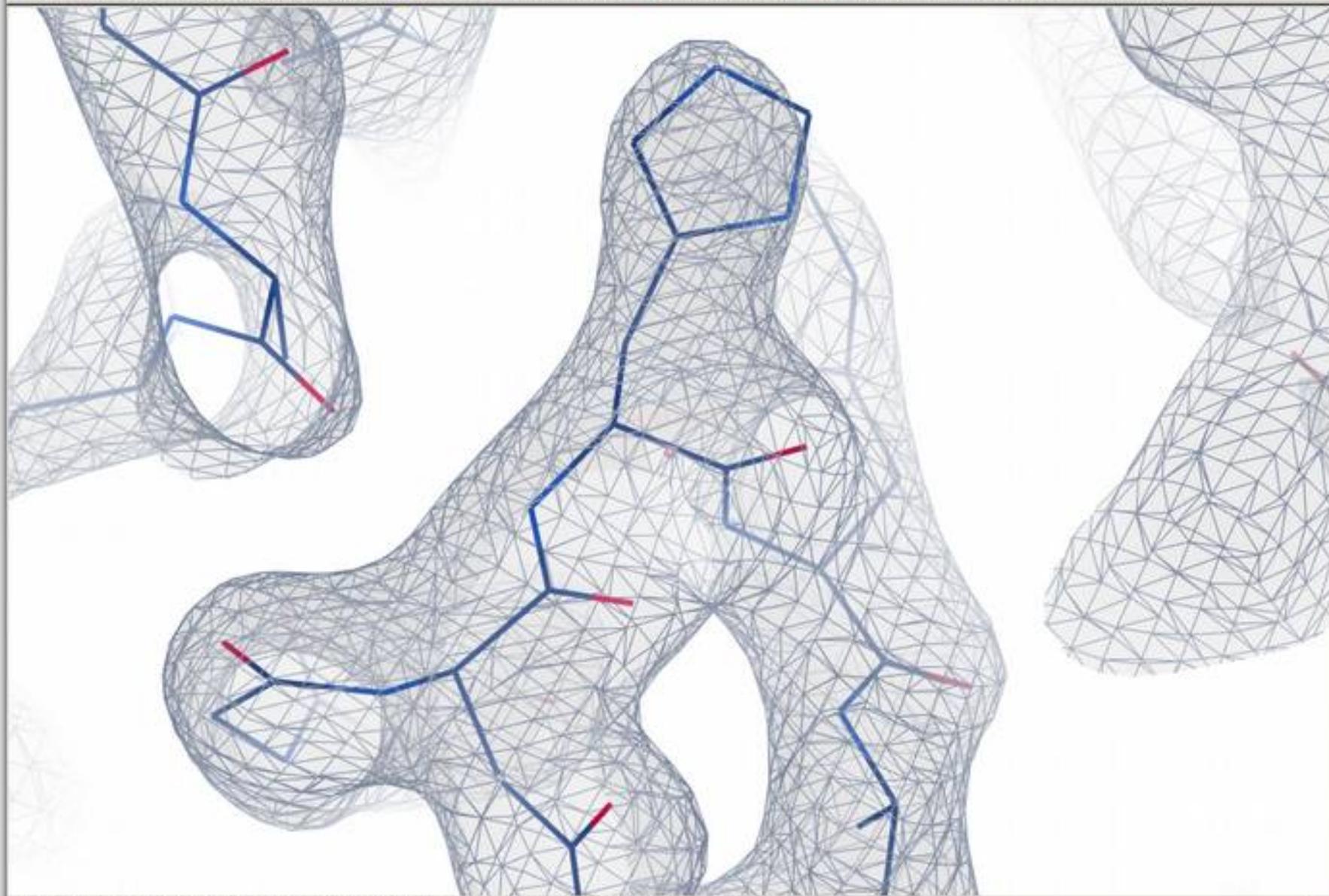
~~Current Low Resolution Rotamer Search~~

Previous

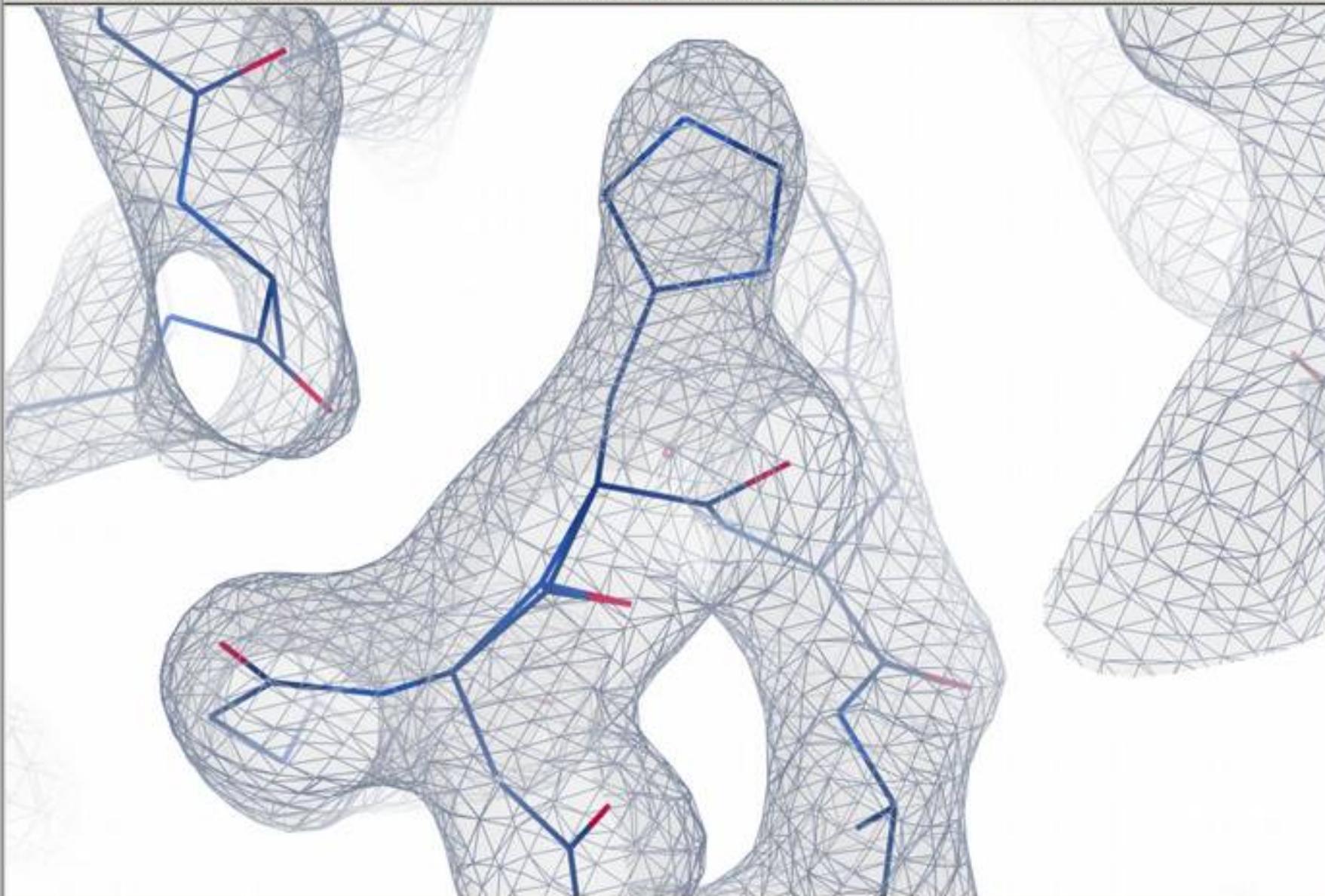
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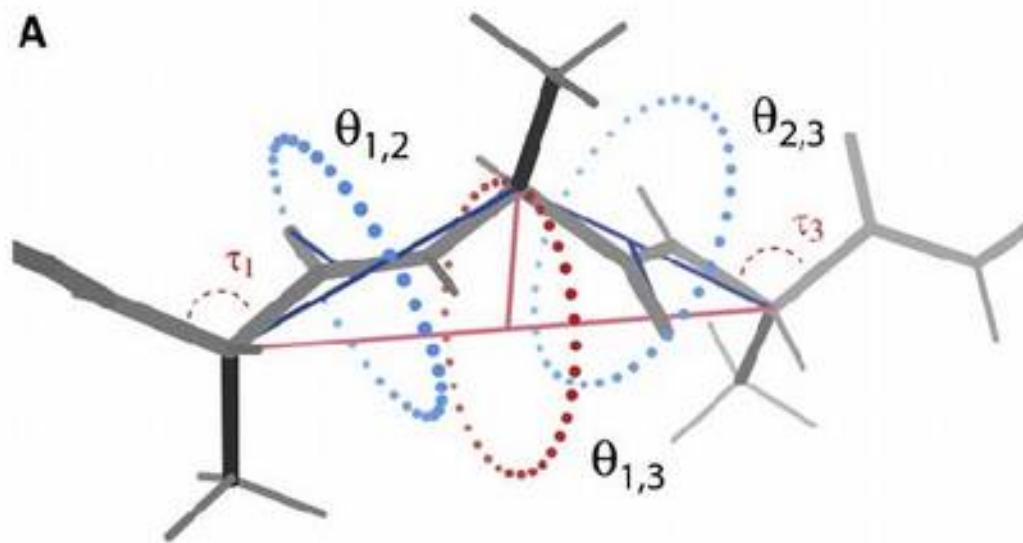
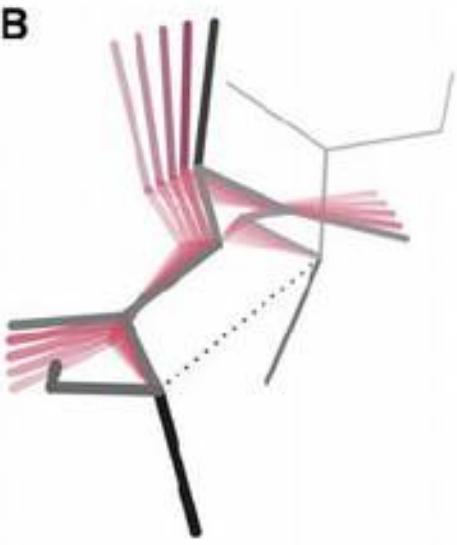
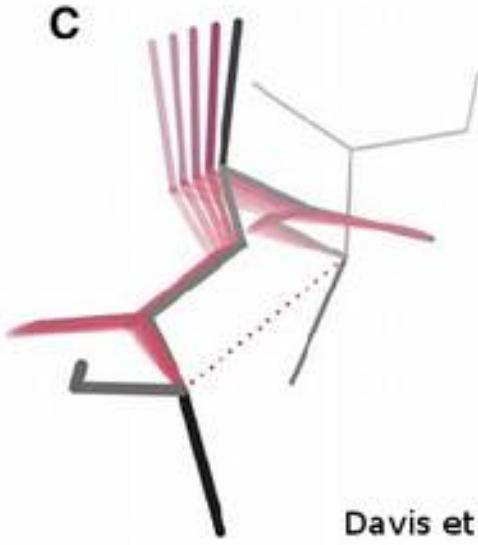


+ Rigid Body
Refinement



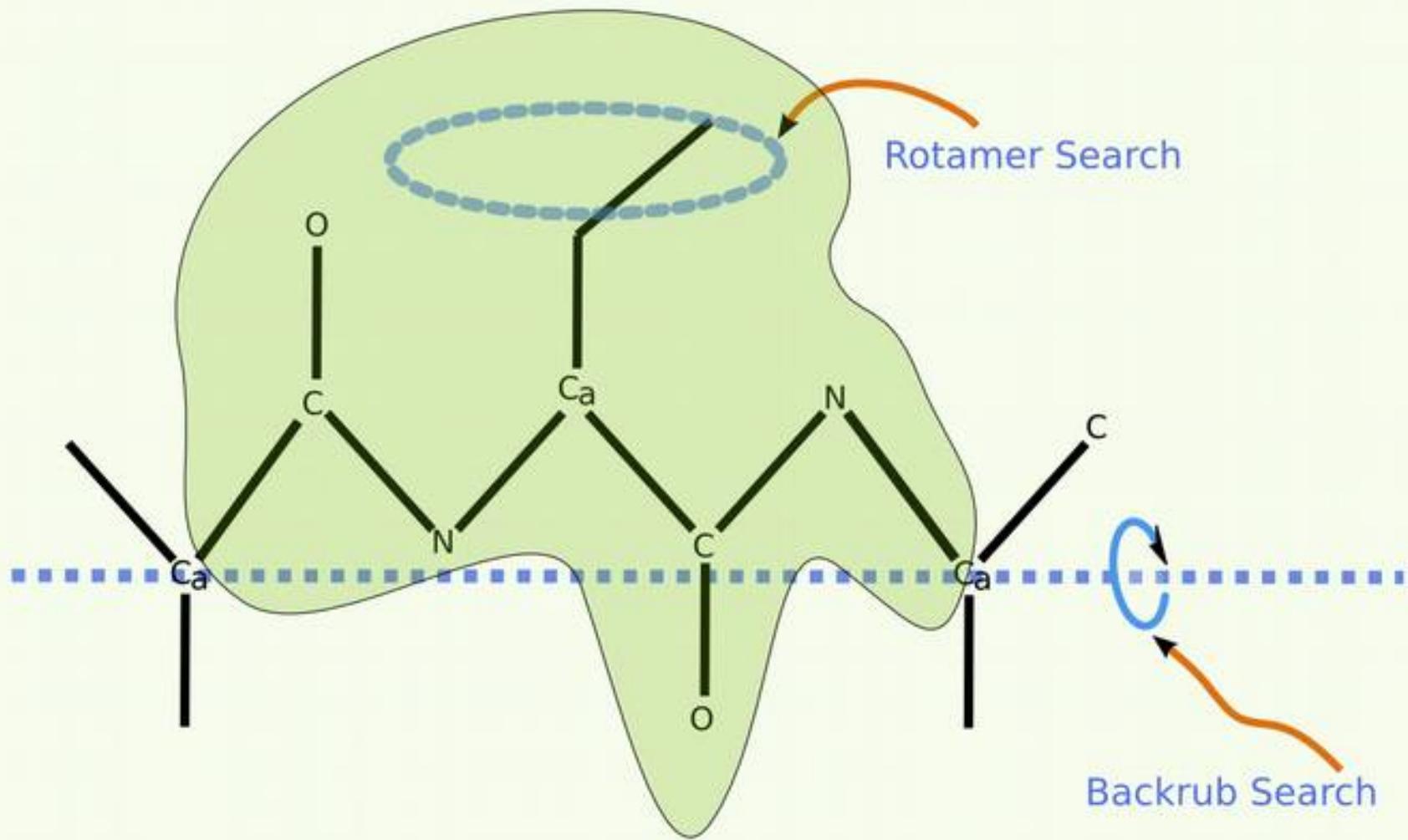
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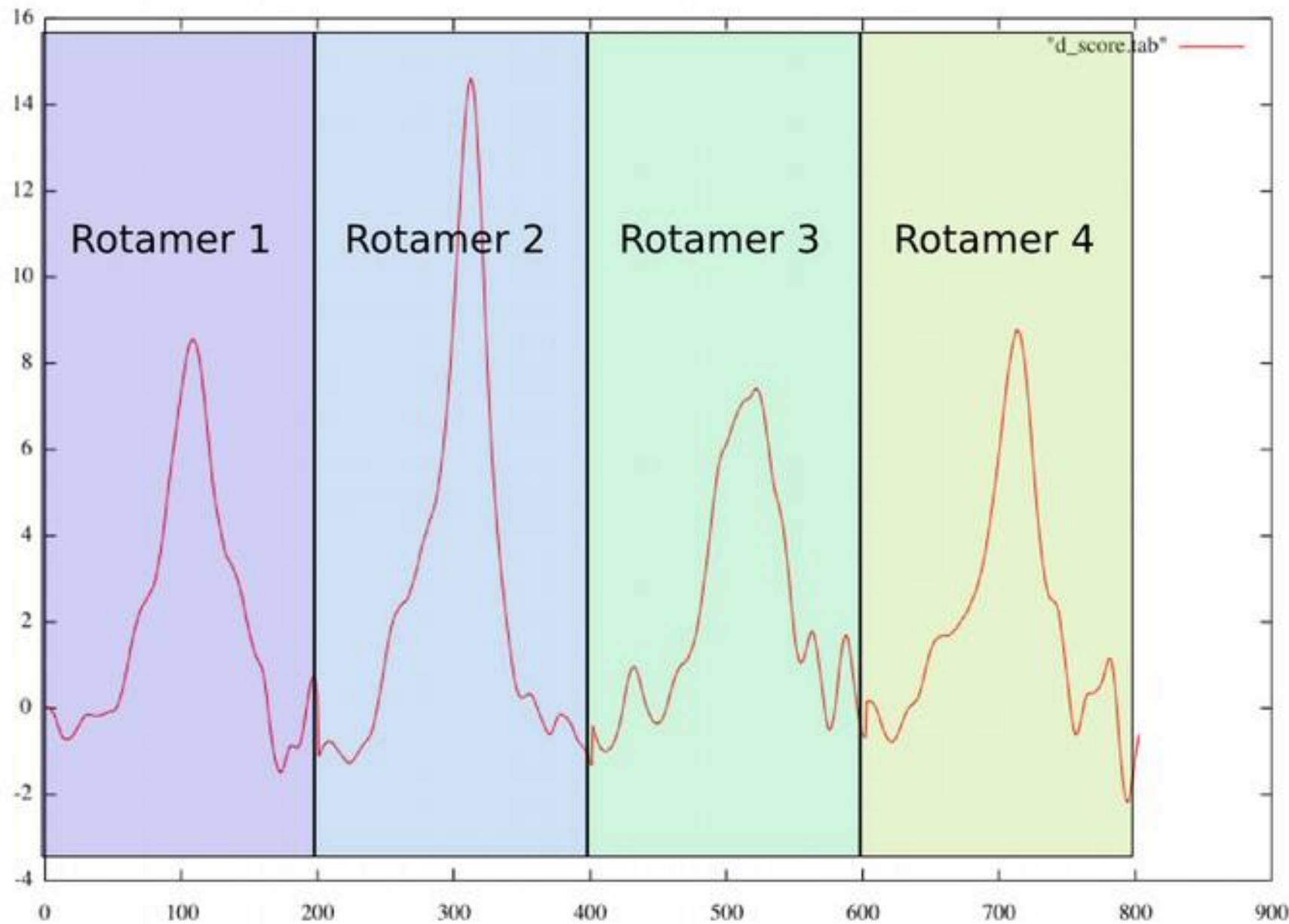
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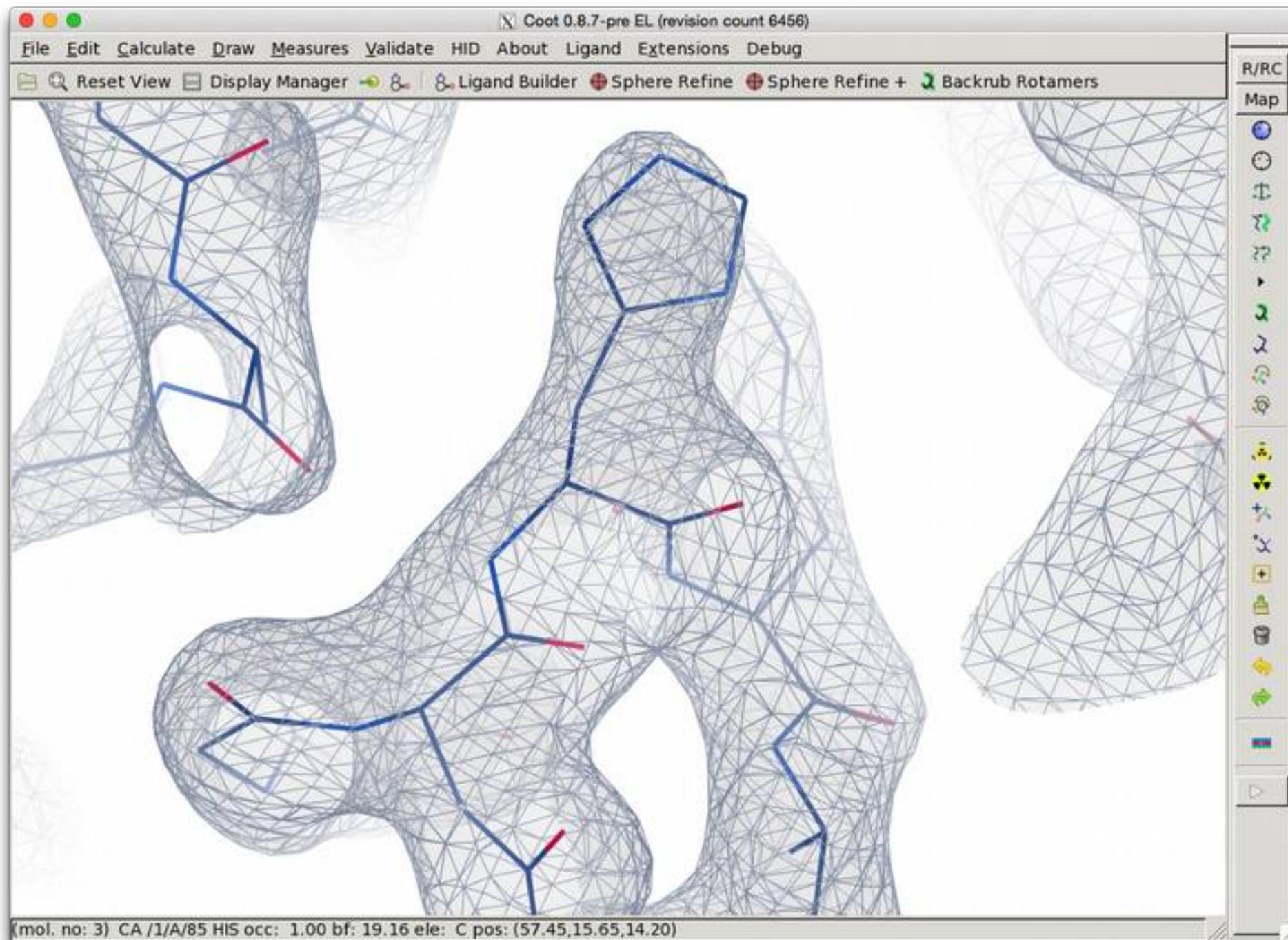
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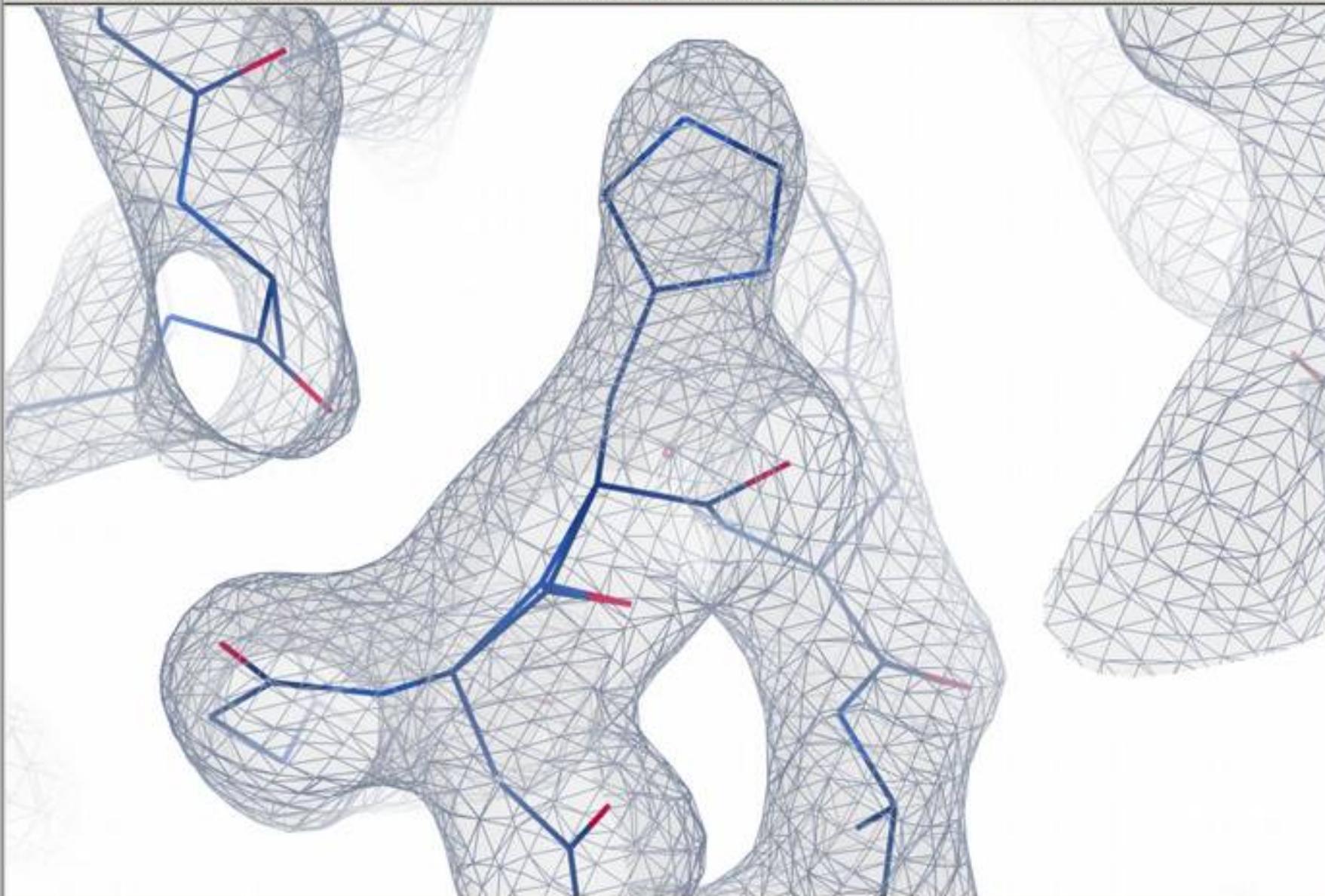
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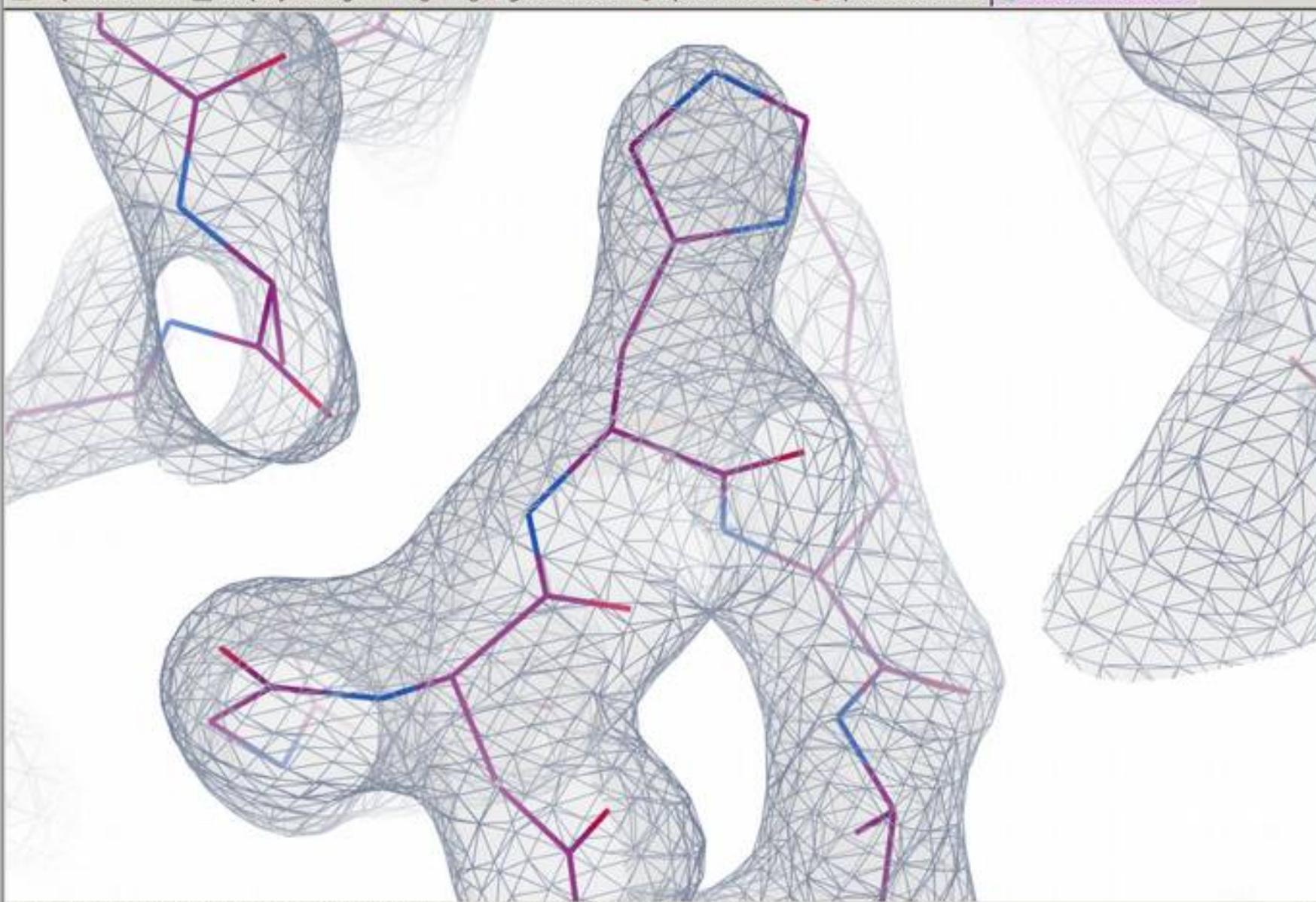


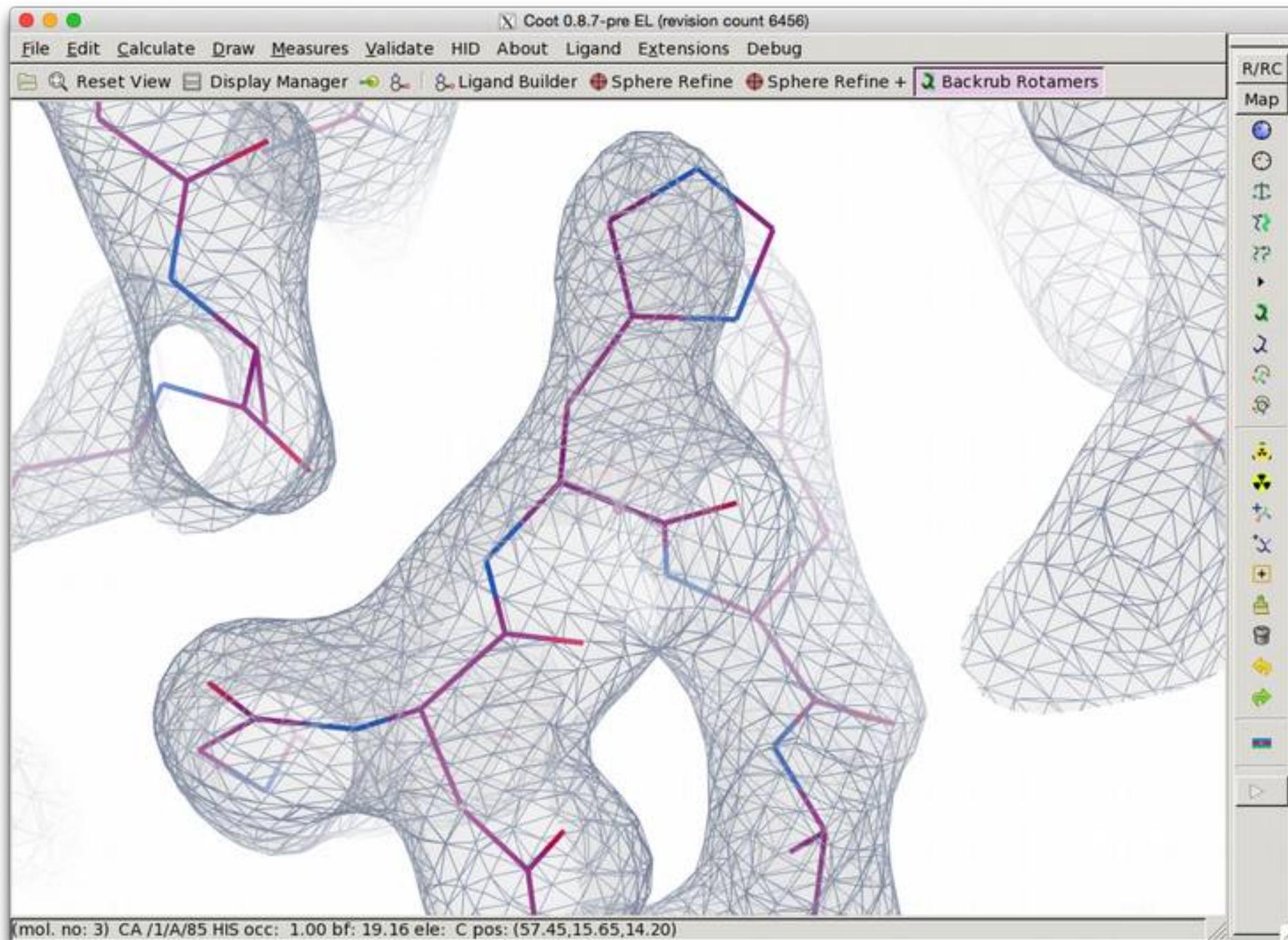
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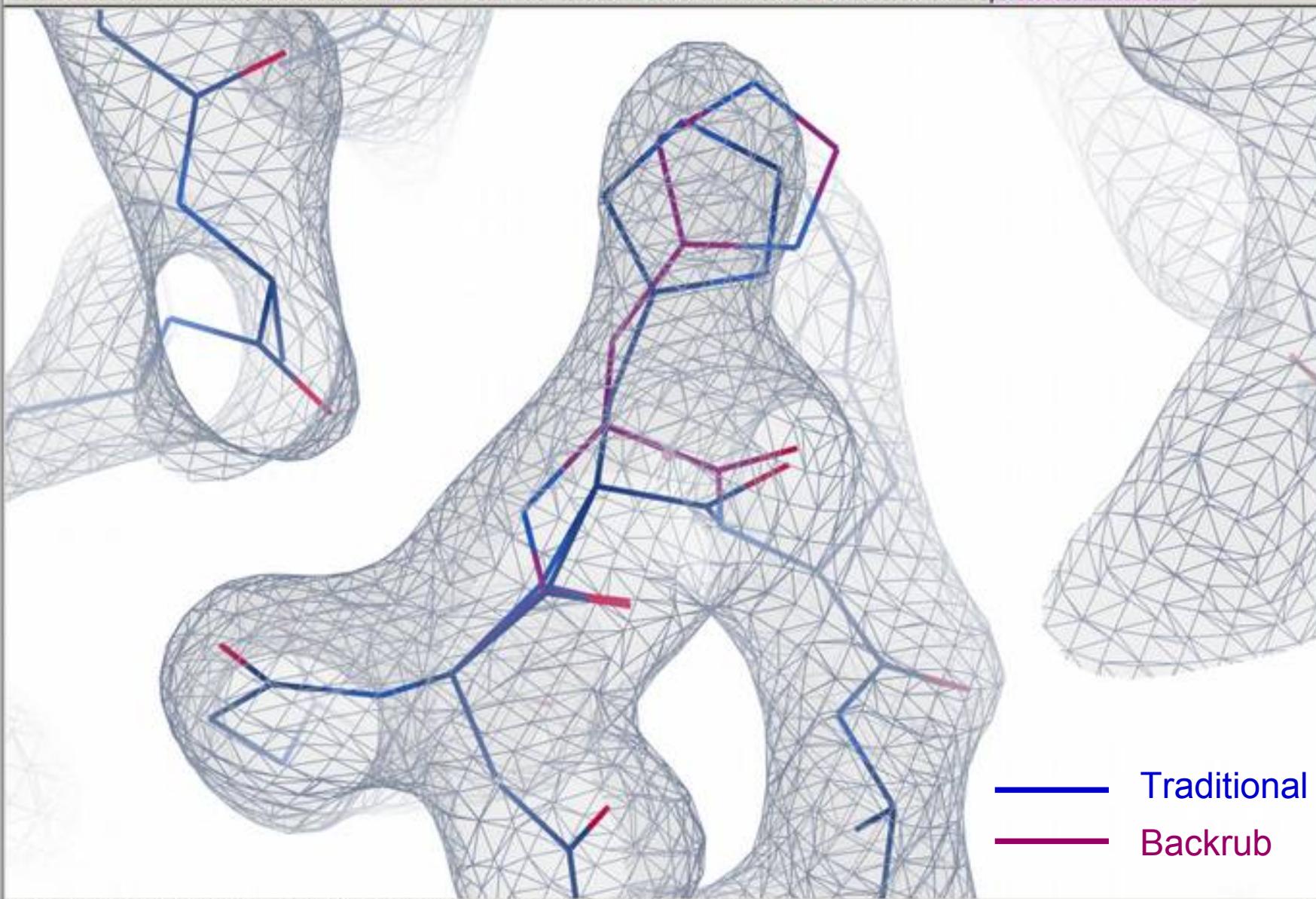




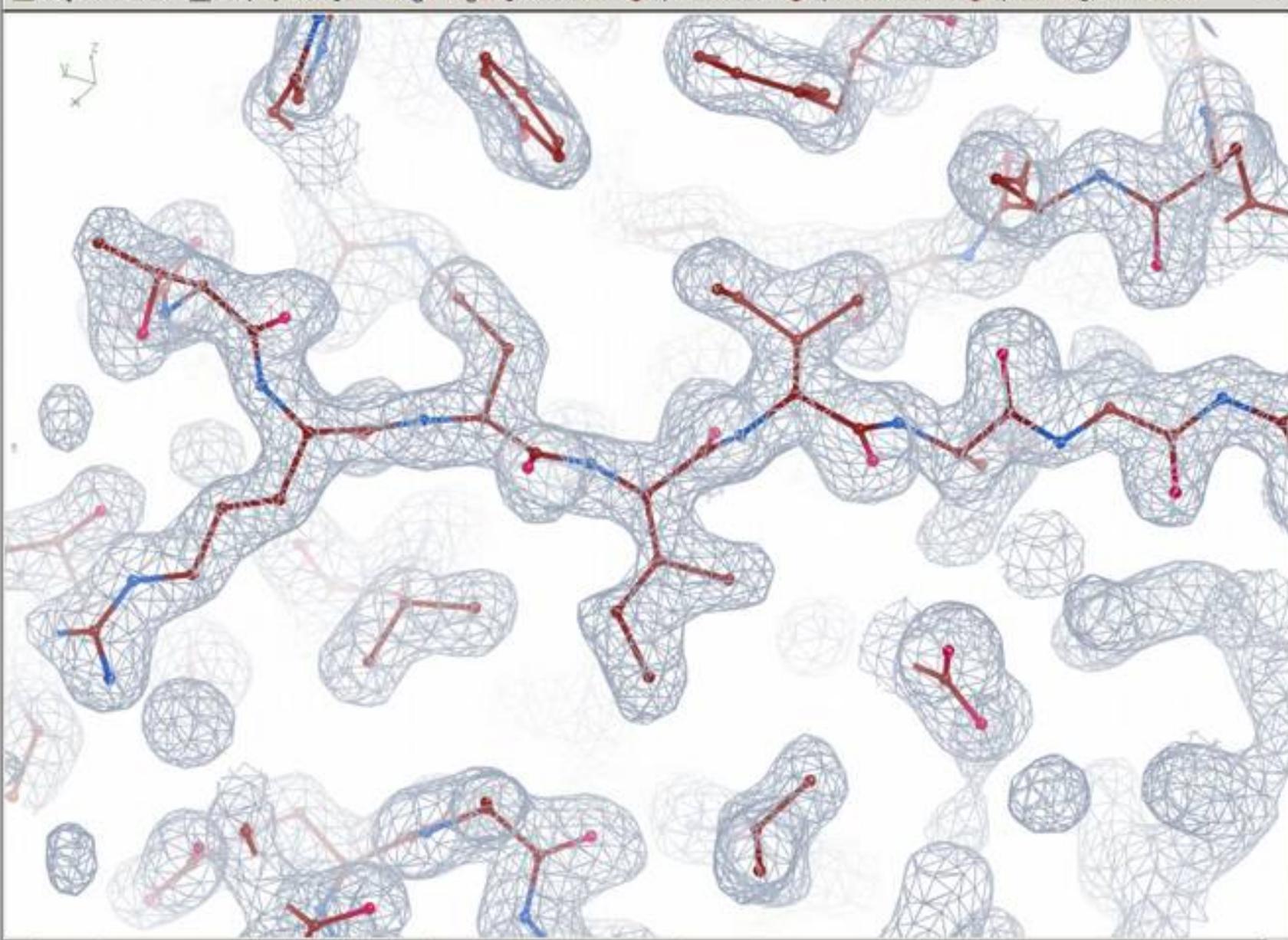


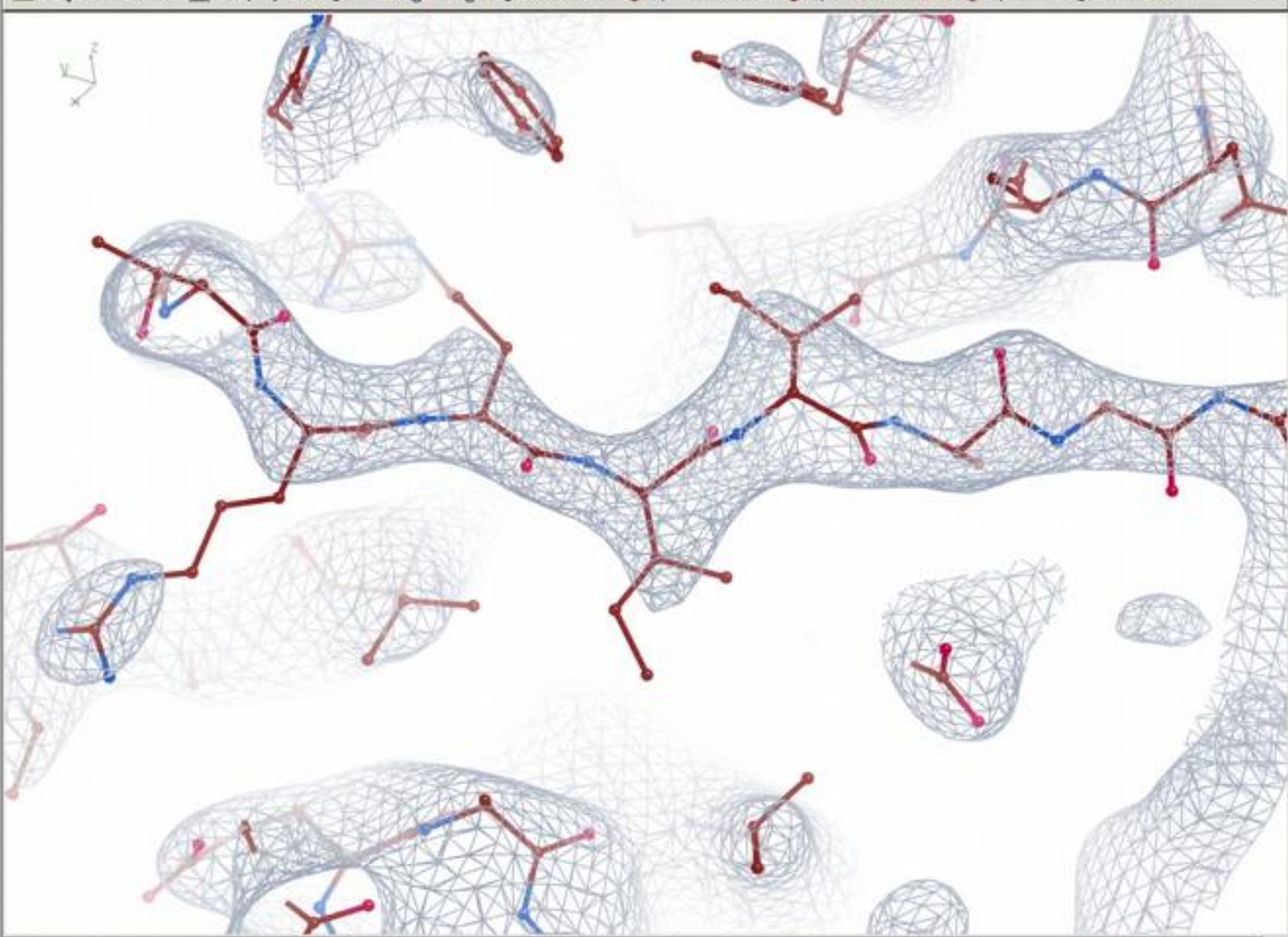






— Traditional
— Backrub

R/RC
Map



Helix-Building

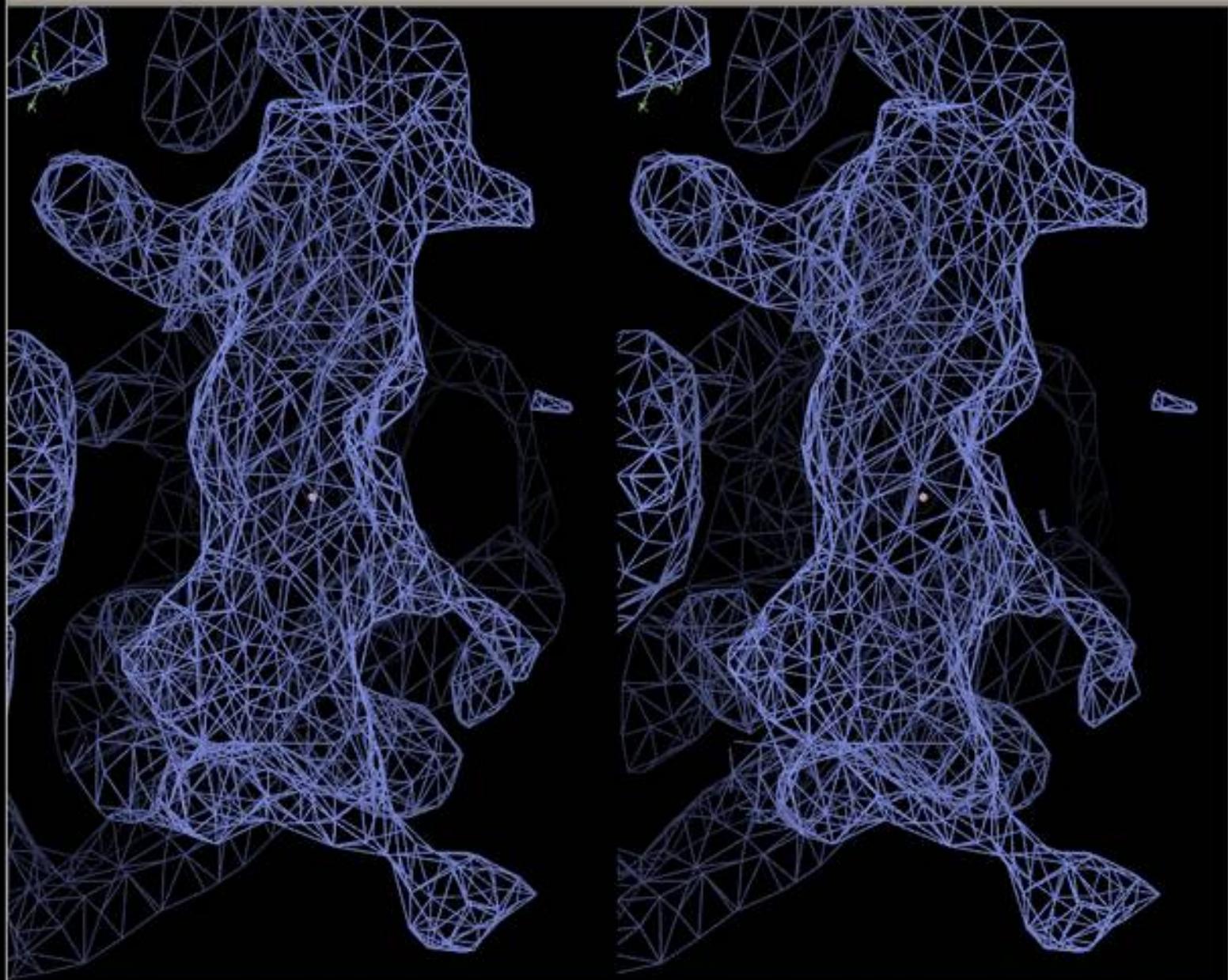
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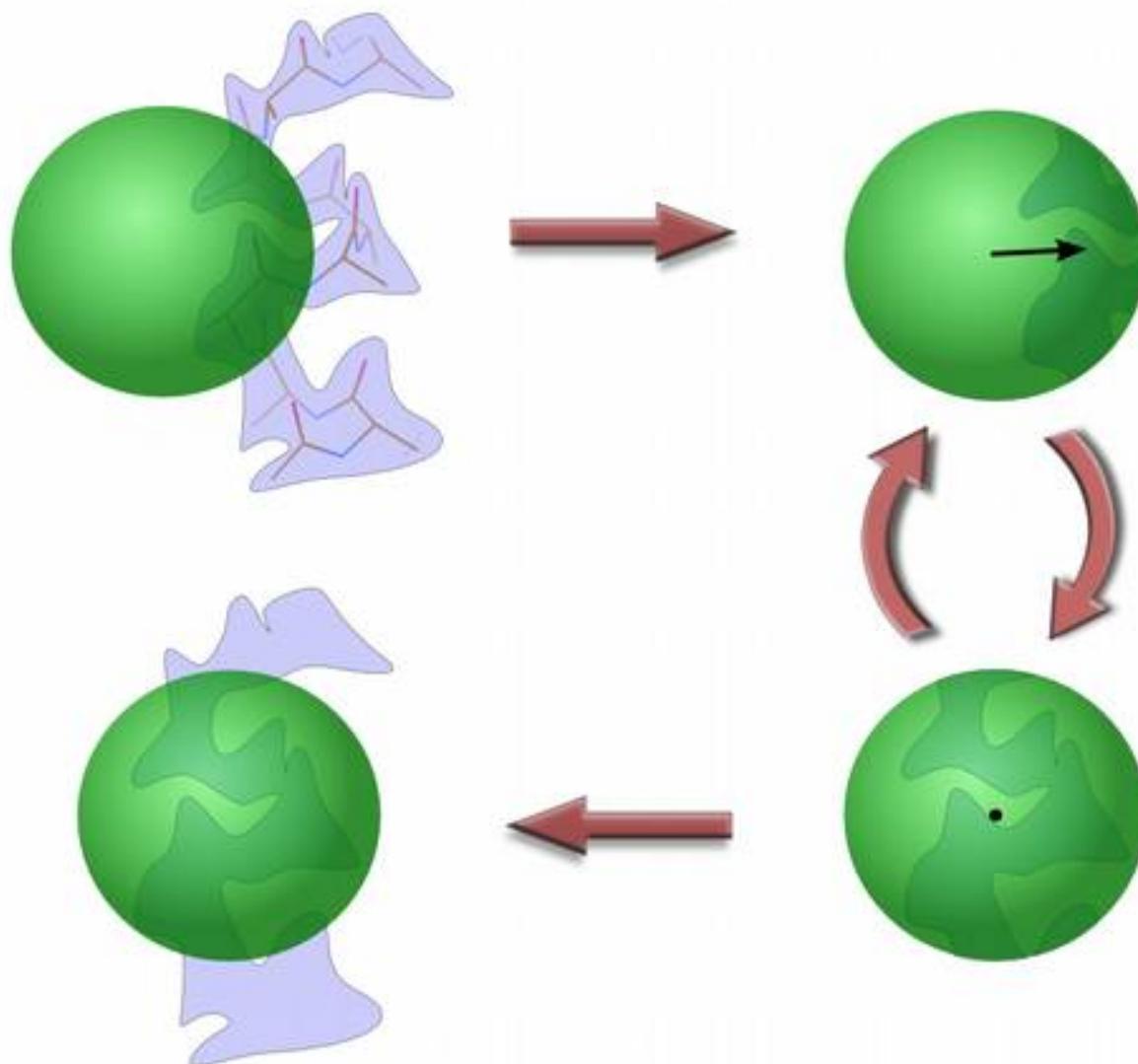


Helix added

Alpha Helix Placement

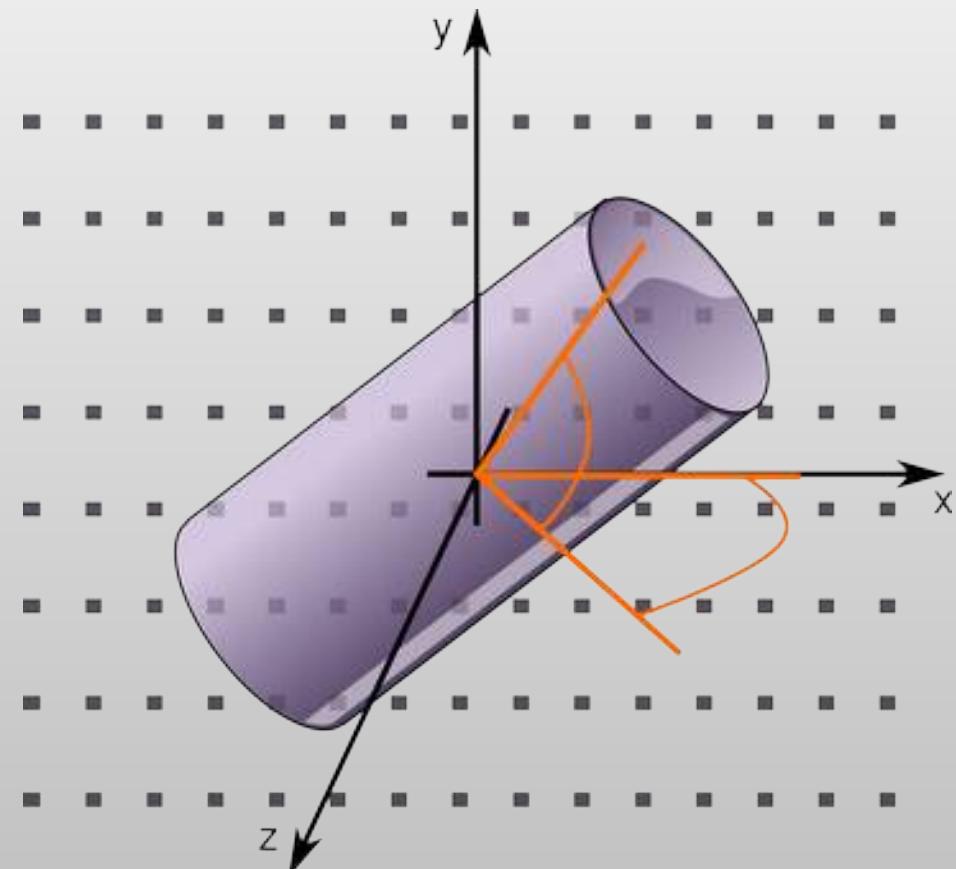
- Scenario: Looking at a new map, not built with automatic tools:
 - “I can see that there’s a helix here - build it for me!”
- From a given point:
 - Move to local averaged maximum
 - Do a 2D MR-style orientation search on a cylinder of electron density
 - Build a helix (both directions)
 - 1D Rotation search to find best fit
 - Score based on density at CB positions
 - Trim ‘n Grow

Centering the Rotation point

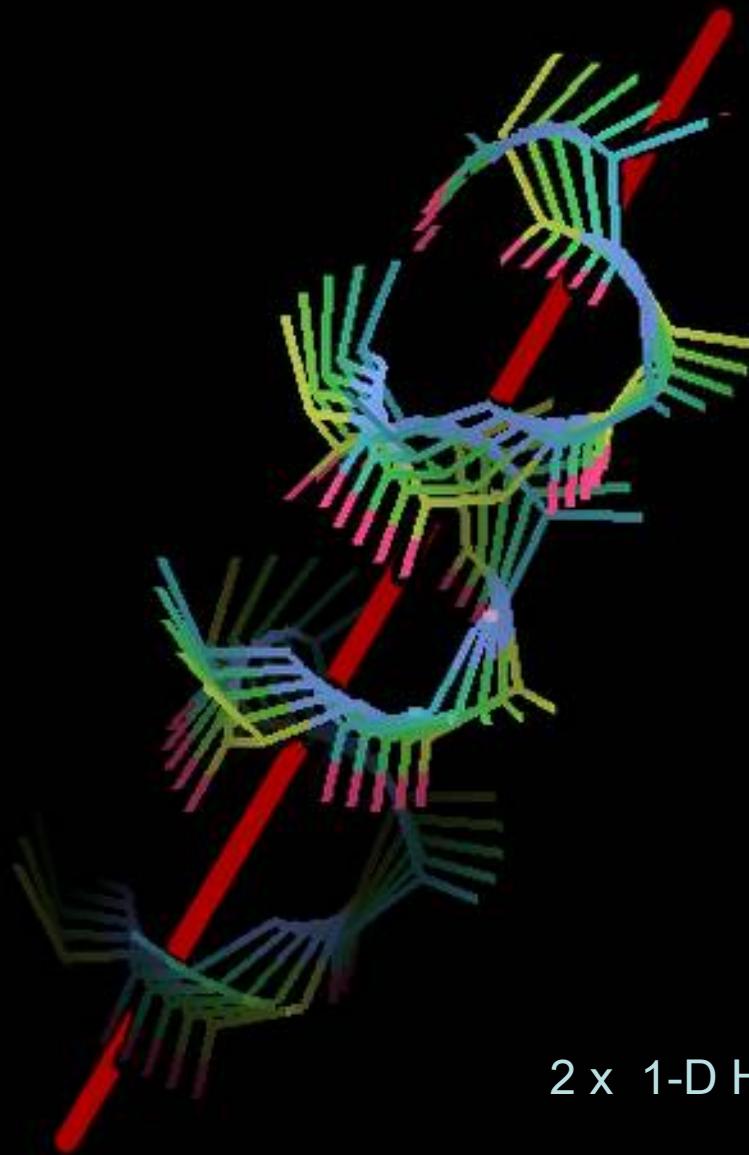


Helix Fitting: Cylinder Search

- Pick the orientation that encapsulates the most electron density

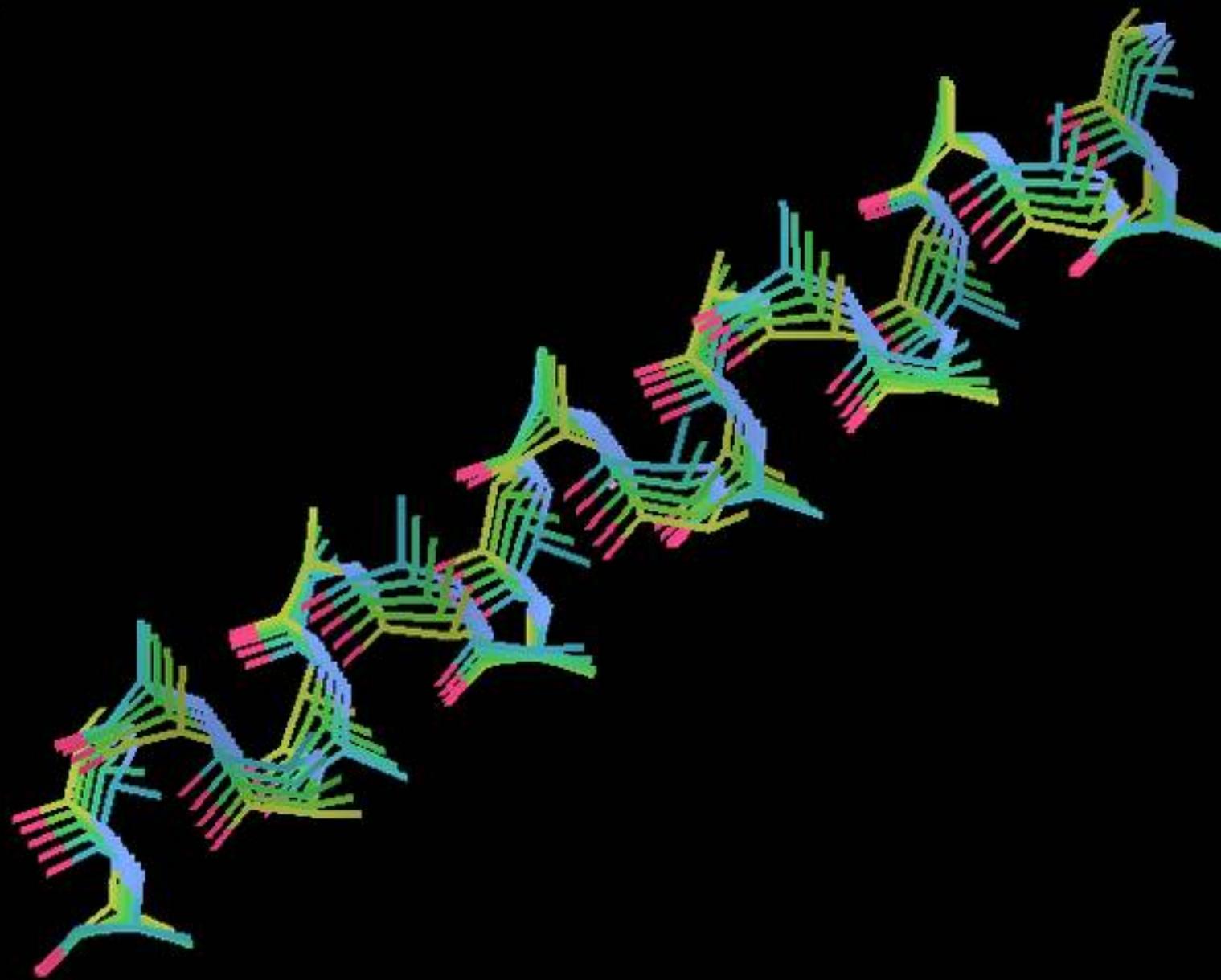


Using 2 rotation axes

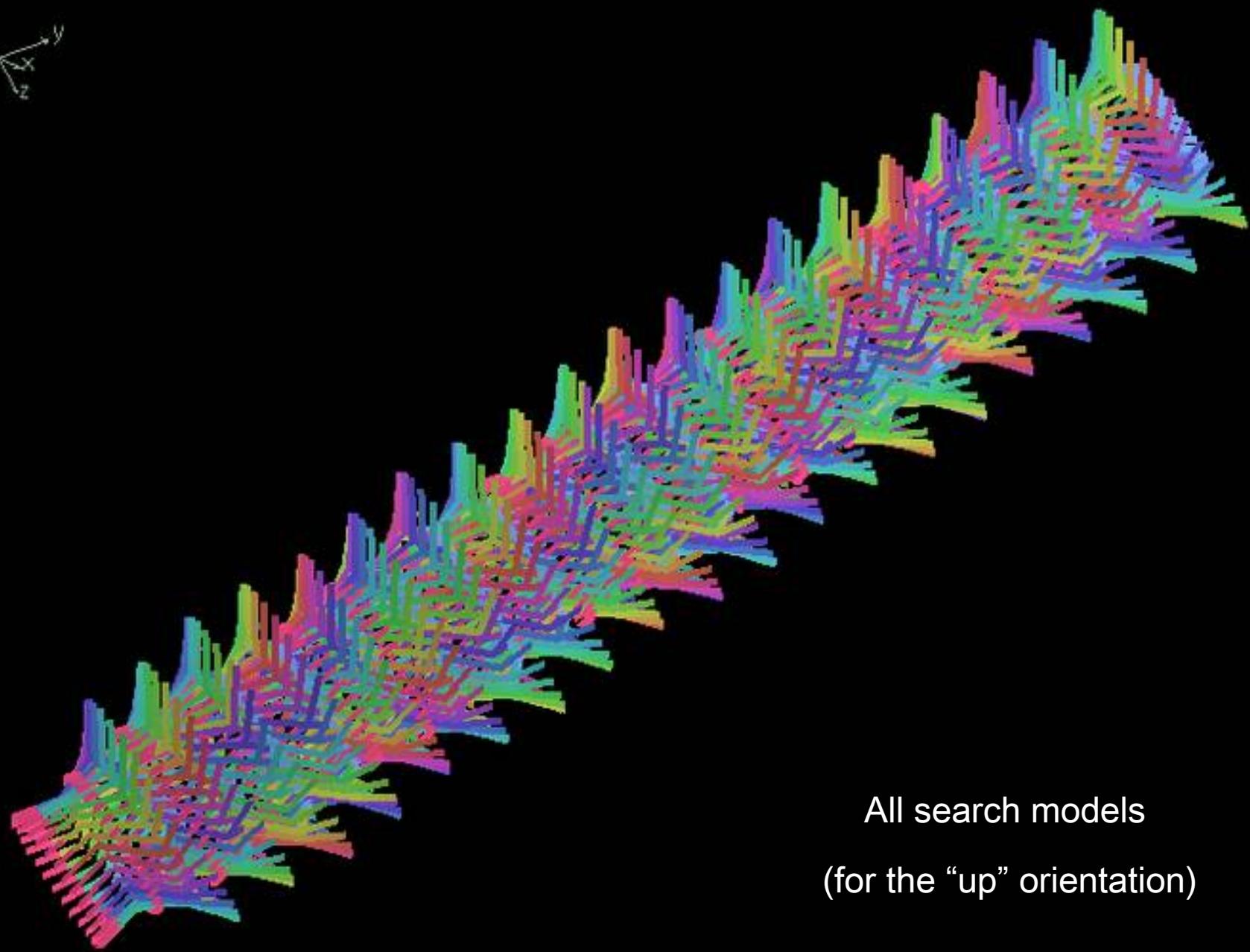


2 x 1-D Helix orientation searches

x_2
 y



x
y
z



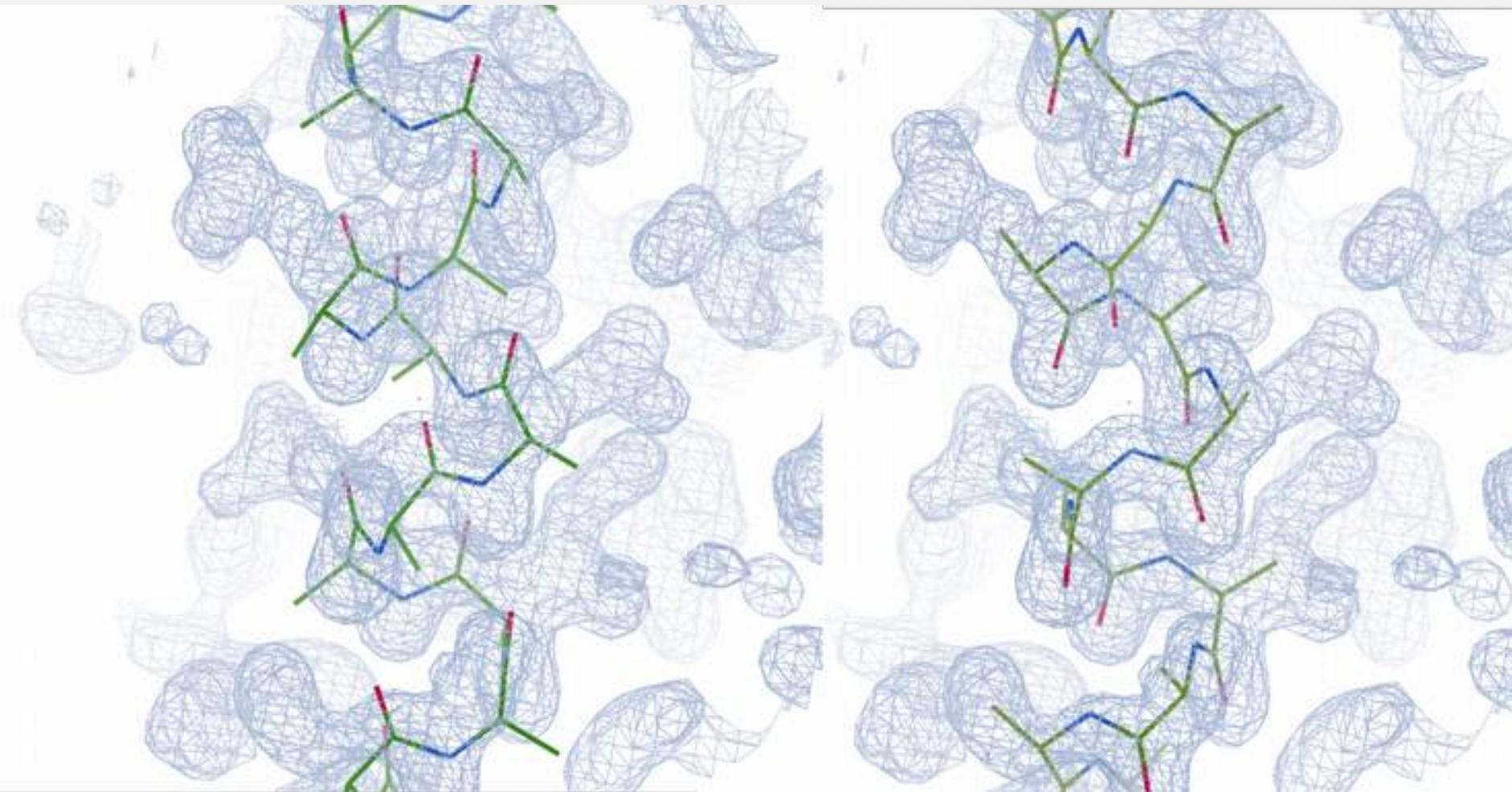
All search models
(for the "up" orientation)

Top



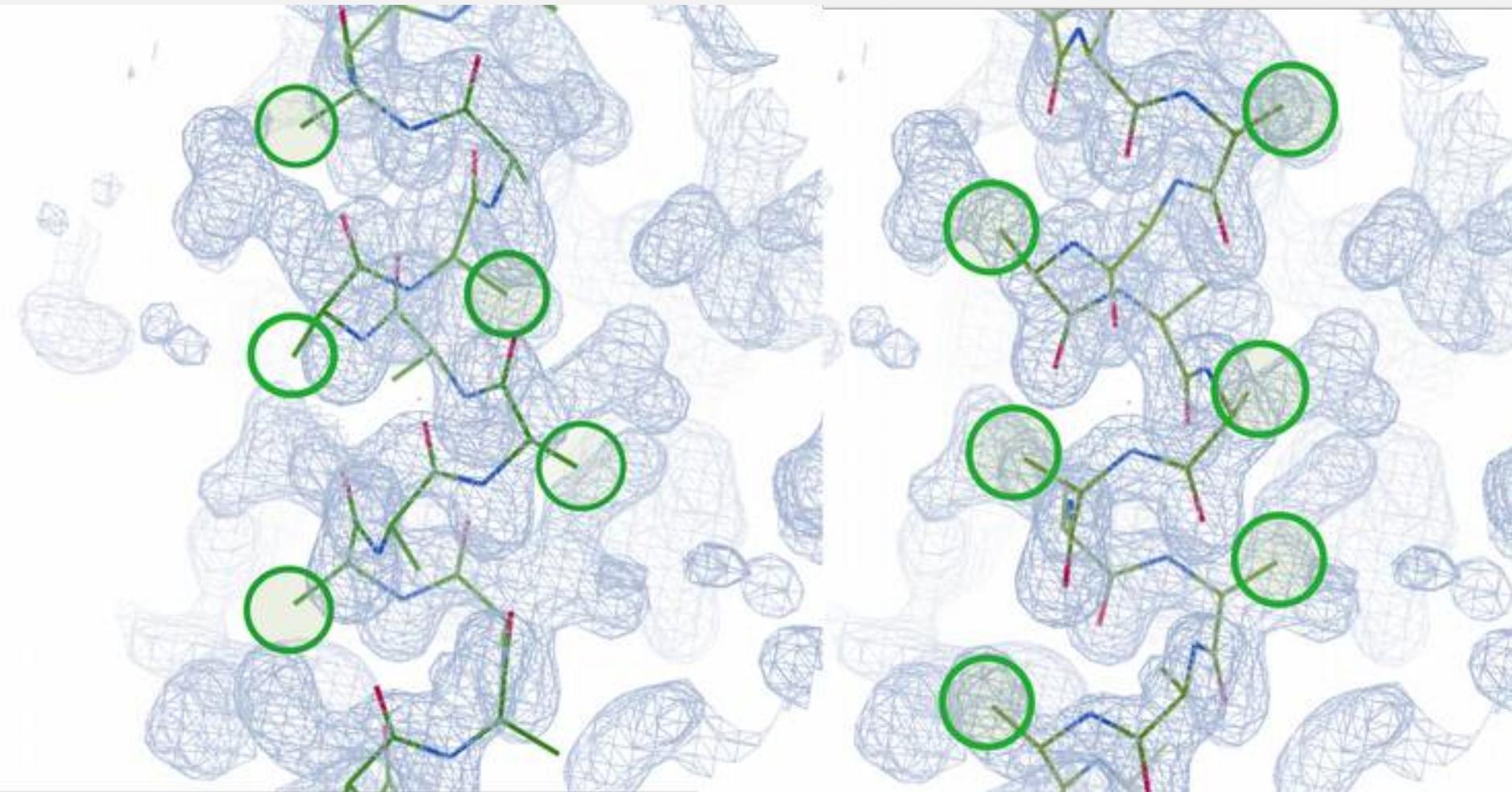
Bottom

Helix Fitting Comparing orientation hypotheses



Helix Fitting

Comparing orientation hypotheses



c-betas not fitting and are used for scoring

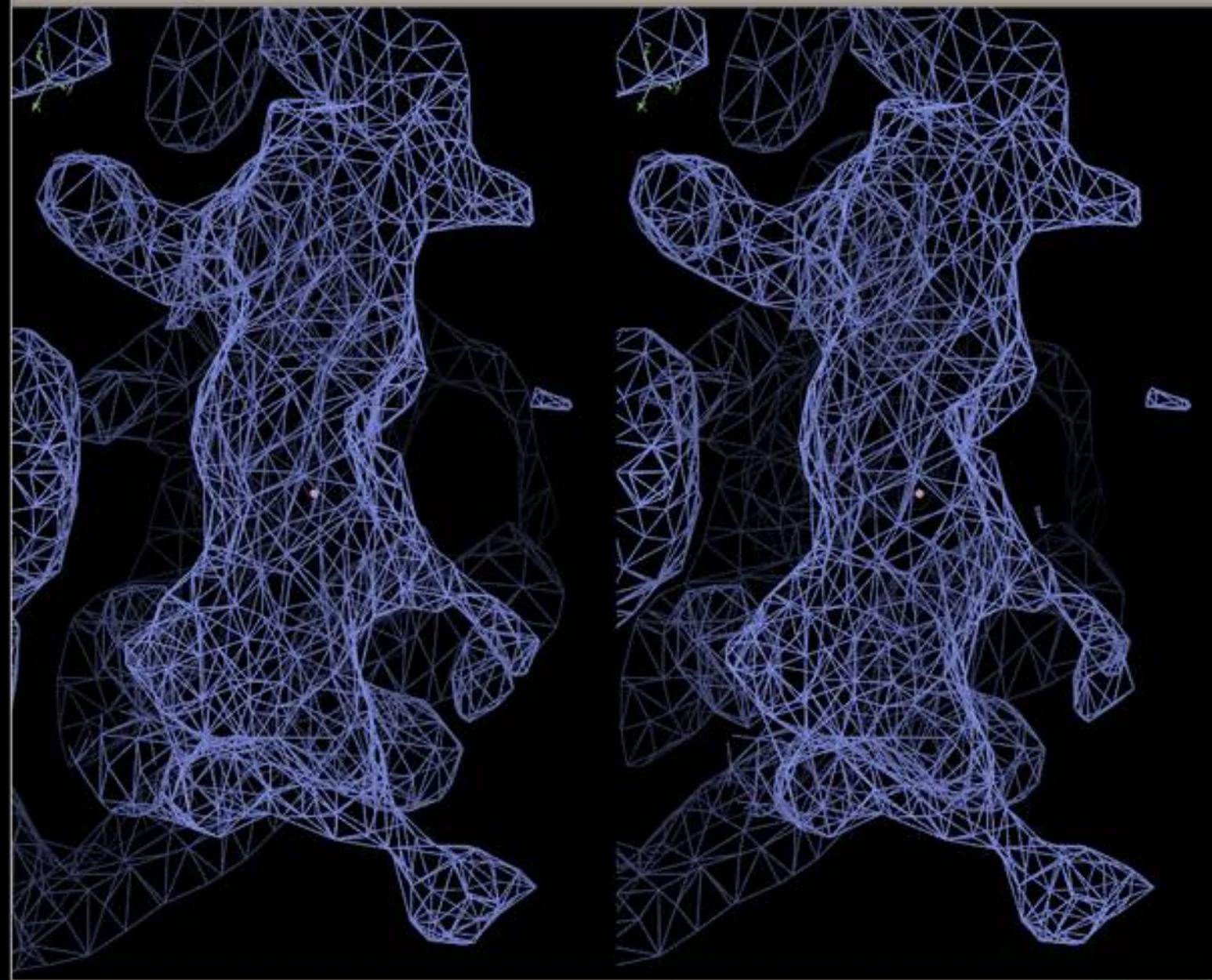
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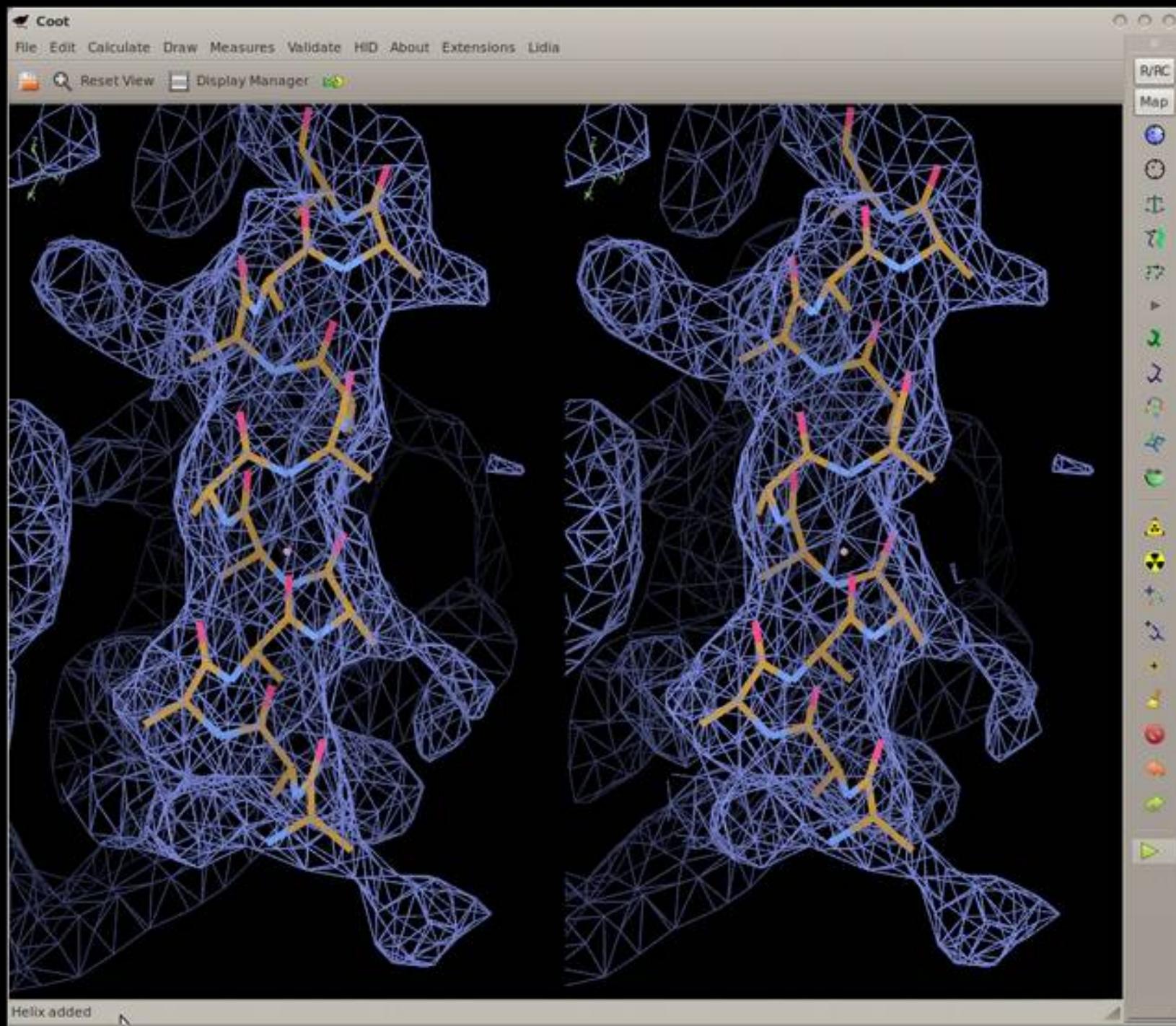
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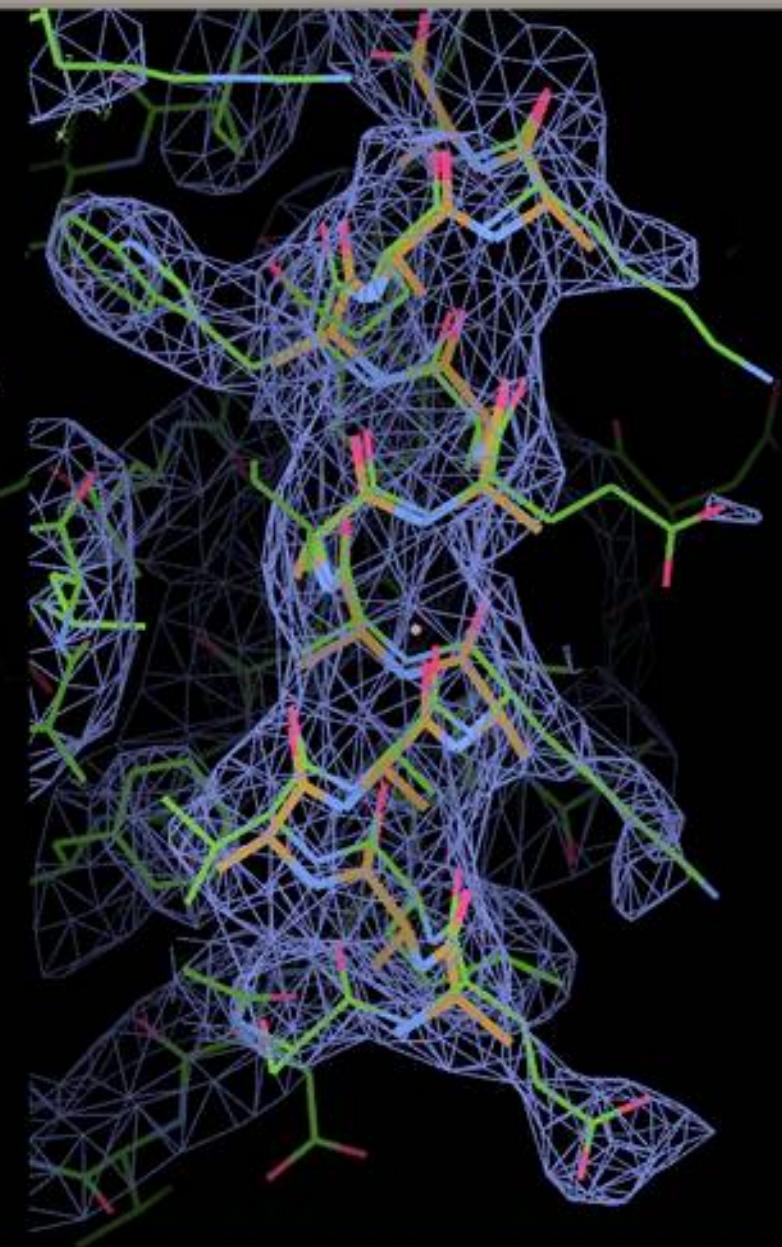
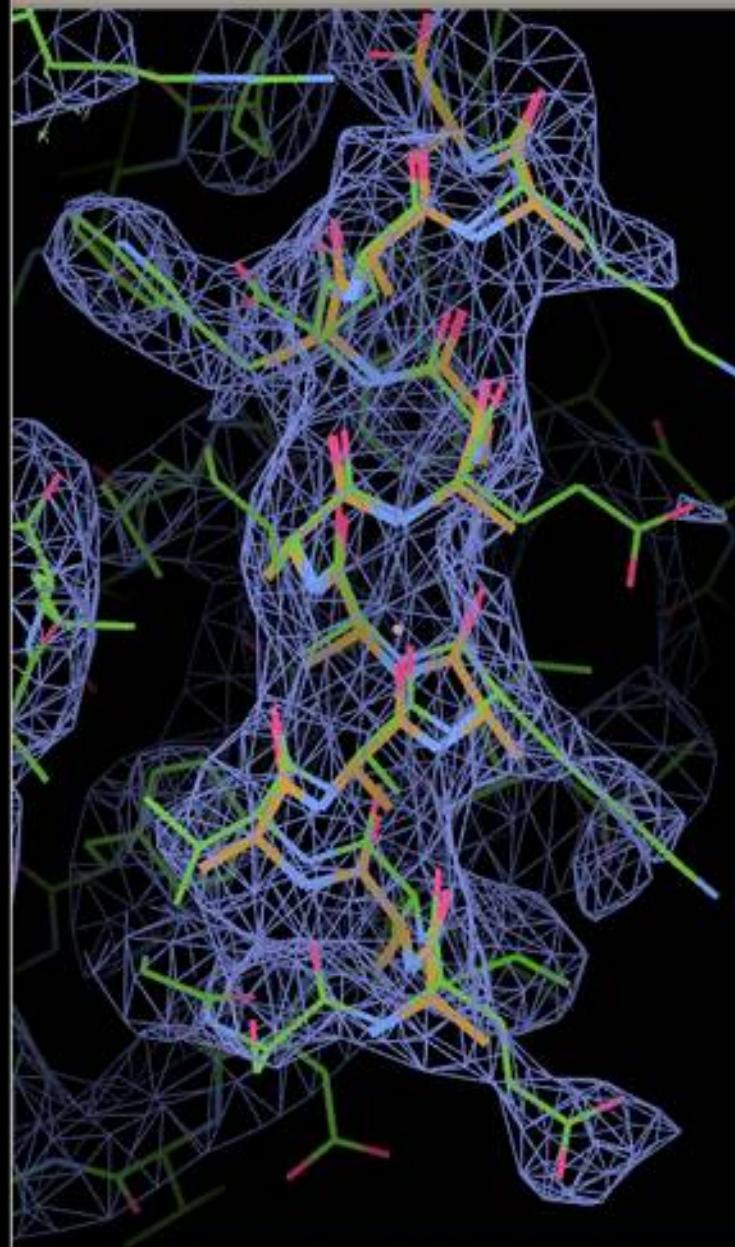




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Helix added

cis-Peptides

- What is a cis-peptide?
- Peptide restraints in Coot 2004-2015

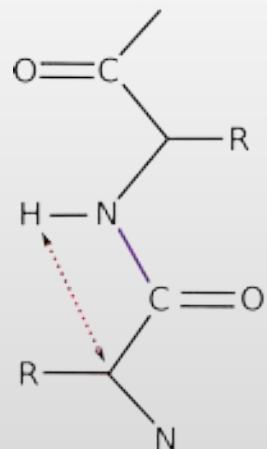
Merging

- Merging Fragments is much easier than it used to be
- (for overlapping fragments)

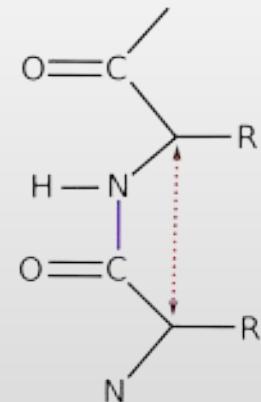
cis-Peptides

- A number of paper have been published recently highlighting the unusually large number of cis-peptides in some structures:
 - Croll: The rate of cis-trans conformation errors is increasing in low-resolution crystal structures *Acta Cryst.* (2015). **D71**, 706-709
 - Touw *et al.*: Detection of trans–cis flips and peptide-plane flips in protein structures *Acta Cryst.* (2015). **D71**, 1604-71614

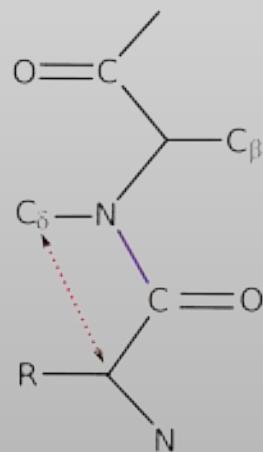
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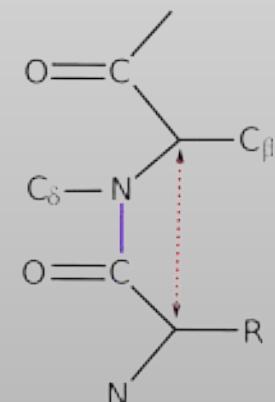
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cis-peptide

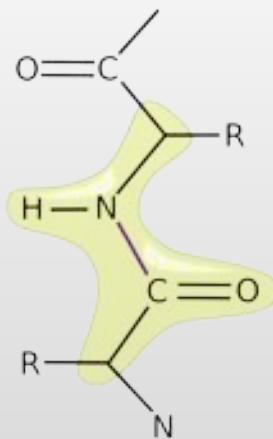


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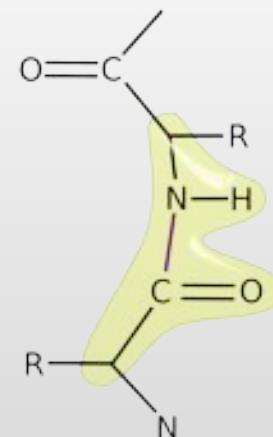


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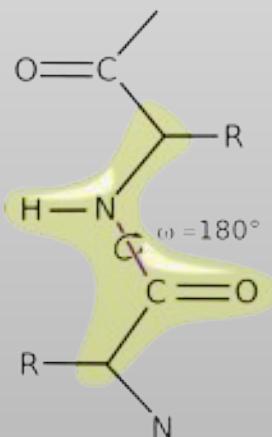
cis-Peptides



trans-peptide
with plane restraints

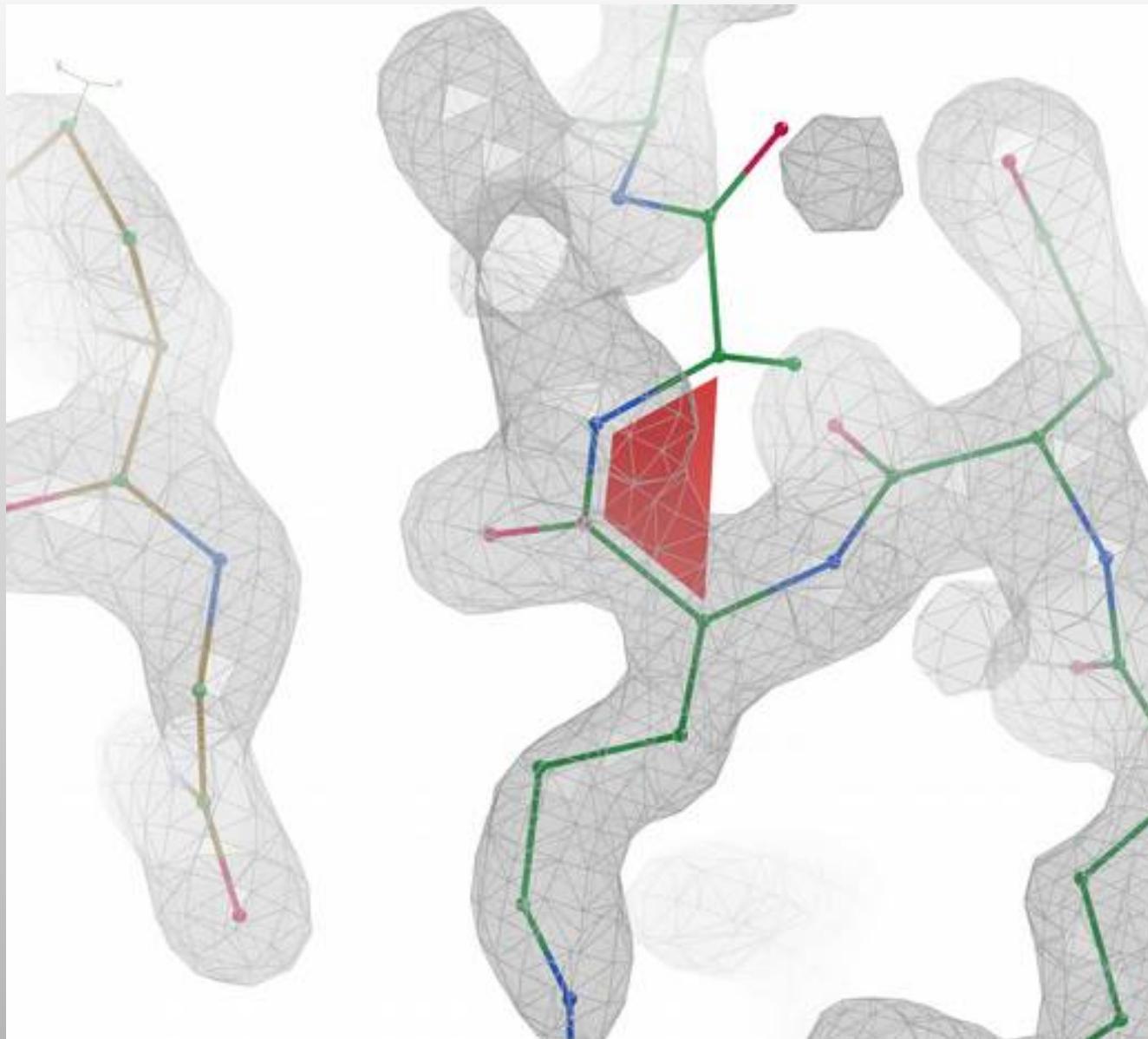


cis-peptide
with plane restraints



trans-peptide
with plane and trans restraints

cis-peptide Representation



Pre-PRO



Twisted-trans



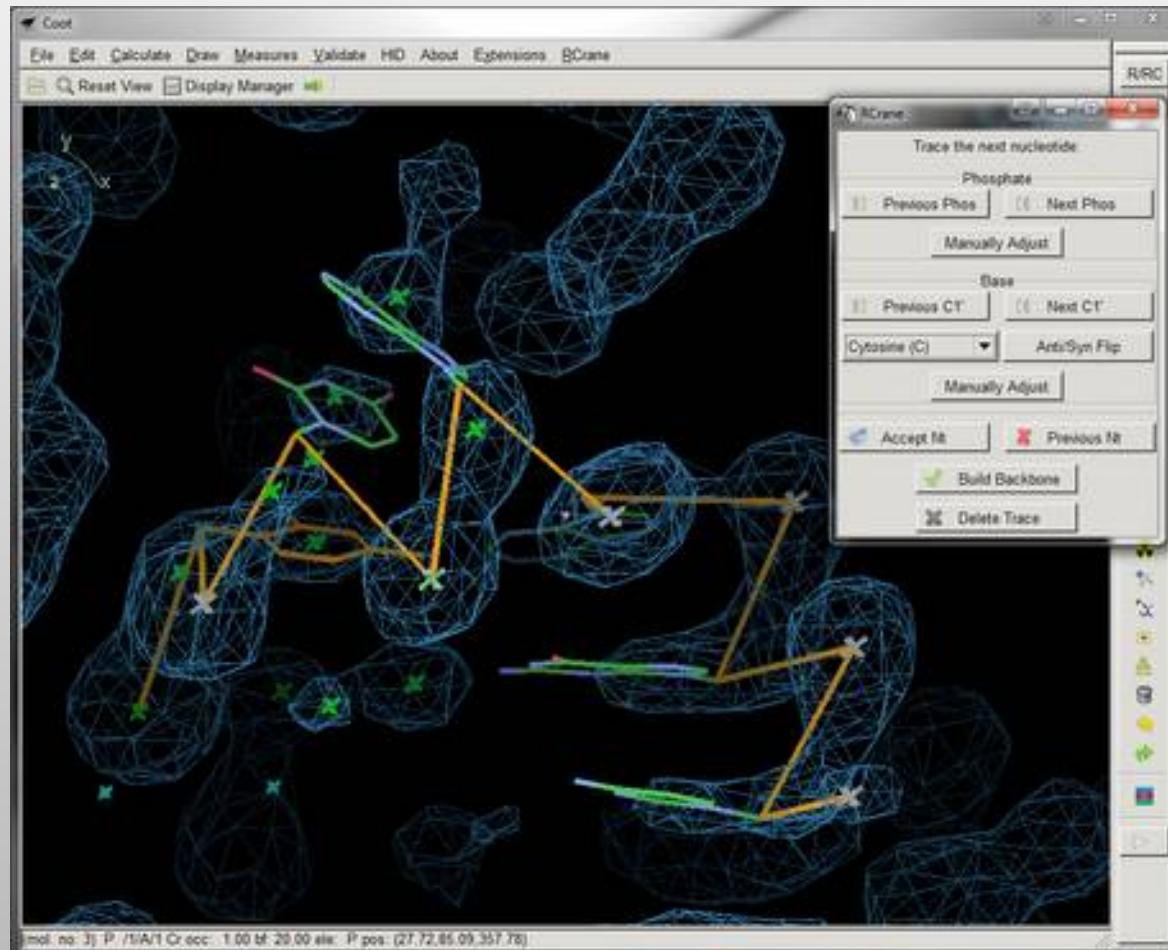
Non-pre-PRO



A Sample of Tools

- A few extra tools...

RCrane: Semi-automated RNA building



Kevin Keating

Finding Holes

- An implementation of
 - Smart, Goodfellow & Wallace (1993) Biophysics Journal **65**, 2455
 - Atomic radii from AMBER
 - I used
 - radii from CCP4 monomer library
 - sans simulated annealing



File Edit Calculate Draw Measures Validate HID About Extensions Lidia Test Hole



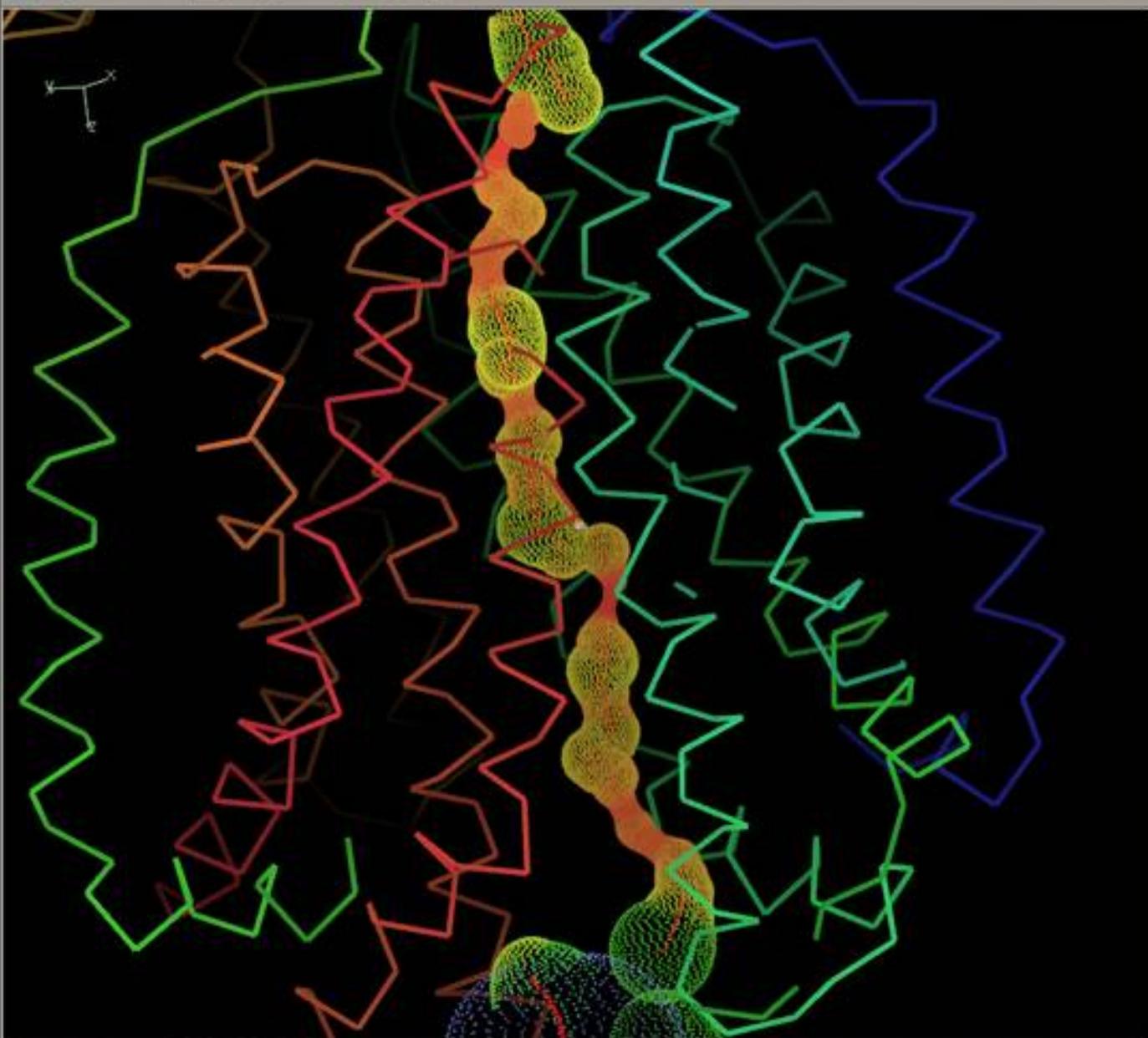
Reset View

Display Manager



R/RC

Map

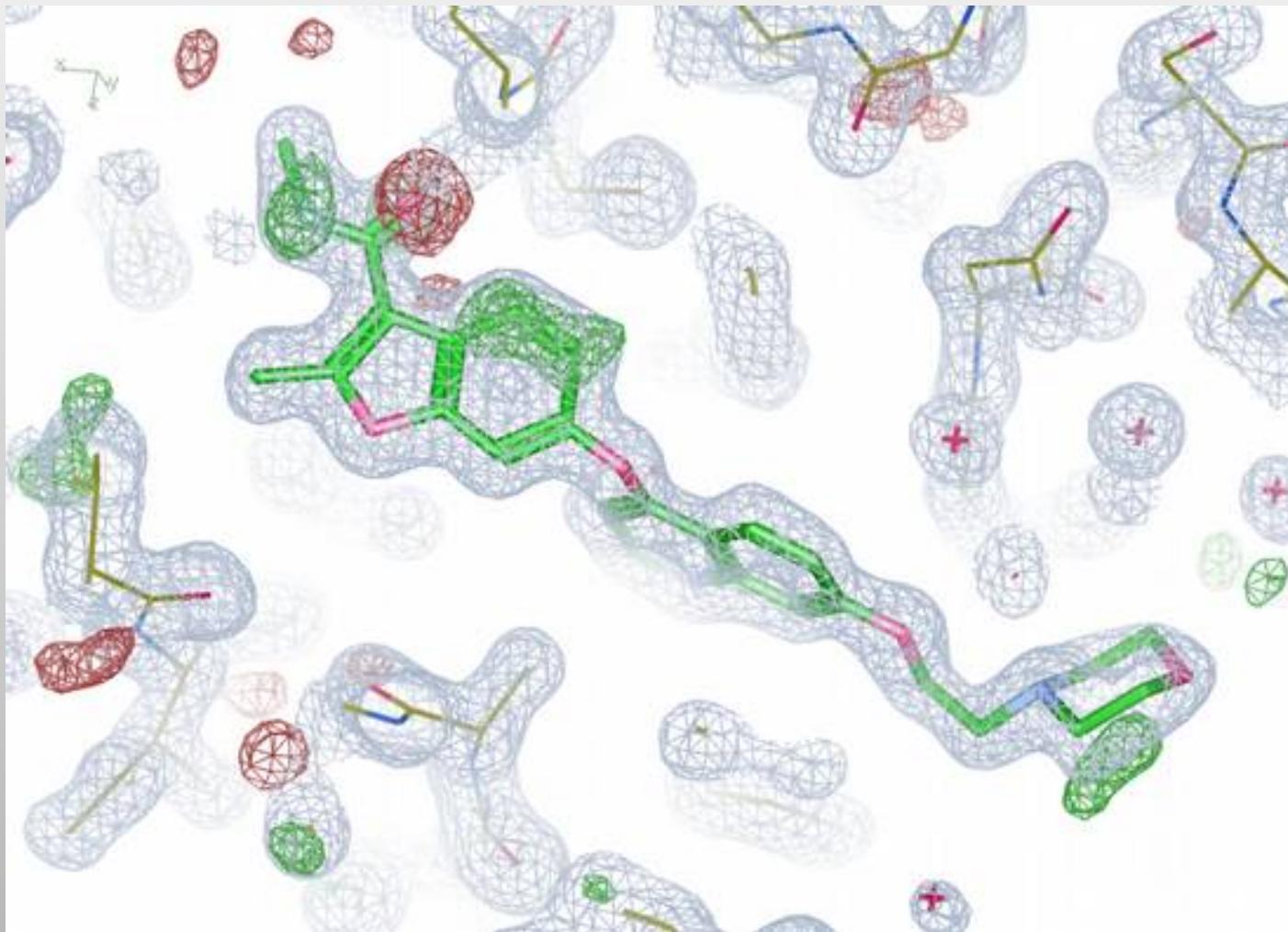


Hole end point set: (-55.97 -16.51 -49.72)

Making Density Slides with *Coot*

- White background
- “High” Oversampling (2.3x)
- Pale gray (or very pastel) density colour
- Enable Cut-glass mode 5-10%
- Anti-aliased Coot
 - `$ setenv __GL_FSAA_MODE 5`
 - 0.8.3 will do a better job of anti-aliasing out the box
 - (transfer to CCP4-built binaries)

Example Density Slide



New CCP4 Software for Restraints Generation: AceDRG

- A dictionary generator based on geometry derived from structures in COD
- Let's re-write the Refmac/CCP4 Monomer Library
 - canonical sources: wwPBD Chemical Component Dictionary
- Mu

research papers


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AceDRG: a stereochemical description generator for ligands

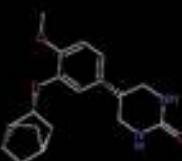
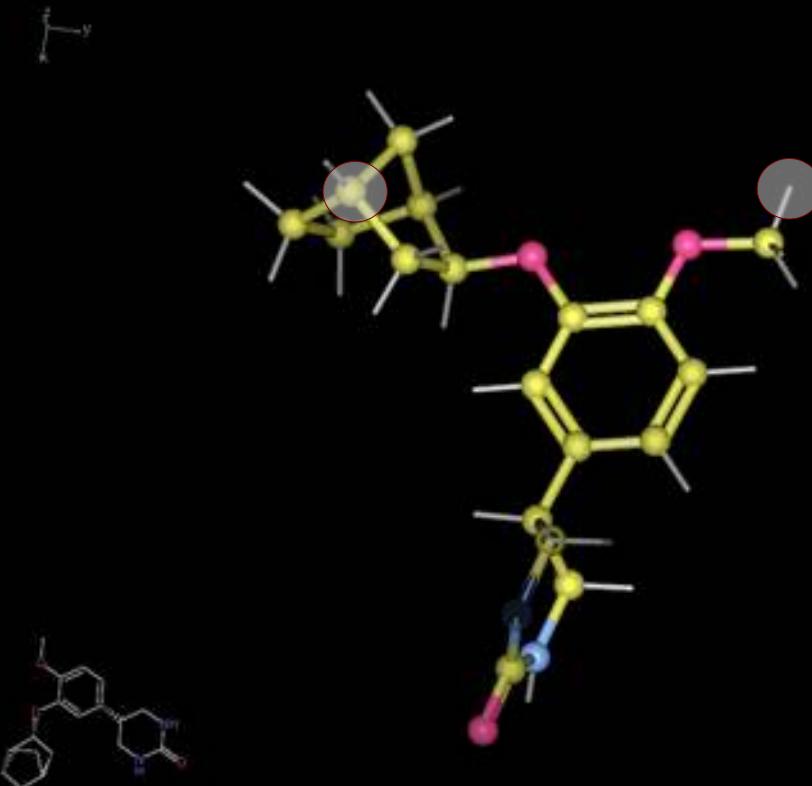
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The program *AceDRG* is designed for the derivation of stereochemical information about small molecules. It uses local chemical and topological environment-based atom typing to derive and organize bond lengths and angles from a small-molecule database: the Crystallography Open Database (COD). Information about the hybridization states of atoms, whether they belong to small rings (up to seven-membered rings), ring aromaticity and nearest-neighbour information is encoded in the atom types. All atoms from the COD have been classified according to the generated atom types. All bonds and angles have also been classified according to the atom types and, in a certain sense, bond types. Derived data are tabulated in a machine-readable form that is freely available from CCP4. *AceDRG* can also generate stereochemical information, provided that the basic bonding pattern of a ligand is known. The basic bonding pattern is perceived from one of the computational chemistry file formats, including SMILES, mmCIF, SDF MOL and SYBYL MOL2 files. Using the

Acedrg: COD-Based Atom Types

- COD-based
- 2nd order
neighbour-based



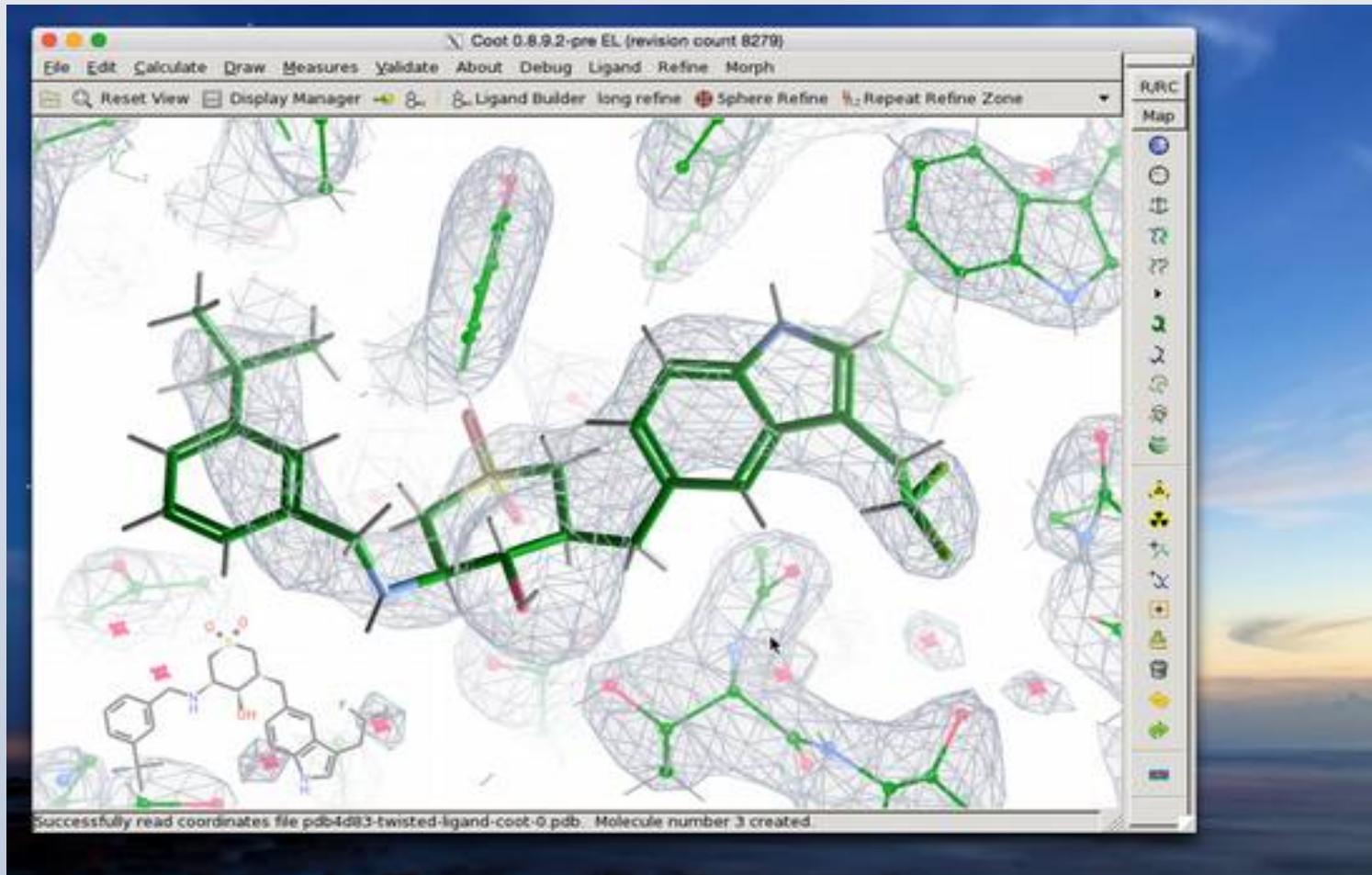
H1B: H(CHHO)

C9: C[5,5,6](C[5,5]CHH)(C[5,6]CHH)(C[5,6]CHO)(H)

Acedrg Link Mode

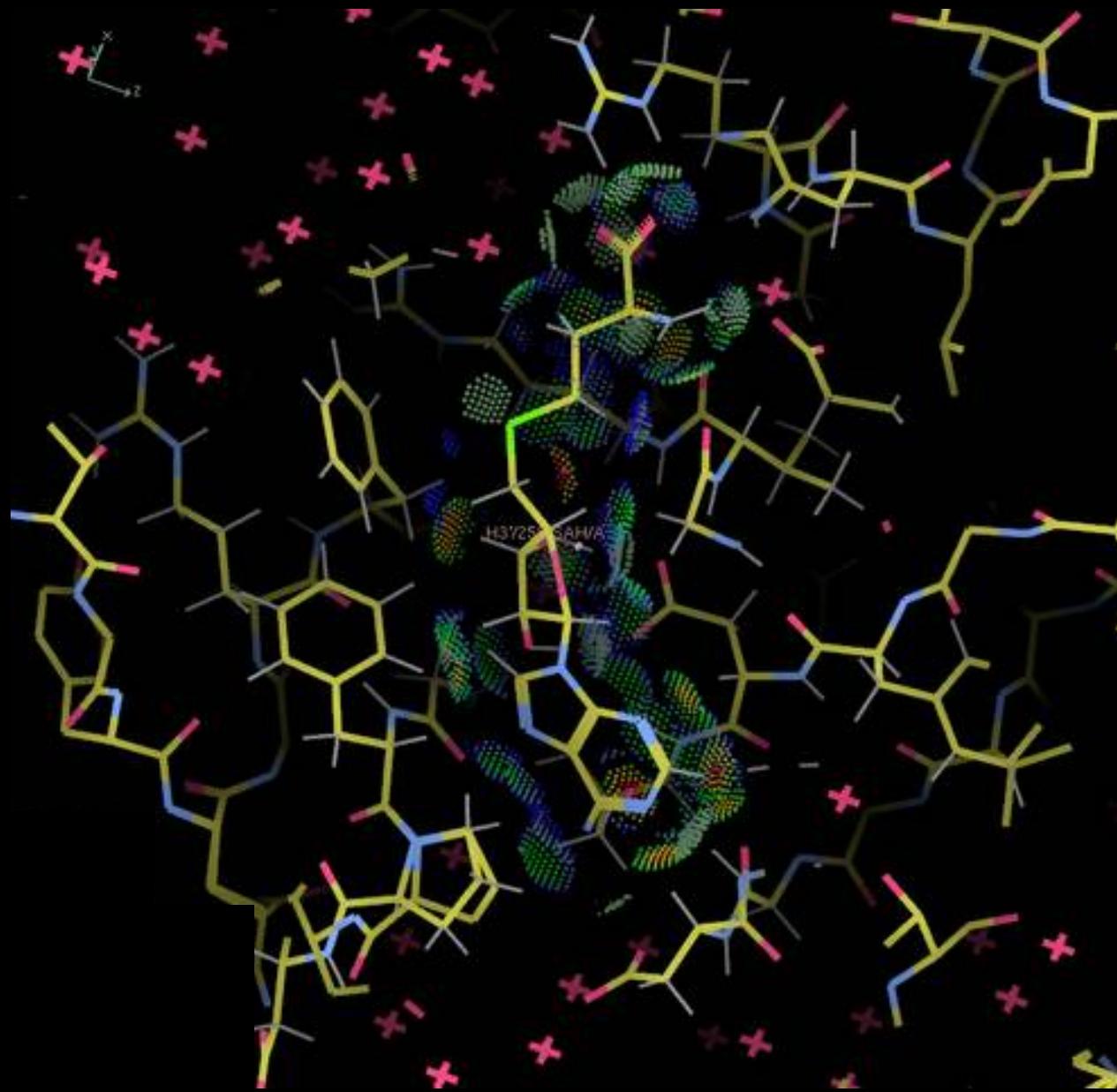
- Links between monomers are made with link dictionary that describes the edits to the chemistry that occurs as a result of the generation of a new covalent bond
- We prefer and recommend the use of Links between (previously know) monomers are preferred to creation of a new chemical entity
- A new interface in Coot to exploit it

Acedrg Link Mode *Coot* Interface

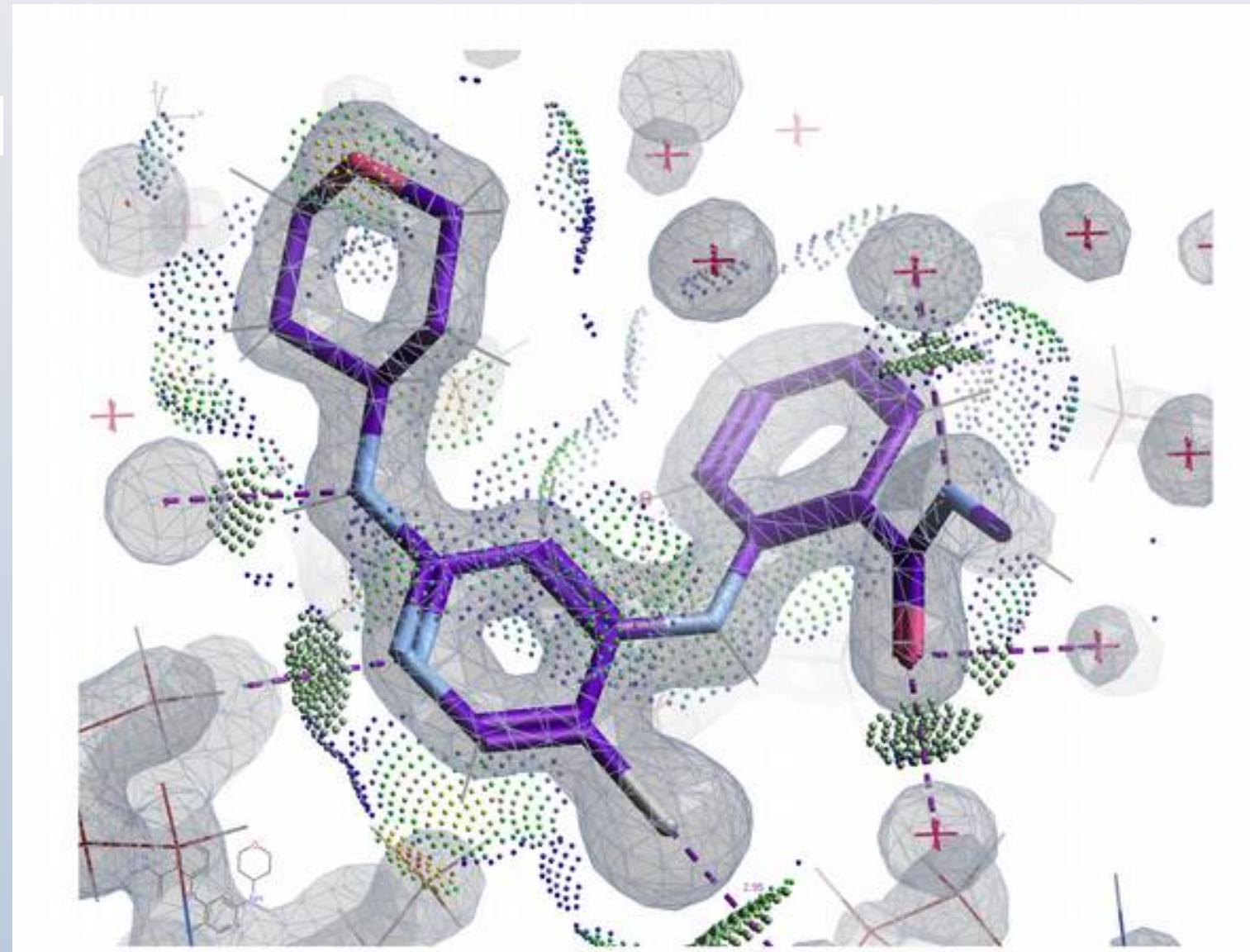


Ligand → Isolated Contact Dots

Probe Contacts



Ligand → Isolated Contact Dots

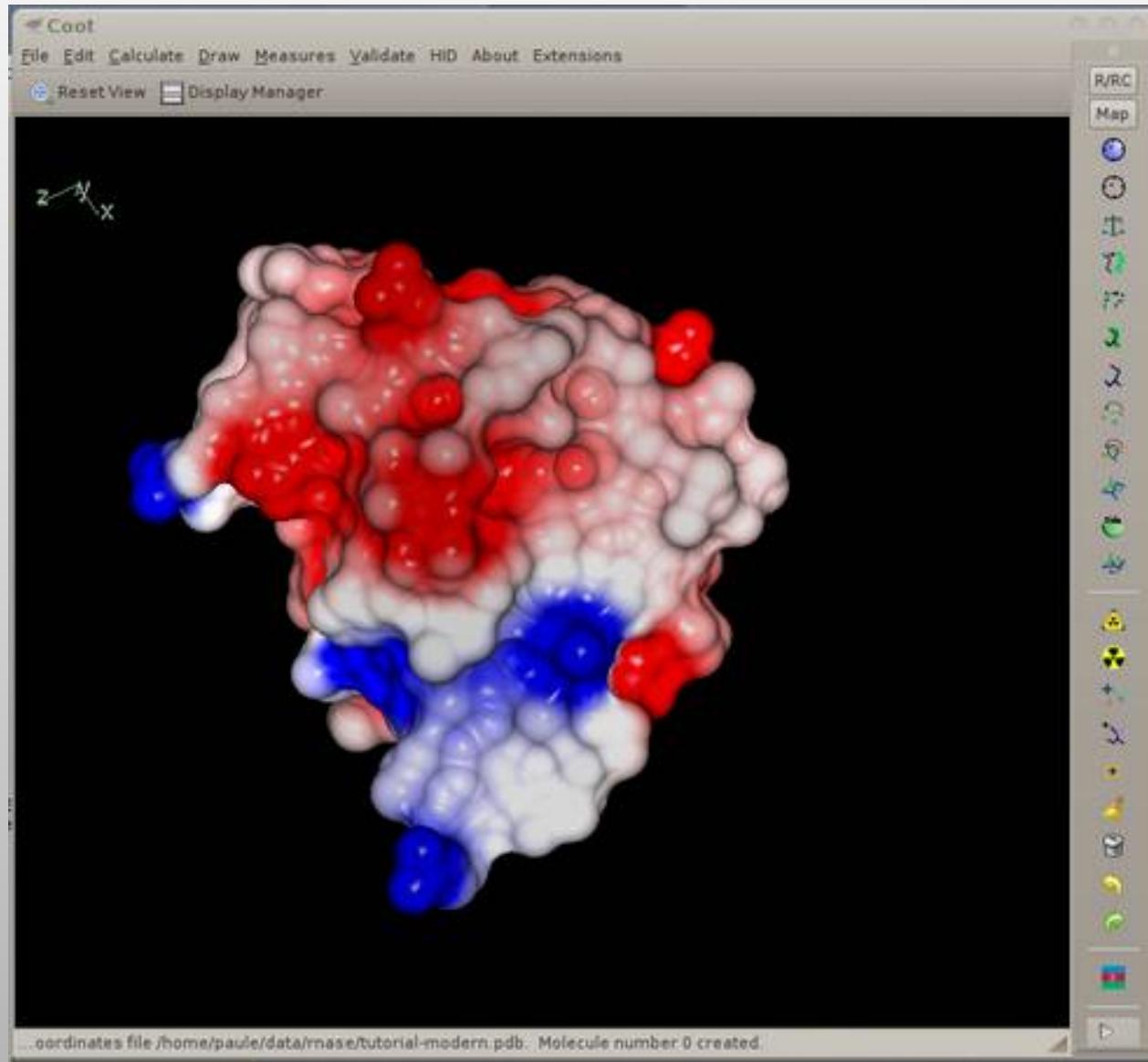


Ligand → Tabulate Ligand Distortions

Example Coot Ligand Distortion Score

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Residue Distortion List:
  plane  O3   C19  C20  C18  C16  C15  C17  C13  C14  N2   C4   C5   O1   C3   C6   O2   penalty-score: 36.51
  plane  C2   C7   C8   C9   C10  C11  C12                           penalty-score: 8.82
  bond   C13 to C4   target_value: 1.490 d: 1.432 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.058 penalty-score: 8.44
  bond   C4   to C3   target_value: 1.490 d: 1.436 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.054 penalty-score: 7.21
  bond   O3   to C19  target_value: 1.362 d: 1.318 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.044 penalty-score: 4.75
  bond   C19  to C20  target_value: 1.390 d: 1.433 sigma: 0.020 length-devi  0.043 penalty-score: 4.67
  bond   C1   to C2   target_value: 1.390 d: 1.428 sigma: 0.020 length-devi  0.038 penalty-score: 3.70
  bond   C4   to C5   target_value: 1.490 d: 1.454 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.036 penalty-score: 3.26
  bond   C13  to C14  target_value: 1.490 d: 1.456 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.034 penalty-score: 2.91
  bond   C15  to C13  target_value: 1.490 d: 1.458 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.032 penalty-score: 2.57
  bond   C16  to C15  target_value: 1.490 d: 1.459 sigma: 0.020 length-devi -0.031 penalty-score: 2.45
  angle   C13 - C4 - C5   target: 108.00 model_angle: 133.80 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 25.80 penalty-score: 73.93
  angle   O1 - C5 - C4   target: 108.00 model_angle: 126.59 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 18.59 penalty-score: 38.38
  angle   C13 - C15 - C16  target: 120.00 model_angle: 102.30 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 17.70 penalty-score: 34.83
  angle   O2 - C6 - N1   target: 108.00 model_angle: 122.80 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 14.80 penalty-score: 24.34
  angle   O2 - C6 - C3   target: 108.00 model_angle: 122.76 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 14.76 penalty-score: 24.19
  angle   C13 - C15 - C17  target: 120.00 model_angle: 133.33 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 13.33 penalty-score: 19.76
  angle   C4 - C13 - C15  target: 120.00 model_angle: 132.99 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 12.99 penalty-score: 18.76
  angle   N1 - C5 - O1   target: 108.00 model_angle: 120.48 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi 12.48 penalty-score: 17.32
  angle   C15 - C13 - C14  target: 120.00 model_angle: 110.43 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi -9.57 penalty-score: 10.18
  angle   N1 - C6 - C3   target: 108.00 model_angle: 114.28 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi  6.28 penalty-score:  4.38
  angle   C6 - C3 - C4   target: 108.00 model_angle: 101.75 sigma: 3.00 angle-devi -6.25 penalty-score:  4.34
Residue Distortion Summary:
  29 bond restraints
  44 angle restraints
  sum of bond  distortions penalties: 59.5697
  sum of angle distortions penalties: 300.405
  average bond  distortion penalty: 2.05413
  average angle distortion penalty: 6.82739
  total distortion penalty:        405.304
  average distortion penalty:      4.93116
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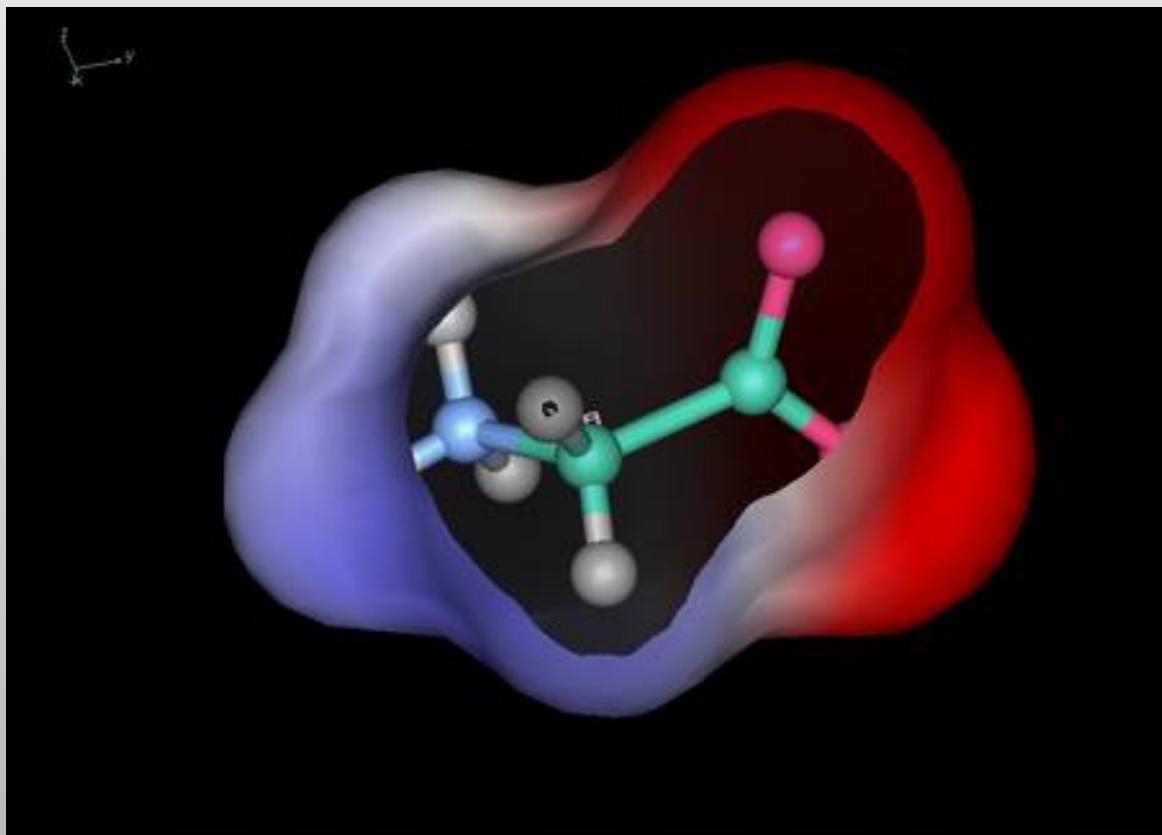
Some Representation Tools



Gruber & Noble
(2007)

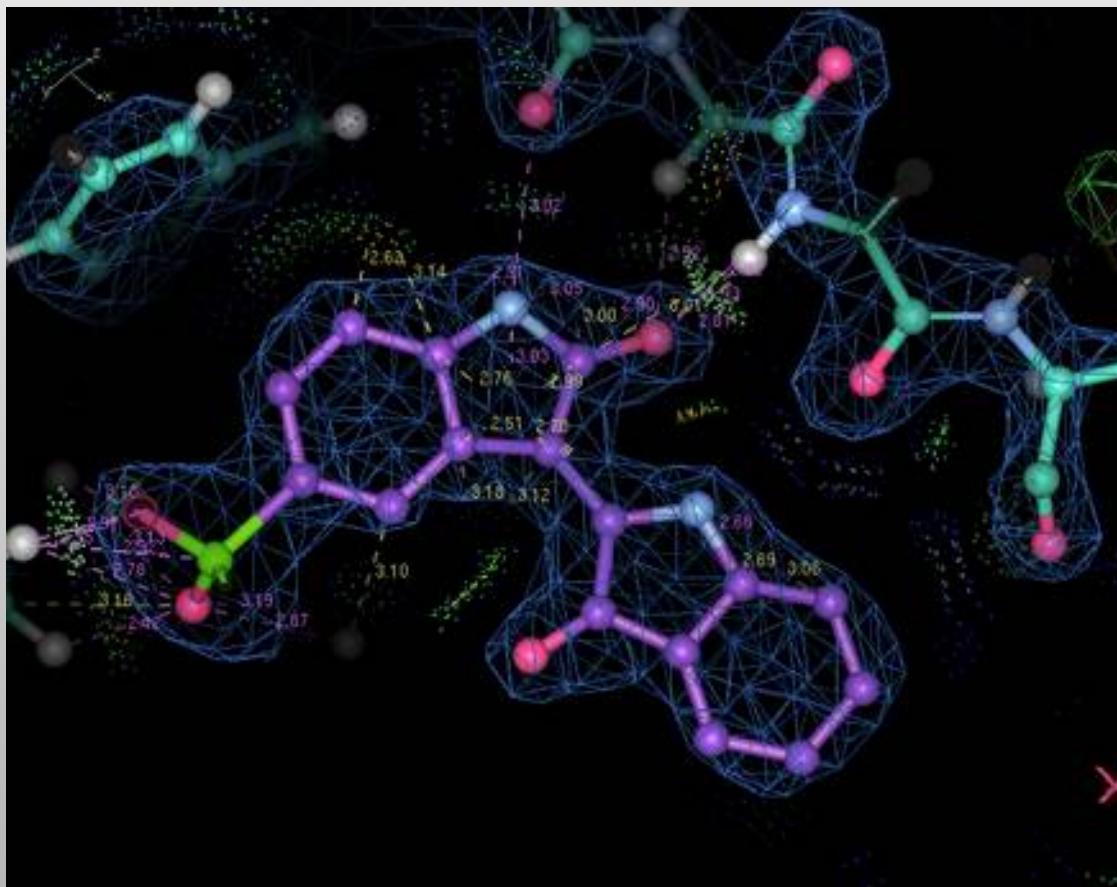
Other Things

- Surfaces that use dictionary partial charges

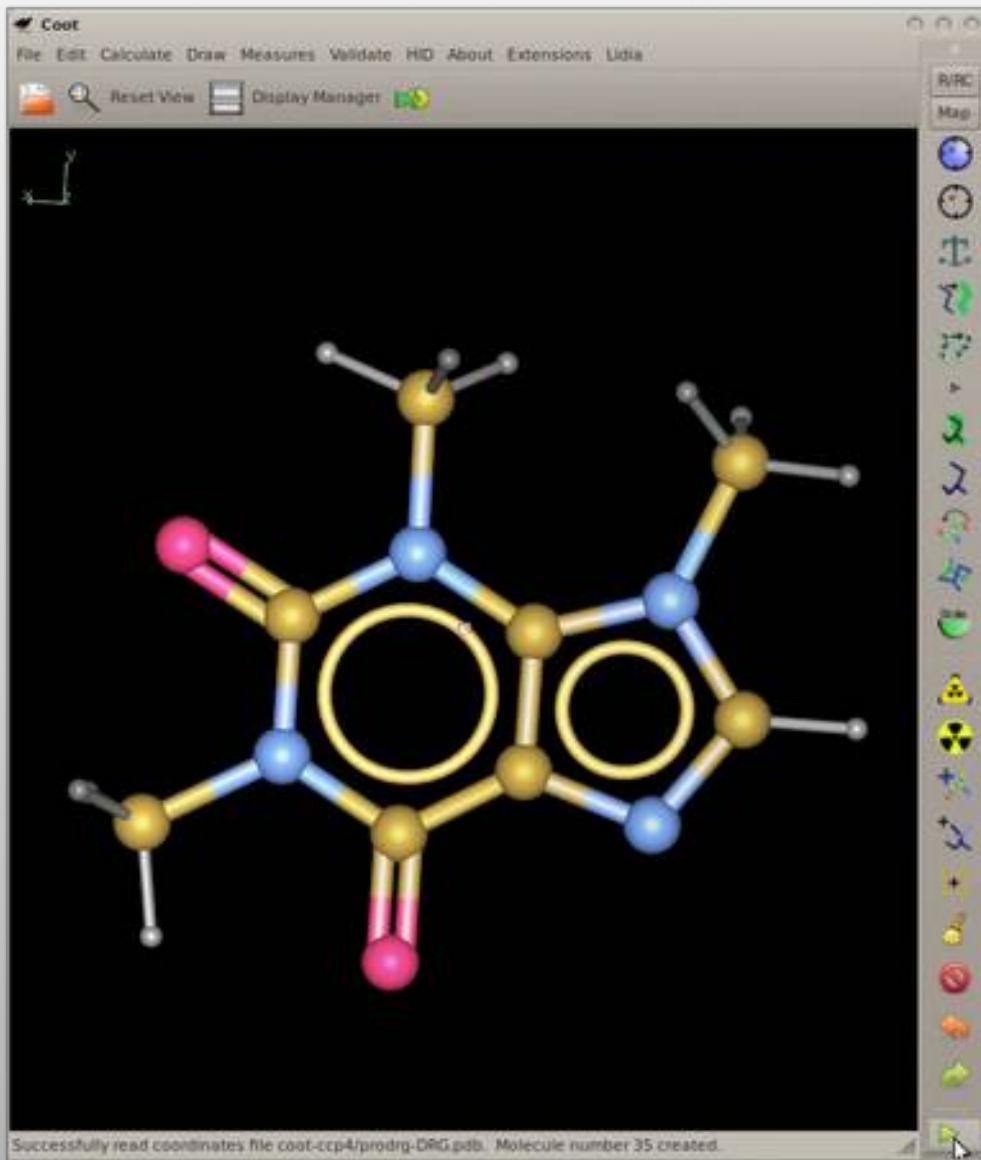


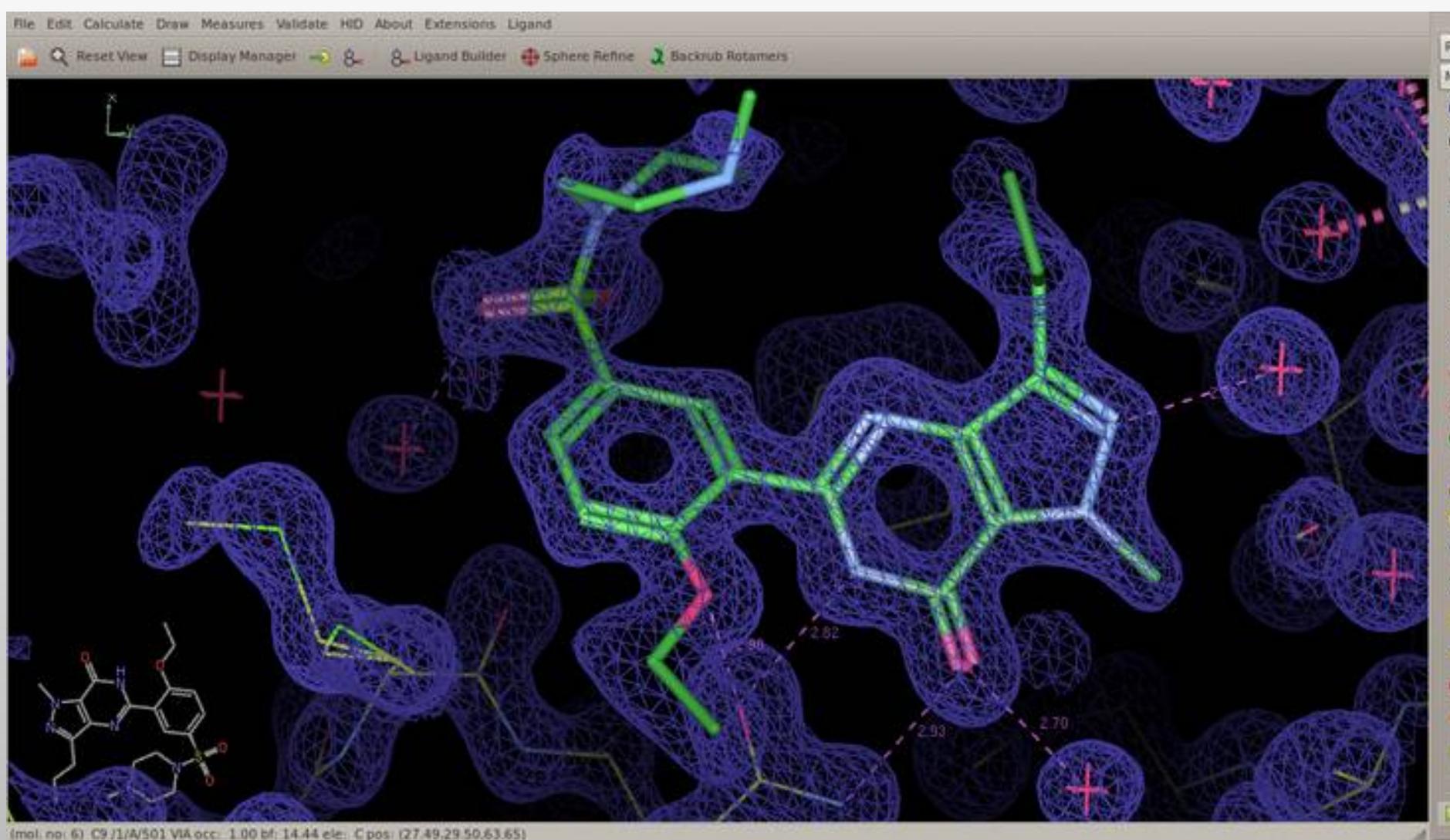
Other Tools

- Molprobity dots for ligands
 - Highlight interesting site



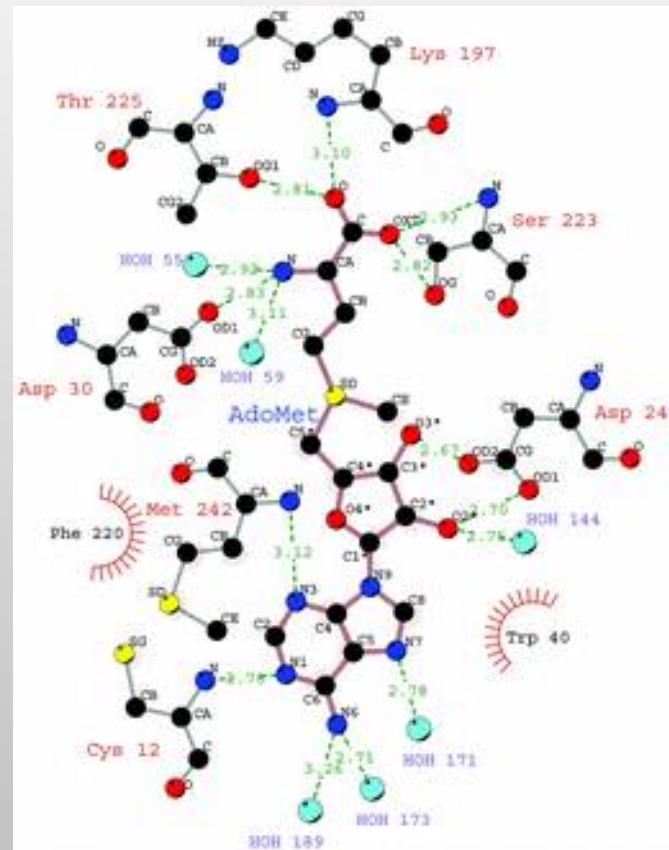
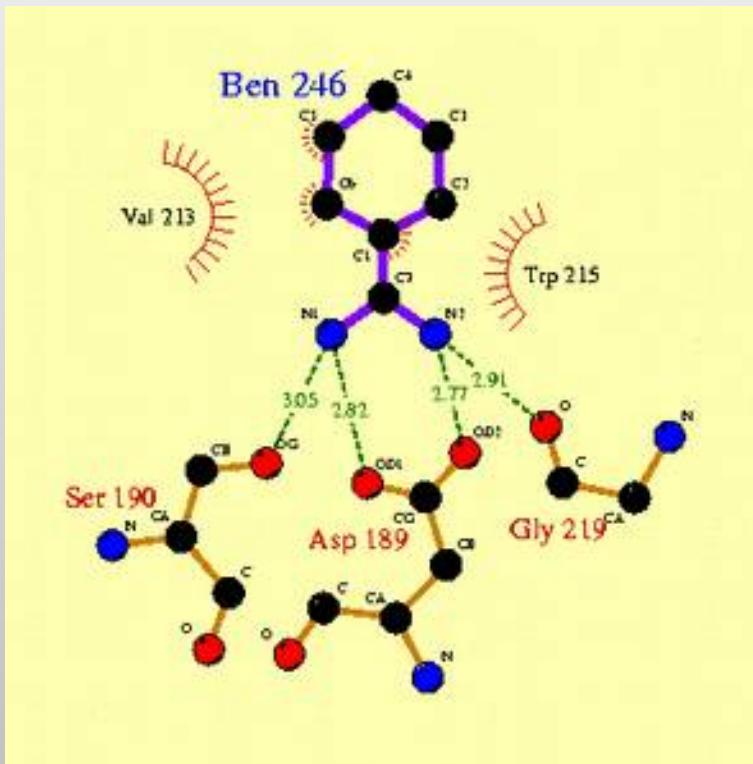
Representing Bond Orders





Residue Environment Layout

Ligplot



Can we do better?

Residue Environment Layout

- This can't be solved by an “algorithmic/one-pass” procedure
 - Not in the general case
- Introduce “energy penalty terms” for displeasing interactions
- And use 2D energy minimisation to solve

Layout Energy Terms

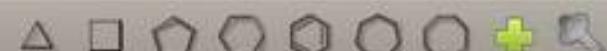
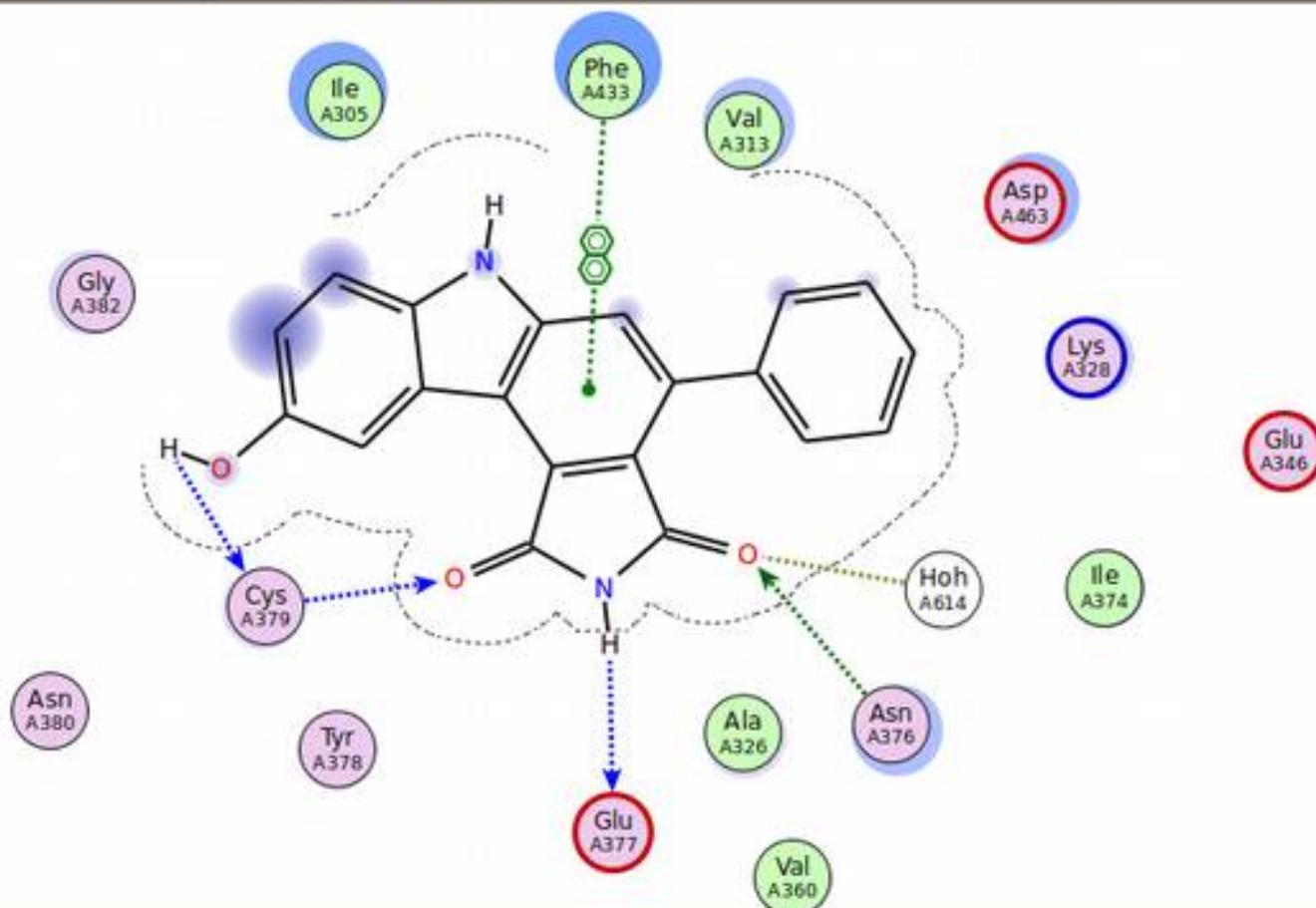
$$E = \sum \sum w_{ij} (d_{ij}^2 - D_{ij}^2) + \sum \sum \exp(-\frac{1}{2}d_{ij}^2) + \sum \sum (d_{ik}^2 - D_{ik}^2) + \sum \sum \exp(-\frac{1}{2}d_{ik}^2)$$

Residues match 3D Distances

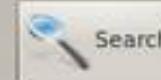
Residues don't overlay each other

Residues are close to H-bonding ligand atoms

Residues don't overlap ligand

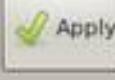
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Search

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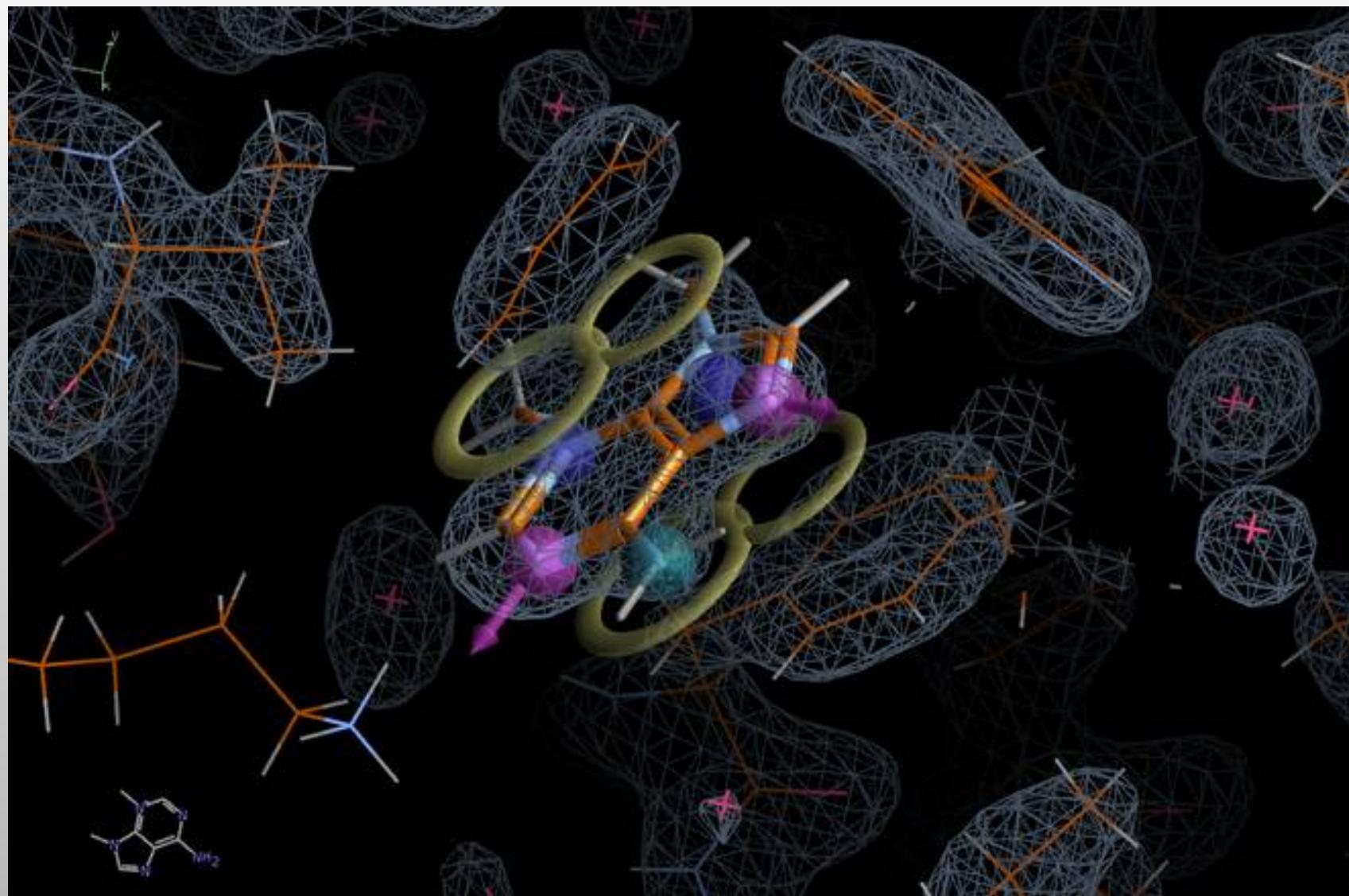


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Chemical Features

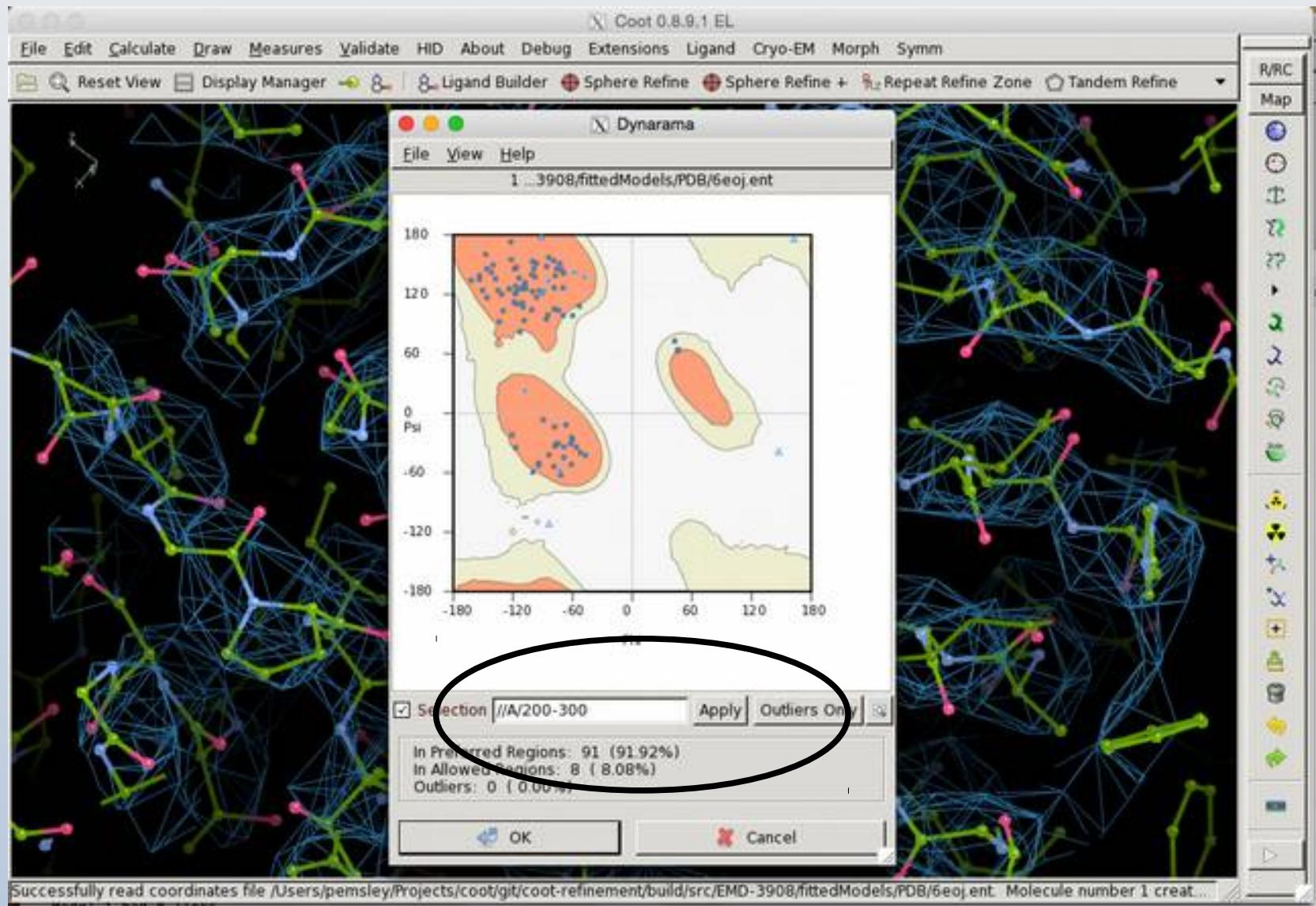


GUI Updates

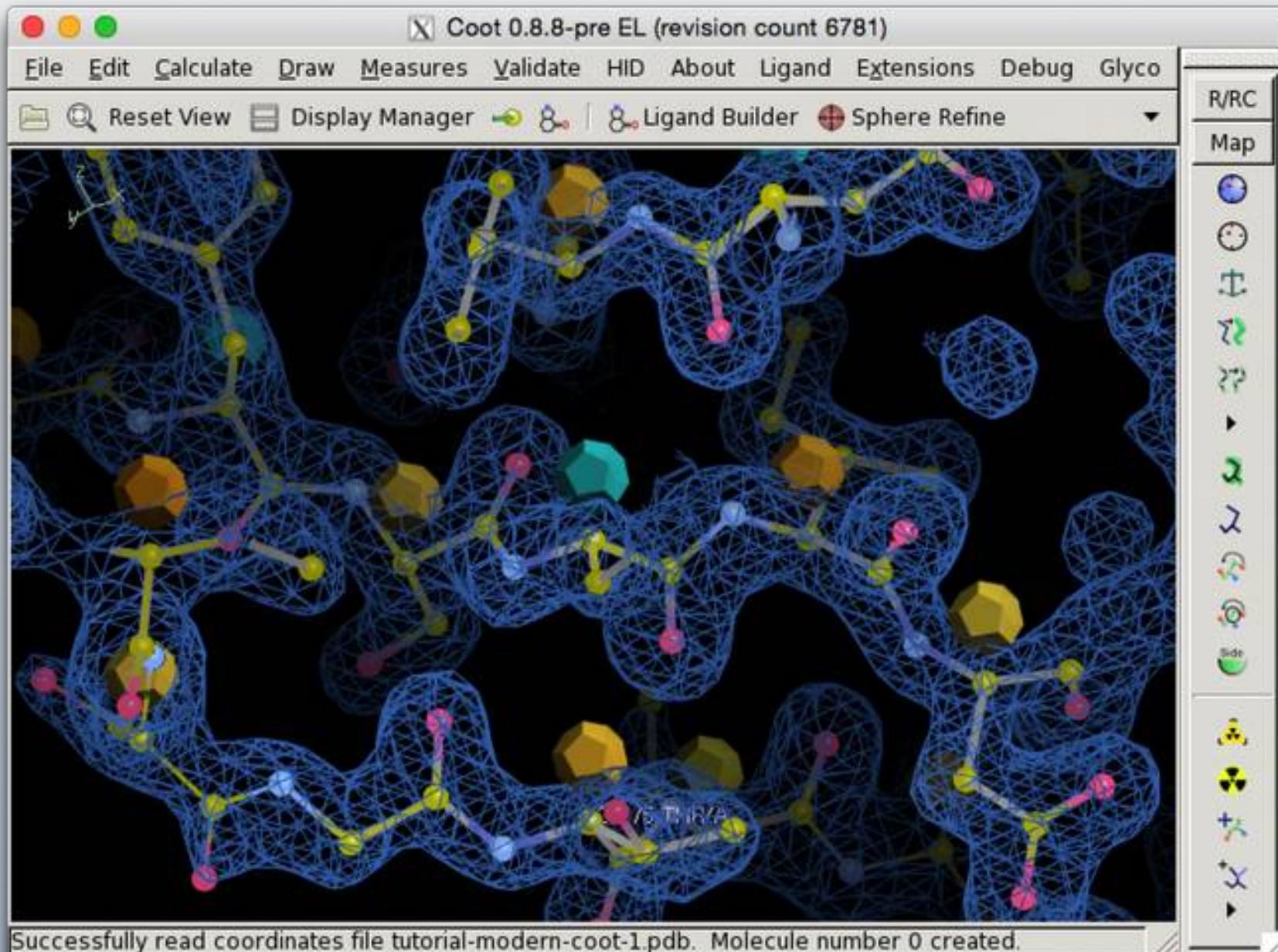
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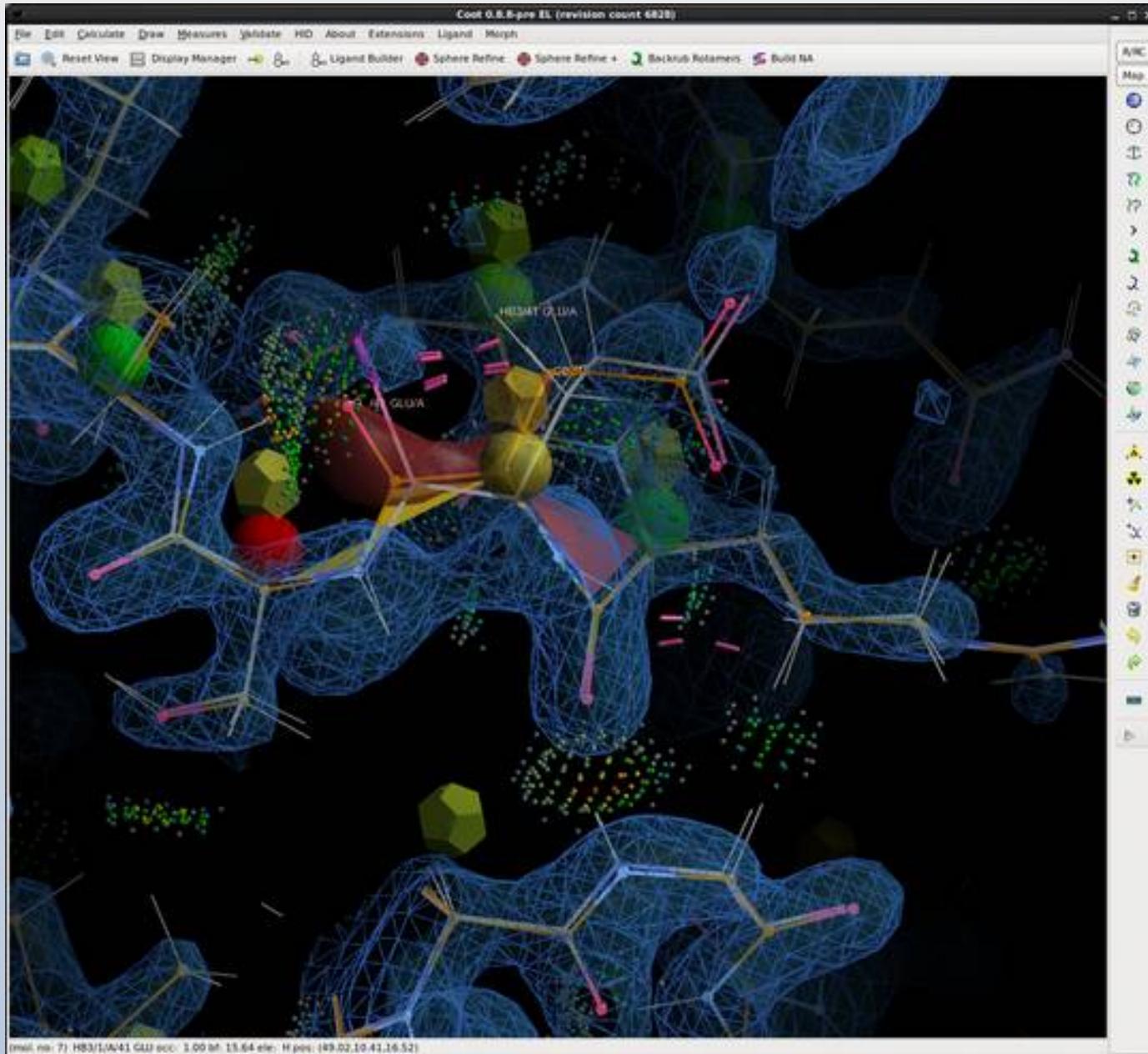
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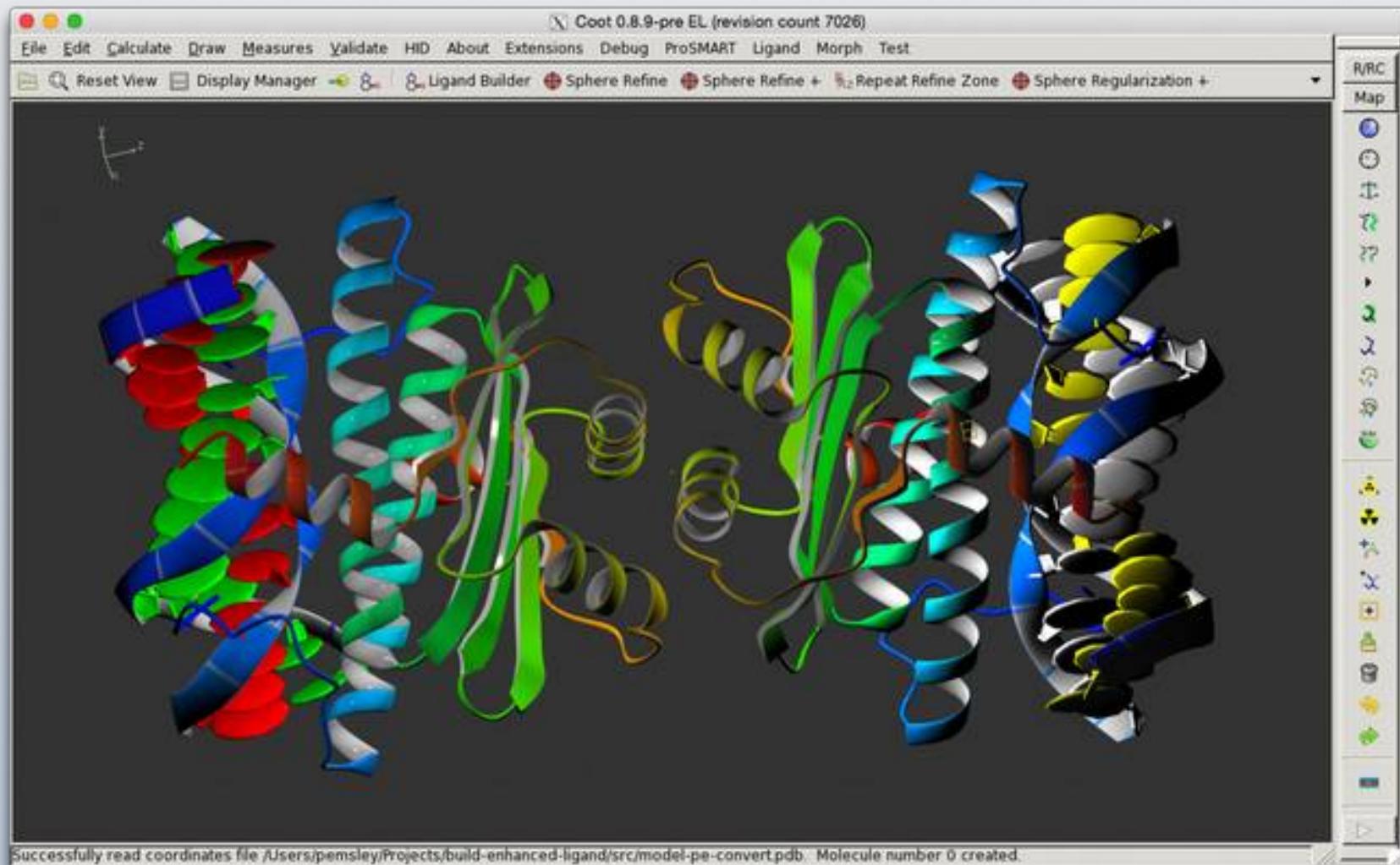
Interactive Rotamer Goodness



Multi-Criteria Markup



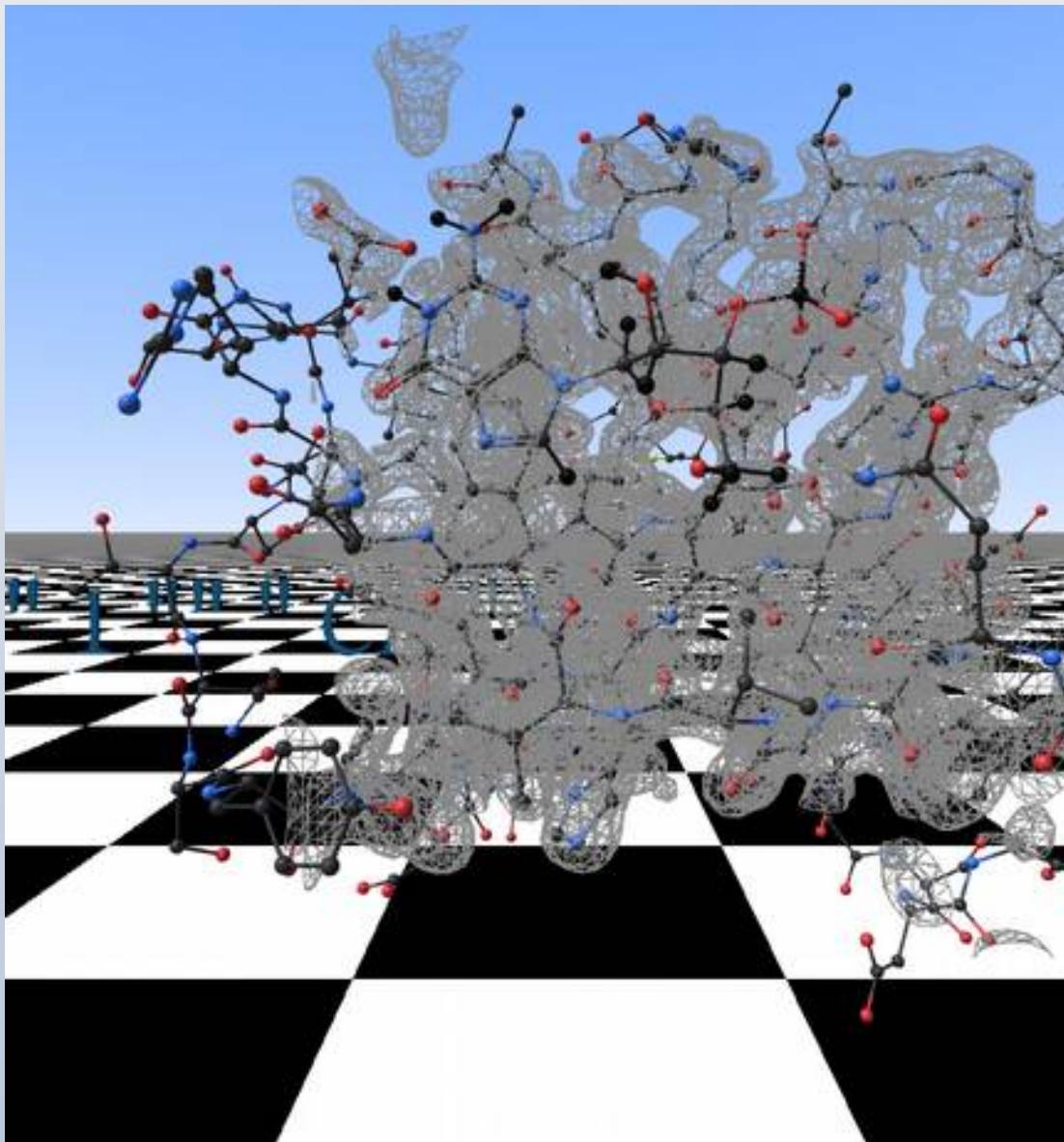
Coot Futures: GPU Ribbons



with Martin Noble

Coot Futures: Virtual Reality

Hamish Todd



- **An Intuitive Interface:**
- Stereoscopic Representation
- Greater Field of View
- 2 Hands with Articulation
- However:
 - current tools are not immediately transferable
 - because: nausea



CootVR

- Demonstrated at CCP-EM Meeting in Keele in April



A Few Tools More...

- Fitting Low-Resolution/EM maps
- Ligands:
 - dictionaries
 - ligand-fitting
 - analysis
- Carbohydrate-fitting
 - N-linked glycosylation

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Non-Crystallographic Symmetry

What is Non-Crystallographic Symmetry?

- 2 or more copies of a molecule in the unit cell not related by crystallographic symmetry
- Crystallographic copies of molecules are (of course) treated as if they were exactly the same across the unit cell – and indeed across the whole crystal
- Non-crystallographically related molecules provide different representations of the same molecule
 - This can be useful for model-building
 - But difficult to use in practice

Handling NCS

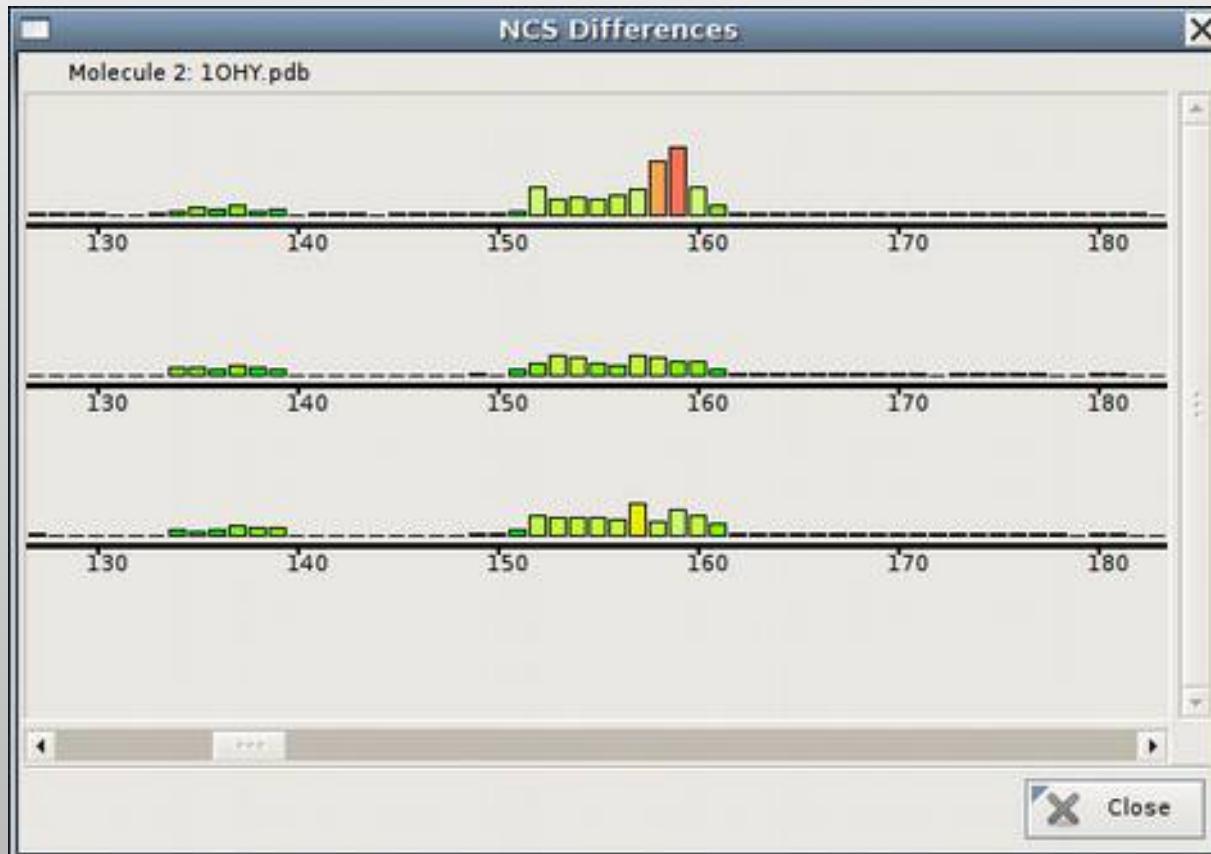
- What are the Problems?
- Strict NCS:
 - NCS should appear like crystallographic symmetry does [exact copies]
- Non-Strict NCS:
 - Molecules are different
 - How to cope with differences, but minimize unnecessary rebuilding?

Handling NCS

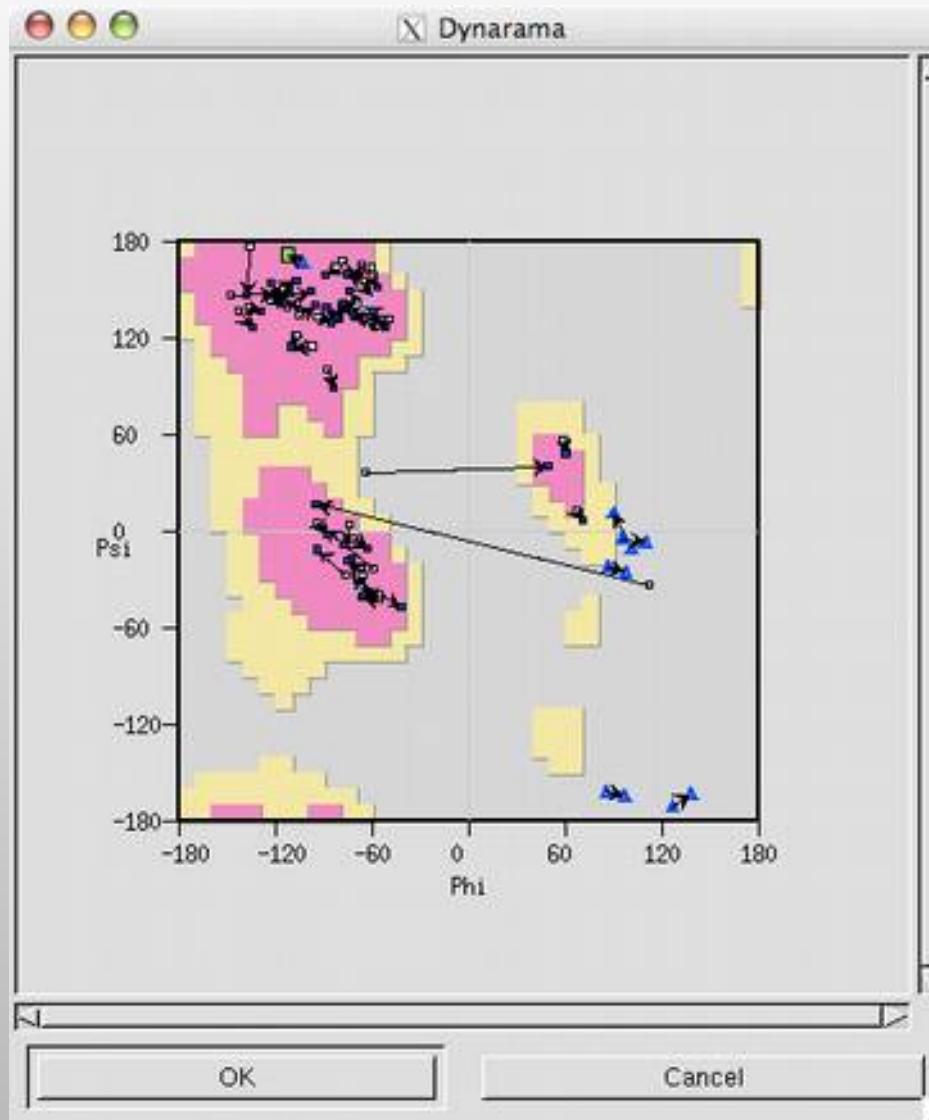
Typical Scenario:

- I have done an LSQ overlap of my NCS-related molecules and from the graph, have seen significant deviations in the positions of some side-chains.
- Why are they different?

...or new NCS Differences graph



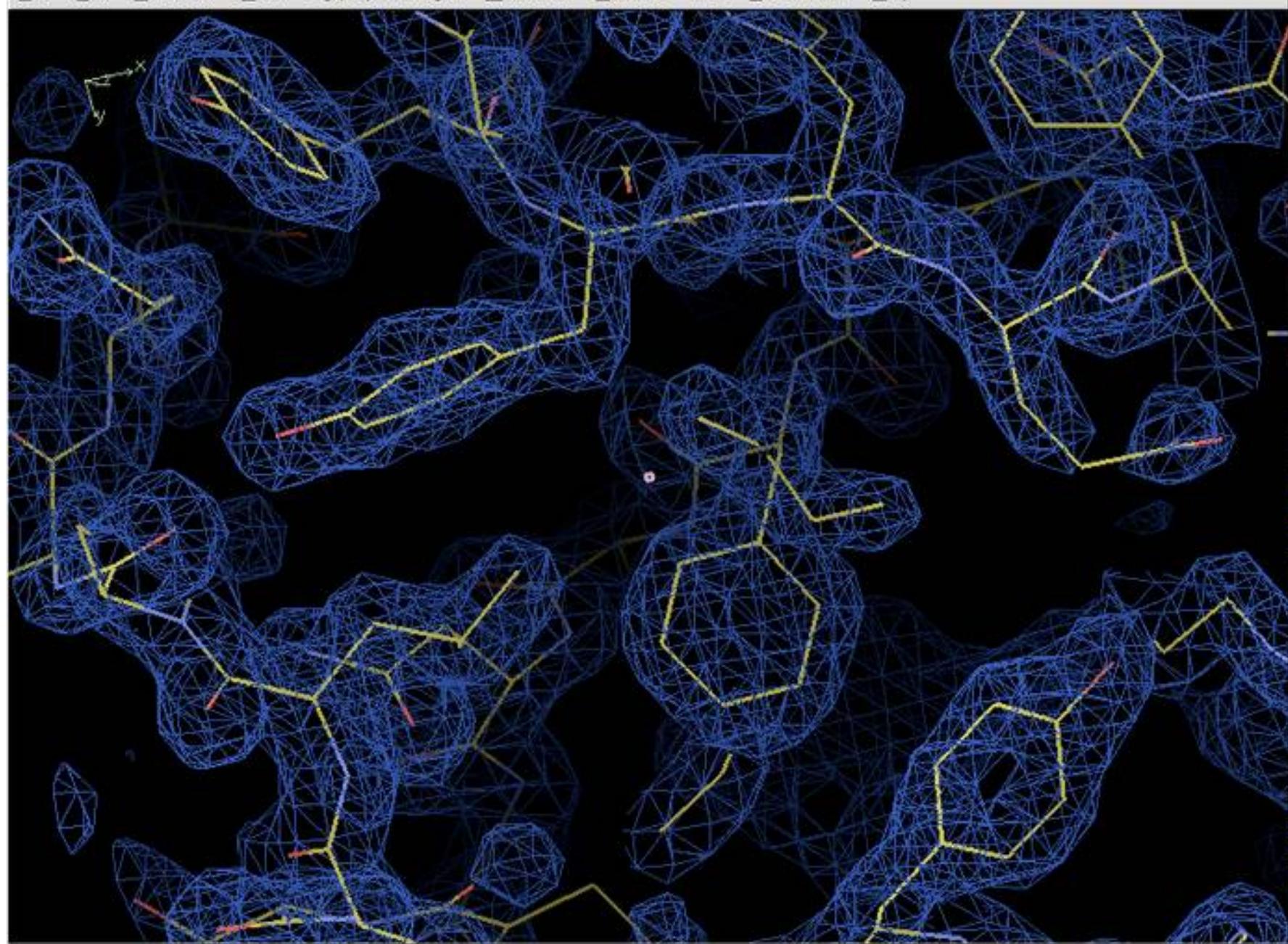
...or Kleywelt Plots[*]



[*] Named by George Sheldrick

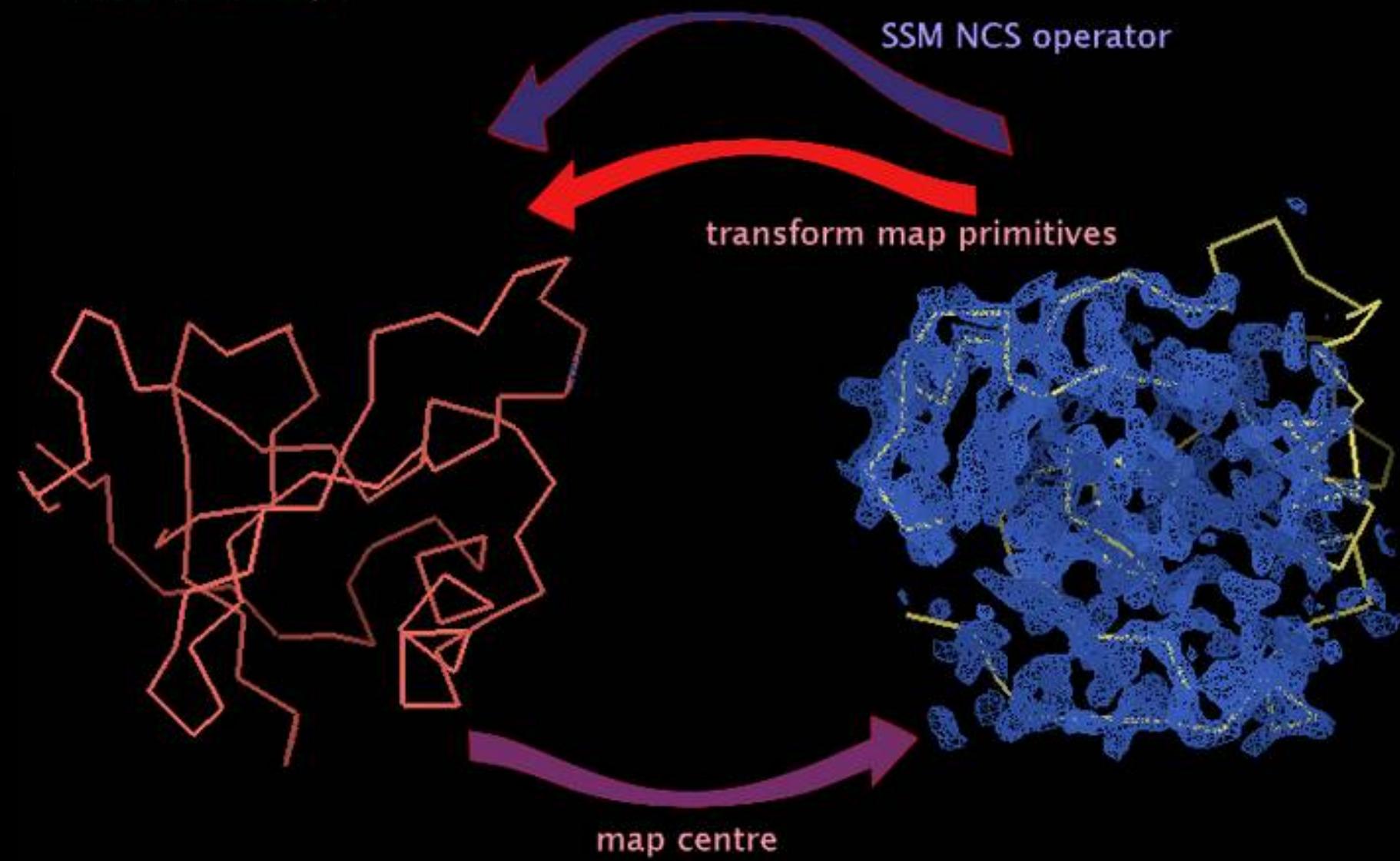
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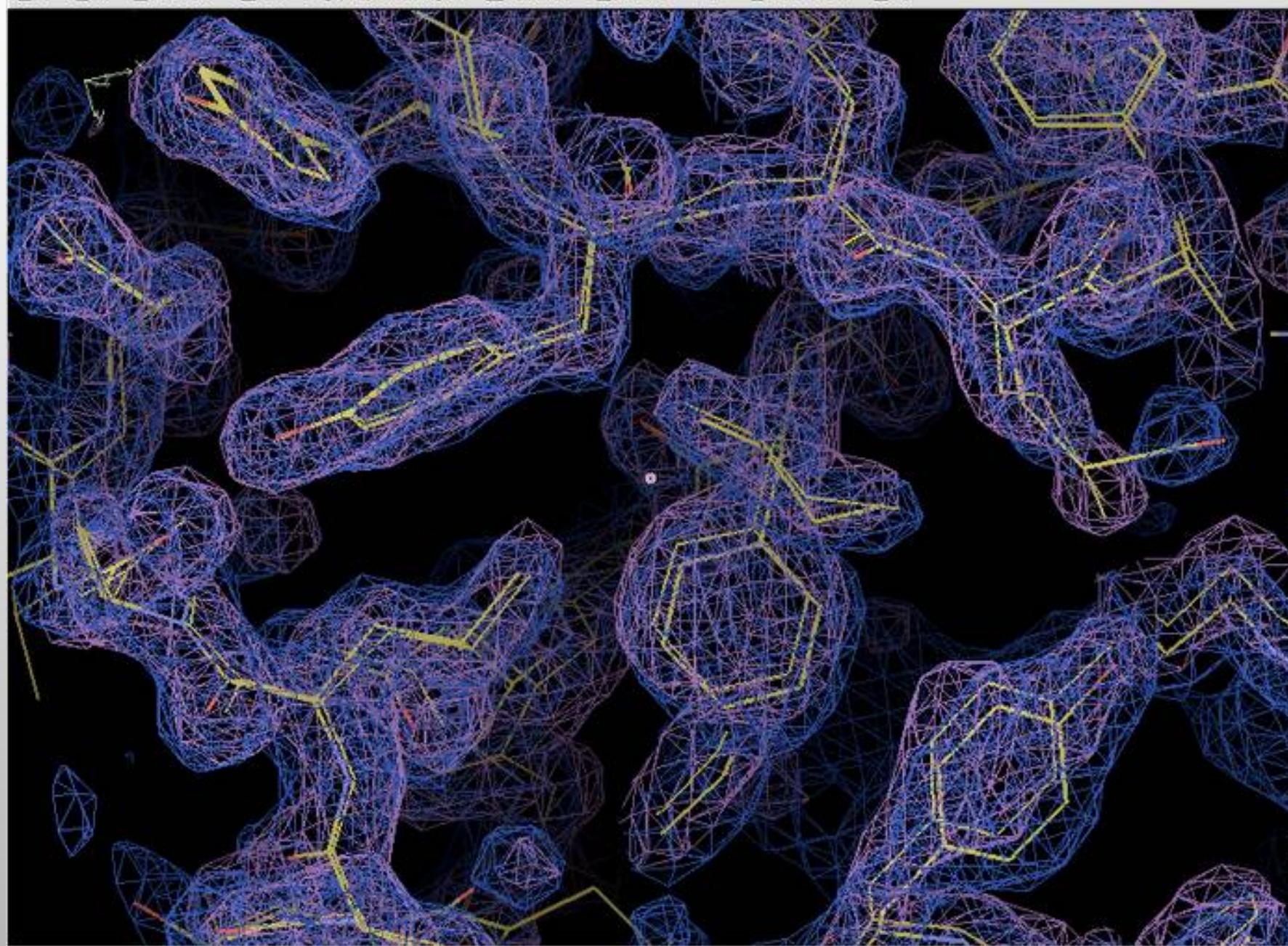
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(mol. no: 3) CG /1/A/52 TYR occ: 1.00 bf: 11.63 ele: C pos: (50.36, 2.86, 13.40)

NCS Overlays





Note to self

- Expand rotamers, (trans/eclipsed/gauche torsions)
- Expand phi, psi
- Discuss Rama restraints